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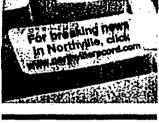


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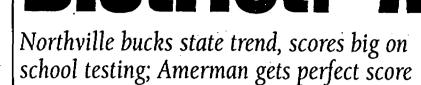


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**By Victoria Mitchell** RECORD STAFF WRITER

You can call it 'A' sweep.

All regular education schools in the district received the state's highest grade possible.

The release last Thursday of the 2005-06 Education Yes! Michigan Report Cards showed Northville Public Schools received all As for each of its nine regular education buildings.

We are pleased that the district has consistently received top marks on these important state and federal assessments." said Leonard Rezmierski, Northville Public Schools superintendent.

"It is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our students, teachers and families that even during these challenging economic times for public schools in Michigan our students continue to excel."

Education Yes! Report card grades are based on student Michigan Educational Assessment Program test achievement and other school performance indicators including curriculum; teacher quality and professional development; school facilities; and family involvement.

This also means the district met Adequate Yearly Progress benchmarks established by the federal government with the passage of No Child Left Behind legislation.

Teacher contracts expire today.

How will that affect local classrooms?

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Meet Northville's newest teachers. Stories, Page 7A.

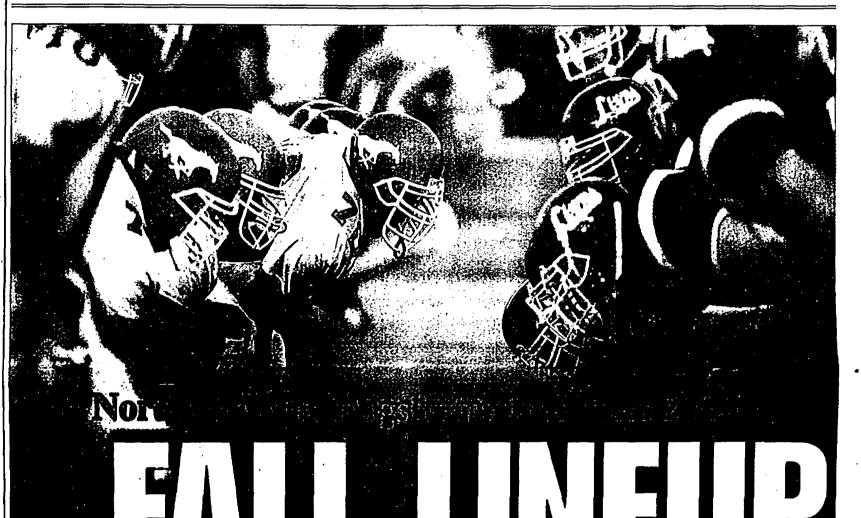
According to a Michigan Department of Education spokeswoman, Northville Public Schools is one of six districts in the state to receive all-As.

Sitting atop the high-achieving heap is Amerman Elementary School, which

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**Northville Public Schools District Report Card** 

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Ridge Wood A
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## **Doula, right thing?** Victorian Festival

#### New class focuses on perfectly natural birthing

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

During the threes of childbirth, Janice Mackie is thinking clearly. The Northville mother of three is a rock for soon-to-be moms, conveying their wishes to medical professionals, allaying fears and offering a fingerhold during waves of labor pain.

In her role as a "doula," Mackie is an extra pair of hands, trained to ease the mother and fathers' transition to parenthood.

"It really helps to have someone else," she said. "One person cannot stay fresh and sometimes dads get a little nervous.

"It's someone to say, 'This is normal. She says she hates you. She'll love you later.'

Mackie keeps well-intentioned relatives at arms' length, props up the father and steps back to allow private moments.

The option to have a doula before, during and after delivery. and other choices related to having a baby are part of a new class offered in Northville this fall.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Doula Janice Mackie, right, advised Michelle Kolesbary before, during and after the birth of her son, Andrew.

#### **Childbirth classes**

Starting Sept. 11, Northville Parks and Recreation is teaming with the Center for the Childbearing Year of Ann Arbor to offer a six-week course.

Beth Barbeau, an experienced educator and midwife, will talk to couples about what they can do to have a joyful and informed birth experience.

"I want them to be empowered about the experience of birth, the

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#### "If parents are nurtured ... they are better nurturers."

#### Beth Barbeau

Childbirth Educator, Center for the Childbearing Year of Ann Arbor

New pet owner Oh, Behave: competition will be featured

#### By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

How does Rover feel about lace?

"Putting on the dog" will take on a new meaning during the Victorian Festival this year as organizers introduce the Great Dog Expedition - including a best Victorian costume category.

Proud owners will be able to pit their own pets against the neighbor's during the competition hosted by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16. Tents and tables will be set up near the Griswold Road parking lots behind the playscape.

Early this week, 13 dogs were registered for the contest, said Cheryl Mudd, parks and recreation special events supervisor. She asked owners to pre-register their pooches to help the inaugural event run smoothly.

#### The pet population is really

#### Victorian-style

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heads for the dogs

"The Humorous Side of How to Behave Like a Victorian," will be presented Sept. 5. Page 4A.

#### "I've got a lot of really good prizes to give away."

Cheryl Mudd

Special events supervisor, Northville Parks and Recreation Department

big in Northville," Mudd said. "Hopefully, the format we use will go well.

"I've got a lot of really good prizes to give away."

Pre-registered contestants will compete in owner/dog look-alike, best dog Victorian costume, best trick, biggest dog, smallest dog and cutest dog categories. Prizes will be given to the first place winner in each category.

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## DOULA: class offers birthing options

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choices there are," Barbeau said. "It is labor — it is going to hurt.

"If parents are nurtured --especially during this transitional time - they are better nurturers."

Barbeau said more than athome or in a hospital, new mothers' choices include different positions to assist in labor progression, how many or how few pharmaceuticals, and natural or cesarean delivery.

"It seems to be women are afraid of the experience of birth," Barbeau said, citing the increasing number of women opting for surgical delivery. "We don't counsel, 'Don't do it,' we counsel, 'You have choices.'

"I really don't want to come across as an extremist or someone who claims birth isn't painful.

"I show through words and videos and pictures, their bodies can do this."

#### Douia's help

Barbeau said studies show that people who are the most satisfied after their child's birth are not necessarily those who had the easiest time during delivery. It's more related to whether they felt they had choices along the way,

"Moms can spend a year recovering from the birth," she said. "It's not from the birth, it's from mismanagement of the birth.

"The more education that people have up front, the better chance they have of managing things.'

During the Monday evening class, Barbeau said she will help parents plan for a supportive postpartum recovery and teach basic breastfeeding techniques.

After the new family returns

"Moms can spend a year recovering from the birth," she said. "It's not from the birth, it's from mismanagement of the birth."

> Beth Barbeau Childbirth Educator, Center for the Childbearing Year of Ann Arbor

home, that's another role doulas can play.

For the first birth, there's a lot to learn for the mother and partner," Mackie said. "We live in a society that no longer has the female to female contact around the birth.

"People live far away, they just kind of wing it."

Mackie feels gratified offering new moms support. When a client is nearing her due date, she keeps in close contact, ready for the trip to the hospital.

"It's really a kick to see new life come into the world," she said. "You put a lot in emotional-

"It's really a more of a support system for both partners --- the memories would be for their experience together, not the thing they remember is me being in their face."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record Andrew Kolesbary, 3 months, sleeps in his mother's arms.





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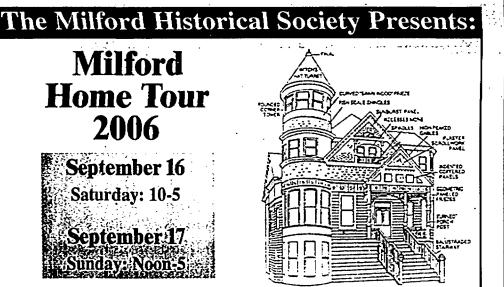
Soon to be parents?

The Northville Parks and Recreation childbirth classes will be from 6:30-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11-Oct. 16. The \$250 six-week course will be held at the Northville Senior Community Center. For more information, call (248) 349-0203.

#### Finding a doula

The word "doula" comes from ancient Greek and is now used to refer to someone experienced

in childbirth who provides continuous physical, emotional and informational support to the mother before, during and just after childbirth; or who provides emotional and practical support during the postpartum period. Studies have shown that when doulas attend births, labors are shorter with fewer complications, babies are healthier and they breastfeed more easily. For information about doulas in the Northville area, call non-profit organization, DONA International (888) 788-3662 or visit www.DONA.org.





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## Kansas protesters target local funeral

But controversial church members are noshows at military ceremony; 'Riders' step in

#### **By Renee Saunders** STAFF WRITER

Even in death, U.S. Army Pvt. Joseph R. Blake was a target.

Protesters targeted his Tuesday morning funeral at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township, one of four funeral ceremonies they planned to attend nationwide that day.

No protesters showed up.

According to protest organizers, 10 protesters from a controversial Topeka, Kan. church who claim God is punishing America for its acceptance of homosexuality by killing U.S. soldiers overseas, planned to travel to Northville and intended to crash Blake's funeral.

Blake, 34, of Livonia, reportedly died Aug. 17 while serving in Afghanistan. He lived in Livonia until 2005, when he moved to Portland, Oregon.

In a Aug. 24 press release, Westboro Baptist Church members threatened to crash Blake's funeral.

"We're here for a fallen hero. We only come if the family wants us here."

> Larry Helser Ride Captain, Patriot Guard Riders

"God spoke to America and issued a curse."

> Shirley Phelps-Roper Protester, Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan

Megan Phelps-Roper, Westboro Baptist Church member said the group traveling to Michigan changed course midway when they realized their message had already been publicized in the state. She said they attended a funeral in Salt Lake City, Utah, instead.

Shirley Phelps-Roper, Westboro member and attorney for the organization, said the protesters travel to funerals across the country, spreading their views that God is punishing the United States for its "sins" by killing soldiers in

"God spoke to America and issued a curse," Phelps-Roper said Tuesday, during a telephone interview. "The only kind thing we can do for the family at this time is get them to repent."

As a preventive measure, Township Manager Chip Snider said 10 township police officers were stationed at the church, along with about 100 members of the Patriot Guard Riders, a national motorcycle riding organization that provides a human buffer between grieving military families

and protesters. He said public safety officials expected an incident based on the Westboro Baptist Church press

release.

State law signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in May requires protesters to stay 500 feet away from a funeral ceremony.

Violating the law is a felony punishable by up two years in prison and a \$5,000 fine for the first offense; and up to four years and \$10,000 for second offense.

Larry Helser, Michigan State Ride Captain, said Tuesday no incidents occurred during the ceremony.

And though he personally doesn't recognize Westboro Baptist Church, he said that wasn't the reason they attended.

"We're here for a fallen hero," Helser, of Holt Mich., said after the funeral. "We only come if the family wants us here.

Helser said the U.S. Department of Defense notifies the group of a local soldier's death.

The Patriot Guard Riders then contacts the family to ask if they want them at the funeral.

Of 25 military funerals in Michigan since 2005, only one family asked the Patriot Guard Riders not to attend, Helser said.

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Patriot Guard Riders, a national motorcycle organization which has voluntarily provided a human buffer between protesters and grieving military families, attended Pvt. Joseph Blake's funeral Tuesday, held at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.

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## **Thayer Corners** Residents to weigh in on barn's future

By Renee Saunders STAFF WRITER

What do Northville Township residents want at Thayer Corners Park?

That's what township officials want to know.

During a special meeting Thursday, the township board voted to

update the master plan to include the historical barn that was moved ast vear



"It was a complex meeting, but the outcome was excellent," Northville Township resident Fred Shadko, who attended the meeting said.

Township officials also voted to siphon \$6,000 from the acquisition and development fund to pay professional planners to update the master plan.

The cost includes updating the map in the master plan and holding public meetings.

Township Manager Chip Snider said \$20,000 is left in the fund, which was created through a millage the township didn't ask voters to renew.

"The money is earmarked for planning," Snider said. Thayer Corners Park is a 23-acre township-owned parcel located at Napier Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

The majority of the property is unoccupied, except for a centuryold barn, a pole barn and an empty residential home.

Township Trustee Mary Gans said he would like to see the structures used and maintained for recreational purposes.

Northville Township Parks and Recreation Director Traci Sincock said including the barn in the plan gives the recreation department a chance to learn what residents want there.

"We envision are one or two public feedback sessions," Sincock said. "We'll talk about things that should be done with the barn, including programming."

Inserting the barn and the park in the master plan also gives township officials something to work with in the future and helps when they seek grants and other funding to develop the property, Sincock said.

Sincock said the barn issue isn't the only reason why the master plan needs to be updated.

"It was created in 2000 and the community has grown a lot in the last seven years," Sincock said. "It's time to update the plan and make sure the barn is included."

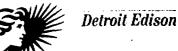
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#### **Properly Victorian?**

Karen Mehaffey, shown with her husband Colin in a Civil War reenactment setting, will present "The Humorous Side of How to Behave Like a Victorian," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5. Expert in Americana, the owner of The Moss Rose on Main Street will give a slide presentation and handouts to whet appetites for the fast-approaching Sept. 15-17 Victorian Festival. The free program is courtesy of the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St. For more information, call (248) 349-3020.



## VICTORIAN FESTIVAL: going to the dogs

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In addition to the competitions, event sponsors will provide information on dog training tips, how dogs communicate and advice on approaching them safely. Seven local companies stepped forward to support the event, Mudd said.

The parks and recreation department had been looking for a way to join the Sept. 15-17 Victorian Festival activity schedule, said Jody Humphries, president, Northville Chamber of Commerce.

"It looks like fun," Humphries said. "We anticipate a lot of participants."

Plus, emphasis on pets fits the era festival hosts are trying to re-create, Humphries said, citing the founding of the American Kennel Club in 1884.

"During the Victorian era, pets became a part of the home instead of just for the purposes of work," she said. "Queen Victoria encouraged middle-class families to have dogs as pets."

So, when Fluffy and Fido take the field that Saturday they may be following a regal tradition. Contestants can pre-register by e-mailing

#### Great Dog Expedition

Who: All dog owners welcome What: Competitions include owner/dog lookalike, best dog Victorian costume, best trick, biggest dog, smallest dog and cutest dog

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· Owners must clean up after their pets.

For more information, call (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411.

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## National expert reveals key to college success: Go to class

Mmmmm, chocolate ... The Northville Schakolad Chocolate Factory on Haggerty Road will be hosting tours as part of a Sept. 8-10 grand opening celebration. A portion of the weekend's sales of their handmade European-style chocolates will be donated to the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Owner Lynne Porter said, "We're inviting the entire community to stop in and see what the Schakolad Chocolate Factory experience is really like. Once you step into the door and smell the fresh scent of chocolate, you won't want to leave." Believe it!

#### ....

Visited the district's Eight Mile Road stadium lately? An amazing transition occurred earlier this month when 200 volunteers showed up to give the football field a needed facelift before the first home game of the season, Sept. 8. Students and parents painted fences, bleachers and the press box and built a new ticket booth. Great job, Michelle Mamo, for spearheading this terrific project!

In Kayla's memory Dedicated aunt and godmother Tanya Pado is continuing to fight infant mortality and SIDS through her involvement in the Northville Baby Walk, hosted by the non-17 at Maybury State Park. Donations collected by the Northville resident's Heavenly Flower team and other participants are used to provide grief support and research for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, the leadstate and country. Want to help? or visit www.mibabywalks.org.

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Coming up Wednesday ... how

about an evening of blue grass music? The Friends of the

Northville District Library are

hosting Jesse Lee Mason on gui-

tar and Kelly Mason on mandolin

at 7 p.m., Sept. 6, at the Cady

Street library. It's free, but space

is limited, so call (248) 349-3020.

Aaron Pietila! The Northville

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through Sept. 30.

later this year upscale maternity store Belli Couture and restaurant NOMI. More to come on other retail tenants ...

What's "Northville Square?" Why it's the new old new name for the 91-square-foot former indoor mall. No longer The Village or Courtyard Square, the commercial development returned to it's 1973 roots (and original name).

Ah, Labor Day weekend is here, meaning the first day of school is right around the corner. What happened to summer? It flew by so fast. Students, ready to start Tuesday? ...

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And speaking of students ... Here's one for the books; a national expert told a Schoolcraft College audience Monday firstyear college students will be more successful if they go to class. Who'd a thunk it? Dr. Betsy Barefoot, co-director of the Policy Center on the First Year of College in North Carolina, offered these tips and others: go to class, buy the textbook and make college a priority in your life. "Approach it as a job, or you won't keep it," she said. Some former students know these are rules to live by ... ....

And for parents of first-year college students. Barefoot suggested: avoid putting too much pressure on students to make out-

don't expect students to work more than 20 hours a week, and a personal favorite --- if your stu-

Captain and the squeal

standing grades the first year, homesickness). Also on a serious note. Barefoot said parents should avoid making big changes themselves, such as getting a divorce. dent lives on campus, encourage as soon as the student leaves

Northville resident Ginny Engelland, middle, of Brookside Travel poses with Taylor

Hicks, left, and Steve Yzerman at the Aug. 16 Amerman Idol concert in Detroit.

the student will feel responsible," she said. "Any abrupt change back home can be disorienting for a first-year student?

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#### )BITUARIES 🖛



#### **DR. ROBERT GEORGE** WETTERSTROEM

A dedicated family man and past Northville family physician, died peacefully at the age of 92 at Hope Hospice in Cape Coral, FL on Sunday, He was born in August 27, 2006. Cincinnati on July 1, 1914, the son of Robert A. Wetterstroem and Mary Sweeney Wetterstroem, and the oldest of seven children. Rob, as he was known all of his life, helped support and raise his siblings after the death of his father, a pharmacist, when Rob was 13 years old. He worked all the while attending and graduating from Cincinnati's Purcell High School, Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati Medical School. In 1940, Rob interned at Marine hospital in New Orleans, as a Lieutenant with the U.S. Public Health Service. His first assignment was in Olathe, Kansas. There he delivered health care to the community, including Native Americans on remote mountain reservations. It was in Olathe, on Thanksgiving Day, 1942 that Rob married Jean Victoria Spaeth of Cincinnati, and there they began their family. He was later assigned to Boise, Idaho and Iron River, Michigan, the family growing at each locale. In 1946, an advertisement placed in a medical journal brought Rob to Northville, Michigan, where he joined Dr. Russell Atchison and worked for 33 years as a general medical practitioner. Known for being generous, self-effacing and humor ous, and for his 'country doctor' bedside manner, Rob maintained high standards in terms of delivering medical care and receiving ongoing postgraduate medical training. He regularly pursued continuing medical education at the University of Michigan and the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, and was made a Fellow in the American Medical Association. Rob and Jean raised six children in Northville, where both were active and prominent in work on behalf of their community, local charities, cultural events, and Our Lady of Victory church, as well as on behalf of St. John's Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan. The large, close-knit and happy family was known for its annual, often cross-country, family vaca-tions, a tradition that continues even now after well over a half-century. Rob's wife Jean died in December 1970. In June, 1979, he married Pauline (Tryon) McKenna , a retired teacher from Southgate, Michigan, with a son and two daughters. Upon his retirement from his Northville practice in April 1981, they moved to Lehigh Acres, Florida. Rob and Pauline shared a love of family, travel, good humor, and warm climates. Rob is survived by his wife, Pauline, and his six children: Robert Wetterstroem (spouse Rita), of Cincinnati; Mary Donlan (Jay), of Williamsburg, Virginia; Karen Minton (Richard), of Biddeford, Maine; Anita Coupe (Brad) of Biddeford Pool, Maine; Nan Spadacene, of Midland, Michigan; and Tom Wetterstroem (Mary) of Plant City, Florida. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren; and by his sisters, Mary Jane Koesters and Rosemary Wetterstroem, both of Cincinnati. Rob's passing is also mourned by his stepchildren Dorothy Amato (Taylor, MI), Donald McKenna (Westchester, OH) and Susan Shores (Allen Park, MI). A funeral will take place in Cincinnati, OH at the Mother of Sorrows Church. Donations in Rob's memory may be made to either Hope Hospice (2430 Diplomat Pkwy E, Cape Coral, FL 33909) or the Salvation Army. Rob was particularly devoted to the Salvation Army throughout his life, in appreciation of its support of him during his 'lean years" as a medical student.

## **POLICE BRIEFS**

#### Larcenv

A 36-year-old Detroit man, who allegedly stole alcohol so he could later purchase crack cocaine, will be arraigned Sept. 7 at Plymouth's 35th District Court on retail fraud charges.

According to Northville Township police reports, just before 10 p.m. on Aug. 23 officers responded to Meijer on Haggerty Road after a store employee allegedly spotted the man attempting to walk out with vodka tucked in his pants pockets and waistband.

The report indicated the suspect attempted to take \$185.88 worth of alcohol, including two bottles of Grey

Goose, two bottles of Circo and one bottle of Effenvodka. According to police, the suspect told police he was stealing the liquor to purchase drugs.

#### Minor in possession

A 19 year-old Bay City woman faces arraignment today at Plymouth's 35th District Court on minor in possession and obstructing a police officer charges.

Northville Township police arrested the woman last Sunday after finding her hiding in the closet of a home

located on the 16000 block of Winchester Drive, police reports indicated.

The report stated the woman, who registered a .06 on a preliminary breath test, gave police a wrong birth date, then failed to provide state identification or a driver's license. She also called the officers obscene names during her arrest, the report indicated.

#### Teens arrested mid-day

Two Northville teenagers are facing marijuana and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

City of Northville police reports indicated a part-time officer conducting parking enforcement in the lot behind the Marquis Theatre at about 4 p.m. last Thursday detained three teenage boys after noticing they were passing something back and forth. A full-time officer arrived and arrested two of the boys, 16 and 17. Both reportedly admitted to owning suspected marijuana, a glass pipe and grinder.

The youths were taken to the Northville Township police station where the younger boy was released to his father, pending a court appearance.

Officers also reported finding a folding knife with a 4inch blade in the Dodge Durango driven by the 17-yearold. He was released after he was assigned a Sept. 7 court date and his father posted a \$300 bond,

The report indicated a second 17-year-old, who told officers he had nothing to do with the marijuana, was released at the scene.

#### Drunk driving charges

A 26-year-old Livonia man faces a Sept. 7 court date on drunk driving charges.

Northville police reports indicate officers arrested the driver of a white Jeep Grand Cherokee Saturday after fail-ing to stop at the Main Street and Seven Mile Road intersection. After performing field sobriety tests, a preliminary breath test indicated the man's blood alcohol level was .10, above the state's .08 legal limit.

Officers arrested the man and transported him to the Northville Township police station where he was held, pending bond.

## Police: Keep windows and doors locked when away

#### **By Renee Saunders** STAFF WRITER

Leaving a door or window open while away or overnight could be an open invitation to something - or someone -- less pleasant than a fall breeze, police said.

Northville Township Police Chief John Werth said residents should always lock their doors and windows when they leave their house and always secure window screens in their bedrooms.

"The weather just started to break, we just started getting a breeze," Werth said. "(But) we haven't had anything happen, knock on wood."

Though Northville Township hasn't had any recent home invasions, residents living on Spyglass and Riviera Drives in the Northville Hills subdivision reported items stolen from their

unlocked cars on Aug. 22. There, were no suspects in the incidents and police are still

investigating, Werth said. Novi : Police Chief David Molloy said such occurrences

have also happened in his city. "We don't get a lot of people breaking into open windows," Molloy'said. "We have more of a problem with people leaving vehicles unlocked."

Molloy said during the last three weeks, there have been several incidents were items were taken out of unlocked vehicles. Molloy said three juveniles were arrested on larceny from auto charges and police are continuing to investigate the incidents.

Molloy said he believes the Novi incidents are separate from what happened in Northville Township last week.

"These are probably people from our area, they're not operating a motor vehicle," Molloy said. Molloy said residents should take basic crime prevention measures to protect their personal property.

Thieves will typically go through an unlocked door or force their entry by kicking the door in," he said.

"Home invasion crimes in Novi are very rare. We see more thefts from motor vehicles more than we do any type of home invasion."

Molloy said residents can protect their personal property by keeping all windows and doors locked while they're away and overnight.

He said in the summer, police officers patrolling neighborhoods sometimes see residents leaving their garage door open at night.

He said these residents will receive a notice from the police department to remind them to keep their doors shut.

#### Staying secure

Here are a few more tips for securing your home, according to Web site, www.howstuffworks.com/home-security-tips.htm:

- · Change all locks when you move into a new house.
- · Conceal all alarm system wiring.

• Even if your not home, make sure your house appears to be occupied.

. Instead of keeping a spare key in a mailbox or under a doormat, wrap it in foil or put it in a 35 mm film can and bury it where you can easily find it.

 Ask for credentials from strangers who want to enter your home

. Don't list your full name on your mailbox or your entry in the telephone book. Only use your first initial and last name.

Molloy said such notices aren't tickets.

"Our officers are giving those out 24 hours a day, we give hundreds of those out a year." Molloy said. "It's just a written notice."

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Disaster training class starts next month

#### By Renee Saunders STAFF WRITER

Northville Township resident Jennifer McNalley knows that surviving emergency situations requires focus and preparedness. McNalley attended a free 110-

week class at the Northville Township Police Station, 41600 Six Mile Road, where she learned CPR, basic first aid how to stay organized in an emergency environment.

"I wanted to be able to be prepared in case there was an emergency," she said. "I wanted to be able to help in a constructive way."

McNalley said along with learning how to handle potential community disasters, she also learned

to know the township's public safety officials, and meet a few new people who live in the community.

"It just lets you know who your public safety people are and know what they're doing and how they

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Response Team was made available nationwide by the Federal

safety is tied up," Sgt. Matt Mayes said. "They learn first aid, fire safety and general emergency preparedness techniques."

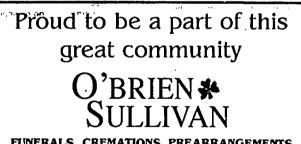
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Class set to start The next set of classes runs from 7 - 9 p.m. every

Wednesday beginning Sept. 13.

Call (248) 349-9400 for more information.

The Police Station is located on Six Mile Rd., east of Winchester Drive. e in with



deal with certain issues," she said. "The purpose of this is to help The Community Emergency residents help themselves if public an Method Ballet with Conditioning \* Pointe \* Hip-Hop \* Acting \* Yocal & Musical Tb 

Emergency Management Agency in 2003 allowing local citizens to help in case public safety officials couldn't get to them right away in case of a disaster.



how to handle disasters that could happen at home.

There were a lot of basic things that I thought I knew, but I didn't know," the 48-year-old mother of three said. "I've put my things in a safe place. I've made copies of our birth certificates and our mortgage just in case of a disaster.

"I feel like I'm more prepared for a disaster."

McNalley said along with acquiring new skills, the Community Emergency Response Team course also helped her get

"I wanted to be able to be prepared in case there was an emergency."

> Jennifer McNalley Resident, Northville Township



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Your Future in the Making

## DISTRICT GRADE: schools outpace state; Amerman letter-perfect

#### continued from 1A

#### received 100 percent in all testing areas. Other district buildings ranged from 90-100 percent.

"All elementary schools, including Amerman, have been working on school improvement," said Steve Anderson, principal of Amerman Elementary School. Trend analysis is Anderson's technical answer.

He also credits an involved group of parents. faculty and PTA.

"I think it is key to have their involvement," Anderson said. "Before I started here a long time ago I heard a rumor about the Amerman family," he said. "And it's true."

#### **Cost of success**

But being at the top has its pressures. As part of the No Child Left Behind federal legislation, all state schools must show improvement annually, working toward perfect scores by 2014.

Anderson said statistics and probability suggest Amerman will probably have a numerical

"It's called regression toward the mean," he said. "It makes it extremely difficult to have that 100 percent."

Anderson said outside factors contributing to students' consistent perfect grades include family problems and learning disabilities. often hard to control.

The 2005-06 results include scores from the first year Michigan students in third-eighth grades were assessed in math and English Language Arts under the MEAP and was also the first time students took the MEAP exam in the fall.

Northville Public Schools performance marks the second consecutive year each district building achieved a composite grade of A on the state report card and met AYP status under the No Child Left Behind Act.

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#### 2005-06 Northville Public Schools Michigan School Report Cards

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

New Cooke School teacher Kathleen Fortini receives a \$50 check from Northville School District's Jan Purtell during an orientation session at Mill Race. The money, for teacher classrooms, was donated by the Northville Mothers'

## New Northville teachers defy the odds

#### **By Victoria Mitchell** RECORD STAFF WRITER

For Dan Soloman, it was like finding the gold certificate in a Willy Wonka bar.

He was chosen out of a stack of about 3,000 resumes as a new Northville Public Schools teacher. Solomon is in the elite group of

less than 20 new teachers the district hired for the 2006-07 school year

Northville Public Schools Education Partnerships Facilitator Jan Purtell said there were 22 new

#### **New Northville Public Schools teachers**

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- Winchester art teacher (0.75 FTE) 🖬 Christina Mavian
- Hillside categorical classrcom teacher
- Morgan Cox Northville High School English teacher
  - 🗇 🔳 Jennifer Stelmock 🔬 🖓 Northville High School foreign language teacher

#### 🖬 Megan Holmes 🚊

- School psychologist and and

- Northville High School science teacher
- 🔳 Jennifer Hart
- Northville High School social studies teacher 🖬 Joseph Rohrhott
- Northville High School social studies teacher (0.5 FTE) ■ Jacqueline Shipley
- Cooke special education teacher
- 🔳 Dan Solomon Cooke special education teacher

hires as of the new teacher orientation last week.

Purtell said the group included a school psychologist, educational support and eight special education teachers - like Solomon.

#### Betting on a dream

For the last three years, Solomon's been substitute teaching during the day and waiting tables at nicht.

The pace prevented him from seeing his bride of two years during the week. They saw each other on the weekends.

"We told each other it would work out in the end," Solomon said.

He wanted to be a special education teacher, a bug that bit him when he stumbled into a special education subbing job years ago.

Throw in a newborn, not even three months old, and the Solomon

(Spanish) 🖀 Suzanne Ender Silver Springs kindergarten teacher (0.5 FTE) Emily Kahn Northville High School math teacher 🖬 Phil Timm Winchester and Silver Springs physical education teacher (0.55 FTE) 🖀 Caitlin O'Neill Silver Springs resource room ï 

family needed that winning ticket. So he sent in his resume to join

the overwhelming pool of aspiring teachers looking for a Northville Public Schools break.

#### The odds

According to the National Weather Service, the odds of being struck by lightning in a lifetime are one in 5,000. Becoming a Northville school teacher, is only a

Real States Hard States tad bit easier.

"I was really lucky" Solomon said. "It is one of the highlights of my life next to marrying my wife and the birth of our child."

He said the first time the district called he was cool. But when the second call came, he was completely excited.

"To be selected to teach in this district is an honor," Solomon said. "I'm proud to work here.

🗰 Kathleen Fortini (Brandow)	
Cooke special education teacher	
🖬 Julie Lantzy	•
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🖬 Jessica Onkka	
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🖬 Jenny Pascual	
Meads Mill talented/leadership teacher/resource	e m. 🗄
🖬 Lynn "Ford	
District teacher of speech and language	

#### Joining the winning pack

Solomon joined the wining pack last week at the district's new teacher orientation.

"Everything was quite success-ful," Purtell said. "It was fun and they learned a lot."

Two days of activities included welcoming remarks from superintendent Leonard Rezmierski and

Indicators of School Performance **Preliminary Grade** 99 A Met AYP Adequate Yearly Progress **Composite Grade** A

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#### Winchester Elementary School

Achievement Subtotal

English Language Arts	99.2	99.2	A
Mathematics	98.3	98.3	A
Achievement Subtotal	98.8	98.8	A
Indicators of School Performance		100	A
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city, township and community organization leaders.

The group of 22 received technical guidance, curriculum and standards explanations and a road rally taking the new teachers throughout the community.

"I really feel part of the community," Solomon said. "It was nice

getting to know the city."

Purtell said the two-day welcome is followed by a mid-year gathering and an end-of-the-year congratulatory event.

All new teachers are also matched with a mentor teacher for three years.

## Teacher contract expires today; bargaining talks extended

#### **By Victoria Mitchell** RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville teachers returned to the classroom yesterday, despite today's expiration of their current district contract.

A tentative agreement has also been reached on the 2006-07 school calendar.

"This is a'step in the right direction," said David Bolitho. Northville Public Schools assistant superintendent for administrative services.

Tuesday, members of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education approved the calendar and the request teachers return Aug. 30.

Despite the announcement, 500 teachers, members of the Education Northville Association, are still without a contract.

"I would not expect an agreement by (today)," said Thomas Silak, Northville teacher and head negotiator for the

Northville Education Association Tuesday. on Obviously the teachers would accept an extension of good faith bargaining, but obviously we can't force both parties to agree."

Bolitho said both sides have met regularly, trying to work out an agreement.

"Some progress has been made," he said.

"I would say negotiations are going slower than we prefer," Silak said. "I would have preferred it was wrapped up in February.

Both sides declined comment on sticking points.

"It doesn't necessarily facilitate the best negotiations," Silak said.

He did say major issues in all union contract negotiations, from autoworkers to teachers, are salaries, benefits and school calendar.

"That is always going to be an issue," Silak said. "Salary, bene-

fits and working conditions. For teachers, that is the calendar."

A 2004 settlement for the teacher contract expiring today included a 1 percent salary raise for the first semester of 2004-05; 1 percent salary raise for the second semester of 2004-05; 2 percent salary raise for 2005-06 school year; doubled prescription drug co-pay; longer days; and an earlier start date for last year.

Despite ongoing contract talks officials said school will likely begin Tuesday. Silak agreed.

"We would be obligated to go," he said, adding members of the Board of Education have already set the start date for students as Sept. 5.

Silak said he doesn't anticipate a Detroit-style teacher strike.

"I don't think that would happen in Northville," he said. "We feel we are doing a very good job of educating our students. I

#### "I would say negotiations are going slower than we prefer."

Thomas Silak Northville Teacher/Head Negotiator for the Northville Education Association

think they would want us to be there

"Obviously we would prefer to be in a situation where we had a contract going into the school year.'

If an agreement is not reached by Sept. 5, it won't be the first time teachers begin the year without a contract in place.

The 1998-2004 contract between the NEA and Northville Public Schools was extended

Northville Public Schools Tentative 2006-07 Calendar

Teacher work day Teacher professional day Labor Day recess First Day for students Teacher professional day Teacher professional day Thanksgiving recess Winter recess begins end of day Classes resume End of semester Teacher work day Mid-winter recess begins Classes resume Teacher professional day Spring recess begins end of day Classes resume Memorial Day recess Last day of classes Teacher work day

three times before a settlement was reached in the end of November 2004.

Thursday, Aug. 31 Friday and Monday, Sept. 1, 4 Tuesday, Sept. 5 Monday, Sept. 25 Tuesday, Nov. 7 Thursday/Friday, Nov. 23, 24 Thursday, Dec. 21 Wednesday, Jan. 3 Thursday, Jan. 25 Friday, Jan. 26 Friday, Feb. 16 Wednesday, Feb. 21 Monday, March 19 Thursday, April 5 Monday, April 16 Monday, May 28 Thursday, June 14 Friday, June 15

Wednesday, Aug. 30

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## Now serving: higher lunch prices

## Despite 2006-07 increases, district in line with area prices

**By Victoria Mitchell** RECORD STAFF WRITER

The cost of Northville Public Schools hot lunches will be higher when school starts Tuesday.

School officials said the average hot lunch increase is 20 cents for student meals.

Lunch for students will now cost:

<ul> <li>Elementary</li> </ul>	\$2.40
<ul> <li>Secondary</li> </ul>	\$2.65-3.20
<ul> <li>Old Village</li> </ul>	\$2.40
• Cooke	\$2.75

• Early Child \$2.40

School officials said ALA Carte and catering items will increase

by 8 percent.

Northville Public Schools

Elementary Snack Prices Animal Crackers: 25 cents Cereal: 40 cents Chocolate chip cookie: 60

cents Frozen juice bar: 30 cents

Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services David Bolitho said the increase is caused hy a 2005-06 school year \$45,645 Food Service Department budget deficit and a projected \$170.048 deficit for 2006-07 year. "This is the first time in over 10

years, the Food Service Department is in deficit," he said.

Fruit Roll-Up: 40 cents Gatorade: 80 cents Rice Krispie Treat: 50 cents Teddy Grahams: 30 cents \*Once a month Source: Nontrville Public Schools

Bolitho said the \$2.4 million food program has generated a profit for the past 10 years and lunch prices have not increased since the 2003-04 school year.

According to a Northville Record review of schools in Oakland and Wayne counties, Northville's new elementary school lunch prices are in line

with surrounding area districts. According to the data, the most common elementary school lunch price is \$2.50, 10 cents more than the district's new price.

Board Treasurer Joan Wadsworth said the board will keep an eye on participation in relation to the price increase. making sure it doesn't sharply affect students' eating habits.

School officials said the top two reasons cited by families for lack of participation in school food programs are long lines and price.

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inspired," she said.

see things through.

"He made it happen."

Final word

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SOURCE: Northville Record Survey

2006-07 Hot Lunch Prices

\$2.50

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And, "would someone cleanup all the pollution please? "I thought we were supposed to build a peaceful, fair and free world out here, not a nuclear exploding

Curtin said he wants world peace and his mother agrees her son's

"I think more people should lis-

"We believe in creating peace one laughing heart at a time.

"He's like Harry Potter. He made it happen."

> Barbara Danielsen Northville

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**By Victoria Mitchell** RECORD STAFF WRITER

Brian Curtin knows what you call a cat on the beach. Sandy claws

And he knows which is faster. hot or cold. Hot, he said, because it's easier to catch a cold.

Filled with original material and jokes borrowed from friends, the 11-year-old Northville resident recently debuted his own compact disc, "I've Got a Joke For You!" Combining two of his passions:

jokes and drumming. Curtain is proud of his accomplishment. When the CD arrived at his

home, it was a big day. "I thought it was a great thing."

he said. "And then I thought, 'it is time for lunch."

all the turtle cross in

What is Brian Curtin's favorite joke?

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#### The project

Making the CD was quite a venture, including his electronic wizard father Steven Curtin, a lot of funny jokes, a supportive mom and Grammy-nominated drummer Muruga Booker.

In his Ann Arbor recording studio, Booker worked with Curtin laying down all 13 tracks.

"It was layer, upon layer, upon layer ... ." said mother Barbara Danielsen. "It was like a painting

with 50 layers on it." Each song features Curtin telling jokes, stories and drumming appropriate for all ages

The idea for the project came from Curtin himself.

On the CD, he plays trap set, conga drums, synthesizer and wood blocks. Other accompaniment

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\$15.90 with tax

includes soprano saxophone, African shakers and loon call. "It was a huge amount of work,"

Danielsen said. "He worked with professional adults in a professional studio.'

#### A love for laughter

Danielsen said about 60 percent of her son's jokes are original material. He recites them with musical accompaniment combined with jokes and riddles learned from friends.

Curtin said he is very fond of funnies.

"I like the fact people laugh," he

Danielsen said her son's love for

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Curtin's endeavors don't all end

said. jokes started at an early age.

#### Danielsen credits Booker's guidhis listeners spoken on the last track ance for ushering the project into of his disc: "Do not destroy the "He starts with the kids and ozone layer, got that?"

builds," she said, he was working "Muruga hopes other kids will be Danielsen said she is awed by her

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### **CLASS NOTES**



#### First Day

The first day for Northville Public Schools is Tuesday, Sept. 5.

#### **Football fans**

The Northville Football Parents Association will be selling Northville Mustangs front Northville High School athletic

Thursday and Friday the first week of school. The plates are \$5 and will be sold during lunchtime. The association will also be taking orders for "Beat Novi" T-shirts (\$15) and hoodies (\$35).

#### Athletic passes

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Family passes for 2006-07 license plates Wednesday, events are available. The cost is

\$60 for a regular pass and \$75 for a Super Pass, which includes hockey. Each immediate family member (up to six people) receives a non-transferable pass. allowing admittance to all home athletic contests Sept. 2006-June 2007, not including districts and conference competitions.

Money generated from selling the pass goes directly to Northville High School sports.

For more information, call (248) 348-4277.

#### Get your ticket

Music booster \$100 raffle tickets are now on sale benefiting the Northville High School choir and band programs. More than \$40,000 will be awarded to 25 winners, with a top prize of \$15,000. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Tickets are available at

the high school open house, all NHS home football games and during the Victorian Festival. For more information, call Mary Jo Ring at (248) 465-9987 or email. mjrandhjr@comcast.net.

#### **Board Meeting**

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12 at

Old Village School, 405 W. Main St.

#### St. Paul's Kindergarten

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

#### **Early Education Openings**

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center is enrolling for the 2006-07 school year. **Openings** are still available in the Child Care Classes at Thornton Creek and Main Street, 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 is 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. For more information, 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 immediately due after Thanksgiving break. 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.

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## **Dance Lessons Promote Positive Results – and they're Fun!**

Whether your interest is in classical ballet, the rhythms of tap, or the cool moves of hip hop, dance offers many benefits beyond the "sheer joy of movement to music," according to Lisa Shapiro. Shapiro is the director of Center Stage Dance Company, a dance studio in Northville offering classes in ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop. lyrical and pointe for ages three through adult.

"Participation in a quality dance program helps build self esteem through opportunities to perform both within the classroom and for others," continues Shapiro. "In addition, dance is great exercise, it promotes physical including development strength, stamina, flexibility and poise."

Shapiro explains that studies have shown that dance promotes mental development as well. When students learn choreographed dances they practice patterning and develop memorization skills that can lead to improved academic aptitude. And dancing with a group helps promote both teamwork and leadership skills.

#### Sharing a Passion for Dance

Center Stage Dance Company begins its 19th year. Dancing since she was five years old. Shapiro taught high school dance before investing in a studio in Walled Lake in 1988. She moved the studio to Cady Street in Northville in 1992, and into a larger facility on Seven Mile Road in 2002 with four spacious dance rooms all with floating wood floors for safety and comfort. The student changing room/lounge is a great place for cating, studying, and socializing between classes. The facility also includes an apparel shop where students can purchase tights, leotards, shoes, T-shirts and other dance-related items.

Jackie Drouillard serves as office manager and Darcy Mikels as assistant office front office throughout the day and during class times to provide assistance and to answer any questions dancers or parents may have. Parents and students may also email the studio at csdc5678@sbcglobal.net, with questions or concerns.

The growth of the studio has allowed Shapiro and her faculty and staff to share their passion for dance with so many young people. "Our mission statement reflects our philosophy: We are a non-competitive studio dedicated to teaching the art of dance for the purpose of physical, emotional and mental development, and for the sheer joy of movement to music," explains Shapiro.

The senior faculty includes dancers that have "grown up" at Center Stage Dance, beginning as young students themselves. It is a tribute to the quality of the programs offered at Center Stage that so many former students have stayed on to teach. Junior faculty and classroom apprentices are high school students who are also enrolled at the studio.

Shapiro and her staff work hard to stay well educated in the latest dance techniques. They travel to New York and across the country regularly to attend classes and training workshops.

#### **Building Self-Esteem & Community Outreach**

"We offer many opportunities to share our joy of dance," said Shapiro. "We provide as many performance opportunities for students as possible because it helps them to build confidence and self-esteem." In addition to the annual recitals each June, Centera Stage Dance also conducts holiday and spring tours with performances at nursing homes, senior residential centers and facilities serving children whose emotional and physical safety are at

risk. "We believe in encour-

aging our students to get

involved in the community-



Top and above left: June Recitals are just one opportunity for **Center Stage Dance** students to perform for family and friends; Above right: Ballet class at Center Stage helps build strength and flexibility; Right: "Fabulous Fifties" Summer Dance Camp fun at Center Stage Dance.

of others," Shapiro said. The students also perform at many special events in Northville and surrounding communities.

A favorite performance is the fairy tale ballet with full costumes and staging, which is produced each spring by the in-house ballet company. This year's presentation was "The Wizard of Oz.", Peter Pan" will be performed hi 2007. 

Program Choices -Something for Everyone

Center Stage offers a variety of classes including ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, lyrical and pointe. Classes are available at every level from beginner through advanced



gram combining ballet and tap is offered for beginning girls and boys from age three to six. The primary dance season begins in Septemberand runs through June, culminating with its annual recitals. Enrollment for those programs is accepted through January.

As a community partner with the Northville Parks and Recreation Department, dance classes for adults and children are offered at Center Stage for those who prefer a shorter commitment. These 8-to-12 week sessions are a great opportunity to try out the program or learn a new technique.

A variety of dance pro-

and girls ages 4-8 feature creative themes that help teach rhythm and coordination along with the fun. This year's three-day sessions in July and August included "Princesses & Pirates," "Cowboys & Cowgirls," and "Mermaids & Sailors."

Registration for programs and camps is available at Center Stage or through the Northville Parks & Recreation.

For more information on current class schedules. course information, staff bios, newsletters and more, please visit the Center Stage Dance Company website at dancingcenterstage.com or stop in or call the office at 248-380-1666.

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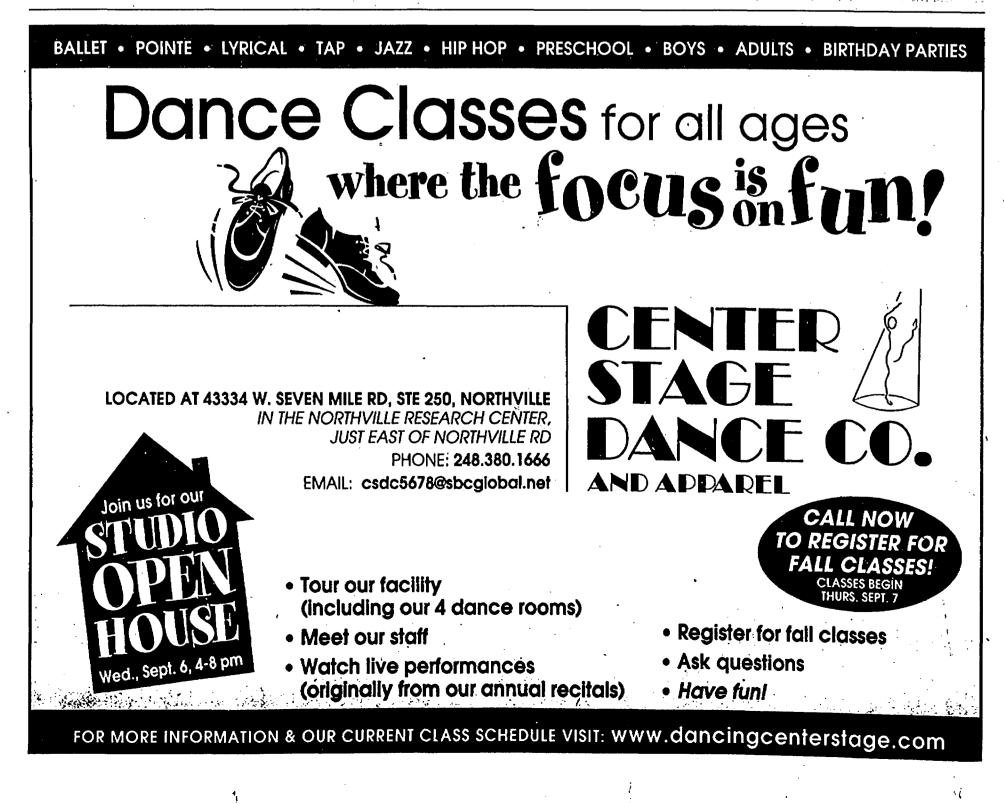
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next summer by a new three-

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## Local travelers may be passport to later township hours

#### By Renee Saunders STAFF WRITER

Life could be getting a little easier for Northville Township travelers.

Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said the township may amend its 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. business hours.

She said changing the hours helps busy people get to the township hall to apply for passports after work or after they get their children out of school.

Hillebrand said residents have complained about the inconvenient business hours.

Northville Township Hall is located at 44405 Six Mile.

"I thought we might want to do something to accom-modate those individuals," Hillebrand said. "We've just sort of thrown out the idea of maybe offering later hours or switching our scheduling.

"Right now, it's all talk. Nothing has been formally or officially discussed."

Hillebrand said a few options include offering a passport fair, offering later business times and perhaps holding a workshop on passport applications at Northville High School in the coming months.

We have a rush of seniors coming in to get passports for their senior trip," Hillebrand said.

Hillebrand said she hasn't talked to Robert Watson, Northville High School's principal yet, but she's noticed many high school students making the mistake of waiting too long to submit their passport applications.

"Many times, parents have to expedite a passport," she said. "That just about doubles the price. I thought that if I could get to the school, especially before Thanksgiving, they'll have plenty of time to apply and be ready for that infamous spring trip."

Hillebrand said residents have been able to apply for passports at township hall during the last three years. She said the clerk's office simply accepts the application, sends it off for processing and has no authority to grant or deny a passport.

Cost for a passport for applicants older than 16 is \$67, plus an additional \$30 application fee. Cost for applicants under 16 is \$52, plus an additional \$30 application

The application fee, which Hillebrand said is mandated by the federal government, goes to the township. Hillebrand said the township collected between \$10,000 and \$20,000 in application fees last year.

We wanted to give a break to our residents as a service, but we were told we absolutely cannot do that." Hillebrand said. "It doesn't matter where people apply, it's the same amount of money."

Hillebrand said many municipalities across the state offer passport application service, including the City of Northville.

Northville City Clerk Dianne Massa, said during the last nine years, the city has offered the passport application service during city hall's regular 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. business hours. Northville made \$18,660 in applications fees last year.

"We've just sort of thrown out the idea of maybe offering later hours or switching our scheduling."

> Sue Hillebrand Clerk, Northville Township

"It's a great service we offer to our residents," she said.

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## Identity protection: bill exacts heavier penalties

#### By Tracy Mishler SPECIAL WRITER

The Michigan Legislature recently passed a bill intended to protect consumers against the fraudulent use of their cell phone records.

Sponsored by Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), the bill was introduced as part of his comprehensive effort to combat identity theft.

Patterson said that just a few personal facts about an individual can allow someone to pose as that person and obtain phone records fraudulently.

"Phone service providers try to keep these records confidential," Patterson said in a statement, chair of the Technology and Energy Committee. "But con artists have

found ways to deceive them and obtain personal information."

Public Act 246 prohibits a person from procuring, selling or receiving confidential telephone records of another person without their authorization.

#### **Providing protection**

Sue Trussell, spokesperson for Patterson, said cell phone users will be better off with the bill because their identities are safer with legislation.

"In the past, criminals could pose as a person and obtain personal information," Trussell said. "Now, there is a law in effect that will prosecute criminals ... The penalty is five years (in prison) and a \$25,000 fine."

According to state officials, confidential telephone records include information relating to the quantity, technical configuration, type, destination, location, and amount of use of a service offered by a telecommunication provider subscribed to by any customer of that provider; information made available to a telecommunication provider by a customer solely by virtue of the relationship between the provider and the customer; and information contained in any bill related to the product or service offered by a

provider and received by any customer of that provider.

#### Protect your identity

Trussell said the original focus of the bill was just for cell phone usage.

'Sen. Patterson actually went beyond and included all types of phones, such as landlines and walkie-talkie type phones," she said. According to the bill, there will be an undetermined financial impact on state and local government, depending on the number of convictions for the new offenses.

The cost in the long or short run perhaps is dependent on how many people are caught and prosecuted," Trussell said.

Pattersón said he sponsored the bill because cell phone records have become the easiest targets for identity thieves.

This legislation is a powerful safeguard against identity theft," he said. "Telephone records have become one of the largest targets for criminals who exploit vulnerabilities in the system to prey on unsuspecting consumers.

"We have set a crucial restraint on this activity."

Michigan ranked 15 out of 50 states with 7,139 reported cases of identity theft, in 2005, according to state officials.

"The unanimous support this bill received should tell lawbreakers that we're serious about eradicating identity theft," Patterson said. "I have acted and will continue to act to prevent it in any for it presents itself."

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## Citizen of the <u>Year</u> **Nomination Form**

Each year the Northville Chamber of Commerce celebrates the dedication and support shown by community volunteers

through the Citizen of the Year award. Once again, the community is being asked to nominate deserving individuals who commit their time, energy, money and talents to making Northville a special place to live.



#### Criteria for nomination:

- · Be involved in actively supporting (through time, talent, or financial support) an organization that improves our community.
- Live or work in the Northville Community.
- Show concern for community, environment, and family.
- Be a role model for community youth and citizens.

#### I nominate:.

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Return all nominations by September 15, 2006 via fax or mail to the contact information below:



195 S. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 Phone: 248-349-7640 Fax: 248-349-8730 Email: Chamber@northville.org

This award will be presented at the Chamber Annual Meeting on October 18, 2006 at The Inn at St. John's



## Chamber looking for Citizen of the Year nominees

Honoree will be recognized for value to Northville community

#### By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Parading down Main Street was Dick Allen's due props.

Chamber Northville of president Jody Commerce Humphries said the 29-year community activist is known for quietly working behind the scenes. But as Northville's Citizen of the Year, the Northville Township resident will again be chauffeured past applauding crowds during the Victorian Festival parade Sept. 14. 1

"A lot of these people - like Dick Allen - do not seek the limelight," Humphries said. "He would never do that in a million years.

"In the Fourth of July parade, in the Victorian parade, he's getting his props.

Allen's reign as Mr. Northville is winding down as the chamber wraps up its Citizen of the Year nominations Sept. 15. The award will be presented at the chamber's annual meeting Oct. 18 at the Inn at St. John's.

#### Nomination criteria

Starting with Jan Reef in 1976, the award has been presented to volunteers from civic, school and community support agencies. Nomination criteria cites indi-

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Humphries said applications can be dropped at the 195 S. Main St. chamber office or faxed to

"We have a couple," Humphries said. "We'd like to see some

#### **Due tribute**

When presenters presented the shocked Allen with award in 2005, they praised his contributions as planning commissioner, township trustee and always-willing volunteer. He was duped into attending the ceremony under the guise of making comments on another's behalf.

Humphries said the Citizen of the Year award is an opportunity

Allen, and 2004 winners Jim Nield and the late Sonia Swigart, who also donated their time to a variety of community causes.

They do it for the right reasons," Humphries said. "They don't do it to receive rewards like this.

'We're forcing them into the limelight, where they should be."

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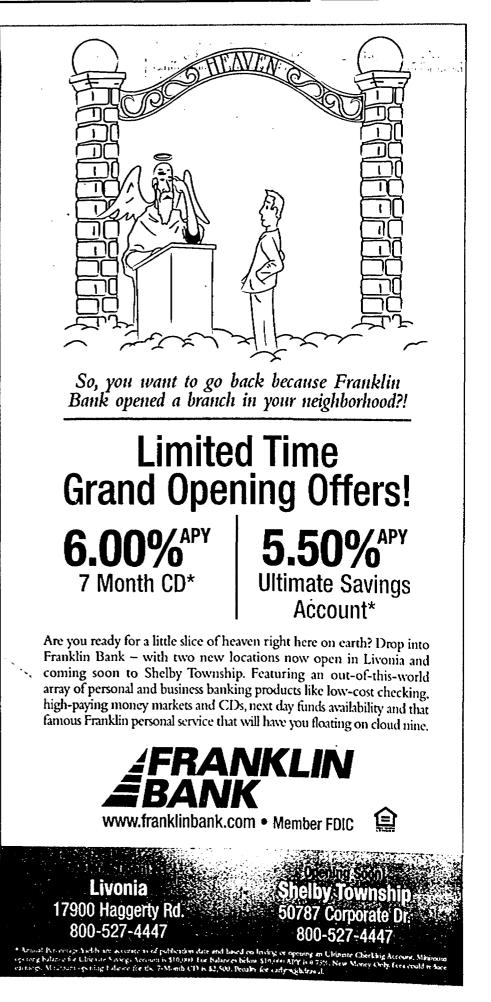
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## Group contemplates ways to attract, retain merchants

Downtown makeover effort constinues with 'walk about town'

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Dave Cole pointed to two vacant storefronts to make his point: full looks better than empty.

During a downtown tour last week, Cole led a group of volunteers focused on maintaining current businesses and bringing new ones to Northville. Other groups, concentrating on parking, marketing and design efforts, meandered around town separately.

Co-owner of Great Harvest Bread Company on Main Street, Cole talked from his front-line perspective about competing for customers, increasing incentives for merchants and meeting prospective tenants' criteria.

For long-term vitality, downtown planners have concluded they're all areas Northville needs to improve.

**Promotion required** 

Critiquing Center Street's current appeal, Cole showed his group the blackeye of 190 N. Center St., Pear-aphernalia's home before moving to Main Street. Directly across the street, the former home of Anne's Crafts at 110 N. Center, is alive with Yard Art signs, merely props in another unoccupied retail space.

Businesses turning over is part of a downtown life cycle, Cole said, but even the appearance of commerce helps prevent turning off entrepreneurs seeking a downtown location.

"Just so you're promoting the downtown," he said. "Prospective business owners don't want to see a lot of this."

A cooperative effort to keep windows occupied could be one product of the committee's efforts.

#### **Focused** strategy

Northville Downtown Development Authority board members like Cole are addressing deficiencies

#### What's next?

Volunteer committees are continuing to meet, discussing options for design, marketing, business mix and parking.

On Monday, the Northville City Council is expected to hire a design consultant to look at costs and specifics for downtown projects such as improving the streetscape, creating better pedestrian connections and expanding Bandshell Park. strategic plan paid consultant Beckett and Raeder submitted to the city council in June. Council plans to hire design and marketing experts in September and October. The development authority budgeted S4 million for improvement

highlighted in the downtown

projects. The steering committee that worked alongside the strategic planning consultant agreed drafting residents and business owners in the process was the best was to enact recommendations with community buy-in. Development authority direc-

develop long-term goals for the consultants to address.

Attracting prospects

The group Cole led last Thursday evening included automotiverelated corporate employees, health-care professionals and high school students.

The recruitment and retention volunteers agreed on two priorities: forwarding marketing suggestions to their fellow committee and cre-



Dave Cole Northville Downtown Development Authority board



Jack Burke, 7, lifts a pumpkin growing in the yard of his Northville Colony Estates home. Pumpkin vines have overtaken the family's garden and porch, and began as a seedling in Burke's Winchester Elementary classroom.



#### By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Like his namesake in the beanstalk fairy tale, Jack Burke was shocked by the plant he grew from beans. The 7-year-old will return to Winchester Elementary School next week with his own tale of ambitious pumpkin vines overtaking his front porch. When the Burke family returned to their Cotswold Court home after a two-week vacation, Jack found two large pumpkins entwined in vines.

"We were very surprised," he said. Burke said he plans to watch the pumpkins grow two more months and harvest them for Halloween.

At the start of summer, Burke's first-grade teacher, Kim Nicholas, sent her class home with Dixie cups containing three seeds — kidney, sunflower and pumpkin.

With the help of his mom, Janet, Burke transplanted the single surviving sprout.

"We had no idea what it was," Janet Burke said. Now front-door guests pass a colorful mix of the "We had no idea what it was."

Janet Burke Resident, Northville

impatiens Burke plants each year, pumpkin vines thanks to Jack and sunflowers planted by chipmunks pilfering garage birdseed.

"It's just taken over the front yard," she said. Burke said she has a photo of Jack taken with the sprout a week after he planted it. The orange pumpkin already has exceeded 2-feet in diameter, she said. "He's just as proud as he could be."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

ating a package of materials to send to prospective businesses describing Northville's allure.

Northville Square, the retail and office building at Wing and Main Streets, was a first stop on the walking tour. The entire downtown will benefit from the developers attracting quality tenants, Cole said.

"It will be important that we have a product that makes sense and is timely," he said.

On Dunlap Street, the group looked at the parking lot behind the Marquis Theatre where Edward's Café and Caterer formerly stood. Committee members agreed incentives from the city might induce businesses along east Main Street to spruce up their rear facades.

Cole said 65 percent of Great Harvest's customer traffic enters the rear door.

"Our back could use some help," he said. "Anything businesses do — put tables outside, get the license, maintain them — comes at a cost.

"I think you're going to see a lot of new ideas resurrected in the next 12-18 months."

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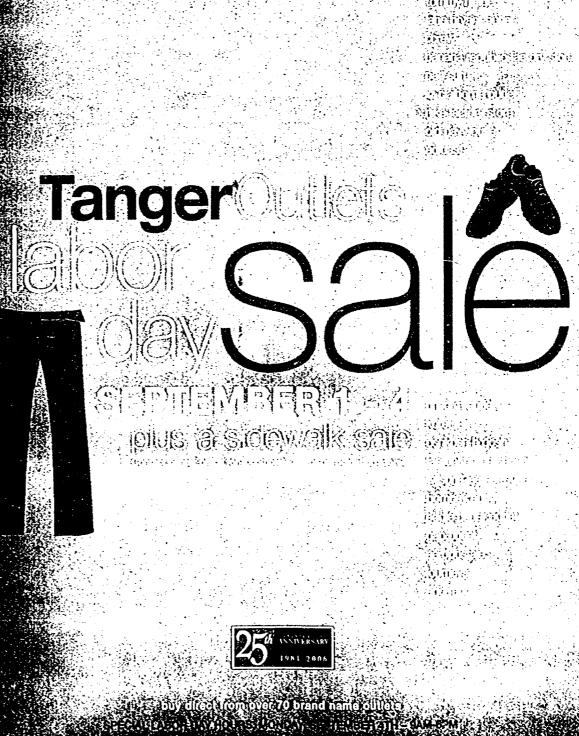
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#### CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #8-7-06

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northvile City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 8-7-06 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 86 Utilities, Article II Water System, Division 2 - Cross Connections in the Northvile Code of Ordinances. The purpose of the ordinance amendment is to comply with the State of Michigan's current Water Supply Cross Connection Rule, and includes ordinance modifications pertaining to testing backflow prevention devices. The ordinance was introduced for first reading on August 7, 2006 and

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on August 7, 2006 and was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 21, 2006. The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective on August 31, 2006 upon publication. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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## **OPINION**

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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.

## Hope renews as contract expires

Ongoing contract talks between Northville Public Schools officials and its unionized teachers is a good sign.

Despite a contract expiring today, both sides apparently see the bargaining table, rather than a picket line, as the best place to strike a deal.

We think that's smart.

But let's not get too far ahead of ourselves. What's at stake here is serious business, replete with long-term ramifications for the district.

Though both sides decline official comment about what they want and what they are willing to concede, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand that the primary linch-pin here is not money.

It's the amount.

Teachers want more of it, believing their professional contribution to an acclaimed school district merits higher line" with teachers is the first salaries and perks commensurate with private-sector peers. District officials, beset by decreasing state funding, two recently failed bond requests and the need to plan for future district growth, say there's simply not as much money to go around as there once was.

Who's right? Who's being neelistic? And who's simply kicking the tires, waiting for the final hour to offer their "best" offer? Likely, both sides.

#### What do you think?

to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Letters to the Editor, David Aguilar, Northville Record 104 W. Main St. Northville, MI 48167. Fax:

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lagging white-collar layoffs common and many workers do not enjoy (248) 349-9832. E-mail: anything close daguilar@gannett.com.

> step-raises enjoyed by public school teachers - it would be tough for teaching professionals to claim they never saw such changes coming.

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On the other hand, if district officials are seeking such concessions - now or in the future - they should be willing to open all of their books and justify their "lean times" argument with aggregate numbers, not merely percentage increases. Furthermore, they should always consider "painful" administrative cuts, and find ways to do more, with less.

Some claim "holding the step toward shoring up rapidly escalating district costs.

After all, if times are really tough, everyone should share the pain — even parents, who may soon have to accept increased class sizes, additional portable classrooms and reduced curriculum choices.

Let's be realistic. There is no truth at a bargaining table, only versions of carefully spun dogma. What we know is this: Public school teachers and administrators serve at the pleasure of taxpayers who pay their way and for the benefit of kids trying hard to shape a future. Amid all the rhetoric, let's remember who really has the most to lose as talks continue.

## Pudding: Faithful friend marked time, leaves good memories

John Heider

There's been one constant in my life during the last 20 years.

I've had one cat.

Other things have changed, a lot of them: addresses, jobs, girlfriends, cars and family life. I've gone from renting at six different locations in Ann Arbor, an apartment in Plymouth and finally becoming a homeowner.

I started out shooting blackand-white film, developing in darkrooms and not knowing an aperture from a

shutter speed. Now I'm a photographer with a digital camera and computer. My career began at the Ann Arbor News, migrated to the Ypsilanti Press, and now I'm with Northville Record and Novi News.

Ah, the girlfriends: There was Marie, Jennifer, Sarah, Hope, Corine,

you get the idea ... Cars? Drove a domestic and then an import. Beer? Same thing: drank Stroh's, and now I'm on to Heineken.

Family changes? I went from being merely a brother to an uncle and brother-in-law. My family used to be within a quick car trip; now they're all a plane ride to the east or west.

The only permanence in those 20 years has been my cat "Pudding," a slightly preowned model I picked up in Albion before my senior year of college.

When I changed jobs Pudding was always there at the end of the workday to greet me.

When I moved to a new home, she was the first to check out every inch of the new digs and certify them OK.

## **GUEST COLUMN: TOM WATKINS**

And when I was dumped by a girlfriend, she was always there to give me a few 'buddybumps" and purr like a maniac to make me forget my lost love life.

How can I encapsulate two decades of life together with my pet? Sum up the path we took from being strangers to an undeniable love for each other? The answer is I can't. I'd need poetry, an opera or two and the ghost of Shakespeare to bring to life all those little adventures

we've had. There's the time

after a serious health scare for her I wept tears of joy when she merely found food interesting again. The times she'd run off and how I once made a "Lost Cat" poster for her that somehow made it RECORD PHOTOGRAPHER into a book ("Lost" Lost and Found Pet Posters From Cecelia, Carly, Anne and, well, Around the World by Ian Phillips, 2002).

For more than 20 years, I tackled a ton of tasks for my little fur ball, big and small: visits to the vet, harvesting fresh catnip, changing litter boxes, cleaning up the morethan-occasional hairballs, arranging for cat-sitters and finding my finicky eater that particular type of Fancy Feast she so loved.

For the last year, however, Pudding had been in declining health; after 20 years of life, her kidneys and liver were slowing down and she was becoming dehydrated, lethargic and just a shell of her former frisky self.

I kept her alive through a daily regime of pills, powders and IV fluids under her skin in the hope for another day of her. buddy-bumps. Another day of her visible excitement as the

Pudding in 1989 at age 2.

meant the world to me, I couldn't be selfish with her health. The most valuable thing I ever did for her was to be by her side Saturday, Aug. 12, in the only room at the Ann Arbor Animal Hospital with an exit door so that grieving pet owners don't have to weep their way past the reception area. I

held my beloved Pudding as two syringes were emptied into her catheter: the first to render her unconscious and the second to stop her heart and lungs.

More importantly, as she quickly slipped away I whispered in her soft, cinnamon colored ear that I loved her, that she was the best kitty ever in the world and that she'd soon be able to run around again and that I was so glad that she was part of my life.

After staying with her body for more than an hour, I finally wrapped her in her one of my favorite blue pocket T-shirts added a can of food and a cat toy — and then peered in the shroud one more time, to see

Photo by John Heider/Northville Record

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that she was really in there. That she was really gone. I then buried her in a grave that I dug as she lay in my backpack - on my back, rest-

ing up for that last trip. This was not an enjoyable day, but it was vitally important to be able to be there for her and help her live her 29 years as much as I could, and then to steady her as she slipped from this life to the

next. Pudding was just a cat and wasn't unique (except she could sit on her butt and eventually fall asleep with her head in her big belly). But she was my cat. The one that awakened me at 5 a.m. with howis for food, met me at the door at the end of every day and was my Constant.

Though there will never be another Pudding. I hope someday a little furry bundle can begin its slow, tender crawl toward my heart, and we can begin that rewarding journey all over again.

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can of cat food was opened. Just one more day of her

purring away on my chest as we both fell asleep. But after awhile, and some advice from her doctor, I decided that enough was enough

and that even though she

But let's remember what's really at stake here: kids who deserve a quality education.

Will teachers have to settle for less of a salary increase than they'd like, and "contribute" more to their own retirement and health care costs? If not

## City: Looking up, for downtown

City leaders promised the latest study they purchased wouldn't collect dust on a shelf. It appears the downtown strategic plan submitted in June is on its way to becoming dog-eared, thanks to a steady commitment of volunteer time. Committees working to implement design, marketing, business mix and parking recommendations are meeting each week, developing aggressive schedules to do some updating Northville visitors new and old will appreciate. Keep up the good work.

## Schools: District earns 'A' for effort

Last week, Northville Public Schools received straight As on its state report card. The high mark on the Education Yes! Michigan Report Card also ensured the district met Adequate Yearly Progress benchmarks established by the government in the No Child Left Behind federal legislation. And not only did the district meet two stringent yardsticks, but they did it with high marks. Amerman Elementary School received all 100 percent markings on its report card and no building received lower than a 97 percent. The state and federal achievement is a testament to all Northville public school officials, educators, student and parents working together toward the common goal of excellence.

Whew! A holiday weekend is about to begin, hooray! Labor Day is here. I can smell the hot dogs cooking, hear splashing in the lake and swimming pools and know the moans from the kids and cheers from the parents are ahead, realizing that summer is over and it is back to school!

Yet, Labor Day should take on a particular significance this year with Michigan's unemployment rate at 7 percent, nearly twice as high as the national average, and the fear that is caused by the constant drum beat of negative economic news pounding on both white and blue collar workers.

It does not seem to matter if you are living in affluent neighborhoods or working class communities. Few of us do not know the personal human tragedy that the loss of income and hope can cause.

If a member of your immediate family has not lost a job recently, a neighbor has. You can see the financial and emotional strain of being without work causes as it takes its toll on friends and family alike.

#### **Celebrating labor**

Over 100 years ago, workers decided they deserve of day of celebration for labor they provide. The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday. Sept. 5, 1882, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. It was dubbed the "workingmen's" holiday! Peter McGuire, an Irish-American cabinet maker and pioneer unionist with the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners who proposed a day dedicated to all who labor.

McGuire introduced his idea at a meeting of the Central Labor Union on May 18.1882. "Let us have, a festive day during which a parade through the streets of the city would permit public tribute to American Industry," he said. The holiday was born in New York City and it spread across the country as the rights of workers were demanded and won.,

On June 28, 1894, long time labor antagonist, President Grover Cleveland under pressure from the voters, signed a Labor Day holiday bill.

While the idea of a labor holiday orig-

inated in New York City, there is no place on earth as identified with the labor movement as Detroit. The United Automobile Workers Union not only fought for better wages and working conditions, but have a proud tradition of fighting for social justice for all Americans.

Laboring through summer's final fling

Clearly, this great country of ours was based on extraordinary vision, principles and ideals but it was built by blood. sweat and tears of working men and women. We built a nation that has the highest standard of living for working people in the history of the world. Our workers are the most productive, and have helped define our skylines, build interstate highway systems, connect peninsulas and islands with magnificent bridges, picked up our trash, educated our children and with "Rosie the Riveter"; made Detroit the Arsenal of Democracy and helped us win two World Wars.

Yet, as my teenagers like to say, "that was then — this is now."

Today, sadly with the shrinkage of the domestic auto market, brought about through technology and foreign competition, the "American Dream" is fading for many Michigan auto workers who are slipping out of the middle class like the board game chutes and ladders tumbling back to where their immigrant parents or grandparents started.

The blue collar middle class in Michigan and America is clearly being eroded and many fear it will become extinct if something is not done, and done soon.

For Michigan and America to remain, strong we cannot mortgage our workers future, our basic principles of fairness and our way of life. The viability of our society, the strength of our economy, the quality of our lives and the vibrancy of our democracy depends on the strength of working men and women of this country.

We cannot expect to build a better world and spread democracy while we undermine and impoverish the American worker,

Yet, sadly much of the enthusiasm for working men and woman to "celebrate" their day is melting away like an ice cream cone on a hot summer day.

#### Do something

So today, every American should get "mad as hell" and in the fine labor movement tradition demand that our government, at every level do something or as FDR said, "do something and if that does not work, do something else, but for God's sake, do something!" to protect our way of life.

Here are some suggestions:

 Demand that the President meet with the auto executives and work on policies and laws that benefit our auto industry.

· Protect the intellectual, innovative and creativity property from foreign competitors that are stealing us blind.

· Develop a training and retraining program that will rival the Marshall Plan to provide the skills, training and education to every worker in need.

· Invest in education, especially, math, science and the arts. Be bold, like President John F. Kennedy - calling for putting a man on the moon within the decade and propose big ideas and pledge to make America the creative, innovative brain bank of the world.

· Find ways to provide affordable decent health care insurance to the over 43 million people, and growing, without It.

· Invest in research and development.

· Support global trade, but assure that it is fair and enforceable.

On June 28, 1894, long time labor antagonist, President Grover Cleveland under pressure from the voters signed a Labor Day holiday bill.

On this Labor Day, let the American people, with Michigan leading the way. again put pressure on today's President and Congress to invest in America's working men and women.

Now, that would be something to celebratel

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# Michigan faces financial train wreck

Talk about a perfect storm! Michigan's state budget could face a whopping \$3 bil-lion deficit (out of a \$9.3 billion general fund) as a result

of the legislature's repeal of the Single Business Tax. That's

because the lawmakers who did that this summer acted without the slightest idea of what to replace it with. And there is no guarantee

they'll get one in place before the tax expires.

And if you need further proof of a lack of coherent political leadership these days, you need only look at two contradictory proposals on the November ballot --both of which might pass.

Let's look at the ballot proposals first. One, called "Stop Over Spending" (SOS) would constitutionally restrict the amount the state can spend, period. The other, called "K-16," seeks to require more state spending for schools. For one thing, most government experts think sticking spending decisions into our Constitution is a bad idea.

But beyond that --- if both pass, and that could easily happen - these two proposals would be in direct conflict, though it does seem to be clear what would happen after that.

The SOS measure would limit state spending to the sum of inflation plus population growth - giving our elected lawmakers very little ability to deal with major crises. Supporters claim hey ve handed in more than the 317,757 signatures needed to put the proposal on the ballot. Some early polls show SOS ahead, although a coalition of civic groups is fighting the proposal, saying the language is impossible to understand. They also point to the mess that a similar measure created in Colorado before it was repealed. But though this promises disaster, it still may be on the ballot. The K-16 proposal would automatically commit to school districts, community colleges and universities at least enough state funding to cover inflationary cost increases. The Senate Fiscal Agency says the measure, if it passes, would require the state to spend an additional \$567 million the first year. This proposal is also ahead in the polls. If both were to pass, however, the SOS proposal would trump the other, since unlike the K-16 proposal, it is a Constitutional Amendment, not a simple law.

which gets the most votes supersedes the other.) But that doesn't mean those on the losing side may not

take their case to the courts. And if SOS passes, the odds are that it will lead to a further blow to the

state's national reputation. That in turn will mean increased interest costs when our bond rating for state government debt is downgraded.

**Phil Power** Notice I don't . say if; the only real question will be when.

As for the Single Business Tax - it now seems the legislature, in its urgency to repeal the unpopular tax (and pander to the voters) forgot it takes some time to properly set up the system to administer and collect any replacement business tax. The SBT, which produces around \$1.9 billion in state revenue, is set to expire on Dec. 31, 2007. As of now, the current lawmakers are supposed to solve that problem in a "lameduck" session after the Nov. 7 election.

More realistic observers figure it will take the legislature months and months to hammer out a new state business tax.

And on top of that — veter-an tax experts say it takes a long time to develop the necessary systems to collect the new revenue.

Joseph J. Tomczyk, director of JohnBernard LLC, a tax advisory firm in Royal Oak says, "it certainly will take at least a year, probably closer to 18 months to put together all the systems required to make the tax work." He knows something about this; he is a former staffer at the state treasury department. Tomczyk says the state has to understand the language of whatever bill the legislature passes and the governor signs. Who's taxed? How is the tax to be computed? What about estimated payments? Pre-Dayments? Then there is the matter of forms and systems. How to process and account for the returns? What about delinquent taxpayers and followup, not to mention audits?

could be facing a sky-high deficit of nearly \$3 billion or so (the \$1 billion current deficit plus nearly \$2 billion in business tax shortfall) for the fiscal year that starts in October, 2007.

Michigan's Constitution forbids any deficits at all, so some time next year the legislature-might find itself having to cut state spending by around one-third! You may be certain neither candidate for governor nor any of the folks running for the legislature are going to talk much about this problem. But we could be facing a financial train wreck, thanks to the obsession with cutting taxes above anything else, especially sound government policy.

When asked about this problem, Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) a member of the legislative committee that will propose a replacement business tax, said "I hear it (the problem) loud and clear." She added, "it will take an extraordinary level of discipline" for the legislature to implement tax reform before the SBT runs out.

Don't hold your breath. That's why a day-long town hall meeting on Nov. 13 (the Monday after the election) on business taxation policy might be interesting. Cosponsored by The Center for Michigan, my newly-formed, non-profit "think-and-do tank," and Michigan State University, the gathering will aim to cast light on the whole tax question.

A panel of budget and tax experts will review the consequences of the various tax plans under consideration who wins, who loses and what the impact is on the budget and the state. (Full disclosure: I'm the guy who founded The Center for. Michigan; I serve as its president.)

If you're interested, send me a note and I'll send more details. In the meantime, if you want to have some fun by giving candidates — any can-didates — for state office a hard time, just ask them about the perfect financial storm we may be soon facing. Ask them what they propose to do about it. Then listen for the trademark distress call of the endangered politician --- the sound, that is, of nervous stammering.



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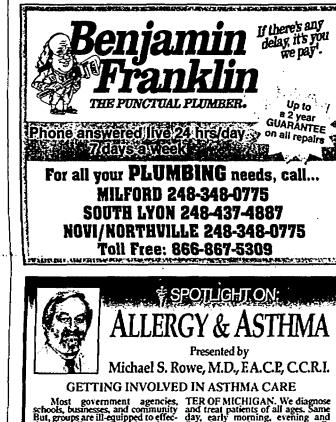
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The bottom line is that the state is already facing a bil-lion-dollar "structural" budget deficit, which means that the funding systems now in place automatically turn up that much of a shortfall, every year.

If the legislature follows its traditional work pace ---which is very, very slow - it won't get around to passing a replacement business tax until late 2007. If it then takes 18 months for the Department of Treasury to sort out the taxcollection systems, the state

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#### NORTHVILLE **EVENTS**

#### ART EXHIBIT

LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center St. CONTACT: (248) 380-0470 DATE: Sept. 1 - 30 **DETAILS: "The Feminine** Touch" exhibit will feature three Michigan artists.

**GUTS AND GLORY WALK** DATE: Saturday, Sept. 9 TIME: Registration at 9:30 a.m. for the one-mile walk; 10:30 a.m. for the 5K walk. LOCATION: Maybury State Park

DETAILS: This event is a fundraiser for the Chrohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. Participants can choose between the one mile walk, or the 5K walk. Registration is \$10, and includes lunch. Children uner 12 are free.

#### ECLIPSE BASEBALL CLUB

DATE: Home games are: 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:** Pattie 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. Refreshments will be included. Everyone is welcome. CONTACT: Susan Browne, (734) 838-0863 or e-mail misskittysjournalad@comcast.net

FREE SOFTBALL CLINIC DATE: Saturday, Sept. 10 TIME: 4:00 p.m. LOCATION: Millenium Park

TIME: 9:30 a.m. LOCATION: Northville Hills Golf Club

DETAILS: This will be an event to provide information for members, and welcome new members. A continental breakfast is included for existing members. \$6 for guests. R.S.V.P. is required. CONTACT: Nancy Murphy, (248) 305-5460

#### **NOVI CHORALAIRES**

AUDITIONS DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 19 TIME: 7:30-9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Middle School, 11 Mile and Wixom Road

**DETAILS: The Novi** Choralaires is a chorus with members from Novi, Northville and the surrounding area that performs in a number of holiday and local events. All voice parts are welcome to audition.

**CONTACT: Dick Bayerl,** President (248) 349-3267 or Janet Wassilak, Director (734) 449-2579

#### **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

#### **"EVERYTHING ABOUT**

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HOSTAS' DATE: Sept. 11 TIME: 6:30 p.m. DETAILS: This event is sponsored by the Gardeners of Northville and Novi. Everyone is weicome. CONTACT: www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

#### **COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB OF** NORTHVILLE

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 12 TIME: 9:30 a.m. DETAILS: This will be a hypertufa planter workshop. All are welcome CONTACT: Sue, (248) 349-7783

#### ART WALK DATE: First Friday of every month TIME: 6-9 p.m. LOCATION: Downtown

TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per Victorian Etiquette: Or the person. Registration is required. humorous side of behaving like a Victorian MAYBURY STATE PARK DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 5 **EVENTS** 

#### School signup!

Northville High School seniors Laura Bostwick, left, and Danielle Hirka wait in line o complete fall registration. They were to receive their parking passes. ID cards and class schedules. Classes begin Sept. 5.

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.northvillemarquistheatre.c om

"Alice in Wonderland" DATE/TIME: Saturday, Sep. 9, 16, 23, 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, Sep. 10, 17, 24, 2:30 p.m. DETAILS: Children ages 3 and

under are not permitted. Tickets are \$8 per person.

**GENITTI'S LITTLE THEATER** LOCATION: 108 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com **Dinner** Theater DATE: Various days through September

TIME: 6:30 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner and show. Registration is required. Bob Posch and John Cionca DATE: Saturday, Sept. 23 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner and show. Registration is required. The Frank Sinatra Tribute from Las Vegas' DATE: Friday, Oct. 20; Saturday, Oct. 21 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner and show. Registration is required. Johnny Ginger DATE: Friday, Nov. 3 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets are \$35 per person for dinner and show. Registration is required. The Reflections DATE: Saturday, Nov. 4

- TIME: 7 p.m.
- DETAILS: Karen Mahaffey of

the Moss Rose will speak on the prim and proper manners or our forebears.

An Evening of Blue Grass Music

- DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 6
- TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Musicians featured

will be Jesse Lee Mason and Kelly Mason. Please call the library to reserve a seat.

Fall Tot Storytime

- Monday, Sept. 25 Oct. 30, 10:15 a.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27 Nov. 1, 10:15 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 28 - Nov. 2,

10:15 a.m. DETAILS: This program is for children 2 and 3 years old accompanied by a parent or care-

DETAILS: This program is for children ages 4 and 5, and in kindergarten, that are comfortable without a caregiver present. The program features stories and crafts. Sessions are limited to 20 children. 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

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**DETAILS:** This clinic will be held for 11 and 12 year old girls. CONTACT: Bruno Petrucci, (248) 207-6969 or e-mail petrufam101@comcast.net

#### SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, and 4:00 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 17

LOCATION: Millenium Park DETAILS: The tryouts are open to all girls that will be age 12 or under as of Dec. 31, 2006. Northville residency is not required. All positions are open, with a need for pitchers.

#### **NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS** AND NEIGHBORS MEMBERSHIP "KICK OFF"

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 12

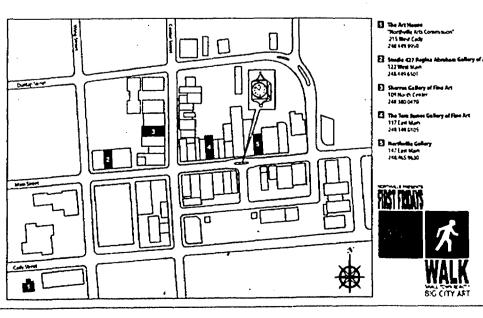
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DETAILS: Art galleries, arts and crafts stores and restaurants will be open; art demonstrations and exhibits available in shops. **CONTACT: Tom James**,

Gallery of Fine Arts, (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



#### First Friday Walk!

Members of the Northville Central Business Association want to make sure folks have art in their lives. So they offer an event titled First Fridays Art Walk. On the first Friday of each month, art galleries and arts-and-crafts stores in downtown Northville are open 6-9 p.m.The participants are Art House, 215 Cady, (248) 449-9950; Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center (248) 380-0470; Studio 427 - Regina Abraham Gallery of Art, 122 W. Main (248) 449-6501; Swearingen Visions, 118 W. Main (248) 347-1642 and the Tom James Gallery of Fine Art, 117 E. Main (248) 349-0105. The event is year-round.

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331-7437 or visit www.mibabywalks.org

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road,

between Beck and Napier roads

CONTACT: (248) 349-8390 Sunday Family Series

DETAILS: Sunday, "So Long to Summer"; Sept 10. "Signs of the Seasons"; Sept. 17 "All

about Autumn"; Sept. 24 "Leaf

DATE: Sunday, Sept. 17

TIME: 12:45 p.m., check-in; 2

DETAILS: This walk is pre-

sented by M-CARE and pro-

Tomorrow's Child Michigan

organization aimed at reducing

the risk of death for infants in

CONTACT: Jan Quiring,

Development Director (800)

SIDS. This is a non-profit

ceeds will benefit the

TIME: 6 p.m.

Baby Walk

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Michigan.

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

DETAILS: This grand opening will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours of the history trail, family activities and the annual Northville Road Runner Classic (8K 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: George McCarthy, (248) 347-0899

#### MAYBURY FARM PRO-GRAMS

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

#### Hayrides

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

#### LIBRARY LINES

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

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

The library will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 for Labor Day.

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

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giver. Registration is required. beginning Sept. 6. Sessions are limited to 13 children. Babies, siblings, or non-registered children may not attend.

#### Fall Kids Club

TIME/DATE: 4:15 - 5:15 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28 - Dec. 7 DETAILS: This is an after school program for children in first, second, and third grades

featuring stories, games, and crafts. Sessions are limited to 20 children. Registration is required.

#### Little Me Storvtime

TIME/DATE: 10:30 - 11:15 a.m., Friday, Sept. 1 DETAILS: This is a program for babies and children up to 2 years of age, along with parents and caregivers, providing music, beanbag fun, and simple stories. Older children are welcome. No registration is required.

#### The WhizzzBang! Science Show

TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14

DETAILS: Mike Hill will perform entertaining demonstrations to explore the world of science. This program is for children of all ages. 100 tickets will be available at the Information Desk 5 minutes prior to the start of the program. Advance tickets will not be available.

#### Junior Books, Chat and Chow TIME/DAE: 4:15 p.m.,

Wednesday, Sept. 27 DETAILS: This is a book group for children in fourth and fifth grades. The book, "Tale of Despereaux" by Kate DiCamillo, will be discussed. Registation begins Sept. 1.

#### Fall Storytime

Monday, Oct. 9 - Nov. 13, 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10 - Nov. 14, 10:15 a.m.

#### TRUSTEE MEETINGS

DATE: Fourth Thursday of every month TIME: 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Open to the public.

#### CHURCH **EVENTS**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN** CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

#### **Single Place Events**

CONTACT: www.singleplace.org Thursday Meetings DATE: Today, picnic and concert

#### **DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF** THE NAZARENE

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Rd.

#### CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 Ladies Bible Study DATE: Tuesdays through Nov. 14

TIME: 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. DETAILS: The group will study book of Genesis. There is a \$15 registration fee that includes study materials. Free childcare is available for children 5 and under.

DATE: Tuesdays thourgh Nov. 14

TIME: 6:45 - 8:15 p.m DETAILS: This will be the study of the patriarchs by Beth Moore. There is a \$20 registration fee that includes materials. There will be no childcare available.

#### WARD EVANGELICAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Rd. CONTACT: (248) 374-5966 **Remarried Workshop** DATE: Wednesdays, through Dec. 13

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

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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. **Griel 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, (248) 347-3525

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST** CHURCH

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 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 www.newhopecenter.net

#### SENIOR **EVENTS**

Thursday, Aug. 31 9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly 9:30 a.m.: Yoga 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Tai Chi By appointment: Massage Friday, Sept. 1 10 a.m.: Strength Training 11 a.m.: Poker

1 o.m.: Movie: Akeela and the Bee

By appointment: Massage Monday, Sept. 4 Labor Day Senior Center Closed Tuesday, Sept. 5 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle Wednesday, Sept. 6 9 a.m.: Strength Training 10 a.m.: Oxycise Level I 11 a.m.: Oxycise New Enrollees 11:30 a.m.: Detroit Tigers vs Seattle noon: Bridge

#### **BOARD GAMES**

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

**ONGOING CARD GAMES** Bridge TIME/DAY: noon-3:30 p.m., Wednesday Pinochle (double deck) TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 p.m.,

Monday and Thursday Pinochle (single deck) TIME/DAY: 12:30-3:30 p.m., Friday

#### Euchre

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

#### MILL RACE MATTERS

MILL RACE HISTORICAL VIL-

LAGE LOCATION: 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 Today: Archives open, 9 c.in.; Rehearsal, 7 p.m. Friday: Archives open, Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m. Saturday: Wedding, 1-3 p.m.: Wedding, 3:30 -5:30 p.m. Sunday: Mill Creek Church, 10 a.m.; Village Open, 1-4 p.m.; Wedding, 4-6 p.m. Monday: Labor Day, Office Closed

Tuesday: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.

Thursday: Mill Race Basket Weavers, 9 a.m.; Mindfullness Meditation, 6:45 p.m.

#### LOOKING FOR YOU

#### **NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS** AND NEIGHBORS

DETAILS: This group is for residents of Northville and surrounding communities. Activities include monthly coffees, various interest groups and special programs. New and potential members are welcome

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

#### OAKWOOD CEMETERY WALK DETAILS: The cemetery walk will feature historical information about the people that shaped Northville, and will take place on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 5-9 p.m. Volunteers are needed as tour leaders, ticket sellers, ticket takers,

greeters, set-up crew, and cleanup crew. CONTACT: Barbara, (734) 454-4287, or

CemeteryWalk2006@yahoo.com

#### **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**

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#### Serving for Olympic gold!

Playing with the "Northville 1" team, Janet Taylor competes in the Senior Olympics' volleyball tourney last week at the Recreation Center at Hillside.

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#### **CAMERA CLUB** DATE: Second Tuesday of

 every month CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net, or Northville Arts Commission. (248) 449-9950

#### **ARTS COMMISSION** DATE: Second Wednesday of

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

#### **BEAUTIFICATION COMMIS-**SION

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Northville City Hall. 215 W. Main St., Meeting Room 8

#### **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 TÍME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

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#### 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

#### 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

## You decide the case in 'Law and Disorder'

show.

Madison Heights.

#### By Nancy Chipman Powers

GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

At Genitti's Hole-in-the Wall, amateur sleuths are getting their opportunity to solve a crime, like on the TV show "Law & Order" but with a funny twist. "Law and Disorder." featuring a cast of wild characters and irreverent humor, is now onstage at the dinner theater in Northville.

Audience participation is a big part of the onstage shenanigans, said Mark Holden of Birmingham, who plays the part of Detective Sam Keller

The play begins just like "Law & Order," with the detectives and then taking the case to the courtroom. Every performance has the same murder case with the same victim, Holden said, but the verdict depends on the audience.

Holden has been in interactive shows at Genitti's for three years. All the shows are scripted, but each show can vary with actors playing off

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. CONTAČT: (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 avail-

able. All skill levels are welcome. The cost is S4 per day.

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#### **CLASS REUNION**

DATE: Sunday, Oct. 8 TIME: 117-P. Marris tamonain LOCATION: The Vintage House, Fraser

**DETAILS:** This is the Detroit Southeastern High School class of 1946 reunion. CONTACT: Jean Everham,

(586) 778-1913

**FLEA MARKET** DATE: Sunday, Sept. 10

DATE: Friday, Sep. 8 TIME: 5-11:30 p.m. LOCATION: Crown Plaza Hotel (former Doubletree), Novi DETAILS: This is the Frank Cody High School Class of 1956 Reunion. Tickets are \$83 per person. CONTACT: Pat West, (800)

977-6201

#### **CLASS REUNION**

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 23 TIME: 6 p.m. LOCATION: Aboard the Detroit Princess Riverboat DETAILS: This is the John Glenn High School Class of 1981 reunion. CONTACT: Lisa Cockrum Baker, (248) 360-8253 or Janice Fritz Ryken, (248) 838-9864

#### **CLASS REUNION**

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

information, call (248) 349-0522.

trained volunteers. LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia

CONTACT: Joan Lee, (734) 953-6012

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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

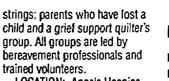
**DETAILS: Metroparks and** Oakland County Parks are offering a dual park pass. The annual cost is \$43 and can be purchased at any park office.

CONTACT: (800) 477-3178 or www.metroparks.com

#### **CRAFT SHOW**

DETAILS: South Lyon United Methodist Church on Pontiac Trail, is looking for participants for this Nov. 4 event. The cost is \$35 per booth, CONTACT: Barb, (248) 437-

0385 or Carol, (248) 437-2112



**MASTER GARDENER ASSOCI-**

DAY: Second Thursday of

TIME: 7 p.m.



whatever audience members bring to the act. "It is very open to us to add extra comedy," said Holden. "So we add

our own jokes, and by the end of the run, it is sometimes a different

in Royal Oak, where he travels to elementary schools throughout the

Midwest doing shows about creative writing. He's also part of Murder

Mystery Players, which performs at venues such as Andiamo Italia in

Warren, Crystal Gardens in Southgate and Howell, and Marinelli's in

"Law and Disorder" dinner theater performances cost \$45 and are

at 7 p.m. Sept. 2 and 29, and at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 9, 16, 20, 21, 27 and 30,

and Oct. 7, 14 and 28. Lunch theater performances cost \$29.95 and are

11:30 a.m. Sept. 16 and 21; Oct. 6, 10 and 18. and Nov. 4, 7 and 30.

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall is at 108 E. Main. For reservations and more

When Holden is not at Genitti's, he works with Brainstormers, based



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#### Locks of Love!

In June, Northville Township resident Stephanie Leonetti, 11, donated 12 inches of her hair to Locks of Love during a visit to Dennis Todd's Salon in Plymouth. Leonetti is entering the sixth grade at Hillside Middle School.

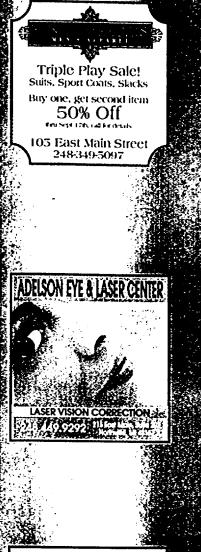
TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. LOCATION: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia

#### **RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE**

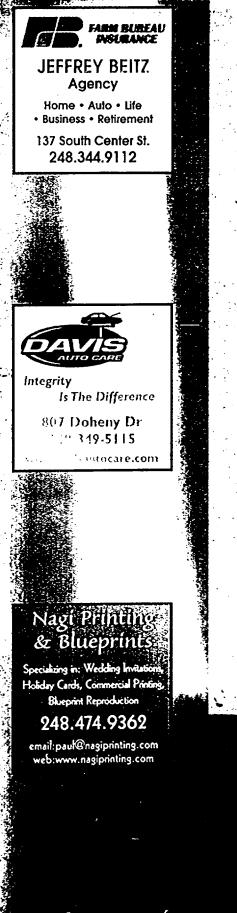
DATE: Sept. 7-9 TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. LOCATION: American Legion Hall, 344 Elizabeth, Plymouth **DETAILS:** This is a fundraiser to support veterans and other charitable causes. CONTACT: Eunice Taylor, (734) 254-9617 **CLASS REUNION** 



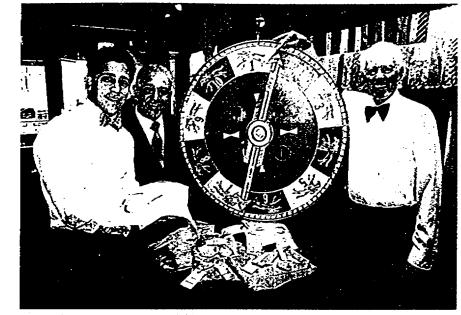
## Spotlight on Business







"Wheel of Fortune" Returns to Northville at Alexander's Custom Clothiers



In a few weeks Northville will be abuzz with a Wheel of Fortune Sale at Alexander's Custom Clothiers. The 10 day sale, running Sept. 15 to Sept. 25 will give customers a chance to win 5 to 100 percent off men's clothing.

Alexander's is bringing back Northville's favorite men's clothier, Chuck Lapham, for a sale tradition from the popular Lapham's of Northville. Customers crowded in for the Wheel of Fortune sale at Lapham's, which finally closed after 40 years of business when Lapham retired in 1995.

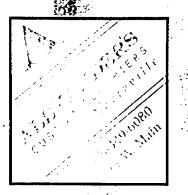
"Everyone is a winner," explained Alexander Hamka, owner of Alexander's. "You could get half off or you could get an entire wardrobe for free."

Men can win large discounts on fine Italian garments like jackets, slacks, dress shirts, sports wear, sleep wear, shoes and accessories in brands like Jhane Barnes, Palzaleri and Zanetti. Only made to measure and custom-made suits and dress shirts are not included in the sale.

Once they've selected clothing, customers can give the Wheel of Fortune a spin to determine their discount. Every customer gets a discount of at least five percent — most get 30, 40 or 50 percent off, or more. And those with a touch of luck can spin themselves a free wardrobe — whatever they have selected in advance.

Alexander's has pulled out all the stops to offer tailoring services as a part of the Wheel of Fortune Sale. Customers can bring in men's or women's fashions or bridal wear, then spin the wheel to win a big discount.

Alexander Hamka has developed a solid reputation as both a tailor and an image consultant. He's cultivated a stand-out image for players on the Detroit Lions. He's helped celebrities like 'Superman' Dean Cain maintain a superstar look. Alexander offers wardrobe and image consulting at his store or at client's homes. He drives to a client's home or office with hundreds of swatches and photographs to create just the right clothing. Alexander steps into a crowded closet and helps weed out outdated clothing, replacing it with new clothing that coordinates with the remaining pieces. "The right clothing changes your way of thinking," said Alexander. "When you come to work dressed in a fine suit you feel motivated to work hard and achieve. It changes the way others think about you, too."







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Alex helps create custom suits that complement the body shape of each client. Practically every piece of the suit is hand stitched to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Custom dress shirts made of fine materials add just the right touch and are extremely comfortable for all-day wear.

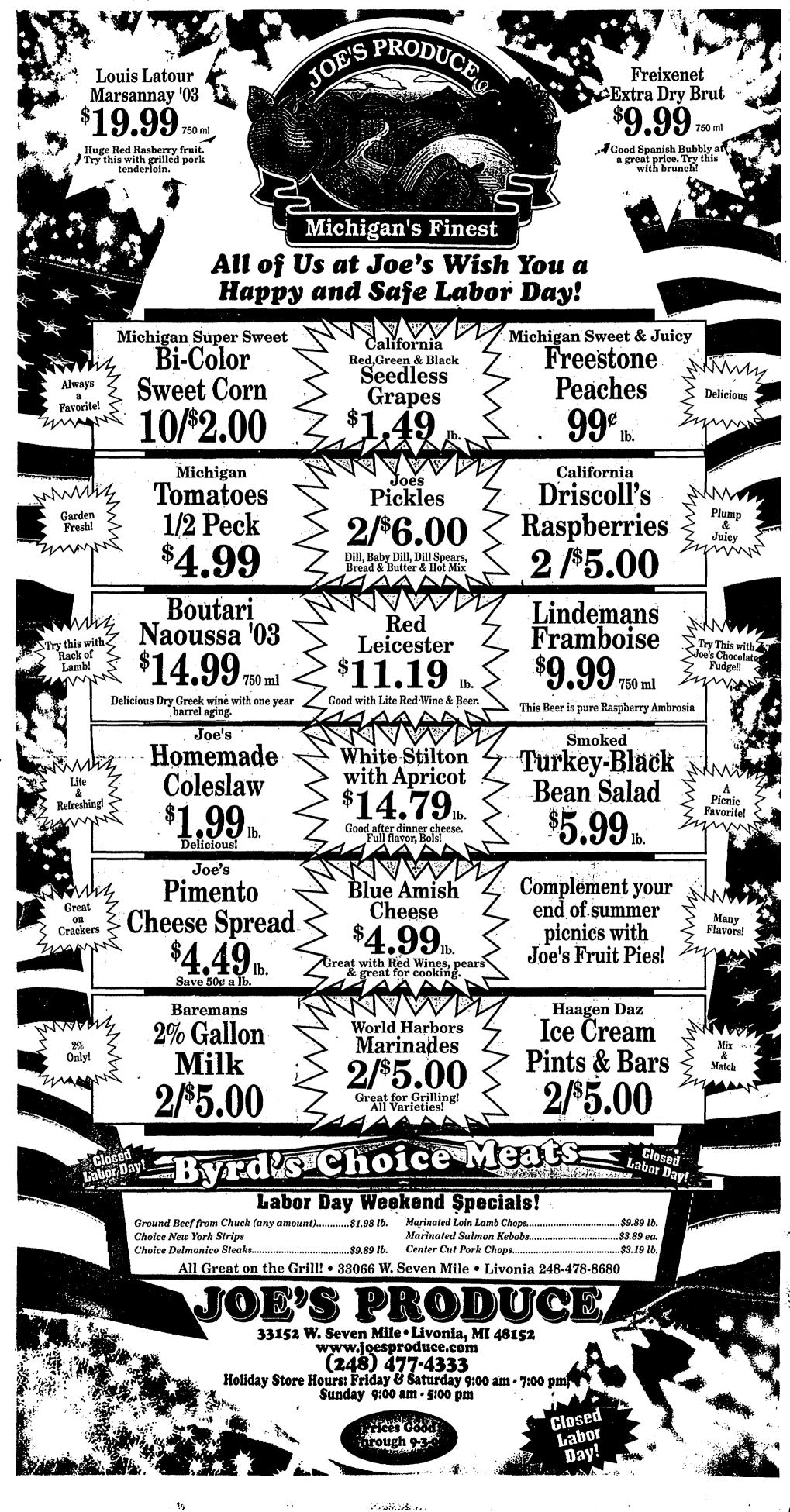
The men's clothier also offers high quality made to measure suits ranging from \$495 to \$1,500. The store has many styles and colors in stock to fit every size and build.

"When it's right for you, you just know it, there's no wondering," Alex said. "My clothes make you feel good about yourself. The Wheel of Fortune Sale will run 10 days only, starting September 15. Sale hours run Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Alexander's Custom Clothiers is located at 124 W. Main Street in downtown Northville. Stop by the store or contact Alex at (248) 349-6080.





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## **STANGS GET CHARGED UP**

## Northville heads to Livonia Churchill for Game 2

By Jeff Theisen NORTHMILLE RECORD

The Northville Mustang football team will go for its first victory tonight against Livonia Churchill, which also lost its first game.

Both teams feature plenty of youth.

"I think a similar program to us in that they were in the playoffs two years ago, last year they were down and they're starting to build back up," Northville head coach Ryan Hockman said. "Last year they played a lot of young kids. This year they're playing a lot of juniors, like us.

"We'll see whose program is ahead of whose at this point."

In watching some film on Churchill, Hockman said they like to run, using the wing-T formation.

"They're pretty athletic," he said. "They've got good size and a lot of kids in their program."

Defensively, Churchill will show a different look than most teams with a 6-1 formation.

"It's kind of a funky defense. It will give you some problems," Hockman said. "They'll bring five and six (guys). They force you to max-protect."

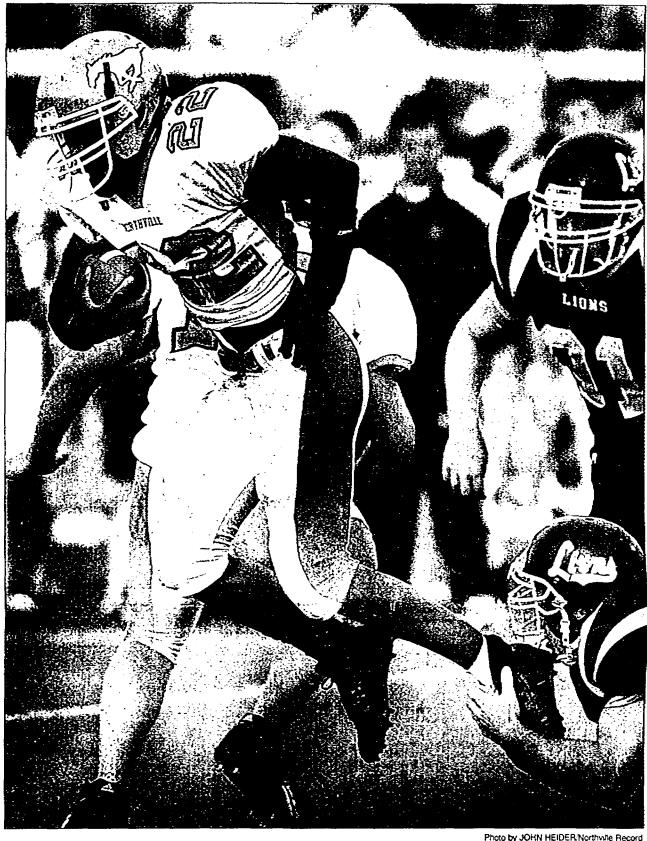
Churchill won't have the size that mammoth South Lyon brought against the Mustangs last week. Despite the 47-21 loss, Hockman was pleased to see his kids continue to fight after being down 28-6 in the opening quarter.

"We like where we are," he said. "We lost to a very good football team. It wasn't as bad as it looked at the final score."

The Mustangs did a lot of damage to themselves in week one with penalties, something Hockman hopes were just first-game jitters.

"Eliminating the penalties, we've got-to tackle batter ... and we were misaligned a lot defensively, which is a reflection of our youth." Hockman said. "Our effort is there, it's just some minor things that are correctable.

"But we've got to get them corrected pretty fast because we've got to play some tough teams."



### 47-21 By Jeff Theisen NORTHVILLE RECORD

Thursday, August 31, 2006

SOUTH LYON — Northville struggled out of the gate and it cost the Mustangs in a 47-21 opening-game loss Friday at South Lyon.

The Lions rolled up 215 yards rushing in the first quarter and scored on their first four possessions, putting the Mustangs in a 28-6 hold they would not climb out of.

"We weren't ready to play," Northville head coach Ryan Hockman said, "They out-physicaled us early. It's disappointing when you come out and you play like that, especially right away.

"I thought we were further ahead than what we are. We've still got a ways to go. But usually you see the most improvement from week one to two. We'll figure it out, and we'll get there." The Mustangs fought back and

The Mustangs fought back and controlled the second quarter. Dittrick Williams scored his second rushing touchdown and added a two-point conversion to pull within 28-14.

The Mustangs were driving in for another score when penalties killed the drive. Set up at the Lions' 14-yard line with a first down, the Mustangs ended up with fourth-and-31 after 25 yards in penalties.

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#### Box Score

Team 1	2	3	4	Tot
Northville 6	8	0	7	21
S. Lyon 28	0	12	7	47

#### First quarter

SL — 11:01 Ian McGee 3 run, kick good SL — 5:02 Marty Rochowiak 39 run, kick blocked N — 4:42 Dittrick Williams 71 run, kick blocked SL — 3:08 Arik Habay 65 run, pass good SL — 1:48 Habay 1 run, kick good

Second quarter N — 8:08 Williams 3 run, run good

Third quarter SL — Rochowiak 23 run, kick blocked SL — Daniel Vess 15 run, pass failed

Fourth quarter SL — Vess 46 run, kick good N — Mike DeLuca 1 run, kick good

One player expected back from injury is defensive back Demarii Saunderson. Hockman didn't say how much playing time be would get, but he is expected to play.

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Mustang runningback Dittrick Williams tries to fight out of the grasp of a South Lyon defender.



Mustang QB Mike Deluca scrambles for a first down late in the second quarter.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northville Record **Tonight's Game** Who: Livonia Churchill Where: Away When: 7 p.m. tonight Records: Northville (0-1), Churchill (0-1) Coach Hockman: "I think a similar program to us in that they were in the playoffs two years ago, last year they were down and

they're starting to build back up. Last year they played a lot of young kids. This year they're playing a lot of juniors, like us. "We'll see who's program is ahead of who's at this point."

## Northville girls cross country flies by Novi

#### By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

The Northville girls cross country team dominated a scrimmage with rival Novi on Aug. 24 at Cass Benton Park.

The Mustangs finished 11 of the top 15 times for a 18-43 win. Lindsay Hagan placed first (20:29) with Jenny Murphy right behind in second (20:35).

Novi placed the third runner, but Mary Sprader was fourth (21:13), Karina Puskorius was fifth (21:59), and Sarah Aqunito was sixth (22:05).

Novi boys coach Bob Smith treated the scrimmage as an actual meet.

"We had a few game plans that we're trying to see what kind of chemistry we have," Smith said. "We're rusty in terms of how to race, confidence building is real big, strategy in how to run ... we accomplished a lot of those goals today."

The Wildcats responded with a finish that included the top-five finishers crossing the line about a second apart.

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"That was one of our goals," Smith said of the pack-running. "There's safety in numbers, and there's victory in numbers.

"We're on target for where we should be at this time."

Joshua Lumley led the pack with Alex Prasad, David Wheat, Kenny MacDonough and Scott Wagner finishing closely behind. Jack Dalton came in next for Northville.

Lukas Barnes and Mike Beard came in seventh and eighth for Novi, before Northville freshman Frankie Griffiths finished. Northville's next three finishers were Jeff Girbach, Ben Marti and Nathan Lunn, giving the Wildcats a 15-48 edge.

The score could've been drastically different had Mustang th star runner Jasen Turnbull and p senior Charles Oehmke run. But they should be ready to go in the first scheduled meet of the year the Concerne Invitational on a

- the Corunna Invitational on 8/30. "Overall, we performed well.

We ran about half of our team today, with this being a scrimmage." Northville head coach Chris Cronin said. "I was pleased with every kid who ran for us today."

Early in the day, storm showers moved through the area, threatening the meet. But by 3 p.m., the skies had cleared, creating a warm but sunny afternoon.

"It's always fun to start the cross country season and have good weather," Cronin said. "It was a perfect day for August."

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#### By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

Second-year Northville swimming coach Brad Brockway set the bar very high in his first season. The Mustangs finished with a

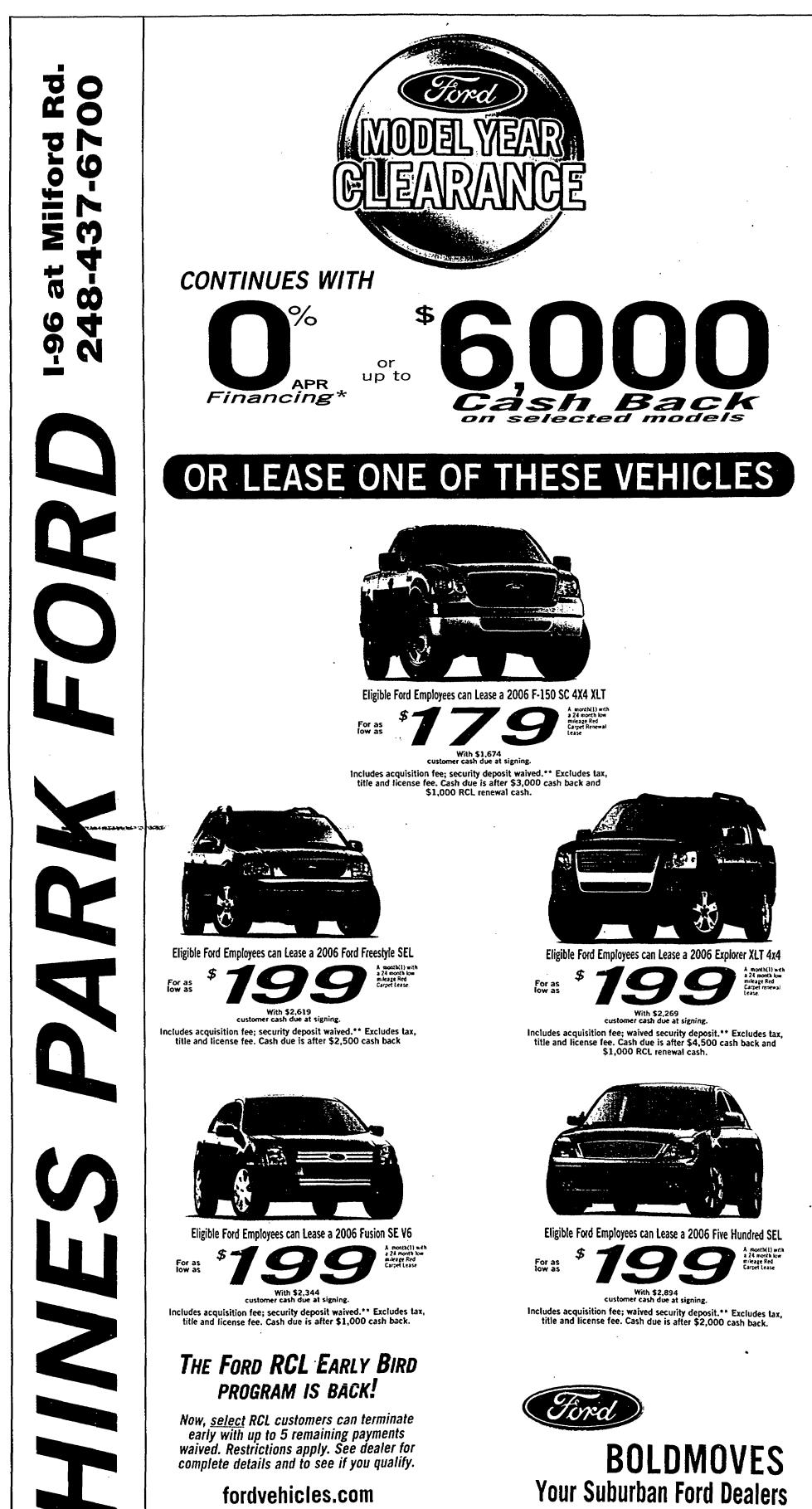
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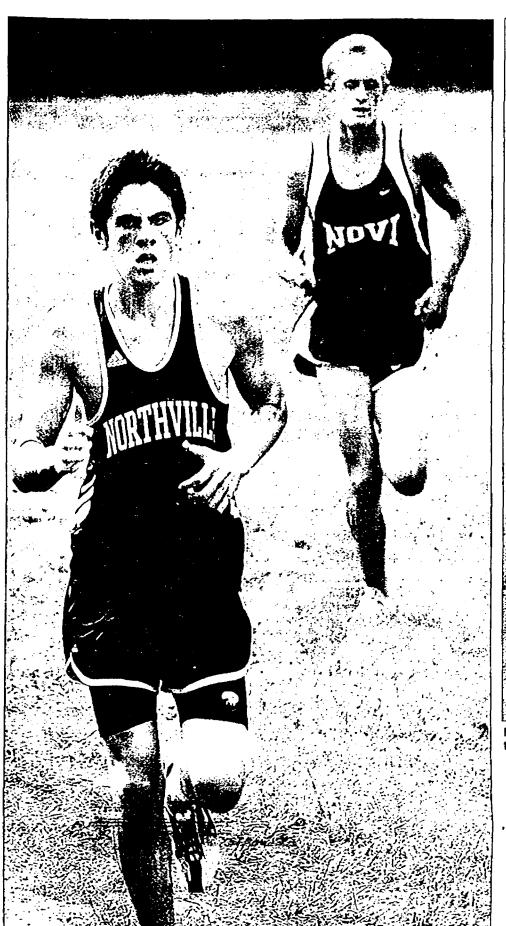
focused and goal-orientated," he said. "A league championship and quality swimming is within their grasp. They've come back a little hit more focused and a little bit

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Mustang Lindsay Hagan, left, keeps pace with Wildcat Laura Sheeran during the two teams' dual meet at Cass Benton Park.





Mustang sophomore Jack Dalton finished first for Northville during a dual meet against rival Novi High School.

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The Mustangs' varsity girls cross country team takes off at the start of a run against the Novi Wildcats.

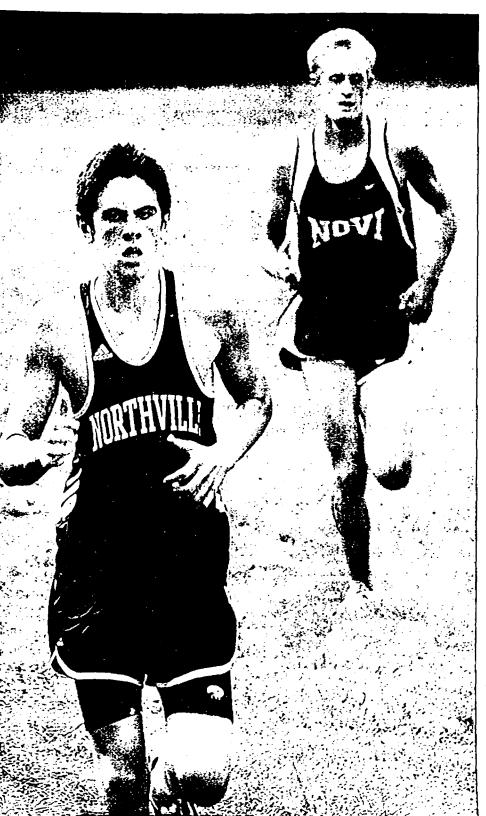


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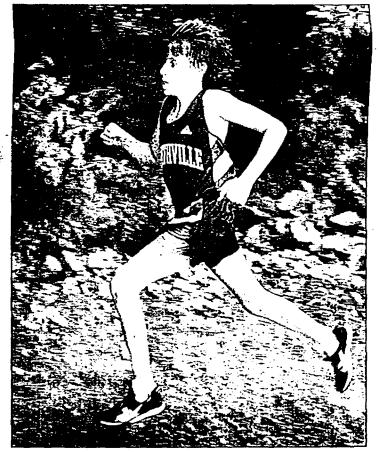
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### **Sports Shots**

Albion signs three Mustangs Albion College head football coach Craig Rundle has announced his team's 2006 roster which includes Peter Cohen. the son of Julie Cohen of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School; Gabriel like, the son of Maggie like of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School; and Steve Minier, the son of Steven Minier and Margaret Minier of Novi and a graduate of Northville High School.

#### Fifth Grade Basketball **Travel Team Tryouts**

Tryouts will be held 6-8 p.m. Sept. 9-10 at the Northville Parks & Rec. gym at Hillside Middle School. The tryouts are for any fifth grade boy residing in the Northville School District.

For more information, contact Dan Van Houten at (248) 380-5628.

#### Travel teams accepting applications

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA) is accepting applications for travelbaseball and softball teams for the 2007 season. There are openings in all age brackets in both baseball and softball. Baseball will have divisions for U9 through U18 and softball will have divisions for U10 through U18. Meetings for the upcoming season will begin in November.

For more information, contact Jeff David at 586-206-7646 or email at jeff.david@kvbsa.com. Visit the website at www.kvbsa.com for further information about the upcoming season.

#### Northville travel coaches announced

Northville baseball/softball association has announced its travel coaches for the 2007 season. Many coaches have announced tryouts for the 2007 season. Details are posted online http://www.nbsaonline.org/Travel. htm.

#### Zumaya coming to Twelve Oaks

Tigers rookie reliever Joel Zumaya is coming to DC Sports in the Twelve Oaks Mall from 12:30-2 p.m. Sept. 2. Autographs are \$15 each or

two for \$25. For more information, call DC Sports at (248) 374-8500.

#### **Novi Athletics Raffle**

The Novi Athletics Booster Club is raffling a 2-year lease on a new 2007 Lincoln MKZ. A limit of 500 tickets will be sold for \$50. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the third quarter of the varsity football game on October 13, 2006. Raffle participants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of entry. Winner need not be present to win.

Tickets are available at the following locations:

 Novi High School Athletic Office between (8:30-3:00) Monday-Friday,

· Varsity Lincoln Mercury, 49251 Grand River Avenue in Novi and at all Novi home sporting events through Oct. 13.

If less than 200 tickets are sold. Novi Athletics Boosters reserve the right to switch to a

# 50/50 raffle.



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#### Aces Of the Sand!

Katrina Hood's "Servace" team was in first place all year and stayed there throughout the playoffs and bested Danielle Williams and the "Beach Ballers" team 25-23 and 25-16 in the final. The team consisted of Katrina Hood, Serena Jaques, Josephine Sole, Sue Pauling, Christa Williams and Amanda Yacklin.

## Mustangs on fire

### By Jeff Theisen NORTHVILLE RECORD

The Mustangs won their first invitational of the year Saturday at South Lyon. Northville defeated five other teams with a score of 38. Livonia Stevenson was next with 47, and Ann Arbor Pioneer was third with 53.

Lindsay Hagan was first in for the Mustangs at 20:22 for third place. Jenny Murphy was fifth in 20:54, and Mary Sprader was sixth at 21:00. Karina Puskorius placed ninth in 21:22, and Sarah Aquaito finished the scoring for the Mustangs with a 15th-place finish in 21:52.

"I am very pleased with the progress the girls are making so far," Mustang head coach Nancy Smith said. "Their off-season conditioning is showing with improved times since last season. I am really happy with all their performances, especially the new runners in the program.

"We still have work to do but we are starting to show signs that will lead to a very successful season."

#### Northville Tennis

Northville tennis dominated the Okemos Tournament, winning 22 out of a possible 24 points. Okemos was second with 15

points. Christina Ruiz breezed at No. 1

singles, winning all three matches. She won 6-1 or 6-0 in four of her six sets.

Chelsea Johnston also had little trouble at No. 2 singles. The most points she allowed in a set was three.

Haley Johnston won her three matches in straight sets at No. 3 singles.

Sarah Koupel won her three matches, with her win against Okemos coming in three sets at No. 4 singles.

The No. 1 doubles team of Alicia Weber and Jonnie Powers went 2-1.

The No. 2 doubles team of Laura Taylor and Kelsey Thomas won all three of their matches.

Kristin Randall and Ursul Cauffiel won their three match coming back from a 0-6 loss in the first set to Okemos at No. 3 doubles.

Samantha Doud and Abby Grajek won two of three matches at No. 4 doubles.

"It was a great start to our sea son," Northville head coacht: Sandy Woolfall said. "We only lost two matches all day."

#### **Northville Soccer**

Northville soccer improved to 5-0 with a 2-1 win Tuesday at Salem High.

Alex Rickett scored the opening goal for the Mustangs in just to cut the lead in the half.

Freshman Trevor Grigg was the medalist out of the 120 players Franklin on Tuesday and play at with an even-par 72. Wes Gates, a sophomore, and

Chase Dehne, a senior, tied for third at 75.

Northville beat Detroit Catholic Central, Canton, and South Lyon in it's first guad match Aug. 21. Gates was the medalist with a 75.

Mustang cross country runner Annie Marie Medonis warms up with her teammates

Late in the half, Salem scored the Bedford Invite at the Legacy Golf Course on Aug. 23. The

before a dual meet with the Novi Wildcats.

Evan Clough kept everything out of the Northville net in the second half to preserve the win. The Mustangs will host

Mustangs shot a team score of followed by Bedford with a 313. 299 for an average lower than 75.

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the second minute. Alex Wood gave the Mustangs

a 2-0 lead in the first half.

Northville Golf The Northville boys golf team

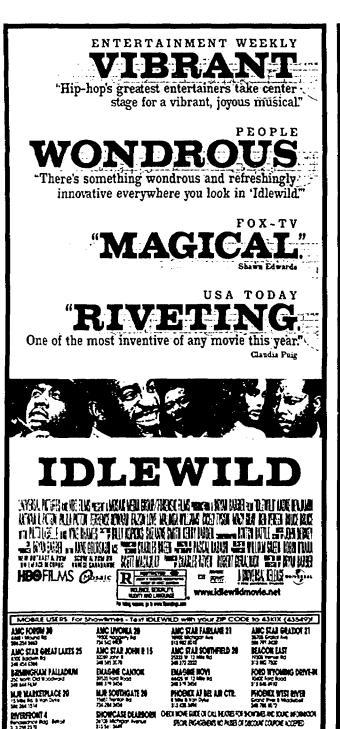
Plymouth on Wednesday.

Senior Richard Allen and freshman Alex Bernstein each carded a jtheisen@gannett.com finished first out of 20 teams at 77 to tie for 11th.



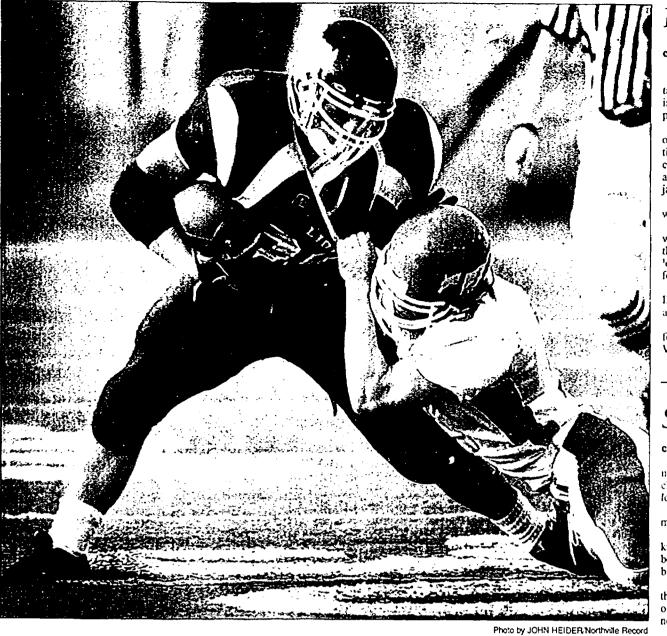


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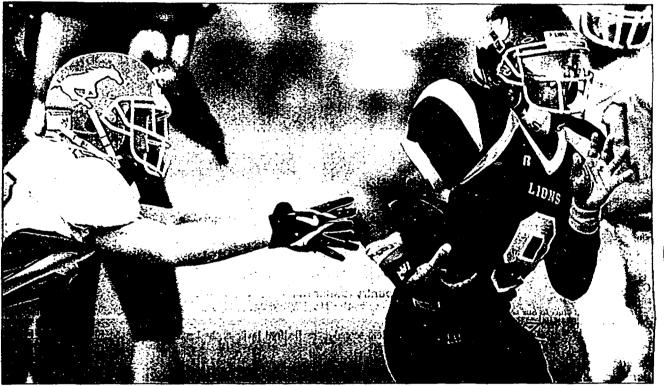


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A Mustang tries to bring down a Lion ballcarrier during last Friday night's game in South Lyon.



### FOOTBALL: Game 1 loss

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Also, a touchdown pass was taken off the board after a pass interference was called for a pick play.

We score and they call it back on us on a play that is very ques-tionable," Hockman said. "They called a pick. He running a route and takes it vertically and the guy jams him. That's not a pick."

The Lions went into halftime with a 28-14 lead.

South Lyon put the game away with a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter and took its biggest lead with the first score of the fourth for a 47-14 lead.

Mustangs quarterback Mike DeLuca finished the scoring with a short sneak late in the fourth.

South Lyon had three kids rush for more than 100 yards: Daniel Vess (14-148, TD), Arik Habay

(5-106, 2TD) and Marty Rachowiak (7-113, 2TD). Ian McGee just missed being the fourth with 95 yards on 11 carries with a score.

Dittrick Williams provided most of the offense for the Mustangs, piling up 175 yards and two scores on 27 carries.

"He did a lot of good things," Hockman said. "There's some things he can reafly improve on. He was looking for the cutback too much. That's something that's got to happen. You can't anticipate it.

"He's a player. He really is." Delluca finished 8-for-19 for 118 yards with one interception. He also rushed four times for 8 yards and a score.

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### SWIMMING: Ready to go

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more in tune with a kind of a championship attitude. We're looking forward to the season."

The little things have also been much easier for Brockway.

"They kind of know me and know my system," he said, "It's been a little bit smoother, a little bit easier.

"It helps too knowing some of the names right off the bat, instead of trying to walk in blind to 65 new people."

Back from last year's team are Grace Fredlake, who finished second in the state in the 500 free and 200 individual medley: league champ in the 50 free Jessica Weber and sophomore butterfliers Emily Hopcian and Meghan Kanya.

I think we've got a real good group of kids here." Brockway said. "The kids that are veterans, quite a few of them swam over the summer and have come back in fairly good shape. I think we're a little further ahead than we were last year at this time."

Captains this season are Tonya Tereszczenko, Abby Raymond, Michelle Oz and Chelsea Miller.

Brockway said the team strengths include the middle freestyle events and the butterfly. The breaststroke needs improvement.

Brockway said Stevenson will be he toughest team to go against in the league. Plymouth and Salem are next followed by Canton.

Giving the girls a lot of options in the pool is something Brockway believes strongly in. "I try to give the a lot of variety

- let them try a lot of events," he said. "You get bored in workouts doing the same thing all the time, so you want to do ll the strokes and have a variety in workout. When you get in a meet ... when you least expect it, you can popoff a nice swim (in a new event).

The team will miss All-American swimmer Ava Ohlgren. who is now swimming at Auburn. But Brockway still sees plenty of Mustang talent.

"We'd like to defend our league championship," he said. "We'd like to stay in the top 10 at state." Brockway said the divers won't

be ready for the fist meet but should be ready to go in time for the dual meets.



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### **BUSINESS SENSE**

## Nurturing new hires: 13 must-dos for your new employees

In some ways your new hire is like a newborn—fascinated by this exciting new world but in need of care and guidance. Nurture your new hire with these 13 must-dos, and the result will be long-standing workplace success.

• Encourage healthy eating habits. From day one, ensure that your new hire enjoys a steady diet of encouragement, reinforcement, and coaching. The result will be a strong and healthy employee.

• Give your new hire plenty of vitamins. Good food isn't enough. Supplement your new hire's diet with opportunitles to learn from peers, outside training and other affirming development opportunities.

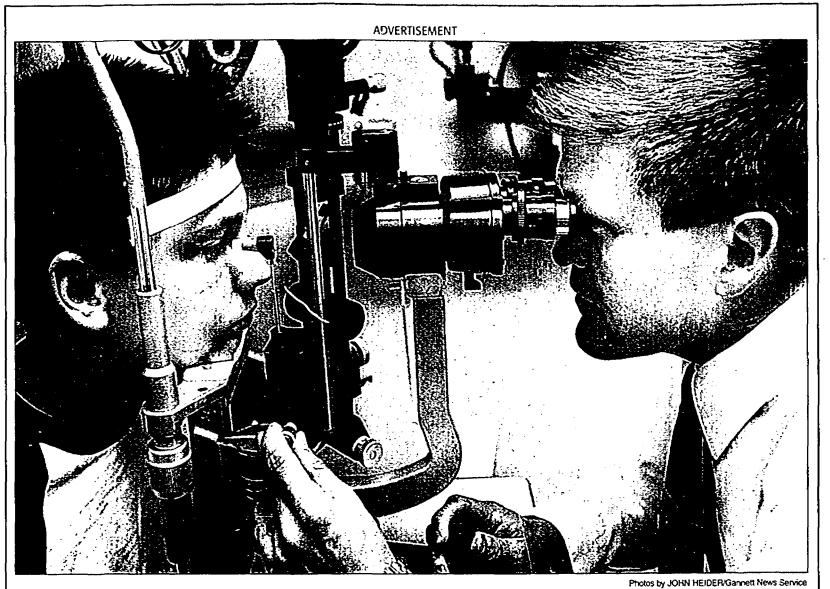
• Spoon-feed when necessary. Sure, you may have done a great job in selecting your new hire—and an even better job at orientation. But don't assume that your new hire has the ability to do everything. Take the time to show him or her, step by step, how important tasks get done.

• Keep your new hire safe. You know the pitfalls of your operation. Help him avoid obstacles in his or his path. sharp objects and relationships, and places where he or she will fall down.

• Keep your new hire's ears clean. Set up a one-to-one orientation. Be sure your new employee clearly understands your policies, practices and traditions—and take the time to carefully explain anything he or she doesn't understand.

• Get close. From the start, let your new hire know that you want to be supportive, and that his or her success is one of your prime goals. Keep an open-door policy and spend time with your new hire whenever he or she needs it.

• Turn off the tube. Keep distractions out of the way of your new employee. These include inefficient procedures.



Jessie Wellman, 14, has his eyes checked by Craig Swanson. Swanson Family Eyecare is located in Novi at 39915 Grand River Avenue.

## Swanson: Eyecare for the family

Novi business offers quality family eyecare

By Kate Phillips SPECIAL WRITER

Good vision and healthy eyes are a crucial part of day to day living. More and more people are looking for an experienced optometrist that they can trust with this important aspect of health care.

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You can go anywhere to get a quick eye exam, but we focus on a very comprehensive exam," said Dr. Craig Swanson, O.D. who owns the Novi practice along with his wife, Sue. "We want to provide our patients with the best eye care possible." Education and training make a big difference in the type of care provided. Dr. Craig Swanson is among the best trained optometrists in the country. After receiving an undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan he earned a Doctorate of Optometry from University of Houston. He then completed a residency at the Cleveland V.A. Medical Center, specializing in the treatment of eye diseases. Following his residency, Dr. Swanson was on staff at the Detroit Medical Center for 10 years. In addition to his private practice, Dr. Swanson is currently on staff at the John Dingell V.A. Medical Center in Detroit. He is also an associate professor for the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University. Instead of just providing vision testing. Dr. Swanson is able to detect, treat, and manage problems like eye infections, cataracts, glaucoma and macular degeneration. Dr. Swanson takes into consideration an individual's systemic health as it relates to the eyes and works closely with high risk patients, such as diabetics.

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related to the eye. This experience benefits all of his patients.

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This expertise never goes to waste. Staff at Swanson Family Eyecare pass on knowledge to patients, so that patients better understand vision and eye health. During each appointment staff members take the time to educate patients about their eyes or about problems they may be experiencing.

When Dr. Swanson set up the Novi clin-



unnecessary duties and time wasters.

• Kick the bad habits. The minute you notice an unproductive habit—lateness, lack of attention to detail, or poor communication, for example—nip it in the bud. Coach and instruct. Be clear in your expectations. Hopefully, the result will be the high-quality behavior and performance you want.

• Be sure your new hire gets plenty of rest. Whatever the level of experience and skill, virtually anyone who begins a new job feels some unease or stress. So, keep the workload at an even pace and wish your new employees restful weekends.

• Treat the fever. It's not uncommon for new hires to become momentarily upset or frazzled after encountering their first few challenges. Treat these problems with a calm, no-anxiety response--and help your new employee conquer them.

• Use strong medicine when needed. If your new hire encounters problems that simply won't go away, all is not lost. Use a peer mentor, outside training program or self-paced study course to build the skills and capacity that seem lacking.

• Teach your new hire to be independent. Slowly give him or her new responsibility and the opportunity to work independently. Congratulate your new employee on Jobs well done and then plan the next big project.

• Stay the course. Don't worry when your new hire makes the occasional error, or when things don't work out exactly the way you want. Just remember that tomorrow is another day, and with the right attitude and serious effort, you'll have still another opportunity tomorrow to mold a great employee. A unique clinical background has provided Dr. Swanson with the opportunity to diagnose and treat all sorts of diseases ic four years ago, his main goal was to provide a place where patients could receive the best care possible. He believes that an educated patient and well trained staff can work proactively together to address each individual's eye care needs.

"We didn't want to have the assembly line approach," said Dr. Swanson. "We spend a lot of time with each patient, educating them and providing them with that personalized experience."

And a careful education can actually eliminate many of the problems experienced by eyeglass and contact lens wearers. Patients are learning about the newest types of contact lenses available, including lenses that allow up to five times more oxygen to the eye, thus allowing many patients to wear contact lenses that were not able to wear them in the past. When patients understand how contact lenses and the recommended contact lense solutions work, they reduce their risk for eye infections and improve their overall wearing success.

#### It's all in the education.

And as individuals age, increasing vision challenges make it important for them to be knowledgeable about the products available so that they can work with Craig and Sue Swanson, right, pose with Swanson Family Eyecare staff.

the staff to develop the best optical solutions to meet their needs.

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Dr. Swanson also educates patients about the option of LASIK corrective surgery. With many options in LASIK surgery, some aren't sure where to turn. Swanson Family Eyecare works in cooperation with the finest LASIK and cataract surgeons in the area so that patients can receive laser surgery by a trusted professional. Dr. Swanson works closely with surgeons to provide pre and post operative care for his patients.

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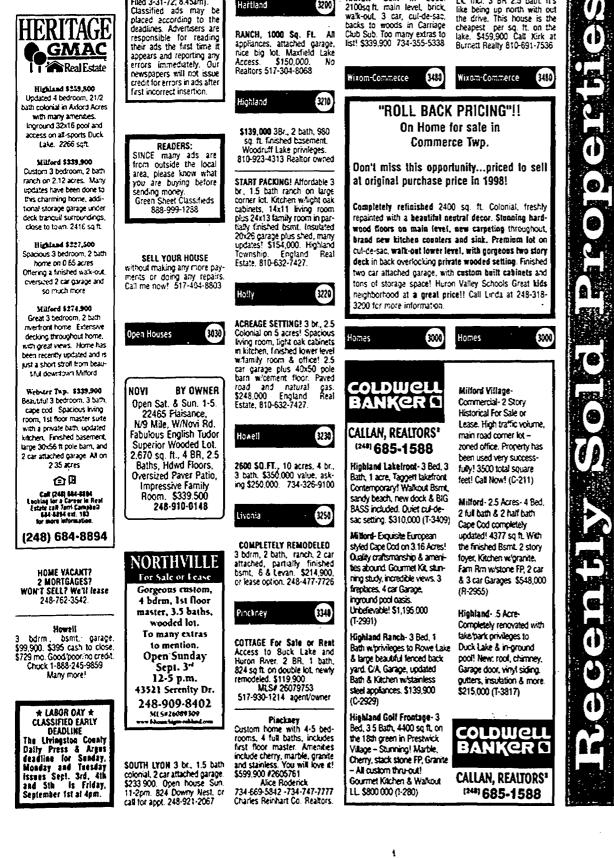
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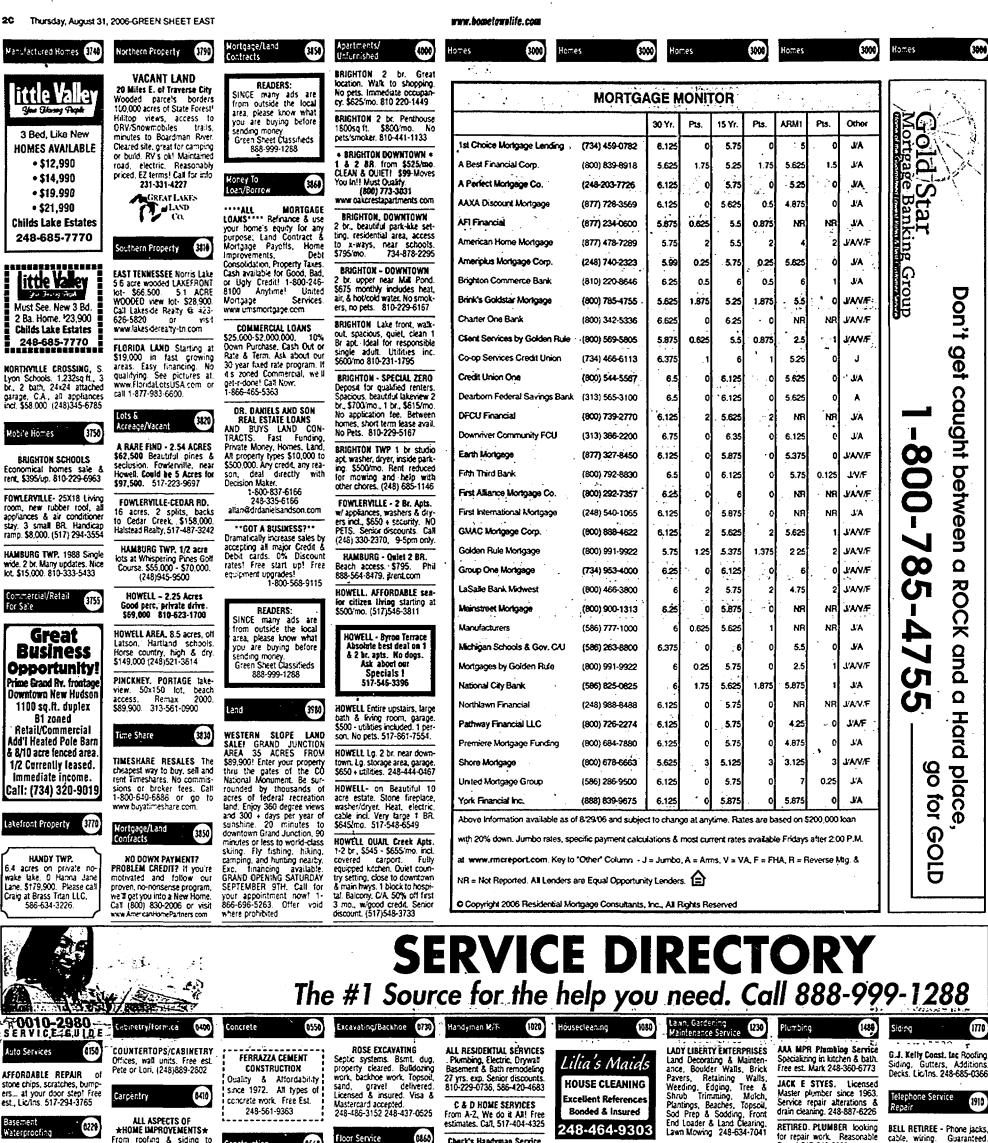
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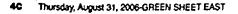
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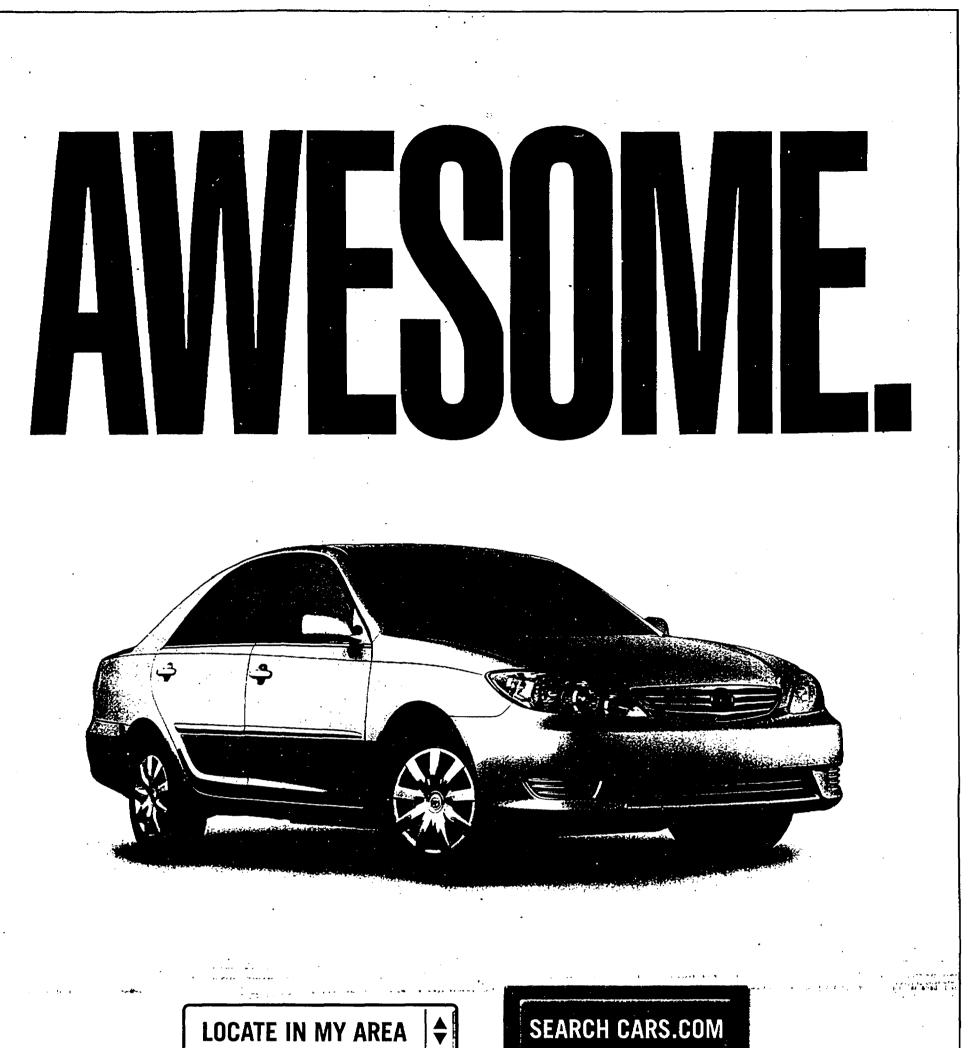
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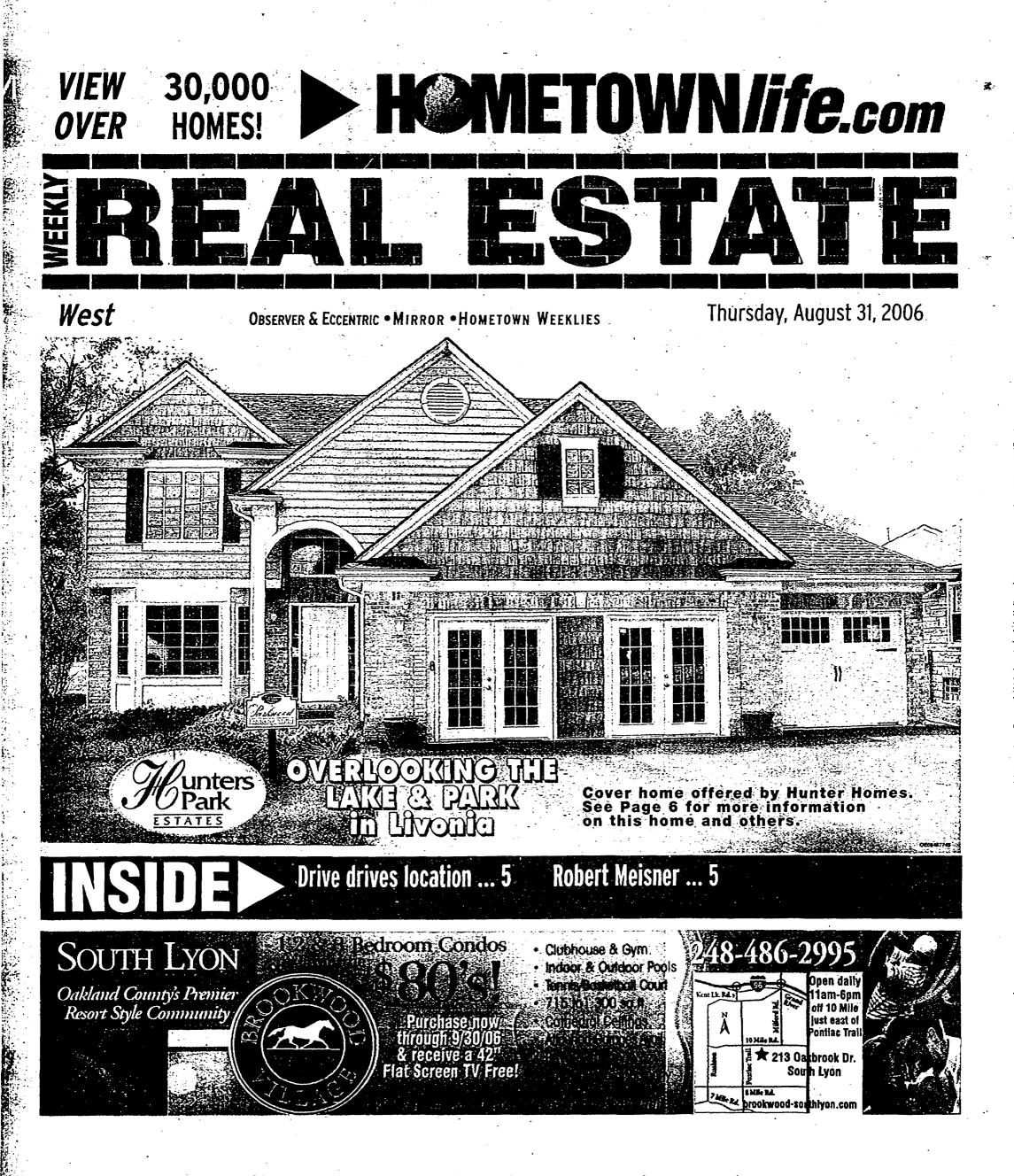


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# Transportation a factor in where people live

#### BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Richard Strausbaugh was interested to hear the average metro resident's commute to work is 26 minutes.

"Mine is 30, give or take a couple minutes," said Strausbaugh, who drives from Northfield Township to his business on Ford Road in Westland, Westland Floor Covering. "For 17 years, we commuted twice that far so this is real pleasant."

The average metro Detroiter's commute has crept up from 23.3 minutes in 1990 to 26 minutes in 2000. The national average commute is 25.5 minutes, said Xuan Liu of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, a 3.1-minute increase between 1990 and 2000.

"It's growing a little bit," Liu said of commuting time in Detroit.

Liu is coordinator of the data center for SEMCOG, working with colleagues to analyze and forecast where people

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Washtenaw County was the pilot area, with study done on I-94 and U.S. 23 impact showing more homes and jobs along those freeways. A database is now being developed for the entire metro area.

live and work. "We believe transportation affects land use and land use affects transportation," said Liu, who's also completing his Ph.D. in urban planning at the University of Michigan.

SEMCOG's working on a computer model with aid from University of Washington faculty on the land use process. "We actually use transportation as an input into that analysis."

They've determined that although people generally don't like to live right by freeways, nearby access to them is a major factor in deciding where to live. "We're working on this model right now," Liu said.

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"I carpool with my wife," said Liu. "Carpooling is a good thing." Detroit lags behind other cities in mass transit, he agreed, adding that good transportation does aid development.

"You need an integrated policy of transit and land use," he said. A good transit plan plus a land use plan equals a great impact.

"You can really see the bigger impact of that policy," Liu said.

He and colleagues don't have much contact with Realtors but do hear from developers who want to know which areas will be developed. That information is useful to developers who want to know where growth will be, he said.



# Dock construction a key part of easement

Q. We have been granted an easement as a back lot owner to get lake access and we are wondering whether we also have the right to construct a dock on the lake to moor our boat. The person over whose property we have to travel to get to the lake claims we only have access to the lake but not a right to construct a dock or permanently moor our boats. What do you think?

A. It all depends on the language of the easement but if the easement gives you the right for access to and use of the riparian rights to the lake, the courts have held that erecting or maintaining a dock near the water's edge is a riparian right. If the easement expressly grants both access to and use of the riparian rights to the lake, constructing and maintaining a dock is within those rights and you would have the right to construct the dock. You are best advised to consult with an attorney to review your easement and to take the appropriate action against the person who is depriving you of that right.

Q. Our management company has retained a contractor for our condo association who has turned out to be bad, but the contractor says he has done a number of sites for the



management company and cannot understand why the association is upset. We are so angry, we want to terminate the management company. What do you recommend?

A. I have given lectures on management company liability and one of the key points which I try to emphasis is that management companies should not put all of their eggs in one basket as it relates to contractors and/or professionals, particularly, if that contractor or professional does not work out well for the association. In this particular case, I do not know that you can blame the management company for the contractor's ineptitude but obviously, there may be guilt by association. You should bring this matter to the attention of the management company and ask it to get another contractor and/or to otherwise assist in remedying the problems which

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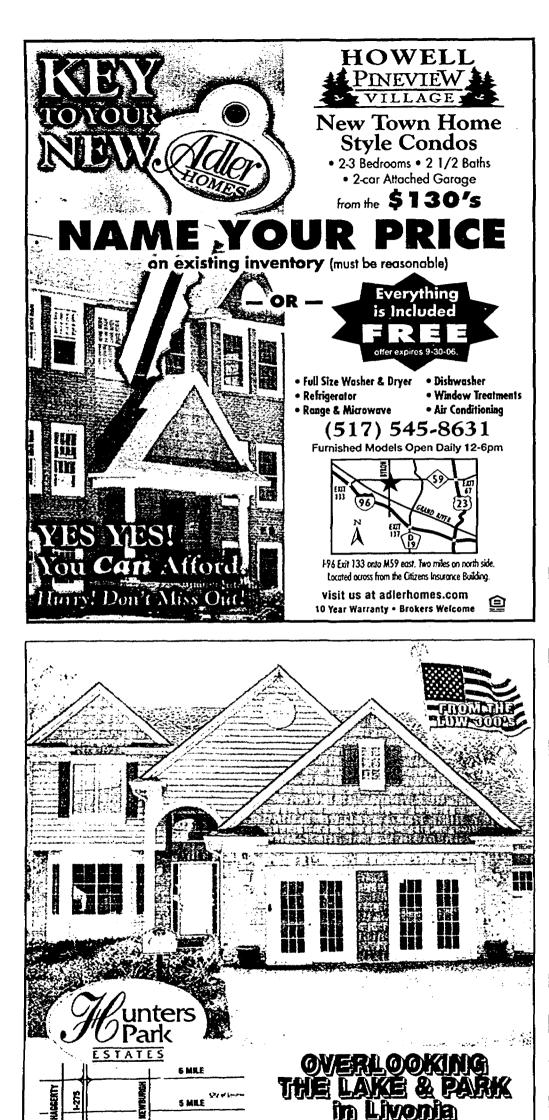
Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644<sup>-</sup> 4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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#### **Real Estate Investors**

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate (exit No. 37 at I-75). Mansa Musa will discuss "Avoiding Fraud for the Real Estate Investor." For information, call (313) 386-7228 or visit www.reiawaynecounty.org. The group meets 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month, and has a free informational meeting 6-7 p.m.

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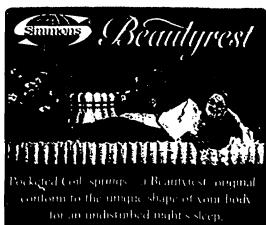
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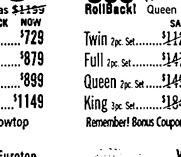
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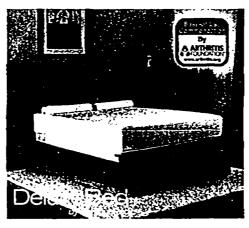
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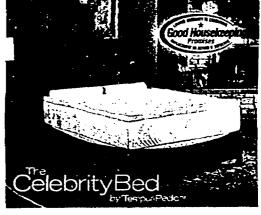


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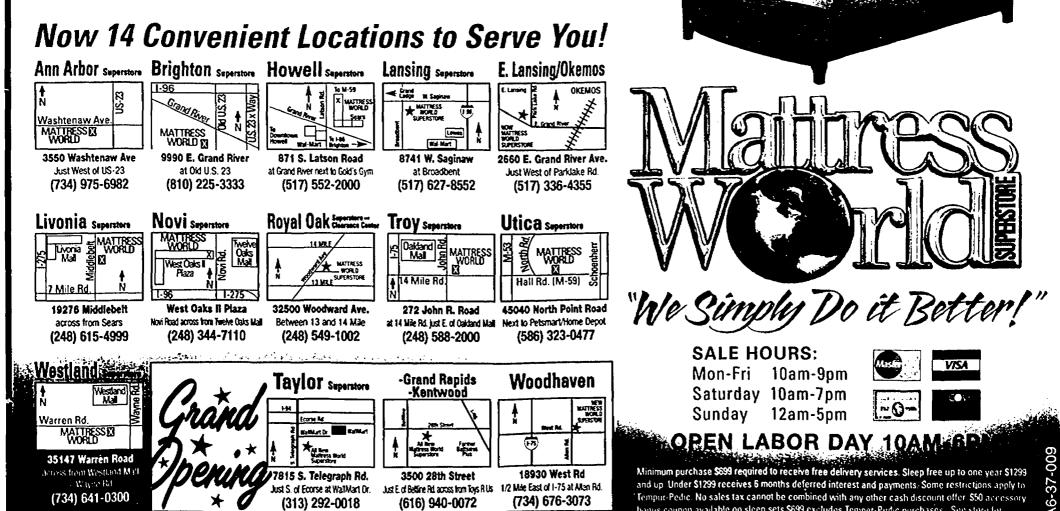
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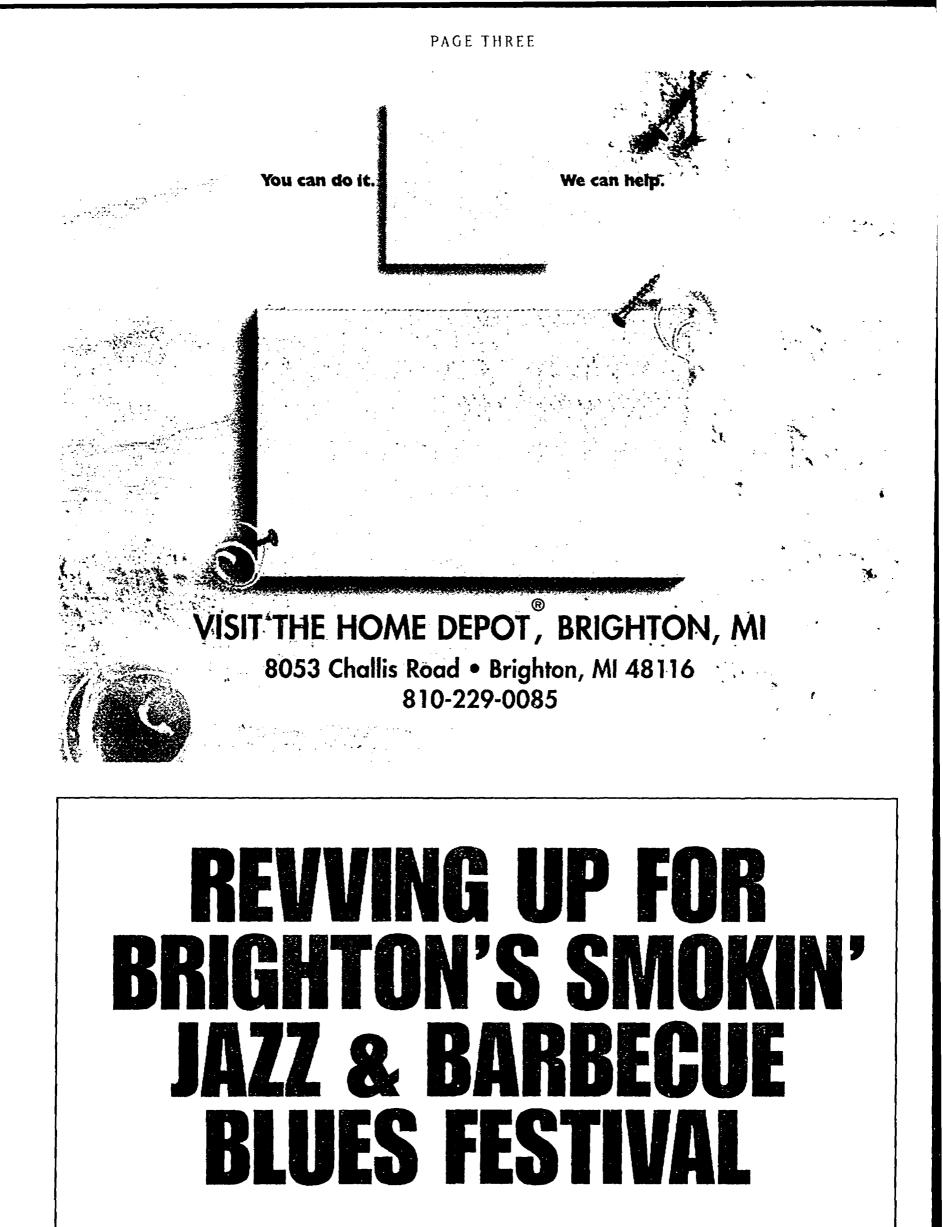
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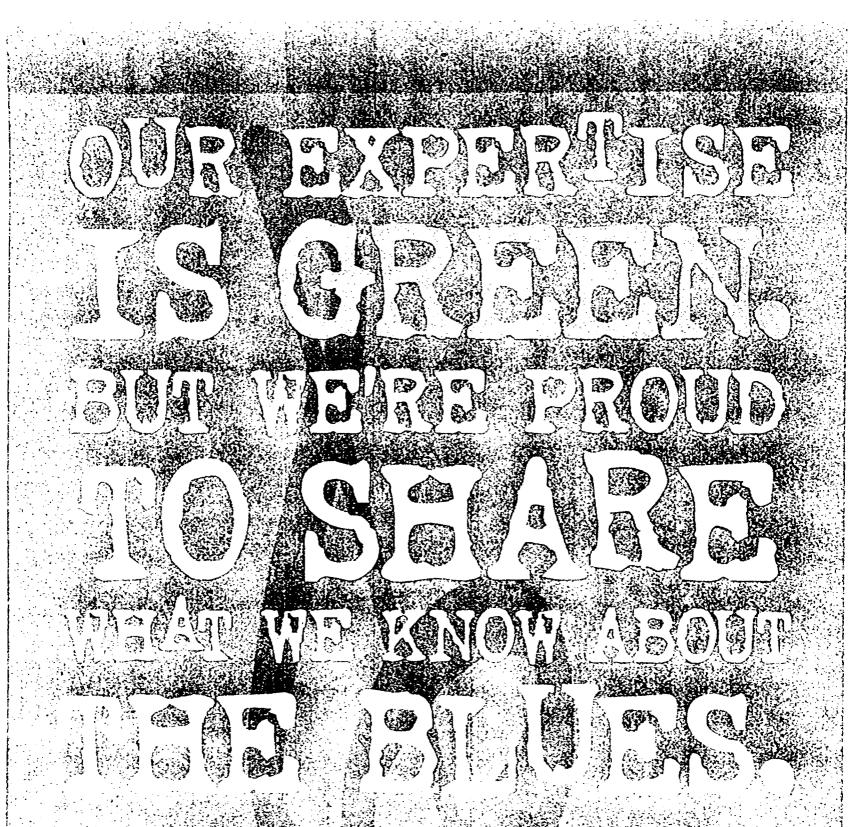
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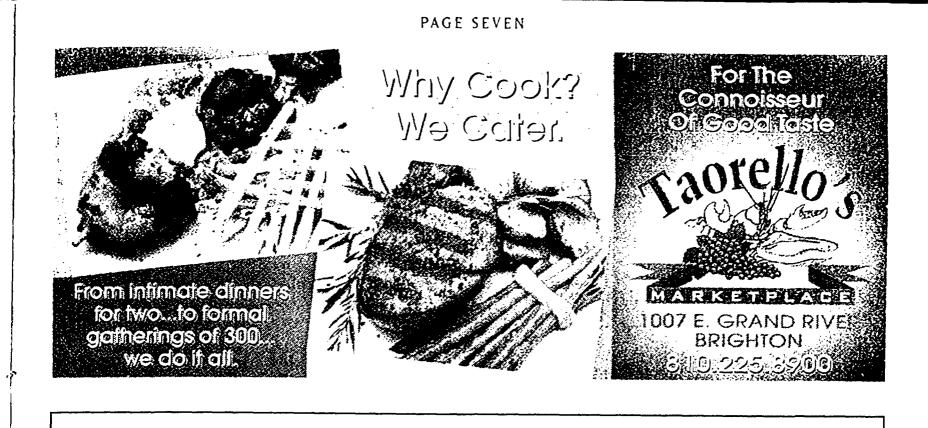
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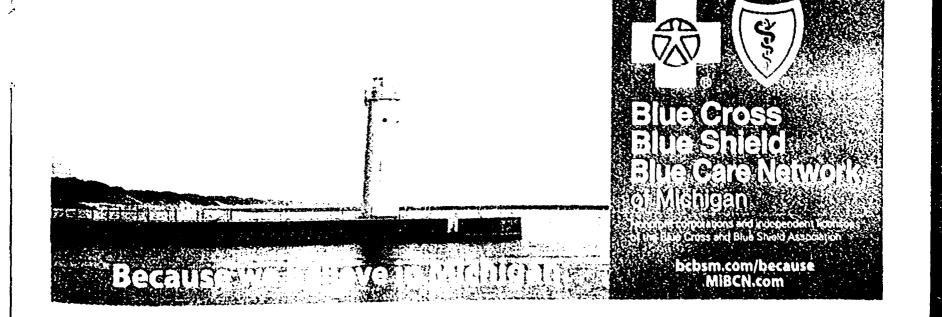






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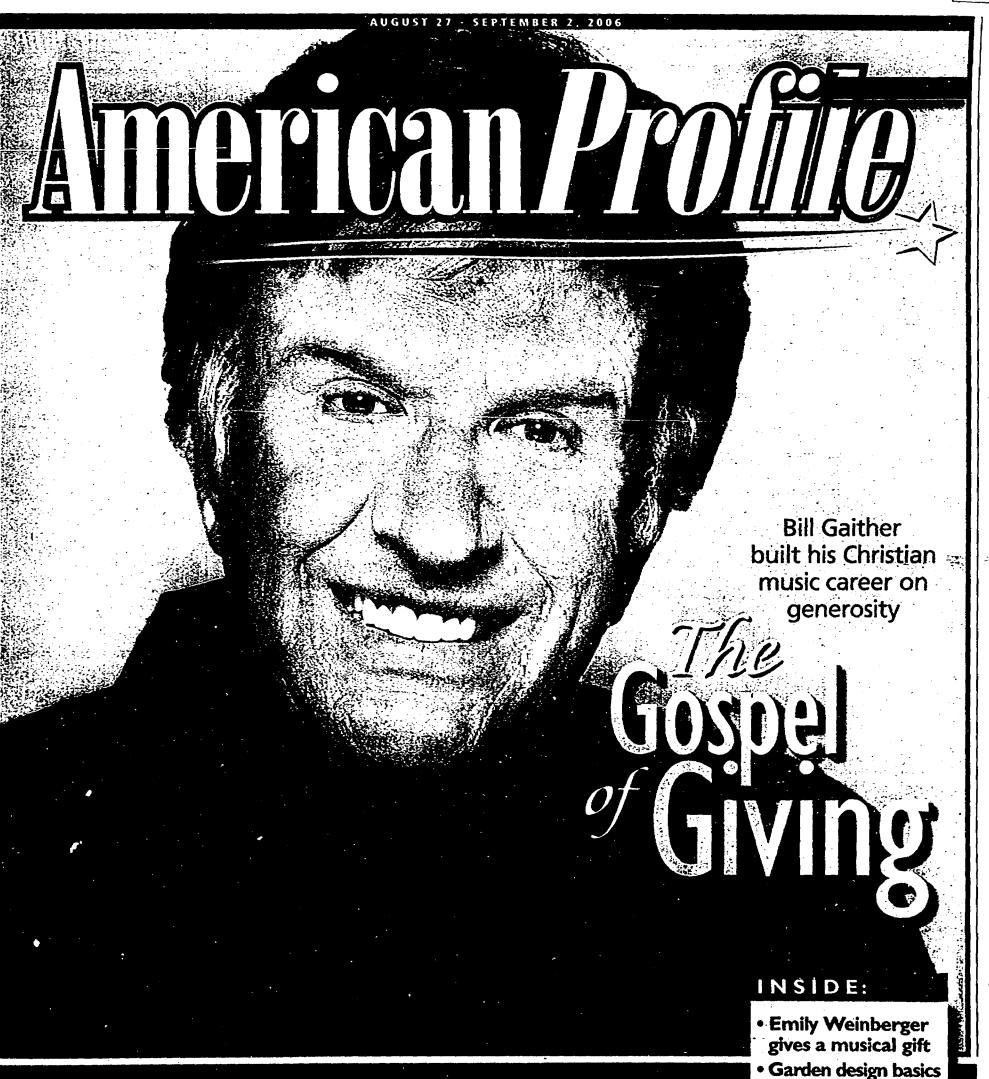
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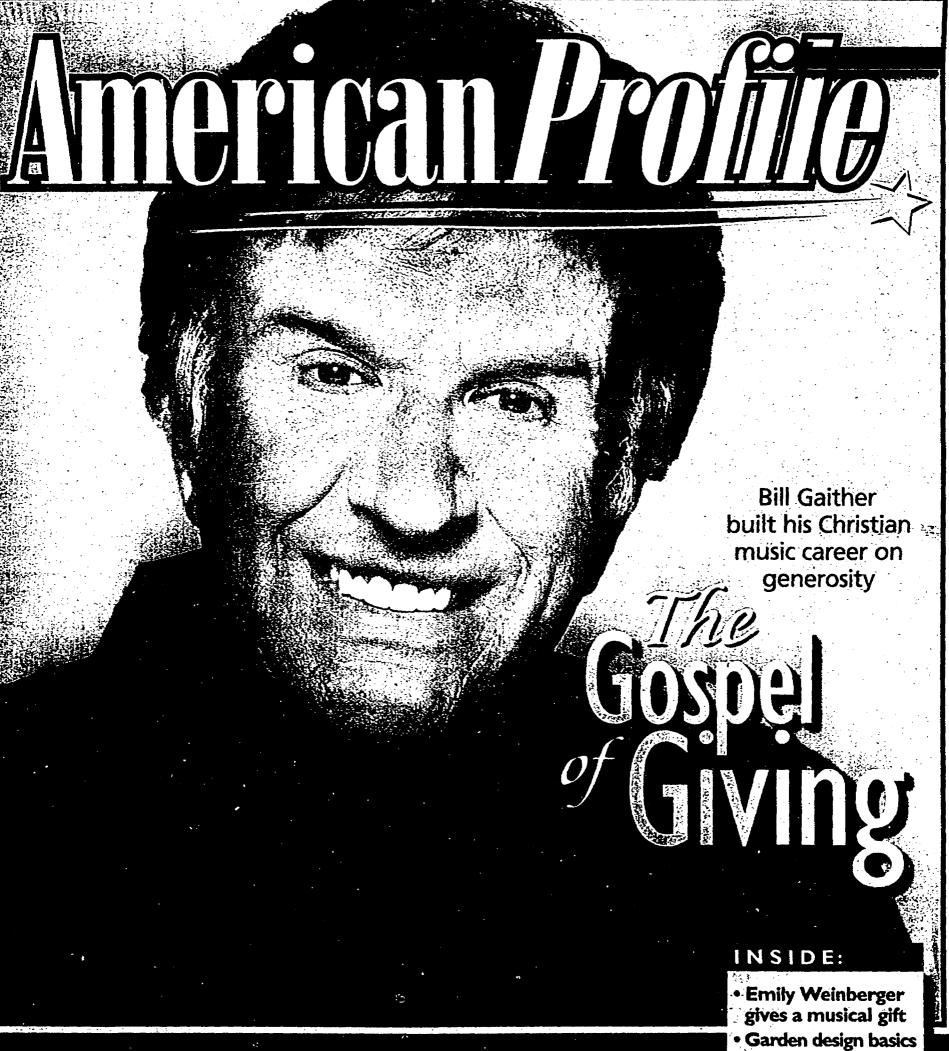




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# Ask American Profile

Q What can you tell me about Lucy Lawless from Xena: Warrior Princess, and what she is doing now? —Geri Brija. Maniso. III.

Lawless grew up in New Zealand, where childhood friends good-naturedly called her Xeno actress Lucy Lawless

Unco-for "uncoordinated." She admits her first starring role, as TV's swashbuckling Xena in 1995, was an extreme physical challenge. "I was bruised for two years," she says. She's currently appearing (as a beautiful humanoid robot masquerading as a TV reporter) on the Sci Fi network series Battlestar Galactica, and she'll play the lead in a new movie musical called Welcome to the Pleasure Dome. Around home in Los Angeles, her friends these days call her Dot, a nickname she chose "because it's easier to spell."



#### Please tell me about Vincent D'Onofrio from Law and Order: Criminal Intent. He seems so intelligent and funny.

–Joan Norman. Bloomfield. Ioua

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., D'Onofrio (pronounced duh-NOFF-ree-o) got his start on Broadway in 1984 and gained 70 pounds for the role of an overweight, bullied and ultimately suicidal Vietnam-era Marine in the movie *Full Metal Jacket* in 1987. His film

Vincent D'Onofrio

resume is extensive, including roles in Mystic Pizza, The Cell, Ed Wood and, most recently, The Break Up. Regarded as an intense, hands-on workhorse of an actor, he was hospitalized for exhaustion last year during on-location filming of TV's Criminal Intent in New York.

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Laughs and Music on Foxworthy's Big Night Out

Jeff Rocworthy becomes a CMT regular in his role as writer, executive producer and star of *Foxuerthy's Big Night Out*, the new weekly half-hour series premiering 7:30 p.m. CT Friday, Sept. 1. Taped in front of a live audience in Atlanta, each episode features a different country artist (like Kenny Rogers, Hank Williams Jr., Trace Adkins and Sara Evans) who join Forworthy in cornedy skits and also perform their latest hits.

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Lynn make guest appearances on "Country Music Has The Blues," "The Man" pays tribute to racing legend Dale Earnhardt and the multi-million selling Cyrus playfully serenades his once-signature hairstyle with "I Want My Mullet Back."



Are Marshall Seese and Heather Tesch on The Weather Channel related? They always seem to be wearing coordinated colors. We feel they must be married to dress like that every day!

—Dot and Jerry Antry. Burgaw. N.C.

The Your Weather Today co-hosts are not married to each other, but they joke about being "work spouses" after spending so much on-air time together since 1999. Tesch picks out her outfits in advance and tells Seese, who then wears a tie to match the next day. "I really enjoy the challenge of figuring out what might match (Tesch's) color descriptions like 'Pepto Bismol pink,' rust,' 'cooked salmon,' 'pumpkin' or 'robin's egg blue," he says with a laugh  $\rightarrow$ 

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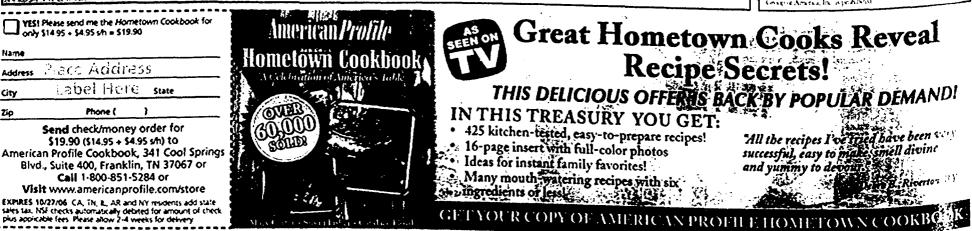
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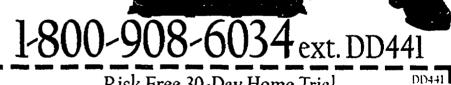
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The idea began last year as Emily's *mitztub* (an act of kindness) project, which was part of her *bat mitztub*, a ceremony in the Jewish faith commemorating becoming an adult. Because Emily loves music and plays the violin, she wanted her project to combine her passion for music with helping others in need.

"Emily told me about her mitzvah project," says her violin teacher Richard Errante of Wilton, Conn. (pop. 17,633). "I had just attended a Norwalk (Conn.) Youth Symphony concert. The audience was asked to give S1 each to help GNOYO in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. When Emily heard that, it was as if a light clicked on in her brain."

Using the Internet, she contacted Marianna Roll, the GNOYO's executive director. "Emily explained her



Emily opens a thank you card from the Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestra.

project in an e-mail and I responded with a very wishful list," Roll says. The youth orchestra needed instruments, music stands, strings, books and bows because most of the items were destroyed during the massive flooding caused by Hurricane Katrina last year.

Emily went to work, devoting her every free moment after school and on weekends for seven months. She called area music stores, which donated music stands, rosin, clarinet reeds and violin strings. At Weston Middle School, she asked her orchestra teacher if she could set out a box for students to donate musical instruments. She also sent newsletters and e-mails to temple members, friends and family asking for contributions.

"I am so proud that Emily understands the true meaning of giving by So says her mother, Cindy Weinberger

Emily fulfilled and exceeded Roals



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original wish list, collecting 27 instruments, loads of musical equipment and \$2,072, enough to provide one year of private lessons to a youth orchestra student in financial need. She even convinced United/Mayflower Van Lines to ship the items to New Orleans for free.

At Roll's request, Emily penned a letter to the orchestra, whose membership had dwindled from 250 to 125 after Hurricane Katrina. "I love music and wanted to help your orchestra because I know how much all of you love music," she wrote. "Arter reading and learning about GNOYO, I realized what a wonderful orchestra it was and wanted to help you get it back to its original state before Hurricane Katrina."

"When I heard her letter, I was so moved," says orchestra member Emily Menard, 16, of New Orleans. "We have the same name and both play the violin. I have friends here without houses, and it was so encouraging to have someone from so far away who didn't even know me to want to do something so touching and loving."

After reading the letter, Roll invited Emily to New Orleans to perform with the orchestra in a summer concert held at the New Orleans



Emily (right) and Marianna Roll, director of the Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestra

Center for the Creative Arts in June. "It was really cool playing with the orchestra I had helped," says Emily, who was presented with a giant "Thank You" card from the orchestra. "Not just adults, but kids kept coming up to tell me that they thought what I'd done was really amazing, and greatly appreciated."

Emily's charitable project couldn't have come at a better time. "Being a nonprofit is always hard, but being a nonprofit after Katrina in New Orleans is extremely hard," Roll says. "Our local sources dried up and it's people like Emily who make such a very big difference."  $\stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow}$ 

Sheryl Kayne is a fredance writer in Weston, Conn.

Visit www.gnoyo.org to learn more about the youth orchestra.

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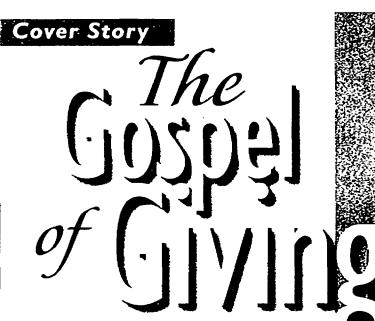
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#### On a rainy Friday morning, Bill Gaither arrives at his Indiana office, just down

the street from Rachel's Hi-Way Café and a sign that loxists "Welcome to Alexandria: Small Town U.S.A."

Gaither, who spent the previous day planting trees at the farm that was his grandfather's, cheerfully greets two co-workers, both of whom have worked for him for three decades and remain dedicated to prioritizing his time and keeping him on schedule.

That's no easy task—because Gaither is the world's most successful Christian songwriter, performer and music-businessman, and he chose his quiet Midwestern hometown (pop. 6.260) to serve as world headquarters for an entertainment empire that includes a music publishing company, record label, recording studio, gift shop and restaurant, and some 125 employees.

"This is still a wonderful, relaxed place to remember what we are all about," Gaither says.

**Bill Gaither (right)** 

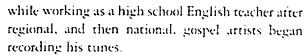
with brother Danny in 1948.

#### Living a lifelong dream

For the last four decades, Gaither, 70, has lived a dream that began when he was a student in elementary school. In the late 1940s, he was milking cows when he heard the rousing Southern gospel music of the Dixie Stamps Quartet on a dusty radio in the barn.

and he was captivated. "I can remember sitting at my desk in sixth grade wondering if the new TS RPM of the Ranger's Quartet came in the mail today," he says.

Driven by a work ethic forged during long days baling hay and shucking corn on his family's 60-acre farm, Gaither, the oldest of three siblings, slowly built a back-room gospel songwriting business into an industry juggernaut. All of this



Photos courtesy of Gaither Music Company

by BEVERLY KEEL

Contributing Editor

But even as he was becoming a successful Christian songwriter, entertainer and entrepreneur, he never loosened his hometown, middle-America roots. He and Gloria, his wife and frequent cowriter, still live in the simple white country home, located on 15 acres purchased for \$3,800 in 1964, where they raised their three children—Suzanne, 41, Amy, 37, and Benjy, 36—and now spend time with their five grandchildren. On summer nights,

> they like to load up their grandchildren in a 1972 red Impala convertible and cruise through the countryside, just like they did decades ago with their own kids. During the fall and winter, Gaither tries as often as possible to catch the home games of the Indiana Pacers and Indranapolis Colts. More than a handful of his neighbors still call him "Billy Jim," the name many remember from his childhood.

> > But everywhere else, Gaither is known as the most successful entertainer in the history of Christian music. He's sold more



A house full of music: Bill and wife Gloria at home in 1972 with children (L-R) Amy, Benjy and Suzanne.

than 20 million copies of his nearly 50 albums. It 18 million videos and DVDs from his hugely (2014) in-concert *Homeoning* series. In 2004, his *Homeonic* Tour made *Rolling Stone* magazine's list of the Telgrossing concerts, and in some cities it has outsold of 1sts such as the Eagles and Elton John. His televi-*Gaither Gopel Hom* and *Gauther Family Markell* TV shows are telecast to some 75 million viewers 12 different networks, including RFD, GAC and 1 Inspirational Network (formerly PAX). The current lineup of the award-winning Gaither Vocal Band: Marshall Hall, Gaither Guy Penrod and Wes Hampton.

#### Songwriters of the century

Gaither and Gloria, 64, who also is an author and speaker, have written some 600 songs, including the standards "Because He Lives," "He Touched Me" (which was recorded by Elvis Presley) and "The King Is Corning," all of which have sold 1 million copies each of sheet music. He and Gloria have won numerous awards, including the prestigious title of Christian Songwriters of the Century, which the music organization ASCAP bestowed on them in 2000.

Gaither credits his Alexandria upbringing with his success because it instilled in him a strong work ethic, an unconditional faith in God and a sense of humility. One long-ago moment in particular largely determined his approach to business and life. "My granddad told me, 'Bill, there are givers and there are takers in this world. You gotta make up your mind which you're going to be,'" he says.

It wasn't a hard choice, because giving was all Gaither had ever known. "Giving is a way of life," he says, "and if you understand that, you are going to be fulfilled." His father, George, was a toolmaker and farmer who spent the long Indiana winters helping neighbors clear snow off of their driveways. His paternal grandfather, Grover Gaither, took in an orphan and later paid his way through electrician's school.

"Give it away" is Gaither's mantra, as well as the title of the new album by the (Continued on page 8)

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Gaither meets with the Rev. Billy Graham in 2001.

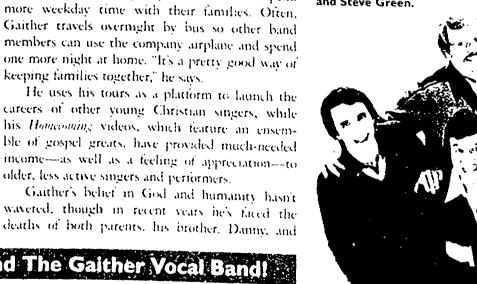
several close friends, such as beloved gospel singers Jake Hess and Hovie Lister, as well as Antheny Burger, a planist who collapsed and died in April while on a Gaither Homecoming Caribbean cruse.

"I think you have to figure out a pretty good theology of death before you can have a good theology of living," he says. "It's going to come source of later to all of us. Once you get that part of theology put in place, you can have a whole lot of fun-

"People ask me how much longer I am going to do this," he says. "I don't even think of that I am just running this car as fast as I can run it. and when I hit a wall, I'm out of here.

"In the meantime, it's going to be a lot of tun=3

Gaither (front) formed the first Gaither Vocal Band in 1981 with Gary McSpadden (left), Lee Young (top) and Steve Green.



Bill and Gloria were named Christian Songwriters of the Year in 2000 by the musical organization ASCAP.

Gaither Vocal Band, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, and the group's new live-performance DVD/video that debuts this month.

#### A ministry of helping others

Gaither's success has enabled him to be gencrous with his time, money and influence. He's donated millions of dollars to charities and individuals, sometimes anonymously, whether to Hurricane Katrina victims on the Gulf Coast or a child in need of surgery in Guatemala. It became his personal mission to raise money for the Gospel Music Trust Fund, which helps aging gospel stars who have fallen on hard times. Through his personal donations and industry fund-raising efforts, the fund has grown from about \$20,000 to \$2.5 million in two decades.

"There's a phrase that I heard when I was a teenager: 'Blessed people bless people, and hurt people hurt people," says gospel performer Amy Grant, who often toured with Gaither when she was launching her own career in the 1980s. "Bill Gaither is a blessed man, and he has lavished amazing things on the people around him."

Gaither has his own savings about his philoso-

and The Gaither Vocal Band

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phy of life. "I say this to young artists all the time:

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some resources. What are you going to do with

those resources? Are you going to blow it all? Most

of them do," he says. "Or you can be frugal, put

some away, help some other people and do some-

Gaither's music ministry. He schedules the Gaither Vocal Band's tour dates on Friday and Saturday

nights so the band's younger members can spend

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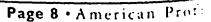
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2. ROOT RIVER TRAIL, MINNESOTA A 42-mile route through southwestern Minnesota's bluff country (800/428-2030; www. bluffcountry.com). 3. GEORGE S. MICKELSON TRAIL, SOUTH DAKOTA In the heart of the Black Hills, a 114-mile pathway that winds through pine forests, crosses

through pine forests, crosses meadows and skirts remote canyons (605/773-3391; www. mickelsontrail.com). 4. LITTLE MIAMI SCENIC

TRAIL, SOUTHWESTERN OHIO A 78-mile trail through five counties, from suburban Cincinnati north to Springfield. Spurs to communities in Greene-County (513/897-3055; www.miamivalleytrails.org/ miami.htm).

5. ELROY-SPARTA STATE TRAIL, SOUTHWESTERN WISCONSIN One of the first rail trails in the nation, a 32-mile pathway that is surrounded by rolling farmland and passes through three hmestone tunnels

(608/266-2621; www.elroysparta-trail.com). 6. HERITAGE TRAIL, **NORTHEASTERN IOWA In** scenic bluff country, a 26-mile trail from Dubuque west to Dyersville (563/556-6745; www.dubuquecounty.com/ HeritageTrail.clm). 7. WHITE PINE TRAIL. **CENTRAL MICHIGAN** Traveling 88 miles across 40 rivers and streams between Cadillac and Belmont (231/775-7911; www.whitepinetrail.com). 8. THE COWBOY TRAIL, NORTHERN NEBRASKA Two segments totaling 161 miles across the Sandhills and the scenic Niobrara River valley (402/471-5511; www.ngpc. state.ne.us/parks/guides/ trails/cowboy/cowboy.asp). 9. PRAIRIE SPIRIT RAIL-TRAIL, EASTERN KANSAS The state's first rail-trail, 33 miles from Ottawa to Welda. through prairie patches and woodlands (785/448-5496; www.prairiespirittrail.org). 10. WABASH CANNONBALL TRAIL, NORTHWESTERN OHIO With two forks and crossing 16 bridges, a 63-mile trail through four counties; beginning in Maumee (800/951-4788; www. wabashcannonballtrail.org).

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**OMAHA, NEBRASKA** At the Henry Doorly Zoo's outdoor Hubbard Orangutan Forest, guests wander an elevated boardwalk while orangutans climb nearly 65 feet into the treetops or peer at visitors eye-to-eye while swinging from miles of vine between two towering man-made Banyan trees (402/733-8401; www.omahazoo.com).

**CINCINNATI, OHIO** Once under threat of extinction, Mexican gray wolves are the focus of the Wolf Woods exhibit at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. Young visitors can view the pair of wolves from two 1,000-square-foot outdoor decks. In the adjoining wolf den, kids participate in handson field studies using wolf skulls, footprint casts and measuring tools to imagine life as a wolf (513/559-7719; www.cincyzoo.org). **MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN** Florence Mila Borchert Big Cat Country at the Milwaukee County Zoo brings visitors face-toface with several forms of the feline species.

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By Colin McDonala

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#### Dining Out in Cincinnati

Midwest Living Editor-in-Chief Dan Kaercher ate his way across 8,207 miles in 12 Midwest states last summer to produce the book Taste of the Midwest and a public-television series. In Cincinnati, he found a city justly proud of its memorable dining icons. Here's what he discovered:

In the 1800s, when Cincinnati was America's salt-pork packing hub, it was known as Porkopolis. Cincinnatians pay homage to that porcine past by feasting on baby back pork-loin ribs at the venerable Montgomery Inn, which today has three locations, including a striking glass-and-concrete restaurant beside the Ohio River. Along with your sauce-slathered ribs, you get 180-degree views of boats plying the river against a backdrop of the green Kentucky hills.

Other specialties include pork chops, duck with orange sauce and the Inn's thick "Saratoga chips" fried, hand-cut potato slices.

Chili is another Cincinnati tradition. Skyline Chili, founded in 1949 by Greek immigrant Nicholas Lambrinides, is still one of the most popular chili "parlors." Today, there are 75 Skyline franchises in the Greater Cincinnati area. Try Skyline's legendary specialty: a pile of spaghetti blanketed by secret-recipe chili and a mound of fluffy cheddar cheese (*pictured*, *below*).

For pizza, head to LaRosa's Pizzeria in Western Hills, flagship of a local chain owned by Buddy LaRosa, one of the city's liveliest celebrities. You can get just about every kind of pizza imaginable. A favorite, the "Buddy Topper," is a thin crust loaded with pepperoni, two types of sausages, *cappicola* (an Italian ham), banana peppers and provolone. Other hardto-resist menu items include cheesy stuffed calzones, savory lasagna and an array of overstuffed Italian hoagy sandwiches.

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### What's new this fall

On your autumn getaway, you'll find a number of new attractions around the Midwest worth checking out. (Admission charged to some of the attractions listed; call for prices.) Here's a sampling: **HLINOIS The McCormick Tribune Bridgehouse & Chicago** River Museum has opened along Chicago's Magnificent Mile. Exhibits trace the history of the Chicago River (312/939-0490; www.chicagoriver.org). INDIANA CSI: Crime Scene Insects at Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis runs September 23-January 15, 2007. You can solve make-believe mysteries and learn how using insects can reveal details of a crime scene (317/232-1637; www.in.gov/ism). IOWA Damaged by a fire in 2001, the Old Capitol Museum in Iowa City has reopened. It features the original state offices, district courtroom and legislative chambers preserved in their 1850s appearance. The Capitol served as the seat of Iowa government until 1857 (319/335-0548; www.uiowa.edu/~oldcap). KANSAS The Johnny Western Theater near Wichita is set to open September 9 with a concert by Roy Clark. The 1,300-seat venue will feature Western music artists and is located on the grounds of the Wild West World theme park, scheduled to open in May 2007 (316/425-7000; www. wildwestworld.org). MICHIGAN A new permanent exhibit, And Still We Rise, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit, contains voice recordings,

artifacts and photographs tracing the odyssey of African-Americans over the centuries (313/494-5800; www.maah-detroit.org). MISSOURI Branson Landing has opened in Branson (pictured. above). The shopping and entertainment destination includes 100 shops and restaurants, plus hotels, a marina, a town square and condominiums (888/526-3464; www.bransonlanding.com). NEBRASKA Schillingbridge Winery & Microbrewery in Pawnee City is the state's first combination farm microbrewery and winery, producing sweet and dry wines and handcrafted beers (402/852-2400; www. schillingbridgewinery.com). NORTH DAKOTA Touted as the world's largest all-sports store. Scheels All Sports has opened a new location in Fargo. A 12-car 1938 Ferris wheel overlooks the interior of the store (701/298-2918; www.scheels.com). OHIO The Toledo Museum of Art's new \$30 million Glass Pavilion is scheduled to open August 27. The 76,000-squarefoot space is home to an extensive collection of glass art (800/644-6862; www.toledomuseum.org). SOUTH DAKOTA The new Vietnam War Memorial in Pierre features a 7-foot-tall bronze statue of a combat-weary soldier. Dedication is set for September 15-16 (605/773-3688; www. sdvietnamwarmemorial.com). WISCONSIN Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin, set to open September 9 along Milwaukee's downtown Lake Michigan shore, will feature interactive exhibits and digital studios and theaters, as well as the S/V Denis Sullivan flagship, a lakeshore walkway and an amphitheater (414/276-7700;

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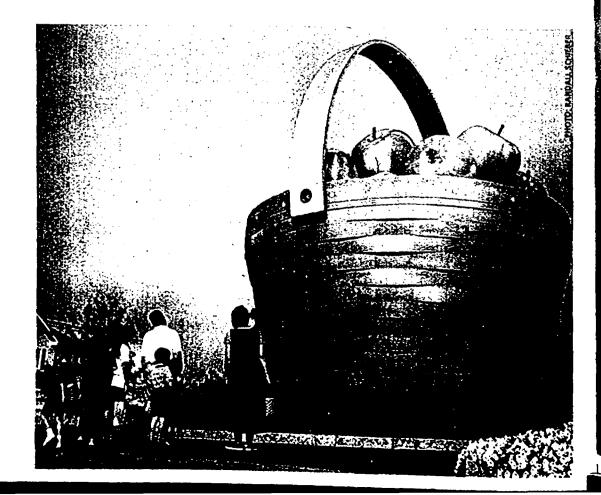
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Thrill seekers can get their last-minute summer kicks at Holiday World in Santa Claus, Indiana (50 miles northeast of Evansville). Survey after survey has ranked this family-owned park founded in 1946 as the nation's friendliest and cleanest. The theme park recently completed a \$13.5 million expansion that includes Voyage, a new wooden roller coaster that goes so fast (67 mph) that riders experience a total of 24 seconds of weightlessness. Admission charged (877/463-2645; www.holidayworld.com).

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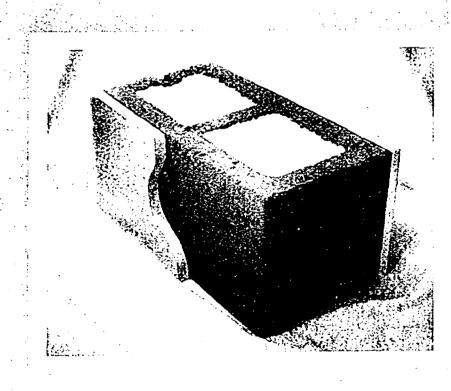
In Wisconsin, visitors accustomed to having to reserve vacations at northern resorts as much as a year in advance can find plenty of available accommodations this time of year in the southwestern region. The 30-mile corridor of rolling green hills that stretches from Spring Green south to Mineral Point has a pleasing mix of history and culture, plus outdoor activities. Near Spring Green, celebrated architect Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie style is evidenced in the buildings you can tour on his 600-acre estate, including Taliesin, his home for nearly 50 years. Guided tours daily through October. Admission charged (608/588-7900; www. taliesinpreservation.org).

Early 1800s miners from Cornwall in southern England founded the town of Mineral Point. Today, costumed guides lead tours of the historic area called Pendarvis, where stone cottages date to those early days. Along the town's steep High Street, you can visit art galleries and shops and watch artists work in their studios. Mineral Point Chamber of Commerce (888/764-6874; www. mineralpoint.com).



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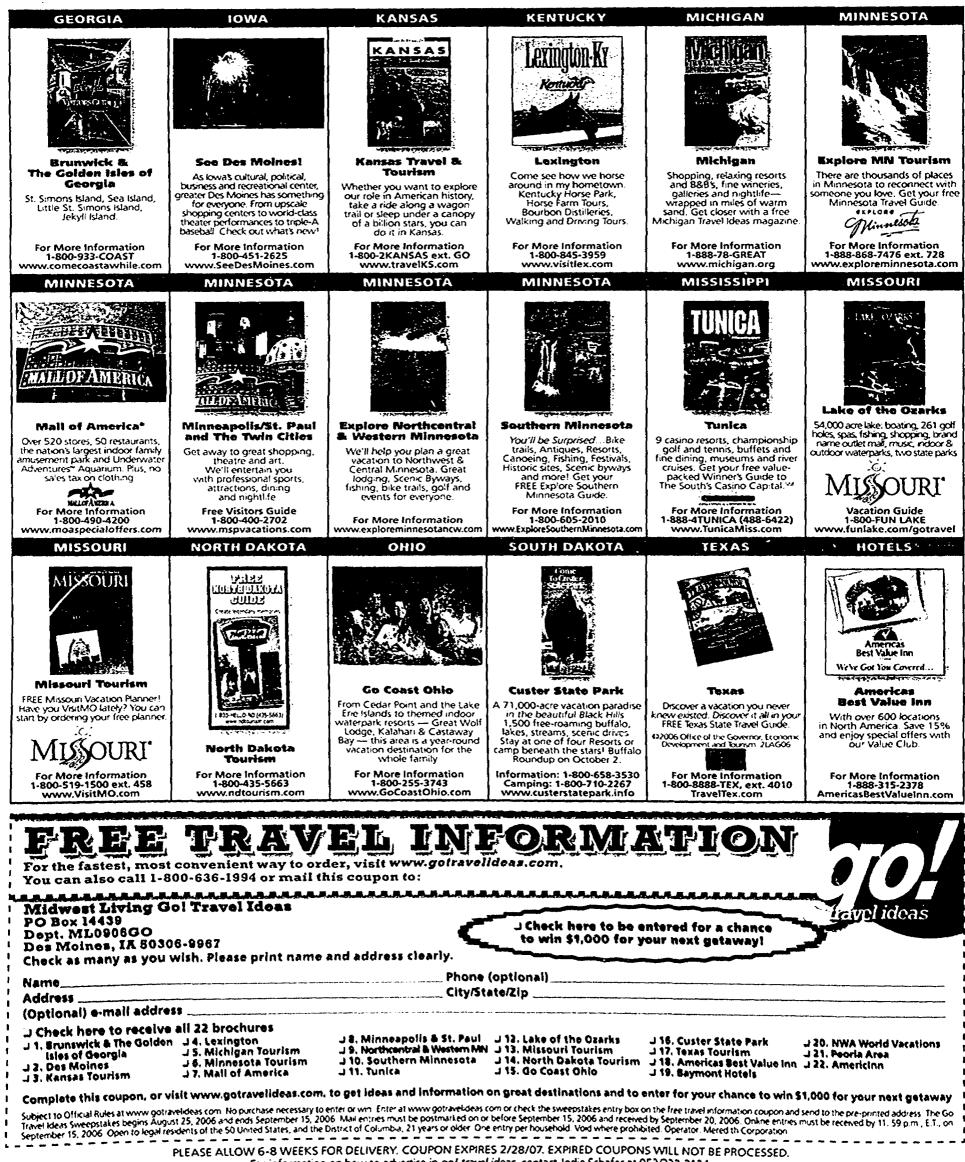


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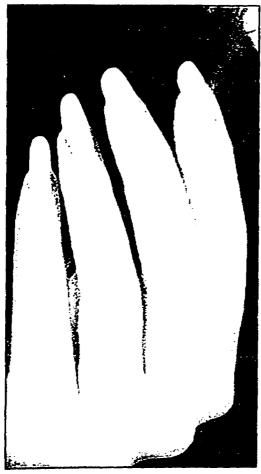
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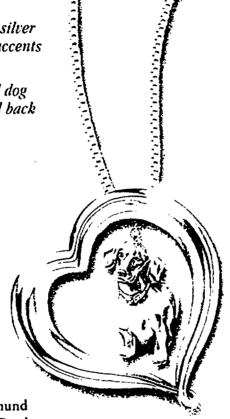
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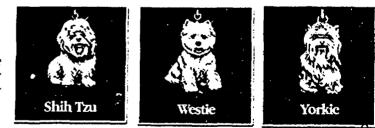












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MINNESOTA—Maud Hart Lovelace, author of the popular Betsy-Tacy book series in the 1940s and 1950s set in the fictional town of Deep Valley, was born in 1892 in Mankato (pop. 32,427). The Betsy-Tacy Society is restoring the author's childhood home.

MISSOURI—Twelve gold-plated horseshoes were tossed at a golden spike in May to celebrate the groundbreaking of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and Museum in Wentzville (pop. 6,896). The hall is slated to open this fall.

NEBRASKA—In 1929, the McCook Daily Gazette in McCook (pop. 7,994) became the nation's first daily newspaper regularly delivered by airplane. A plane, dubbed "the Newsboy," dropped newspaper bundles in area towns. NORTH DAKOTA—Guests can sleep in a tepee or covered wagon at the 800-acre Flaming Arrow Guest Ranch along the Lewis and Clark Trail near Washburn (pop. 1,389). Hunting, campfire singing and other outdoor activities are offered at the family-owned ranch.

OHIO—The man who taught America to write, Platt Rogers Spencer of Geneva (pop. 6,595), created the Spencerian style of penmanship in the 1840s, which soon was adopted by schools nationwide. Spencer also opened his own school to teach hardwriting.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**—Beginning in the 1890s, several church denominations spread the Gospel to Western settlers in railroad "chapel cars." One Baptist church on rails, the Emmanuel chapel car, is restored and rests at Historic Prairie Village in Madison (pop. 6,540). Worship services still are conducted in the car during two weekends a year.

WISCONSIN—The world's longest Main Street without an intersection is in Potosi (pop. 831). The town sits in a long, narrow valley, and Main Street winds for three miles.

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# Gardening

Designing your garden can be an opportunity to express yourself. The hardest part is trusting your intuition and allowing yourself to experiment as you create your own unique design. Since the key to success is preparation, here are some ideas to get started.

#### The site plan

One of the most valuable garden design tools is a site plan, or bird's-eye view of your yard. Putting your garden on paper makes it easier to see underlying design elements such as traffic patterns and dimensions of the spaces. You can hire a professional garden designer to create a site plan, but your own tough sketch or plot plan should work just fine for all but the most complex landscapes.

Once you have a plan to work from, sketch in the positive and negative

buildings, pathways) of your yard and natural environmental factors such as light conditions and soil or drainage problems. Pathways and garden areas can be drawn right on the plan. You'll be surprised at how quickly you'll identify problem areas. In many cases, just creating a site plan will be the push

hedge or re-route a pathway.

#### **Getting** inspired

Examining other gardens is a wonderful way to get a sense of the plants and garden features that appeal to you. Glossy picture books and garden magazines also are good places to

Garden Design Basics by KATHY LALIBERTE find design inspiration. Co find design inspiration. Comparing

and contrasting different types of gardens can be useful in helping you find the right look. Remember, combining ideas into your own unique expression is what it's all about. ≯

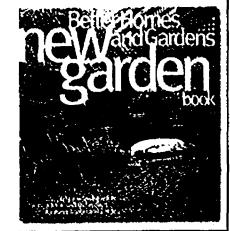
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#### **GO: travel ideas** from Midwest Living magazine



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Carolyn Cheek, of London, Ky., sent us the recipe for Roll-Ups. "My daughter gave me this recipe. It's become a favorite for parties and family gettogethers," she says.

This recipe lends itself to endless variations. It's also great for back-toschool lunches because you can use whatever meat and cheese your kids prefer. If you'd like, you can skip the meat altogether and add chopped green or black olives, pimientos, sundried tomatoes or fresh herbs.

The summer's harvest of fresh basil will come in handy in the recipe for Tomato Sauce and Garlic Toast Appetizer, submitted by W. R. Valentine of Rogers City. Mich. "Spoon the sauce onto garlic toast, and serve some ripe red Italian olives on the side," he suggests.

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N.R. Valentine

Rogers City, Mich



- Roll-Ubs 4
- ounces cream cheese, softened
- bunch lettuce, 1 any kind
- 8 ounces mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced
- 1/2 to I pound deli-sliced turkey, beef or ham
- red or green bell 1 pepper, finely chopped

Spread 2 ounces of cream cheese evenly over the entire surface of each tortilla. Layer several leaves of lettuce over the cream cheese. Evenly divide and layer the mozzarella, meat and pepper over the lettuce. Roll each wrap very tightly into a large cigar shape. Cut the rolls into 1-inch slices, and place on a serving platter. Discard the ends. Yield: About three dozen roll-ups.

Tomato Sauce and Garlic Toast Appetizer Tomato Sauce and Garlic Toast Appetizer

- Sauce: 15-ounce can diced tomatoes. drained well
- 2 tablespoons chopped onions
- tablespoon capers tablespoon teriyaki
- tablespoons 2
- olive oil to 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil or 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 14 teaspoon salt

<sup>1</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> teaspoon black pepper

- Toast:
- 1 24-ounce loaf French or Italian bread
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup melted butter ¼ cup olive oil
- cloves garlic, minced
- teaspoon dried basil
- teaspoon dried oregano

Mix tomatoes, onions, capers, teriyaki, olive oil, basil, salt and pepper in the order given. Adjust seasonings to suit your taste. Allow mixture to stand overnight in the refrigerator, but serve at room temperature. To prepare the garlic toast, preheat oven to 400F. Slice bread into about 20 pieces and place on cookie sheet. Toast 8 to 10 minutes or until light golden. Combine butter, olive oil, garlic, basil and oregano. Brush butter mixture on each piece of toast. Return to oven and bake about 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool before serving with tomato sauce. Yield: 20 appetizers.

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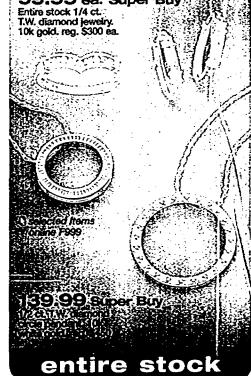




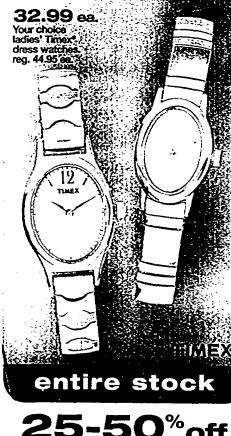
















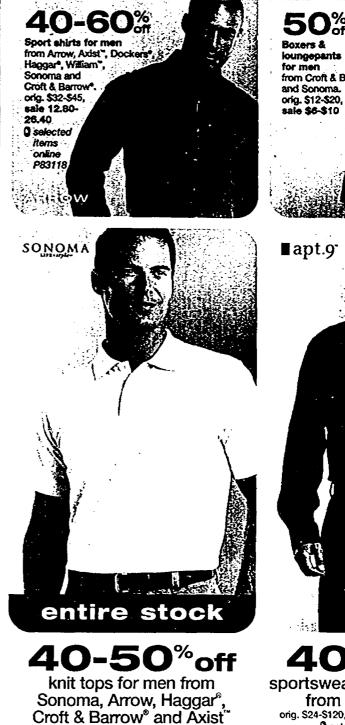




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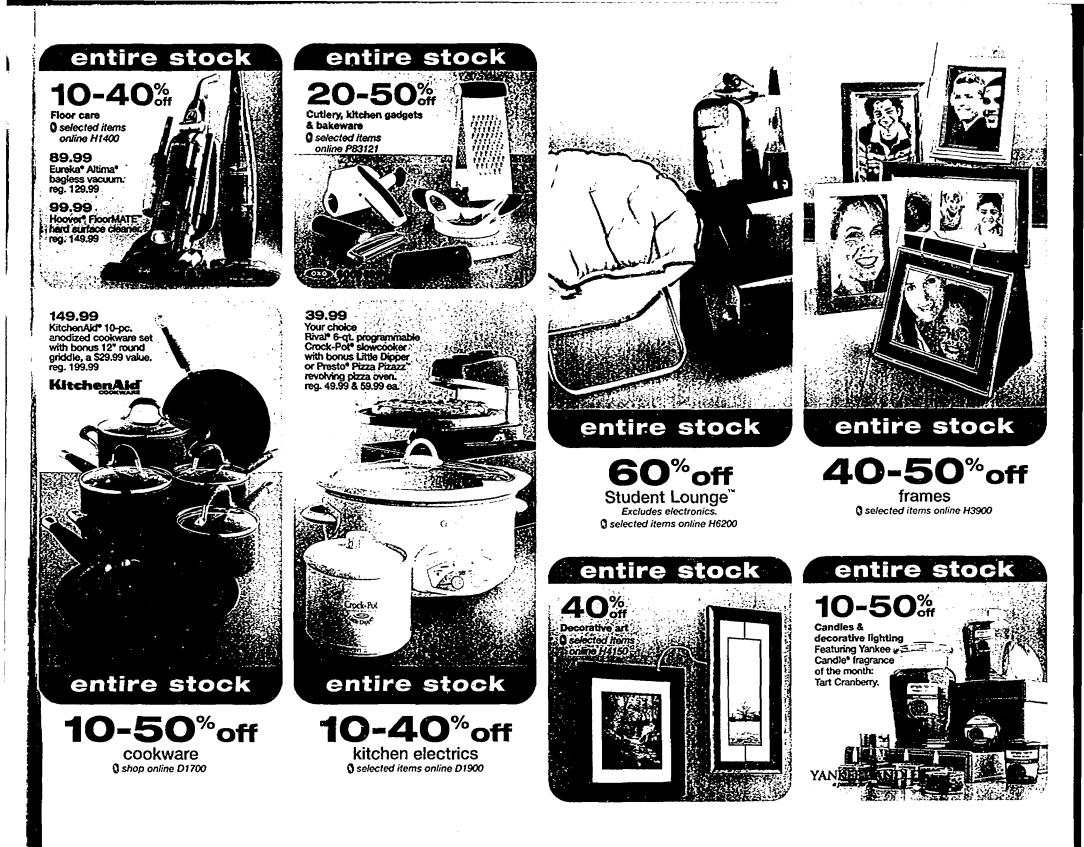




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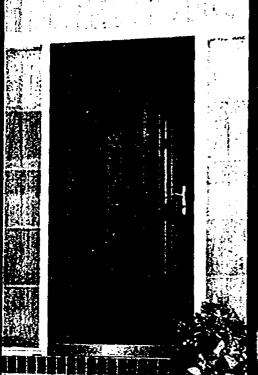
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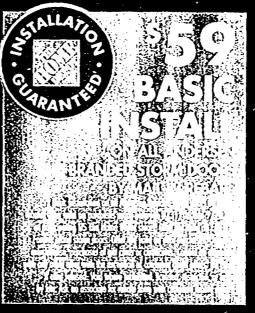
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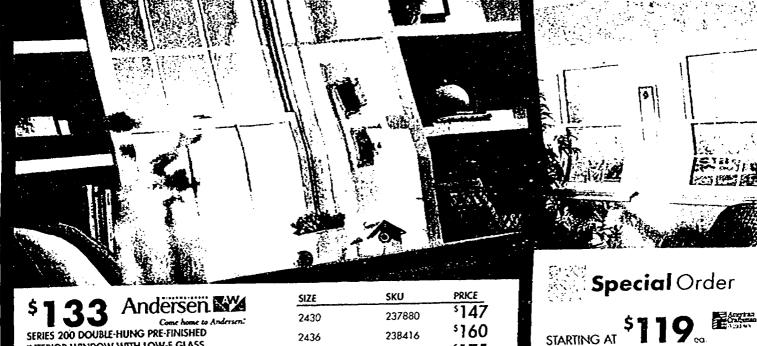
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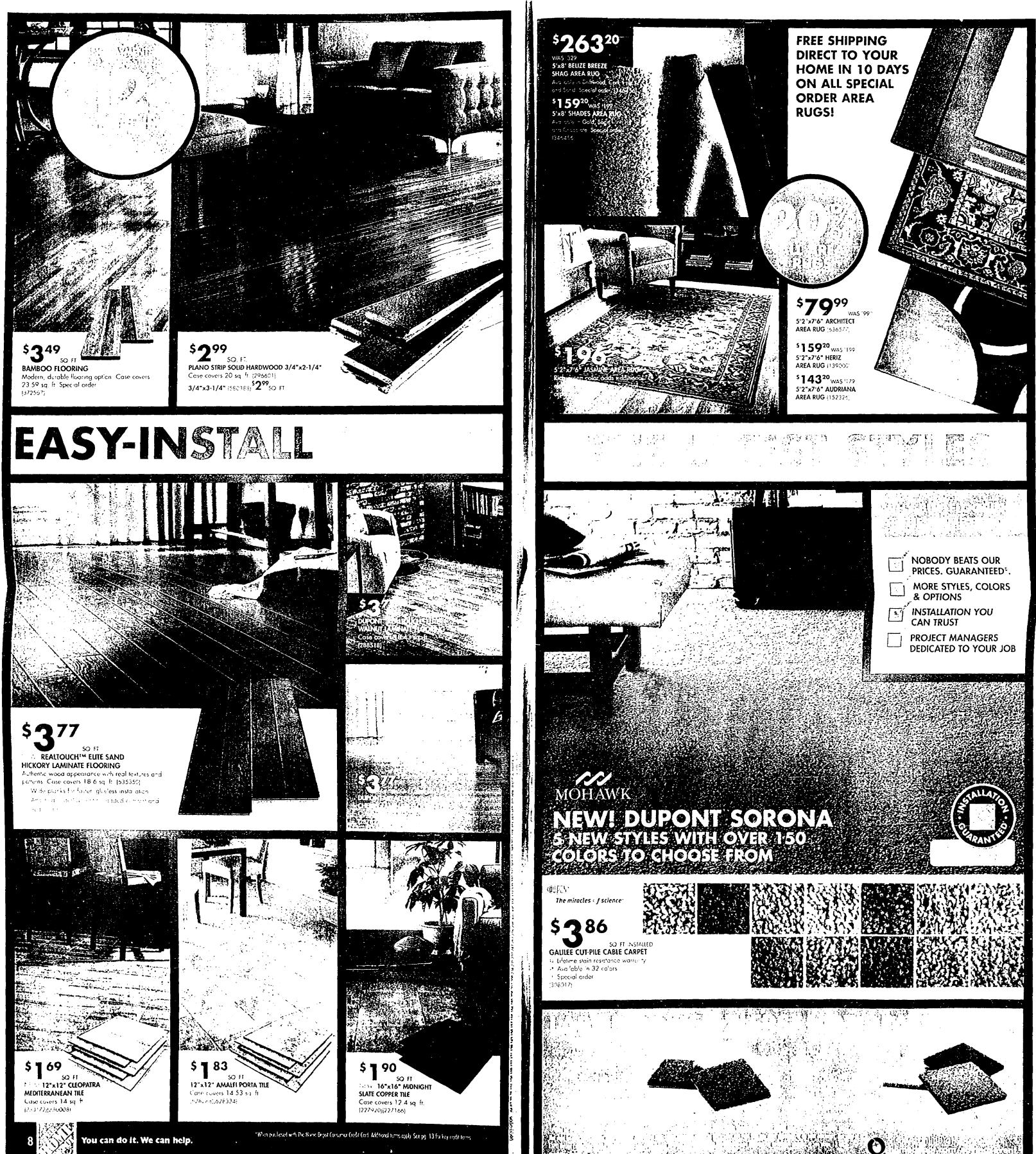


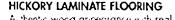
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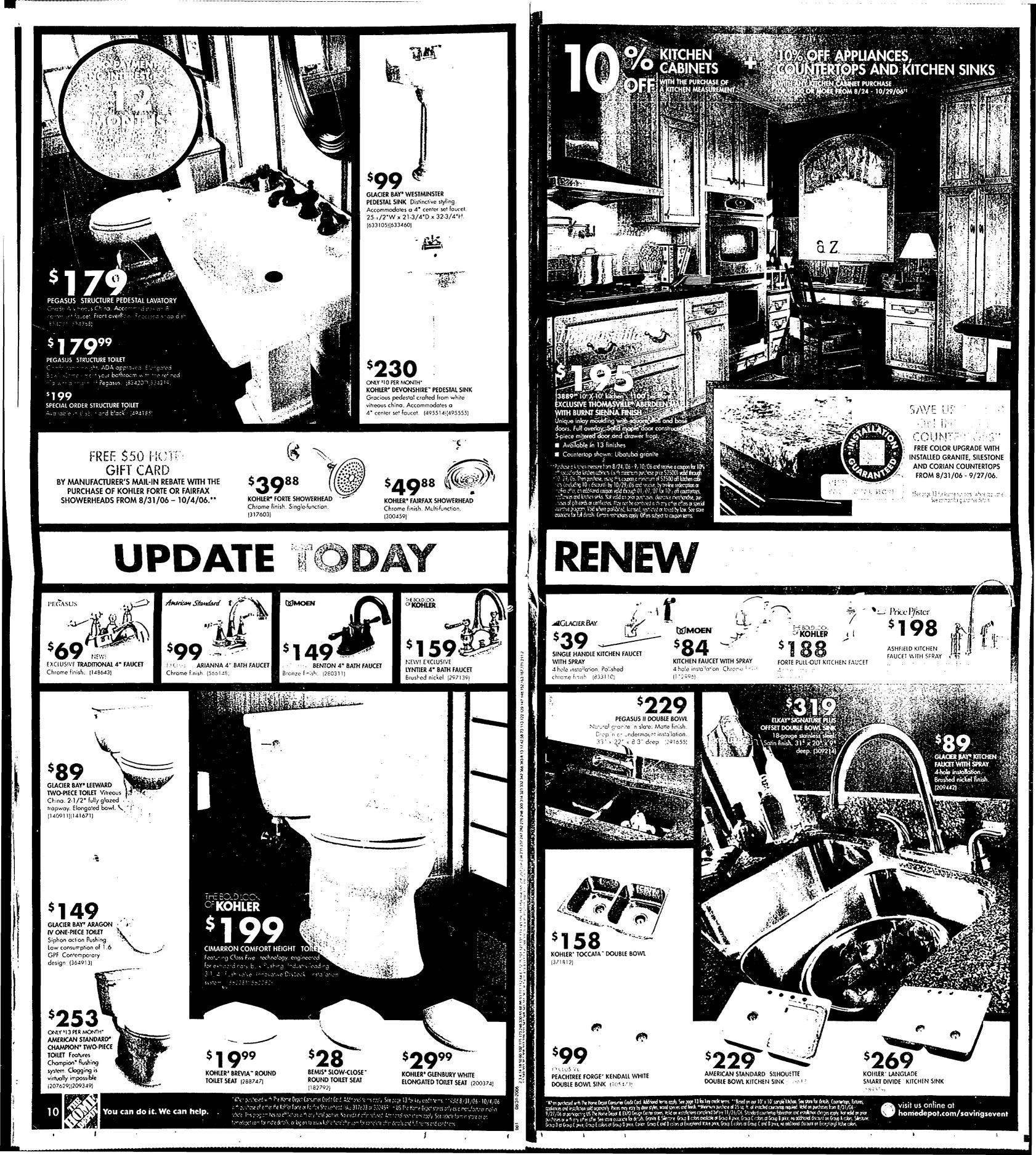
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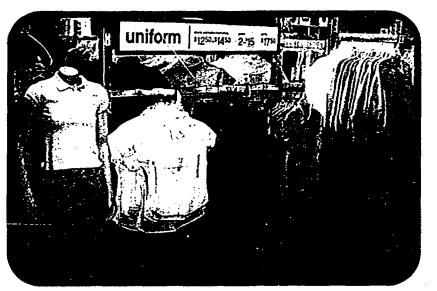




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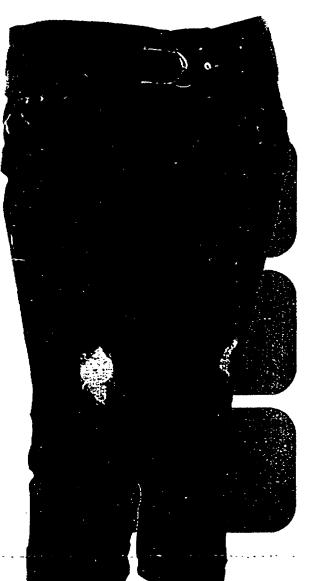
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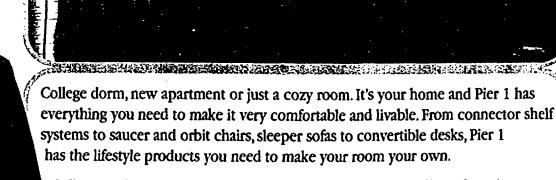
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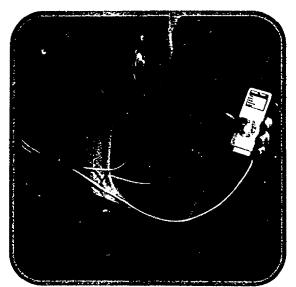


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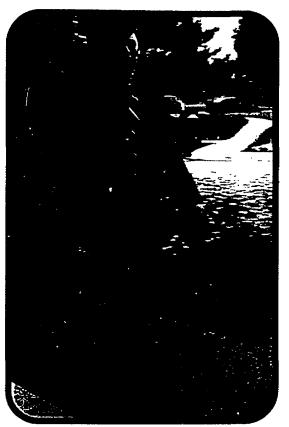
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> Fall is cross country time and Running Fit carries a full selection of trainers and cross-country approved spikes. For those just into good health in the great outdoors, choose from walking & running shoes by the biggest names in a wide range of prices. The newest fashions and fabrics in running apparel is also available at Michigan's most popular store for runners of all abilities. *Men's Shoe*

#### Charisma Salon for the Newest Fall Styles & Colors!



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Fall is the perfect time for a new look from Charisma Salon, with brand new make-up and nail colors plus the season's newest hair styles. The professionals at Charisma Salon offer their clients a full range of services. Manicures and pedicures are lovingly administered and tanning is also available.

Charisma Salon is open seven days a week. Appointments are suggested yet walk-in guests are always welcome. A complete line of hair care and beauty products are also on sale.

Coming soon! A new location in Novi Town Center for Charisma Salon next to the Baja Grill. Same great styles, same great people with more services for you.



Sweet Dreams and Sweet Prices at Mattress & Futon Shoppe



The Mattress & Futon Shoppe has always been the right place to shop for the latest sleeping surfaces – at the best price! This year, furnish that new apartment or campus room with one of 3 new futon models, starting at just \$239 for frame, mattress and cover (usually \$350).

Featuring one of the state's largest inventories of Premium Futon products, Serta mattresses, head boards, bunk beds, day beds, frames & sleep accessories, the Mattress & Futon Shoppe has styles and colors to match any room.

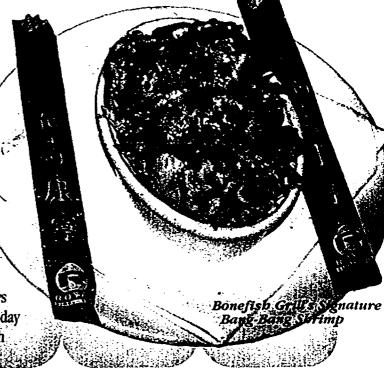
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# Bonefish Grill Introduces Bar Specials

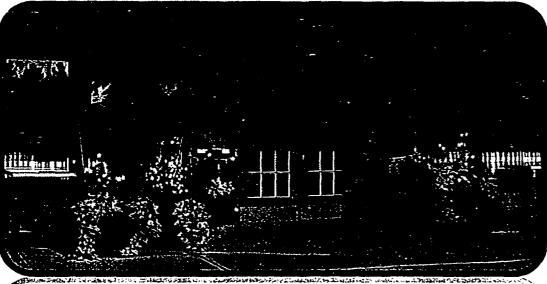


At Bonefish Grill, they get fish. You get fresh. Fresh fish is delivered, inspected and hand cut daily, then cooked to perfection over an oak-burning grill. With a tantalizing array of signature sauces and nightly specials, you can have your fish just the way you like it.

Enjoy a fun polished casual atmosphere, with refreshing everyday prices. Plus look for the new patio opening soon and take advantage of Wine Wednesday where top shelf wines are sold by glass and Martini Mondays with special prices on your favorites, shaken or stirred. Sunday nights at Bonefish Grill are for customer appreciation – with tood & bar specials



#### Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro – Progressively American. Casually Contemporary.



Come and discover everything you would expect from the Detroit Area's first and finest Bistro. Established in 1954 by James Brady on Seven Mile in Detroit, your hosts, Mary and Jim have made every effort over the ensuing years to secure for your enjoyment the absolute finest of beverages and the most delicious of foods. Diamond Jim Brady's always features a weekly menu of specials that can include everything from a grilled BBQ pork loin, saute' of Wahoo, Eggplant Roulades to a delicious Shrimp & Monkfish stew.

An exceptional wine selection chosen especially for the season includes wines by the glass as well as after dinner ports. The top shelf bar includes all your favorites along with beers from around the world. Diamond Jim Brady's also features a catering service delivering fine dinners along with everything from Power Breakfasts to Lunch Favorites.

Open for lunch and dinner, find out why Diamond Jim Brady's continues to deliver 50+ years of dining excellence for every occasion.

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#### Athenian Coney Island --Made the Original Way

Athenian Coney Island is great for a coney dog with a taste that's made the original way – straight from downtown. Since 1989, the pros at Athenian Coney Island have been delighting Novi Town Center shoppers and merchants alike with their zesty menu of dining favorites.

The Athenian Coney Island offers a full menu including Athenian Coney Island dogs, chili and cheese fries, burgers, gyro and chicken gyro sandwiches, Greek salad, tuna salad bowl, julienne salad, charbroiled chicken sandwiches, a variety of pita sandwiches, fish and chips, spinach pie and other Greek specialties and vegetarian plates. Fresh soups are made daily.

The restaurant is open 6:30 am to 9 pm Monday through Saturday and from 8 am to 7 pm on Sunday. For quick, convenient carry out service, *call (248) 305-9700.* 



Healthy Jones-Devoted to Your Best Health

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With our outstanding line-up of restaurants, including Baja Fresh, Diamond Jim Brady's and the new Bonefish Grill, there are now more delicious reasons than ever to add-a great lunch or dinner at Novi Town Center to your shopping trip.

One of the most exciting developments is the new design of our website - www.novitowncenter.com - where you'll find a complete list of all Novi Town Center merchants and restaurants, their store hours, phone numbers and other information about their stores. The website also contains all the latest news on special events, store sales and other happenings at Novi Town Center.

Next time you're planning a shopping trip, log on to the Novi Town Center and discover what great savings and products our merchants are featuring right now.

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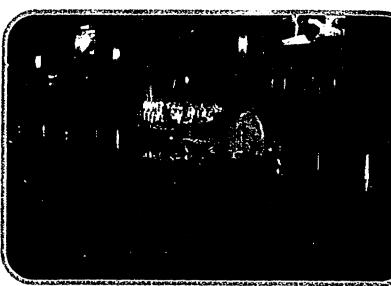
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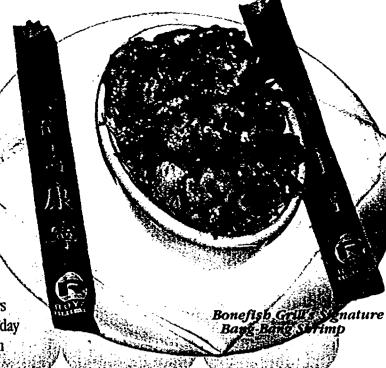
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