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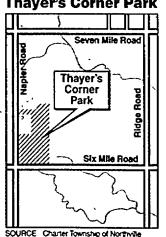
Public hearing Thayer's Corner Park slated Feb. 14

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Debbie Brown, like many residents in southwest Northville Township, doesn't want to lose the community's rural feel.

A horse owner, she's more in favor of a single, cut-through trail for horses at Thayer's Corner Park at Six Mile and Napier roads than an amphitheater.

She was just one of several citizens who took the podium at a special township board of trustees meeting Feb. 1 on the Thayer's Corner Master Plan and the proposed update of the five-year Northville Community Parks and



Recreation Master Plan.

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The Big Question

Regardless of time and place, marriage proposals still carry the weight of destiny

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Four little words.

The timeless proposal of marriage uttered confidently or with a trembling voice - carries monumental impact. And whether the response is cheerful or tearful, the moment is forever etched in the memories of prospective partners.

Sure, she's been slowing near jewelry counters for months and quietly humming "Ba, ba, ba-bum." But, the big challenge for her prospective life mate is finding the time. place and words to ask her to make it forever. "Will you marry me?" gets time-stamped.

memory-filed and revisited. For better. Or for worse.

The ring

Permission from the bride's father, a romantic courtship, bended knee - rituals surrounding pending nuptials fill aisles of expectations.

Financial constraints and spontaneous utterances aside, from the time they outgrow cooties, little girls' dreamy scenarios entail something shiny. Often in a box.

Jewelers are on the front line of the matri-

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School forums offer parents options, not solutions **By Renee Gates** Photo by JOHN HEIDER/ Northville Record RECORD STAFF WRITER

Parents listen to Northville School District superintendent Leonard Rezmierski talk about the over-capacity situation at elementary schools at a recent forum held at **Moraine Elementary. The** forum sought opionions from parents as to what the school district coud do to alleviate overcrowding.



Jeanne Jankowski moved to Northville for the quality of education in the district and for the small class sizes. Now she is concerned, like many elementary school parents, how the growing population of the district will effect her children's educ. 'ion.

For the last week the Nonhville School District held community forums to give parents and the public an opportunity to view seenarios, ask questions and give feedback regarding the options it will consider when it makes a decision addressing its bulging capacity later this month.

Jankowski was one of many parents attending the "Managing our Growth" community forums to gain more information and voice her concerns.

"I think they could have simplified it a little bit more," Jankowski said. "It was hard to sift through

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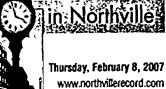




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SAYING FAREWELL: Local man cherishes short, sweet marriage

Couple connected over love of art

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Glenn Zielinski slipped his silver band alongside his wife's. On her tiny, lifeless finger.

The gesture - intertwined symbols of a union meant to last a lifetime --- was his final farewell to Dorothy Delegeorge before he buried her three weeks ago.

It took eight years for forever to come and go. Now, the lifetime will be spent healing a broken heart.

From the time they met in 1998, they relished each other's company, shared their love of family and fed their common artistic passion. For the last five years, they faced together the agony and brief respites from her fight with cancer.

"She finally said, about a week before she died, after the doctor visited, 'It's time to let go,'" Zielinski said quietly. "I told her, 'You don't have to stay for us -- you can go."

"She said, 'I gave it the good fight.' Less than a week later, she was gone.

"She said, 'I gave it the good fight.""

The battle

The couple was alone in their Northville home when Dorothy died Jan. 14.

They never reached their first wedding anniversary. She never painted in their new studio.

After Delegeorge's 2002 diagnosis of cervical cancer, the couple's carefree routine shifted to frequent trips to Chicago for cancer treatments, including chemotherapy and alternative therapy. Last October, the 56-year-old was told to prepare for hospice.

Bez Zielinski and Delegeorge layered thopeful endeavors amidst her health struggles. Last April, they-married and opened a Plymouth art studio on Mill Street, named, Delezee, their combined sumames

"She got stronger after the operation in March, but never enough to get into the studio," Zielinski said. The goal was to get creative, but she never got in there to do that."

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"I said, 'Hmm, I'm going to pursue that," he recalled with a laugh. "I kind of stalked her there for a while. Obviously, the feelings became mutual.

Both recovering from previous failed marriages, the couple started with a lunch date. The blue-collar painter and white-collar warranty analyst connected with a common love of art. Months of courting led to a

shared address and, eventually, a wedding date.

"We just thought it was time, to



Above, with his head bowed, Glenn Zielinksi talks about his late wife Dorothy who passed away in mid-January after a five-year battle with ovarian cancer. Below, Zielinski's tribute to his late wife in his Northville Township home.



and start putting out some painting --- doing what she never had a chance to accomplish."

Creating will be therapy, he said. "I have a couple of mural commissions lined up," he said. "I have all kinds of ideas for painting building up inside me. Dorter 1975a li 75 fi

The studio has pretty much been idle the past three or four months because of her illness."

Zielinski is going through the motions during these first weeks following his loss, tying up paperwork, talking frequently with his grown children and visiting Delegeorge's Rural Hill gravesite.

"I took good care of her in the end," he said. "I watched her deteriorate - not just me, but, her family too -- before our very eyesiy divy "I was alone with here when she passed. Silently."

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1 he Innal eight weeks. Delegeorge faded before her hushand's loving eyes.

"Dorothy always looked 10 years younger than her age," Zielinski said. "She loved to be physically active and strived to keep healthy and in shape by walking, biking, rollerblading and weight lifting.

"She always was a health nut. But in the end, it wasn't enough to overcome the cancer."

The romance

Zielinski's eyes twinkled when he recalled the first time he spotted Delegeorge in his workplace cafeteria.

make a commitment to each other to continue fighting her illness together," he said. "Even though we were living together, we thought it might turn things around, in terms of her health and in God's eyes.

"It's one thing living together ---even though we were devoted to each other - marriage is the ultimate commitment to each other."

Zielinski will continue to reside in the Northville Ridge condo they purchased in 2004, surrounded by Delegeorge's artwork.

The loss

Last July, Zielinksi, 53, retired from his position as maintenance

and construction painter at the Ford Rouge plant. During his 33-year career with the automaker, he painted murals and artwork in different facilities, as well as some portraits of corporate officers.

"I was going to retire in a couple of years anyway," he said. "It turned out to be time I could take to be with Dorothy, to take care of her needs, to drive to Chicago.

Zielinski said Delegeorge's son, 82-year-old mother and first husband visited their home to support his wife in her final weeks.

"She wanted to die at home," he said, "not at a hospital or at a hospice care facility."

Delegeorge saw the couple's first grandchild for the first time just two days before she died.

"She was conscious enough, aware enough. It got a little smile out of her," Zielinski said.

The future

Zielinski said he knows his wife would want him to return to his art. "I'm doing OK," he said. "I'm holding my own. I have my moments, naturally.

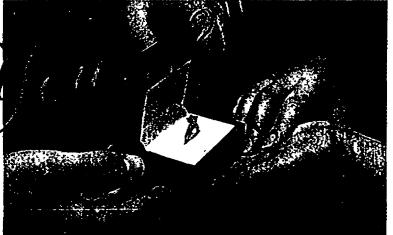
"The main thing she would want me to do is get back in the studio



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Seeking an exotic locale?

Orin Jewelers gemologist Gina Mazzoni said she can imagine a couple of romantic scenarios for a prospective mate to pop the question.

Both involve sun, sand and water.

Travel to exotic locales is an increasingly popular option for marriage proposals, according to local jewelers.

Förget about Greg Focker's troubles in "Meet the Parents." Experts say an engagement ring will not cause an airport security metal detector to sound. prompting untimely ... inquisies.

The key is to take the ring out of the jewelry box, said Orin sales associate Sheryl Vickers. The metal trim will sound the alarm, she said, so pack that separately.

What if she says "No"?

When it comes time to purchase an engagement ring, most couples have discussed taking the next step toward marriage. But proposals can be

rejected. Local merchants said they handle delicate situations on a case-bycase basis.

Orin Mazzoni III advised planning for any scenario at the time of a proposal. You should discuss it

with your jeweler before of -- or hools 20 20 1 "hànữ" në said. elines arowny

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said Orin Mazzoni III of Orin Jewelers. "You hand them the ring Prospective brides expect a ring

to arrive with the words, said Orin sales associate Joshua Summers, who is mere weeks away from his own stroll down the aisle.

Recently, rings for local bridesto-be have appeared in a glass of champagne, during a European tour and from the outstretched hands of the groom's grown daughters.

ing protocol.

or the box open."

There are so many things people do now," Mazzoni said. Traditionally, you give her the ring as you're asking.

"But guys still do the one-knee thing."

Summers said societal changes have diminished the element of . surprise in popping the question.

"They've pretty much already discussed it," said Summers, adding an increasing number of couples shop for rings together. "When it comes down to it, the meaning is more important than the actual ring.

"The ring is the symbol of wanting to spend the rest of his life with her.

"It's not about the jew elry."

The intent

Jim Russell, associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church, has heard many stories about couples preparing to tie the knot.

"I think it's just a very special time," Russell said. "They're thrilled about getting married.

"They want it to be something they'll never forget."

One local jogger asked if he

the church sanctuary for a serene setting to present a ring and flowers. And propose. Another parishioner climbed a tower in Europe to bend on one knee. Still others

"A lot of people have told me various ways they have done this," Russell said. "What they're saying is, 'I want to be with you the rest of my life."

Regardless of time and place, marriage

proposals still carry the weight of destiny

The setting

According 10 www.weddings.about.com, home is the favorite place to propose, followed by restaurants.

Sheryl Vickers was dining at the Whitney in Detroit when three covered dishes arrived with dessert choices. Or, so she thought.

Her now-husband served up an on-bended-knee marriage proposal that she happily accepted. But when Santa appeared at the

front door of one local home last Christmas, the soon-to-bebetrothed woman who resided there was spooked by his inexplicable appearance. Santa's future mother-in-law helped land cupid's arrow, bidding via cell phone her daughter to approach the porch.

"I hear you've been a very good girl," said the costumed suitor, bending on one knee. "Santa has a surprise for you."

Vickers, an Orin sales associate, said the creativity of the wanna-be groom - her customer almost went awry.

'All in all, it was exciting," she said. "It was a surprise. She got the dream ring she wanted."

Goldsmith Vuks Gjonaj, Galleries sales manager, said a recent customer took his future bride out to dinner and asked the waiter to serve her ring in a glass of champagne.

"She about choked on it," he ston@gannetkcom.

what it was. She said yes. "I thought that was really creative. I liked that."

Goldsmith Galleries owner Lesh Gjonaj said he assists patrons excited and nervous about the task at hand.

"They say, 'I already talked to the father, now I'm here looking for a ring," he said. "He knows pretty much what she likes." And which words would she

like to hear? The standard "Will you marry me?" reigns supreme. Orin Jewelers gemologist Gina Mazzoni, for one, said she wouldn't mind a variation of the familiar." I would love it to be special,"

'Will you spend the rest of

Vickers said even when couples shop together preparing to get engaged, the prospective groom still has butterflies when he omes in to make the purchase.

"I've had a lot of shaking hands when they're putting down the money," she said. "It's cute."

Russell said his church fields a flurry of inquiries about wedding arrangements at this time of year, following proposals at Christmas and Valentine's Day.

"They've thought through how they want to do it, where they want to do it - whether at someone's apartment or someone's home.

"When they go out and buy the ring, there's sacrifice in that, commitment in that. I think most people give special thought to where it's going to be."

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Waiting for Valentine's Day?

It's already a romantic day, one you know you'll be spending together. Planning to propose on Valentine's Day? Here's some suggestions:

In front of a crowd

If you're headed to the theater on Valentine's Day, call ahead to see if you can propose on stage. The manager should be able to assist you in planning something theatrical and memorable. Say it with candy

Buy your sweetheart a heart-shaped box of chocolates and replace one with the engagement ring. Or, buy a bag of conversation hearts and find one that says "Marry Me." Casually share the bag of candy with her, slipping her the special one, quickly followed with the ring.

Recreating a first date

Make all the arrangements to recreate your first date, telling her you've recreated the moment when you met the person you're going to marry, then get down on one knee and pop the question. On a walk/drive/sail

Take some time to find the most romantic spot near you. Say something like, "I wanted to bring you to a spot almost as beautiful as you are to ask you to spend the rest of your life with me. Will you marry me?"

At a restaurant

Select a place truty special --- perhaps a favorite or one with magical ambiance. When securing reservations, speak to someone about proposing that evening. They'll be experts on the nicest and easiest way to do it at their particular location.

Discover the ring somewhere unexpected

If you're not the romantic type, your honey will be suspicious if you suddenly want to go out for a fancy dinner or theater, even on Valentine's Day. So, put the ring some place common in your house with a note attached and try to be around when it's discovered. Or bring in the local paper and nonchalantly ask, "Do you think we should announce our engagement in the paper?" On the radio

If your darling wakes up to the alarm clock set to a particular radio station or listens to the same one at work every day. arrange to propose on air on Valentine's Day.

Jigsaw puzzle

Give your valentine the puzzle in a box. She'll try to solve it, only to discover that one piece is missing. You'll produce that hidden piece, which reads "Will You Marry Me?"

Photo album

Make an album of your relationship, with pictures of the two of you during important moments. On the second to last page, write "What will the future bring?" and on the last page, write *How about marriage?"

A book with a secret

Present a Valentine's gift of love poetry. All the pages will be stuck together, except the one place it opens, a slot will be cut out with the engagement ring inside.

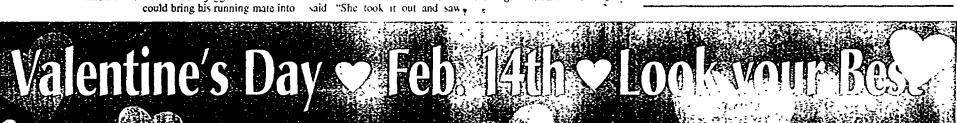
The language of love

In a small blank book, write "Will you marry me?" in a different language on each page, leading up to her native language on the final page.

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"When they go out and buy the ring, there's sacrifice in that, commitment in that."

> Jim Russell Associate pastor, First Presbylerian Church 11



she said. "Would you walk the journey of life with me?" your life with me?""

The question



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ning your park system? Check out the Northville Parks and Recreation Master Plan during a 7 p.m. public hearing Wednesday at the Northville Senior Community Center. Or visit The powers that be said, "Public comment and feedback is encour-Don't forget your Valentine ... From La Corsetiere's enticing lingerie to American Spoon's delectable munchies, downtown retailers are ready to assist with a gift for your honey. In addition to the florists and jewelers, Northville Candles, Cards and

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Snow

way REI employees Lindsay Struve and Kirk McSeveny run down a hill in snowshoes. **REI will be** supplying snowshoes to the Friends of Maybury for a winter trek event on Saturday, Feb. 10. The event runs from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and trekkers will leave from the concessions building accessed off **Eight Mile Rd.**

Depends on the perspective ... at the city council meeting Monday night a couple people called for a vote by taxpayers to decide on a downtown improvement plan. Others asked: Isn't

that what we elected officials for? It was also suggested that people who want a say should go to the planning meetings. Monday morning quarterbacking is rarely well received ...

And speaking of new attractions downtown ... NOMI knows come, topped with the appropriate number of candles in tirami su dessert and finished with fellow diners clapping their "Happy Birthday" appreciation Tuesday was a night to remember for one local 8-year-old.

And speaking of remarkable milestones ... Elizabeth's Bridal Manor is celebrating 20 years in the business of beautiful outfitting. Starting tomorrow, owner Elizabeth Clancy is hosting a trunk show featuring First Communion, flower girl and spe-cial occasion dresses. Visit the S. Main Street landmark Feb. 9-11 to check out the petite fashions or visit

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Northville Record last week; on the local 11 p.m. newscast this week ... a star is rising among us. Northville Township finance director Thelma Kubitskey put on her residential property tax guru hat Tuesday night to share her expertise. You go, girl!

We don't know how much they paid ... but the merchants who sponsored ice sculptures in front of their businesses for the Jan. 27 Fire and Ice Festival sure are getting their money's worth. An up side to these freecezing temperatures

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The orders are in for the local Girl Scouts annual cookie sale. More than 4,000 cases of Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties and Carmel Delights are on their way to Northville waistlines. More in an upcoming Northville Record issue about sale dates at in-store booths ...

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Got the left and right side of the

brain working? The Northville Arts Commission is seeking an experienced special events planner to organize its two biggest fund-raisers, Art Market and a yet-to-be-determined event. Volunteers would serve as support staff for this new, paid position. Deadline is Monday to send your resume nbateson@ci.northville.mi.us.

This time the alleged creep was in a silver Suzuki SUV ... seems a 13-year-old Hillside Middle School student walking down the hill near Eight Mile and Center after school last Thursday was approached by a 40-ish man who asked, "Would you like a ride, young one?" Thank goodness, she knew to lam. School administrators were quick to respond with a note home to parents suggesting they warn their children about how to respond in such situations. Stay vigilant ...

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Town square expansion targeted for this summer

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in the entire town," she said.

Moving forward

According to the plan, park area will stretch from Main Street to Mary Alexander Court between Helen's Uptown Cafe and Rock on Main.

In place of the gingerbread gazebo, large trees will dot a flexible entertainment arena designed to accomodate varied seating options and year-round activities. But if they build it, will they come?

Downtown development authority director Lori Ward said past revitalization efforts in cities like Dundee and Dexter, similar to Northville in historic character, have yielded benefits of attracting new businesses and increased private investment.

Mayor Christopher Johnson said experience is the best evidence. When downtown Northville underwent a similar makeover, Mainstreet '78, the town's appeal expanded exponentially.

"When I was in high school, students couldn't wait to leave," Johnson recalled. "Now, they come back to raise their families."

Consensus suggestion

For 90 minutes of the council's regular meeting, residents and business owners implored city leaders to proceed with the improvement plans presented by the city's design consultants in December.

For more than two years, professional firms and volunteer committees studied how to boost the downtown's ability to compete with existing and imminent shopping and entertainment venues.

The Northville-based firm Grissim, Metz, Andriese and Associates outlined \$4.1 million plans for an expanded town square, improved streetscape, enhanced gateway to Ford Field and reconfigured Mary Alexander Court.

. Meanwhile, business mix, parking and marketing committees formed to address deficiencies outlined in the city's downtown strategic plan — have been developing tasks to complement design committee efforts.

Historic enough?

Council member Tom Swigart cast the lone vote against approving the conceptual design plan. He cited concerns about pedestrian safety in the open-space design and questioned compliance with historic district standards.

In response to concerns about maintaining the city's historic character, Johnson said review by the historic district commission is

Three votes

Northville City Council took three steps toward downtown improvement projects Monday.

In a 4-1 vote, council approved the conceptual design plan submitted Dec. 11 by Grissim, Metz, Andriese and Associates, encompassing plans for an expanded town square, improved streetscape, enhanced gateway to Ford Field and reconfigured Mary Alexander Court.

Council unanimously hired Grissim Metz for the design development phase of downtown improvement projects, including sub-consultant fees, for \$503,030.

Finally, council in a 4-1 vote authorized the Northville Downtown Development Authority specifically to proceed with the town square expansion project for construction this spring or summer.

■ What to do with Thayer's Corner?

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LSL Planning, Inc., in Royal Oak was asked to conduct a professional analysis of the parks and recreation facilities and make recommendations.

Consultants took into account the topography of the land, public comments, likely uses and user volumes.

The Thayer's Corner Park discussion included nature trails created in 2000, a possible nature' center, horse trails, amphitheater, playscape, children's park, community park, volleyball and tennis courts, natural planting area and picnic shelter.

There was little interest in the community gardens, as residents felt these would serve only a small number of people due to the park's location.

Sports courts were also nixed, as people felt these were inconsistent with the natural theme of the park and that the supply already exceeded the demand.

Not much interest was shown

for horse trails either, as there are already trails in Maybury Park and Hines Park, except for the possible cut-through.

LSL representatives said a house in the park being considered as the site of a possible nature center would take a significant amount of rehabilitation. Discussion also centered on the barn on the property that could be more of a feature.

Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand, who serves as a liaison between the township board and the Northville Parks & Recreation Department, said she thinks the community should focus efforts on the Thayer Park's existing features.

"Funds are limited, and I have concerns about building an amphitheater," Hillebrand said.

Trustee Marjorie Banner agreed with her. "I don't see festivals at Thayer Park," Banner said. "It was never intended to be an active park. Let's keep it a quiet place in our community."

Walkable community

Trustee Marv Gans said it has always been the township's interest to have a walkable community with an emphasis on preserv-

ing its agricultural heritage. Trustee Brad Werner also sup-

ported a cut-through trail for neighboring horse owners. Nancy Darga of the

Recreation Commission wants a "connective experience" between Thayer's Corner and Maybury parks. She also liked the idea of horse trail, but was not in favor of a nature center at Thayer's Park. "Thayer's Corner is an

extremely special place," Darga said. "This is a rare opportunity for us to do something."

During the Parks and Recreation Master Plan discussion, Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said he wants to focus on the near-term, short-term and long-term needs of the township.

He suggested a meeting be set up between Parks and Recreation Department staff members, LSL Planning and Township Finance Director Thema Kubitskey to see what's available as far as township funds.

Lynne Harrison of the Northville Soccer Association talked about the need for an indoor soccer facility in the community, and Richard Hewlett, president. Northville Colts Board, expressed the need for a practice football field for this Come voice your opinion

A public hearing on the updated Northville Commmunity Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan will take place at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street, in downtown Northville.

Public comment from city of Northville and township residents will be received at the meeting or in advance by writing to Parks and Recreation Director Traci Sincock at tsincock@ci.northville.mi.us.

growing program.

"We already have 100 kids for the new team, the Stallions," Hewlett said. "We need a practice facility for this second team."

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part of the approval process.

Council member Jim Allen stressed that the new town square plan — pitched as a "focal point for the downtown" — was still in conceptual stages. Council's vote sent the estimated \$1.7 million town square expansion project to the next level of detail, preparation of construction documents. "I do think there are things a lit-

the edgy, a little contemporary in this plan," said Allen, condemning the prospect of asking time to stand still. "This town has only looked this way since '78. The streetscape isn't what brings people, it's the atmosphere.

"It's change that we're in dire need of right now."

Then versus now

Nearly 30 years ago, the downtown improvement project dubbed "Mainstreet '78" met with initial resistance.

Through eventual approval of a bond issue, the newly formed downtown development authority supervised streetscape improvements — new brick sidewalks, pedestrian-scaled lighting, benches, tree guards and landscaping still in place today. The band shell area was constructed, improvements were made to Mary Alexander Court and Dunlap and Cady Street parking lots.

Several downtown business owners told the council Northville is at a similar crossroads, needing to spruce up to attract patrons.

Lindsey Fowler, who launched designer jeans boutique Urban Blues on W. Main Street last year, stressed the merchants' support for downtown improvement plans. Customers want to spend the day walking around downtown, she said.

"I think if change doesn't happen ... there's going to be some serious repercussions."

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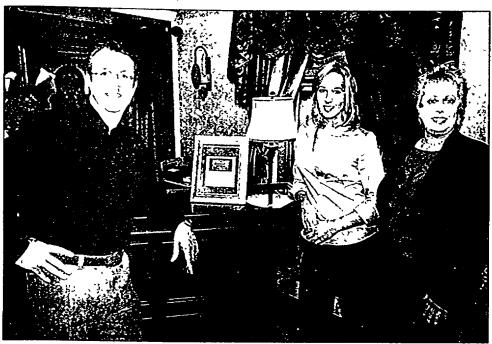


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Images owner Lynda Krause and her daughter, Tanya Rynicke, teamed up with Epiphany Kitchens owner Jay Towar to offer full-line interior remodeling services.

Back in town: Images returns to Northville interior design scene

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Lynda Krause is suggesting a facial for your home.

Since the interior designer returned to Northville in December, she said she's been fielding calls from homeowners thinking about updating. Paint, new fixtures or window treatments can translate into a fresh look, Krause said.

"You've got subs that are 10 to 15 years old - usually you're on at least the second person - the items the builders put in aren't in keeping with the neighborhood and the house," Krause said. She said that's where her. Images staff can help.

After a five-year sojourn in downtown Brighton, Krause reopened her interior design firm at 107 N. Center St. just before Christmas, a block from the E. Main Street studio she called home for 12 years.

This time, she and her daughter, ness has always been on refer-Tanya Rynicke, are teaming with Jay Towar, owner of Epiphany Kitchens, offering full-line interior remodeling services.

'One-stop design center'

Like many design professionals. Krause said she will visit a potential client's home for a \$120 one-time fee to assess the setting. develop a plan and await marching orders. Plans, sketches and a professional presentation of color and fabric samples go into a client's file to proceed at their pace, she said.

With 28 years experience, she also offers consulting services at a \$50 hourly fee if clients don't purchase through her store.

"There's all different price ranges," she said. "We try to stay in their budget and meet their needs.

"Really, our philosophy is whatever you need - my busi-

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Krause said what sets her apart in her ready-made to custom range of services.

always "l've been price-con-scious," she said. "I'm not one that just shows them the \$100 per yard fabrics. I have that. but I work within their budget" The Images

Center Street

showroom contains furniture, window treatment, bedding and wall covering options. Behind the scenes, the Images team executes the painting and remodeling parts of the project in commercial and residential settings.

Towar still is completing plans

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ACE next: Slack family swapping Traditions

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Karen Slack is swapping paint chips for fabric samples, screen doors for framed art and hammers for lamps.

After 18 years of supplying home decor suggestions, the Traditions owner is permanently closing her 145 N. Center St. store Feb. 24. Two months later, she'll reappear behind the counter at ACE Family Hardware, the retail destination she and her husband, Bob, are opening on Novi Road, south of Nine Mile Road.

As the former home of Damman Hardware, the location has great potential. Slack said, adding her excitement for the family's new business is easing her reluctance to leave her longterm commitment to downtown Northville.

"People have missed a local hardware," Slack said. "We've talked to people who have said that.

> in the full-line hardware store. offering tools, paint, plumbing materials. housewares. automotive parts, electrical supplies and some familiar home and garden items

The store is slated for a May grand opening.

New venture

Bob Slack's early retirement from his maintenance supervisor position at Ford's Van Dyke plant is a driving force behind the ACE venture. It's a leap of faith for the entire family, Karen Slack said.

"You're investing your soul into this," she said. "The whole thing is over a million dollars to get up and running."

Slack said she would have continued Traditions had it not been the change in her husband's profession. However, she conceded sales have slipped during the past five years of sluggish economic times.

The first ones to be hit and the last ones to recover are stores like mine," she said. "Until Michigan gets healthy, you're going to see a lot of retail coming and going for whatever reason.

"For a lot of retailers, it's not about the bottom line, it's the community, it's doing what you love to do and being fortunate enough to do that."

But Slack also takes comfort that she'll now be dealing in necessary commodities in contrast to her home decor items. She and Kendal are turning their attention to lessons in how to thread pipe, repair screens and drive a floor-cleaning machine.

Whether you're employed or not, whether you have a big house or a little house, you need hardware," she said. "I've never been so presumptuous (with Traditions) to think, 'I'm needed.

Time to move on

In nud-January, Slack sent a

History of Traditions

Does it seem like Karen Slack just relocated to Old Church Square?

Traditions has been at the corner of Dunlap and Center streets about a year and a half, Slack said. For 11 years, the home decor store occupied the 120 N. Center location of B. Ella Bridal.

The store first opened in the space now occupied by Awakening ... the Artist Inside, just a few doors south on Center Street.

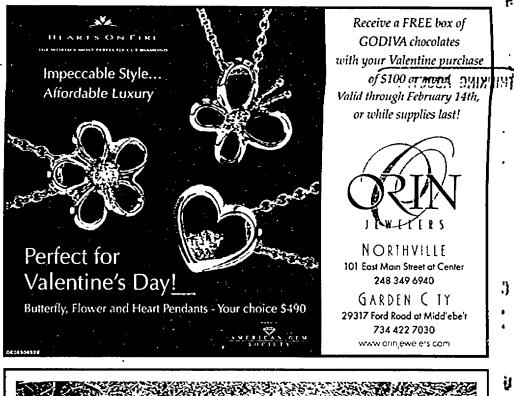
Through the years, Slack experimented with a variety of merchandise in Traditions, including unique fashions that grew into a separate boutique.

In 2003, Slack sold the apparel business, Open and Clothed, she had opened across Center Street from her Traditions store to her former employee, Nancy Flanagan, who maintains the operation today.

postcard to past Traditions customers telling them about her plans to close the store.

"We've taken calls all week." Kendal Slack said, "We've had customers come in crying." The next three weeks will be a whirlwind of activity for Slack

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"It worked out well," Slack, along with her husband and daughter. Kendal. will work full time

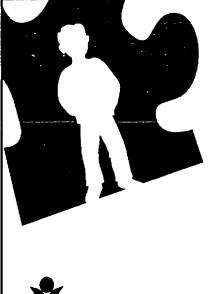
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Karen Slack talks about closing her downtown Northville shop Traditions with her daughter, Kendal, right, by her side.

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Planning for ACE

Karen Slack said the hardware store will be a change of pace for her and daughter, Kendal.

"We're just going to re-invent ourselves with ACE," said Slack, adding the store will offer an extensive kitchen, home decor and gift area. The independently owned stores operate like a coop, under a corporate umbrella, but not a franchise, she said.

Slack said she'll turn the boss title over to her husband, Bob. Slack, a pipe fitter by trade, has been along for her retail ride and knows what's in store.

"He's done this right along side me," she said. "Not that he's been in the store, but he knows the

pressures of owning your own business. "It's with you 24 hours a day."

Slack isn't completely closing the home decor door. She invited her current Traditions staff to follow her to the hardware ... store.

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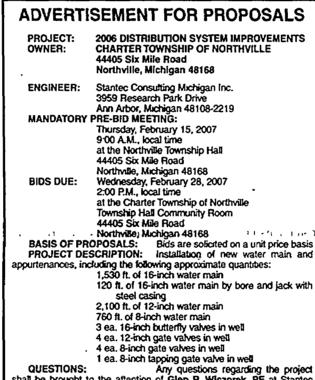
And she'll maintain the store's Web site.

www.traditionstyle.com.

"We're hoping to expand that," she said.

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"Whether you're employed or not, whether you have a big house or a little house, you need hardware." Karen Slack Owner, Traditions



ACE next: Slack family swapping Traditions

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as she wraps up the contents of her 2,400-square-foot Center Street retail home, preparing to unwrap 15,200-square-fect of goods on Novi Road.

The Slacks hope to capitalize residents' on familiarity with

the former Damman Hardware location.

"It's the perfect spot," Slack said. "It's our understanding the reasons for closing this location weren't for lack of business. There were other factors involved."

Meanwhile, Traditions patrons will find remaining merchandise discounted up to 60 percent leading up to a final clearance event. Slack said she expects to hand over the keys to Old Church Square owners, Bob and Margene Buckhave, by Feb. 28.

"I would have loved to do it downtown," she said. "But space and proximity issues just weren't working.

"I hate to leave Northville ---that's been my hardest decision to do this.

Slack said she decided against trying to sell the Traditions business. "You have to have time and

keep it up and running," she said. "Our time frame was too short to do that.'

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Back in town: Images returns to Northville interior design scene

Interiors on Doheny Drive.

Krause believes there is room for everyone. "When 1

was here before, there were

four storefronts that were

designers," she said. "We

would even refer to each other.

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"I'm not here to step on any-

one's toes," she said. "Hopefully, we'll work togeth-

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Nestro, echoing Krause's

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Krause said ultimately.

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to showcase his expertise with an actual kitchen layout and

the "Man Cave" downstairs where he is creating a combined wine cellar. game home room, theater, bar and shuffleboard setting. "What we're trying to do is

make this a one-stop design center," Towar said. "I spent months

Nestro also Northville's Home.

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The project will consist of construction of a booster station facility with related appurtenances and other items as shown on the plans. Construction is to include, but not be limited to, the following:

 Construction of station building with reinforced concrete loun-dation, reinforced concrete floor slab, steel building frame, and glass and concrete masonry unit exterior and all other necessary equipment and appurtenances.

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Furnishing and installing three (3) pumps with motors and З. VFDs; all process piping, valves and fittings; instrumentation, and con-trols, security and fire alarm systems, and all other necessary equipment and appurtenances necessary to provide a complete and working booster station facility. 4. Furnishing and installation of all electrical conduit, lighting,

HVAC, plumbing. 5. Furnishing and installation of a natural gas generator with all

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Thursday, February 1, 2007

DATE: TIME: 7:00 p m.

44405 Six Mile Road PLACE

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner, ABSENT: Richard Henningsen.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan

A. Thayer's Corner Master Plan Discussion - Presentation and direction given.

8. Parks & Recreation Master Plan Discussion - Presentation and

direction given. 2. Brief Public Comments & Questions: Residents spoke on trails: the possibility of an the Thayer's corner plan and offering horse trails; the possibility of an indoor soccer facility and programming fields for use and the condition of the fields. A representative from football expressed the need for a practice football field for this growing program. 3. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9.15 P.M.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: MARK J. ABBO, SUPERVISOR SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CMC





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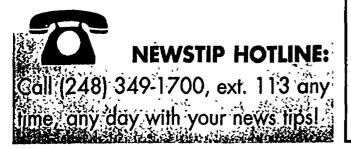
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ARBITRATION: Result in favor of township

Settlement way less than requested by construction firm

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville Township officials received some good news recently in a construction arbitration decision between the township and Usztan Construction, Inc.

The arbitration was required when the Auburn Hills-based company was late completing the construction of the township hall and fire station on Six Mile Road west of Sheldon Road and sued the township for \$2 million to cover cost overages.

Although Usztan representatives' claims at the conclusion of the arbitration exceeded \$2 million, and their lowest settlement demand was \$1 million, the net award was only \$178,922.75.

There is no question in my mind that Andy Usztan and his attorney, Mark McAlpine, will be extremely disappointed with this award," said Jerry Galante, counsel for Northville Township. The township was awarded \$98,682.75 in its counterclaim. The award amounts were announced Jan. 17.

Chip Snider, township manager. said he and his staff began to notice six-eight months into the project that Usztan representatives were being dishonest in their estimation of the project completion date.

"Üsztan squandered our trust early in the project," Snider said. They failed to make the critical deadline in November 2005 to encapsulate the building. Missing that date really set the project back.'

Snider said Usztan, which was more than two months late completing the construction on the township hall and fire station.

"We disputed that request by counter charging that the project ran over its intended completion date," Snider said.

"The firm "ended up being awanged ite aniount that was left in the contract. "We were going to pay that anyway," Snider said. "We're

very pleased with the results, and it would please me if they never built in this township again."

■ Landscaping to be done first

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville Township residents will be able to enjoy a new shopping center soon at the northeast corner of Five Mile and Sheldon roads.

The project received final site plan approval from the township planning commission Jan. 30 and will cost about \$20 million, said Bill Eisenberg, an associate of Grand Sakwa in Farmington Hills.

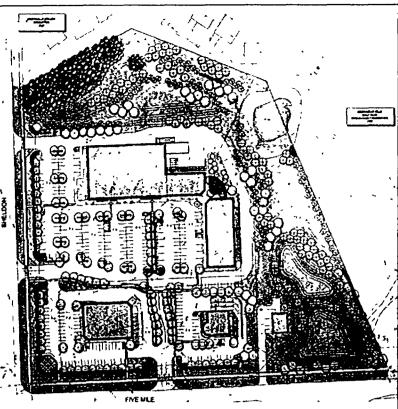
"We will break ground as soon as the frost gets out of the ground," Eisenberg said.

The developer agreed to complete landscaping work on the project before construction begins on any of the buildings on the property.

The five structures planned on the par-cel include a CVS pharmacy and Huntington Bank fronting the south side of Five Mile Road with a grocery store, restaurant and retail space located behind these two buildings.

Northville Tentatively named Crossing, township officials may decide on a different name for the small scale retail center by the time it's completed.

Commission member Dick Allen suggested the name Benton Corner for the center after one of the township's first



Grand Sakwa project to include bank, pharmacy

settlers, Gideon Benton.

The project includes seven acres of open space and three retention ponds. The pond closest to Five Mile Road will contain an aerator, with the other

two adjacent ones containing another type of water feature. Commission Marv Gans said he believes the water features will not only help aerate the ponds but also improve their aesthetics.

Residential look to be featured

The CVS pharmacy and bank will both have drive-through windows, and the buildings will share a residential look, with an outdoor sales area planned for the grocery and outdoor dining area slated for the restaurant.

The outdoor sales area by the 30,000square-foot grocery will be similar to the Westborn Markets in Dearborn, Berkeley and Livonia, where fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers are sold.

The proposed restaurant will encompass 6,224 square feet, with the adjacent retail building totaling 14,324 square feet.

Planning commission members asked the developer to not have any loud speakers or overhead paging in the outdoor environment, as the Northville Hollow subdivision sits just north of the proposed development. The developer will also make sure that

residents aren't bothered by lighting on the north side of the project.

Wayne County road officials also want to extend the turn lane near the entrance of the center.

Members of an architectural subcommittee of the planning commission will review specifics on the two outdoor areas in the near future.

One more public meeting will be scheduled on this part of the project.

Hours of operation at the various businesses will be established once tenants ave been selected, Eisenberg said.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan announced the promo-



tion, Schneider leads the daily operations of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan, the No. 1 real estate agency in closed listings in metro Detroit.

Schneider also leads the agency's long-term growth strategy. In addition, Schneider develops and oversees the marketing strategy for the four-county region.

Schneider joined RE/MAX in 1990 as regional administrator and quickly moved up the ranks In 1994, Schneider was promot-

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ed to member services coordinator, and after the company changed owners in 1995, was promoted to the director of member services in 1996. Four years later, in 2000, Schneider became the first female and nonowner to be named vice president and co-regional director in the region.

"During my tenure at **RE/MAX of Southeastern** Michigan, I have been fortunate to work with many talented real estate professionals who have been key to RE/MAX's continued success in this market," said Schneider. "I am eager to continue building upon our position as the top real estate agency in the area and to grow our network of strong, knowledgeable brokers, owners and agents who service this region."

Schneider is a seasoned real

(CRB) Manager designation, and is a graduate of Leadership Oakland. She continues to support and sustain the RE/MAX Communication Station Preschool at Beaumont Hospital, a program for children with speech and language deficiencies. Schneider is a strong supporter of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and also finds time to be an active member at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Novi as organist and choir direc-

Dr. Amy Crissman has become a full partner with founder Dr. Tim Kirk at Town & Country Eyecare, a private optometric practice and optical boutique located at the corner of Novi and Nine Mile roads. Dr. Kirk recently celebrated 20 years of practice and Dr. Crissman 10 estate professional, holding a years, the last four spent at Town Certified Real Estate Brokersyer of the Country Exercise, They, have t

attended over 600 post-doctorate continuing education courses and contribute back to the community in many ways - from elementary school programs to guest lectures at Oakland University.

Northville residents and Roxbury Group development company principals David Di Rita and Stacey Fox announce their first new-construction condos in downtown Detroit and the first residential project to use "air rights."

Detroit-based Roxbury Group announced the commencement of presale activities for The Griswold ~ Capitol Park, an 80unit condominium project to be located on the corner of Griswold Street and Michigan Avenue, next to the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel and Residences. When completed, the Griswold will represent the first new-construction condominiums ever built in Detroit's central business district.

"We have a strong belief in the long-term potential of the Capitol Park district, particularly in light of the overwhelming success of Book Cadillac residences," said Fox. "This is an unprecedented project in the evolution of the district into a first class residential neighborhood. and we are delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with the DDA on this project."

The Griswold residences were designed by Detroit-based architecture firm Kraemer Design Group. They will rise six floors above an 11-story retail and parking complex, which is being built to support the Westin Book-Cadillac and The Griswold. The cost for the entire project is \$41 million, with The Griswold portion alone totaling over \$26 million in investment.



Usztan attorney comments

Schneider, a resident of Northville, to vice president and regional director. In her new posi-

foi MCAIPING allomey Usztan, said, "From our perspective, the arbitrator split the baby. He ignored the township's claim that they didn't owe us any more money, and some of the delay damages they requested were thrown out."

He added that township officials requested that the construction firm pay thousands of dollars in consulting fees, which Usztan did not have to pay.

Obviously, we were disappointed with the amount award, but I actually view this as somewhat of a vindication of the contractor," McAlpine said.

The arbitrator threw out as many of the township's claims as he did Usztan's."

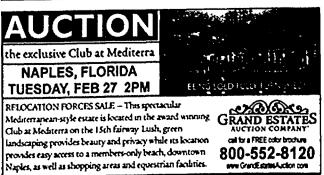
McAlpine said with the annual 7-percent annual interest rate applied to the award, Usztan ended up paying just over \$200,000 to the township by the time the check was written.

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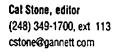
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The second Candyland Extravaganza in Northville on Saturday, Jan. 27, was a sweet success. The event at the Northville Community Senior Center at 303 W. Main Street, sponsored by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department, attracted about 90 participants. Children and their parents got to walk the Candyland Trail, collect candy pieces, build their own ice cream sundaes, make 3D snowflakes and gingerbread frames and even take a stroll through the Lollipop Woods. Queen Frostine and Princess Lolly were also on hand to guide the children through the various crafts and treat stations. The event was designed for children ages 3-8. For more information about other events sponsored for the community or a brochure on classes, call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department's office at (248) 349-0203.



Left, Dave Mason and Emily Mason, 5, of Novi made a snowflake. Below, left to right, Lexy Stover, 7, of Northville and face painting artist Stephanie Olsen of Northville; Emily Hermanson, 6, of Northville with Queen Frostine (Alyssa Wierzbicki) of Northville; Lisa **Beckett and Casey** Greer from the Mom's Club of Northville serve up some ice cream.









Left, Nick Swider, 3, of Canton, with his aunt, Jo Ritz of Northville enjoy an ice cream sundae together at the event

Right, Daniel Colovas, 5, of Northville, talks to Princess Lolly (Sarah Brown) of Novi.

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Scott Correctional Facility gives women hope through education

📕 U of M program wins \$5,000 prize

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

With three 12-foot fences topped with razor-ribbon wire, gun towers and electronic perimeter detection systems, Scott Correctional Facility hardly seems like an institution of higher education.

But, a program designed to educate inmates at the women's facility at 47500 Five Mile Road at Beck Road recently received a national award.

The educational program, offered by the University of Michigan-Dearborn, won the American Association of University Women's Legal Advocacy Fund's 2006 Progress in Equity Award.

The program provides universitycertified courses in women's studies, composition, history, sociology, African American studies and other subjects to women at the local prison.

The program will receive \$5,000 from the AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund.

"We had 255 applicants for 95 positions in the classes," said Dr. Lora Lempert, the U of M-Dearborn professor who directs the program.

Four instructors are currently volunteering their time. Student mentors also volunteer their time, and publishers donate textbooks. Classes are held one Thursday evening a month except in January, April and October when classes meet twice a month.

The free classes don't provide the women college credit, but they do offer community education credits. What is the inmates' overall reaction to the classes?

"They're glowing," Lempert said, "and, they're amazingly grateful. The instructors say these are some of the best students they've ever had. They're prepared, they're motivated, and they want to get everything out of it that they can."

Progress in Equity Award

The Progress in Equity Award recognizes a college or university program that promotes equity for women. Since 1987, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has recog-



Photo courtesy University of Michigan-Dearborn

The American Association of University Women's Legal Advocacy Fund's Progress in Equity Award was presented to the University of Michigan-Dearborn Nov. 16 for the school's educational program for inmates at the Robert Scott Correctional Facility for Women at Five Mile and Beck roads. From left are Eleanor Siewert, AAUW board of directors; Sen. Michael Switalski; Clarice Stovall, warden, Scott Correctional Facility; Dr. Lora Lempert, program director, University of Michigan-Dearborn; Heather Gay, principal, Robert Scott Correctional Facility; and state Rep. Alma Wheeler Smith.

AAUW Legal **Advocacy Fund**

A program of the American Association of University Women's Educational Foundation, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is the nation's largest legal fund focused solely on sex discrimination in higher education. It provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. For more information, visit www.aauw.org.

"When the Michigan legislature made it illegal to use tax dollars for inmate college tuition, this enterprising group of volunteers stepped in to fill a critical need and give a second chance to women in prison."

and AAUW Branch in Birmingham, Mich., presented the award at a ceremony on the U of M-Dearborn campus on Nov. 16.

"Forty-six percent of the women at Scott Correctional Facility have less than a 12th grade education." Siewert said. "The AAUW's main focus is equity in education for women and girls. So, this program absolutely fits with our goals. We see this program being replicated in other states. It's a segment of society that we forget about."

Former inmate now a student

As a testament to the success of the inmate classes, U of M-Dearborn has enrolled its first student from the program. "She took classes with us when

she was incarcerated and is now enrolled as a full-time student," Lempert said. "We're very excited about it, and she's doing well." Lempert said many of these women never had a chance to go to school.

"Most of the women in prison come from very disadvantaged communities," Lempert said. "They don't think they're smart enough."

The program provides the same content as civilian courses, "We didn't dumb it down for these incarcerated students," Lempert said.

The program gives female prisoners hope to overcome life's obstacles and compels the community to challenge conventional stereotypes about women in prison.

Women who receive a college education or begin the degree process while in prison fare better when they rejoin society than those who do not," Lempert said. "College builds a context for transformation and responsibility that the women take with them as they leave the facility."

Senator to teach at local prison

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Mickey Switalski (D-Roseville) is so impressed with the educational program at Scott Correctional Facility for Women that he's going to become an instructor.

Switalski, a state senator for Michigan's 10th District in Macomb County, will teach the class "Drugs, Crime and Society" for 12 consecutive Mondays at the women's prison starting March 5.

The class will look at cigarette and alcohol laws and how they've changed over time," Switalski said. "We'll also look at legal drugs, such as the morning-after pill that prevents pregnancy."

The prison is located on the northwest corner of Beck and Five Mile roads.

Switalski got involved when University of Michigan-Dearborn Professor Lora Lempert, director of the program, came to him, along with Ed Begale, vice chancellor, Government Affairs, at the univer-

sity. 'They asked me, 'How can we make this happen?' and I arranged a meeting with prison officials and university representatives," Switalski said.

The three-year program has been successful, according to Switalski. The prison officials like the program because the inmates taking the classes are happier and easier to manage," he said. "They don't get into trouble. It benefits

the prison and the women." Switalski actually went to one of the classes to see what it was like. Once inmates complete a class, they receive a certificate.

These women were coming up to get their piece of paper crying," he said. "They were so happy that these professors took an interest in them. It was quite moving to see that. You could see how this had given them hope in their life."

Eventually, he decided to become an instructor himself.

Switalski believes the program is important because, "We want to make sure that prisoners have the best chance to never go back to prison. These classes give them direction to their lives.

Switalski said an Eastern Michigan State University professor who has volunteered as an instructor in the Scott program is trying to recruit other EMU professors to start a similar program at a facility in Washtenaw County.

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said Lisa Maatz, interim director, AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Eleanor Siewert, a member of the AAUW national board of directors





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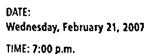
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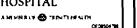
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Michigan songbirds coming to Hillside

Science teacher creates bird sanctuary

By Renee Gates STAFF WRITER

Dwight Sieggreen is at it again, only this time the Hillside Middle School science teacher is going for the birds. Northern mocking birds, blue birds and chickadees, to be specific.

"We want to provide homes for these wild migrating songbirds so we can have them around in the summer months every year," said Sieggreen.

Why birds, you ask? "Projects. I like projects," he said, but later admitted it was the students who came up with the idea.

"Every year we study life science, and we study the animal kingdom. One year I asked, 'What should we do for a project?' Last year the kids said, 'Wouldn't it be nice if we saw more songbirds around here?' With all the building that's going on in Northville, with all the homes going up, the forest is disappearing, all these wooded areas are disappering... and all the habitat for these songbirds is disappearing with it. So we figured we're going to create a habitat to keep them here."

The Hillside Middle School Bird Sanctuary fits in with the school's

overall focus on life science, according to Jim Cracraft, Hillside's principal.

"It's a great opportunity to present hands-on learning for our students," he said. "The seventh grade curriculum is life science. And our position has always been, if you're going to teach life science, you need to have life science activities."

The bird sanctuary project is a part of the Hillside Woodlands Project, which began several years ago as a joint project between Hillside and Amerman Elementary. The project is funded exclusively through grants and has received community support.

Last year Sieggreen received \$2,000 from the ING Unsung Heroes Award to build a bird sanctuary. He received an additional \$500 from the Northville Women's Garden Club. So, you could say \$2,500 has gone to the birds.

We got \$200 worth of bird food, \$1,000 worth of birdhouses and bird feeders. We have a couple hundred dollars worth of field guides, so kids can identify the birds. We have three or four hundred dollars worth of sound generators. And, we have software so we can project what these birds look like, their travel patterns and their sounds. The garden club money will be primarily focused on putting plant life out there," Sieggreen said.

The grant Sieggreen received from Northville's Garden Club was a perfect fit, according to Julie

More forums

scheduled

School forums offer parents options, not solutions

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all the information to find out what they're saying is going to happen."

The district is saying everyone will have to make an adjustment. nario fits best.

Of the four short-term scenarios offered, two involve raising class sizes and utilizing portable classrooms. The two options that maintain current class sizes will also utilize portable classrooms and convert foreign language rooms and other rooms into K-5 classrooms.

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A Managing our Growth Community Forum is tonight from 6-8 p.m. at Silver Springs Elementary in the multi-purpose room. Several forums were rescheduled due to school closings. For the updated list on forum schedules, check the district's Web < site: 400

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forums and make a recommendation to the school board by Feb

"Our goal from the beginning, and we're pretty much sticking to it, was to let everyone know by Beth Hanlow has a first-grader mid March. That will give everytime to plan one Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski, Ph.D. "Including us. So, if we're adding portables, if we're raising class sizes, if we're adjusting boundary size, we will have part of March, April and May to pull everything together to be ready for September."

Mantay, the club's president.

Our gardeners are environmentalists, and we want to educate [the community]," she said. "Mr. Sieggreen pulled everything together to make it an educational thing for the children, so it was a perfect fit"

Sieggreen said his class is all set to start in April with planting berry bushes and trees that will serve as natural food sources for the birds. The birds will be lured to the northeast woods area outside the front entrance of Hullside during the winter with bird food and feeders.

There is only thing that concerns him.

"The big worry I have now is, how much will it cost to keep the birds fed until natural food sources are ready? That's the big worry, but I think I'm even set for that."

According to Sieggreen, some trees will turn around and begin bearing fruit rather quickly, while others may take three to five years to mature.

"Once we start, it will be a com-

mitment to keep [feeding] going until we have natural food sources, he said. "The birds will learn to rely on [the feeders] and if you take that food source away, you've done more damage than good." When complete, the sanctuary

will have everything it needs to lure songbirds from all over Southeast Michigan, or so Sieggreen hopes. "If I have a pheasant sitting on

one of those bird feeders, then I'll know I'm in trouble," he said. In the meantime, the 61-year-old-

science enthusiast has already turned in a grant for his next project: a collaboration with three teachers from Hillside and the Detroit Zoo to teach kids in Hillside, and eventually throughout Northville, the proper techniques of caring for animals and pets before you bring them home.

"There's nothing greater than kids connecting with animals and taking care of them, providing habitats and worrying about the environment," he said. There he goes again.



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Hillside science teacher Dwight Sieggreen received \$500 from the Northville Women's Garden Club and Julie Mantay, right, for building an avian sanctuary outside the Eight Mile Road school.

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"I don't want her to have a large class," she said. But Hanlow wasn't sure about which scenario she thought was best.

"It's a difficult decision because they don't know what funding they're going to get next year. Scenario one keeps [class size] as close to what it is now, but it cost the most money. Scenario two raises class sizes," she said.

The district will collect the feedback it receives from the

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Parents listen to Northville Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for Adminstrative Services David Bolitho, second from right, talk about options available for the district to ease overcrowding at a school boardsponsored event at Moraine Elementary.



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Meads Mill's first Lego Team competition

Parents, coordinator help make it happen

By Renee Gates STAFF WRITER

Mary Beth Boyea thought she knew what she was getting herself into when she approached Meads Mill Elementary School principal Susan Meyer, Ph.D. and told her she would volunteer to spearhead the school's first LEGO Competition.

Eight teams, 80 students, 10 parent coaches, 30-hour work weeks and a broken ankle later, two Meads Mill teams advanced to the state championship last December - and Boyea said she would do it all again.

"Definitely," she said, at home resting her ankle. "I would say, in general, the support I got from the parents was phenomenal. Principal Meyer was very enthusiastic all the way through, even more so when she found out a couple of our teams made it to the state competition."

"It was fabulous," said Meyer. "I am very happy with all the effort of our parent coaches and with the dedication of our students and all the energy they put into it.'

Meyer said the school has already planned a meeting for next school year's competition. She is grateful for Boyea stepping in to coordinate the teams this year.

"Without her, there would not have been a program," Meyer said. "She was outstanding."

Mark Zalewski was one of the parent coaches for the Meads Mill teams that made it to the state finals held in Novi last month.

"It did take a lot of time and it took a lot of effort, but it was worth it," said Zalewski. "You truly have to invest the time in



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The Meads Mill Middle School robotics teams competing for the first time this school year are; Dominic Dicomo, Claren Egan, Nell Goodbred, Phillip Kamm, Jack Marmaduke, Josh Roys, Sam Valthevicius, Sam Williard, Aaron Zalewski, David Roys, John Marmaduke, Cameron Albrant, John Dickson, George Gallagher, Alex Kandah, Bobby Sable, Andrew Slatin, Nathan Tajer, and Jake Winter.

children in order for them to be A season of firsts successful and leaders."

Northville's LEGO history

Northville is no stranger to the annual LEGO competition. The robotics program, officially called FIRST LEGO League (FLL), creatively engages students in technology, science and invention. Each year student teams are given a challenge theme. Each team has to do research on a real world problem, present their research to a panel of judges and build and program a LEGO robot.

Amerman Elementary was the first school to bring the competition to Northville. Hillside Middle School followed, and this year Boyea brought the games to Meads Mill.

Both Meads Mill teams that went to the state final received certificates of recognition from Northville Board of the Education. State finalist teams from Amerman and Hillside also received certificates from the board.

Boyea said she is enthusiastic that the teams were able to surpass many obstacles to compete in this year's games, even though they didn't make it past the state final. This was her students' first year in middle school, their first year having a competition and her first year coordinating it.

"The vast majority of the kids never did any of this before. They didn't have any idea of what programming was like. How many elementary kids have done programming?

She began meeting with her team three times a week for two hours.

"I lost two kids right off the bat because I could never get the meetings on the same night that the kids were available."

Beginnings

Boyea got her start in the competition when her son, Sam, participated in it while at Amerman Elementary. She was impressed

with the program and volunteered as a parent coach for her son's team. She promised Meyer she would be the coordinator of the teams at Meads Mill, until Sam graduates from middle school.

"Every year I have goals. This vear I wanted to go to competition. Next year, I would like to be more organized and improve on the mistakes I did this year. The third year, I would like to work with elementary schools, working with the teachers letting them get an idea of what it is like," she aid.

As for Boyea's ankle, she broke it while exercising the day before the teams went to state competition and was not able to see the Meads Mill finalist compete in Novi. " I'm just glad I didn't break it

two months before," she said.

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office 44405 Six Mile Rd. If you have any questions regarding the election or procedures, please call Sue Hillebrand, at (248) 348-5800, ext. 10201 or 10203. For information regarding the school board, contact the Board of Education at (248) 349 3400.

Old Village School Needs Fund-Raiser Assistance

CLASS NOTES

Education Election

2007 Northville Board of

Two seats will be available for

the election to be held on May 8. The positions are open to the

public. Potential candidates must

file a School Board Candidate-

Affadavit of Identity form and

nominating petitions with the Northville Townships Clerk's

office no later than Tuesday, Feb.

13. When filing the form, candi-

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filed, the deadline for withdrawl is 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 16.

The seats consist of two four-

year terms beginning July 1, 2007

Nomination petitions and other

election materials are available at

the Northville Township Clerk's

fee in lieu of petitions. Once

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dates also have the choice of pay-

Old Village School is asking for community support to increase its chances of winning part of 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 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 Special." From there, you can scroll 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

Love and Logic Parenting Seminars

Dr. Bob Somson is offering his "Love and Logic Parenting" seminars at the Northville High School auditorium from 4:30-6 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m., Monday, Mar. 12.

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.



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BEST RETAIL STORES

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Best place for barbeque ribs		Best resale shop
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Best beer selection (restaurant)	Best accountant	
Best place for romantic dinner	Best chiropractor	Best antique store
Best after work meeting place	Best custom home builder	Best hardware/home improvement store
Best sports bar	•	
Best place for dancing	Best apartment complex	Best gitt/card store

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

Discover Northville

Next month, we will publish our annual Discover Northville community guide, a handy reference tool for residents and visitors alike.

Inside you'll find information on the government, police and fire for both the city and township of Northville, as well as information on Northville schools.

We also include reference sections for senior citizens, the district library, parks and recreation, Mill Race Village, veterans, a wide variety of community groups, the Northville Central Business Association, the Northville Chamber of Commerce, churches, courts and elected officials. There are also a handful of maps to help you quickly locate voting precincts, schools and more.

Of course, there are numerous photos and lots of advertisements from local businesses ready to meet your needs.

But is that enough? Well, you tell us. You live in Northville. What can we do to make Discover Northville the ultimate resource guide for you? For the next two weeks, we'll be taking suggestions to incorporate

into the 2007 edition. Look for it in your March 15 Northville Record. Send suggestions to: Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to cstone@gannett.com

State must devise its economic strategy

First it was Greenville, where thousands lost jobs when the Electrolux Company decided to move refrigerator manufacturing to Mexico. Then it was Kalamazoo, when drug giant Pfizer decided to close what was left of the Upjohn operation in the summer of 2005.

Most recently, it was Pfizer again, announcing two weeks ago that it was closing its entire two

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downs of the business world much more easily than we are.

After all, what's the basic reason Michigan is such an economic pickle right now? It's because we rode the prosperity of the big automobile manufacturing companies for so long we forgot how to diversify. We lost the entrepreneurial drive and capacity to take risks, and got seduced by comfortable dependency on Generous Motors.

And now that the industry's in trouble, we're in bad, bad shape. Last, every living soul in Michigan should pay close attention to the conclusions of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's Emergency Financial Advisory panel, which

released its report last Friday. The report calls for radical reform that includes structural budget cuts, a revised tax system that aligns with the reality of what has happened to the economy over the past 50 years.

The panel's report calls for cuts in expensive fringes for public employees and --- importantly --for an end to petty quarrelling and partisan finger-pointing. "Fundamentally," the panel concluded, "Michigan must reform its spending and taxing and must reinvent the way state and local government deliver services to be more efficient and productive."

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Walking, working, without

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About a hundred Northville School District teachers marched through downtown Northville last Tuesday protesting that they've been working without a contract since the 2006 school year began.

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Our Lady of Victory

This is an open letter to the Northville Zoning Board and the neighborhood surrounding Our Lady of Victory. My husband and I joined Our Lady of Victory parish when Father Kerner was assigned as pastor. We followed his struggle to see the dream so many of his families had hoped would be realized. We saw the toll it had on his health as he dealt with the conflict and dissention. He repeatedly tried patiently to resolve the issues in a calm and reasonable manner but over and over again he was challenged. But, through prayer and persistence, the dream has been realized and no one can deny the aesthetically beautiful academic plant that is now gracing Orchard and Main! My husband an architect, and I toured the school for the first time recently and could not imagine a more beautiful facility! It is so unfortunate that the neighbors resisting the building of this asset to community had forgotten what community truly means. It certainly isn't lawsuits and placards on front lawns. So much emphasis had been placed on the historic nature of the neighborhood and the possible effect the new school might have on property values. Has anyone commented on the mega-mansions being erected on lots so small they have given the neighborhood a very unbal-anced and crowded feeling? Certainly not aesthetically appropriate for a historic area and most probably not to setback ordinances? The Zoning Board somehow seems comfortable with decisions allowing these projects. And with regard to property values, have you really looked at Our Lady of Victory's new school objectively? It is beautiful, grounds and all! I seriously doubt the homes in the area have been anything but positively affected. Traffic issues have also proved unfounded. In closing, I would like to comment on the wonderful letter our church received from Rev. Clise of Northville's First Presbyterian Church congratulating us on the success of our project. If only others would take the lead of this man of character and conscience and acknowledge the true blessing this neighborhood school is. Has anyone extended an apology? As some of you may know, Fr. Kerner asked to be reassigned after the school doors opened. In the end, his health became a priority. We are grateful to him for the love and commitment he had for his parish family. He gave new meaning to the word "victory".

Panera Bread or even Cold Stone Creamery. These are the practical stores that draw traffic and increase downtown practicality. Do we really need another art gallery or home décor shop? Its time to "get real" and stop focusing on redirecting the car patterns around the main street clock or boasting about the new parking structure currently in the plans. After all, what benefit comes from increased parking options if the downtown district can't attract traffic?

Carolyn Farmer

New York, New York, formerly Northville

More downtown plan info needed

As a 45-year resident of Northville, I have serious misgivings about the planned development of our downtown. I am particularly concerned about the absence of information available to the public who should be allowed to have full access to the plans prior to the meetings at which the future of Northville will be decided. The public needs and deserves the time to study the plans prior to council action. I attended the meeting last week and was disappointed that the displayed plans were not easily viewed from my your readers have about compounded prescrip-

Kenny Walkup, RPh Owner, Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy

Plans for a downtown Titanic

The Feb. 5 Northville City Council meeting with some 70 citizens in attendance was a pleasant change from the norm for such meetings where perhaps three or five citizens might warm the seats.

The greatest number of attendees seemed to be 'stakeholders' in the current project to rebuild 1131 the downtown at an expense already broaching \$200,000 for 'studies' and budgeting out at \$4,000,000-plus for a new 'Town Square', plus some \$45,000 for tree and plant maintenance over the next five years.

Although we began this whole process over two years ago to address downtown merchants parking needs, we have not seen, and still need. a relevant downtown merchant parking study conducted by a qualified, experienced parking study firm and based on a healthy economy, a full compliment of business offerings and including the impact of realistic parking requirements for all the new building projects, both currently proposed and reasonably anticipated. It is simply and clearly too soon to rush this phase of this project; especially for a \$4 millionplus local taxpayer paid permanent civic structure of undetermined actual benefit beyond that its "quaintness and ambiance" will attract people to our downtown for free concerts, mini-picnics and the opportunity to purchase exotic items from conveniently placed 'kiosks' to be rented to out-of-town vendors. Councilman Tom Swigart has consistently been a lone voice on Council regarding the perceived 'nish' to spend tax payer dollars on this project. His argument has not been against the project for itself but that with some \$200,000 already spent on 'studies', the \$4,000,000 new 'Town Square' is a substantially flawed venture in that it caters to "wants" rather than "needs" and ignores "science". Essentially, he seems to be asking: Will it work? Will it be worth what it costs? And, is now the appropriate time and economy for the Northville community to make such a major and irreversible financial commitment? Audience members who asked that the Town Square/Ford Field project be submitted to a vote of the residents did not receive Council support. Those who questioned why this keystone project of an even greater and more expensive downtown overhaul needed to be so quickly commenced (Spring 2007) fared similarly. One is tempted to reflect that even the least of the Great Pyramids had to be started sometime. Those same pyramids are certainly a major . tourist attraction now although there remains some question as to whether they did much to improve the lot of those who paid for and built them at the time. Will this project return its cost to tax payers in a reasonable time or are we building a new Titanic from its opulent Grand Ballroom down instead of from the hull up? No doubt it will be pretty, but will it stay afloat and who will it serve?

dinosaur. Instead, it was a great big company with high-paying, high-tech jobs right in the muddle of the state's vaunted life sciences corridor, the most rapidly growing part of Michigan's economic future. Sure, "big pharma's" business model was beginning to show some cracks.

Nor did Pfizer seem to have much in the research pipeline to replace drugs like Zoloft, which lost its patent protection on June 30th

Some layoffs wouldn't have surprised anyone. But nobody expected Pfizer to close down the whole operation. No wonder Gov. Jennifer Granholm aptly called it "a punch in the gut."

What Pfizer did is what big companies do the world over. Slash costs, close plants, do what's needed to survive.

And who knows whose turn it may be next? Could be a domestic auto maker, if things don't turn up. Could be a big bank. Could be anything. Nothing and nobody is immune to the twists and turns of today's savagely competitive worldwide economy.

So what lessons can we learn from the experience?

First, when they give you lemons, you better learn how to make lemonade, fast. The folks in Ann Arbor are "galvanized." They are scurrying around figuring how to make new businesses out of ruins of the Pfizer operation. They are trying to find investors and persuade scientists they've got a better chance at home than in some big, faceless research facility somewhere.

Second, beware of depending too much on the big guys. They're wonderful when times are good, everybody's happy and there's no compelling reason to take out the axe.

But times are never always good for any company. And when times turn bad and the axe falls, the pain is enormous. It's far better to have a diversified economy. with a mixture of small and medium-sized companies. That's the real reason the economies of Chicago and Minneapolis are able to ride out the inevitable ups and

The commission, which included some of the most distinguished names in Michigan, made it clear.

Sooner or later we've got to figure out what our economic strategy really is. Are we going to be a low-tax, low-service, low-wage state that caters to the bargain basements of the world economy? Or are we going to have a level of state services that requires a certain level of tax support in order to produce a high-wage, highgrowth economy?

Our leaders need to learn a lesson that is simple, and true, and not stack deck chairs on the Titanic, But time's run out. We're facing a budget deficit that's pretty close to \$3 billion -- right now and we've got to get to a clear, clean conclusion within weeks.

There will be critics - from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce on the right to the labor movement on the left (and a whole lot of folks in between) but overall the conclusions of the emergency panel are sensible, farreaching, and direct.

They should be put into practice as soon as possible - and form the core of what will turn out to be nothing less than a debate about the very future of our state.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. 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 a t ppower@hcnnet.com.

Judith Alessandri Northville

Retailers draw traffic, not parking

I am a former 26 year resident of Northville, as well as a 1999 graduate of Northville High School who is currently living in New York City and continues to subscribe to the Record. I have been shocked by the recent articles surrounding the "re-vamp" of the downtown district. While I agree this is an undertaking past due, I have yet to read the status on the most severe issue pending which will truly turn around downtown: RETAILERS! All downtown renovation talk has been architecturally based and has not focused on immediate retail improvement. When benchmarking Northville against surrounding towns such as Plymouth or Farmington, it is easy to identify what is missing and what could attract traffic, retailers such as Papyrus, Hallmark,

seat. I phoned city hall hoping to get a closer look and was informed that the plans were located at the architect's office. I also believe that the public needs more information as to how this project will be funded. My greatest fear is that the remaining charm and ambiance of our beautiful city will be forever lost.

> Jeanne D. Frogner Northville

Pharmacist responds to prescription advice

I read through the Health and Fitness insert in the January 29th South Lyon Herald and came across an article about getting your medications cheaper. There are a couple of points in that article that I feel need to be clarified.

The first point is the one about shopping around at different pharmacies to find the best price. While I understand the need to be price conscious, there comes a point where that thinking can be dangerous. A person getting prescriptions filled at multiple locations could be setting themselves up for serious drug interactions because pharmacies cannot screen for drug interactions with other pharmacies. In other words, a prescription filled at pharmacy A will not be checked for drug interactions with prescriptions from pharmacy B or pharmacy C. With that being said, I would encourage the cost conscious or limited income patient to find a nearby pharmacy with the lowest overall price and fill your prescriptions there.

The other point that was made was about pharmacy compounding being used as a costsaving alternative. Pharmacy compounding is when a pharmacist makes the medication from scratch. Using approved chemicals, the pharmacist can compound medications that do not exist commercially. That is the true benefit of pharmacy compounding: to produce products that don't exist from commercial manufacturers. It is illegal for pharmacies to produce knock-offs of commercial products to simply save the patient money.

I would be happy to answer any questions that

Ron F. Bodnar 🛶 Northville

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HOT TICKET: A Plymouth Symphony @ Northville H.S. Saturday featuring guest composer William Bolcom OMMUNITY CALENDAR **Cal Stone**, editor

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NORTHVILLE

EVENTS

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

Northville Genealogical Society

DATE: Sunday, Feb. 11 TIME: 2:30 p.m. LOCATION: Northville District . Library

DETAILS: The Petticoat Ladies from the Garden City Presbyterian Church will present "First Ladies of the Victorian Era." A computer genealogy class on "Family Tree Maker 2006: Reports" will be held at 1:15 p.m. before the program. Both are free of charge and the public is invited.

Northville Garden Club DATE: Monday, Feb. 12

TIME: noon LOCATION: Mill Race Village,

Cady Inn DETAILS: Guest speaker will be

Penrith Goff with a program on bromiliads. CONTACT: Julie Mantay, (248)

349-1602

Johnson Creek Protection **Group Meeting**

DATE: Monday, Feb. 12 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Township

Hall DETAILS: The topic will be "Ry Fishing and Illicit Connections! How are the related?". The speak-

er will be Mike Schultz from Hanks Ry Fishing. CONTACT: www.jcpg.org

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American Association of University Women Meeting

Northville/Plymouth DATE: Monday, Feb. 19 TIME: 10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Plymouth District Library, Main Street, Plymouth DETAILS: This event will be the Good Citizen reception.

CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

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.co

m 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 April 14 DETAILS: Interactive comedy for \$45 per person. Call for reser-

vations. A Tribute to Frank Sinatra TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday,

Feb. 10; Sunday, Feb. 11 DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person

Valentine's Day TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14 and Thursday Feb. 15 DETAILS: Seven-course family style meal followed by interactive production "Law and Disorder." Buy one ticket, your Valentine is free. \$45 per person. Frankie Ford TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23

DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person.

The Reflections

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Saturday, March 24 DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person.

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

Winter Tot Storytime SESSIONS: 10:15 a.m. Mondays, Jan. 22-Feb 26; 10:15 or 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 24-Feb. 28; 10:15 a.m. Thursdays, Jan. 24-March 1

DETAILS: This is especially for children 2 and 3 years of age accompanied with a parent or care giver. Babies, additional siblings, or nonregistered children may not attend. Registration is required.

Winter Story Time SESSIONS: 4 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 5-March 12; 10:15 a.m. or 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 6-March 13 DETAILS: This story time and activity session is for children who

are 4 and 5 years old, or are in kindergarten, and are comfortable attending without a care giver present. Siblings, or nonregisetered children may not attend. Please call to register. Valentine Crafts for Kids TIME/DATE: 4-5 p.m., Today

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., Today DETAILS: Travel expert Kathy Thornton will present pictures of Machu Pechu, Peru, the lost village 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 pro-gram is ree, but preregistration is necessary. Little Me Storytime

TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:15 a.m., Friday, Feb. 16 DETAILS: Babies to 2 years old, along with parents or caregivers, enjoy music, beanbag fun and simple stories. Older children are welcome to attend. No registration required.

List your event in vour calendar!

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LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m. **Northville Concert Chorale** TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Sunday, March 11

DETAILS: The concert will feature the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and contemporary composer John Rutter. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors 65 and older, \$5 for students, and children 11 and under are free.

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: Church and Divorce, Spritual Help and Forgiveness, presented by W. Kent Clise

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

ogist Feb. 22: Relationships Old and New presented by Sadie Bolos. 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 Bantist Church of Northville

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing



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support and encouragement for mothers of young children. Meet other moms like you and share experiences. Speakers present topics relevant to you and your role as a mom. MOPs is about celebrating motherhood, meeting needs, making connections, experiencing God's love. Leave feeling valued, pampered and recharged. CONTACT: Keli Plansinis,

atplavintennis@comcast.net or Women's Ministries (248) 374-5978

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 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

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

5 p.m.

Thursday, February 8, 2007 www.northvillerecord.com fax: (248) 349-9832

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11:30 a.m.: Book Club 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre By appointment: Chair Massage Tuesday 9 a.m.: Greektown Casino 10 a.m.: Blood Pressure and **Glucose Check** 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Computer I 1 p.m.: Chiropractic Screening Wednesday 9.45 a.m.: Oxycise New Enrollees 10 a.m.: Oxycise 11:30 a.m.: Valentines Luncheon 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 pre-registration is required.

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Spaghetti Dinner

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 22 TIME: 4-7 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center

DETAILS: The dinner will include spaghetti by Genitti's, salad, garlic 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

Bridge TIME/DAY: 12:30 p.m , Monday Euchre TIME/DAY: noon-3:30 p m., Wednesday Pinochle (double deck)-TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 pm,

Monday and Thursday

LOCATION: Senior Community

Pinochie (single deck)

Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleyball

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon,

Center, 303 W. Main St.

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 13 TIME: 6:45 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Rd. DETAILS: The meeting will feature discussion on diversity awareness with Sharon Belobraidich speaking. CONTACT: Beth, (248) 305-8992

Northville Pure Barre Grand Opening

DATE: Friday, Feb. 16 TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: 113 W. Main St., Ste. 240

DETAILS: The studio offers classes in the Pure Barre Technique, which fuses Lotte Berk excercises with dance and Pilates for an intense and effective one hour workout.

CONTACT: (248) 305-8514 or www.purebarre.com

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

Land Conservation Program

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 24 TIME: noon-3 p.m. LOCATION: REI Store, 17559 Haggerty Rd., just north of Six Mile Road

DETAILS: LandChoices is a national non-profit organization working to reach landowners and provide them with choices that preserve land. They will be set up at the the REI store to promote their cause and answer questions. CONTACT: (248) 347-2100

Daughters of the America Revolution

Teen Angels TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.,

Saturday, March 31 DETAILS: Tickets are \$35 for the 1 p.m. performance and \$45 for the 7 p.m..

Laughs for a Miracle TIME/DATE: 7 p m. Dinner, 8:30 p.m. Show Friday, Mar. 30

DETAILS: This evening is a benefit for the Children's Miracle Network. Enjoy grown up comedy for a little kid's cause. Tickets are \$45 per person.

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 **Snowshoe Demonstration** DATE: February 10 TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. LOCATION: Concession Building off Six Mile Road DETAILS: Try out the latest in snowshoeing equipment available from REI. Light refreshments provided courtesy of the Friends of Maybury.

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

Evening Family Storytime TIME/DATE: 7 p.m.,

Wednesday, Feb. 21 DETAILS: This half-hour program is suited for children 3 and older, but all ages are welcome. No registration is required. Children can wear their pajamas and be comfortable

Books, Chat and Chow for Teens

TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26

DETAILS: Treats and discussion on the book "Bound" by Debra Jo Napoli.

Junior Books, Chat and Chew TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28

DETAILS: The book discussion group for fourth and fifth graders will be discussing "Escaping the Giant Wave" by Peg Kehret, as well as enjoying treats. **Friends Store**

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

Book Donations

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

Meetings

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

DETAILS: Open to the public.

<u>CHURCH</u> **EVENTS**

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Sunday Worship: 11a m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Mens Bible Study: 9 a.m., first Saturday of every month

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Rđ.

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. **Beth Moore Simulcast Event** TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24 DETAILS: Program will be live via satellite. Tickets are \$20 and

lunch is \$5. Reservations required. Ward Evangelical

Presbyterian Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile

Road CONTACT: (248) 374-5966

"From Grief to New Hope" Workshop

DATE: Mondays through March 26 TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

DETAILS: Presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. The workshop runs for eight weeks, and the cost is 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 interna-

tional organization that provides

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.

SENIOR **EVENTS**

Thursday 9 a.m.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly 9:30 a.m.: Yoga 10 a.m.: Bowling 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 12:30 p.m.: Bunco 1 p m : Tai Chi 1 p.m.: Computer II By appointment: Taxes. Massage Friday 9: 30 a.m.: Strength Training 11 a.m.: Poker 11 a.m.: Computer II 1 p.m.: Movie

Monday 9:30 a.m.: Strength Training

9:45 a.m.: Oxycise, New

Enrollees

10 a.m.: Line Dance 10 a.m.: Oxycise

LOCATION: Recreation Center and Hillside

DETAILS: All levels of play are welcome. Bring your friends. Cost is \$1.

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

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.

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Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field

DETAILS: Office Hours Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-1p.m.; Archives Open Thu-Fri 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 Thursday: 9 a m. Archives Open; 9:30 a.m. Girl Scout SUM Meeting; 3:45 p.m. Brownie Scout Meeting; 6:45 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

Friday: 9 a m. Archives Open; 4 p.m. Junior Scout Meeting Saturday: Church Reflooring

Day

Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 1 p.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scouts Meeting

Monday: 11 a m. Northville Garden Club; 6:30 p.m. Lions Club

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Northville Yoga Classes

LOCATION: American Legion Hall, 100 Duniap **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, (248) 344-0928 or e-mail trianglespc@sbcglobal.net

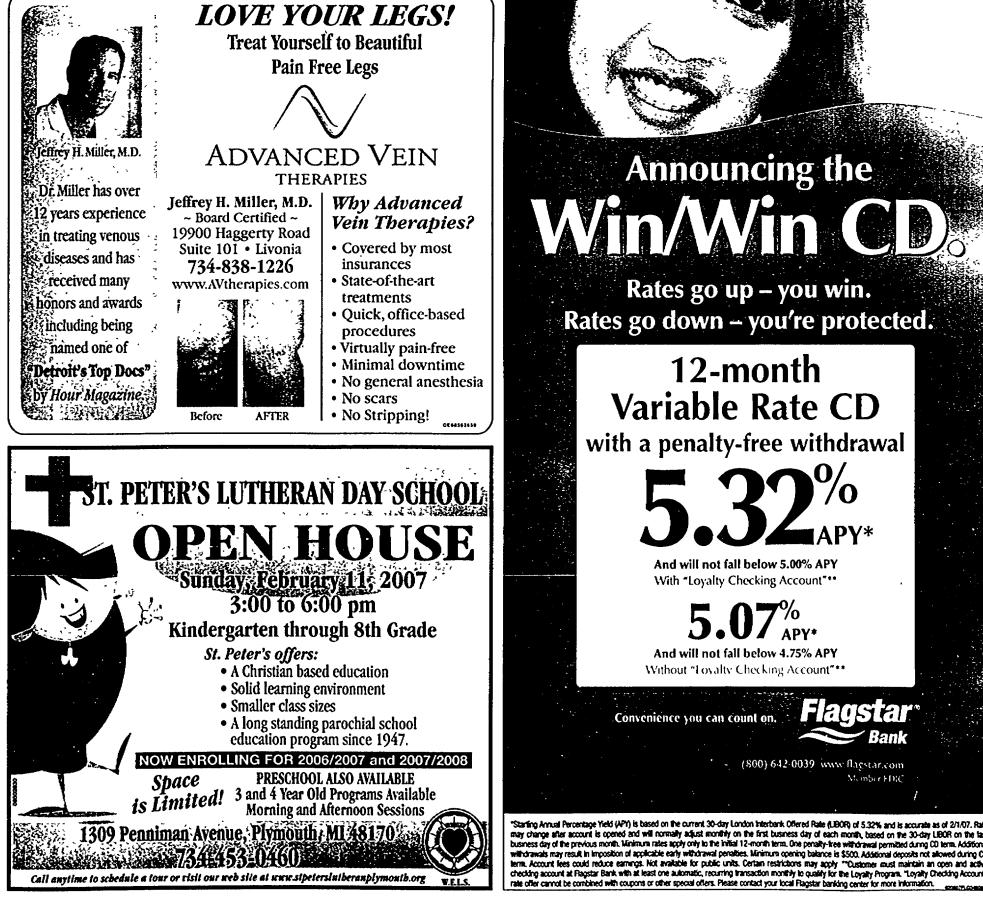
Susan B. Galli Angel Fund

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 long time 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

Friends of the Northville District Library

DETAILS: There are openings for the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Northville Library. The Friends are a volunteer organization that promotes reading,



ing and are also expected to serve on a committee. The only requirement for becoming a Board member is an interest in the Library and a willingness to serve as a volunteer. Those interested should send a letter to James Morche, President of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

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, ages11-12; and Varsity, ages 13-14, also cheerleaders in these age groups.

CONTACT: www.northvillecolts.com and click on "Contact Us."

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. Teleoraph Rd., Pontiac. TIME/DATE: 9 a.m., Feb. 10 CONTACT: (248) 858-0041

Angela Hospice Groups

DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a

sionals and trained volunteers. LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia CONTACT: Joan Lee, (734) 953-6012

Anxiety Disorder Support Group

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 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 who have lost a loved one to suicide and other specialized groups. The groups meet on a regular basis in various schedules locations. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants.

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

Support for Loved Ones of Dying

DATE: Second and Fourth Monday of each month TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Sunrise Assisted Living Center, 16100 Haggerty Road

DETAILS: This New Hope Center for Grief Support group is for those facing the impending death of a loved one to help deal with the emotional, spiritual and medical issues they may be facing. Educational material will be provided. Participants have the opportunity to ask questions and share dialogue. Registration not necessary.

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

YWCA of Western Wayne County

for volunteers to assist with office help, after-school programs, building projects, communications, and marketing in its various locations throughout western Wayne County. They are also offering internships for college students in communications, media relations, and computer information service. Additional opportunities are available in early childhood education, and education administration. **CONTACT:** Tabatha Manuel,

(313) 561-4110, ext. 20 or tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org

Meals-On-Wheels

DATE: Ongoing TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers are needed.

CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Terrace, (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna, (248) 348-1761

Northville Bowntown 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 DDA.

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

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

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

Arts Commission

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

LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

Art House Store

LOCATION: 215 W. Cady St. DETAILS: Looking for volunteers to work four hours per month. Meet interesting people. Get 10 percent off store purchases.

CONTACT: Carol Kendra (248)

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

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

Youth Assistance

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month TIME: 8 a.m. LOCATION: 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.

Detroit Mackenzie High

School Class of 1957 Reunion DATE: Friday, Oct. 19 TIME: 6:30 p.m. to midnight LOCATION: Holiday Inn Livonia, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia

DETAILS: The cost is \$75 per person, Mail M. vonGlahn, 20997 Chase Drive, Novi, MI 48375 for tickets. The deadline is June 30. Note: The reunion committee is looking for classmates from the class of 1957.

CONTACT: June Class-Marj Storch at marj.storch@sbcglobal.net or

Mary Middleton at mvonglahn@aol.com. January Class-Eleanor Locke at eplocke@aol.com or Dick Bebbington at rbebbroseville@yahoo.com.



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

and activities, (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org Northville Ski and Snowboard Club

information on camps, classes

CONTACT: For registration and

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

Open Basketball

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

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+ Basketbali

DATE: Every Wednesday TIME: 7-9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per per-SON.

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 Friday

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

Table Tennis

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

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Community Center DETAILS: A draft version of the Northville Parks and Recreation

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The cost is \$4 per day.

Enrichment Program

TIME: 4-5 p.m.

Room

DETAILS: Eight tables are avail-

able. All skill levels are welcome.

Total Golf Adventure's Golf

DATE: Mondays, Jan. 22-Mar.

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tgaofmichigan@sbcglobal net:

www.totalgolfadventures.com

Theatre Basics Class

DATE: Begins Feb. 10

DETAILS: The class will explore

the fundamentals of acting, and

parents and friends. Instructed by

director at Northville High School.

The fee is \$95 per resident stu-

dent, additional fees for non-resi-

dent. Pre-registration is required.

www.northvilleparkandrec.org

Master Plan Public Hearing

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Feb. 14

LOCATION: Northville Senior

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CONTACT: (248) 349-0203 or

culminate in a "showcase" for

Christina Johnson, the theater

from \$160-\$170.

achievement while teaching the

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 24 TIME: 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: Dads, Grandpas, or Uncles can bring their special little girl to this Daddy Daughter dance. Each little girl will receive a gift bag, cookies and crafts. There will be a DJ to provide music for dancing. The cost is \$10 per person. Register by going to the Parks and Recreation office.

<u>REGIONAL</u>

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.

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Plymouth District Library

On Monday afternoon, in near-zero temps, Rob McCloud clears snow off the ice of Northville's Mill Race Pond in order to create a hockey rink. **Baseball Series** Baltimore Orioles and Cleveland Cavaliers, and was recently LOCATION: 223 S. Main Street, inducted into the Radio and Plymouth

Ready for a rink

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

The following programs require advance registration by calling the

library, online at plymouthlibrary.org

Let's Book This One to the O's: Tales from the Booth with Mike

TIME/DATE: 2 p m , Sunday,

DETAILS: Mike Reghi has been

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CONTACT: Jim Green, (248)

Television Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He will take you behind the scenes of broadcasting baseball.

> Great Books Discussion Group TIME/DAY: First and Third Thursday of every month.

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

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DETAILS: Discuss novels, plays, poetry and non-fiction,

CONTACT: (248) 349-3121

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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

Master Gardener Association

DAY: Second Thursday of every month

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

Park Pass

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

Veterans Affairs Presentation

DATE: Friday, Feb. 9 TIME: 2 p.m. LOCATION: Veterans Affairs Healthcare System Auditorium, Ann Arbor

DETAILS: M. Szczepanski will be the guest speaker for this presentation on fighting the Germans in World War II in the Polish Underground Army, surviving as a prisoner in Auschwitz, and his success in the years following in the United States. CONTACT: Robert J. Greco, (734) 769-7100, ext. 7200

Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record. 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's paper

the broadcast announcer for the Hybrids: Must-have vehicles of the future?

(CL) - Skyrocketing gas and oil prices this past year have pushed auto retailers to make some hard decisions. Either they face extinction by a public that can't afford gas guzzlers, or step up to the challenge of expanding their line of hybrid cars. Hybrids use a balance of gasoline and electric power, reducing dependence on frequent fuel fill-ups.

HYBRID SYSTEMS

Many people mistakenly think that the term "hybrid" is used to classify one engine system. This is not the case.

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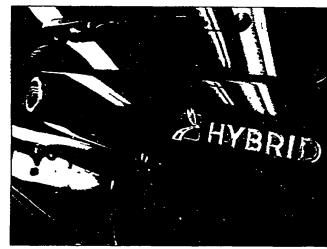


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Hybrid cars, like the Mercury Mariner Hybrid, may be the future of the automotive world because of their clean emissions and high fuel efficiency

related fields.

It makes its final selections based on research and driving experience with an emphasis on vehicles that advance overall efficiency and functionality while decreasing environmental impact.

Gasoline-electric hybrids, near-zero emission gasoline models, advanced diesels, and an array of vehicles capable of operating on alternative fuels were among those considered.

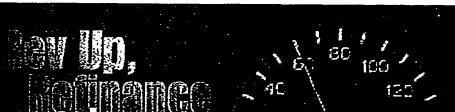
The Mercury Mariner Hybrid received top honors among five finalists.

The Mercury Mariner Hybrid is a compact SUV that blends the best features of a gasoline engine and an electric motor to achieve nearly 50 percent higher city driving efficiency and lower emissions with no loss of functionality or performance.

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coasting, at stoplights or crawling at low speeds through traffic, the gasoline engine automatically shuts down to conserve fuel and curb emissions.

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Fans of hybrid cars enjoy higher mile-per-gallon ratios. making hybrids a cost-effective option.

However, higher initial price tags at the dealership can deter some would be buyers. As a result, hybrids typically do not fly off of dealer lots.

Recognizing this, Congress and some states offer tax credits for buying hybrid vehicles.

THE HYBRID DRIVER

Toyota leads the way in hybrid technology. Their Prius continues to be a strong seller. According to a report compiled through J.D. Power and Associates' surveys, the typical hybrid drivers are educated, with a higher-than-average income. They tend to be women or older drivers. They are actively involved in environmental issues and are willing to pay more for a "green" vehicle. Typically, hybrid consumers drive fewer miles on average than their traditional-car-buying counterparts.

Others have described hybrid consumers as free-thinking. interesting people who want to

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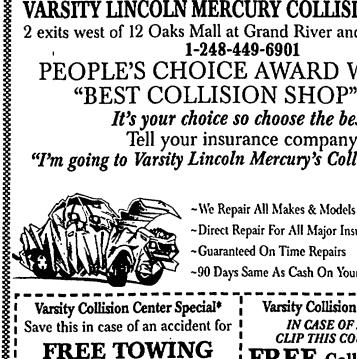
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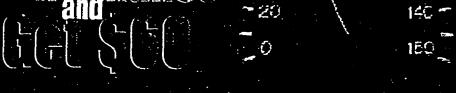
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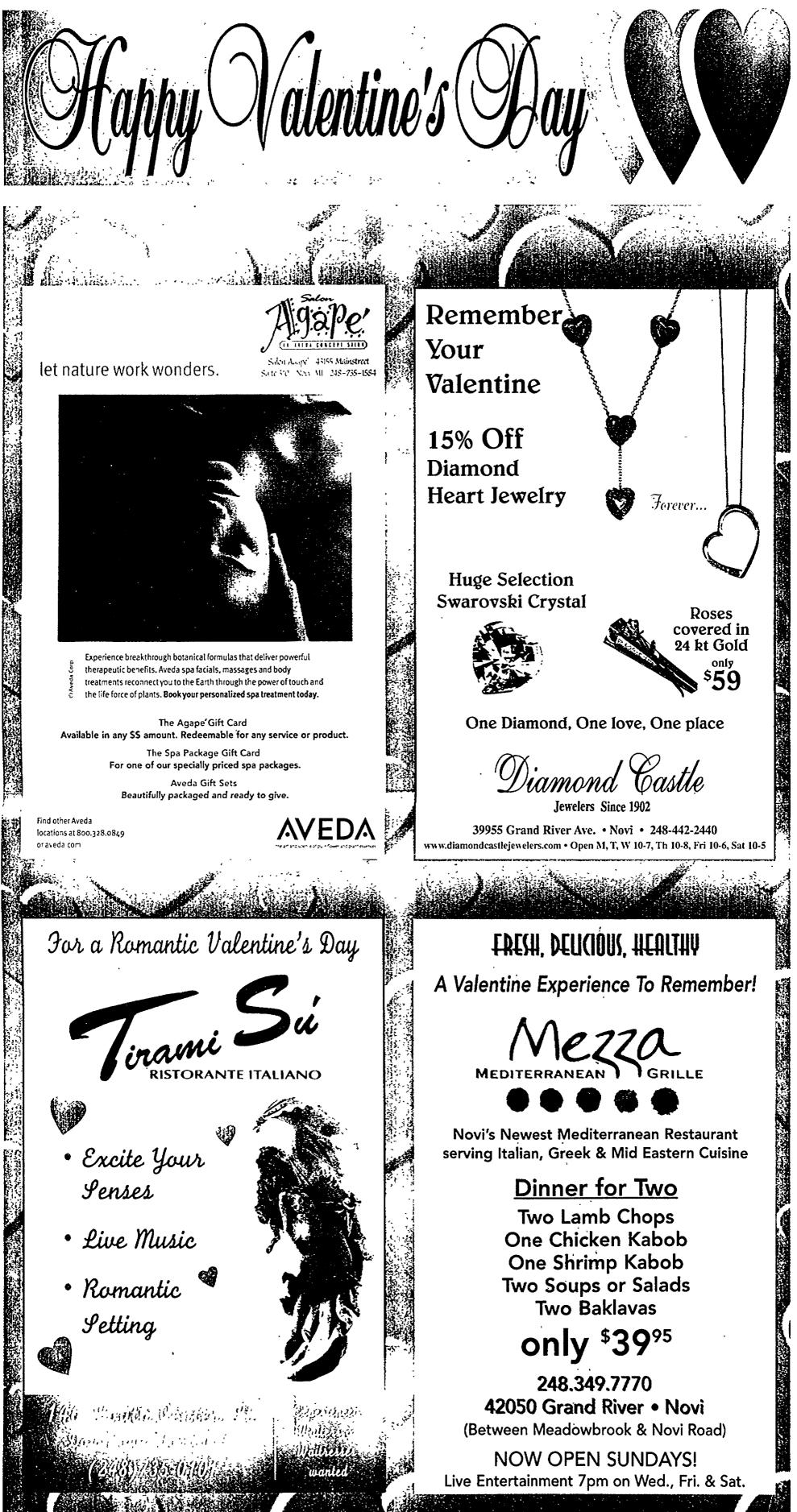


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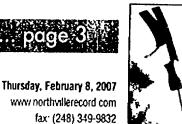
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Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northville Record Northville's six new faces to the varsity team have far exceeded coach Erin McWatt's expectations.

Seven underclassmen fill out team of 9

senior, along with returnees junior Rebecca Murphy and sophomore Amy Reynolds. New to the team are sophomore Julie Davison and fresh-Caileigh men Deacon. Brittany

Instead, the six new faces brought depth and a willingness to learn. McWatt was more than happy to have a full team, but she admits to being surprised by how well the team has done despite its youth.

That's far from the case for the Mustangs this year.

"I've got fewer numbers to accommodate as far as getting them in as many competitions as they need to get qualifying scores." McWatt said. "I can put six on an A team and six on a B



Kevin Ruzylo controls the puck against Franklin.

Northville firing on all cylinders

Mustangs tally 14 goals in two games

Submitted to the Northville Record

Northville took home two more wins against Franklin and Canton last week, and the games were high scoring treats for the Mustang's fans. Both opponents started hard, but it just wasn't enough once Northville got into its groove and systematically shut them down and racked up the goals.

Northville 9, Franklin 1

The home ice advantage did-

n't help Franklin at Eddie Edgar Wednesday night, although the first period appeared to be a contest on the scoreboard. Almost four minutes into the game, junior Jordan Duff carried the puck down low and sent it back to the point, and senior Kyle Ziomek sent a hard shot

home from the blue line.

1. Almost five minutes into the second, senior Anthony Deneau sent a gorgeous backhand home following some crafty passing between Garbarz and sentor Steve Dawson.

Impressive give-and-go pass-ing resulted in the fifth goal, when sophomore Matt Dembecki and junior Mike Piotrowski cycled the puck and got it to Wales who fired it in, ending the second period 5-1 Northville.

Just a minute into the third period, sophomore Wes Gates made a great drive to the net and picked up a rebound from Hohl to notch the sixth goal for Northville.

A few minutes later, Hohl passed the puck to Riehl, who sent it across the front of the net to Wales for an easy tap in.

> Goal No. 8 was a beauty sent home by Piotrowski with some help from senior Kevin Ruzylo and Wales. Duff scored the ninth and final goal of the game with assists from Ruzylo and Wales.

Sophomore goaltender Kyle Petty was solid in the net









By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

learning Upon the Northville/Novi co-op agreement for gymnastics had to end, Mustangs gymnastics coach Erin McWatt wasn't sure what would happen to her team.

McWatt knew three girls would be returning, but the loss of at least two Novi girls left Northville struggling and wondering.

"I was definitely worried about even fielding a team at first," McWatt said.

Enter five freshmen and a new sophomore to the program, and the Mustangs' worries quickly vanished. Julie Foucher is the lone

Kronner, Makenna Pohl. Michelle Steslicki and Cassidy Winter. McWatt knew the three returnees were on board and Pohl would be coming out. Pohl is the

younger sister of a former Northville gymnast.

"We had four," McWatt said. "Technically, that's enough to kind of field a team because only four scores count out of the six. If they did everything every single meet we would have a team."

But it wasn't very realistic. One injury or sickness would've wiped out the team.



They've been more impressive than 1 could've ever imagined," McWatt said. "They've handled themselves so well. We continue to improve on our scores

from meet to meet."

Quality not quantity

While nine is on the lower side for a varsity team, McWatt chooses to look on the positive side. Some teams have 20 or more girls fighting for six spots on the varsity A team. That can lead to jealousy or anger at not getting the desired positions

team. I only have nine total . . so everybody competes."

Pohl enjoys the varsity competition.

"It's really fun You get a lot of competing time," she said. You're seen as more of an equal to the upperclassmen. Instead of being intimidated by them, we're really good friends and really close.

Girls need to score better than a qualifying score on each event in four meets to qualify for the postcason.

The biggest weakness Northville faces is injuries. If four

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Two minutes later, junior TJ Hohl took the puck behind the net and passed it to senior Brandon Wales, who made a quick pass to junior Ross Riehl who finished the play with a quick release into the net putting the Mustangs up 2-0.

Northville started the second with over a minute left on a penalty, which set the theme for the period. Franklin scored during a scramble in front a few minutes into the second, making it a 2-1 game, but the Mustangs were just getting started.

Senior Mike Garbarz popped it in with a nice set up from Duff and Hohl, putting the game at 3the entire game, and his strong positioning held the goals against at one.

Northville 5, Canton 1

The win against Canton Friday night at the Arctic Edge was another crowd pleaser for the Mustang fans.

Canton left Northville little room for most of the first two periods and their gameplan held the Mustangs to few shots, while Northville goaltender senior Andrew Flynn did have to hold off a few good scoring chances

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Rogers, right, goes up to block a shot against Canton.

Northville wins pair of nailbiters

Storrs hits game-winner against Wayne; Mustangs also beat Canton

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Mustangs basketball team won a pair of nail-biters. last week, beating Wayne at the buzzer and Canton by one.

Northville (12-1, 8-1) had beaten Wayne (7-6, 6-3) by 22 at home earlier in the year, but the Zebras played much tougher at home on Friday. But Alvin Storrs sunk a shot at the buzzer for an electric 47-45 win.

Wayne held a slim 13-12 lead after the first quarter, but the Mustangs rallied for a 25-20 halftime lead.

Northville appeared in control after taking a 37-26 lead into the fourth quarter, but the Zebras rallied to tie the game with 21 sec-

onds left, setting up the game-winning jumper by Storry The play was

drawn up to run the clock down for the final shot, and Storrs deliv-

ered, sending the Mustang bench flying out to celebrate the win. Storrs led the Mustangs with

16 points. Mike Rogers was next with 10, and David Burke posted eight points

Wayne's Martez Abney led all scorers with 18 points.

Northville 40, Canton 39

The Mustangs built a lead and held off a furious late rally by Canton to take sole possession of first place in the WLAA

Western Division. Northville never trasled, jumping out to a 7-0 lead and holding a 12-6 edge at the end of the first.

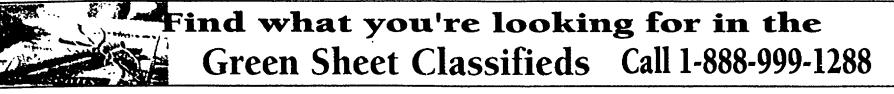
The Mustangs added to the lead in the second for a 23-12 halftime advantage. Canton struck early in

the third with a 6-0 run, but that would be the last of their points in the quarter. Northville still led 26-18 heading into the final quarter.

The Mustangs appeared in total continued on 3



Alvin Storrs rises and hits the game-winning shot against Wayne on Friday.



Gymnasts set highest mark

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville swimming and diving team continues to impress in the pool, knocking off Franklin 121-54 on Feb. 1 on senior night Highlights included two school

records taking a dive. Brody Blickle bettered the one-

vear-old record of Brad Farris in the 100 butterfly. Blickle's finish of 51.91 knocked off the old record of 52.10.

Diver Steven Kruse also set a new Mustang standard, shattering the old diving record. Kruse's score of 270.75 beat theold record by more than 27 points, set by Jason Albosta in 2002.

"He smoked it." said Rich Bennetts, Northville head coach of the old record. "He finally hit all six of his dives

Kyle Adams provided another highlight to the meet by making the state cut in the 50 freestyle His finish of 22.98 won the event.

"It was a good way to finish up our home schedule," Bennetts said. "I got to put all-senior relays together. It was a good night for them.

Northville improves to 10-0, 5-0.

Canton 50, Northville 11

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The Northville wrestlers are dealing with sickness and injuries and suffered a 50-11 loss to Canton on Feb. 1.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northville Record

Mustang gymnast Julie Foucher performs on the bars at a meet hosted by Salem High.

Picking up wins for the mustangs were Junior's Jonny D'Anna and Evan Bentley and Freshman Nick Mudar

The Mustangs were forced to take a void at 189 pounds with Jon Pace being out ill, and Brian Bagian is still dealing with the

effects from a concussion he received in a tournament the week before.

"I told my guys to just be aggresive and leave it all out on the mat, and they did," said Jeff Balagna, Northville head coach. "There were three matches that

could have gone either way. "Jim Caroll (171) got the match started for us, and we felt like he had his kid pinned for a good 30 seconds. He ended up losing a very close match after that. In addition to Caroll, Matt Hagan (145) and Dan Dulzo (152) wrestled great matches but needed about five more seconds for a victory. You reverse those matches and the score is much closer.

Northville volleyball

Northville volleyball improves to 28-3-2 and 5-0 in WLAA play with a pair of league wins. Krista Cicala dished out 23

assists, had 11 digs and served up three aces in a three-game swep of Canton on Jan. 31. The Mustangs won the match 25-11, 25-19, 25-19. Katie Moran also had a strong outing, knocking down eight kills

on 12 attempts. The other Mustang win came in a 25-18, 25-14, 25-15 win Jan. 29

Northville gymnastics

The mustang gymnasts narrowly beat Salem 143.35-143.00

Monday. It was the top performance for the Mustangs this yeaer. Highlights included Julie Foucher's 9.4 on the vault and 9.45 on the floor, MaKenna Pohl's 9.6 on beam and Cassidy Winter's 8.95 on the bars.

Youth football adds continued from 1 another second team

Submitted to the Northville Record

After much demand, the Northville Youth Football non-profit organization is expanding to two teams, beginning this season.

The Colts organization has been a part of the Northville Youth Football Association for over 35 years. Both the Northville Colts and the Northville Stallions will be part of the Western Lakes Junior Football League, joining teams from Novi, Livonia, Walled Lake and Rochester. Football players and cheerleaders will be needed for both teams.

Many former Colt players have gone on to play at the high school level and beyond.

The organization is proud to announce the addition of a second team, the Stallions.

Northville Head Football Coach Ryan Hockman is thrilled with the decision to add a second team in Nonhville.

This is a giant step in the right direction for our community," he said. "Any opportunity we can give kids to spend time with the volunteers who coach Northville Youth Cheerleaders will be divided geographically, based on the middle school they would attend; players and cheerleaders scheduled to attend Hillside will be part of the Colts football team and players and cheerleaders scheduled to attend Meads Mill will be part of the Stallions football team.

Teams and Cheerleaders are divided into three age groups-Freshman ages 8-9. Junior Varsity, ages 10-11 and Varsity, ages 12-13. Practice is scheduled to begin in early August, games in late August and the regular season will conclude late October. Registration begins Feb. 12. For more information, please go to www.northvilleyouthfootball com

... The Northville Youth Football association has a rich tradition and history of success, having captured (3)Super three Bowl Championships in each of the last three (3) seasons. Northville Youth Football provides a great experience for all football players and cheerleaders, with quality equipment, facilities and instruction from this 100% volunteer organization

With expansion come opportunities for players, coaches, cheerlead-

■ GYMNASTICS: Youth abounds

girls were to get hurt, Northville wouldn't be able to field a full team.

So far so good for the Mustangs on the injury front and during the competitions.

"Last year I don't think we scored a 141," McWatt said, "We got a 142.5 (against Hartland). It's amazing.

McWatt may be impressed with her team's scores, but they enjoy learning from someone who took her skills to the next level.

"Erin is a really good coach," Deacon said. "It's really good having her as a former Michigan gymnast. She knows exactly what she's talking about."

Stepping in and up

Throwing freshmen into varsity events doesn't-usually come with positive results. The experience factor is normally too much to overcome, but it's just not the case for the Mustangs. Most of the girls have competed in club at some level and are varsity ready.

"I don't think it's fazed my freshmen as much as I thought it originally may," said McWatt about her freshmen on varsity. "A lot of them have competitive

worry about is bonding of the team. With so many girls new to the program, it could be difficult to get everyone on the same page, but club competition allows some familiarity with the girls before high school.

"It's hard to bring in new girls and get new routines, but a lot of the girls know each from club in the past," Reynolds said. "It was a lot easier to bond."

McWatt knows the future could be very bright for Northville gymnastics.

"We've got a very young team, very talented team, and they have all the time in the world ... to get better and improve. Maybe we had a couple of down years, but we're former state champions. It looks like we're kind of in our rebuilding stages, but we're going to get back there.

"I really think that we're going to be in a position to peak when we need to."

The future may be bright, but the postseason is right around the corner. McWatt thinks this team is capable of big things. "Our first priority is to get as

many people qualified onto regionals as we possibly can in any event that we can," she said. "I think we're going to be really competitive in our conference. If we could win our conference

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HOCKEY: Northville offense too much for opponents

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by Canton.

With only four minutes left in the first, Hohl carried the puck into the zone and junior Case Moerman rushed the net to catch the pass and slide it in post side to score the only goal of the period.

The second period was much the same game, with Northville scoring only once when junior Andy Close brought the puck in and sent it across to junior Kevin Uetz, who earned a great assist with a beautiful pass back to Close's tape for the goal, ending the period 2-0 Northville.

A couple of minutes into the third. Moerman went into the corner for a perfect check, stole the puck and sent it to Hohl for the third goal of the game.

A few minutes later Gates kept the game at 3-0 when he saved a goal by pulling the puck off the goal line and ruined Canton's scoring chance.

With about nine minutes left on the clock, Deneau sent a pass to Garbarz behind the net, who won a battle in the corner to knock the puck loose, and Dawson got a hold of it and roofed it in for the fourth.

The Mustang shutout was denied a couple of minutes later when Canton scored, putting the game at 4-1. The Mustangs responded with the fifth and final goal of the game when Uetz took a pass from Ziomek and fired one into Canton's open net

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control, up six with under a minute to play, but Canton wouldn't go away. The Chiefs rallied for 10 points

The Chiefs rallied for 10 points in the final minute, but the Mustangs did enough at the free throw line (10-of-17 in the fourth quarter) to hold onto the lead and get the win.

Storrs led all scorers with 15 points. Mike Rogers tallied eight

points, and Bret Spencer had seven.

Ryan Waidmann led Canton with 11 points, and Neil Sharma had 10.

JV: Northville 31, Wayne 30

Greg Cheslik hit the go-ahead shot with 40 seconds left for a 31-30 road win for the Mustangs (9-4, 6-3).









Photos submitted to the Northville Record



Above left, Northville's Steve Anderson steadies himself for a shot against Wayne.

Above right, the Northville bench celebrates after Alvin Storrs hits the game-winning shot against Wayne.

Left, A pair of Northville defenders converge on a Canton player.

Right, Northville's 6-2 Greg Hasse tries to block out Wayne's 6-10 center Jeremy Lovelady during Friday night's game.



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Living healthier doesn't mean living without desserts. Try this tasty recipe from the American Heart Association.

Frozen Turtle Pie

Serves: 12

Vegetable oil spray Chocolate Crumb Crust 36 reduced-fat chocolate-flavor vanilla wafers, coarsely crumbled by hand 3 tablespoons light stick margarine,

melted

Caramel Sauce

- 1 cup sugar 1/2 cup water
- 3/4 cup fat-free
- evaporated milk, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 quart nonfat ice cream or frozen yogurt, such as vanilla or coffee flavors
- 2 tablespoons fat-free chocolate syrup

1/4 cup chopped, dry-roasted pecans

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nutrients per serving: 234 calories; 5g protein; 47g carbohydrates: 0g fiber; 4g total fat (1g saturated, 1g polyunsaturated, 2g monounsaturated); 1mg cholesterol; 126mg sodium

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FAMPLY FEATURES

upid understands that it's the people we care about every day — and those who care about us — who are our valentines. Best friends, running buddies, office mates, parents and children touch our hearts on a daily basis.

Why not say "you mean the world to me" this Valentine's Day by stirring up something special for those you cherish? Start with these sweet ideas made for sharing and fun activities for the family. A multitude of bright, festive ideas — invitations, gift tags and more to download — that will fire your creative spirit can be found at BrightIdeas.com.

Gather the Gang

Have the family get together to make sweet favors perfect for school or the office — and make Lovepops: Bake heart-shaped sugar cookies on a stick, frost with red or pink icing and decorate with M&M's.

Heart-Felt Parties

Make your sweet holiday celebration fun, unforgettable and full of spice.

- Host a "Couples Dinner Party," and have everyone attend in cocktail attire or black tie. Right before you serve dessert, have the men at the table switch seats — it's a great way to mix and mingle with your guests!
- Masquerade Parties are great for all ages try hosting a Venetian Masquerade for adults and a fun and festive "make your own mask" party for kids.
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Mocha Delight

This true chocolate indulgence will touch everyone's heart.

Makes: 16 slices

Cake

- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs 1 22.5-ounce box brownie mix

Frosting

- 3 egg whites
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened 2 tablespoons instant espresso
- coffee

Decoration

- 1 bag Dove Rich Dark Chocolate Hearts
- I cup whipped cream or topping

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Heat oven to 350°F. Line bottom of 9-inch springform pan with waxed paper; grease. Add melted butter to graham cracker crumbs and press into bottom of pan. Prepare brownie mix according to package directions; spread over crumbs. Bake until firm, approximately 35 to 50 minutes, until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from oven to a wire rack; cool completely and remove cake from pan

Meanwhile, prepare frosting: Whisk egg whites and sugar together over simmering water until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat, using electric mixer, beat until cooled. Add butter one nugget at a time while continuing to beat. Dissolve espresso in 2 tablespoons warm water. Beat espresso into frosting.

Frost top and sides of cake. Snip small corner of a resealable plastic bag; place whipped cream inside. Pipe 8 rosettes around outside edges of cake. Place a chocolate heart atop each rosette.

To serve, place 8 chocolate hearts in a small, resealable plastic bag. Microwave until melted, about 15 seconds. Cut a corner of bag; randomly drizzle chocolate on dessert plates. Place a cake wedge on each plate.

For a quick and inexpensive romantic touch to your dinner for two scatter rose petals across your tabletop. To set a really sweet mood, scatter Valentine's M&M's with rose petals.

Create lively conversation by printing a famous love quote underneath each guest's name; place a Dove Rich Dark Chocolate Heart next to each card.

Create the Perfect Date Night

Valentine's Day should be celebrated with that special someone. To plan the perfect date night, check out indulgent and romantic ideas at http://www.brightideas.com/valentines/date.

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Tunnel of Love

Treat your "special someones" to this scrumptious tunnel of chocolate. Makes: 24 servings

Cake

- 1 bag Dove Rich Dark
- Chocolate Hearts 3 cups flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking
- powder
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup vegetable
- shortening
- 1 2/3 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon orange zest
 - 3 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Glaze

- 1 bag Dove Rich Dark Chocolate Hearts 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 12-cup Bundt pan, set aside. Combine flour, baking powder, soda and salt in mixing bowl, set aside. In separate bowl, microwave I bag chocolate hearts until melted (about 1 1/2 minutes), stopping to stir occasionally; set aside.

In large bowl, beat shortening, sugar and orange zest until fluffy; add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. In another bowl, combine milk and sour cream. With electric mixer on low, alternately add flour and milk mixtures into shortening mixture, beating until smooth. Stir 1 cup cake batter into cooled melted chocolate; set aside.

Spoon half of plain batter into bottom of prepared pan; cover with all the chocolate batter; top with remaining plain batter. Bake 55 to 60 minutes, until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from oven to wire rack; cool completely.

For glaze: From I bag chocolate hearts, set aside 8. In microwave-safe bowl, combine remaining chocolate hearts, corn syrup and heavy cream. Heat I to 2 minutes, stirring frequently until smooth. Cool slightly. Remove cake from pan to wire rack set over sheet pan covered with waxed paper. Spoon glaze over cake, allowing excess to drip. Decorate with reserved chocolate hearts.

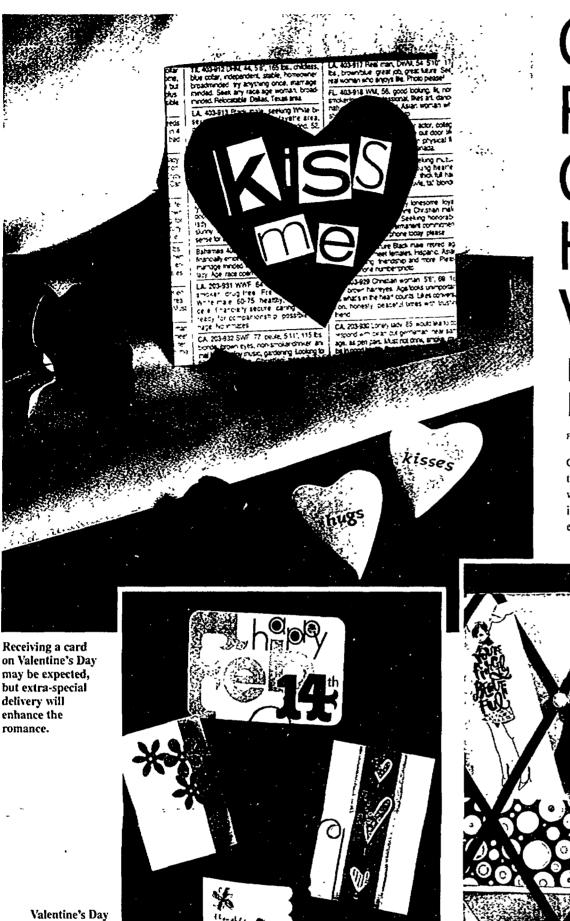


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Creativity and Realism Capture the **Heart This** Valentine's Day **Experts Offer Tips on Expressing Love, Your Style**

FAMILY FEATURES

Cleveland, Ohio - We live in an age when the Internet and mass media provide access to the latest trends at the click of a mouse or the touch of a remote. As a result, people want their homes, their fashions and even their holiday celebrations to reflect their individual style and personality. Luckily, this Valentine's Day there are more ways than ever to say "I love you" with creativity and flair.

There's good news for the unattached, too. Valentine's Day used to be the most dreaded day of the year for those who were not part of a couple. Social changes, like women marrying later, have been helped along by the influence of fictional icons like "Bridget Jones" and "Carrie Bradshaw." In today's world, being single no longer relegates women to second-class status. In fact, many women use the occasion as an excuse to celebrate their friendships with a girls' night dinner party.

American Greetings offers special cards for singles, ranging from irreverent anti-Valentine's Day messages to sincere expressions of friendship. "True friends nurture the spirit and revitalize the soul," says one card. Another downplays the perceived seriousness of the day with the words: "Happy Feb. 14th" on the front. Inside, the message continues: "Oh, and have a nice Valentine's Day."

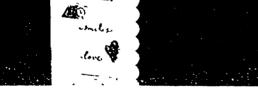
From the turn of the century all the way through the '40s and '50s, Valentine's Day remained a pretty traditional romantic holiday," said Nicole Fraser, senior creative consultant at American Greetings, "It was all about cards with cupids, flowers and rhyming verses and presenting those big, heart-shaped boxes of chocolates. However, beginning in the '60s, people began to think of Valentine's Day as a day to express love to any one

important in their lives. Over the years, that trend has continued, and today, nearly 40 percent of all valentines are sent to other family members and friends.

"Exchanging school valentines has also become an American tradition. For most children, decorating Valentine's Day shoeboxes or paper bags and signing and delivering valentines to classmates will be one of the first times they will express their appreciation to others with a card."

lections for family and friends and even cards that joke about being single.

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i his year, it's all about expressing personality and style. Pictured are a variety of Valentine's Day cards from American Greetings that are as diverse as the people sending them.

If you're best known for your standout sense of fashion and design, consider an unusual format of valentine, like this one from American Greetings that features romantic messages on several strips attached by a metal grommet.



Valentine's Day Entertainment Ideas

Okay, so now you've found the perfect card and personalized it with a romantic message. What's next? Consider the way you celebrate as well. "Whether you're cooking a romantic dinner for two or planning an informal

girls' night in for your single friends, today it's all about expressing your own style and adding your own creative touches," said Sandra Lee, life and style expert, New York Times best-selling author and "Semi-Homemade" Food Network star. "Here are some quick and easy ideas that will make the celebration extra special."

An Enchanted Evening for Two

- Place a valentine with an invitation inside on their pillow the night before, or send an e-vite to work.
- Greet them with their favorite cocktail.
- Set an intimate red-and-white table for two with lots of chocolates and play romantic music
- Serve a small-effort meal with a big impact like fillet mignon topped with blue cheese, a salad and steamed green beans (even if you have to order it in because of time or culinary constraints).
- For the big finish, feed each other a sensual dessert like white and dark chocolate-covered cherries or strawberries --- or maybe a rum raspberry trifle served in a champagne flute or merlot glass.

Girls' Night In

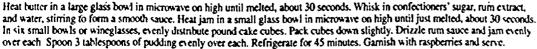
- Movie Night --- Send "ticket" invitations requesting guests bring their favorite chick flick and movie snack to share.
 "Just Desserts" --- Show your gal pals how special they are by serving a sweet buffet of decadent desserts, like a Chocolate Box (made with chocolate bars and filled with an easy mouse of store-bought pudding from snack cups mixed with whipped cream) and Wonton Napoleons (luscious layers of fried wontons, whipped cream and berry slices). More dessert recipes are available in Lee's book

"Semi-Homemade Desserts," or on her Web site: www.semihomemade.com

- Queen of Hearts Card Party Settle in for a card night. Decorate with cards and dice, and crown each friend with a tiara from the toy department.
- Come Out 'n Play Break out the board games. Decorate with dice, game boards and pieces. Dust off the golden oldies like Mystery Date, Clue, the Crazy Eight Ball or the Outja Board and serve candy you enjoyed as a kid.

Raspberry Trifle With Rum Sauce

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 34 teaspoon imitation rum extract
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1/2 cup raspberry jam
- frozen pound cake (12-ounce), thawed and cut into quarter-size cubes containers (4 ounces each) refrigerated prepared vanilla pudding
- Fresh raspherries, for garnish



How to Find, Personalize and Present a Valentine That's "You"

Romance is still a big part of the day, of course. The difference is that now there are cards for every conceivable stage of a relationship, from those who are just flirting, to new couples, to those who are deeply committed and in love. Today's relationships are far removed from quaint little Cupid and his bow and arrow; now cards paint a much more authentic picture of real-life relationships. The artwork and messages are as diverse as the people who send them.

Are you a romantic who wants to express your deepest emotions? Romance will never go out of style. This year, heartfelt, romantic cards are as diverse as the people sending them. For instance, one of American Greetings' new cards says, "Hands are meant to be held. Lips are meant to be kissed. Words are meant to be spoken. Dreams are meant to come true. You and I are meant for each other." If your style is short and sweet, you might opt instead for one that pictures raffle tickets on the front, and says: "I won the prize, Happy Valentine's Day."

Are you in a new relationship? You could select a card in the nontraditional color of Tiffany blue with a heart composed of brown velvet dots with the simple words: "You're my boyfriend. I love saying that.

Looking for a slightly sultry card as a prelude to a romantic evening at home? American Greetings offers one that reads: "My husband. My hottie. Be mine ... today, tonight, 'til the end of time. Love you."

To make the most impact, take a few minutes to write a personal message. If you're having trouble getting started, consider these tips:

- Don't get too hung up on how to say it. This is a love note for the most romantic day of the year. Express how you feel in a way that sounds natural and right for you, and it will be wonderful.
- Start by making fun lists:
 - Things you love about your valentine, like "your hot, passionate kisses" or "what a wonderful father you are to our children"
 - Things the two of you love doing together
 - Private jokes, nicknames or code words
 - Favorite memories starting with how you met
- Don't stop after finding just the right card and declaring your feelings inside. Get creative with the presentation. The unexpected surprise of discovering a card in a briefcase or the special delivery of a valentine with a single red rose on the bed pillow is sure to delight.



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Gina Mazzoni, Certified Gemologist through the American Gem Society, shows part of the exquisite collection of Hearts on Fire jewelry available at Orin Jewelers.



Diamonds are a symbol of love on Valentine's Day and all year long

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process takes an entire day — four times longer than standard cutting methods..

Orin III explained that these diamonds have the perfect cut, alignment and proportions. After cutting, they are then polished perfectly to take in, reflect, and return light in a virtual dance of fire.

"Hearts on Fire diamonds have the most brilliance and the best cut so they're going to be the highest quality and the most beautiful diamonds available," said Orin. The cut of the Hearts on Fire diamond

is so different it has been patented.

But more and more, men and women are buying diamonds for no occasion at all.

"It's always a good time to surprise someone with a diamond," said Orn. "A time that they least expect it is a perfect time to buy a diamond."

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By Kate Phillips SPECIAL WRITER

Valentine's Day is the perfect time to set the woman you love on fire with a Hearts on Fire diamond at Orin Jewelers of Northville and Garden City. These diamonds are the most beautiful in the world.

A Hearts on Fire diamond burns with a sparkle and fire the way no other diamond can, and it will put a sparkle and fire in the eyes of someone you love in the way no other diamond can.

"Hearts on Fire diamonds are truly the world's most perfectly cut diamond," said Orin Mazzoni III who manages the Northville showroom of the family busipess

PERFECT CUT

It starts with the selection of only the rarest of all natural rough diamonds. Less than 1 percent of all rough diamonds fit the selection standards.

Then, expert craftsmen cut to the sweetest spot on the diamond. Instead of being machine cut or passed around on an assembly line between cutters, each Hearts on Fire diamond is completely hand cut by a single craftsman. The entire These perfectly cut diamonds allow all of the light in the diamond to reflect and refract inside the diamond and come back out the top of the diamond in every color of the rainbow. A less perfectly cut diamond will either leak light or retain light inside of the diamond making it look darker.

The pattern of the perfectly cut diamond actually looks like a fireburst shape on the top of the diamond and on the reverse it resembles a ring of hearts hence the name, Hearts on Fire.

PERFECT LOVE

At Orin Jewelers, the Hearts on Fire diamonds are very popular for engagement rings and bridal jewelry. Many couples find that a perfect diamond is the only way to celebrate their blossoming relationship.

But they're also lighting fires in couples of all stages of their relationship. The beautiful diamonds, which are available in all sizes, are often chosen for special Valentine's Day gifts, anniversaries or birthday presents. They're an investment in the future because fine jewelry is something that will be worn and cherished year after year.

A Pandora bracelet would make a lovely Valentine's Day gift for any woman. Pandora is a new type of charm bracelet that allows customization with different links that symbolize your individuality.

Orin Jewelers offers a large selection of fine jewelry, watches and quality crystal and gift items.

The store carries designer jewelry created by the world's leading designers, including J.B. Star, Peter Storm, Scott Kay, Tacori, Mikimoto and D'Annunzio.

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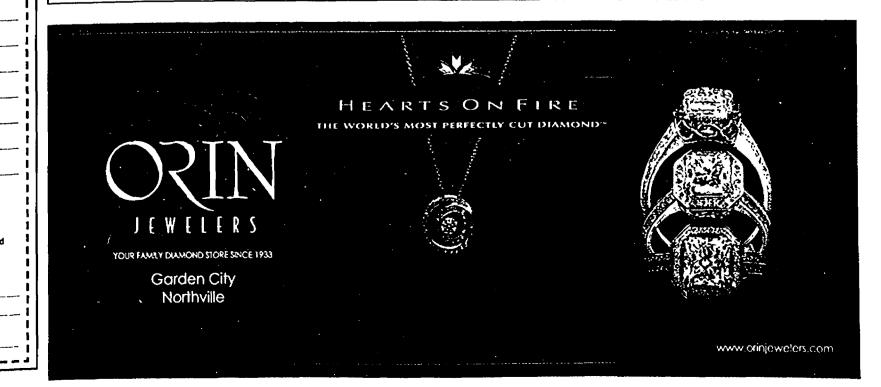
The jewelry business has been a tradition for three generations of the Mazzoni family for nearly 75 years. Orin Jewelers has operated for 54 years in Michigan and 24 years in Northville.

Orin Mazzoni Sr. opened his first fine jewelry store in West Virginia in 1933. Orin and his wife, Mary, moved their family to Michigan in 1953 and opened Orin Jewelers in Garden City. When Orin retired in 1969, son Orin Jr. took over as president and CEO of the business.

The family decided to expand in 1983 and opened a second showroom in downtown Northville at its present location. Orin Jewelers has become a fixture in the community under the direction of the Mazzoni family.

Orin Mazzoni III joined the family business in 1998 and today serves as manager of the Northville store. His sister Gina is a Graduate Gemologist and also works with him at the store, as well as long time sales associates Carole Urban and Joanne Sorby, who have been with the Orin Jewelers family for a combined 36 years. Joshua Summers and Sheryl Vickers are the newest members of the Orin family and provide another level of excellent service. The family strives to provide customers with fine quality jewelry, personal customer service and superior jewelry repair.

"Our mission is to have a family-friendly jewelry store, a store that places customer satisfaction above all else," said Orin III. "We have built our reputation on honesty and integrity, and will continue to serve the principals of our founders, Orin and Mary Mazzoni Sr."



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If you do read this article for helpful information and gaining knowledge.

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Surprise them with top-quality chocolate specialities

By Kate Phillips SPECIAL WRITER

Chocolate is the perfect Valentine's Day gift. Especially when it's from the Schakolad Chocolate Factory in Northville.

The European-style chocolates that are freshly made at Schakolad are rich, creamy and silky smooth. They are nothing like the chocolates sold in stores.

"If you are buying someone a present, get them fresh, delicious chocolates - something that is a treat that they might not buy ordinarily," said owner Lynne Porter.

TASTE THE DIFFERENCE

Schakolad Chocolate Factory makes all of the delicious chocolates right on site, in the small Northville Factory. The taste is incredible.

"If you let the chocolate melt on your tongue, you'll taste the true chocolate cocoa flavor coming through," said Porter. "It will leave a nice aftertaste in the mouth and give you a satisfied feel-

The treats are handmade from the finest European chocolate. Schakolad imports fine white chocolate, milk chocolate and dark chocolate.

The chocolate has a much higher cocoa content and less sugar than typical products. That means that it tastes more like rich chocolate instead of just sugar.

It seems to be more satisfying to have just one piece of Schakolad Chocolate than an entire box of ordinary chocolate

Unlike other brands, it's not grainy, isn't full of oils and doesn't have a strange aftertaste.

Even chocolate connoisseurs who were loyal to one brand of expensive chocolate have switched over to Schakolad.

'Customers say we are as good or better than the best European chocolate," said Porter. "In addition, the lates are freshly made not made choc in a factory months ago."

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Lynne Porter, owner of the Schakolad Chocolate Factory in Northville, pours milk chocolate into a heart-shaped mold.

CHOCOLATE FOR EVERYONE

It all starts with a family of three chocolatiers - Lynne and her husband, Tim Porter, and sister. Theresa Chambers. They've traveled far and wide to attend chocolate school when the family opened the store last summer. They continue to perfect the art of chocolate making as they labor in the small shop.

The chocolate makers dip Oreo cookies, marshmallows, pretzels and glazed fruit in the chocolate, plus make almond bark, pecan turtles and crunchy treats like pistachio nut clusters.

But the customer favorite seems to be the unique truffles. The dark chocolate ganache truffle actually uses a soft hocolate with an extremely high cocoadark chocolate. Another favorite is the raspberry truffle, which combines the soft dark chocolate with the brightness of raspberries. They're flavor combinations that treat all of the senses.

Those who like something lighter will love truffles like key lime or butterscotch, dipped in white chocolate or a cheesecake ganache dipped in white chocolate.

There are even specialties like a cappuccino truffle dipped in milk chocolate, a mocha truffle dipped in dark chocolate, and amaretto or grand marnier ganache truffles.

Other popular favorites are the handmolded chocolate boxes, suckers and even edible sculptures.

There's a huge selection perfect for Valentine's Day - from a chocolate heart-shaped box which can be filled

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several small pieces of chocolate once in a while, so they aren't constantly craving it. The high-cocoa chocolate seems to satisfy a sweet tooth like no other dessert.

"In moderation, chocolate can be a delicious part of a healthy diet," said Porter.

A NIGHT OF CHOCOLATE

Those who are going out for Valentine's Day should stop at Schakolad Chocolate Factory first for a coffee or hot chocolate before dinner. It is sure to be a memorable experience.

While men love chocolate, it seems to speak in a special way to women, Porter said. Each woman who walks in the door of Schakolad is bowled over by the aroma of the warm chocolate and the candies lined up in the cases. It's almost a sensory overload.

"This is the place to bring a woman on a date," said Porter, with a smile.

So the perfect treat for a special night out or a leisurely afternoon shopping is spending a few minutes enjoying the sights, smells - and tastes - of Schakolad.

The store fills waffle cones with 10 different flavors of frozen gelato. There are scrumptious choices like Turkish Roasted Coffee and Tahitian Vanilla.

And the coffee drinks are perfect for cold evening. There's drip coffee made fresh all day, plus espresso, cappuccino and specialty drinks like the Mochaccino.

But the ultimate treat has to be the Hot Schako Latte. That's the Schakolad version of hot chocolate. The staff simply combines hot milk with a scoop of warmed chocolate --- either milk chocolate, white or dark. Topped with whipped cream it's like drinking warm liquid chocolate. There couldn't be anything better.

CHOCOLATE PARTIES

Customers love hanging out in the cafe so much, that Schakolad offers "A Sweet Night Out." It is an opportunity

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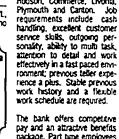
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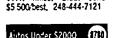
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Some hot ideas to enjoy winter's cold weather

(NAPSI) — A hot idea that homeowners across the nation are warming to is outdoor entertaining during the winter. Not only is the crisp winter air refreshing, but bug activity is also low. Outdoor entertaining also extends the living space of your home. Here are four tips that will help get your home ready for winter entertaining:

Have a hot-tub party

- Add a simple outdoor fireplace or fire pit
- Buy an enclosed gazebo

■ Set the mood at night with candles or outdoor lighting.

Outdoor hot tubs continue to gain popularity with families. The main reason is that there's nothing quite like relaxing in a bubbling spa with warm, steamy water on a cold day. In fact, hot tubs are more than just warm water and a few jets. Many include CD stereo systems with MP3 plugs and docking stations made for iPods, and four-season water features that operate when you want.

"Hot tubs and wintertime have a long history together — it's the perfect pairing after skiing or anytime people want to socialize," said Erica Moir, vice president of Sundance Spas, the largest acrylic spa manufacturer in the United States.

In addition to hot tubs, a few smart and simple accessories make cold-weather entertaining a hot idea. Look for privacy gazebos, fire pits and illumination features to make the transformation complete.

For more ideas, visit www.sundancespas.com or www.jacuzzi.com.

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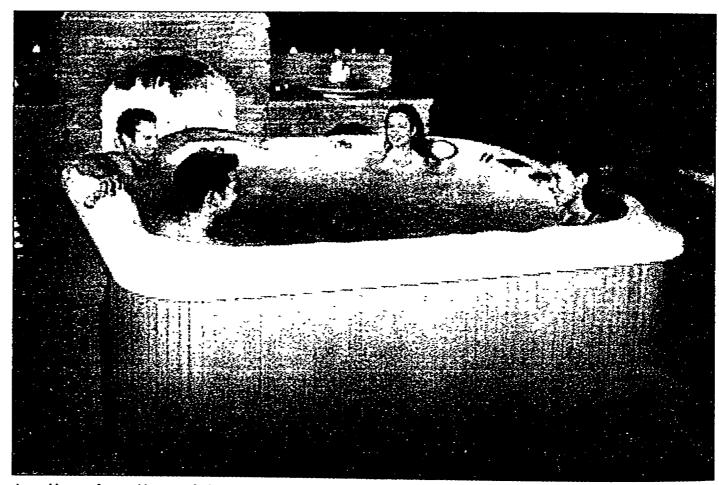
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Jacuzzi is one of several top manufacturers with steamy hot tubs that double as entertainment centers.

Homes change for the better with Energy Star features

(NewsUSA) — More home buyers are discovering they can save money when they choose the efficiency, comfort and indoor air quality of an Energy Starqualified new home. Through the use of energy-efficient construction and features, Energy Star homes can trim homeowners' monthly utility bills up to 30 percent.

And with the high value associated with manufactured housing, Energy Star-certified manufactured homes will save the owner even more.

In fact, Energy Star-qualified new homes from national builders like Clayton Homes can offer lower operating costs than typical homes. All of Clayton Homes' manufacturing facilities, as well as its retail locations (including Clayton Homes, LUV Homes, Oakwood Homes, Crossland Homes, Country Squire Homes, Freedom Homes and International Homes), are Energy Star partners.

Energy Star-qualified homes feature tighter construction to eliminate drafts; block the entry of airborne pollutants, pests and moisture; and reduce Energy Star, a joint program of the EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy, has a goal of preventing about 9 million metric tons of carbon emissions by the year 2012 through the qualification of homes for the Energy Star label.

outside noise while maintaining the desired temperature throughout the house.

"We're proud to be associated with a new generation of homes that are great values for homeowners and positively affect the environment," said Rick Strachan, president of Clayton Homes Manufacturing, a six-time Manufacturer of the Year award winner through the Manufactured Hoúsing Institute.

Many homeowners are surprised to learn that, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, a house can be a greater source of pollution than a car.

Home energy use accounts for 15 percent of energy consumption nationwide and nearly 17 percent of the total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. Energy Star, a joint program of the EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy, has a goal of preventing about 9 million metric tons of carbon emissions by the year 2012 through the qualification of homes for the Energy Star label.

With the help of the program, Americans saved enough energy in 2005 alone to avoid greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from 23 million cars — while saving \$12 billion on their utility bills.

In addition, owners of Energy Starqualified new homes can qualify for other financial benefits, including preferred utility rebates, according to Clayton Homes, which became the firstever home manufacturer to certify all of its plants with Energy Star compliancy. To explore how to stretch your housing dollar during your home-buying decision, visit www.clayton.net.

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	\$195,000	9371 Frederick St	\$176,000	48884 Running Trout Ln	\$149,000
	\$189,000	31830 Gable St	\$145,000	42130 Sutters Ln	\$391,000
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	\$263,000	14086 Marie St	\$190,000	25591 Portico Ln	\$221,000
	\$256,000	9628 Wayfield St	\$143,000	25867 Shoreline Dr	\$1,409,000
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		38694 Meeting House Ln	\$223,000	185 Blunk St	\$273,000
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	\$172,000	Milford		17200 Delaware Ave	\$176,000
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Neumann Homes is introducing a radical initiative - giving land away. Buy a home in Neumann's Village Park at Stonewood in Independence Township and you will receive an additional home site within the development for free.

According to Jerry Griffith, VP of operations, the giveaway endeavor is tied to the Feb. 10 grand opening of the Village Park community located in the Parks at Stonewood. "This is an absolutely breathtaking neighborhood. It is a place to drop your roots and stay forever. We are hoping that our generous free lot offer will encourage folks to come and see how special this area is," Griffith said. "From the Clarkston schools to the Clarkston community

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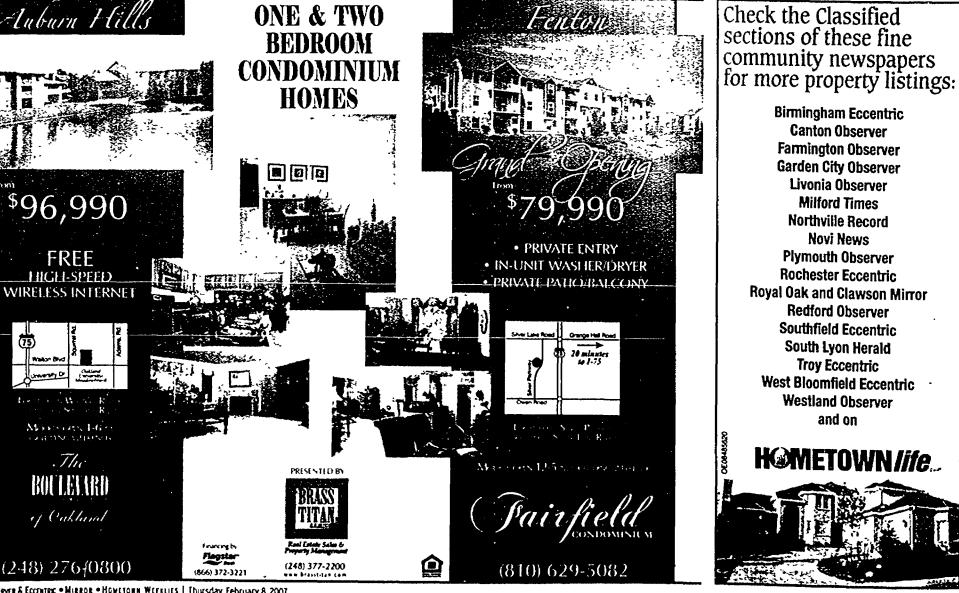
and now to the extra free lot - how can you go wrong?"

Is this a new idea? Not really. Twofor-one has been around the retail establishment for a long time and its success can surely be judged by the use and reuse of the strategy. In the Oakland County housing market, however, this is a first. If house-hunters are looking in the Clarkston area anyway, a free lot is a definite perk. Neumann Homes is pitching the idea in earnest and its target is the metropolitan house hunter.

Visit Village Park at Stonewood from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through

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Q. I am a builder who has entered into a purchase agreement with a number of buyers and in my purchase agreement, I agree as a builder to sell an unapproved lot to the buyer and to build a home on the lot of the buyer. I am using a single contract and calling it a

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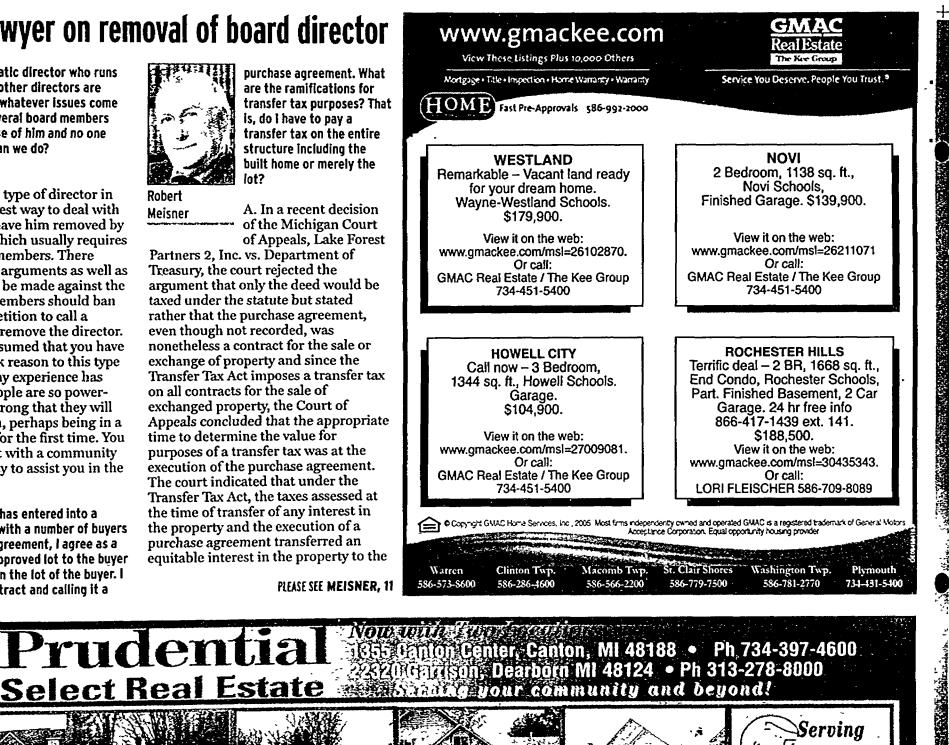
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transfer tax purposes? That is, do I have to pay a transfer tax on the entire structure including the built home or merely the Int?

of the Michigan Court of Appeals, Lake Forest

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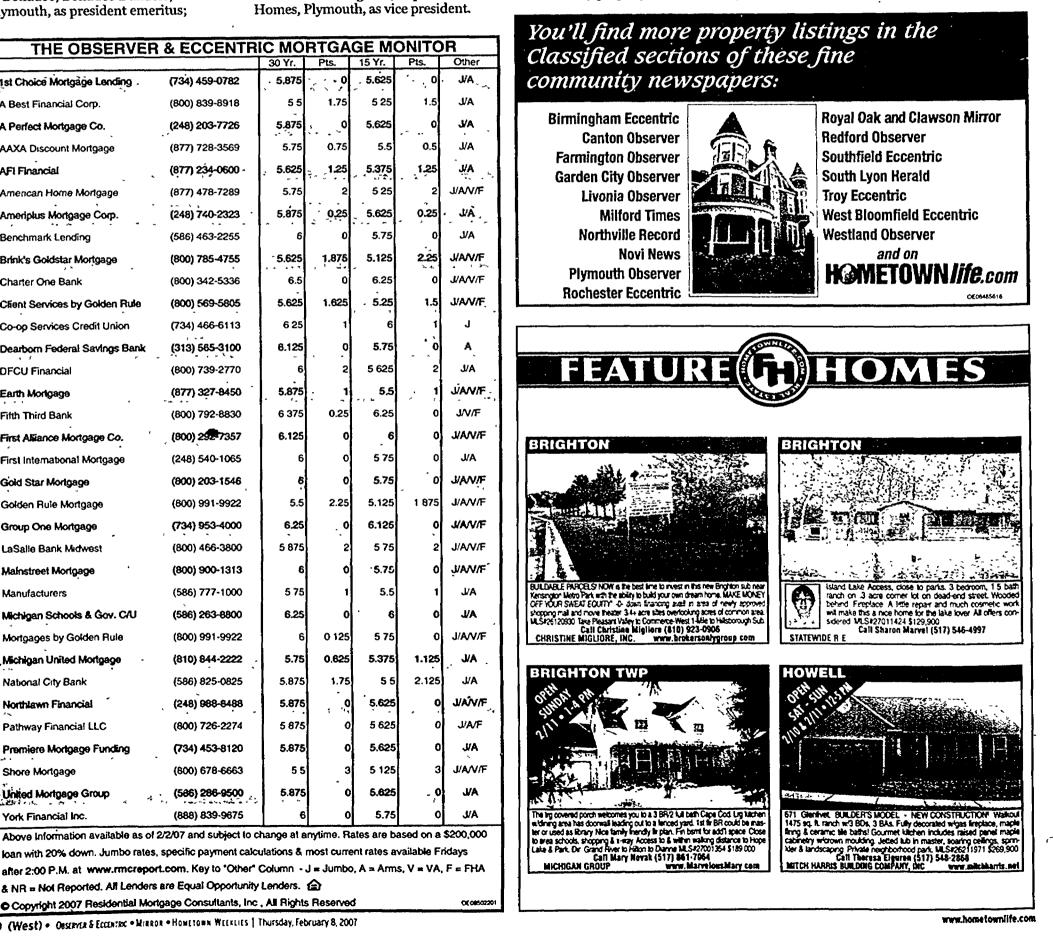
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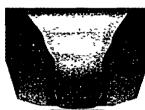
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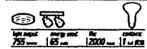
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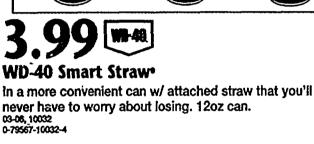












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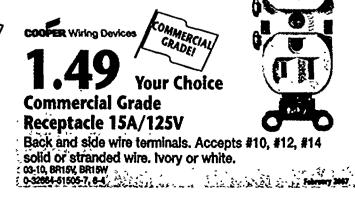


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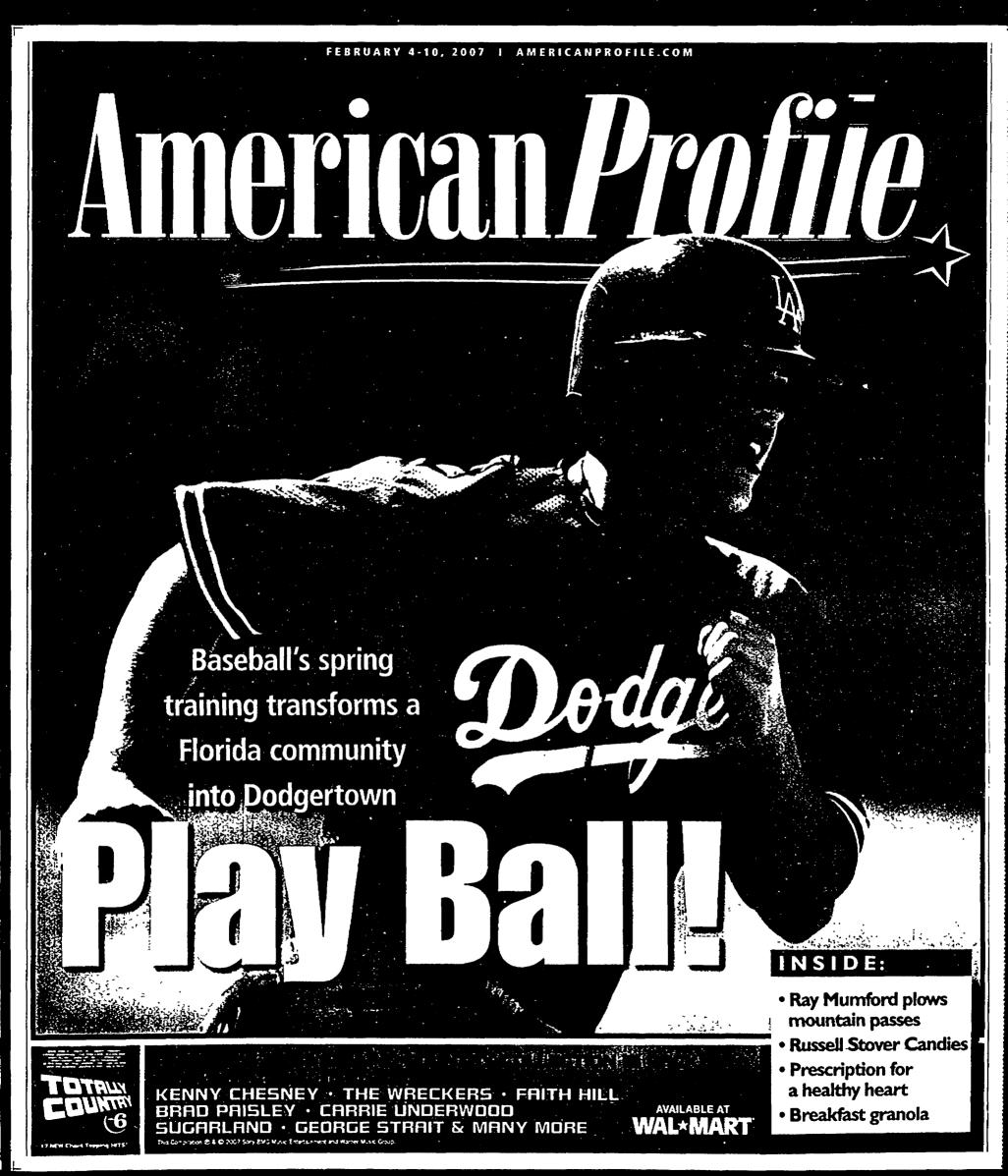
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I understand that the Grand Ole Opry has a post office backstage where each of the members receives mail in his or her personal box. What's the address? -Harold Dickson. Louisville, Ky.

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I've been pleased to hear one of my favorites. Ed Bruce, on XM radio. Can you please tell me something about him and what he's doing now? -JoAnn Alexander. Spring Hill, Fla.



The writer of the hit songs "Mamas, Don't Let Your Babies Grow up to be Cowboys," "Texas When I Die" and "The Man Who Turned My Mama On" is now semi-retired and living in Monterey, Tenn., with his wife of 16 years, Judith. Bruce, 67, has a new gospel CD, Changed, available on his website www.edbrucemusic.com, and still plays selective dates acoustically with "just my guitar and a stool, like when I started out."

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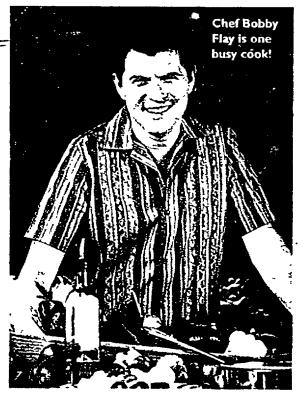
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Songwriter Ed Bruce

The new Rocky Balboa movie makes how many times Sylvester Stallone has played the boxing champ? -K.C. Gelfuso, Saugus, Calif.

The new movie marks the sixth-and final-time that Stallone, 60, puts on the gloves as the boxing champ. Stallone says he wanted the string of Rocky movies to end with dignity-and a spiritual high note. "This one deserves to succeed," he says, "because it has a message that you can bring your child tothat as long as you have Christ in your heart, there is no such thing as losing."

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What can you tell me about TV cook Bobby Flay? He seems so knowledgeable about food.

---Illena M., Damille, Calif.

Flay certainly knows food. The host of the Food Network shows FoodNation, Boy Meets Grill and Throudown With Bobby Flay also operates his own ever-expanding line of restaurants-the Mesa Grill and Bolo in New York, where his fresh twists on Southwestern and Spanish cuisine made him an award-winning culinary superstar, plus the Mesa Grill Las Vegas, New York's brasserie Bar Americain and Bobby Flay Steak in Atlantic City, NJ. The latest of his six cookbooks, Bobby Flay's Grilling for Life, was released in 2005.

What can you tell me about Hayden Panettiere on Heroes? Is it her first acting role? -Annette B., Wichita, Kan.

Not by a long shot! Panettiere, 17, who plays the genetically mutated, virtually indestructible cheerleader Claire on the hit TV series Heroer, made her debut in a Playskool commercial when she was 11 months old.

She went on to recurring roles in The Guiding Light, One Life to Live, Malcolm in the Middle, Ally McBeal and Commander in Chief; the movies Ice Princess, Joe Somebody and Remember the Titans; and dozens of commercials, including TV spots for MacDonald's, Wendy's, Aunt Jemima syrup, Band-Aid, Hershey's candy, shampoo for head lice, and acne scrub.

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Prescription for a Healthy Heart

While cardiovascular disease is the nation's leading cause of death, the common-sense prescription for a stronger heart and healthier cardiovascular system is fairly simple and straightforward: Eat right, exercise and don't smoke.

"It can make a big difference," says Dr. Gerald Fletcher, a spokesman for the American Heart Association and a cardiologist at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla. "Heart disease is not something you're born with except on rare occasions. It's an acquired disease, something that can be prevented."

More than 910,000 Americans die of cardiovascular disease every year, and some 70 million Americans are living with it, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Heart attacks and strokes, often the fatal results of the disease, are among the nation's leading causes of death.

The cardiovascular system includes your heart and the blood vessels throughout your body that carry oxygen-nourished blood to the heart and brain. Blocked or constricted blood vessels lie at the heart of cardiovascular disease.

Some people are at higher risk and their risk factors can't be changed. For example, men over age 50 are more prone, family history can play a part, and some racial and ethnic groups show higher mortality rates. But many risk factors can be reduced with a healthy lifestyle. Here are some simple steps:

Watch your diet. The American Heart Association recommends the DASH diet—which stands for Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension—based on a clinical study funded primarily by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and published initially in 1997. This eating plan is low in cholesterol, saturated fat and total fat, but rich in low-fat dairy foods, fruits and vegetables and has been proven to lower blood pressure. DASH is inexpensive, easy to follow and effective. To review the updated DASH eating plan with recipes, visit uww.nblbi.nih.gov and click on "Recipes for It alone of the factor of the

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Start getting your cholesterol right-and get a 15-day Free Trial Certificate for CRESTOR!

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A 10-mg dose of CRESTOR can:

Iower bad cholesterol (LDL) by up to 52% (vs 7% with placebo)
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A raise good cholesterol (HDL) by up to 14% (vs 3% with placebo)

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Quit smoking. A smoker's risk for disease is two to three times higher than that of a nonsmoker, according to Dr. Richard Stein, director of preventative cardiology at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City. "If you smoke, it is critical that you stop," Stein says. The average smoker tries eight times before stopping; so if you've tried before, try again.

Know your numbers. Everyone should know four numbers: your blood pressure, blood cholesterol, blood sugar and waist size. Consult your physician about healthy parameters, and keep the numbers in check through diet, exercise and, if necessary, medication. Get regular checkups, beginning with blood pressure screenings during childhood. Adults should have their cholesterol measured at least once every five years. Check your blood sugar as recommended by a physician in order to prevent or manage diabetes. Diabetes, which occurs when the body does not process blood sugar properly, can impair or destroy blood vessels and increase the risk for a heart attack.

Listen to your body. Ask yourself: Could I have cardiovascular disease? If you feel chest pain, palpitations, dizziness or shortness of breath during physical activity, see a doctor.

It's never too early to prevent cardiovascular disease or too late to address its causes, according to Fletcher, who says good health starts with the daily choices that each individual makes.

"We cannot expect the medical profession to take care of us," Fletcher says. "We take care of our cars, we have our televisions repaired and we do things to make our boats run better. But we only have one body and, if we don't take care of it, we don't get another one."

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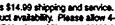
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as the spring-training home of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The blue sky is dotted with white puffy clouds and a light breeze blows through the palm trees just beyond the outfield fence.

In other words, it's a perfect day for a baseball game---and at one of the most perfect places to see a baseball game. Holman Stadium is the centerpiece of "Dodgertown," a sprawling, 450-acre training camp complex that blossoms every spring as fans arrive from across America. Here, they can cheer the Dodgers in a setting far more intimate and inexpensive than the giant stadiums that major league teams call home during regular season.

Out in center field, near the tiny, decidedly low-tech scoreboard, a cluster of Dodgers in crisp white uniforms and bright blue caps warm up. Several players lazily toss the ball while a few others sit on the grass and stretch. In the stands, fans gingerly make their way to their seats as they balance jumbo cups of freshly squeezed lemonade, miniature Dodger-blue batting helmets filled with soft-serve ice cream and

paper plates holding foot-long "Dodger dogs."

"Kenny! We love you!" shout two teenage girls in matching pink tops as centerfielder Kenny Lofton jogs past.

An 11-year-old boy elbows his way to the front and thrusts a ball and marker toward players just a few feet away.

"Mr. Drew! Mr. Garciaparra! Will you sign, please? Mr. Alomar!" Catcher Sandy Alomar Jr. (who finished out last year with the Chicago White

Sox) stops to sign about a dozen

At Dodgertown, the spring-training home of the Los Angeles Dodgers, fans can watch baseball games from seats that put them close to the action and their favorite players.

by M.B. ROBERTS Photos by Ronald C. Modra

In addition to games, there also are opportunites for autographs. balls and programs, then smiles and waves to the crowd. "Sorry guys, I've got to go!" Although he is a veteran player, last year was Alomar's first spring training at Dodgertown. "When I first got here, I asked, 'Where are the dugouts?" he says with a laugh. "I figured the place was under construction."

Indeed, the lack of dugouts-player benches are just over an arm's length from the fans in the stands----is one of the attributes that makes Dodgertown such a great place for fans.

> "It's definitely the best place to watch a game," says longtime Sports Illustrated photog-



First baseman Nomar Garciaparra, a Dodgers superstar, chases down a grounder.

rapher Johnny Iacono, who has ventured to Dodgertown dozens of times during the last 30 years. "You get closer to the players than you can at any other stadium. And it still has that old-time feel."

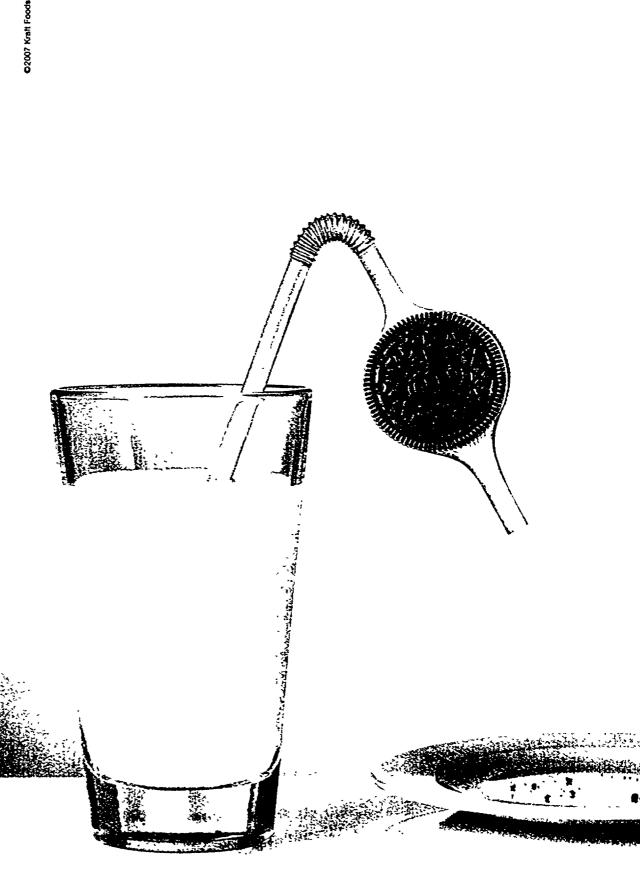
Preseason training

By establishing Dodgertown in 1948, the then-Brooklyn Dodgers effectively created modern spring training. Although major league baseball teams long had traveled to warm climates to prepare for the regular season (the Washington Capitals came to Jacksonville, Fla., way back in 1888), they didn't have their own stadiums or play each other in organized games in the early years. Today, all major league baseball teams operate their own spring training camps in either Florida or Anizona every February and play preseason games throughout the month of March.

In the late 1940s, Dodgers executives, led by owner Branch Rickey, decided their team needed a permanent facility to train for the season and to school their minor league players year-round. Rickey, who signed Jackie Robinson, the league's first black player, also had grown tired of local hotels and restaurants discriminating against black players.

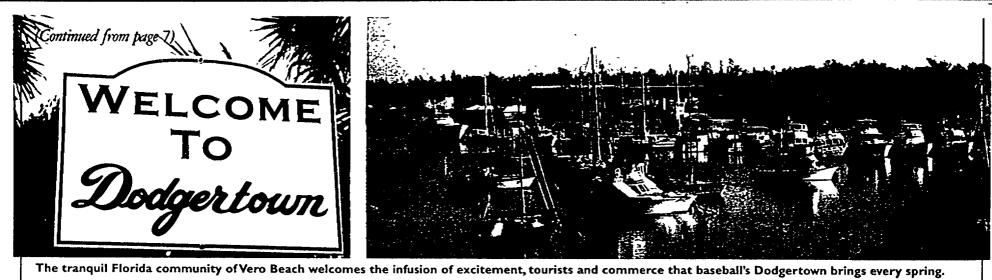
So the Dodgers converted an abandoned World War II naval base in Vero Beach into a self-contained, year-round complex with a hotel, pool, championship golf course, conference center, 70 acres of citrus groves, a residential development and several practice fields.

During the Dodgers' glory years of the 1950s and 60s, the entire team, from shortscop (Continued on page 8)





Milk's favorite cookie.



Pee Wee Reese to catcher Roy Campanella, stayed at the hotel for the duration of spring training and played, ate and socialized together. Today, the major leaguers are scattered around town in hotels, condos or rented private homes. But many traditions associated with Dodgertown remain unchanged, making it one of the best places anywhere to see major league baseball up close and personal.

Alongside players coming from practice fields, fans still stroll down Sandy Koufax Lane and Don Drysdale Drive into the 6,500-seat stadium. Longtime Dodgers announcer Vin Scully calls the game from the press box, as he has done for the last 55 years. It's still an affordable outing, with seats costing \$15, and admission to the outfield berm only \$8.

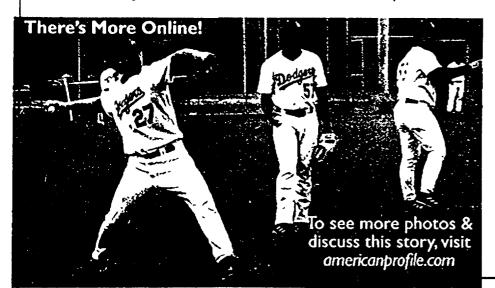
"This is a great place to take the family,' says Paul Winshman, 39, from Boston, who brought his wife, four kids

Fans get to watch their favorite players work out and warm up before games. and their grandparents to see his beloved Boston Red Sox play at Dodgertown.

> The spring training experience in Dodgertown is far superior to the regular season at Boston's Fenway Park, Winshman says. "In Boston, the tickets are so expensive if you can even get them," he says. "Plus, the crowd gets rude and out of hand. I wouldn't take the kids there. It's so friendly here. It's even better than the beach!"

> Bill Paskewicz, 33, of Hamilton, N.J., brought his family, including his 2-year-old son Jonathan, to Dodgertown. "I'll bring him every year," vows Paskewicz, whose wife, a Brooklyn native, has chalked up 25 preseason visits to Dodgertown herself.

> Paskewicz is typical of many spring visitors to Vero Beach-New York-area residents with longtime roots to the team that was Brooklyn-based before





The Dodgers have been coming to the seaside clime of Vero Beach since 1948.

moving to Los Angeles in 1958. "It broke our hearts when the team moved," says Jane Waller, 73, of Seaford, Del. (pop. 6,689). "But they're still our team."

Waller and husband Bill, 75, attended a Brooklyn Dodgers game on their honeymoon in 1951 and now spend six months every year in Vero Beach to escape the cold and cheer their beloved Dodgers. "We've had season tickets for 21 years," Bill says. "We're not just fans. This is a way of life."

A town's identity

Every year, about 1.5 million people make spring training part of their lives by attending a game in Florida, according to Alan Byrd, author of the book Florida Spring Training. A 2000 study commissioned by the Florida Sports Foundation estimates the annual economic impact for the state at \$490 million. But for smaller towns like Vero Beach, it does more than just boost business. It energizes the entire town.

During spring training, hotels are sold out. Reservations are tough to come by at Bobby's, a popular beach sports bar and restaurant frequented by retired Dodgers coach Tommy Lasorda. Players are easy to spot out and about: Sandy Alomar and family dining at the Ocean Grill; pitcher Eric Gagne playing golf at The Club at Point Weste; first baseman Nomar Garciaparra and his soc-

cer superstar wife, Mia Hamm, shopping at the local Indian River Mall. At the Beach News Center, people come in to talk baseball over the morning paper.

"Spring training changes everything," says News Center Manager Gary Tanno, 57. "It gives this town an identity."

Tanno, who moved to Vero Beach four years ago mainly for "baseball and the beach," visited Dodgertown often with his father in the late 1950s and '60s. "It's been the same since I was 10," Tanno says. "You can talk to players right on the field."

A self-described "baseball freak," Tanno has only one complaint with today's players. And it has nothing to do with steroids, over-inflated paychecks, sky-high egos or off-field scandals. "I just wish these guys would smile more," he says. "If I'd ever made the major leagues, I would have been so happy you'd have to chisel the smile off my face."

So does that minor criticism mean Tanno might be skipping today's game? "Not a chance," he grins. ≯

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On the Plowing by MARTI ATTOUN Contributing Editor Mountain Passes

Ray Mumford's snowplow twists around hairpin curves on its way up U.S. Highway 6 over Loveland Pass in the Colorado Rockies, one of the nation's highest passes kept open to traffic year-round. Suddenly, a powerful wind gust rocks the 20-ton truck and the highway disappears in a blast of swirling snow.

Without hesitation, Mumford, who has plowed Loveland Pass for 33 years, inches the plow forward, pushing aside snow and dispensing sand onto the icy pavement.

"These reflector posts up here are definitely our friends on days like this," says Mumford, 58, steering between orange triangles shimmering on poles flanking the road.

A regional avalanche coordinator for the Colorado Department of Transportation, Mumford knows every bend along the 13-mile stretch of road that peaks on the Continental Divide at 11,990 feet. "This road becomes part of you," says the resident of nearby Dillon (pop. 802). "It has its own personality."

Mumford and his crew of six keep Loveland Pass passable for truck drivers, skiers and locals motorists, and refer to a half-dozen curves along the route by their nicknames. "This is Scotty's Curve, named in the 1980s after a snowplow driver who went off the road and rolled all the way down," Mumford says.

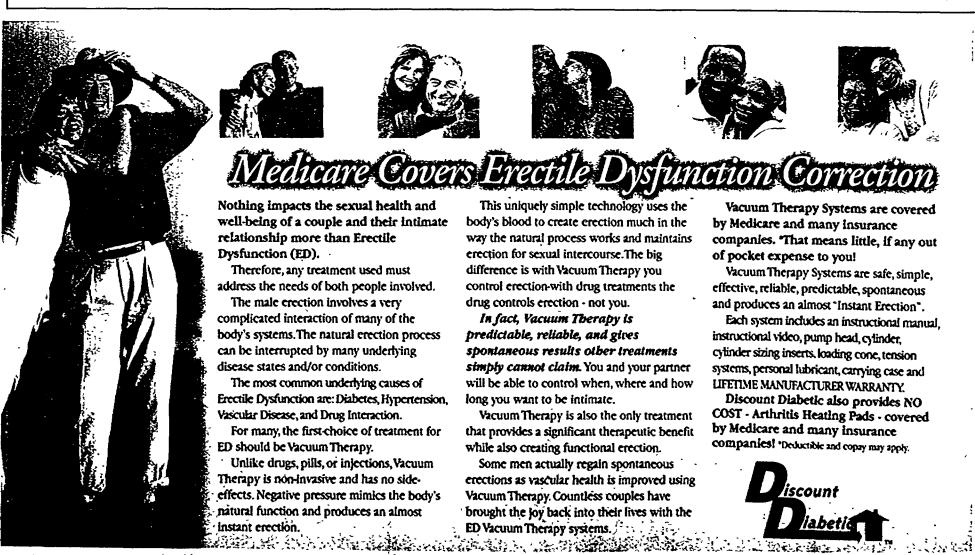


Ray Mumford has helped keep Colorado's high-elevation highways open to traffic for more than three decades

A few mikes further he points out Outward Bound Pass. "Some kids in the 1960s from Outward Bound were killed here," Mumford says. "You don't want anything up here named after you."

Avalanche chutes along the pass also have nicknames-Widow, Professor, Big Windy-bestowed by the pioneers whose wagons traversed the mountains. During the winter, Mumford keeps Loveland Pass, Berthoud Pass, Vail Pass and Interstate 70 open by blasting unstable snow that piles 30 feet deep in places and directing its fall. Otherwise, acres of sliding snow can bury the road—and motorists.

Mumford triggers avalanches by blasting the snow with cannons and explosives. He sometimes drops charges by helicopter or snowshoes up steep peaks at night, guided by a headlamp, so he can be ready at day-



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light to drop explosives by hand-"the old John Wayne method-light and throw."

Co-worker Bill McCormick praises Mumford's knowledge of the mountains and their dangers. "Ray has such a volume of experience and history with these avalanches," McCormick says. "This job is almost an obsession with him. It's a huge responsibility."

Mumford, who is single and a native of Brighton (pop. 20,905), says the job is allconsuming during the winter months. He can't remember the last Christmas or New Year's Day he spent at home.

"There are very few jobs where literally your life depends on whatever nature throws you," says Mumford, whose snowplow has been buried several times by avalanches.

After avalanches and blizzards, the pass can be closed for hours-or even days-as workers clear the road of snow, ice and debris.

Keeping Loveland Pass open is critical, though, because the route is traveled daily by hundreds of tankers and trucks carrying hazardous cargo, which is not permitted in the 1.7-mile-long Eisenhower Tunnel on Interstate 70.



Clearing a path on snowy Loveland Pass

"About 5 in the morning, the tankers start coming one right after another," Mumford says. Oversized vehicles, such as mobile homes, also use Loveland Pass, along with skiers bound for the Arapahoe Basin and Loveland Ski areas.

In the summer, Mumford repairs snow fences on the slopes and recovers undetonated explosives. He enjoys the best perk of his job then, too, which is taking his lunch on a clear day on the Continental Divide. One lunch break he watched a motorist get out, stand and admire the grandeur of the mountains for almost 30 minutes.

"He had tears in his eyes and said, 'Anyone who doesn't believe in God hasn't been on Loveland Pass."

Mumford adds, "I'll never get tired of this view." 🌫

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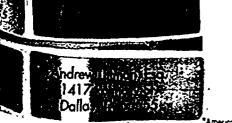
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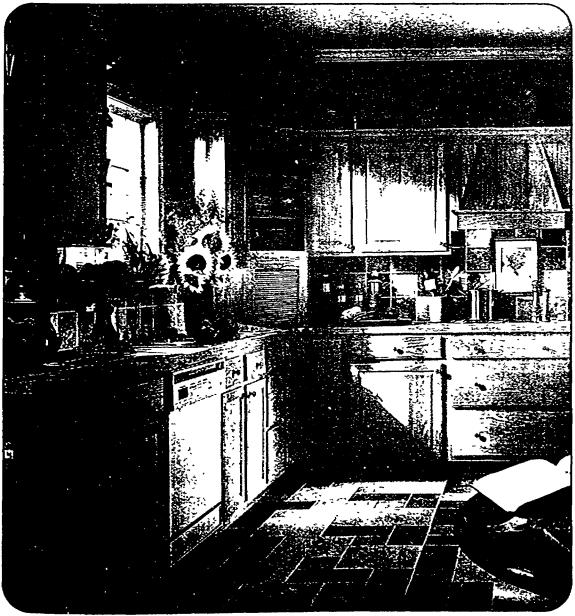


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Tom Ward respectfully disagrees with Forrest Gump's mother, who offered up the famous advice: "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get."

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In fact, the candy company was a star long before a box of its chocolates was featured in the 1994 Academy Award-winning movie Forrest Gump.

The company owes much of its success to Russell and Clara Stover, who first stirred up a tasty batch of candy in their tiny Denver kitchen in 1923, marketing it as Mrs. Stover's Bungalow Candies. In 1932, the Stovers relocated their company to Kansas City, Mo., where it remains headquartered today. Company namesake Russell Stover, a native of Alton, Kan.,

Clara Stover

and lifelong Cornhusker after graduating from the University of Nebraska, worked at the family business until he died in 1954. Clara continued to run the company until 1960 when she sold it to good friend Louis Ward, whose company made the boxes for the Stovers' chocolaty creations. Clara died in 1975, and now Louis Ward's sons, Torn and Scott, are co-presidents.

Today, Russell Stover and corporate partners Whitman's and Pangburn's have become North America's largest manufacturer of boxed chocolates and the third largest chocolate



manufacturer in the United States. Each year employees produce nearly 100 million pounds of candy in four company kitchens, located in Abilene and Iola, Kan., Montrose, Colo., and Corsicana, Texas. More than 70,000 stores worldwide carry the American-made candies, including 50 company-owned outlets in North America.

> Yet despite the company's size, Tom Ward says little has changed in the way candy is made since Clara Stover created her original recipes some 80 years ago. He learned early on that it's hard to improve on Mrs. Stover's way of doing things.

"When I first came to Russell Stover, there were all of these turkey roasting pans in the kitchens that were used to cool our cream candies," Ward recalls. "I was determined there was a better, more efficient way to cool these candies."

As it turned out, Clara knew that accelerating the cooling process of cream candies diminished their quality. Turkey roasting pans accomplish that process as well as any product on the market, and still are used today in Russell Stover

kitchens. "She really was the brains and the talent behind the business," says Ward, 48, who played in Clara's kitchen as a child.

The Stovers' passion for making great candy was equaled only by the way they treated their employees, says Doris Landstrom, 81, who retired last November after 58 years with the company. "They knew if their employees were happy and well taken care of that it would reflect in the experience their customers received when they came in the store," says Landstrom, who worked at a Russell Stover store in Omaha, Neb.

In the early 1940s, Landstrom took a part-time job at a company store, hoping to earn enough money to take a trip. "It's been such a great place to work, I never took that trip," she says.

Landstrom recalls that she always personally greeted each customer and did things "exactly as Clara taught me to do."



pieces of chocolate by hand.

Ward shares Landstrom's sentiment and says the processes and principles established by the company's matriarch have stood the test of time. "Mrs. Stover really reinforced this quality thing," he says, "and there's no reason to fiddle with it now."

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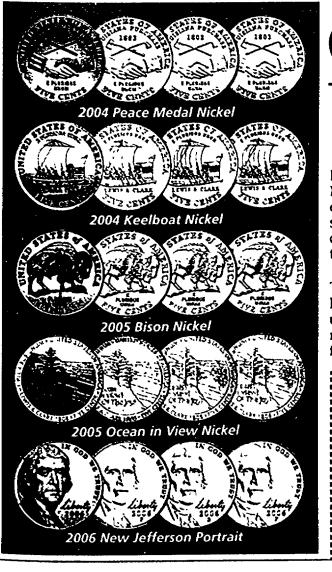


Breakfast Granola

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- 1/2 cup, plus I tablespoon, olive oil
- I tablespoon vanilla extract
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup, plus I tablespoon, honey
- 1/2 cup each almonds, walnuts and pecans
- 1/2 cup each raisins, cranberries and other dried fruit

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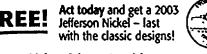
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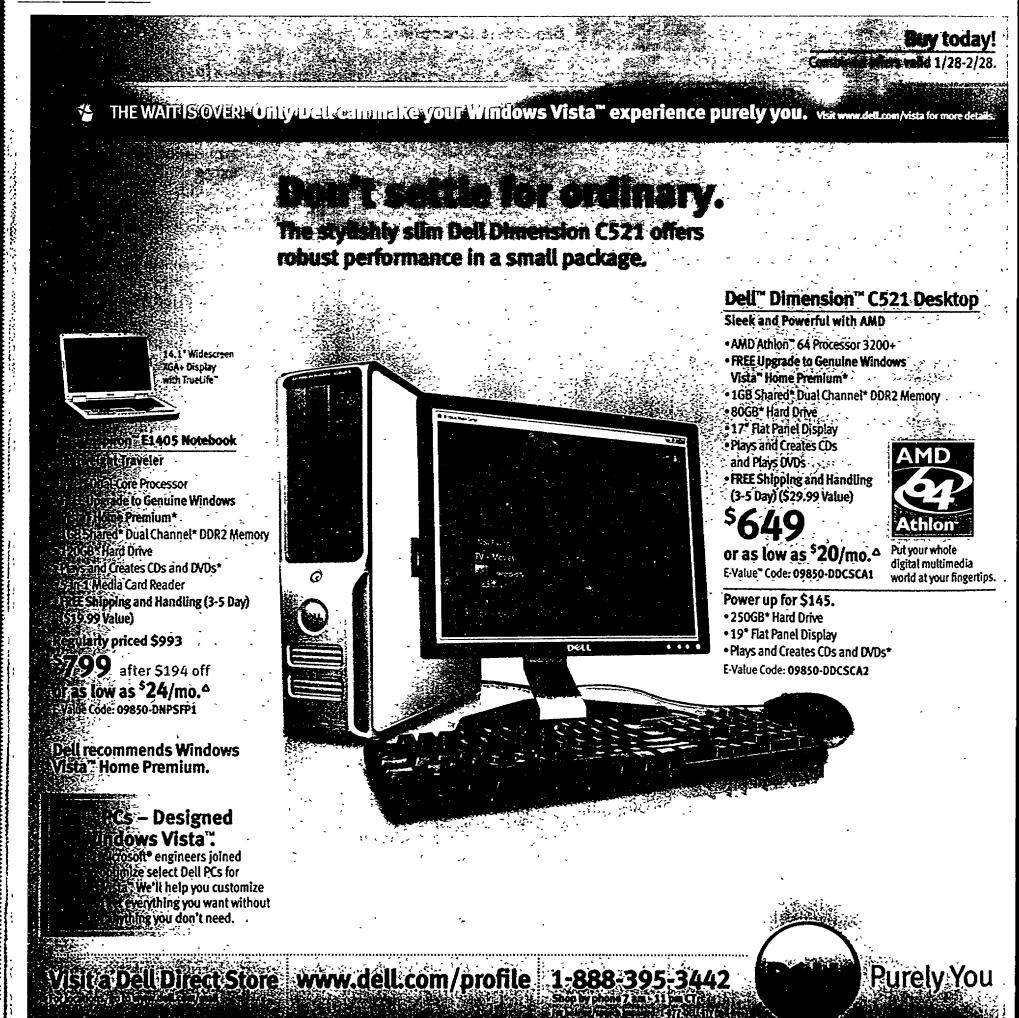
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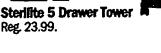
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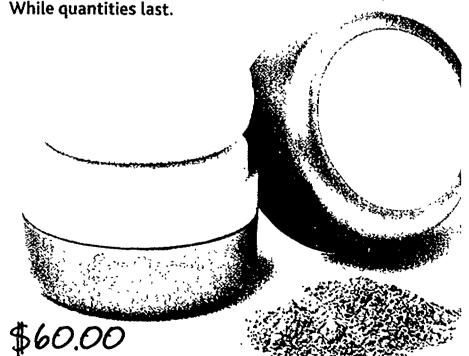
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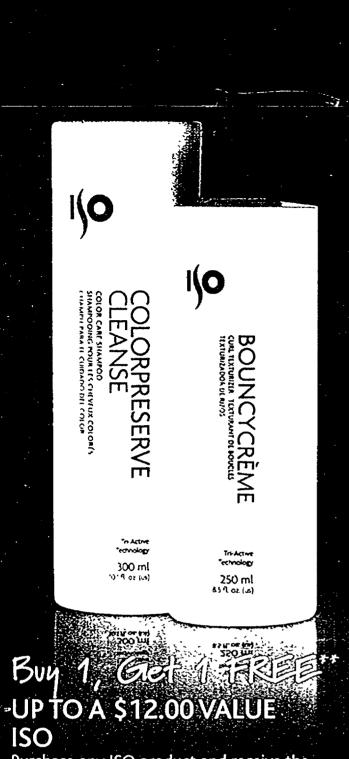
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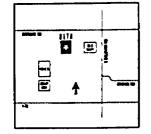
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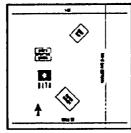
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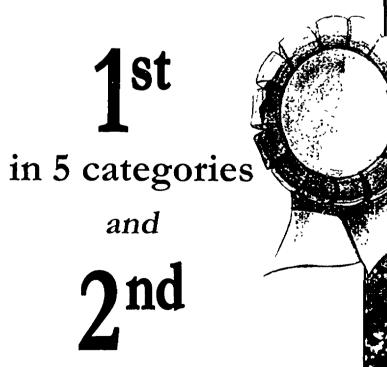
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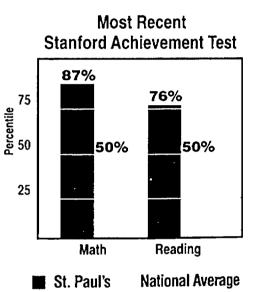
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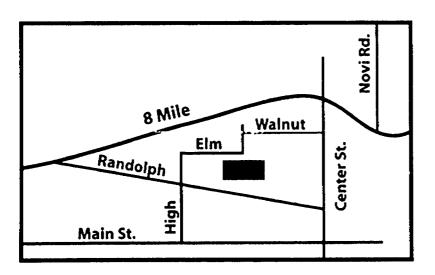
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Truth

Although St. Paul's has relatively small class sizes and multigraded classrooms, these very features allow students to interact more closely with their teacher and classmates and enable them to participate in activities that may be unavailable to them in larger schools. The teachers at St. Paul's know each child as an individual, and in most cases work with each child over a two-year period.



You're Invited to an House Please be our guest on any of the following dates Sunday, February 18th, 1-3 pm Sunday, March 11th, 1 - 3 pm Wednesday, April 4th, 6-8 pm If you can't make it to one of our Open Houses, Please Call St. Paul's at (248) 349-3146 to arrange a School Tour, Classroom Visit, or for answers to any questions you may have.



Join us for a Special Evening

St. Paul's Lutheran School

201 Elm Street • Northville, MI 48167 Office: 248-349-3146 Fax: 248-349-7493 Email: stpauldayschool@ameritech.net Bruce Braun, Superintendent of Lutheran Schools, will speak on

The Value of Christian Education in Today's World Thursday, February 15th, 7 pm

St. Paul's School Gymnasium

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