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Next Thursday local volunteers interested in shaping downtown's pending makeover will take a "walk about town" to assess the condition of the Victorian-style corridor and shape future recommendations. There's still time to get involved. For more information, (248) 349-1300. **Page 2A**

What's Going On?

In town

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Victorian Festival Update

New events will join familiar activities

this year as the Northville Chamber of Commerce wraps up final arrangements for Northville's signature summer event, the Victorian Festival. See what's new for this year's event. **Page 3A**

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American House resident Russell Bondie, 83, tries out some horseshoes as he gets ready for the upcoming Senior Olympics.

FIT TO COMPETE

Northville set to host Senior Olympics

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Second Annual Western Wayne County



Last week, Pete Wesley joked about snatching the key and taking a visiting Model A for a spin.

He's quick to flirt with the ladies, likes to bass fish and dances when the mood hits.

Next week, the 87-year-old self-described "ham" will walk, pass and toss, representing his community in several events when Northville hosts the second annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. Contests will be held in Northville and nine neighboring communities.

"I think you always have that competitive spirit," said Dennis Smith, Northville senior program coordinator. "It's that staying young thing."

"I'm the 80-year-old in western Wayne County best at whatever" — that means some-

thing. More than 300 residents 50 and older from around the region will join their peers at nearby facilities and show what they've got, in competitions from a football throw and golf to baking and euchre.

Going for gold

The intensity of some matches — complete with volleyball spikes and monster golf drives — shows this is no showcase of fading violets, Smith said.

He said he's seen the athletes, all clad in their senior Olympics T-shirts, get swept up and moved by the spirit of the friendly competitions.

"That's certainly the point of parks and recreation," Smith said. "That's what we want to do

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TOY-TAL RECALL

Lead concerns prompt library officials
to ask for some summer prizes back

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Concerns about excessive lead content within prizes given away this summer as part of the Northville District Library's community reading program have prompted officials to ask nearly 200 local recipients of the toys to return or discard them immediately.

Library officials were informed by Highsmith Company, a Fort Atkinson, WI-based prize manufacturer, a recall was issued for two small toys because the lead content exceeds federal regulations.

Northville District Library Director Julie Herrin said the small bendable dog and cat were mixed with other toys and snacks inside a special treasure chest participants reached into after completing summer reading goals.

Herrin said parents should return the bendable toys to the library or dispose of them right away.

"We are very concerned with our children," she said. "We had 921 children register for our program this year."

"Their safety is our primary concern."

Herrin said the recall affects more communities than Northville.

"It is occurring throughout the

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Julie Herrin
Director, Northville District Library

Lead weight:

Why the concern?

See what the recalled toys look like, and find out why there is concern. **Page 3A.**

nation and at least 70 libraries in the state," she said.

According to a consumer health alert issued by the Michigan Department of Community Health, about 9,000 of the dog- and cat-shaped bendable toys were sold to Michigan public libraries participating in the Paws,

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Board Games

Abbo primary victory opens door
to speculation about Board's future

By David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

The Northville Township Board of Trustees will likely play musical chairs in November, if Supervisor Mark Abbo wins his general election bid to become the 20th District's next state representative.

But who would be left standing, and who will vote to shape the next board, remains unknown.

Clerk Sue Hillebrand said an Abbo victory would likely move Treasurer Dick Henningsen to the supervisor chair, where for the second time in his political career he would serve as interim supervisor. In 2000, Henningsen served the remaining nine months of former supervisor Karen Woodside's term

after she resigned and later lost a close 2002 election campaign for a 35th District judge post.

"My guess is that the board would be unanimous to move (Henningsen) to that position," Hillebrand said.

She said Board members interested in the interim supervisor position are typically asked to accept the nomination only if they do not plan to run for the post during the next election.

Henningsen, 71, said if asked he's up to the challenge. "Oh, yeah, sure," he said Tuesday. "I like serving the township."

He said it's unlikely that he'll seek re-election as treasurer, or even

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Dabbling anew, in life

Local artist molds creative
talents into a new life direction

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Sandy Baughman pulled out a fresh canvas for her self-portrait.

Familiar to many Northville families through lessons at her home studio, the 51-year-old Creative Cottage artist has adopted a completely different style.

After a failed 22-year marriage, Baughman went back to school to pursue a new career. Now she's closing up her 15-year-old studio and moving on.

"This wasn't all happy roses," she said. "There were pretty tough roads along there."

Five months into a new career bringing art therapy to Oakwood Health Systems, Baughman has recast

"Sometimes you have to reach down and really evaluate who you are."

Sandy Baughman
Resident, Northville

herself from art teacher and victim to children's advocate and healthy individual.

At first, a hobby

Baughman's daughters Angie and Katie Banks.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

For 15 years, Northville art teacher Sandy Baughman taught kids in her Creative Cottage. Now she is closing up shop, and moving on to another challenge.

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Downtown makeover group poised to walk

Volunteers will visit potential project sites to execute strategic plan

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

At dinner time next Thursday, 100 residents are expected to assemble outside city hall.

Armed with keen eyes and sharp pencils, they'll receive marching orders, then disperse into the downtown.

They're on a mission: Visit shops, inspect parking decks and follow walkways to get a front-line perspective on potential projects. The 6 p.m. walk about town is the latest step for volunteers who enlisted in the effort to implement the city's new strategic plan.

"They want to see results," said Lori Ward, executive director of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, the coordinating body of the volunteer efforts.

"We've spent a lot of time, money and community interest in the past few months and they're interested in it moving forward."

Marching orders

In June, Ann Arbor-based consultant Beckett and Raeder submitted to city council a strategic plan which spawned committees to address deficiencies in downtown Northville's marketing, business mix, design and parking.

Next week's walking tour is a follow-up to an Aug. 8 kickoff meeting when volunteers were recruited according to their areas of interest. More than 100 people

showed up.

City officials heading up four separate committees plan to hire design and marketing experts.

A fifth committee will work without volunteers, internally addressing concerns like setting joint meetings, staff and potentially expanding the development authority borders.

Behind the scenes, Ward said five design firms attended a meeting last week when city administrators walked them through proposal requirements and answered questions.

The consultant's fee and scope of the work will be outlined in their proposals, which the development authority will review Aug. 29. Council action is expected Sept. 5. After a similar process, Ward said hiring a marketing consultant is scheduled for October.

Concurrent efforts

After the walk about town next week, Ward said project leaders will schedule future meetings.

Some committee goals, like recruiting new businesses, hinges on completion first of the marketing goal to create a brand identity for the downtown, Ward said.

"We've got to come up with a way to sell our community to diverse groups," she said. "I think that's going to be a real challenge, finding what to communicate for the whole downtown."

Meanwhile, Ward said some low-cost, "low-hanging fruit,"

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like adding on-street parking, can be completed quickly.

"We're hoping they'll be doing a little mix of short-term and long-term projects as well."

The development authority budgeted \$4 million for improvement projects.

Walking about

Next Thursday, the parking group will look at city-owned lots and decks, talk about surveys currently under way and consider capacity. With a to-do list from improving the streetscape to

expanding the town square, the design volunteers will view the potential projects like the Hutton Street entrance to Ford Field.

The marketing group will visit downtown stores and talk about promotional techniques business owners have used with and without success. The business mix group will board a shuttle bus to explore sites like the Foundry Flask area on Cady Street.

An hour later, volunteers, leaders and city administrators will reconvene for a reception at Swearingen Portraits.

"We want to make this fun,"

Volunteers: 'My two cents'

Northville Downtown Development Authority Lori Ward said the Aug. 8 turnout of more than 100 residents at the volunteer kick-off meeting indicated strong support for undertaking downtown improvement projects.

Since then, people who were tied up with the election, their business or the school board meeting that night have called and e-mailed to say they still want to join the process, she said.

"I was shocked — pleasantly," Ward said. "We're thrilled. That's telling me there's a lot of interest to see the strategic plan move forward."

The volunteers divided into the various committee meetings at the Northville Senior Community Center last week based on their area of interest.

"In the design committee, between 40-50 people sat in on that," said Ward, adding city planning commissioner Marc Russell jotted six pages of suggestions. "How about that?"

"People were anxious to share their ideas about specific issues."

The steering committee that worked alongside the consultant agreed drafting residents and business owners in the process was the best way to

enact recommendations with community buy-in.

Leading the charge

Five committees, under the umbrella of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, are working to implement recommendations in the city's downtown strategic plan. Committee chairs and their liaisons are:

Design/aesthetics: Greg Presley, Lynda Heaton

Parking: Jim Long, Lou LaChance

Marketing/recruitment and retention: Margene Buckhave, Kim Behmer

Business Mix: David Cole, Jim DeHaan

Organization: Dave Larsen, Rick Shaffner

Want to help?

This week, city Web site coordinator Cindy Abar is accepting digital and printed images from interested residents. They can be features in Northville you'd like to preserve or see corrected as well as ideas implemented by other communities. Got photos? Drop them at city hall, 303 W. Main St., or e-mail abar@ci.northville.mi.us. They will be shown during the reception after the walk about town.

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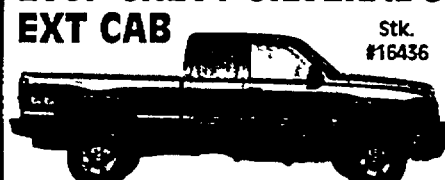
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Something old, something new

Chamber adding new delights to Victorian Festival Sept. 15-17

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A hot-air balloon would be icing on Janet Bloom's cake.

With the Victorian Festival four weeks away, the Northville Chamber of Commerce marketing and events director is finalizing arrangements for the community's trademark celebration Sept. 15-17.

And Bloom thinks a bird's eye view from a balloon tethered at Ford Field would be a hot draw.

While awaiting word whether that plan will fly, she confirmed several additions to the 18th annual festival, which commences with a 6:30 p.m. parade downtown Friday.

"With the Victorian Festival, you can always count on your old favorites," Bloom said. "But each year, we look for something fresh to bring in for our returning visitors."

New for 2006

Among the new attractions for 2006 are a Great Dog Expedition, a vintage car display and a puppet show. Chamber staff also shifted performer locations to ease crowd flow and moved the Victorian saloon to a park-like setting.

Returning festival mainstays include children's rides, activity and food booths hosted by non-profit organizations and the Art Market Saturday and Sunday. Live entertainment, staged and strolling, is scheduled through the weekend.

Starting Friday night, people strolling in elaborate costumes set the stage for visitors' trip back to Queen Victoria's era, when the town was established. The chamber will again present awards to the business and non-profit group that best pay tribute to the Victorian era.

"The one fabulous thing about the Victorian Festival is the support of the community," Bloom said. "It's nice to see the community get in the spirit of the festival."

"It's a joy to every one to see people in full costume."

Vintage flavor

Other endeavors lending to the festival's historic backdrop will be vintage baseball games, Mill Race Historical Village activities and tours of Northville's 19th century downtown streets and neighborhoods. Tea and etiquette presentations will be held at three locations.

Bloom said the chamber estimates 60,000 people will visit downtown Northville Friday through Sunday.

Donning layers of lace or knickers and cap isn't for everyone, Bloom said. However, there will be something to hear, eat or do for everyone.

"We encourage you to come down and have a wonderful time."

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"It's nice to see the community get in the spirit of the festival."

Janet Bloom
Marketing and Events Director,
Northville Chamber of Commerce



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Victorian Festival visitors will see plenty of familiar sites Sept. 15-17 — and plenty of new ones.

RECALL: Library toys

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public libraries participating in the Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales summer reading program.

The alert states the toys contain up to four-and-a-half times the acceptable level for lead.

State officials said it is critical to note the toys may also have been purchased directly through Highsmith or other suppliers including Oriental Trading Company.

Volunteers from the Friends of the Northville District Library are currently calling the families whose children participated in the community summer reading program to inform them of the hazard.

Lead exposure

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, prolonged exposure to lead can cause serious and irreversible health effects, including damage to the brain, nervous system and kidneys.

It may also cause hearing, behavior and learning problems in young children.

Symptoms include headaches, memory problems, reduced coordination, vomiting, muscle weakness, seizures, abdominal pain and weight loss.

The prizes were available to children from early June through Aug. 5.

Herrin said parents choosing to return the toys will receive a replacement prize.

The library has been holding children summer reading programs for more than 30 years.

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Toys local library officials are asking parents to return or discard

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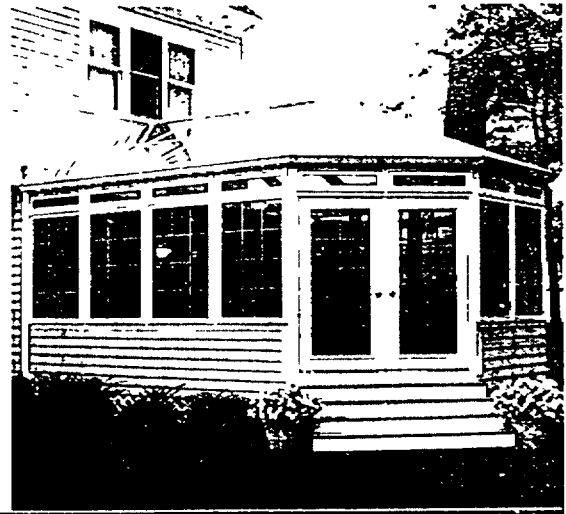
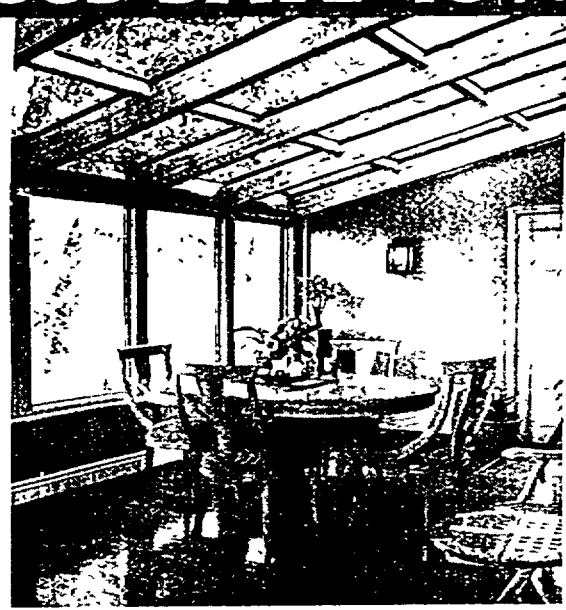
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is keep people active."

Next week's competitors will test physical and mental prowess in four age categories: 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80 and older.

They'll heave basketballs from the free throw line and challenge card table strategy, kick soccer balls and bring sugar-free sweet bread. Participants will go home draped with bronze, silver and gold.

The 'new' 50

"I think you do notice people my age -- the so-called Baby Boomers -- you are more active," Smith said. "I just read the other day, 70 is the new 50."

"You stay more active in general, not just physical activities."

Spectators are welcome to visit all competition locations in Plymouth, Redford, Canton, Livonia, Inkster, Dearborn, Wayne, Westland and Van Buren Township, last year's host site.

As this year's host, Northville is Monday holding 10 a.m. opening ceremonies at Millennium Park. A full schedule of activities at the Six Mile Road park starts with a baking contest at 8:45 a.m.

Smith said Olympics organizers are expecting 300 people to attend the closing banquet at Northville High School at noon on Friday. The Recreation Center at Hillside will be the site of the volleyball match at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

"It's a big deal for us," said Smith, who has been assisting event chair Sue Koivula, Northville senior adult program supervisor. "Hopefully, it will bring in people."

Ready to play

Sandi Devine, manager of the American House on Seven Mile Road, said 19 residents of her

"I just read the other day, 70 is the new 50."

Dennis Smith
Northville senior program coordinator

126-apartment senior residence are ready to play.

As a sponsor of the regional Olympics, American House staff will attend events Monday through Friday, distributing water bottles and visors and cheering the local competitors.

Like Smith, Devine said the Olympic competition dovetails their facility's daily emphasis on mental and physical health.

'They're jazzed'

American House activity director Janet Murphy throws activities at her clients from current events sharing to balloon volleyball.

Her daily exercise class is popular with the residents.

"It gets the oxygen flowing," she said. "They do feel 100 percent better, learning to breathe correctly and stretch properly."

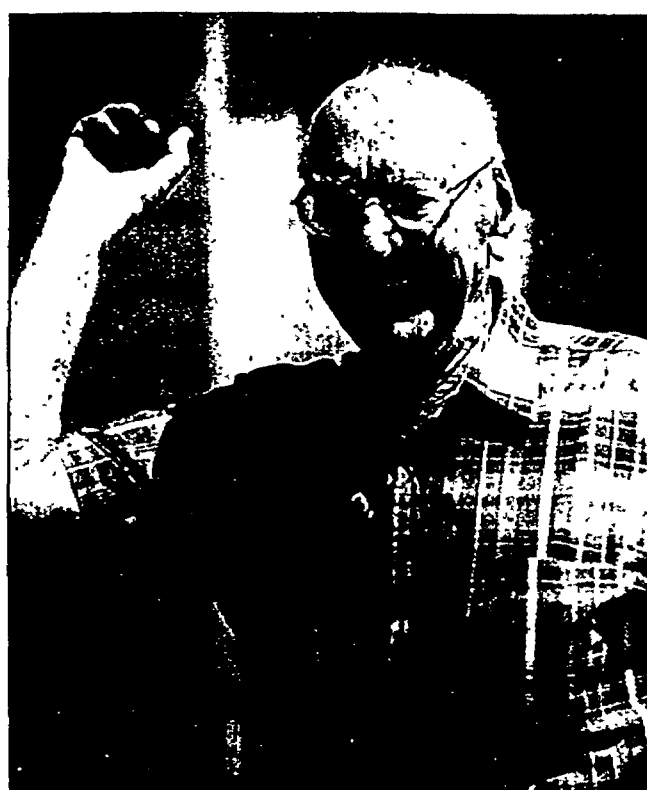
"They can go at their own rate."

Murphy said family members are awed by the enthusiasm their wheel-chair bound parents exhibit for batting around a balloon. Even seated, the weekly game requires coordination and mobility of their head and upper body, she said.

"The laughs are just outrageous," she said. "Their reflexes have improved tremendously."

"We try to keep them as active and independent as possible."

Devine said while a nutritionist and chef plan healthy meals, other staff members encourage physical fitness.



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

American House resident Pete Wesley, 85, will throw for distance in the upcoming Wayne County Senior Olympics.

"One of the things we do here is strength training," she said. "It helps build bone density and muscle mass for fall prevention and longevity."

"We've actually been practicing the ring toss and other events

they're going to compete in. They're jazzed about this."

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American House resident Ann Cheaney practices croquet to get ready for the upcoming Senior Olympics.

Western Wayne County 2006 Senior Olympics Opening Day

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8:45 a.m. Baking Contest, including regular and sugar-free categories for breads, cakes, candy, cookies, pies and sweet bread.

9 a.m. Opening Day Expo

9 a.m. Breakfast with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano

10 a.m. Opening Ceremony

11 a.m. Fun Walk, 3K Run

11:15 a.m. Softball Throw

11:30 a.m. Ring Toss
11:45 a.m. Frisbee Toss
Noon Football Toss
12:15 p.m. Soccer Kick

Regular schedule continues

During the Olympics, the Northville Senior Community Center will be open regular 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. hours Monday through Friday.

"We didn't cancel any of our normal activities," said senior programmer coordinator Dennis Smith.

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Hold that Tiger: Inge serving local lattes tomorrow

That's why it's called, "It's Always Something" ... From the soon-to-be-hearing-tested file, this column last week requested a coffee machine to keep Marlene Kunz from whining. Seems the Northville Civic Concern director asked for help securing a gently used "copy" machine. Well, it's nice to know there are generous readers out there - within 24 hours, two coffee makers were delivered to Kunz's doorstep. Not that she isn't grateful ... but she needs to make copies, not coffee. Anyone? (Trying to improve those eavesdropping skills.)

The Northville Co-op Preschool board shook up the schedule a little recently, adding Tuesday and Thursday classes for four-year-olds in their 21260 Haggerty Road Detroit First Church of the Nazarene location. Enroll now for classes starting Sept. 11, including the 17 vacancies created in the new 9 a.m.-noon slot. Want more info? Attend an open house 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 9, or call (248) 478-7611.

You asked for an encore ... wasting no time after their recent smash hit, "almost maine," the creative folks behind Northville's new community theater company, Act-Ed and Northville Parks and Recreation, are hosting auditions for their next comedic production, "Lucky Stiff." Auditions will be this Tuesday, Aug. 22, with performances planned for Oct. 26-29. They're looking for five women and six men 25-60. For an audition appointment, contact Christina at (734) 446-5843 or ActEdTheatre@aol.com.

What was Northville schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski doing wearing a Novi Wildcats shirt last week? Word is he lost a bet with our neighboring district that the superintendent of the losing girls' soccer team at the state title game in June must wear the other's school shirt at an upcoming board meeting. And adding insult to injury, Rezmierski said, the shirt was size 2XL! Were the Wildcats trying to tell him something?



Bravo to American House's Janet Murphy for keeping in touch with her clients. The activities director organizes a balloon volleyball game at her facility every Monday at noon - and more often when possible - to keep everyone hopping, tipping and swatting. She said the laughs are priceless!

And speaking of fun, did you go on the Grub Crawl last month? The gals at the Northville Chamber of Commerce have a brand-new event up their sleeve - an Oktoberfest, Oct. 13 and 14 at Millennium Park. They're talking German food, a beer tent, carnival rides, horse and wagon rides, live music and dancing. Save the date! More details to follow in future Northville Record issues. First comes the Victorian Festival ...

Speaking of Northville's Sept. 15-17 monarch tribute extravaganza ... plans are flying fast and furious among the Victorian Festival volunteer committee members and Chamber of Commerce staff. Several new attractions planned - vintage automobiles to inspect, maybe a hot-air balloon ride, "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "Thumbelina" puppet performances and the chance to doll up your dog. Great Dog Expedition categories include owner/dog look-alike and best Victorian costume categories. Hmmm ...

Speaking of all things elegant

and proper ... Lily Lembree, owner of Petite Maison, has tapped into a teetotaling clientele. While soothing music fills the air, tables adorned with fresh seasonal flowers and special accents are served fine teas, finger sandwiches, scones and jam and pastries. Ooh-la-la! At \$28.50 per person, July and August proper English teas Lembree hosted in her Main Street store have sold out. A few vacancies remain for Sept. 17 and 24. Call (248) 349-9710.

And here's another date to mark on your calendar: Saturday, Sept. 30. A new non-profit agency just getting off the ground, Project Northville Foundation, is planning a free fashion show in Bandshell Park to benefit the Mott's Children's Hospital burn unit. The enthusiasm of MacKinnons manager Kevin Richards is driving the fund-raiser, themed "Circle of Life," drawing fellow downtown businesses into the effort. Preliminary plans include men's, women's, children's, bridal and baby fashions, a silent auction and extreme makeovers of audience members. More to come in future Northville Record issues

Here's some food for thought on the bully-prevention front ... Carol McCloud, author of "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?," will be at Borders in Novi from noon-2 p.m. Saturday. Subtitled as "A Guide to Daily Happiness for kids," the book says we all carry invisible buckets to be filled with kindness and caring. Marian Nelson of Northville-based Nelson Publishing says it has a good message for kids ...

Speaking of behavior ... Who? Who would do it? Seems four newly planted rose bushes in front of Meads Mill Middle School are missing. Come on, bring 'em back before school starts - no questions asked.

He's still at it ... long-time Center Street dentist Dr. Jim Payne continues to send computers to U.S. service personnel stationed overseas. Excerpts from a recent army battery com-



Photo by MAUREEN JOHNSTON/Northville Record
Where's Ruth?
A downtown Northville resident 80 years, Ruth Angell recently moved from her long-time home, Allen Terrace, south a stretch to American House on Seven Mile Road. During the second week at her new home, Angell inspects the six Model A Fords the Dearborn-based Motor Cities Car Club toured through town. Greeting visitors with her usual panache, the 91-year-old said, "That's Angell with two Ls, so I don't have to be so good."

mander's e-mail: "Sir, I wanted to send you a message to express my heartfelt thanks for the laptop computers. My Paratroopers are very happy to get them and their morale has greatly improved because of them. ... Word is Payne's non-profit corporation is in need of donated laptops to recondition. If you

can help, call (248) 349-4111.

Tiger slugger Brandon Inge is coming to Northville to help local java nuts slug down some Starbucks. To help raise money for the Detroit Tigers Foundation, the third baseman will be at the Haggerty Road location from noon-2 p.m.

tomorrow, serving up coffee with the regular baristas. Starbucks is donating \$1 from the sale of every beverage sold during his visit to support construction and refurbishing of youth baseball fields across metro Detroit. So go in and ask for a grande latte, but not an autograph!

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POLICE BRIEFS

Cool criminals

On Aug. 3, a Northville couple discovered their air conditioning unit was stolen from the back yard of their Cold Spring Drive home.

Northville police reports indicated intruders cut the electrical and metal cooling lines leading from the \$2,900 Carrier model into the house. The 44-year-old homeowners said the theft occurred between 4-5:45 p.m.

After being told the electrical switch on the exterior wall near the unit had been turned off, officers dusted for prints but did not locate any. The residents obtained from their contractor the serial and model numbers, which officers distributed to neighboring police departments, seeking similar incidents. Police questioned neighbors on Cold Spring Drive and Mill Pond Court who said they did not see the theft. The case is closed.

Motorcycle stolen

On Aug. 8, a 31-year-old Northville resident told police her boyfriend's \$5,000 motorcycle was stolen from the parking lot outside their Cady Street apartment.

The missing motorcycle is described as a blue Honda CBRF3 with white lettering and a purple wind screen. The 32-year-old owner, who left for Arizona July 29, told officers by phone he left the motorcycle in the lot, covered and battery removed.

Police reports indicated the girlfriend and neighbors were uncertain when the motorcycle was taken. Officers entered information into the inter-departmental information network.

The case remains open.

He said, she said

On Aug. 5, Northville police investigated two tires flattened outside the Center Street Eagles' Club.

Reports indicated officers discovered valve stems were removed from the grey Jeep Liberty passenger-side tires belonging to a 48-year-old Farmington Hills woman tending bar part-time.

After questioning, police cleared the 46-year-old Northville man the woman suspected had damaged her tires. The Jeep owner said the Eagles customer had been harassing her, while he said their relationship ended a week prior to the incident and he had not spoken to her since. The case is closed.

Board: November shakeup?

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as supervisor. But he did not rule out either proposition.

"I don't think there is any possibility of me running in 2008," Henningsen said. "I think it will be time to turn it over to a new generation ... but you never know."

In November, Abbo, a Republican, will face Democrat Marc Corriveau, who also won the partisan Aug. 8 Primary Election. The 20th District seat — which includes Northville Township, a portion of the City of Northville, Plymouth, Wayne and portions of Canton — is being vacated by term-limited State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth).

Under Michigan law, state representatives may serve a maximum of three 2-year terms; state senators may serve a maximum of two 4-year terms.

Shuffle-Board

If Henningsen is appointed by the Board to serve as interim supervisor, his vacated treasurer post would likely be filled by a current Board member, Hillebrand said. But the administrative shuffling would leave open one trustee position, she said.

Hillebrand said the open trustee position would likely be appointed by the Board following an independent consultant's review of candidate applications and a final recommendation.

In Northville Township, all Board positions are part-time, except for the full-time clerk post.

"I think we are a pretty well-oiled machine," Hillebrand said. "Administratively, I'm not that con-

cerned."

Of more concern, she said, would be appointing a qualified trustee who understands township issues and will work well with current Board members.

That task is made more crucial because the appointed trustee could also tilt the Board politically and provide a working majority, especially on key issues such as establishing budget priorities and the redevelopment of the former Northville State Psychiatric Hospital, a 415-acre site located at the southwest corner of Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

Currently, trustees Marv Gans, Marjorie Banner and Brad Werner often vote in lock-step — including continued funding for the development of Community Park, moving and refurbishing a Thayers Corner barn and the development fate of a township-owned Five Mile and Sheldon roads parcel.

Though Hillebrand said it is premature to know how many potential trustee candidates could emerge in November, some familiar names have been circulating for months. Among them, she said, is former trustee Shirley Klokenga, who lost her 2004 re-election bid and is generally thought to share the same political philosophies as Gans, Banner and Werner.

Hillebrand said she likes, respects and misses Klokenga's presence on the Board — but that's not enough to garner her support as a potential Board trustee.

"The voters chose who they wanted to be on their board, and she was not one of them," Hillebrand said. "For that reason, I don't think I could support bringing her back."

Board games: How will things play out?

If township Supervisor Mark Abbo wins the November general election, here's how things could play out:

- The Board would likely accept Abbo's official resignation at the Nov. 16 meeting, effective some time in late December.

- Treasurer Dick Henningsen would likely be appointed by the Board to serve as interim supervisor for the two remaining years of Abbo's term.

- The Board would appoint a treasurer from current members.

- According to state law, the Board would have 45 days from the effective date of Abbo's resignation to appoint a trustee replacement, or risk a state-imposed special election — paid for by township taxpayers.

- Prior to appointing a trustee, the Board would likely hire a consultant who would review candidate applications, conduct interviews, identify strengths and weaknesses and make recommendations, based on criteria provided by the Board.

Trustee Chris Roosen has been mentioned as a potential candidate for the treasurer post, if Henningsen becomes interim supervisor. Roosen is a financial officer for the Visteon Corporation.

Klokenga and Roosen did not return Northville Record calls prior to press.

Who's playing?

Abbo declined to speculate on the viability of potential trustee candidates, though said he has also heard Klokenga's name mentioned privately. And even though state law allows him to vote for every potential vacancy except his own, he remains uncertain about the propriety of that right.

"I don't plan on voting for these selections, but I will definitely let my feelings be known," Abbo said, who left open the option of abstaining from any potential vote.

"They have to live with whomever they bring on, so I would not want to burden them with someone they may not want. They should have the

right to choose the kind of board they want."

Henningsen is not concerned about who, or how many, potential candidates could emerge. "If push comes to shove, we have some good candidates in the community," he said.

And of working majorities and potential voting blocks?

"The business of the township will proceed," Henningsen said, crediting the "excellent" work done by Hillebrand, Township Manager Chip Snider and township staff.

"The system works."

Corriveau said such speculation is much ado about nothing.

"I'd like to make that all for naught," he said. "I plan on winning the thing ... Doing so would allow Mark to stay in his position and make sure the people in Northville Township don't have to make those decisions."

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OBITUARIES

RALPH A. MANNISTO

Age 87, of Northville, died Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at Howell Care Center. Born March 23, 1919 in Phoenix, MI, son of Gustaf and Hilda (Huhta) Mannisto. He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran; a member of The American Federation of Musicians, Local #5; member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Northville and the Finnish Center Association. Dear husband of Ruth Siira Mannisto, whom he married March 29, 1948 in Detroit; father of Keith (Anne) Mannisto of Northville, Dennis Mannisto of Ann Arbor, Elisa (Steve) Seigle of Fowlerville and Mark (Debbie) Mannisto of Howell; grandfather of five. Memorial services will be held Wednesday, August 23 at 1:00 PM at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. 8 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Memorial contributions may be made to Hidden Springs Church for missions or Heart of the Shepherd Church for missions. Visit online guestbook at www.mcdonaldsfuneralhome.com

LAWRENCE W. SMITH

Okeechobee, FL & Whitmore Lake, MI (formerly of Novi & Lakeland, MI). Age 74, passed away August 8, 2006 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. He was born April 2, 1932 in Northville, MI the son of Fred Elmer Smith and Ethel (Ritchey) Smith. Lawrence was a self employed Florida State Licensed General Contractor. He developed and operated several local and Florida businesses beginning with Smith Excavating Inc. of Novi, Cemetery Maintenance in the greater Detroit area, owned Washtenaw Memorial Park, Grandlawn, Woodmere and Trinity Cemeteries, Innovative Machine Technology in Northville and Awesome Self Storage in Florida. He served on the board of Hiawatha Youth Camp and volunteered as a Cub Scoutmaster. His hobbies included hunting and camping. Lawrence is an accomplished inventor and holds many patents for his industrial inventions and had a passion for hard work. He served in the U.S. Army in the Third armored Tank division. Survived by his wife Corinne, and children; Lawrence "L.W." (Kathy) of Okeechobee, FL; Darlene (Dr. Jeff) Bruhl of Dayton, TN; Daniel of Okeechobee FL; Diane (Eric) Everett of Pinckney, MI and Bret (Cindy) of Pinckney, MI; 30 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Dear Brother of Sarah Chaddock of Spring Lake, MI and Clarence (Pam) Smith of Walled Lake, his late siblings Clifford, Fred, Ralza, Raymond, Howard, Edith, Bertha, Ruby and Burton. A Celebration of Lawrence's life will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, August 12, 2006 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel with Rev. Robert Warren officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to Oakview Baptist Church in Okeechobee, FL or Revival Outreach Center in Northville, MI. Envelopes will be available at Borek Jennings Funeral Home where the family will receive friends on Thursday and Friday from 2 - 4 and 6 - 9 PM. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Lawrence's family at 877-231-7900 or visit his guest book at www.borekjennings.com

VOGAL M. EMERY

Age 86, of Howell, formerly of New Hudson and Northville, passed away August 11, 2006. She was born March 16, 1920 in Bixby, Oklahoma to Olin Wroten and Cassie (King) Wroten. She married Charles Emery on August 14, 1942. Mrs. Emery was a member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of South Lyon. She loved singing and needlepoint. Vogal was an avid reader, who especially enjoyed reading the bible. She had a green thumb and enjoyed gardening and yard work. Survivors include her children Barbara Ratke of KY, Barry (Nancy) Emery of Westland, Becky Joyce of New Hudson, and Beth (Rich) Newman of Howell; her siblings Obie (Lorraine) Wroten of South Lyon, Fletch (Dorothy) Wroten of Walled Lake, and Louise (George) Burt of KY; 5 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, 2 brothers, and 1 sister. Funeral service was held Monday at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of South Lyon with Pastor Terry Nelson officiating the service. Mrs. Emery was laid to rest at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Family would appreciate memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon

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NORTHVILLE EVENTS

ART EXHIBIT
LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center St.
CONTACT: (248) 380-0470
Rock and Roll
DATE: Through Aug. 31
DETAILS: "It's Only Rock n' Roll-And We Love It" exhibit featuring rock and roll icons.

ECLIPSE BASEBALL CLUB
DATE: Home games are: Sunday, Aug. 26 and Sept. 15-17
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Ford Field, Mill Race Village
DETAILS: This is a group of Northville business men playing baseball, using rules from 1869.

GOLF OUTING
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 9
TIME: 10 a.m., shotgun start
LOCATION: St. John's Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth
DETAILS: This outing is sponsored by New Hope Center for Grief Support and proceeds will benefit the center. The cost is \$125 per golfer.
CONTACT: Patte Bingham, (248) 348-0115

RED HAT EVENT
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 9
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Mackinnon's Restaurant, 126 E. Main St.
DETAILS: Laurie Piper, financial advisor with Morgan Stanley, will be the speaker for this red hat event. Refreshments will be included. Everyone is welcome.
CONTACT: Susan Browne, (734) 838-0863 or e-mail miskittysjournalad@comcast.net

ART EXHIBIT
TIME/DATE: 4:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16; 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: The Northville Camera Club will display "Favorite Images of 2006."
CONTACT: Laura Williams, (248) 349-3259 or e-mail LWilliams@twm1.rr.com

CLOCK CONCERTS
DATE: Friday
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Downtown band-shell

NORTHVILLE GARDEN CLUB
DATE: Friday, Aug. 25
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Downtown band-shell

DETAILS: This is the final clock concert of the summer. The Northville Garden Club is sponsoring the "Bugs Beddown" band.

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

FARMERS MARKET
DATE: Thursday through Oct. 26
TIME: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Downs parking lot, corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads
DETAILS: More than 100 stalls include fresh produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, garden art, crafts and home accessories. This is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Prestwick Estates of Northville Hills Golf Club.
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640

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

CHILDREN AUDITIONS
DATE: Saturday
TIME: 4 p.m.
DETAILS: These auditions are for children 8-15 years old. The show is "Highlights of Hollywood."

"Alice In Wonderland"
DATE: Various days, now through Sept. 24
TIME: Varies
DETAILS: Children ages 3 and under are not permitted. Tickets are \$8 per person.
Adult Auditions
DATE: Saturday
TIME: 2 p.m.
DETAILS: These auditions are for "Highlights of Hollywood" and "Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs." Participants are asked to bring a monologue. Singers are to prepare a song; an accompanist will be provided.

GENITTI'S LITTLE THEATER
LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com
Dinner Theater "Mocha Madness"
DATE: Various days through August
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per



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Smile, Northville!

Cameras, lights, generators, actors, directors, and a few hundred yards of cables were rolling last week when U.S. Cellular shot a commercial in Northville. Settings included using Great Harvest and the Marquis Theatre. Here a crew moves a camera and light to another set on Mary Alexander Court.

person for dinner and show. Registration is required
"The Frank Sinatra Tribute from Las Vegas"
DATE: Friday, Oct. 20
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner and show. Registration is required.

MAYBURY STATE PARK EVENTS
LOCATION: Eight Mile Road, between Beck and Napier roads
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390
Explorer Program
DATE: Friday and Saturday, no programs; Sunday, "Tree Tales"; Tuesday, "Beaks, Feet, Tails and Feathers"; Wednesday, "Earthstory"; Thursday, Maybury's History
TIME: Varies

DETAILS: These one-hour programs, led by Explorer Guides, are for all ages. Registration is not required.

CONTACT: Karen, director of Explorer Program, (248) 349-3858 or visit www.friendsofmaybury.org
Baby Walk
DATE: Sunday, Sept. 17
TIME: 12:45 p.m., check-in; 2 p.m. start

DETAILS: This walk is presented by M-CARE and proceeds will benefit the Tomorrow's Child Michigan-SIDS. This is a non-profit organization aimed at reducing the risk of death for infants in Michigan.

CONTACT: Jan Quiring, Development Director, (800) 331-7437 or visit www.mibabywalks.org

Maybury History Trail
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 30
TIME: 9 a.m.

DETAILS: This grand opening will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a virtual tour for those who cannot walk the length of the trail, family activities and the annual Northville Road Runner Classic (5K run, 5K walk and one-mile fun walk.) The trail is self-guided, commemorating the people who lived and worked at Maybury Sanatorium. Proceeds will benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan and Friends of Maybury State Park.
CONTACT: Gary Hat, (248) 231-6114

MAYBURY FARM PROGRAMS
TIME/DATE: noon-5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday

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

DETAILS: Admission is \$3 per adult and \$2 per child; children ages 3 and under are free.

CONTACT: (248) 374-0200

Bee Demonstrations

DATE: Saturday and Sunday


TIME: 1-4 p.m.

DETAILS: This event will include information on bees importance to the environment, the food supply and the farm. Families are welcome.

Hayrides

DETAILS: Hayrides are available on weekends or for groups pre-registered throughout the week.

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Watts up?

Skylights and brighter lights on tap for new school year

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A ray of light will shine on Hillside students next month as they fill the hallways on the first day of school.

New skylights placed near both middle school entrances and the library will greet them, one of many projects taking place in district buildings this summer.

A complete light fixture exchange is also taking place throughout the Hillside building with cost-efficient lighting taking over.

"There are less fixtures, but more light," said Scott Ellis, Skanska project manager. "It's actually quite a bit brighter."

Shining light

Installing electronic ballast lighting with occupancy sensors is happening in most of the district's buildings, as part of the 2004 bond.

"It is an energy savings and it is mandated by the State of Michigan in their conservation plan," said David Bolitho, Northville Public Schools assistant superintendent for administrative services. "We should see a big difference. We're going to see a drop in our electric bills."

Officials said Ridge Wood Elementary and Northville High schools are the only two buildings that won't have the sensors, but the schools that do will benefit greatly from the change.

"Amerman will have a new look," Bolitho said. "It will be so much brighter."

Another lighting change: The pendant lighting in Thornton Creek Elementary School was removed.

Making room

More noticeable summer school projects include the construction of multi-purpose rooms at Winchester and Silver Springs elementary schools.

Both projects were approved as part of the 2004 bond.

Bolitho said neither project will be finished by the first day of school, Sept. 5. He anticipates mid-October completion for both. "Getting steel was our biggest

problem," Bolitho said. "We're still feeling not only the increase of cost, but time lag of steel from effects of the hurricane last year."

School officials said the work sites will be fenced off and all construction team members will be required to wear proper identification as the construction continues during school hours.

Upon completion, the multi-purpose rooms will feature a stage, mechanical rooms and cafeteria. The rooms will offer a full-time lunch spot and a gathering area for student performances, enrichment programs and large gatherings.

"When we complete Silver Springs and Winchester, every elementary school will have a separate eating area," Bolitho said. A district goal, he said, to lessen the impact on the district's physical education curriculum.

In the past, gym class was stopped for lunch and group gatherings as the lunch room was the only large gathering place.

Summer facelift

The majority of district buildings this summer are receiving facelifts.

The most noticeable: Thornton Creek Elementary School.

The school's new gymnasium floor will be hard to miss.

"It turned out great," said Paul Durkee, Thornton Creek physical education teacher.

The floor, made of a poured synthetic surface, is in bright primary colors with markings for games like basketball, round-a-bout, bowling and ladder climbing.

Amerman Elementary has the same type floor, but with a neutral color scheme.

The Thornton Creek gymnasium was slated for hardwood before the new flooring was introduced.

Bolitho said the synthetic surface is cost-effective and safe.

"It probably serves our needs better than the wood floor," Bolitho said.

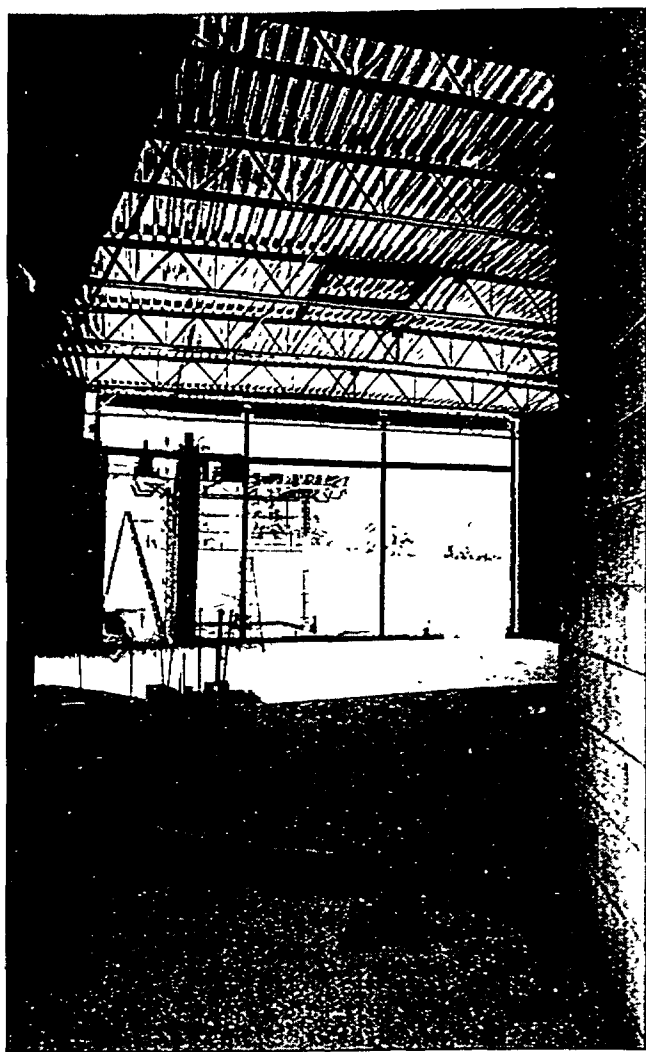
Thornton Creek students will also be greeted by a new ceiling mural, offering bright, cheery hellos.



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

ABOVE: At Silver Springs Elementary School, a multi-purpose room is being added to the northeast side. Construction began this summer.

RIGHT: An interior view of the Silver Springs addition.



"I'm not worried yet."

David Bolitho

Assistant Superintendent, Northville Public Schools

Tell me more

Other noticeable summer changes to district buildings include new entrances at Meads Mill Middle and Silver Springs Elementary schools.

Both entrances are transformed with the use of new doors and glass panels, ousting the days of dark and drab.

Meads Mill received new carpet and outdoor landscaping.

Bolitho said the 2004 bond-approved improvements to Meads Mill are now almost complete.

"The comments from the staff and the students have been amazing," he said.

He credits the Meads Mill teachers for being troopers. "They've had two summers of total disruption."

At Moraine Elementary

School, old tiling is being removed as part of an asbestos abatement program. And Bolitho said basketball rigging will also be removed from the same gathering area, making it a true multi-purpose room.

Moraine is also receiving a total ceiling replacement and the old boiler was removed and replaced with two separate components.

Unit ventilators are being replaced in the majority of district buildings this summer and security cameras are being installed in all schools.

Under the gun

Despite torn apart ceilings, missing lighting and an appearance of chaos, Bolitho said the projects will be completed in time

for opening day.

"I'm not worried yet," he said. He does admit however, there is a lot to do in the next couple of weeks.

Bolitho said the unit ventilator replacement and new lighting with occupancy sensors must be complete by the first day of school.

School officials said once this summer's projects are complete, only one 2004 bond project remains.

Installing temperature controls at Hillside Middle School will wrap up all the work, which will take place next year.

Upon completion, no bond projects remain.

"In two summers we've knocked off quite a bit," Bolitho said.

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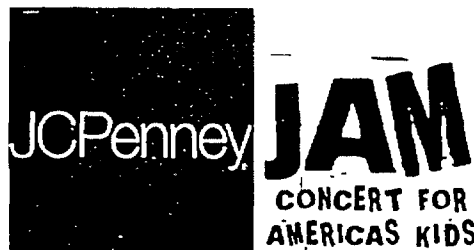
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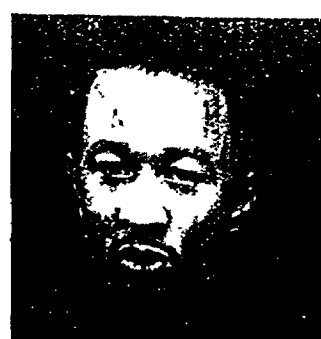
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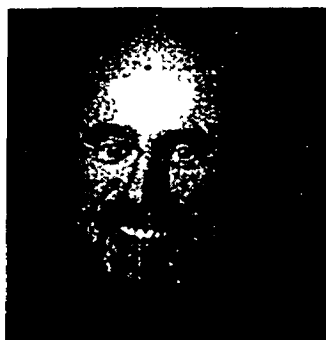


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MEETING NOTEBOOK: SCHOOLS

Aug. 8 Meeting

All members were present
Next Meeting: Aug. 22

New assistant principal

Members of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved a one-year \$83,107 probationary contract for Monty Shambleau, naming him the new Northville High School assistant principal. Shambleau taught social studies at the school and will replace assistant principal Robert Watson, who this summer was named principal.

Health advisory board

Board members unanimously approved a request to form the Northville Public Schools Health Advisory Board. Pursuant to the Michigan Compliance Code, members include administrators, teachers, students, clergy, health professionals, community agency representatives and parents. School officials said an agenda for the state mandated group will be developed at a later date.

Education agreement

The annual Cooperative Education Program Agreement with Livonia Public Schools regarding the support of the district's vocational program was

unanimously approved by board of education members. By signing the agreement, Northville students will have the opportunity to take selected courses at the Livonia Career and Technical Center.

Board of directors

Board members unanimously voted in favor of casting a ballot for Wayne County professional Debbie Squires to serve on the Group V-Michigan Association of School Boards board of directors and Wayne County professional Douglas Curry to represent Region Eight. Both are three year terms.

Executive session

Board members moved into executive session to discuss negotiations and the district counsel's legal opinion.

Special meeting

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education will host a special study session 6-8 p.m. Thursday Aug. 24 to discuss district growth.

Cablecast

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education meeting will be available to Comcast subscribers 9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21 on channel 18.

CLASS NOTES

Board Meeting

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

Northville High School

Northville High School registration packets for the 2006-07 year are available for pick-up in the main office. Office hours are 7:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, please call (248) 344-8420. Registration will be held Tuesday through Thursday as follows:

- Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., ninth grade
- Wednesday: 8-11 a.m., 10th grade; 12:30-3 p.m., 12th grade
- Thursday: 8-11 a.m., 11th grade
- Monday, Aug. 28 and Tuesday, Sept. 5: Make-up days

ALPS Testing for New Students

Summer testing for the ALPS Gifted Program and/or Middle School Advanced Math will begin Monday. Today is the deadline to apply. This testing is for students who moved into Northville over the summer or were not tested during the January-April ITBS 2005-06 testing period. For more information along with the parent

nomination and/or registration forms, please visit www.northville.k12.mi.us/instruction/alps.

The testing schedule is as follows:

- Monday: 8:30-10:30 a.m., grades 6-8, Advanced Math and Academic Resource; 11:30-1:30 p.m., grades 6-8, Academic Resource (a.m. required as well)
- Tuesday: 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:15 p.m., grades 4-5 ALPS
- Wednesday: 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:15 p.m., grade 3 ALPS

First Day

The first day for Northville Public Schools is Tuesday, Sept. 5. According to school officials, the rest of the district calendar will be announced upon completion of ongoing teacher contract negotiations.

Early Education Openings

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center is enrolling for the 2006-07 school year. Openings are still available in the 3-year-old Kids' Creative Corner preschool classes and the Parent-Child Classes for 1- and 2-year-old children. Please call the Early Childhood Center Office, (248) 344-8465 for more information.

Old Village/Cooke Golf Outing

The Old Village and Cooke schools golf outing will be Saturday, Sept. 30 at St. Johns Golf and Conference Center. Event organizers are looking for hole and contest prize sponsors, raffle prizes and golfers. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will be distributed between both schools to support music therapy, leisure recreation and student equipment needs. Please contact Old Village School, (248) 344-8460 or Cooke School, (248) 344-8489.

Reflections Contest

The theme for the 2006-07 Reflections contest is "My favorite place." Entries are due in early fall. Submissions in the categories of literature, music composition, photography and art will be accepted. The PTA national competition honors student creativity in the field of arts.

St. Paul's Kindergarten

Children who will be 5 by Dec. 1 may register now for full- or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School, 201 Elm St. Please call the office, (248) 349-3146 or stop by the school from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Twins Sander and Laszlo Slomovits of the musical group, "Gemini 7," sing to a Tunes on Tuesday crowd at Northville's bandshell.

ON CAMPUS

Kalamazoo College

Northville resident, Brittany Anne Bartolo, was among the spring 2006 graduates of Kalamazoo College during commencement exercises.

Central Michigan University

Northville residents, Elizabeth-An Aniol, Sarah Bowles, Zachary Christenson, Colin Gaddis, Adriane Grace and Sara

Niskanen, were among the spring 2006 graduates of Central Michigan University.

Grand Valley State University

Northville residents, Rachel Helwig, Kristin Kirk, Scott Peterson and Elizabeth Ricketts were among the winter 2006 graduates at Grand Valley State University.

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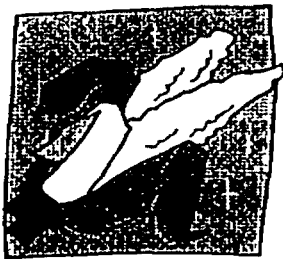
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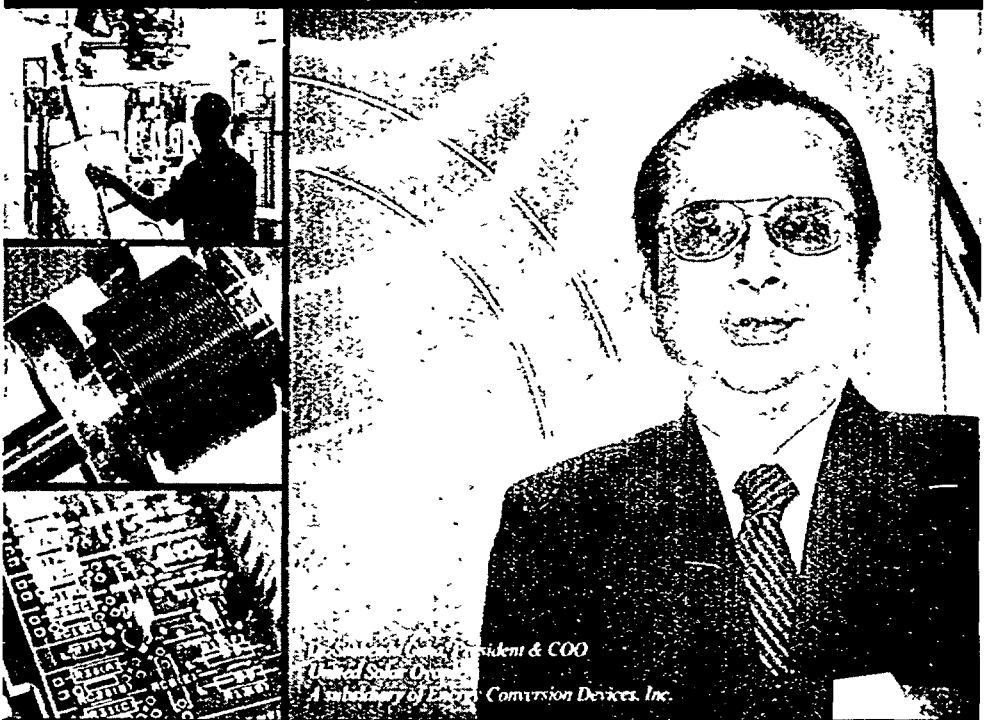
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Students return from the road with worldly impressions

European vacation affords glimpse at different cultures

By Elisabeth Pernicone
RECORD SPECIAL WRITER

High school graduate Megan Oldham thinks about lying on the beach in Nice, France.

She was one of about 30 students and parents traveling to Europe through the Northville High School French and art departments weeks ago.

"The scenery was just so beautiful," Oldham said.

Northville High school, along with the American Council for International Studies, organized the trip to Italy, France, England and Monaco. Students paid for all expenses, and Northville High School teachers served as chaperones. The two-week tour began July 20 and gave students and parents a taste of European culture, scenery, historical sites and artwork.

"My favorite part of the trip was seeing the Eiffel Tower," said senior Laura Castor.

The tour began in England, where Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, and the British Parliament were a few sites the travelers visited. From England, the students

"The French are very friendly. Americans are ignorant of other parts of the world."

Megan Oldham
Student, Northville High School

crossed the English Channel to France, where they visited the Eiffel Tower, Palace of Versailles and the Louvre.

Senior Kelly Spooner said she liked climbing the Eiffel Tower.

Once in Italy, the group visited the leaning Tower of Pisa and the cities of Florence and Rome, traveling on ferry boats, subways, coach tours and an overnight train ride.

The group learned about differences in European and American culture.

"I liked European culture better," Spooner said. "I

■ Code red

Megan Oldham said her plans to travel with Northville High School may not have happened if the recent terror plot against planes from London to the United States happened one week earlier.

"I thought the trip would have been canceled or it would have been a big inconvenience not being allowed to carry on luggage," she said.

Oldham, who flew to London on her trip to Europe, said her parents would also have been concerned about allowing her to travel. She returned Aug. 3.

According to the Transportation Security Administration, flights were raised to a "high" threat level. Flights from the United Kingdom to the United States

featured increased airplane travel security.

As a result, most liquids and items of similar consistency were banned from carry-on bags. Passenger security checks were also increased.

Oldham said she tries to keep the news in perspective. "There is always a risk when you fly anywhere," she said.

liked the way they dress over there."

Oldham said she believes other cultures are more welcoming and interesting.

"The French are very friendly," she said. "Americans are ignorant of other parts of the world."

Senior Enka Fill thought the culture was hard to get used to, but enjoyed the homey feeling of England, where there no language barriers existed.

She would like to visit Europe again, but not in the same way.

"I would go by myself or with some friends," Fill said. Spooner said she would recommend the Northville High School summer trip to others.

"I would if you are willing to walk a lot," she said.

Elisabeth Pernicone is a recent Northville High School graduate who also served as a Northville Record intern. She will attend Michigan State University in the fall.

ENGAGEMENTS



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Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hoffmeier of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Susanne Hoffmeier, to Kurt Lee Kaiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kaiser of Quinter, Kan.

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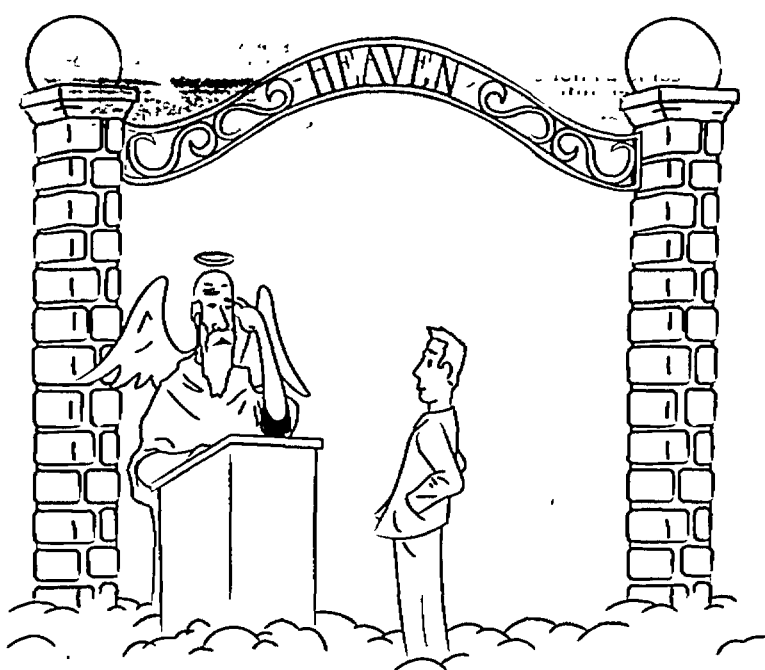
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CONTACT: For information or to register for programs and request or renew library materials, (248) 349-3020

TEEN DANCE PARTY

DATE: Friday

TIME: 1-3:30 p.m.

DETAILS: This is the teen celebration of the summer reading program. It will include prize drawings, ice cream and Dance Dance Revolution. Registration is 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

DETAILS: Used books and materials are needed by the Friends of the Library. The library contributes to the collection and donates the rest to the Friends for sale, with proceeds benefiting the library. Donations are tax deductible. If you need assistance unloading books from your car, call (248) 349-3020 in advance to make arrangements.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

DATE: Fourth Thursday of every month

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LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
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Thursday Meetings
DATE: Today, "Help, I've gotta get organized"; Aug. 24, "An Evening with Bill Greenman, Ph.D."; Aug. 31, picnic and concert"

Street Dance
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 26

TIME: 8-11 p.m.

LOCATION: Plaza on Center Street, between Main and Dunlap streets

DETAILS: Tickets are \$10 and include snacks, soft drinks and a D.J. There will be 50's, 60's and 70's music.

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LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 374-5966

Remarried Workshop

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 6-Dec. 13

TIME: 7-8:15 p.m.

DETAILS: This free course will include information on blending families, parenting issues, communications and finances. Participants are welcome to attend one or all the classes.

Grief Workshop

DATE: Monday, Sept. 11

TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is sponsoring this free eight-week series. Registration is required.

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,

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-1144

Blood Drive

DATE: Sunday, Aug. 27

TIME: 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

DETAILS: Walk-ins welcome

CONTACT: Janet Malinowski,

(248) 349-6592

Summer Worship Services

DETAILS: 8:30 and 10 a.m.

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

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SENIOR EVENTS

SENIOR OLYMPICS

DATE: Monday through Friday

DETAILS: This is the second annual Wayne County Senior Olympics. Various events, including a softball throw, baking contest, bridge card game, bocce ball and walk will be offered. This event is hosted by the City of Northville, Northville Township and the Northville Senior Community Center.

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Thursday, Aug. 17

9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds

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9:30 a.m.: Yoga

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Keeping cool!

Brandon Parker, 15, enjoys an ice cream cone from Rebecca's in downtown Northville.

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FR/SAT LS 11:50

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5:00, 7:15, 9:30 FR/SAT LS 11:45

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11:15, 1:20, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25

○ TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13)
12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:25
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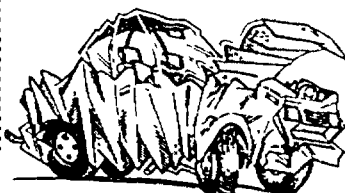
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1 p.m.: Tai Chi
By appointment: Massage
Friday, Aug. 18
10 a.m.: Strength Training
11:30 a.m.: Poker
1 p.m.: Movie: RV
By appointment: Massage
Monday, Aug. 21
10 a.m.: Line Dance
10 a.m.: Oxygise I
11 a.m.: Oxygise II
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre
Tuesday, Aug. 22
9 a.m.: MGM Casino Trip
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
Wednesday, Aug. 23
9 a.m.: Strength Training
9 a.m.: Diamond Jack's Cruise
10 a.m.: Oxygise Level I
11 a.m.: Oxygise Level II
11:30 a.m.: Oxygise New Enrollees
noon: Bridge

BOARD GAMES
DATE: Tuesday, ongoing
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
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Bridge
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Pinochle (single deck)
TIME/DAY: 12:30-3:30 p.m., Friday
Euchre
TIME/DAY: 12:30 p.m., Monday
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

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

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Friday, Aug. 18: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Wedding Reception, 4-7 p.m.; Wedding*, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 19: Wedding*, 3:15-5:15 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 20: Mill Creek Church, 10 a.m.; Village open, 1-4 p.m.; Venture Scouts, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 22: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.; Northville Public Schools, noon; Northville Democratic Club, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 24: Archives open, 9 a.m.

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CONTACT: Nancy Murphy, (248) 305-5460

BABY WALK VOLUNTEERS
DETAILS: The non-profit statewide organization, "Tomorrow's Child, Michigan Sudden Infant Death Syndrome," needs volunteers to serve as team captains for the second annual Baby Walk. The walk will be Sept. 17 at Maybury State Park. Team captains will recruit friends and family to participate. Teams are collecting pledges for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome research.
CONTACT: Carol, (248) 650-3729 or visit www.tomorrowschildmi.org

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS
DETAILS: Families are needed to host foreign exchange students for fall 2006. The commitment is to provide a caring home with a room and meals.
CONTACT: Judy Morante, (248) 380-7390

MEALS-ON-WHEELS
DATE: Ongoing
TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers are needed.
CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Terrace, (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-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.



Submitted Photo

Hard workers!

Students Shawn Bowers and Lauren Williams enjoy working at the Cooke School innagural classic car and fund-raising event earlier this month. The event was a victory bringing in \$4,500 for the Northville school.



Submitted Photo

Get me out!

Cooke School Principal Marilynn Bachorik was thrown in jail during the school's innagural car show. Bachorik said the fund-raising event was a big success drawing 137 classic cars and \$4,500 for the Northville special needs school. The jail event alone raised \$800.

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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.

Hold the presses: Thank you!

They got deadlines, not bylines. Do this. Do that. Can I get that in an hour?

And for that very reason, their hard work went unnoticed, far from the public spotlight and pale in comparison to headlines carrying the day. No harm. It's just the way things work.

Still, Marcia Cromas and Karen Whitehart never complained. Not once.

They didn't complain when you called, angry about a story they didn't write, frustrated that your calendar listing was not published in 72-point, all-caps/bold style, or confused about how to order a photo reprint and send a wedding announcement.

They didn't make the rules they explained to you, but they never used that as an excuse. As longtime Northville Record-Now News office assistants, they knew that wasn't part of their job description.

What was? Getting the job done. Helping us publish another edition. Greeting the public as they entered the front door or called on the telephone. Welcome them with a kind voice and a friendly smile, we said, even though they may be stomping their feet or waving a flir in your face.

Type this. Type that. Research this topic on the Internet. Clip these stories from the newspaper. Answer the phone. Organize a special report.

Assign freelancers to special projects. Call a political candidate who is dragging their feet — and make sure they call back before deadline.

Karen and Marcia did it all, mostly from the shadows of our 104 W. Main St. building, hidden in plain view. Karen worked the first three days of the week; Marcia worked the final two. Sometimes they took work home on the weekend.

Mostly, they were voices, not faces. They toiled in relative anonymity, sharing our professional triumphs and our personal frustrations — offering valuable perspective rooted in institutional knowledge of two communities they revered.

Now they are leaving. Marcia is retiring. Karen is headed to our Howell office, where she will work full-time as an assistant to publisher Grace Perry.

Karen finished yesterday. Marcia's last day is tomorrow.

There's little time for goodbye. In this business, we learn to move on from sadness and victory with the same quick feet. But sometimes you have to hold the presses, at least for a moment, and say thank you to two people who every week quietly made you better.

Thanks, Marcia. Thanks, Karen. For caring enough to always challenge us. And for offering friendship, though the job never required you to do so. We miss you. Already.

City: 'Citizen' nominations, please.

The time is fast approaching for the Northville Chamber of Commerce to select a Citizen of the Year. The criteria: Be involved in actively supporting (through time, talent or financial support) an organization that improves our community, lives or works here, shows concern for the community, environment and family and serves as a role model. Look around you. Is it someone you work alongside, live near or volunteer with? To nominate, contact the chamber at (248) 349-7640 or chamber@northville.org.

Township: Clerks deserve election nod

Kudos to local clerks, whose hard work and dedicated preparation once again allowed local voters to show up at the polls and cast ballots seamlessly. There are no "hanging chads" in Northville, no rumblings about improper use of the clerk's position to influence voters and no public tantrums about poorly-staffed polling sites. Think that's by accident? Think again. Northville voters are fortunate to have two hard-working clerks (Sue Hillebrand in Northville Township and Dianne Massa in the City of Northville), along with their professional and dedicated staffs, who work tirelessly to make certain local elections go smoothly. As our official keepers of public records, they deserve a public vote of confidence. Good job!

Schools: District staff gets high marks

Northville Public Schools buildings are being ripped apart and pieced back together for opening day. And with the exception of multi-purpose rooms at two of the district's elementary schools, school officials feel confident projects will be wrapped up by Sept. 5. That is a significant accomplishment for school officials serving as project managers for many of the 2004 bond projects to reduce costs. A well-deserved pat on the back is earned by assistant superintendent David Bolitho and Skanska building contractors for pulling off another tough summer.

You're a 'Fine' girl!



Submitted Photo

Mark Trudeau, owner of Fine Threads haberdashery on Main Street, models some of the women's wear from neighboring boutique, Van Dam's. The two clothing stores rolled out racks of discounted seasonal clothing during the Northville Central Business Association's recent sidewalk sale. Fine Threads employees were elated with the response, reporting sales doubled from last year's summer clearance event.

LETTERS

Thanks for millage support

The success of the 2006 Millage campaign was due in part to a positive image and the quality of services within the Northville Community. The Department of Public Safety, Youth Assistance, Recreation and Seniors have emphasized our commitment to community throughout the past years with a strong performance.

All of us thank the efforts of many people, including the Board of Trustees, Assistant Manager Thelma Kubitskey for her continued guidance, Chairperson of "Say Yes" Carol Poenisch along with Steve McGuirk, Susanne Klaar, Dan Sygar, Director of Parks and Recreation Traci Sincok, and Director of Northville Youth Assistance Sue Campbell who assisted by distributing the "Say Yes" message, Police Chief John Werth and Fire Chief Bill Zhmendak for their help along with all the membership of the Public Safety Department.

Also, thank you to the dozens who have shared knowledge, ideas and approaches which served to enrich our efforts.

We wish to thank the editorial staff and associates of the Northville Record and Northville Journal for their support. Most of all, we thank the residents of this community who have provided a funding tool for continuing a stronger community partnership.

Mark J. Abbo
Northville Township Supervisor

Public Safety officials say 'thank you'

On behalf of the men and women of the Northville Township Department of Public Safety we would like to express our thanks to

the residents for showing their support at the polls on Tuesday. We are excited about the opportunity to continue to provide Northville Township with the quality public safety services that you deserve and expect. Without hesitation, we have never had a staff more able, a community more supportive and more systems in place to achieve the communities lofty vision.

John Werth, Chief of Police

Bill Zhmendak, Fire Chief
Northville Township

Dirty politics!

Filthy, nasty, dirty politics and negative campaigning were declared the winners of the 20th District State House race in the Republican Primary on Aug. 8.

Money talked. Big money — nearly \$100,000 worth, with strings attached to Lansing, outstate Michigan and Washington D.C. — bought victory for their hand-picked candidate.

Over-the-top newspaper headlines kept spinning the story week after week and kept it going to the benefit of the instigators of the story. The constant barrage of incomplete information and innuendoes planted doubts in the minds of readers, questioned a woman's well-earned honesty and integrity and cost her not only her current job but also the opportunity to serve the members of the communities she so deeply cared about for the past 22 years.

The politics of personal destruction triumphed in our communities on election night, Aug. 8.

All of the above sound like the key ingredients for a ready-made, best-selling novel, but regrettably it's the true life drama which played out in "Norman Rockwell's" Plymouth this summer.

With inner strength and grace, the family of Beth and John Stewart has endured the allega-

tions, the trail of gossip and misinformation and the verbal assaults on their integrity and standing within the greater Plymouth/Northville communities. The extent of the nastiness of this campaign has left their daughters, Laura, 24, and Sarah, 21, disillusioned with politics and the community in which they grew up.

Is this the price an honorable family must pay if one of its members decides to run for office?

To her credit, Beth Stewart steadfastly refused to engage in negative campaigning, even after her political opponents/foes crossed the line and went after her.

To her credit, Beth Stewart deflected criticism away from the Plymouth Historical Museum, trying to shield the "community jewel" she had nurtured for 22 years — nearly half of her life. Isn't that what a morally responsible and caring individual would do? Perhaps Beth Stewart's "crime" is that she cared too much about what she had worked so long and hard to build in her hometown.

To her credit, Beth Stewart carried her head high and carried her campaign forward. On the night of the League of Women Voters campaign forum in June, a poised and well-composed Beth Stewart showed up and delivered the most complete responses to the questions, in spite of the endless negative publicity being generated by her political foes.

Beth and her husband, John Stewart, have left a lasting legacy of commitment and caring to the greater Plymouth/Northville communities and to Western Wayne County. No one can take away their 22-year record of giving of their time and talents so generously. Both have set the bar high for others who choose to follow.

We are fortunate to have individuals such as Beth and John Stewart in our community.

Martha A. Trafford
Canton

GUEST COLUMN: TOM WATKINS

Building our future, one child at a time

"While children only make up a small portion of our population — they are 100 percent of our future."

As you read this, somewhere in your neighborhood, state and nation a child is receiving the message that they are "slow," "incapable," that they are "no good" or will "never amount to anything."

From time to time, we hear on the radio, see on TV or read the horror stories of physical and sexual abuse perpetrated on our most vulnerable citizens. These stories make us sick and we quake with anger over how cruel adults can be. While less visible, the constant negative messages that some parents, teachers and other adults drill into our children's heads take their toll too.

How many Bill Gates, Henry Ford, Booker T. Washingtons, Harriet Tubmans, Albert Einsteins and Fredrick Douglasses has our society lost because a child's spirit has been crushed by an adult entrusted to raise them up?

Not all successful people had ideal childhoods. Many of the people mentioned above overcame great odds to see their dreams become reality. The world is full of successful people who were once considered "slow," "different," or "odd" and were told they would never amount to anything.

Those who escaped the negativity were fortunate to discover someone who believed in them — even if that only person was them! All people have the inherent capacity to effect change in their lives and we owe it to all of our children to provide them with the tools to help them succeed.

Quality education is a great equalizer in this world. Our collective future is sitting in our classrooms today. The viability of our society, the strength of our economy, the quality of our

lives, the vibrancy of our democracy and our place in the world all depend on how we educate our youth.

When children are taught to hate, they hate, as we see in far too many situations across our nation and the world today. We need to give children the best start in life possible, filling them with love and knowledge along the way.

Yet, believe it or not, and as tragic as it is, far too many of our children enter kindergarten or first grade not knowing their numbers, alphabet or colors. They do not know how to read because, not only have they not been read to, they have not been cuddled and loved.

Human tragedy is compounded when a child begins life with the emotional scars of negativity ingrained so deeply that they seldom recover.

For Michigan to be healthy, we need all of our children to be physically, emotionally and intellectually healthy.

We need to create a shared vision and common agenda across this region and across our great state where every child has a sense of worth, where we all accept responsibility for ourselves, our families, our communities and society at large. We must nurture our children, families and communities in ways that build a quality of life for today and tomorrow.

Here are some suggestions for building up our children and simultaneously building strong communities and likewise, a strong state and nation:

- serve as a mentor or tutor at a local school
- coach a local sports team
- seek the positive in all children and build on those traits
- hug and read to your children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren
- take a moment to simply tell a child how very special they are
- open your place of business to allow a

young adult to job shadow

• donate books and other educational materials to those less fortunate

Further, take a moment to reflect on your life. Recall that special time when an adult, parent, pastor, grandparent, teacher, or coach made you feel like you were on the top of the world. Often it was a simple gesture: a kind word, a pat on the back, attending your piano recital, cheerleading event or football game — or just knowing that this person believed in you and was there for you. Yet, as simple as the gesture was, we can still recall with great intensity the joy we felt knowing that a special adult was there. When an adult touches your life in a positive way, it is a memory of a lifetime!

Take a few minutes to call or visit that special person who made such a difference in your life and thank them for helping make you the successful adult you are today. Perhaps more important than saying "thank you" — emulate them. Promise yourself that you will take extra steps today and everyday to build up, and not tear down, your and others' children.

The children of the world will become our collective future. Think how your small acts of kindness can help shape the world. Remember, the world would be a much cleaner place if we all sweep our own doorstep — think how clean it would be if we helped to sweep our neighbors'!

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COMMENTARY

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Elections reveal a few surprises

Now that the dust has settled, what are we to make of last week's primary elections?

Not very much — with one huge one exception, which I'll get to in a moment. First of all, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard won the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate, beating megachurch pastor and former Detroit councilman Keith Butler. He was expected to win, but the size of his margin — 61 percent — was surprising.

Most people I talk with say Bouchard is a pretty good guy. He may not be an exceptional thinker, but he's done a perfectly adequate job as Oakland County's top cop, and as a legislator before that.

But he'll have his hands full with incumbent Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a formidable campaigner who already has a \$4.5 million war chest. Still, it's a free pass of sorts for Bouchard.

Even if he loses, he keeps his job as sheriff, wins statewide recognition, and as long as he doesn't embarrass himself, leaves himself in good shape for a future run for governor or U.S. Senate.

Congressman Joe Knollenberg, who also represents much of Oakland, Michigan's largest and richest county, easily overcame a challenge from former State Rep. Patricia (Pan) Godchaux in the 9th Congressional District. Despite strong efforts by Godchaux to attract Democratic crossover, he still took 70 percent of the vote.

Knollenberg is a very influential member of the House Committee on Appropriations (known in Washington as the "College of Cardinals.") He boasts, accurately, about "bringing home the bacon" (as though that is necessarily a good thing in this time of skyrocketing budget deficits.) While serving in Lansing, Godchaux developed a good reputation as a sensible Republican moderate.

Sadly, that meant that she came to be despised by many in her party. Having withstood her challenge, Knollenberg likely will be re-elected as many times as he wants — unless the district lines are redrawn or age (he is now 73) catches up with him.

Of course, the big election story was the race was the 7th Congressional district, which stretches from Ann Arbor to Battle Creek. There, hard-right, fundamentalist preacher Tim

Walberg beat U.S. Rep. John A. (Joe) Schwarz with 53 percent in an election marked by high spending and low turnout.

Walberg, a former state representative from Lenawee County, had a ton of money dumped into his campaign by a Washington anti-tax outfit, the Club for Growth, which raised \$477,000 from Club "members" and spent another \$540,000 in "independent" TV ads.

Meanwhile, Michigan Right To Life, the most powerful force in Michigan politics, effectively mobilized its troops on the ground.

Schwarz's defeat is truly a sad day for Michigan. He is a medical doctor who served with distinction as a U.S. Navy intelligence officer and CIA agent during the war in Vietnam.

And he is also a 16-year veteran of the state Senate where he was widely regarded on both sides of the aisle as among Michigan's most capable legislators. He is truly a distinguished public servant. A moderate and sensible Republican, he was endorsed by virtually every newspaper in the state, by President Bush, former Gov. John Engler, Arizona's U.S. Senator John McCain, and the state Republican Party.

So what happened? The heart of the problem is the dynamics of a crazy redistricting system that, these days, draws most districts in a way to ensure that they are either solidly Republican or firmly Democratic. What that means is that the real winner of these contests gets settled in the primary, not the general election.

What's bad about that is that the only people motivated enough to vote in a primary election tend to be "extreme" radicals on the right in GOP primaries and on the left in Democratic primaries.

As a result, in the 7th district, the voters who showed up — and there was only an 18 percent turnout, statewide — were disproportionately right-wingers, too many of whom actually were convinced that the moderate Joe Schwarz was too "liberal."

This is a man who served his country in uniform for years, and who is a staunch supporter of President Bush on the war.

Had voters in the sensible center shown up at the polls, the result would have been different. This is not all that far-right a district; it only gave President Bush 54 percent of its vote last time.

But now 660,000 people will

get the kind of representation they deserve, selected for them courtesy of their own apathy and a political action committee funded by a bunch of New York-based rich guys, combined with the passion of the right-to-lifers.

How sad for Michigan. How sad for our nation.

But there you are. This all happened the same day that U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman, a distinguished moderate Democrat who supported the war in Iraq, got ambushed by left-wing primary voters.

Do these results suggest a continued national trend of polarized politics? Sadly, that conclusion is hard to avoid. I talked last week with an old friend who happens to be a moderate Republican.

"I simply cannot figure out how a moderate of either party gets through the system any more," my pal said. "The litmus tests are too strict and the primary voters are too ideological and passionate."

These days, the notion of a passionate moderate seems a contradiction in terms. This is partly because moderates tend to look at issues one at a time, in a practical way without the clarifying lens of dogma. That is what used to be called common-sense. Today, too many fear it makes them look as though they lack "core principles."

Worse, many moderates tend to react to silly proposals made by the ideologues rather than coming up with their own programs.

The whole thing reminds me of the famous lines from W. B. Yeats' poem, The Second Coming:

Things fall apart; the center cannot hold ...

The best lack all conviction, while the worst

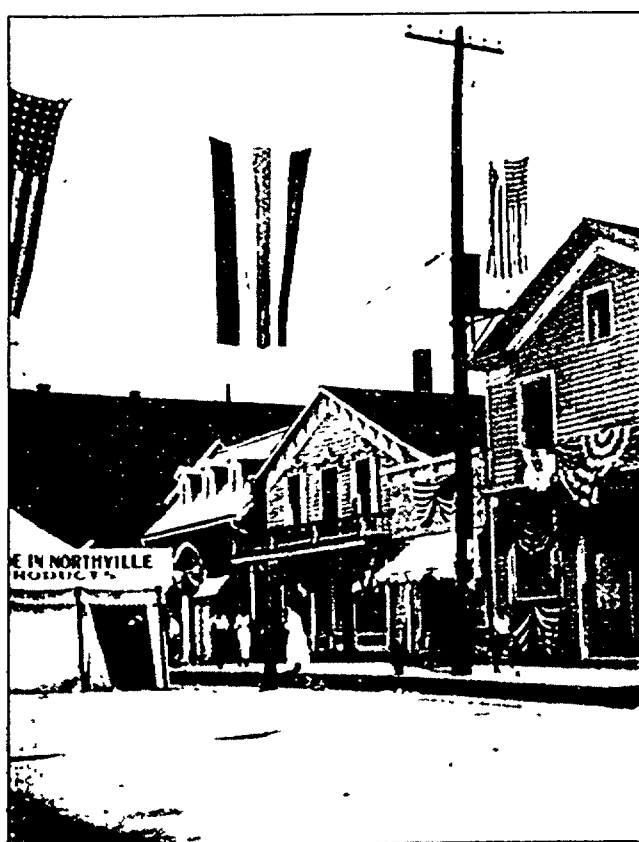
Are full of passionate intensity.

Most voters say they're pretty much in the middle of the road, and lots of them say they're turned off by the intense partisanship they see in Lansing and Washington, where ideologues call the tune. Small wonder that so many feel so disconnected from the political system. The one glimmer of hope is that if moderates of both parties ever come up with serious, far-reaching, emotionally compelling program, watch out! It just might sweep the country.

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Phil Power



Historically speaking!

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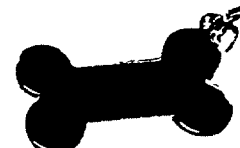
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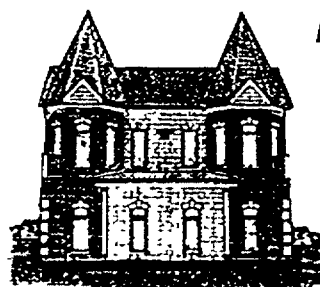
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It's been an incredible year at Paradise Park. The new facility offers "a day in paradise" with enough fun for everyone in the family — from an 18 hole miniature golf course, a Daytona style go kart track, a trampoline center and automatic soccer cages to climbing walls, laser tag and a really cool arcade.

Owners Jeffrey and Theresa Wainwright and teenage sons Gregory and Justin, have put together a paradise of safe, wholesome fun. "People tell us that coming here is like getting away for a vacation," said Theresa Wainwright.

And paradise is just around the corner, on Grand River Avenue, just east of Beck Road in Novi.

The outdoor miniature golf course is the picture of paradise. It was designed to look like a theme park, with island accessories and brightly colored turf. Just thinking about palm trees makes Theresa feel relaxed, so she decided to bring palm trees into the island paradise. Several palms have been planted on the miniature golf course, nestled by waterfalls and rivers. "I wanted it to look spectacular," Theresa said.

The indoor area is as much a paradise as the outside. Pictures of palm trees and dolphins dance across the walls. The ceiling is covered with blue sky and white clouds painted in an iridescent paint that yields a magical effect at night. With the black lights on, after dark, the indoor area is transformed into a party of lights, with the patterned carpet glowing and arcade games flashing. Guests become part of the decorations, glowing in the colored lights.

The laser tag arena continues to amaze people with its incredible design. A star wars, solar system theme with aliens and space ships sets the scene for fun. This "Laser Blast" technology arena was designed by Creative Works, Inc. which is considered the premier arena designer. Private parties, businesses, churches and community groups love the laser tag arena. As an added degree of safety, this arena is Class A fireproof.

Outdoor fun includes a trampoline center, a climbing wall, miniature golf, and soccer cages. Bumper boats will arrive next spring. The park features world class family go karts, driving on a large concrete slick track that includes multiple high banked turns and five steeply banked hairpin curves. The park also has special double karts that fit both an adult and a child.

The go karts and kiddie go karts (which are opening soon) both include state of the art safety features. Staff members monitor the track operation from special locations, making sure that the operation is always safe and fun. Each kart is electronically controlled, allowing staff members to insure proper operation at all times.

No effort was spared on accessibility and safety measures. This park, unlike others, was carefully laid out without a single step or stair. Even the laser arena and golf course are fully accessible.

"Families come here because they know it is clean, safe and family operated," said Wainwright. "It's different at our park because we are so concerned about safety and the quality of the experience."

Since opening last August, Paradise Park has become a popular place for parties, corporate events, and group outings. Birthday party packages are available which include homemade pizza, beverages, custom decorated cake, game tokens and a choice of activities. The outdoor area includes two enormous grassy picnic areas that are suitable for large parties such as graduations, bar mitzvahs and corporate picnics.

A large veranda offers a place for families to enjoy the summer or celebrate an occasion together. Parents can watch kids play while they sit on the veranda with a notebook computer. Wireless Internet service is available at no charge. Families can enjoy Perky's Pizza, hot sub sandwiches, Chicago style hot dogs, chicken fries, homemade bread sticks, ice cream and snacks.

Paradise Park is located at 45799 Grand River Avenue, just east of Beck Road in Novi. The park is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information call (248) 735-1050 or go to www.paradiseparknovi.com.

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BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

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

HOUSING COMMISSION

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

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

LOCATION: 775 N. Center St., back entrance of Hillside Middle School
CONTACT: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities, (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

DATE: Monday-Thursday through August
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Eight Mile Road, between Beck and Napier roads
DETAILS: These camps are for ages 5-12. The resident fee is \$160 per week, \$245 per two-week registration and \$860 for eight weeks; non-resident fees apply. Campers will go on weekly field trips. Activities include games, sports, crafts, art and drama. Registration is required.

FALL YOUTH BASKETBALL

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 4-Dec. 16
DETAILS: Registration begins Tuesday through Sept. 15 or until leagues are full. The girls league is for grades fourth-sixth; boys leagues are for grades fourth-fifth and sixth-seventh. Practice will be held one-two times per week beginning Oct. 23.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0203, extension #1405

ADULT COACHES NEEDED

DETAILS: Coaches are needed for Northville Parks and Recreation's youth basketball leagues. Your child will play for free if you volunteer to be a head coach.
CONTACT: Dave DeMattos, (248) 349-0203, extension #1405

WOMEN'S NETBALL

DATE: Friday, ongoing
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior

Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: Netball is a game from Britain based loosely on basketball rules.

CONTACT: (248) 449-9947

PLAY AND MAKE MUSIC

TIME/DATE: Various times; Tuesday-Friday, ongoing
LOCATION: Soccer Zone, 41550 Grand River Ave., Novi
DETAILS: This music and exercise class is for children under 4 and their caregivers. The class will include rhythm instruments, puppets, song and creative movements. Registration is required.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

OPEN BASKETBALL

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

TEEN BASKETBALL

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

OPEN BADMINTON

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

TABLE TENNIS

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

TIME: 8-10 p.m.

LOCATION: Downtown, Kellogg Park

DETAILS: These concerts include musical entertainment for all ages. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic and seating.

DANCE AUDITIONS

LOCATION: The Sports Club of Novi, 42500 Arena Drive, Novi, south of 10 Mile, east of Novi Road

CONTACT: (248) 735-8850, extension #3112

METROPOLITAN BALLET ACADEMY & THEATRE

TIME/DATE: noon-1 p.m., ages 8-10, 1:30-3 p.m., ages 11 and up; Friday
DETAILS: These auditions are for Placement Classes and Nutcracker Casting.

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

DATE: Today through Saturday
TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
LOCATION: IOOF Hall, 344 Elizabeth Road, Plymouth
DETAILS: The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 is sponsoring this event. All proceeds will benefit veterans.

FLEA MARKET

DATE: Sunday, Sept. 10
TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia

CLASS REUNION

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 14
TIME: 5 p.m.
LOCATION: Polish Legion of American Veterans, Dearborn

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What's in a racket?

Kidder Camp counselor Maevy helps to hit a birdie with a tennis racket. The young camp taught the kids, football, floor ball, basketball, badminton and lacrosse.

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DATE: Various days through Aug.
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Players Guild of Dearborn, 21730 Madison, Dearborn

DETAILS: Northville residents, Maura, Molly and Rylee Donovan, are performing in this production.

CLASS REUNION

DATE: Sunday, Oct. 8
TIME: 1-7 p.m.
LOCATION: The Vintage House, Fraser
DETAILS: This is the Detroit Southeastern High School class of 1946 reunion.
CONTACT: Jean Everham, (586) 778-1913

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Shake it, don't break it!

Andrew Stewart, 2, hops and dances with his mom, Sara, during the season's final Tunes on Tuesday concert at the Northville bandshell.

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Heights Post 16, 25222 Warren, Dearborn Heights
DETAILS: This event is for the St. Hedwig Class of 1956 and 1957.
CONTACT: Rose Marie Kucharski, (734) 420-2163

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) 953-6012

MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
DAY: Second Thursday of every month

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

PARK PASS
DETAILS: Metroparks and Oakland County Parks are offering a dual park pass. The annual cost is \$43 and can be purchased at any park office.
CONTACT: (800) 477-3178 or www.metroparks.com

CRAFT SHOW
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It's Go Time!

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Splash! Gooooaa! Fifteen, serving love. How many more laps, coach?

All this and more could be heard as the rest of the fall sports opened practice Monday across the state.

Boys soccer and cross country, along with girls cross country, tennis, basketball and swimming took to their respective practice surfaces Monday. Football and boys golf started the previous week.

The first day of practice is usually the toughest one to get started as coaches have to deal with physical cards and other paperwork procedures. But

once on the field, coaches admit the adrenaline kicks in immediately.

"I'm excited," Northville boys cross country coach Chris Cronin said. "I'm excited not only for the season to start, but I'm really excited to be working with this group of guys."

Some coaches have an extended amount of time before the season starts. Northville swimming doesn't face outside competition until Aug. 31.

On the other hand, Novi golfers will be involved in their third competitive round today.

"This week coming up is crazy," Novi golf coach Brad Huss said. "Once you make it though this week we can kind of take a little breather and step back and get a chance to regroup a little bit."

"In a perfect world we would be able to start a little bit earlier, but it is what it is. No big deal. We work through it and everybody's ready to go."

Coaches walk into practice with an idea of who is coming out, but they never really know what the final turnout will be.

"I couldn't wait. I couldn't hardly sleep last night," Novi cross country head coach Bob Smith said about the night before the first practice. "Good turnout, great turnout — 34 boys and 27 or so from last year. A real good core of guys coming back."

"It's evident that they did their homework. They're in pretty good shape. Now we need to get in racing shape."

Novi girls basketball coach Bill Kelp has to find replacement players for several girls that graduated last season.

"We graduated six seniors," he said. "It's kind of a young team. It's kind of a new beginning."

"The goal is to figure out everybody's role and who is going to step up and be those leaders."

At Northville, basketball got off to a good start.

"Everybody came in ready to work," Northville basketball head coach Pete Wright said. "We had a really nice first day."

"Everybody came in ready to work. We had a really nice first day."

Pete Wright
Head Coach, Northville Girls Basketball

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Allison Holmes drives past a teammate during a Mustangs practice at Northville High School.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Hope abounds with practice starting

Hope. Every team has it to begin the season.

If last year didn't end right, there's hope this year. If last year rocked, there's hope it happens again.

All fall sports are now practicing. Some

kids are hoping to make the team, while others are hoping they get back to state competition. There's hope everywhere.



Jeff Theisen

Northville head football coach Ryan Hockman is hoping for a breakthrough season after a 2-7 campaign in his first year with the Mustangs.

Novi football head coach Tab Kellepourey hopes for another Wildcat playoff run.

Detroit Catholic Central hopes for a return to dominance on the gridiron.

Some parents will hope their kids are good enough to make varsity, while others will hope to see their kid make the freshman squad.

Coaches hope their kids show up with all the paperwork necessary to practice. Athletic directors across the state hope for as few make-up dates as possible.

Referees hope for understanding from fans that think every high school level referee should make the correct call every time.

Managers hope players take care of their equipment and put it in the right places so they don't have to go looking for it.

Trainers hope for a never-ending roll of tape.

Concession workers hope the crowd is hungry. And if not, maybe wind could blow the popcorn smell at the crowd to inspire sales.

Swimmers hope for bigger lungs. Swimming coaches want better times.

Football players hope for the big hit. Football coaches want better tacklers.

Soccer players hope for goals. Soccer coaches want to see the goals set up better.

Cross country runners hope they keep down lunch at the end of a race. Cross country coaches hope for the same (I hope).

Golfers hope for birdies. Golf coaches hope for consistency.

Tennis players hope for aces. Tennis coaches look for good fundamentals.

Basketball players look for highlight plays. Basketball coaches highlight not turning the ball over.

As sports junkies, we just hope for a good season loaded with competitive games and fantastic finishes.

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Inside

Photo page highlighting the first day of practice and other happenings with Northville fall sports 3B



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

The Northville Mustangs practice passing and coverage drills during a Monday morning session.

Hockman pleased with intrasquad scrimmage

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

After roughing through a weeks worth of two-a-days, Northville football head coach Ryan Hockman wanted to see where his team was at. The Mustangs held an intrasquad scrimmage Saturday that left the coach in good spirits.

"All in all, we're pretty pleased with our progress," Hockman said. "Our first team got about 40 plays on Saturday. Our second (team) got about 40 plays as well."

"I think we're probably about a week ahead of where we were last year. Maybe even in some areas, three to four weeks."

Today's football scrimmage

Where: At Saline High School
When: 6 p.m. tonight

Hockman pointed out several highlights from the scrimmage.

"We've got some good things going," he said. "Dittrick Williams looks really good, our senior running back."

"Our quarterback looks steady. He's playing mistake-free and doing a great job leading our offense vocally, and he does a lot of the little things well. He gets the ball in the right hands. We give him a lot of freedom."

What really caught Hockman's

eyes were the big guys in the trenches.

"Our offensive line is probably is a strength right now," Hockman said. "We've got four really good offensive linemen and three really solid tight ends. Our center is coming along."

The wideouts are getting a lot of work as they learn to grow into the position.

"The wide receiver core is improving each day," Hockman said. "They really struggled early on in two-a-days."

"They made some plays on Saturday, getting better in a lot of ways. They're blocking better downfield for us. They're starting to come together as a young

group."

The linebackers stood out to Hockman during the scrimmage.

"Our linebacking core is a lot more athletic than where we were last year," Hockman said.

Stopping the outside play is something Hockman wants to improve, along with handling the blitz.

"Our offense is getting outside a little bit too much on our defense," Hockman said. "Offensively, the defense is blitzing us and we're not handling the blitzes that we should be able to handle."

"That happens early on because we were not used to seeing that all offseason, stuff we can't

work on."

Tonight, the Mustangs will knock helmets against opposition during a 6 p.m. scrimmage at Saline High School.

"I think we're looking forward to getting out of camp," Hockman said. He said he planned on lightening the practices leading up to the scrimmage to help rest some early bumps and bruises.

"If we stay healthy, we've got a shot at being pretty decent this year," Hockman said.

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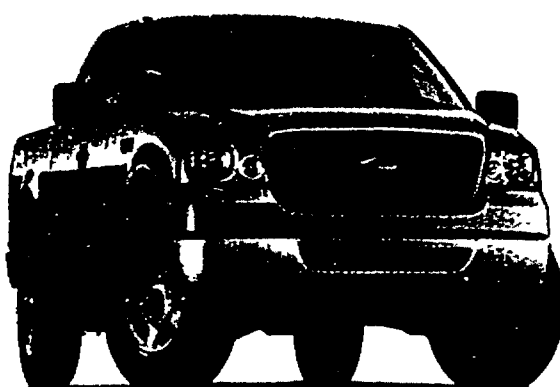
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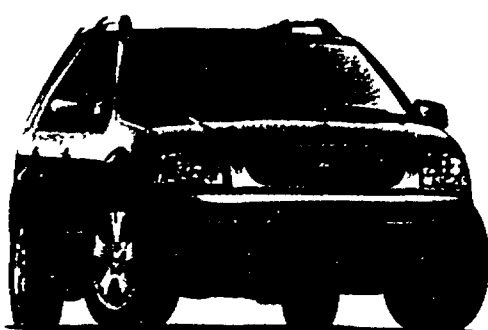


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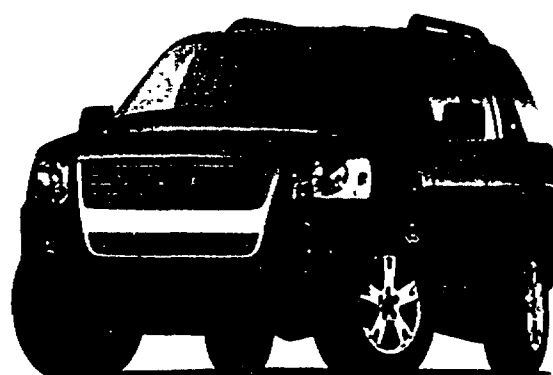


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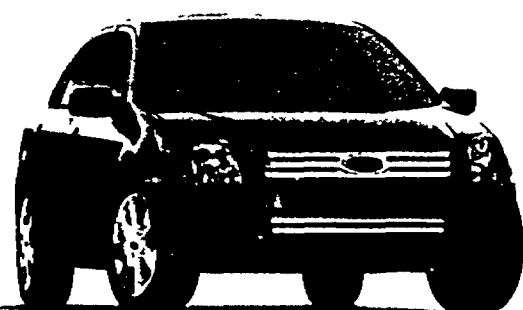


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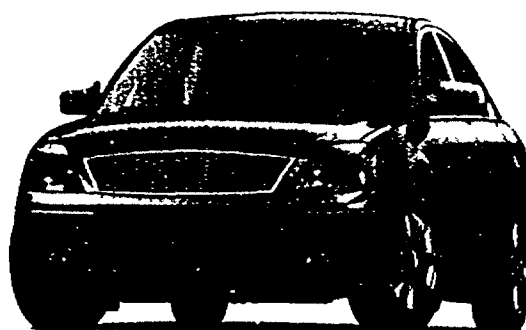


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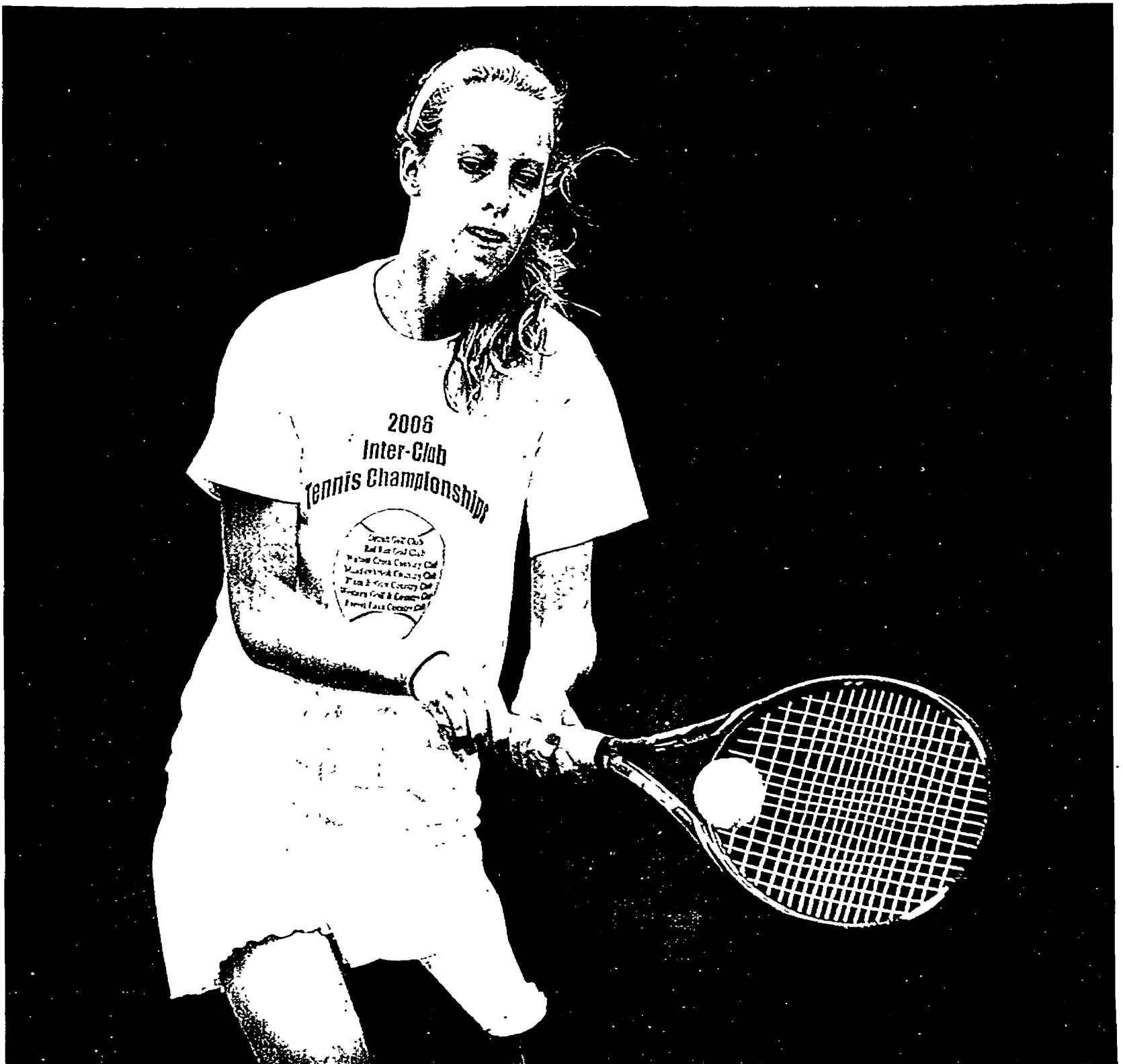
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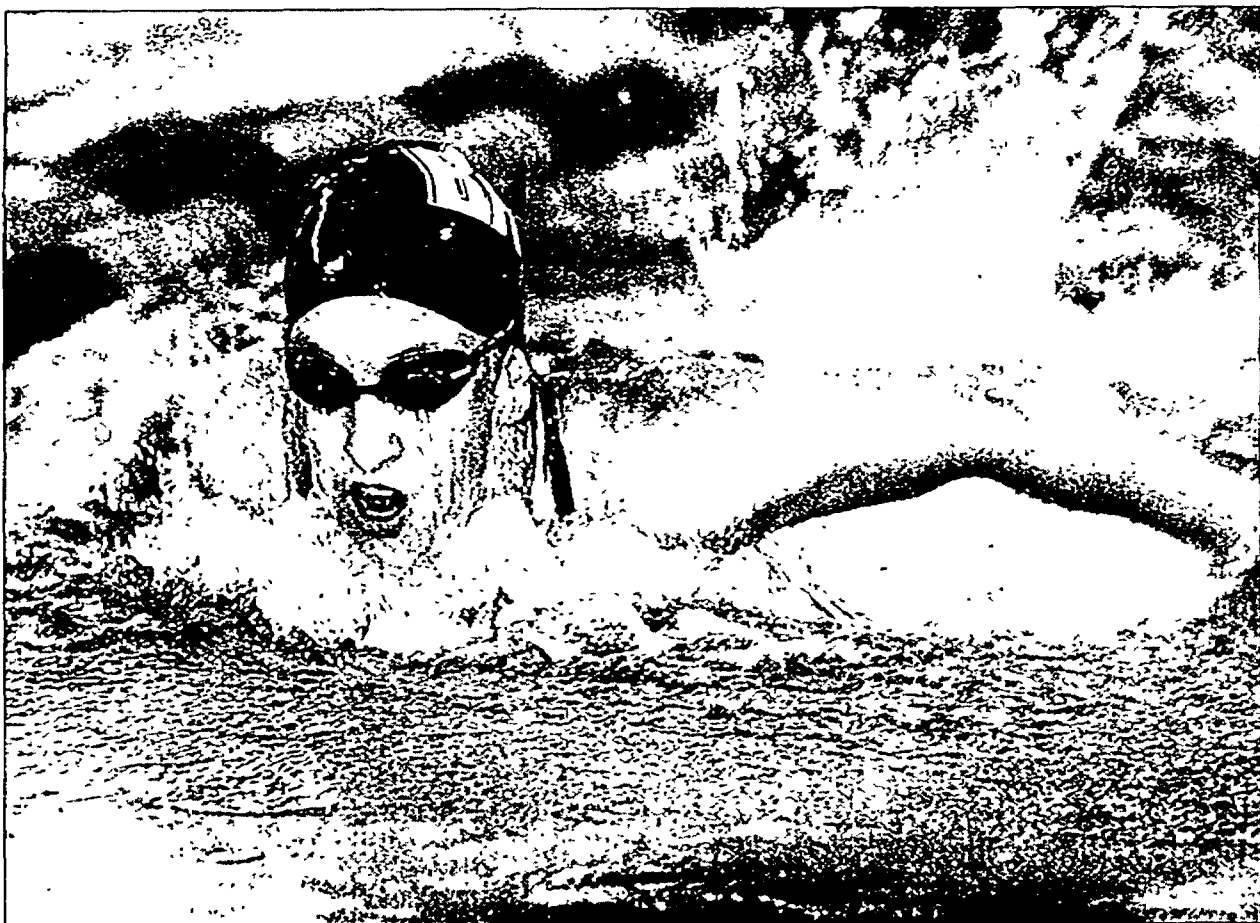
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Northville Mustang Sarah Koupal practices with her teammates Monday.



Mustang swimmer Emily Hopican swims the butterfly during a Monday morning practice at the Northville High School pool.



The Northville High School girls' cross country team begins a run at Cass Benton Park.

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Mustang Power!

The Northville Mustangs captured the U16 Playoff Championship in the Southern Division of the Colt Inter-City League. Playing teams from Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Wayne and Crestwood, the Mustangs advanced to the championship in a week-end playoff series.

Front row (from left): Neil Kollipara, Colin Maresh, Adam Kucera, Shawn Speyer, John Shelly
Standing row: Brian Baglan, Mike Jolly, Josh Payzant, Sean Sassaman, Danny Klarr, Brad Mamo
Back row: Ed Maresh, manager Jack Klarr

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Impressive Run!

The Northville 16U traveling softball team finished runner-up the Interlakes Qualifier held June 10-11 in Commerce. Northville went 6-2 in the tournament, and played four games in the final day of competition. Bottom row (from left): Nara Demuro, Elise Fleishaker, Kelsey Lewis, Kelsey Whelan, Alyson Varley. Back Row: Head coach Jim Long, Megan Brennan, Samantha Doud, Allison Holmes, Britney Birdsall, Jamie Cotrone, Alexis Kaszuba, Assistant coach Bridgette Hughes. Missing: Allison Reynolds, Emma Wise, Kirstyn Wildey, Jenna Dumbleton, Assistant coach Laura Zima.

The New U12 Michigan Dragons


The newly formed U12 Michigan Dragons Baseball Team will be having tryouts for the 2007 Season at

**Don Massey Field in Plymouth
Sunday, August 20th
Noon to 3 p.m.**

The Dragons will play approximately a 50 game season competing in the Kensington Valley Baseball Association including 6-7 tournaments and a week long tournament at Cooperstown Dreams Park. Previous travel baseball experience is preferred.

All players must turn 13 after May 1, 2007 to be eligible. If you plan on attending or need further information, please contact:

Patrick Malzone at 248-478-7794

A black and white line drawing of two baseball players. One player is in the foreground, running towards the right, wearing a jersey with the number 11. The other player is behind him, also running or fielding. The drawing is stylized with bold lines.

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Northville Parks and Rec. Hoop League

The Northville Parks and Recreation begins accepting player registrations for fall youth basketball Aug. 22-Sept. 15, or until the league is full. The leagues for girls are for grades fourth through sixth. The boys league is for grades fourth and fifth and another for sixth and seventh.

Practices begin Oct. 23 and the eight-game schedule will be played primarily on Saturdays from Nov. 4-Dec. 16.

Contact (248) 349-0203 for more information.

Roller hockey league looking for players

Anyone interested in playing Roller Hockey during the 2006-07 school year can contact Jim Emerson at (248) 340-6337.

We are trying to get two teams to play in the High School League at Wixom. This is not a school-sponsored event.

Novi Ice Arena to Hold Fall/Winter Adult Hockey Leagues

The Novi Ice Arena will hold fall/winter adult hockey leagues for adult teams, including 18 & Over "D" on Sunday nights, 18 & Over "C" on Friday nights, 18 & Over "B" on Tuesday nights as well as 30 & Over "B" on Wednesday nights and 30 & Over "C" on Thursday nights. League

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Teams will play a 26-game schedule including playoffs with one game per week beginning in early September, and games will consist of three 15-minute running time periods. Teams are encouraged to pay their entire balance by September 30.

For information on adult hockey leagues at Novi Ice Arena, call (248) 347-1010 or visit www.noviicearena.com.

Northville Broncos, Mustangs hold tryouts

The Northville 12-U Bronco and Mustang baseball teams will hold tryouts from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 19-20 at Millenium Park and again from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 24 at Community Park.

For more information, contact Rick Borthwick at (734) 637-4835.

Inge To Benefit Youth Baseball at Starbucks

Detroit Tigers third baseman Brandon Inge and his wife will serve up Starbucks beverages to customers at Starbucks on 20055 Haggerty Road (south of 8 Mile Road) in Novi on Aug. 18. Starbucks will donate one dollar from the sale of every Starbucks beverage sold between noon and 2 p.m. to support construction and refurbishing of youth baseball fields across metro Detroit. Customers are invited to purchase to keep the dream of baseball alive for youth in the area.

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Young But Good!

Northville's youngest Bronco team, the U-7s, played four baseball tournaments this season. They faced mostly 8-year-old teams and had a few wins. Northville hosted a U-7 tournament to end the season (July 20) and won with a 3-1 record.

Coaches in back: Brian Pennington, Miek Granzotto, Jeff Wixon, Harry Youmans, Dave Brass, Dave McKee
Middle row (from left): Riley Brass, Scott Granzotto, Luke Skillman, Dominic DeVictor, Ben McCauley, Steven Pennington, Daniel McKee
Front row: Aaron Youmans, Brian Lucido, Ian Welch, Nathan Wixon, Mason Williams, Sean Smith. Laying down: Matt Granzotto, bat boy.

Motor City Madness to host two clinics

The Novi Motor City Madness will be hosting two clinics: Monday, Aug. 21 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for a defensive girls fast pitch clinic and Tuesday, Aug. 22 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for an offensive clinic.

\$30 for both; an additional \$5 if not registered before Aug. 19.

The tryouts for Motor City Madness girls fast pitch softball will be Sept. 10 and Sept. 17.

Girls 10 and under — 9-11 a.m.
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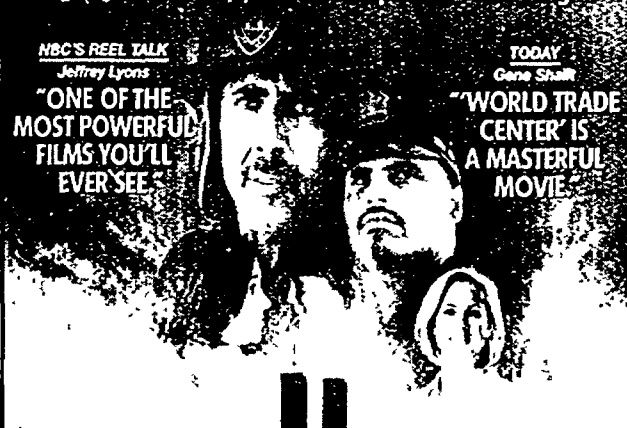
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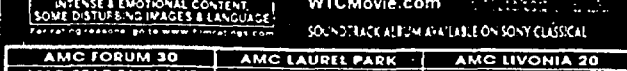
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Spinach and Baby Beet Salad With Balsamic Vinegar and Plum Vinaigrette, Hazelnuts, and Goat Cheese

Serves 4

- 1 bunch baby beets
- 2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 1 pound baby spinach
- 1 small red onion, peeled, sliced and caramelized
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
- 3 ounces goat cheese, crumbled
- 1/2 cup toasted hazelnuts

Vinaigrette:

- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 4 to 5 dried plums, snipped
- 1 teaspoon coarse Dijon mustard
- Freshly ground pepper to taste

Combine all vinaigrette ingredients with whisk; set aside.

Rinse and scrub baby beets. Trim each end; place in small saucepan with water to cover. Add white vinegar. Bring to boil over high heat. Reduce to simmer and cook until tender, about 25 to 30 minutes. Drain and cool.

Place spinach in large bowl with onions and mint. Cut beets into quarters and add to salad. Top with goat cheese and hazelnuts. Drizzle salad with desired amount of vinaigrette; toss and serve immediately.



Salt and Vinegar Shrimp on Stir-Fried Napa Cabbage

Serves 4 as an appetizer

- 1 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- 1 pound large shrimp, peeled (tails left on) and deveined
- 2 teaspoons rice vinegar

Combine salt and pepper in small bowl. Set aside.

Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add garlic and sauté 1 minute. Add shrimp to hot pan in single layer (2 batches may be required). Add 1/2 salt mixture to each batch. Sauté shrimp 2 minutes per side; do not overcook. Transfer shrimp to platter. Sprinkle shrimp with rice vinegar. Serve immediately on bed of Stir-Fried Napa Cabbage.

Stir-Fried Napa Cabbage

- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 3 cups thinly sliced napa cabbage
- 1 cup bean sprouts
- 1/2 jalapeño pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
- 1 small red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- 2 teaspoons toasted sesame seeds

In small bowl combine soy sauce, lime juice, ginger and sesame oil. Set aside.

In large skillet or wok, heat olive oil over high heat. Add napa cabbage, bean sprouts, jalapeño pepper, red pepper and green onions. Stir-fry quickly, about 2 minutes. Transfer vegetables to serving platter, top with sesame seeds. Salt and Vinegar Shrimp and serve.

Warm Pasta Salad With Roasted Vegetables and Red Wine Vinegar-Garlic Dressing

Serves 4

White wine vinegar may be substituted for red wine vinegar. Replace oregano with 3 to 4 leaves of fresh basil, sliced. This recipe can also be served cold.

- 3 large carrots, peeled, halved and quartered
- 1 sweet onion, cut into wedges
- 3 zucchini, halved and quartered
- 1 red pepper, seeded and cut into chunks
- 8 ounces mushrooms, quartered
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 8 ounces fettuccine pasta
- 3 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano

Dressing:

- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 3 teaspoons honey
- 1 head garlic, roasted and cloves mashed
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Combine dressing ingredients in bowl with wire whisk. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 400°F. Gently toss vegetables, olive oil and black pepper in large bowl. Spread vegetables in single layer on large baking sheet. Roast vegetables 20 to 30 minutes until beginning to brown, turning once.

While vegetables are roasting, cook pasta in large pot of lightly salted water. Drain pasta and transfer to serving bowl; keep warm. Add roasted vegetables to pasta and toss with dressing. Top with Parmesan cheese and oregano. Serve immediately.

Roasted Pork Tenderloin With Cider Vinegar-Peach Marinade

Serves 6

The pork in this recipe is excellent for sandwiches. To use exclusively as a sandwich variation, omit potatoes from the recipe. Let pork cool completely before slicing. Add 1/3 cup mayonnaise to cooled Cider Vinegar-Peach Marinade and use as a sandwich sauce.

- 2 pork tenderloins (about 15 ounces each)
- 10 to 12 small redskin potatoes, quartered
- 2 sweet onions (such as Vidalia), cut into wedges
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

Marinade:

- 1/2 cup peach jam
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme

Whisk marinade ingredients (except salt and pepper) in bowl to combine. Place pork tenderloins in glass baking dish; pour marinade over top, cover and refrigerate 4 to 6 hours.

Preheat oven to 400°F. In large bowl, combine potatoes, onions and olive oil.

Remove tenderloin from marinade (reserve marinade) and place on large baking sheet. Surround pork with potatoes and onions; season with salt and pepper. Roast, uncovered, 20 to 30 minutes until thermometer registers 145°F.

Meanwhile, simmer reserved marinade in small saucepan 10 minutes. Remove pork from oven; let rest 10 minutes before slicing. Serve with reserved marinade.



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BUSINESS SENSE

For some customers, call 'waiting' is a big hangup

By Misti Wolanski
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUSINESS

In your business, you will sometimes have to keep callers waiting while you figure out answers to their questions or find the right person to answer their questions. You could just leave the phone off the hook, perhaps, but callers' eavesdropping is only desirable to a point.

There are several ways that you can entertain callers when you put them on hold. Here are five options to consider.

Staying silent

You could put nothing on the hold line, leaving callers to hear only silence. With no recording, you do not need to worry about the overlap of repetitive recordings. Unfortunately, the person put on hold has absolutely no way of knowing if you are coming back to the phone, or if you have ditched him or her. Lengthy waiting periods will probably result in the caller hanging up — and probably being disgruntled as well.

Wait for the beep

A variation on the silence theme, this option adds a beep every few seconds so the caller knows he or she is on hold and has not been disconnected. Because the simple beep is easy to keep in a cycle, callers do not realize when they have reached the restart time of the recording. This grows annoying fast, though, and may result in a number of customer hang-ups — though fewer than would occur with silence.

Sounds of music

One of the more common methods for entertaining callers put on hold is music. The music is supposed to be soothing, but the problem is, there are different definitions of "soothing" for different types people. Some people may find Celtic or classical music soothing; others may find it depressing or even outright hate it. Some callers may even find it difficult to concentrate as the music soothes them to sleep. Music with some form of beat may be preferred by some and loathed by others. With carefully chosen musical selections, the caller can have a hard time noticing when the recording repeats itself.

Chat them up

Do you like it when someone starts talking halfway into a sentence or cuts out partway? If you decide to use the time in which you put callers on hold to educate them about your products, times of business or other information, you must consider that this will happen to some, if not, most callers. The few callers interested in what is being said will probably also be frustrated, since they will most likely find themselves interrupted while absorbing the information. It is also virtually impossible to hide the restart of a recording when you go this route.

Finding the best mix

Some businesses make a lengthy music recording and, after each cycle, thank callers for waiting and reassure them that someone will be attending them shortly. The "thank you" betrays the music's restart — even if the music itself does not — but some people may find this method more polite. Speech and beeps can also be mingled, though any repeat of the recording is noticeable to the caller.

Where would you be without your customers and clients? Whatever route you choose to go when putting customers on hold, keep customers and clients in mind. Work with your telephone service provider or telephone software specialist to find the best on-hold method for your business and your bottom line.

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Kids of all ages enjoy the art of dance at Dance Unlimited, located in Plymouth at 15067 Northville Road.

Dance Unlimited: Unlimited fun

Plymouth dance studio offers fun, instruction

By Kate Phillips
SPECIAL WRITER

There is no limit to the benefits of dancing — with Dance Unlimited. At the Plymouth studio, students receive training in dance, while getting a physical and intellectual boost that will last a lifetime.

A number of Dance Unlimited graduates have gone on to college studies like science, engineering or law and now pursue successful careers. Many continue to dance after high school, using the experience as a springboard for other challenges.

Owner Barbara Raschke has seen the transformation of children at her dance academy over the course of 30 years. It's incredible to watch them grow — as dancers and as capable students.

"You have to concentrate on the music and the movements, while being aware of the people and space around you," explained Raschke. "It involves complex multi-level thinking."

Raschke has found that dance nurtures confidence and poise. It's a way for shy students to feel assured with their bodily space and with their place in life. It also helps students learn to work in a team, with each member contributing to the overall group success.

The students that are involved in several dance classes learn to balance their schedules and pursue their priorities. They are busy enough that they learn how to use their time wisely to make room for homework and self-improvement.

"This experience helps with organization and focus on school work," said Raschke. "It also will help them later in life in a number of ways."

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Creating a fun experience makes the kids willing to put time and sweat into learning to dance.

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Instructors Sarah Carlson and Heather Merchant combine professional expertise with experience teaching children to create a perfect atmosphere for learning and enrichment.

And the performances are half the fun. Dance Unlimited provides opportunities for advanced students to audition and become a part of professional performances. Students become a part of "Dance Ensemble West" a performing group which rehearses at the Dance Unlimited studio.

In September, dancers can audition for the Moscow Ballet's Nutcracker, which will be held at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit Nov. 25. Raschke is the local dance coordinator and will be running rehearsals.



Dance Unlimited owner-instructor Barbara Raschke teaches students ballet during a class at her Plymouth studio.

And Dance Unlimited puts together a spring recital. This year, the school is performing Hansel and Gretel. The full-length ballet teaches students to think of dance as a way to communicate and tell a story. Then putting together the story with costumes and sets is fun for all of the students.

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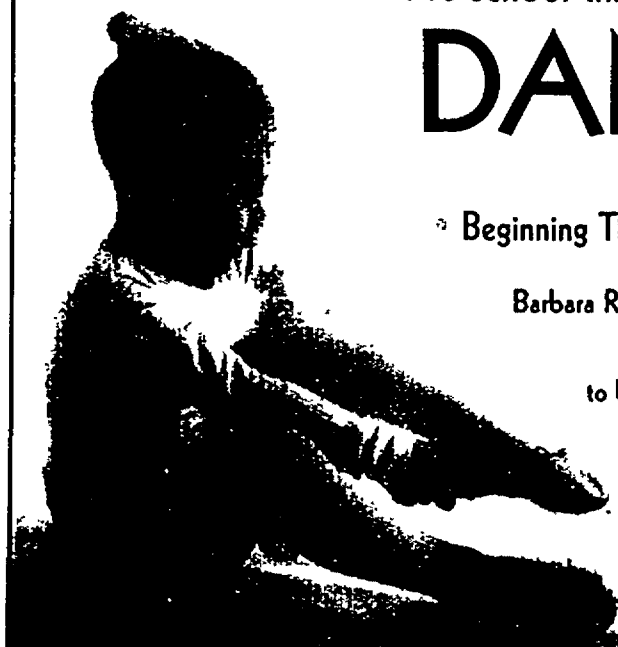
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| Ameripus Mortgage Corp. | (248) 740-2323 | 6.125 | 0.25 | 5.875 | 0 | 5.75 | 0 | J/A | |
| Brighton Commerce Bank | (810) 220-8646 | 6.25 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 1 | J/A | |
| Brinks Goldstar Mortgage | (800) 785-4755 | 6.25 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4.5 | 0 | J/A/V/F | |
| Charter One Bank | (800) 342-5336 | 6.75 | 0 | 6.375 | 0 | NR | NR | J/A/V/F | |
| Client Services by Golden Rule | (800) 569-5805 | 6 | 0.875 | 5.625 | 0.875 | 2.5 | 1 | J/A/V/F | |
| Co-op Services Credit Union | (734) 466-6113 | 6.5 | 1 | 6.125 | 1 | 5.5 | 0 | J | |
| Credit Union One | (800) 544-5567 | 6.625 | 0 | 6.25 | 0 | 5.75 | 0 | J/A | |
| Dearborn Federal Savings Bank | (313) 565-3100 | 6.5 | 0 | 6.125 | 0 | 5.625 | 0 | A | |
| DFCU Financial | (800) 739-2770 | 6.125 | 2 | 5.75 | 2 | NR | NR | J/A | |
| Downriver Community FCU | (313) 386-2200 | 6.75 | 0 | 6.35 | 0 | 6.125 | 0 | J/A | |
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| Fifth Third Bank | (800) 792-8830 | 6.5 | 0.125 | 6.25 | 0 | 5.75 | 0.125 | J/V/F | |
| First Alliance Mortgage Co. | (800) 292-7357 | 6.375 | 0 | 6.125 | 0 | NR | NR | J/A/V/F | |
| First International Mortgage | (248) 540-1065 | 6.25 | 0 | 6 | 0 | NR | NR | J/A | |
| GMAC Mortgage Corp. | (800) 888-4622 | 6.125 | 2 | 5.75 | 2 | 5.625 | 1 | J/A/V/F | |
| Golden Rule Mortgage | (800) 991-9922 | 5.75 | 1.875 | 5.25 | 2.125 | 2.25 | 2 | J/A/V/F | |
| Group One Mortgage | (734) 953-4000 | 6.375 | 0 | 6.25 | 0 | 6 | 0 | J/A/V/F | |
| LaSalle Bank Midwest | (800) 466-3800 | 6.125 | 2 | 5.875 | 2 | 4.75 | 2 | J/A/V/F | |
| Mainstreet Mortgage | (800) 900-1313 | 6.375 | 0 | 6 | 0 | NR | NR | J/A/V/F | |
| Manufacturers | (586) 777-1000 | 6 | 1 | 5.625 | 1 | NR | NR | J/A | |
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| Mortgages by Golden Rule | (800) 991-9922 | 6.125 | 0.375 | 5.75 | 0.375 | 2.5 | 1 | J/A/V/F | |
| National City Bank | (586) 825-0825 | 6.25 | 1.375 | 5.75 | 2 | 5.875 | 1 | J/A | |
| Northlawn Financial | (248) 988-8488 | 6.25 | 0 | 5.875 | 0 | NR | NR | J/A/V/F | |
| Pathway Financial LLC | (800) 726-2274 | 6.125 | 0 | 5.875 | 0 | 4.25 | 0 | J/A/F | |
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| Shore Mortgage | (800) 678-6663 | 5.75 | 3 | 5.375 | 3 | 3.125 | 3 | J/A/V/F | |
| United Mortgage Group | (586) 286-9500 | 6.125 | 0 | 5.875 | 0 | 7 | 0.25 | J/A | |
| York Financial Inc. | (888) 839-9675 | 6.25 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 5.875 | 0 | J/A | |

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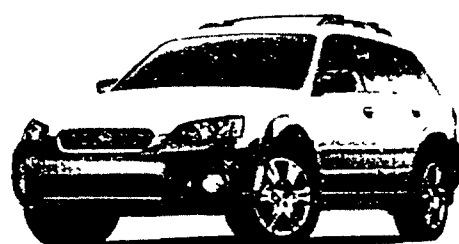
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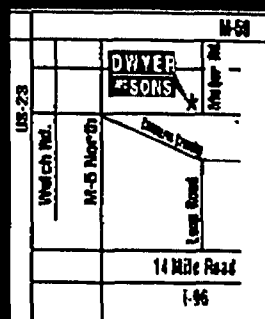
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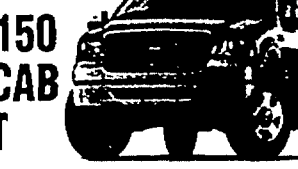
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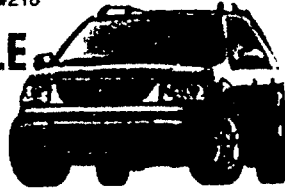
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Above, pizza dough flying high is a regular sight at Pizza Marvelous, located inside Novi Fine Wines in Novi. At right, owner Andy Nofar, left, and Ryan Nofar show the award-winning pizza and mouthwatering ribs and chicken wings. Nofar's secret is to use only the freshest ingredients possible. He makes regular trips to Detroit's Eastern Market to select the finest items.



Pizza Marvelous

(248) 348-1000

What does Pizza Marvelous have that the other big boys in the pizza business do not have? Try the 2006 People's Choice Award from readers of the Novi News for best pizza in the Novi area. That's quite an accomplishment when you consider the heavy-hitting competition.

Pizza Marvelous, located inside Novi Fine Wines at 43340 W. Ten Mile Road, just west of Novi Road, is owned and operated by Andy Nofar and his 15 person staff. It is hard for him not to gloat about the award.

"We are very proud of the award," he said. "You don't necessarily expect the best pizza to come from a wine shop."

Nofar credits the popularity of his pizza to the fresh ingredients that go into it. His uncle, Rod Dawood, shops for fresh ingredients early every morning to assure the highest quality, top-notch products go into each pizza.

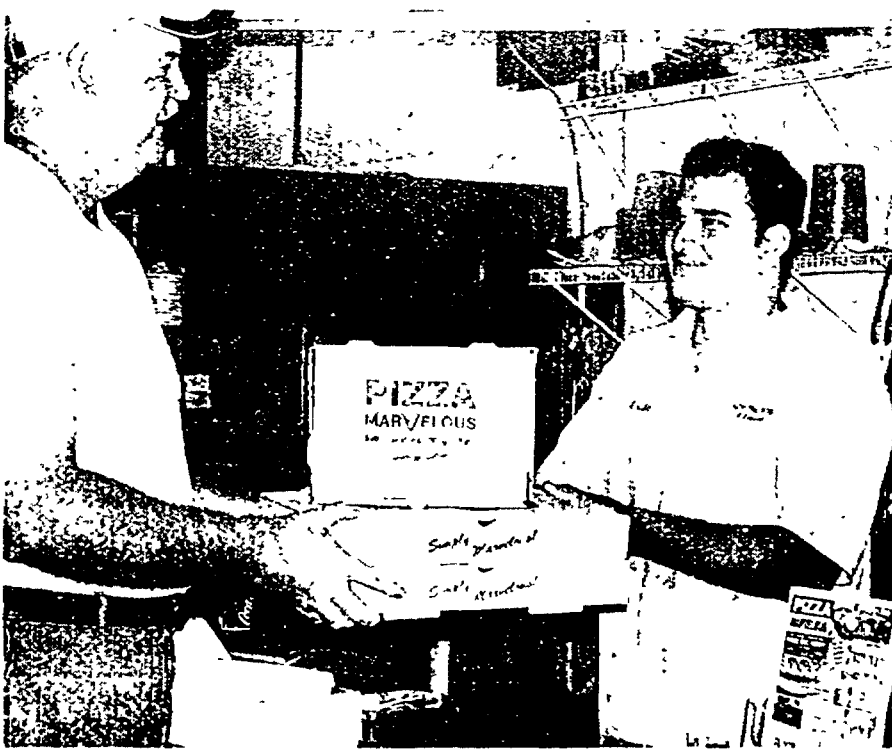
"We hand pick our own produce from places like Detroit's Eastern Market," Dawood said.

Even as the pizza business becomes busier and busier, Nofar said he will not stop doing what has made him a success — fresh products will always be used in his food.

And since Nofar is so grateful for getting the award from his customers, he is giving everyone even more reason to try Pizza Marvelous. He is offering a \$5.99 large one-topping pizza for an unlimited time and free delivery within the Novi city limits.

Nofar believes that people will be hooked on Pizza Marvelous once they sample the pizza. Customers can come in and request a taste. One customer who didn't normally eat pizza tried a sample slice and wound up ordering an entire pizza for carryout.

"Only try it once and you are stuck on it,"



Tim McNamara, left, cannot wait to get home and enjoy his pizza from Pizza Marvelous' owner Andy Nofar.

Nofar added, "You will keep coming back for more."

But pizza isn't the only thing on the menu at Pizza Marvelous. The food items include ribs that fall off the bone, finger-licking chicken wings, seafood and salads. Customers placing delivery or carryout orders

can add beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes, etc. to the order too. It is perfectly legal since all products are sold on site.

Pizza Marvelous offers catering for any size party. Nofar said a lot of local celebrities and popular national celebrities insist on Pizza Marvelous food for their parties.

"Only try it once and you are stuck on it. You will keep coming back for more."

— Andy Nofar

One customer, Tim McNamara, said, "This is the best pizza in town. I knew it even before they won the award."

Pizza Marvelous is a big hit with the community as a whole, too. The business recently sponsored the Novi Jaguar Soccer Tournament, featuring 300 teams. Nofar was shipping pizzas to three different soccer fields every fifteen minutes during the tournament.

He also gave some sample pizzas to kids in the Novi School District.

"They liked it," Nofar said. "And they also liked it heated up the next day."

What makes Pizza Marvelous so special to working families is that the menu items can be prepared in minutes, picked up or delivered, and families can sit down and enjoy a meal together one or two times a week.

Delivery areas include Northville, Wixom and Farmington Hills. Pizza Marvelous operates Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to midnight, and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m.

Want great pizza and other delicious food? Try Pizza Marvelous — it's simply marvelous.

— By John R. Hall



Photos by JANET HALL

Above, Novi Fine Wines owner Andy Nofar, left, enjoys helping customers, like Tom Prendergast, select the perfect wine. At left, readers of the Novi News have voted Novi Fine Wines for the best selection of wine, liquor and beer three years in a row in the People's Choice Awards.

Novi Fine Wines

(248) 349-9690

The exterior may be new, but the interior still boasts the same great look and inventory that keeps bringing regular customers and word-of-mouth new customers to one of the area's most exciting wine and liquor shops — Novi Fine Wines.

The shop, located at 43340 W. Ten Mile, just west of Novi Road, has become a legend for its unmatched selections of wine, liquor, and beer.

Owner Andy Nofar is a familiar fixture in the Novi community, spending a great deal of time sponsoring community events and welcoming customers to this popular location.

There are many reasons why Novi Fine Wines is so popular.

First, they have the best selection of wine, liquor and beer. Readers of the Novi News have selected Novi Fine Wines for the best selection for three years in a row in the People's Choice Awards. That comes as no surprise to Nofar, who prides himself in going to great lengths to provide such a large selection.

"We have the most choices at the guaranteed lowest prices," he said. "The wines we sell are very rare — often only found in restaurants. Why pay high prices at a restaurant if you can get the whole bottle here?"

And Nofar doesn't sit still with his inventory. He listens to what his customers want. For example, he has seen a growing Asian population and he is doing what he can to cater to these customers.

"We are carrying a lot of new Asian wine, liquor and beer," he said. "We cater to our clientele."

Being able to find specific wines is not a hit-and-miss proposition. Nofar spends a lot of time studying wine through college courses, seminars, and tastings. A lot of his distributors make it a point to stop by and sponsor wine tastings because they know Novi Fine Wines is a volume sales leader and they are more than happy to present all of the finest wines to an owner who sells more than anyone else in the community.

Nofar estimates he has between 2,500 and 3,000 different wines.

"And I don't even know how many different liquors I have," he joked.



Rod Dawood helps a customer select the perfect liquor from the huge selection at Novi Fine Wines.

He estimates that he has at least 500 different beer labels, including non-alcoholic brands.

Customer Tom Prendergast noted, "This place is great. It has the best wine selection, best prices and the friendliest people."

No wine and liquor store would be complete without accessories like openers, stoppers and shakers — as well as a selection of snacks and dairy products.

Novi Fine Wines is famous for its selection of fine cigars, too.

"We get golfers who stop by to pick up

some cigars on the way to the golf course," Nofar said.

For people wanting to stop by for a quick snack, Novi Fine Wines keeps fresh pizza slices at the counter, hot from the oven of Pizza Marvelous, the hugely successful take-out food business that is part of Novi Fine Wines.

But beyond great selections and great service, Novi Fine Wines is firmly entrenched in the community. Nofar is a director in the Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce. He sponsors several athletic

teams each year and recently donated 100 pizzas to the Novi Jaguar Soccer Tournament.

"We are part of the city," he said. "We are remodeling our store for the sake of beautifying the city. And we support local businesses because they support us."

Great selection, great location, great community spirit and great customer service make Novi Fine Wines the best place in Novi to shop.

— By John R. Hall

Creating beautiful smiles for everyone



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Dr. Allen Tuchkalper has created beautiful smiles for many patients.

Novi Family Dental Center (248) 348-3100 • www.novidental.com

How important is experience and trust? Very important if your looks and smile are at stake. That's why so many people continue to trust Dr. Allen Tuchkalper with their looks and smiles — via cosmetic dentistry.

Dr. Tuchkalper, a clinical instructor at the Nash Institute in North Carolina, has been practicing dentistry for over 26 years in Novi. He has kept up on the latest technology for his patients, including the use of a CAD/CAM technology called CEREC, which allows his staff to make crowns in-house rather than sending the work out to a lab. This cuts down the waiting time from three weeks to only an hour.

With the growing interest in appearances, including teeth whitening Novi Family Dental Center offers in-house ZOOM whitening. Tuchkalper said that patients are the beneficiaries of his "cutting edge experience" in cosmetic den-

tistry. That's why people who have left the Novi area continue to come back to visit. Some patients come from as far as Mexico and Las Vegas.

But patients also continue to return to Novi Family Dental Center for periodontal treatment, fillings, tooth-colored inlays, porcelain crowns, and aesthetic dentistry which refers to redefining or sculpting teeth to bring out a great smile.

Dr. Tuchkalper has patients who have their veneers on for 15-20 years and they still look great.

Dr. Tuchkalper is very proud of the work he has done and the "smiles he has improved."

Novi Family Dental Center is located at 43410 W. Ten Mile, just west of Novi Road in the Eaton Center. For more information or to schedule an appointment call (248) 348-3100 or visit www.novidental.com.

By John R. Hall

Stretch your dollar and stay in style



Photo by ED FLEMING

Lynn Bays, manager of Consignment Clothiers of Northville, offers many types of women's merchandise in the store

Consignment Clothiers (248) 347-4570

When a small business grows by 1,000 consignors a year, there has to be a reason. There are probably several reasons why Consignment Clothiers of Northville has experienced such rapid, yet steady, growth.

Thanks to a policy of high-quality new or gently used women's clothing and accessories, the store, located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center, has weathered the retail ups and downs for 17 years and continues to thrive.

"We have everything a woman could want — from casual to evening wear," said store manager Lynn Bays. "Where else can you get a great pair of blue jeans for \$8? Discount stores can't even match that price."

Bays said that buyers find a large selection of beautifully displayed seasonal items, arranged by color and size, throughout the store. The clothing and accessories cannot be any older than 2 years old. All are priced at 25 percent of retail. Between 400-600 new and almost new items arrive daily and there is a

very quick turn on the inventory.

For people interested in selling their women's clothing and accessories through Consignment Clothiers, there is no limit to what they can bring in as long as it meets the store's current style criteria and is in great-to-new condition.

"We are very fussy about what we sell — but that is why we have stayed in the business so long," added Bays.

Once the clothing is hung and displayed, the staff of Consignment Clothiers goes to work, helping customers find just what they need.

"We are friendly and customer-service oriented," noted Bays. "We are happy to help people find clothing for any occasion."

She also said that she has never seen such a busy season in her eight years with the company. That bodes well for customers.

"In this economy, you just have to consider shopping with us," Bays said

By John R. Hall

Never wait for a plumber again



Submitted Photos

Benjamin Franklin, "The Punctual Plumber," pays customers if they don't arrive when they promised to be there. They answer the phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Ben Franklin Plumbing (810) 632-0700 www.benfranklinplumbing.com

Have you ever been in desperate need of a plumber — on a Sunday, or a holiday?

If so, you know the frustration of waiting for someone to call you back, perhaps having to wait until Monday morning after most of the damage has already been done.

With Ben Franklin Plumbing, you don't have to wait.

Your phone call will be answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week by a courteous, live person, who will call a Ben Franklin Plumber

for you and schedule a service call. They'll even let you know when that plumber is on the road and their expected time of arrival at your house.

The Ben Franklin Plumbing emphasis on punctual service is such an important part of this franchise's way of doing business that "If there's any delay, it's you we pay."

Their company logo, the huge, colorful Benjamin Franklin "The Punctual Plumber" is displayed prominently on the company's fleet of trucks. Inside the trucks is a huge inventory of parts delivered to each customer's home, so most parts are available on-site at the time of service.

On the serious side, Benjamin Franklin Plumbing will pay a customer \$5 per minute for every minute later they are than what they told the customer.

"We've only had to pay a customer once or twice," said owners David and Karla Michael. "Usually it's a traffic or weather problem that causes a delay. Otherwise, our plumber is there on time."

The Ben Franklin Plumbing franchise, one of the fastest growing franchises in the U.S., has set out to change the way plumbers do business.

In addition to emphasis on punctuality, they also stress on-the-job cleanliness. Plumbers arrive at your home in clean



Customers who fill out a response card are eligible to win a crisp \$100 bill from Ben Franklin Plumbing

uniforms and leave no trace of their work once they have completed the job.

Adhering to the company's strong code of ethics, before a plumber is hired, there's a thorough background check and drug testing.

Training is also an important component of the Benjamin Franklin Plumbing philosophy.

"Our staff attends training seminars at the company's academy in St. Louis, MO," Karla Michael said.

"They're trained in products, techniques and customer service."

Ben Franklin Plumbing also guarantees its work.

"We offer 100 percent customer satisfaction," David Michael said, "and up to a two-year guarantee on repairs. If a product fails to work in that time period, we'll do the repair work at no charge to the customer."

Assisting David and Karla Michael at this local Benjamin Franklin Plumbing franchise is customer service representative Kim Piedra, plus three on-staff plumbers.

Benjamin Franklin Plumbing services the plumbing needs of customers in Livingston, Oakland and Genesee counties.

Call anytime day or night, they'll answer!

— By Sally Rummel

Dr. Rosemberg makes patient care a priority

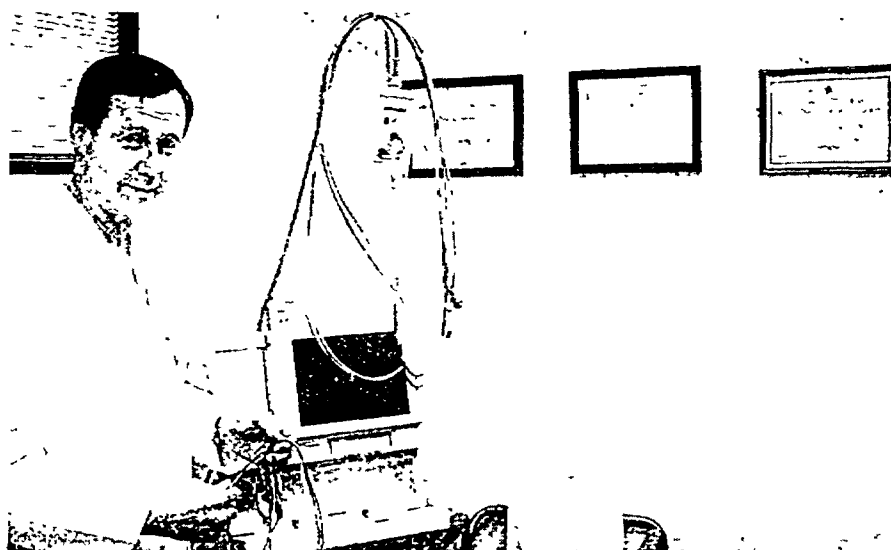


Photo by NATHAN MENOIAN

Dr. Sam Rosemberg specializes in diseases of the urinary tract at his Novi Clinic.

Sam Rosemberg, M.D. F.A.C.S. (248) 735-2441

Dr. Sam Rosemberg has a renowned urology practice, a good sense of humor, and a hobby that might surprise many people.

His Novi office, in the DMC building located at 41935 W. Twelve Mile, Suite 308, has been open for 10 months, but he's been a urologist since 1978. Rosemberg is the chief of urology at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township.

"We specialize in diseases of the urinary tract for male and female," he said. "Our priority here is to make sure the patients who are in pain, are treated right away."

He understands how frustrating it is to call a doctor's office and hear that the first appointment available is not until the next day.

Rosemberg does his best to avoid sending a patient to the hospital for something that can be in the office. Many procedures are performed right in the office, including prostate cancer surgeries, penile implants, vasectomy and vasectomy reversals, bladder pace mak-

ers, prostate radio frequency ablation, curing enlarged prostate glands, X-rays, biopsies, and other treatments.

Rosemberg's professional associations include being a Fellow of American College of Surgeons, Fellow of American Board of Laser Surgery, and he is also a Diplomate of American Board of Urology.

Rosemberg also enjoys Latin dancing. "I love it, and it's great exercise, and so very fun," he said. "There's a dance studio in Bloomfield Hills called Rhythm and Shoes, which is where I go to learn, dance, and have a lot of fun. It really helps with muscle coordination and is healthy for the heart."

The doctor's sense of humor has helped many patients through their office medical procedures.

"I try to get the patient's mind off of their pain by telling a few jokes or relating a funny story," Rosemberg said.

— By Nathan Menoian

Classes offer flexible attendance policy



Photo by CYNTHIA GROCHOWSKI

Mike and Rosemary of Grand Rapids take in an impromptu lesson in metals casting from Nancy Garber at Brighton Beads and More.

Brighton Beads and More (810) 844-0066 • www.brightonbeadsandmore.com

"People come here for all kinds of reasons besides beads," Nancy Garber said describing the success of her store Brighton Beads & More.

Jewelry making, metal working and glass supplies line the walls and shelves of this Brighton store. Fueling the success are the daily educational classes offered in the storefront and back room shop studio. Precious metal and clay classes that are difficult to find are regular offerings here.

One student was actually prescribed by a physician to take classes at the store three days a week to help manage chronic pain. "People are busy running their lives and their children's lives and they have a hard time fitting in time for themselves," Garber explained. "Concentrating on learning something new and enjoying it helped this woman and others manage their pain when they are able to come in." The store's flexible class attendance policy allowed the student to fit in the time.

Three classes a day are offered as are many

"impromptu" lessons as people stop in and ask questions or rent space to work on a project. Anything from cast glass, fused glass, metal smithing, precious metals, clay, wire weaving stone setting, all types of beading and more is taught by Garber, her staff or one of many visiting artists from around the country.

The flexibility attracts many out of town clients who frequent the studio. The variety of artistic media taught under one roof, along with the supplies, consistently attracts students from around the country who fit in classes at the store while doing business or visiting the area. No minimum student count and free wireless Internet in the store are nice perks. New this summer are one-stop classes geared for children, tweens and teens.

Stop by 9850 E. Grand River Avenue near US-23, in Brighton from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.



Photos by JOHN HALL

Above, Lori Jermont, co-buyer and store presentation manager, and Lou Mascolo, owner, sit amongst one of many garden displays. At right, the experienced and friendly staff includes, from left, Denise Rivers, Brad Martin, and Betsy Holda.

Gardenviews

(248) 380-8881 • www.northville.org/Gardenviews

Quality and value — what do these two words mean to customers? Everything, if your name is Lou

Mascolo and you own Gardenviews in Northville. The owner of the popular garden/decorating business attributes his successful 11-year run in the Northville community to adhering to selling quality products with uncompromising value — and backing that up with an experienced and caring staff.

"We maintain a quality/value ratio," Mascolo said. "Everything we sell has to have a value that goes with it."

The unique part about Gardenviews is the unique nature of the products sold. The inventory includes hard-to-find and special items that are not available in other stores.

"We don't try to compete with larger retailers," Mascolo added. "We carry merchandise they may not carry and it gives our customers reasons to keeping coming back to us."

But many retailers can offer unique merchandise and still not enjoy the success that



Gardenviews does. That's because the staff is courteous and experienced — and they enjoy the atmosphere just as much as Mascolo and co-buyer and store presentation director Lori Jermont.

"Our employees are very familiar with our customers," Mascolo said. "Some of them have special businesses, such as gardening work, and know just what their customers need."

It also helps that the owner loves the work, too.

"I love what I do," Mascolo said.

One reason why employees like coming to work is the very make-up of the business. The merchandise is not just stacked on shelves and crowded into aisles. Products are blended in with garden settings so customers can envision how something may look in their own gardens.

Products from around the globe adorn the walking paths inside the store at 202 W. Main St., just west of downtown Northville. There is a wide array of ceramics, glass, and earthen textures, surrounded by creative silk flower arrangements and plants.

All products are suitable and complimentary for outdoor landscapes or indoor rooms.

Mascolo and his staff work with customers throughout metro Detroit and he is especially fond of the relationships he has developed in the Northville community.

"We are in a great community that has the potential for even more growth," he said. "There are a lot of beautiful homes that show the pride of ownership. And it doesn't matter how large or small the home is or what neighborhood it is in."

Mascolo recognizes that the Michigan economy has its ups and downs and can affect buying habits. But he added, "I feel a turnaround coming. We have survived a stormy economy."

For customers who share the zeal for gardening that the staff of Gardenviews does, Mascolo invites everyone to take a walk through his shop and experience uniqueness in both products and service.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

— By John R. Hall



Unique and special merchandise, like this fountain, is what sets Gardenviews apart from other retailers.

Teaching customers ABC's of flooring



Photo by MICHAEL PILOTTI

Owner Ron Williams, seated, is now joined by his son, Ronnie Williams, at Perfect Floors in South Lyon.

Perfect Floors (248) 437-2838

There is an expression amongst educators. "Education is expensive; a lack of education costs more."

Ron Williams is all about giving his customers the time and education it takes to ensure they are completely confident in their choice of material, color and value.

Most importantly, he wants to be sure you are getting the best materials for your money.

"We pride ourselves on quality and price," Ron said.

This year the Perfect Floor team is expanding to better serve the growing community of South Lyon and the greater Lyon Township area. Ronnie Williams is working side-by-side with his dad giving sound advice and customer satisfaction just like his father always has.

Also joining the team, another local South Lyon resident, is Doug Wiseman who has a flooring history just about as

long as Ron's.

Now that the kids are gearing down toward the end of summer and the traffic in the house is not as heavy as that on I-96, it's time to think seriously about getting those floors taken care of so the house is fresh and ready for those indoor months.

See Williams and his flooring assistants for personal tutelage in flooring. Let them teach you about the Armstrong, Bruce, and Coronets (ABC's) of flooring for any hardwood, carpet, area rug or tile needs.

Perfect Floors is located at 21946 Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon.

Ask them about their back to school sales now.

Perfect Floors is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

— By Michael Pilotti

Keep pets healthy with regular visits



Photo by JOHN HALL

The staff of Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic includes, from left, Dr. John S. Parker, Shari Greenlees, Tracey Olceski, Jude Howison (with Scribbles), and Dr. Ronald A. Studer

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic (248) 449-7447

If animals could talk, it would make life easier for veterinarians like Ronald A. Studer, D.V.M., L.P.C., and John S. Parker, D.V.M., of the Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic in Novi.

But since they can't, it is up to pet owners to talk about their pets — something that is very important to Doctors Studer and Parker.

"We don't tell our clients what to do," he said. "We communicate with pet owners and see our roles as educators on how to care for pets."

The staff of Briarpointe, located at 47330 Ten Mile Road, spend a great deal of time focusing on wellness care for pets, including vaccines, blood tests, dentistry and surgery. They know that having a full-service clinic goes beyond regular checkups and treatments.

"We have 20-minute appointments with pet owners in order to facilitate the learning process," added Studer. "We discuss what is the best for the pet."

The Briarpointe staff has a great deal of experience in veterinary care, with 50-plus years of

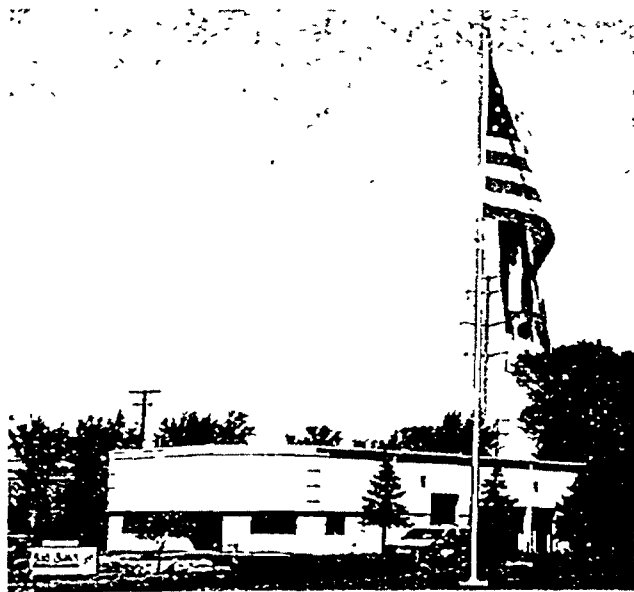
experience between Doctors Studer and Parker, and many more years of experience from a staff that includes one employee who began with the clinic 10 years ago. The remainder of the core workers have both on-the-job and educational experience as well.

Dr. Studer said it is important that everyone at Briarpointe work to improve themselves through continuing education. He makes it a point to pass along knowledge to the staff because "our staff is an extension of our work." He also noted that his clinic keeps up with the latest technology but does not make change for the sake of change.

Briarpointe also has a strong referral network with veterinary specialists. But most importantly, according to Studer, is a regular dialogue between his staff and pet owners — and a regular series of checkups.

"Animals age more rapidly than humans," he said. "So it is important to have a regular series of health screenings."

— By John R. Hall



Photos by SUSAN MISUKAITIS

A large American flag marks the newest location of Bob Saks Motor Mall in New Hudson, which features the largest indoor showroom in Oakland County.



Bob Saks Motor Mall (248) 437-3530 • www.bobsaks.com

The Bob Saks Motor Mall, featuring Buick, Dodge, and Suzuki sales and service departments, plus a state-of-the-art collision center, has added a new location on Grand River Avenue in New Hudson, just a few miles west of their well-known site, Bob Saks of Farmington Hills.

Featuring the largest indoor automobile showroom in Oakland County, Bob Saks Motor Mall west location opened June 1, 2006.

With showroom space at nearly 30,000 square feet, and with more styles and price ranges available than ever before, shopping for a new or used Bob Saks vehicle is an unparalleled experience. Up to 200 vehicles are displayed in the newest showroom and many others, including Dodge and Suzuki, are available at the Farmington Hills location.

Bob Saks Motor Mall is known for setting the standard in the industry. They have established yet another precedent by providing customers with complimentary shuttle service among its multiple locations. That may seem a bit ordinary until the chauffeur brings around the limousine to conduct you to your destination.

When visiting a Bob Saks Motor Mall dealership, it's not difficult to recognize why they are ranked among the top five Buick dealerships in the country. Browse the showroom for the best buys and lease deals available. Customers bringing vehicles in for service are invited to enjoy complimentary gourmet coffee, surf the web using the free wireless Internet service, watch TV, or skim the daily paper.

Another exciting event will take place in

about 18 months, when the Bob Saks Motor Mall will host the grand opening of a brand new multi-million dollar Pontiac, Buick, GMC facility on Pontiac Trail near I-96 and Milford Road.

Bob Saks Motor Mall has a special offer for its new neighbors. Bring this article to them and they will do an oil change for \$9.95. (Some models may be excluded.) Call (248) 437-3530 for an appointment.

Bob Saks Motor Mall is located in New Hudson at 54000 Grand River Ave., just west of the Novi Rock Financial Showplace.

"I always tell people to look for the big American flag," said Bethany Rouillard, Lease Manager.

Bob Saks Motor Mall is open Monday through Friday and half a day Saturday for sales, service, parts and collision.



Lease manager Bethany Rouillard shows exciting new models.

The sales department is open until 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

— By Susan Misukaitis

Offering generations of talented experience



Photo by NATHAN MENOIAN

Generations participate at Sheryl's School of Dance, including, from left, Sheryl Sulek and her mother Arline Hahn, owners; daughter Jackie Sulek, teacher; and grand-daughters Kylie and Madison Hughes. Julie Hughes, teacher and daughter, is not pictured.

Sheryl's School of Dance (248) 473-1160

Students from 3 to 60 have come through the doors of Sheryl's School of Dance.

The owners, Arline Hahn and her daughter Sheryl Sulek, have been working together since Sulek was 14-years old. Hahn said her daughter always loved dancing. As soon as she could, Hahn rented a building. Mom handled the business details, while Sheryl taught dance.

"I started dancing when I was 3. By the time I was in eighth grade, there I was assisting my teacher," Sulek reminisced. "My first students were kids I had baby-sat for."

In business 46 years now, the school first opened in Detroit, later they moved to Livonia, and then to Novi in 1992.

"Dancing is something that helps the kids out in so many areas of their life," Sulek said. "It helps build self-esteem, confidence, poise and creativity. Reading and memory skills are also improved."

The school has had national champs numerous times and many of their students have gone

on to professional careers — including The Radio City Rocketts. One student became a regular on the TV hit show, "Saved by The Bell".

Sheryl's School of Dance teaches jazz, ballet, tap, hip-hop and Scottish dancing. Classes run for 10 months, to coincide with the public school year. Registration for fall classes is from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Aug. 21, 22 and 23. Recitals are in June.

"Parents have no idea how excited their children get when they have the opportunity to perform their dance in front of their family and friends," Hahn said. "It really is something to see."

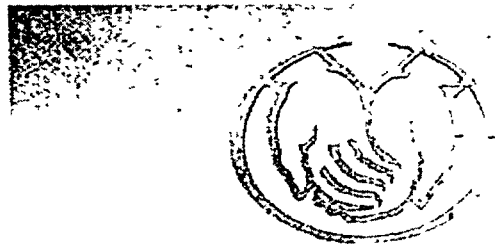
The school's 10 teachers are members of Dance Master of America.

"They are tested and evaluated by D.M.A.," Sulek said. "Our ballet teachers are certified by Cecchetti of America."

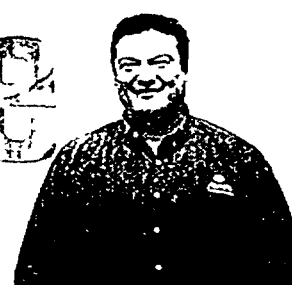
Sheryl's School of Dance is located at 40500 Grand River Ave., in the Novi Commerce Center.

— By Nathan Menoian

Friends who care about their customers



Allstate



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Louis Kirby, owner of Allstate Insurance in Wixom, describes himself as focused, energetic, driven, and a family man.

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Louis Kirby, owner of the Allstate Insurance Company in Wixom, views his role of insurance provider as that of a good friend who cares about customers.

"Being a full service agency providing coverage for auto, home, business and life insurance is a labor of love for me," Kirby said. "I work hard to be there for all of my customers — 24/7. I want to make sure that if they experience a loss, they aren't left out in the cold."

Kirby says he has a great product and that many of his customers have saved between 10 percent and 20 percent on their insurance needs with Allstate policies. One customer saved more than \$3,000 on his policies.

"Customers may find what looks to be a good price on line, but if they experience a loss and have to make a claim, the representative on the phone three states away doesn't know them from Adam. But with a local agent, they're in touch with someone who does know them and has a

real interest in their well-being. And I will make sure they receive every benefit they're entitled to."

Before opening his office, Kirby spent 20 years with Daimler Chrysler in Purchasing and Finance. He currently serves on the Finance Committee for Wixom's Downtown Development Authority.

His office also takes care of all the work for the customer when they switch from another company. "The customer doesn't have to worry about any of the hassles involved with switching over."

Also available from the office is Gary Gondek, a certified financial planner and 21-year lawyer in estate planning. He provides financial planning and handles investments.

The Allstate Insurance Company office is located at 49357 Pontiac Trail, Suite 103, in Wixom, and is open six days a week.

Call (248) 669-0755 for more information

— By Nathan Menoian

Inspiration begins here

Bailey & Shamoun Interiors (248) 380-7898

There are many things that inspire people, including an interior environment that fits their lifestyle and makes them feel good about themselves.

That's why the owners of Bailey & Shamoun Interiors of Northville characterize their business with the phrase, "Inspiration Begins Here."

Co-owners Kathryn Bailey and Basma Shamoun believe their customers are inspired by the quality of their interior design work and the care that goes into each customized job. They believe that the experience and expertise of two professionals with over 20 years of experience has made them a success since they opened their business in Northville five years ago.

"We design solutions for people's lives so they don't have to," said Bailey. "We want people to focus on their families while we make their homes beautiful. We are here to make lives easier."

They believe that all people, regardless of the type of home or business they own, have unique and discriminating tastes. Bailey and Shamoun spend a lot of time understanding customer's tastes and use their knowledge and ongoing training to help with each individual's tastes.

Bailey & Shamoun Interiors also provides inspiration in two ways. First is the home accessory store on Doherty Drive. In this unique storefront Bailey & Shamoun sells unique and one-of-a-kind home accents that cater to people with discriminating tastes. All items are displayed in a very attractive venue that features the latest trends in textures and fabrics.



Photo by JOHN HALL

Bailey & Shamoun Interiors is warm and friendly — and offers many different design ideas along with great home accessories. Owners Kathryn Bailey, left, and Basma Shamoun, right, call this "Northville's little secret" for great home design.

Bailey & Shamoun also offers design services to homeowners and business owners — from a simple

bathroom revitalizing to whole-house redesign. And the beauty of their work is that no two jobs are alike.

"We are not a cookie cutter store," added Shamoun. "Every home we decorate is unique. People may come

in with the same type of home or decorating idea but they will never get the same design from us. Everyone is different."

Being different also means adapting to different changes in lifestyles. Both women agree that something as minor as changing a room color can have a dramatic effect on a home's interior.

And both agree that every size job requires the same level of care and attention to detail.

"If a customer needs something we'll get it for them," Shamoun said. "We can design it, build it, paint it and furnish it."

Along with their professional design services, Bailey & Shamoun offers many gift products for the home. Customers can choose from a variety of gifts for wedding parties, hostess gifts, birthdays, etc.

The store carries the largest selection of high-end home accessories in the local area, including the latest in home scents — the Reed Diffuser, which takes the place of traditional scented candles. The newest grab-and-dry gloves are also a big favorite.

Bailey feels that the Northville community has been very good to the business and is "blessed to have been together successfully for five years" in the area.

Bailey & Shamoun is open six days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The business is located on 767 Doherty Dr. in Northville.

Bailey calls it "Northville's little secret."

Bailey & Shamoun are available for fee-based, in-house consultations.

— By John R. Hall

Using the latest technology to correct vision



Photos by JOHN HALL

The staff of Town & Country Eyecare includes, from left, Debbie, Brittany, Lisa, Andrea, Pam, Dr. Amy Crissman and Dr. Timothy Kirk.

Town & Country Eyecare

(248) 347-7800 • www.tceyecare.com

It has been said that eyes are the windows to the soul and the same is true about eyes being windows to a person's health.

Being able to detect systemic problems such as diabetes is one example of how far optometry technology has progressed and how important it is to patients of Town & Country Eyecare in Novi.

Dr. Timothy Kirk and Dr. Amy Crissman of Town & Country Eyecare believe it is vitally important for people to understand how preventive eyecare treatment can help lead to healthier vision and healthier bodies.

Using technology such as digital retinal cameras, the doctors can use their 30 plus years of experience to diagnose and treat eye diseases and related general health issues such as cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration and damage from diabetes and high blood pressure, as well as eye injuries and infections.

"Our practice has evolved into that of a primary medical care provider," Crissman said. "We are not just giving eye exams and selling eyeglasses."

Being able to offer so many services is a direct result of the training that the staff of Town & Country Eyecare goes through. The doctors are continually retraining in continuing education courses to learn the latest advances in technology.

One such program is Infant See — providing for free eye exams for infants 6-12 months of age. The idea is to raise awareness among families for the need for proper



Drs. Amy Crissman and Timothy Kirk assist each other during eye exams.

er preventive care.

And the word care is very important to Crissman and Kirk. They care a great deal about the Novi/Northville community and it shows in the office atmosphere, where a friendly staff interacts with patients in a tranquil setting.

"We care about our patients," Kirk added. "We are involved with many family activities in the community. Patients are coming here because they want to come here, not because they have to come here."

Some of the other reasons patients come to Town & Country Eyecare include the specialty contact lenses, which contain five times more oxygen than traditional soft lenses, reducing the amount of complications from wearing contact lenses.

Patients are also happy to hear that there are no more puff tests for glaucoma — something that kept people away in the past. The test has been replaced with a more comfortable and accurate test.

Kirk is proud of the fact that he can bring the best products and services to the Novi/Northville community.

"Because we are a private practice we can concentrate on bringing products and services that meet the unique needs and styles of our communities," he said. "We generally get new technology contacts and eyeglass lenses ahead of other offices because of the long-term relationships we have with the industry."

Town & Country Eyecare is located at 22350 Novi Road, at the Nine Mile intersection. Stop by or call today for more information.

By John R. Hall



Drs. Timothy Kirk and Amy Crissman offer quality eyecare at Town & Country Eyecare in Novi.

Workout in a non-intimidating environment



Photo by PAUL MARTIN

The Fitness Together staff includes, from left, professional trainer Ben Cooper, Boo Sadikot, and professional trainers Lisa Ryan and Charles LaCasse.

Fitness Together

(248) 348-9230

We all want to be fit. Look our best. Get healthy. But how? Join a fitness club or a gym, maybe?

Not if Boo Sadikot has his way.

Boo has an alternative to membership fitness organizations at his two local Fitness Together studios, and he is passionate about it.

"The concept is," Boo said, "we're not a health club; we're not a gym. We're a private, personal, training studio. Our focus is to get you into the very best shape of your life."

The Fitness Together approach is that each studio has three, fully equipped rooms where clients work with a professional trainer in complete privacy for 45-minute sessions, with a common area where clients may use the cardiovascular equipment at any time they choose. It is the largest fitness franchise group in the world.

Boo creates a dossier for each client, before they begin their training, showing where they are, and how they reach their fitness goals. Nutritional advice is included.

"In this environment there are never any distractions. You're never waiting for equipment. You make your appointment with one of our professionals and they are yours, exclusively, in a totally non-intimidating environment," Boo said. "Through this we're able to help our clients reach their goals a lot more efficiently, a lot more effectively, and — more importantly, to the client — much more quickly."

Boo and Fitness Together also reach more widely into the community by donating a portion of the business's profits to health causes, such as diabetes prevention.

Fitness Together is located at 47210 Ten Mile Road, in Novi.

— By Paul Martin

Unique designs offered by family man



Photo by PAUL MARTIN

Brian Larson shows off some of his exquisite, unique jewelry designs

Larson Jewelry

(248) 347-4653

Watching the interaction between customer and sales staff at Larson Jewelry in Novi is a very different experience: No high pressure sales techniques, a lot of listening, a lot of exchange, a lot of valuable, informative help, some suggestions and a bag of pleasant conversation — all a true reflection of the family business this is.

That is because there is no sales staff. It's the family: Husband and wife Brian and Nancy Larson, and their daughter Angelina. All the time. All are graduates of the Gemological Institute of America. All of which probably explains their continuing seven-year success in the same location.

"We do everything — designs, repairs, everything," Brian Larson said. "There is no designer, there is no manager, there is no sales staff. We're it."

"The main difference between us and other stores is that we treat people the way

we would want to be treated if we went somewhere and didn't know anything about what we were buying. We explain everything; we don't hide anything; all the diamonds we sell are loose and they're all certified; I can prove to people what the color and clarity is; and then they can make their own decisions. If a lower color stone looks better to them than a 'D' color, then that's what we sell them."

Larson prides himself on being able to set stones customers bring to him, as well as creating jewelry from customer sketches.

The Larson's family-oriented perspective is also reflected in their generous, continuous donations to the Novi school system.

Larson Jewelry is located at 43155 Main St., Suite 304, in Novi.

— By Paul Martin

The Northville Record and The Novi News

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Once a week, news that fits your life in Northville and Novi arrives at the doorstep in The Northville Record and The Novi News, bringing you up to speed with local businesses, schools, bodies of government, friends and neighbors.

Area events are promoted through the paper, but the newspaper and its employees go a step further to support community projects.

The people who bring you that news and advertising — reporters, editors, office, sales, graphics, plant and circulation staff — are personally involved in the communities.

Reporter Maureen Johnston returned to her hometown of Northville to work and raise her family.

"One of the pluses of living where you work is people are always sharing ideas with you," Johnston said. "I feel like I can write with a sense of history or context about the community. When attending the business expo it is an opportunity to meet a lot of people in the community face-to-face, share our paper and gather story ideas. This supports the community by listening to people's interests."

Recently Johnston taught several middle school children the basics of putting out a newspaper as part of a vacation bible school program.

John Heider, photographer for the Northville and Novi papers, has participated in the Northville Youth Assistance mentoring program for the past seven years. "I've been matched with an eight year old boy the past two years," Heider said. "We spend about a couple of hours together every week and play sports, talk about sports, go to local parks — walk around and sometimes try fishing."

Every spring for the past six years, Ed Fleming, account executive for the Northville Record, teaches an advertising class to the 3rd graders at Silver Spring school in Northville. The kids then design and produce ads purchased by downtown business owners and published in the Northville Record. The program received the Governor's Award for Business-Education partnership.

Long-time Northville resident Marcia Cromas, office assistant for the newspapers, puts on a Victorian-era costume and marches with the Parasol Promenade in Northville's Victorian Festival parade. "It's fun to work with the other gals," Cromas said. "The bigger the parade the better — people love it."

The Northville Record participates in the



Northville Novi Office Assistant Marcia Cromas marches with the Parasol Promenade every year.

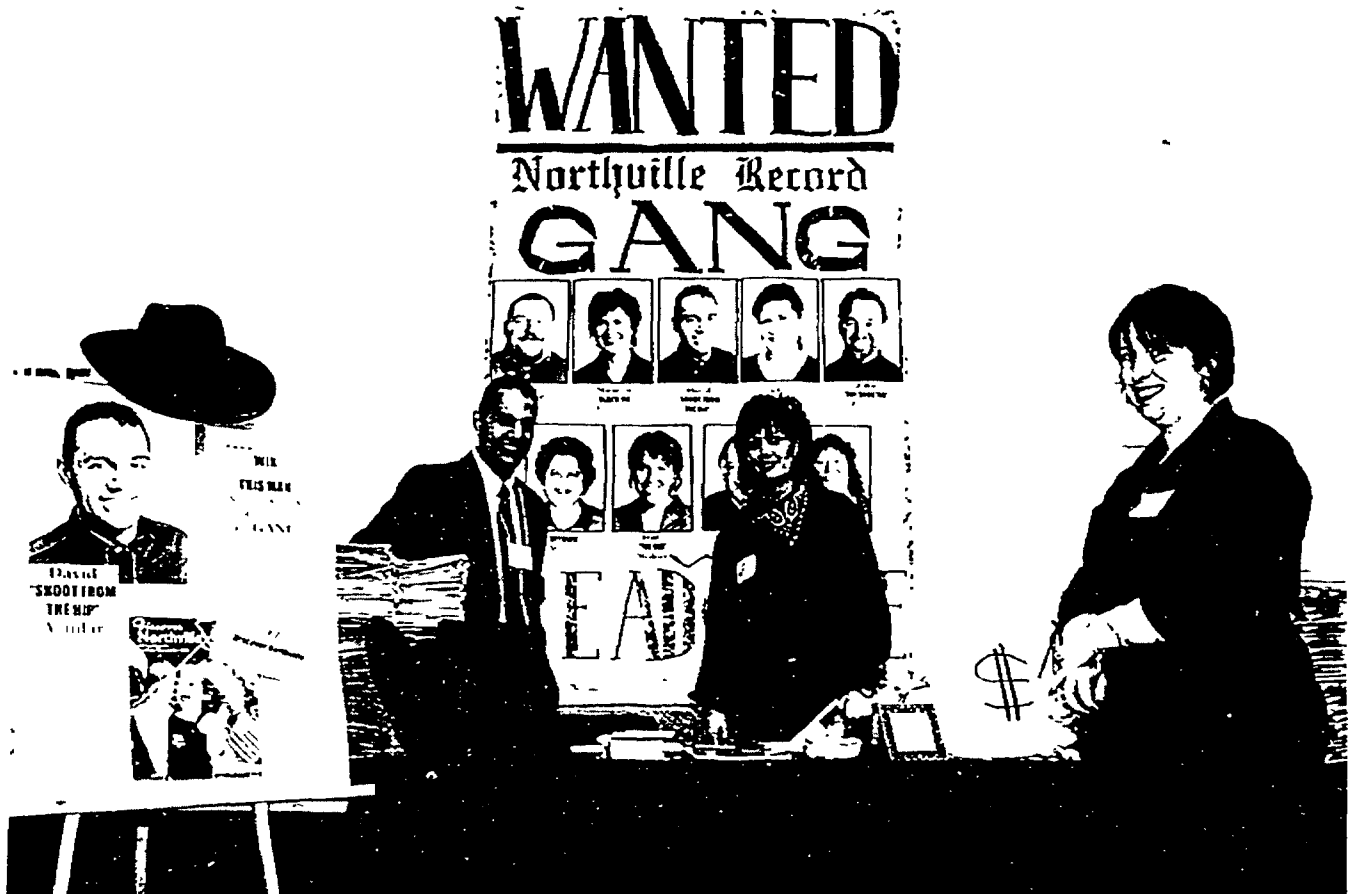


Photo by STEVE FECHT

Editor David Aguilar and staff writers Maureen Johnston and Tracy Mishler, far right, greet readers during the 2006 Northville TasteFest, held each year by the Northville Chamber of Commerce at Northville High School. This year's theme: "Wild, Wild West."

Hillside Middle School mock interview program, which is designed to give eighth grade students real world preparation experience when it comes to landing a job.

Students send in multiple resumes, portfolios, etc. and the Record staff critiques them prior to a scheduled face-to-face interview. Based on their portfolio and their interviewing technique, which the staff also critiques, students either "get the job" or not.

"It's a laborious process that takes multiple weeks to conclude," said David Aguilar, Northville Record editor. "But we believe the sooner kids prepare themselves for the real world, the better. Every year we schedule time to be involved."

Cal Stone, editor of the Novi News, has been a member of the Novi Rotary Club for four years. He currently coordinates the local chapter's public relations efforts and helps out with their golf outing. He served on the Novi Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for two years, focusing on their annual charity auction as well as volunteering at their golf outing. Although not a member of the new Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce, Stone helps out with that group's various events. For the past year, he has also sat on the Michigan 50's Festival Board of Directors.

"The 50's Fest volunteers are the hardest working people I've ever been involved with," said Stone. "Most people have no idea how much time and energy they give for that event, all because they're committed to making Novi a better community. I was honored when they asked me to join, but it's been a challenge trying to keep up with them!"

The Novi News has been a major sponsor of the Michigan 50's Festival for many years, and this year became a corporate sponsor for the Novi Parks Foundation's 2nd Annual Golf Outing.

Through the Gannett Foundation, The Novi News and The Northville Record further support area nonprofits. A committee of employees with



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Children on a festively decorated float make their way down Center St. in Novi.

strong community ties reviews grant applications and recommends funding. Since 2005, grants have been awarded to Novi Parks Foundation and Active Faith.

Grace Perry, general manager, sums up The Northville Record and The Novi News community involvement as a natural part of working for a community newspaper.

"Our responsibility is to support the community, to keep it informed and up-to-date," Perry said. "But we feel another part of the job is to be an integral part of the community: shopping the stores, volunteering and attending community events. We're not just conducting business, we're

here for the long haul. As a bonus we receive a deeper understanding of the community we are writing about."

The Northville Record is the oldest weekly newspaper in Wayne County that is still in operation — founded in 1869 by Sam Little under the name Wayne County Record. The Novi News was born from the Record 48 years ago. Conceived as a one page bonus section inside the Northville Record, it became its own paper and has been working with the Record in their present office for almost 40 years. Both papers have a combined readership circulation of 25,400.

— By Cynthia Grochowicz

Enjoy these special events

Farmer's Market

Enjoy fresh produce, flowers and other items from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Thursday through October at the Northville Downs parking lot.

Concerts

Let them entertain you with a free concert each Friday night at the Bandshell in Northville. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held each Friday through Aug. 25. Contact the Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950 for details.

Tunes on Tuesday

Children will enjoy a free concert just for them. Tunes on Tuesday begins at 11 a.m. each Tuesday through August. The concerts are held at the band shell in Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411.

International Festival

The International Festival will be held Aug. 19 on Main Street in Novi.

Senior Olympics

Enjoy the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics Aug. 21-25. Contact the Northville Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203 for details.

Pumpkin Walk

Taste of the Nation Benefit is Aug. 23 at the Rock Financial Showplace.

First Friday

Downtown Northville is the place to be on Friday, Sept. 1. Downtown art galleries and restaurants will stay open late and offer special showings and events.

Senior Variety Series

Novi Theatres' Senior Variety Series - That's Entertainment will take place Sept. 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, at the Novi Civic Center.

Maybury Farm Corn Maze

The Maybury Farm Corn Maze is Sept. 8 through Oct. 29. Contact Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200 for more information.

Victorian Festival Clothing Sale

Victorian Festival Clothing Sale is from 1-4 p.m., Sept. 10 at Mill Race Village. Call (248) 348-1845 for details.

Victorian Festival

The 18th annual Victorian Festival will be held in Northville Sept. 15-17. Contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 for more information.

Art Market

Northville Arts Commission will hold an Art Market Sept. 16-17. Call (248) 449-9950 for more information.

Historical Home Tour

Northville-Novu American Association of University Women will hold a historical home tour Sept. 16. Call (248) 924-2180 for details.

Fall For Novi

Fall for Novi will take place Sept. 23 at the Novi Civic Center Complex.

Juried Art Show

The 14th Annual Juried Art Show will be held Oct. 2-6 at First Presbyterian Church in Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 for more information.

Handcrafters Craft Show

Handcrafters Craft Show returns Oct. 6-8 at the Northville Community Center. Call (734) 459-0050 for additional information.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A group of youngsters, dressed in Victorian era clothes, walk in Northville's annual Victorian parade.

Pumpkin Walk

Northville Recreation Department sponsors a Pumpkin Walk Oct. 22. Call (248) 349-0203 for details.

Cinderella

Novi Theatres presents "Cinderella or if the shoe fits", Oct. 27-29, at the Novi Civic Center.

Charlie Brown

Novi Theatres present "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown", Nov. 10-12, at the Novi Civic Center.

Holiday Home Tour

The Northville Community Foundation is holding their Holiday Home Tour Nov. 17-18. Call (248) 374-0200 for details.

Hometown Holidays and Parade

On Nov. 17 the NCBA/Chamber Hometown Holidays and Hometown Lighted Parade will take place. Phone (248) 349-0611 for details.

Chamber Christmas Walk

The Northville Chamber presents The 25th Annual Christmas Walk on Nov. 18-19. Call (248) 349-7640 for more information.

Mill Race Christmas Walk

The Mill Race Village Christmas Walk will take place from 1-4 p.m. on Nov. 19. Call (248) 348-1845 for details.

Ringin' In The Holidays

Ringin' in the Holidays takes place Nov. 30 on Main Street in Novi.

Children's Workshop

The Children's Christmas Workshop will take place from 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. on Dec. 2 at the Mill Race Village. Call (248) 348-1845 for more information.

Christmas Concert

The Choralaires Christmas Concert will take place Dec. 3, at the Holy Family Church in Novi.

Handcrafters Show

The Handcrafters Craft Show will take place at Northville Recreation At Hillside on Dec. 8-10. Call (734) 459-0050 for details.

Miracle On 34th Street

Novi Theatres present the holiday story "Miracle on 34th Street", Dec. 8-10, at the Novi Civic Center.

All A-Glow

The Mother's Club hosts All A-Glow/Illumination for Education on Dec. 8. Call (248) 348-8764 for details.

Candlelight Walk

The NCBA/Chamber Candlelight Walk will take place Dec. 8. Call (248) 349-7640 for more information.

Northville Nite

Northville Nite is Dec. 31 at the Northville Recreation at Hillside. Call (248) 349-0203 for details.



Alyssa Moore of Brownie Troop #289, marches in Novi's holiday parade with a Rudolph nose affixed to her face.

Davis Auto Care

(248) 349-5115 • davisautocare.com

As Davis Auto Care celebrates its 25th anniversary, owner Jim Davis publicly thanks the Northville community for again voting the auto care facility No. 1 in the Northville Record's People's Choice Awards.

How it all began

It all started with Jim Davis and a vision. His vision involved making auto repair as easy as possible for his customers in a stress-free, relaxed environment. Today, Davis Auto Care provides customers with convenient automotive repairs and services that make his company a one-stop, auto-repair center.

In 1979, he set up shop in what was then the Boron Gasoline Station at Eight Mile and Taft roads. Since the early days back in his two-bay gas station, Jim Davis has offered a level of technical expertise and friendly customer service that have proven to be a winning combination.

"Our business is repairing cars and making them look good, but our job is solving customers' problems," Davis explained. "It is very gratifying to have so many people depending on our services."

Word soon spread about the friendly, old-fashioned service that was provided and soon the parking lot was overflowing with local folks who realized that here was a businessman who provided a level of professionalism and honesty they could trust.

"When we first started out, I would go home and tell my wife that we'd had a busy day when I did a couple of oil changes and a tire repair," he recalled.

Today, expect nothing less than the same exceptional service with the development of a successful business and a highly trained staff.

Total automotive care

three in one

Davis Auto Care, Jim's Oil Depot and Ultimate Image Auto Spa are the three entities

under one roof taking care of vehicles, inside and out. With a full-service repair garage, a quick-lube oil change facility, and professional detailing services, owner Jim Davis prides himself on upholding only the best care to customers.

"When we just had the repair garage, customers suggested a quick-lube shop, and we added Jim's Oil Depot. For a couple years, customers had been asking us where they could find a cleaning and detailing shop, and we gave them Ultimate Image Auto Spa June 1 of 2000," Davis explained. "Our customers are very supportive, and we love supporting them."

With superior customer relations and highly-trained technicians, Davis Auto Care, Jim's Oil Depot, and Ultimate Image Auto Spa provides quality service in a friendly environment.

Davis Auto Care

For over 25 years the full-repair garage, Davis Auto Care, has provided quality and efficient services with the latest in technology. As vehicles have become more and more complicated, the company has invested in the latest diagnostic equipment and support services.

"In a shop the size of ours, we can afford to invest in things like our ABS-Tech system and the SIMU-TECH computer system," Davis said.

Davis also said that his company recently added "yet more sophisticated and computerized diagnostic equipment to address the vehicles on-board computers for the 21st century." The advent of on-board diagnostics, or OBD2, allows Davis Auto Care to easily track the problems occurring in the computer systems. This allows Davis Auto Care technicians to better understand vehicle problems, which in turn, enhances a thorough, quality car repair.

Because people are so dependent on their vehicle, Davis Auto Care takes extra strides to make the service experience as convenient as possible. Repairs are explained in a way that lets the customer know how serious each item



Bringing the best possible service to your vehicle are, from the left, Fred Radloff, Jim Davis, Kristy Yori, April Rice and Dave Massel.

is, and the service staff also informs customers if a needed repair can wait for future service.

"We all work with budgets, and it's our job to help people stay within those budgets whenever possible," Davis explained.

All repair work comes with a written guarantee, and the staff sends follow-up letters inquiring about customer satisfaction. If a problem were to occur immediately after repairs, Davis and the mechanics strive to correct the problem as conveniently as possible. The shop also maintains a computerized service history on all vehicles, making it easy for the company to answer questions about routine maintenance. With stocking many name-brand parts, such as Interstate Batteries, MOOG chassis, AC Delco, Motorcraft, Bendix brakes, Gates hoses and belts, Monroe shock absorbers, Mobil lubrication products and General tires, customers can rest assured their vehicle is in good hands.

Jim's Oil Depot

Located right next to Davis Auto Care is the same knowledgeable experience dedicated to wrapping up those minor maintenance problems slowing cars down. Jim's Oil Depot is a quick-lube repair station, fixing cars in a timely manner so customers can get on with their daily lives.

"It's quick and easy, in and out," Davis said. "We take care of the maintenance needs you don't have time for."

"Our oil changes include a 22-point inspection," Davis said. "And our customers more and more time-conscious. We speed up the process without sacrificing quality."

Customers receive an oil change in 10 minutes without having to leave their cars. The Oil Depot will also perform minor items such as headlight replacement and wiper blades while waiting. Tire repair, rotating and balancing service is also available. These services are performed by trained staff members using a special tire-care machine. This machine relies on a touchless tire suspension system that avoids rim damage.

"Tire rotating is an example of the type of maintenance people want quickly," Davis said. But it goes much farther than that. While waiting in the comfortable area, take a look around. Jim's Oil Depot is decorated to resemble a Victorian train depot.

"Being just underneath the railroad bridge, it seemed natural," Davis said. "After we got under way with the theme of the place, I learned that there actually was a Northville train depot many years ago, just a few yards from our building."

Both exterior and interior are painted in a trompe l'oeil technique, and once inside a huge mural depicts a view through "windows" onto a train platform with the train ready to pull out. Further above a toy train runs up and down the wall taking a loop around the waiting area. The theme is carried right down to a train whistle, which sounds as each car is raised into the air. What more can you say, except, "All Aboard!"

Ultimate Image Auto Spa

At Ultimate Image Auto Spa, the newest addition to the Davis Auto Care facility, customers can be assured of receiving the same superior quality service that Davis Auto Care customers have enjoyed for years.

"It was the request of many of our customers that we expanded our automotive business to include appearance enhancement and protection services," Davis said. "The response has been extremely encouraging since we opened in June of 2000."

As with mechanical repairs and maintenance services, the finest quality products are combined with the highest level of expertise to offer a premier experience. Visits begin in the clean, comfortable office where customers select the level of service wanted for their vehicle. From a quick hand wash to a complete interior and exterior detail with all the trimmings, specialists will customize every treatment at the spa.

Experienced detail professionals work their magic on cars, light trucks, SUV's, and vans

These experts truly love what they do, and the only thing they enjoy more than performing their craft, is seeing your joyful expression when you pick up your vehicle. The caring staff takes pride in knowing they provide the "Ultimate" in detailing services.

High-tech quality expertise

Jim Davis is especially proud of his mechanical staff. The technicians are not only state certified, but also have achieved accreditation from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

All of the technicians are A.S.E. Master mechanics, as well as being certified in Automobile Advanced Engine Performance — a new designation achieved by fewer than five percent of the technicians in the country. These tests are administered by ACT, the organization conducting college entrance examinations.

"It separates the best of the best," Davis explained. "A.S.E. Certification shows that a technician has dedicated himself to the highest level of professionalism."

To keep up to date, mechanics regularly attend seminars and continuing education classes. This commitment to ongoing training is one of the most important aspects of the business.

"Yes, we have the absolute best and latest in diagnostic equipment," Davis said. "But without the level of expertise that our technicians have, all the diagnostic computers in the world would be useless."

Setting Davis' technicians above the majority is special training they receive directly from automotive manufacturers.

"Because we do so much business with the auto manufacturers, they allow us to send our technicians for the specialized training normally reserved for dealership mechanics," Davis explained.

Davis Auto Care maintains an electronic library filled with information on each and every make. Repair techniques, engine behav-

ior, and parts' serial numbers are available for the best service possible. Davis Auto Care is especially proud of technician Ed Robertson who was a finalist in the AC Delco Technician of the Millennium II Competition. AC Delco produces parts for GM and other automobile companies, and also allows Davis Auto Care

to receive factory training for its technicians. As an added benefit, AC Delco hosts an annual competition. Contestants from across the nation are judged on test scores and car repairs. Robertson had one of the best test scores in the Midwest region and went on to compete in Las Vegas. There, in the Fall of 2003, Robertson became one of the top eight technicians in North America.

Customer service

At Davis Auto Care, the term "customer service" encompasses many things, including friendliness, convenience and follow-up. The customer contact staff is friendly, knowledgeable and efficient. Most importantly, they care about people. Service advisors work together to make sure every customer who comes to Davis Auto Care walks away satisfied.

"We get so many comments from people who say that, in coming to our facility, they had their questions answered in a clear, courteous manner for the first time," Davis explained. "Our customers feel very comfortable making decisions in that way."

To show their appreciation, in the past, customers have not just told Davis employees thanks, but expressed their gratitude by bringing gifts, such as cookies or pizza.

"Having a friendly place where people do business, we really strive to do that," Davis said.

Another highly appreciated detail is the shuttle service, which can take customers to or from their home or business within the area.

The shop can also lend cellular phones if customers are going to be hard to reach. This way, repairs can be completed as quickly as possible. A computerized system tracks routine maintenance for each individual vehicle.

Letters and postcards are sent out notifying customers of maintenance items coming due.

"We realize our customers are busy, and don't have time to worry about preventative maintenance," Davis explained. "That's why we track it for them."

Customer service is more than a business

goal at Davis Auto Care, it is a set standard persistently kept and constantly perfected.

Community involvement

A long-time area resident, Jim Davis has always been involved in the community. He is an active member and past president of the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

The company has been a contributor to the Northville Victorian Festival since its inception. Davis has served as State Chairman of the Board of the Automotive Service Professionals of Michigan.

"I am very involved in the industry and want to do everything I can to promote it in a positive way," he said.

Davis has also appeared on local television and radio promoting awareness of automotive maintenance and has presented seminars at recent job fairs.

He has attained the title of Accredited Automotive Manager from the Automotive Management Institute, a designation awarded to automotive professionals who complete 120 hours of advanced management and technical classes.

Davis intends to continue providing excellent and convenient auto repair service to his community.

Welcoming families

Davis Auto Care, Jim's Oil Depot, and Ultimate Image Auto Spa is located just outside downtown Northville at 807 Doherty Drive. Hours for Davis Auto Care are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Jim's Oil Depot is open 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Ultimate Image Auto Spa hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The company has a Web site where appointments can be made by e-mailing at service@davisautocare.com.

For more information, call (248) 349-5115



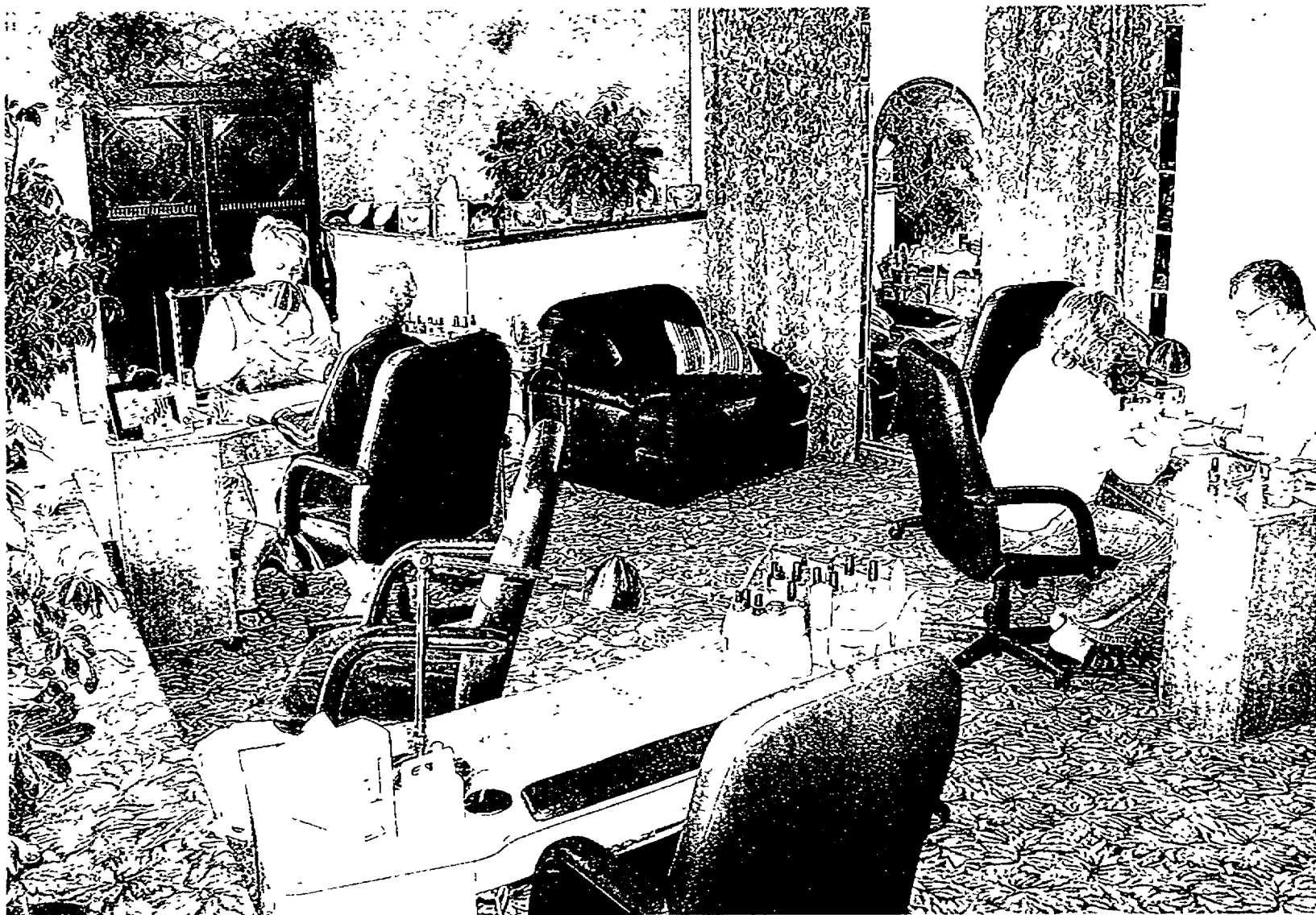
Working in surroundings decorated to resemble a old-time train station, the Jim's Oil Depot staff includes, from left, Manager Brian Roberts, Nick Berry and Mike McKnight.



Photos by CYNTHIA GROCHOWSKI

Owner Jim Davis provides courtesy shuttle service for customers when they need a ride to and from Davis Auto Care.

Scapparé offers elegant, peaceful surroundings to help pamper clients as they enjoy quality salon services



Photos by JANET HALL

Scapparé

(248) 437-1112 • www.salonscappare.com



There has to be a reason why the Scapparé Salon of South Lyon has been voted best spa and haircut business by the South Lyon Herald readers for the past five years.

One walk into the business on Pontiac Trail and the reasons become very obvious.

The tranquil surrounding lends itself to a feeling of professionalism and caring from a staff that has over 150 years of combined salon and spa experience.

Co-owner Chris Cortis said that the salon's popularity spreads out much further than the South Lyon community, too.

We have people coming from as far away as St. Clair Shores, he noted. We serve the high end market yet we are fairly priced.

For Cortis and his wife, Lindsay, also a co-owner, the success of Scapparé begins with the staff. Besides having a great deal of experience, the staff continually trains in the newest hair cutting and

make-up techniques. It is not unusual for stylists to spend hours and days training each season to learn the latest styles and trends.

Some of the stylists will be traveling to New York for four days of training. The salon will not shut down at the time but a large group will be bringing back some very good ideas to share with other staffers.

"We are big on education," Cortis noted. "You can't get a great education by just attending a hair show, either. We don't hire people straight out of beauty school. We have a one-year apprenticeship with a test out at the end. New people get a variety of training by working with different stylists."

Customers usually ask for their favorite stylist, and they also ask about some of the more popular packages that are available.

"We are becoming known as having one of the premier wedding party spa packages in the area," said Cortis.

Depending on the size of the bridal party, brides can receive free makeup and a manicure.

"We also have prom packages and



Chris and Lindsay Cortis, owners of Scapparé, have recently added to their family with a new baby.



day-at-the-spa parties for girls in the 11 to 12 year olds age bracket," he added.

Other packages include manicures, pedicures, massages, and hair styling. The top package — the Valleta — is priced at \$295 and includes four to five hours of services. Included in the Valleta package are a four-layer facial, a one-hour massage, haircut and style, pedicure, makeup, eyebrow arch, and lunch.

It may appear that women are the typical Scappare customers, but a lot of men visit the salon to rejuvenate aching muscles and prepare themselves for one of their favorite activities — golf.

"A lot of male golfers come in here to get a massage before they go out to the golf course," Cortis said. "I believe it helps their golf game."

"We get a lot of men who appreciate our quality service," he said.

Speaking of quality, Scappare is also known for its full line of quality hair and skin care products — name brands that cannot be found in most retail stores. These name brands include Graham Webb, Aveda, and PureOlogy. Cortis said that these products "preserve the styling and have a guarantee that the style will last."

One thing that doesn't last is the look of the salon — it is always changing. Cortis is proud of the updated salon interior. He and Lindsay recently repainted, added more antiques, and brought in more ergonomically correct stylist chairs.

"This is not a typical salon/spa," he said. "You won't find chairs lined up in rows."

An hour or a day at Scappare would also make a great gift. That's why gift certificates are available for men or women who want to give a unique gift and one that will leave a lasting impression.

"Getting a new look from Scappare is like buying a new car," said Cortis. "You want to get something that looks good and will last."

Walk-in appointments are available but Cortis recommends calling ahead for an appointment. Salon hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Scappare Salon is located at 21190 Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon. Call for an appointment today.

By L. O. R. H.

"Getting a new look from Scappare is like buying a new car. You want to get something that looks good and will last."

— Chris Cortis
Owner of Scappare



Satisfying customers for three generations



Photo by MICHAEL PILOTTI

South Lyon Collision offers quality repairs in little time.

South Lyon Collision, Inc. (248) 437-6100 • www.southlyoncollision.net

South Lyon Collision has NASCAR pit crew quickness with Swiss watch precision turning out repaired cars in as little as three days.

The work is fully warranted for the lifetime of the vehicle ensuring no shortcuts have been taken and the repair work is top-shelf.

"In a small town like South Lyon you have to be good at what you do to have over three generations of clients coming back to do business with you," assured Gary Fagin speaking of his 25 years in business.

"From the minute you call, to the time you drive your car away from my business, I focus on service, service, service."

Valued customers have the added advantage of tracking their car's progress during repair as digital pictures are streamed to their computer to give them step-by-step updates.

South Lyon Collision offers bumper to bumper service including: audio, window tinting, custom paint jobs, ground effects and most anything else that expresses a customer's personality in, and on, their car.

"Over time my business has grown with the town and the town has given me the support to stay in business," Fagin reflected.

"We also offer shuttle service for our customers at no additional fee up to 20 miles from the shop and have our own flatbed hauler to carry their car here safely."

Take a virtual tour of the shop at www.southlyoncollision.net and see a repair process unfold from start to finish, or stop by and talk to Fagin at 150 E. McHattie St.

South Lyon Collision is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

— By Michael Pilotti

Learn to dance where they love to teach



Photo by MICHAEL PILOTTI

Jon, center, and Justine, far right, are just two of the 15 trained and certified instructors and role models who work with your students at the American Dance Academy.

American Dance Academy (248) 486-9664

When you chose a program to enroll your son or daughter in, you want what is best for them.

Three time People's Choice winner in the dance school category makes Melva Zavisa and her husband Greg very happy as they celebrate their 10th year in South Lyon as owners of the American Dance Academy.

A D.A. is not just about dance. It is about developing confident people. It's about offering learning and instruction at an age and developmentally appropriate level, it's about challenging the children to be their best, and mostly it's about fun. At the end of each school year the fruits of their learning are presented in a performance, not a recital.

Instructors are certified, seasoned and ardent about what they offer to their students.

Each instructor is specialized in one area of performance and their class sizes are intentionally kept small, 8 to 10 students, to offer children more exposure to their instructors for better development.

A.D.A. offers a unique course in Musical Theater for children who want to blend their dance with singing, and stage performance. Vocal coaching is something that separates A.D.A. from other studios.

The instructors at A D.A. have often volunteered to work with the South Lyon High School's drama and theater groups.

If you expect high caliber instructors, a strong parental involvement, nationally renowned coaches and instructional workshops, attention to your child's health and academics first and are interested in the best for them, then A.D.A. is that place.

"We're not elite, but we are serious about what we do," insisted Melva.

Call the American Dance Academy at (248) 486-9664 to inquire about the September enrollment and placement process and class options.

The studio is conveniently located at 22886 Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon.

— By Michael Pilotti

George's Senate Coney Island

(734) 927-1126 • www.senateconeyislandrestaurant.com

As you drive down Haggerty Road just south of Six Mile Road in Northville Township, there is an unmistakable smell of fresh cooked food that makes you look for its origin and then point your car in that direction.

The aroma is coming from George's Senate Coney Island Restaurant. It's the smell of good, old-fashioned cooking that has customers coming back time and again for the delicious menu items.

Although Coney Island hot dogs are a pop-

ular mainstay of the menu, owner George Dimopoulos is very proud of the variety of delicious food items that are available for dining in, take-out or catered parties.

The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. There is also a bar where customers can order beer, wine or cocktails.

The menu includes mouth watering dishes like the famous 1-pound pork chop, broiled perch, salmon, barbecued ribs, pasta, meat loaf, chicken, turkey, Greek specialties and a large selection of sandwiches — just to name a few items.

The familiar sound of "Ooo-pa!" is heard as diners enjoy flaming saganaki cheese as an appetizer. Other pre-dinner favorites include stuffed grape leaves, spinach pie and lemon rice soup. Rice pudding tops the list of the most popular desert items.

According to Dimopoulos, Senate Coney Island was the very first Coney Island restaurant to serve breakfast. Breakfast specials are available from 7-11 a.m. daily and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays. His restaurants are also known for being the first to serve the famous chili fries in the Detroit area.

All dishes are prepared fresh daily by Dimopoulos and his staff and are served by a friendly and caring wait staff. Many patrons visit the restaurant several times a week and it is very common for customers and employees to great each other on a first name basis. On many mornings especially on weekends, patrons patiently be seated in the comfortable restaurant, outdoors on the patio or in the bar.

But walk-up dining is not the only specialty of the house, catering is too. Dimopoulos and his staff have served Senate food and beverages to large gatherings of people at wedding receptions, graduation parties, birthday and anniversary parties, and corporate events. Senate Coney Island can cater to small parties or up to hundreds of guests — there is plenty of room in the restaurant and



Photos by JOHN HALL

Enjoy a relaxing breakfast, quiet lunch or tantalizing dinner, complete with alcoholic beverages, on the patio overlooking Bushwood Golf Course. Restaurant owner George Dimopoulos offers a variety of Greek cuisine, American favorites, and traditional Coney Island food at George's Senate Coney Island in Novi.

on the nearby grounds.

And speaking of nearby grounds, Bushwood Golf Club shares the same building and location as Senate. Golfers can enjoy a round of golf on the Par-3 course and then settle in for a nice steak dinner and their favorite beverage. Senate and Bushwood offer golf and food packages, too.

Dimopoulos also believes in giving back to the community who patronizes his restaurant. He generously sponsors youth athletic teams and goes out of his way to say thank you to

the many people who have supported him and his staff over the years. Senate Coney Island also works with the local Detroit media to promote food specials. A recent promotion centered around (what else?) hot dogs!

The Northville location, at 39430 Dun Rovin Drive, is one of four in the metro Detroit area. Other locations are in Livonia, Dearborn and Taylor. For coupon specials and directions, visit www.senateconeyislandrestaurant.com.

— By John R. Hall



George's Senate Coney Island is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day.

Continuing the tradition of excellent service

DECORATING BY DAN



Photo by JOHN HALL

Karen and Dan Seaman of Decorating By Dan have been providing great customer service for 26 years.

Decorating By Dan (248) 348-1599

Decorating By Dan has been serving Northville for more than 26 years from the same location on 43157 W. Seven Mile Road. The store is always fully staffed and ready to assist people who are planning painting or paper hanging jobs.

"We have the sources and the expertise to help you get the job done right," said owner Dan Seaman.

Seaman and his wife, Karen and staffers Susan, Gary, Rob, and part-time workers will try to make any home project easy to accomplish.

The store has more than 800 wallpaper books on hand and more than 3,000 Benjamin Moore paint colors to choose from.

"Selecting color and paper has become very simplified," added Seaman. "We also stock window shades."

In addition to paints, paper and shades, Decorating By Dan carries lots of how-to books, paint and paper hanging tools, 2-ounce

paint sampler bottles in 260 different colors (an item that Seaman said is very popular today and saves customers from buying too much paint) and many in-store samples to make selection much easier.

Decorating By Dan is a big supporter of the Northville community, too. The store has provided products and services to the Northville Historical Society, Beautification Commission, Allen Terrace, and various City and Township work for many years.

Seaman was a painter and paper hanger for more than 20 years and both of his assistants have painting experience as well.

Retail customers and contractors can always find a friendly staff member to help. That's what separates Decorating by Dan from the competition.

Decorating By Dan is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

— By John R. Hall

Offering quality bikes and expertise

SOUTH LYON CYCLE

BIKES - PARTS - ACCESSORIES - SALES - SERVICE



Mark, left, and Gary offer quality bikes, one-day repair service, tune-ups and more at South Lyon Cycle.

South Lyon Cycle

(248) 437-0500 • www.southlyoncycle.com

As the owners and operators of South Lyon Cycle, the Childs brothers are devoted to bikes.

South Lyon Cycle stocks a large selection of bicycles at great values. Mountain, Comfort, Hybrid, Road Cruiser, Recumbent, BMX, Freestyle, and Juvenile bicycles from top brands including: Trek, Gary Fisher, Giant, Electra, Townie, Haro and G.T. are offered with expert assembly of all bikes.

Bikes are offered in a variety of sizes including 12-inch, 16-inch, 20-inch and 24-inch wheel bikes for children as well as adult models in many frames and sizes.

Customers are sold a bike that meets their needs with proper fit for comfort and safety emphasized.

Helmets are recommended and correct sizing and fit for safety and comfort is free.

South Lyon Cycle offers an extensive parts inventory and popular accessories —

including trailers, pedal trailers, child carriers, bike carriers and women's and men's gel comfort saddles. Crocs footwear and Life is good casual wear are also now in stock.

One-day repair service is available on all brands. Tune-ups are a specialty for better performance and safety of any bike.

South Lyon Cycle sponsors two charitable events — The American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure and The Multiple Sclerosis Society MS 150.

South Lyon Cycle is located in downtown South Lyon at 209 S. Lafayette (Pontiac Trail), two blocks south of Ten Mile — minutes from Island Lake State Recreation area, Kensington Metropark, Maybury State Park, the Huron Valley Trail System and South Lyon's Rail Trail.

South Lyon Cycle has been serving area cyclists since 1994. Their hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bell's Landscape Services, Inc.

(248) 486-0960 • www.bellslandscape.com

When you think of Bell's Landscape Services, Inc. you have to think out of the flowerbox.

Bell's delivers more services, more creativity and more customer satisfaction than any other in the business. Some of the outstanding services you can expect from Bell's include nearly every aspect of your home or business landscape, including landscape designs, decks, gazebos, brick-paver walks and patios, landscape lighting, retaining walls, sod, hydro-seeding, sprinklers and much more.

Business owners can turn to Bell's for those and additional services, including parking lot sweep-

ing, tree and shrub pruning, spring and fall cleanups and snow removal. As their ad says, "Complete ground maintenance services."

Owner Mike Bell applies his 30 years of experience and personal pride to each project his company is awarded. Recognizing his creativity, functionality, quality of plants and original designs over the years, the Michigan Green Industry Association has bestowed Bell's Landscape Services with seven plaques of commemoration. A good reason for this is that the Bell's Landscaping crew of nearly 20 workers, not subcontractors, will go to a job site and work until it is completed using the best in class materi-

als and plants.

Customers appreciate that consistency. Their constant referral business back to Bell's Landscape Services validates their satisfaction.

"About 70 percent of our business comes from our customers sending us referrals," noted Mike.

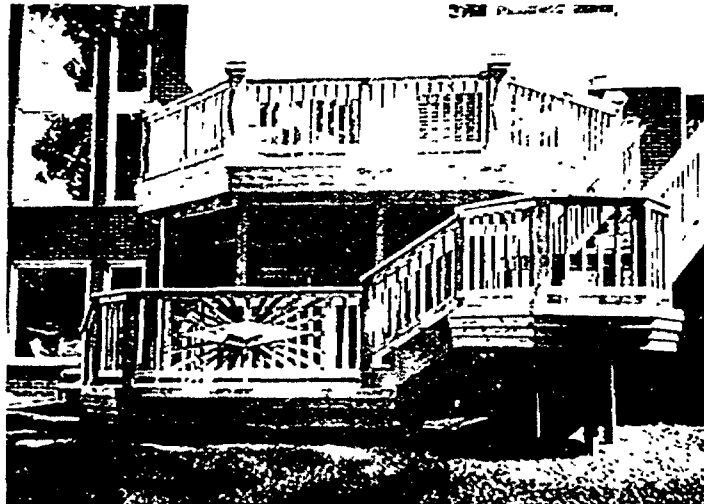
Some clients have a history of business lasting more than 25 years. Customer satisfaction and loyalty starts the moment you call the office to make an appointment with the sales staff. Bell's makes sure you are happy by offering a one-year warranty on most projects. They check each project six months after completion and then return on the one-year anniversary to give a final walk-through.

"Your landscaping is like the icing on a cake," Mike added, "do your homework and make a 10-year projection plan. If you don't, you will be unhappy and possibly pulling plants in a few years. A good design keeps that from happening."

When you get a landscape design, which acts as a blueprint for the project, you'll have the peace of mind knowing the right plants were chosen for your living conditions, the colors and blooms will accent your exterior year round, the amount of maintenance required will be explained and agreed upon and the price will never be a surprise.

As a caution Mike added, "Be careful when comparing landscape bids. Plant size and the number of plants can alter the price of a project."

The lesson here is to remember



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Fabulous decks, paver walls, gardens, and landscaping are a few of the many services Bell's Landscape offers to beautify homes and businesses.

that when you compare bids and the prices, make sure they are exactly identical including materials, type and number of plants.

As Mike put it, when the job is all done, "Did the company meet your expectations?"

Bell's Landscape Services will, and is counting on it, because they want your referral business.

Call their office at (248) 486-0960 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit www.bellslandscape.com.



Offering generations of expertise



Photos by JOHN HALL

The family of Orin Jewelers includes, from left, Orin Mazzoni Jr., Orin Mazzoni III, Gina Mazzoni, Carole Urban and Joshua Summers.

Orin Jewelers

(248) 349-6940 • www.orinjewelers.com

It has become an institution in the Northville community on the northeast corner of Main and Center streets. But it is not just the location of Orin Jewelers that makes it special — it's the people inside and the quality products they sell.

For 73 years Orin Jewelers has served the Northville and Garden City communities. Orin Mazzoni Sr. began the tradition and it has been handed down to Orin Mazzoni Jr. and to the present day manager of the Northville store, Orin Mazzoni III.

"My grandfather was always a people person," said Mazzoni. "We are the same way today."

Not only has the business been owned and managed by the family, but there are also five family members that work at Orin Jewelers. Many have been in the business for years and have become familiar faces in Northville.

"Customers will always see the same friendly people when they come in to visit," Mazzoni added.

And it takes more than just a friendly face to sell jewelry — it takes experience, too. Mazzoni and his sister, Gina, had to spend a rigorous six months training to become graduate gemologists. Mazzoni said that his company has more titleholders than any jewelry store in Michigan, but he and his staff never use their knowledge to tell a customer what to buy — that's an important point.

"We act as teachers," he said. "We are not looking to make a one-time sale. We are looking to form a relationship. We want our customers to make an informed decision."

"We want people to know what makes a diamond expensive or inexpensive, how it is affected by the four c's — color, clarity, carat weight, cut. And we added a fifth c — confidence in our business."

Orin Jewelers only carries the finest quality products. If

"We are looking to form a relationship. We want our customers to make an informed decision."

— Orin Mazzoni III
Orin Jewelers

they receive any product that doesn't pass their quality standards, it never makes it to the sales floor.

The store carries a wide variety of products, many which do not carry the high price tag of a high-end product. Customers can buy gifts in the \$25 to \$50 range as well as the \$1,000 to \$5,000 range.

Mazzoni said that his company goes to great lengths to check the origins of its diamonds, to ensure the highest quality and integrity. "We have to know where the diamonds come from and have built relationships with diamond suppliers over the years to provide the highest standards of the finished diamonds," he said.

"The cut of the diamond is the most important part. It can make a perfect diamond look terrible and a sub par diamond look extraordinary. Diamonds out of the ground are not beautiful at all — it is what a human can do cutting it that makes it special."

Speaking of special, being a family business means being honest, having integrity and selling quality products. Those are not just words at Orin Jewelers.

"We spend the most time and money to make sure these things happen," added Mazzoni.

For more information on Orin Jewelers, including products and store hours, visit www.orinjewelers.com.



Orin Mazzoni III and his sister Gina combine years of experience with their title of graduate gemologists to bring their customers the finest products from their landmark store, located at the corner of Main and Center streets in downtown Northville.

Integrity and creativity in renovations



Photo by HAL GOULD

New Hudson builder Jim Seghi has developed a proven track record during his 31 years in the remodeling industry.

Jim Seghi

(248) 437-2454

www.jimseghirenovations.com

Trust, reliability and pride in workmanship. You can't buy it off the shelf and you won't find it listed in the yellow pages. Trust and reliability are a huge reason Jim Seghi Renovations continues to receive so many referrals and repeat customers.

"I'd be willing to guess about 80 percent of my business is referral," said owner, Jim Seghi.

The New Hudson builder has developed a proven track record during his 31 years in the remodeling industry. Even in a tough economy his business continues to thrive. Seghi believes one reason is that people have become more selective. Solid in his skills and reputation, he's not afraid of the competition he calls "hack and whack." With so much at stake, there's no comparing apples to apples, he reminds.

"I don't bid against the other guy. I focus on doing the job," he explained.

Value and vision

In addition to trust and reliability, another gift Seghi can offer is vision. Becoming more finely honed throughout the years, he sees potential in every project. One of the ways he continues to develop his creativity is by observation.

"I'm always looking around. If I see something I like I'll stop and take a picture. I may be talented, but I'm not afraid to copy or use a good idea that I see." It's also useful in blending a remodel with the surrounding neighborhood.

Experience has taught him to think two steps ahead. Often this eliminates most crises during renovation, preventing potential problems and extra costs.

Being up front with customers also keeps their working relationship running smoothly. "I tell my customers up front any remodel is going to be an interruption of your home. If you just look to the future when the dust

settles, you'll be happy," Seghi said.

Man's best friend

They're large and lovable — even if they bark and shed. Pam Coonfer's three dogs are an important part of her life. So when it came to choosing a contractor for her Farmington Hills home, Coonfer was impressed with the way Seghi interacted with her pets. After all, he would be spending a lot of time with them while she was at work.

"Some people may think it's silly, but it's important how they interact with my dogs, they're going to be there all day. Animals can be a very good judge of character."

It turns out they are. For those and so many other reasons, she's already referred Seghi to several friends and will continue to do so.

"I trust his honesty and integrity completely," Coonfer said. Instead of dreading the renovation, she said it was a positive experience.

Bring a challenge

Have an unusual idea? Seghi's built many unique and creative projects along the way. One of his biggest leaps of faith included building a baptismal font for the Holy Innocents Church in Roseville with his father-in-law.

The octagon shaped font was built from wood and ceramic tiled. Both his children were later baptized there.

Renovations are more practical than ever. Why not upgrade your current home instead of the large financial outlay and headache of building new.

For a new look to your home, call Jim Seghi at (248) 437-2454, serving the Metro Detroit area. Seghi is a fully insured and licensed builder.

— By Annette Jaworski

"I don't bid against the other guy. I focus on doing the job."

— Jim Seghi,
Builder/remodeler



Ron Jackson Landscape Solutions, Inc.

(248) 349-4950 • (248) 486-8992

Ron Jackson has been seeing it more and more the past few years than any other time in his 46 years in the business: People are sticking closer to home to enjoy their precious leisure time, and they want their home and yard to be pleasant to relax in.

"But the yard is overgrown, or just not pleasing to look at," Jackson said. "Usually the landscape is just out of date but the homeowner doesn't have the time or talent to make it better."

A landscape makeover is in order and Ron Jackson Landscape Solutions, Inc. is the company to make it happen.

Jackson takes the existing landscape and freshens it up, from trimming back shrubs and replenishing stone or bark, to installing a completely new landscape. Jackson can also update walkways with brick, add outdoor entertainment areas and install landscape lighting.

"Lighting not only lets people enjoy their landscaping at night, but increases home security," Jackson added.

A landscape makeover need not be extensive to achieve the desired look, Jackson added. Most people simply have overgrown plantings.

"We can salvage some of what's there and pull out what can't be saved and achieve a fresh look," Jackson explained. "Just adding a few new things can give a whole new look which improves the value of your home."

In this tight real estate market, even a modest landscape makeover will make a big difference in a seller's curb appeal.



"That first look a potential buyer gets when they pull up to the house will either excite them or turn them away," Jackson cautioned. "You don't want tired landscape to ruin the deal on a great house."

Plus, an updated front yard is a great welcome home greeting for homeowners.

Whether refreshing the landscape, replacing old shrubs or adding a walkway or patio, Jackson pointed out that makeovers are less expensive than an entire new landscape. Jackson staff meet with the customer, find

Ron Jackson Landscape Solutions, Inc. updated the outside of this older Farmington Hills home, pictured above, by replacing the narrow concrete walk with a wider brick walkway, and replacing overgrown plants with new landscape plants.

On the right, the same house before the landscape makeover.



Submitted photos

out what it is they want to accomplish and then present a plan to fit their needs and budget.

Mention this article to Jackson Landscaping Solutions, Inc. and receive \$250 off any purchase of

\$2,500 or more, and enjoy your great outdoors again.

— By Cynthia Grochowski

When selecting the perfect wine is important, visit By the Bottle in Novi

By the Bottle

(248) 344-8992 • www.bythebottlenovi.com

For wine lovers who prefer an experience rather than a purchase, a visit to By the Bottle on Novi Road in Novi is a must.

Owners Eric Gettel and Joy Beatty have turned something they enjoy into a unique retail shop, combining 1,000 wines from around the world with a compliment of food items and bar utensils.

"Small wine shops are becoming one of the hottest trends in wine retailing," said

Gettel. "Wine consumption is one the rise, too."

Gettel feels that his store fills a void in the Novi area for customers who are looking to learn more about wines and what they truly enjoy, which does not come from buying a bottle from a large retailer or party store.

"We talk with customers about what they want," he added. "And the more people experience wine, the more curious they become and want to discover it."

Beatty said that choosing a condiment such as barbecue sauces and mustard can be just as important as choosing the right wine for any occasion.

"For example," she said, "customers will ask about what different mustards go with certain food dishes."

Whether it is wine or food, By the Bottle believes in the personal one-on-one rela-

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— Eric Gettel
By the Bottle



Photos by JOHN HALL

Joy Beatty and Eric Gettel, owners of By the Bottle in Novi, turned their love of wine into a thriving retail store.

tionship with customers.

"Customers appreciate it when Eric will remember what they bought the last time they came into the store," Beatty said.

Some of the services offered at By the Bottle include an e-mail newsletter which they send to customers, volume discounts on case and half-case wine purchases, in-

home wine tasting parties, and special orders for hard-to-find wines.

Store hours for By the Bottle, located south of Grand River Avenue at 25878 Novi Road, Suite 5, in Novi, are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Stop by today.

— By John R. Hall



Owner Eric Gettel, left, talks about wines with a customer. By the Bottle prides itself on personal, one-on-one attention.

Enjoy the benefits of service by the most educated team in Novi at Salon Agape

Salon Agape

(248) 735-1584 • www.salonagape.com

At Salon Agape on Main Street in Novi, customers have learned to expect the latest in hair styling and cosmetics from a well-trained and friendly staff.

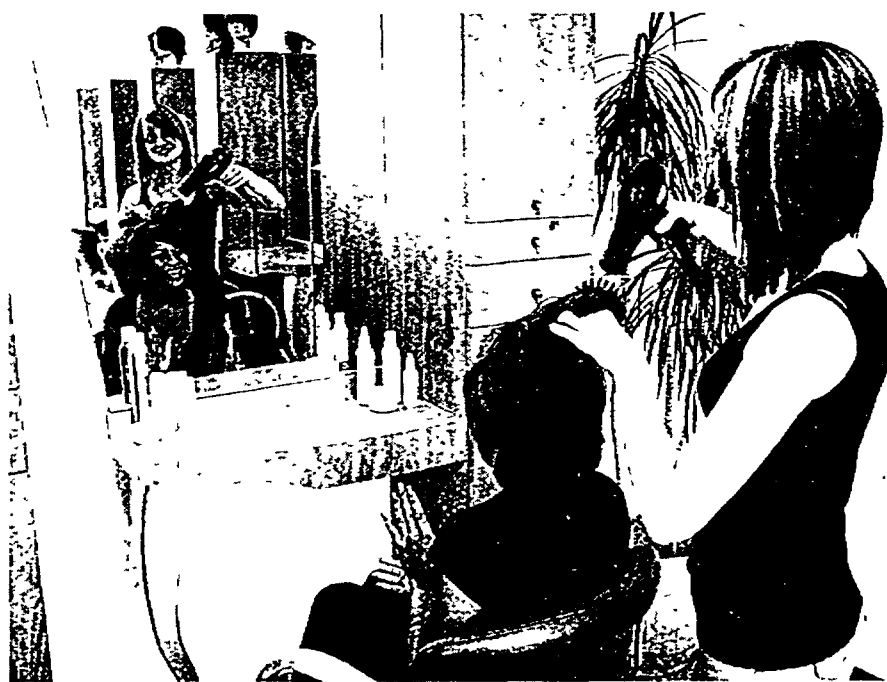
That's the intent of co-owners Marilyn and Gina Sullius.

"We have the most educated team in Novi," said Gina.

She's right. The staff spends hours in training with some of the leading stylists in the

business. Four staffers recently returned from Cleveland where they worked with Aveda professionals. Aveda manufactures a line of environmentally friendly hair and skin care products. It is the only brand of products that Salon Agape sells and Aveda products are used for all salon and spa services.

But staffers don't keep their product knowledge to themselves. They pass their knowledge on to their customers, many of whom they have served since Salon Agape



Photos by JOHN HALL

Dana Necci, right, demonstrates some styling techniques with fellow staffer Kimberly Chenevert.



Kimberly Chenevert, left, gets a special massage from fellow staffer Dana Necci.

opened six years ago. A seasonal newsletter keeps regulars informed of what is happening, too.

Customers learn about trends such as loose, textured waves and curls, sleek, shiny hair, and which style to choose depending on hair color.

And here is something with an unusual twist — a facial for the hair. The new concept from Aveda is a holistic approach to treating the hair and scalp, using an in-salon treatment. The treatment includes scalp, neck, and shoulder massage, sensory journey, stress-relieving shampoo and hand massage to provide the "ultimate hair spa experience."

New developments in skin care include

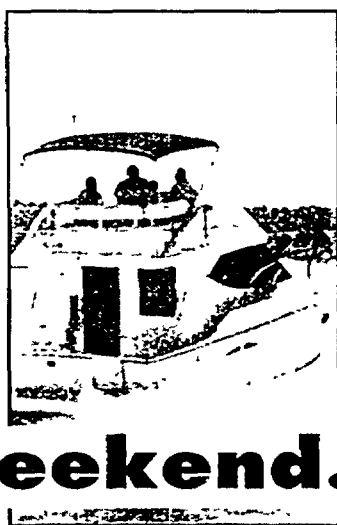
the Aveda outer peace acne relief which has a 92 percent success rate after just four weeks. And speaking of skin care, male visitors to Salon Agape get a free mini-facial with each haircut.

But beyond the latest trends and products, Salon Agape is known for its customer service. Customers often turn in survey cards to let the staff know how much they enjoy coming in; and they are welcome to make suggestions, too.

Salon coordinator Kimberly Chenevert said, "We want to know if a customer is satisfied because we always want to get better."

Salon Agape is located at 43155 Main St., in Novi. Visit www.salonagape.com for more information.

— By John R. Hall



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Main Dish Kitchen office manager Carmen Decker, left, and owner Lisa Guertin proudly offer a "Meals With a Mission" charity program.

Main Dish Kitchen

(248) 348-9900 • www.maindishkitchen.com

Do you love the idea of a traditional family dinner with a delicious and nutritious meal, but don't have the time to make it?

Then it's time to discover Main Dish Kitchen located at 24277 Novi Road, in Novi's Pine Ridge Center plaza. This kitchen features a state-of-the-art facility where guests can choose from 14 different entrees each month, and make 12 in less than two hours (or six in one hour) with each meal serving four to six people! When guests leave Main Dish Kitchen, they have ready-to-cook dishes for an entire month.

There are multiple stations in the kitchen, equipped with gadgets, ingredients, and easy to follow instructions. Guests may tweak the recipe to their own nutritional needs and entrees can be split to serve two to three people, too. Pans and freezer bags are included with each dish for easy carrying and storage.

Main Dish Kitchen owner Lisa Guertin said the concept "allows people to spend more time

with their families."

The pricing is very economical and promotes healthy and delicious dining. Some of the favorite entrees include Cherry Pine Nut Pork and Mrs. Cleaver's Meatloaf.

Getting started at Main Dish Kitchen is as easy as visiting their Web site at www.maindishkitchen.com. By utilizing the portal, guests are able to sign-up for sessions, view monthly menus and read about any promotions that might be happening!

Through Main Dish Kitchen's "Meals With A Mission" program, they have been able to donate more than 700 meals since the kitchen's opening in January. They help those in need by giving them what they need most—food.

"Our charities are very important to us," said office manager Carmen Decker. "So many people need help."

So put away the dishes and stop reading your cookbooks — dinnertime's a snap at Main Dish Kitchen.

Pilates helps all ages and abilities get fit

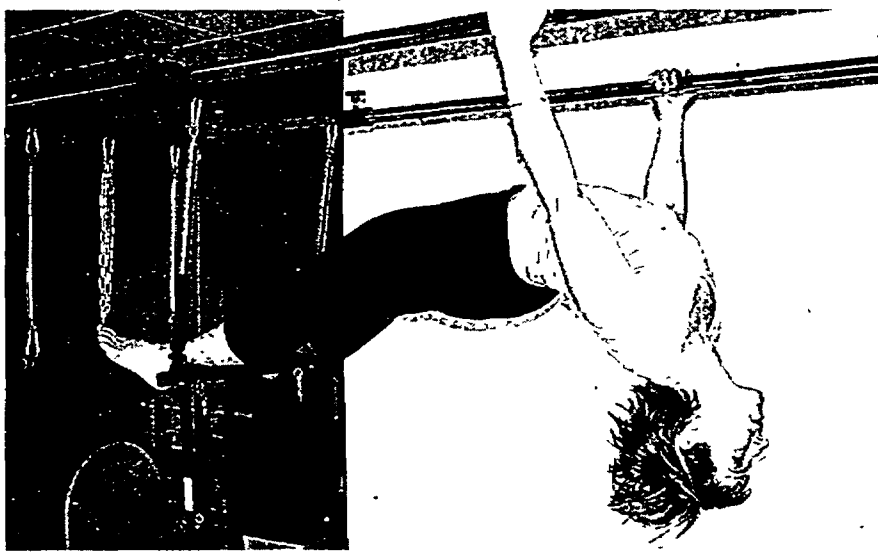


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Poise Pilates co-owner Heidi Malzahn demonstrates a training exercise featuring the trapeze table, the same equipment designed by Pilates' inventor Joseph Pilates.

Poise Pilates

(248) 349-3100 • www.poise-pilates.com

People of all ages are learning the benefits of physical training with the Pilates Method. Pilates is a system of full body strength training exercises which focus on the deep muscles of the core while increasing flexibility throughout the body. The training has been available to members of the Northville community since 2001 at Poise Pilates, co-owned by Heidi Malzahn and Susan Steinke.

Pilates' appeal to all age groups continues to grow as people learn more about The Method, which was developed by Joseph Pilates in the 1920s. Pilates dedicated his life to helping himself and others overcome physical weakness and faulty posture through his exercise system. Malzahn's students range in age from 15-91 years of age, some of whom are physical therapy clients at the studio.

"We are able to provide physical therapy to clients with a doctor's prescription. We also get many clients who have finished physical therapy due to illness or injury, and work with them to

develop customized training," Malzahn said. Her staff of eight includes a licensed physical therapist. Because the Pilates Method includes over 500 exercises of widely varying difficulty, Pilates can be practiced by nearly anyone, regardless of their current physical condition.

Malzahn began practicing Pilates 10 years ago and has noticed dramatic changes in her own body. She can pass on improved posture, long lean strong muscles, better flexibility and reduced lower back pain to her clients. She is a Certified Pilates Teacher through Core Dynamics Pilates, taught by Master Pilates Teachers Michele Larsson and Margarette Raymond. Poise Pilates is a fully equipped studio located at 186 E. Main St., in downtown Northville. The staff of instructors conduct private and small group sessions by appointment. Prices range from \$20 to \$75 per hour. The 90-minute initial private session for \$25 is the best way to start. The staff recommends two to three sessions per week to achieve maximum benefit.



Second and third generation owners — Edward Erwin and nephew Bill — are proud to carry on the family tradition at Erwin Orchards.



Photos by JOHN R. HALL

The Erwin Orchards management team, pictured amongst the apple trees, includes, from left, Bill Erwin, Edward Erwin, Linda Erwin and Bill Emery.

Erwin Orchards

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The familiar sight on the corner of Pontiac Trail and Silver Lake Road will once again attract many loyal, existing customers as well as many more new ones who will experience fourteen varieties of u-pick apples, pure unpasteurized apple cider, famous apple spice and pumpkin donuts and amusements for kids of all ages.

What sight is this? Why, Erwin Orchards, of course. The local attraction has only been in business since 1920 when James N. Erwin planted his first tree. His son Edward and grandson Bill have carried on the business.

Bill and wife Linda, along with partner

Bill Emery, are now managing the 200 acres of fruit with state of the art technology. Edward Erwin, though semi-retired, assists with the general farm operations and serves as their technical consultant.

Still a family destination 86 years later, the farm continues to add new delights to the popular business.

Forget the fact that the Erwin's apple cider has been voted the finest in Michigan for four years in a row—the great taste is a given. The mill also features caramel apples, Queen's Apple Sundaes, Kimberly's Crumie Pies (frozen apple), fall decorating items and much more.

This year several more cash register sta-

tions have been added and the staff has been increased to help customers and keep the lines flowing at a smoother and quicker pace.

Linda Erwin said she is giving a beautiful apple pin to people who bring in their favorite recipes using apples, raspberries, cherries and pumpkins. (It's no coincidence that these are the same products grown at Erwin Orchards). Some of these yummy recipes may be added to their Web site.

There are many things happening, both established and new, this fall.

One of the unique events will take place on Oct. 15 when the award winning South Lyon High School Pride of Lions Marching

Band, directed by Stephen M. Cross, will perform from 1-2 p.m. Afterward, as a fundraiser to help cover future travel expenses, band members will pick apples to fill advance orders.

Groups can plan a special tour Monday through Friday where participants may pick apples, pumpkins, go through one of the Haunted Barns and enjoy the large play area.

For further information and money-saving coupons visit www.erwinorchards.com.

The Erwin and Emery families want to thank their customers for making Erwin Orchards a family tradition and look forward to seeing everyone again this season.

Personalized and customized patient care



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Grateful patient Aynne Zazas is arm in arm with physical therapist/owner Dennis Engerer in Engerer's Northville center.

Northville Physical Rehabilitation (248) 349-9339 • www.northvillephysicalrehab.com

With five physical therapists, an athletic trainer and several assistants, Northville Physical Rehabilitation is the local haven for physical therapy in Northville.

Owner and physical therapist — trained at Wayne State University and Oakland University — Dennis Engerer, has a unique perspective and ability to tailor physical therapy to a patient's needs. "Our strength, and our emphasis is that we provide real personal care," he said. "We give people a lot of one-on-one, hands on care. That's what physical therapy is."

"People don't want to go somewhere where they're going to be just a number and be given some canned program," Engerer continued. "We spend a lot of time with people to come up with a personal treatment plan that's designed specifically for their diagnosis, and their own personal expectations."

Through their stringent training, the physical therapists under Engerer's charge evaluate

each patient and their diagnosis and then consult with their personal doctors, before beginning any treatment. Because of their training, their understanding of the correlation between the physical ailments outlined by doctors' diagnoses and the physics and structure of the body, the treatment at Northville Physical Rehabilitation results in extremely personalized and customized patient care.

In a "huge endorsement, patient Aynne Zazas — shown in the photograph with Engerer, said — "Dennis changed my life. I broke my arm and came here for physical therapy and at first I could only lift my arm up about two inches." After Engerer's treatments, Zazas proudly raises her arm above her head.

"See!" she said, beaming.

Northville Physical Rehabilitation, PC is located at 215 E. Main St., Suite B, in Northville.

— By Paul Martin

Ease pain with a visit to Northville Podiatry



Photo by PAUL MARTIN

"Dr. Alan" Bloch of Northville Podiatry fits his office manager, Judi Latimer, for an orthotic to ease her heel pain.

Northville Podiatry (248) 449-7156

Alan Bloch, D.P.M., is Northville's connection to the latest and most effective podiatric care available.

Dr. Alan is board certified as a podiatric surgeon by both the American Board of Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine, and the American Board of Podiatric Surgery, as well as being a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgery. He is affiliated with many area hospitals, including Providence, Botsford, and The Detroit Medical Center's Sinai Grace and Sinai Huron Valley.

He brings his immense knowledge and training to Northville residents, giving them the opportunity for state of the art healing techniques, practiced right here, locally.

"I work very closely with the family doctor in helping to treat the patient," Bloch says.

"We may find out somebody is diabetic before somebody else, because they have problems with circulation, or numbness and tingling in their feet," he continues. "A lot of people go

straight to a specialist without consulting their family doctor. But it's important that patients have a family doctor."

Dr. Alan emphasizes that there are a number of diagnoses which effect the feet, including diabetes, high blood pressure, and the danger created by in-grown toe nails.

"I do in-office surgeries, such as nails and warts and treat diabetic foot ulcers. I have access to the latest technology — for instance, Pulse Dye Laser for chronic warts," he adds.

Bloch also fits orthotics for flat feet, heel and joint pain.

"We take patients by appointment and also try to accommodate any walk-ins," Bloch says.

Dr. Alan has regularly participated in the Northville Victorian Festival first aid booth.

Northville Podiatry is located at 215 E. Main Street, Suite A, in Northville.

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— By Paul Martin

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Making visiting the doctor stress free



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Main Street Family Medicine includes, from left, Chris McGrew, physician's assistant, Nathan Bloch, DO, Vijaya Mamidipaka, MD, and Jason Postula-Stein, MD

Main Street Family Medicine (248) 348-1131

Main Street Family Medicine is an apt name for the group of doctors serving the local community in the bright, modern offices on Main Street in Northville.

Here are health-care providers who treat each other like family. And that spirit of connection, commitment to each other and to medicine, and their obvious joy of being a part of this medical family practice, together, spills over to their patients in every real way.

Nathan Bloch, DO, revels in the fact that the two other doctors in this Main Street Practice are MDs. Drs. Vijaya Mamidipaka and Jason Postula-Stein. With the addition of Physician's Assistant Chris McGrew, this complement of health care providers covers a huge spectrum of experience and resources, giving and sharing their expertise among themselves at every opportunity for the benefit of their patients.

"As family doctors we can take care of everyone, from pediatrics to geriatrics," Bloch said. "The one thing we have in our profession is the

ability to specialize within the discipline of family medicine."

"We know what we're doing. We are at the forefront of cardiac advancements; we've learned all about the disorders," Bloch said. "And, by taking students and having to train them, we have to keep up to date in order to keep them up to date."

With the array of state of the art equipment at their disposal in house, and the easy, immediate communication possible between each other, Main Street Family Medicine patients find themselves in truly excellent hands.

With constant consultation amongst each other, the emphasis on patient comfort, and the guarantee that doctors will see any patient who calls before 10 a.m. and work to accommodate walk-ins, Bloch compares the office to that of a high-tech Marcus Welby.

Main Street Family Medicine is located at 215 Main St., Suite A, in Northville.

By Paul Martin



Submitted Photos

Drs. Todd and Howard Adelson specialize in comprehensive surgical ophthalmology — handling everything from cataract surgery to annual eye exams.

Adelson Eye and Laser Center

(248) 449-9292 • www.adelsoneye.com

Dr. Howard Adelson and his brother, Dr. Todd Adelson, have brought leading edge technology, along with personalized world-class medical and surgical eye care to Northville.

Both doctors are medical and surgical ophthalmologists who are fellowship trained in laser vision correction and advanced cataract surgery. Having such expertise and experience in the same office is truly unique for a Michigan ophthalmology practice.

"We specialize in comprehensive surgical and medical ophthalmology," Dr. Howard Adelson said.

The Adelson's only utilize the latest technology for the best results anywhere. The doctors have performed thousands of successful advanced no-stitch, no-shot, quick-recovery cataract surgical procedures.

They also specialize in refractive surgery and other types of procedures which are performed to allow patients to function without glasses and contact lenses. Whether it be with laser technology, with implantable contact lenses or with the recently FDA approved multifocal implants, they do it all.

"It's a really exciting time to be in ophthalmology because the technology is growing exponentially and we have so many options for our patients," Dr. Todd Adelson said.

The Adelson's also perform special types of surgery to get rid of reading glasses — like Conductive Keratoplasty to gently reshape the cornea and allow patients over the age of 40 to read again without glasses.

It is advantageous for patients to have two doctors trained in the same area of expertise because there will always be an equally accomplished, equally qualified ophthalmologist available at the Center.

Lasik eye surgery, for laser vision correction is also available at the Center and is a world-class addition to their arsenal, Dr. Howard Adelson said, "We are now utilizing some of the latest technology in the world. We're using the VISX STAR S4 laser. Now, for the very first time, we have the availability



Dr. Howard Adelson, above, and his brother, Dr. Todd Adelson, at right, bring leading-edge technology and personalized eye care to Northville.

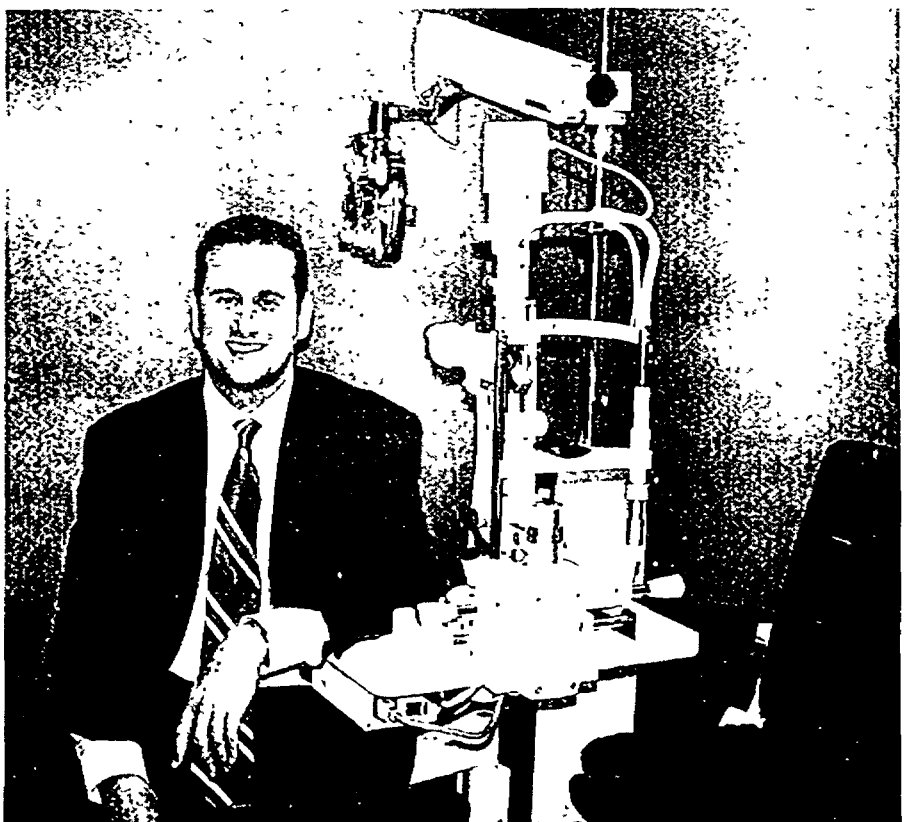
of what's called 'Iris Recognition'. Using this new technology, the laser scans the human iris using many different topographic reference points to calculate the exact position of the eye. This technology is especially important for the correction of astigmatism with laser eye surgery.

Once the mapping of the iris is complete, the computer and laser act to allow exact pinpointing of the patient's eye positioning and treatment. The laser can then correct for several degrees of eye rotation during the actual treatment ensuring a better result for the patient.

"This is amazing," Dr. Howard Adelson said. "It gives patients incredible results."

This laser technology is similar to that employed on the Hubbell Telescope and is 25 times more accurate than other laser technology. The Adelson's warn against less-expensive technology.

"We would never consider using anything but the best here," Dr. Todd Adelson said.



All preoperative and postoperative eye care is performed in the office.

"It is extremely important to us that our patients have thorough eye care throughout the entire surgical process," Dr. Howard Adelson said.

Both doctors are on staff at several area hospitals, including Providence, Huron Valley, Detroit Medical Centers, Henry Ford, Oakwood and Botsford. They are involved with Eye Care America providing free medical and surgical eye care to the needy. The doctors lecture both locally and nationally to help

increase eye-health consciousness.

The clinic is also actively involved in helping to train other health-care professionals in the field of ophthalmology. Even more exciting, they have very creative ways of making many procedures, such as laser eye surgery, very affordable through no-interest financing.

Adelson Eye and Laser Center is located at 215 E. Main St., Suite 202, in Northville. They are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and on the weekends by appointment for emergency procedures. Learn more about the office at www.adelsoneye.com.

Treating pets like members of the family

Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic

(248) 349-2598

Today, most people consider their pets as part of the family and want them to have the best care and treatment available.

Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic in Northville provides the same caring, personal treatment for family pets today as it has done for more than 30 years.

"We treat our clients and their pets as family," said Carol Geake, DVM, owner of Hidden Spring Vet Clinic.

Dr. Geake started the business 35 years ago in a small office on Fight Mile just west of Beck Road in Northville. Today, the practice

operates out of a large modern facility opened five years ago at the same rural, yet convenient location.

"I am proud of our entire staff. They make a serious difference in the lives of so many pets and their owners," said Janet Talbot, manager of the veterinary practice. "We get attached to the pets we treat and feel the heartbreak whenever a person or family loses a pet."

Some vet practices send sympathy cards to clients who have lost a pet, but the people at Hidden Spring go one step beyond that gesture.

"We make a paw print of the deceased pet in clay as a personal memento for clients to remember their pets and give it to them in addition to a sympathy card," Talbot said.

The Hidden Spring practice also operates a pet adoption service in an effort to find good homes for healthy cats. Though space is limited, the practice currently has three cats for adoption, Talbot said.

The Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic recently initiated a "twice a year for life" care plan to help increase the lifespan of pets. The practice has found that increasing



Photos by DUANE RAMSEY

Danielle Schreckengost, assistant manager of the practice, works on training her dog, Dusty, with Rachel Nasser, receptionist, in the front yard of veterinary office.



Xuan Mai Vo, DVM, prepares to examine a slide on the microscope while Katie Bell, a technician, works with a canine patient named Nala.



Liz Tobin, lead technician, checks on the cats up for adoption in the reception area of the Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic.

examinations from once to twice a year helps educate owners and keep pets healthier.

Pets age much faster than humans, generally seven years to one, so it's important for pets to see the doctor more often. Bi-annual exams allow the vet to catch problems earlier which is especially important with senior pets.

The veterinary practice treats hundreds of cats, dogs, and other small animals and exotic pets. The clinic's staff now numbers 23 members, including veterinarians Cynthia Eichman, Kim Berrie, Barbara Scheffler and Xuan Mai Vo.

Two of the staff's technicians currently are pursuing advanced veterinary training. Katie Bell and Liz Tobin are enrolled in the veterinary technician program at Wayne County Community College. Both expect to graduate in June of 2007 and join three others on the

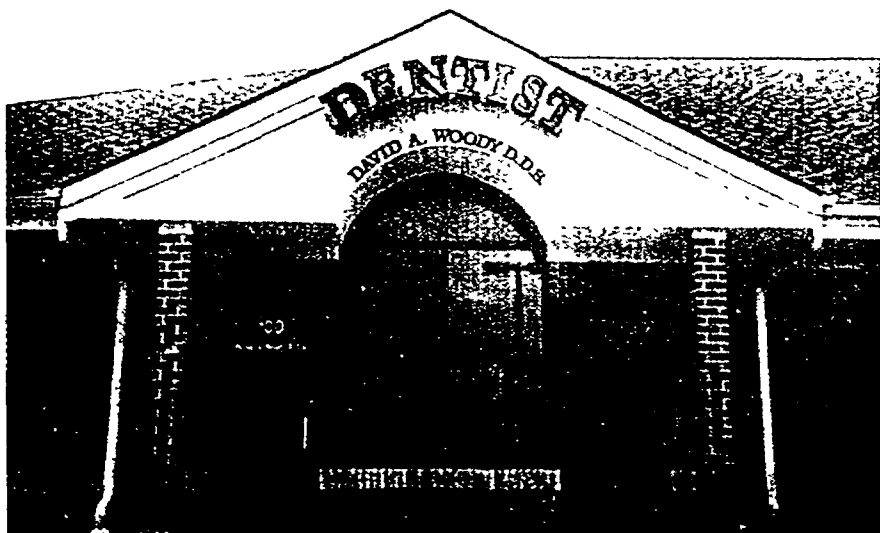
staff who are already licensed veterinary technicians.

"Although a license is not a requirement for working in all support positions in a veterinary clinic, we are pleased that these two team members have chosen to pursue the highest level of education and training in their profession," said Dr. Geake.

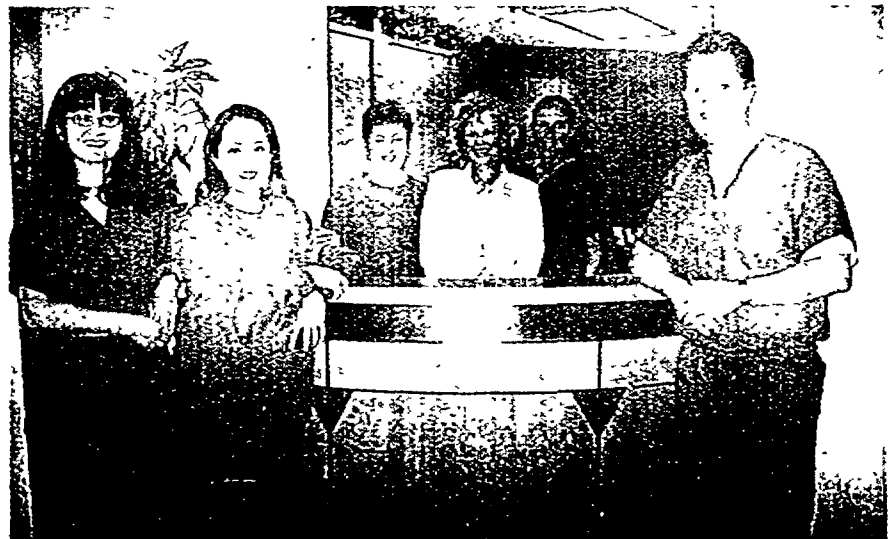
The owner is also proud that Hidden Spring has been voted as the best veterinary clinic each of the past five years in a local newspaper survey. She views it as a positive indication of client satisfaction.

The clinic is involved in the local communities as members of the Northville and Novi Chambers of Commerce. Its flower gardens and landscaping have often won local beautification commission awards.

By Duane Ramsey



The office of David A. Woody, DDS is located in the Grand Oaks Centre at 39885 Grand River Ave., Suite 100, just west of Haggerty Road in Novi.



Submitted Photo

The staff at David A. Woody, DDS includes, from left, Kathy, Erin, Maureen, Brenda, Kimberly and Dr. Woody.

David A. Woody, DDS

(248) 476-3800

David A. Woody, DDS, and staff invite you to join them at Grand Oaks Centre, Novi.

Conveniently located on the south side of Grand River, just west of Haggerty, this family-oriented local office is dedicated to quality care and friendly service.

Every effort has been made to provide for patient comfort. The décor is attractive and soothing.

Patient care rooms are discreetly appointed with a relaxing view through private windows.

CDs, DVD movies, and nitrous oxide sedation are available upon request.

The caring staff is intent on making you comfortable.

Dr. Woody has invested in the latest dental technology. Intraoral cameras and an interactive DVD system help explain treatment needs and options, a laser is used to help diagnose decay, and Air Abrasion can be used to remove decay without the need for numbing and drilling. A state-of-the-art sterilization system provides for your safety.

As a general practice, the office provides

a full-range of dental procedures, with an emphasis on preventive care and a special interest in cosmetic dentistry.

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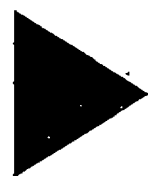
new ZOOM2! system, as seen on Extreme Makeover, will whiten teeth in one office visit.

Take-home kits, with custom trays and professional strength gels, are also available and are currently on sale.

Dr. David A. Woody is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, Michigan Dental Association, and Oakland County Dental Society.

A graduate of the University of Michigan Dental School, he and his family are long time residents of Novi.

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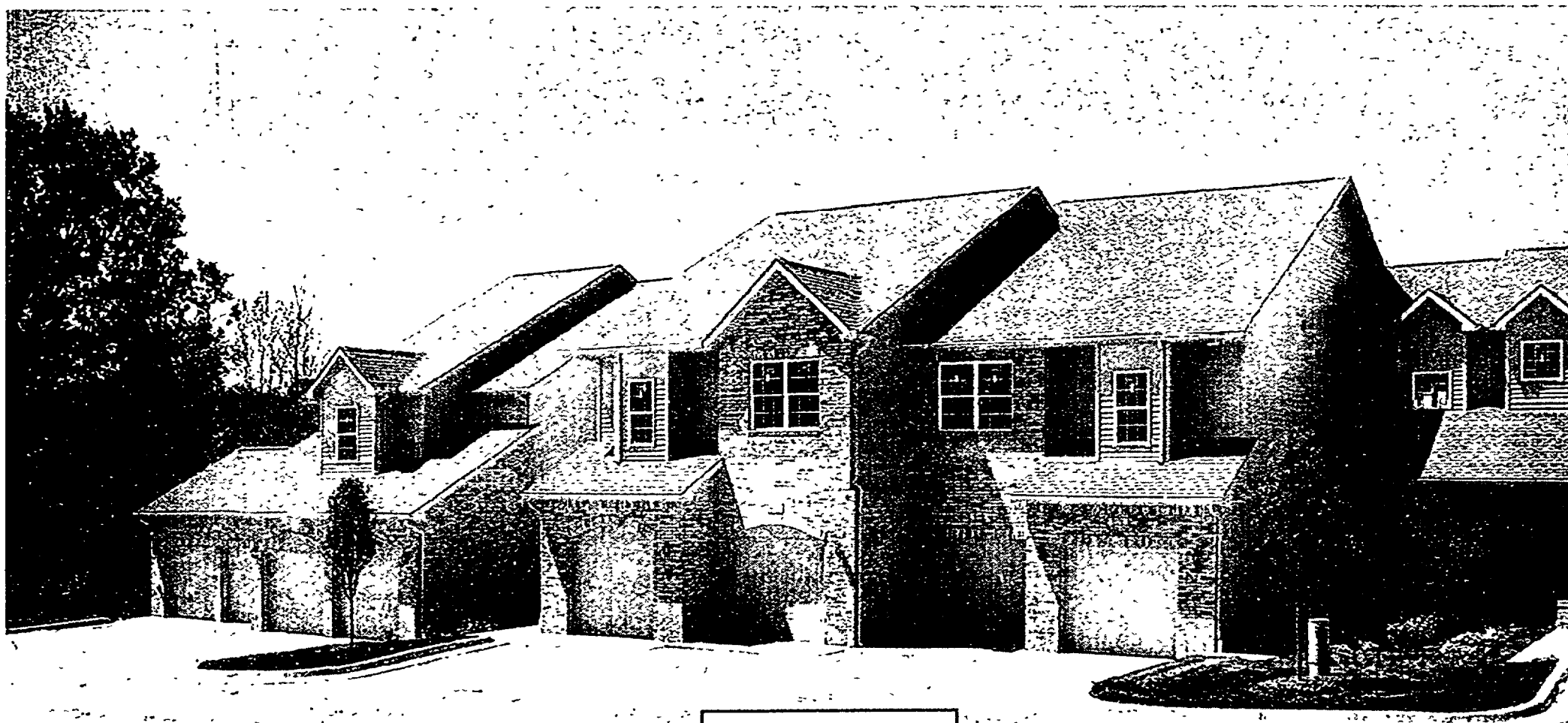
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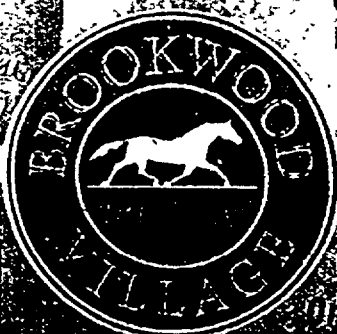
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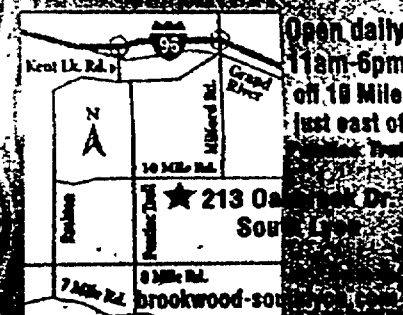
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CANTON 2 YEARS NEW. Builder upgraded to every room in this end unit condo. Open spacious layout w/ cath ceilings, upgraded carpet, baths, kitchen, & more. **\$189,900** (P-033AR)

CANTON PERFECT LOCATION. Carrington model featuring 2 story entry, dual staircases, cherry kitchen, hwd floors, Hearth Room, 3 car Garage, walking trails, & area pool. **\$459,900** (P-720DE)

CANTON REFRESHING. This ready to move in condo is in great shape & has plenty to offer. Large LR w/frpl, master w/bath, formal Dining, garage, deck, & bsmt. **\$159,900** (C-572HU)

CANTON WHAT A BEAUTY! 4 bd, 2.5 baths, cul de sac lot backing to woods & Ply/Canton schools, & more. You can't find better! **\$414,900** (P-755EC)

CANTON EYE CATCHING FEATURES. Newly constructed condo offering ceramic foyer, 1st floor laundry, autumn maple kitchen, master w/garden tub, treated deck & more. **\$214,900** (C-472GL)

CANTON INCREDIBLE FIND. 2 story home w/bright kitchen, new appl, new flooring, FR w/wetbar, updated furnace & CIA, & close to neighborhood park. **\$212,900** (P-474SA)

CANTON A RARE FIND. 3100+ sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial offers fresh paint, gourmet kitchen, hwd floors, Den, Master w/his & her WIC's & private sitting area. **\$379,000** (P-835PA)

CANTON GARDENER'S PARADISE. Soak up nature & sit w/friends on the newly stained deck or under one of the many shade trees. Updated kitchen, formal LR & DR, & many other updates. **\$239,900** (P-043UM)

CANTON MUST SEE. 3bd, 1.5 ba, updated kitchen, baths, roof, AC, windows, doors, carpet, gutters, & hwh, patio, sprinklers, & bsmt. **\$214,900** (P-8155C)

DEARBORN HEIGHTS GREAT STARTER. 3 bd ranch is perfect for 1st timers. Bsmt, garage, updated windows, flooring, electrical, gutters, & more. **\$99,900** (P-908ET)

CANTON NEW CONSTRUCTION. Beautiful floor plan, 1st floor bds, 2 car Garage w/private drive, premium lot, over 22k of upgrades. **\$234,900** (C-587ST)

DEARBORN HEIGHTS UPDATED RANCH. Brick ranch featuring 3 bd, remodeled bath, new furnace, A/C, Garage & cement, finished bsmt, & more. **\$142,900** (C-699PE)

CANTON AFFORDABLE RANCH. Many upgrades in this home inc roof, siding, Pergo, fresh paint, & Deck, partially finished bsmt, & 1 yr home warranty. **\$209,990** (P-645GR)

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ADORABLE HOME. 2 bd, 1 bath, full bsmt, 2 car Garage, across from park, Crestwood Schools, & priced to sell! **\$125,000** (P-031SI)

CANTON OPEN & SPACIOUS. 3 bd, 2 bath home w/newer Kitchen, oak flooring, ceramic Foyer, finished bsmt, updated windows, furnace, CIA, carpet, & a nice deck. **\$224,900** (P-122ST)

DEARBORN CHARMING. Low traffic location for this 3 bd, 2 bath home. Updated kitchen, Family Room, finished bsmt, 2.5 car Garage, updated t/o, shows beautifully. **\$174,000** (P-161NO)

CANTON EXQUISITE COLONIAL. Spacious 4 bd, 2.5 bath Pulte built home. Formal LR & DR, Kitchen w/nook & hwd, 2 tier stamped concrete Patio, & private wooded backyard. **\$342,000** (P-607TI)

DEXTER SCENIC POND VIEWS. 3 bd home set on a premium lot backing to scenic pond. Cherry cab's, master bath, daylight bsmt, formal living & dining. **\$299,900** (P-223BO)

CANTON SPACIOUS COLONIAL. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, formal living & dining, warm dcor, hwd floors, grand Foyer, Master w/bath, & a slate Patio. **\$299,900** (P-732PO)

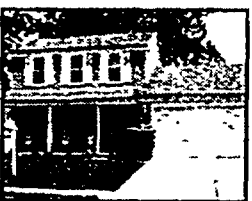
DEXTER TWP COUNTRY LIVING. 1600 sq ft ranch sitting on 10 rolling acres. 3 bd, 1 bath, living room w/frpl, Den, formal Dining, & 2 car Garage. **\$259,900** (P-718CO)



STUNNING LIVONIA CONDO! All the openness & elegance you could ask for. Hwd floors, cathedral ceiling, private covered bakony, spacious kitchen, & open floor plan. All appliances included. Call today! **\$139,900** (C-860FI)



HOME SWEET HOME. 2 story, all brick home w/3 bd, living room w/ frpl, updated kitchen, hwd floors, full basement, & 2 car Garage. Lots of character, don't miss out on this one! **\$161,900** (C-515RO)



CHARMING COLONIAL. Located in desirable Westland sub. This home features 3bd, 1.5 ba, partially finished, extended bsmt, some updated vinyl windows, updated A/C, Family Room w/frpl, & covered Patio off Kitchen. Quiet neighborhood. **\$194,100** (C-470BE)



BUILD HERE! Wooded, private, 10 acre parcel on a private road. Convenient Northfield Township location. Call for further details. **\$249,900** (P-008AR)



CUTE BUNGALOW. Cute 3 bd, 2 bath bungalow featuring newer siding, roof, furnace, CIA, carpet, bath, kitchen, bright finished bsmt w/new carpet, great yard w/ privacy fence, Garage w/220 & much more. **\$149,900** (C-424BO)



UPDATES GALORE. Check out these updates: Kitchen, baths, windows, roof, furnace, hwh, electrical & more. Great neighborhood, nice yard w/new fencing. Limitless potential. **\$229,900** (P-982BU)



GREAT LOCATION. This 4 bd, 3 bath ranch will not last long. New Beacon Estates ranch w/4 bd, roof, new cement, new carpet, & finished bsmt w/egress, 3.5 baths, more. Priced to sell, don't wait too long. **\$295,000** (P-324CE)



DESIRABLE LOCATION. Impressive Beacon Estates ranch w/4 bd, roof, new cement, new carpet, & finished bsmt w/egress, 3.5 baths, more. Priced to sell, don't wait too long. **\$459,900** (P-952CO)



QUIET SENIOR'S COMMUNITY. Superb layout for this 2 bd, 2 bath condo. 1400 sq ft, Great Room w/ frpl, formal Dining, oak island kitchen, 2 car Garage, Deck, & home warranty offered. **\$168,500** (C-596DE)



ALL THE WORK IS DONE! Beautiful 3 bd ranch is move in ready! Great floor plan, Pergo flooring, new windows, new doors, oak kitchen w/all appliances, huge 2.5 car Garage, & priced for quick sale. **\$139,900** (P-704FA)



REDFORD RANCH. Built in 2001, 3 bd, 2 bath brick ranch. Open floor plan, Master w/bath & WIC, freshly painted, new carpet, oak kitchen w/island, quiet neighborhood, & ready to move in to. **\$164,900** (P-655HE)



HANDYMAN SPECIAL. Incredible bargain on this 2 bd condo in Northville's Highland Lakes. Great location near lake, needs carpet & paint. Priced to sell! **\$119,900** (P-373LE)



PRIVATE WOODED LOT. If you enjoy the finer things in life this is the perfect home for you. Pulte Carrington featuring gourmet kitchen, windows, steel doors, Kitchen, 2 story FR, hearth room, copper plumbing, roof, furnace, Master w/glamour bath, finished A/C, hwh, cement driveway, & bsmt w/wetbar, & fresh landscaping. **\$494,500** (P-678MA)



LIVONIA SPECIAL. This is it! This lovely 3 bd, 1.5 bath brick home has it all! Updated include oak Kitchen, windows, steel doors, Kitchen, 2 story FR, hearth room, copper plumbing, roof, furnace, Master w/glamour bath, finished A/C, hwh, cement driveway, & bsmt w/wetbar, & fresh landscaping. **\$185,000** (P-601MI)



ABSOLUTELY STUNNING. Beautiful 4000 sq ft home on 1 acre. Seller leaving all furniture! Lots of built ins, granite, hwd floors, large Master w/32x26 bath, finished lower level, 4 car Garage, & 2 story marble Foyer. **\$650,000** (P-456NO)



CUL DE SAC LOCATION. Welcome to Nowland on the Court! Great location. Lovely home w/open floor plan, 1st floor Master, professionally finished bsmt w/ kitchen & bath. A must see! **\$304,900** (P-690NO)



STUNNING COLONIAL. Look no further! 3 bd colonial on a corner lot featuring an oak Kitchen w/ granite, new carpet, hwd floors, 3 car Garage, & oversized Deck. Don't wait to long on this one! **\$312,999** (P-530OA)



GREAT AREA! Beautiful Canton cape cod w/3 bd, 2 baths, appliances stay, Rec Room in bsmt, 2 tiered Deck, 2 car Garage, close to everything, & quick occupancy. **\$209,900** (C-864OL)



INVESTORS SPECIAL. Roomy ranch in Westland featuring thermal windows & doors, Family Room, country Kitchen, appliances stay, generous Garage, fenced yard w/ tall maple trees, & home warranty. **\$118,900** (C-621PA)



AWESOME LOCATION. Great chance to buy in popular Royal Oak location. 2 bd condo featuring large living Room, separate dining area, spacious Master w/large closet, & close to everything. **\$109,900** (P-226SH)



GREAT RANCH! Wow! Awesome ranch offers many updates. Beautiful hwd floors, fresh paint, updated windows, hwh, baths, finished bsmt w/bath, Florida Room, & more. **\$147,900** (P-554SH)



RANCH CONDO. Lovely 2 bd, 2 bath ranch style condo in great Commerce Twp location. Attached 2 car garage, 1st floor laundry, cathedral ceilings, doorwall leading to Deck, full bsmt, neutral t/o, & great price! **\$209,900** (P-263SH)



THIS IS IT! Just move in! Everything in this great ranch is brand new 3 bd, bath w/custom ceramic shower, & brand new Kitchen w/appl, new flooring, carpet, paint, windows, elec, plumb, furnace, doorwall off Master leading to Deck, oversized fenced yard, fresh landscaping, & Garage. **\$92,500** (C-812WA)



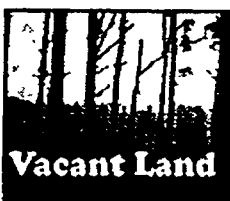
CANTON RANCH. Spacious ranch 1940 sq ft, 3 bd, 2 ba, Prestigious master suite w/tray ceiling, WIC, private bath. Large Deck for entertaining, screened in porch, bay windows, & skylight. Handicap accessible. A must see! **\$299,900** (C-878ED)

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(P-226PR) \$129,900 (C-000GR)

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(P-226PR) \$129,900 (C-000GR)

OUTSTANDING! Original owner of this 2591 sq ft 4 bd, 2.5 bath Baybrook. Large step down family rm w/gas fp, formal living & dining room, oak Kitchen, doorwall leading to patio, 2nd floor laundry, Master suite w/ jacuzzi tub.
(P-887WE) \$343,800 (P-868CO)

PERFECT PLACE TO CALL HOME Beautiful ranch offering a ceramic kit, 2 full baths, nice master, private study, custom blinds, huge basement and a great backyard w/a deck & shed plus room for a garage! Close to everything Rochester has to offer.
(P-887WE) \$343,800 (P-868CO)

BEAUTIFUL RANCH 3 bd brick ranch in popular Holiday Park sub. Nicely maintained, Family Room w/ frpl, attached Garage, beautiful oak Kitchen w/ eating area, & Plymouth Canton schools. What more do you need?
(C-843ED) \$179,000 (P-056EM)

NEW CONSTRUCTION This home offers 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 3400 sq ft, & a walkout bsmt. Add to this an oversized 3 car garage, island kitchen w/ cherry & granite, sitting room, study w/built-ins, 3 fireplaces, & low York twp taxes.
(P-056EM) \$529,900

GREEN OAK
GREAT COLONIAL Open & bright home w/library, formal Dining, oak Kit w/nook, large Deck w/great landscaping & sprinklers.
(P-950SP) \$324,900

NORTHFIELD TWP
DESIRABLE CAPE COD 5 minute walk to lake, stunning t/o, view of nature preserve from Deck, & too much more to list.
(C-022PO) \$229,900

GREEN OAK
COUNTRY LIVING Bring your own plans or Jasmund construction will provide them for you! Great location to build your dream home. Close to downtown South Lyon
(P-12BUR) \$97,000

NORTHVILLE
ELEGANT COLONIAL Bright open floor plan 4 bd, 3.5 ba, kitchen w/granite, 2 story GR, WIC in each bedroom, hwd floors, & premium walkout lot just a stroll from Stonebridge Lake.
(C-392BI) \$689,900

INKSTER
WOW Great 3 bd home w/ dining area, partially fin bsmt, new roof, all appl, & much more.
(C-465ST) \$125,000

NORTHVILLE
DOWNTOWN Remodeled 3 bd, 2 baths, Kitchen w/ Pergo flooring, ceramic baths, new carpet, new furnace & C/A, updated elec, plumb, siding, & much more.
(C-326PE) \$218,900

INKSTER
BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY Carpet store & beauty salon. All equipment in beauty salon included in sale. Newly remodeled w/state of the art security system
(P-151IN) \$199,000

NORTHVILLE
AWESOME COLONIAL Built in 2004, this 4 bd, 3.5 bath home features soaring ceilings, open floor plan, loaded w/upgrades, maple Kitchen, granite, gorgeous landscaping, great location
(C-560WH) \$600,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE
IMMACULATE RANCH 3 bd, 2 ba, bsmt, garage, neutral fresh paint, bright Kit, Deck, oversized closets, & 1st floor laundry.
(P-215LA) \$194,900

NOVI
CLASSIC COLONIAL Sharp 4 bd brick home w/soaring ceilings, hwd floors, big windows, Library, master w/ cath ceiling, & master w/ jetted tub.
(C-435SO) \$498,500

LIVONIA
POPULAR SUB Beautiful 4 bd, 2 bath ranch w/updated Kit, bath, roof, furnace, entry doors, cement, windows, plumb, refinished hwd, & much more
(C-182FO) \$192,900

NOVI
LESS THAN A YEAR OLD Executive home in Novi built in 2005, nickel light fixtures, sound proof rooms, prof landscaping, Kitchen w/nook, Den, & Master w/ bath
(C-202CL) \$424,900

LIVONIA
BRICK RANCH Huge private lot w/deck, many updates inc new Kit, furnace, hwd floors, paint, carpet, 4 large bds, & excellent location
(P-214MI) \$184,900

NOVI
NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS Awesomes cape cod located on a private cul de sac. Updates include Kitchen w/ granite, hwd, heated 3 car Garage, inground pool, & a putting green
(C-237HA) \$519,900

LIVONIA
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL Nested on a quiet, large wood lot, updated windows, 6 panel doors, carpet, bath, 1st floor laundry, & oak Kitchen.
(P-412ST) \$319,900

NOVI
CAPE COD 4 bd, 2.5 bath home built in 2000 Open floor plan, island Kitchen, 1st floor Master, 1st floor laundry, finished bsmt, & stamped concrete Patio
(C-291HO) \$350,000

LIVONIA
LARGE PRIVATE LOT 4 bd home w/hwd floors, vinyl windows, 2 car Garage, fin bsmt, & close to neighborhood park.
(P-520MI) \$214,000

NOVI
PRESTIGIOUS AREA 2 story condo w/3 bd, formal Dining, 1st floor Master, & 2 car Garage Located in a resort concept complex w/ lake, beach, tennis, & clubhouse.
(C-628TI) \$439,900

LIVONIA
GREAT RANCH 3 bd, 3 baths, hwd & Pergo floors, open floor plan, full bsmt, 2 car Gar, & awesome inground solar heated pool.
(P-498YA) \$224,900

NOVI
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL Many unique features, low traffic location, in-ground pool, Florida Room, 3 car Garage, hwd floors, & anything else you can think of!!
(C-013WI) \$389,000

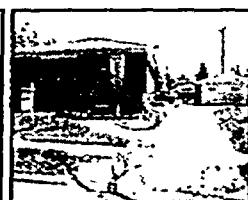
MADISON HGTS
EXCEPTIONAL VALUE 6 bd home featuring hwd, 2.5 baths, bsmt, 2.5 car Garage, remodeled Kit, open floor plan, & much more
(C-212SO) \$219,500

PLYMOUTH
CUSTOM IN EVERY WAY 1.75 acres! 3700 sq ft of living in this super brick ranch w/3 car garage, formal dining, maple Kitchen, skylights, baths, & walkout bsmt
(C-075PO) \$419,900

MARION TWP
PRIVATE SETTING Nicely decorated spacious home w/ finished walkout bsmt. 2 story Deck w/beaut views, 2nd floor laundry, great floor plan, & more.
(C-617LA) \$315,000

LIVONIA
(734) 425-6060

NORTHFIELD TWP
IMMACULATE Beautiful end unit condo featuring 2 bd, 2 baths, gorgeous view, finished bsmt, walk to the lake! Bring all offers, seller motivated
(C-023PI) \$174,900



CURB APPEAL PLUS! Extremely well maintained brick ranch with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, & open floor plan, wood floors, maple kitchen w/ 3 bd. Nicely decorated, custom tile backsplash, finished basement, new designer carpet, lighting, furnace, ac, windows, fenced yard and appliances. A lot of house for the price.
(P-994GL) \$99,900 (P-931QU)

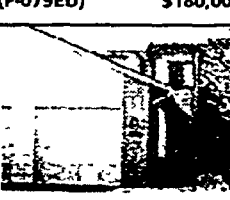
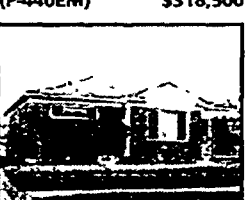
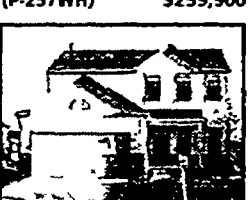
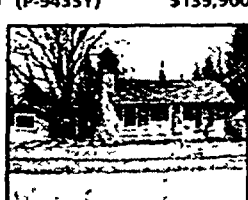
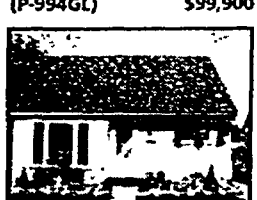
COUNTRY FRENCH ESTATES Wonderful 3 bd home w/ wood floor plan, wood floors, maple kitchen w/ 3 bd. Nicely decorated, custom tile backsplash, finished basement, new designer carpet, lighting, furnace, ac, windows, fenced yard and appliances. A lot of house for the price.
(P-931QU) \$319,900 (P-943SY)

GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT... This beautiful brick ranch ideally located on a quiet court with a finished basement and a huge garage. Updated w/Maytag appliances, newer windows, hwh & more. Immediate occupancy too!
(P-943SY) \$139,900 (P-257WH)

CANTON'S BEST Beautiful 3 bd, 2.5 BA, 2 story home updated to perfection. Spacious open flr plan painted in Pottery Barn tones, large LR, ffr w/frpl, finished bsmt w/ room for 4th bd, pergo flooring in Kit, & doorwall to Deck. Shows like a model!
(P-257WH) \$259,900 (P-440EM)

ENJOY THE VIEW Immaculate 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial on peaceful lot. Formal LR & DR, huge family room w/gas frpl, great Kitchen w/island & all appliances. Master suite, 2.5 car Garage, C/A, sprinklers, & Deck add up to make this home a real winner!
(P-440EM) \$318,500 (P-079ED)

VALUE PRICED All brick ranch in canton w/big Family Room that open into the Kitchen. Also featuring a nat frpl, master bdrm w/private bath, oversized garage, & full basement. Priced to sell.
(P-079ED) \$180,000



ENVIALE FLOOR PLAN Extra large master on the upper level and 2 bedrooms on the main floor. Hardwood floors, new windows, new roof, kitchen w/nook, doorwall to fenced yard w/ hot tub & 2 car garage.
(P-468IN) \$119,989 (P-885WA)

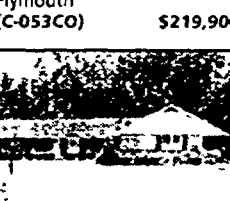
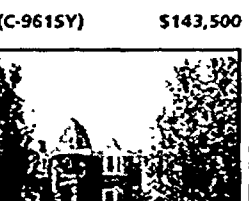
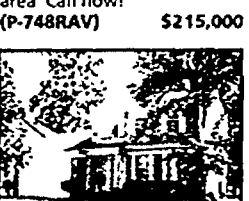
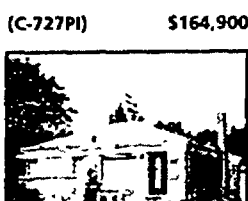
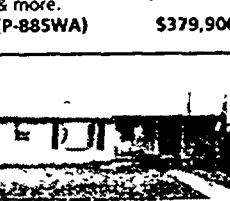
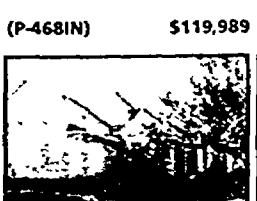
PRICED TO SELL NOW! Fabulous 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial in popular sub on premium lot siding in woods. Numerous upgrades, 3 car garage, stone fireplace, park-like setting, quiet cul de sac location, oversized bsmt, & more.
(P-885WA) \$379,900 (C-727PI)

PRICED TO SELL! This is a must see! Beautifully remodeled 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch. Newer Kitchen, Anderson windows, jetted tub, new carpet in living room, & freshly painted t/o.
(C-727PI) \$164,900 (P-748RAV)

FOR SALE OR LEASE! Pulte's Carlisle floor plan with 9' ceilings. 4 beds, 2.5 baths, a vaulted master w/private bath, full basement prepped for bath, fireplace, walking trails, toddler lot & wooded area. Call now!
(P-748RAV) \$215,000 (C-9615Y)

BRICK RANCH This south Redford, 3 bd brick ranch is clean & well kept. Oak Kitchen, partially finished bsmt, brick paver Patio, central air, updated windows & furnace, & updated carpeting
(C-9615Y) \$143,500 (C-053CO)

TRANQUIL SETTING This 2 bd, 3.5 bath town house features a spectacular view of Walden Pond from all levels. Newly finished walkout w/full bath, cedar closets, & a wetbar. Just minutes from downtown Plymouth
(C-053CO) \$219,900



PHEASANT VIEW CAPE Outstanding home on a corner lot w/huge great room floor plan offering dramatic ceilings, a gourmet kitchen with Jenn-air appliances, 1st floor master with a jetted tub, crown moldings and a 3 car garage.
(C-215CR) \$389,900 (C-921EL)

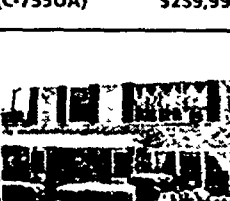
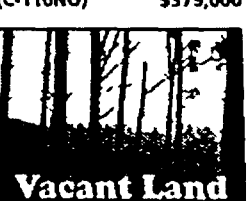
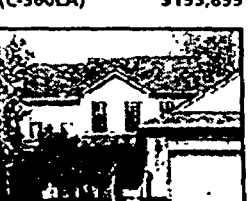
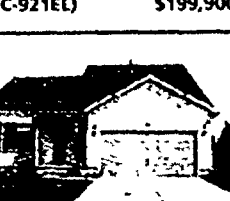
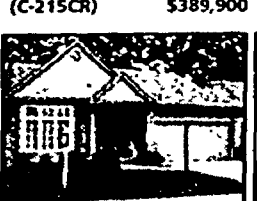
FABULOUS RANCH Huge corner lot, 1500+ sq ft, finished bsmt w/4th bdrm, updated ceramic bath, new carpet & Pergo Uo, vinyl kitchen with Jenn-air appliances, 1st floor master with a jetted tub, crown moldings and a 3 car garage. Hurry on this one!
(C-921EL) \$199,900 (C-600HA)

CLEAN AND CONTEMPORARY Livonia ranch with many quality updates! Gorgeous finished basement, remodeled heated Florida room, newer central air, furnace, carpeting and light fixtures Home warranty too!
(C-600HA) \$179,999 (C-360LA)

VERY WELL KEPT! Beautiful colonial in great sub. Backyard opens to field & is in walking distance to park. Kitchen has new corian & flooring. Some newer vinyl windows, new carpet in Living & Family rooms A must see!
(C-360LA) \$193,899 (C-110NO)

SPECTACULAR HOME So much to list for this Canton colonial. Formal DR flanked by columns, 2 story GR w/cast stone & marble fp, cherry cabinets, designer ceramic & paint. Paver patio, side entry garage, & bridge overlooking Great Room.
(C-110NO) \$379,000 (C-7550A)

COUNTRY IN THE CITY 3 bd custom brick ranch on a 1 acre lot. Wooded area in back for added privacy, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, huge family room, attached 2 car Garage, & on a private road.
(C-7550A) \$259,999



DETACHED CONDO! Nested among the pines is this lovely 3 bdrm, 3 bath condo near downtown Plymouth & Hines. Top of the line upgrades throughout, finished bsmt & a huge great room.
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Everybody needs neighbors - preferably good ones

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A longtime insurance ad slogan touts the benefits of good neighbors. When you're selling a home, good neighbors can be a tremendous asset, even suggesting people who'd like to move in.

On the other hand, some neighbors can be a problem, hosting loud parties or not maintaining their property.

Nanci J. Rands, associate broker with SKBK/Sotheby's International Realty in Birmingham, has some advice.



Rands

"I think the best way of dealing with these kinds of problems if you will is to be forthright with people," said Rands, president of the Metropolitan

Consolidated Association of Realtors. Some neighbors may simply not know they're making a situation unpleasant.

"My feeling has always been make friends with your neighbors," Rands said. "You take the chocolate chip cookies over first." She feels you've lost the



war if you have to resort to calling police; Rands adds you may not be aware your dog's been barking while you've been away.

"It's much more a human relations situation than it is strictly a real estate situation." In selling homes, Rands can contact neighbors to enlist help, finding people who'd like to move in.

"It will help us sell our property and get nice neighbors for you," she said. Rands recommends taking an active role in neighborhood/homeowner associations, meeting at least once a year for a potluck or other informal gathering.

That's an ongoing opportunity to deal with any problems, and has a lot of benefits, she said. "From a real estate point of view, it certainly is helpful." She adds much of the topic is common sense - and cents in that it carries economic benefits.

"That goes a long way to helping in any conflict resolution," Rands said of being on good terms with neighbors, something she recommends establishing early on and continuing with the

Whetstine said most municipalities have ordinances on such things as grass length and general property maintenance. Birmingham, for example, will mow grass that's too long and put the fee on the tax bill if necessary.

informal gathering at least once a year.

A good neighbor can help if you've canceled your newspaper while on vacation, but it continues to be delivered, she added. Such a neighbor will know if something has gone wrong.

Marge Whetstine, associate broker at Keller Williams Northville Market Center, agreed it's best to get along with neighbors. If you can't resolve a problem, you may need to enlist the help of your city/township officials.

"It's not worth having a fight with your neighbor," said Whetstine, 2005 president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. "Most people are responsive."

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Birmingham, for example, will mow grass that's too long and put the fee on the tax bill if necessary.

Whetstine has found it's good to know what your ordinances allow even for yourself. "Some places won't allow you to have an RV. It's a good idea to know what is allowed in your neighborhood."

She agreed with Rands that neighbors can be a good source of leads for potential buyers. Realtors often send out "just listed" and "just sold" cards to neighbors, and Whetstine finds the latter can give a sense of current property values.

"That gives them some knowledge base to go to their tax assessing meeting," Whetstine said.

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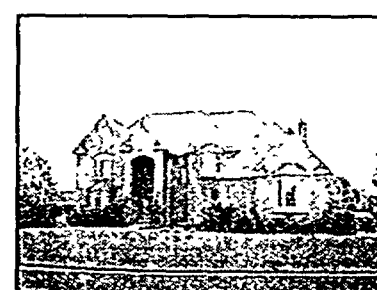
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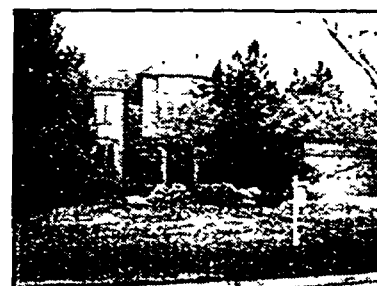
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A. Many cooperatives are considering converting to a condo for a multitude of reasons including increased resale ability of the units, the ability to obtain financing more easily and to come within the condominium statutes and laws which are, in many instances, better suited to community association development than landlord tenant law is as it relates to co-ops. Of course, the

cooperative should retain an experienced condominium attorney before considering the conversion process to insure that it is done in a proper fashion maximizing the benefits to the members of the co-operative.

Q. We understand that there has been an influx in conversions of various properties presently being held for lease. Do you have any information in that regard?

A. Marinas, industrial parks, garages, old warehouses, and apartment buildings are among the ever-increasing



Robert Meisner

real estate properties which are being converted from a leasing situation to fee ownership in the form of a condominium. Moreover, mobile home parks, which have been owned by their operators for many years, now find it financially feasible to convert the mobile home parks to condominiums. In short, there is a substantial

movement not only in Michigan but around the country toward conversions of various real properties into condominium units with the intended benefits of condominium development and operation.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com.

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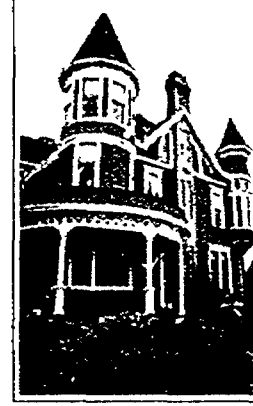
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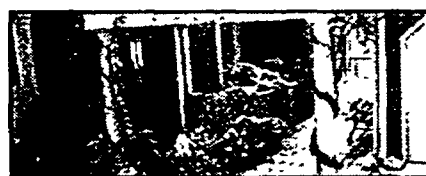
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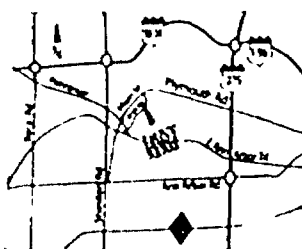
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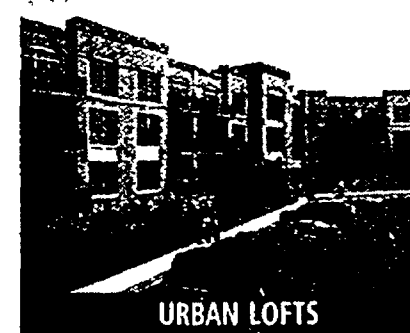


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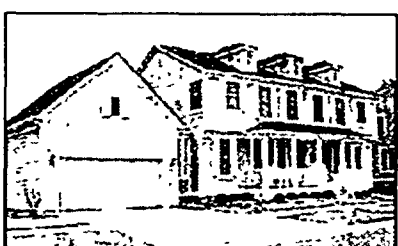
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Ranch w/GR w/hwd flrs, FP & recessed lights All new windows int & ext doors siding Remod mstr ba & kit w/SS appl Fin LL w/FR, rec rm 2nd kit office & full ba line all appl pool table & deck cabana 2+ side entry gar. MLS# 26118417 248-347-3050



CANTON \$364,900
Absolutely perfect 3br 2.5 ba cape cod in Canton's premier golf course comm. Gourmet kit-nook w/HWD flrs & B1 dbl ovens Dramatic GR Lux 1st flr master 3 car gar Neutral Must see! MLS# 26134356 734-453-6800



CANTON \$350,000
HOWD floors to, Den w/French doors, formal Dining Rm w/bay wind vaulted Family Rm w/trpl, formal Living Rm, gourmet Kitchen, Btt Nook w/dnrt Master Ste w/W/C & glamour bath. MLS# 26133971 734-453-6800



CANTON \$350,000
Dea w/French doors, formal dining room w/bay wind vaulted Family Rm w/gas trpl, formal Living Rm, gourmet kitchen w/granite mstr ste w/W/C & glamour bath, side entry garage. MLS# 26133993 734-453-6800



CANTON \$349,900
Sharp, clean & neutral 4BR, 2.1BA Col on large lot deep in sub Grmt kit-nk w/Island Formal LR & DR, Spac FR w/custion FP & mantel Mstr w/vaulted clp & tash ba w/jetted tub New carpet in many rms. Part fin LL. MLS# 26128861 734-453-6800



NOVI \$345,000
4br, 2.5ba home w/formal DR & gracious FR overlook length of commons. Library spacious island kit w/boonrail to deck. Updates incl new roof, HWH, commercial hussdrtfr, Dr & microwave. Full bsmt under entire home! MLS# 26117899 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$345,000
A Luxury Ranch W/ Evergreen Protected Frontage. New Chef's kit, Neutral Colors, Large Rooms. New Driveway-side Entry Garage to A Sub Daming Over 20 Acres Of Parks-paths Walk To Two Schools W updated School Facilities. MLS# 26073342 248-347-3050



FARMINGTON HILLS \$335,000
This Is Your Chance To Wrap Yourself In Peace & Serenity One Of A Kind Contemporary Style Sits On 2 Wooded Acres GR W/h Fp & Attached Sun Rm Eat-in Kit, Finl DR, Man Flr Laundry Room Huge Garage & Fin W/O Bsmt. MLS# 26121530 248-347-3050



FARMINGTON HILLS \$329,900
Setting pretty the 2004 improvements make this home ready for new owners. New windows & maintenance free vinyl trim compliment the brick exterior. New wouters & backsplash 3 car side entry garage & large lot. MLS# 26094200 734-453-6800



CANTON \$319,900
4BR, 3BA home on private 1 acre setting. Kit offers plenty of chrl space FR w/hal FP newer windows. New beige carpet in most rms. You will love having a pond to fish in & ice skate. Winter at street w sewer to come. MLS# 26123030 734-453-6800



MILFORD \$311,900
Awesome Condo. Many upgrades including granite in kitchen & hardwood floors. First flr master suite 2 story great room w/lt 3 bdr 2 1/2 baths. Walk-out bsmt 2 car gar Low assoc fee. Only 1 yr old. Small home. MLS# 26113492 734-453-6800



NOVI \$300,000
Ranch on 1/2 acre lot w/mature trees GR w/corner brk Fp French door to all season sun rm kit w/hwtr counters & flr eat-in nook, all appls stay mstr suite w/3 closets private BA, French door to yard newer roof & more! MLS# 26126918 248-347-3050



NOVI \$300,000
2 story beauty formal LR w/bay win, kit w/grite cbrts island cherry cabs FR w/gas Fp hwd flrs sun rm, mstr suite w/W/C guest Ba 1st flr Indry Updates inc newer carpet win & garage door mth trees for privacy. MLS# 26099239 248-347-3050

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Cul-de-sac. Loc. W/Southern Exposure Backing To Woods Upgrades Incl: Hardwood Flrs Bay Win In DR & Nook Area FR W/Fp & Triple Panel Door Walk To Deck. Mstr Ste W/Cathedral Ce. Ing. W/C BA W/ Jetted Tub & Sep Shower. MLS# 26076699 248-347-3050



MILFORD \$295,000
Enjoy all the comforts and charm this historic home. Hardwood flrs in foyer, living rm, dining rm and upstairs. Formal dining rm w/crown moldings, newer windows and roof, finished lower level w/office. Lrg fenced yard. MLS# 26123313 248-437-4500



CANTON \$295,000
Spectacular condo at Links West! You will love the location on the pond. Beautiful views. 1st flr master. Maple kitchen w/marble HDW flr. All appls incl w/d. FDR/LR w/vaulted cly & gas FP. Full bsmt w/RIP. MLS# 26131967 734-453-6800



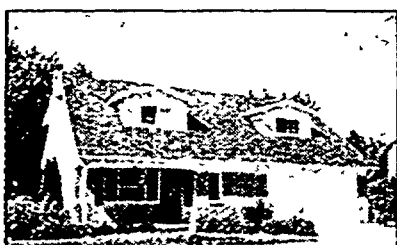
WEST BLOOMFIELD \$290,000
Pine Lake Estates colonial with subdivision beach on Pine Lake & 23 acre wooded lot. Newer h-e-f furnace & c.a. new roof newer HW/H hdw flrs on 1st & 2nd flrs (except kit & study). 1st flr laundry unit in bsmt. MLS# 26136022 248-347-3050



LIVONIA \$290,000
Gorgeous Cape Cod Condo - Meticulously Clean! 2 Bedroom - Possibly 3. Great Room has Many Windows Cathedral Ceil. FP & Opens To DR. Many Upgrades. W/O Bsmt W 9th Ceilings Very Private Backs To Woods. Open And Any. MLS# 26111787 734-591-0333



COMMERCE \$285,000
Beacon Hills Golf Community. Formal LR/DR w/crown molding, foyer w/hardwood flrs, open kit w/hardwood flrs eat-in nook w/doorwalk to deck, FR w/vaulted ceiling, FP, vaulted mstr BR over 2700 sq ft w/finished LL for entertaining! MLS# 26108007 248-347-3050



GREEN OAK \$279,900
Colonial 4 bedroom and 2 1/2 bath on 5 acre with shed and fenced backyard. Home features a living room and great room. Also has a wonderful Florida room. MLS# 26135256 248-437-4500



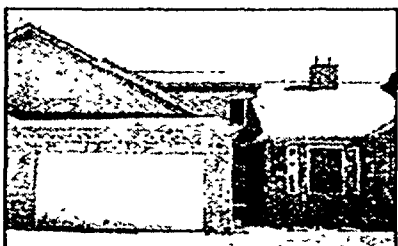
NOVI \$275,000
Interior Lot On Quiet Street, Neutral Decor T/O. Formal LR/DR, Kit W center Island, Pantry, Eat-in Nook W doorwalk To Deck, FR W brick Surr Fp, 1st flr Lindry, Mstr Ste W/vaulted Ceiling, W/C Glamour Ba. Full Bsmt, Att Car Gar. MLS# 26135123 248-347-3050



VAN BUREN \$264,900
Desired Walden Woods 4 BR 2 1/2 BA Colonial On Very Private Wooded Lot. Open Floor Plan W Upgrades kit W Honey Maple Cabs & Hardwood Flrs. Mstr Ste W Garden Tub. Extra Deep Garage. Plenty Of Storage And A Community Pool. MLS# 26115383 248-347-3050



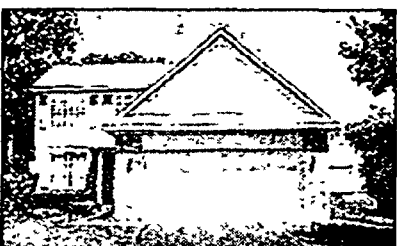
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CANTON \$259,900
Gorgeous, condo w/beautiful pond view. Spac LR w/brk cly. New HDWD flrs to entire 1st flr. Kit w/marble cbrts, includes newer appls. Two mstr ste each having priv bath. Deck w/retro awning. MLS# 26041680 734-453-6800



NOVI \$255,000
Upgrades galore! New furnace & ch/w h/t light fixtures to remodel bas w cherry laminate & granite vinyl windows & roof remodel kit w/ cherry grite & laminate hard on 1st flr extensive crown molding to fr LL w/2nd kit & office. MLS# 26128254 248-347-3050



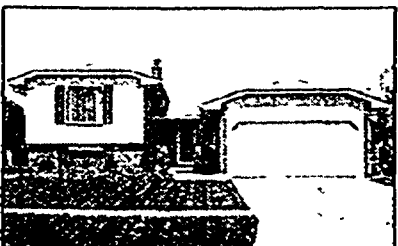
LIVONIA \$250,000
Great Location For This Newer 3 Bdrm, 2-1/2 Bath Colonial W/ professionally finished Bsmt. Huge 2 Tiered Deck. Spacious Family Rm W bay Window & Natural Fireplace. Ceramic Flr In Kitchen W beautiful Maple Cabinets. MLS# 26134032 734-591-0333



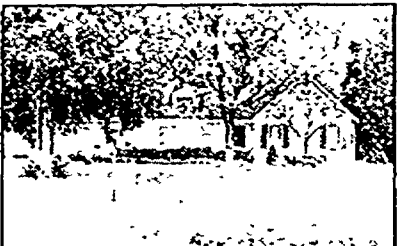
SOUTH LYON \$249,000
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LYONS \$247,000
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CANTON \$246,900
Remod. Kit In 04 W/Oak Cab Corners, Quality Fining. Lrg LR Opens To Kitchen & DR W/doorwalk To Patio. FR W natural FP & Wet Bar Fin Bsmt W h/c rail, newer Washdr. Win. Roof C/a Ints. & Sprinklers. MLS# 26068948 248-347-3050



LIVONIA \$243,900
Ranch On 3-4 Acre Lot W/ra Game Rm, Heated Breezeway, Updated Kitchen & Bath. Both Baths Enjoy The Large Living Room With Lime Stone Fp. Escape To Your Own Private Retreat Upstairs. Mstr Ste W Own Exercise Room. MLS# 26085802 248-347-3050



MARION \$240,000
Vaulted GP w/gas FP, open kit w/island, rock w/view to spectacular wooded yard. 1st flr Lindry, mstr ste w/vaulted ceiling, W/C & glamour BA, prof finished lower level w/daylight wind & h/c BA. MLS# 26134412 734-453-6800



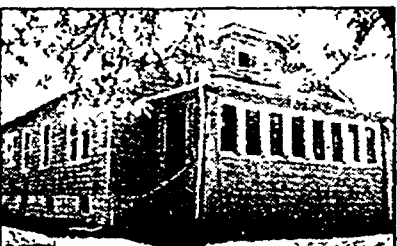
CANTON \$239,900
3 BR, 2 1/2 Bath Colonial on a low traffic court setting. Spac lot nook w/ plenty of chrt-entrop space & new sink (all appls included). Open any FR w/vaulted cly & 8 ft doorwalk. Formal DR. Beautiful finished bsmt. MLS# 26111974 734-453-6800



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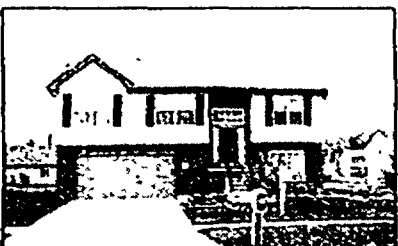
SOUTHFIELD \$215,000
Check this out! Charming house in a double lot, nice neighborhood and close to schools. Newer windows, roof, furnace and AC. Ceramic tiles in the Kitchen and Lower Room, Pergo Floors Throughout, easy to maintain. MLS# 26126525 734-591-0333



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LIVONIA \$200,000
Condo boasts beautiful hardwood floors to the main level, stone flooring & tons of cabinets in large kitchen. Vaulted ceilings in great rm w/ a gas fireplace. Brand new bedrooms & kitchen. An appstay! MLS# 26115351 248-347-3050

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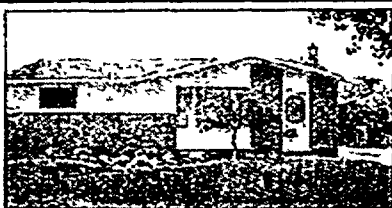
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LYONS \$199,900
 Brick ranch w/ full finished basement 1st floor laundry Large lot w/ fenced backyard Disabled access Sunroom off kitchen w/ deck and gazebo MLS# 26136623 248-437-4500



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LIVONIA \$194,900
 3 Bdrm, 2 Full Bath, New Landscaping Enjoy H/wd Flrs, Updated Kit W/ beautiful Cabinets, New Stove & Fridge With Custom Wine Closet Updates Include Roof C/A, Hwn, Fin Bsmnt W/ full Bath & Wet Bar MLS# 26130625 734-591-0333



CANTON \$190,000
 Lovely 4 bedroom colonial w/ fresh paint t/o, ceramic tile and SS stove & d/w in kit, separate living rm & family rm w/ natural fp, partially fin bsmnt, 2 car garage, Plymouth Canton Schools See www.3989edmundton.com MLS# 26074044 248-347-3950



PINCKNEY \$185,900
 Colonial with 3 bedrooms, 2.1 baths, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, fenced backyard and sprinkler system, Make an offer today! MLS# 26133175 248-437-4500



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CANTON \$179,900
 Sharp & clean 2BR, 2.1BA condo w/ full basement & 2 car alt gar Open GR w/ FP, soaring ceilings & 2 skylights Kit-nook w/ plenty of cbt-entrtop space Lot can be study Picturesque waterfront view w/ fountain MLS# 26133313 734-453-6800



LIVONIA \$175,000
 3 BR Brick Bungalow This Home Has Been Remodeled From Top To Bottom H/wd Flrs T/O Have Been Completely Redone, New Carpet In FR W/FP, New Kit & countertops Mstr Ste W/ H/wd Flrs Part fin Bsmnt Sun Rm & Fenced In Yard MLS# 26100028 248-347-3950



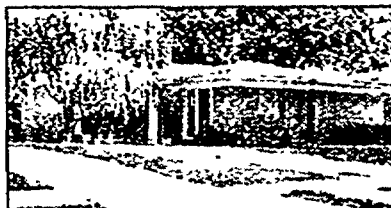
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 Cute & charming describes this unique updated 4BR, 2.5BA older brick home! New kitchen, bath, furnace & C/A. Huge family & 4 season room makes this the best deal in downtown Wayne! A must see! MLS# 26094708 734-453-6800



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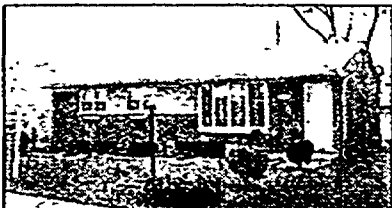
SOUTH LYON \$171,900
 Better Than New Cosmopolitan Style Home Warm Toned Custom decor W/ High Ceilings French Doors To Balcony 1st Flr Mstr Ste W/ To Die For Closets Private BA Beautiful Pondsetting Minutes From Ann Arbor Brighton & Novi MLS# 26119145 248-347-3950



REDFORD \$169,000
 3 Bedroom Brick Contemporary Ranch Newer Roof, Newer Remodeled Kitchen & Floor, 2 Full Baths Including A Master Bath, Rec Room In Basement New Sidewalk Out Front, Large Rooms Throughout MLS# 26124906 734-591-0333



WESTLAND \$165,000
 Brick Ranch w/ mature Trees Close To schools Mall & x-ways Updated 3BR 1.5 BA Home Offers Fresh Paint In Neutral Tones T/O New Carpet never Kit Fin Newer Roof Hwn & Furnace Flr Rm Offers Great Extra Space Appl Stay MLS# 26122114 248-347-3050



WESTLAND \$164,900
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NOVI \$154,900
 NOVI RANCH CONDO with WALLED LAKE PRIVILEGES! Two bedrooms three baths, living room w/ bay window finished basement and private deck Close to everything! Lake access within walking distance MLS# 26115416 248-360-1425



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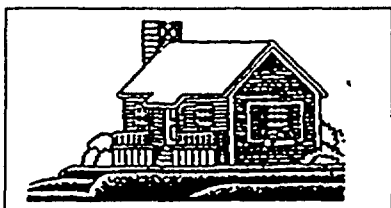
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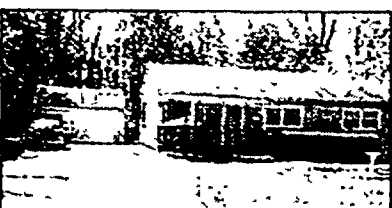
HARPER WOODS \$124,000
 Brick home w oak cabs in kit & cute nook Updates inc furnace & c windows alarm elec, copper plmb carpet t/o d/w & ceiling fan New roof on home & gar! t/o new t/o Fresh paint cust verticals & security lights MLS# 26136653 248-347-3050



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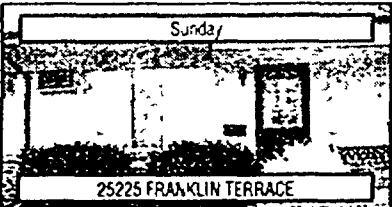
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Quicken Loans has promoted Michael Amine. Amine was previously a

mortgage banker and based upon exceptional performance has been promoted to a senior mortgage banker. Senior mortgage bankers and mortgage bankers assist clients in all 50 states with their home purchase or refinancing needs.

Farmington Hills native Amine graduated from Harrison High School in 1999 and received his bachelor's degree in advertising from Michigan State University in 2003. He joined the Quicken Loans team in February 2005 and works at the Livonia branch.

Builders Institute

The Oakland Builders Institute will offer:

■ A 16-hour seminar to help students pass the Michigan state builder's license examination, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday/Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive. The course is for those who want to sub-contract construction of their own homes, real estate investors and build-

ing tradespeople. Cost is \$205, including manual, sample questions and test application. A \$25 deposit is needed by Aug. 24 to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills 48306. Call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 to register during business hours, or register online at www.buildersinstitute.com.

■ In cooperation with Henry Ford Community College an eight-hour seminar, Basement Remodeling, 6-10 p.m.

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for residents plus \$10 for textbook and materials, or \$104 for nonresidents plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Pre-registration with payment by Aug. 24 to Henry Ford Community College, (313) 317-1500.

■ A 16-hour seminar, How To Build Your Own Home, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 9 and 16, at the Hilton Suites Hotel, 2300 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills. Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as rights and responsibilities. It covers

home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes, insurance requirements and more. Cost is \$220 including textbook and a book covering home building information pertinent to southeast Michigan.


Pre-registration with payment by Sept. 7 to Oakland Builders Institute, (800) 940-2014.

Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is offering:

■ Women's Council's "The Secrets of Succeeding in Business as a Female" 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Mary Ellen Sheets, CEO and founder of Two Men and a Truck, will be the speaker at the seminar, open to all BIA members and guests, including men. Fee, including lunch, is \$15 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests, with a portion to benefit the American Cancer Society. To register, call (248) 862-1017.

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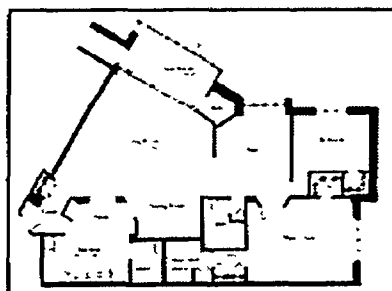
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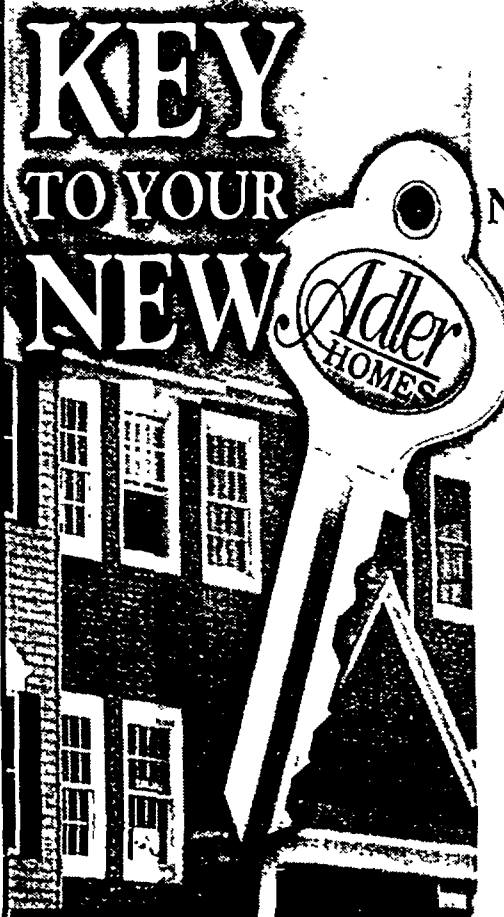
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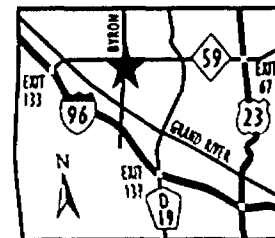
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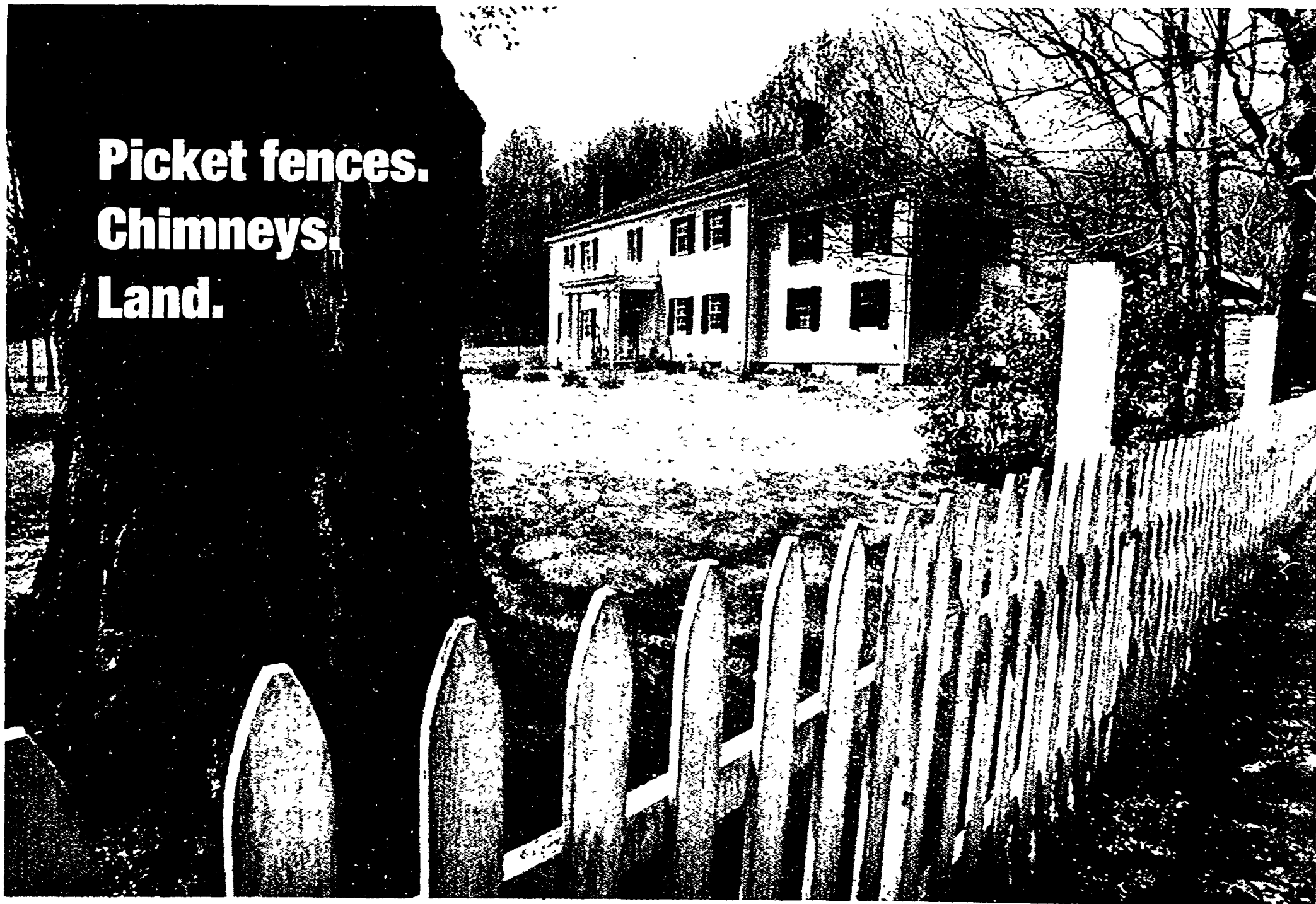
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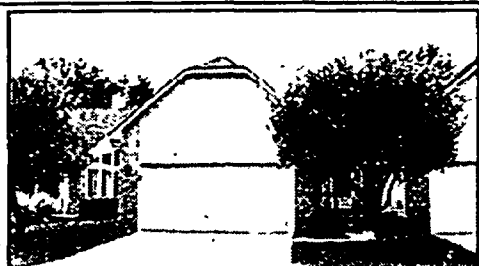
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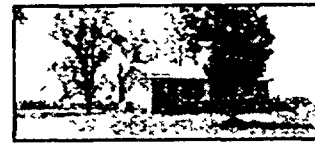
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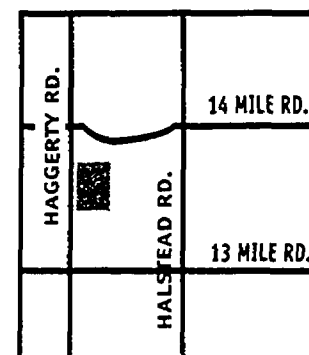
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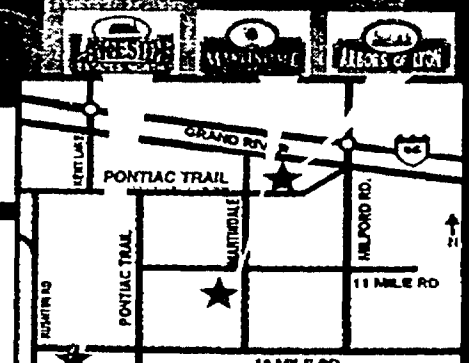


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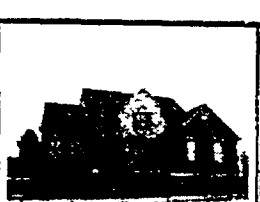


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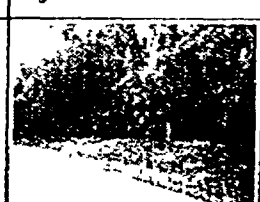
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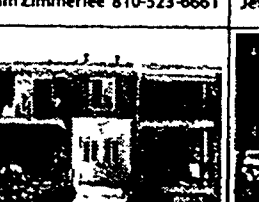
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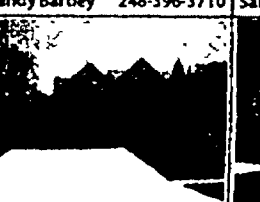
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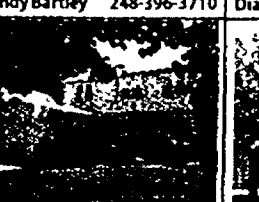
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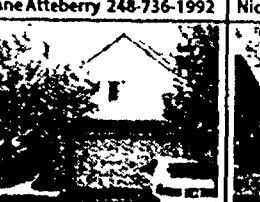
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You can build your dream home
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Completely updated 2 BR ranch
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\$550,000 - Commerce
FP in LR area
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21 wooded w/o sites
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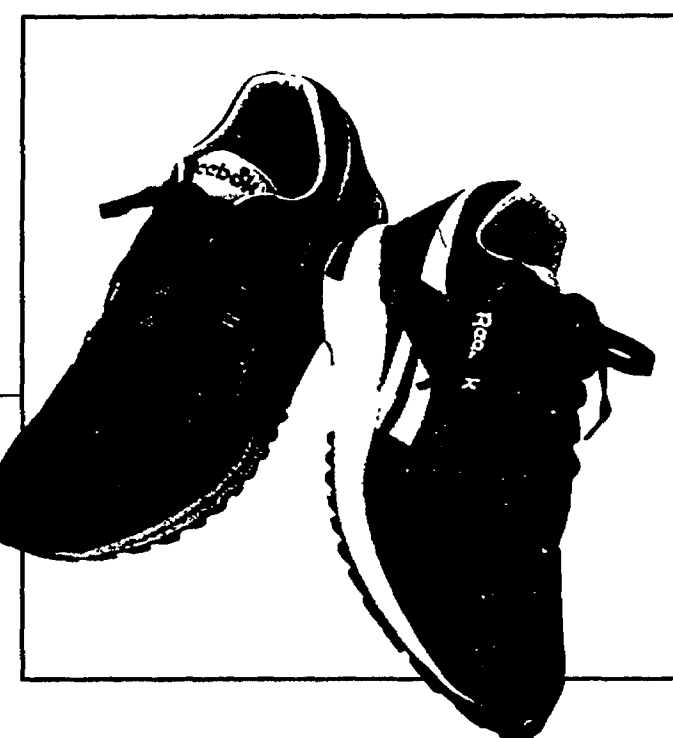
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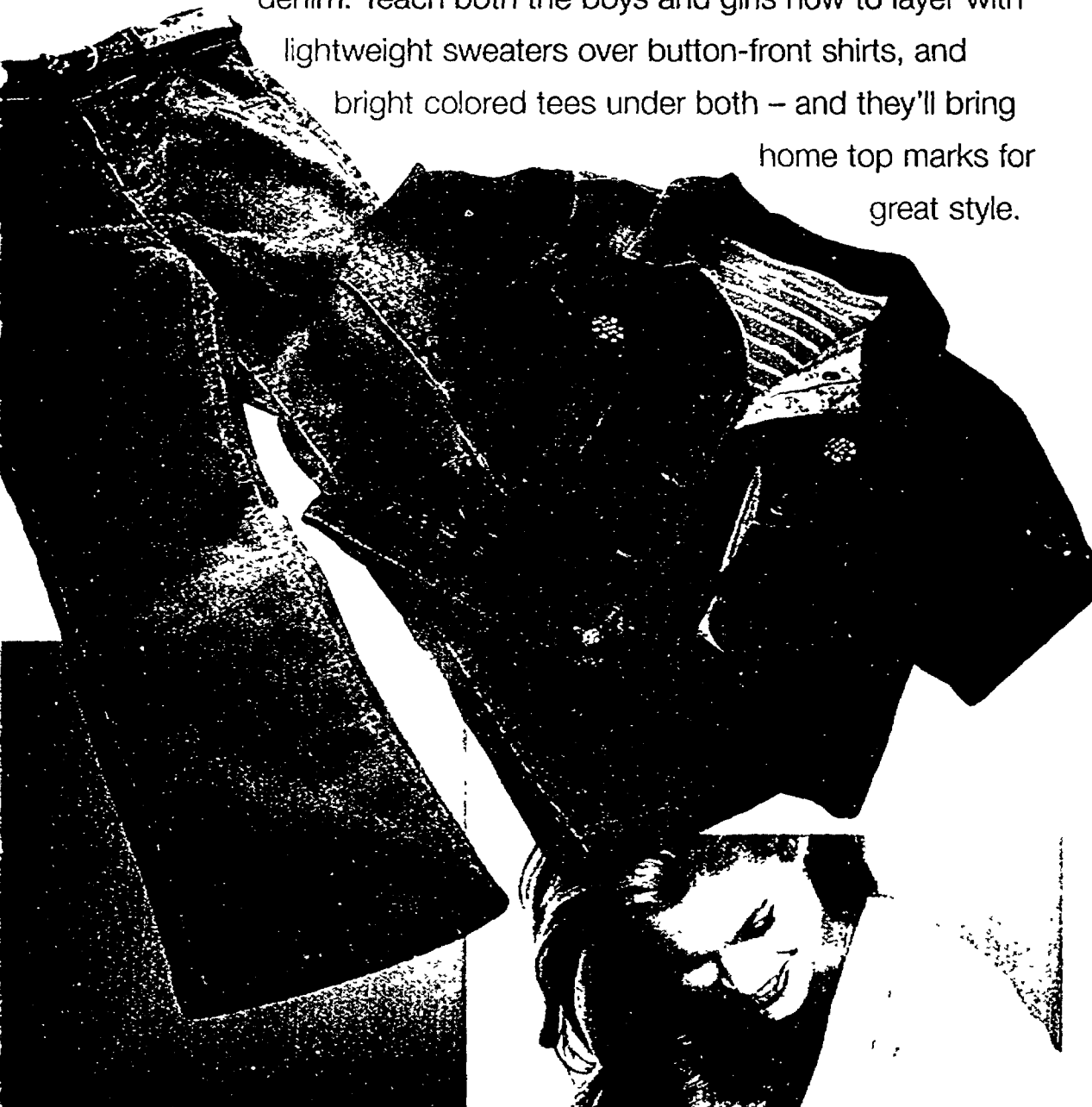
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