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COOL FEST: Get ready for a hot time downtown

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Greg Westfall is going to crank up the heat on his chili.

When he and his fellow city of Northville firefighters cook up their entry for the Fire House Chili Challenge Saturday, they're hoping to wrestle away the trophy the Northville Township team claimed last year.

"We definitely have to modify our recipe," Westfall said. "We



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northwile Record

With a handful of peppers and onlons, Rocky's Chef Rocky Rachwitz displays some of the ingredients he'll use to create his award-winning chili for Northville's Fire and Ice Festival on Saturday.

were told it was a little too mild it was a little sweeter-type recipe. "This year, we're going to

pice it up a little." The hot competition between fire departments is part of the fun the Northville Chamber of Commerce is hosting from noon-4 p.m. during the second annual

Fire and Ice Festival in down-

town Northville. Sidewalks will be lined with ice carvings. More than 17 restaurants will be serving chili and salsa samples in tents pitched in Bandshell Park on Main Street, competing for official festival judge and people's choice awards.

The cool celebration begins at noon with the Evening Kiwanis Club's Polar Bear Plunge.

Hot and cold fun

After watching the chilling spectacle of the Polar Bear Plunge, downtown visitors can walk west on Main Street for other Fire and Ice activities. Tumbao Bravo, a Cuban salsa band, will perform in Bandshell Park 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Chamber president Jody Humphries said sponsorship by Busch's, Varsity Lincoln-Mercury, Toll Brothers and the Northville Downtown Development Authority helped cover the costs

of entertainment, renting and heating three oversized tents. "I don't anticipate it's going to be 55 degrees like it was last

year," she said. "I'll take it sunny and 35. Dress accordingly."

At Gardenviews, on the corner of W. Main and Wing streets, a

disc jockey will set the backdrop for a five-block ice-carving demonstration throughout the day. Merchants throughout the downtown ordered custom carvings depicting their specialty. The chamber also invited a face painter and almond roaster.

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'The objective is to get people downtown to check out the sales in stores," Humphries said. "There's nothing to do on a

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Proposed Theater Location



More arts!

Investors proposing new performing arts venue downtown

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Christina Johnson keeps pinching herself.

The Northville resident's dream of establishing a permanent professional theater in her hometown seemed incredible just three months ago. Now, longtime downtown stakeholder Chuck Lapham

TV4 weathercaster Chuck Gaidica are making it happen.

and WDIV-

bringing an entertainment venue for all

of southeast- C. Gaidica Michigan," Gaidica said. "You

know how the governor talks about creating cool cities? "This is one of those initiatives

that makes a cool city.' The trio met with City of

Northville officials Friday

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Township water, sewer rates increase

■ Beginning in July; expect more hikes for several years

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Neghville Township residents will begin paying more for their water and sewer services starting with their August bills.

Members of the board of trustees approved a water rate increase from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department of \$3.90 and a sewer rate increase to \$3.55 for every thousand gallons of water. The rate increases will seeme effective in July and will up on residents' bills the

Fire increases represent a 4.5 percent increase from 2006 rates on water and a 5 percent increase from last year on the sewer rate. Northville Township residents

will pay 16 cents a month more for water and 17 cents a month for sewer usage in July.

Don Weaver, director of public services, told board members the township was notified of increases in the water usage from the city of Detroit in December.

He noted, however, that connection fees were not increased and that the rate increases are due to major capital improvements that the city of Detroit is having to make to its water and sewer system.

"Primarily, the capital improvements are the replacement of existing equipment," Weaver said.

The township board stated that the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has forecasted that water and sewer rates will continue to rise each year for at least the next seven-10 years in the Metro Detroit area.

On the average, the typical household consumers in the suburbs will pay an extra 53 cents a month starting in July, except in Plymouth Township, where they

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will pay an extra \$49 a year. This high rate could be based on an artificially inflated demand for because Plymouth Township-owned water was used by the state for the M-14 construction project.

The rate changes announced by the city of Detroit in December 2006 range from a 29.1 percent increase for Plymouth Township to a 33.4 percent decrease for

Lenox Township.

The city of Detroit will charge its customers 8.5 percent more than last year. The average rate jump for the suburbs was 4.7 per-

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■ School district bracing for cuts; waiting for word from Lansing

By Renee Gates STAFF WRITER

Northville Public Schools is anticipating a loss between \$850,000 to \$1.5 million in state aid from its 2006-07 school year budget due to the financial crisis affecting the state of Michigan, district officials said. Although the loss would come this year, the effects would not be felt until next year.

"In the public school business, it's not impossible to cut out a million-five (\$1.5 million)," said Leonard Rezmierski, Ph.D., superintendent of Northville Public Schools. "It's not the way we do business; it's not how we should do business."

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Defining The Tipping Point

Christina Johnson's company, Tipping Point Theatre, predates the Cady Street venture.

in 2006, the Northville native and five-year director of Northville High School's theater productions, produced shows "almost Maine" and "Love Letters" at the Northville Senior Community Center and Livonia's Trinity House, respectively.

Johnson said encouragement from local residents prompted her to form her theater company last June. Her challenge: making her company self-sufficient by establishing a loyal following and a permanent venue.

"It was like the heavens opened up and blessings poured down," she said of her acquaintance with Chuck Lapham and Chuck Gaidica.

Johnson said she named her company "Tipping Point" after reading Malcolm Gladwell's novel of the same name. The book explores why change so often happens as quickly and as unex-

"It's really been a collaboration by a few of us over the past couple of years, to get people excited, to get people involved," she said. "We just kept saying to ourselves, we've got to keep at it until we reach the tipping point.

"Now, it will be the community's turn to get on board."

The Tipping Point Wish List

The non-profit theater company is seeking donations toward theater operations, including:

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attempting to fast-track development of a non-profit theater on the northeast corner of Cady and Griswold streets.

A red carpet inaugural fundraiser is set for March 10.

Spring debut?

Johnson said Tipping Point Theatre (see sidebar to the left) hosts hope to usher their first patrons through a sparkling lobby into the 140-seat theater this

After an unscheduled presentation to the city planning commission last week, the stage was set with encouragement.

"I think that's exciting," said Nonhville - Chamber of President Jody Commerce Humphries. "We're always pointing at that location - that whole area has so much potential.

"It certainly works out in Chelsea.'

The Northville entrepreneurs embraced the comparison to the Purple Rose Theatre Company, founded in Chelsea by actor Jeff Daniels to nuture Midwest professional performers, playwrights and arts appreciation.

Catalyst for development

Gaidica, president of the Tipping Point Theatre board of directors, said the venture will add jobs, spur economic activity and help establish Northville as a center for performing arts.

"If you think of the economic impact of bringing in 140 people several times a week - it's a nice group of people to bring into our town — I think there's going to be a spillover, in effect, business wise," he said, citing condominiums and restaurants within walking distance of the proposed theater site.

The "Cady Town" concept has been on local planners' radar for years, minus the lit fuse of investment.

The city's 2006 strategic plan, suggesting the potential of the area east of Griswold Street and south of the shops on Main Street, cited proximity to downtown and the river, the interesting Cady Street curve and industrial character of the historic Belanger build-

ing.
City councilmember Jim Allen, council liaison to the planning commission. enthusiastically endorsed the theater proposal.

"It would be a great use of an existing building," he said. "I do look forward to the prospect of. live theater - for adults - in town.

While planning commission chairman Jay Wendt declined to discuss specifics of the proposed theater project, he too endorsed the redevelopment concept.

"I'm going to do everything in my power that will make Cady Town a reality.' Humphries said the new theater

could serve as a catalyst for development. "It could be a regional draw," she said. 'There would be spinoff

into the restaurants. "It might kick off development in that whole area."

'Black box'

The two men backing the venture, who share a name, ZIP code and love of flying, are close to

finalizing purchase of the 4,000-square-foot building for an undisclosed price.

We found a common goal in what we want to do in the city," Lapham said, adding the key to proceed will be securing the necessary city approvals.

Currently, the 361 Cady Street building lacks an attractive facade, finished interior, windows and

parking. "We're starting from the bottom, and we can only go up from there," said Lapham, adding they're not yet sure whether the finished theater would front Cady Street.

Seats, staging, lighting and a sound system are on the drawing board.

"From a structural standpoint, the building is ideal," Johnson said. "It's perfect for a black-box theater space."

Estimates for paving adequate parking alone were \$100,000, Gaidica said, with renovation and production cost estimates to follow.

The theater will start to become self-supporting with ticket sales, he said. "We'll be looking for members of the community for donations and items as well."

'Cool city'

Gaidica said the Tipping Point board is targeting March 10 to kick-off fund-raising efforts in earnest. He envisions easels with renderings of the proposed theater, searchlights and a red carpet rolled out to welcome potential benefactors.

"At that fund-raiser, we'll be looking for people appreciative of the arts," he said. "People who appreciate the importance this type of theater will have for this east end of downtown."

Tipping Point will complement existing children's performances at the Marquis Theater and dinner shows at Genitti's Little Theatre,

What's next?

The initial reviews of the Tipping Point Theatre con-

cept have been positive. But there still is work to be done behind the scenes.

The theater developers. Chuck Lapham and Chuck Gaidica, are planning to seek rezoning of the proposed theater site as Central Business District.

· That redesignation would permit negotiation of a parking credit agreement, said City Manager Patrick Sullivan. A February public hearing on the re-zoning petition would begin the process, he said.

"There are many steps the first one they have done is the re-zoning step," said Sullivan, adding rezoning requires planning commission and city council approval. "A theater would be an allowed use in **Central Business District** zoning."

Subsequent planning commission approval also would be required for a site plan, specifying parking, driveway and pedestrian access, and for conversion of the building use from industrial to public assembly.

"We're not looking to compete we'll be able to hold hands on this whole thing.'

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Arthur Murray team dances into top place at Palace

Popular show inspired contest

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Jay Johnson and Natashya Tarpinian had stars in their eyes even before they won this month's Slim-Fast Dance Challenge at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

That's because Johnson, of Detroit, and Tarpinian. of-Novi, have danced together at the Northville Township Arthur Murray Studios for three years.

"We had what I would call a quiet confidence," Johnson said.

Rene Roberts, owner of the studio at 42000 Six Mile Road, was thrilled when Johnson, a teacher at the studio, and Tarpinian, a student, captured first place at the Jan. 6 competition.

The contest was a pre-show warm-up for the two-month, nationwide "Dancing with the Stars" Tour performance, with 10 local teams competing.

Judges narrowed the 10 teams down to two, with the top two teams dancing during the second part of the show.

Audience applause determined the winners; Johnson and Tarpinian each received a discoball-adorned "Dancing with the Stars" trophy for the top spot.

Johnson has taught at the studio since 1998 and was a former singer and stage entertainer. Tarpinian has been a student at the studios for about three years.

"I actually kind of got tricked into becoming a dancer," she said.

She started taking lessons at the studio because her parents, Melinda and Mark, have homeschooled all of their children, and they used dance lessons as part of younger sister Samantha's and younger brothers Brent and Sean's physical education credit.

"They threw me in so we'd have two pairs of dancers," she

Now Tarpinian, who works for her dad at Tarpinian Financial in Northville, is seriously considering becoming a dance instructor in the next five years.

That special something

What was it that set their team apart at the Palace?

"I think it was their personali-ties," Roberts said. "They really worked well with each other."

"We were so honored and thrilled to come out on top," Johnson said. "It was quite a

It was the first time Tarpinian had been to the Palace.

"It was so much fun and very exciting," she said. "The stage was beautiful, and, I couldn't ask



Photo courtesy Arthur Murray Dance Studios

Showing off their disco-ball trophies for winning the Jan. 6 Slim-Fast Dance Challenge that preceded the "Dancing with the Stars" Tour performance at the Palace of Auburn Hills are student Natashya Tarpinian of Novi and teacher Jay Johnson of Detroit. The dance team is from the Arthur Murray Dance Studios in Northville Township.

for a better partner."

They practice two-to-three hours a week together, with Tarpinian practicing another 10 hours a week alone.

"She's a dream student -- total-

ly committed to doing well," he

Show's helped the business

The Arthur Murray Studios

opened in Northville Township 25 years ago. Roberts said she has definitely seen a resurgence in partner dancing since the pop-ular ABC dance show hit the air. "It's really showcased what

we do," she said.

"We also teach singles and assign them to a teacher, just like on 'Dancing with the Stars,'" she said. "Whether you have a partner or not, you can become part of a pro-am dance

"We specialize in social dancing," she said. "We have students from teen-agers all the way up to 75.

On Jan. 5, about 30 couples came to the studio to vie for one of the top-10 spots that would allow them to compete at the Palace.

Since the contest was open to anyone, "Couples were from all over the Metro Detroit area," Roberts said. "It was an opportunity to get out and strut your stuff."

The studio is open 1-10 p.m. Monday-Friday and Saturday by appointment. Fore more information, visit www.arthurmurraymich.com.

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Showcase event

Five area Arthur Murray Dance Studios will have a showcase event from 1-5 p.m., Sunday, March 11, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

Attendees will be able to watch 60-80 different dance routines at the event. Advance tickets are \$15 at any of the studios or \$20 at the door.

Tickets for the dinner and the show are \$75. Dinner will be served from 6-7 p.m., with open dancing afterwards until about 8

The studios offer three such events annually, with all ages competing.

For more information, call the Arthur Murray Dance Studios in Northville Township at (248) 349-1133 between 1-10 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Next season

ABC's new season of "Dancing with the Stars" will premiere 8-10 p.m. on Monday, March 19.

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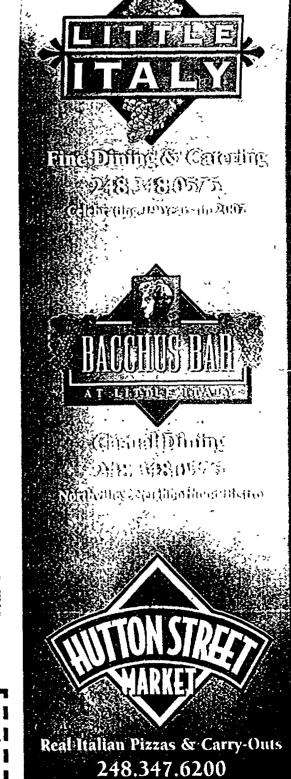
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Fire & Ice Festival

Who: Open to the public What: Chili and salsa competitions, ice carvings, entertainment

Where: Downtown Northville When: Noon-4 p.m. Saturday Taste testing: \$1 sample; \$2 bowl For info: (248) 349-7640

Polar Bear Plunge

For the second year, Northville's Evening Kiwanis Club plunge coordinator John Miller will take a cold dip, then a hot shower during the Fire and Ice Festival.

Through pledges to plungers, the event raises money for area charities, including a handicapped bowling program, Northville Civic Concern and Mott Children's Hospital in Ann

"We're looking forward to it," said Miller. "It's a way to involve the community. It helps the Kiwanis with general awareness of the mission and the services we provide."

Miller said the inaugural event last year raised \$12,000, proceeds the non-profit group added to revenue from Kiwanis Italian sausage sales at outdoor community festivals.

"It's weather independent," Miller said. "The whole idea is to raise money, not freeze the participants.

More than 20 volunteers are expected to step in the pond water behind the Waterwheel office complex on East Main Street. Northville native Andy Genitti will repeat his inaugural festival role as emcee, commenting on the costumed participants' progress into the chilly water.

Near the plunge site, contestants will compete for best-costume prizes during an 11:45 a.m. parade, with judging by Planet Fitness club owner Chris Klebba, Northville Township

Supervisor Mark Abbo and the City of Northville's first lady Patsy Johnson, wife of Mayor Christopher Johnson.

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Saturday at the end of January -it's an off-week before the Super Bowl - unless you want to watch basketball.

"I think it will be a fun event." The consumer divisions of the chili and salsa competition unveiled last year had to be eliminated, Humphries said. But the quest for bragging rights continues at the fire house and restau-

"We had to change it this year," she said. "The Wayne County Health Department has mandated you have to prepare your product in a licensed kitchen."

The neighboring fire departments both are going to prepare about eight gallons of chili for the judges and public to sample at \$1 for a taste and \$2 for a bowl.

On-call firefighters Westfall, Richard Hamilton and John Lapenta will serve up the city's

revised recipe. On the township side, full-time firefighters Hugh Jordan, Chris Koth and Adam Burton aren't tinkering with a proven winner.

"I'm sure we're going to repeat the recipe," Burton said. "We have our trophy in here in the (Six Mile Road station) kitchen. We get to look at it every day.

"I'm sure we'll be able to keep it this year."

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District bracing for cuts; waiting for word from Lansing

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The district receives 90 percent of its \$63.5 million budget from the state, according to John Street, Northville Public Schools director of business and finance. This year, Northville received \$8,435 per pupil for 6,800 students, an average figured by the state. District officials predict the cuts from the state could

range between \$125 to \$224, per adding new teachers at all." student.

If the funds are lost this year, Rezmierski said a possible strategy could be to use part of the district's fund balance to make up the immediate difference. But, that scenario would result in larger class sizes and streamlined

programs for next school year. "We would have to look at next year. When you disrupt programs and processes with kids and staff and parents, you lose," he said. "So we would start the year off by not letting contracts out and by not hiring as many people, that's probably going to be our lot in life. If we add more kids, we probably won't be

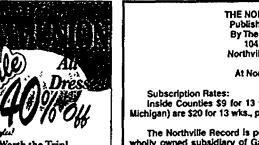
But, the superintendent is

quick to add, everything at this point is just speculation.

"We don't know anything yet. We can't react until we know more," he said. "We'll wait the next couple of weeks to find out .. and then act responsibly," Rezmierski said.

The official word will come from Lansing at the beginning of next month.

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Swim club maintains its family environment

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

One local club prefers liquid fun splashed, not poured.

Members of the Northville Swim Club voted not to revise their policy prohibiting alcohol from being served during regular hours of oper-

In a 40-22 tally, members of the private club who assembled at the Northville District Library Saturday defeated the proposal the board presented in response to repeated requests by other members to allow age 21 and older consumption at the Baseline Road site.

This is one of those issues that is very polarizing," said board member Ralph DeFazio. "The point is, it's brought up on a yearly basis, 'Hey, why can't we do this?'

Our answer is, 'It's not allowed in the bylaws."

The club's bylaws currently allow alcohol on the premises only when pre-arranged by the board for private parties held after swim hours.

Member Jeff Learned, an attorney, expressed his concern about potential liability following alcohol consumption on the swim club premises.

Support for change

Board members, who had researched the implications of revising the no-alcohol policy, presented a list of pros and cons prior to the

Allowing alcoholic beverages in non-glass containers was seen as a means to entice more members to use the club for social gatherings.

An argument against the proposal was potentially sending a message to minors that you need to be drinking in order to have a good

The number of inquiries prompted putting the policy to a vote, said board member Bill Schaumann, adding changing the bylaws would have required a two-thirds majority.

DiFazio said, "We try to do what the club wants done. That's the basic reason we had to do this.'

In other business

In a separate vote, members unanimously agreed to tidy up paperwork stating how assets would be liquidated if the club ever closed. To satisfy an Internal Revenue Service regulation, the bylaw addition states proceeds from the sale of the building, property and other assets would be equally distributed among members after payment of

But, DiFazio stressed, dissolution of the club is far from imminent based on the perennial waiting list to join. Currently, 360 families are on the wait list, which has been closed the past two years due to waits in excess of 10 years. When a spot opens, families pay \$650 for a certificate of membership and commit to \$390 annual dues.

In a 57-5 vote on a third proposal, the members agreed on a procedure to refund membership certificates when people quit the club. The intent was to keep the club financially stable if several members decided simultaneously to opt out.

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City focuses on implementing downtown strategic plan

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville City Council is dedicating part of a goal-setting session Monday for a downtown makeover

progress report from all fronts. While the council every January calls a special meeting to determine goals and priorities to prepare for the next fiscal year budget, the 6:30 p m. meeting this year has a decided focus on implementation of the downtown strategic plan.

City Manager Patrick Sullivan said the council is not expected to take formal action on the makeover plan Rather, city leaders will get up to speed to prepare for their next

regular meeting.
This is just an attempt to give the council the big picture of what's budgeting plan for that," Sullivan said. "We want to sort of tie all that together — the status of all that in the downtown - not just the design

The conceptual design plan for expanding the town square, improving pedestrian connections and reviving the streetscape submitted by consultant Grissim Metz Andriese and Associates will return to the council agenda at the Feb. 5 regular 7:30 p.m. meeting.

For the first hour of the meeting Monday, council will hear the status of design, marketing, business mix and parking committees charged with implementing the strategic plan, guided by the Northville Development Authority.

City finance director Nickie Bateson will lead the council

\$4.1 million in proposed improve-

ments.

"Anyone interested in an overview of the downtown should be there on the 29th," Sullivan said. "If people want to make comments on the conceptual plan, the Feb. 5 meeting would be the place to do

After the strategic plan update, city departments heads will field questions from council on the goals and objectives submitted for each of their areas.

Time to proceed?

For months, city administrators have been working with volunteer committees to address deficiencies highlighted in the city's recent

The budget drafted by Bateson's finance department includes funding design, business mix, marketing, oranizational and parking aspects of a comprehensive, longterm downtown improvement plan.

Last month, Grissim Metz representatives presented to council the conceptual design for town square expansion, enhanced streetscape and improved connections to Ford

Council directed the downtown board to proceed with the next stage of town square expansion -- drafting a design development proposal.

On Feb. 5, the council is expected to resume discussing specific aspects of the conceptual design, Sullivan said, including subsequent draft revisions, like the addition of a permanent stage to the town square

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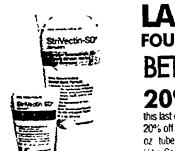
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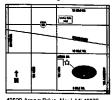
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Speaking of favorite characters Northville Civic Concern's Marlene Kunz keeps singing the praises of Kelly Harrington. Seems the kindergarten teacher at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth encouraged children to help raise funds for the local emergency service organization.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings ... Drop nonperishable food items at Civic Concern in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center, if you can help ...

And speaking of acts of kindness .. Northville dentist Dr. Jim Payne continues to donate refurbished computer donations through his nonprofit, JDS Computers. Henry Ford Academy in Dearborn recently donated 100 used laptops, Lockheed Martin another 25, that Payne will return to working order and ship to American troops in Iraq so they can communicate with their friends and families. A proud endeavor!

The ballots are in ... at the Friends of Maybury State Park annual meeting last week, members elected the following officers: George McCarthy, president; Jerry Mittman, vice president: Dave Poirier, treasurer, Chuck Murdock, secretary, and Jean Bemish, Edie McKnight and Bill Watson, members at large.

Helen's Uptown Café still for sale ... As conversation continues to swirl around the expansion of town square downtown, one of the buildings most affected by the planned improvements remains in limbo ...

And what are the obstacles new Northville restaurants must overcome? The volunteer committee looking at downtown's business mix may take up the question: Is it parking requirements, liquor license access, foot traffic volume?

But first, they need a leader ... Great Harvest Bread Company co-owner David Cole switched hats from volunteer committee leader to downtown development authority vice chair.

Speaking of downtown mavens .. do motorists realize the city's new graduated parking fine scale

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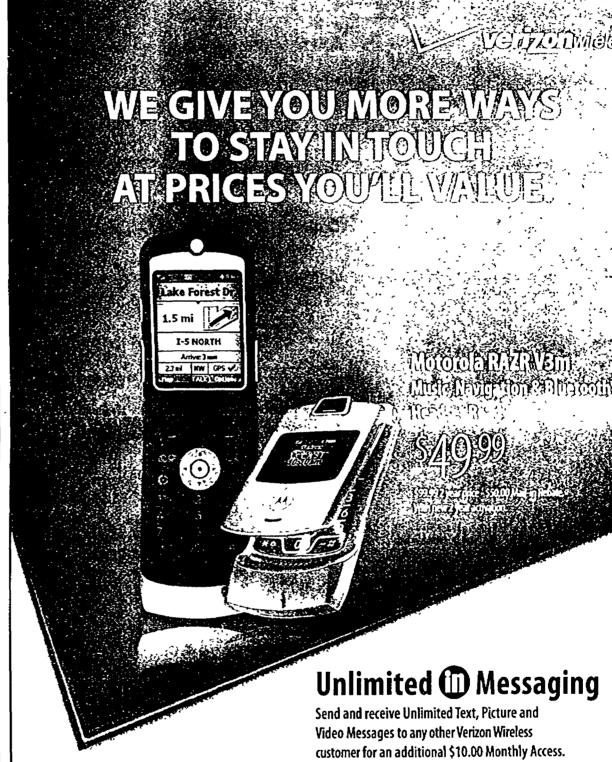
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Northville Township clerk wins 14-percent pay increase in 2007

■ Trustees approve first raise since 2003

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

The new year is looking bright for Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand.

At its Jan. 18 meeting, the board of trustees voted to boost her salary from \$65,000 a year to \$75,400 a year, effective Jan. 1.

Trustee Brad Werner cast the only dissenting vote in the 5-1 decision.

Hillebrand received high praise from Mark Abbo, township supervisor, as well as other board mem-

Werner was opposed to the increase because of economic rea-

"We've already been told we're going to be getting less from the state," Werner said.

In a letter to the trustees, Hillebrand said her salary had

remained the same since 2003. The 2007 increase reflects the amount she would be earning if she had received a 3-percent raise each year since 2003.

The clerk's salary was also \$11,000 less than the lowest paid first-level manager and/or direc-

These employees include Don Weaver, director of public services; Thelma Kubitskey, assistant township manager and finance

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Clerks' salaries surveyed

In 2005, the Conference of Western Wayne compiled clerk's salaries for the following communities:

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Northville Township	27,614	\$65,000
Pittsfield Township	28,000	\$70,000
Auburn Hills	19,800	\$70,200
Birmingham	19,291	\$74,200
Madison Heights	31,000	\$74,300
Wayne	19,051	\$75,000
Garden City	30,047	\$76,300
Plymouth Township	28,000	\$77,300
Eastpoint	34,000	\$94,700

Source Conterence of Western Wayne

director, John Werth, police chief; Bill Zhmendak, fire chief: Jennifer Frey, director of community development; and Hillebrand

The difference between her salary and the highest-paid manager was \$38,000.

Hillebrand also presented a compilation of salaries for clerks in communities similar in size to Northville Township. At \$65,000, her salary was the lowest out of nine similar communities.

The Northville Township clerk's position was made a temporary full-time job in 2003 with a salary of \$65,000.

In 2004, the position officially became a full-time job with the same salary.

Hillebrand said since that time. the office's responsibilities and duties have increased substantially.

One obvious change is the new

law that went into effect in January 2005 requiring multiple yearly elections.

Prior to this statute being adopted, elections were conducted only in even years. Additional laws have led to more required training and certifications for

The clerk's office also now handles business licensing and collects more than \$30,000 of additional revenue for the township.

And in 2004, the clerk's office began passport processing, which brings \$10,000-\$15,000 in revenue to the township, Hillebrand

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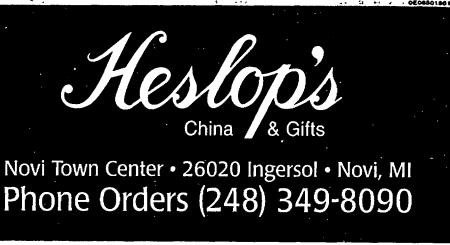
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Northville Police Chief Gary Goss would like to put his patrol cars under cover at the Main Street station. It would prevent winter ice buildup on their patrol cars — as this one exhibits.

CHIEF: Cops need a carport

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ice dripping from Northville's police cars cemented Gary Goss's resolve to seek shelter.

Last week, the city of Northville police chief asked the planning commission to review a plan to build a six-space carport to house six police vehicles behind the Main Street station.

Funds to cover the estimated \$25,000 cost of building the 10foot-by-20-foot structure were allocated in the public improvement portion of the 2006-07 city budget.

Part of the carport proposal described the complex equipment found in police cars -– radar. radios, mobile data terminals and

other electronics - and their sensitivity to environmental condi-

Also, Goss's proposal says the time it takes for officers to scrape ice and snow from windows diminishes timely and effective response to emergency requests.

The same night Goss presented the carport plan, he received permission from city council to purchase two 2007 police cars from Signature Ford for \$20,318 each, also expenses budgeted this fiscal year.

The new cars will replace two 2003 marked police units, both with more than 90,000 miles Hogged. "

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NORTHVILLE CITY POLICE REPORT

Forgot to pay

A 48-year-old Northville woman was arrested recently for allegedly stealing wine from Hiller's Market.

On Jan. 12, Northville police reports indicated officers arrested the woman after the grocery store manager saw her put an \$8 fourpack of 200 ml Chardonnay bottles in her purse. Hiller's loss pre-vention officer detained the woman in the Center Street store until police arrived, the report said.

According to the report, the woman told police she forgot to pay for the wine bottles officers retrieved from her purse. She purchased three bags of items she was starting to put in her car, but the receipt did not reflect a wine purchase, police said.

The manager, who turned over to police a disc recording of the woman's actions, said she previously has been caught stealing in

Too many margaritas

A 43-year-old Northville woman was expected in court today to face drunk driving charges.

Northville police reports indicated officers arrested the driver of a black Dodge pick-up Sunday after a preliminary breath test indicated a .14 blood alcohol content.

An officer patrolling Eight Mile Road pulled over the woman after watching her cross the center line and swerve, the report said. The woman reportedly told police she had shared a pitcher of margaritas and "a couple of beers" with friends at a bar.

The woman was arrested and transported to the Northville Township police station, where she was held pending bond.

NORTHVILLE TWP. POLICE REPORT

Runs light; license suspended

A 25-year-old Wayne woman was arrested for proceeding through a red, blinking light without slowing down and driving on a suspended license at 2:31 a.m. Jan. 4 at Haggerty and Five Mile roads. An officer was about four car lengths behind the woman when the violation occurred.

The woman told police she was not aware of the light.



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HEALTHY LIVING

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Early Solutions: Clinic provides basic health care now at Meijer

■ Northville store fourth location in state

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Today's consumers want fast, convenient and affordable when it comes to health care services.

Area residents can now find all three at the new Early Solutions Clinic, LLC, a no-appointmentneeded clinic that offers basic health care services for a fraction of the cost and reduces patient waiting time.

The Michigan company celebrated the grand opening of its fourth clinic on Tuesday. The new clinic is located inside the Northville Township Meijer department store at 20401 Haggerty Road.

Early Solutions was formed in

March 2005 by Michigan health care professionals and community leaders to provide convenient, quality and affordable care for basic medical needs.

The clinics are part of a national trend with other national retailers opening similar clinics inside Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Target, CVS and Rite Aid.

Early Solutions Clinic's staff is working closely with Meijer to provide convenient, affordable health care in Southeast Michigan.

In addition to offering basic health care services, the clinic has the ability to provide diagnosis and treatment of chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, asthma and obesity.

Wellness magazine offered

Early Solutions also offers health promotion and disease prevention programs and provides a wellness magazine, "Balance," to patients.

Deborah Conlon, MSN, APRN-BC, a nurse practitioner at the Burton, Mich., clinic, said cholesterol, blood pressure and diabetes screenings will be offered at the

"We also do immunizations for age 18 months and older, flu shots and tuberculosis testing," Conlon

The clinic is not an emergency department, however, and does not provide X-ray services or treat patients with serious injuries or illnesses.

"We're trying to keep patients who have minor medical problems out of the emergency rooms," Conlon said.

Community response good

"We are excited about our new location opening and the response we have received from the commusaid Juliet Santos, MSN, APRN-BC, founder, president and

The clinic is for patients 18 months of age and older.

Board-certified nurse practitioners provide care at each location. Nurse practitioners are advanced practice registered nurses with diagnostic and treatment skills.

Each has obtained a master's of science degree in nursing and a national certification.

Early Solutions is currently operating in Meijer stores at three other locations - Burton, Taylor and Rochester Hills.

Two clinics opened in January 2006 and more locations are scheduled to open in Meijer stores in Southeast Michigan.

Additional nurse practitioners are also needed in this expanding busi-

For more information on the new Early Solutions Clinic in Northville, (248) 349-3300 or visit www.earlysolutionsclinic.net.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record Juliet Santos, a nurse practitioner and president of Early Solutions. checks on the heart beat of CO Sandy Hudson at the medical clinic in the Northville Township Meijer.

Early Solutions Clinic hours

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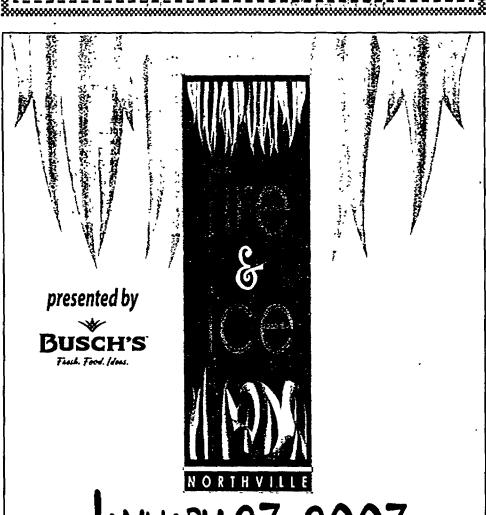
-Audrey Marino

On January 14th 2007, the community lost a devoted humanitarian, visionary entrepreneur and a loving mother/grandmother. Audrey Belle Marino, was born Audrey Belle Tawyea, on September 17, 1931. Born to Eva and Edward Tawyea, in a modest Detroit home, she was the youngest of 8 children. In a strong Catholic family, she was encouraged to attend Christ the King elementary school and later went on to St. Mary's High school. In her early years, during the summer, she spent time at her parents summer cottage in Brighton on Briggs lake, Swimming, bike riding and roller skating. Her love for the outdoors influenced her present and future life's works. In 1949, she married the love of her life and WWII veteran, Charles Marino. Audrey and Charles moved to Redford, Mi., where they had 9 children. In

1961, while raising and caring for her small children, she co-founded Exotic Rubber and Plastics Company. She moved her family to Northville in 1966 where she started a new endeavor of raising, training and showing Morgan horses. In developing her passion for horses, her first horse farm, "Pride of Wendy", was established in 1968. She quickly realized that this farm could not fulfill the dream that her and her husband had in developing Morgan horses to their full potential. In 1977 they bought approximately 70 acres and erected a fully equipped facility which included an inside training and riding arena, 30 stables, a full observation room and commercial kitchen. This amazing facility, CJM Farms, helped Audrey hone her mentor and leadership skills to turn out 3 family National Champions. . In 1986, with the untimely death of her husband, Audrey had to assume a new role of single parent, sole owner of a company, and sole owner to a horse enterprise. Audrey's dedication, eye for detail, astute negotiation with the vendors, and rapport with her employees gave her the respect of all the industry. Her organizational skills carried thru to balancing her time to the point that made her a leader in developing skills that helped her to be a true pioneer and modern women. She balanced her career with her family life. Her greatest accomplishment in those years was never losing sight of the important role she played as a mother. After her retirement in 1991, while battling breast cancer, she continued to instill in her 9 children, her 22 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren the importance of working hard but never sacrificing family time for work time. With empathy for others, Audrey Marino would find time to donate herself as a lunchroom mom, rotary club member and participant in her church rosary club. She was most recently both a volunteer and contributor at Madonna University. Over the years she has received awards from Angela Hospice, and Madonna University for her generosity and support. Although she did not seek awards and was modest when she received them, she tried to fly under the radar when it came to her accomplishments both in her business career or her humanitarian contributions. She was also dedicated to; St. Paul retreat center and the Franciscan sisters. More recently, Audrey Marino was given a new challenge; a great grand-daughter born with a debilitating birth defect; Diplegic Spastic Cerebral Palsy. Audrey's work with the pediatric foundation for fundraising and rehabilitation was remarkable and extraordinary. At 75 years old she participated in a golf outing at Walnut Creek for the pediatric rehabilitation foundation. Audrey Marino, through her courage and strength, was truly an independent woman for the ages. She always balanced those work related endeavors with the nurturing of her nine children; Charlotte Callaghan, Chuck Marino Jr., Jeanette Brevik, David Marino, Wendy Cole, Vincent Marino, Thomas Marino, Lisa Ventrella and Michelle Mance. Audrey's passion for life, love for animals and dedication to her family will continue to grow and be nurtured by her surviving family. Her kids will continue her legacy in the Southeast Michigan area for strong leadership in the business community while raising a new generation of children based on her philosophy that all people have unique skills and passions. Audrey Marino is survived by her sister, Lucille Kern. Margaret Hilderbrand and Joyce Derby. Her accomplishments were numerous yet humble. Although Audrey succumbed to her battle with liver cancer and is now with Christ, her life and memories will stay with those family, friends and community that knew her well. Her words at her final moments were an inspiration to me and all that loved and respected this influential and devoted woman, wife mother, and grandmother; "You all have a special gift to give.....and each one has given that gift to me.

The funeral was held on Friday Januray 19, 2007

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HIGHWOOD: No decision reached on brownfield redevelopment plan

■ Decision still to come from MEDQ

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville Township Redevelopment Brownfield Authority members didn't come to any major decisions Monday night on Highwood, the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property on Seven Mile Road.

But, they did agree to solicit bids for an environmental consulting firm to review Real Estate Interests Group's cleanup plans for the property.

The focus of the two-hour meeting was not to make a decision but to determine what it would take for the township to approve a brownfield redevelopment plan.

A brownfield redevelopment plan allows a municipality to pay back a developer for a cleanup project with the tax dollars cap-tured after the land is developed.

The payback can be 100 percent of captured tax dollars until the developer is reimbursed or a percentage, such as 75 percent to the developer and 25 percent to the municipality.

The authority discussed at length the benefit of the township netting a portion of the captured tax revenue once the proposed retail-residential project is developed.

Study session to be scheduled

A study session will be set up between REI and township board members in the coming weeks.

Before a site plan can be presented to the board, decisions have to be made on a Planned Unit Development agreement for land use for the property as well as a brownfield redevelopment plan and related reimbursement

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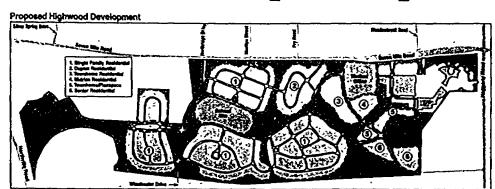
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Top level MDEQ managers will

"We won't know whether the

have to decide if demolition costs

are reimbursable, and they have

school taxes can be used until a

brownfield plan is approved,"

Jacobs said. A work plan has to be submitted to the MDEQ as well.

Trigger said MDEQ officials may approve reimbursement of

demolition costs if they determine

that the current property is a

like to get moving on the project.

advance the PUD agreement and

In the meantime, REI would

"It is our strongest desire to

health and safety threat.

not met on the matter.

Grant Trigger, spokesman, said it's unlikely that the study session and PUD agreement will be ready to present to the board of trustees by its next meeting, Feb. 15.

Authority member and board trustee Christopher Roosen said the township still does not have the state's approval for the capture of school tax dollars on the proj-

"If the state says no, we can't do it," Roosen said.

Meeting with MDEQ

Trigger and Mark Jacobs, a township attorney, recently met with representatives from the Department Michigan Environmental Quality to discuss the cleanup of the property.

The key question is whether REI's estimated \$6.8 million in demolition costs can be reimbursed.

'The MDEQ has provided limited guidance on this," Jacobs said. 'This is the principle legal issue at hand. They recognize the size of the request and the lack of

Jacobs said by law, the township can reimburse REI from captured tax dollars for such costs as environmental assessment; due to care costs, such as provisions to protect the health and safety of workers; or additional response

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the brownfield plan as soon as

you feel comfortable doing so,"

Trigger told authority members.

change the process," he said. "We

Trigger said REI probably would not go forward with the

project without being reimbursed

for both demolition and cleanup

"We can't deal with that in the

Pam Fleming is a staff writer

for the Northville Record. She can

be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

105, or by e-mail

pfleming@gannett.com.

costs estimated at \$15 million.

wink of an eye," Trigger said.

just need to get to it."

We're not trying to short-

ENGINEER: Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc.

BIDS DUE:

3959 Research Park Drive Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108-2219

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: Thursday, February 15, 2007 9:00 A.M., local time

at the Northville Township Hall

44405 Six Mile Road Northville, Michigan 48168 Wednesday, February 28, 2007 2:00 P.M., local time

at the Charter Township of Northville Township Hall Community Room

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Installation of new water main and
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QUESTIONS:

Any questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of Glen R. Wiczorek, PE at Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc., In writing or by fax at (734) 761-1200. Questions by telephone call are prohibited. Questions will not be accepted if received less than seven (7) calendar days before the bids are the

BID SECURITY: Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order or bid bond, payable to the OWNER, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Proposal, as a Bid Security. The Bid Security of the Bidders under consideration will be returned after approval of the Contract by the OWNER. All others will be returned after the Proposal opening.

CONTRACT SECURITY: The successful Bidder will be required

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OF NORTHVILLE 2007 OFFICE CLOSINGS

TIME: PLACE:

7:30 p.m. 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at

amendments.

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Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions

approved.

approved.

Resident expressed concerns regarding Commissioner Laura Cox Northville Senior Center.

New Business: Stormwater Presentation and Permit for 2007- approved.

H. Public Salety - Vehicle Purchase -approved.
Public Salety - Purchase of Dispatch - approved.

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Elevated Tank Logo -approved.
Unfinished Business: Clerk's Pay Request -approved. 0.

Ordinances: None.

10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of

Trustees: None.

11. Adjournment: adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

30, 2007.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Thursday, January 18, 2007

DATE:

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7:30 p.m.
PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen,

Marjorie Banner, Mary Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Agendas: Consent and Regular Agendas approved with

Lisa Anderson re-appoint to Planning Commission - approved. Robert Nix re-appoint to Planning Commission - approved.

Marie Barr re-appoint to Beautification Commission - approved
Barbara O'Brien re-appoint to Beautification Commission -

Marjorie Faessler re-appoint to Beautification Commission Thelma Kubitskey re-appoint to 35th District Court Building

Authority - approved.
3. Public Hearings: None. Brief Public Comments & Questions: Update from

Liquor License Transler -approved. Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds - approved.

Tax Collection - (RESA) -approved.
Tax Collection - Northville Public School District - approved.
Tax Collection - Plymouth/Canton - approved. CWW (Conference of Western Wayne) Dues - approved.

Water & Sewer Rate Adjustment -approved. Public Services - Ranger Pick-Up purchase - approved. Public Services - F-150 Pick-Up purchase - approved. Hestip's Corner - Sanitary Sewer Easement - approved.

8. Bills Payable: \$1,557,168.75 - approved.
9. Board Reports from Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Chip Snider, Marjorle Banner, Mary Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner were given.

The minutes (draft) will be available in the Clerk's office after January

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at the Northville Township Hall .

44405 Six Mile Road Northville, Michigan 48168
Tuesday, February 27, 2007
2:00PM, local time

BIDS DUE: Charter Township of Northville

Township Hall Community Room 44405 Six Mile Road Northville, Michigan 48168 **BASIS OF PROPOSALS:**

Bids are solicited on a lump sum basis for the entire work. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The work shall consist of the construction of a one million gallon elevated water storage tank with all appurtenances, electrical power feed, site improvements, and all other

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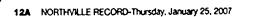
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Mrs. O: Amerman teacher retiring after 35 1/2 years

Parents and teachers honor her long career

By Renee Gates STAFF WRITER

After teaching for 35 1/2 years, Patricia Oliverio says she'll retire from the classroom, but she'll never retire from teaching.

"Teaching isn't something you turn on and off. It's who you are, it's what you do," Oliverio said, while sitting in her first grade classroom at Amerman Elementary for one of the last times.

"I won't be in the classroom, but will I continue to be passionate about children, yes. I know I will."

Now, 56, this eternally youthful first grade teacher says one of the ways she'll stay young is by continuing to learn.

"Education is a life-long learning experience," Oliverio said, "I'm young enough, I could do another career if I wanted to. I plan on going back to school, but this time I can just take the fun stuff. I wouldn't mind taking some massage classes. I've done yoga for a decade, I wouldn't mind being a yoga instruc-

Throughout her lengthy teaching career, Oliverio has only taught in the classrooms at one school. Last Thursday, the parent teacher association of Amerman celebrated her retirement along with dozens of former students, parents, faculty and friends.

"She was really dedicated to the kids" said Ridge Wood Elementary speech therapist, Chris-Anne Kelly. "Both my kids had her. She really wanted every child to succeed. She would go out of her way to help kids succeed

Con Thomas teaches at Silver Springs Elementary, but she did ber student teaching with Oliverio.

Personally, she's one of the

strongest people I've ever met. Professionally, I learned more from her than I did in school."

Thomas' daughter, Faith, is in Oliverio's final first grade class.

"She'll be sad. She's been talking about it a little, but the kids are open

to change." Former students Alyssa Moulds and Grace DeRidder, both 12, remember having Oliverio as their first grade teacher.

"She made class fun," Moulds, remembers. "A year with her felt like it was only a day." DeRidder.

"Today we're celebrating and congratulating Mrs. Oliverio as she goes to this new stage in her life," Amerman Elementary Principal Steven Anderson, Ph.D. "We're going to miss her. She has been a delightful first grade teacher. The kids love her, the parents love

Both parents and children have been prepped and are ready for the arrival of their new teacher. Mrs. Morse began teaching in the classroom with Oliverio on Jan. 24. Oliverio's last day is tomorrow.

It's been a joy. I know they're going to miss me, and I am going to miss them," she says of her final class of first graders. "I know they've learned a lot, and so have I."

Oliverio said she is retiring for personal reasons involving the health of her family. She didn't intend to leave in the middle of the school year. It was a difficult decision, but one that needed to be

"It came around November, and I had to make a decision. I made it, and I'm really very happy. I'm going to enjoy my family," she said.

Mrs. O knows hockey

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Although she was affectionately called "Mrs. O" by her students, Oliverio's last name has been Bush, since 1998 - no relation to the current or former U.S. presidents.

"I hyphenated my name but I had

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Amerman teacher Patricia Oliverio retires tomorrow after teaching for 35 1/2 years.

been here so long when Dennis and I got married, I didn't want to freak the parents out," she said. So, "Mrs.

Along with teaching and her fani-

ily, another love of Oliverio's life is hockey. She and her husband have served as a host family for seven Plymouth Whaler hockey team members over the last seven years

After their children grew up and moved out of the house, Oliverio and her husband read about the program in the paper. She has housed players from Canada, Czechoslovakia and the U.S.

"Nobody has gone to the Red Wings, but I'm waiting. There's going to be one of them, and we expect tickets," she laughs, "I've had Ryan McGinnis, number 10; he's still a Whaler. I had him three years.... Right now I have Kyle Gendra; he's a goalie. He hasn't been over since the hol days. We're hoping to get him back soon. We miss him," she says.

"It's a wonderful program. My husband and I love it."

Times have changed

Over the last three and half decades, Oliverio has witnessed first hand the many changes in Northville's educational landscape.

"My second year of teaching I was invited to participate in what is called open classroom. That meant we went to school nine weeks and then we had three weeks off. It was wonderful.... It was really nice for the kids because they didn't forget anything, you didn't have that long two and-a-half-months break. After three or four years, it faded," she

"I like the new math and science because we teach [the children] reasoning. But I do think there is not as much emphasis on memory," she

Oliverio graduated high school at 17 and attended Schoolcrast College. From there, she went to Michigan State University.

"They had a special program back then; it was a teacher internship. If you qualified, your last year of university you taught at Northville, or any district that would hire you. It was wonderful for me because in 1971 it was a lot like it is now: there weren't a lot of jobs available unless you were willing to move. I was only 20 years old. It was a foot in the door, and I've been here ever since."

Later in her career, she received a master's degree in guidance and counseling.

They are not too many elementary guidance counselors," she admits. "But I think that degree has really come in handy. It's been wonderful in helping me learn to listen to parents with empathy because they're talking with love in their hearts. They are talking about their pride and joy."

Oliverio's immediate plans are to enjoy a vacation in Florida with her family and then, after a break,

may be teaching again.
"They keep asking me, 'Will you be a guest teacher?" she said. "Not this year, but you might see me

Renee Gates can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108.



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A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for February 2, 2007 at 10 00 a.m. at the City of Northville Municipal offices, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. This meeting is not mandatory, but highly recommended.

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Winchester Elementary

The Kids' Club program discovered and recommends the character-building Web site www goodcharacter com, which focuses on teaching children diplomatic practices such as using "why messages" rather than 'blaming messages." Check it out.

Old Village School Needs **Fund-Raiser Assistance**

Old Village School is asking for community support to increase its chances of winning a \$15,000 award. The school's Leisure Recreation Program allows students with severe disabilities to participate in roller skating, swimming or hands-on museum trips and activities that help the students develop skills while enjoying the community. Northville and Novi residents can help by going to the Hamburger Helper Web site and conveying their support for the program. Follow these steps: 1) Go to myhometownhelper com. and click on "Find A Project": 2) Enter "Old Village School," and then; 3) Click on "Kids Are



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Captivated

Winchester Elementary students listen intently to a presentation on Michigan groundwater by Kristin Hund, a representative from MSU East in Pontiac.

Special." From there, you can seroll down and add your comment as to why you support this program. The more visits to this Web site, the better the chances are that the Leisure Recreation Program will win the award

Student Community Service Awards

The Optimist Club of Northville/Novi is offering \$500 awards to area youth through its Student Community Service Award Program, High school students that are residents of Northville, Northville Township, and Novi are eligible and must meet the following criteria: fulltime student in good standing; passing grades in classes for the current school year; provide two letters of recommendation; write a 250-word-or-less essay on what they have learned through their experience in community service and why being involved in community service is important to them and society. Applications may be picked up in the counseling offices of the Northville or Novi high schools. The deadline for submission is March 16, 2007, and the applications and essays should be sent to. OCNN-(CSA). 143 CadyCentre #76, Northville, MI 48167. For more information, call Lori Dow, (248) 505-4055

Early Childhood Center Curriculum Night

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center will hold its first Curriculum Night at 6:30 on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Northville Senior Community Center. The evening is planned to provide parents with information on the Early Childhood Center's programs, curriculum and enrollment procedures. Child care will be available at the licensed 501 W. Main St., Room 207, location. Children must be at least 2 1/2 and be toilet trained. Please call (248) 344-8465 to register by Feb. 1. For more information on the programs offered for the 2007-08 school year, or 2007 summer programs,

www.northville.k12 mi.us/earlychildhood.

Local Students Win Auto Show Poster Contest

Students from Oakland Schools Technical Campus took top honors in the 19th Annual North American International Auto Show poster contest. Poster entries had an automotive theme and acknowledged the show's 100-year anniversary.

Chelsea Noel, Walled Lake Northern High School senior, won \$750, taking first place for "12th-Grade Award" and "Best Use of Color"; Jackie Gendloff, Novi High School junior, won \$500, taking first place for the "11th-Grade Award": Jordan Albright, Northville High School junior, won \$250, taking the award for "Best Theme:" and Leon Lemeshko, West Bloomfield High School senior, won \$250, taking the award for "Most Creative."

Posters were judged by an independent panel made up of recognized members of the Detroit art community. Winning entries are posted on the official NAIAS Web site, www.naias.com., and will be displayed there during the Detroit Auto Show.

College Night .

Eighth-graders and their parents can get prepared for college by attending "Middle School College Night" at Schoolcraft College, Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 4-7 p.m. in the DiPonio Room of the VisTaTech Center. Visit the exhibits of Schoolcraft College. Cleary University, College for Creative Studies, Lawrence Technological University, Madonna University, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University, Saginaw Valley State University, University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Western Michigan University.

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Thursday, February 15, 2007 1.00 P.M., local time at the Northville Township Hall

44405 Six Mile Road Northville, Michigan 48168 Thursday, March 1, 2007 2:00 p m , local time Charter Township of Northville

Township Hall Community Room 44405 Six Mile Road Northville, Michigan 48168

BASIS OF PROPOSALS: Bids are solicited on a lump sum basis for all work

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project will consist of construc-tion of a booster station facility with related appurtenances and other items as shown on the plans. Construction is to include, but not be limit-

ed to, the following:

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5. Furnishing and installation of a natural gas generator with all related instrumentation and controls necessary to provide booster station

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DOCUMENTS ON FILE:

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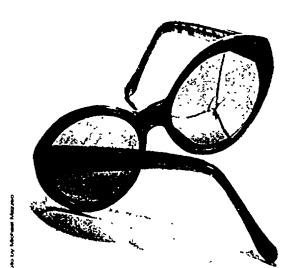
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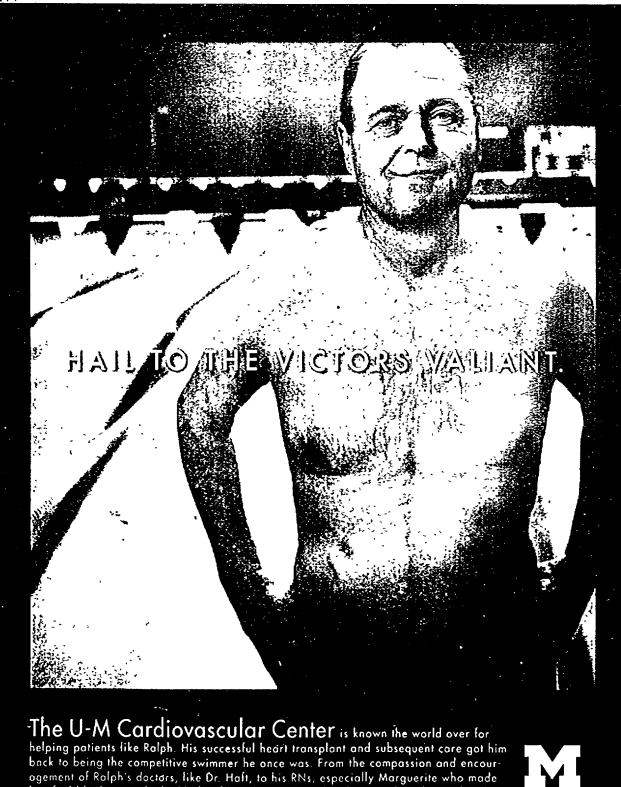
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Board of Ed seeks input on elementary enrollment growth

Series of eight straints in the district's school community forums slated Jan. 30-Feb. 8

Northville school families and community members can give their input on managing the school district's growing elementary school enrollment during a series of eight community forums being sponsored by the Northville Public Schools Board Education beginning Jan. 30.

Currently, all six of the district's elementary schools are at or over capacity, and the most recent enrollment projections show the school system's K-5 enrollment could increase by as much as 500 new students over the next six

The current school year also marks the second, and final, year of the Kindergarten Relocation Plan, which helped address extreme overcrowding at Ridge Wood Elementary by relocating Ridge Wood kindergarteners to four of the district's other elementary schools.

Although the pace has slowed, the Northville community and the school district continue to grow. causing significant space con-

Managing Our Growth

buildings, especially at the elementary school level.

Since the failure last February of the district's two bond proposals (one which would have funded construction of a seventh elementary school), the school board has been carefully studying alternatives for addressing the school system's growing elementary school enrollment. This has included analyzing enrollment trends and pouring over data regarding the cost, feasibility, benefits and challenges of various scenarios.

The community forums will offer participants the opportunity to peruse the data and analysis for each scenario as they rotate through small group discussion "stations." District officials and school board members will be on hand to provide additional information and answer questions. The forums will have an open-house format that will allow participants to come and go at any time during the two-hour sessions.

School families and community members are encouraged to attend the community forum that best meets their schedule regardless of whether it is at their home school. The content and format will be the same at each of the forums.

Before leaving, participants will be asked to give written feed-

Location

Moraine Elementary

Winchester Elementary

Amerman Elementary

Cooke School

Thornton Creek Elementary

Ridge Wood Elementary

Ridge Wood Elementary

Silver Springs Elementary

Community forums are scheduled for the following dates, times and locations.

9:15-11:15 a.m.

1:15-3:15 p.m.

1:30-3:30 p.m.

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Time

6-8 p.m.

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er most viable. The input from school families and community members will be integral to the

plan the district puts in place. The scenarios presented at the forums will include the following:

Short-term scenarios (beginning in the 2007-08 school year) — Each includes using spe-cial subject classrooms for K-5 instruction; adding portable classrooms; and using Early Childhood Center classrooms for K-5 instruction. Increasing class size and/or exceeding the current maximum number of K-5 classes in a school are also considerations.

· Longer-term scenarios -These include building a new elementary school, renovating Cooke School to create more elementary school capacity or renting facilities from neighboring school dis-

Attendance boundary changes - Each of the longerand short-term scenarios will require a change in attendance boundaries, which will impact elementary and middle school attendance areas.

 Budget considerations — Each scenario has budget implications for the school district.

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Reflections

The annual Reflections creative arts competition featured the theme "My Favorite Place." Students submitted entries in literature, photography, visual arts, music composition, dance choreography and film/video production.

Above, Moraine Elementary held a special recognition evening at the school Jan. 16 for participants in the National PTA Reflections program. Pictured (left to right, front) are Erica Gumkowski, Christina Rukowski, Aarya Menon, Rohan Barad, Anna Bartley, Anusha Mamidipaka, Johnny Vallespir; (back) William Vallespir, Anna Bartley, Olivia Scott, Megan Bartley, Mike. Knoth, Michael Vallespir, David Maier, Lauren Marcotte and Angela Steinberg.

Below, the 2006-07 PTA Reflections winners from Ridge Wood Elementary are (back row, left to right) Isabella Corsi, Kelaine Huth, Nicole Mosteller, Sonali Reddy, Carissa Dressel; (middle row) Fred Park, Susan Doong, Molly O'Brien, Chloe Kiple, Emily Corneius; (front row) Brandley Huth, Elizabeth Cullison, Nicki Pumper, Anoushka Ravindran, Meredith Biechele, Lindsey VanSlambrouck, and Gianni Corsi. Other winners not pictured are: Nicholas Barba, Daniel Kargilis, Armen Movsesian and Juliana Gumina.



On Campus

Day/Date

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Thursday, Feb. 1

Monday, Feb. 5

Monday, Feb. 5

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Thursday, Feb. 8

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Hope Collège

Hope College has named the following students from Northville to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year: Elizabeth Cohen, Andrea Firlit, Lauren, Harmer, Lauren Moak and Lara Wagner. A student must achieve a 3.5 grade point average to be named to the Dean's

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Loyola University

Loyola University of Chicago has named Nicole Brants and Jennifer Larson of Northville to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year.

Calvin College

Northville residents Jeffrey D. Crawford and Karlee J.

Dean's List for the Fall 2006 semester at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Students must achieve a gradepoint average of 3.5 for the semester and have at least a 3.3 grade point average.

University of Iowa

Northville resident Wesley James Green has been named to the Dean's List for the 2006 fall semester at the University of Iowa. Students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average to be named to the Dean's List.

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

WHERE WE STAND

Reach together for the Tipping Point

For three years, Northville residents have been immersed in downtown strategic planning - digesting professional consultant commentary and investing countless volunteer hours of discussion.

The recurring bottom line is the need to develop a plan to ensure long-term economic vitality for downtown Northville.

So, when a project with the potential economic impact of the Tipping Point Theater comes to town, it's hard not to get excited. The word city leaders are using is "catalyst" - for new jobs, for redevelopment, for a new downtown identity.

Private parties are talking about investing their enthusiasm and dollars to launch a permanent home for a professional theater in downtown Northville, ala The Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea. Look what the arts infusion did for that community.

Actually, the local entrepreneurs - familiar names Chuck Lapham and Chuck Gaidica - are doing more than talk about it. Their nonprofit mission is clear. And laudable.

Visit tippingpointetheatre.org to sample the energy.
Right now, "the two Chucks" are working with city officials to iron out the plan's physical details.

Christina Johnson, the sparkplug behind the community theater concept, is working full-steam behind the scenes on the rest of the details. "Tipping Point," the signature of her performing company, speaks to the point at which change occurs quickly and unexpectedly.

The theater developers stressed the need for their fellow Northville area residents to step up to the nonprofit venture.

It will take grassroots support - reaching a boiling point, so to speak - to realize the dream. This is a living strategic plan. The entire community will benefit when the curtain rises.

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Let the FDA eat food from clones

In spite of widespread concern among the scientific community, food safety advocates and the public at large, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently announced its approval of meat and dairy products from cloned animals. The first question that comes to mind is "How has the FDA become such a rogue agency?" The next question is "What will it take to redirect its focus from corporate profits to the health and welfare of the American public?

Here's a proposal: If the FDA is so confident that the genetic abnormalities common in clones pose no danger to the food supply, cloned dairy and meats should be tested on employees of the FDA and their families first. After five years or so, if none of the problems associated with cloned animals, like intestinal blockages, weakened immune systems or respiratory distress to name a few, haven't manifested in FDA employees or their children, then maybe we can talk about unleashing these frankenfoods to the public at large.

If we do nothing, something akin to the famous cloned sheep, Dolly, who was by the way, euthanized for health problems at half her lifespan, may find its way to your plate. Since there is no labeling law, you won't even have a choice in the marketplace. A 90-day public comment period has just opened. Make your voice heard; now is the time!

> Teresa Pilarz Northville

What do you think?

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Clarifications

■ In a front page article last week on the Sheldon Road shutdown the Automotive Components Holdings plant was incorrectly identified as a Visteon facility. The former Visteon plant was sold in October 2005.

■ The photo of the Wayne County Training School on page 7-A of last week's issue should have been credited to a Web site on the school, www.w-c-t-s.org. Tim Wilson is the site administrator.

■ The CSX Transportation rail line was misidentified in the Jan. 11 story, "Township awaits REI's decision on former prison site."

Support our national parks

Our national parks hold many of our national treasures and history. For many Americans, being touched by our national parks may seem as out of reach as many of the mountain peaks that grace them and seem to soar to the heavens. Our parks are a collection of nearly 400 natural, cultural and recreational sites that dot our nation. The treasures in this system - the first of its kind in the world - have been set aside by the American people 'to preserve, protect, and share, the legacies of this land."

Did you know that over the last 40 years the Park Service has become one of the largest stewards of black history in the United States? Like much of America. the national parks system is struggling with how to make the parks a welcoming and relevant place for African Americans. That African Americans remain largely disconnected from their national parks is beyond debate.

Here are some facts about national parks that all Americans should consider.

 Of the 390 units in the national park system, twothirds commemorate some aspect of our nation's history and culture. • 18 existing national park units

were specifically created to protect and preserve some part of the African American experience. • In 2005, the combined visita-

tion for these African American theme parks exceeded 1 million people.

• The Park Service has expressed a strong commitment to enhance the diversity of its visitors, staff, sites, and programs.

Why Care About Our Parks?

Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-Illinois) laments that black history is "buried in this country." However, African American history is alive and well in our national parks. The relevance of national parks

extends well beyond the stories they interpret and preserve. Challenged by Congressman Jessie Jackson Jr. (D-Illinois) in the late 1990's to provide more information to park visitors about the role of blacks (enslaved and free) during the American Civil War, the Park Service slowly began to revise the way Civil War battlefield parks told their stories. As a result, visitor center displays at units such as Manassas National Battlefield (Virginia) now begin their interpretation not with the bombardment of Fort Sumter in April 1861, but with the introduction of slavery in North America.

The Park Service is helping change the way Americans think about history, especially the more challenging aspects of our shared past. Slavery, racial violence and segregation, now inform and influence Park Service interpretation and scholarship on subjects ranging from the American Revolution to the Industrial Revolution and from civil war to civil rights. The results aren't always perfect but the Park Service deserves credit for tackling difficult issues in a genuine effort to make the sites, programs, and services they manage reflect our complete and full histo-



About Tom Watkins

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ry. What they are offering is more reflective of people from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Unfortunately, severely inadequate funding for national parks threatens to undermine the progress that has been made. This year, the National Park System has suffered from an operational funding deficit in excess of \$800 million. Tight budgets limit the ability of diversity-enhancing programs to flourish and succeed. We cannot allow this process of last to be funded and first to be cut to con-

The Problem Is Fixable

As the centennial of the National Park System approaches in 2016, the nation must reinvest in our national parks by establishing reliable sources of sustainable public funding and strategic private investment.

 Congress and the administration should provide at least \$200 million in new operating funding in fiscal year 2008 on top of necessary increases for fixed costs and inflation; and

· Legislative initiatives and legacy campaigns, such as the National Parks Centennial Act and the president's National Parks Centennial Challenge, designed to provide additional revenue for parks, must be passed and fund-As Americans, we all must all

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play a more engaged role in national park protection. Of course, there are many pressing social and economic issues that may have a more immediate impact on many of us in Michigan and across change? the nation: However, unless the nation of the control of the c we pay attention, the treasures of our national parks that have been set aside by the American people to preserve, protect, and share, the legacies of this land" can quickly slip away. It is important that our national leaders protect our heritage and assure that it captures and tells the true story of the American experience of all Americans. This should be an investment that we demand that Congress and the president adequately fund.

We cannot fully support our collective history if we deny the history and culture of any American. For more information go to:

www.npca.org

Kalamazoo Promise a step in right direction

"Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning a lion wakes up. It knows it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter whether you are a lion or gazelle. When the sun, comes up, you better start run-

Those words hang on the wall of a fast-growing factory in China, according to Pulitzer-prize winning columnist Thomas Friedman's best-selling book, 'The World is Flat."

They are also a perfect description of what we face in Michigan as we confront a rapidly globalizing world economy. We are currently home to far too many lumbering lions and too few speedy

Now, extinction is looming for many of them - unless they, and we, vastly change the way we do things and the way we view the world. Without a doubt, the best way to make our workforce lions more limber and our gazelles more agile is to provide our people with investments in their brain power, skills and their capacity to add value.

That is usually called "investing in human capital." To many in Michigan, it starts with a specific goal: Doubling the percentage of

people in our workforce who have college degrees. Michigan companies, now

struggling with foreign competitors and their cheap labor, need high-skilled, productive workers to compete. Workers benefit, too; the average difference in annual earnings for a full-time worker with a bachelor's degree and one with a high school diploma is a considerable \$14,000.

That means investing in "human capital" makes sense and nobody is doing it in a more exciting way than Kalamazoo.

Last week, more than 200 scholars, school folks, policy wonks and ordinary citizens gathered Jan. 17 at a Center For Michigan-sponsored forum in Kalamazoo to explore a landmark human capital initiative called the Kalamazoo Promise.

Made possible by anonymous donors in 2005, the Promise offers any Kalamazoo graduate who was enrolled in that city's public schools since kindergarten free, fully-paid tuition at any of the 44 public colleges or universities in Michigan. (Kids who arrived after kindergarten but before high school get aid on a sliding scale.)

What a brilliant -- and brilliantly simple — idea! Although folks in Kalamazoo

caution us about interpreting

early results, the first indications are remarkable. The first full year since the program was announced

 A 10 percent increase (987) in kids enrolled in Kalamazoo public schools.

• A 44 percent increase in African American high school seniors who are staying in school. A 12 percent increase in

white students in grades K-8, reversing a 35-year trend of white flight from the city schools. Evidence is even stronger at the other end of the pipeline. Last fall, 318 proud high school grad-

uates received the first-ever Kalamazoo Promise scholarships. Did they make a difference? Statistics show that Kalamazoo had a 17 percent increase in graduates enrolling in community colleges and a whopping 55 percent jump in the number attending four-year universities. Eighty-

three percent of Kalamazoo

school graduates are now attend-

ing college. But would it work statewide? Much of the discussion at the Center for Michigan's conference revolved around the question of whether components of the Kalamazoo Promise could be scaled up into a Michigan

We're part way there. The \$1,500 just added to the old

Promise.



About Phil Power

Phil Power was a member of the work group that drafted the new mining law and is a member of the Huron Mountain Club, whose lands are near the site of the proposed mine. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at poower@hcnnet.com.

\$2,500 Michigan Merit program provides just about enough funding so that every Michigan high school graduate can get their tuition paid for an associates' degree at a community college.

But getting to full funding for four-year universities is much tougher. Offering a full tuition grant at public universities would cost around \$900 million, based on the number of students attend-

If you add board and room costs, the number rises to \$1.65 billion. That's a lot of money for a state facing a current budget deficit of around \$3 billion. And naturally, both figures would naturally increase if and when, as hoped, more kids go to college.

Some think that as a halfway measure, we should tweak college tuition guarantees to encourage talented graduates to stay instate and reduce the brain drain

from Michigan to places like Chicago and New York. Good idea, but still expensive. If we rebated tuition at public universities to graduates who stay in Michigan after graduation for. say, five years, the annual bill would come to around \$700 mil-

Yet when their views were surveyed, conference participants overwhelmingly advocated scaling up the Kalamazoo Promise. Seventy percent urged it be offered statewide, although opinions on how and who should pay for it were mixed.

Some felt and feared a big statewide program would chill local initiatives. Most of the discussion, I realized as I came away from the conference, was quantitative in nature. Not should we do it so much as ... how much would it cost? Who would pay?

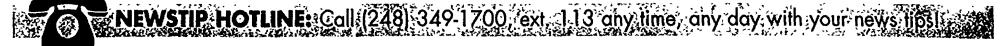
How would we run the pro-

gram?

But a qualitative dimension was missing. So far, the Kalamazoo Promise appears to be changing the culture in many local families. People who saw lifelong learning as rather pointless now recognize that getting a college degree is essential for future success.

Jack Hopkins, head of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, put this thought most eloquently in a closing comment: The real point of the Promise is that it transforms our vision of ourselves."

Ourselves, and our state. In considering Michigan's current economic doldrums and lumbering lions, we all might want seriously to consider how best to transform our vision of ourselves ... and how to best grasp the competitive promise cultural change might offer.



The 2nd Annual Fire & Ice Festival from noon-4 p.m. Saturday ... see story on front page MMUNITY CALENDAR

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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

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

Northville Arts Commission Exhibit Opening Reception

DATE: Friday, Feb. 2 TIME: 5:30-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Art

DETAILS: The exhibit will feature two artists-in-residence, Anita Bates and Stephen Gatny, and will run through March 4. CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

Sherrus Gallery Exhibit Opening

DATE: Friday, Feb. 2 TIME: 6-9 p.m. LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center Street **DETAILS: Sculptor Boris** Kramer's forged metal pieces featuring family and other human relationships will be exhibited

CONTACT: (248) 380-0470

Feb. 2-28.

Country Garden Clab of Northville

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 6 TIME: noon LOCATION: Mill Race Village, Cady Inn

DETAILS: Speaker Mary Glesmann will present silk flower

CONTACT: Sue Witek, (248) 349-7783

Plymouth Symphony at **Northville High School** DATE: Saturday, Feb. 10

TIME: 8 p.m. LOCATION: Northville High School Auditorium

DETAILS: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will perform an evening of classical and new music by Grammy winner and guest composer, William

Bolcom. Before the performance, patrons are invited to hear a talk featuring Nan Washburn and William Bolcom. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and free for students through 12th grade. Tickets can be purchased through www.plymouthsymphony.org, or via e-mail to info@plymouthsymphony.org or at the number that follows.

CONTACT: (734) 451-2112

New Book Club

DATE: Friday, Feb. 16 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St., Northville **DETAILS:** 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 1600-1860. 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.northvillemarquistheatre.com

Raggedy Ann and Andy SCHEDULE: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 17-April 28: 2:30 p.m., Sundays, March 18-April 29; and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 9-13

DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 each. No children under 3 years of age.

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. 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.

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 nonregistered children may not attend. Registration is

required. 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 reg-

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 that are 4 and 5 years old or are in kindergarten and are comfortable attending without a care giver present. Siblings, or nonregisetered children may not attend. Please call to register.

Valentine Crafts for Kids TIME/DATE: 4-5 p m., Thursday, Feb. 8

DETAILS: Children of all ages are invited to make a Valentine finger puppet. Children ages 5 and under must be accompanied by a care giver. No registration required.

Friends Presentation on Machu Pechu

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Feb. 8 **DETAILS: Travel expert Kathy** Thornton will present pictures of Machu Pechu, Peru, the lost viltage once inhabited by the Incas. The program is free, but reservations are recommended.

Between the Lines Book Discussion

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 12

DETAILS: The featured title will be "Leaving Cecil Street" by Dianne McKinney-Whetstone. All are welcome.

All About Oscars TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15

DETAILS: Oakland Community College Film Professor Lawrence Jeziak will present insight into the history of the Oscars and will predict this year's winners. The program is free, but preregistration is necessary.





Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Twistin' toddler

Jill Beliasoy enjoys some play time with her daughter Elizabeth, 8 months, at last week's Toddler Twist program at Novi's Soccer Zone on Grand River Ave. The play and music program is available through the Northville Parks and Recreation Dept.

Friends Store

DETAILS: The Friends Store, located inside the library, offers a variety of gifts for all ages. All proceeds benefit the library.

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

Library Board of Trustee Meetings

DATE: Fourth Thursday of every

TIME: 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Open to the public.

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 sixth grade with registration at least two weeks before the workshop begins. Upcoming

topics are: Tonight: Putting Your "Ex" in Focus, presented by Dell Deaton. Feb. 1: Pot Luck Dinner & Legal Aspects of Divorce, presented by

attorney David Jerome Feb. 8: Church & Divorce, Spritual Help and Forgiveness presented by W. Kent Clise

Feb. 11: Helping Children Through Divorce presented by Sharon Bergman, clinical psychologist

Men of Grace Concert DATE: Tonight 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 request-

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

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 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. 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: 40000 Six Mile CONTACT: (248) 374-5966 "From Grief to New Hope"

Workshop DATE: Monday nights begin-

ning Feb. 5 for eight weeks TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Presented by Catry 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

CONTACT: Keli Plansinis, atplayintennis@comcast.net or Women's Ministries (248) 374-

valued, pampered and recharged.

WOW Tuesdays DATE: Tuesdays

TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m. LOCATION: Chapel, NE 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. Firstthird grade; 2-4:30 p.m. Fourthsixth grade

DETAILS: Coach Steve Moreland will conduct this clinic for boys and girls. Each participant will receive a Pistons T-shirt. Refreshments will be provided. The cost is \$15 per child. Preregistration 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

First United Methodist Church LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile

Road CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 Sunday Worship DETAILS: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m. and

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 Career Ministry Meetings

DAY: Sunday TIME: 1:30-3 p.m. **DETAILS: The Career Ministry** program is to help meet the

needs of job seekers and others in career transition. It is free of charge and is focused on providing career development resources, programs and networking opportunities to anyone in the Northville/Novi area.

Reaching Higher Program's Exclusively Women Course

DATE: Tonight TIME: 6:30-9:30 LOCATION: Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power Rd., Farmington Hills

DETAILS: This Christian-based motivational program will teach women how to value and love themselves, overcome obstacles, make new healthy choices and acquire tools to reduce stress and enhance well-being. The course is nine weeks, and the cost is \$300.

CONTACT: Reaching Higher Office, (810) 220-8812, or Farmington Hills Church of God, (248) 477-9144

<u>SENIOR</u> EVENTS

Thursday 9 a.m.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly 9:30 a.m.: Yoga

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Tai Chi 1 p.m.: Web Browsing & e-mail 6:30 p.m.: Cirque Dreams By appointment: Massage

Friday 9: 30 a.m.: Focus Hope and Liquid Nutrition

10 a.m.: Strength Training 11 a.m.: Poker 11 a.m.: Web Browsing & e-

mail 1 p.m.: Movie-The Guardian Monday 9:30 a.m.: Strength Training 10 a.m.: Line Dance

10 a.m.: Oxycise 11 a.m.: Oxycise New Enrollees noon: Blood Pressure Check 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre Tuesday 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

1 p.m.: Computer I Wednesday 9:45 a.m.: Oxycise New

Enrollees 10 a.m.: Oxycise 10:30 a.m.: Kalloway's 11 a.m.: Ceramic Painting noon: Bridge 1 p.m.: Computer I

7 p.m.: Bridge Valentine's Luncheon

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 14 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center

DETAILS: There will be games, prizes and lots of fun. The luncheon will serve lasagna, salad, roll and dessert followed by the movie "Sleepless in Seattle." The cost is \$10 per person, and preregistration is required.

Spaghetti Dinner

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 22 TIME: 4-7 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Senior **Community Center**

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

DETAILS: The dinner will include spaghetti by Genitti's, salad, parlic bread, dessert, coffee, tea and punch. All proceeds will benefit the Senior Adult Services Program. The cost is \$8 per person.

Board Games

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

Ongoing Card Games

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

Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleyball

LOCATION: Senior Community

Pinochie (single deck)

Center, 303 W. Main St.

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday **LOCATION: Recreation Center** and Hillside

DETAILS: All levels of play are

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CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation, (248) 449-9947

Co-ed Adult 50+ Basketball TIME/DAY. 10 a m -noon,

Thursdays **LOCATION** Senior Community

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

LOOKING FOR

2nd Annual Polar Bear Plunge DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27

TIME: 11 a.m. DETAILS: This is a Kiwanis Club fund-raiser to support its 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:

htt:://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Com munity/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 dropin rate for unregistered students is \$11 per class. There is no charge for the first visit.

CONTACT: Diane Seigel-DiVita,

E-mail Address

Name

Date Sent

(248) 344-0928 or e-mail trianglesix@sbcglobal net

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, who 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

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

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DETAILS: The preschool is currently enrolling 2-, 3-, and 4-yearold 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

Candyland Extravaganza Saturday at Senior Center

How sweet it is.

The Second Annual Candyland Extravaganza will take place from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W.

Nichole Passmore and Cheryl Mudd from the Northville Parks and Recreation Department are in charge of the event.

Attendees can walk the Candyland Trail at the indoor event where children can visit differ-

ent stations for goodies. Crafts will also be available for children, such

as 3D snowflake-making and gingerbread

"The decorations really transform the room,"

Passmore said.

At the end of the event, children get to build an ice cream sundae with Queen Frostine. "We're celebrating the chilly month of

January with Queen Frostine and her Candyland friends," Passmore said. Other costumed characters at the event will

include Mr. Mint, King Candy and Princess Children can even take a stroll through the

Lollipop Woods.

Cost is \$10 per child, with children ages 3-8 invited to the event. Children must be accompanied by at least one adult. Tickets are available at the Northville Parks

and Recreation Office at 700 W. Baseline Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0203,

By staff writer Pam Fleming

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-

Anxiety Disorder Support Group

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m. Thursday,

weekty 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 has 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

DATE: Second and Fourth Monday of each month TIMĚ: 7-8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Sunrise Assisted Living Center, 16100 Haggerty Road

DETAILS: This New Hope Center for Gnef 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

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Best collision shop	Best party store
Best insurance (agency)	Best jewelry store
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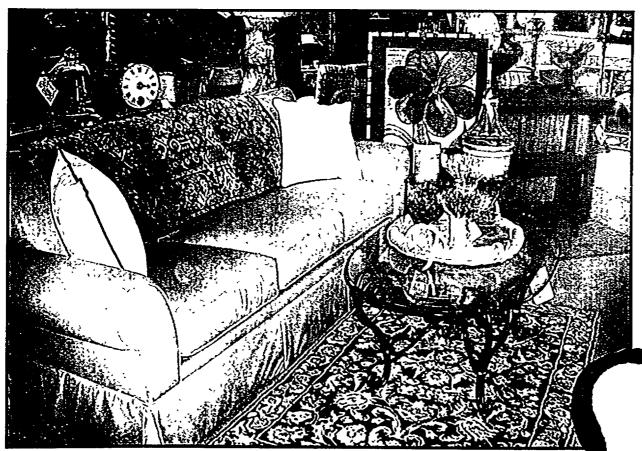
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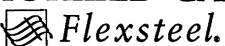
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CONTACT: Tabatha Manuel, (313) 561-4110, ext. 20 or tmanuel@ywca-wwc org

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

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 monthy meeting of the

CONTACT: (249) 349-0345 or go to Downtownnorthville.com

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every

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

Arts Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TÍME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

Art House Store

LOCATION: 215 W. Cady St. DETAILS: Looking for volunteers to work four hours per month. Meet interesting people. Get ten percent off store purchas-

CONTACT: Carol Kendra (248) 760-2106

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

Youth Assistance

High St.

DATE: Second Tuesday of every

TIME: 8 a.m. LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 344-1618

Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

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PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

LOCATION: 775 N. Center St., back entrance of Hillside Middle School

CONTACT: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities, (248) 349-0203 or

www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Northville Ski and Snowboard

DETAILS: Call the office for more information or to register.

Candyland Extravaganza

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27 DETAILS: This event will include crafts, treats and a snack. The fee is \$10 per child. Pre-registration is required. Contact the office for more information or go to www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Open Basketball

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

Open Family Basketball

DATE: Every Sunday TIME: 4-6 p.m. **LOCATION: Senior Community** Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: There is a fee of \$2 per person.

Open 40+ Basketball

DATE: Every Wednesday TIME: 7-9:30 p.m. **LOCATION: Senior Community** Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per per-

Open Volleyball

TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m., Thursdays; 10 a.m-2 p.m.,

Saturdays
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: There is a fee of \$4 per person for Thursday and \$4 per person for Saturday.

Open Badminton

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

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road **DETAILS:** Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. The cost is \$7

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

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

Total Golf Adventure's Golf Enrichment Program

DATE: Mondays, Jan. 22-Mar. 12 and Tuesdays Apr. 24- Jun 5 TIME: 4-5 p.m.

LOCATION: RCH Waterford Room

DETAILS: TGA introduces students to the game of golf through a five-level enrichment program that promotes advancement and achievement while teaching the came in a fun atmosphere. TGA's program promotes values, life skills, coordination and achievement. Equipment provided. Fees

from \$160-\$170. CONTACT: (734) 459-2128; tgaofmichigan@sbcglobal.net; www.totalgolfadventures.com

Theatre Basics Class

DATE: Begins Feb. 10 DETAILS: The class will explore the fundamentals of acting, and culminate in a "showcase" for parents and friends. Instructed by Christina Johnson, the theater director at Northville High School. The fee is \$95 per resident student, additional fees for non-resi-

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203 or go to

dent. Pre-registration is required.

www.northvilleparkandrec.org

Master Plan Public Hearing

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Feb. 14 LOCATION: Northville Senior **Community Center**

DETAILS: A draft version of the Northville Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2007-2012 is available for review on the department's website at

www.northvilleparksandrec.org. The plan will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission at the hearing.

Public comment and feedback is REGIONAL

BeckRidge Chorale Auditions

TIME/DATES: 7 p.m. Jan. 30 LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

DETAILS: The Chorale is inviting the public to open auditions for the spring concert titled "Sing for the Cure." All proceeds from this concert will go to the Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute.

CONTACT: (734) 416-9885

Business Networking International

TIME/DAY: 7-8:30 a.m. every Thursday

LOCATION: Eastern Michigan University, Livonia Campus, 38777 W. Six Mile Road, Suite

DETAILS: Visitors are welcome to all meetings. Reservations required.

CONTACT: Jim Green, (248) 345-3302

Plymouth District Library Baseball Series

LOCATION: 223 S. Main Street,

Plymouth CONTACT: (734) 453-0750, ext. 4

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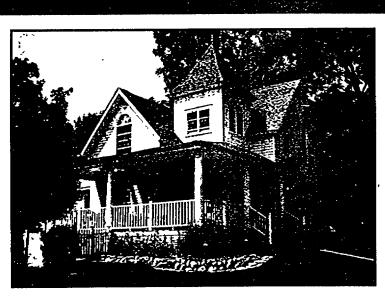
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Feb. 11

Magenta Hands Up by Stephen Gatny of Dearborn

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The Northville Arts Commission new two-person exhibition

features the artwork of Anita Bates and Stephen Gatny. For the

past year, Bates and Gatny have been artists in residence at the

Detroit Artists Market. As an art teacher at Marygrove College

focusing on the fundamentals of painting: color, value and space

Gatny's work focuses on a reaction/counter-reaction style of

painting and drawing. He was recently awarded an honorable

mention at the avant-garde exhibition at the Grosse Pointe Art

The artists will also be giving a gallery talk on their work on

Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. The show will open Feb. 2 during Northville's

Tthe show will continue through March 4 during Art House

Gallery hours (Thursdays, 1-7 p.m.; Fridays, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 12:30-4:30 p.m.). For further informa-

The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facili-

First Friday's Art Walk and will include light refreshments.

and Bradford Academy, her artwork is primarily abstraction,

Bates has exhibited her work at the G.R. N'Namdi Gallery and

reception for artists in residence

Northville Art House.

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Center Gallery.

tion, please call (248) 344-0497.

ty of the Northville Arts Commission.

DETAILS: Mike Reghi has been the broadcast announcer for the Baltimore Orioles and Cleveland Cavaliers, and was recently induct-

> **Eton Academy College and** Career Night

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 31 TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Eton Academy, 1755 Melton, Birmingham

DETAILS: Representatives from colleges, universities, trade schools and other organizations will be present to provide information on their programs for students with learning differences such as attention defecit hyperactivity disorder, dyslexia, or dysgraphia. The evening is free to parents and students.

CONTACT: (248) 642-1150

Free Fibromyalgia Workshop

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 31 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Carl Sandburg Library, Livonia

DETAILS: A member of the National Wellness Foundation will present this workshop on the causes of Fibromyalgia, and how is it is misdaignosed and misunderstood. Reservations required. CONTACT: (248) 426-0201

Great Books Discussion Group

TIME/DAY: First and Third Thursday of every month.

LOCATION: Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington Roads

DETAILS: Discuss novels, plays, poetry, and non-fiction. CONTACT: (248) 349-3121

Business Networking International

TIME/DAY: 7-8:30 a.m. every Thursday

LOCATION: Eastern Michigan University, Livonia Campus, 38777 W. Six Mile Road, Suite 400

DETAILS: Visitors are welcome to all meetings. Reservations required.

CONTACT: Jim Green, (248) 345-3302

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TIME: 7 p m.

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DETAILS: Meet at the

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

Swing City Big Band Concerts

TIME/DATES: 8 p.m. Feb. 10; 8 p.m. Mar. 31 LOCATION: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton DETAILS: A 19 piece band brings back the music of the 1940's big band era for listening

and dancing enjoyment. There will

be door prizes and an open dance floor. Tickets are \$12 per person. CONTACT: (734) 394-5460 or

www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater/index.asp for

swingcity_bigband@yahoo com or www.swingcitybigband.org for more information on the band.

Special Olympics Bowl-A-Thon DATE: Saturday, Feb. 10

LOCATION: Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River, Farmington **DETAILS: Team Farmington** Special Olympics is hosting their 15th Annual Bowl-A-Thon to raise funds for their program. Proceeds will be used to purchase training equipment, uniforms and other items necessary to keep the ath-

letes active year-round. Team Farmington is looking for corporate and business sponsors to help put on the event, as well as teams of five bowlers to participate. To

become a sponsor, or register a

team, please contact the the Team Farmington office as follows. CONTACT: (248) 489-3849 or email bowl-a-thon@sbcglobal.nct

Cantata Academy Chorale Love Songs Concert

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 10 TIME: 8 p.m. LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington

DATE: Sunday, Feb. 11 TIME: 4 p.m. LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 5005 Chicago

Road, Warren DETAILS: The concerts will feature songs of love and romance. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15

for seniors and students. CONTACT: (248) 358-9868 or www.cantataacademychorale.brav ehost com

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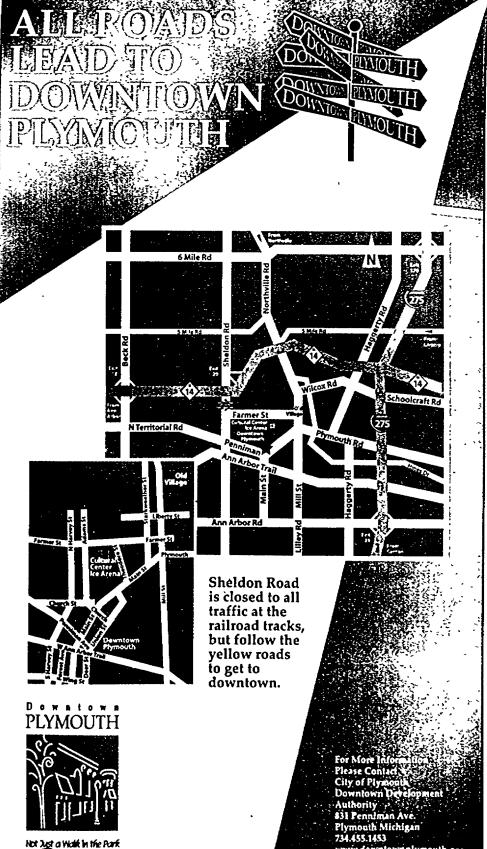
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REACHING BEYOND



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Mustang volleyball standouts, from left: Amanda Marquardt, Joanna Foss, and Katie Moran are enjoying their senior year and looking forward to playing at the next level.

Three college-bound seniors lead 19-2-2 Mustangs

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Any high school coach's goal is to get as many kids playing at the next level as possible. Northville volleyball head coach Steve Anderson knew going into the season that three girls from his team had already signed to

play college ball, and he expects more. There are players on this team that I would be strictly shocked if they weren't playing college ball, in particular the three that did sign prior to the season starting," he said. "They have quality skills, and they're quality people."

Outside hitter Katie Moran signed with Catawba College in North Carolina, middle and outside hitter Joanna Foss signed with Marist College in New York, and Amanda Marquardt signed a letter of intent with Tiffin University in Ohio.

"It's really taken the stress off. A lot of people are worried about hearing back from colleges and the deadlines and everything," said Foss about making her decision before the season started. "It's really a lot less stressful because I already know where I'm going, and I don't have to worry about it."

ith the sport," he said. "Volleyball can be an avenue. If your goal is to go onto a higher level, may be Northville is a real good place to try and accomplish that."

Having three girls sign for colleges is a good indication the team has talent, and it's

showing in the win column. The Mustangs are 19-2-2 and 1-0 in the league. They've also captured the U-M Dearborn title and finished runners-up in two others.

"We've been doing pretty good," Moran said. "We're a really tall team and really strong.

Northville is loaded with seniors, but Moran said becoming a senior changed her role as a leader. "More people look up to you and respect

you as a player," she said. "I don't feel as uncomfortable telling someone to do something or cheer (for others)." Getting off to a great start has definitely lift-

ed the team's confidence. The Mustangs are looking to continue their divisional domi-

Anderson hopes the signings will help divisions in a row." Marquardt said. "We're inspire the returning kids and youth programs. going to be really good. As long as we work together as a team like we did Dearborn tournament), we shall go very far."

Passing on a legacy

Winning is a legacy that every team wants to pass on, but Marquardt wants the underclassmen and next year's seniors to take away something else from this year's team, loaded with seven seniors.

"Play as a team," she said. "When bad things happen to you, live in the present and learn from the past."

The season is already near the halfway mark, but Foss is looking forward to finishing out her senior season with her friends that she's played with throughout her high school

"I love these girls," Foss said. "It's been a lot of fun because we've been on the team for three years together now.

Everyone wants to go out with a bang and have a good senior season. I think we could do really great things."

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Northville's Alvin Storrs elevates and puts up a jumpshot during the Mustang's home game against Livonia

Winning response

'Stangs come back from first loss with two blowout wins

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville responded well to losing its first regular season game Jan. 12 at Salem.

The Mustangs battered Wayne 66-44 (Jan. 16) and Franklin 56-33 (Friday) in a pair of home games.

Franklin, Against Mustangs (8-1, 4-1) had a major size advantage and took full use of it, continuously working

the ball inside. starting player was 6-2 senior Alex Reid. David Burke and Dan

Kirkpatrick are 6-6, and Mike Rogers is 6-8 for Northville. "You had to get the ball inside," said Darrel Schumacher, Northville head coach. "Their

whole gameplan was to make us perimeter shoot and hope they could outrebound us. The offense that usually goes through Alvin Storrs was altered

to get the ball inside and struggled early. Franklin (2-7, 1-4) took advantage and lead 9-4. Northville scored on its final

three possessions of the quarter and trailed just 11-10 heading into the second. Junior forward Greg Hasse came in to replace Rogers who

got in early foul trouble. Hasse

hit the final two points of the

first quarter and after a Franklin 3-pointer, hit the next seven point to give the Mustangs a lead they wouldn't give back.

"We played real good as a team," Hasse said. "I just tried to bring as much energy as I

Hasse finished with nine points in the second quarter and all 11 of his points in the first half, leading the Mustangs to a 27-23 lead at the break.

"I talked to Greg earlier in the week and said 'We energy bench, and I think you're the best to do that," Schumacher said. "He said 'I can do whatever you ask coach.' He

came out and did exactly that. The third quarter was a defensive masterpiece for the

Mustangs. They allowed just four points while scoring 19 to blow the game wide open. Northville led 31-25 before scoring on eight of nine possessions to close out the quarter with a 46-27 lead.

"Defense is how you win this game," Schumacher said, "If you think that you can score more, you've got some problems. We think that you've got to get tumovers and get the ball knocked lose and go score off of it."

The starters were pulled for

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Northville crushes Canton, 8-2

Submitted to the Northville Record

Northville's home game last Saturday night against the Canton Chiefs was another high scoring. big win for the Mustangs. The Mustangs continued to capitalize on strategic passing and puck control, dominating the game start to finish in an 8-2 blowout.

Senior Mike Garbarz took the lead with about 10 minutes remaining in the first period when sophomore Matt Kreager got the puck to Senior Anthony Deneau, who sent it across the front, and Garbarz knocked the puck in out of the air to start the scoring.

The second goal resulted from some patient cycling on a Northville power play when senior Steve Dawson sent it from behind the net to senior Brandon

Wales, who dished it to junior TJ Hohl who was ready in the slot.

Another smart pass from senior Ian Jezak to junior Kevin Uetz produced the third and last goal of the period when Uetz fired it in top shelf, ending the period up 3-0.

The high scoring tempo continued early in the second. Just after Northville almost scored short handed on a penalty kill, Canton came down on an

odd man rush and slid one in to put the game at Northville responded during a 5-on-3 when Hohl passed it to the

point and a hard shot from senior Kyle Ziomek deflected off a Canton player and hit the net. With less than five minutes

remaining in the period, Canton took advantage of a power play

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Photos submitted by James Deneau

Above, Matt Kreager takes a shot as Mike Garbarz tries to screen the goalie.

Right, two Northville players converge on the net as the puck gets by the Canton netminder.



MEET IN THE MIDDLE NORTHVILLE H.S. SCHEDULE

■ Patriots win : tough battle with Raiders, 94-77

Submitted to the Northville Record by David Wagner

The Meads Mill Middle School Patriot swim team took an early lead and held off the Hillside Raider swimmers to win the crosstown rivalry 94-77 Jan.
11 at the Northville High School

This meet means everything to the Meads Mill swimmers." said head coach Amy Balog. "This is the first time Meads Mill has beaten the Hillside swim team. I am so proud of the kids." Swimming in front of a full

house of parents and family, the middle school teams received encouragement from the Northville High School varsity boys and girls swim coaches. Rich Bennetts and Brad Brockway. "Our varsity teams draw swimmers from the middle schools. Come out for the high school team. Swim fast," said Bennett as he and the Northville boys swim team headed off to their meet at Stevenson. Brockway congratulated the swimmers and had the varsity girl swimmers who had volunteered to be timers encourage the middle schoolers to join the team next year.

Meads Mill's 200 medley relay team of Leah Erlandson. Shannon Lohman, Susan Morris and Maddie Evasic won the first event (2:14.27). Alec Wagner from Hillside won the next event. the 200 freestyle (2:18.95). Hillside's Alex Miller finished first (1:09.67) in the 100 individual medley, setting the stage for the rest of the close meet.

Since Hillside does not have a diving team, Meads Mill received 13 points with Kevin (173.40). Shannon Lohman (159.675) and Jennifer Jones (148.55) finishing first through third. After the diving, Hillside threatened but could not catch the Meads Mill swim-

The 100 freestyle saw the closest race of the afternoon with Boseng Zhang of Meads Mill beating Kevin Courtney of Hillside by inches. Hillside rallied in the 200 freestyle relay with Ryan Winkler, Beth Hadley, Zach Taylor and Miller taking first (1:56.28).

The Patriots and Raiders traded first place finishes in the next two events. Erlandson (1:11.90) from Meads Mill won the 100 backstroke and Hillside's Wagner (1:21.59) finished first in the 100 breaststroke.

In the final event, the 400 freestyle relay, the Meads Mill team Zhang, Ladhoff, Erlandson and Morris touched seven tenths



Submitted photos

The Meads Mill 400 freestyle relay team smiles after winning the race in 4:12.93.



The Hillside swimmers stand together after the meet against Meads Mill.

of a second ahead of the Hillside swimmers cementing their victo-

The Meads Mill team led by captains Kevin Bain, Brittany David, Jill Dobronski and Olivia Martin and the Hillside team lead

by Bridgett Dunn, Alex Miller, Emily Sklar and Alec Wagner are looking forward to swimming for Northville High School next mers and divers are making. year. Hillside coaches Jody Gomez, Jennifer Lawson and

Mill coaches Amy Balog, Lisa Bush and Heather Lilac are excited about the progress the swim-

'Our main job is to get the kids ready to compete for Northville

1/27 WL Western at Lakland Arena, 7:20 p.m. 1/31 Franklin at Eddie Edger, 8 p.m.

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1/26 at WL Western, 7 p.m. 1/30 Canton, 7 p.m.

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1/25 at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. 1/27 at Fenton, 8:30 a.m.

Gymnastics 1/31 at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

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1/31 at Franklin, 6 p.m.

SPORTS SHORTS

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

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 plm., 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. Preregistration is necessary at (248) 374-5932.

Cash in double digits again

Junior guard/forward Jim Cash (Northville/Detroit Catholic Central) posted 15 points and eight rebounds as Albion College dispatched Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association rival Kalamazoo College, 77-59, Wednesday night. He was 5-of-12 from the field, including 2of-4 from 3-point range, and 3of-3 from the free throw line.

Cash has scored in double figures in the last four games and currently boasts a 7.9 per game scoring average.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

State qualifiers!

The Northville varsity pom pon team earned its Division 1 Class A ranking at the Mid-American statewide regional Jan. 20 at Churchill. The Mustangs will perform at the highest level of competition at the state meet Feb. 11 at Eastern Michigan University.

Meads Mill vs. Hillside

(Event, First Place, School)

200 Medley Relay

Erlandson, Lohman, Morris, Evasic (2:14.27) Meads Mill

200 Freestyle Alec Wagner (2:18 95) Hillside

100 Individual Medley Alex Miller (1:09.67) Hillside

Max Ladhoff (27.38)

Kevin Bain (173.40)

Alex Miller (31.43)

(Hillside has no divers)

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100 Freestyle

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Heather Atkinson and Meads High School," Lawson said.

200 Freestyle Relay

Winkler, Hadley, Taylor, Miller (1:5628)Hillside

100 Backstroke Leah Erlandson (1:11.90) Meads Mill

100 Breaststroke Alec Wagner (1:21.59)

Hillside 400 Freestyle Relay

Zhang, Ladhoff, Erlandson, Bofeng Zhang (1:04.46) Morris (4:12.93) Meads Mill

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JV hockey beats Utica, 4-

Submitted to the Northville Record

The Northville junior varsity hockey team lost a couple of games to Catholic schools before knocking off Utica Eisenhower to go 1-2 in the past three games.

Catholic Central 3, Northville

Jan. 10: The Mustangs played a home game against Catholic Central at Novi Ice Arena. Northville played very strong defensively and held Catholic Central to no goals for over a period and a half but they managed to score their first goal at 4:19 in the second period. The goaltending was very strong but it wasn't enough because Catholic Central scored two more goals in the third period at 11:28 and 2:19. Northville's only goal came when Derek Raymond passed the puck to defenseman Kevin Andrews who skated down the ice and slapped the puck past the CC goalie at 1:44. Alex Belanger also got an assist.

Brother Rice 5, Northville 3

Jan 13: Brother Rice came to Compuware Arena to play a home game against Northville. Brother Rice scored a power play goal at 12:35 in the first period. Northville scored their first goal at 601 in the same period when defenseman Neil Arthur skated the length of the ice and slammed the puck into the net. Eric Goebel received an assist for this goal. In the second period, Brother Rice scored another power play goal at 7:37. Northville came back to even the score with a goal at 5:09 from Derek Raymond. He was assisted by Alex Belanger and Eric Goebel. Brother Rice scored again at 3:28. Northville answered this with a goal at 1:04 when Tyler Jones got the puck from Matt Rosiar and slapped it past the Brother Rice goalie. Eric Goebel got a third assist on this goal. In the third period, Brother Rice scored at 7:08. With about a minute left in the game, goalie Andy Bray was pulled to put an extra attacker on the ice in an attempt to even the score. After a strong offensive flurry, Brother Rice was able to steal the puck and scored an empty net goal with 14 seconds left.

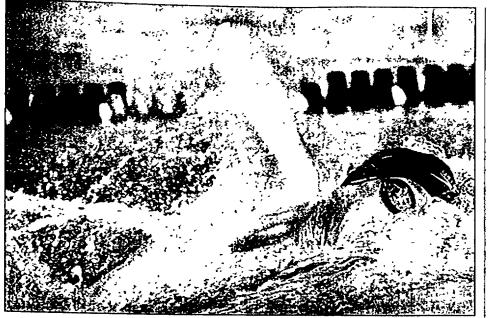
Northville 4, Utica 2

Jan 17: Northville traveled to Macomb Suburban Ice Arena to play a late game against Utica Eisenhower High School. Nick Vitale scored first for Northville at 12:21 in the first period with assists from Matt DeSpirt and Neil Arthur. Utica came back with power play goals at 11:11 and 5:38. In the second period, Tyler Jones slapped the puck into the net after receiving a pass from defenseman John Wozniak at 10:39. Later in the period, Jay Kastely scored an unassisted goal with only 19 seconds left. Nick Vitale scored again in the third period at 13:29 with the assistance of Matt DeSpirt and Josh McMullen. Utica pulled their goalie late in the period but was unable to score. Goalie Steve Ciranna made a number of good saves in this winning

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Mustang Will Blickle swims against Walled Lake Western.

Northville's swim, dive impressive in five wins

■ Volleyball girls rip Wayne in three games

By Jeff Theisen NEWS SPORTS WRITER

The Northville swim team had a busy but prosperous week, picking up wins against Salem (Jan. 16). Walled Lake Western (Jan. 18) and swept a three-team quad Saturday.

The team picked up several wins in each of the meets, but head coach Rich Bennetts picked out a few swimmers to highlight from each

In a 127-56 win against Salem, Jon Bardsley won the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly, and Kyle Adams won the 50 and 100 freestyle.

Highlights from the 138-48 win against Walled Lake Western included Ben Schoenek placing second in the 500 freestyle and Anthony Adamowicz taking second in the 200 freestyle.

In the quad, Northville (7-0, 3-0) beat South Lyon 142-44, Grosse Pointe South 126-60 and Saline 110-76. Dropping significant times in their races were John Blickle, Adamowicz, Patrick Keady and Enk Peterson.

"We had a real good meet on Saniday," Bennetts said of lot of Gymnastics and said of the Nonhville girls gymnastic sophomores."

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Volleyball

Northville started out WLAA volleyball play with a three-game hammering of Wayne Memorial.

Allison Holmes had nine assists and nine blocks, and Krysta Cicala passed out 20 assists and fired eight aces to lead the Mustangs (19-2-2,

Wrestling

The Northville wrestlers pounded Plymouth 51-19 on Jan. 18.

"It was a great win for the team. We really wrestled well and had a complete match," Northville head coach Jeff Balagna said, "Plymouth has had our number the past few seasons so it was good to see the boys get one back on them."

Picking up wins for the Mustangs were Mike Bagian (103), Steve Manney (112), Matt Ladhoff (125), Evan Bentley (130), John Hebert (135), Brian Bagian (140), Dan Dulzo (152), Kevin Mantay (160), and Dave Stewart (HWT).

"Junior Brian Bagian is wrestling extremely well right now," Balagna said. "He is undefeated in league competition and has won his last nine of his last 11 matches. He has really turned the corner and has been wrestling at the highest level.

"He has developed a new attitude on the mat and could go very far in the postseason.'

year at 141.925 but came up 0.2 short against Canton on Jan. 16. The Mustangs did easily beat Trenton with 128.5 points.

Canton is ranked No. 4 and has a team with more than 20 girls, but

The Mustangs won 25-13, 25-7, the Mustangs took a lot of positives away from the competition.

Senior captain Julie Foucher had another impressive night with an overall score of 36.25, the highest of all gymnasts. She had a 9.25 on floor, 9.2 on bars, 8,95 on vault and 8.85 on beam despite a fall.

Sophomore Amy Reynolds had her best meet this season after recovering from an injury with a 35.0 overall. She had a 9.0 on floor, 8.9 on both bars and beam and a 8.0

MaKenna Pohl, a freshman, continued excelling with a 34.55, including a 9.05 on vault.

Freshman Cassidy Winter also had her best meet with a 34.08. She had mid to high 8's on every event. Sophomore Julie Davison, a first year team member, had an

The other all around gymnast, Caileigh Deacon, is working very hard after being away from gymnastics for several years. She had a 33.7, her best of the season, includ-

overall score of 32.7 with scores in

ing high 8's on beam and floor. Becky Murphy, Brittany Kronner and Michelle Steslicki each performed specific events for the Mustangs.

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■ Northville pounds Franklin, Wayne in WLAA play

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much of the fourth quarter, but the defense stayed just as strong. Franklin scored just six points in the fourth, and the Mustangs were able to get 12 players in the game with nine players scoring.

Storrs led the offense with 13 points, but was mainly used as a passer near the 3-point line.

"We've got a great team this year," Storrs said. "We're just all starting to find out that everyone can play. I don't have to score. I can pass. I don't have to be in the offense sometimes because we move the ball so well that people get open by themselves."

Kirkpatrick, Rogers and Bret Spencer each contributed eight

"We looked terrible in the first half, better in the second half," Schumacher said. "We've got to get better.

"I'm not complaining. We still got the win. You can't be too picky, but you just want to play the game right."

Northville 66, Wayne 44

Against Wayne, Northville took little time in pouncing on the Zebras. The Mustangs ripped the nets early in taking a 17-4 lead by the end of the first quarter. The shots kept falling, and the defense stayed strong, as Northville took a 33-12 lead into halftime.

Any hopes of a Zebra comeback were squashed with the jtheisen@gannett com.

Mustangs winning the quarter 18-13 for a commanding 51-25 lead heading into the fourth.

Storrs finished with a gamehigh 21 points, including a 9-for-10 performance at the line. Dan Kirkpatrick dropped in 11 points, Rogers chipped in eight, and Spencer scored seven.

The Mustangs had a stellar game at the line, hitting 22 of 26

The win ended a four-game winning streak for the Zebras (4-

"We thought we played very well (against Wayne), Schumacher said.

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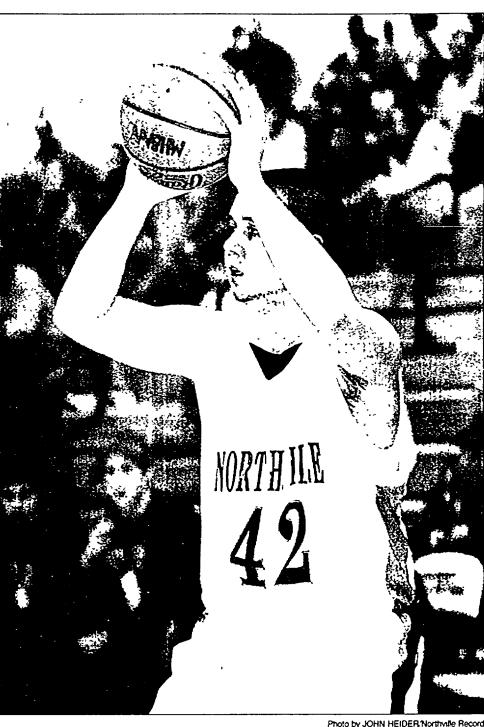


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Mustang Bret Spencer looks to pass the ball during a home game for Northville High in late January.

■ HOCKEY: Canton thumped 8-2

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and brought the puck out of the corner to slide it in just over the line, putting the score at 4-2.

Northville buckled down and less than a minute later senior Kyle Storey fought to get the puck out in front from behind the net and his work paid off when it bounced off a Canton player's skate and went in.

The excitement continued when Dawon carried the puck into the zone, cut in at the high slot and shot low through the five hole, putting the score at the end of the second at 6-2 Northville.

Both teams came out for the

of the period.

The last period highlights

third ready to play, and battled each other until Jezak banged it into the net on a second rebound from Kreager. With 4:27 on the clock, Dawson tipped it across to sophomore Case Moerman who took it in from the blue line to smacked it home above the glove hand for the eighth and final goal

included some great saves by senior goaltender Andrew Flynn, aggressive physical play from both teams, and some impressive hits from junior Mike Piotrowski and Moerman.

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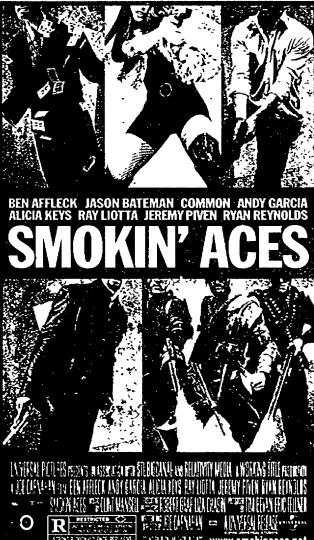
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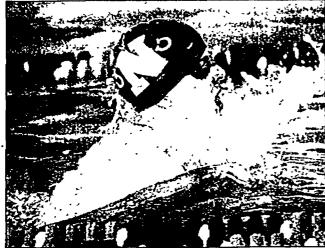
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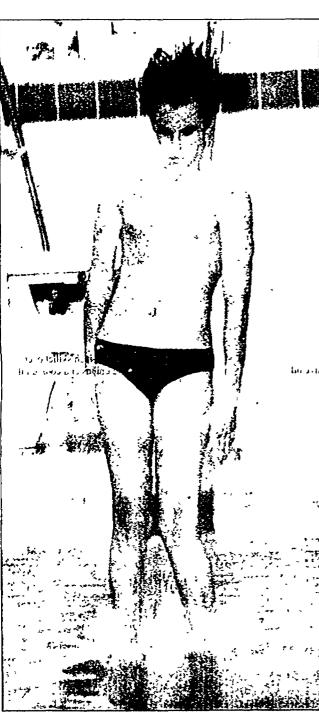


Northville's Brody Blickle swims the breastroke as part of the 200 meter individual medley.

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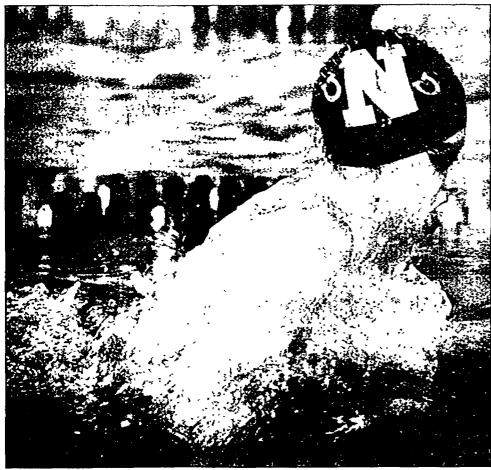
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Freshman Mustang diver Garrett Baughman heads feetfirst into the pool as he warms up before a home meet against Walled Lake Western.



Mustang senior Stephen Kruse performs a backwards dive during a home meet hosted by Northville.



Mustang Joe Kargula in action in Northville High's pool.



Greg Sheppard swims the butterfly stroke for the Mustangs.



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Spicy California Raisin-Wine Sauced New York Strip With Warm Green Bean-USA-Grown Peanut Salad

Grilled Filet Mignon With California Raisin-Onion Jam and USA-Grown Peanut Garden Sauté

Serves: 6

Raisin-Onion Jam

1/2 tablespoon olive oil
1/4 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced
(julienne)

tablespoon balsamic vinegar

1/2 tablespoon honey

1/4 cup California raisins small sprig fresh thyme

teaspoon fresh lemon zest Salt and pepper to taste

Blue Cheese Glaze 1/2 cup crumbled Gorgonzola cheese

2 tablespoons mayonnaise tablespoon chopped par

1/2 tablespoon chopped chives

1/4 teaspoon black pepper Garden Sauté

ounces steak-cut bacon, diced 2 1/4 teaspoons chopped garlic

I 1/2 tablespoons chopped shallot 6 cups fresh chopped Swiss chard leaves or beet greens, stems and ribs removed

3/4 cup roasted USA-grown peanuts Salt and pepper to taste

6 filet mignon (about 6 ounces each) Olive oil Salt and pepper, to taste

For jam, heat oil in 12-inch skillet over medium heat. Add onions and cook until soft. Stir in vinegar and honey; cook 1 minute. Add raisins, thyme and lemon zest; cook over medium heat until reduced. Remove thyme sprig and divide mixture in half. Add half to food processor or blender and pulse until smooth. Combine with remaining mixture in skillet and mix well. Season to taste and set aside.

In a small bowl, combine ingredients for blue cheese glaze; mix well and set aside.

Cook bacon in large saucepan over medium-high heat for 6 to 7 minutes, until almost crispy. Add garlic and shallot; cook 2 to 3 minutes more until soft. Stirin Swiss chard; cook and toss until wilted, 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in peanuts and season

To serve, brush steaks with oil and season with salt and pepper. Spoon 1 to 2 tablespoons of glaze onto each steak. Grill steaks over high heat for 4 to 5 minutes per side until they reach preferred doneness (145°F for medium rare) and glaze is golden brown. Remove from grill and add a heaping dollop of jam. Serve with garden sauté.

Spicy California Raisin-Wine Sauced New York Strip With Warm Green Bean-**USA-Grown Peanut Salad**

Serves: 6

New York Strip

2 tablespoons chopped garlic tablespoons cumin

tablespoons ground coriander

1 1/2 tablespoons salt 1/4 cup olive oil

6 New York strip steaks (about 12 ounces each)

Spicy Raisin-Wine Sauce 1/2 cup red wine

1/4 cup California raisins

tablespoon honey

tablespoons Dijon mustard teaspoon chopped fresh oregano

1/2 tablespoon chopped cilantro teaspoon chipotle peppers canned in

adobo sauce 1/2 tablespoon chopped shallot

Salt and pepper to taste Warm Green Bean Salad

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 1/2 pounds fresh green beans, trimmed and blanched

tablespoons chopped shallot 1/2 cup roasted red peppers, cut into

matchstick-size pieces (julienne)

cup roasted USA-grown peanuts tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar Salt and pepper to taste

Combine garlie, cumin, coriander, salt and ofive oil in small bowl and mix together. Rub onto steaks and arrange in shallow dish; refrigerate 1 to 2 hours.

In small saucepan, heat wine just to boiling for sauce. Measure raisins into small bowl and pour wine over, let stand 10 to 15 minutes until raisins are soft. Add remaining ingredients and puree in food processor or blender; set aside.

For salad, heat oil in large skillet and sauté shallot over medium-high heat 2 to 3 minutes. Add remaining ingredients; cook until heated through and beans are tender-crisp.

To serve, remove steak from refrigerator; drain and grill over high heat for 4 minutes per side until preferred doneness (145°F for medium rare). Remove from grill and drizzle with raisin wine sauce. Serve with green bean-peanut salad.

Grilled Veal Chop With California Raisin Pilaf and Toasted USA-Grown Peanuts

Serves: 6 Veal

> veal chops (about 10 ounces each) 12-ounce bottle garlic-olive oil marinade Salt and pepper, to taste

Rice Pilaf

1 5.9-ounce package rice pilaf mix 1/2 cup California raisins

1 cup USA-grown peanuts, toasted 1/4 cup chopped parsley

Combine chops and marinade in shallow pan; let stand I to 2 hours in refrigerator, turning occasionally. Cook pilaf according to package directions. Add

remaining ingredients to hot pilaf and mix together.

Keep hot. Remove chops from marinade. Discard used marinade and grill chops over high heat 5 to 6 minutes per side until done (145°F for medium rare). Spoon 1/4 cup pilas onto each serving plate; arrange grilled veal chop on top. Serve immediately.

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Grilled Veal Chop With California Raisin Pilaf With USA-Grown Toasted Peanuts

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Family law attorney takes a unique approach to law

By Kate Phillips SPECIAL WRITER

Mark Mandell is a well-respected attorney who many in the community trust to handle legal matters that are of the utmost importance. The family-law attorney helps ease clients through divorces with as little financial and emotional stress as pos-

Mandell has spent the last eight years working with clients who have substantial assets that they wish to preserve, even

After spending a number of years at Fausone Bohn, LLP, he has just been made partner. Mandell is now more committed than ever to providing quality legal representation in divorce matters that need careful attention.

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Business owners face a particularly daunting situation during a divorce, because a divorcing spouse is often entitled to half of the value of the business. If the business is not valued fairly, substantial losses can occur.

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Recently Mandell represented Roderick Rickman, CEO of MPS Environmental. the sixth largest minority-owned business in Michigan with gross revenues in excess of \$400 million a year.

Mandell teams up with highly respected professionals who work together to minimize loss of assets during a divorce. He works with CPAs and financial professionals who have experience and credibility in valuing businesses and presenting the information to the court.

"I choose professionals that are credible and are respected by the judges," said

Mandell. "That makes a big difference. "Some attorneys don't understand the difference between the revenue and the value of a business. Or they have a 'smoking gun' witness who provides an expert opinion that is way off base. The judges can tell where the truth lies.

"I know that using credible professionals is going to stand up to the scrutiny of a judge and go farther than those who try to stretch the truth."

GOOD JUDGMENT, SOLID EXPERIENCE

Experience and good judgment make He makes realistic requests of the court that he believes have a good chance of being granted. He's not a show-boat lawyer who makes wild demands on the other party that are sure to be denied by

And he favors resolving differences amicably rather than fighting over small details. It's usually the best thing for both parties, and makes a favorable impression on the court.

"I don't argue, I advocate for my clients," said Mandell. "I use logic and common sense to advocate and to get a good resolution."



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But when amicable discussions aren't fruitful, Mandell is not afraid to try a case in court.

He's an experienced trial lawyer in both civil and criminal law. Mandell was a township prosecutor in the past. He earned awards for trial advocacy during his time at the Thomas Cooley School of Law and later became an adjunct professor in trial workshop.

In addition, the firm of Fausone Bohn, 'LLP can help clients with their overall legal needs. Mandell also provides representation for cases of drunk driving. His partners and associates can take care of other types of legal matters such as probate and corporate law, plus business and estate planning.

RESPECTED **COMMUNITY LEADER**

Mark Mandell is respected in both the legal field and the community at large.

He grew up in a well-known Northville family who lived just around the corner from where his offices are today.

Mandell spent his childhood on the sidelines of the Northville High School football team with his dad, Dr. Robert Mandell, who was the team physician for 40 years and also served on the school board.

After playing football at Springfield College and graduating from James Madison College at Michigan State University, Mandell has turned around to help support the Northville football program. In the past he coached the junior varsity team. He was just appointed director of football operations.

Now Mandell is bringing in Mark Dantonio and the coaching staff of the MSU football team for a coaching workshop. Coaches from across Southeast

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Michigan will benefit from the training. In the past Mandell served as chairman of the 13th Republican Congressional Committee so he has experience working closely with elected officials at the local. state and national level.

Mandell still lives in his hometown of Northville with his wife, Vanessa, and his sons, Jack and Tom.

MAKING DIVORCE LESS PAINFUL

Mandell is just as committed to the total welfare of his clients. He operates according to a holistic philosophy, taking care that his clients are served legally and financially, but also that he provides referrals for their physical and mental health.

'Going through a divorce is very stressful," he said. "I talk to my clients about seeking the help they need from counselors and doctors, plus taking care of themselves by eating well and exercising. It's all an important part of getting through the divorce and piecing your life back together."

The experienced attorney tries to make the unpredictable divorce process more predictable. He explains important concepts early on, so that clients can begin to accept the realities of the legal system and not feel disappointed with outcomes.

It can help clients work toward healing when they understand and feel satisfied with money and custody judgments.

Mandell has seen that there is nothing worse than couples bickering about every detail or fighting out unrealistic positions. sometimes for the sake of revenge. He helps clients to see the divorce from the perspective of resolving conflicts, not starting conflicts that can make things worse for a family.

"I ask my clients to take the time to think about how their actions affect the lives of their children," said Mandell, "We have a duty to think about what is best for them."



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During a divorce, high attorney fees can only exasperate financial stress. Mandell specifically works with clients on keeping his fees low.

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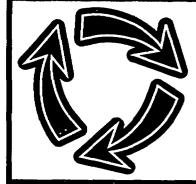
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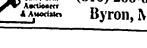
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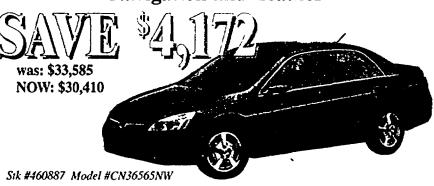
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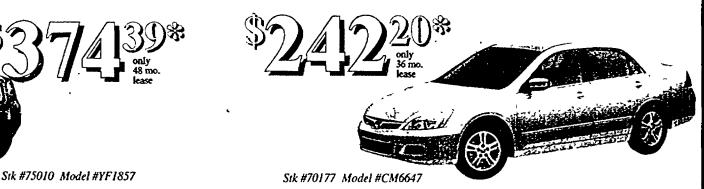
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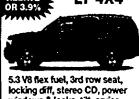
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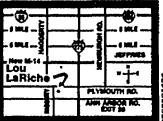
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\$367.51 Due At Signing | \$1383.25 Due At Signing

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2007 FOCUS 5 DR. SES

Power side windows, convenience group, integrated fog lamps, air, 16" alloy wheels, power locks, 2 OL DOHC engine, auto trans, P205/50R16 BSW tires, safety pkg, anti-lock brakes, side impact air bogs, weather pkg, heated seats, power heated mirrors. Stock #71083

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

\$1000 Down

\$2000 Down \$0 DUE AT SIGNING \$1289.35 DUE AT SIGNING \$2304.55 DUE AT SIGNING

Was \$18,875



2007 FUSION SE

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24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

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\$0 DUE AT SIGNING \$1113.00 DUE AT SIGNING \$2173.00 DUE AT SIGNING

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2007 FIVE HUNDRED SEL FWD

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2007 ESCAPE XLT FWD

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Was \$27,420



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It's a great time to buy

Incentives, choices, rates all make this the ideal time to buy a home

By Candy Spiegel DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

I here is no time like the present to buy a new home, according to those whose business is selling homes.

Interest rates remain low.

There is a large selection of inventory and many builders and sellers are offering special incentives to entice people to buy.

Most important, the real estate economy appears to be picking up and as that happens prices will eventually begin rising. Builders, mortgage brokers and Realtors alike have noticed a recent surge in activity.

"We have good indications that there is definitely increased activity since the first of the year," Ron Zupko, president of the Livingston County Association of Realtors and a Realtor with Keller Williams in Brighton, said.

Bill McCreary, owner of The Premiere Mortgage Corporation in Brighton, said he has noticed a dif-ference, as well. "'07 is looking up," be said. "It is a lot different than '06. Things are brisk."

Gino Pulice, owner of GPI Custom Construction, also believes the economy is turning around and

that housing prices will probably go up.
"I think if people wait too long, they are going to miss the boat," he said.
That boat of opportunity is exactly what potential

buyers are currently being offered.

People who are looking right now need to feel like they are getting a deal." Pulice said. "And that's what they are getting."

Special Incentives

"Buyers are taking their time shopping." Pulice said. "The only way to win them over is to truly offer them the best value."

Builders have been brainstorming for ways to make their homes the best value and they have come up with many interesting options, including upgrades, enhancements and custom modifications at no additional charge.

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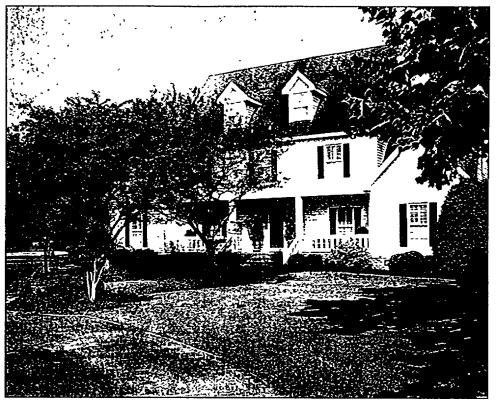


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A large selection of inventory, low mortgage rates and builder's incentives make this a great time to buy a house

Others have partnered with Realtors to help buyers sell their current homes.

At Sanders Pond in Lake Fenton, buyers can purchase a new home without worrying about selling their current one. The builders, Big Sky Development and GPI Custom Construction, have a Realtor who will handle the marketing and selling of the buyer's current home. The builders will then pay up to six months of mortgage payments for them, so they can move into their new home right

The builders at Sanders Pond also carry the construction financing on the homes they build. Buyers need only put a small deposit down to begin construction on their home. Since many homes take four to six months to complete, they have plenty of time for their home to sell. If it hasn't sold by closing, the builders will still pay for up to six months of mortgage payments. With this plan, buyers could have up to a year to sell their home without any

worry of double mortgage payments.

Healy Homes is taking a different approach.

They are slashing prices by taking \$15,000 off the base price of houses in Carriage Club in Lyon Township. Erika Healy, sales and marketing manager for Healy Homes, said the money can be used to make the home more affordable or to upgrade some of the features. Healy Homes has also lowered the fees for making custom changes to the home.

We try to build the houses that people want to live in and that will meet their needs," Healy said. She said the company has always offered custom changes at a reasonable charge, but it now does many small changes for no cost at all.

"Right now we are trying to work with the customers even more than before to get them exactly what they want," she said. "It's another savings on top of the \$15,000 off."

How can builders afford to knock \$15,000 off the price of a home and still make a profit?

Selling? Try these tips from the pros

"I would encourage anybody who is thinking of doing real estate business in 2007 to contact their local agent to find out what is happening in their local neigh-borhood," Ron Zupko, president of the Livingston County Association of Positors Livingston County Association of Realtors,

Realtor Linda Barnwell of The Barnwell Team at Keller Williams recommends sellers have their house in "tip-top shape." She said it is important to make sure the house is neat, clean and not cluttered and to make sure all of the maintenance on the house is up to date.

"The better your house shows, looks, smells and feels, the better chance you have of getting it sold," she said.

Both Realtors urge sellers to be prepared to be competitive. Often the perceived loss of value in the house that is being sold can be more than compensated for in the new home — especially if taking advantage of some of the builder's incentives.

How is it Possible?

"It costs a certain amount of money to build a house," Pulice said. "Those costs are still there." However, many builders are working together. trying to be more efficient, and asking their suppliers to cut costs in order to stay competitive.

For example, GPI Custom Construction partnered with Big Sky Development for their Sanders Pond Subdivision in Lake Fenton. The two companies share a model to keep overhead costs low. By using the same suppliers and subcontractors, they are able to negotiate for better rates.

Healy said many of her vendors have lowered prices and builders are able to pass those savings on to their customers.

"Be as competitive as you can," Pulice said. "That is the name of the game."



Big Sky Development and GPI Custom Construction offer a variety of floor plans, as well as customized plans in their development in Lake Fenton. A commitment to the community and the schools makes it the perfect place to raise a family

Builders join forces to deliver spectacular, affordable homes

By John R. Hall SPECIAL WRITER

ne successful builder can leliver a lot of quality homes at quality prices. With two successful builders, the sky is the limit for delivering great homes at rock bottom prices.

That's the scenario at Sanders Pond Subdivision in Fenton where Big Sky Development and GPI Custom Construction have combined forces.

The big advantage to this business collaboration is that buyers can get many custom features at standard model prices because of

Sanders Pond

- Township: Mundy ■ School District: Lake Fenton
- Amenities: Immediate occupancy, custom features, affordable homes, private country setting, many upgrades included, superior quality, personal attention
- Square feet: 1,400 to 2,500
- Price: starting in the \$180s

the buying power and resources each builder has.

"Builder incentives and free upgrades have lead to steady sales in Sanders Pond," said GPI owner Gino Pulice.

Located in the desirable awardwinning Lake Fenton School district, the builders have been working with the school district to support the school programs in the region, solidifying their commitment to homeowners throughout the Lake Fenton area.

There is a small hometown feeling. The development is far enough away from town to feature affordable homes, yet Sanders Pond is in the path of growth and appreciation," Pulice added.

Buyers can choose from existing models for immediate occupancy or they can customize their homes from a wide variety of plans offered by Big Sky or GPI.
"We offer ranch homes, 1's story

homes and two-story homes, Pulice said. "But buyers can also bring their own plans. Customers meet directly with us. We try to make building a home a hasslefree, enjoyable experience."

Phase I and Phase II of the development are sold out with



Phase III under way. There are h acre to 2-acre sites available in the wooded, rolling neighborhood, as well as cul-de-sac sites. Buyers can choose from daylight models to walkouts.

As part of their commitment to making the buying and building process easier, Big Sky and GPI will handle the construction financing. They will even help with the mortgage payments if buyers of a Sanders Pond home are having difficulty selling their previous home - thus relieving buyers of having two mortgage payments.

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Great names making great things happen in real estate

By Candy Splegel SPECIAL SECTIONS

uying a house has never been easier — thanks to a partnership between the Barnwell Team at Keller Williams and Beverlee Smith with The Premiere Mortgage Corp.

The new partnership includes four individuals known for their giving spirit and concern of each client they serve. Associate brokers John MacLeod, CRS, ABR; and Linda Barnwell, CRS, ABR. Seniors Real Estate Specialist; are joined with Joe Barnwell, transaction coordinator, and Beverlee Smith, president at The Premiere Montgage Corp.

The four share a passion for taking care of people in a professional, caring manner. They each tell of real-life scenarios of going out of their way to assist chents - dreaming up strategies late at night, hand delivering papers, and even putting in a few hours of physical labor in order to help a home meet requirements.

All four strive to give back to the community through active involvement in both the Howell and Brighton chambers of commerce, the Women's Resource Center, ARC, LACASA, HBALC, and the Livingston Sunrise Rotary.

All four place customer service as

their top priority.
"We have to," Linda Barnwell said, "since 98 percent of our business is either referrals or repeat customers.

Now, the four plan to take customer service to a whole new level by partnering together.

The new group assists clients in the entire buying process — from looking for a house to closing — out of one office. Now, it will be easier for the Barnwell Team to follow the sale through to the end. Clients will also have a better idea of what they can afford and won't have to visit two or three locations in order to complete the purchase of a home. Now it can all be done at the Keller Williams office in Brighton.

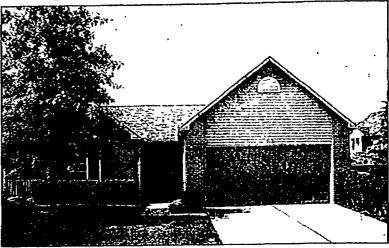
"It is a true benefit for the customer, as much as it is for us," John MacLeod said.

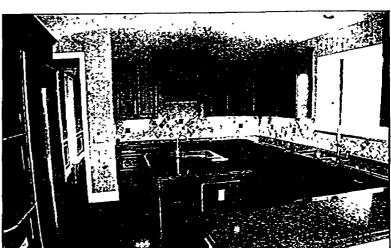
The Premiere Mortgage Corp. It's the way they do business that makes The Premiere Mortgage Corp. stand out from the rest. Smith said they use a reverse process and have an underwriting, processing and closing department on site to reduce the time it takes to complete a mortgage, as well as prevent miscommunication errors between

offices or companies. If someone with a credit score of 680 or higher walks into their office, they can give them the details on their mortgage that same day, Smith said.









Linda Barnwell, Beverlee Smith, Joe Barnwell and John MacLeod are ready to make your purchase of a new home as simply as possible. The group specializes in serving clients of all income levels. Whether buying their first home, downsizing or looking for a multi-million-dollar estate, the Barnwell Team offers exceptional customer service.

Individuals with bruised credit may take a bit longer, but they will still receive fast, accurate answers.

Smith, who has 22 years of mortgage experience, said it is important to tell people exactly what their payment will be up front. She doesn't believe in giving general rates or those only available to persons with pristine credit.

Instead, she strives to start people off on the right foot so they aren't disappointed later, and she makes the entire process as convenient as possible.

The Barnwell Team

The Barnwell Team's energy and positive attitude attracted Smith to the team. "Their energy generates great results," she said. 'They work at having fun and

they make it fun." While always smiling and finding joy in their work, they do take their job seriously. They are constantly searching out new avenues of education that will help them help their clients. This year, they will all become E-PRO Technology certified.

"This is a rapidly changing industry and you have to grow with the times, Linda Barnwell said.

The team includes Associate Brokers Linda Barnwell and John MacLeod, as well as Joe Barnwell, who is an integral part of the team providing marketing and technical support. Joe has been instrumental in bringing many first-time home buyers to the Barnwell Team due to his real estate knowledge and experience.

During the past year, the Barnwell Team sold their listings at 91 percent of the list price.

The Economy

"This is a great time to buy a house," Linda Barnwell said.

Since real estate prices in the county are down 10 percent to 20 percent, firsttime home buyers or those looking to invest can find the perfect houses in and around Livingston County.

Those looking to upsize or downsize won't lose anything, since the perceived loss in the selling of their own home is easily made up for in the savings of their new home purchase.

"The Barnwell Team had a great year and a tremendous increase in volume," MacLeod said. "We had too many positive things happen this year to even consider that 2006 could have been a poor year in real estate."

In fact, they created their own market and thought outside the box to help their homes sell.

"What worked three years ago may not work today," Joe Barnwell said. It is that positive attitude that keeps

Barnwell Team

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This Craftsman style home offers a feeling of strength, beauty and simplicity

Craftsman style offers timeless appeal

By John R. Hall SPECIAL WRITER

ome buyers looking for something different and appealing can find these qualities in both a new home and a building site offered by Frank M. Soave Builder Inc., a respected residential home builder for more than 25 years.

The developments are named The Woodlands, The Woodlands Meadows, and The Woodlands Equestrian, located off Rush Lake Road and Chambers Road in Hamburg Township.

This 81-homesite development is very distinct," said Rick Gray, sales consultant for Frank M. Soave Builder Inc.

Gray added that all of these developments have the following distinguishing characteristics:

■ The Woodlands offers wooded, walk-out sites, a pond, walking paths and a scenic nature preserve.

The Woodlands

- Township: Hamburg
- School District: Pinckney ■ Amenities: Home sites ranging from \(\frac{1}{2} \) acre to $2^{\frac{1}{2}}$ acre, matching barn
- Square feet: 1,900 and up
- Price Range: low \$300s



Large windows and a beautiful Craftsman-style kitchen contribute to the comfortable feel in this home

■ The Woodlands Meadows offers building plans with architecturally matching barns.

■ The Woodlands Equestrian offers larger home sites with architecturally matching barns with space for two horses.

The builder offers unique Craftsman-style floor plans with clean-line design, thickly fashioned trim and built-in cabinetry, which can all be customized to the buyer's specifications.

We can custom build a home to compliment our client's imagination," said Gray, "We are a dedicated group who specializes in listening to our clients. We provide highquality, detailed, personalized serv-

Prices begin in the low \$300. One-story homes can be built with a minimum of 1,900 square feet. One-and-a-half and two-story

dwellings have a minimum of 2,250 square feet.

"All three developments give the homeowners a distinct 'up-north'

feel," Gray said. Frank M. Soave Builder Inc. has taken great care to preserve the natural surroundings of this pristine

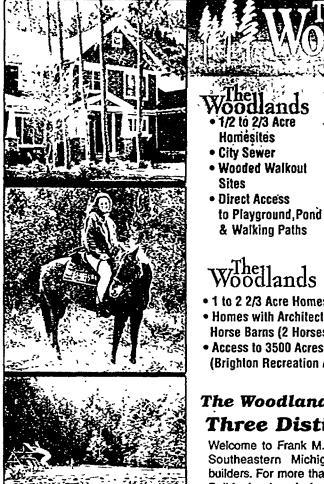
environment. In addition to these spectacular Pinckney homes, Frank M. Soave Builder Inc. is offering builder "grand close-outs" on homes in The Forest subdivision, located off of D-19 and Francis Road in Howell.

"We have taken major price reductions on the three remaining models," Gray said.

For more information on The Woodlands or The Forest, contact Rick Gray at (517) 404-3016. For a virtual tour of all three developments, visit www.frankmsoavebuilder com.



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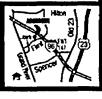
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New luxury apartments offer a unique léase-to-own option

By John R. Hall

Tshing you could have a home of your own, but forced to rent instead? Your wish may come true, thanks to Lombardo Homes and its development, Aberdeen of

This new development features specious apartments and condominiums within walking distance to downtown Brighton.

Dawn Griggs, community manager, for Aberdeen of Brighton. said the options are very attractive. for what she describes as the "first new luxury community for leasing in Brighton.

The apartment/condominiums feature an open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, fireplaces, gournet

Aberdeen of **Brighton**

- City: Brighton
- School District: Brighton
- Amenities: Open floor plan, fireplace, gournet kitchen, private entrances and attached garages
- Square feet: 1,149 to 1,739
- Price Range: \$975 to \$1,365 per month





Open floor plans, fireplaces and other amenities make these condominiums ideal for young adults

kitchen package, elegant master, suites, balconies/porches, one- and two-car attached garages, and private entrances. Floor plans vary from 1,149 square feet to 1,739 square feet with two or three bedrooms and two baths in each unit

The development is unique because of the options offered to new residents. They can choose to lease an apartment, purchase a condominium or participate in a

special lease-to-own program. Griggs said the lease-to-own program is perfect for young adults or people with bruised credit, in bankruptcy or forcelesure. It allows residents to save money and lets them try out the home before they purchase it.

"After you qualify for a 12month lease, an option-to-purchase addendum is signed," she said. 'Ten months of lease payments are put aside for closing costs or



Floor plans offer the choice of two or three bedrooms and two bathrooms in

toward the purchase of your home, which means up to \$14,000 can be used. The purchase price is determined when the agreement is signed. The price is guaranteed for a home purchase (closing) 15

months from the lease start date." There is no risk involved. There is a \$500 enrollment fee, which can be applied to the purchase price or to the next lease if you decide not to purchase," Griggs added. "And the response to our

community has been positive." However, persons interested in this unique program should not delay. Griggs said there are only a few units left that qualify for the lease-to-own or purchase pro

Models can be seen at Aberdeen of Brighton, 4251 Deeside Drive. Call (810) 229-8735 for an appointment or visit the Web site at www.abendeenofbrighton.com.







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ust like no two families are alike, no two homes should be

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family owned-and-operated development company, understands this. "We try to match your lifestyle with the home," said Joe Van Oyen.
"We want the home to reflect the

way people live." The company's newest subdivision, Arbors of Lyon, reflects this business philosophy.

Pontiae Trail between Martindale and Milford roads in Lyon Township. The development fea-tures 12 different models, which can be customized to fit each family.

The development is a mid-sized community, according to Joe Van Oyen, with plans for 60 homes. During the first year, 13 families moved into the subdivision. Lot sizes are each a 1/4 acre, but no two lots or homes will look exactly

"Home elevations vary as do the exterior colors," said Joe Van Oyen.

The company also works with an interior designer who can recommend colors, patterns, artwork and furniture to new home buyers.

It is all part of Tony Van Oyen Builder's reputation for customer service.

"We are a small company with mostly family members," said John Van Öyen. "Our family enjoys

working for your family.' Tony Van Oyen Builder, Inc. has constructed homes in 12 different subdivisions, as well as many custom homes throughout Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston counties. They are currently building homes in Arbors of Lyon and Martindale Estates in South Lyon and Lakeside Estates North in

Green Oak Township. The company was founded by Tony Van Oyen more than 24 years ago. Today, it is run by Ellen Van Oven and her sons John, Jim and Joe Van Oyen.

The Van Oyens have constructed each home with one thing in mind providing the best customer service at the best price.

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Arbors of Lyon

- Township: Lyon
- School District: South Lyon
- Amenities: Gournet kitchen, master suites, close to I-96, side-entry garages, underground utilities
- Square feet: 2,000 to 3,200
- Price: \$295,000 (2) (1) 124



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rooms, in addition to a beautiful owner's retreat and formal and informal areas for family gatherings or entertaining and a kitchen and breakfast area.

The Nevada is a new one-floor design with 1,908 square feet of living space. The gourmet kitchen is open to the great room and dining room and is perfect for spending time with family and friends. In addition to the owner's suite there are two additional spacious bedrooms. Both homes include a basement and two car garage.

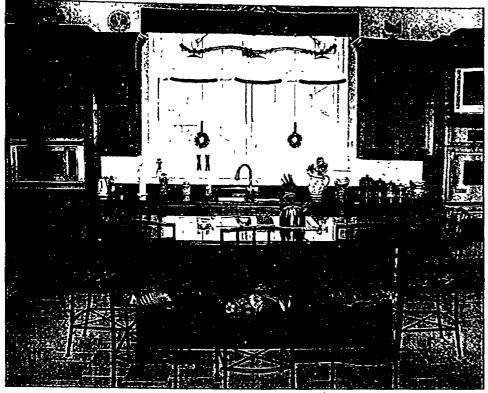
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The state-of-the-art kitchen features stainless steel appliances, a coffee bar and a butler's pantry with a wet bar

Come home to this beautiful house

By John R. Hall SPECIAL WRITER

ituated amidst some of the most beautiful rolling hills and executive homes in the Milford area is perhaps the best home for the best price on the market today.

Nestled among well-landscaped surroundings on a 2.75-acre parcel is a magnificent 3,500-square-foot ranch with amenities almost too numerous to mention.

Its next owners will enjoy its features throughout the year. The home features an in-ground pool, year-round hot tub, large sledding hill and an oversized, detached,

Custom Home

- Township: Milford
- School District: Huron Valley
- # Amenities: State-of-the-art kitchen, master suite with fireplace, first-floor laundry. three-car attached garage
- Square feet: 3,500
- # Price: \$674,900



This unique house is located minutes from historic downtown Milford.

second garage perfect for storing a motor home.

The unique home, built in 2000, is located on Canyon Oaks Trail near the intersection of Hickory Ridge Road and General Motors Road in Milford Township.

It is listed by Karen Szerszen, a real estate professional with the Michigan Group of Brighton. She said the home is priced to sell today at \$674,900.

"It's a steal," Szerszen added. Among the most alluring features is a state-of-the-art kitchen with stainless steel appliances, large windows facing the southern sun, a butler's pantry with wet bar, and maple cabinets with a chocolare-glaze coffee bar.

Venturing into the great room,

new owners will appreciate the open spaces and walkout to a large deck overlooking the pool and backyard.

The master bedroom includes a two-way fireplace and separate sitting room. The home features four bedrooms and 2'2 baths, a first floor laundry, basement walkout, and three-car attached garage. The home is close to freeways and within a few minutes of beautiful and historic Milford village.

"This is truly a one-of-the-kind home with many custom features," Szerszen noted. "And it is under its appraised price."

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Affordable, brand new homes now available

By John R. Hall SPECIAL WRITER

The real estate landscape is dotted with million dollar new homes, often beyond the budgets of many Michigan homeowners.

But a builder in the Howell area is constructing new homes that are designed to be affordable to many people, especially firsthome buyers.

David Johnston, owner of S&J Development, LLC, has begun construction of homes in his Amber Oaks development on an 89-acre site near the intersection of Oak Grove Road and East Barron Road, two miles north of Howell.

Amber Oaks will feature amenities like community recreation areas; tennis, basketball and volleyball courts; picnic pavilions; and a junior soccer field.

According to Johnston, the development is unique because lots are also sold to other builders, which means that a wide variety of homes will be

available. His new homes are being shown and sold through The Michigan Group — contact Janet Rooker at (517) 449-6354.

These are good quality homes that are affordable," he said. They feature products that peo-

Amber Oaks features many community recreation amenities, including tennis and basketball courts, picnic pavilions, volleyball courts and a junior soccer field.

ple look for, like maple cabinets. an open floor design, and a master suite with a full bath and a walk-in closet."

Price ranges for Johnston's homes run from \$165,000 to \$210,000.

Lot sizes range from 8,400 square feet to 15,000 square feet. 'No one else in this area is offering new homes in this price

range," Johnston added. One of the first models, which will be completed in late January. is an 1,136-square-foot ranch

Amber Oaks

- Township: Howell
- School District: Howell ■ Amenities: Open floor
- plan, full basements, vaulted ceilings, covered patio
- Square feet: 1,136 and up
- Price Range: \$165,000 to \$210,000



Both new homes and lots are available in Amber Oaks. When complete, the development will offer a wide variety of architectural styles.

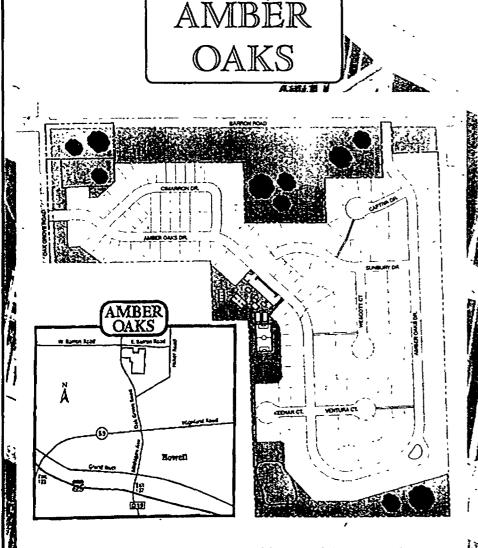
with three bedrooms, two baths, a full basement, vaulted ceilings, central air conditioning, laminate wood flooring, and a covered patio, just to mention a few features.

There is a \$190 annual associ-

"I think the Howell area is a great place to live," Johnston said, "It is popular because of the good school system, too."

New homes average 120 days from start to completion, meaning that buyers can expect to move into Amber Oaks before summer vacation.

For more information contact Johnston at (517) 449-6352 or e-mail him at davidjohnston1504 @sbcglobal.net.



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Luxury upgrades are standard here

By John R. Hall SPECIAL WRITER

ooking for location, comfort and value? Look no further Ithan Asbury Hill Condominiums on Grand River Avenue just west of Pontiac Trail in Lyon Township.

The new condominium community recently broke ground on its development, which includes many standard features that are considered upgrades in other con-

Its location is appealing because of its close proximity to Kensington Park and easy access to freeways. It is also within walking distance to retail stores. Asbury Hill is also appealing for

it's cozy size — the development is a little smaller than a typical condominium development, with only 64 planned units.

"Asbury Hill provides the overall appeal of a smaller community and people tend to get to know their neighbors a little better," said Peter Argenta, an agent with Real Estate One, the listing Realtor for Asbury Hill.

Argenta, along with fellow



The open floor plan at Asbury Hill makes the condominium appealing to many

agent Janice Raupp, are available at the model from noon to 6 p.m. daily except Thursdays.

Some of the standard features of each condominium include granite countertops, hardwood flooring, decorative camed glass entry door, ceramic-tiled baths, and a monitored security system. Argenta said that buyers will also like the open floor plan, which includes tall ceilings and larger windows

Other features include interior comforts like generous closet space, recessed lighting. Heatilator gas fireplace, energyefficient low-maintenance vinyl windows, R-13 wall and R-30 ceiling insulation, a gournet kitchen with stainless steel double bowl sink, and exterior amenities like an attached two-car garage and covered entry porch.

The models come in two sizes: the Kent is a 1,284-square-foot single-story ranch and the Hudson is a 1,535-square-foot two-story Cape Cod. Prices begin in the low \$200s. Argenta said that each plan can be "tweaked" a little to fit a buyer's particular needs.

'Our builder can be flexible with the features," he added.

For more information contact Janice Raupp at (248) 981-6348 or Peter Argenta at (248) 719-3980

Asbury Hill

- Township: Lyon
- School District: South Lyon
- Amenities: Granite countertops, hardwood flooring, monitored security system, attached two-car garage
- Square feet: 1,284 to 1,535
- Price: lovv \$200s

By John R. Hall SPECIAL WRITER

Then comparing apples to apples, it is often the unseen features that make one more appealing than the

In the case of Kirkway Estates, presented by Curtis Building Co. and A&M Custom Built Homes, the hidden appeal is the lower millage rate of Lyon Township.

According to Mark Menuck. builder and developer for Curtis, the development of 86 homes, located on Nine Mile Road west of Napier Road, "has the appeal of rural Oakland County with the benefits of Lyon Township taxes. Northville schools, and a Northville mailing address."

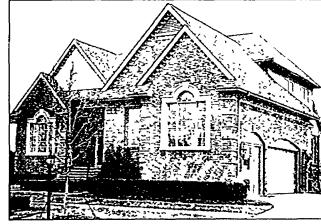
These two outstanding builders. with years of experience, have come together to bring custom homes to Kirkway Estates, according to Menuck.

Our standard features are other huilders' extras," Menuck said. These features include attached

three-car garages and granite kitchen tops. But the features offered by these builders, among eight unique designs, can be changed and modified to each buyer's custom specifi-

cations. 'We can make many changes that our customers want," Angelo Evangelista, developer for A&M said. "Home styles include walkouts and daylights."

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The elegant homes in Kirkway Estates can be modified to fit the owner's needs

and ponds. Many of the lots will accommodate four-car garages.

Curtis and A&M have also teamed up to offer semi-custom homes in the Woodwind development on Ten Mile east of Milford Road. As with Kirkway Estates, many of the standard features in the homes are custom in other homes.

Prices start at \$399,900 and amenities include fireplaces, dimensional shingles and custom wood trim.

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Woodwind features 89 home sites and includes city water and sewer, nearby shopping, and a new elementary school.

Woodwind subdivision also includes Woodwind Glen, a condominium development.

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Kirkway Estates

- Township: Lyon 25.3 mills School District: Northville
- Amenities: Granite countertops, attached three-car garage, paved sidewalks
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- Price: mid \$400s to \$700,000

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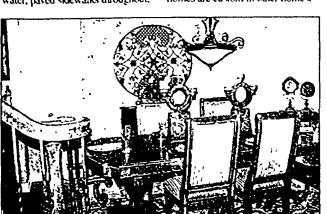
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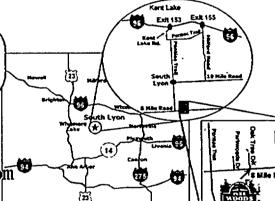
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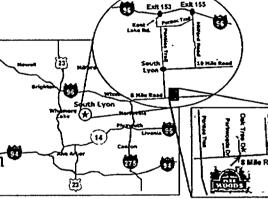
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Todd Bidwell, far left, Lori Ann Appel and Jeff Appel are the owners of Twin Pines Condominiums.

Builder offers homes and condominiums

By John R. Hall SPECIAL WRITER

epending on the needs of its new home buyers, Jeff and Lori Appel have options that will fit.

The couple own two companies - Appel Homes and Twin Pines Builder. Both have new developments in Lyon Township.

Twin Pines Condominiums Twin Pines, built by Twin Pines Builder, is located on Martindale Road just south of Grand River Avenue and is situated in a private, rural setting among many trees and rolling

Buyers have the comfort of a quiet setting that is only minutes

Twin Pines

- Township: Lyon
- School District: South Lyon
- Amenities: Customized interiors, benches, street lighting, city water and sewer, ranch and 1's story models
- Square feet: 1,440 to 1,726
- Price: mid \$200s and up

away from major freeways. shopping centers and schools.

It's an old tree farm and we plan to keep as many trees as possible," said Lori Appel. "This is a bedroom community, which will appeal to people who don't need the amenities and are often looking for a second home."

The condos are available in ranch and 1-12 story models. Each has matching exteriors but that is where the similarity can

"We can customize the interiors to the buyer's tastes," Appel noted.

Prices for each unit begin in the mid \$200s and sizes range from 1,440 square feet to 1,726 square feet. Twin Pines features city water and sewers, South Lyon schools, woodchip trails, benches and street lighting.

Parkwoods

Parkwoods, located off Eight Mile Road, east of Pontiac Trail. is in the final phase of development.

Appel Homes is offering five different models for its oversized lots and buyers can also choose to build from their own custom design. As of mid-January, 89 of the 102 lots have been developed.



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Parkwoods offers ranch homes in a variety of sizes.

This is one of the few subdivisions in the area that offers ranch homes," said Appel. "This subdivision appeals to the whole

Home sizes range from 1,800 square feet to 3,000 square feet.

On March 1, Appel Homes will be opening its showroom office where buyers can select new home interiors for either Twin Pines or Parkwoods. The showroom is located at 57100 Pontiac Trail.

For more information on either development, including model hours, call (248) 486-1665 or visit www.appelhomes.com.

Healy Homes eases stress of buying

By John R. Hall

home buying process can be stressful time for most people. One area builder, Healy Homes, recognizes that and tries to make the process an enjoyable and rewarding experi-

Although they build in many areas, their two main developments are the Carriage Club subdivision of new homes and their condominiums at Summerfield Pointe. Carriage Club subdivision, off the south side of Eleven Mile, between Milford Road and Martindale, has established itself as one of the premier developments in Lyon Township. It is now in its third and final phase.

"We have a variety of lots still available," said Erika Healy, "which includes some premium sites that back up to protected wetlands."

Healy said their company. which has been building homes



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in the area since 1993, offers colonial, ranch and first-floor master bedroom models in sizes from 2,185 square feet to 3,300 square feet. Buyers can choose from a number of different customizable floor plans.

"Most people like our floor plans, but we modify them if our customer desires to have changes made." Healy said "We can even change the exterior of the home." Each buyer receives a packet describing the entire building process so they understand what is happening each step of the

way.
"We also offer scheduled walkthroughs of the home during various stages of construction with our supervisors to be sure the customer is satisfied and all of their specifications were done properly."

Prices range from the low \$290s to the mid \$400s. Carriage Club features concrete walkways and a common park area with a playscape. It has 251 homes.

Healy Homes is also venturing into the condominium market with its Summerfield Pointe development in Howell, off 1-96. near the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Lawson Road.

"We have several different floor plans including a ranch and first-floor master bedrooms," Healy said. "Units include a twocar garage and full basement." Prices for the 192-unit commu-

nity begin in the \$170s. For more information on both projects call (248) 486-2985 or visit www.healyhomes.com.

Carriage Club

- Township: Lyon
- School District: South Lyon
- Amenities: Customized floor plans, walking trails, playscape and soccer field
- Square feet: 2,185 to 3,300
- Price Range: low \$290s to mid \$400s

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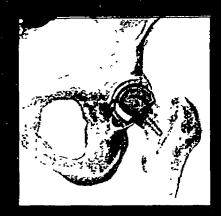
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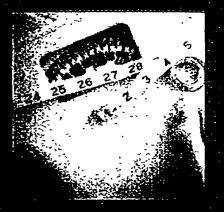
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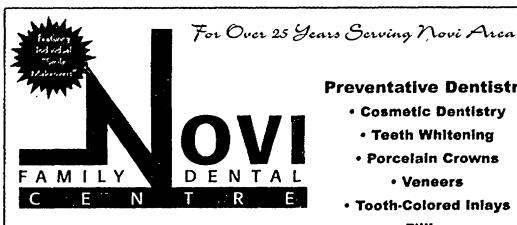
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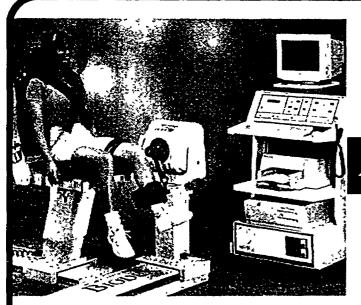
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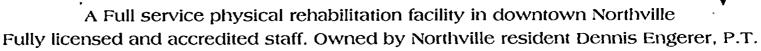
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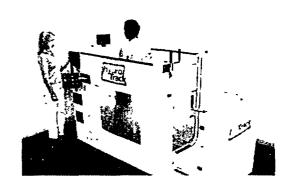


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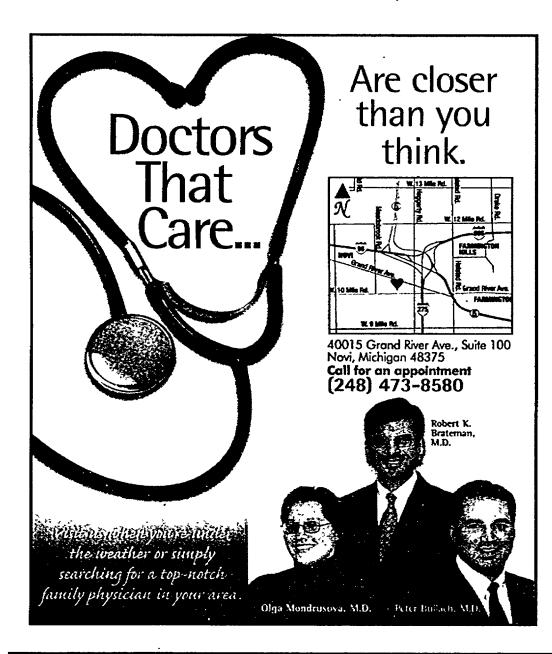
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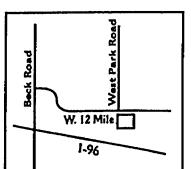
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- 2. In cookies: Add one-third to one-half cup old-fashioned oats and subtract one-fourth cup all-purpose

Cut the Calories

- 3. In cakes: Replace half of the fat (butter, margarine or oil) with unsweetened applesauce, then reduce sugar by about a spoonful.
- 4. In cookies: Eliminate a quarter of the sugar and increase vanilla extract by one-fourth teaspoon.

- **Up the Nutrition**5. In cakes: Replace half of the butter or margarine with healthier canola
- 6. In cookies, brownies and muffins/sweetbreads: Replace up to half of the all-purpose flour with whole-wheat or buckwheat flour.

For more easy, delicious, low-cal desserts, go to www. fitnessmagazine.com/dessertrecipes.



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Indulge your sweet tooth with these tips from "Fitness" magazine.

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Frivolous malpractice suits may decrease quality of healthcare

METRO NEWS SERVICE

Frivolous lawsuits are playing a significant role in the quality of American healthcare.

As physicians' malpractice premiums continue to rise, many physicians, citing exorbitant insurance fees, are retiring earlier and earlier, leading to a decline in the quality of healthcare.

That decline is most notable in more rural areas, where populations are smaller and there are fewer specialists available, costing many rural residents access to qualified specialists.

According to a 2006 study conducted by Stanford University professor Daniel P. Kessler, J.D., Ph.D., increased malpractice daims costs are the primary force behind escalating insurance premiums for physi-

Many times, money spent on malpractice lawsuits does not even end up in the plaintiff's hands. Rather, the bulk of the costs are in defending the lawsuits. In Tennessee, for instance, nearly 88 percent of dosed malpractice claims in 2004 resulted in no money being rewarded to the plaintiffs. However, defending the lawsuits cost more than \$16 million.



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While Tennessee's rate of meritless lawsuits is abnormally high, the national average is 70 percent, according to the Physician Insurers Association of America

In fact, the PIAA found that only 7 percent of all malpractice lawsuits ever make it to trial, with 80 percent of those eventually ruling in favor of the defendant.

Keep an eye on your makeup

By LIZ SZABO • USA Today

an optometrist, Andrea Thau often advises her patients about preventing eve infections. And as a spokeswoman for the American Optometric Association, she frequently speaks about eye health on television.

But Thau says she learned one hygiene lesson the hard way: She developed a sty after a TV station artist did her makeup. Thau says she most likely developed the sty - a small lump on the eyelid near the lash line - because of bacteria from the makeup artist's hands or supplies.

Thau now brings her own makeup

artist before going on the air.

Though few of her patients have to worry about TV appearances, Thau says many unknowingly expose them-selves to germs while sampling products at department store makeup counters or undergoing makeovers from saleswomen.

Marguerite McDonald, an eye doctor and spokeswoman for the American Academy of Ophthalmology, agrees. Consumers should never put their fingers into display products or use cosmetics that other customers may have



Photo by METRO NEWS SERVICE Sharing eye makeup may lead to eye

touched.

infections.

McDonald, a former model, says she never has had a store makeover. Pinkeye, which can make the eye

red, swollen, tender and full of pus, is extremely contagious. Like colds and flu viruses, it's especially common this time of year.

Though there's no solid research exploring a link between makeup counters and eye infections, McDonald says she has treated many patients who developed pinkeye after visiting such counters at the shopping

The Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association says its members take safety seriously.

Clinique employees, for example, are told to sanitize their hands before touching clients, says Susan Kasziba, Clinique's executive director of global education development.

Product samples "should never touch a customer's skin," Kasziba says. "If someone has used it, we would throw out that tester and create a new one."

Thau says customers should use common sense, but they shouldn't worry about contracting a dangerous disease. Most eye infections clear up within a week or so, even without treatment.

"People have enough neuroses," she says. "They don't need to get totally crazed."

Did you know?

- 22 million people in the United States alone suffer from osteoarthritis. (source: Arthritis Foundation)
- Osteoarthritis is the number one cause of disability in the United States. (source: Centers for Disease Control)
- People with doctor-diagnosed osteoarthritis report more than three times as many days with activity limitations than those without osteoarthritis. (source: Centers for Disease Control)
- Before age 45, more men than women have osteoarthritis, but after age 45, osteoarthritis is more common in women. (source: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases)
- Overall, women are three times more likely than men to need a joint replacement, but only half as likely to actually receive a joint replacement. (source: Solucient)
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See which of these weight-loss plans will work for you

By CYNTHIA GROCHOWSKI • Daily Press & Argus

many, a new year means a new health or weight-loss resolution. Both are doable with programs and support from area health and weight loss experts.

The 6-Week Solution

Curves offers The 6-Week Solution with two different meal plans. All of the food groups are consumed in both plans, which stress balanced nutrition. Each plan is structured in three phases to increase metabolism, allow a wide variety of food during the day, decrease hunger and instill healthy eating and exercising habits. It also includes drinking protein shakes and taking vitamin and mineral supplements.

"Participants eat five to six times a day and say they can't eat all the food on the plan," commented Janel King who co-partners the Highland location with Melanie Whitney.

The 6-Week Solution fitness and weight loss program was tested on hundreds of women by scientists at Baylor University under the direction of Richard B. Kreider, Ph.D., FACSM. It was proven as a plan that decreased weight, boosted metabolism, shed body fat and increased muscle among

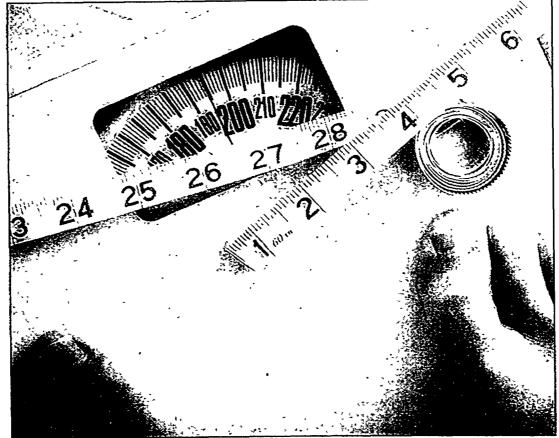


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other benefits.

"We see a lot of success stories, cholesterol coming down, diabetes going down," King said. "The program has changed their lives. They shop and eat totally different and their families have benefited. Spouses have lost weight

Curves' support and encouragement does not stop after the program ends.

"Not everyone reaches their goal in six weeks," King acknowledged. "But they have learned how to maintain

their weight loss program and they have the tools to continue to lose weight."

To learn more about Curve's 6 Week Solution, visit www.curves.com.

Skinny Jeans Club

The Skinny Jeans Club, co-founded by Heather Kerr in Hartland, offers one free program and three paid optional programs each designed to shed weight and boost energy.

The basic concept encourages six meals a day that balance carbohydrates and protein and average 275 calories per meal. Exercise is not

required.
"You will be looking at your palm to determine the size of your protein

serving," Kerr explained.
Participants sign up online at www.skinnyjeansclub.com and receive an introduction call and then a oneon-one assessment in person with Kerr. Weekly conference calls handle questions and instruction.

Add-on options offer various nutri-tional supplements, shakes and a gift card to purchase a pair of new skinny ieans to celebrate their weight loss. Purchases are not necessary to participate in the club.

Members receive the Skinny Pack, filled with tools for evaluating and monitoring their progress. The Skinny Pack includes a CD explaining the program, the eating plan and nutritional information, monitor tips, a booklet to record measurement, a measuring

tape, and brochure of available supplements.

The Skinny Jeans Club is not to be confused with the Skinny Jeans weight-loss program offered at Ladies Workout Express.

Learn more about the Skinny Jeans Club at www.skinnyjeansclub.com and choose the Michigan Club from the clubhouse menu.

Dr. Tom Floyd

Dr. Tom Floyd in Howell approaches weight loss from a different point of view that looks beyond eating and exercise plans.

"Most people do not know about the other factors that contribute to a person's overall weight," Floyd said. Thyroid imbalance, impaired glucose tolerance, food allergies, depression, activity level, hormones and medications are among the factors that can impede or halt a person's efforts to lose excess weight"

Floyd offers a comprehensive program that medically identifies and eliminates frustrating weight-loss roadblocks.

"It may take some time to sort out which factors are operating in an individual's case," Floyd cautioned. "Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly embraced this program."

Floyd initially spends 45 minutes talking to each patient and performing a physical exam.

'Most of these patients have done weight loss before and we want to know what did and didn't work."

Floyd uses vitamins, minerals and, in some cases, pharmaceuticals to get the ball rolling. The eating plan switches patients from simple to complex carbohydrates, reduces their portion size, and makes up the balance of the meal with protein and vegetables.

The program is custom designed for each patient. Because the underlying causes are being addressed, and not weight loss itself, insurance may cover the cost of treatment.

Contact Dr. Floyd at (517) 546-4000.

Ladies Workout Express

Ladies Workout Express offers a weight-loss program dubbed Skinny Jeans.

Members complete an online personal health diagnostic to receive a readout of a personal eating plan. The readout also suggests supplements participants may purchase.
Skinny Jeans is free to members of

Ladies Workout Express and available for a fee to non-members.

For more information about Ladies Workout Express call (248) 684-4141.

Local woman shares her success

"I have had my prayers answered," said Lynn Smith of Highland, about her successful effort to lose weight safely. Smith followed the Curves 6-Week Solution eating and exercise plan for seven months and lost 61.25 inches and 80 pounds. During the initial six-week period she lost 25.5 pounds. Her husband lost 60 pounds because of her change in eating habits. "Thank you so much for standing by me 100 percent," she friends.





said to her family and Lynn Smith before her weight-loss program.



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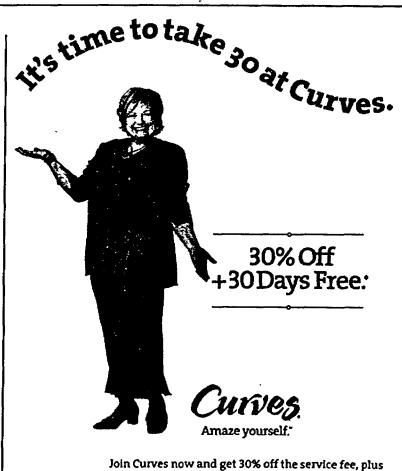
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New technology allows patients to maintain active lifestyle

ip-replacement surgery no longer means an end to an active lifestyle.

In 2006, the FDA approved the Birmingham Hip Resurfacing procedure, which has been successfully used around the world since 1997, to treat debilitating hip pain in younger, active patients. The Nov. 19, 2006, issue of USA Weekend named Birmingham Hip Resurfacing one of the "13 medical breakthroughs that could change everything."

Patients with arthritic hip pain and degenerative hip disease who wish to continue their active lifestyle now have a surgical option that will maintain their mobility for years to come. The resurfacing procedure conserves leg bone and enables the hip to better withstand the stress of an active person more so than a traditional hip

replacement.

Dr. Philip T. Schmitt with Specialists in Orthopedic Surgery in Hartland, performed Michigan's first Birmingham Hip Resurfacing procedure in June 2006 at Huron Valley Hospital. Schmitt trained, attended lectures on metallurgy, and operated with Dr. Ronan Tracey, one of the two designers of the implant, in Birmingham, England.

Younger and more active patients with hip arthritis are much more difficult to tréat because they want to be more active, which places extra stress on a total hip in terms of demands and wear," Schmitt said. "This is a big problem for orthopedic surgeons. This hip allows activity well beyond what we would allow for a total hip patients. This is a great procedure for relieving the activity anxiety of both the patient and the surgeon.

To date, Schmitt is the fourth surgeon in the country in terms of procedures done, (greater than 60 patients), and has done more in the state of Michigan than all other surgeons combined.

"About 200,000 total hip replacements are done yearly in the U.S.," Schmitt said. "Probably about 25 percent of these would be good resurfacing candidates. In Australia, 60 percent of all hip surgeries are done with the Birmingham Hip Resurfacing implants."
With traditional total hip replace-

ment the top of the femur (thighbone) is removed. A metal stem with a ball joint on top is inserted into the exposed bone shaft. The new ball ioint rotates against a plastic liner implanted in the pelvic socket.

Over time the metal implant wears down the plastic liner, causing loosening and premature replacement of the stem and cup. Active younger patients can wear out these replacement hips,

By CYNTHIA GROCHOWSKI • Daily Press & Argus requiring a second, more difficult operation.

The Birmingham Hip Resurfacing System procedure conserves more natural bone than traditional hip replacement and utilizes high carbide cobalt chrome instead of plastic.

The new procedure smooths the end of the femur, reshapes and covers it with a high carbide cobalt chrome cap. The hip socket is implanted with a corresponding cup of the same material. Together they offer a fluid motion for the hip joint, mirroring the hip's own natural anatomic proportions. Leaving the head of the femur intact conserves bone, which is especially valuable to younger or more active patients. Pain-free activity is the

Lab tests have revealed that this metal-on-metal joint showed 98 percent less wear than traditional metal on plastic implants. The metal-onmetal joint also reduces the odds of dislocation to 0.3 percent of resurfacing patients as opposed to 1 percent to 4 percent for traditional hip replacement patients.

Most candidates for this procedure are under 55 years old and have a physically active lifestyle. Older candidates must be also be physically active and pass a simple bone quality examination. Also considered in both groups is the shape of the femur head or the acetabulum.

"Inactive patients or patients with severe osteoporosis are at increased risk for fracture of the bone after surgery with this procedure," Schmitt said. "They also don't need an implant that has to hold up to severe stress like younger patients need. A total hip for these patients is very effective at relieving their pain."

The wonderful thing about this implant is if you do wear it out, the next surgery is much easier on the patient and has better results," Schmitt said. "Revision surgery after a hip replacement is a tough surgery for the surgeon and for the patient. It is never as good as the first one was. With the BHR, the revision surgery is basically a total hip replacement so the outcome and pain relief is much

Only an orthopedic surgeon who is familiar with the system can make the decision as to who is a good candidate for the procedure.

better."

For more information about the Birmingham Hip Resurfacing System visit www.birminghamhipresurfacing. com or www.wefixbones.net, or call (248) 937-4947.



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In a total or traditional hip replacement, much of the femur is cut away for the hip implant to be set into the bone. The Birmingham Hip Resurfacing procedure, pictured above, conserves most of the femur by smoothing out the rough edges and capping the bone.



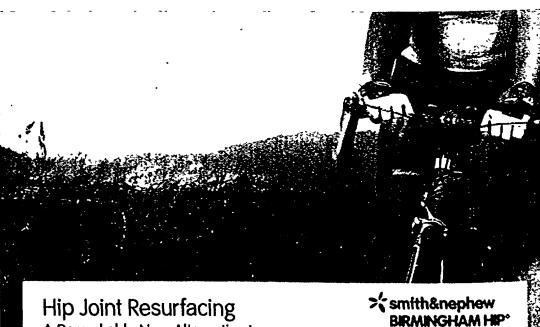
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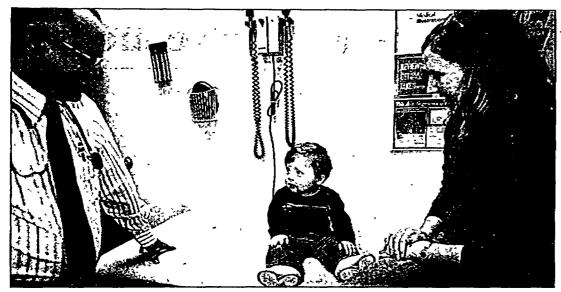


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Melissa Stansell recently moved but remained with Dr. Nicholas Biasotto of Stanton, Del., for her 10-month-old son, Ryan.

Finding right doctor requires a checkup

By GARY HABER • Gannett News Service

Then Margi Prueitt was shopping for a doctor, she checked board certifications and hospital affiliations and then interviewed the physician she eventu-

She wanted "to be certain he took into account a patient's point of view," she said.

Fifteen years later, Prueitt is with the same doctor.

But patients typically don't spend enough time on such an important decision, health care experts say.

"It's a very personal decision and one people should spend more time on than picking out a can of beans," says Hal Alpiar, author of "Doctor Shopping: How to Choose the Right Doctor for You and Your Family."
Here's what the experts advise:

■ Determine what is most important to you. Are you more interested in a doctor's bedside manner, or where he or she attended medical school and completed a residency? Are you more comfortable with an older, more experienced doctor, or do you prefer someone who is younger and developing a practice?

■ See if the doctor takes your insurance. Whether a doctor is in your insurance company's network will probably be a determining factor in your selection. If you go to a doctor outside the network, you may have to pay more out-of-pocket. If you are part of a health maintenance organization, or HMO, the insurer may not cover you if you go out-of-network. Your insurer's Web site will tell you which doctors in your area are in the network and accepting new patients.

■ Check the doctor's credentials. Insurance company Web sites not only tell you whether a doctor is in their network, but also provide basic background information, such as the

doctor's specialty, whether the doctor is board certified, and the hospitals where the doctor has admitting privileges. You can also find this information on sites from such organizations as WebMD and the American Medical Association.

Whether the doctor is board-certified is key, Alpiar says. Board certification, which means that a doctor has passed the exam in his or her specialty, such as internal medicine or family practice, is "a pretty good indicator that a doctor has gone through the basics and proven himself to their standards," he says.

■ Once you narrow your list to a doctor or two, schedule an appointment to speak with the doctor, Alpiar says. Bring a list of questions and a note pad to write down the doctor's responses. Be prepared to pay for the appointment; your insurance company may not cover it.

Among other things, you'll want to ask how long the doctor has been in practice; whether the doctor is a member of the medical society for his or her particular specialty; and how easy it is to get an appointment.

■ During your visit, be attentive to how the nurses and the other members of the doctor's staff treat you. Their attitude says something about the doctor who hired them, says Dr. Sandra Fryhofer, an Atlanta internist and past president of the American

College of Physicians.

In the end, the main thing you want to determine is whether you feel comfortable with the doctor. Does the doctor take the time to answer your questions and explain things adequately? Or does he or she make you feel rushed, and intimidated about asking questions?

"The most important thing is not that he's got an encyclopedia for a mind, but can you talk to him?" says Dr. Nicholas Biasotto, a family practice doctor in Stanton. Del.

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Try it with a buddy

By JOY BUCHANAN • Gannett News Service

arly in the morning, Emily McDonald and Beth Grigsby meet for a one-hour workout. They hit the elliptical machines and the stationary bikes. They do squats and they bench-press. They crunch and chat at their local YMCA in Hendersonville, Tenn.

Had it not been for the other, each woman may have skipped the workout.

"It's a lot harder to go home and sit on the couch when you've already made plans to work out with somebody," Grigsby says.

If you're keeping resolutions to lose weight or work out, you might want a buddy to be part of the plan. Recent studies have shown that people who diet or exercise with a partner or meet with a group — whether in person or online — tend to be more successful at losing weight and keeping it off than those who try to do it alone.

Accountability

McDonald, who works at the YMCA, rarely stuck to her workout plans after turning 30 in May. "I wasn't motivated at all," she

gre some tips that will help find and work with a buddy:

Ask friends, neighbors, relatives co workers to join you. Be honest out why you need their help and withey can keep you accountable meeting your goals.

Ask the staff at your gym to recinmend a trainer or another memwho may have similar goals. Look online for people and organiions that you can join. Try message ards on reputable health sites.

Start your own group. Meet for a kiy walk or run. Talk about your ind how to meet them. Talk What's working for you and

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Working out with a friend helps make a new exercise plan fun and effective.

says. She met Grigsby at the Y, and they started working out together in June. Since then, McDonald has lost 20 pounds and 3 percent body fat. Now, she goes to the gym three

or more times a week with Grigsby.
"With Beth, I started to do ab
workouts and lift weights, which I never would have done before," she says. "It's awesome when you have a friend to hold you accountable."

Accountability might be the key, says Dr. Angela Willis, a family practice physician in Nashville, Tenn.

"A lot of people seem to do better with any project they undertake when they have someone to encourage them along the way," she says.

Tufts University researchers recently found overweight people in their study that regularly attended Weight Watchers meetings lost more weight, about 12 pounds, than people who went occasionally, just 2 to 5 pounds. The researchers concluded that regular support from other people was important to sticking with a comprehensive weight-loss plan.

The National Weight Control Registry is an ongoing study following more than 5,000 people who have managed to lose 30 pounds or more and keep it off for at least a year. Research based on the registry has shown people who attend meetings about weight control -

"It's more fun. You have somebody to talk to. Somebody to share the pain with."

whether in person or in Internet chat rooms - are more successful in keeping weight off for the longterm than people who don't.

Willis says not everyone needs a buddy. Some people are motivated enough to hold themselves accountable, such as pushing themselves to make it to the gym each morning or keeping an online blog or a written journal of their meals and workouts. She lost 85 pounds over four years by exercising regularly and going on Weight Watchers, though she didn't attend the meetings. Still, Willis suggests that people find a buddy to hold them accountable to their fitness plans.

Support, not criticism

For many people, particularly women, having someone with them makes a difference. A partner or a group might be more supportive and less critical than you might be of yourself.

"People who have positive motivation do better than people who only have negative reinforcement. like focusing on consequences when they don't meet their goals,"

Dieters buddy-up for better results

Veteran workout buddies share their tips for pairing up.

- **Get a buddy.** You might be more successful at losing weight, keeping it off and exercising regularly when meeting with a group or partner.
- **Eat fewer calories.** You lose weight when you consume fewer calories than you burn through regular activity and exercise.
- **Exercise regularly.** Over 90 percent of the people in the National Weight Control Registry who have kept their weight off use physical activity as part of their weight-control program.
- Eat a healthy breakfast. You'll elless likely to snack all day or inge at lunch and dinner. Try lowat yogurt sprinkled with low-fat nola low-sugar cereal with lowgin or soy milk, or fruit
- Weigh yourself daily. Plan for towns get back on track if your weight begins to creep up.
- Watch the fast food. People in try eat fast food less than week and eat out no more tian three times a week.
- Don't be a couch potato. eople successful at keeping Weight watch less than 10 ITV a week, far less than hour average. If you do reaction with the control of white while you watch.
- Stay consistent. Going off your special occasions, weekholidays makes it tougher outuly change your lifestyle and eep. Weight off annieu New SerVi

says Dana McAdams, wellness director for the YMCA. "You help each other focus on rewarding yourself when you do meet your goals."

Grigsby and McDonald joined a runners' group that meets every Saturday morning. Grigsby, 31, is training for a marathon in April. McDonald ran a half-marathon in the fall, though she hadn't run long distances before. Both women say they would not have accomplished so much if they didn't have a part-

"It's more fun;" Grigsby says. "You have somebody to talk to. Somebody to share the pain with."

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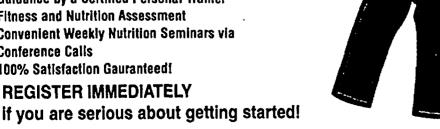
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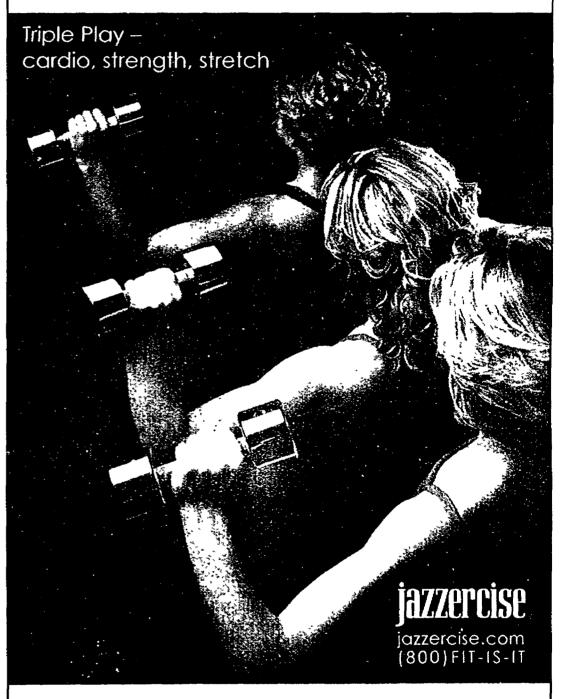


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Health Mart expands customer service, partners with new DO

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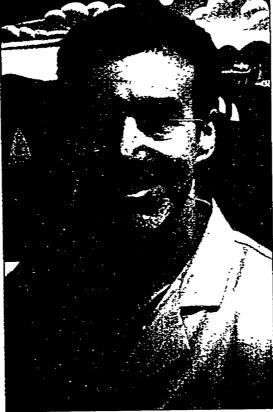
o better meet the area's growing demand for nutritional supplements and natural remedies, the Health Mart in Milford is pleased to announce its partnership with Keri Topouzian, D.O.

Topouzian is a certified anti-aging medicine specialist and a partner at The Center of Healthy Living in Grosse Point Farms. Topouzian focuses his energies on seeking out the root or underlying cause of a patient's complaints, utilizes bio-identical hormones, pharmaceutical-grade nutrients from compounding pharmacies as well as new, old and forgotten science-based treatment options, such as nutrition.

Kathleen Jones, owner of The Health Mart, said having the doctor see patients at the store is a simply supply meeting demand. She has witnessed a 20 percent increase since 2005 in people seeking relief from medical problems. She has had to double the size of her store to compensate.

"I have had a lot more people come in here complaining of medication side effects that we feel are unnecessary since there are safe methods of treatment — solutions that treat the underlying cause and not the symptom," said Jones.

With Topouzian holding office hours in The Health Mart, more people will



Submitted photo

Dr. Keri Topouzian combines traditional medicine with nutrition and other natural therapies.

be able to have their concerns addressed, she added.

"It's in response to the population basically singing 'I Can't Get No Satisfaction'," he explained. "They just can't get any relief from their doctors or they have done research and they feel they know what's going on with them, but their doctors won't listen. People are looking for someone who is willing to listen to them and work with them."

Nutrition, according to Topouzian, is vastly overlooked by primary care physicians when patients bring their health complaints to them. As a practicing emergency room physician for 14 years he was no different.

14 years he was no different.
"In medical school you get half of a class in nutrition — one day a week for the year," Topouzian recalled. "I was ignorant."

Like many patients and physicians who have found relief using alternative therapies, Topouzian experienced alternative medicine through a personal experience. In 1994 his 3-month-old son was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor. Topouzian and his wife, concerned about chemotherapy's side effects, sought other medical opinions

and options.

The experience "started me down a different path," Topouzian said. He continued to learn more about nutrition and natural alternatives, expanding the learning process more and more. He became board certified in anti-aging medicine and completed a two-year fellowship in functional medicine at the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine in Chicago. He left emergency medicine in 1996 to practice functional and anti-aging medicine full time.

"The functional approach is to look at the patient, look at all the hormones, the immune system and the digestive system," Topouzian explained. "About 70 percent of your immune system is in your gut. We also look at stress levels and energy production which is biochemistry, and inflammation. Then we put together a treatment plan."

Topouzian cautions that his practice

is not primary care, but a specialty consultation practice and is considered an out-of-network physician by most insurance companies.

"We don't do physical exams per se," Topouzian said. "We listen to the patient, review recent lab work, medical records and history of drugs taken. We then decide on tests to order. The patient comes back in four to six weeks to go over results. Then we map out a game plan."

The plan involves Topouzian's practice of functional medicine, a science-based integrative approach that treats illness and promotes wellness by focusing on the bio-chemically unique aspects of each patient, and then individually tailoring treatment to restore balance.

Topouzian also practices anti-aging medicine, a specialty aimed at the early detection, prevention, treatment and reversal of age-related decline.

"This is alternative in that it is alternative to what other medical practitioners are doing, which is pharmaceutical medicine or treating the symptoms," Topouzian said. "I look for the underlying cause of the problem."

Topouzian does recognize certain aliments do require a pharmaceutical prescription and will write a script when necessary.

He treats leading disorders, such as infections, cancer, and AIDS.

Topouzian is confident he is at the forefront of what the medical community will acknowledge as time goes on.

Health Mart offers a 20 percent discount on products to Topouzian's patients.

"We try to work as a team," Jones

Protect overall health with good flossing skills

According to most dentists, no matter how vigorous or how frequently you brush your teeth, brushing alone does not equate to oral health — flossing is a must. Flossing helps clean the teeth in the areas where a brush just can't reach. This includes between the teeth and under the gumline. This process helps remove plaque, a sticky substance that accumulates on teeth and hardens over time. If left untreated, plaque deposits can eventually lead to gum disease and tooth decay.

HOW TO FLOSS

1. Take your favorite variety of floss and pull off about 18 inches. Wrap each end around the middle fingers of both bands to form a string to use.

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2. Firmly grasp the floss slack with your index fingers.

3. Forming a C shape, carefully slide

the floss up and down the side of a tooth between the teeth and beneath the gumline.

4. Repeat the process on the other side of the tooth. Continue flossing one tooth at a time — both sides — until you've done all of your teeth. Unravel a new stretch of floss from your middle fingers for each tooth.

5. You may need a new piece of floss from the spool to do the bottom teeth, repeating the process from step 1.

6. Rinse with an antiseptic mouthwash to clean out extra debris that the flossing has loosened and to treat your gums and breath.

FLOSS VARIETIES

Today there are more types of floss than ever before. There is unwaxed, waxed, ribbon and even floss on holders with long handles. Certain floss is also made with space-age materials to

improve the glide factor. Experiment with the types of floss to determine one that works best for you.

Flavors also abound in floss. From spearmint to cinnamon, you can also enjoy a sensory experience while flossing.

IMPACTS ON OVERALL HEALTH

It's already been documented by dental and medical experts that oral health also impacts general health — it's about more than tooth decay and bad breath.

Dr. Michael F. Roizen, a preventive gerontologist at the University of Chicago, along with other scientists, have found that flossing one's teeth regularly can have a huge effect on one's age. In his system, called RealAge, it is said that flossing regularly can increase a person's life expectancy by six years. The reason is that if bacteria that causes periodontal

disease is allowed to build up, it can trigger an immune reaction which can cause your arteries to age. More information on this can be found at Dr. Roizen's site at www.realage.com.

Other floss facts, courtesy of Floss.com, include:

• People with periodontal disease are 1½ to 2 times as likely to suffer a fatal heart attack and three times as likely to suffer a stroke.

Infected oral tissues with pneumonia bacteria can be inhaled into the lungs where immune defenses fail to wipe them out.

 Studies show that diabetic patients with severe periodontitis have difficulty maintaining normal blood sugar levels.

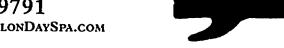
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Study backs worksite stress interventions

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workplace intervention program can significantly reduce signs of stress on the heart, say researchers. Work-related stress is one of several factors that may increase the risk of heart attack.

In a study published recently in Hypertension, researchers tested the effects of a stress-reduction intervention program in workers who faced layoffs — a significant stress-inducer.

The participants included 91 office workers at a DuPont subsidiary in Italy that was downsizing its work force by 10 percent and a control group of 79 healthy volunteers who worked outside of the company and reported no work-related stress.

At the start of the study, the participants were assessed by a clinical psychologist and completed a self-administered questionnaire to assess their overall stress, fatigue and bodily stress-related symptoms. They also underwent a single lead electrocardiogram, which evaluates the autonomic nervous system, a system that adjusts and modifies bodily functions in response to stress.

The stressed workers had significantly higher stress and fatigue than the controls, and reported more stress-



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The American Academy of Family Physicians has more about stress management. Look for it on the Web at http://familydoctor.org/167.xml.

related symptoms, such as difficult sleep, pounding of the heart, and gastrointestinal problems. In addition, the stressed workers' ECGs indicated that their heart rhythm was showing signs of stress

"This is typical of the stressed individual — they are facing psychological

pressure, but they don't want to hear about psychologists because they are feeling real, clinical symptoms," study senior author Massimo Pagani, a professor of medicine at the University of Milan in Italy, said in a prepared statement.

After the baseline assessment, the

DuPont workers were invited to sign up for a weekly, one-hour stress management session that focused on relaxation and stress-related coping skills or a passive program that offered articles and monthly e-mails on stress reduction techniques.

Twenty-six employees signed up for the stress-management sessions, and 25 signed up for the passive program.

Before the programs began, the autonomic measures (ECG and arterial pressure) were similar in both intervention groups, but, after a year, the stress-management program induced a significant, small reduction in arterial pressure and clear changes in ECG-derived stress indicators.

"Our study provides a potential model for the assessment of work-related stress at an individual level, and suggests that stress management programs can be implemented at the worksite," Pagani said.

Massages reduce stress

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Save time, money on prescriptions

By CYNTHIA GROCHOWSKI • Daily Press & Argus

hether around election time or throughout the year, health care is always a hotbutton issue. Typically, escalating healthcare costs, and how to cap them for the benefit of all citizens, rest at the heart of the debate.

Oftentimes, prescriptions can present a huge problem to those in need, as prescriptions are often an ongoing necessity, as opposed to a trip to the emergency room or a yearly visit to the physician. A variety of options exist to pare down prescription costs.

At the pharmacy ■ Pay in cash.

Some pharmacies offer cash discounts.

"If a customer is paying cash we try to give them the best cash price available," said Sonjay Patel, manager of Keystone Drugstore in Novi.

■ Buy generic medications. The less-flashy, non-advertised twins of brand-name drugs are called generics. Patients should be aware, however, that doctors often prescribe the designer drugs, and typically must be asked to prescribe generic versions. Unless your prescription is marked DAW (dispense as written), a pharmacist can substitute the generic form.

"Most insurance companies want you to use generics to be cost efficient," said Patel, noting that co-pays are lower for generics.

Generics are especially cost effective for customers without drug coverage.

The eye drops the doctor prescribed for pink eye may be \$75," said Cheryl O'Brien, owner of Milford Saymore Pharmacy. "A pharmacist can switch it to a \$3 eye drop that will do the same thing."

- Try compounding. Compounding refers to a pharmacist making a drug from scratch as opposed to dispensing a prepared medication from a drug company. If the pharmacy offers compounding, O'Brien added, ask if the prescribed drug is less costly if the pharmacist compounds it onsite.
- Save gas. Ask the pharmacy if they offer free delivery. Or, use the pharmacy located closest to your doctor's office. There may be one in the same building.
- Choose an independent pharmacy. Smaller, privately owned pharmacies expend more energy on customer service and are more willing to review medications with doctors and patients.

"We call this management therapy," O'Brien said. "We go over Medicare" Part D with them to switch them over to generics."

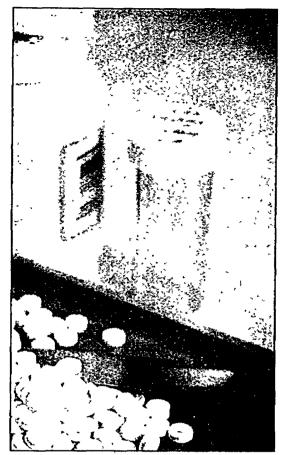


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Local pharmacists can help save time and money on prescription medications.

- Discount cards. There are discount prescription drug programs in Oakland and Livingston counties for people aged 2 to 60. Look for sign-up forms at pharmacies and local libraries.
- Shop around for price. Call different pharmacies to find the best price for your prescription. Ask the pharmacy if they will match or beat the best price you have found.

At the doctor's office ■ Seek out cost reducing conven-

iences. Time waiting for a prescription to be filled, and filled accurately, may be a cost a patient can eliminate. Many doctors and pharmacies are using e-mail to dispense and fill scripts. Medication can be waiting for you, not the other way around. If your doctor's office if utilizes this feature, they will have a list of pharmacies that participate with e-mail prescriptions.

- Ask for samples. In an effort to get physicians to prescribe their medications, many companies provide free samples to doctors. For short-term illnesses, some doctors may provide their patients with enough free samples to last the duration of the illness. Samples can also be a good way to see what your reaction will be to a given drug before you go and fill an entire prescription.
- Ask for coupons. Along with samples, many drug companies supply doctors with discount coupons for medications.



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watch can tell you if you're overdoing it or slacking off. A software system on a cell phone can track your speed, distance and calories burned. So can a little sensor in your shoe.

Technology is infusing the fitness industry with more sophisticated products and services designed to let exercisers know how they're doing, keep them motivated and even make it more fun, say fitness experts.

These tools for fitness can also give a motivational boost to folks starting off 2007 with specific health goals and resolutions.

"A lot of people are data-driven these days," said Bryan Stednitz, assistant director of fitness and wellness for Indiana University's Division of Recreational Sports. "They want to see (that) what they're doing makes a difference."

Online services, such as www.peer-trainer.com, are taking advantage of the social networking phenomenon by providing ways for people to share experiences and jogging routes.

Some online services, such as www.exerciseradio.com, offer free streaming exercise music and workout podcasts, says Stednitz.

And then there are all the gadgets

— the GPS mapping systems, heartrate monitors, fitness watches, and
shoes and clothing with monitoring
sensors usually used with iPods.

A lot of this is pricey, but as more people buy these high-tech fitness products, expect the price to go down, says Erik Rhey, features editor for PC Magazine.

Here is a roundup of techno toys you can buy to help your workout.

■ BiM Active-Verizon Wireless Get It Now-enabled phone

Bones in Motion Active software and the Runner's World RunTracker is a wireless training resource that can be used by runners, walkers or cyclists on select Get It Now-enabled cell phones. With BiM Active, people can track workout routines using its GPS tracking technology to monitor speed, distance, calories burned, pace and route, and listen to V CAST Music. Cost: \$9.99 for monthly service or \$1.99 daily for Bones in Motion software or RunTracker service; between \$50 and \$200 each for 10 different Get It Now-enabled phones.

■ Oakley Thump 128 MB sunglasses-MP3 player

These glasses for runners have retractable ear buds with telescoping boom speakers and push buttons that allow you to fast forward, rewind

and pause music. Lenses are polarized to cut glare. Cost: \$200 to \$500, depending on storage amount and lenses

■ Lobz Stereo Ear Warmers

For runners, this fleece-encased PrimaLoft insulation provides warmth, and a removable Lavawool system draws away moisture from skin. The nylon frames are foldable and adjustable. The ear buds are built into the behind-the-head ear warmers made by Vermont-based Gordini. Attach to your iPod or wear them just for warmth. Cost: \$30

■ Polar AXN 300 outdoor watch

This water-resistant watch for outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy snow sports and other activities. Gives you heart rate, altimeter, barometer, vertical speed and temperature readings. It also has a Polar Fitness Test measuring fitness levels in five minutes and Polar OwnCal energy expenditure that counts calories burned during exercise. Cost: \$229

■ Garmin Forerunner 305

This wristwatch is a GPS-enabled trainer that calculates heart rate, distance, time, speed, calories burned and pace-setting with "virtual partner." It can beep when you're out of your target heart-rate zone, store and review up to 1,000 laps, save favorite routes, track your speed vs. heart rate. \$350; model 205 without heart rate monitor. Cost: \$250

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\$29; shoes, about \$100.

■ CycleOps Power Tap SL2.4

This is a wireless power meter for a bicycle that combines a light-weight power-measuring hub with a 2.4Ghz wireless transmission. You buy the rear wheel, with a hub attached to it that measures torque and wheel speed. Then you insert it into a bike frame. Information is transmitted via digital radio frequency to a receiver mounted on the seat stay. Data is wired to the PowerTap computer, mounted on the handlebar. The computer gets a signal from the heart-rate monitor chest strap. Screen displays trip distance, time, cadence and energy expenditure. The data can be downloaded using software included in the package. Cost: \$999.99



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Make yourself smile every time you look in the mirror by creating a new you.

Create a new you

By CYNTHIA GROCHOWSKI • Daily Press & Argus

your New Year's resolution to work on a better you? Try these ideas and suggestions.

Start with the clothes

The easiest way to create a new you is with a new outfit. Treat yourself to something that fits well and compliments your figure. It doesn't have to be expensive. Add new shoes for an extra spring in your step.

Change your hair & mckeup

For a more permanent makeover, try a new hair style or color. A stylist can create a new look that compliments the shape of your face and fits into your regular routine.

Also consider new colors of makeup — or try wearing it if you don't normally. A few simple items take just minutes to apply and bring amazing results.

Check your eyesight

If it has been five or more years since your last eye exam, it's time to have them checked. If you are over 50 years of age you should also be checked for conditions such as cataracts, glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy.

"If you have been told in the past that you are not a candidate for refractive surgery, check again," advised Dr. Ayad Farjo, MD at Brighton Vision Center. "There have been many advances in this field of surgery."

You may be able at last to get rid of your glasses.

Makeover those frames

Chances are if you wear glasses your look could benefit by updating your frames or lenses.

"When people go from big and bold frames to small and soft frames they

feel better because the new frames seem almost invisible," reports Nora Morin of Bifano Eye Care in South Lyon.

Banish that tell-tale bifocal line with a pair of progressive no-line bifocals. You will be able to see distance and your computer screen without nodding your head up and down.

Morin advises wearers to care for their new frames by using two hands to put them on and take them off.

Smile More

A nice smile improves your face value and boosts confidence.

"A complete smile makeover can be as simple as using whitening strips to having crowns and veneers," said Pat Webb, Novi Family Dental Center office manager.

"A dental checkup is a great way to renew yourself especially if it has been a while since you had a cleaning,"

Many health problems, like diabetes, can be detected through a dental

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What are the differences between an HMO and a PPO?

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hoosing a healthcare plan can be one of the more important decisions a person makes. While no one likes to think of the potential for serious injury or illness, the truth is that this potential is very real and they'd want the best medical care possible.

But what makes one plan different from another? Consider the following differences between Health Maintenance Organizations and Preferred Provider Organizations, both of which are man-

aged healthcare systems.

Primary care physician: HMO members must choose a primary care physician from among their HMO's membership. The primary care physician practices general medical care and must be consulted before a patient can see a specialist. Also, the primary-care physician can only refer patients to specialists within the HMO's membership, limiting who you can and can't

A PPO, however, does not require its members to choose a primary care physician, and those members can simply refer themselves to a specialist should the need arise.

Repercussions of staying in or going out of networks: Unless it's an emergency while traveling, an HMO



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Making the right choice between an HMO and PPO is often based on the individual's situation.

will typically provide no coverage for patients who go outside of the network. That means the patient is responsible for the entire bill, a nearly impossible task to handle for many

people.

Typically, PPOs offer significant incentives for patients staying inside the network. For instance, a PPO might cover out-of-network expenses, but might only cover up to a certain percentage. Many times the PPO will cover a substantially higher percentage of the costs for in-network medical expenses. So while the PPO might cover 75 percent of out of network expenses, it might cover 90 percent of in-network expenses

Deductibles: Where HMOs appear more beneficial to members is the lack of deductibles. HMOs typically don't set a deductible, instead going with a minimal co-pay. PPOs, on the other hand, often require a deductible be met before they'll pay anything. This is especially the case with hospital visits. In addition, PPOs typically have higher co-payments, something many patients would prefer to avoid.

So which one is better? That all depends on the individual. For example, someone with a serious medical condition who requires regular specialized care would most often prefer a PPO. For those worried about regular out-of-pocket expenses, an HMO seems like the ideal choice.



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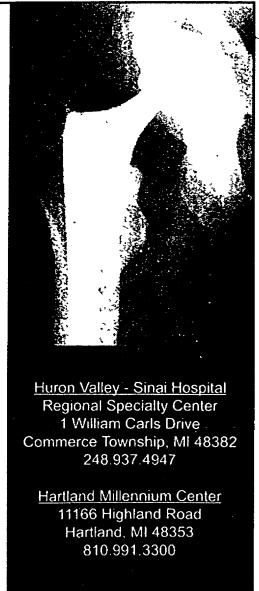
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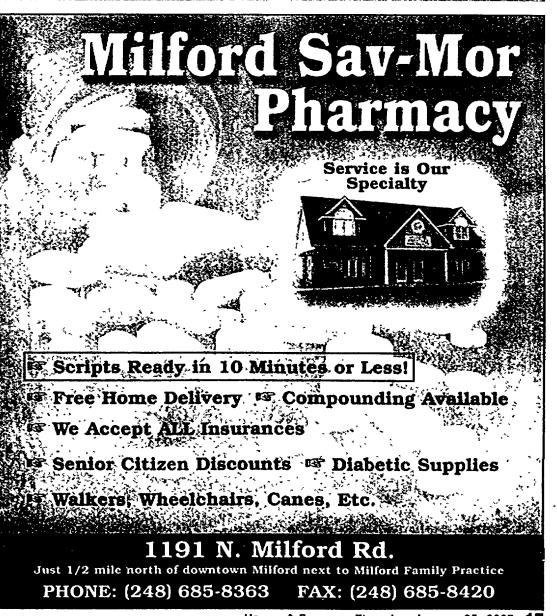
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Is it always colic?

Determine the real reason for baby's cries

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ost parents expect for their newborn to cry at certain times during the first few weeks to months of life outside of the womb. But many parents are blessed with a baby who cries much more than others, some to the point where it is greatly impeding the health and sanity of the parents.

Upon looking for an answer from their pediatrician, many parents are given a one-size-fits-all answer: the baby has colic. In fact, Dr. William Sears, a well-known pediatrician and child expert, has admitted that even a few of his colleagues have offered colic as a diagnosis to distraught parents when they weren't quite sure why a baby was so irritable.

But the term "colic" is often misused and largely not a five-letter substitute for "I don't know what is wrong." And it could be preventing a parent from discovering the root cause of their infant's trouble.

Signs of Colic

Although colic, which comes from the Greek word kolikos, meaning "suffering in the colon," is largely a mystery to doctors and parents alike, most understand that it has to do with stomach pain.

Many pediatricians follow the "Rule of Threes" when diagnosing the condition. Infants should have extreme crying fits that:

- start in the first 3 weeks of life
- last for 3 or more hours per day
- occur 3 or more days per week
- continue for at least 3 weeks since birth
- very rarely occur longer than 3 months

Colic should not be used to catego-



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Treatable ailments are sometimes diagnosed as colic. Parents should check with their pediatrician to be sure.

rize a baby who is just high-need or fussy. Colic cries are truly cries of pain. While some fussy babies may quiet after being held or comforted, typically nothing satiates a colicky baby.

In order to get to the bottom of the colic situation, it is important for parents to make a diary of what triggers these crying jags in their baby, since the baby himself cannot verbalize what is paining him. Do they occur at the same time each day? Does a particular food or feeding style exacerbate the problem? If you are breast feeding, do the episodes of colic change depending upon what you have eaten? Are the baby's bowel movements consistent?

When it could be more

Dietary factors are often a part of colic. Sometimes an infant is allergic or just intolerant to something that is

being consumed by a breast-feeding mother or elements of infant formula. Changes in diet may be one of the first steps a doctor will offer to help quiet a colicky baby. Other techniques include smaller, more frequent feedings and holding or rocking techniques to break up excessive gas trapped in the baby's intestines.

For some infants, the root cause of their pain is acid reflux, known as Gastro Esophageal Reflux or Gastro Esophageal Reflux Disease. Just as adults experience moments of heartburn or stomach aches from food, so, too, do babies: However, in many cases, the suspect cause is an immature Lower Esophageal Sphincter, which is the muscle between the stomach and esophagus. This immaturity causes acid from the stomach to sneak back up into the baby's throat and burn. In fact, many cases of colic

are actually undiagnosed and untreated cases of reflux.

Babies who have GER typically exhibit some, if not all, of these symptoms:

■ irritability and pain, particularly after eating

■ gulping during feeding (the formula or breast milk temporarily soothes the throat, so baby eats quickly, but soon the reflux begins anew)

■ frequent or excessive spitting up or vomiting after feedings

■ poor sleep habits with frequent waking when placed flat in the crib; prefers to sleep sitting up or on parent's chest

■ arching neck and back during or after eating

■ frequent ear infections or sounds of sinus congestion

Infants who have GER typically outgrow the condition on their own, but it

could take a few months. Many doctors prescribe medication and offer parents techniques to help soothe the baby. Here are some help scenarios:

■ prescription drugs that limit the amount of acid production

■ smaller, more frequent feedings ■ hypoallergenic formulas that are more easily broken down by baby's stomach, or cereal-thickened formulas that keep down the food

■ keeping the infant elevated for 20 to 30 minutes post-feeding to limit reflux

crib wedges to elevate the child while sleeping

For parents who have an infant who cries very frequently and are concerned about their child's health, share your feelings with the child's pediatrician to narrow down the causes. A good idea is to videotape the baby when he or she is most irritable so the doctor can truly determine if the cries are pain-induced. Some doctors may refer parents to a pediatric gastroenterologist to do more testing to rule out GER and other digestive problems.

Study: Early blood pressure problems signal heart trouble

By KRISHA MCCOY • HealthDay

Young people who have elevated blood pressure are at risk of having an abnormally enlarged heart, according to new research.

The study, published in Circulation, included 1,944 American Indians (average age 26.5). The participants were taking part in the Strong Heart Study, an ongoing investigation of cardiovascular risk factors and disease in 13 American Indian communities.

Of the participants, 294 (15 percent)

had hypertension and 675 (35 percent) had pre-hypertension.

Having hypertension or pre-hypertension was associated with a higher risk of having changes in the heart structure associated with increased cardiovascular risk, including higher left ventricular wall thickness, higher left ventricular mass and higher prevalence of left ventricular hypertrophy.

The prevalence of left ventricular hypertrophy was three times higher among the participants with hypertension and two times higher among

those with pre-hypertension, compared to participants with normal blood pressure.

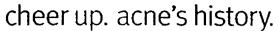
"The frequency of heart abnormalities in these younger participants is similar to that found in the middle-age or adult population of hypertensives who are at risk for adverse events," senior study author Richard Devereux, a professor of medicine at Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York City, said in a prepared statement.

"The findings are a wake-up call for

increased preventive measures and to head off heart disease with lifestyle modifications, such as reducing caloric intake and increasing physical activity in this population," Devereux added.

Pre-hypertension is defined as systolic blood pressure (the top number) higher than 120 mmHg but lower than 140 mmHg, or a diastolic pressure (the bottom number) higher than 80 mmHg and lower than 90 mmHg, or both. Hypertension is systolic pressure higher than 140 mmHg or diastolic pressure higher than 90 mmHg.

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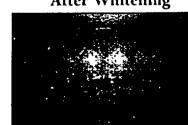
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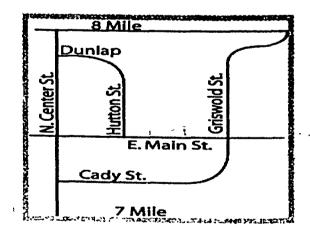
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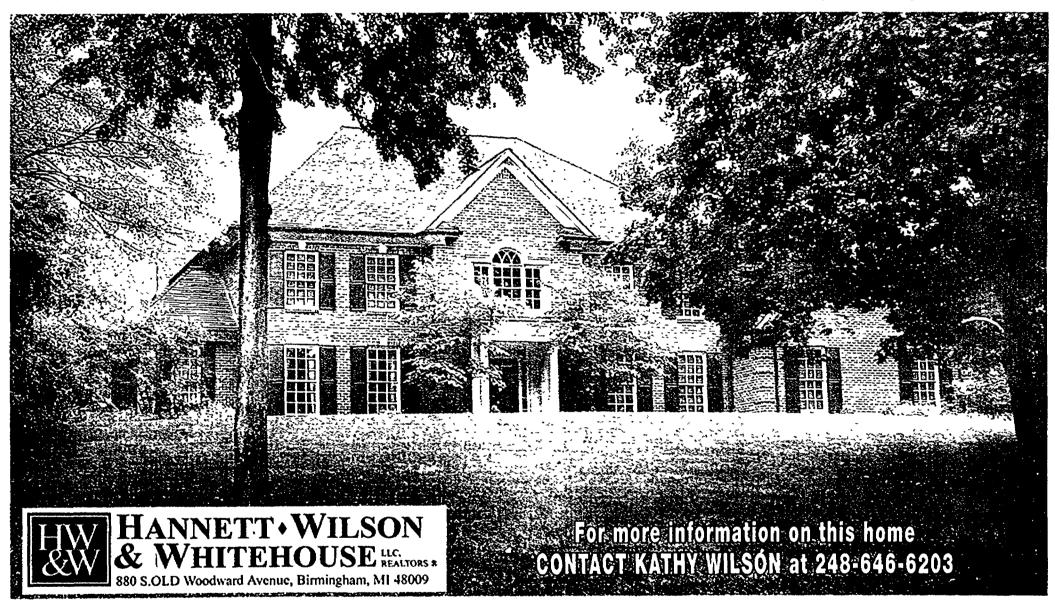


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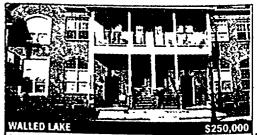
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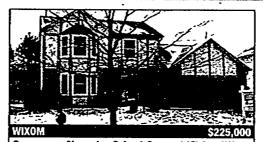


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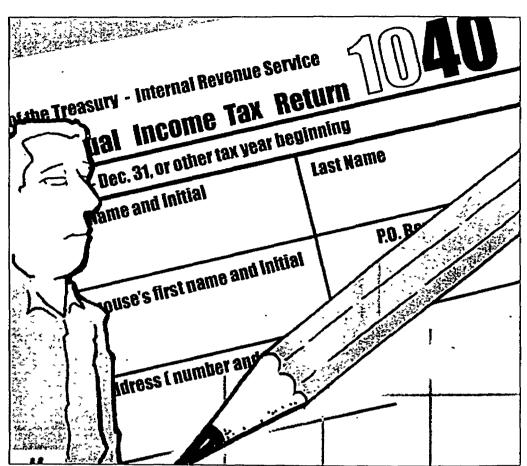
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Now may be the right time to make a vacation home a reality

Austin, TX — You've been kicking around the idea of buying a vacation home for quite a while now. A few years ago, it seemed like a great idea. The real estate market was hot, hot, hot, and properties everywhere were appreciating rapidly. Getting a good return on your investment felt like a sure bet. But now, things have cooled off considerably. With home sales slowing across the nation, and interest rates poised to rise, your enthusiasm is waning. But don't shelve your vacation home dream just yet. According to Christine Karpinski, now is actually the perfect time to take the plunge.

"It's true that the real estate market has stabilized, but that's a good thing," says Karpinski, director of Owner Community for HomeAway.com (an online vacation home rental marketplace) and author of How to Rent Vacation Properties by Owner: The Complete Guide to Buy, Manage, Furnish, Rent, Maintain and Advertise Your Vacation Rental Investment and Profit from Your Vacation Home Dream: The Complete Guide to a Savvy Financial and Emotional Investment. "It's actually an easier leap of faith to buy when the market is normal than to buy when real estate prices are going up 10 to 20 thousand dollars a month.

There are several reasons why now is

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a good time to buy a vacation home. First, says Karpinski, we're in a buyer's market. Because houses aren't flying off the shelf, there's less pressure on you to make a quick decision. You can afford to take your time, do your research, and refine your plan.

Second, more stable home prices usually mean more stable property taxes and insurance costs. That's good for your bank account over time.

Third, even though overall real estate sales are down, sales of second homes are stronger than ever. In fact, 2004 and 2005 were record years for vacation home buying. That means if you want to rent out your vacation home there is a healthy customer base said Karpinski.

"An estimated five million vacation homes are currently being rented worldwide, yielding an estimated \$100 billion-plus in transactions on an annual basis," she said.

If you do decide to purchase a vacation home, Karpinski offers a few tips:

Don't buy in a "bubble" market. In other words, don't buy in an area where there are too many speculators; i.e., such as Southeast Florida. In rapidly developing areas where lots and lots of developers build and hope to quickly sell, real estate prices tend to be artificially inflated. "The last thing you want to do is buy in a marketplace where there are too many speculators," says Karpinski. "The risks of the bubble bursting when supply exceeds demand and your getting soaked are much higher. It may be better to purchase in an older area that's already well-developed, like Cape Cod. The supply is so low in these areas that real estate tends to hold its value."

■ Buy with your wallet, not your heart. "Make sure you're buying a smart investment," says Karpinski. "This is especially difficult for vacation homebuyers because we're risk-takers who tend to use our emotions more than our heads. It's easy to get caught up and sign on the dotted line when you see that gorgeous beach home or perfect ski

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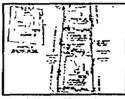
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A MUST SEEL Fabulous St Den floor plan, premium lot. 2 baths, freshly panted, newer story Foyer, hwd floors, Island carpet, all appliances stay, Patio,

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A RARE FIND Here it ist Ground A MUST SEE! You'll fall in love this 4 bd, 2 bath home. Family Room w/irpl, refinished hwd, newer carpet, updated furnace, (P-579LI) grante \$156,500



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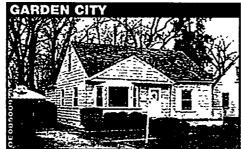
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(a) The notice shall be prominently displayed at a point of entry for vehicular access to the real property. If the real property lacks curbs or access barriers, not less than one notice shall be posted for each 100 feel of road frontage.

(b) The notice must clearly indicate in letters not less than 2 inches high on a contrasting background that unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

(c) The notice must provide the name and telephone number of the towing service for towing or removing vehicles from that property.



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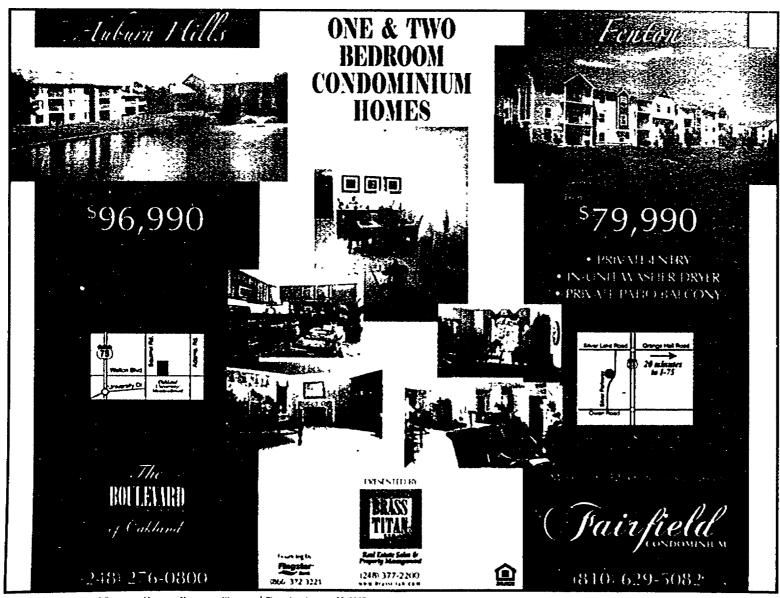
(d) The notice must be permanently installed with the bottom of the notice located not less than 4 feet from the ground and is continuously maintained on the property for not less than 24 hours before a vehicle is towed or removed.

However, caution should be taken by any association utilizing self-help remedies in regard to removing a vehicle unless there is an emergency. The association should also consult with a knowledgeable community association attorney before taking such action.

Q. Our board is in the process of establishing a community association newsletter to provide notice of meetings and to announce community events. Do you have any suggestions regarding how the publication of the newsletter should be handled?

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resort. Why do you think so many people own timeshares? Because they get caught up in the moment and see only the romantic side of ownership without doing the due diligence necessary."

■ No intention of renting? Leave your options open. Never say never, urges Karpinski. "Today it may be financially feasible to not rent your home, but what will tomorrow bring?" she asks. "What will change in your finances over the years? Will you be retiring? Will your children be attending college? Will the tax rate for the property skyrocket? What about the simple costs of ownership? Buy where you know you can utilize the option to rent your property-i.e., not in an area with a short-term rental ban. You know the old saying 'It's a woman's prerogative to change her mind? Well, it should be a vacation homeowner's, too."

Consider renting by owner rather than using a property management company. Worried that it's too hard or time-consuming to become a do-ityourselfer? Don't be. A survey conducted through HomeAway Inc., indicates that vacation homeowners who have taken the plunge to rent out their properties "by owner" find it very easy and inexpensive to do so. Being a "do it yourselfer" can save 20 to 50 percent in management company commissions. "As I mentioned earlier, the Internet has made renting by owner much easier," says Karpinski. "Advertising on the HomeAway.com Network, a group of established vacation rental Web sites, is one simple and inexpensive way to find guests. It costs only \$299 a year to list on four Web sites."

Rent out only seventeen weeks and your new vacation home will pay for itself. When your monthly mortgage payment is less than or equal to one peak week rental, 12 weeks of rental will cover your mortgage payments for the entire year. Other costs, including bills for your phone, power, cable, and association dues, may be paid out of your earnings from approximately five offweek rentals.

Surveys conducted through HomeAway Inc., reveal that the average weekly rate is \$1,656, and that the average property is rented out twenty weeks or more per year," says Karpinski. "These figures suggest that the average vacation home brings in more than \$33,000 in rental revenue each year. According to survey results, 67.15 percent said that the cost savings is the primary reason that they rent by owner. Interestingly, 37 percent said they do it because they like the sense of control. They feel they can take better care of their property than anyone else and like to know who is renting their homes."

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\$999,900 - Northville Bldrm, 42 Baths, Lake Frnt, Prof Fin. Walk Out L/L W/ 5th Bdrm & Kft. \$999,900

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Northville \$949,900 4 Borms, 4.1 Baths, Lake Fint, Prof. Fin Walk Out L/L w/ 5th Borm & Kit., and Lrg Gathering Area.

\$172,500 - Madison Heights 3 Bdrm, 15 Baths, Brick Ranch, W/ \$172,500 Garage, Fin. Bsmt, Lrg. FR, CA, Updated

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574,900 Tray - 4 Rdrms, 2.5 Raths, Proff, Fin Bsmt w/Kit and full bath, Sunroom, extra leg lot, pool table Ext. Also for lease at \$4,500 519,900 Northville Twp - 4 Bdrms, 3 5 Baths, Colonial Condo, 9 Ft Ceilings on 1st Floor, 2 Story Foyer, Home Warranty, Many upgrades.

499,900 Nevil - 4 Scirms, 3.5 Bath Colonial w/ Dream Bsmt - Home Theatre, Wet Bar, Sauna, Cedar Closet.

379,900 Canten - 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, Two way fireplace in Fam Rm and Study, Prof. finished 8smt. 355,000 Plymouth Twp - 4 Bdrms, 3 5 Baths, Many upgrades,

Howd Firs, Crown Moldings in LR, FR, and DR. Mstr Suite w Private Bath.

334,900 Farmington Hills - 4 Bdrms, 3 5 Baths, Great lot w/ huge deck, Prof. Fin. Lower level, w/wet bar 383,000 Canton - 4 Borms, 2 5 Baths, Fin Bsmt w pool table, Gazebo

& hot tub. Also for lease at \$2100 299,900 Van Buren - 5 Bdrms, 3 Baths, Custom built in 2004.

open floor plan, Lrg kitchen, 3 car garage

299,900 Plymouth - 3 Bdrms, 3 5 Baths Built in 2004 w/open floor plan, Finished Basement, Walk to Downtown, 295,999 Cantan - 4 Bdrms, 2 5 Baths, 2 Story Foyer, Open Floor Plan, Large Deck, Southern Exposure, Master Suite w/ Private Bath.

295,000 Canton - 3 Borms, 2.1 Baths, Charming Cherry Hill Village Colonial. Howd Floors, Breakfast Nook, and 2 car garage 289,900 Plymouth Twp - 4 Bdrms, 2 5 Baths, Located on a wooded lot, wet bar in FR. Walk To Park, Oversized 2 Car Garage. 280,000 Canten - 4 Borms, 2 Baths - Stately Colonial w/ Master Ste w/ cathedral ceilings, prof. landscaped and druid to brick paver patio. 264,908 Farmington Hills - Updated 48R, 25 Bath Brick Colonial located deep in the sub. Newer roof, windows & more 239,900 Flat Rock - 3 Bdrms, 2 5 Baths, New Construction, large backyard, spacious Borms, Maser suite w/ full bath and wic. 234,000 Novi - 4 Bdrms, 2 5 Baths, Large private, treed lot, remodeled Kitchen and Bathrooms. New roof, Furn, and A/C.

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229,900 Plymouth - 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Breezeway converted to cozy FR w/Fireplace, Att. 2 car garage.

219,999 Wayne - 4 Unit, 4 Bath Multi-Family, Separate Unit Entrances and private parlong lot, close to shopping and restaurants. 219,960 Livenia - 3 Bdrm, 2 5 Bath, Huge Deck, Lrg Great Rm

w/cathedral Ceilings.

289.906 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Cape Cod near Summit and Heritage Park, 3 Level Deck w/ fenced Backyard, Fin Bsmt, All apoliances stay.

289,960 Dearbera - 3 Borm, 2 Bath - Brick Cape Cod, prof. english gar dens landscaping, walk to schools, parks, shopping, and restaurants. 189,900 Plymouth Turp - 3 Bdrms, 1 5 Baths, Charming Colonial, Corian Kitchen counters, Walk to Elementary and Downtown 189,500 Deartorn - 3 Borms, 2 Bath, Totally remodeled Interior, FP, CA. Fin Bsmt. Lro Deck. 2 Car Garage, Immedi Occ.

186,000 Westland - 3 Bdrm, 1 5 Bath. Basement, Lrg Fam Rm, Lra fenced Backvard

184,900 Canten - 4 8drms, 2 Baths, Charming Quad with Plymouth/Canton schools. Large Backyard backing to commons. 154,900 Dearborn - 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Oakwood Hosp Area, Howd Floors, Fin 8smt, New Cherry and Corian Kitchen. 1 Yr Home Warranty 137,000 Dearborn Heights - 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Immed Occ. Howd Floors throughout, Full fin 8smt, 12 x 20 screened Rm on back of house.

128,500 Center Line - 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1940'S Charmer, Bathrooms Remodeled, newer windows and cement driveway Finished Basement

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279,900 Farmington Hills - 2 Bdrms, 3 baths, Fin Basement w/full Kitchen and Bath 239,900 Liveaia - 2 Borms, 2.5 Baths, Newer Construction, 2

Story Grt Rm w/fireplace and view of pond 244,900 Flat Rock - 3 Bdrm, 2 5 Baths, New Construction!

Unfinished loft above 2.5 car garage 214,900 Canton - 3 Bdrms, 2.1 Baths - Detached condo in

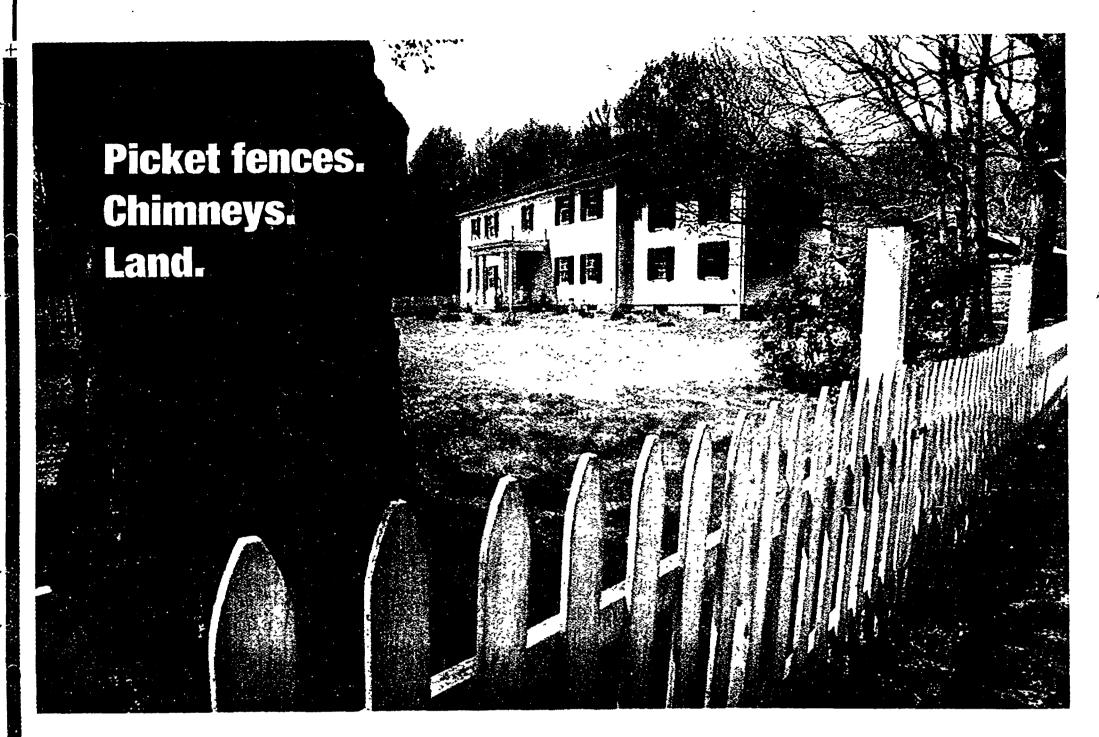
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private setting w/ ing deck, full fin. bsmt, immed occ. 164,900 Phymorth Twp.- 2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Sky lights in lot and Master borm, Lots of upgrades. Grt Rm w.Cath ceilings. 148,000 Wayne - 3 Borms, 2 5 Baths, Two Story Condo, First Fir Mstr Suite w/ WIC and Private Bath, Loft overlooking Grt Rm 134,900 Southfield - 2 Borms, 2 Baths, Sharp Ranch style

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Of course, owning a vacation home isn't right for everyone. Karpinski emphasizes the importance of doing your homework as well as plenty of soul-searching before making the decision to buy.

"Yes, I've enjoyed my vacation homes

and have profited from them, financially and otherwise," she says. "It's nice to have a place to escape to, and I've made some great friends over the years. But no doubt about it: Buying a vacation home, especially one you're going to rent out, means embarking on a whole new lifestyle. Read up on the subject so you'll know what to expect. Doing plenty of research and making an educated decision will keep your vacation home dream from turning into a nightmare."

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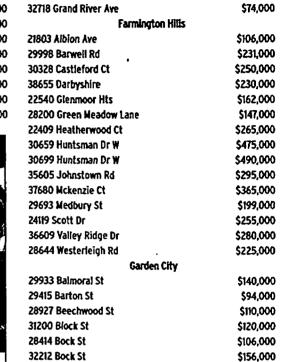
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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 25-29, 2006, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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\$190,000
\$127,000
\$144,000
\$281,000
\$227,000
\$70,000
\$250,000
\$468,000

40281 Chatsworth Ct	\$210,000
39858 Cheviot Rd	\$210,000
50651 Colchester Ct	\$545,000
401 Country Club Ln	\$365,000
1536 Crowndale Ln	\$335,000
49335 Dominion Ct	\$512,000
39434 Dorchester Cir	\$287,000
7102 Fox Hills Rd	\$317,000
7044 Foxthorn Dr	\$104,000
43832 Fredericksburg St	\$178,000
51067 Gold Ridge Ln	\$403,000
42263 Greenwood Dr	\$245,000
49111 Hawksburry Rd	\$196,000
8375 Holly Dr	\$190,000
42479 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$129,000

1311 Mistwood Ct	\$456,000
50167 Monroe St	\$171,00
1682 Orchard Dr	\$85,00
43941 Palisades Dr	\$198,00
1550 Peninsula Ct	\$232,00
49774 Potomac Rd	\$297,00
49802 Potomac Rd	\$271,00
4013 Ravensfield Dr	\$194,00
3264 River Meadow Cir	\$229,00
48156 Roundstone Ct	\$521,00
299 S Village Way	\$40,00
42358 Saratoga Cir	\$190,00
253 Setkirk St	\$177,00
440 Shana St	\$187,00
. 51113 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$254,00
41117 Southwind Dr	\$120,00
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1237 W Crystal Cir

956 Wildwood Ln

23888 Fairview St

31030 Brown St

24025 Farmington Rd

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\$211,000

\$317,000

\$235,000

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nt, 1 1/2 bath ranch with natural fireplace in fiving room, and open concept to dining room. Large basement waiting o be finished with your ideas, already ha 1/2 bath. Covered patio with door from 2nd bedroom that overlooks a spacious yard with brick barbecue. Sellers Says Bring All Offers!!



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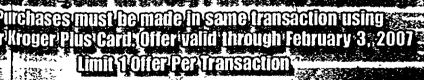
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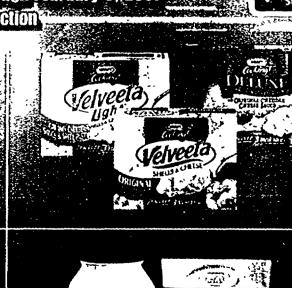


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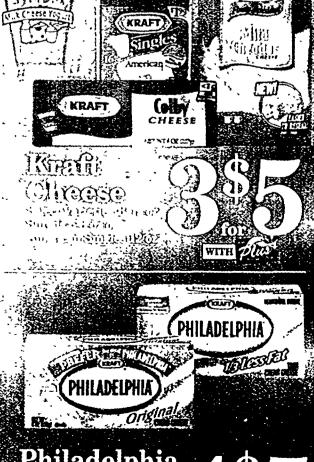
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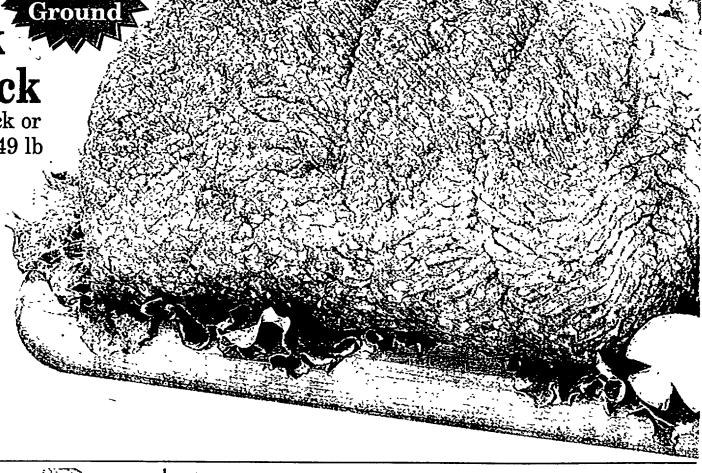
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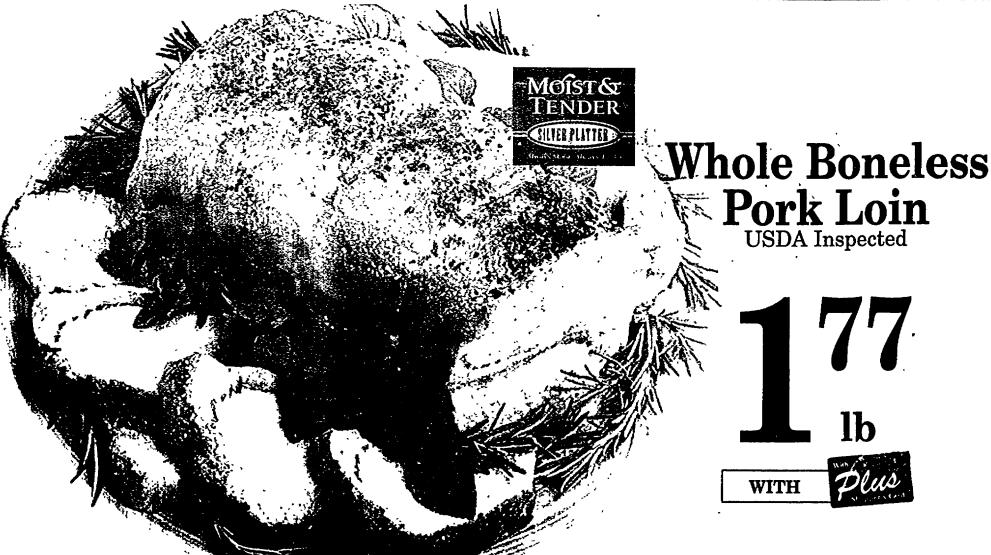
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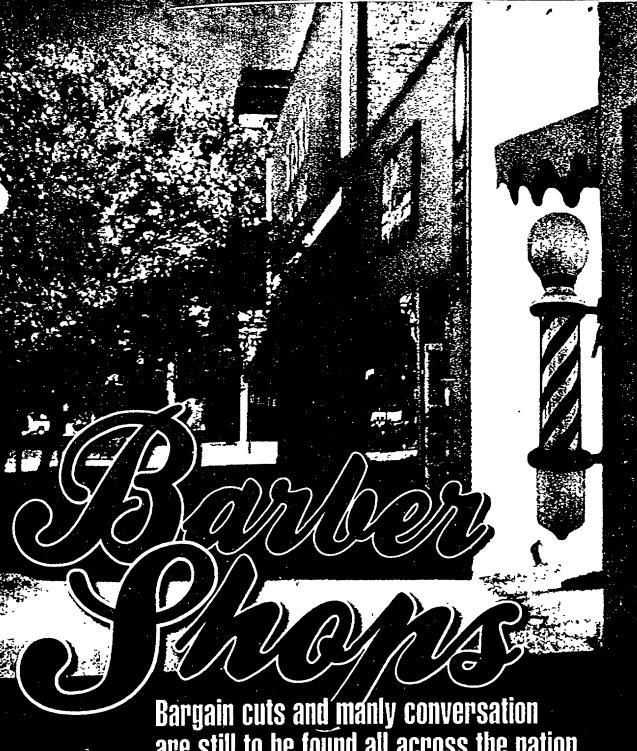
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Whatever happened to the teacher from Mill Valley, Calif., who made a hit Rita "Mill Valley" Abrams record in the 1970s with her elementary-school

class? I think her name was Rita Abrams.

-Carolyn Scneider. Laurel. Mont.

Back in 1970, Abrams, a third-grade teacher at Strawberry Point Elementary School in California's Marin County, recorded an album with her class, and the result was the surprise smash single "Mill Valley." She went on to make several other children's recordings, win two Emmys and numerous other awards for her music, compose greeting cards and write plays. She still lives in Mill Valley, despite the last line in her song that says "there may come a time I'll have to leave." Abrams smiles and says, "But I never did."



Andy Griffith (center) starred in the short-lived Salvage 1.

There once was a TV show or movie about a salvage yard owner who built a rocket ship. I think it starred Andy Griffith and was set in the 1970s. Can you help me with the name of the show? -Jim Key, Conway, Ark.

Salvage 1 was a 1979 TV movie that kicked off a comedyadventure series about a junkyard owner, played by Andy Griffith, who built a spaceship and went to the moon to bring back debris left behind by Apollo lunar excursions. Subsequent missions found the Saltage 1 crew back on Earth, rounding up rare island monkeys, destroying a killer iceberg, exploring a haunted mansion and snatching a downed U.S. bomber from an army of Japanese bandits who never found out World War II was over. The series wasn't a hit and lasted only a few episodes before the network pulled the plug.

Does Wes Studi have any plans to star in another movie, and is he really an American Indian?

-P. Anderson, Mariposa. Calif.

Yes, Studi is a Cherokee Indian who grew up in northeastern Oklahoma and didn't begin his acting career until he was 40 years old. One of his first movies was Danc- Wes Studi didn't begin es With Wolves, in which he acting until he was 40.



played a memorably malevolent Pawnee leader. He lives in Santa Fe, N.M., and you can see him soon in the upcoming CBS mini-series Comanche Moon, a prequel to the made-for-TV Western classic Lonesome Dove.

What can you tell me about Tanya Memme of Sell This House? How did she get her job? -Shirley Shoukletovich. Benton, Ky.

Prior to the A&E TV series Sell This House (and also More This House), Memme hosted the weekly Los Angeles show

Eye on L.A. and then Robotica on The Learning Channel. A former Miss World Canada, she's also had guest-star roles on JAG, The Practice and CSI Miami, costarred on The Young and the Restless and appeared in several independent movies. Memme, 35, is an outdoor enthusiast who once rode in a 420mile bike trek from Montreal, Quebec, to Portland, Maine, to raise money for AIDS research. She recently purchased her first home and says she enjoys being her "funny, goofy" self on Sell This House.

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Tanya Memme hosts TV's Sell This House.

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Hometown Doctoring for Hero by Marti attoun Decades In 1947, Dr. Marjorie Roper opened her office at the back of the family business, O.L. Ferrell Drug Store, in Bullard, Texas. Sixty years later, the doctor is still in, treating generations of patients as if they were family. "If you love what you're doing, it's not hard on you," says Dr. Roper, 86, from her office in the former drug store, now the Ferrell-Roper Clinic. Sitting on an old wooden milking stool, she questions patient Opal Snipes about her dizzy spells. Dr. Roper rests a gentle hand on Snipes'

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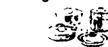
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arm and asks, "Did you go to church yesterday?" She knows that her

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longtime friend attends faithfully if she's up to it. Snipes, 83, sighs. "No. I didn't feel like it."

After an examination, Dr. Roper adjusts Snipes' bloodpressure medicine and prescribes a game of chicken foot, a dominoes get-together that the doctor hosts each month at her home for about a dozen 80-something women.

Before leaving, Snipes hugs the doctor and tells her she

"I love you, too," Dr. Roper says. "You know I do."

The doctor's love for medicine developed as a child growing up in the drugstore and watching her father, called "Doc" by the locals, fill prescriptions and suggest tonics to help ease the suffering of the townspeople. At age 12, Marjorie began making house calls with the town doctor after he suffered a stroke that impaired the use of his hands.

"The doctor would stay up at the drugstore reading Western magazines until he got a call," Dr. Roper says. "I'd go with him and he'd let me help suture." One of her first patients had cut the full length of his leg in a wagon accident and she stitched the wound, which healed perfectly.

After earning her medical degree from the University of Texas in Galveston in 1943, Dr. Roper returned to Bullard (pop. 1,150) and began delivering babies and treating every ailment imaginable. Many patients couldn't afford the \$2 visit and paid with a bushel of sweet poratoes or fresh garden peas.

"They're really good country people," Dr. Roper says about her patients. She still doctors people who can't afford to pay and continues to make house calls, if needed, in her '93 Chevrolet.

"Oh, listen, she was a lifesaver then and still is," says patient Dollie Taylor, 80, who will never forget a call from the good doctor one Sunday morning 50 years ago when her 10-year-old daughter, Diane, had severe abdominal pain.

"Dr. Roper told me to keep an eye on her and to call back at a certain time," Taylor says. "I thought maybe Diane had eaten something bad and I was dragging my feet. Next thing I knew, Dr. Roper showed up at my door."

Within an hour, her daughter was in surgery for an emergency appendectomy.

In the early years of Dr. Roper's practice, miracle drugs were few. "We had sulfa drugs and didn't get penicillin until after World War II," she says. "I doctored symptomatically and with prayer."

Today, the doctor dispenses the latest medications and works with her daughter-in-law and nurse practitioner, Linda Roper, 56. Still, much about the practice hasn't changed. While the pharmacy closed three years ago and the soda fountain fizzled in May, the drugstore's original fixtures remain. Floor-to-ceiling cabinets with pigeonholes and drawers contain prescriptions, written in graceful script of the 1920s and filled by Dr. Roper's father.

The doctor's office, with knotty-pine paneled walls and a worn wooden desk, is a gallery of family photos, including her four children. Dan, an ophthalmologist, lives in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. The other three—Harriet Page, a special-education teacher, Richard, retired from the U.S. Air Force; and Tom, a corporate pilot—live in Bullard. A granddaughter, Amy McKeethan, 36, works as her office manager.

"Grandma's patients are just like her family," McKeethan says. Dr. Roper gives her a squeeze and nods in agreement as she

continues down the narrow hallway—the same path she's walked for six decades—to see the next patient.

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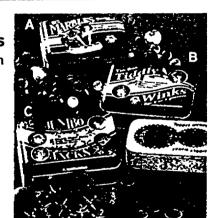
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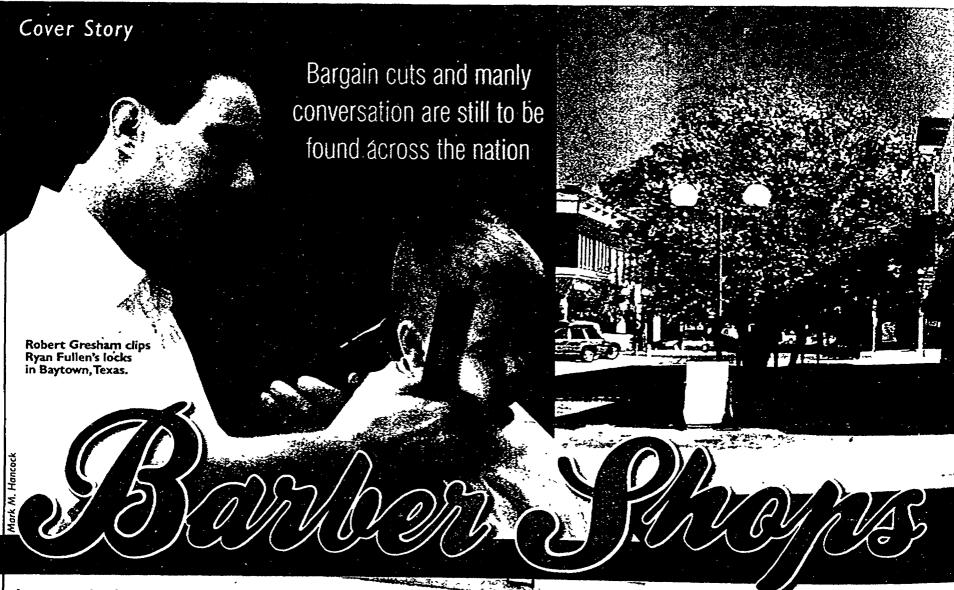
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Jimmie Jackson, 71, settles into the chair at Gino's Barber Shop in Jackson, Calif., and doesn't say a word about the haircut he wants. After all, he's been coming to Gino's since Harry S. 'Truman was president.

Besides, Gino Ricci doesn't offer any newfangled hairstyles; he only cuts "short" and "shorter." "I do a standard haircut and a 'high and tight," says Ricci, 83, wrapping a plastic cape around Jackson. "And a guy who asks for a mirror while I'm cutting his hair is trouble."

Gino's Barber Shop on Main Street in Jackson (pop. 3,989) is an old-fashioned holdout and hangout—a manly man's barbershop that buzzes with the sound of electric clippers and barbershop banter.

"I don't cut ladies' hair, but one day a lady came in here," Ricci says. "I said, 'You've got a beautiful head of hair and I'd hate to ruin it.' I said, 'When I run my hands through a woman's head of hair, I lose all control.' She was up and shot out of here."

Jackson chuckles, though it's likely that he's heard the story before in his 55 years of sitting in the barber chair

"I don't know what I'll do when he goes," Jackson says of Ricci. "I'll have to get a roundtrip ticket to heaven."

Men wait their turn in four chairs that line the back of the 12-foot-wide barbershop, talking about the weather, bragging on their grandchildren, and bemoaning the price of gasoline.

Ricci has worked as a barber for 66 years and inherited the trade from his father, Basilio, who opened the



Gino Ricci has barbered in Jackson, Calif., since 1941. shop in 1913.

Not much about the barbershop has changed through the decades, other than the cost of a haircut. Ricci hiked the cost 50 cents last year to \$10.

An old placard in the window lists prices from the 1950s: Adult, \$1.50; Children, \$1.25; Shave, \$1.25; Massage, \$1.50. Ricci wrote "Once Upon A Time" above the vintage price list.

An honorable profession

While old-fashioned neighborhood barbershops are fading into history, the barbering business as a whole is growing at a steady clip.

"Short hair is in and our barber schools are full," says Charles Kirkpatrick, 67, executive officer of the National Association of Barber Boards of America, based in Arkadelphia, Ark.

Today, there are 220,000 barbers in the United States.

up from a low of 190,000 in 1974 when long hair and beards were popular for men. The face of the barber and the barbershop, though, is changing. Forty percent of barber students are female and the barbershop is likely to be part of a chain.

"Barbering is the oldest honorable profession in town," Kirkpatrick says. "There's a trust and a bond with the barber. You step into that person's chair and trust that person with your hair and to put a razor to your neck.

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A shave and a haircut

In Coffeyville, Kan. (pop. 11,021), a red, white and blue barber pole twirls on the front of the Ninth Street Barber Shop, where men drift in throughout the day and wait in the brown leatherette chairs lining three walls.

Longtime customer Leonard Howard, 69, strikes up a conversation with Harold Schafer, 70, who has driven to town for a haircut. "Hey, are you the guy who almost punched me in the third grade?" Howard asks Schafer.

Schafer nods sheepishly.

Neither can remember what the childhood tiff was about and they enjoy the camaraderie of the barbershop, talking like old friends about the latest University of Kansas football game and lamenting the loss of downtown businesses.

The Ninth Street is the last of the independent neighborhood barbershops in Coffeyville. "When I came here in '64, we had 17 shops and 22 barbers," says owner John Mills, 62. "We used to have a barber union and all our



prices and hours stayed together."

Most men who visit one of the shop's three barbers request a standard "shorten it up" or a buzz cut or flattop. Some need their mustaches and beards trimmed, and a few have special requests.

"A guy came in one day and wanted me to shave his back," says barber Bob McBeath, 69. He obliged, and didn't even charge him.

Heads and horns

Heads of hair are cut beneath a gallery of wildlife at the Trophy Barber Shop in Baytown, Texas (pop. 66,430), where a menagerie of 105 bass, bison, brown bear, moose, wild boar, wildebeest and other creatures are mounted on the wall. A 10-foot-tall polar bear, with a seal draped over its feet, guards the front door, and clustered on the ceiling are 750 sets of deer antlers.

"When I bought the shop, all the heads came with it," says Randall Ashby, 69. "It's kind of a landmark." The late owner, Jimmie

Trophy Barber Shop owner Randall Ashby with Nigel J. Moyer, 9



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Carpenter, was a big-game hunter who opened the barbershop in 1948. When his wife tired of dusting his safari souvenirs at home, Carpenter moved them to the barbershop.

The wildlife trophies, mingled with vintage hunting and fishing photos, fit perfectly in the shop where outdoorsmen have an attentive audience for their larger-than-life tales.

"More fish are caught here than in the water," quips Robert Gresham, 35, one of six barbers clipping away.

Customer Jason Maris, 31, says "another good cold front and those flounder will be moving" in the Gulf of Mexico. He caught a 3-pounder on his last fishing trip.

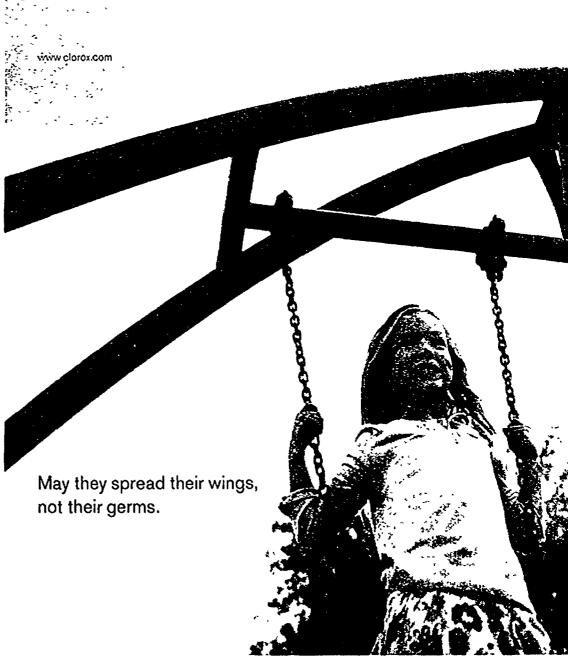
"My dad cut my hair in elementary school and once I graduated from the bowl cut, I came

here," says Maris, of Baytown, who started coming to the shop at age 12. "It's hard to beat the old Trophy. I love the animals."

The popular hangout helps men spiff up from head to toe. John Cooper, 75, has been shining cowboy boots and shoes at his shoeshine stand in the back since 1964.

The barbers offer shaves, too. Joel Miller, 31, tips back in his chair and closes his eyes as Gresham places steaming hot towels on his face to soften his whiskers. The barber swaddles his client's face with warm shaving cream from a lather machine, then carefully removes whiskers with a straight razor.

"It's relaxing," says Miller, a third-generation customer in Baytown. The shave cost \$10.50, the (Continued on page 9)





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Straggly hairs, wherever they sprout on a man's face, get snipped at the Trophy Barber Shop. "Some guys don't want to look like Andy Rooney," says barber Rick Falconi, 56, as he snips at the bushy eyebrows on an older man.

The youngest generation of guys enjoys visiting the old-time men's barbershop, too. Ryan Fullen, 3, perches on a booster board while getting a flattop. Ryan's big brown eyes stare right back at the stony-eyed moose.

"He loves coming here," says his mother, Gail Fullen, of Baytown. "This is all he's talked about all morning."

Though classic barbershops aren't as common as they used to be, the twirling barber pole always will be a welcome sign in hometown America, as long as men need a "little off the top" and a place to have serious—and not-so-serious—conversations.

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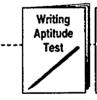
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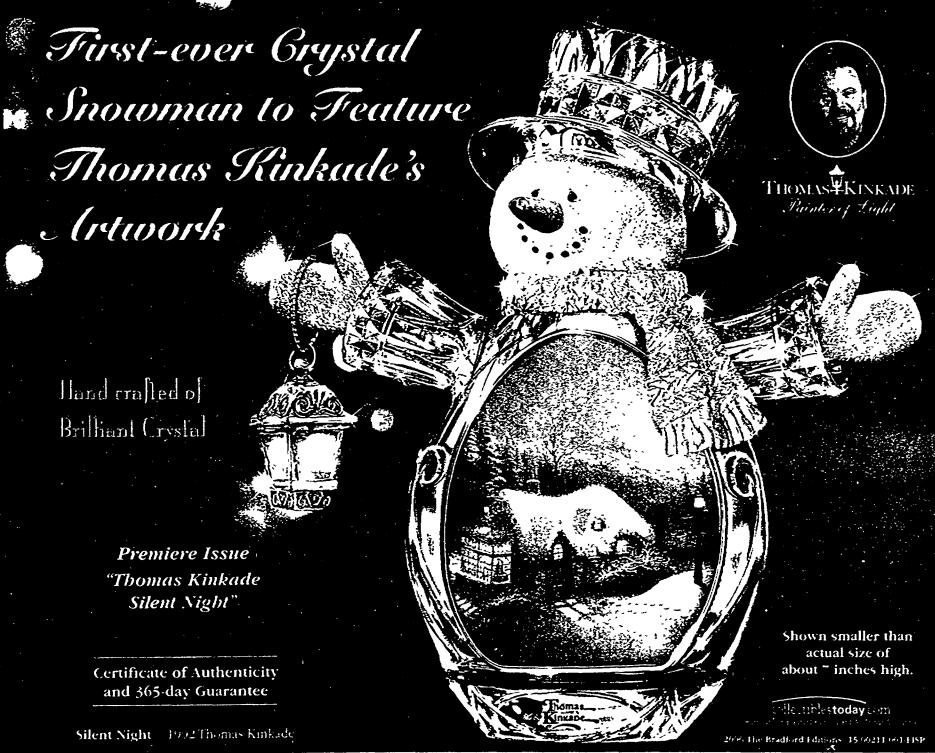
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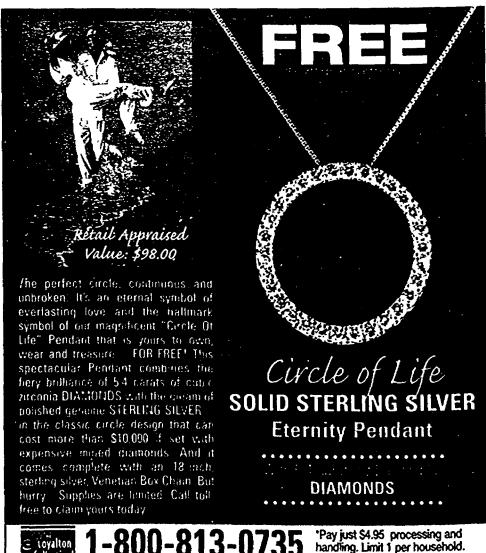
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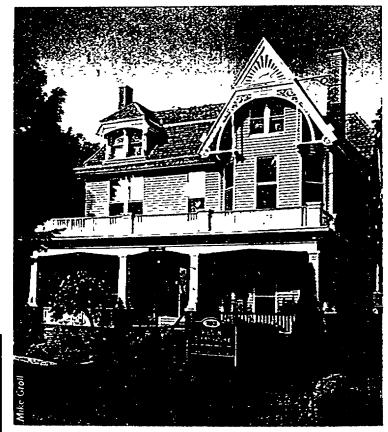
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"He was an exceptional little boy who loved to tell jokes and had a way of laughing at himself," says his older brother, Denis, now 55 and living in Charlotte, N.C. Cyril died in 1996, and Claudia lives today in Colorado.

During Kevin's treatment, his father saw a need that wasn't being met by the hospital. "Dad felt the pain of parents sleeping in the hospital lobby and eating from vending machines," Garvey says.



Houseguests enjoy the fellowship of Thursday-night communal dinners.

One day while driving to the cancer institute, Garvey's parents sported the house and decided to purchase it. Their plan was to donate it to the community as a place of comfort for family members of Albany hospital patients who couldn't afford other accommodations.

Volunteers helped renovate and furnish the home, and the doors opened in 1972. Its immediate success caught the attention of fast-

food giant McDonald's. The corporation sent representatives to Buffalo to learn about the home when the company was drawing up the blueprint for its own Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia, which opened in 1974.

The Kevin Guest House also became the model for the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge (found in 15 states, plus Puerto Rico) and Fisher House for families of military

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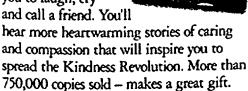
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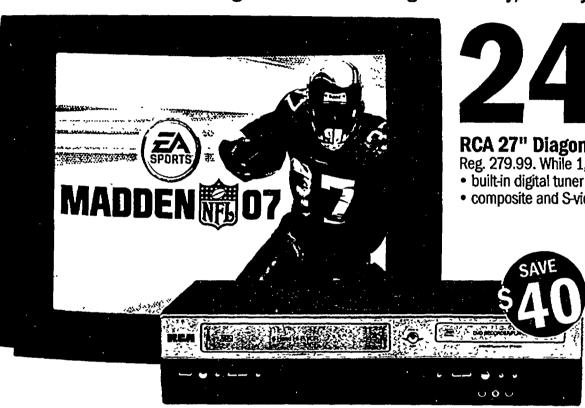
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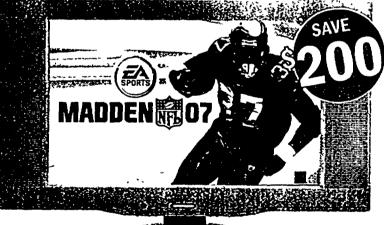
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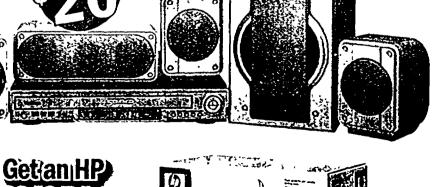
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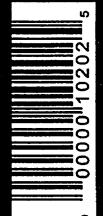
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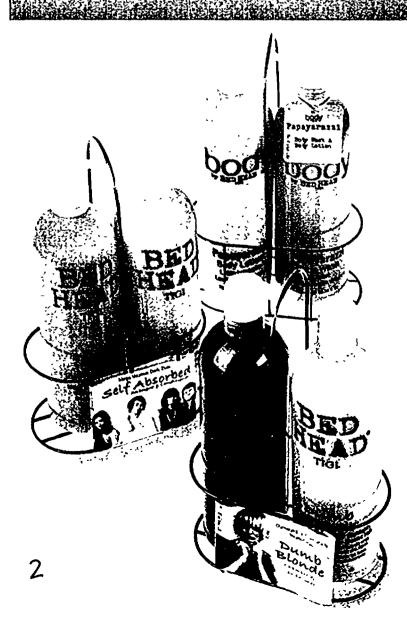
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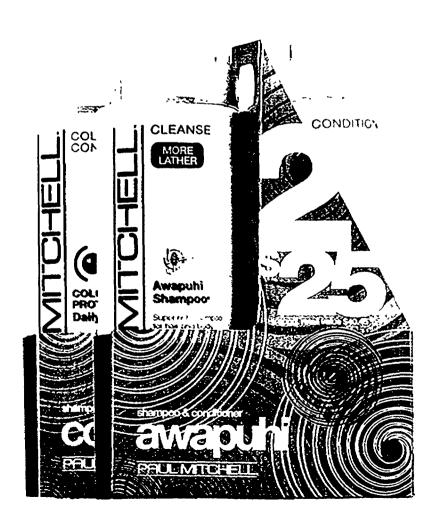




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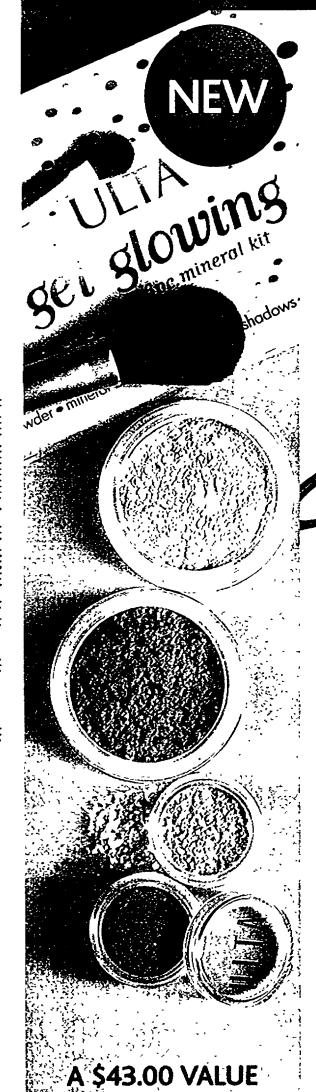
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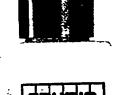














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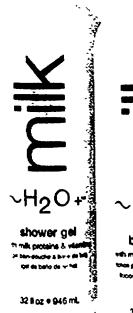
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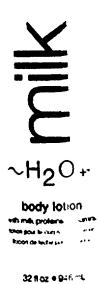
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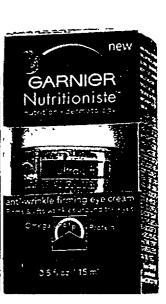
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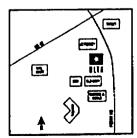
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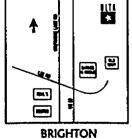
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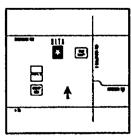
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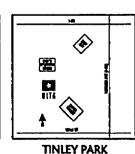
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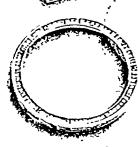
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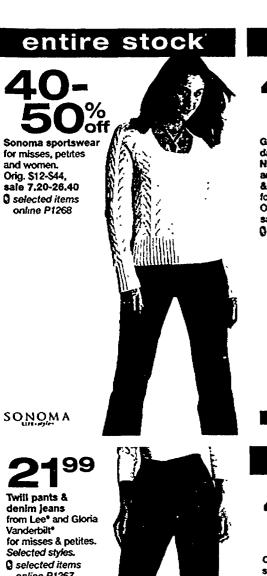


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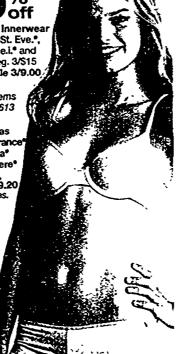
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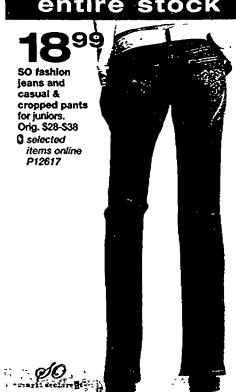
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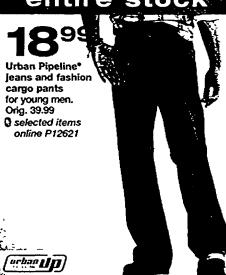
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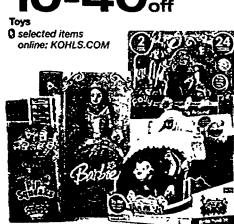


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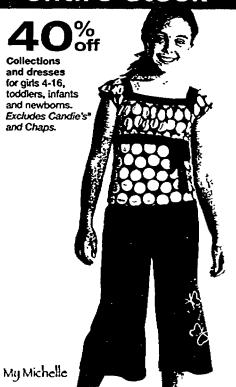




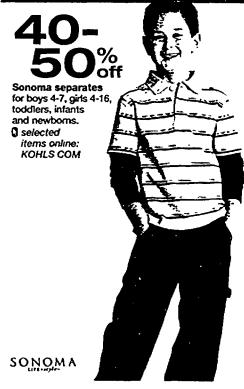
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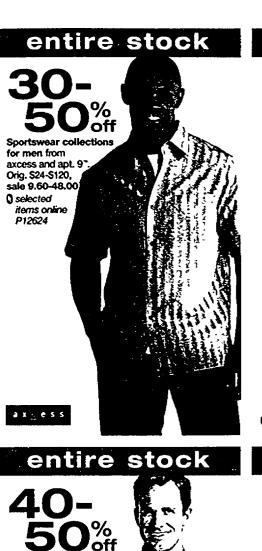


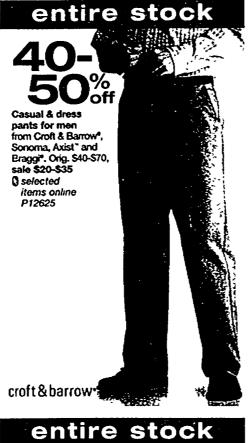
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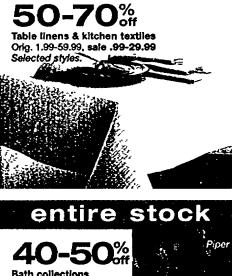












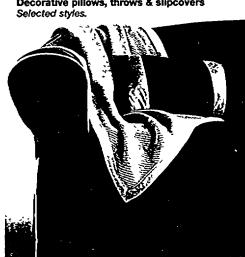
















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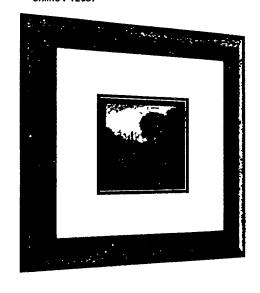






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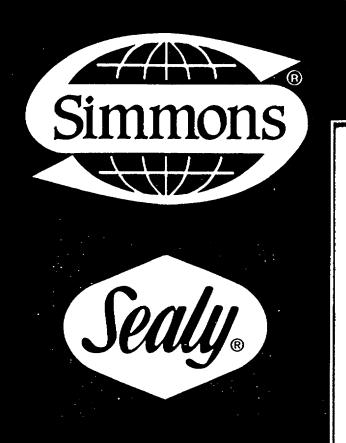


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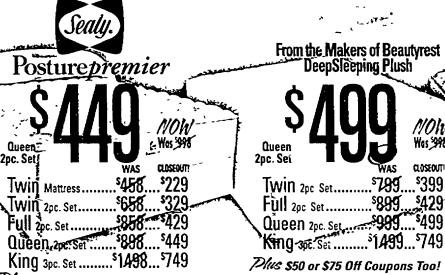




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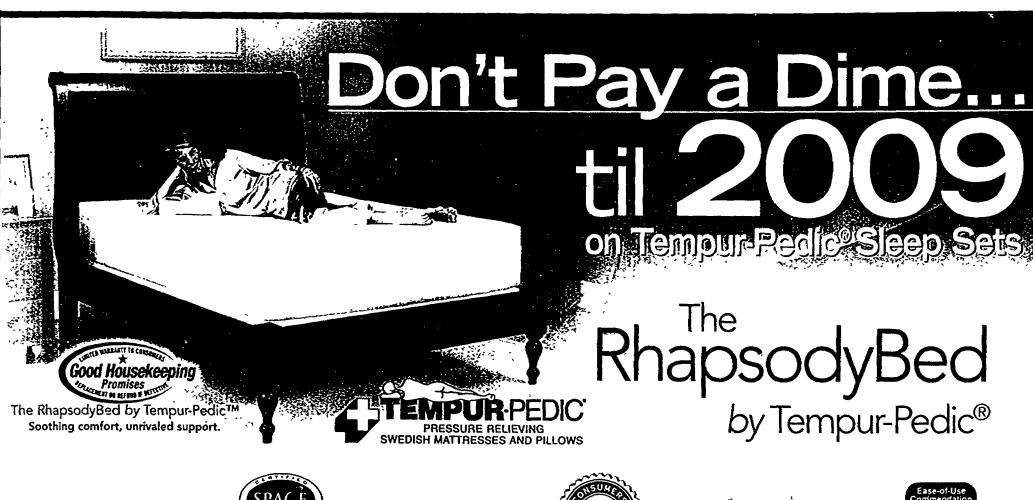
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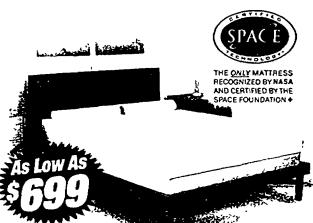
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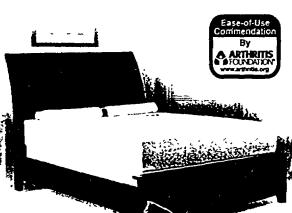




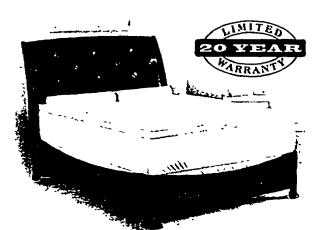
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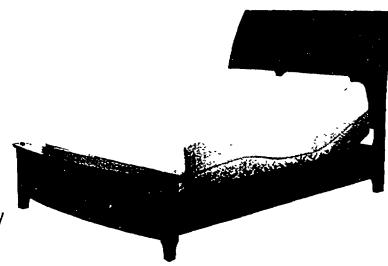
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