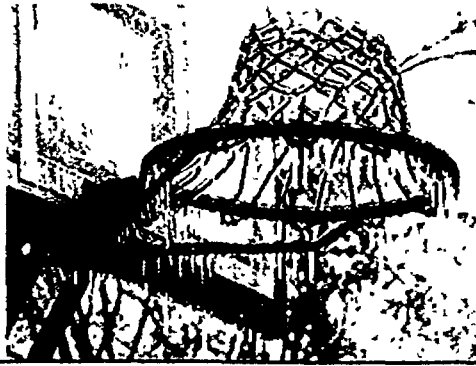


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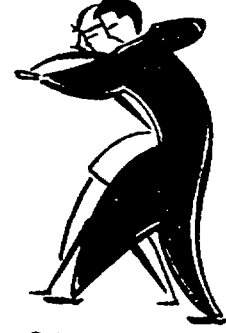
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The Rhythm Society Orchestra's big band dance will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church's Christian Life Center. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors (65+). Call (248) 349-0911 for more information.

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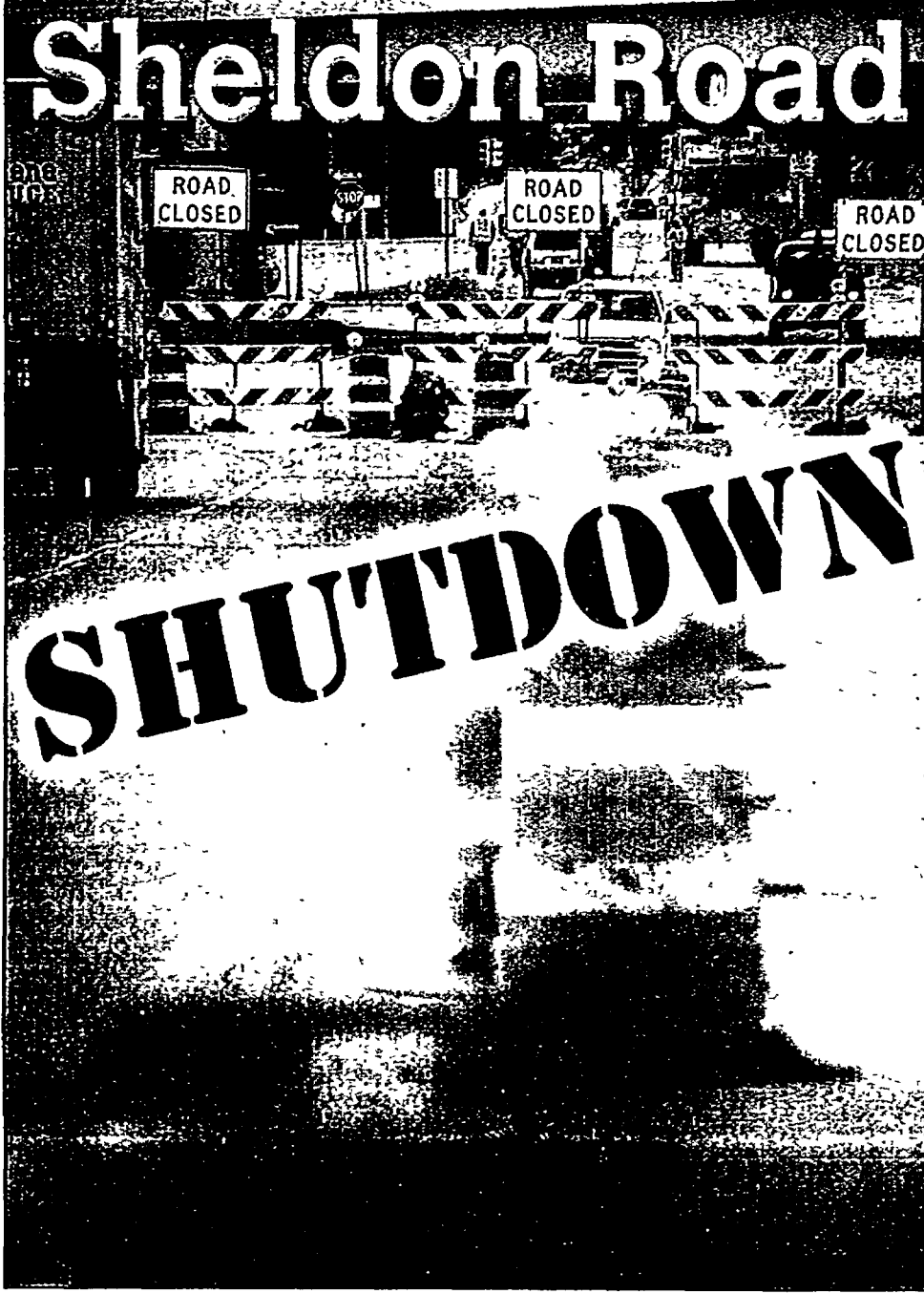


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Commuters heading between Northville and Plymouth will have to deal with detours and deadends for the next two years as an underpass is built on Sheldon Road, just south of M-14.

THE BACK WAY: Beck bearing brunt of redirected traffic

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Gone are the orange barrels of the 2003-04 Beck Road reconstruction project.

M-14 off and on ramps are wide open.

Now, Beck Road travelers have a new obstacle to skirt: The Sheldon Road shutdown has shifted a wave of north and south motorists to the west.

"I sat through three lights just getting on the highway," said Lori Ward, Northville Downtown Development Authority director. "And we just got over the M-14 thing."

Ward, an Ann Arbor resident, said this early in the project, people are still finding their alternate route.

"It was no picnic anyhow to get in and out. This will make it tougher."

Jim Gallogly
Director, City of Northville
Department of Public Works

"I think it will even out a bit," Jim Gallogly, City of Northville director of public works, knows how local road improvement projects shift traf-

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ALTERNATE ROUTE: Businesses send up flares to maintain awareness

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Last weekend, downtown Plymouth businesses sent their first plea mail to Northville residents.

A bright green postcard emblazoned with detour maps proclaims, "All roads lead to downtown Plymouth."

The mass mailing by the city's downtown development authority encourages recipients to travel alternate routes in lieu of Sheldon Road being closed, just south of the Northville and Plymouth township border.

Common challenge

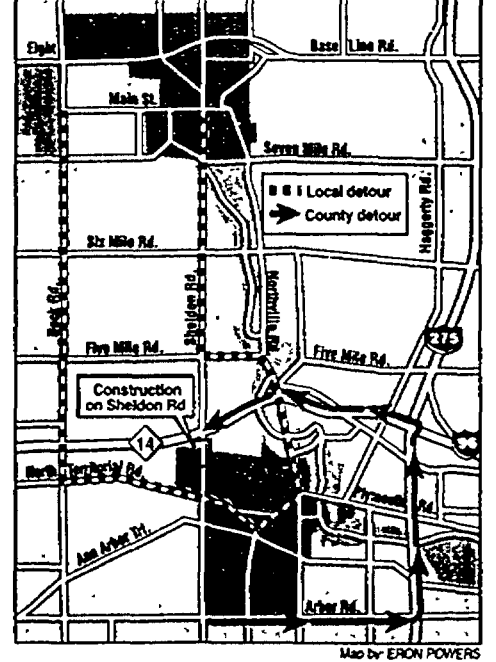
Julie Cole, co-owner of the Great Harvest Bread Company in Northville, hopes the store's southern patrons maintain their shopping habits, too.

She said none of her employees' commutes were directly impacted by the shutdown, but she is awaiting impact on her bottom line.

"We haven't heard any complaints yet," said Cole, who gauges her market by response to promotional mailings to specific ZIP codes. "Just informally, I'd say probably 20-30 percent of our customers are from Plymouth."

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Downtown to Downtown



VISTEON plant officials prepared ahead of time for road closure

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Visteon Corporation officials at the climate control plant on Sheldon Road were well-prepared for the two-year shutdown of the major north-south thoroughfare, according to company spokesperson Della DiPietro in Dearborn.

Officially known as the Automotive Components Holdings Sheldon Road Plant, the facility manufactures climate control systems for vehicles such as radiators, condensers and compressors.

The Sheldon Road plant opened in 1967 as a Ford Motor Company-owned facility. It became a Visteon plant when the former subsidiary of Ford Motor

Workers affected

Home to UAW Local 845, the 1.1-million-square-foot Visteon facility employs about 1,200 people who work in the plant in addition to ancillary staff.

Co. separated from the Dearborn automaker in 2000.

"They knew the road closing was coming, and they had a good amount of time to plan for the logistics of shipments coming both to and from the plant," DiPietro said.

The plant, which is located on the west side of Sheldon Road just north of the CSX Railroad tracks,

sits on 100 acres in Plymouth Township.

Although the closure may have some effect on the amount of time it takes workers getting to and from work, DiPietro said the shutdown of Sheldon Road should not negatively impact the plant.

"They've been able to continue operations with no shutdowns," she said.

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Locals wind around north-south artery

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Like every other motorist traveling Sheldon Road — near the Inn at St. John's, the Hilton Garden Inn and the former Sheldon Road Ford plant — Plan B will be the main lane for about two years.

'A nightmare'

The Sheldon Road Underpass Project, reconfiguring the road to travel underneath the CSX Railroad crossing, has been on the books for years. But barricades in place for the first time surprised daily commuters like Davies on her way home from work last Tuesday.

The \$14.4 million project, with a goal of eliminating railroad crossing traffic problems, also entails installation of a new 36-inch water main to serve City of Plymouth residents.

Although Northville residents are among those most directly impacted by the project, city and township officials have no jurisdiction. They've been relaying messages on the project's status from their counterparts in sister communities to the south.

"If you ever drove that on rush hour and there happened to be a train, it was a nightmare," said Jim Gallogly, the City of Northville's

director of public works. "Everyone scurried over to the other north-south roads.

"The reality is this is probably needed and the right thing to do," he said. "Years back, it was almost demanded by the public."

New routine

People headed north on Sheldon Road from Plymouth planning to access M-14 have to re-think that route, potentially opting for Wayne County's more circuitous I-275 solution. With an Ann Arbor destination, a westward jaunt on North Territorial to Beck Road is an option.

"Getting on the freeway is a real pain now," Davies said. "Now, I have to go way out of the way."

Prior to the underpass project's start, she said delays at the railroad crossing had diminished. Although, she still recalls a 35-minute stare at the black-and-white rail in 1997.

"Most of the time, you just have to accept it if you're going to live there," Davies said. Now, she leaves about quarter to eight in order to make her 8:15 a.m. UPS start time. Routine errands, like a grocery stop at Busch's at Five Mile and Sheldon Roads, had to be reshuffled.

"I bet I won't be there as often on impulse trips," Davies said with a laugh. "I'm trying — as I get older — to make lemonade when life gives you lemons.

"I'm getting better, but every morning, I've been thinking, 'Two years ...'"

Motorists delays at railroad crossing prompted Sheldon project

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back in the late 1990s," Helmkamp said. "People in the communities were tired of waiting for the trains.

"And it's an issue for emergency vehicles."

Planning ahead

After a decade of discussion, county officials pulled the project to the front burner.

"There were a number of parties we had to reach agreements with," Helmkamp said, from acquiring land from CSX to planning relocation of a water line with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

"Once the project is completed, it will be an integral north-south corridor for the entire northwest part of Wayne County."

The past two months, the county, waged a public information campaign to inform area residents about the imminent 23-month close for the \$14.4 million Sheldon Road Underpass Project, including press releases, a town hall meeting in Plymouth and direct communication with local municipalities and school districts.

Helmkamp said pre-project planning included designating a detour around the section of Sheldon Road closed at the CSX

Railroad crossing, just south of M-14.

"We have to officially design a detour route for vehicles of all weights," Helmkamp said. "Local people will find their alternate routes.

"In anticipation of this project, we invested \$200,000 on Beck, the closest parallel to Sheldon."

Project background

Among the project specifics Helmkamp cited:

Duration: 23 months from the Jan. 9 start date.

Parties: The underpass project is a cooperative effort among the Michigan Department of Transportation, the City of Plymouth, Charter Township of Plymouth, CSX-Railroad, Detroit Department of Water and Sewerage, overseen by the Wayne County Department of Public Services.

Tasks: Reconfigure Sheldon Road to travel under a railroad track bridge and relocate a key water main.

Local traffic: Visible from the north side of the closed road, vehicles travel a single lane on the east side of Sheldon Road where planners maintained access to the service drive there, Helmkamp said.

Obstacles: Litigation related to a purchase of vacant railroad land

"We're grateful it took until January to happen."

*Julie Cole
Owner, Great Harvest Bread Company*

continues, Helmkamp said last week, adding the court rejected a request to delay the project's start.

"It was important to get the project going," he said. "Regardless of the property dispute outcome, I don't see that really impacting any timeline on the construction."

The December date targeted for the project to begin was delayed due to the need to relocate a power line, Helmkamp said, pushing the start into January.

Funding: "We got most of the money from the feds," Helmkamp said. The county contributed more

than \$2 million; the state, more than \$1 million; Plymouth Township, \$1.02 million, and the City of Plymouth, \$503,000. The state money flowed after the lawmakers enacted job-creation legislation, enabling road projects already in the design stages to get rolling, Helmkamp said.

Cost breakdown: The project's construction costs are \$10.8 million — a contract awarded to Wixom-based Toebe Construction — with the balance comprised of land acquisition, engineering and consulting expenses paid up front by the county.

Helmkamp said motorists have to bear the inconvenience of the road shutdown while the railroad crossing is reconfigured.

"I'm hoping we can save a month or two," he said. "The road will be closed for most of it."

"You know those signs that say, 'Short-term pain for long-term gain,' that pretty much says it all."

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"It's kind of an unknown whether people are going to be willing to detour down Hines Drive or Beck Road."

Cole, new Northville Central Business Association vice president, said the downtown merchants did not plan a campaign to woo Plymouth shoppers during the project.

She is hoping signage and publicity about detours will keep the

communities connected in the interim. Cole planned to have a reference map near the phone for employees to direct calling customers on their way in.

To the south

Lori Ward, Northville Downtown Development Authority director, said a detour map was included in the new-letter the authority e-mails to approximately 800 subscribers. She has discussed with her Plymouth counterpart how to cross promote the two downtowns during the Sheldon Road project — initiating a shuttle, for example.

Northville Township resident Tanja Winn hopes her neighbors

still find their way to her downtown Plymouth store, R.S.V.P.

"It's not going to be easy," Winn said. "I was really in denial up until the day they started."

Since moving to The Ravines seven years ago, Winn has enjoyed a quick commute to her Penniman Avenue specialty stationery shop. She also headed south on Sheldon Road transporting her children to Plymouth Christian School.

Ironically, her new route into Plymouth from her home at Six Mile and Sheldon roads takes her over two railroad tracks. "My odds are up as far as being stopped by a train."

Effective last week, Winn is taking the schedule adjustments in stride, allowing a little more

time each morning.

Merchants in both downtown Northville and Plymouth are hoping patrons are willing to invest a few more minutes to reach their retail destination.

Cole said store owners, concerned the project was scheduled to begin just before Christmas, were relieved relocation of a utility pole postponed the start.

"We're grateful it took until January to happen," she said. "All the merchants that I talked to — everyone had a great December. That could have really hurt it."

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■ THE BACK WAY: Beck bearing brunt of redirected traffic

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fic. He said the Sheldon Road Underpass Project was scheduled to follow Beck Road construction.

"The people who live on Beck Road — they're going to have to deal with heavier traffic," he said. "They will be negatively impacted."

Southbound drivers with a Plymouth destination can follow Beck Road until intersecting North Territorial Road, Gallogly suggested.

"Then, head east, right into town," he said. "If they miss

that, then Ann Arbor Trail."

On the Northville Township side of the Sheldon Road project, Gallogly empathized with Beck Road residents.

"It was no picnic anyhow to get in and out," he said. "This will make it tougher."

Further east, motorists approaching the intersection of Six Mile and Northville Road will feel an increased pinch.

"There's no dedicated (left-turn) arrow there," he said. "Now, add 60 percent more traffic, it's going to get worse."

"People are going to get frustrated."

A project the size and scope of the Sheldon Road Underpass is bound to come with a price, Gallogly said.

"Just like when we do all our roads, it's a major inconvenience," he said. "This bridge will last 80-100 years."

"When it's all done, it's worth it"



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Selling shoe laces

Libby Quinn takes notes as she and other members of the Moraine Elementary student council meet during a recent lunch hour to discuss a fund-raising event. The council is in charge of a shoe lace sale to benefit Detroit's Roberto Clemente Elementary and is under the guidance of interim principal Lynn Babcock.



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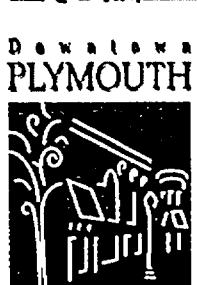




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BIG BAND: Church hosting chance to get out and dance

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Big Band Dance

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By Maureen Johnston
 RECORD STAFF WRITER

It might not be Stacy Kiebler or Emmitt Smith gliding across the floor. But, the dance is on.
 First Presbyterian Church is riding the wave of popularity enjoyed by ABC television's hot reality show, "Dancing With the Stars," by hosting its own version tomorrow night.
 Tickets still are available for "Big Band Dance" starting at 8 p.m. at the church's Christian Life Center, 200 E. Main St. Optional dance instruction starts at 7 p.m.
 "Anyone from the community is welcome to attend," said church music director Darlene Kuperus. "Anyone who loves that Big Band kind of music. There is no age limit."

The live performance by the 16-piece Rhythm Society Orchestra — known for swing, fox trot, Latin and waltz selections — is the first of seven offerings in The First Presbyterian Church's 2007 Fine Arts Concert Series.
 Following this year's inaugural concert, other events scheduled include vocal and musical performances, a fashion show and parlor tea, and a visual arts show.
 Rhythm Society Orchestra is known throughout the metro Detroit area for its Big Band sound, Kuperus said. The group features vocalist Paul King, whose vocal style is a mixture of Mel Torme, Joe Williams and Frank Sinatra.
 "Instead of sitting back and listening, this time we're going to get up and dance," Kuperus

"Instead of sitting back and listening, this time we're going to get up and dance."

Darlene Kuperus
 Music director, First Presbyterian Church

said. "It's a semi-formal event, in terms of attire."
 The music director said she isn't sure if she'll take a spin on the dance floor but loves to watch others show their ability.
 "This band has very wide appeal," she said. "With the 20-somethings and up, 'Dancing With the Stars' is like the number one show in reality TV right now."
 "You sort of think of this as being for the older crowd, and that certainly isn't true."
 "That's so hot right now with the young people."
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Cleaning up
 Northville's Bob Cummings works on clearing a branch of a fallen tree at his Grace St. residence after Monday's ice storm. See story on page 17.



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COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

Jan. 16 Meeting

Absent: Mayor ProTem Carolann Ayers
Next meeting: Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m.

Public comment

Charles Toussaint described a couple of encounters with the Northville Senior Community Center staff, calling the facility less friendly than the former Cady Street senior center.

A slight revision

Councilmember Jim Allen asked that minutes recorded at the council's special Dec. 11 meeting. He said his motion to go forward with the design development of Town Square did not mean formal approval of the design concept.

New police cars

Council unanimously agreed to buy two 2007 police vehicles from Signature Ford at \$20,318 each for a total of \$40,636.

Park named

Council unanimously agreed to name the park property located at the northwest corner of Baseline and Carpenter streets "Cabbagetown Park." Of the names proposed by the public, the neighborhood nickname designation beat Totten Berg Memorial Park and Unity Park. At council's direction, a plaque will be placed in the park honoring David Totten and the late Nancy Ann Berg, long time Cabbagetown residents instrumental in the park's establishment.

Budget schedule set

Council unanimously set the dates for the fiscal year 2008 budget review, including the following 7:30 p.m. meetings at city hall: Wednesday, April 4; Thursday, April 19, and Monday, April 23. At council's April 2 regular meeting, the budget document will be presented to council. In accordance with charter requirements, the city budget will be adopted between April 15 and the third Monday in May; a public hearing, budget adoption and establishment of the operating millage rate are scheduled for council's regular May 21 meeting.

Special meetings set

Council unanimously set two special meetings for Monday, Jan. 29. At 6 p.m., council will meet in executive session to discuss pending litigation related to a workman's compensation claim. At 6:30 p.m., council will discuss its goals, objectives and priorities for 2007-08. Also on the agenda are downtown strategic planning status reports to be presented by design, marketing, business mix and parking committee chairs.

Council commentary

Councilmember Tom Swigart reported as liaison to the Recreation Commission that a draft of the community's Parks and Recreation Master Plan recently was completed. Based on recent commission discussion, Swigart suggested scheduling a session to study the potential formation of a recreation district. Mayor Christopher Johnson directed City Manager Pat Sullivan to float the concept by officials from Northville Township, the city's partner in providing shared services, including recreation.

On the consent agenda

Council unanimously approved the consent agenda, taking the following action:

- appoint to boards and commissions: Karen Woodruff to the Board of Review through Jan. 1, 2010; Teresa Folino to the Parks and Recreation Commission through Jan. 1, 2010, and Chuck Murdock to the Northville Youth Assistance Commission through Dec. 31, 2009.
- Authorize City Clerk Dianne Massa to act in on the city's behalf to consolidate and administer Northville Public Schools and Schoolcraft College elections.
- Revise the 2007 city council meeting schedule. Scheduled 7:30 regular meetings at city hall are: Feb. 5 and 20, March 5 and 19, April 2 and 16, May 16 and 21, June 4 and 18, July 2 and 16, Aug. 6 and 20, Sept. 4 and 17, Oct. 1 and 15, Nov. 5, 12 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17.
- Disposing of three broken HP LaserJet 2100 printers.
- Approving special event requests for the Kiwanis Polar Bear Plunge Jan. 27, the Northville Chamber of Commerce Fire and Ice Festival Jan. 27 and the Northville Historical Society Cemetery Walk Oct. 14.
- Approving a sales agreement with SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) to purchase a 1996 Ford bus for \$1.

Compiled by staff writer
Maureen Johnston.

BOWLING TO WINE TASTING: Club acquaints members with the community

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Nancy and Mike Murphy will host 67 wine tasters tomorrow night.

A slightly different social scene from when the couple moved to Northville from New Jersey five years ago. Murphy said the circle of friends began with a single phone call to Northville Newcomers and Neighbors.

Now the club's membership chairperson, Murphy helps welcome new individuals and couples to a full roster of activities. And Friday night, she's hosting one of the most popular special interest

groups, wine tasting, at her Woodlands home. "We have 67 people," she said. "I don't know where we're going to put them all." She's not really worried. Mingling is part of the fun.

Regardless of tenure

The club's current membership roster numbers 158 households. Murphy said, translating into about 300 people. Neighbors with whom to play cards, party or learn a new hobby.

"It doesn't matter if you've lived here 10 years or you just moved in," she said. "That's how we've made a

lot of our friends.

"There are a variety of interest groups and couple's events. September through May is our primary social calendar."

In the new year, Northville Newcomers and Neighbors members already have under their belt a meet-and-greet coffee, couple's euehre party and several special-interest events.

Coming up

Next up: Wine tasting tomorrow night, a Tuesday trip to Entrée Vous meal preparation kitchen and a Feb. 17 Chinese New Year Dinner party at a

member's Woods of Edenderry home.

Murphy said the club is an opportunity for people seeking connections in the community.

Currently, the club's annual \$25 dues are being pro-rated for members who join mid-year, she said.

Registration is open to Northville and the surrounding area, she said, adding members reside in Novi, Plymouth, Canton, South Lyon, Livonia, Ypsilanti and Farmington, as well as Northville city and township.

Club members are entitled to a club directory and newsletter detailing monthly events.

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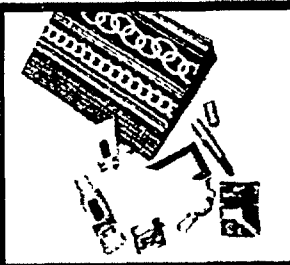
- Autumn progressive dinner
- Meet-and-greet coffees
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QUOTED: "It makes you realize you're not going crazy." *Pattie Bingham, New Hope*



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Workshops help to normalize grief process for specific loss

Attendees can become friends

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Judy Rae of Novi says she's been going through the grieving process most of her life.

It started with the loss of her grandfather when she was 8, then her father when she was 13.

She's also lost her husband, Arnie, two children, her parents, her brother and sister and their spouses.

"Grief has been a part of life for me," she said.

Rae volunteers at New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville and coordinates the free New Hope grief workshops at Ward Presbyterian Church at Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Township.

The new workshops, titled "From Grief to New Hope," are age and loss specific.

Rae lost her husband nine years ago in February after 43 years of marriage.

"He got cancer and was gone in six months," she said.

New Hope wasn't around at that time, but she attended a grief workshop offered through Detroit's Karmanos Cancer Institute.

She became a volunteer every other Thursday at New Hope after meeting director Cathy Clough through Ward's Single Point Ministry.

The grief workshops are offered two or three times a year at Ward. The last one in the fall had 12 groups and 24 facilitators.

A total of 135 people registered, with about 90 a week attending grief workshops.

Although she hasn't attended the workshops, she has listened to New Hope Center Director Cathy Clough talk.

"It helped me deal with some guilt and blame I didn't realize I was harboring," Rae said.



Photo by PAM FLEMING

Cathy Clough, left, executive director, New Hope Center for Grief Support at 113 E. Dunlap in Northville with, from left, Judy Rae and Paul Geist, volunteers, and Pattie Bingham, outreach and special events coordinator for the center. Rae coordinates the free New Hope grief workshops at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.

How to register for workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church's next free, eight-week grief workshop will meet from 7-8:45 p.m. for eight consecutive Mondays starting Feb. 5.

To register, call Carol Clough at (248) 374-5966. For information about other age- and loss-specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support, call (248) 348-0115.

Cancer claims many lives

Pattie Bingham of Farmington Hills, outreach and special events coordinator for New Hope, lost her husband, Ralph, three years ago in May to esophageal cancer.

"He was given six months to live and lasted three years," she said. "So, we were able to talk, travel and do a lot of things during his illness."

Bingham learned about New Hope when she was channel surfing one day and saw a notice about a summer grief workshop at Ward.

She didn't feel ready to attend the July workshop but did by September 2004.

"This was one of six or seven different support groups that I

had tried, but none of the others had worked for me," she said. "But when I walked into this workshop, it just clicked."

Her position with New Hope became available in late 2005 after she had served as a volunteer.

"I didn't want to go back to corporate work after I'd lost my husband," Bingham said. "This organization has helped me so much that I'm happy to be here."

A New Hope volunteer

Paul Geist of Commerce Township also volunteers at New Hope Center.

He lost his wife, Terry, in July 2006 when she suffered a brain aneurysm while visiting their daughter in California.

Ward's new grief workshop next month

Group sessions start in February

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Cathy Clough knows how helpful sharing one's grief with others can be.

As executive director of the New Hope Center for Grief Support in downtown Northville, Clough said more help is now available for those who need help in dealing with the loss of a loved one.

The center, established seven years ago, was founded by Clough, who developed bereavement programs for a local hospice organization for 15 years.

Clough lost her first husband, Don Nafe, 23 years ago to cancer. "He was diagnosed and died four months later," Clough recalled. "My youngest was 5 at the time. It was hard."

A nurse from a local home health care agency who was helping them was starting a hospice program and asked Clough if she would develop a bereavement program for her.

Now married to Paul Clough, who works with adults in Ward Presbyterian Church's Single Point Ministry in Northville Township, Clough presents an eight-week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," at the church.

The free workshop is open to the community. Each session begins with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators.

The workshop, which will begin Monday, Feb. 5, meets from 7-8:45 p.m. for eight consecutive Monday nights.

Center forms new group

Clough said the New Hope Center for Grief Support has a new support group for adults who face the impending death of a loved one.

Whether in a care-giving role or dealing with a loved one's illness from a distance, this group may help with emotional, spiritual and medical issues one may face.

This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday night of each month at the Sunrise Assisted Living Center, 16100 Haggerty Road,

between Five and Six Mile road in Northville Township.

This professionally-led group provides educational information and allows participants to ask questions.

For more information, call the center at (248) 348-0115. No registration is necessary.

The age- and loss-specific grief support groups at Ward Presbyterian Church include loss of a child, loss of a spouse and loss of a significant other, such as a parent. There are grief workshops for four different age groups who have lost a significant other.

Clough said talking about grief is a journey in which one must deal with anger, guilt, letting go and finding hope. "We talk about hope for the future and never forgetting about the loss you've suffered," she said.

She said for most people, it helps to talk about one's grief.

"These workshops give you a forum in which to do that," Clough said.

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History of Northville Township presentation attracts full house

■ Speaker to return Feb. 22

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township resident Dan Schneider finds the history of his hometown fascinating.

A member of the Northville Township Historic District Commission, Schneider presented "An Introduction to the History of Northville Township," the evening of Jan. 10 at township hall.

Speaking to a standing-room-only crowd, Schneider reviewed events from the birth of the township in 1897 to the present day.

Employed by Victor Saroki & Associates in Birmingham, Schneider works as an historic preservation architect.

"I'm not a historian, just a history lover," he said.

The commission was just formed in late 2005.

"We just wanted to gain an understanding of our history," Schneider said.

One of the commission's goals is to safeguard the heritage of the township by preserving areas or structures that reflect the township's history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture.

Other goals are to stabilize and improve property values in historic areas, foster civic beauty, strengthen the local economy and promote the use of historic areas.

Settlers came from New York

Schneider said most of the early landowners of Northville Township



Courtesy photos

This is a 1907 postcard of the Northville Fish Hatchery on what is now Seven Mile Road. It was one of the first such facilities in the U.S. and is now the site of Fish Hatchery Park.

came from New York, with some coming from other East Coast states such as Vermont.

"It wasn't an easy trip," he said. "The roads were muddy."

People had to travel first to Detroit to stake their claim on township property before they could build a house or business.

The opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 spurred growth in the area and led to Michigan becoming a state in 1837.

Northville Township was part of Plymouth Township first, which was established in 1827 as part of the West Farmington Territory.

In the 1920s, Henry Ford's Village Industries consisted of factories in this area where grist mills used to be.

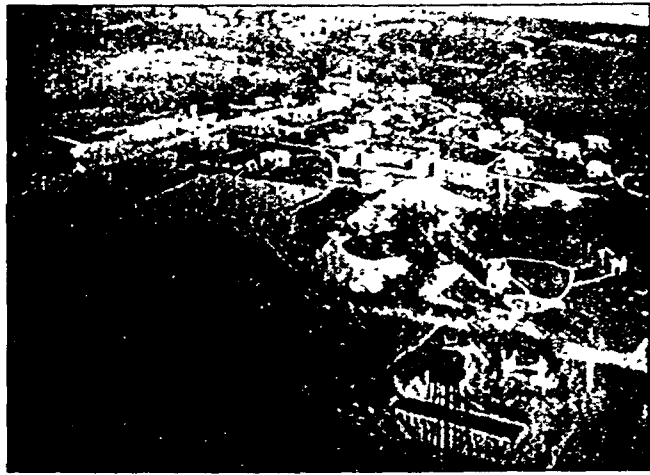
The primarily female-employee

Phoenix Mill plant on Northville Road south of Five Mile Road still exists today, with a group of area women trying to raise funds to turn it into a museum chronicling this automotive components plant.

Most of the workers at the Waterford Plant owned by Ford on Six Mile Road were natives of Sweden living in New Jersey. That's because Ford purchased the license to manufacture gauges made at this plant from a Swedish firm.

Mead's Mill, which burned twice — in 1850 and 1870 — was a stop on the Underground Railroad. It harvested gravel to help with road building in the area.

The Northville Fish Hatchery on Seven Mile Road was one of the first fish hatcheries in the U.S. Ten acres of it were in the township,



The Wayne County Training School was a facility for mentally-impaired children constructed in the early 1920s on 1,040 acres purchased by Wayne County. It opened in 1926 and closed in 1974. The property was located off of Sheldon Road north of Five Mile Road.

with 5 acres in the city of Northville. Seven Mile Road was even called Fishery Road back then.

Institutions covered township

In 1917, the city of Detroit negotiated the purchase of eight farms in Northville Township and began developing the 900-acre Detroit Sanatorium for tuberculosis patients.

This was later named the Maybury Sanatorium, as William Maybury was involved in its construction.

The Detroit House of Corrections facility off of Five Mile Road opened in 1922, with the Wayne County Training School for children with mental impairments opening in 1926.

Other institutions followed, such as Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile Road; the Hawthorn Center on Haggerty Road, which provides inpatient psychiatric care for children, and the Plymouth State Home.

Eastlawn Sanatorium was also established in the city of Northville, and the Michigan State Police Crime Lab opened in 1977.

Other early township industries included the Farm Crest Dairy Farm, which existed from 1924-1965, and the Silver Springs Water Co., which in 1930 distributed 3 million bottles of water and flavored carbonated beverages.

Jessie Bennett, Wayne County's first parks superintendent and a forestry expert, also created the Bennett Arboretum in 1936. He had

Mark your calendar

Dan Schneider, a member of the Northville Township Historic District Commission, will repeat his presentation, "An Introduction to the History of Northville Township," at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, in township hall chambers at 44405 Six Mile Road at Sheldon Road.

Please RSVP by Feb. 17 by e-mailing Joyce Carter at jcarter@twp.northville.mi.us or by calling (248) 662-0494.

The commission meets the fourth Monday of each month, and all meetings are open to the public.

more than 80,000 trees planted in property area near Hines Drive.

Other interesting aspects of the area's history include the Hines Drive Comfort Stations, the former Northville Ski Jump on Seven Mile Road, the creation of Meadowbrook Country Club in 1916 and the Salem train wreck of 1907.

Current projects of the commission include the Thayer's Corner Barn rehabilitation, opening of the Maybury History Trail last year and an ongoing oral history program.

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January 18, February 16, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

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- Erecting, equipping and furnishing additions to school buildings and preparing, developing and improving sites for additions to school buildings;
- Remodeling, re-equipping, re-furnishing school buildings and other facilities, preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings and other facilities, and purchasing school buses; and
- Equipping and re-equipping school buildings for technology systems and equipment?

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.60 mills (which is equal to \$0.60 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 0.53 mills annually (\$0.53 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

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Township attorney named one of top 10 for 2006

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township resident Brian J. McKeen, a medical malpractice attorney, has a new claim to fame.

He was recently selected by Michigan Lawyers Weekly news-magazine as one of the top 10 lawyers of the year for 2006.

Selection to this group is recognition that the recipient has made significant contributions to the law and to society. He found out he had earned the honor in late 2006 and will be honored at a special dinner in the near future.

"It's very gratifying," he said about being named to the top 10. "But, the most important thing is the recognition of my clients."

He said one of his most prized possessions is a plaque given to him by a former client — the mother of a teenage child with cerebral palsy. The plaque, signed by the child, reads, "At the end of your life

nobody will remember how much money you made or how many cars you owned. But they will remember that you made a difference in the life of a child."

McKeen, whose office is in Detroit, has helped a variety of clients in his 24 years as an attorney, ranging from obtaining judgments for injuries to a plaintiff during a routine LASIK eye surgery procedure to cases dealing with severe birth trauma.

In 2006, he won a \$15 million verdict against Henry Ford Health Systems in a case involving a newborn with cerebral palsy as a result of the hospital's error during the child's delivery.

McKeen also won a \$55 million judgment against Henry Ford Health Systems/Cottage Hospital, which is one of the highest medical malpractice awards in the state.

A jury ruled in favor of a 5-year-old girl who had severe brain damage as a result of not being treated properly during a respiratory arrest.

Brian McKeen at a glance

Brian McKeen is on the Board of Governors of the American Association for Justice, formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He is co-chair of the Professional Negligence Section of this organization and the Birth Trauma Litigation Group and is active in the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association. He and his wife, Brenda, have two children, Alex, 7, and Alaina, 5. McKeen's an avid golfer and carries a 5 handicap at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.



He said through court settlements, he's been able to help clients pay for medical or attendant care expenses.

McKeen founded his law firm in 1998 after years of trial practice.

He is a coach for the American Association for Justice's medical negligence exchange group, which sponsors educational programs, roundtable discussions and the sharing of information among attorneys.

McKeen, who frequently lectures about developments in medical malpractice law, spoke at the Jan. 2-9 Boston University School of Medicine 7th Annual Conference on Medical Negligence and Risk Management near Cancun, Mexico.

He has a lot of interaction with physicians in his work and said medical malpractice attorneys can actually help them avoid litigation

"So many physicians approached me in Mexico to say they appreciated me coming and the comments that I made," he said. "They told me we both have patient safety in mind."

McKeen earned his undergraduate degree from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant and graduated from Cooley Law School in Lansing in 1982. While in law school, McKeen clerked for the late Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Robert C. Anderson.

It was during this time that he became interested in a career in medical malpractice law. "Working in his courtroom and watching some of his trials, I found it intellectually stimulating," McKeen said.

Malpractice lawsuits arise when there are deviations from the accepted standard of medical practice, according to McKeen.

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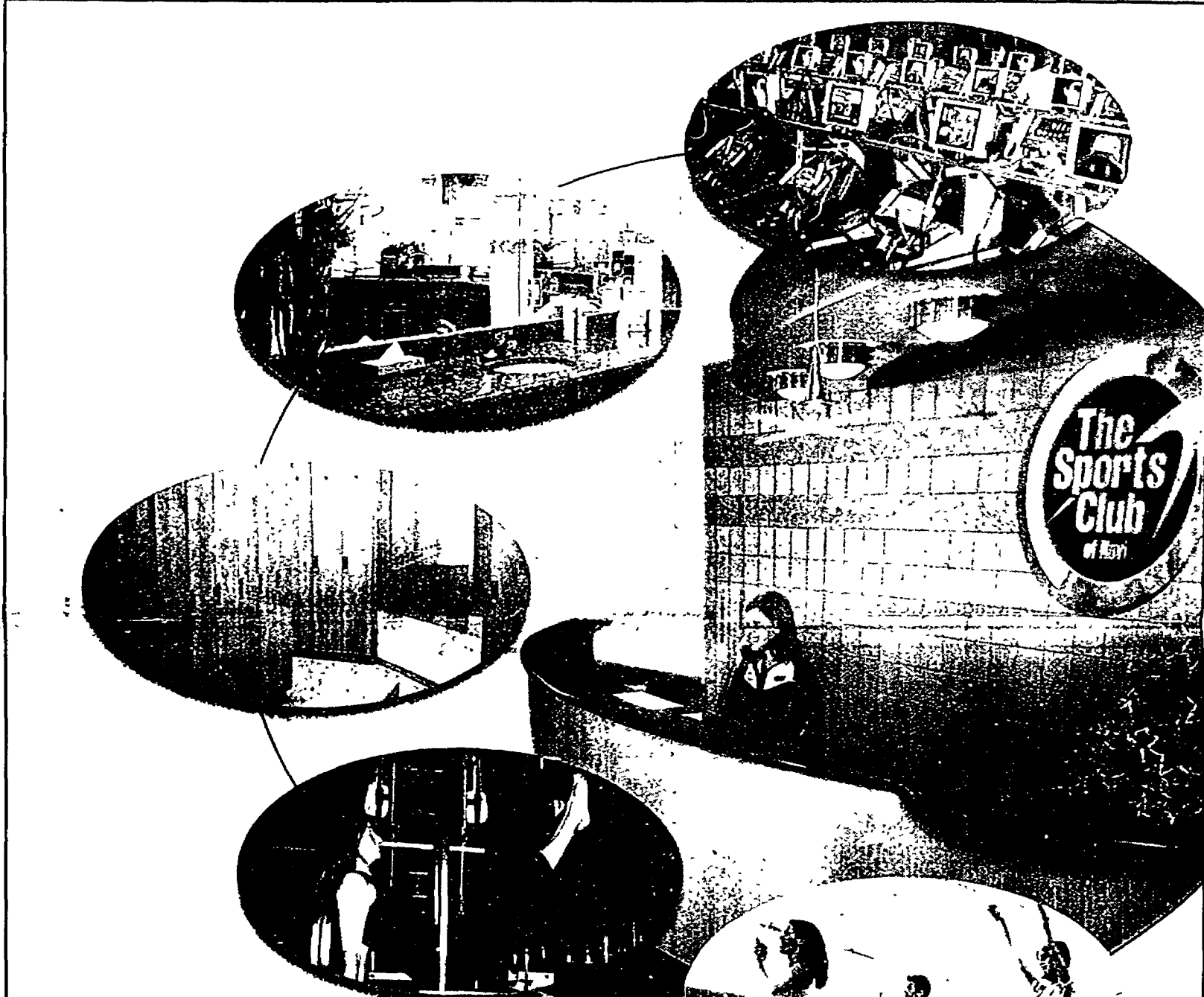
HELEN HRONEK

Beloved wife of the late Roy C. Hronek, devoted mother of Marge (Bob) Ercoli & Terri "Tess" (Ray) Deahl, and loving sister of the late Paul Post. She is survived by 5 Grandchildren & 13 Great-grandchildren. Helen passed away Thursday, Jan. 4th, 2007. Age 93 yrs. Resident of Vero Beach, Fl. (Formerly of Ypsilanti, Mi) Funeral Services were held on Jan. 13th at Mary Queen of Heaven Church (Erlanger, Ky). A Memorial Service was held at the convenience of the family in Vero Beach, Fl. Interment Mother of God Cemetery (Covington, Ky). Memorials to the National Humane Society, 40 E. Main St., #364-1, Newark, DE 19711. Linnemann Funeral Homes (Erlanger, Ky) entrusted with the arrangements.

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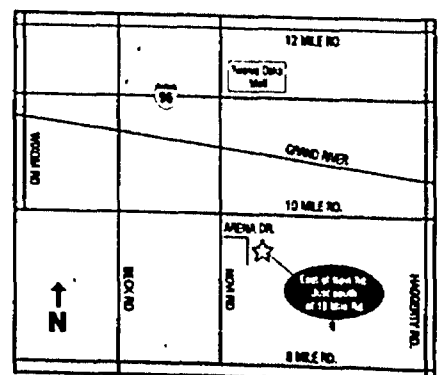
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And next weekend ... the Second Annual Northville Fire and Ice Festival returns to downtown. Ice sculptures, ice carving demonstrations, chili and salsa competitions and the Polar Bear Plunge — check it out!

A quick shift from thinking about ice ... Calling all gardeners! If you've been perusing seed catalogs and planning your plantings, plan for some extra and bring them to next spring's Plant Swap! Always held at Mill Race Historical Village on the Saturday morning of Memorial Day weekend, gardeners exchange plant material, tools and supplies, printed matter, and information. Save the date — May 26

What was Channel 7 doing parked outside Genitti's on E. Main Street last Friday afternoon? Seems local couples planning to tie the knot were being interviewed for an upcoming segment on wedding planning to air at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Here comes the bride ...

his home ... Local resident Maurice Jenkins of Detroit law firm Dickinson Wright, recently was hailed in Michigan Super Lawyers 2006. A trustee for the Michigan State University College of Law and a member of the Faculty of the Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) and a fellow of the State Bar of Michigan Foundation, Jenkins' selection was based on results of a survey of more than 30,000 attorneys across the state who have been in practice for five years or more. That's some nice peer appreciation ...

Speaking of the local attorneys ... Northville native Mark Mandell recently was named partner in the Six Mile Road firm of Fausone and Bohn. Mandell, 37, who specializes in family and criminal matters, is the youngest lawyer in the firm's history to make partner. Way to go!

Just jammin' ... Colleen Pozzuoli was hustling in her store, Rock on Main, on Saturday, tending to customers taking advantage of post-holiday deals on the shop's stylish jeans and T-shirts. Still gauging her clientele from Northville and beyond in her year-old store, Pozzuoli's customers literally range in age from 9-84. Nice touch on the children's coloring area while Mom's in the dressing room and the gallery to hang the

artwork along the back wall.

A little extra effort from the Northville Public Schools early childhood staff ... Winchester Elementary Kids Club teachers are telling parents about a new Web site they found, www.goodcharacter.com, focusing on building good character in the K-5 elementary ages. Among the suggestions: steps toward conflict resolution ... Check it out!

Grassroots efforts continue ... Voices for Maybury Farm members are researching the possibility of installing lightning rods in the barn. What a great idea!

Still supporting kids ... The

Optimist Club of Northville/Novi is offering \$500 awards to area youth through its student community service award program. Check out your eligibility at Northville and Novi high school counseling offices ...

Now certified and part owner ... Northville resident David Boyd of financial services firm Edward Jones recently accepted a limited partnership in the local office of the St. Louis-based company. Recently achieving new status as a certified professional financial planner, Boyd has served Northville investors the past eight years. You may have seen him around town in other roles as he's active in Rotary Club of Northville, the Northville

Chamber of Commerce, Our Lady of Victory parish, Northville Soccer Association and Northville Baseball Softball Association. Congratulations!

New and old guard ... At the Northville Downtown Development Authority meeting Tuesday, the board elected officers for the new year: chairman, architect Greg Presley; vice chair, David Cole of Great Harvest Bread Company; treasurer, city finance director Nickie Bateson; and secretary, city manager administrative assistant Carol Kasprovicz.

Project number one: a new town square ... Succeeding

Mayor Christopher Johnson as new development authority chair, Greg Presley said, "My reason for wanting to be chair is following through on the physical change of downtown I want to ride herd on that!"

Speaking of downtown planning ... discussion of design, marketing, parking and business mix aspects of the city's strategic plan continue on several fronts. For a recap on the four committees' efforts, visit the special 6:30 p.m. city council meeting Jan. 29. The design committee meets at 6:30 p.m. tonight, while the marketing group reconvenes at 8 a.m. next Thursday, both at city hall. Check it out!

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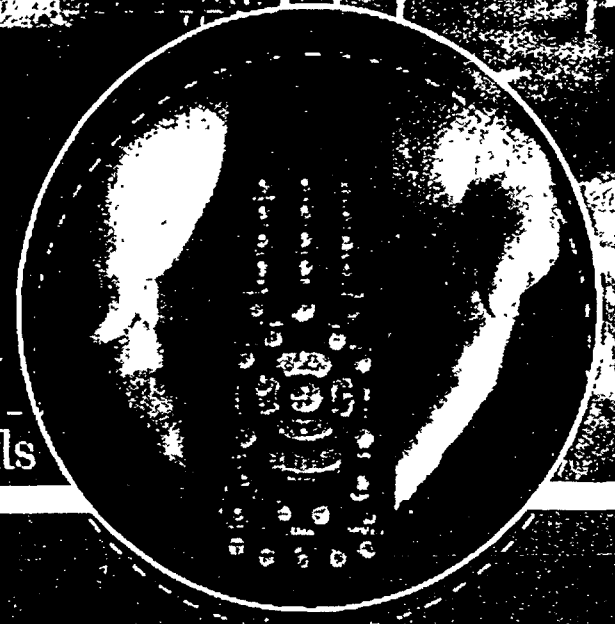
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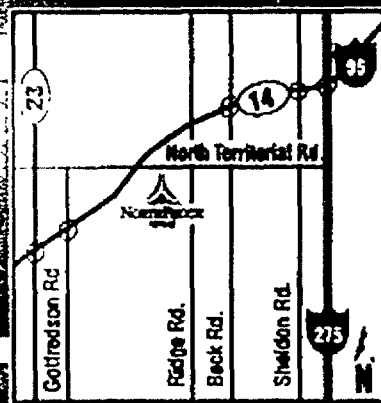
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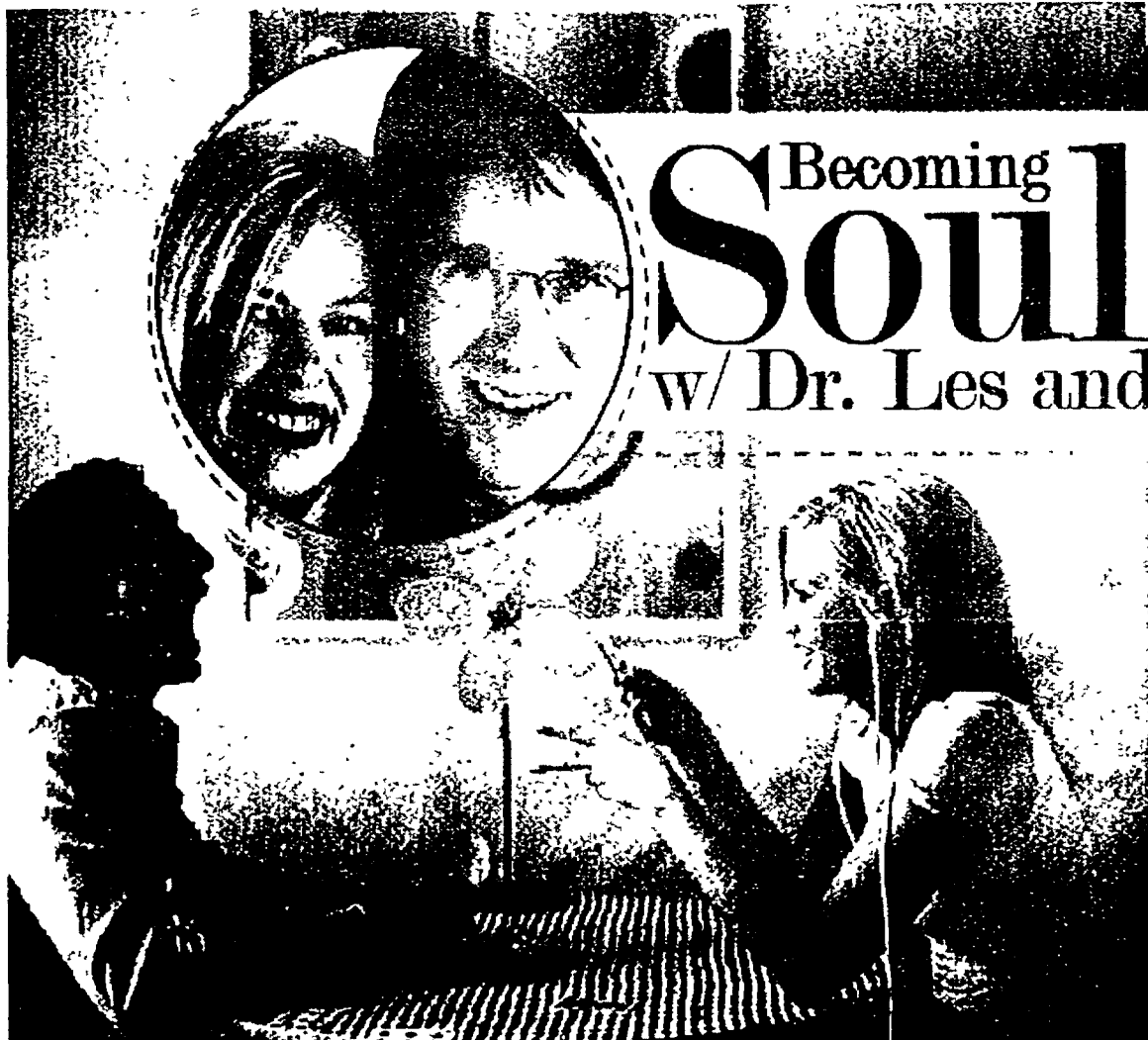
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BRANDING 101: Consultant begins work on plan to market Northville

Reps from New Moon Visions meet with committee

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Downtown Northville is: a) a place to shop that hosts events or b) a series of events with places to shop?

It's not a trick question. But the inclination to answer "both a and b" — or to ask if there is a "c" answer — begins to illustrate the task that lies ahead for the city's newest consultant.

A committee charged with marketing downtown Northville — an area identified as a weakness in the city's recent strategic plan — last Thursday met with representatives of Highland-based New Moon Visions agency.

"We need to make sure there is a link between those events and our goal of making the cash register ring," said Lori Ward, director of the Northville Downtown Development Authority.

The assignment

New Moon Visions owner Kim Rivera led the committee volunteers through her plans to develop a marketing and promotion plan during the next seven months.

The \$40,000 contract with New Moon that city council approved in December is part of a comprehensive plan designed to ensure long-term downtown vitality.

At last week's meeting, Ward laid out the professional studies, community forums and leaders' discussion that had led to the initiation of the marketing effort. She also talked about the importance of coordinating promotional planning with downtown re-design, business mix and parking committee efforts also afoot.

Jody Humphries, president of the Northville Chamber of Commerce that hosts most of the community-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Alexandra Papisifakis, right, owner of downtown Northville's Dueto clothier, talks with Downtown Development Authority's Lori Ward about the DDA marketing committee's future plans.

wide events, said businesses need to be ready to deliver what a promotional campaign promises.

The challenge

Two-hour committee discussion about establishing goals illuminated Northville's dual marketing challenge of trying to get both hometown and broader audiences not just to visit, but also to spend.

"The perception when you look at the demographics is 'They're going to spend their money,'" Ward said. But, she said recent market

research shows Northville shoppers are conservative, often opting for value-focused outlets like Costco, Target and Kohl's.

Downtown merchants are divided on the effectiveness of continuously hosting community-wide events, saying tents and temporary vendors don't help their bottom line.

No one disputes the Victorian Festival, Art in the Sun and Christmas Walk bring people into town: But do they cross store thresholds from the sidewalk?

To a one, marketing committee

Scope of services

New Moon Visions, the Highland-based company the city hired to help create a downtown marketing and promotion plan, listed as objectives:

- Create an image or brand for downtown, including creating a logo or symbol.
- Develop a supporting graphics package.
- Develop a media placement strategy and calendar.
- Identify target markets
- Develop a comprehensive promotional plan for special events.
- Develop a public relations campaign.
- Identify communications vehicles for the community
- Develop an implementation strategy including a project budget, schedules and action items.

members who own downtown businesses agreed increased cooperation and better communication among merchants would help spread the word to area residents about unique products and services available in their own hometown.

Alexandra Papisifakis of contemporary fashion store Dueto, said sales are up from her relocation a year ago from Plymouth to the corner of Main and Center streets. But, she said, local consumers are not yet aware Northville has revised its offerings of a decade ago.

Case in point

Downtown's newest restaurant, NOMI on Main Street, became a lightning rod for discussion of Northville's identity.

Is NOMI too edgy? Or, just what the town needed? Will area residents support it?

Opinions about the venue's reception ran the gamut, like other discussion about how to best attract patrons downtown from the immediate and surrounding areas.

Committee members served up first-hand experience and observa-


tion while Rivera and Jeanne Micallef, New Moon's public relations expert, listened.

Rivera's plan includes a "grass roots survey" which will take New Moon agents into downtown businesses as a secret shopper to gauge merchant perception of Northville.

The committee agreed to meet at 8 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month in council chambers at city hall.

By May, Rivera expects to begin implementing a marketing plan with tweaks and evaluation to follow through June and July.

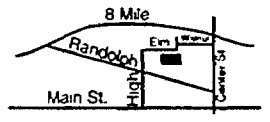
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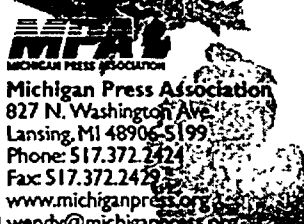
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HOT TICKET First Presbyterian presents the **Rhythm Society Orchestra** tomorrow... story on page 4

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 18, 2007
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NORTHVILLE EVENTS

Art Walk
DATE: First Friday of every month
TIME: 5-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: Art galleries, arts and crafts stores and restaurants will be open; art demonstrations and exhibits available in shops.
CONTACT: Tom James, Gallery of Fine Arts, (248) 349-0105

Amerman Elementary Retirement Open House
DATE: Today
TIME: 4-6 p.m.
LOCATION: Amerman Elementary
DETAILS: The open house is to honor teacher Pat Oliveira, who has been teaching at the school for over 30 years. Former students, and their parents, are especially encouraged to attend.
CONTACT: Amy Storm, (248) 344-4550

Preschool Fair
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 20
TIME: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Atrium
DETAILS: All adults and children of the community welcome. Familiarize yourself with all of the early childhood programs offered.

Northville Democratic Club Fundraiser
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 20
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Home of Chuck and Susan Nichols
DETAILS: There will be speakers, entertainment and refreshments. R.S.V.P. required.
CONTACT: Jane Breslin, (248) 347-0771

NOMI Grand Opening Celebration
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 20
TIME: Dinner, 5 p.m., followed by music with DJ Mike Anthony
LOCATION: 133 W. Main

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors
Ladies Day at Entree Vous
DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 23
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Entree Vous Kitchen, Highland Lakes Plaza
DETAILS: Prepare three entrees to take home with you for your family. Samples, beverages, and dessert will be served. The cost is \$60 per person, and RSVP is required by Jan. 16.
CONTACT: Nancy Murphy, (248) 305-5460

2nd Annual Fire and Ice Festival
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27
TIME: noon-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: Over 17 restaurants and contestants will be showcasing over 20 different chili and salsa products in competition to be named the best. Ice sculpture, demonstrations and entertainment will be featured.
CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-7640

New Book Club
DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 21
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St., Northville
DETAILS: This book club will meet on the third Wednesday of every month. The book for February will be "In Cold Blood." CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

Northville Arts Commission Lecture Series
DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 21
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: Popular art historian, Michael Farrell, will present a series of lectures focusing on American art from 1600 to 1860. The lectures will be held on the third Wednesday of every month, January through May. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.
CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

Marquis Theatre
LOCATION: 135 E. Main St.

CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or www.northvillamarquistheatre.com
Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs
TIME/DATES: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays through Jan. 20; Sundays Jan. 7-21.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 per person, and please no children under the age of 3.

Genitti's Little Theater
LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com
2007 Dinner Theatre-"Law & Disorder"
TIME/DATES: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12 and every Saturday through March 31
DETAILS: Interactive comedy for \$45 per person. Call for reservations.
A Tribute to Frank Sinatra
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, Saturday, Feb. 10
Genitti's Acting Workshops
DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.
DETAILS: Enjoy our famous family style lunch or dinner, then practice voice and body movement with one of our actors on stage. Play theater games. Take a backstage tour. \$16.95 per person. Everyone gets a Genitti's fun patch.

Maybury State Park & Farm
LOCATION: Eight Mile Road, between Beck and Napier roads
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390
NOTE: The Maybury Farm will be closed through Feb. 28, 2007

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
CONTACT: For information or to register for programs and request or renew library materials, (248) 349-3020
Winter Tot Storytime
SESSIONS: 10:15 a.m. Mondays, Jan. 22-Feb 26; 10:15 or 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 24-Feb. 28; 10:15 a.m. Thursdays, Jan. 24-March 1
DETAILS: This is especially for children 2 and 3 years of age accompanied with a parent or care giver. Babies, additional siblings, or non-registered children may not attend. Registration is required.
Kids Club
TIME/DATE: 4:30-5:15 p.m. today
DETAILS: This is a fun after-school program for first, second, and third grade children featuring stories, games, and crafts. It meets on Thursday, once a month. Please call the library to register.
Little Me Storytime for Little Ones
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 19
DETAILS: Children from 10 months to 2 years of age, along with their parents or caregivers, are welcome to attend this 45-minute session of music, bean bag fun and simple stories. Infants and older children are also welcome to attend. No registration required.
Books, Chat & Chow
TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m., Monday, Jan. 22
DETAILS: This is the monthly book group for teens. This month's discussion will be on "Enna Burning" by Shannon Hale.
Foreign Films at the Library
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 24
DETAILS: Watch the Latin American film "The Motorcycle Diaries" and participate in the brief discussion to follow.
Junior Books, Chat & Chow
TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 31
DETAILS: The book group for fourth- and fifth-graders will be discussing "The Thief Lord" by Cornelia Funke. Please call to register.
Winter Storytime
SESSIONS: 4 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 5-March 12; 10:15 a.m. or 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 6-March 13
DETAILS: This storytime and activity session is for children who are 4 and 5 years old, or are in kindergarten, and are comfortable

attending without a care giver present. Siblings, or non-registered children may not attend. Please call to register.
Friends Presentation on Machu Pichu
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Feb. 8
DETAILS: Travel expert Kathy Thornton will present pictures of Machu Pichu, Peru, the long-lost village once inhabited by the Incas. The program is free, but reservations are recommended.
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 Trustees 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
Divorce Recovery Workshop
TIME/DAY: 7:30-9 p.m.
Thursday
LOCATION: Emeritus Room
DETAILS: This seven-week workshop will cover a range of topics presented by a variety of speakers. The cost is \$35 per person including the book, "Growing Through Divorce." Child care will be available for toddlers through children in the sixth grade with registration at least two weeks before the workshop begins.
Upcoming topics are:
Tonight: Stages of Grief presented by J. Harold Ellens, Ph.D.
Jan. 25: Putting Your "Ex" in Focus presented by Dell Deaton.
Feb. 1: Pot Luck Dinner & Legal Aspects of Divorce by attorney David Jerome
Feb. 8: Church & Divorce, Spiritual Help and Forgiveness presented by W. Kent Cise
True Colors: How We Function
DATE: Thursday, Jan. 18
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Jeff Benfenderfer will provide an enlightening presentation on the colors we choose how they tell a great deal about our motives, goals and personal choices.
Men of Grace Concert
DATE: Thursday, Jan. 25
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: This will be a special concert of gospel-blues music, spirituals, hymns, and original music. Men of Grace are from Grace Centers of Hope of Michigan, and are examples of how lives can be transformed by faith. A \$5 contribution is requested.
Walking Group
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington; Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington
DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited.

First Baptist Church of Northville
LOCATION: 217 N. Wing
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Mens Bible Study: 9 a.m., first Saturday of every month

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 348-7600
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study, Youth & Children Ministries: 7 p.m.

Internet Safety
TIME/DATES: 7 p.m. Jan. 24, 31
DETAILS: This class will offer practical help to keep your family safe on the Internet. The class is free and open to all.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
LOCATION: 4000 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 374-5966
"From Grief to New Hope" Workshop
DATE: Monday nights beginning Feb. 5 for eight weeks
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.
DETAILS: Presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Free.
CONTACT: For registration call Carol (248) 374-5966. For information on other loss specific grief support groups call New Hope Center for Grief Support (248) 348-0115.
MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers)
DATE: First and third Thursday of the month
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Room C307-309
DETAILS: MOPs is an international organization that provides support and encouragement for mothers of young children. Meet other moms like you and share experiences. Speakers present topics relevant to you and your role as a mom. MOPs is about celebrating motherhood, meeting needs, making connections, experiencing God's love. Leave feeling valued, pampered and recharged.
CONTACT: Kelli Plansinis, atplayintennis@comcast.net or

CONTACT: (248) 349-1144
Sunday Worship
DETAILS: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m., and 5 p.m.
Healing Service
DATE: First Monday of every month
TIME: 4 p.m.
Suicide Loss Support Group
DATE: Second Thursday and 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
9 a.m.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
9:30 a.m.: Yoga
11 a.m.: Arthritis Workshop
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Tai Chi
1 p.m.: Web Browsing & e-mail
By appointment: Massage
Friday
10 a.m.: Strength Training
11 a.m.: Poker
11 a.m.: Web Browsing & e-mail
1 p.m.: Movie- Goal! The Dream Begins
4:30 p.m.: Bingo
Monday
9:30 a.m.: Strength Training
10 a.m.: Line Dance
10 a.m.: Oxyrise

Center
DETAILS: All levels of play are welcome. Bring your friends. Cost is \$1.00
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation, (248) 449-9947

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 Village
LOCATION: 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field
DETAILS: Office hours Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Archives open Thurs-Fri 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845
Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 6:30 p.m. Northville Historical Society Annual Board Meeting
Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 4:15 p.m. Brownie Scout Meeting
Saturday: 12:30 p.m. Mackinaw Scout Meeting
Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 4 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting
Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 6:30 p.m. Lions Club
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 4 p.m. Brownie Scout Meeting; 6:30 p.m. Northville Democratic Club
Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church
* Grounds closed to the public



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Converse-ing

In a darkened room of the Cady Inn, members of the Country Garden Club of Northville enjoy a presentation on wildflowers from Margaret Converse.

Women's Ministries (248) 374-5978
WOW Tuesdays
DATE: Tuesdays
TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Chapel, northeast corner of church
DETAILS: WOW Tuesdays offer seven different classes, four new. Something for everyone, Bible veterans or wanting to learn more. Small groups enable richer, deeper understanding of God's word and how we can apply it to our everyday lives.
20s and 30s Women's Bible Study
DATE: Tuesdays
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Room C317-319
DETAILS: Study scriptures in this 12-week program through "Breaking Free," a video series by Beth Moore. Reserve workbook
CONTACT: Women's Ministries (248) 374-5978
Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Clinic
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27
TIME: noon-2:30 p.m. first-third grade; 2-4:30 p.m. fourth-sixth grade
DETAILS: Coach Steve Moreland will conduct this clinic for boys and girls. Each participant will receive a Piston's T-shirt. Refreshments will be provided. The cost is \$15 per child. Pre-registration is necessary.
CONTACT: (248) 374-5932
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

11 a.m.: Oxyrise New Enrollees
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre Tuesday
10:30 a.m.: Mary Kay Facial Party
11 a.m.: Life Writing Class
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Computer I
Wednesday
9:45 a.m.: Oxyrise New Enrollees
10 a.m.: Oxyrise
noon: Bridge
1 p.m.: Computer I
7 p.m.: 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: 12:30 p.m., Monday
Euchre
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)
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleyball
TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
LOCATION: Recreation Center and Hillside
DETAILS: All levels of play are welcome. Bring your friends. Cost is \$1.00
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation, (248) 449-9947

Co-ed Adult 50+ Basketball
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-noon, Thursdays
LOCATION: Senior Community

LOOKING FOR YOU

2nd Annual Polar Bear Plunge
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27
TIME: 11 a.m.
DETAILS: This is a Kwanis Club fund-raiser to support their activities in the community. Participants are needed to collect pledges and join in the costume parade and plunge. Note: All participants must be 21 or older, and sign a waiver and release before participation.
CONTACT: http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Community/Calendar.htm#Events

Northville Yoga Classes
LOCATION: American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap
Class for All Levels
TIME/DATE: 5:30-6:45 p.m. Mondays, through March 26
Yoga II
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays, through March 26
Northville Senior Center.
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m. Thursdays, through March 29
Yin Yoga
TIME/DATE: 5:20-6:45 p.m. Thursdays, through March 29
All Levels
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, through March 29
DETAILS: The winter session registration rate is \$96. The drop-in rate for unregistered students is \$11 per class. There is no charge for the first visit.
CONTACT: Diane Seigel-DiVita, (248) 344-0928 or e-mail triangelix@sbcglobal.net

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Susan B. Galli Angel Fund
 DETAILS: Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic has created a fund to assist families in need with medical expenses for their pets. The fund is in memory of one of their longtime clients and friends, Sue Galli, that passed away in November. Hidden Springs welcomes all donations from the community to help build this fund and help as many pets as possible. Please make checks payable to Hidden Spring Vet Clinic SGA Fund and mail to: 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-2598

Northville Colts Football
 DETAILS: The Colts are expanding their teams in 2007 and are looking for good people with a willingness to serve as coaches and Board of Directors. The organization is currently made up of teams in the brackets as follows: Freshman, ages 8-10; Junior Varsity, ages 11-12; and Varsity, ages 13-14, also cheerleaders in these age groups.
 CONTACT: www.northvillecolts.com and click on "Contact Us."

Preschool Open House
 DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27
 TIME: 10 a.m.-noon
 LOCATION: Novi Co-op Preschool, located in Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
 DETAILS: The preschool is currently enrolling 2-, 3-, and 4-year-old children for the 2007/2008 school year. Teachers will be available to answer questions, and children are welcome.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-3223 or visit www.NoviPreschool.com

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

Hospice Volunteers Needed
 DETAILS: Heartland Hospice Services, Inc., of Southfield is looking for caring, compassionate and dedicated individuals to be trained as hospice volunteers. Volunteers provide services such as visiting, companionship and support for clients and care givers. Office support volunteers are welcomed too.
 CONTACT: (800) 770-9859

Mentor Volunteers
 DETAILS: The Oakland County Youth Assistance is looking for volunteers for their Mentor Plus program. Training and orientation sessions will be held at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac.
 TIME/DATE: 9 a.m., Feb. 10
 CONTACT: (248) 858-0041

Angela Hospice Groups
 DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief, parents who have lost a child and a grief support quilter's group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers.
 LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia
 CONTACT: Joan Lee, (734) 953-6012

Anxiety Disorder Support Group
 TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, weekly

LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia
 DETAILS: A.I.M. (Aim for Recovery) is an organization that will be holding meetings to offer support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders, and their families. The meetings consist of planned behavioral lessons and discussions. Educational material will be available. Donations for the program and materials are accepted.
 CONTACT: Robert Diedrich at robtddrich@msn.com

New Hope Center for Grief Support
 DETAILS: The New Hope Center for Grief Support offers age and loss specific groups for men and women whose spouse had died, parents who have lost a child, those that have lost a loved one to suicide and other specialized groups. The groups meet on a regular basis in various schedules locations. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants.
 CONTACT: (248) 348-0115 or go to www.newhopecenter.net

Support for Loved Ones of Dying
 DATE: Second and Fourth Monday of each month
 TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Sunrise Assisted Living Center, 16100 Haggerty Road
 DETAILS: This New Hope Center for Grief Support group is for those facing the impending death of a loved one to help deal with the emotional, spiritual and medical issues they may be facing. Educational material will be provided. Participants have the opportunity to ask questions and share dialogue. Registration not necessary.

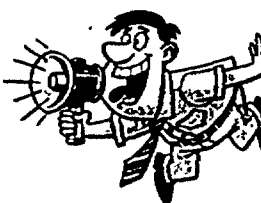
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To be included in the Community Calendar, please send event name, date, time, location, details and contact.
 Mail: Northville Record, Community Calendar, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.
 Fax: (248) 349-9832
 E-mail: cstone@gannett.com

CONTACT: (248)-348-0115 or visit www.newhopecenter.net

YWCA of Western Wayne County
 DETAILS: The YWCA is looking for volunteers to assist with office help, after-school programs, building projects, communications, and marketing in its various locations throughout western Wayne County. They are also offering internships for college students in communications, media relations and computer information service. Additional opportunities are available in early childhood education, and education administration.
 CONTACT: Tabatha Manuel, (313) 561-4110, ext. 20, or tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org

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



Deadline: Must be received by noon on Tuesday to be published in the Thursday edition
 Call (248) 349-1700 for additional information.

Northville City Council Special Meeting
 DATE: Monday, Jan. 29
 TIME: 6:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Council Chambers, Northville City Hall
 DETAILS: This meeting will be on the goal and objectives for 2007-08.

Northville Downtown Development Authority Meeting
 DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 20
 TIME: 8 a.m.
 LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 215 West Main St.
 DETAILS: All are welcome to attend the monthly meeting of the DDA.
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Camera Club
 DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
 CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northville-camera@sbcglobal.net, or Northville Arts Commission, (248) 449-9950

Arts Commission
 DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
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 LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

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

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

Youth Assistance
 DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
 TIME: 8 a.m.
 LOCATION: Youth Assistance office, 775 N. Center St.
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Parks and Recreation Commission
 DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
 TIME: 7 p.m.
 LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

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TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

Driving on suspended license

A 27-year-old Northville man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 12:38 a.m. Jan. 6 on Seven Mile Road.

An officer was on patrol when he noticed that the license tab on a blue 2004 Mazda had expired on Dec. 12, 2006.

The officer learned the man's license had been suspended after performing a driving check.

Family incident reported

Police were called to a residence on Corlina Drive in a domestic dispute at 5:26 p.m. Jan. 6.

A 41-year-old man reported that he and his wife had been arguing, and that he had found her in the garage with the garage door closed and the motor running.

The woman told police she was in no way trying to harm herself. She was just angry that her husband was still supporting and communicating with his ex-wife of 16 years.

The woman was going to go stay with her sister in Walled Lake but decided to remain at home.

TV stolen in home invasion

Officers responded to a breaking and entering at 8:12 p.m. Jan. 6 at a residence on Livingston Drive.

A basement window on the rear of the house was broken during the incident, with damage estimated at \$500.

The homeowner's brother, who was watching the house, said he noticed the television was missing from the kitchen when he entered the home.

Drunk driving arrest

A 23-year-old Livonia man was arrested for drunk driving at 2:21 a.m. Jan. 7 on Bradner Street.

An officer pulled the driver over after he clocked him on stationary radar traveling at 50 mph in a 40 mph zone.

The man said he had been at the Deadwood Restaurant on Northville Road and that he had consumed three-four pints of beer.

A breath test revealed a blood alcohol level of .14 percent.

Appliances stolen

A \$2,300 refrigerator, \$1,000 dishwasher and \$450 microwave oven were stolen from a model home on Rainbow Lane owned by Pulte Homes.

A salesman for Pulte reported the incident to police at 1:23 p.m. Dec. 30.

The salesman said someone had entered the unoccupied home by prying a basement window open. The screen was found lying on the ground near the window.

Second drunk driving offense

A 36-year-old Farmington man was arrested for drunk driving for the second time at 2:30 a.m. Jan. 4 at Lake Success and Lyric Court.

Police approached the man because his truck was parked in the middle of the street with its headlights on.

The man said he was dropping off his female passenger at the time of the incident.

A breath test showed a blood alcohol level of .18 percent in the driver.

Man hit with goat protein

Police were dispatched to a residence on Park Lane after a man reported that his wife had hit him in the back of the head with a plastic container of goat protein powder at about 9 p.m. on Dec. 16.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

Emergency personnel respond to downed trees and power lines

By Maureen Johnston and Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITERS

The calls started coming just after 2 a.m. Monday.

Residents watched the season's first winter ice storm litter their lawns with trees, branches and in some cases, downed utility lines.

During a 20-hour span, City of Northville personnel responded to 19 emergency calls funneled through community dispatchers, said Northville senior police clerk Susan Hatch. Fifteen of the calls came in the first eight hours.

"They were running everywhere," Hatch said. "They used every resource available — they cordoned off, they blocked off traffic, they used DPW sawhorses."

"They were so busy."

Public works department crews, scheduled to have Monday off in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, were called in to cut trees and remove debris from city property.

City staff members said the switchboard continued to be clogged mid-week with requests to remove downed trees and branches from private property. Public works director Jim Gallogly said that free service was eliminated years ago due to budget constraints.

Public works crews were busy through the week cutting and hauling trees that icy blasts had blown onto public right-of-ways. Public safety crews were the first on the scene all over town to ensure motorists and pedestrian safety.

"At 9:54 a.m., two calls came in at exactly the same time," said Hatch, summoning officers to the Boulder Court and Lexington Boulevard area. Public safety crews responded to storm-related calls from 2:05 a.m. until 10:07 p.m.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Grace Street residents Gayle Norback and Roberta Flynn, right, talk with Northville DPW employee Steve Heldt as they await some help in clearing a large tree limb that fell Monday morning during the ice storm, blocking the road. The DPW had the road clear by 10:30 a.m.

Monday, she said.

Rescue personnel reported lines down to phone, cable and telephone companies from Northville Estates to Welch Road and Orchard Heights to Cabbage Town.

Northville Township

Northville Township experienced 56 runs in two days after Saturday night's ice storm, with the first call coming in at 3:01 a.m. Sunday morning, said Bill Zhemdak, fire chief. Firefighters made 12 runs on Sunday and 44 on Monday.

"Most of those calls were because of wires down or trees in the roadway," Zhemdak said.

One of the most dramatic incidents after the storm was the forced evacuation of about 200 residents at the Independence Village of Plymouth retirement home at 14707 Northville Road due to power outage.

In the mutual aid rescue, firefighters from the two townships, city of Northville and Livonia were called to assist in the evacuation. Some residents went to stay with family members, with others taken to

Brighton Gardens of Northville and Sunrise Assisted Living in Northville.

Northville Township firefighters assisted in the evacuation from 4 p.m. to about 11:30 p.m. Monday.

"When an emergency of that magnitude happens, no one community can handle it," Zhemdak said.

Zhemdak, who was still using a generator to power his Northville Township home late Tuesday afternoon, said power was not expected to be restored at Independence Village until after midnight Tuesday.

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Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Update

by **Dennis Engerer, P.T.**

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Stress fractures, one of the most common injuries among athletes, occur when fatigued muscles are unable to absorb added shock. As a result, the tired muscles transfer the stress overload to the bone, which results in the tiny crack known as a "stress fracture." Studies indicate that female athletes experience stress fractures more frequently than their male counterparts. Researchers have recently found that an underlying cause of this disparity is likely to be the wider prevalence of eating disorders among female athletes. Specifically, it has been found that female college athletes who restrict their caloric intake may be putting themselves at risk for stress fractures. Athletes (women in particular) should bear this in mind as they train for their sports.

Eating a healthy diet and incorporating calcium-rich food in your meals can help prevent stress fractures. We believe that knowledge is power, which is why we're happy to bring you the latest information about taking care of your body. For additional information about today's topic, call **NORTHVILLE PHYSICAL REHABILITATION P.C.** at 248.349.9339 to schedule an appointment. We are conveniently located at 215 East Main, Suite B. New patients are welcome.

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Firemen have a ball with fifth annual fund-raiser at St. John's

■ Proceeds from Feb. 10 event to aid four local causes

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Looking for a hot time this winter?

Then make plans to attend "A Fireman's Ball," the fifth annual charity fund-raiser sponsored by the Northville Township Firefighters.

The dinner dance is slated from 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Feb. 10, at The Inn at St. John's at 44045 Five Mile Road on the south side of the street just east of Sheldon Road.

Cost is \$70 for individuals or \$125 per couple. The evening will include a gourmet meal, drinks and dancing.

Proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, Northville Civic Concern, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center.

In the last five years, the event has raised between \$40,000-\$50,000, with about \$12,000 collected in the 2006 event, according to Brian Siriani, president of International Association of Fire Fighters Local 3961. Their goal this year is to collect more than \$20,000.

Rob McAllister of Local 3961 is a member of the event's fund-raising committee along with Tom Hughes and Jesse Marcotte.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan is a charitable organization which grants wishes of children under age 18 living with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience through hope, strength and joy.

The average value of a wish is more than \$8,000, with the cash expense averaging around \$5,000.

Northville Civic Concern supports people in the community in need with such items as food donations and holiday gifts through such programs as Adopt-A-Family.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is a health agency working to defeat neuromuscular diseases through research, comprehensive services and public education.

The Michigan Trauma Burn Center is a Level I Pediatric and Adult Trauma and Burn Center. Contributions support research and have a direct impact on the diagnosis and treatment of trauma and burn patients with life-saving results.

Fifty percent of proceeds from the event will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, with the remainder to be divided between the three other charities.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

New Northville Township firefighter Finley Molina and the rest of the department are looking forward to their annual "A Fireman's Ball" on Sat. Feb 10 at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

Attend, become a sponsor

Merchandise and gift certificates are needed for the Fireman's Ball auctions to raise money for this year's four selected charities. Ticket sales cover only the cost of the event.

This year, three levels of donation are being solicited: Platinum for donations of \$1,500 and above; Gold for contributions of \$1,000-\$1,499 and Silver for support from \$500-\$999.

Platinum members will also receive four tickets to the event, with Gold members receiving two tickets. Tables can be sponsored for a minimum donation of \$200. This covers the cost of the table centerpiece, with the remainder going to the charities.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, call Rob McAllister at (734) 516-5311.

Buffet dinner, open bar

The evening will include a buffet dinner, open bar with premium liquor, multiple live auctions and raffles. Attire is formal but not black-tie.

Reservations are requested by Feb. 3, with only a limited number of tickets available at the door. Tickets and raffle donations are both tax-deductible.

"The event will be a fun and entertaining evening that supports several worthy causes," McAllister said. "I encourage everyone to come out. You have the power to make a change in someone's life by attending."

Several hotel rooms have been

reserved for those who would like to spend the night at either The Inn at St. John's or the Hilton Garden Inn off of Sheldon Road. Shuttle service will be provided to and from the Hilton.

Rooms will be discounted at both hotels for those attending the fund-raiser. Reservations are required at both hotels. To make reservations at The Inn at St. John's, call (734) 414-0600. For the Hilton Garden Inn, call (734) 354-0001.

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FAMILY TIES



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Twins Dan and Brian Dulzo, left, and Kevin and Chris Mantay wrestle for Northville High.

5 sets of brothers wrestle for 'Stangs

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Brady Bunch doesn't have anything on the Northville wrestling team. Three brothers and three sisters only makes six.

Mustang wrestling coach Jeff Balagna is teaching the sport to five sets of brothers, two of which are twins, and two pairs of cousins this season.

The twins are Brian and Dan Dulzo and Kevin and Chris Mantay. The other brothers are Joe and Harry Eichholtz, Alex and Nick Mudar and Brian and Mike Bagian.

The cousins are Jack and Evan Bentley and Aaron Towne and Steve Commire.

Balagna always preaches unity for his teams, but he doesn't have to with this group.

"We're just one big happy family," Balagna said. "It's just unique. We always preach wrestling is a big family — blood, sweat and tears, hanging out for 18 hours on a Saturday.

"This year, it really is. It's not just a cliché."

For the Dulzo twins, this is their final year as Mustangs.

"It's pretty exciting. We talk a lot about our matches at our house," said Brian Dulzo, senior captain. "Sometimes in the season you get tired and you start thinking about other things. You always



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

In twos (from left, top to bottom): brothers Mike and Brian Bagian, Harry and Joe Eichholtz, Nick and Alex Mudar, Steve and Aaron Commire, and cousins Jack and Evan Bentley all wrestle for Northville High as one big, happy family.

have someone there to keep you focused on it."

Brian said that Dan usually wins the family battles, but there is a large reason.

"He beats me. I say it's because of his weight though," Brian Dulzo said with a smile.

For Brian Bagian, watching his brother's matches could be more stressful than his own matches.

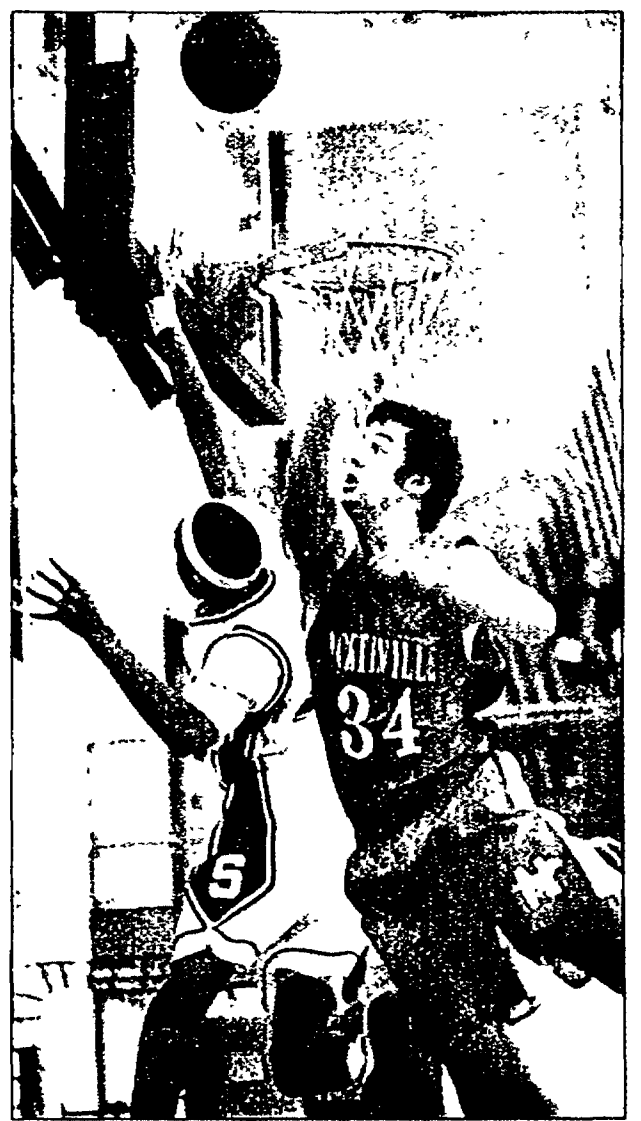
"His first pin, I can't remember being so happy," Brian Bagian said of Mike Bagian. "When he loses a tough one, I'm the same way, down in the dumps. I love

having him on the team."

It's pretty obvious to Balagna that Brian Bagian gets into his brother's matches.

Balagna said, "every time Mike is wrestling, you can see Brian

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Submitted by Mike Kobow

Northville's Greg Hasse swats away an inside shot against Salem.

Streak over

Northville loses first regular season game since Feb. 2005

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville had something happen to it that it hadn't felt in more than a full season — the Mustangs lost a regular season basketball game.

After thumping John Glenn 63-54 at home Jan. 9, Northville (6-1, 2-1) fell behind big and lost 66-57 at Salem on Friday. It was the first regular season loss since Feb. 22, 2005 for Northville.

"They played good defense," Northville head coach Darrel Schumacher said of Salem. "Their defense kept us from getting good things. They deserved it.

"We've got to get better." Against Salem, shooting woes hampered the Mustangs. Alvin Storrs hit the first shot of the game, but that would be his last of the quarter as he struggled to a 1-for-9 first quarter.

The rest of the team wasn't much better, as the Mustangs trailed 12-8 behind 2-for-16 shooting in the first quarter.

The Northville offense came around, but the defense struggled throughout the second quarter. Salem ripped the nets for 23 points and took a 35-22 lead into halftime.

The lid stayed on the rim for

Northville, as it hit just 6 of 24 shots in the third quarter to remain down 13 points heading into the final quarter.

A 6-0 run in the middle of the fourth quarter cut the lead to 54-46, but Salem scored the next seven points to put the Mustangs away.

Storrs led the Mustangs with 24 points, but it came on 9-for-27 shooting. David Burke and Dan Kirkpatrick each dropped in 10 points.

Ross Davis led the Rocks (2-4, 1-2) with 24 points on 8-for-14 shooting, including a pair of 3-pointers.

Schumacher didn't like the feeling of losing, but he wants his players to, "Remember this feeling. That happens when you're not working to your fullest, giving your best, and that doesn't mean just in games. You've got to come to everything you do in life and give it your best.

"A loss hurts because nobody on this team wants to lose. They're all competitors. They'll fight back."

Storrs had a better time against John Glenn, lighting up the nets for a game-high 33 points in a 63-54 win, tying his season-high scoring.

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'Stangs hammer Franklin, 8-0

Submitted to the Northville Record

Northville's home game against Franklin High School was all about team play with a heavy emphasis on passing. With a final score of 8-0, the Mustangs dominated the play and frustrated Franklin with strong puck control leading to numerous scoring opportunities.

The scoring frenzy started about halfway into the first period. Junior Ross Riehl hit the tape of junior Mike Piotrowski. He skated it in and dished it off to junior Case Moerman who fired in the first and game-winning

goal. A couple of minutes later, senior Kyle Storey passed the puck to senior Brandon Wales. He sent it over to junior TJ Hohl who put it in from the wide angle.

The third goal of the period resulted from some patient and impressive cycling until senior Kevin Ruzyllo sent it to senior Anthony Deneau. He

dropped it to senior Steve Dawson who cut across the front of the net and sent it home glove side. Dawson returned the favor with a minute to go in the first when he got the puck to Deneau. He fought through a scramble in

front of the net for the fourth goal, ending the period with a 4-0 lead.

Though the Mustangs were able to stay out of the box the entire first period, a couple of penalties early in the second gave them a chance to work on their penalty kill and protect sophomore goaltender Teddy Keranen's shutout.

With almost eight minutes on the clock, sophomore Wesley Gates sent a pass out from behind the net to Hohl, who notched his second goal of the game.

With a little over a minute left, Dawson shot on Franklin's net

and Ruzyllo sent the rebound to senior Mike Garbarz for the sixth goal. Fifteen seconds later, Wales took advantage of a nice setup from Hohl and Storey, putting the score at the end of the second 7-0 Northville.

The third period's highlights included some solid defensive play from the Mustangs and aggressive forechecking which kept the play in Franklin's zone.

With a little over five minutes on the clock, senior Ian Jezak made a timely pass to sophomore Matt Kreager who quickly sent it to Garbarz for his second and the last goal of the game, capping the 8-0 win.

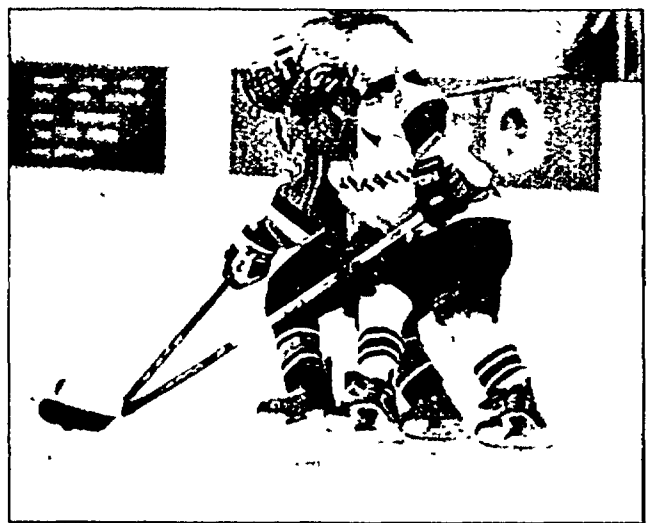


Photo submitted by James Deneau

Northville senior defender Steve Dawson fights for the puck against Franklin.

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Ouch!

Northville's Dan Dulzo reacts as his face smashes into the head of Novi's Jeremy Young during their wrestling match at Novi High.

Sports Shorts

Pistons clinic coming Jan. 27

The Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Clinic is coming to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville on Saturday, Jan. 27. Coach Steve Moreland will conduct his clinic for boys and girls, grades 1-3 from noon-2:30 p.m., and grades 4-6 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. Each participant will receive a "Piston Basketball" T-Shirt free. Parents will be able to purchase Piston tickets at a discount and be invited to attend with their children the popular pre-game shoot around at courtside. Refreshments are provided. Bring your basketball and camera. Cost is \$15 per child. Pre-registration is necessary at (248) 374-5932.

Cash just misses double-double

Junior guard Jim Cash (Northville/Detroit Catholic Central) scored in double figures for the third consecutive game and fell one rebound shy of a double-double Jan. 13 as he

helped the Albion College men's basketball team gain its first Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association victory of the season with a 81-69 nod over Alma College.

Playing 21 minutes, Cash finished with 10 points and nine rebounds. He connected on 4-of-10 shots from the field. He also dished out two assists.

U-M hosts 3-on-3 soccer tourney

The University of Michigan soccer team presents the fifth annual 3-on-3 Micro-Soccer Shootout Camp on Feb. 10-11 at Oosterbaan Fieldhouse. The \$90 team fee includes four guaranteed games for competitive and recreational divisions for ages seven and older to adult for boys and girls.

Registrations can be found on www.umsoccer.com. For more information, call (734) 647-1201 or e-mail ldurkee@umich.edu. Registrations must be postmarked by Feb. 2 or dropped off by Feb. 5. Proceeds will sub-

dize the men's and women's soccer teams at U-M.

Shamrocks have smart football team

By Catholic Central football standards, it was a down year for the football team. But no team in the state did better off the field and in the classroom.

Teams sent in an application, submitting the top 11 grades from players on the team. Catholic Central sent in 10 grades of 4.0 and one at 3.985 for an average of 3.996. The next best was Novi High School at 3.932.

The seniors submitted included Roger Zatkoff, Jake Marmul (captain), Ryon Wiska (captain), David Galiyas (captain), Evan Tindall and John Juncaj. All the seniors had a 4.0 GPA.

The juniors on the list were John Mizzi, Joseph Khalil, Ronald Kadykowski, Ryan Houska and Melvin Farr.

Northville High School Schedule

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Basketball 1/19 Franklin, 7 p.m. 1/23 at Plymouth, 7 p.m.	Volleyball 1/22 Franklin, 7 p.m. 1/24 Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Boys Swimming and Diving 1/18 WL Western 7 p.m.	Wrestling 1/18 Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.

Cheer 1/20 at Brighton, TBA	TBA Gymnastics 1/20 at Farmington High, 9 a.m. 1/24 at Hartland, 6:30 p.m.
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Five sets of brothers wrestle

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wrestling the match with him, screaming and yelling," Balagna said. "If Mike wins and loses, Brian really gets excited. When Mike won his first match, I thought Brian was going to jump through the roof. It was pretty exciting."

Senior Joe Eichholtz has played several sports, but this team really sticks out.

"It is unusual," Joe Eichholtz said. "I've been doing a couple of sports, and this is pretty much the only one with so many brothers on one team. It makes everyone else feel like we're together. The wrestling matches are a very small part of the work that goes into a season. Having so many sets of brothers helps Balagna and his coaches because the younger brothers already have some knowledge of the program."

"It's kind of nice having all the brothers," Balagna said. "We have a lot of juniors and seniors that have brothers that are freshmen. It helps because the freshmen come in and they understand the expectations and how to work hard. They've seen they're brother work hard for three years in the program."

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Swimmers 2nd at Salem

■ Volleyball off to 18-2-2 start, Cheer competes at Novi

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville swimmers had to settle for second place at the Salem Invite, falling seven-points shy of Ann Arbor Pioneer, 275-268. Zeeland finished third 216, and Livonia Stevenson was next with 215 out of sixth teams.

The invite uses a different format with four heats, with each heat factoring the same in the scoring.

"It's kind of a true test of the depth of your team," said Rich Bennetts, Northville head coach.

The first heat would be a team's fourth best swimmer up to the fourth heat, which would be the best.

In the 50 free, Patrick Keady took first place in the first heat 24.99. Kyle Adams won the third heat in 23.31.

The Divers swept all four flights. Vince Shaw won the first with 207.95, Garrett Baughman won the second flight with 224.15, Steven Kruse won the third with 291.65 and Will Fankell pulled off the sweep with 314.55.

The swimmers swept the 500 free. Anthony Adamowicz started the string with a win in the first race in 5:17.20. John Blickele the next winner in 5:15.69, Greg Sheppard finished in 5:10.45 and Chris Keady won the top flight in 4:46.11.

Nate Lunn finished first in heat one of 100 backstroke. He dropped four seconds from a week ago to finish in 1:03.75.

The top 400 flight relay team of Brody Blickele, Will Blickele, Chris Culklin and Keady won in 3:17.52.

"We weren't too thrilled about getting second place," Bennetts said. "We left a few points out there that we probably could've gotten. We've got the next six weeks to fix it."

"Overall, we had some encouraging signs. I was really pleased with our second- and third-tier guys."

Gymnastics

The Northville gymnasts continue to impress, winning a three-team meet at Brighton on Jan. 11.

The Mustangs scored 139.35 points, beating Howell (134.6) and Brighton (133.9).

Julie Foucher led Northville with a 36.15 — a 9.5 on the floor, a 9.2 on the vault, an 8.75 on the beam and an 8.7 on the bars.

MaKenna Pohl scored a 35.2 — a 9.05 on vault, 8.9 on floor, 8.7 on beam and 8.55 on bars.

Cassidy Winter was next with a 34.35, including a 9.2 on beam, 8.6 on bars, 8.45 on floor and 8.1 on vault. Julie Davison scored 33.05, including an 8.6 on floor, 8.4 on beam, 8.2 on vault and 7.85 on bars.

Caleigh Deacon scored a 32.45 with an 8.55 on floor, 8.35 on vault, 8.0 on bars and 7.55 on

beam. Other team scores included Michelle Steslicki with an 8.1 on bars, 8.1 on vault and a 7.8 on beam, Becky Murphy scored an 8.3 on vault and 7.05 on floor, Amy Reynolds contributed an 8.5 on bars, and Brittany Kroner scored a 5.35 on beam.

Volleyball

The Northville volleyball team is off to a great start at 18-2-2. They won the U-M Dearborn Tournament this past weekend.

The Mustangs have also finished runner-up at the Stoney Creek Invite on Dec. 9, second at the Hartland Invitational on Dec. 16 and have won a pair of WLAA crossovers since the New Year's.

At the U-M Dearborn Tournament, the Mustangs started with a 25-19, 25-12 win against Royal Oak Shrine. The second match was a split with Edsel Ford, losing the first game 26-24 before rallying in the second game for a 25-9 win.

Northville crushed Inter-City Baptist to end pool play with a 25-4, 25-13 win.

In the quarterfinals, the Mustangs hammered Melvindale 25-8, 25-6.

Salem provided a tough test in the semifinals, but the Mustangs advanced with a 25-20, 27-28, 15-10 win.

Mercy also advanced to the finals, but Northville took the title with a 25-20, 25-12 win.

"This tournament was the first sign of gelling for us," said Steve Anderson, Northville head coach. "The team really started to show what they are capable of doing and at what level of play they can accomplish."

"Defeating Salem in the semi's, last years undefeated WLAA League champion, was a huge step for the program. It will help validate us with the other teams in the Lakes Division since we will not see them this year in regular season play because of the league format changes."

Joanna Foss and Krysta Cicala were voted to the All-Tournament Team at the U-M Dearborn tournament.

Cheer

The Northville cheer team competed Jan. 10 at Novi against the Wildcats and Pinckney.

The varsity team finished in third place, scoring 498.70 points. Novi was first with 642.3, followed by Pinckney with 525.2.

The Mustangs scored 148.5 points in the first round, 145.2 in the second and 205 in the third.

The JV team also finished third, and the freshman team finished second to Novi.

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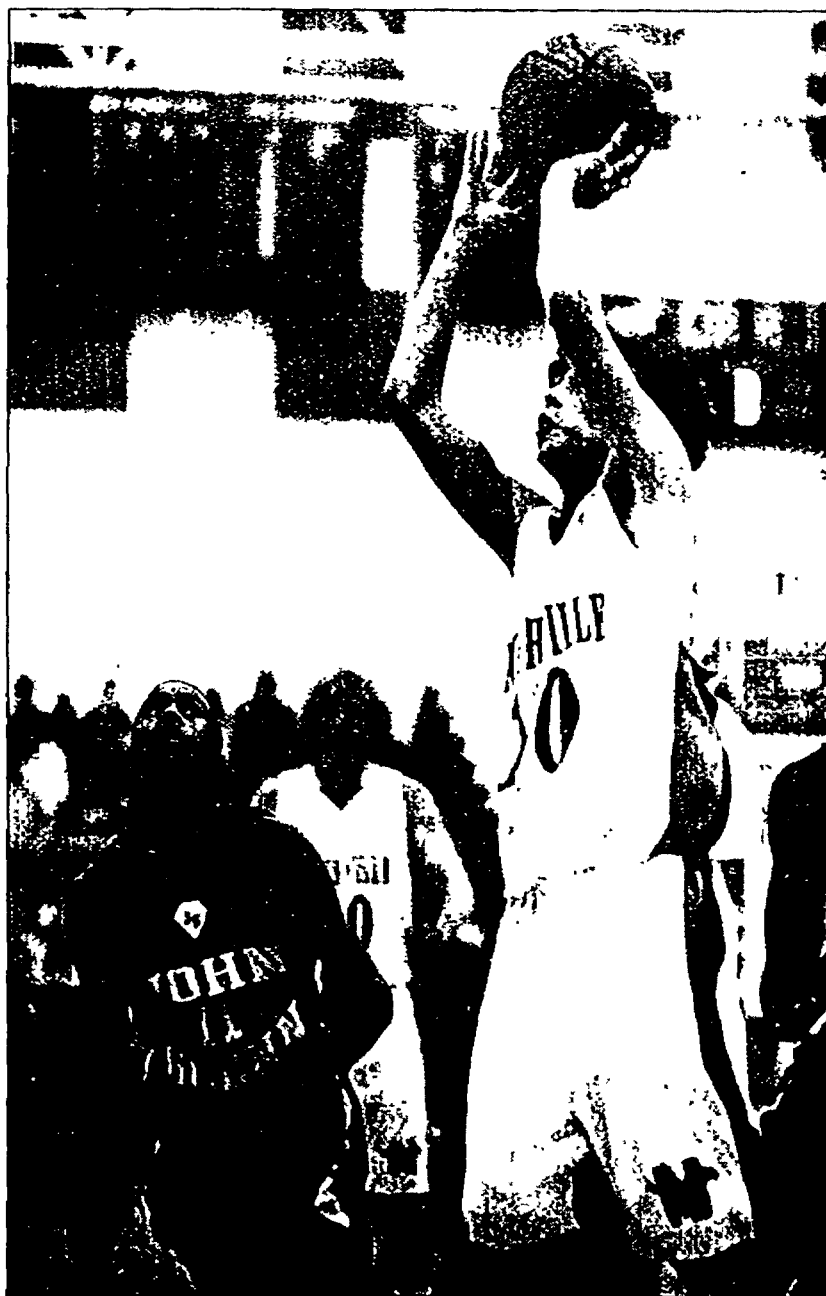
Mustang competitive cheer team members warm up before an invitational meet at Novi High in mid-January.

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Mustang competitive cheerleaders talk as they prepare for an invitational meet host by the Novi Wildcats.

■ BASKETBALL: Salem stops win streak, Mustangs roar past Westland John Glenn



Northville junior Jeff Cheslik shoots Friday against Westland John Glenn.

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Northville led 13-5 by the end of the first quarter and 29-21 at the half.

The Mustangs kept the offense going and pushed the lead to 45-35 going into the fourth.

Earl Hardison led Glenn with 24 points.

Greg Hasse dropped in eight points for the Mustangs.

The Northville JV team went into overtime to squeak out a 55-51 win against Salem. The Mustangs lost 48-43 to Glenn. The JV Mustangs are 5-2, 2-1.

In a scheduling quirk, the Mustangs will play its final Friday home game tomorrow against Livonia Franklin. The remaining home games will all be on Tuesdays.

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Alvin Storrs goes up for an inside shot against John Glenn.

Photos submitted by Mike Kolbow

On the move

Use the Internet to stay informed

With the start of the New Year, you may have made a number of resolutions, including one or two related to a healthier lifestyle. Now is the time to set some specific goals and to develop a plan for a more active year. There is a wealth of information available to assist both new and experienced runners in this effort. And with the internet, it is as close as your computer.



Jerry Mittman

Top running Web sites

Whether you are looking for a race schedule or results, looking for a training program, or would like nutritional information, there is a website available. Check out the following:

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Read all about it

While the Internet is very helpful, a running magazine is an excellent addition for those active in the sport or just starting out. Typically they include running news, training, motivation and nutrition recommendations, gear reviews and race calendars. Consider signing up for their free e-mail newsletters. Three magazines to consider are:

- [Runners World](http://RunnersWorld.com) (RunnersWorld.com)
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If the shoes fit ...

Shoes are the most important part of your running gear. Don't take fit and type by chance. Check out one of the local running stores staffed by experienced runners — and which support many local races. They include Running Fit (RunningFit.net), Tortoise and Hare (TortoiseAndHare.com) and Total Runner (TotalRunner.com).

Upcoming events

Despite being winter, there are still numerous local races to choose from. Here are two to consider:

- **Sunday, Feb. 4: The Super Bowl 5K** starts at 9:00 a.m. at Novi Town Center. A great way to start "Super Sunday". (www.runsuperbowl.com)
- **Saturday, Feb. 10: The Heat the Streets 10K and 5K** take place in downtown Detroit. Enjoy a brisk run and help the Heat and Warmth Fund for those in need at the same time. (www.heatthestreets.org)

Northville resident Jerry Mittman is an avid runner and was appointed as Oakland County Fitness Ambassador by Gov. Granholm. He has completed over 590 races, including 55 marathons. He can be contacted at jim997@hotmail.com.



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DO-IT-YOURSELF Makeover

EMILY HARRIS

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Vegetable oil spray

Chocolate Crumb Crust

- 36 reduced-fat chocolate-flavor vanilla wafers, coarsely crumbled by hand
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Caramel Sauce

- 1 cup sugar
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- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 quart nonfat ice cream or frozen yogurt, such as vanilla or coffee flavors
- 2 tablespoons fat-free chocolate syrup
- 1/4 cup chopped, dry-roasted pecans

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9-inch deep-dish glass pie pan with vegetable oil spray.

For crust, pulse cookies in a food processor until finely ground.

Pour in margarine, pulsing on and off until combined. Pat mixture into pie pan, spreading evenly on bottom and sides.

Bake about 10 minutes, or until dry. Cool completely on wire rack, about 30 minutes.

For caramel sauce, in a medium, heavy-bottom saucepan, stir together sugar and water. Bring to a boil over medium heat, swirling pan gently once or twice, until sugar is a medium amber color or registers 300°F on a candy thermometer or instant-read thermometer. Be careful, because once caramel begins to color, it will darken very quickly. Immediately remove from heat when desired color is reached. Cool 1 minute.

Gently whisk in evaporated milk. If mixture forms a ball, or "seizes," put pan over medium heat and stir until mixture has dissolved. Remove from heat.

Stir in vanilla. Cool completely, then refrigerate in an airtight container until needed. (Refrigerated sauce will keep for up to 1 week.)

To assemble, soften ice cream at room temperature for about 15 minutes. Scoop into cooled pie shell and smooth top, mounding slightly. Using your finger, create a well for sauce by making a depression around perimeter, where ice cream meets pie crust. Freeze 30 minutes.

Soften caramel sauce, if necessary, by heating on stovetop over medium-low heat 2 to 3 minutes or in microwave at 50 percent power (medium) about 2 minutes. Drizzle caramel and chocolate sauces over ice cream, allowing sauce to pool around edge.

Sprinkle pecans over pie. Place in freezer 30 minutes to 24 hours. To serve, let pie sit 5 minutes at room temperature before slicing.

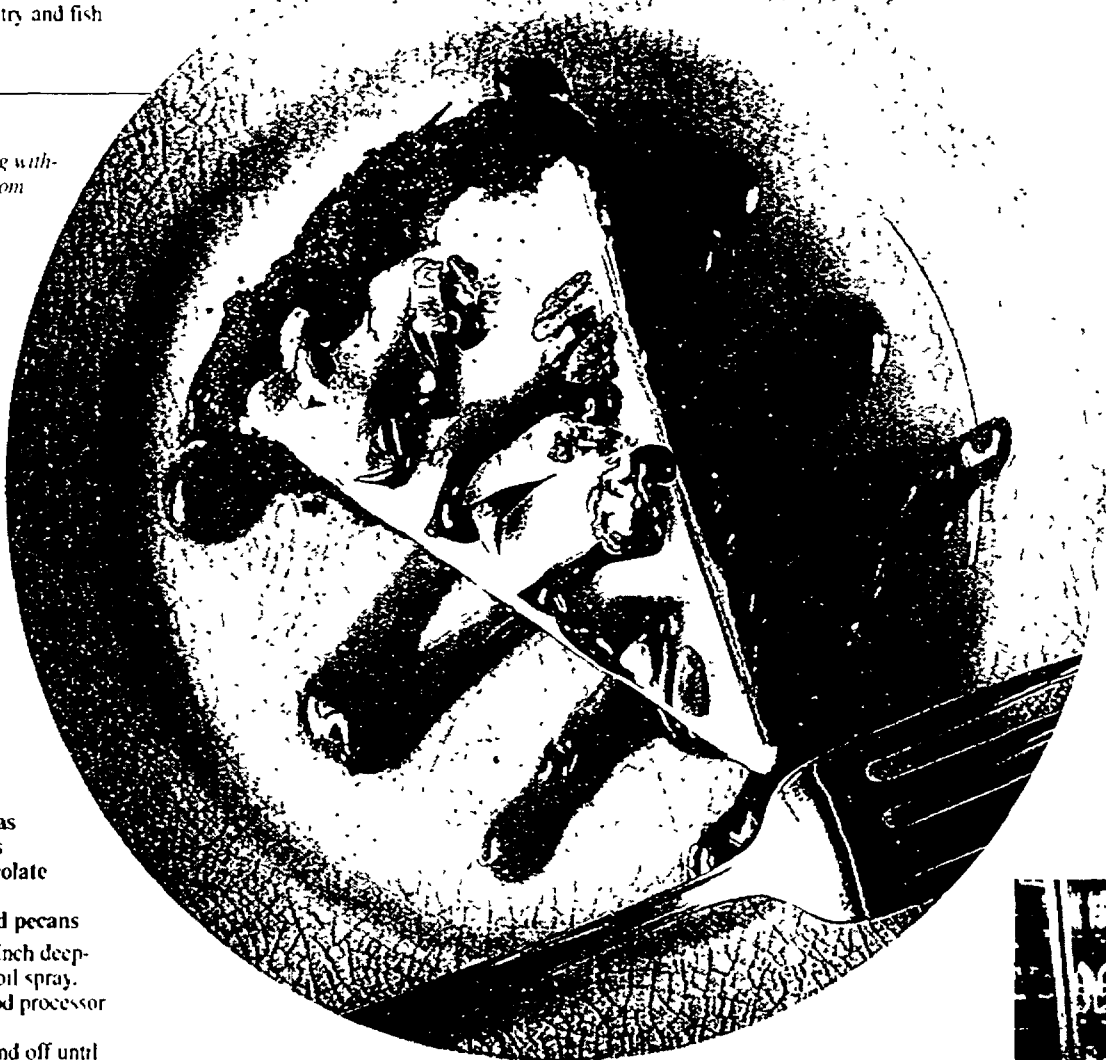
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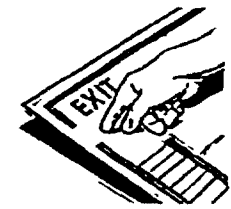


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Utopia opens the ultimate salon and spa

By Kate Phillips
SPECIAL WRITER

Utopia Salon and Spa has opened a fabulous new salon and spa that is like nothing anyone expected. Regular clients were shocked as they toured the new, three-story facility.

"This is so beautiful."
"I love everything about it."
"This must be a dream come true for you."

The retail area and salon were packed during the holidays, as Utopia timed its opening for right before Christmas.

The beautiful building is just next door to the previous location, on Main Street in downtown Northville.

EXCLUSIVE MERCHANDISE

It's hard to stay away.

A large bright store greets clients as they walk in the front door. It's filled with exclusive brands and the hottest products straight from L.A. This week there are hand-painted beaded robes that are now popular among celebrities. Next week the hottest new products will make their way into the store.

"We've always wanted to have a store where we could share with our clients our favorite products we've been using for years, plus give them the hot new stuff they have been looking for," said Kelly Sesi, who owns Utopia along with Tita Daskal.

There are hard-to-find lines like Paula Dorf hypoallergenic cosmetics and Nouba professional makeup from Italy.

Utopia also carries several lines of perfumes. Tita and Kelly were thrilled to become the exclusive retailer in the area for Bond No. 9 perfume.

The store also carries jewelry, candles and all sorts of hair and body care products.

RELAXING SPA

At the rear of the store, staff can take clients into the spa entrance, where a sense of quiet relaxation fills the air.

Each room in the spa is supremely calming, with bamboo and wispy colors.

But the relaxation room is the most beautiful of all. It centers on a copper fountain sculpted by a Northville artist. Clients can read or nap on the lavish cushioned seating, or can enjoy a catered lunch in the room during a day at the spa.

Utopia has always been known for its spa services.

It's the only place around that offers oxygen facials, which actually make fine lines and wrinkles disappear for a week or longer. Alpha beta peels are another popular service at Utopia, because they tighten the skin and give it a youthful glow.

Massage therapists provide massages that don't just feel good, they energize and help with underlying issues.

And the foot treatments at Utopia are something unique. They're a perfect part of an afternoon or evening at the spa, where some choose an entire menu of services like a manicure, waxing and facial massage.

NEW HAIR TECHNIQUES

Just up the elevator, the huge salon takes up the entire second floor. Leather couches and sequined pillows give clients a place to relax with coffee and pastries.

Glazed cement floors set the tone, with blue walls flowing all the way up to the exposed rafters. It's a busy salon that would look at home in New York.

That's because the stylists are as at home in New York as they are in Northville. They frequently fly in for seminars to learn the techniques used to create the latest styles. Several just returned from a seminar with Victoria's Secret stylists to learn the techniques used to create natural-looking highlights.

"Our clients want to have the latest looks like the celebrities they see in magazines, so we have to keep educating ourselves so we know the latest techniques," said Kelly.

PERFECT COLOR

When Redken heard about the new salon, it came out to build a custom color bar where clients can sit down with stylists and pick out colors. There's even a hands-on survey to find out what each client is looking for.

"This is wonderful because we can



A pair of hair stylists work on the second floor of downtown Northville's Utopia Salon.



Downtown Northville's new Utopia Salon features three levels of services including this ground-level foyer with shelves of beauty products.

make sure that each person gets exactly what they like," said Kelly Sesi.

The Redken color bar is only the second one in the country. Utopia stylists have discovered that Redken provides the best shine and longest lasting color.

It's the perfect way to achieve the perfect color.

UTOPIA UNDERGROUND

The best kept secret in town is Utopia Underground, which is located on the

lower level of the salon. Since Utopia is so geared toward education, each new stylist goes through an in-house training period and has been trained by state-of-the-art stylists. Toward the end of their training, stylists start seeing clients at Utopia Underground.

"They already know what they're doing, they just need a chance to learn how to work with clients," said Tita.

Utopia Underground is the perfect place for people who want a cutting edge look

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Utopia has started hosting special invitation-only events. They're flying in international artists who do celebrity makeup for events like the Oscars. This gives clients an opportunity to learn about certain techniques and product lines.

"This will be something different and a lot of fun," said Kelly.

Coming up for February will be "The Most Kissable Lip Event." Ladies can enter a drawing for the most kissable lips and win a complimentary blow dry and makeup application for Valentine's Day.

The event room is also available for private parties.

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Fitness Together takes personal training to a new level

By Kate Phillips
SPECIAL WRITER

Right now 76 million Americans are trying to lose 35 pounds to 50 pounds or more. Something like \$33 million will be spent on diet books, foods and other fitness aides.

Don't jump into one of those unrealistic programs, or send for that magic pill. After decades of dieting, the majority of Americans are still overweight.

WHAT IS GOING WRONG?

"Most people get frustrated when they don't see results," said certified personal trainer Boo Sadikot who owns Fitness Together in Novi and West Bloomfield.

"I've met people who have worked out for years in gyms and at home and have not been able to achieve the results they'd like. It's most likely because they didn't have a fitness plan that addressed their specific needs."

But whatever the drawbacks of going to the gym — long lines, lack of personal attention — Sadikot has the cure.

ONE CLIENT, ONE TRAINER, ONE GOAL

At Sadikot's two Fitness Together training studios, certified personal trainers of the highest credentials are helping clients from 8 to 80 years old get into the best shape of their lives by designing proactive, targeted, client-specific workout programs that minimize time and excuses and maximize commitment on the part of the trainer and the client.

And the results? That can be summed up in Fitness Together's motto: One client — one trainer — one goal.

With private rooms in every studio, each client can work directly with one trainer to guide them in terms of the most effective exercises to blast away trouble spots, teach proper techniques to avoid injury and motivate clients to keep working toward their goals.

BIG CHANGES

For most clients, Sadikot said, physical changes and a sense of renewed healthfulness come faster than they expected.

"It's essential to get the most effective workout without wasting time," he said. "The difference at Fitness Together is that we practice personal training in the method that it is intended — through building a rapport with clients and constantly challenging them to work harder and smarter when it comes to their appearance, not to mention their overall health."

At Fitness Together a workout plan is typically made up of four key elements. The first element is resistance training, which helps build lean muscle tissue to help burn calories, maintain a high metabolic rate and create the firm look we all want.

The second element of a workout plan is cardiovascular training, to burn calories and get the heart pumping.

The plan is also made up of flexibility training to prevent injury and nutritional training to help clients learn to eat properly and maintain results.

COMMITMENT

Getting started has one caveat, Sadikot



Personal trainers work one-on-one with clients in private rooms at Fitness Together.

said. Each client must be completely committed to their own health and their desire for a better body.

"Personal training is not for everyone," he explained, "We work with people who are very serious about their goals."

"There is accountability here. We try very hard to keep clients on track. It's not that we don't have fun, we do. But we take health very seriously and we know that achieving a high level of fitness can be life changing for our clients."

"We want to see each person succeed."

START NOW

Fitness Together offers one free session so any one can see what it's like and decide if it's the right option for them.

The center is open at convenient hours — Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to

9 p.m. and Saturday 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Getting started with Fitness Together includes an initial evaluation and a recommendation in terms of what package would be most appropriate for a potential client. Often times, the cost of training at Fitness Together is less than a gym.

But the expense, Sadikot said, is minuscule compared to the cost of poor health.

"Everything is better when you're fit and healthy," he said. "Your blood pressure is low and decreased, stress is all but eliminated, colors are brighter, food is richer."

MAKING EXERCISE ADDICTIVE

One of the hardest things about exercising is sticking with it. If you can keep up your motivation for a couple of weeks, it will become a habit — and you'll really see and feel results. Here are six simple steps to make fitness as natural as waking in the morning and falling asleep at night:

- **Timing is everything:** Workout at a time that fits your schedule. If you plan to hit the gym after work, but often stay late at the office or have social engagements, it's going to be hard to make your workout a regular part of your week. For most people, mornings are the most realistic time. If you can get up an hour earlier for one week, you might find that exercise wakes you up and energizes you for the rest of the day.

- **Seek convenience:** Pick a place that's close to the office, so swinging by in the morning or on the way home is super easy. Before you know it, your car will practically be steering itself there.

- **Make it a "given":** If you do work out in the evenings, make sure your friends and family know that other engagements will have to wait until after your exercise time. The more you and everyone else in your life become accustomed to scheduling around your workout, the less likely you'll be to blow it off for other activities.

- **Think ahead:** Half the battle is being organized. It doesn't take much. While you're packing your lunch or laying out your clothes for work the next day, be sure to pick out clean exercise clothes, pack your gym bag, and fill up your water bottle so you can get up and go in a jiffy.

- **Talk it up:** Decide that you're going to be that person in the office or around the neighborhood who is awe-inspiring for motivation. When co-workers start noticing your weight loss, tell them that you now exercise four to five times a week. Make it a character trait, a fact of life — not just something you've been dabbling in lately. Hearing yourself describe your life in this way makes it real — and will inspire you to keep it up.

- **Become an addict:** The truth is, the feel-good chemicals released during high-intensity workouts can leave you craving exercise. If you can reach the point where you yearn for that fitness high the way someone might desire coffee, motivation will no longer be an issue.

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Novi's Fitness Together owner Boo Sadikot, left, and his training staff, are ready to assist clients at their Ten Mile Road location.

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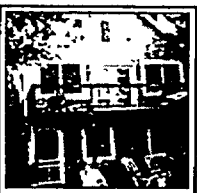
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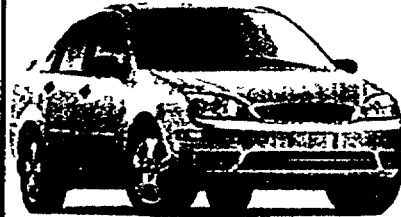
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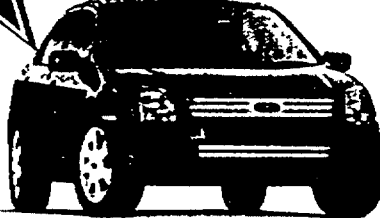


Third row split seat, CD, power windows, power locks, tilt steering wheel & speed control

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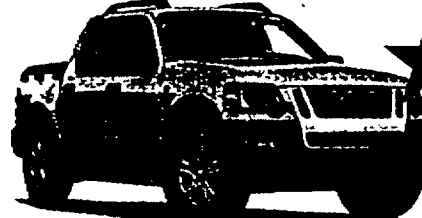


Auto, Air, Power Windows, Locks, Speed Control, Tilt, CD

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209 available

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\$20,286+	Month	\$242*	\$318*
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Eddie Bauer, Leather, CD, power windows, power locks, speed control, tilt steering wheel & power seat

2 at this price
77 available

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\$23,544+	Month	\$258*	\$342*
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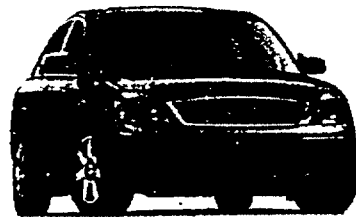


Air, power moonroof, power windows & locks; Audiophile in-dash 6-CD; satellite capable, cargo cover, speed control. 2

6 at this price
103 available

BUY FOR	24	\$1000 Down	Sign & Drive
\$17,548+	Month	\$254*	\$333*
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2007 FIVE HUNDRED SEL

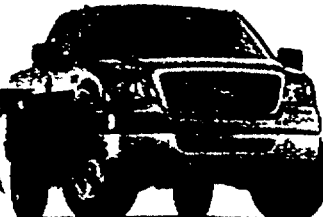


CD, power windows, power locks, speed control & tilt steering wheel.

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58 available

BUY FOR	24	\$1000 Down	Sign & Drive
\$16,879+	Month	\$235*	\$309*
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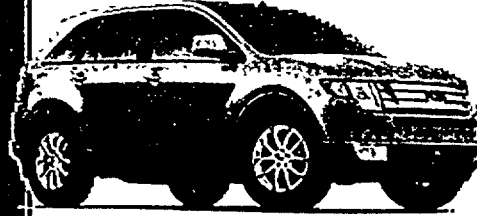


XLT, tow & go, 5.4V8, automatic trans, speed control, power windows & locks, AM/FM-CD, sliding rear window, air

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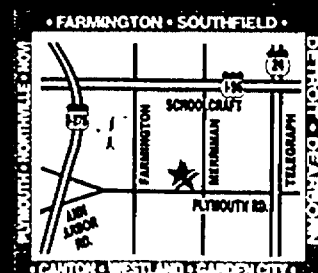
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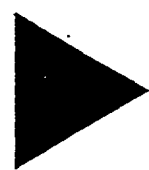
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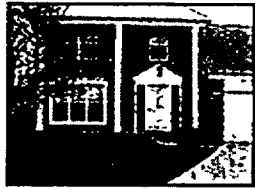
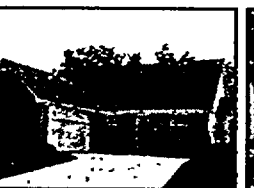
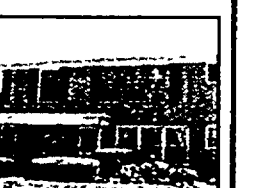
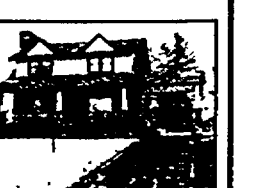
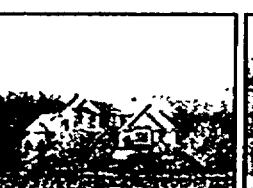
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Remodeled Kitchen, fresh paint, new carpet in Family Room, updated bath, extra deep fenced yard, & 2 car Garage. **\$114,900 (P-304BR)****CANTON COLONIAL** 4 bd, 3.5 baths, FR w/frpl, light oak Kitchen w/ceramic, 1st floor laundry, Master w/cath ceiling & bath, finished lower level, & stamped concrete Patio. **\$285,000 (P-552PO)****READY TO MOVE IN!** This beautiful 3 bd brick ranch in Canton offers neutral décor, fireplace, updated Kitchen & Bath, gorgeous yard, & all the big ticket items are done! Home warranty included. **\$207,900 (P-429WO)****LOCATION, LOCATION** Great interior location for this end unit condo w/new windows on main floor, furnace, hwh, neutral décor, 6 panel doors, private Deck, pool, clubhouse, full bsmt, & Garage. **\$185,000 (P-430WO)****JUST MOVE IN** This freshly painted 3 bd, 2.5 bath colonial is ready for you now! Island Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, 1st floor laundry, formal LR & DR, finished bsmt, & rec room. **\$222,900 (P-128RI)****GREAT BUNGALOW** Nice home featuring updated Kitchen, hwd floors under carpet, Master w/W/C, finished bsmt w/Family Room & bath, Deck, extra deep lot, & garage w/covered porch. **\$124,900 (P-527WA)****SPACIOUS LOT** Spectacular 4 bd colonial on a premium lot w/mature trees. Open floor plan, neutral décor, marble & ceramic tile, 2 tier Deck, Family Room, & finished bsmt. Freshly painted, new roof & carpet. **\$259,900 (P-379CL)****SUPER STARTER** 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch loaded w/updates. New w/mature trees. Open floor plan, updated furnace, plan, neutral décor, marble & ceramic tile, 2 tier Deck, Family Room, & finished bsmt. Freshly painted, new roof & carpet. **\$187,500 (P-120BA)****CHARMING CAPE** Wonderful 4 bd home featuring 2 baths, huge Master Suite, updated Kitchen w/Pergo, remodeled bath w/jacuzzi tub, tear off roof, updated windows, siding, 6 panel doors, & more. **\$182,500 (P-375FL)****NOVI CAPE COD** Gorgeous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home built in 2000. Bright, open floor plan, spacious island Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, 1st floor Master, 1st floor laundry, finished bsmt, & stamped concrete Patio. **\$339,900 (P-291HO)****ENVYABLE FLOOR PLAN** Extra large master on the upper level and 2 bedrooms on the main floor. Hardwood floors, new windows, new roof, kitchen w/nook, doorwall to fenced yard w/hot tub & 2 car garage. **\$119,889 (P-468IN)****BETTER THAN NEW** Built in 2004, this Farm Hills home offers a low traffic location backing to woods, huge 1st floor Master w/bath, neutral décor, ceramic foyer, granite Kitchen, 3 car Garage, & daylight bsmt. **\$535,000 (P-206LU)****OUTSTANDING** Beautiful 3 bd brick ranch w/2 car Garage, hwd floors, newer carpet, remodeled bath, all appliances, C/A, full bsmt, great curb appeal, & gigantic backyard. **\$98,000 (P-964OA)****STARTER CONDO** Great opportunity to own in popular Royal Oak community. Large living Room, spacious Master w/large closet, association dues include heat & water. **\$61,900 (P-230SH)****COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT** Opportunity knocks! Own a commercial building in Plymouth's Olde Village! Great income possibilities for a great price with 2 units plus storage. Large lot. 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Updated Kitchen, hwd floors, beautiful Deck, large yard, & more. **\$213,500 (C-221LA)****OUTSTANDING** Beautiful Plymouth home featuring 5 bd, 3 full & 2 half baths, 4 car Garage, open floor plan, cherry Kitchen w/granite, 1st floor laundry, luxurious Master w/bath, & premium walkout lot. **\$750,000 (P-571OL)****CARE FREE LIVING** Spacious ranch condo featuring 3 bd, 3 full & 2 half baths, 4 car LR & DR, Kitchen w/nook, Master w/cath ceiling, finished bsmt, 2 car attached Garage, & more. **\$234,000 (P-839PA)****CLEAN & GORGEOUS** This 3 bd brick ranch is super clean & neat. Large eat-in Kitchen, 3 LR & DR, Kitchen w/nook, finished windows, baths, roof, carpet, 2.5 car Garage, rec room/office area, & much more. **\$172,500 (C-732PI)****CUSTOM HOME** Impressive approach to this 1998 custom built home. Many high quality amenities, 4 bd, 3.5 baths, home gym, 3 car garage, finished bsmt, enclosed Deck, partially heated pole barn, & situated on 5 - acres. 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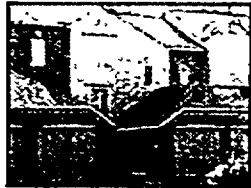
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\$134,900 (C-844CH)



SUPER CANTON QUAD Great location for this brick home w/13 acres of interior parks. Ceramic floors, fireplace, 18x11 lighted Deck, glass block, triple doorwall, vaulted ceilings & 1 yr home warranty.
\$197,500 (C-889C0)



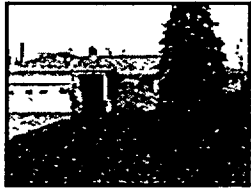
FANTASTIC END UNIT CONDO Open floor plan is great for entertaining 2 story entry w/ ceramic, Great Room w/cath ceiling & gas frpl, Dining Room w/doorwall to large Deck, Master suite, & finished bsmt w/office.
\$219,900 (C-239ED)



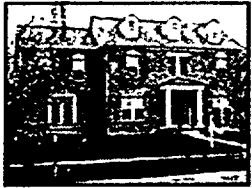
COUNTRY RANCH Move right into this 5 bd ranch situated on 5 acres w/creek winding thru it. Great Canton location, 2 natural fireplaces, game room & too much more to list.
\$489,900 (C-150HA)



NOT YOUR TYPICAL RANCH Beautiful 3 bd, 2 bath ranch w/ many updates Living * Dning rooms, gorgeous Great Room, updated Kitchen & Bath, & part finished bsmt w/full bath.
\$152,900 (C-655IR)



MECHANIC'S DREAM Let your dreams come true in this 3 bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Garage w/pt & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, nice eat in Kitchen, full bsmt & covered Pabo.
\$214,000 (C-025J0)



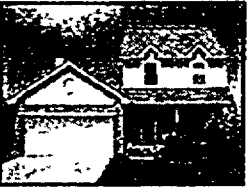
NEW COLONIAL Transfer forces sale of this recently built home w/over 65k in upgrades. Cherry Kitchen w/granite, plasma tv, new sod & sprinklers & more. You cannot build a new home here for less than this price, lets make a deal!
\$399,999 (C-488LA)



A NATURAL BEAUTY Custom ranch on 5 acres in Canton. Features include: 9' ceilings, egress windows, "euro style" island kitchen w/granite, ceramic floors, side entry garage & an out of this world master.
\$350,000 (C-250M0)



WHAT A HOUSE! Beautiful custom ranch w/2775 sq ft, in ground pool, 2 fireplaces, a Master Suite you have to see to believe, huge Kitchen, Florida Room, & a private 1 acre lot.
\$369,900 (C-030NE)



CARE FREE LIVING Maples of Novi colonial condo featuring an open floor plan, 3 bd, 2.5 baths, formal LR & DR, Family Room w/ frpl & doorwall to Deck, Master w/WC & bath, & fantastic walkout bsmt.
\$229,000 (C-842PA)



PLYMOUTH CHARMER 2 bd, 1 bath condo featuring Kitchen w/ all appl, laundry room w/washer & dryer, large Living Room w/ doorwall to Deck, Master w/ doorwall to deck & low association dues.
\$109,900 (C-650PL)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY Great price & location for this home. Plenty of room to roam, 3 bd, 2 baths, formal LR, FR, updated windows, new gutters w/guards, updated Kitchen & more.
\$175,000 (C-818RA)



BUILDER'S HOME You'll find features here that are found only in the most elite of custom homes. Maple cabinets, granite, tray ceilings, Master bath w/ heated floor, finished walkout, 1100 sq ft Deck & 2.6 acres.
\$425,000 (C-909RA)



AWESOME OPPORTUNITY 2 bd condo w/over 1100 sq ft, Master w/WC, fresh neutral paint & carpet, Great Room w/cath ceiling, formal DR, open floor plan, & all appliances stay.
\$108,500 (C-839W7)



DESIRABLE AREA 3 bd, 1.5 bath brick home in a great area. Family Room w/frpl, part finished bsmt, 2 car attached Garage, all appliances included, & immediate occupancy.
\$189,900 (C-308W7)



WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY Nice home feat. 3 bd, 1.5 baths, open floor plan, formal LR, oak Kitchen w/Nook, cath ceiling, Family Room, finished bsmt, updated hwh, elec, sprinklers, & too much more to list.
\$159,900 (C-227FRA)



TURN KEY CONDO Lavishly updated condo complete w/all the upgrades. All appliances included, pond views from the Deck. Move right in. Also for lease.
\$159,000 (C-882HA)



NORTHVILLE-ON THE LAKE! Live on Crystal Lake in this pristine condo that is beautifully updated & maintained 2 bd, 1.5 baths, area pool, tennis, & clubhouse, & Northville Schools.
\$143,900 (C-830IR)



BETTER THAN NEW Built in 2004, this home has it all! Front porch overlooks park, prof finished lower level, Master w/ bath & vaulted ceiling, Living Room w/frpl, 3 bd, 2.5 baths, & appl stay.
\$190,000 (C-337LE)



GREAT BUY! Own your own home for under 100k! Updated V o. 2 bd, 1 bath, balcony overlooks pool, private laundry room, large Master w/WC, newer carpet & fixtures.
\$84,900 (C-494MA)



CUSTOM BUILT This is it! Gorgeous home featuring a 2 story Foyer, Great Room w/ marble fireplace, gourmet island Kitchen w/granite, 1st floor Master Suite, formal Dning, brick paver Patio, & backs to commons.
\$475,000 (P-020AB)



HI-RISE CONDO Great Plymouth location for this 2 bd, 2 bath condo that was completely remodeled in 2002. Neutral carpet, Kitchen w/granite, Master w/WC & nice balcony.
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GORGEOUS WOODED SETTING Fabulous colonial situated on .5 acre lot. Updates include Kitchen, roof, baths, flooring, carpet, brick paver patio, Family Room w/frpl, 2nd car laundry, full bsmt, & very private yard.
\$359,900 (P-618QA)



HOME SWEET HOME This updated ranch is ready to move into. Updates include furnace, roof, porch, & windows. Large Living Room, nice Kitchen w/all appl, finished lower level, & 2.5 car Garage.
\$144,900 (P-327GI)



ELEGANT CONDO Enjoy the convenience of condo living in beautiful Links of Fellows Creek. 2 bd, 2 bath, Master w/large W/C, upgraded kitchen cab's, carpet, custom valances & blinds, & area pool & clubhouse.
\$180,000 (P-483GL)



GREAT BUY! Open & airy condo featuring 2 bd, 2.5 baths, att 2 car Garage, full bsmt, Great Room w/vaulted ceiling, doorwall leading to Deck w/new of pond, upper level w/loft or Den area. Great location.
\$172,900 (P-282HE)



CONDO FOR LEASE Comfort & style in this ranch end unit condo w/full bsmt, attached Garage, breakfast area, & close to everything. Lease terms negotiable.
\$900/month (P-283IN)



LIVONIA RANCH Nice brick ranch on a huge lot. Updated include Kitchen, concrete, roof, & mechanic's dream 30 x 24 heated Garage. A country feel w/ plenty of large trees in fully fenced yard.
\$184,900 (P-4050P)



FULLY FURNISHED CONDO Perfect for rental or 1st time buyer. Very clean, 2 bd, 1 bath, open floor plan, large Dning Area, Deck off Living Room & Master, neutral decor U/o, & all appl stay.
\$120,000 (P-670PL)



TURN KEY CONDO Decorated to the "nines" Kitchen w/ cherrywood cabinets, stain steel appl's, Master Suite w/cath ceiling & W/C, & comes almost fully furnished! Call for details.
\$182,780 (C-114RA)



SPACIOUS COLONIAL Great home featuring 5 bd, 3.5 baths, formal LR & DR, Family Room w/ frpl, beautiful Master Suite, oak paneled Library, 1st floor laundry, finished walkout & backs to wooded ravines.
\$419,900 (P-903SU)



ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS Great interior lot! Bright open floor plan, island Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl & soaring ceilings, formal LR & DR, Master w/bath & W/C, & finished lower level w/ bath, sauna, & workshop.
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Preparing your roof for harsh weather



It's important to inspect your roof twice a year.

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That's why it's important to give your roof an inspection twice a year — in the spring, after severe weather, and then again before the worst of winter weather sets in. Keep an eye out for telltale signs of wear, such as loose or missing shingles and deteriorated flashing (the metal that seals bends and joints on skylights, chimneys, etc.). More than 90 percent of all roof damage occurs in these areas. Try these additional tips:

- Inspect the roof edge for damage caused by wind, driving rain and ice dams (where water freezes and backs up under the roofing system).

- Watch for discolorations on the roof, especially dark spots. They could be signs of moisture damage and algae or mold growth.

- Clean your gutters, leaders, window wells and drains of any debris. Leaves, sticks and other items can cause water to back up and flow under the roof. It's also important to make sure gutters are securely fastened to your house and to direct all downspouts away from your foundation.

MAINTAINING ROOF HEALTH

If you spot damage, work with a professional roofing contractor who uses quality materials. Doing so can save you time and money and prolong the life of your roof. Plus, it can keep you from having to spring for costly repairs down the road.

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'Realcomp Mobile™' to serve needs of on-the-go real estate professionals

To meet the demand of real estate professionals needing to access MLS data any time, anywhere, Realcomp II Ltd. recently announced the launch of its new Realcomp Mobile™ MLS access service. Offered exclusively to Realcomp REALTORS®, this new service gives real estate professionals the ability to better serve their customers and clients by creating real time wireless access to important property data and photos.

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"As the real estate industry evolves



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makes the REALTORS® job easier, it enhances the service options they can offer to their clients."

Over the past year, Realcomp has launched other services and technology to benefit REALTORS®. These include enhanced online forms through a Web-based application that allows real estate professionals to enter transactional data into the system once and automatically populate all associated forms for that transaction, and Realist®, a national public record data product. In 2007, Realcomp plans to introduce ShowingAssist™ — an innovative, online-based property showing and scheduling system and an integrated Transaction Management System.

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As a special introduction, Realcomp Mobile™ is being offered free of charge to all Realcomp Subscribers throughout the first quarter of 2007.

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Court finds garage sale not a nuisance

Q. One of our members of our condo association wants to conduct a garage sale and there is nothing in our documents that specifically prohibits it. Can the board, in any event, do so?



Robert Meisner

A. Based upon a recent New York case on similar facts, the garage sale was not deemed to be nuisance and the board did not have the authority to impose a fine. The court said that the board's powers were derived from state law and the association governing documents and neither banned garage sales. The only way the board could consider the garage sale to be a prohibited nuisance was if the board could prove that it substantially inconvenienced and caused other members damages. But in the case in question, the board could not prove either one of those things.

Q. A section of fence area fell from our roof at the condominium injuring two persons who were on a public sidewalk in front of our unit. They are suing the Association and its Board of Directors for negligent failure to maintain the common elements including a roof top security fence. They are also claiming damages in excess of the amount of our insurance and are suing individual co-owners of the condominium. Do you think we have any liability?

A. It, of course, depends upon the state in which you are located but in a case of first impression in New York, the court held that the unit owners did not have statutory liability for safe maintenance of the building because the nature of the unit owners interest in the common elements is "materially dissimilar to the free hold interest" normally held by owners of multiple dwellings. The court also indicated in that case that vicarious liability for unit owners was inappropriate because the common elements were solely under the control of the board of managers. It would appear, therefore, that the individuals may have some immunity from liability since it should be a corporate obligation, namely that of the association.

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

State group hosts annual conference

The Michigan Association of REALTORS® is hosting its annual Achieve Leadership Conference, Jan. 18-19 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

This year's conference will feature an exciting lineup of nationally recognized speakers, including REALTOR® and author Roger Turcotte, and Emmy-Award winning TV reporter Jeff Criley. Other highlights of the event include the extensive coverage of industry leadership issues, with key MAR speakers Greg McClelland, Gail Anderson and Rob Campau, and the installation ceremony for MAR's 2007 incoming officers and president, Furhad Waquad of Real Estate One in Bloomfield Hills.

Waquad has been a REALTOR® since 1988, and was awarded the MAR REALTOR® Active in Politics in 2002 and named REALTOR® of the Year in 2003. He is the only MAR member to ever be

awarded both of these honors back to back. Some of his other accomplishments include being appointed by former Gov. Engler to serve on the Michigan Commission on Asia in Schools, and earning the GRI, CRS, ABR, CIPS and RCS industry designations.

For more information on Achieve 2007 or to obtain media passes, please contact Corie Costello at ccostello@mirealtors.com or 800.454.7842.

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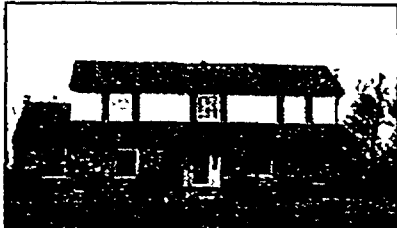
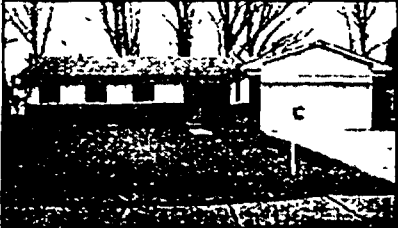
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Priv Entrance Condo. Additional 1300 SqFt Pro Fin Lower W/O. Mstr Bed Ste W/2 W/c & Glam Bath. Doorwalls Lead To Huge Deck. Atrium W/hot Tub.
MLS# 26217412 248-347-3050**LYONS** \$345,000
4 BD Colonial. Pergo Floors, Fla Rm W/Hot Tub, 1.5 Acres. Pole Barn, Master Ste. Newer Septic, Furnace, Water Heater. Will Consider Land Contract
MLS# 26211275 248-437-4500**HAMBURG** \$339,000
Yesteryear Charmer! Restored 4 BR, 2 BA Greek Revival farmhse on 2.2 acres. 2-sided fireplace, 9' ceilings, 3-car carriage hse, white fencing & more.
MLS# 27003726 248-437-4500**CANTON** \$335,000
2-story foyer w/HWD thru grmt kit w/huge isl. Bkfst nk w/dnwl to deck. Crown mldg U/o. FR w/ gas FP. Vtd mstr ste w/W/C & glam BA w/W/C & dbl sinks.
MLS# 26209499 734-453-6800**LIVONIA** \$305,000
Large Family home. 5 BR, 3.5 bth, Gr w/Fp, Dr, 1st flr lndry, 1st flr. MBR w/walk-in, jet tub & private deck. Finished basement w/wet bar.
MLS# 26219031 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$275,000
Open foyer w/cer tile. Grml kit w/granite & stainless. FR w/natural FP & dnwl to new brick paver patio. Glam BA w/cer, skylight, jet tub & ped sink.
MLS# 26209490 734-453-6800**VAN BUREN** \$270,000
4 Br 2 Bth Col On 3 Acres Kit W/oak Cabs, Loft As 4th Br & Dr W/bay Win, Fr W/slate Fir & Opn To Lg Dk. Grnds Incl Pool, Pole Brn Wkshp W/wd Fir.
MLS# 26216072 248-347-3050**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$264,900
4 Br, 2.5 Bath Mbr Ste W/updated Bathrm & Balcony Off Mbr. Br's W/ Hw Firs, Marble Fp In Fr. Updated Replaced Klt. Cabs, Cntrs, Crwn Mldng In Lr & Dr
MLS# 26215661 248-347-3050**LIVONIA** \$264,900
1st Flr Mstr BR W/ Jet Tub & Walk In Shower. 1st Flr Lndry, Balcony Overlooks GR. Doorwall From DR Leads To brick Patio. Fully Fin Rec Rm In Full Bsmt.
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SOUTH LYON \$260,000
 Pool & Clubhouse. Upgrades: 42" Maple Cabs, granite T/O, Carpet, Lighting, & Tile. 1st Flr Lndry, Fp In Gr. \$10,000 Bonus To Buyer W/accept. Offer
 MLS# 26214509 248-347-3050



NOVI \$259,900
 Over \$20,000 in Upgrades. Recessed Lighting T/O Condo. HW Flrs T/O 1st Flr. Kit W/Corian Counters. 1st Flr Lndry. 3BRs: Mstr Ste W/ Jet Tub & Sep Shower
 MLS# 26207720 248-347-3050



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$250,000
POTTERY BARN PERFECT!!!. Spotless colonial is move in MINT! Hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths & countless amenities. Nice yard. Check the V-four
 MLS# 26217156 248-360-1425



GENOA \$249,900
 New Lg GR w/french doors. Door wall & Hot Tub. Bonus Room off Master. Needs TLC to Complete. Finishing material in Garage. 2.4 Acres, Brighton Schools
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CANTON \$209,750
 Well priced 4BR, 2.1 BA Colonial with over \$28,000 in updates since 1999! Open Kit (all appls incl). Cozy FR w/FP. Formal DR. Fabulous master w/WC.
 MLS# 27000580 734-453-6800



SALEM \$205,000
 Almost 6 acres on paved road in established subdivision. Beautiful wooded site with stream. Twp taxes, South Lyon Schools. 1 of 10 lots left.
 MLS# 26117128 Wanda Wozniak 248-437-4500



LIVONIA \$189,900
 Brick Colonial. 150 Ft Lot, nicely Landscaped. Newer Kit, Energy Furnace, Lrg FR W/FP Leads To Covered Patio. Oak Flrs. Cement Turn-around In Front.
 MLS# 26204290 248-347-3050



FARMINGTON \$185,000
 New Roof, Hi-eff Furnace, Vinyl Windows, & Front Dr. Updated Kit W/Granite Cnters. Fin w/o W/FR, Patio/deck W/hot Tub, 2.5 Car Gar, Hw Flrs On 1st flr
 MLS# 27000414 248-347-3050



CANTON \$180,000
 3 BRs & 1.5 Bths. Brick Ranch w/Almost 1300 SqFt. C/a Plus Ceiling Fans, FP in Fam Rm, Apples Stay, Fin Bsmnt & 2 Car garage W/ Opener. In-ground Pool
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COMMERCE \$179,900
 Beauty and relaxation awaits you with this charming rustic 3BD, 1BA ranch home w/ Commerce Lk access. Close to schools, x-ways and shopping. A MUST see!
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NOVI \$165,000
 Perfect For Corp. Living, 2nd Flr Offers exercise Rm, Pool, Community Rm, Lake View, All Appls Incl. Mstr Ste W/wic, Priv Bth, 2nd bdrm W/bth.
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LIVONIA \$160,000
 Best Buy! 3 Bdrm 1.5 Bath Brick. Updates Incl. Kit, Ceramic Flr, Appliances. Newer Hw Flrs. Huge Garage. Ready To Move In. Gotta See This One.
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GARDEN CITY \$149,900
 3 Bedroom Bungalow. Nw Windows/Storm Doors. Nw Roof, Furnace, AC & Water Heater. Lg Backyard W/above Pool & Deck. Lg Utility Rm, MTR BD On Main Fl.
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SOUTHFIELD \$145,000
 Updates Have Been Done: Windows, Roof, Vinyl Siding & 95% High Efficiency Furnace. Walk To Shopping, Restaurants & Miller Park. Subject To Short Sale.
 MLS# 26212658 248-347-3050



COMMERCE \$140,000
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$135,000
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$134,900
 This Updated Bungalow is Nestled On 1.5 Lots. Features A MBR Suite, Wet Bar, And MB. New Lighting, Carpet, Windows, Roof, Siding, Flooring, And More!
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REDFORD \$129,900
 All Brick Home, Highly Maintained, 1-1/2 Lots, Fin Bsmnt w/Storage. Updates Incl: Bth, New Roof, Windows, Furnace, AC & Water Heater. Lg Backyard W/above Pool & Deck. Lg Utility Rm, HW Flrs.
 MLS# 27001044 248-347-3050



REDFORD \$129,900
 Kit W/newer Oak Cabs, Recessed & Track Lighting. 3 Br's On Main Flr, Updated Main Bath, New 4th Br. 2nd Flr Mstr Ste. Fin Bsmnt W/custom Cedar Ceiling
 MLS# 26211119 248-347-3050



WESTLAND \$120,000
 Double lot with fenced yard on quite dead end street. Livonia Schools. Open flrplan w/HDWD T/O. Updates: furn, BA, Kit nk w/dnwl to deck w/hot tub.
 MLS# 26209473 734-453-6800



TAYLOR \$112,900
 Mint Condition Completely Updated Condo In Gated Community. New Kit, W/cherry Cabinets, New Appliances. Custom Trim Throughout. Move In Condition.
 MLS# 26206257 Frank Feldt ABR, CMRS 734-591-0333



RIVER ROUGE \$99,000
 Well Maintained Ranch With Attached Garage and Finished Bsmnt. Updates Include New Garage Door and Opener, New toilet, and New Patio Door.
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$93,900
 Wonderful Starter Home. Completely Updated W/ spacious Master Bg, walk-in Closet & Completely Remodeled Bath. New Kit And Flooring. This Is A Great Area.
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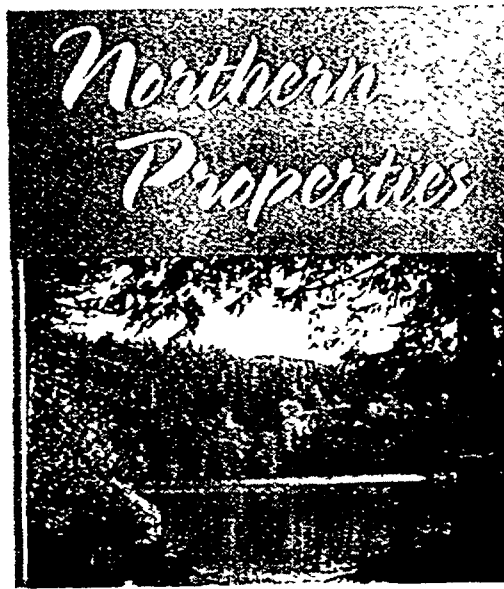


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	Canton		
1834 Ashbourne Dr	\$148,000	179 Village Way Blvd	\$40,000
2110 Ashbourne Dr	\$161,000		Farmington
2111 Ashbourne Dr	\$161,000	35551 Heritage Ln	\$165,000
42336 Chase Dr	\$310,000	31781 Lamar St	\$189,000
314 Constitution St	\$185,000	23133 Lilac St	\$125,000
257 Cornell St	\$240,000	33242 Slocum St	\$220,000
44265 Cranberry Dr	\$340,000	23215 Violet St	\$144,000
41741 Echo Forest Dr	\$340,000		Farmington Hills
44240 Fair Oaks Dr	\$203,000	23175 Albion Ave	\$162,000
41474 Hanford Rd	\$238,000	33076 Biddestone Ln	\$230,000
46541 Hanford Rd	\$252,000	25835 Branchaster Rd	\$240,000
39683 John Dr	\$183,000	28021 Brandywine Rd	\$164,000
2431 Knollwood Dr	\$166,000	34580 Bunker Hill Dr	\$250,000
2570 Liberty St S	\$390,000	21440 Collingham Ave	\$98,000
46797 Mornington Rd	\$370,000	29059 Forest Hill Dr	\$310,000
1049 Mystic Ct	\$311,000	31785 Homewood Dr	\$273,000
246 N Village Way	\$40,000	25717 Lynford St	\$220,000
8506 Newbury Ct N	\$219,000	36567 Martel Ct	\$262,000
41381 Northwind Dr	\$115,000	30414 Orchard Lake Rd	\$140,000
1591 Peninsula Ct	\$290,000	24365 Power Rd	\$203,000
363 Pinehurst Dr	\$400,000	34675 Princeton St	\$220,000
2552 Pond View Ct	\$440,000	37973 Rhonswood Dr	\$290,000
795 Queens Way	\$215,000	28868 Rockledge Dr	\$285,000
42720 Redfern St	\$259,000	21744 Ruth St	\$154,000
390 Robyn Dr	\$193,000	30005 Shiawassee Rd	\$185,000
48346 Roundstone Ct	\$143,000	29504 Sylvan Ln	\$220,000
50051 S Wintergarden Ct	\$146,000	27265 W Skye Dr	\$257,000
41982 Saratoga Cir	\$175,000	28751 Wintergreen	\$867,000
41082 Southwind Dr	\$117,000		Garden City
5903 Valley View Dr	\$100,000	816 Arcola St	\$150,000
		30755 Barton St	\$109,000
		28979 Bock St	\$151,000
		31025 Brown St	\$225,000
		1652 Harrison St	\$130,000
		31437 Maplewood St	\$191,000
		258 N Venoy Cir	\$135,000
			Livonia
		36549 Ann Arbor Trl	\$250,000
		27856 Barkley St	\$179,000
		9251 Cardwell St	\$108,000
		9837 Fairfield St	\$163,000
		14509 Fairway St	\$170,000
		11192 Garden St	\$132,000
		18321 Glengarry Dr	\$356,000
		29184 Grandon St	\$148,000
		14122 Hubbard St	\$219,000
		18905 Irving St	\$217,000
		18525 Levan Rd	\$208,000
		29738 Mason St	\$125,000
		14036 Mayfield St	\$247,000
		20114 Mayfield St	\$300,000
		31640 Myrna St	\$400,000
		29532 Nottingham Ct	\$143,000
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27621 Pickford St	\$170,000
29514 Pickford St	\$154,000
16345 Pollyanna St	\$204,000
14882 Riverside St	\$260,000
Milford	
660 Bellevue	\$234,000
3111 Granda Vista Dr	\$239,000
937 Pearson Dr	\$203,000
936 Queen St	\$170,000
548 River Oaks Dr	\$281,000
709 Squire Ln	\$220,000
Northville	
19064 Angell Blvd	\$616,000
18744 Bayberry Way	\$637,000
46562 Crystal Downs W	\$628,000
16764 Dover Dr	\$149,000
45685 Greenridge Dr	\$345,000
39413 Jasmine Cir	\$466,000
49186 Rainbow Ln N	\$358,000
49185 Rainbow Ln S	\$389,000
20145 Woodbend Dr	\$372,000
16721 Yellowstone Dr	\$196,000
Novi	
41915 Canterbury Dr	\$176,000
25896 Clark St	\$180,000
45254 Jacob Dr	\$358,000
40576 Ladene Ln	\$235,000
40632 Lenox Park Dr	\$344,000
40658 Lenox Park Dr	\$369,000
45667 Marlborough Pl	\$468,000
41851 Ridge Rd E	\$235,000
45613 S Lake Dr	\$436,000

22359 Sunrise Blvd	\$249,000
25331 Sutton Ct	\$675,000
Plymouth	
9294 Ball St	\$199,000
748 Coolidge St	\$219,000
46733 Danbridge St	\$378,000
163 Hamilton	\$294,000
11486 N Haggerty Rd	\$209,000
1683 Nantucket Rd	\$243,000
40239 Newport Dr	\$121,000
40869 Newport Dr	\$117,000
40879 Newport Dr	\$128,000
11132 Tremont Ln	\$282,000
50550 W Fellows Creek Ct	\$700,000
12392 White Tail Ct	\$520,000
Redford	
26527 Clarita	\$148,000
18406 Delaware Ave	\$135,000
17356 Fox	\$123,000
19664 Garfield	\$125,000
12064 Hemingway	\$156,000
19969 Indian	\$91,000
16180 Kinloch	\$139,000
15602 Lola Dr	\$175,000
8991 Lucerne	\$147,000
19335 Norborne	\$38,000
9913 Riverdale	\$140,000
13536 Salem	\$152,000
14314 San Jose	\$120,000
9551 Sarasota	\$129,000
12871 Sioux	\$151,000
20560 Sumner	\$129,000
25835 Westfield	\$165,000
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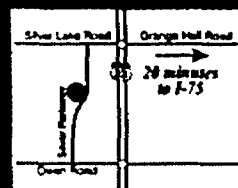
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23688 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$458,000	30892 Birchwood St	\$100,000
27950 Marcellus Dr	\$345,000	33701 Cherry Hill Rd	\$163,000
26670 Pontiac Trl	\$270,000	33679 Glen St	\$178,000
23684 Prescott Lake W	\$468,000	36030 Hazelwood St	\$108,000
		1496 Lillian St	\$105,000
		34801 Melton St	\$145,000
		34335 Parkgrove Dr	\$320,000
		5310 S Middlebelt Rd	\$109,000
		1369 S Parent St	\$145,000

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Michelle Walder has joined Paragon Property Management Services as director of operations, a new position for the growing commercial real estate firm.



Walder

Walder had been controller at Etkin Equities in Southfield. A Walled Lake resident, Walder earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Walsh College, and has more than 12 years of experi-

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BLOOMFIELD TWP - Great 5 bedrm, 2.5 bath family home on a lg lot! Updated include: cherry ktch w/ granite counters, carpet, paint, huge 4 Season rm leading to park-like setting, hardwood flrs in office & family rm, full wall fireplace+more. \$369,900 (D17Wag)

CANTON - Great buy in Pheasant Ridge on cul-de-sac. Premium elevation on this better-than-new 4 bedrm 2.5 bath home w/grand foyer, wonderful maple ktchn, beautiful lg deck over-looking prof landscaped yard, daylight bsmt + \$3000 buyers incentivel \$459,000 (L34Lin)

CANTON - Beautiful huge 4 bedrm, 3.5 bath home on choice lot backing to pond w/woods. Dream ktchn w/lg island, Jack & Jill luxury master w/2 walk-in-closets, daylight bsmt, 3 car side entry garage + more! \$399,900 (L101Hud)

CANTON - Enjoy this charming 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath colonial in Sunflower Village Sub w/tennis cts, pool & club house. 2 tier deck overlooking professionally landscaped yard. Many updates + beautifully fin'd basement w/office space. \$268,000 (L75Han)



FARMINGTON HILLS - "Ready to move into" 2 bedrm, 2.5 bath condo in lovely private setting on premium lot. Great rm w/gas frplc & door wall to private deck, fin'd lower level w/ fresh paint & new carpet, new roof '05, security alarm...a great unit for the money! \$169,900 (D90Mis)

NOVI - Fantastic 2 bedrm, 1.5 bath condo w/ open fir plan, neutral carpet, new ktchn, ceramic fir, updated baths, master w/cathedral ceiling & walk-in-closet, cedar deck & privacy fence, etc. Complex offers clubhouse, pool & tennis! \$129,900 (L02Woo)

PINCKNEY VILLAGE - Beautifully updated 3 bedrm home on large lot at great value! Lower level prepped & framed for 2nd full bath, newer roof '05, H2O heater '05, furnace '03, newer garage door, interior freshly painted + more. Great neighborhood! \$165,999 (L68Ash)

MILFORD - Charming 3 bedrm, 2 full bath ranch on beautiful hillside lot within walking distance to historic, quaint Milford. Spacious floor plan, warm oak ktchn, neutral liv rm, 2 lg decks, paver patio + more. Home Warranty included. \$159,900 (L18Mai)

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Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	5.875	0.25	5.625	0.25	J/A/V/F
Michigan United Mortgage	(810) 844-2222	5.5	1.625	5.125	1.5	J/A
National City Bank	(586) 825-0825	5.875	1.875	5.5	2	J/A
Northlawn Financial	(248) 988-8488	5.875	0	5.625	0	J/A/V/F
Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 726-2274	5.875	0	5.625	0	J/A/F
Premiere Mortgage Funding	(734) 453-8120	5.875	0	5.625	0	J/A
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-6663	5.5	3	5.125	3	J/A/V/F
United Mortgage Group	(586) 286-9500	5.875	0	5.625	0	J/A
York Financial Inc.	(888) 839-9675	5.875	0	5.625	0	J/A

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Farmington Hills (just north of 12 Mile on the east side of the road). It is sponsored by Century 21 Today Inc.

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RSVP by calling (248) 855-2000, ext. 219, or e-mailing Mpopp@Century21Today.com.

Career seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a career seminar at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Plymouth Office, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road Suite 100, in Plymouth.

The seminar will explore a career in real estate. Find out all you need to know about costs, compensation, training and prelicensure requirements.

RSVP by calling (734) 459-4700.

Mortgage credit seminar

Approved Mortgages is hosting a seminar on how to improve your credit score from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Public Library of

Westland located at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

Call Diane Adamick at (734) 516-8043 to register.

Builders Institute

The Oakland Builders Institute will offer:

■ A 16-hour seminar to help students pass the Michigan state builder's license exam. It will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20-21, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of the Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes as well as real estate investors, developers and building trades people. Cost is \$205 including manual, sample questions and text application. A \$25 deposit is needed by Jan. 18 to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48306. To register, call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 or online at www.buildersinstitute.com.

■ A seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license exam will be offered by the institute in cooperation with Lake Orion Community Education. It will be 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 22, 24, 29 and 31, at the Community Education Resource Center, 455 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes as well as real estate investors, developers and building trades people. Cost is \$199 plus \$20 for

textbook and sample questions. Preregistration with payment is needed by Jan. 18 to Lake Orion Community Education. Call (248) 693-5436 to register.

■ A seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license exam will be offered by the institute in cooperation with Walled Lake Community Education. It will be 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 22, 24, 29 and 31, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes as well as real estate investors, developers and building trades people. Cost is \$199 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions. Preregistration with

payment is needed by Jan. 18 to Walled Lake Community Education. Call (248) 956-5000 to register.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland County (REIA of Oakland) is a nonprofit organization that provides new and seasoned real estate investors a forum for networking, education and socialization with local and nationally known real estate investment experts. It meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at the MSU Management Education Center 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy, MI 48098. For more information, or to join REIA, visit www.reiaofokland.com or call (248) 663-2350.

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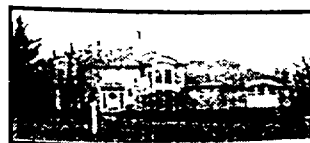
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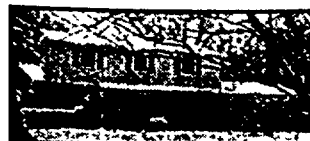
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NOV1 TOWNHOUSE END UNIT WITH POND VIEW
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IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! GREAT LAKE VIEWS BACKING TO WOODS
This beautiful home w/premium stone elevation features 2 story foyer w/marble floor, kitchen w/42" maple cabinets & granite counters, butlers pantry, sunroom, bridge overlooking 2 story FR, jack & jill bath, awesome master suite, beach, clubhouse, tennis courts & pool in sub. \$815,000 (jgsh)



HEADER: BEST VALUE IN NORTHVILLE COLONY ESTATES
Family room w/natural fireplace, kitchen with granite countertops and ceramic tile, extensive wood detailing in master suite, neutral throughout, partially finished lower level, newer windows, roof & central air. Huge 20' x 19' deck overlooking large backyard. Immed. Occupancy \$269,900 (jgsh)



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BRIGHTON 4608 Huntington	3BR/2.1BA/2car/condo	\$315,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26067098	MILFORD 3170 E. Maple 1286 Yellowstone Valley Drive	4BR/2.1BA/2car/frpk 4BR/2.1BA/3car/bsmt	\$399,900 \$319,900	248-348-6430 248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26112518 realestateone.com/26185224
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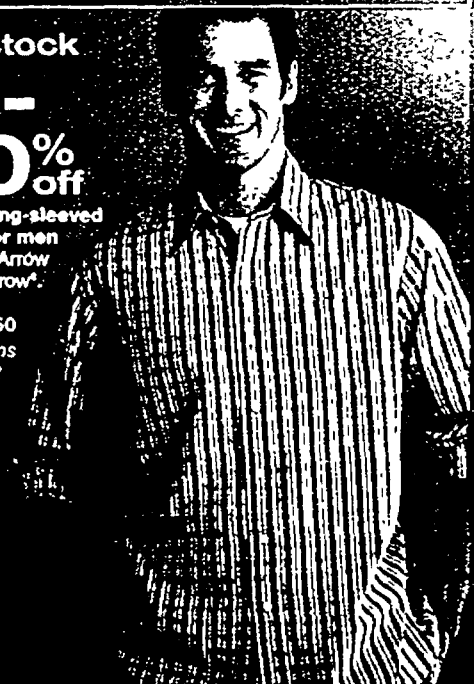


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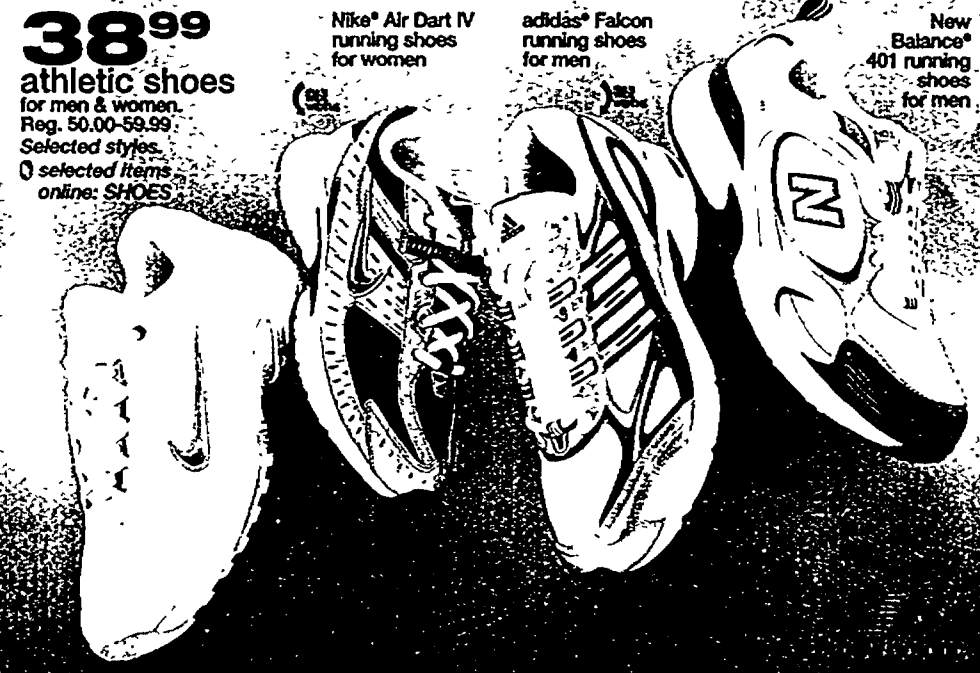


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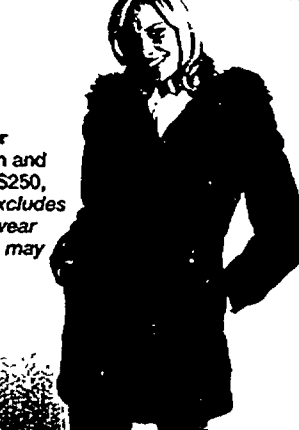
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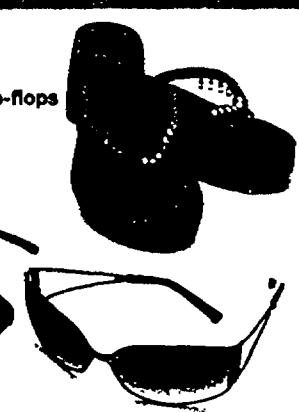
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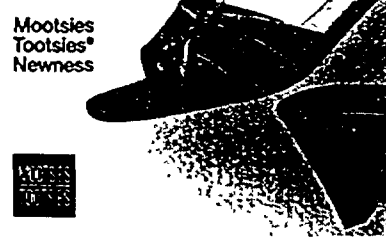
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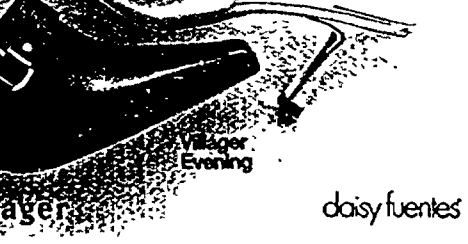
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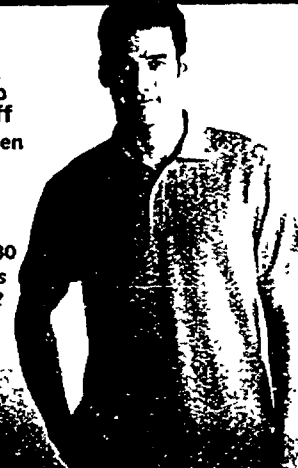
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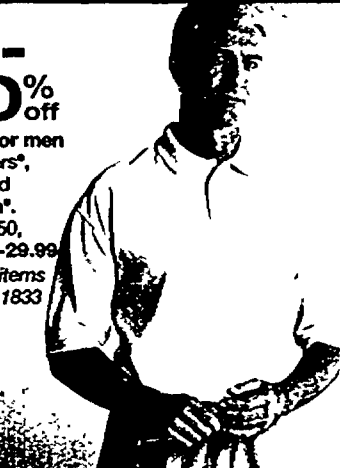
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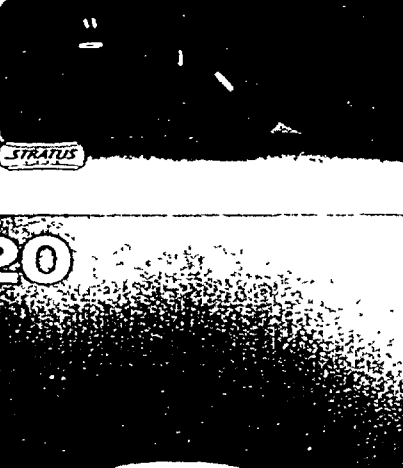
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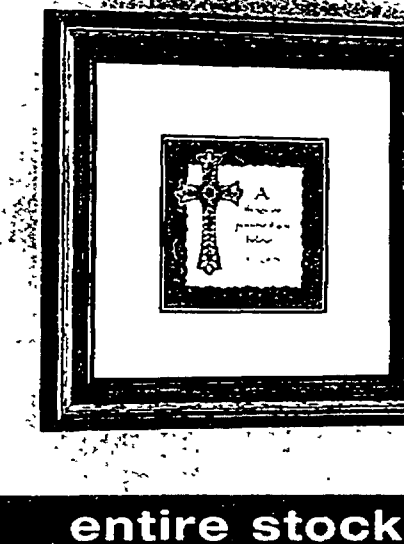
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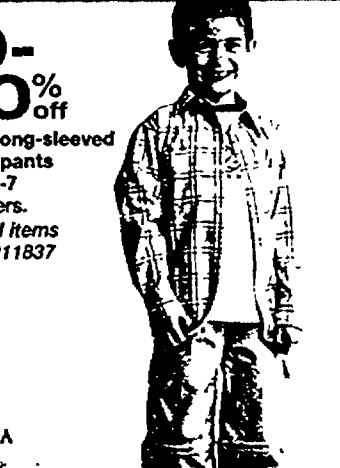
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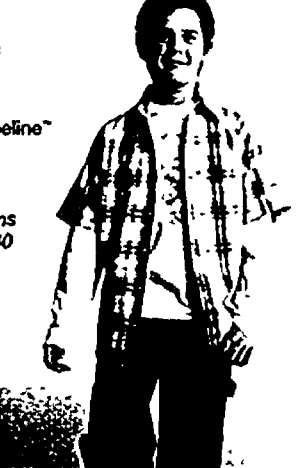
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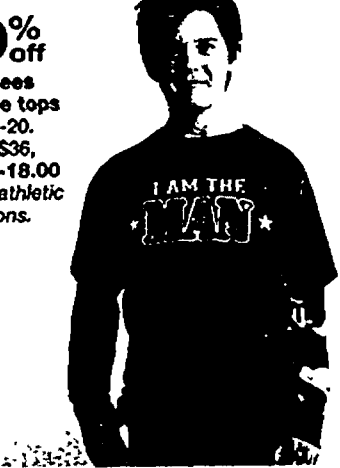
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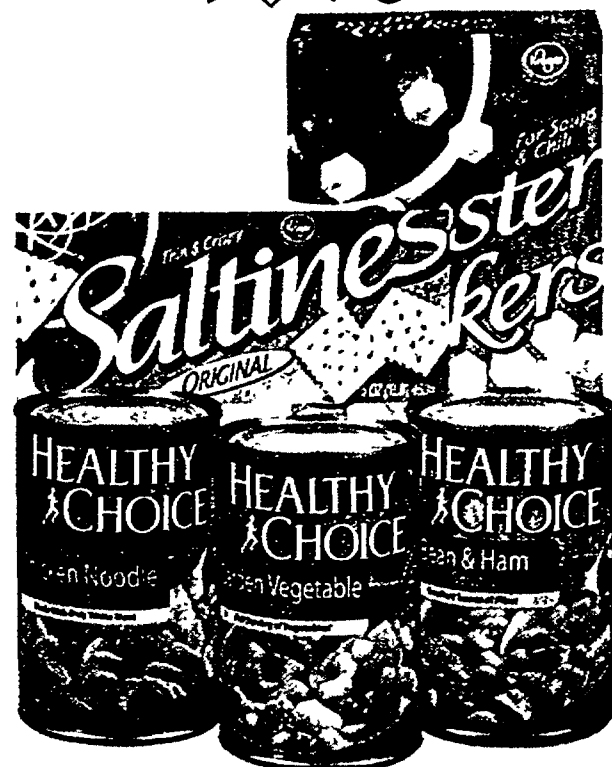
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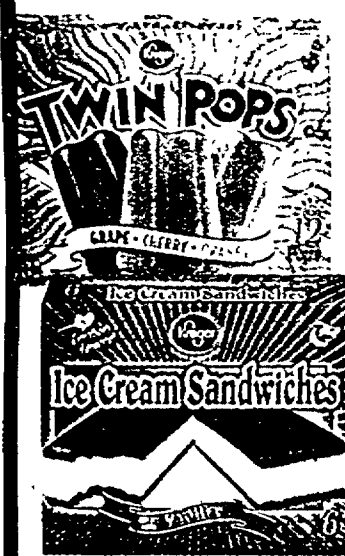
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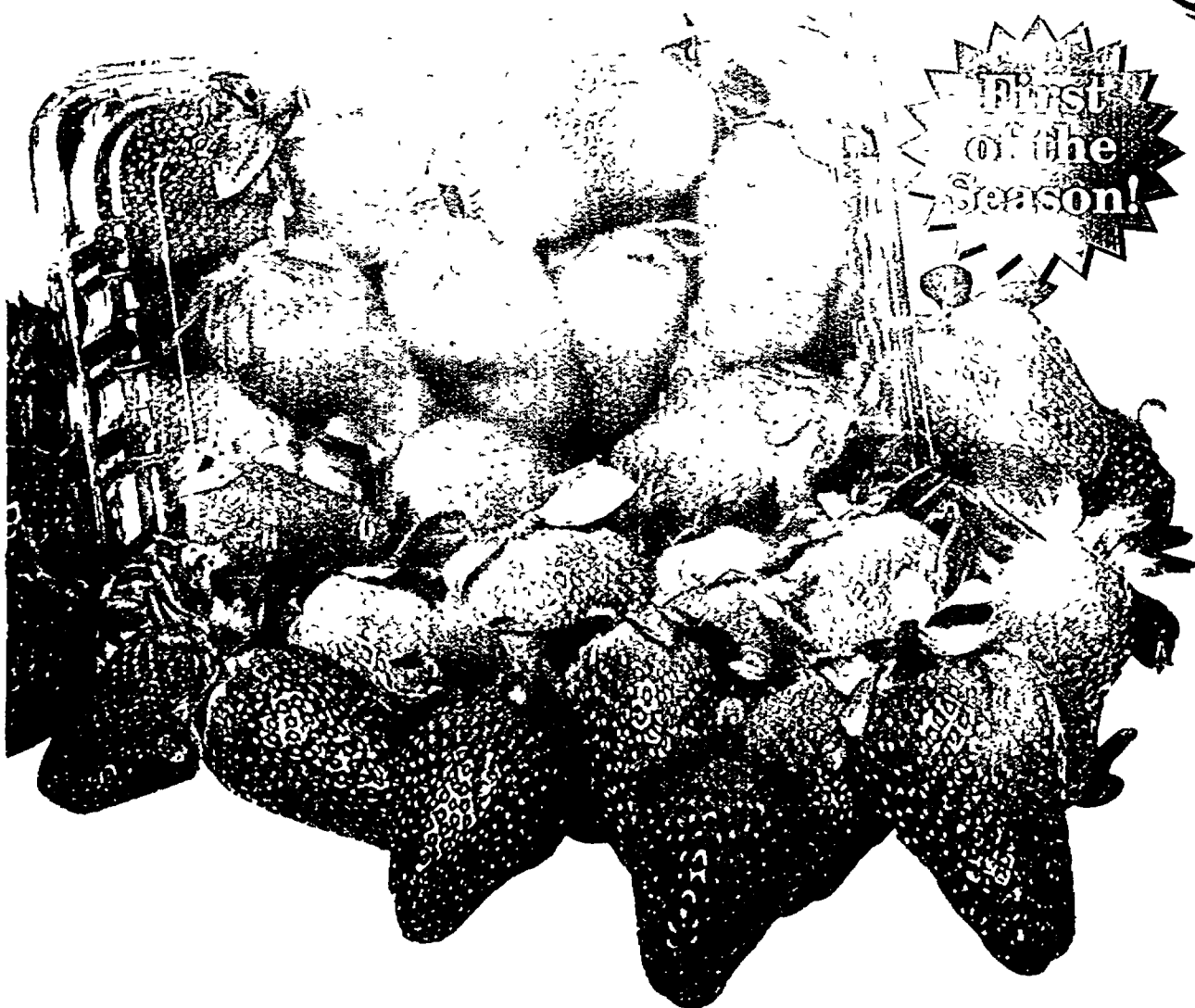
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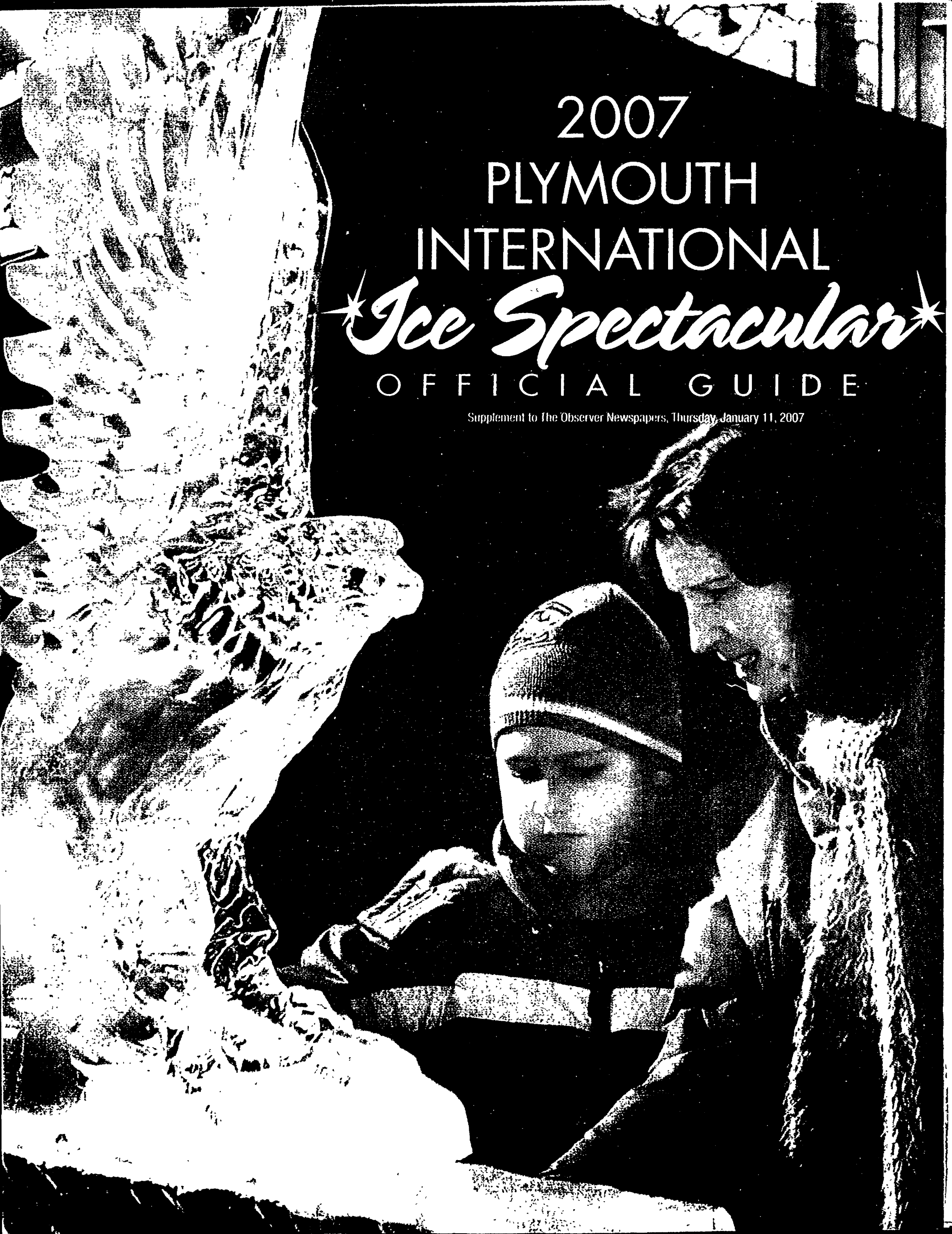
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Local artists carve name for themselves at ice fest

BY KELLY CLAWSON
STUDENT JOURNALIST

For the last 25 years, Plymouth has been the home of a very special event, one that draws people from all over Michigan.

As the holiday break reaches its end, Plymouth once again embraces a celebration that has become a part of the heart of the town. Using everything from chainsaws to blowtorches, high school, college and university students and professionals will make Plymouth's 25th-annual International Ice Sculpture Spectacular an event to remember.

More than 100 ice sculptures will be carved on-site for the enjoyment of the public, who will have an opportunity to ask questions to the ice carvers as they work, providing an opportunity to see what it takes to turn a 330-pound block of ice into a delicate work of art.

The artists compete with each other in categories, which include high school team, high school individual, college team, and college individual. Each year, there are even some participants from

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

One such person is Kevin Tykoski, a senior at Plymouth High School. He was introduced to the art as an assistant to his older brother, and has since become a carver himself. For the last three years, he has competed in the high school individual category, winning first place each time.

Using his own designs, he has created increasingly complex carvings, including "a marlin on a wave, a dolphin doing a back-flip over a wave and a coi fish."

Although he creates his designs ahead of time, even drawing them out on a big sheet of paper, not even the best carver is any match for Mother Nature. A hot day, regardless of an artist's skill, can limit how intricate a statue can be before the ice can no longer support itself.

"As far as the weather goes, you just have to pray for the best," he said. "Being a good ice carver means you have to adapt to all kinds of situations."

In fact, Tykoski has had to make a



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Charlotte Pinch worked on this sculpture of a fish, her entry in the high school individual competition, during last year's ice festival.

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Ice fest means boom for local businesses

BY LUANNE BERK
CORRESPONDENT

The downtown Plymouth businesses look forward to the Ice Spectacular with great anticipation every year. With annual crowds of over 500,000, the event is an advertiser's dream, giving businesses an opportunity to showcase their specialty shops, restaurants, along with the local charm that Plymouth is known for.

"The Plymouth Ice Spectacular is economic development at its very best!" said Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. "The event brings people from all over Canada, Ohio, even nationwide, and the carvers come from all over the world. Whether they are buying magazines, gasoline or coffee, the biggest comment we get from visitors is, 'This is the best-kept secret, a friendly, clean, town, close to Detroit, with all the advantages and opportunities nearby, and a small town flavor.' It is the great American town!"

Whether visitors ultimately decide to move their businesses or families to Plymouth, or just shop in the short time they're here, the community is showcased in a spectacular way.

"Our community is one of the favorites of the ice carvers even though there are many around the country," Toney said. "The Spectacular has been here for years and years, and it is the grandfather and king of them all."

According to Mike Watts of Watts-Up, Inc., who coordinates the event, a study done at the Cherry Festival in Traverse City showed the longer people stay in town for an event like this, the greater the benefit to the town.

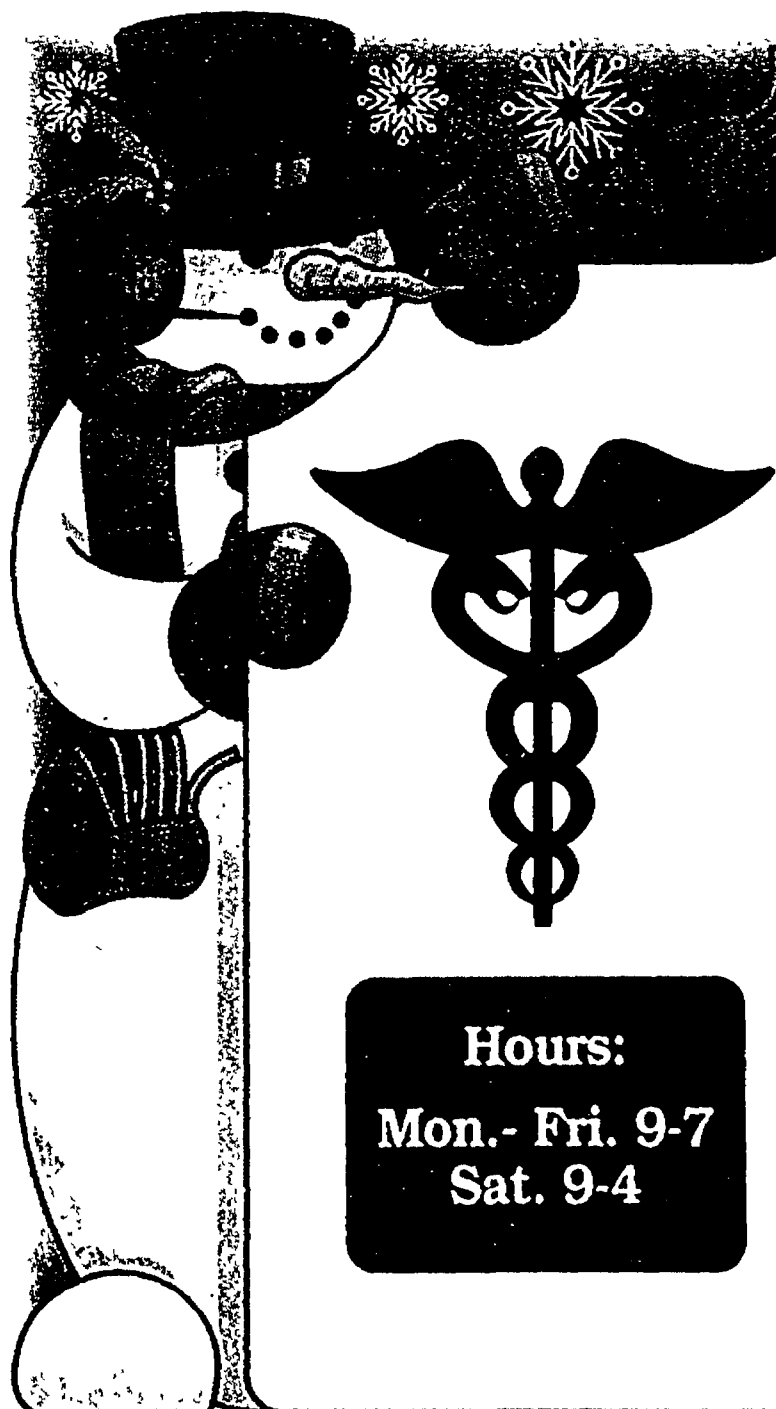
"For example, if you could get a cup of hot chocolate for the kids, a pastry, lunch, and other activities, then people would stick around," Watts said. "And, once families with kids see these ice sculptures, they almost always come back again next year, and maybe even bring some friends."

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Canton resident Bonnie Berry and her son, Tommy, 9, examined an eagle sculpture at last year's festival. They were among an estimated 500,000 people who visited downtown Plymouth.



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Students, pros among carvers

The 2007 Plymouth Ice Spectacular will again feature many new and spectacular ice carvings created by students, professors, amateurs and professional ice carvers from Japan, Canada and across the United States.

The work of both Tajana Raukar of Plymouth and Ted Wakar of Canton, two of the best ice carvers in the world, will be featured in a number of displays. Raukar began competing at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular as a student ice carver with Schoolcraft Community College and has seen her career skyrocket to the top of the ice-carving world. Wakar also got his start as a student at Schoolcraft.

Raukar was invited to the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics, and is also a multiple world champion. She has also carved in Belgium and in Fairbanks, Alaska, where she crafted from a single large block, cut from a glacier.

The 2007 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular will again feature a professional team of world-class



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carvers from Macomb Community College worked on a large display at the ice festival, which features college and high school students, as well as professional carvers. More than 100 sculptures are expected to be created.

carvers from Japan, who will showcase the style of carving popular in their country.

In addition to the carvers who visit Plymouth each year, the Board of Directors is also pleased to recognize

the many high school and community college students who participate and are an integral part of the Plymouth Ice Spectacular experience.

The 2007 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular features the largest contingent of student carving exhibitions and competitions in America and, with the help and assistance of the participating schools and their instructors, Plymouth is known as the birthplace of modern ice carving in the United States.

The student competitions and learning experiences distinguish the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

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BUSINESSES

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Toney testifies to the success of the event for local businesses.

"People who have only been here for the ice festival will call the chamber months later and say, 'I was here for the ice festival back in January and I was in a wonderful little store, it has a red door...,'" Toney said. "And the chamber will help them locate it. Then they come back and do some major shopping. It has been incredibly successful."

The festival has come a long way. Now many downtown businesses make their projected revenue for weeks or months, in just one week. Local restaurants are often so swamped during this time that one pub owner literally ran out of beer last year.

Stores selling items such

as art pieces or clothing find their business picks up during this time, but the real returns for them occur later in the year. In some cases, the ice festival merely serves as a marketing tool for future purchases. Many shoppers see stores that carry items they appreciate, and will make a point to return at a later date, such as Christmas, to make their purchases.

Steve Prokes, owner of the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company on Penniman in downtown Plymouth, said the festival is "either the biggest or the second biggest" retail week of the year for his business. His shop is very close to the festivities and consistently sponsors a company logo along with a sculpture (this year they sponsored in cooperation with the Coffee Express company).

Their selection of desserts, sandwiches, pastries, coffee, tea and hot



The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular brings an estimated 500,000 spectators into downtown Plymouth, a crowd that offers the opportunity for brisk business for downtown retailers.

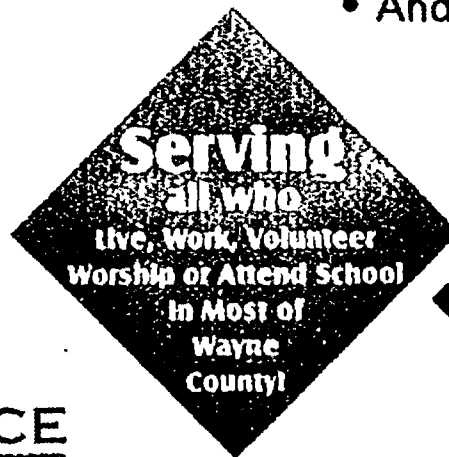
chocolate is popular with families who need a warm-up break from the winter elements — and it's open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"The festival here is a

huge family experience, even though it's cold," Prokes said. "Kids of all ages love it! They have so many ice sculptures, it's amazing."

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Everything you wanted to know about Plymouth's Ice Festival

HOW AND WHY DID THE EVENT BEGIN?

Scott Lorenz, the son of the owner of the Plymouth Mayflower Hotel, came up with the idea after visiting a similar event in Japan. The event was established to fill a void in the post holiday retail slow-down. Hotel, restaurant and retail business takes a nosedive immediately after a very hectic holiday season. The concept was to create an event so unique it would draw large numbers of people to Plymouth (750,000 in 1999) in the hope that they would also shop and eat. Needless to say, with an average annual attendance of over 500,000, and a total attendance of over 10 million people, the event has exceeded even the wildest expectations of the creators.

HOW DID THE ART OF ICE CARVING START?

As the story goes, once upon a time a czarina in Russia was enamored with a local man who was in love with a woman from his village. As was the custom of the day the man went to the czarina to get her permission to wed the woman he loved. The czarina was not pleased by the request, and decided to show her displeasure by agreeing to let the couple wed only if they would spend their wedding night in a castle made of ice. She was sure this would cool their passion for each other, and/or ruin their wedding night. Much to her surprise love won out and the couple agreed to her condition. The czarina had her army cut blocks of ice from Lake Bicall, and build a house of ice complete with furnishings including tables, chairs and a bed for the newlyweds. The couple were married, spent their wedding night in the house of ice, and lived happily ever after. However, word spread about the strange house of ice,



Spectators will see professional ice-carving demonstrations as well as student/amateur competitions during the five-day Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

and eventually people from all over Russia and Europe visited the site to gaze at the first ice castle. It was so popular it was recreated as a tourist attraction for many years to come.

HOW DID THE ART OF ICE CARVING SPREAD?

Hearing about the unusual use of ice from countrymen who had traveled to Russia to see the famous ice castle, a French chef developed the idea of carving serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the table of the king. This idea may have been a necessity, because at the time, spoiled food or illness from a dinner could cost the chef his head in a guillotine. The French carried the art with them to the Orient, and today the Japanese are the finest and most prolific carvers in the world.

WHO CARVES THE ICE STATUES?

The professional chef carvers, amateur carvers and student carvers all compete

in the team and individual carving competitions.

Thousands of dollars in prizes and scholarships are awarded annually at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular. The event is sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation, and ranks equally with their annual national championship competition.

WHO PRESENTS THE EVENT?

The Plymouth Ice Spectacular is owned and operated by the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Incorporated, a non-profit (501(c)3) corporation, administered by a volunteer Board of Directors.

WHO FUNDS THE EVENT?

The event is funded by donations, corporate sponsorships and various fundraisers. All the money collected goes to the presentation of the event.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

In excess of \$200,000 in hard dollars, and services are needed each year to maintain the high caliber of the event.

WHO BENEFITS?

The entire business community of Plymouth benefits from the presentation of the Ice Spectacular. This event has become the single busiest retail and restaurant week of the year. Many businesses in the community rely heavily on the business it generates to make ends meet in the two to three slow months that follow the holiday season. The event also creates numerous jobs for young people in the community, and most importantly garners an estimated \$750,000 annually in local, regional, national, and international publicity for the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and all the surrounding communities in Western Wayne County.

Most importantly the culinary art students at the metropolitan area community colleges and trade high schools who need to acquire ice carving skills to enhance their education, greatly benefit from the Plymouth International Ice

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Champion as cool as ice she carves

BY LUANNE BERK
CORRESPONDENT

If you met Tajana Raukar on the street, you could easily see her as a wife, a trained chef, a businesswoman, even a contributing citizen of the Plymouth community. And, as soon as you had a conversation with her, her thick accent might lead you to guess that she is also from Croatia.

But if someone asked you to guess what kind of tools she uses in her business, I doubt you'd come up with the following list, more akin to a medieval battleground than a 21st century business: Hacksaws, chainsaws, ice picks, die grinders, blow torches, sanding machines and steam irons.

In the modern world, you might assume that she is either a serial killer or a tree trimmer. And her profession is quite unique, definitely requiring imagination combined with skill, but, ironically — with a cold twist.

Raukar spends most of her time either in the cold elements of the Michigan outdoors or in the confines of a very large, cold storage freezer.

Raukar is a sculptor, using a simple element quite plentiful at times in Michigan this time of year: She works her creative magic on ice. She takes giant blocks of ice and transforms them into magnificent displays of art, expression, and joy.

Her tools become tools of precision and artistic expression as she transports ideas from her imagination into the crystal clear blocks until they draw a symphony of "oohs!" and "aahs!" from an audience of as many as 500,000 in the downtown Plymouth area. This sparkling, crystal "joy" fills the entire community during one specific week in January — this year, Jan. 20-22 — at



Multiple-time world ice carving champion Tajana Raukar cuts into her work during a carving session at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular.

The Plymouth International Ice Spectacular.

Tajana Raukar enjoys bringing ice to "life" — her favorite sculptures are animals. When you enter the Raukar's "Ice Dreams" studio, you are immediately drawn to the dramatic photo of the enormous tiger Raukar carved in a competition in Alaska. It was so large that several people who sat on its back for the photo were dwarfed by its size!

According to Tajana, in the Fairbanks, Alaska competition, they use larger blocks of ice since they have a plentiful supply — they take it right out of a lake nearby! And the possibilities are unbelievable with such large chunks to work with, Raukar said.

A few other animals Raukar has created from ice include parrots, horses, Longhorn cattle, Clidesdale horses, and unicorns. When Tajana arrives on the scene, other carvers know they are in for a treat, and in the case of competitions, a tough competitor. She has won

many world championships with the help of her husband, Paul, who handles much of the logistics, and behind the scenes work.

This is not a hobby for the Raukar's. Paul and Tajana have made their dream into a business, located in Plymouth, which offers beautiful carvings for major events such as weddings, conferences, business meetings and other social gatherings. She and her husband also do carvings for many restaurants and in the Detroit area, along with other festivals in the area.

They have a specialized machine that produces crystal clear blocks for both their own use and for sale to other carvers in the area. They also have machines that carve ice for commercial logos, shot glasses, centerpieces or sorbet dishes for receptions.

This machine can also provide company logos "embossed" in ice which the machine cuts into the ice with incredible precision using computer specifications.

After starting out as chefs with training nearby at Schoolcraft College, the Raukars began their carving with vegetables, but were quickly enamored with the carving of ice from the first time they gave it a try. They especially like the Plymouth Ice Spectacular because it is in their hometown of Plymouth which is also where their business is located. It is much like having a sports competition with "home-field advantage"—you maintain a level of comfort in your own "home field". And the Raukar's love the downtown Plymouth setting.

"The people are so nice," said Raukar, who also said she appreciates how close all the events are to one another. "It is easy to go from one event to another, to find a place to eat, stop in and visit other sculptors, and enjoy the overall experience because of the arrangement of the downtown area."

Raukar is only one of

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many ice carvers who gather in Plymouth every year with great anticipation.

"I try to make ice carving from my heart, express the feelings from my heart to your eyes," said Raukar, acknowledging she enjoys the reaction of the crowd. "Many times the public relates to the carvings that I have made. Last year I carved parrots, and a big Clydesdale with a plow. I also did a Longhorn cow."

Raukar works with blocks of ice weighing 300 pounds each, which are strategically stacked and "melted" or "frozen" together with water in order to create a larger mound of ice to carve. She usually makes one big sculpture with about 20 blocks and does live demonstrations while the crowd stands in amazement.

Raukar feels "it is different



Husband-and-wife ice carving team Tajana (right) and Paul Raukar perform during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

carving in front of stores" when compared to competitions because she enjoys the interaction with the crowds.

"I have to think ahead in case it is warm, you have to be prepared," she said. She especially likes creating the larger designs in the gathering area where the sculptures are more spectacular. "The bigger the better!" is her philosophy.

She and Paul have won the

world championship many times — against as many as 35–50 other teams. They also competed at the Olympics in Salt Lake City in 2002, where they finished in fourth place.

During competition, the teams divide the work up between the two teammates — sometimes one does the organizing, the planning, the lifting, thus helping to keep the peace — while the other does the

carving. Sometimes both members of the team carve.

But as Tajana points out, "It's very hard to find two carvers on the same level, of the same thinking, that complement on another," Raukar pointed out.

Tajana and Paul agree the most difficult part of the ice carving process is watching it melt away. Of course, that largely depends on the weather.

"In Alaska, the blocks are five times bigger, and the temperature is so cold you don't have to worry it will melt," Raukar said. "Here the weather is so unpredictable. The ice here is man-made, it is smaller and the dimensions are different."

Sometimes Tajana will spend most of a day preparing, imagining, designing and carving, only to watch it melt away by the end of the day. But that is part of the excitement of her line of work. She is challenged to make her work great in the short time that it lasts.



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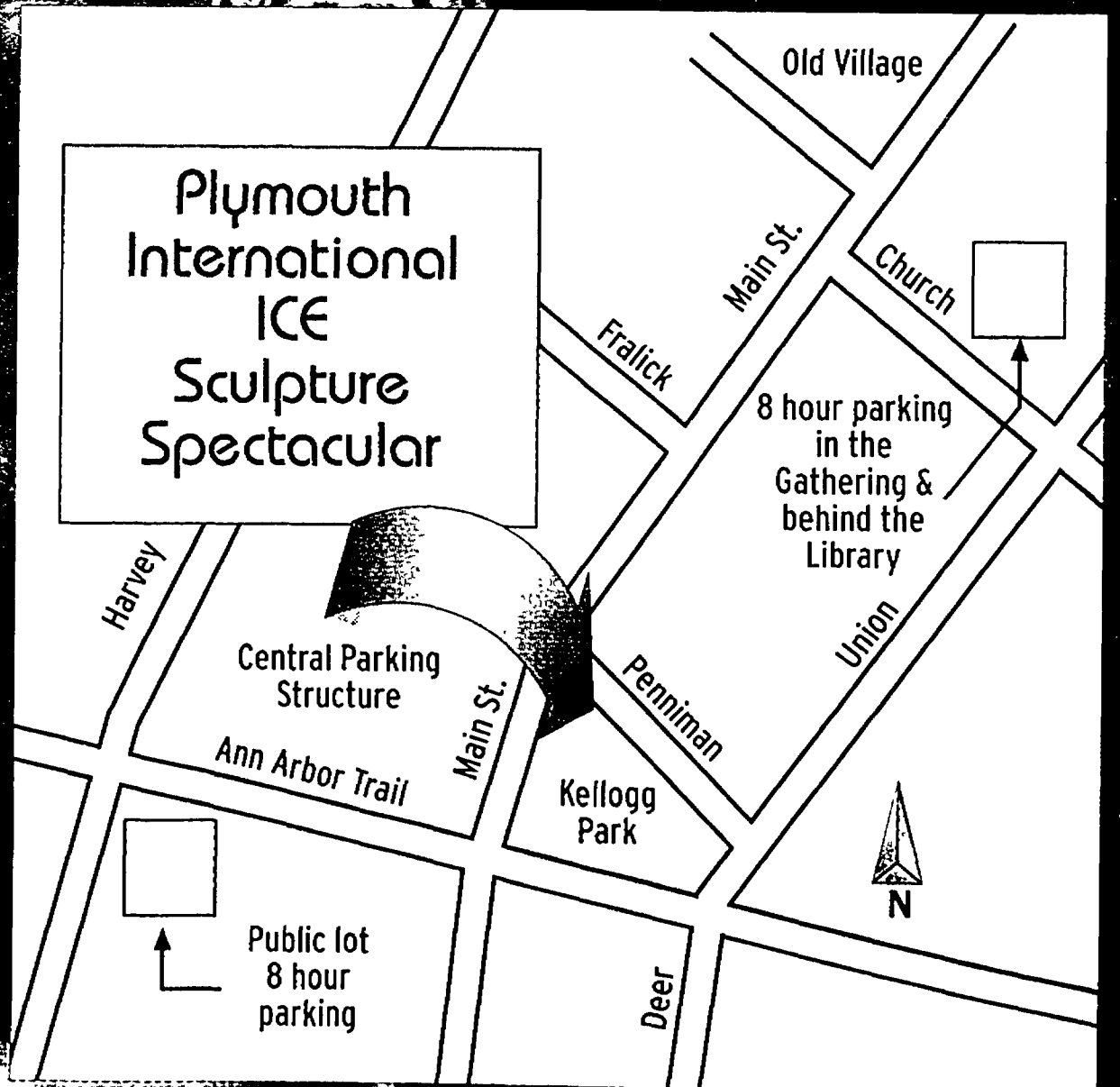
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What's on tap for '07 festival

Here's the schedule for the 25th-annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. The schedule is tentative, times are approximate:

FRIDAY, JAN. 19 – OFFICIAL OPENING

■ Pedestal sculptures displayed in Kellogg Park and at participating businesses.

■ 4:30-8:30 p.m. — High School Individual Competition in Kellogg Park, one block of ice, four hours to carve.

■ Oakland Community College ice carving club working on their large display on Main Street.

■ Macomb Community College working on their large display on Main Street.

■ Light Show begins at dusk.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

■ College Individual Competition Noon - 4:00 pm Kellogg Park, 1 block of ice, 4 hours to carve.

Colleges represented – Macomb CC, Henry Ford CC, Oakland CC, University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Rapids CC, Grand Valley State and Washtenaw CC.

■ 1-5 p.m. in The Gathering — The AM-910 Radio Disney D-Tour Show makes its first appearance at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular with a new stage show that will "Rock Your World" featuring music, dance and prizes.

The theme of the show is "Move It" and is part of the Radio Disney "My Family Moves" Program, which encourages families to maintain a healthy lifestyle and to be active together. AM910 Radio Disney personality NICK"E" will host



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More than 100 sculptures, some of them quite elaborate, are expected to grace the 25th annual ice festival.

the show.

The hour-long show is produced by AM910 Radio Disney and in partnership with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

■ Major Ice Carvings on display including carvings by Japanese Team.

■ Championship Professional carver exhibition, noon to 4 p.m.

■ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. — PetCo Pet Stores on site distributing discount coupons on their products, and other goodies for our four-legged friends.

■ Light Show begins at dusk

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

■ College Team Competition, 10 a.m. a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Kellogg

Park, three blocks of ice, four hours to carve.

■ High School Team Competition, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Kellogg Park, three blocks of ice, four hours to carve.

■ 1-5 p.m., PetCo Pet Stores on site distributing discount coupons on their products, and other goodies for our four-legged friends.

■ Major multi-block displays and individual competition works on display.

■ Championship Professional carver exhibition 1-4 p.m., featuring World Ice Art Champion Tajana Raukar of Ice Dreams.

■ Light Show begins at dusk

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Sculpture Spectacular. They have an opportunity to carve in one of the most prestigious events in the country, and the money that is donated to their club is used to purchase blocks of ice for them to practice on and the expensive tools necessary to do the job correctly. Lastly, the students who compete in the competitions benefit from the experience and the instruction that is given to them by the educators and professional carvers before, during, and after each event.

WHO COMES TO THE EVENT?

Parents, grandparents, teenagers and children of all ages. Families from all over the metro-Detroit community, from around the State of Michigan, and from across the country. The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular is world renown as one of the finest and most entertaining free family winter events available.

HOW CAN I HELP?

If you are interested in assisting in a "Spectacular" way it would be through a donation. The Ice Spectacular would



Bill and Michele Johnson of White Lake, along with their daughter, Alyssa, take a look at one of the ice sculptures.

also benefit greatly if you would help spread the word throughout the community that this event is self-perpetuating and that funds are needed to keep it going. This event is not a cash drain on the governmental infrastructure, rather it is a cash positive generator that brings

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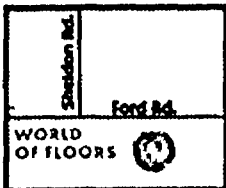
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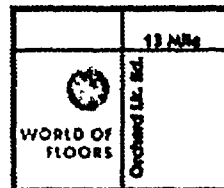
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Canton carver loves showing off

BY LUANNE BERK
CORRESPONDENT

Ted Wakar considers himself the local "show-off" of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Wakar, a Canton resident and a regular carver at the annual festival, appreciates having the event near his home.

"It's my home court," Wakar said. "I find a certain comfort level as a competitor with it being close by. The other thing about Plymouth is I get to show off for family and friends. Even as much as 10 years ago, the family would stand around and listen to spectators. They are almost like 'groupies' who like to watch because we each have our own individual style."

Wakar has even talked to other sculptors (of wood or metal) who come to the festival to gain inspiration for their own work.

"That personal excitement is a big factor that motivates us as carvers," said Wakar, who pointed out carvers don't do the show for the money. "I make about three times as much doing work for a wedding reception or a hotel event as I do at these [events]."

Wakar grew up in Westland and has lived in Canton for more than 15 years. When he started carving ice, he was one of just a few in the area. Like many in the profession, he studied culinary arts at Schoolcraft College, where he obtained an associates degree in culinary arts, along with the certification as an Executive Chef, which comes from a combination of training, experience, and, ultimately, specialized testing in order to be certified.

His experience includes working as a chef in the Ford Motor Company World



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton carver Ted Wakar gets some help from ice festival organizer Mike Watts to secure the last block of ice needed for their sculpture.

Headquarters executive penthouse for 15 years, at a time when Ford had their own food service, and included their own staff of chefs.

When Ford decided to change their staffing, which included cutting Wakar's position, it was a difficult transition, but now he sees it was the opportunity he needed to pursue his dreams. Soon after that career change, he began working as an ice carver in a more serious capacity, and has continued down that successful path for years.

ICY ADDICTION

Now, Wakar considers ice carving an "addiction," as do many other carvers. The carvers talk amongst themselves — there is a great

sense of camaraderie in the profession.

Originally, it was considered "carving", but in the last 10 years, after adapting and pulling in other tools that other artisans use, it's considered "sculpting," and the ice "sculptors" feel they can hold their own with other sculptors out there.

"Give us a little bit of time and a little bit of ice and we can do just about anything," said Wakar, who said he also likes to work with wood sometimes, just for fun.

He enjoys making walking sticks and staffs out of wood. However, Wakar said making a profit from wood carving would be very difficult because it takes him about 10 hours to make something significant out of wood.

So, he sticks to the ice

sculpting and, with his connections as a chef, rarely has trouble finding work.

"There are more chefs in the market than ice sculptors," Wakar said.

FESTIVAL EVOLUTION

Wakar has won the competition in Plymouth a couple of times individually, and as part of a team. This year features an amateur competition which will include a number of culinary colleges, including Schoolcraft, as well as some local high schools.

Wakar has seen the festival go through some evolutions.

"I've been doing this a long time," he said. "It's nice to see the art form fostered. I grew up as a carver there

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[Schoolcraft College], and it's nice to see others grow up there. (Fellow sculptor) Tajana (Raukar) was also a Schoolcraft student. Because Schoolcraft is supported by all these local communities, they work together."

Ted also participates in professional competitions in Frankenmuth and Milford. He said he "likes competing in the team competitions because you get more time, more ice, and the camaraderie of working together."

Wakar also appreciates the international competitions because, "It's wonderful to take my family to international locations." For example, he competed at the Olympics in Nagano, Japan. The ice sculpting competition there was part of the arts and culture Olympic event — not an actual

'It's my home court. I find a certain comfort level as a competitor with it being close by.'

Ted Wakar
Canton resident, ice carver

Olympic event - but nevertheless a real competition for ice carvers.

But for Wakar, the interaction with the spectators is still the best part of the show.

"Last year, I carved a big John Deere tractor," Wakar said. "I had lots of people who were in their 60s who told me, 'My dad used to have one of those,' and they would go on to tell their personal story. Many of the spectators have some kind of connection to the sculpture, and I get to talk about my kids, which was actually why I did the tractor in the first place, for my 6-year-old. It is the coolest job in town."



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Canton resident Ted Wakar, a regular carver at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, considers the festival a "home-ice" advantage.



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few last-minute adjustments of his own.

"Last year I planned on doing a flying fish, but it was too hot to get the wings to stick," he recalled. "So I improvised and turned it into a coi fish." At times, the audience can be as unpredictable as the weather, straying from the typical questions. One person, he remembers, asked him, "how do you get ice so clear?"

The artists use a wide variety of tools, including both delicate tools, such as chisels, and much more heavy-duty ones, such as dremmels, die grinders, disc sanders, chainsaws, and even blowtorches, to transform their single block of ice into a masterpiece to be remembered. Of course, when dealing with such tools, safety is an important issue.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular features college and high school student-carvers, along with professional such as John Fitzer, a Westland resident.

When asked what it was like to be involved in an art that deals with potentially

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The first well-documented ice palace was built as a setting for a monstrous joke. On the frozen river, Neva, in the winter of 1739-40, a shivering bride and groom spent their wedding night in a building of ice. The palace was designed by an architect commissioned by the Empress Ann Ivanova.

The Empress built the palace to express her jealousy over an old lover who had run off with a peasant girl. This was her way of punishing the couple by making them spend their honey-

moon night in an ice castle. The palace was complete with ice cannons that actually fired and a bedroom with a vanity, dresser with mirror, table, chairs and a canopy bed all made from ice.

The Japanese chefs picked up the art of ice sculpturing from the French chefs in the last 30 years. Until recently, the Japanese have been considered the masters of the art form. In Japan, ice sculpturing is a full time profession, the sculptors carve wood in the summer and ice in the winter.

In America, ice sculpturing is a relatively young art form helping to revive the dying craft as part of the culinary profession.

In the last 25 years, the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular has been the main reason for this art form being rediscovered in Michigan.



Yosinobu Nakadera of Team Japan chisels and sculpts an ocean scene, complete with sharks and scuba divers, at the Plymouth Ice Festival. The Japanese team helps give the festival its international flavor.



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Ice festival melts spectators' hearts

Annual gathering draws thousands to downtown

For 25 years now, hundreds of thousands of spectators have come to downtown Plymouth, attracted by the sight of hundreds of sculptures carved from blocks of ice by high school, college and professional sculptors.

From a world champion to those just learning the craft, sculptors over the years have created thousands of works of art during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

The annual ice festival has helped put the Plymouth community, especially the downtown area, on the map.



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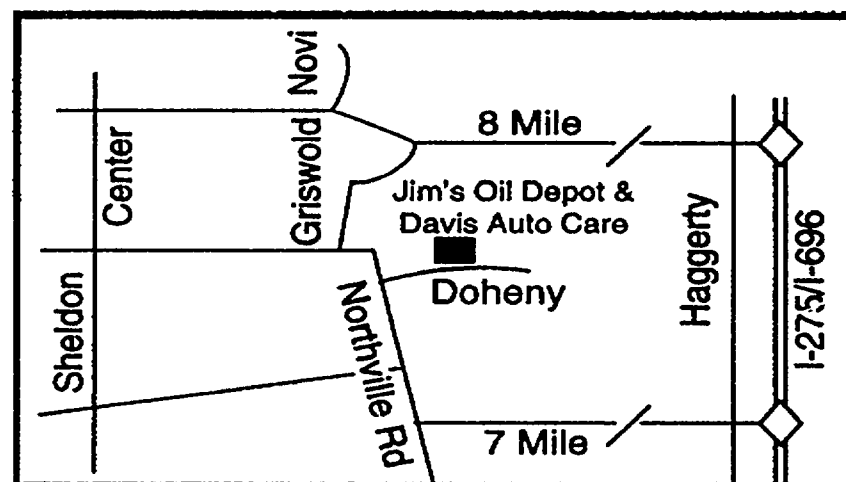
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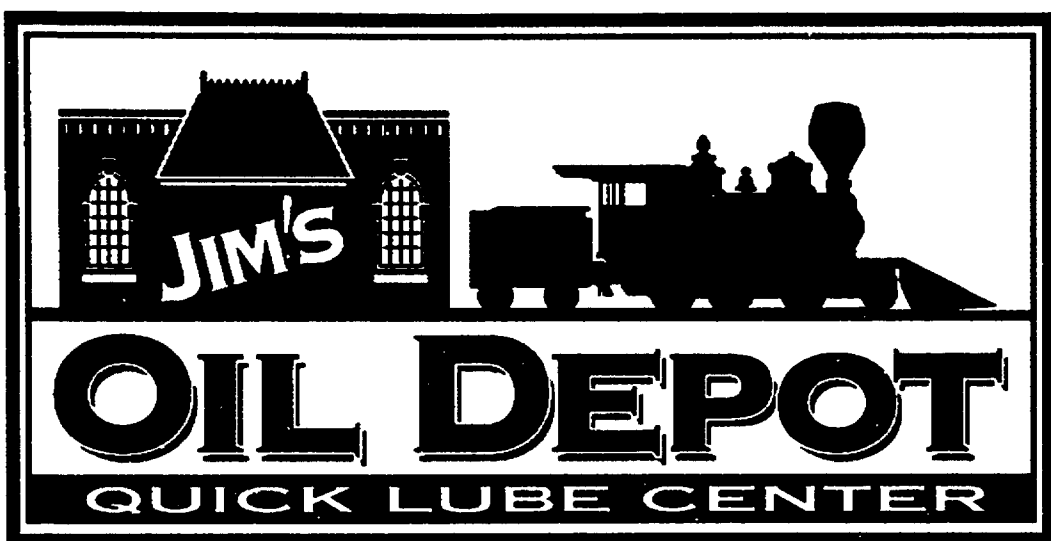


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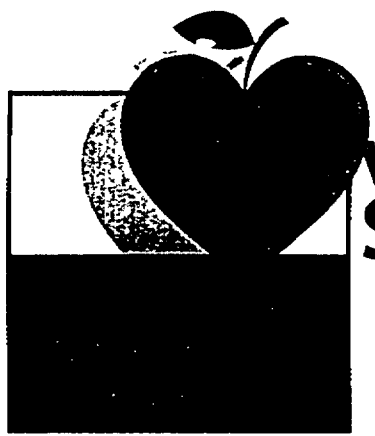
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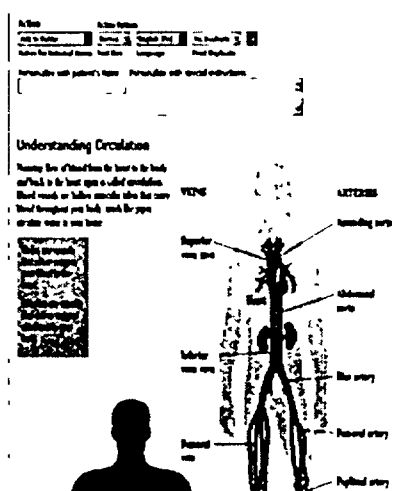
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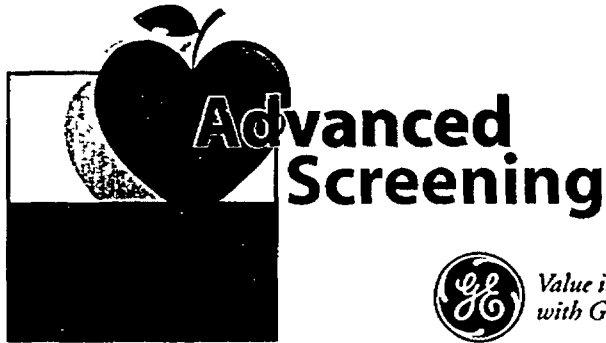
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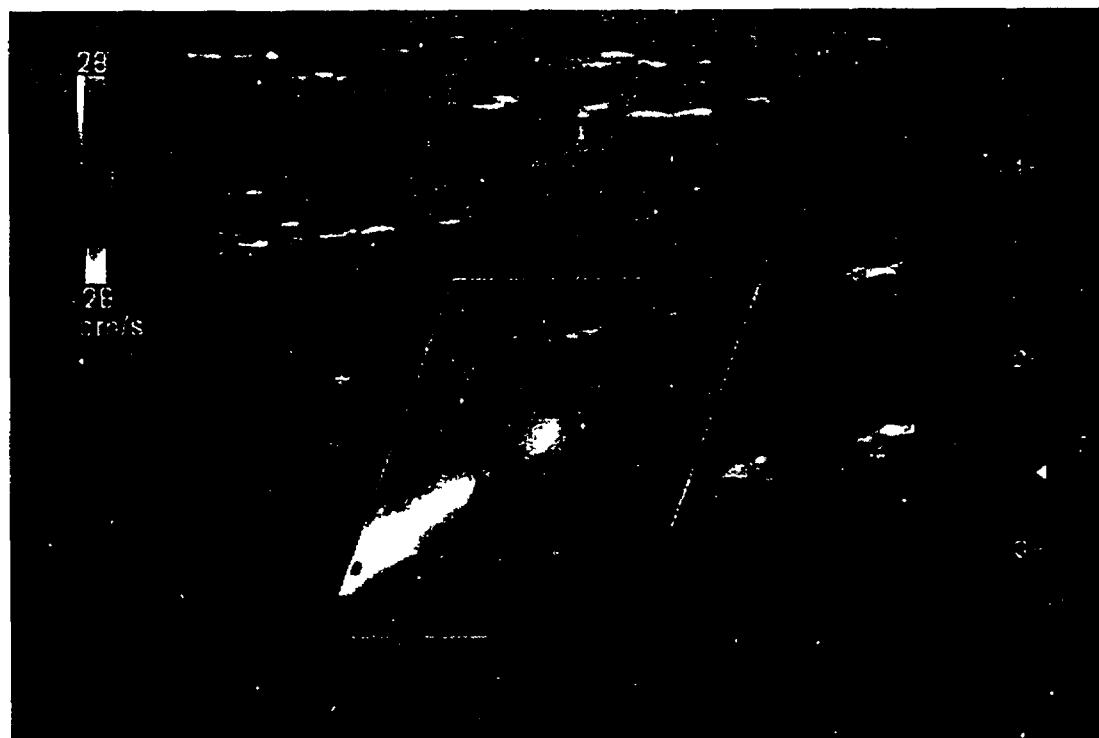
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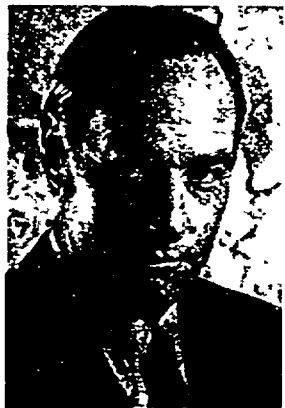
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Q I'm a big fan of *The District* with Craig T. Nelson. Each episode ends with a notation: "For Jack Maple, who lived it." Who was he?

—Maxine McNeese, Madison, Ind.



Actor Craig T. Nelson

Maple, a crusading, crime-busting New York City deputy police commissioner, was the inspiration behind Nelson's character on *The District*. He also was co-creator of the show and technical adviser until his death in 2001 of colon cancer.



Wheel host Pat Sajak goes home to his wife and two kids.

Q I'd like to know more about the family of Pat Sajak from *Wheel of Fortune*.

—Doris Bermingham, Gordon, Neb.

The *Wheel of Fortune* host and his wife of 16 years, Lesly, have two children. "My daughter, Maggie, is 11 and my son, Patrick, is 15," Sajak says. "When they were little, they didn't quite know that I even worked because I would say, 'I'm going taping,' and they probably thought I worked at the Scotch Company or something. Now they know, but we don't sit around watching the show on a regular basis, because they're doing their homework and things people do in their real life."

Q I have been a fan of Clint Walker for years. He was in the TV series *Cheyenne* and made many movies. I heard someone was going to bring back many of his movies in a DVD collection. Can you give me any information?

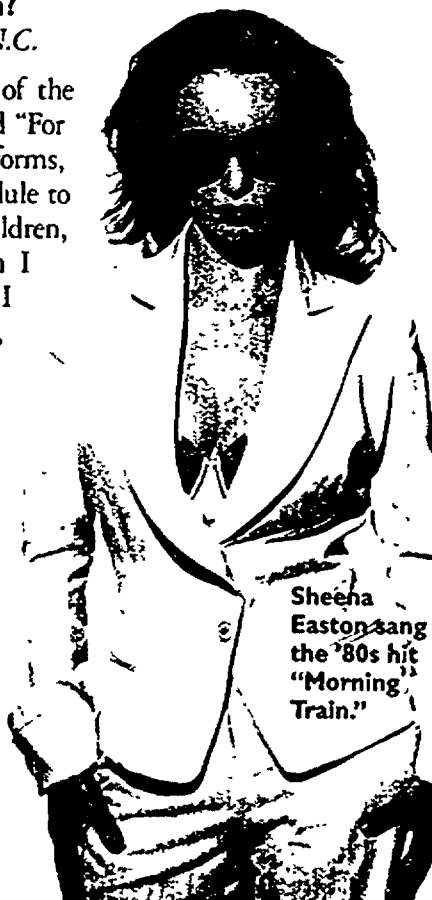
—Al Dameron, Tehachapi, Calif.

Break out the popcorn and get ready for a Clint Walker marathon. While his many movies haven't been released as a collection (the rights to them are owned by a variety of studios, making that difficult), several are available separately on DVD, including *The Dirty Dozen*, *The White Buffalo*, *Deadly Harvest*, *Baker's Hawk*, *More Dead Than Alive* and *Pancho Villa*. Additionally, Warner Home Video released the first season of *Cheyenne* in 2005.

Q Whatever happened to the beautiful and talented Sheena Easton?

—R. Lane, Burlington, N.C.

The Scotland-born singer of the hits "Morning Train" and "For Your Eyes Only" still performs, but scaled back her schedule to raise her two adopted children, now 10 and 12. "When I decided to be a mom, I got off the make-a-record, go-on-tour schedule," says Easton, who lives in Las Vegas and now hits the road for one or two weekends a month. Married and divorced four times, she's "happily single" but notes "I wouldn't be upset if George Clooney happened to get a flat tire in front of my house and needed to come in and make a phone call."



Sheena Easton sang the '80s hit "Morning Train."

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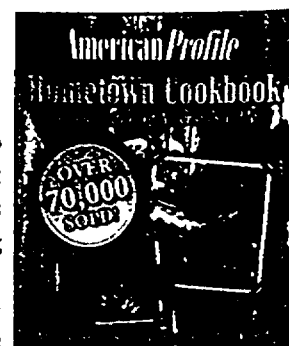
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Your parents were right. Slow and steady is definitely the way to drive—not just for safety reasons—but to conserve fuel and save money.

So in these days of high gasoline prices, switching to a more fuel-efficient vehicle or public transportation aren't the only ways to reduce pain at the pump, says Philip Reed, consumer advice editor at *Edmunds.com*, an automotive consumer research website.

Reed was part of an Edmunds research team that put simple habits—such as driving the speed limit—to the test in 2005, and found that small changes in driving techniques can translate into big savings. These include:

- Drive less aggressively. Moderate driving techniques, such as avoiding rapid acceleration and hard breaking, can reduce fuel consumption up to 37 percent. These techniques also reduce wear on tires and brakes.
- Slow down. Driving the speed limit can reduce fuel costs by 14 percent.
- Cruise along. Use cruise control when you're on the open road, which eliminates frequent accelerating and braking and yields fuel savings of up to 14 percent. However, in mountainous areas, turn it off. A car uses more gas downshifting to lower gears as it tries to maintain the speed the driver set.
- Avoid idling. Turn off your vehicle when you're stuck in standstill traffic or waiting in a stagnant drive-through line. It's common sense. Idling means zero miles per gallon.
- Maintenance. Keeping a car well maintained also can improve its fuel efficiency. Periodic engine tune-ups and maintaining optimal tire pressure can pay for themselves in the long run.

Reed also recommends avoiding travel during peak traffic times to minimize stop-and-go driving. And check your owner's manual to see if the manufacturer recommends using high-grade gasoline. Don't pay for extra octane if your car runs efficiently without it. ☆

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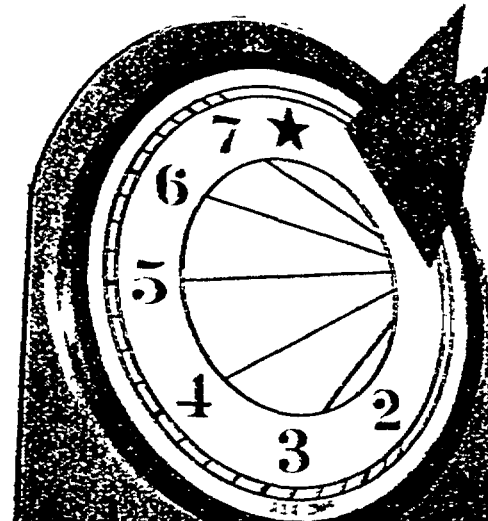
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Odd Jobs

by ALAN M. PETRILLO

Carving Time In Stone



John Carmichael Jr. stands on the roof of his Tucson, Ariz., home, which displays his handiwork—one-of-a-kind functional sundials.

John Carmichael Jr. lifts his safety glasses to study a cut he's made in a sandstone disc. Satisfied, he drops the glasses back in place and revs up his diamond-tipped drill to carve another part of the tan-hued stone he's transforming into a functional work of art.

Time is a specialty for Carmichael, the nation's only professional stone sundial maker. He began crafting the unique timepieces in 1992 after selling his plant nursery in Mexico City and moving to Tucson, Ariz. "A book on sundials from a friend got me

into this, so it's a classic case of a book changing your life," says Carmichael, 48, who's since created more than 100 sundials.

With no moving parts, a sundial's function is to track time using the sun and a gnomon, an object that casts a shadow on the sundial face. Some of Carmichael's creations also indicate the time of sunrise and sunset, as well as high noon.

Carmichael skillfully etches numbers on a stone sundial.

"Most sundials you see don't work because they're in the wrong location," says Carmichael, whose creations are accurate to within one minute. "They have to be designed for the latitude and longitude of where they are going

to be placed. All that requires math, but once you figure out that data, you put it into an equation and can develop a drawing of the sundial face. By knowing the latitude and longitude of where the sundial will reside, I can make a working sundial for anyone in the world."

Carmichael's craftsmanship can fetch as much as \$20,000 for a 15-foot-high outdoor sculpture sundial, while more manageable 26-inch stone pieces sell for \$3,500 or more, depending on the amount of etching required. A 26-inch sundial can take a month to create, while a larger piece may take half a year, depending on its complexity.

The actual cutting of the sundial face is a painstaking process. First, Carmichael uses a bladed cutting tool to fashion a piece of flagstone, sandstone, limestone, marble or slate into the shape he wants. Then he uses a diamond-tipped, motorized tool mounted above his worktable to cut lines, markings and etchings on the sundial's face. Finally, he attaches his own specially designed, thin-cable gnomon that casts a sharp, well-defined shadow on the timepiece.

While stone sundials are the lure that got him into making the ancient timepieces, he also crafts sundials made of stained glass, porcelain and bronze, and even paints them on walls.

What sets Carmichael sundials apart is that he engraves all the markings by hand. "His work is very artistic and well-done with sculptural elements," says Fred Sawyer, president of the North American

Sundial Society, based in Glastonbury, Conn. "He's shown it's still possible to make a living as a traditional sundial craftsman."

Sundials have a long history dating back to the Egyptian, Greek and Roman eras. They remain popular in England, France, Germany, Italy and Austria, as well as the United States.

Charles Hogan, a retired U.S. Air Force veteran in Park City, Utah, purchased a 36-inch sundial from Carmichael in 2004 for a military memorial he was building. "John was the only person I could find who could do everything we wanted," Hogan says. "He even engraved a large U.S. eagle on the face."

One of Carmichael's newest creations is an 8,000-pound, 4-inch thick granite sundial at Discovery Canyon School in Colorado Springs, Colo. The massive timepiece consists of two large slabs providing the time and the date.

"A sundial is the perfect combination of art and science," Carmichael says. "It's a piece of art that does something useful." ☆

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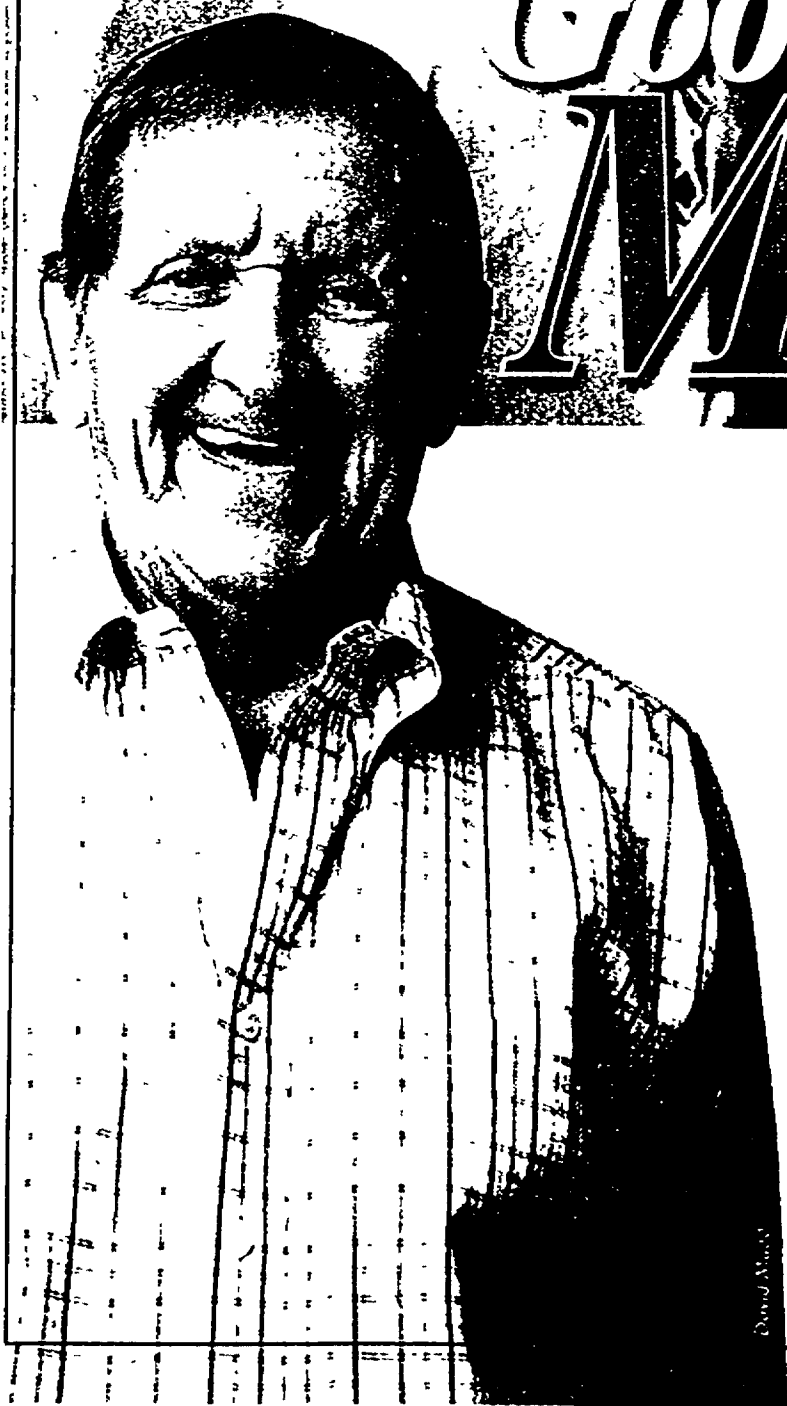
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George Lindsey, (center) with Andy Griffith and Jim Nabors, played Goober on *The Andy Griffith Show*.

The Good Ol' Boy of Mayberry



Actor-comedian George Lindsey stands at center court in the gymnasium of Wilson High School in Florence, Ala., talking to several hundred students about his acting career during a visit back to his hometown. But it's Friday afternoon, just minutes before the end of the school week, and the students have become restless.

Suddenly, Lindsey, 71, "moon walks" across the gym floor in a flourish of youthful energy the kids clearly were not anticipating. Cheers and laughter erupt as Lindsey regains their focus.

Entertaining audiences is what Lindsey, better known as Goober from *The Andy Griffith Show*, has been doing most of his life.

"I've always been funny," he says later. "I was voted 'Funniest Boy' in the senior class." Born in Jasper, Ala. (pop. 14,052), Lindsey also was a star high school football player and earned an athletic scholarship to the nearby University of Northern Alabama.

Bitten by the theater bug in college, he left Alabama in the early 1960s to study acting in New York, then headed to Hollywood, where he appeared in various small television parts before landing the role that would define his career. Lindsey portrayed Mayberry's dim-witted garage mechanic for more than 140 episodes of *The Andy Griffith Show* and its spinoff, *Mayberry R.F.D.*, from 1964 to 1971.

"He was a very kind, caring overachiever," Lindsey once explained of his Mayberry alter ego. "In a lot of the shows, he solved their problems in his own peculiar way."

Before TV, Lindsey was a star on the football field.





Cutting up with country singer Tammy Wynette on TV's *Hee Haw*

performances and as part of the Cornfield Country Show, featuring some of his fellow cast members from the TV series *Hee Haw*, on which he appeared from 1972 to 1992.

Lindsey also participates each spring in the George Lindsey Film Festival in Florence, which he began in 1998 as a showcase for independent filmmakers (this year's festival runs March 1-4; for more information, visit www.lindseyfilmses.com online) and in his annual golf tournament, a fund-raiser for Special Olympics in Montgomery, Ala. Once an avid golfer, Lindsey has been forced to find a new hobby due to his health.

"I have neuropathy in my feet and can't walk the golf course anymore, so I have taken up a new form of recreation—finding restaurants," he says. He's sworn off meat—except for an occasional serving of meatloaf from a local Cracker Barrel restaurant—since a stroke in 1986.

But Lindsey continues to delight fans everywhere through his memories of a bumbling, fumbling garage mechanic—whose influence and popularity extend far beyond the city limits of fictitious Mayberry. "In *Goober*, George has created a true pop-culture icon," Clark says. "He helps us find that little—or maybe not so little—*Goober* in each of us." ☆

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Lindsey drew on his own small-town background for the role, but insists *Goober* was not simply a carbon copy of himself. "The writers created *Goober*," he says. "I just played him. *Goober* was the kind of character who'd walk into a restaurant and say, 'Great salt!' He had just a simpler way of looking at things."

Since 1992, Lindsey has lived in Nashville, Tenn., where his home is decorated to reflect his wacky sense of humor.

"I was at the mall shopping and there was this life-size mannequin of a girl posed like she was getting ready to dive," he says. "Well, I bought it. She's now in my kitchen."

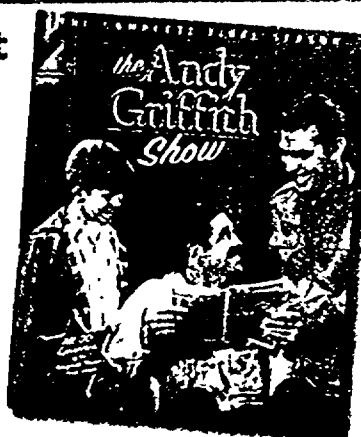
Jim Clark, president of the Nashville-based *Andy Griffith* Rerun Watchers Club, comprised of more than 1,250 chapters around the country, attests to the eccentric decor. "George has his home decorated with mounted animal heads, which is not that unusual—until you notice they are all cross-eyed," Clark says.

Divorced since 1991, Lindsey has two grown children who still live in California. He appears about 75 dates a year in solo comedic

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Hometown Heroes

Honoring a Beloved Teacher

Students Kyra Varano, Autumn Minnich, Sarah Comisac and Kevin Hampford are carrying on teacher Karen Chattin-Ney's charitable legacy, thanks to Karen's Heroes, a memorial fund co-founded by her parents, Joan and Joe Chattin (pictured right).

During her 25 years as a third-grade teacher in Pottsville, Pa. (pop. 15,549), Karen Chattin-Ney not only taught more than 700 students reading, writing and arithmetic, she tried to instill the importance of helping others. So when Chattin-Ney died of cancer in December 1998, her family and friends wanted to carry on her legacy.

"Karen was really connected to kids," says Thomas Ney, Karen's widower.

In 1999, Ney joined Karen's parents and fellow teachers to create Karen's Heroes, a unique memorial fund that allows third-grade students to determine how money is allocated among charities. "The idea was that she would continue to teach them," Ney says.

Each year, five nonprofit organizations that promote causes that were important to Karen are selected to make presentations to third-graders at Pottsville's John S.

Clarke Elementary School, where she once taught. The children "soak it all up," says Stacey Murphy, executive director of the Literacy Council of Schuylkill County. "They have tons of questions."

During her presentation, kids quizzed Murphy on everything from why adults can't read to what the literary council will do with the money and what type of books will be bought.

After a week of learning more about the roles and needs of each organization, about 200 students cast their votes on how to award the money. "I voted for the Cancer Society, but I wasn't gonna," says Kyra Varano, 9. "Then they showed me how people die and I thought maybe they need it more than Porcupine Pat (Pat McKinney, a representative for the Schuylkill County Conservancy)."

If you ask the young philanthropists what impact their decision will have, they're quick to

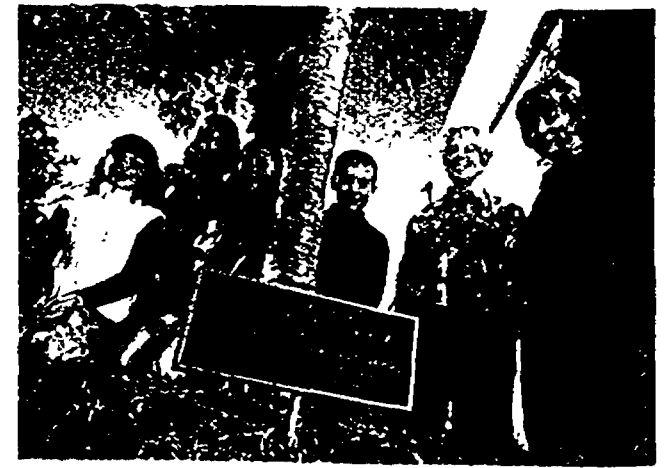
explain. "Medicine to help people with cancer get better," says Autumn Minnich, 9, who voted for the American Cancer Society.

"Buy new land, land you can't hunt on but you can camp there, swim there," says student Kevin Hampford, voting for the Schuylkill County Conservancy.

The kids' big decision often becomes the subject of dinner table conversations. "I talked with my parents," says student Sarah Comisac, 9. "They had



Heroes' namesake Karen Chattin-Ney



A school plaque honors the former Pottsville, Pa., teacher.

ideas about cancer because my mom's a nurse, but I voted for that birthday one." Comisac was referring to Lasting Legacy, an organization to celebrate Pottsville's bicentennial.

Joanne Horvath says her daughter Elise, who participated in Karen's Heroes in 2005, learned a valuable lesson. "For Elise, the excitement was evaluating and deciding which charity to vote for," Horvath says. "The opportunity allowed her to really understand how one person's voice, one person's action could change things."

As they discussed her daughter's decision, Horvath found herself talking about democracy and the importance of voting in political elections. "It became a building block for what happens in the real world," she says.

In this election, however, everyone is a winner. With an annual award of \$1,500 divided among the organizations, each vote is worth \$7.50. Last year's funds were distributed to the Schuylkill County Conservancy (\$480), American Cancer Society (\$435), Lasting Legacy (\$405), Pottsville Soup Kitchen (\$105) and the Literacy Council for Schuylkill County (\$75)



Mike Pavelko fondly recalls his former teacher.

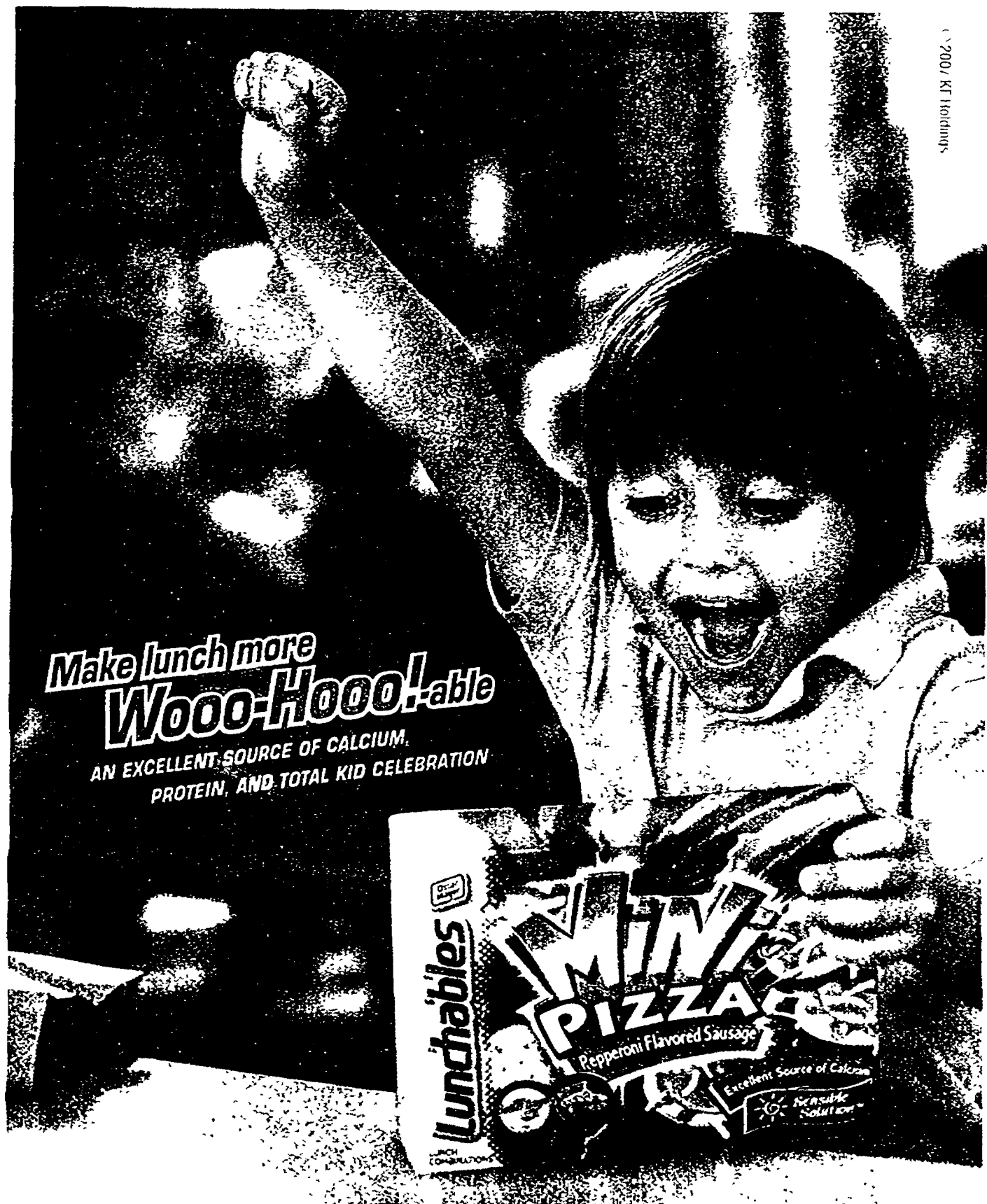
Mike Pavelko, 17, was in the last third-grade class taught by Chattin-Ney. He says Karen's Heroes is a fitting tribute to a teacher he fondly remembers. "Even when we weren't in her classroom she never forgot about us," says Pavelko, now a senior at Pottsville High School. "It's like we were still in her heart."

Thanks to Karen's Heroes, the spirit of Karen Chattin-Ney will continue to live in the hearts of students, teaching them valuable lessons for years to come. ☆

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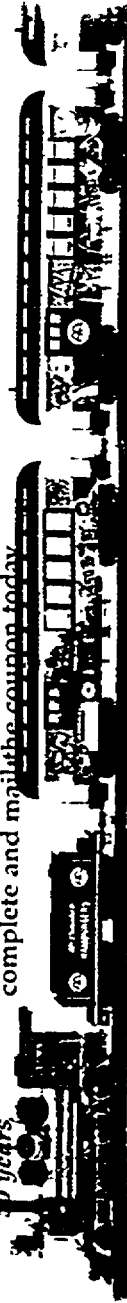
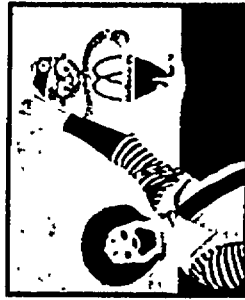


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Eggplant Casserole

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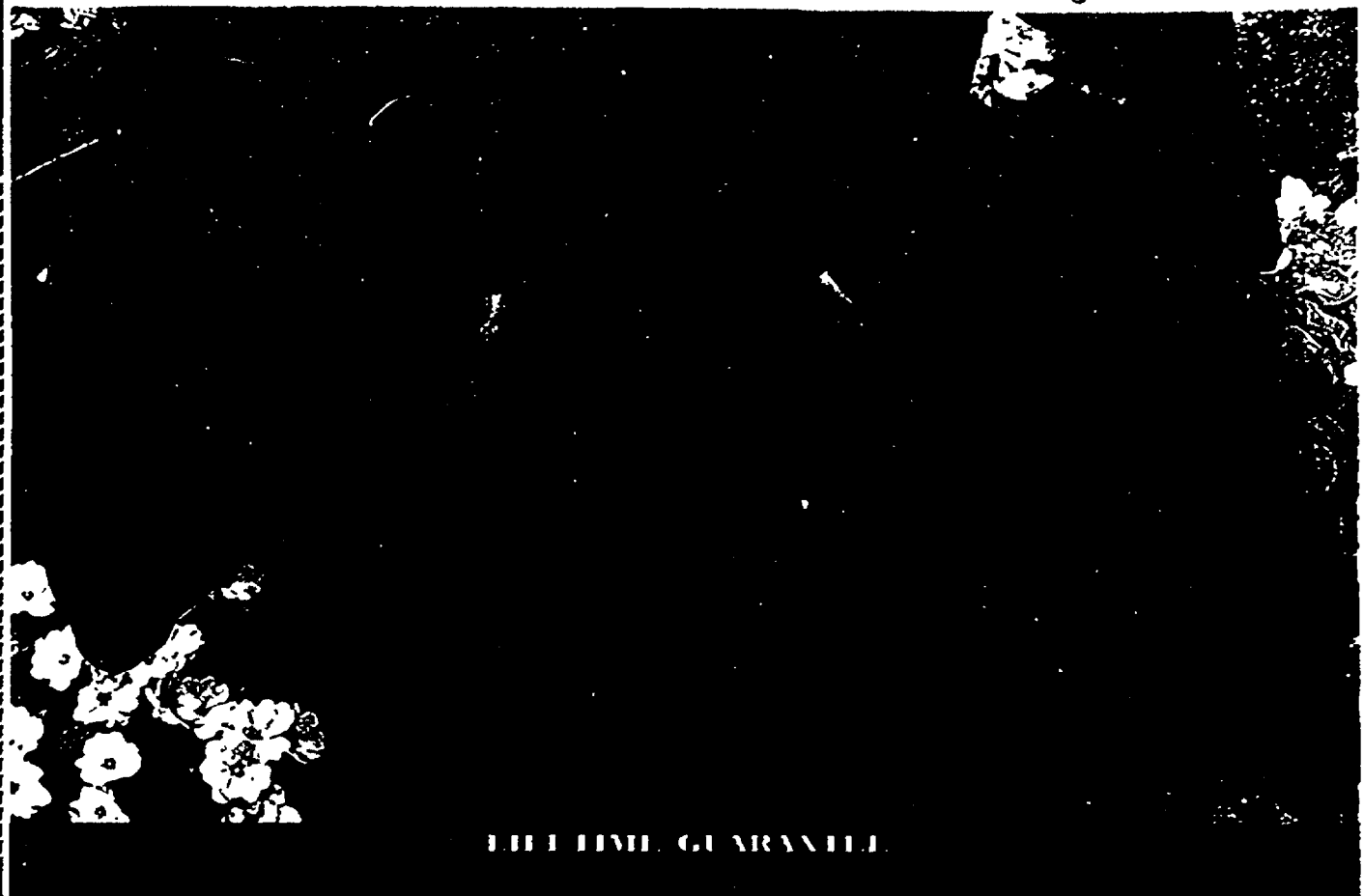
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“ I got my *life* back and my husband got his *wife* back. ”

Amy was in trouble. For the first time in her life she couldn't lose weight. She tried self-dieting and exercise but the results never came and it made her depressed. Her poor self-esteem was hurting her relationships with her friends, her daughter and her husband. Finally, she turned to NutriSystem and got the help she desperately needed.

Like a lot of women, after giving birth to my daughter Courtney I gained a lot of weight. And I just couldn't seem to shed those unwanted pounds. I was so upset about how I looked and felt that it was beginning to hurt my marriage.

You see, I just wasn't the person who I wanted to be. I was depressed, angry and sad about what had become of my body. I was so ashamed of how I looked I didn't want my husband to touch me!

I knew I had to lose weight. I tried self-dieting. That didn't work. I tried exercising. I only lost 3 pounds in 6 weeks.

Then I tried NutriSystem. Lost 33 pounds.* And went from a size 12 to a size 2!

I remember the night that saved my marriage.

I was watching TV with my husband Brad—he was on one side of the couch, I was at the far end. All of a sudden a NutriSystem commercial came on the air. I was stunned when I saw real people like me who lost real weight on the program. In the back of my mind I thought, “If they could do it, then I bet I could, too.” But I didn't say anything. I didn't want to bring up the fact that I felt fat and miserable. I was embarrassed.

Then something magical happened.

My husband turned to me and said, “Honey, I know you have been frustrated about not losing the weight since Courtney was born. Would you like to try NutriSystem?”

Suddenly everything changed. All of a sudden I had hope. “Yes,” I said, smiling for the first time in a long time. So we made the call.



“Yup, I ate lasagna and am now a size 2!”

Right from the start NutriSystem was SO easy!

They even delivered the food right to my door. I got 28 breakfasts. 28 lunches. 28 dinners. And 28 desserts. Plus! They didn't even charge me for shipping.

Oh, yes. The food was so good. It was amazing. Each week I sorted it all out. Picking out what I wanted to eat each day was really, really fun. NutriSystem did all the work for me. They made it a no-brainer system that I could really work with.

NutriSystem was so simple. It was as easy as heating up the foods in the microwave. In less than two minutes I could feed myself while I was feeding Courtney.

This program is a carb lover's dream come true.

I admit it. I am a huge carb addict. And the NutriSystem foods were right up my alley. I loved eating the pizza. The lasagna. The chocolate. Gosh! NutriSystem actually let me eat chocolate EVERY day. What kind of diet lets you do that?

With NutriSystem you don't have count carbs or calories or anything. You don't have to starve yourself – in fact, I was eating five times a day and I still lost weight! And I didn't have to drive to a weight loss center. Best of all, I didn't have to get on the scale in front of all those strangers. The thought of it just petrifies me.

Trust me. I haven't been this size since I was a teenager!

To me, it's clear that NutriSystem is the best weight loss program. Period. It's easy. It's convenient. It's delicious. And it works. I started losing weight that very first week. I lost 33 pounds* on the program and I feel great.

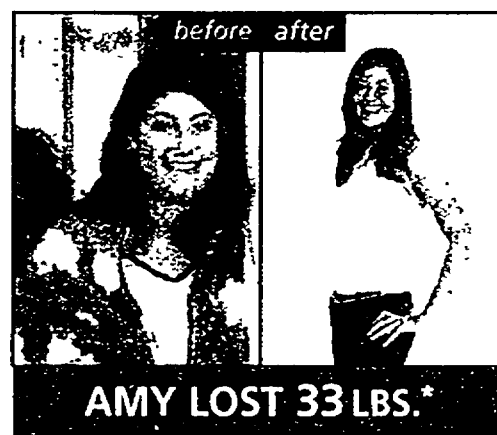
I'm finally the mother I always knew I could be.

When I was overweight, I avoided getting on the floor with my daughter because I thought it would be too hard to get up. Now I can get on the floor with Courtney and play. I'm the mother I've always wanted to be.

And what's more? Well, this is the first time in a long time I can put on a swimsuit and not feel self-conscious about my body.

NutriSystem turned my marriage around.

As the pounds melted away I saw my



“Look at me—I'm a size 2! I NEVER thought I'd wear a bikini again. Thanks to NutriSystem I feel so much better about my body and myself.”

confidence return. And my husband was so great. He kept encouraging me and telling me how great I looked and how happy I was becoming.

As my confidence and happiness returned so did the intimacy that was dormant for so long. Now we laugh together. Hold hands. And kiss. We kiss a lot.

One day we were going for a walk and I stopped and said to him, “You know, I'm really glad you suggested going on this program. Thanks to NutriSystem, I got my life back.”

And Brad looked at me and said, “I got my wife back.”

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WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE.**

