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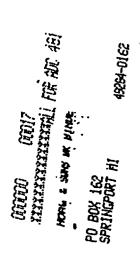
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Retirees feel bumps of Ford's ride

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

The familiar blue oval is a wet soap bar in aging fingers.

Used to be, Detroit-area kids walked from high school halls into automotive jobs. Folks still around earned degrees in the '60s and '70s, advancing to the executive workforce.

All stepped onto the assembly line of high wages, predictability and a life of promise.

Workers collected paychecks from the same employer for decades, -- sowing rewarding careers, raising families, reaping perks for their service.

And movin' on up. To suburbs, like Northville.

But today, the company that garnered die-hard loyalty for

for dire headlines: Competition, cuts, crisis. Local retirees look around and

warmly welcoming shiny faces

into its professional fold is daily

ask, "Have you driven a Ford late-

Still connected

Gloria Weier, who worked for Ford 37 years, said she hoped to be worry-free at her age.

Since retiring in 1998, the West Bloomfield resident has been joining former professional peers who meet for lunch of breakfast in Northville on a monthly basis.

They talk about common friends, families and - at Rebecca's recently - the fate of Ford.

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Dave DeMattos, who worked for Ford for 27 years, talks about how his and other retirees' benefits have changed over the years.

"I'd like the company to survive for all the people — the ones who are working, the retirees and the ones who are coming in."

> Bea D'Ambrosio 30-year retiree, Ford Motor Co.



Roxanne Mitchell, a 30-year Ford employee, talks about the retiree life with fellow Ford friends at a get-together at Rebecca's of Northville.

GOV: No state aid cuts for schools, for now

RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville and the rest of the state's school districts got a reprieve last week from Gov. Jennifer Granholm when she proposed that the state not make any cuts to their operating budgets midyear.

Instead, she proposed a 2-cent service tax to, among other things, help schools with a \$178-per-pupil increase to their operating budgets for next year.

What's next?

Gov. Granholm requested state legislators respond to her budget by March 31. According to state officials, if cuts and a tax redistribution plan are not in place by June, funding for schools may still be cut.

Northville School District officials said if it happens, it would cer-

tainly help their bottom line. "Absolutely, a \$178 increase would be better than a negative or a flat amount," said John Street, Northville's director of business and finance. "It was a partial relief.

"It's kind of nice that she has a plan but, until it gets implemented, we can't plan on it being there," he said.

If Granholm's plan is in place by April 1, then there will be revenue, but anytime before July 1 "we could still receive a reduction to this current school year," Street said.

The district's 2006-07 budget already has a deficit of \$118,953. Northville received \$8,435 per student in state school aid grants this school year. The district has 6,800 students.

"We're looking for ways to reduce the deficit between now and the end of June," Street said.

The district's fund balance is \$2.8 million, which is "low," according

The state's school aid fund still has a deficit of \$377 million, and districts across Michigan are waiting to see where the money will come from to cover it.

"It doesn't look like the economy is going to improve enough to make next year's taxes any better in the absence of a new approach."

Renee Gates is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at vrgates@gannett com.

Local agency distributes food donations to needy families



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By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Liz Murtfeldt wants to help carry your groceries.

She'll take your shampoo, canned fruit and paper towels. And pass them on.

As a member of First Presbyterian Church's mission outreach committee, Murtfeldt is helping coordinate a "Great Grocery Bag Event" through February to benefit the local service agency, Northville Civic Concern.

The church is distributing grocery bags, asking congregation members to fill them up and bring them back. Each Monday, committee volunteers, led by chairperson Shirley Henry, take the groceries to the Civic Concern office in Highland Lakes shopping center.

"If anyone in the community would like to support this, the church's Web site lists all the items Civic Concern needs," Muntfeldt said. "We just started a week ago. It's been very well



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northwile Record

The First Presbyterian Church of Northville is collecting full bags of groceries through February to donate to Civic Concern. From left are Associate Pastor Jim Russell, Liz Murfeldt, Shirley Henry, Pastor Kent Clise, and Jan Covert.

A case of need

At a time when supplies at the local service agency already were dwindling, an accidental fire in

Northville Township last

Wednesday spiked need for emergency assistance. While families who resided at the Innsbrook Apartments scrambled to find temporary shelter, Civic Concern volunteers funneled the victims food, household staples and emotional sup-

That's what the local emergency service agency, led by director Marlene Kunz, has done for more than 20 years.

Murtfeldt said that's why the First Presbyterian committee designated Civic Concern as its project recipient for February. The Great Grocery Bag Event is a beefed-up version of the congregation's weekly collection of donated items, she said.

"We've been involved with Civic Concern for a while," she said. "We're trying to increase our involvement because of the increased need due to the economic times."

Filling the void

Civic Concern volunteer Maryann Cotterill said the agency welcomes organized efforts like

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Below, threetened demolition of the 1845 Greek Revival architectural style church helped launch creetion of the village in 1972.



"Between the work crew that rebuilt the bridge and the work crew that ripped up and replanked the floor, they truly are a blessing. They are our guardian angels."

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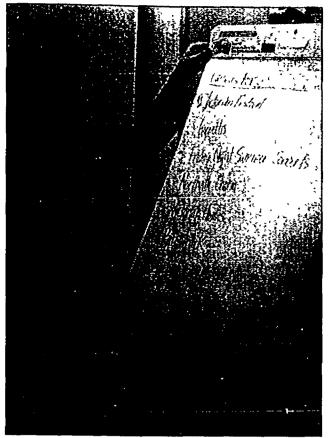


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During a brainstorming session last week, Kim Rivera of New Moon Visions led the city's downtown strategic plan marketing committee through a variety of exercises, including listing the attributes for which Northville is famous.

BRANDING: Marketing consultant focuses on identifying Northville

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Downtown Northville is like Steve Yzerman — family-focused, down to earth and a hometown hero.

It's also timeless, appealing and civic-minded like Paul Newman. And has the elegance and beauty of Grace Kelly.

These opinions about the city were shared last week as part of a survey by marketing consultant, New Moon Visions. To help develop a campaign to promote the downtown, the Highland-based firm is working with local residents, business owners and stakeholders to gauge opinions.

These responses were responses to: "If downtown Northville was a famous person, who would it be?

Image in mind? It's your turn to answer.

Reward for participation

The Northville Downtown Development Authority, which is guiding implementation of the strategic plan, received little

response to initial distribution of the survey to 750 development authority Web site subscribers.

So, they shortened up the survey and tacked on an incentive for responses received by March 1. attempting to increase participation.

Respondents' names will be entered into a drawing for one \$100 gift certificate valid at downtown stores and restaurants.

During the marketing committee meeting last week, New Moon representatives helped the dozen volunteers set the following mission statement: "Create a brand identity for downtown Northville in 2007 that promotes an awareness and consistent message that residents and visitors can identify with, thus creating an ongoing desire for them to continually support everything the downtown has to offer - services, merchants and restaurants."

More input from the community will aid them in that task.

Also in the mix

New Moon owner Kim Rivera jotted notes while committee members reviewed answers to the

26 survey questions received thus

Alan Somershoe, a committee member and marketing professional, commented on the responses to "If downtown Northville were a person, who would this person be?"

"I think it's interesting most people selected a woman," he setting consistent business hours; giving Northville Downs a facelift; spiffing up downtown store facades; controlling lease rates; bracing for development of the Seven Mile Road former hospital property, and pulling absentee downtown landlords into the

planning process. The committee's homework

For the survey questions, visit the Northville DDA Web site, www.downtownnorthville.org, or clip and mail the survey on page 12A. YOU COULD WIN A \$100 CERTIFICATE..

said. "I see the town as being more of a female town. The age qualifier is interesting, too - 30-40, in her 40s.

"I think the small town. schools, sense of community is what draws people initially. That's what drew us here 30 years

Another question that does not appear on the shortened survey was about downtown Northville's biggest challenge.

Committee answers included: increasing foot traffic; winning over Northville area residents; assignment for the 8 a.m. Feb. 22 meeting at Northville City Hall includes answering questions: What are the biggest opportunities for growth in downtown Northville?," "If you could make downtown Northville even better, what would you do to improve it?" and "Where do you see downtown Northville in five years? In 10 years?"

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organizing the Great Grocery Bag Event

sending Valentines to service personnel stationed in Iraq, including snack food, batteries, socks and toiletries

volunteering at churches and food banks in downtown Detroit

- hosting a Red Cross blood drive Sunday, Feb. 25 arranging a mission relief trip to Mississippi March 10-18
- planning a Habitat for Humanity trip to Romania in June

Great Grocery Bag Event

First Presbyterian Church of Northville is coordinating a month-long drive to assist local families in need by collecting non-perishable food donations. Among the items most requested by the emergency relief agency are:

Canned (ruit; canned soups (not broth); Kraft Macaroni and Cheese; tuna and canned meats; laundry soap (100 oz. or less); paper towels; toilet paper; peanut butter; jelly or jam; spaghetti sauce; pasta/rice; cereal, hot or cold; crackers; cookies; bar soap; shampoo; and toothpaste.

■ Local agency distributes food donations to needy families

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the church's Great Grocery Bag Event or individual donations dropped off at the agency's office.

"It is a tough economy," Cotterill said. "People working at lower paying jobs can't meet their financial obligations

without help from us.
"Our philosophy has always been if we give them some groceries, that frees up their cash for a rent bill or another utility payment."

People tend to generously donate to assistance agencies around the holidays, Cotterill said. But the need continues year-round.

"After Christmas, there's kind of a lull until the postal workers' drive in May," she said. "We give out hundreds and hundreds of boxes of macaroni and cheese between now and May.

The grocery bags Civic Concern volunteers pack to distribute to their approximate 90-family client list often includes two tuna cans, two soup cans, two macaroni and cheese boxes, and other items. Distribution for qualified

clients is the second and fourth Fridays.

'See the need'

Murtfeldt, a two-year member of First Presbyterian's mission and outreach committee, said sometimes volunteers help stock Civic Concern shelves. And, the work is rewarding.

Cotterill suggested checking food labels for expiration dates before donating items. Also, she said simple and regularsize is better because clients sometimes are limited on storage space and cooking facili-

Murtfeldt said while the church reaches out to other states, countries and communities with varied economic circumstance, their involvement with Northville Civic Concern hits closest to home.

We see the need," she said. "It's a very important part of our Christian mission to reach out and help others."

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NORTHVILLE CITY COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

Feb. 5 Meeting

All members present. Next meeting: Feb. 20

Improving downtown

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 member Tom Swigart voted "no."

Council unanimously hired Grissim Metz for the design development phase of downtown improvement projects, including

sub-consultant fees, for \$503,030. In a 4-1 vote, council authorized the Northville Downtown Development Authority specifically to proceed with the town square expansion project for construction this spring or summer. Swigart voted "no."

Ordinance clarified

Council unanimously approved the first reading of an amendment to the city's historic district ordinance related to a 200-foot buffer provision. The action, pending possible adoption Feb. 20, clarifies language regarding district boundaries, a tweak without practical ramifications.

Ordinance amended .

Council unanimously approved an emergency zoning ordinance amendment, bringing the city back in compliance with Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements, reinstating the city in the national flood insurance program.

Bond refunding approved

Council unanimously approved the plan by the 35th District Court's building authority board to refund its 1999 bond issue to

Park for me, please

Council unanimously approved Alexander Hamka's request for his A5 Valet, Inc. company to provide valet parking in front of Northville Square, 133 W. Main St., on a six-month trial basis. NOMI restaurant and maternity boutique, Belli Couture, petitioned the council for the service, which will use three parking stalls along the south side of Main Street from 5 p.m. until closing. The \$5 service is available to the public.

CVS moving forward

As part of the city's plannedunit-development process, the council unanimously granted preliminary approval of CVS's PUD proposal to move from the current location to front Dunlap Street. Pending additional reviews required at the historic district commission, planning commission and council level, CVS tentatively scheduled the \$8 million

construction project this summer. City officials still are working with representatives of the pharmacy chain to finalize shared parking, drive-through access and building appearance specifics. The store would remain open during construction.

On the consent agenda

Council unanimously voted to take the following action:

• reappointed Leanie Bayly and Tim Rodgers to the historic district commission through Jan. 1.

 authorized disposal of a 1995 GMC Sonoma used by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department.

approved a request by The Fund for Public Interest Research to canvass in the city for two weeks, beginning last Monday. Their door-to-door global warming public education campaign ends by 8 pm each evening

· approved a two-week door-to-

door campaign by Clean Water Action that began last Tuesday.

· approved amendments to the 2006-07 city budget and accepted an investment report.

Software purchased

Council unanimously approved a joint purchase with the City of Plymouth software that would allow residents to register online for parks and recreation programming. Council accepted the \$32,654 bid by Vermont Systems to provide software, training and equipment, which was less than the \$38,000 amount budgeted in the recreation capital improvement fund. Council also directed staff to draw up an intergovernmental agreement with Plymouth outlining the registration functions, contingent on legal counsel review.

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■ Retirees feel bumps of Ford's ride

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"When people retired, they said, 'Here's your retirement package," she said. "Now, we found that wasn't east in stone. I'm sure it was all in the contract, we just signed thinking, 'This would be.'

At a time when former executives expected to float from travel to hobbies to grandchildren, they're revisiting their finances. Like how to supplement Medicare to cover medical expenses.

With time to open envelopes and e-correspond, the estimated 150,000 Ford U.S. retirees can keep current on changing provisions. A letter from Dearborn headquarters earlier this year indeed informed former wo change was coming.

Ford has a password protected Web site where employees and retirees can go for information, said Ji Bright, who took an early re ment from Ford last May afti years.

"Ford also sends a monthly employee/retiree newsletter to our homes," Bright said. "Also, there's quite a network of retiree clubs out there who disseminate information — the Ford Retired Executive Engineers, the Ford Customer Service Division Retirees Club and many, many

"Northville-area Ford retirees belong to one or more of these clubs.

They ask each other, "Do you have a better idea?"

Still listening

Northville resident Dave DeMattos, who retired from Ford in 1999 after more than 27 years, said retirees are keen to the increasing challenges facing their ex-bosses and their successors.

Cost-of-living allowances, retiree spouse benefits, health care coverage and medical expense reimbursement allowances - all topics the former workforce never dreamed they'd revisit - have made it to the table during the past few years. But, no one voiced fears whether their pension would remain intact.

'It would be nice to know — it would be interesting - how we fare versus other companies. DeMattos said. "Even with the reductions, we probably fare bet-

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ter than other retirees.

"The company needs to spell it

Roxanne Mitchell of Grosse Pointe Farms, a 30-year retiree in 1999, echoed the need for effective communication with the former front line.

"The last bigger cut in health insurance — we all heard about it a week, two weeks, three weeks before we ever got a letter," Mitchell said. "In that case, they did kind of drop the ball."

Ann Arbor resident Edward Naszradi, who retired in 1990 after 40 years with Ford, said the revised status of certain benefits still is unclear.

The retirees stressed effective



Still kicking

More than anything, Ford retirees said they want to see their

corporate alma mater competitive. Bea D'Ambrosio of Warren, who retired nine years ago, said she wants to see restructuring under way pay off for her 30-year employer.

"I want them to be successful," she said. "I'd like the company to survive for all the people - the ones who are working, the retirees and the ones who are

"We want the people to stay in Michigan, too.'

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The people who formerly occupied white-collar chairs are watching them vacated and empathizing with the changes in how business is done.

"They're stressed, they're overworked, the morale has got to be down," DeMattos said. "When that's going on, nobody's getting anything done."

"You're wondering, 'Am I going to even have a job next week?

The staff who lived it recalled product shifts and belt tightening measures in the mid-1970's in response to the oil embargo, and the energy crisis in the early 1980's.

Larry Potok, who retired in 1999 after 30 years with Ford, said society - and the way people view their occupation - also has changed from a generation

'Ford was good to us," he aid. "I had a lot of good times

The people at this table are tore loyal than the whole ipany now all together." ongevity with a company

bred loyalty, Potok said. "They don't 'owe' you nothing," he said. "They owe you eight hours of pay and nothing else. Benefits are called that for a reason - it's above and beyond."

Still loyal

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Jim Bright, who moved to Bloomington, Ind., last year maintains contact with current and former Ford peers. He said his Ford friends are "like fami-

ly."
"I don't think Ford Motor Company realizes what an asset it has in its 150,000 alumni," Bright

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said. "Together we can be a tremendous relatively untapped competitive advantage - if each retiree sold five to 10 cars a year, that's 750,000 to 1.5 million in sales.

"Neither the Japanese nor the Koreans have a group that cares about Toyota and Hyundai as Ford retirees care about Ford Motor Company."

Joe Barberio retired in 1998, but stays connected with the industry through a recurring role at auto shows in Detroit and Chicago.

He cited a recent article by author of "How Americans Can Buy American: the Power of Consumer Patriotism" author Roger Simmermaker that is circulating among past and present Ford employees. He said American car companies suffer from a "perception gap" about their true quality, fuel efficiency and homeland investment.

The article also cited the mass media's tendency to favor foreign manufacturers over their domescounterparts. Repeated mechanical problems in Toyota and Honda models were classified in language other than the dreaded "recall," for example.

But in the end, the health of the company identified by a family name in timeless cursive comes down to what consumers choose to park in their driveway.

"I get a lot angrier than I did before at people for not driving a Ford vehicle," Mitchell said.

The people that used to build them, swear by them.

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Time for a carefree retirement?

Northville psychologist Randy Bizer regularly treats automotive industry employees.

Whether dealing with unexpected job loss or financial worries. people may wind up feeling overwhelmed or helpless, said Bizer, who specializes in trauma resolution and dealing with anxiety and depression in his Center Street office.

"If they find themselves spiraling down to worse and worse frames of mind, if they find themselves feeling young, feeling fearful or resentful, that can all be addressed," he said. "They have to develop a realistic, rational plan how they're going to proceed in their life.

"It may be different than what they planned, but they can do

The key to handling workplace related changes is not to take them personally, Bizer said. Whether retirement benefits are reduced or the staff is downsized, people must come to realize there is no point trying to fight the inevitable.

"We've got to remember our strengths - how we got to where we are in the first place," he said. "It can become such a jolt that we lose our knowledge that we're resilient people. We get our confidence from our job - it becomes our support system in a way. "When we lose it, we feel like we've lost our qualities," he

continued. "There's fear because we've become accustomed to a certain lifestyle."

Bizer said his current patients include a 40-year-old recently downsized out of a job. "It affected his marriage. He's gotten depressed. He's a mess.

"I've seen people in their 60s," he said. "They don't have the

opportunity to re-tool. "It's tough for all of them in different ways."

His suggestions:

Don't take the change personally.

- Stay active do something proactive every day to move toward your goals.
- Remind yourself every possible way of your resourceful-
- Stay on a regular schedule don't oversleep or overeat.

Eat regular meals and exercise.

"Take time to love the people you didn't before when you didn't have the time," Bizer said. "Take that as a blessing."

By staff writer Maureen Johnston



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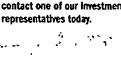
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Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Brendan Hadley

Chloe Clark and Brendan Thomas Hadley were married on Sept. 16, 2006, at the The Chapel of St. John's in Plymouth. Father Kelleher officiated the ceremony. A reception at The Inn at St. John's followed the wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Claudia Clark of Novi She is a 2000 graduate of

Novi High School and 2004 graduate of Miami University. She is currently employed as a category analyst with Kraft Foods.

The groom is the son of Dr. Thomas and Carol Hadley of Columbus, Ohio. He is a 2000 graduate of Novi High School, and 2004 graduate of Miami University. He is employed as an underwriter with Fifth Third

The matron of honor was Stephanie Zywien. Bridesmaids were Sarah Corless, Nichole Ranka, Jessica Clark, Sara Hadley and Meagan Erwin.Madeline Erwin was the flower girl.

The best men were David Storer and Jeremy Fitzgerald. Groomsmen were Christopher Deneen, Ryan Edginton, Ty Clark, George Erwin and Mitchell Maier. Andy Ravbenolt and Pete Goetz served as ushers.

The bride wore an ivory charmeuse silk gown and carried a bouquet of oncidium orchids.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and make their home in Cincinatti.



CELEBRATE: Let us tell everyone your big news: engagements, anniversaries, births,

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Machczynski

Kristen Leigh Winter and Matthew Thomas Machezynski were married Jan. 28, 2006, in Northville.

The bride is the daughter of Peter and Mary Angela Winter of Northville. She is a 1998 graduate of Mercy High School and 2002 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently

employed as a high school history teacher in Chicago.

The groom is the son of Thomas and Nancy Machezynski of Surprise, Ariz., formerly of Trenton, Mich. He is a 1993 graduate of Trenton High School and 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently software architect with Opsware, Inc.

The bride wore a floor-length white satin strapless gown with a dropped waist and A-line skirt with a chapel-length train. She wore a crystal tiara with a short veil and carried a bouquet of red calla lilies.

The maid of honor was Tracy Winter, and Kate Kowalski, Laure Pope and Maureen Carmany served as bridesmaids. The flower girl was Meghan Mazzella.

The best man was Michael Machezynski. Serving as groomsen were Nguyen-Anh Lee, Dan Coscarelly, Michael Pitret and Michael Kinsman.

The couple honeymooned in England and Italy and now make their home in Chicago.

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Names in the News

Kenneth Stopa, Jr. was recently certified through the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians (ACBSP) and is pursuing a diplomate through the ACBSP, which will make him the only chiropractor in Michigan with this certification Stopa is state licensed and board certified, and is active in research for the advancement of the chiropractic profession.

Nicholas S. Doinidis of Novi recently attended a program on Wellness in Practice." The program

was led by Canadian chiropractor Dr. James Chestnut, director of the Chiropractors International Association's Wellness Programs.

Gregory J. Young of Northville was recognized as an Associate Fellow by the American Academy of Implant Dentistry at their 2006 annual meeting in Chicago. Young completed 300 hours of post-doctoral instruction in implant dentistry, performed implant cases and passed the Academy's examination. Only 407 dentists hold this qualification



Courtesy photo

Having a ball

International Association of Firefighters Association Local 3961 President Brian Siriani and his wife, Sarah, of Milford, at last Saturday night's "A Fireman's Ball" at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. More than 350 attended, and more than \$20,000 was raised for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Northville Civic Concern and the University of Michigan Trauma Center.

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Age 66, of Northville passed away Feb. 7. 2007. Funeral service was held last Monday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions to Charity of Choice appreciated.

FRANCES M. TELLERICO

Of Northville, passed away Feb. 11, 2007. Time of gathering Thur. 4-8pm Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Memorial Mass Friday 11am at St. Kenneth Church. 14951 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth.

JOAN T. OLIVER

Of Wolverine, & formally of Palm Bay FI passed away Jan. 29, 2007 at age 74. She was born April 26, 1932 to Fred and Vivian Oliver. She is survived by daughters, Melinda (Earl) Seppala, Janette Campbell & Corrine (Marty) Peck, a brother John (Gayle) Oirver and sister Jane Densmore. Joan retired from General Electric. She was a member of the Eastern Star and Wolvenne Congregational Church UCC. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service is scheduled in the Spring at the Wolverine Congregational Church, Wolverine Mi.



Age 73 of Highland, formerly of Northville, died February 8, 2007. Survived by his beloved wife, Josephine; children, Sharon Ross, J. Cameron Watson, Sara (James) Watson, grandchildren, Andrea Duchesneau, Erica Nagy, AriAnna Watson, Dallas Hopkins, Paige Watson, Nicole Decess, Grant Watson; sister, Frances (Harry) Barrett, many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Mr. Watson's body was donated to medical research at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor A Memorial Service was held Monday, February 12. Memorials made to Hospice of Michigan or the American Cancer Society appreciated For more information call Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford 248-

684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MARY CAROL GILLUM

Age 82, longtime resident of Northville passed away Feb. 6, 2007. 2007 after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Mary was born Funeral Home, Inc. Memorial contributions to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Age 67 of Novi died February 10, 2007 after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Mary was born November 9, 1939 in Sadieville, Kentucky. She was a graduate of Harrison County High School in Cynthiana, Kentucky and was a grad-uate of Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. Mary was a school teacher who loved her vocation and her students, she was a creative person who had a deep appreciation for the beautiful things of life. Mary attended the First United Methodist Church of Northville, Michigan. Mary was preceded in death by her par-ents, Woodford T. Middleton, and mother, Rachel Mallory Middleton. She is survived by her husband of forty three years, Ralph Gillum, and her son Gregory Scott Gillum. Memorial Service from First United Methodist Church of Northville 777 W. Eight Mile Rd., Northville Wednesday, February 14th at 1pm with luncheon to follow. Interment Sandy Hook Cemetery, Kentucky. In lieu of flowers contributions may go to the Mary Gillum Memorial Fund c/o First United Methodist Church of Northville.

ROBERT E. BABER

Age 80, of Northville, passed away February 7, 2007. He was born May 27, 1926 in Kansas City, Missouri to Charles and Katherine (Kennedy) Baber. He was united in marriage to Betty J. Willett on August 16, 1947. Robert truly enjoyed his grandchildren. He was a member of the VFW Post 4012 in Northville. Mr. Baber was a history buff, who enjoyed reading, especially books on WWI and WWII. He also enjoyed crossword puzzles. Robert proudly served in the United States Navy as a Fireman First Class during World War II. He received the American Area Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal, the Victory Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He is survived by his beloved wife Betty J. Baber; his children Cathleen (David) Luedtke, Robert E. Baber, Jr., Karen (Mike) Ratliff, and Debbie (Rick) Tarrow, his brother Philip Clark; 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and 1 cinture. death by his parents and 1 sister. A Funeral Service was held Friday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. The VFW Post 4012 and Jay Sugrue officiated the service. Mr. Baber was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery, where he received military honors. Memorial contributions can be made to VFW Post 4012, 438 S. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

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THE KING: John got the baby

Looking for a destination to take that special someone? Engaged on Valentine's Day or married for life, Brookside Travel Agency wants to acquaint you with the adults-only option of Sandals all-inclusive resorts. A Sandals representative will be at the 1045 Novi Road agency, just north of Eight Mile Road, at 11 a.m. this Saturday and March 17. So come in from the cold ...

And on police chief Gary Goss' "hot sheet" During the past three months, parking enforcement officers have recorded 242 license plate numbers as — at least — first-time offenders. Meaning they've exceeded the city parking lot three-hour limit. A couple of people have already graduated to \$50 fines for repeated offenses, which top out at \$75 a crack. If you're late paying the ticket, \$85. Oh, all-day parking is south of Cady Street.

Families filling the booths and tables proved it ... Gandy Dander on East Main Street is still the hopping place to have breakfast Sunday mornings. Are the fruittopped Belgian waffles new on the menu? Yurnmm.

Speaking of being out and about last weekend ... great day for the snow-shoe demonstration hosted by the Friends of Maybury State Park. More than 75 adults and 12 children sampled the snow shoes provided by Northville's outdoor outfitter, REI. Friends Tom Waligorski, Carol Ahern, Jerry Mittman, Chuck and Andrea Murdock, and June and George McCarthy served up hot chocolate, tea and cookies while Torn Bissett and Frank Tourmini kept a fire burning. Nice!

If you're reading this and you haven't paid your winter taxes yet, you're a day late. So ante up for the penalty on top of the regular bill. You can still pay at city hall or township hall — through Feb. 28 — before the late invoice gets kicked to the county. How does the due date fall on Valentine's Day, anyway?

Speaking of March 1 ... if you're a city resident, you need to register your dog before then. Check out the doggie bulletin board just inside the front door ...

Speaking of municipal offices ... they will be closed Monday in observance of Lincoln's birthday. In the city, trash collection is not affected.

And if you're part of the mad passport dash to be properly documented before traveling during spring break, get it done at city hall, township hall, the post office. At this late date, you're going to have to pay the expedite upcharge. They're swamped!

Now that's an incentive! Once the city's web master Cindy Abar added a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to the request for people to complete a marketing survey, responses started rolling in - 47 within the first few minutes!

In keeping with the Valentine's theme last week, we asked for great proposal stories to include in our "Will



Photo by Maureen Johnston

History of King Cake

Bringing a pre-Lenten Louisiana tradition to town, Great Harvest Bread Company, 139 E. Main St., is offering King Cake through Feb. 20 for \$11.95. Co-owner Julie Cole said the cinamon chip bread, baked in an oval shape to signify the unity of Christians, features Mardi Gras colors of green (faith), gold (power) and purple (justice). To mark Kings Day, when the three kings met the infant Jesus, a tiny plastic baby is hidden inside the cake and the person who finds it is "King of the Party."

you ...? story. Northville High School Teryn (Fox) Chrzanowski's tale came in too late to include, but it's very romantic. Ask her about it! Maybe she'll share the

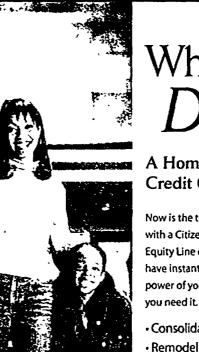
In the interest of trying new things ... when the Northville Record newsroom sampled a King Cake from Great Harvest Bread Company Tuesday, part of the fun was waiting to see who would bite into the plastic character tucked inside the delicious dough. You guessed it ... 10-year veteran photographer John Heider got the baby!



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BUSINESS & FINANCE



S. Main Street Service station reopens – bigger and better

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mario Jadallah happily clicked on his neon "open" sign last

The co-owner of the former Clark service station on S. Main Street watched patrons lift nozzles on his new Marathon pumps for the first time. During the past four months, he and Hasham Jadallah, his partner and brother, invested \$180,000 in recreating the Northville business.

There's a lot of reasons we did it," Jadallah said. "I've already heard a lot of compliments on what we did.'

Details

What: Marathon service station

Where: 510 S. Main St. Hours: 5:30 a.m.,-12:30

Owners: Hasham and Mario Jadallah

The cramped counter in the tiny building from which Jadallah greeted customers was replaced by a 1,984-square-foot spacious shopping area, complete with a 10-door walk-in cooler and aisles of merchandise. New counters feature a full line of groceries and snacks, from hot dogs, nachos and pizza, to flavored coffee and breakfast sandwiches.

Brand change

In addition to obvious changes like new gas pumps and new merchandise, Jadallah said the station now is handicapped accessible and has more convenient parking. He said it was gratifying this past weekend to watch less-agile patrons easily access the store, rather than turn away from the large step-up at the outdated station.

Jadallah said he and other past employees still will greet regulars and passers-by. Hours are 5:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m. daily.

The partners shut down the pumps at their S. Main Street Clark station Oct. I and reopened as Marathon Feb. 9.

'Clark actually hasn't existed for four years," said Jadallah. explaining the change in fuel brand. "You can keep the name,

but there's no advantage.
"It's a better grade of fuel and

less expensive than Clark." A large corporate parent like Marathon also provides insulation for small business owners, Jadallah said.

"One of the main reasons we chose to switch to Marathon is there's more security in having a big name when it comes to bad times," he said. "Big com-panies don't have to buy from anybody.

They have their own supply." He also said the profit margin from in-store sales is greater than at the pump.

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The new Marathon grand open-

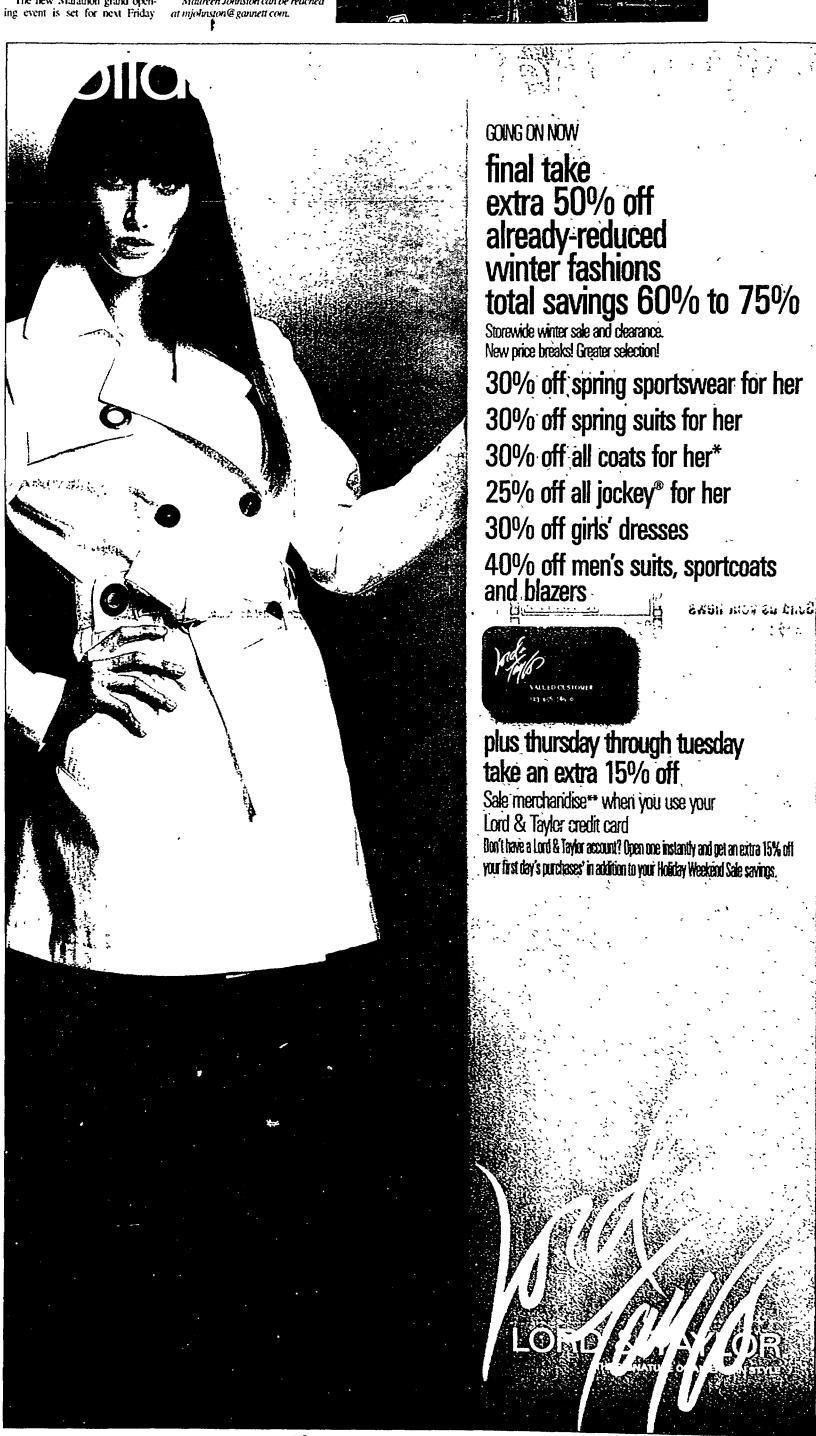
Mackinnon's restaurant will cater light refreshments, Jadallah said.

We want to better provide for the community," Jadallah said. "We used to provide fuel, but no other

Maureen Johnston can be reached



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northwile Record After months of effort, Mario Jadaliah reopened his Northville Marathon gas station Friday on South Main near Seven Mile Road.



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NORTHVILLE SQUARE

Exercise boutique latest store to open

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Carrie Rezabek is a walking advertisement for her Pure Barre.

This week, the trim former dancer and soccer player brought her combination of flexibility and strength training to Northville Square. Pure Barre, pronounced "bar," incorporates the French spelling of ballet bar, which is used in the exercise technique.

"I love this side of town," said the former Plymouth resident. "I just think it's a really neat location.

"Parking's great for people just running into class."

Fit and outfit

The combined store/studio is the latest retail addition to the indoor mall Bob and Margene are re-developing on the corner of Wing and W. Main streets. The studio owner said the neighboring NOMI restaurant and the soon-toopen coffee shop, Solid Grounds, are ideal neighbors for her clien-

Rezabek, who holds business and law degrees, has licensed similar Pure Barre enterprises in Birmingham, Rochester, Midland, Baltimore, Lexington and Washington, D.C. The Northville store's grand opening is tomorrow night when she will distribute free

Similar to her Birmingham store, Rezabek divided the space between a mirrored workout area and retail display where she offers Fila, Puma and exclusive line LuLu Lemon.

"They make great workout wear," she said. "It's functional and fashionable.

"If I have to go to the grocery store after this, it's not like I have

to go home and change." Like Rezabek, some of her instructors will split time between

"They've been teaching at the Birmingham studio," she said. "So, they're all ready to go.

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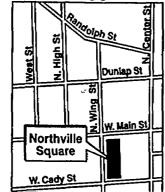
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Friday grand opening

With a formula proven in other stores, Rezabek said she hopes earning a Northville-area clientele will begin with her kick-off event tomorrow night.

"We're starting fresh here," she said. "Our most successful way for marketing is word of mouth. When

people start, they like the results."
Rezabek said the combination of stretching and weight training is effective and fun.

"Working out should be fun," she said. "It's like brushing your teeth you have to do it every day. You might as well have fun doing it."

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Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107. or via e-mail at mjohnston@gannett.com.



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Recycling program supports elementary school's initiatives

By Renee Gates RECORD STAFF WRITER

Silver Springs Elementary School Principal Scott Snyder admits he didn't make the connec-

He knew other elementary schools throughout the district were using the same program to recycle their paper, but he didn't know the program paid.

"I didn't know it was going to generate the revenue that it generated. I didn't know that it was going to provide the seed money for the character education programs that we started," Snyder said. "I didn't consciously make that connection."

For the last two years the school has received more than \$1,200 in residual income through the Paper Retriever program run by Albitibi, one of the largest newspaper recyclers in North America.

Once schools or other community organizations sign up with the program, at no cost to them, Albitibi places a paper recycling bin on the property of the organization. Each month, as the organization meets its monthly weight minimum. Albitibi buys the paper from

"We've gotten checks every month," Snyder said. "It's given us a consistent revenue stream since the beginning of the program."

In fact, the program has been so successful at Silver Springs that while most schools and organizations have only one recycling bin, Silver Springs has two in its parking lot. It received the second bin in June 2005, six months after receiv-

Silver Springs is receiving help

The Northville Public Schools

community rallied to support the

students affected by the Innsbrook

Silver Springs Elementary, Meads Mill Middle School and

Northville High School each

had student families whose

apartments suffered extensive

ents, teachers and students eager-

ly stepped in to support the fami-

School administrators said par-

Apartment fire last week.

damage from the fire.

lies in need.

By Renee Gates

RECORD STAFF WRITER

To help your school recycle

■ Call the school or organization and ask if they have a "Paper Retriever" recycling bin on their property. Be sure to ask if it is a fund-raising recycle con-

 \blacksquare If it is, then load up all the old newspapers, office papers, magazines, mail and catalogs you can find and dump it in their bin.

If the school or organization does not have a "Paper Retriever" recycling bin, look the program up online at www.paperretriever.com. Call Albitibi at (410) 558-1704 to find out how to start the program at your school or organization.

from the Highland Condominiums directly across the street. The condominium association canceled a recycling program it was using through Waste Management. because it was too expensive.

"Many of the folks from Highland Lakes are bringing their paper here," Snyder said.

Win, win, win

financial times, it really helps us to supplement what our budget has in it. And it also helps the kids learn Schools help students displaced by fire

"I hadya lot of emails, a lot of

Northville High School Principal

Robert Watson. Four students at

the high school lost everything, he

Friday. There were about 25 par-

ents in the crowd, and I had \$400

in cash to take over there."

"I mentioned it at PTSA on

"The help they had was won-

derful," said Meads Mill Middle

School Principal, Sue Meyer,

Ph.D., who spoke with both stu-

dent families affected at the mid-

dle school. She said several staff

phone calls ... people really wanted to jump in with both feet," said

have procured, and in these tough

This is a revenue stream that we



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Silver Springs fourth-grade students, from left, Craig Bradley, Ethan Resetar, and Reem Yassine participate in the school's paper recycling program.

about recycling. It also helps the Highland lakes community," Snyder said. "We lean on one

The money procured through recycling goes into a student activities account. From this account, the school buys supplies and other materials needed for what it deems important for student development. This school year, the revenue made it possible for Silver Springs to purchase materials for and begin its character education initiative.

The initiative involves two programs, Character Counts and Project Wisdom. The programs work together to develop students in the six pillars of character (respect, responsibility, caring, fairness, trustworthiness, and citizen-

by the fire, call Mariene

Kunz at the Northville Civic

Concern, (248) 231-0614.

members also visited the families

Springs Elementary are accepting

monetary gifts for the three fami-

lies affected at their school. Gift

Staff and students at Silver

and donated items to them.

ship) and inspire them each morning to make positive, wise decisions throughout the day.

The initial investment was

\$3,000, part of which came from the student activities account supplemented by the recycling program. The majority of funding came from Silver Springs' parent teacher association.

While he is committed to developing the character of his students, Snyder admits, without the extra income, the school would not be able to afford the programs.

"If I didn't receive any grants, and if I didn't have any money in the budget, we wouldn't have it," he said. "We would have the will, but we wouldn't have the ability without the materials."

The last day of their collection is

closely with Northville Civic

"Civic Concern is a very good source," said Meyer. "We find

them to be very good at working

care of," said Marlene Kunz,

Civic Concern director. "We are

here to make sure they have

The administrators said all their

"The students are well taken

with the community."

everything they need."

Along with using funds to deepen the students' knowledge, comprehension and application of the character pillars. Snyder said the next step for the initiative is teaching parents in Character Counts so they will use the same language at home their child is hearing in the classroom, thus reinforcing the child's comprehension.

Since the programs began this school year, Snyder believes it is too early to measure outcomes, but he is expecting to see changes during the school year.

That's when we know that our

character education programming and efforts are successful - when we see observable shifts in language and behavior," he said. 'Another way is through parents giving us feedback. They may say Wow, I see my child using language and exhibiting behavior that I don't know where he or she learned it.' I would like to think that he or she learned it at school."

Renee Gates is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108, or at vrgates@gannett.com



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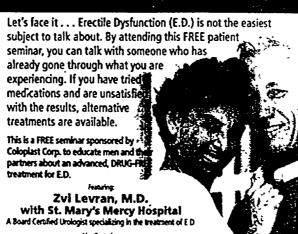
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On behalf of Northville Public Schools, Skanska USA Building Inc. will receive sealed proposals for the above project at the construction managers main office, 26100 American Drive, Suite 200, Southfield, MI 48034, Attenbon: Chris Becker, Sr. Project Manager, until the stipulated bid opening date and time. Bids received after the stipulated date and time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened at a public meeting to be convened at 3pm on 2/27/07 at Northville Public Schools' Administration Building, 501 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Bids must be clearly marked with the project name and bid category(ies).

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Ferris State University

Northville residents Sean Hohl. Adrianne Thelen, and Rachael Zaas have been named to the Dean's List for the semester ending in December 2006. A student must have accumulated at least 3.5 grade point average in no fewer than 12 credit hours to be named to the Dean's List.

Madonna University

The following students from Northville have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2006 semester: Rachel Baker, Marilee Brindamour, Alan Buelow, Sara Cavanaugh, Samantha Coughlin, Lauren Duggan, Shannon Ellis, Spencer Enderle, Aubrie Glennon, Judith Grove, Karla Hendrickson, Allison Hughes, Bridget Hughes, Jehan Jabbour, James Kiurski. Anna Kuznetsova, Maria LeBeau, Kristina Lince, Ann Maguire, Rose McGlynn, Lauren Mix, Amy Morris, Jaclyn Nay, Courtney Nixon, Donald Pickren, Denise

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Davidson College

Emily R. Presley of Northville has been selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students at American Colleges and Universities." Presley is the daughter of Gregory and Lois Presley of Northville. Students are selected for "Who's Who" based on their outstanding record of service, leadership and scholarship. Presley is a senior at Davidson College in Davidson, N.C.

Wayne State University

Shivani Agrawal of Novi has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2006 semester. She is the daughter of Dr. Sunil and Sushma Agrawal. A student must achieve a grade point average of 3.6 or higher to be named to the Dean's List.

University of Missouri-Columbia

Northville resident and former Northville Record intern Elliot Nius has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 2006 semester at the University of Missouri School of Journalism, He is the son of David and Deborah

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2007 in observance of President's Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2007. The Department of Public Safety (Police and Fire) will remain

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST PLYMOUTH/CANTON SCHOOLS SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Public Accuracy Test for the February 28, 2006 School Election has been scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in the Township Half training room located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used, to tabulate the results of the election, count the votes in the manner prescribed by the law. The public is welcome and invited to attend.

(2-15-07 NR 330620)

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE #2-5-07Z**

Notice is hereby given that the Northville City Council has adopted an emergency ordinance amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Northville. Ordinance #2-5-07Z amends Article 23 Flood Hazard Zones of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of addressing floodplain management provisions of the state construction code by designating an enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the City of Northylle located in Oaldand County and designating regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of the State Construction Code Act, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended.

The City Council adopted the ordinance amendment as an emergency ordinance at its regular meeting on February 5, 2007, in accordance with the provisions set forth in Chapter 7, Section 7.3 of the City Charter, and the ordinance amendment was effective on February 6 2007. The complete text is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk or the Department of Public Works, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, 8 00 a m. to 4:30 p m

(2-15-07 NR 336361)

JAMES GALLOGLY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: February 15, 2007 Permit No. MI0045713 Arbor Hills Remediation Area (formerly Onyx Arbor Hitts LF)

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to reissue a discharge permit to: BFI Waste Systems of North America, Incorporated for the Arbor Hills Remediation Area located at 10159 West Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48167. The applicant discharges treated groundwater and compost pile runoff through Outlatt 001 to an unnamed tributary of Johnson Creek, in the SW1/4, NW1/4, Section 18,

Town 1S, Range 8E, Wayne County. The draft permit includes the following modifications to the previous-ly-issued permit: The industrial storm water language was removed from the permit because there are no discharges of storm water from regulat-ed activities; due to the development of a waste load allocation with Salem Township Wastewater Treatment Plant, effluent limits for dissolved oxygen were increased, and from May to November carbonaceous biooxygen were increased, and from May to November carbonaceous bio-chemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, and ammonia shall not be discharged except during emergency conditions; reporting require-ments and a Pollutant Minimization Program for total mercury were included; and final effluent monitoring for BETX, benzene, 1,1dichloroethene, and trans-1,2 -dichloroethene was reduced from twice

monthly to monthly. Comments or objections to the draft permit received by March 15, 2007, will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft permit, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing should contact Stephanie Swart, Permits Section, Water Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, Michigan 48909, telephone: 517-335-6721, e-mail: swarts! @ michigan gov.

Copies of the permit application, public notice, fact sheet, and draft permit may be obtained via the Internet (http://www.michigan.gov/degn-pdes - click on 'Permits on Public Notice' which is under the Permits banner) or at the Water Bureau Southeast Michigan District Office located at 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092-2793, telephone: 586-753-

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Janik is a music department major and the daughter of Christopher and Nancy Janik of

Michigan State University

Sara-Beth O'Conner, a 2002 Novi High School graduate, will receive one of this year's Future Journalism Teacher Scholarships from the national Journalism Education Association. Only three

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Grand Valley State University

Karen Paterson of Northville has been named to the Dean's List at Grand Valley State University for the 2006-07 fall semester because she earned a minimum of 12 grade point credits at an average of 3.5 or higher.

West Point

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cadet must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in all courses.

Kelley graduated from Northville High School in 2003. He plans to graduate from West Point in May and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

University of Kansas

Nicole Mary Cauzillo of Northville has been named to the Honor Roll for the fall 2006 semester at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. She is the daughter of Linda Cauzillo of Northville.

Marquette University

Nicholas Wolke Bowersox of Northville received the degree of Master of Science at the commencement ceremony held on Dec. 17, 2006.

Indiana Unversity

Lauren Walsh of Northville has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2006 semester. Students must earn a grade point average of 3.7 to be named to the Dean's

St. John's Northwestern **Military Academy**

Christopher Ponder of Northville has been placed on the Dean's List for the second quarter of the 2006-07 school year by earning a 3.71 grade point average. Ponder is a sophomore at St. John's, in Delafield, Wis.



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

Downtown: Tell 'em what you think of it

Not many things in life are free, but advice is usually one of them. However, in this particular case, it's costing \$40,000.

It's money that Northville City Council approved in December to give to a professional consultant to create a brand identity for downtown.

The area was tagged as a weakness in the city's latest strategic plan. So the goal is simple: get residents and visitors to come downtown, spend money, and return to do the same thing again and again.

For the next six months, Highland-based New Moon Visions agency wants to pick your brain to see what you think about downtown Northville. Your answers will help them create a marketing/promotion plan.

The consultant came up with a 26-question survey, but response to the initial distribution of 750 was dismal.

The survey has since been cropped to 10 questions. Short, simple and maybe even fun to fill out.

Just to make it a little more enticing (as if the future of downtown isn't enough), they're throwing in a chance to

win a \$100 gift certificate valid at downtown businesses. And it's ridiculously easy to do. You can go online and type in your answers, or you can go old-school - jot them down on paper and mail it in.

Either way works for us. Remember, that's \$40k.

Complete the survey and you could win a \$100 certificate

Visit the Northvilla Downtown Development Authority Web site, www.downtownporthville.org, to submit it poline.

Or, complete the questions below and send to: Cindy Abar, DDA News Editor; 215 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

- 1) What three adjectives describe downtown Northville best? 2) What is downtown Northville's greatest asset?
- If downtown Northville was a famous person, who would it be? Why? .
- 4) If downtown Northville was a type of music, what would it
- be? Why? do you shop/dine in downtown Northville and
- why? What would make you shop there more often?
- 6) Why do you live or work in downtown Northville? 7) What do you do on the weekend?
- 8) Where do you take people to visit in downtown Northville? 9) What do you do to relax in downtown Northville?
- 10) What do you miss in downtown Northville when you are

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Against hunger Kids from Northville's Meads Mill and Detroit's **Bennett Elementary** gathered together recently at Novi's St.

James Church to package food for Kids Against Hunger. The dehydrated meals will be sent to places like Zimbabwe, Sudan, Guatemala and Louisiana.

Salvation Army thanks

Despite uncertain economic times and many other opportunities for charitable giving, the Plymouth Corps' Salvation Army Christmas Kettle campaign exceeded its goal once again. The goal was \$155,00 and over \$249,000 was raised, much of it in Northville. We appreciate Hiller's Shopping Center Market, the Northville Post Office, Orin Jewelers and Farmer Jack for allowing us to put our kettles near their buildings. We thank the following groups and individuals for their time and effort in making the campaign a success for 2006.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville, First United Methodist Church of Northville, Our Lady of Victory, Northville Police Department, Northville High School Honor Society Northville City Employees, Mothers' Club Life Members, Northville Fire Department, Thornton Creek Elementary, Moraine Elementary, Silver Springs Elementary, Cooke School, Rotary Interact Club, Cub Scout Pack #746, Cub Scout Pack #903, Cub Scout Pack #720, Girl Scout Troop #1556, Jay Moore, Jim McMichael, John Romanik, Ron Bush, Charlie Cox, Dick Gray, John Carter, Greg, Mitchell & Emma Bell, Mary Champagne, Bill Longley, Jerry Olsen, Denise Taylor, Susan Couzens, Joan Bahl, Kathy Zimmerman, Coleen Stevens, Tom Swigart, Carolyn Stochr, Jan Cole, Carol Livermore, Steve Anderson, Aidan, Peyton & Stephen Taylor, Happy Joliffe, Kari Hartmann, Fran & Frank Firek, Joy Donnellon, Jameson Family, Al Abdou, Judy Stewart, Irene Piccone, Becky Reynolds, Joy & John Colizzi, Fran Oakland, Paul Zimmerman, Pam & Chuck Burke, George Kruse, Brett & Bob Yuhasz, Lora Kotas, Jill Middlemass, Rhoda Pflum and Tina

Judy Kohi

Northville Coordinator for the Plymouth Salvation Army Kettle Campaign.

No new taxes

Michigan has problems. Lofty positions among women in our American culture are desirable so judgements are slower. Authentic leaders are very rare anyway among our elected representatives where smile and style seem to have trumped performance and competence. Politicians must be judged very firmly on their own results not on the ease of transferring responsibility.

The State of the State speech was similar to last year, with bundles of promises and inflated expectation. This year, however, the speech provided the implication that the guilt, this year, does not lie with the Michigan administration or elsewhere, but the attitude of the people toward growing government. An interesting gambit, indeed. Of course, college degrees and education platforms collectively were emphasized in the speech for the expected wide appeal. A common and false panacea. This was the usual acknowledgement to a too costly, over funded, under performing, politically powerful, educational bureaucracy. Large universities particularly are heavy cost and sales centers driven more by growth, and filling up the tuition budget more than traditional academic results to justify a

Now Michigan observes businesses and people strangled with a prevailing and ominous future business climate in Michigan voting with their feet. This brings a big leak in state tax revenues from a slower business climate to feed bureaucratic beasts. Now new State tax hikes are to be addressed by another Blue Ribbon Committee composed of some known retreads of past calamities. This committee system will endorse a new tax plan that may further depress Michigan business attitude. Taxes are "sold" as being a small levy initially, yet have a direct and an indirect bearing on all the people. Broad taxes on goods and services especially hurts the struggling and together with the lottery picks the pockets of Michigan residents.

Neither governments or companies guarantee healthy employment climate. Customers and a custome (altificate do. Customels are guided by what they see and their estimate of the future. Coupled with the plan to dump poor financial management onto the public with the zinger of new taxation, we hear the Clinton weasel word, "investment" as the battle cry. The "shell game" effort on growth and incremental cost of government is certain to hurt consumer attitude. Then we remember a political initiative against WalMart to accommodate the interests of union organizers. Politicians quickly forget that business provides the financial fuel and there are no es or people move, we all lose.

Michigan supports a system of well paid bureaucracies, loaded with lawyers running a huge business involved only in the politics of spending. Most are amateurs when it comes to running a business, somewhat like posing as a surgeons in an operating room. Then we see the example of political wheeling and dealing continuing with the State employment of the partisan election losers.

The question remains, will there be wreckage left behind with the Governor's expected candidacy for the U.S. Senate?

Jim Nowka

Time to pay up

There is a disconnect in current feelings of politics and economics. We grieve about downsizing of businesses leaving many of our fellow citizens unemployed. Conversely, we do not grieve about tax cuts and downsizing of government that not only leaves some more of our fellow citizens unemployed but also costs all of us reduced public services when the need for them is increased.

The arithmetic is simple. If we, businesses and individuals collectively, by way of our legislators, decide to pay less for what serves all of us; the we, separately and with less bargaining clout, will have to pay more for what each requires or try to do it ourselves. I have no desire to build roads, catch and house criminals, or see the coming generations less well educated than myself.

Going back to a frontier society may appeal to cowboys, but the political cattle they would drive on a rutty road to the past would foul up today's higher tech highways to a better future. They would propose old-fashioned blood-letting to cure the dying horse behind our stuck cart. We could probably do better to pony up in front and feed our state government to increase its horsepower for pulling us all to more solid ground. Excuse the corny language, but many shy from forthright mention of a tax increase. Some of us older folks remember, "Give us the tools, and we Will the hob" Now! but own government needs his to invest in it enough money to do the job of moving our own Michigan toward our own societal progress rather than decline. That might be achieved sooner with more common sense and less disconnect in current public discourse.

> Brent G. Bovina Northville

What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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Public ignorant to financial crisis

Gov. Jennifer Granholm summed up our situation perfectly in the first few lines of her State of the State speech:
'Tonight we are at a turning

point — a decisive moment in Michigan's journey. The decisions we make in the years ahead will shape Michigan's future for decades to come.

Nobody can quarrel with that. Though the governor was largely upbeat in her Feb. 6 speech, the facts on the ground are nothing short of scary.

The clearest and best outline of the real situation is sketched clearly in the authoritative report of her **Emergency Financial Advisory** Panel — a group that included two governors, two university presidents, and some of the state's best leaders.

They produced a report that was inexplicably and scandalously downplayed by the major news media. Some of the findings:

• Fiscal crisis: The school funding shortfall that must be resolved this month comes to \$377 million,

\$224 per pupil. By September, the state must plug a \$500 million deficit in the General Fund. The state faces a potential shortfall of another \$2.6 billion for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, assuming the legislature does not find a way to replace tax revenue from the now repealed Single Business Tax. All that adds up to \$3.5 billion in state services and programs promised, but without money to pay for them.

 Economy: Michigan has experienced six straight years of job losses, the longest since the Great Depression. We've lost 246,000 manufacturing jobs since 2000. That's one out of every four jobs that existed as recently as when Bill Clinton was President.

The state's per capita income is now five per cent below the national average, the lowest point since 1933. And in the latest index of economic momentum, Michigan is dead last among all

 State revenues: General Fund revenue is today lower in absolute dollars than in 1996 and down 158 per cent since the start of the economic downturn in 2000. During that same period, Michigan ran up cumulative budg-

et shortfalls of nearly \$10 billion. Since deficits are illegal, it avoided them by using up reserves, including \$1.4 billion in rainy day funds,, tapping one-time resources, \$5.4 billion, and cutting more than \$3 billion in spending.

• Tax cuts: Since the passage of Proposal A in 1994, Michigan has enacted tax cuts that have reduced current state revenue by \$3.2 billion per year, while local property taxes have been cut by \$5.4 billion. According the U.S. Census Bureau, Micnigan ranked 25th in the nation in state and local tax revenue in 2004 as a share of personal income. We've cut taxes since then, too.

We're facing a financial train wreck.

So - what do we do? Ideologues and those in a state of advanced denial claim cutting spending alone will do it.

That's pure nonsense. A \$3.5 billion deficit represents one in seven dollars in the general fund and the School Aid Fund com-

Cutting this much would eliminate funding for all our universities and community colleges and all mental health services. That, or it would take \$2,000 from per-

pupil aid to public schools. I've argued in the past that the state needs first to face the music and make serious, structural cuts in the way our government works and spends. We could cut the costs of our prisons by \$500 million to get in step with our neighboring

We could encourage, or even require consolidation of some of



About Phil Power

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the myriad of expensive local gov-Because if we don't act soon, ernment units. We could push, or even require school districts to consolidate business office func-

We could cut back on top-heavy health care and pension programs for public employees. We could repeal Public Act 312 which requires expensive binding arbitration in labor disputes for police and fire.

Then and only then does the state have legitimacy for changing our tax system, whether by extending the sales tax to services or making the income tax more graduated so the rich pay more.

We have to do both if we want to get to the core of our financial problems. We need to recognize that we are facing a fundamental choice about what kind of state Michigan is going to be.

we're going to plunge over the tipping point when most mobile, hopeful, educated citizens are simply going to give up and move elsewhere.

Trouble is, not many people understand or care about how bad a fix we're in. Pollster Ed Sarpolus of EPIC/MRA says his surveys show most people have heard the state is financial trouble, but 38 per cent said they have not felt any effect from the budget cuts already enacted, with another 22 per cent saying they felt "only a little."

Sarpolis told Gongwer News Service, "Unless you tell how bad things are, how will people know

things are so bad?" Quite right. Our new legislative leaders, House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-

Rochester Hills, are smart, interested in doing the right thing, aware of the depth of the problem. They should put together and take part in town hall meetings around the state to put the depth of our crisis in terms that Joe Six Pack can easily understand.

They should urge the governor to join them, as well. After all, who truly understands what the abstract number \$3.5 billion really means? Every Michigan citizen should have a chance to find out. For only if our citizens understand the facts will there be public pressure to find common ground to resolve our financial train wreck and lay the foundation for a better Michigan.

(The text of the Emergency Financial Advisory Panel's report is available at www publicsectorconsultants.com.)

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NORTHVILLE EVENTS

Pure Barre Grand Opening

DATE: Friday 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

Blood."

DATE: Friday TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St., Northville DETAILS: The book for February will be "In Cold

CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

BaseLine Folk Society

DATE: Saturday TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Art House, 215 Cady St.

DETAILS: This will be an open microphone night for all acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. Sign up begins at 6:15 p.m.. The featured performer will be Seth Grath. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Daughters of the America Revolution

Northville/Plymouth DATE: Monday 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 TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Stone Aug 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

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 auestions

CONTACT: (248) 347-2100

Free Art Marker Demonstration

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 24 TIME: 2:30-3:30 p.m. LOCATION: Awakening...The Artist Inside, 111 N. Center St. DETAILS: This will be a demonstration of Copic Art markers, the preferred markers for any creative endeavor. The demonstration is also the kickoff of the popular Anime and Manga Cartooning Class starting in March.

CONTACT: (248) 347-0807

Taste of Northville Business Showcase

DATE: Saturday, March 17 TIME: 10 a.m.-noon Business-to-Business Brunch; noon-4 p.m. open to public LOCATION: Northville High School

DETAILS: This annual event brings together Northville's businesses to highlight their products and services to the community. This year's theme is *Race to Victory Lane at the Northville 500." Food sampling, free promotional items and raffles for prizes will be available. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and over, and \$4 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Exhibit space is still available for area businesses.

CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-7640, or go to www.northville.org

Marquis Theatre

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or www.northvillemarquistheatre.c

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

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

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 reservations.

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. 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 NOTE: The Maybury Farm will be closed through Feb. 28,

LIBRARY LINES

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

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

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

Winter Tot Storytime SESSIONS: 10:15 a.m. Mondays through Feb 26: 10:15 or 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, through Feb. 28; 10:15 a.m. Thursdays through 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 through March 12; 10:15 a.m. or 2 p.m. Tuesdays through

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.

All About Oscars TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tonight 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 free, but preregistration

is necessary. Little Me Storytime

TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:15 a.m.

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.

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

Wednesday
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 comfort-

Teen Movies and Munchies TIME/DATE: 2 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19

DETAILS: The movie will be "Friday Night Lights." Books, Chat and Chow for

Teens TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 26 **DETAILS: Treats and discus**sion on the book "Bound" by

Debra Jo Napoli. Junior Books, Chat and Chow

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 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: Tonight's subject** will be "Putting your Ex in Focus" presented by Dell Deaton. Next Thursday"s will be "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 Baptist Church of Northville

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 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



When: 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 Where: Recreation Center at Hillside Cost: \$20 per couple, \$10/additional princess Photos: Available for purchase For Information: Call (248) 349-0203

Her Highness awaits

Daddy is just a few days away from reigning supreme. Tickets still are available for the Northville Parks and Recreation annual Princess Ball Saturday, Feb. 24, said department events supervisor Cheryl Mudd.

Dads, grandpas or uncles can wheel their carriage to the Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline Road, to purchase advance tickets and the night of the ball. Suggested age is three

The event includes a gift bag, cookies and crafts for the girls. A disc jockey will supply dancing music for all ages. A professional photographer will be in the Hillside gym to record memories of the event for an additional cost.

Nazarene

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty

CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:50 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Youth & Children Ministries: 7

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 Evangelicai **Presbyterian Church** LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile

Road CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 "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 international organization that provides support and encouragement for mothers of young children. Meet other moms like you and share experiences. Speakers present topics relevant to you and your role as a mom. MOPs is about celebrating motherhood, meeting needs, making connections, experiencing God's love. Leave feeling valued, pampered and recharged.

CONTACT: Keli Plansinis. atplayintennis@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 5 p.m.

Healing Service DATE: First Monday of every month TIME: 4 p.m.

Suicide Loss Support Group DATE: Second Thursday and Fourth Monday of every month

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Registration is not required.

CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support (248) 348-0115 or

www.newhopecenter.net 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.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church LOCATION: 201 Elm St.

Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. Blended 11 a.m. Contemporary, and 11:30 a.m. **Traditional**

Special Guest Speaker DATE: Sunday, Feb. 18 **DETAILS: The Reverend Raii** Udhayanesan will be be the speaker at all services. Pastor Udhayanesan is a pioneer to the India missions in the United

CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

SENIOR EVENTS

Thursday 9 a.m.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly 9:30 a.m.: Yoga 10 a.m.: Bowling

12:30 p.m.: Pinochie

Email 5:30 p.m.: "On Golden Pond" at Meadowbrook Theater

1 p.m.: Web Browsing and

9: 30 a.m.: Strength Training 11 a.m.: Poker

11 a.m.: Card Making Class 11 a.m.: Web Browsing and Email

12:30 p.m.: Bingo and Lunch 1 p.m.: Movie

"While You Were Sleeping"

Monday Closed for President's Day

Tuesday 8 a.m.: Paczki Day

10 a.m.: Sensory Screening 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Computer I 6:30 p.m.: "I Can't Stop

Loving You" at the Fisher Theater Wednesday 9:45 a.m.: Oxycise New

Enrollees 10 a.m.: Oxycise 11:30 a.m.: Valentines Luncheon

noon: Bridge 1 p.m.: Computer 1 7 p.m.: Bridge

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.

Mary Kay Facial Party DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 27

TIME: 10:30 a.m.-noon **DETAILS: Experience satin** hands and a facial spa. Games, prizes, food, free! Reservations required.

Board Games

DATE: Tuesday, ongoing TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Ongoing Card Games

Bridge TIME/DAY: 12:30 p.m. Monday Euchre TIME/DAY: noon-3:30 p.m. Wednesday

Pinochle (double deck) TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday Pinochle (single deck) LOCATION: Senior

Community Center, 303 W. Main

Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleyball TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday 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.

MATTERS

MILL RACE

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; 7 p.m. Northville Historical Society Annual Board

Meeting Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 3 p.m. Rehearsal; 4:15 p.m. Brownie Scout Meeting Saturday: 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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Wedding Sunday 10 a m. Mill Creek Church, 4 p.m. Cub Scout

Monday 6 30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

Tilesday 9 am Stone Gang; 7:30 p m Mill Race Weavers Guild Wednesday, 6:45 p m Minofulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church

Grounds closed to the public

LOOKING FOR

Moms in Touch

TIME/DATE 830 a m Thursdays

LOCATION Member's homes DETAILS. These mothers form a college/career, interdenominational prayer group and gather for one hour each week to pray for the radult children, the colleges they attend and their places of employment

Northville Yoga Classes

LOCATION American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap

Class for All Levels TIME/DATE: 5:30-6.45 p.m. Mondays through March 26 Yoga II

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p m. Mondays through March 26 Northville Senior Center TIME/DATE: 9 30-11 a m. Thursdays through March 29

Yin Yoga TIME/DATE: 5:20-6:45 p.m. Thursdays through March 29 All Levels

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays through March 29 **DETAILS:** The winter session registration rate is \$96. The dropin rate for unregistered students is \$11 per class. There is no charge for the first visit.

CONTACT: Diane Seigel-DiVita (248) 344-0928 or e-mail trianglesix@sbcglobal net

Susan B. Galli Angel Fund

DETAILS: Hidden Spring 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 Spring welcomes all donations from the community to help build this fund rand 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, supports programs in the library and provides financial support to projects not covered by the library's regular budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting 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 Northwile 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

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

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

CONTACT: Nancy Murphy, (248) 305-5460

Hospice Volunteers Needed

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

CONTACT: (800) 770-9859

Mentor Volunteers

DETAILS: The Oakland County Youth Assistance is looking for volunteers for their Mentor Plus program Training and orientation sessions will be held at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac.

TIME/DATE: 9. a m, Mar. 17 CONTACT: Joy Delauter (248) 858-0045

Angela Hospice Groups

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

CONTACT: Joan Lee, (734) 953-

Anxiety Disorder Support

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p m. Thursdays

LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road,

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 of age-and loss-specific groups for men and women whose spouse



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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

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

CONTACT: Tabatha Manuel, (313) 561-4110, ext. 20 or tmanuel@ywca-v/vc 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 Downtown Development Authority Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 20 TIME: 8 am.

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 ten percent off store purchases.

CONTACT: Carol Kendra (248) 344-0497

Beautification Commission

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

LOCATION: Northville City

Hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting Room B

Housing Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 3 p.m. LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

Youth Assistance

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

LOCATION: Northyslie Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile

CONTACT: (248) 344-1618

ELECTION NOTICE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007 PLYMOUTH/CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

TO THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, to vote on the following SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Sixty-Two Million One hundred Thousand and 00/100(\$62,100.000) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following

 Erecting, equipping and furnishing a new middle school building and acquiring, preparing, developing and improving the site for a new middle school building. Erecting equipping and furnishing additions to school buildings and preparing, Developing and improv-

ing sites for additions to school buildings,
Remodeling, re-equipping, re-furnishing school buildings and other facilities, preparing, developing and

improving sites at school buildings and other facilities, and purchasing school buses; and

Equipping and re-equipping school buildings for technology systems and equipment? The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimate millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.60 mills (which is equal to \$0.60 per \$1.000 of taxable value), and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 0.53 mills annually (\$0.53 per \$1,000 of taxable value)

Full text of the proposal may be obtained on the township's website (twp northylle.mi us) or by contacting the Northylle Township Clerk's Office at 248- 662-0541

THE POLLS WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M. at the following Polling Location: Plymouth - Canton Schools Polling Location
Meads Mill School 16700 Franklin Road Precinct 7

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 278 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 AMENDING THE PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION ACT

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of January 9, 2007 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan

Voted Years Taxing Authorities County of Wayne Date of Election Increase Effective Increases 1 mill August 8, 2000 August 6, 2002 Wayne County Jail Wayne County Parks 1 mill 2010 0.25 mills 2010 August 2, 2005 Wayne County Community College Plymouth/Canton 2010 1.5 mills November 6, 2001 Community Schools September, 2004 18 mills 2014 (non homestead only)

Absentee Ballots are available at the office of the Township Clerk, 44405 Six Mile Road. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 24, 2007. Persons qualfified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 26, 2007.

A ballot obtained on February 26, 2007 must be voted in the Township Clerk's Office. The Township Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absentee voting on Saturday, February 24, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. For questions, please call the Township Clerk's Office at 248-348-5800 ext. 10201 or 248-662-0541.

Each resident voting on the above must be:

(a) A citizen of the United States of America and eighteen (18) years of age or over; and (b) A registered voter as of January 29, 2007.

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Comprehensive Cancer Center

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Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 7 p m. LOCATION. Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St

PARKS AND **RECREATION ACTIVITIES**

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

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

vwwv.northvilleparksandrec org

Northville Ski and Snowboard Club

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 per-

Open Family Basketball DATE: Every Sunday

TIME: 4-6 p.m. **LOCATION: Senior Community** Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS There is a fee of \$2 per person

Open 40+ Basketball

DATE: Every Wednesday TIME: 7-9.30 p m. **LOCATION: Senior Community** Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per per-

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

Saturdays LOCATION Recreation Center at Hillside

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

Open Badminton

DATE: Every Tuesday and 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: Hiliside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road DETAILS: Eight tables are avail-

able. All skill levels are welcome.

The cost is \$4 per day.

Room

Total Golf Adventure's Golf Enrichment Program

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

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

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

Princess Ball

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

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

REGIONAL

Great Books Discussion Group TIME/DAY: First and Third

Thursday of every month. LOCATION: Livonia Civic Center

Library, Five Mile and Farmington

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

Business Networking International

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

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

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

CONTACT: Jim Green, (248) 345-3302

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

HANDLE THE SPEED?

Friends of Sabeel North **America Detroit Group**

DATE: Tonight TIME: 6:30 p m. LOCATION: First Presbyterian

Church, 1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham

DETAILS: Rev. Canon Naim Ateek, director to the Sabeel Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem speaks on "Persecution in the Land of our Savior "

Schoolcraft Community

College How to Start a Small Business Seminar

SCHEDULE: 6-9 p m. Wednesday; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p m March 7: 6-9 p.m. March 21

DETAILS: The seminar will cover the basics of starting a business, the advantages of networking and when it is necessary to use community resources in developing a new business. The fee is \$30 per person. Advance registration is required

CONTACT: Schoolcraft College Business Development Center, (734) 462-4438

Learn to Write a Business Plan Seminar

SCHEDULE: 9.30 a m.-12 30 p.m. March 14

DETAILS: The seminar will provide an overview of what makes a dynamic, realistic business plan Participants will receive worksheets that outline the basic items

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in a business plan and fine tune the document with their own market research and financial information. The fee is \$40 per person.

Advance registration is required. CONTACT: Schoolcraft College Business Development Center,

(734) 462-4438 Women's Resource Center Winter Luncheon Series DATE: Tuesday Feb. 23 TIME: 11:45 a m -1:30 p m

(Doors open at 11:15 a m.) LOCATION VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College DETAILS: Daryl and Sherrye

Bailey will narrate a presentation on the history of Westland with rare photographs. Prepaid registration required, cost is \$15. CONTACT. (734) 462-4443

Free Introduction to Gardening Classes

TIME/DATE: 7-9 pm. Wednesday, Feb. 28

DETAILS: This is the first class in a series that will cover the basics you need to get a start in gardening.

CONTACT: (734) 786-6860 or go to www.mgawc org/programs

Send calendar submissions via emul to estone@gamett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832 or by mail to Northville Record 104 W Main, Northville, MI 48167 Items neest be received by room on Tuesday to be nalided in Houseas si exspirer

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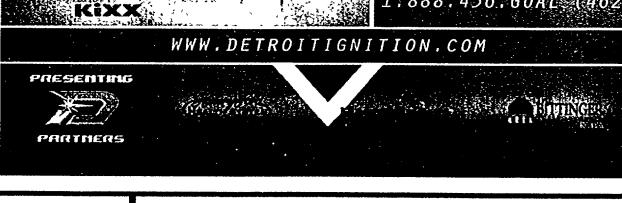
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Torch used to thaw pipes caused Innsbrook Apartments fire

Extensive damage to six units

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

A propane torch a contractor was using to thaw frozen pipes was the cause of an accidental fire that destroyed a building at Innsbrook Apartments on Seven Mile Road between Haggerty and Northville roads on Feb. 7.

Northville Township Fire Department requested assistance from city of Northville and Plymouth Township firefighters after dispatch was alerted at 3:45

At one point, about 30 firefighters, plus police and support staff, were at the scene.

Firefighters remained at the scene until about 11 p.m. Wednesday night to check for 'hot spots" in the building.

Two young girls were treated and released on the scene for minor smoke inhalation, and two firefighters transported to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia for minor injuries were released Wednesday night.

One of the two injured firefighters almost fell through the second floor of the apartment building.

The fire extensively damaged six of the 12 apartments in the building near the clubhouse, with 25 residents having to be evacuat-

Apartment management and support staff scrambled to find temporary housing for residents affected by the fire. Some went to stay with friends or relatives, while others were housed at the Red Roof Inn in Livonia.

The frigid temperatures were obviously a challenge for fire-

This type of weather is not designed for firefighters," said



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northville Record

Attempting to get water on to a roof on fire, firefighters position a ladder below a window at Innsbrook apartments during last week's blaze at the Seven Mile Road

Northville Township Fire Chief Bill Zhmendak, "It seems like [when fires occur] it's either the hottest day of the year or the cold-

Zhmendak said the apartment complex, which features frame construction, has had fires in the

Residents moved to clubhouse

Aaron Weber lived right next to where the fire started. He and his dog, Madison, and cat, Elby, gathered with other residents affected by the fire in the complex's clubhouse.

"Miraculously, my pets were saved," Weber said.

Cindy Price, who just moved to the complex in October 2006 and lived in one of the groundlevel units, said she and 4-yearold twin daughters, Samantha and Josie, smelled smoke coming through the vents in the apartment.

The next thing I knew, they were knocking on our door telling us to get out," Price said. "I made sure my neighbor's pets

Price had plans to stay at her sister's home in Garden City Wednesday night.

"I just bought them [her daughters] brand new beds," she

Josie was taking a nap and Samantha was awake when the fire started. But, according to their mother, the young girls weren't scared.

"They were telling me that everything was going to be OK." Price said.

Donald Snipes, who had only lived at the complex three months, had just left to go shopping at the Meijer store in Northville Township when his girlfriend, Eureka Greer, called him about the blaze.

"By the time I pulled up, the roof was caving in on my unit," he said.

"I have no idea where I'm sleeping tonight," said Snipes, a laid-off carpenter.

Zhmendak said Genitti's downtown Restaurant in Northville sent five gallons of soup to the complex.

Workers from Belfor, a Livonia fire and restoration service that boarded up the building after the fire, also brought pizzas to the displaced residents.

Donations of food, clothing and other items were still being dropped off at the complex on Thursday.

"This is a prime example of how our community pulls together as a team," Zhmendak

Donations are being accepted at the Innsbrook Clubhouse or call (248) 349-8410.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or at pfleming@gan-



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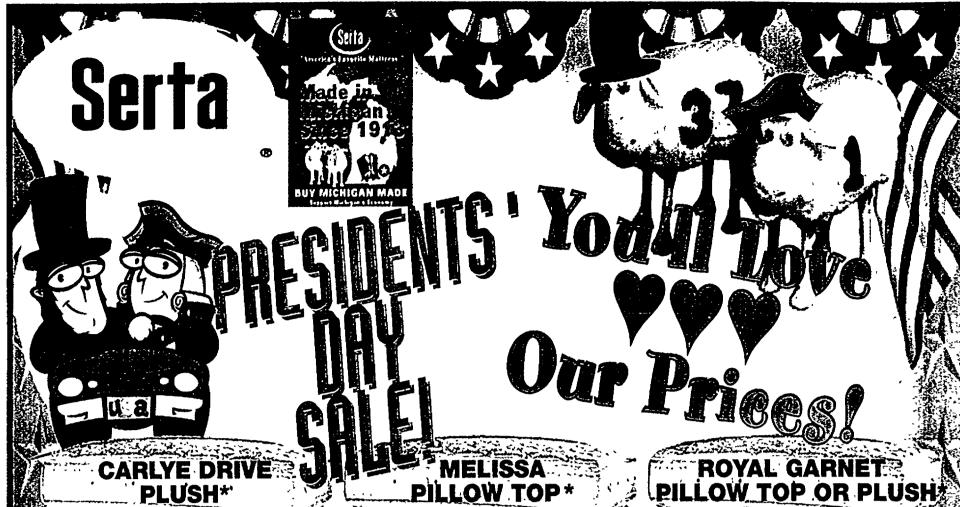
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SPORTS

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■ Off the board: Fankell and Kruse at the top of their game

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville swim team is loaded with talent. This is no secret for the 11-0 Mustangs.

But two seniors that have stood out throughout the season have been the diving duo of Steve Kruse and Will Fankell.

They've been a real big help to the swim team" Northville head coach Rich Bennetts said. "I think there's only been one or two dual meets where anybody's been able to get the better of them.

The biggest thing that we're looking at is the fact that they've been improving week by week. Instead of hitting their peak in December or

January, they seem to be hitting it right now, which is the perfect time to do so.

On a team full of guys putting in steady performances, getting almost guaranteed points

from the divers is a comfort for Bennetts.

"Knowing that you are going to be able to outscore them on the board allows you to take a couple more risks in your swimming lineup because you know you've got that four or six points in your pocket," he

In-team competition

Intercompetition has been a key part in both divers' success. Having teammates that can push each other only makes the team stronger.

"I think that's one of the things that's been a real common theme with this team, swimmers as well as the divers, just the ability to practice and kind of butt heads with your equals day in and day out," Bennetts said. "There's a constant competition every single day in practice. It obviously shows in the results.

Kruse and Fankell have had their nights where one has beaten the other, but Kruse enjoys having the daily competition.

"Will is just as good as me," Kruse said. "Having him there every time I'm diving, it pushes both of us to be better divers."

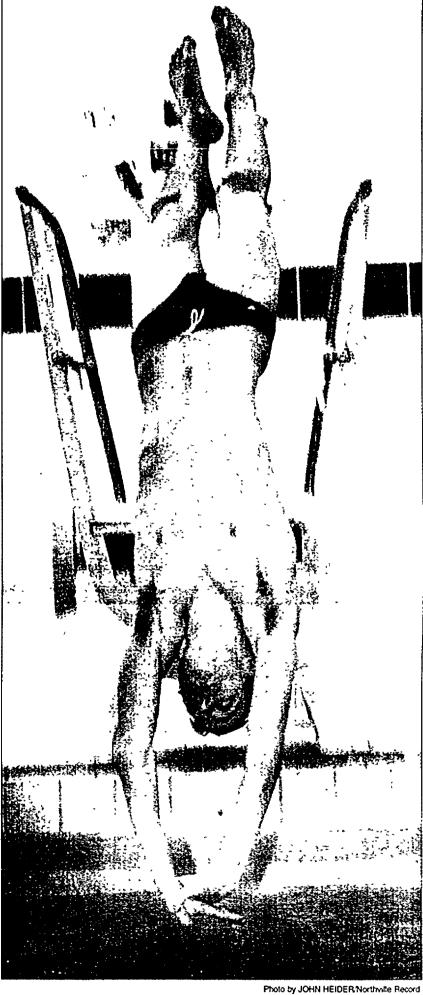
Kruse, a third-year diver, trashed the old school record for total points with 270.75 on senior night, beating the old record by more than 27 points.

"It was definitely the highlight of my season. It felt amazing," Kruse said. "Before the meet against Franklin, I hadn't been able to hit all six dives. It was just a magical night. I finally pulled it all

Fankell said the competition is fierce but friendly.

Every time we beat each other, it just makes us try harder to beat the other person." Fankell said. "We both want to be the best on the team.

"It's friendly, but at the same time, it's really fun to compete against each other."



Mustang diver Will Fankell begins to look for the water as he performs a continued on 2 dive at Northville High's pool.

Photo submitted by Mike Kolbow

Northville's Kyle Asher puts up a shot in the lane Friday against Plymouth.

Mustangs gallop past league foes

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville continued its quest for a WLAA divisional title with two more league wins in the past

The Mustangs (14-1, 10-1) crushed Plymouth 68-45 on Feb. 8, and blasted Franklin 54-35 Friday.

Both games featured the Northville defense, which held the opposition score throughout an entire quarter. scoreless

Northville 68, Plymouth 45

The game against Plymouth was pushed back to Thursday because the students were out of school Monday and Tuesday due to the

cold weather. The layoff had little effect against the lustangs, as they built a lead of 34 points during the

fourth quarter. The Mustangs came out strong on offense and built an 18-11 first quarter lead that

ballooned to 38-26 by the half. Senior Alvin Storrs was responsible for 24 of the Mustangs' 38 points.

Northville's defense killed any ideas of a Plymouth comeback by posting a shutout in the third quarter. The Mustangs roared out a 53-26 lead that all but ended the game, allowing Northville to rest it's starters in the fourth and get everyone in the game.

Storrs finished with a gamehigh 33 points. Greg Hasse was next with 10 points, and David

Burke chipped in nine Brandon Roberts and Navraj Sandhu scored 13 points each to lead Plymouth.

Northville 54, Franklin 35

The WLAA divisional punishment continued with a 19-point beating of Franklin on Friday.

The Mustang defense dominated the first quarter, posting a shutout. Northville led 11-0 after the first quarter.

The second quarter was almost a wash, with the Mustangs still up 26-16 at the intermission.

Defense again was the calling card for the Mustangs as they held Franklin to just five thirdquarter points to lead 38-21

heading into the fourth. The Patriots would never threaten the rest of the

> Storrs again led all scorers with 23 points, including four threepointers. Bret Spencer scored a career-high 13 points, and Andrew Manor scored all eight

of his points in the fourth. Gary Cobb led Plymouth with eight points.

Northville JV hoops

The Northville JV basketball team lost to the Plymouth Wikleats 61-53 Feb. 8 at Northville.

Northville kept it close throughout, but Ply mouth pulled away in the final minutes.

The Mustangs rebounded to beat Livonia Franklin 47-44 Friday on the road. The JV Mustangs are 9-5, 6-4.

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D'Anna wins WLAA title at 119

■ Mustang iunior one of four placers at league meet

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

became, D'Anna Northville's first WLAA conference champion since Joel Shanne won a title in 2004.

D'Anna, seeded third, knocked off two wrestlers that qualified for last year's state finals on his way to the finals. He came from behind late in his semifinal match beat Jared Stephens of finals he pinned Jamie Preiss from Wayne Memorial. He avenged an earlier loss to Preiss.

"It was really exciting," D'Anna said. "I watched what he did and I caught one of his mistakes and took advantage of it. "It lets me know what I

can achieve and that I can do even better." Northville head coach

Jeff Balagna was ecstatic to have his first league champion. What an outstanding day for the Northville wrestling pro-

us well. **His semifinals match against** Stephens was one of the most

gram," Balagna said. "D'Anna

was just amazing and represented

Westland John Glenn, 8-6. In the exciting matches I have every been apart of. He came from

behind late in the match to win. We told him to just continue to wrestle and you will get this kid, and that is what he did. He really showed a lot of heart and what he is made during that

match.' Northville also had three other wrestlers place in the tournament - John Hebert took third at 135 pounds, Brian Bagian was also third at 140, and

Aaron Towne took sixth at 145. "Hebert, Bagian and Towne all put together great tournaments, winning some good matches," Balagna said. "All four of these guys are juniors, so the Northville

wrestling team is in good hands for the future."

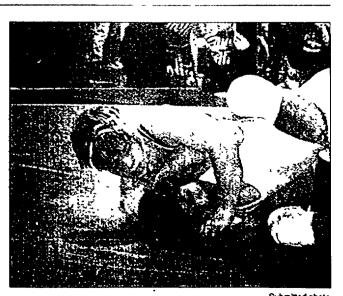
Northville 39, Salem 26

The Mustangs also picked up a league win against Salem in a dual, 39-26.

Picking up wins by pin were Mike Bagian, D'Anna, Brian Bagian, Colin Maresh, and Dave Stewart, Also winning matches were John Hebert, Nick Mudar, and Jim Caroll.

"What a great dual meet win for us," Balagna said. "We got behind early, but the guys never gave up and came through. It was nice to see the gym full of fans, and the energy was very high tonight."

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Northville wrestler Jonny D'Anna controls his opponent during Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association meet. D'Anna won the title at 119 pounds.



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COACH ROD: 'An awesome run'

Rodriguez's 51 years of coaching will end with CC's season

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

A coaching career of more than a half century will come to a close at the end of the wrestling season when Catholic Central's Mike Rodriguez hangs it up after the postseason run.

"It's been truly an awesome, spectacular run to have touched so many people," Rodriguez said. "God has been great to us. I've never thought in my wildest dreams that I would last until 75

Rodriguez has coached thousands of kids throughout his tenure. He has coached kids and, later on, their kids. He's impacted the lives of countless amounts of people.

Oh yeah, he's also won more than 700 dual matches, captured 13 straight Catholic League titles (27 overall), won 27 district titles, 19 regional titles and eight state championships - with one final run left.

The Shamrock wrestlers extended the string of league titles with a commanding win over the weekend. Catholic Central placed nine wrestlers in the finals, six of them winning their weight class.

"It was an awesome day," Rodriguez said. "It was very meaningful and very touching. But it's just the start. The best is yet to come.

"Our goals are just a little ways off from being accomplished, and this is the first.

Looking back

Rodriguez's coaching career started with Royal Oak Kimball in 1957. After two seasons and a 24-6 dual record, he moved to River Rouge from 1959-1967. He left that job with eight consecutive regional titles and one state title to head for the Blue and White at Catholic Central.

The regional title followed for the next four years, including three straight state titles in his second to fourth years with the Shamrocks, a collection of guys that still stands as one of his coaching high-

"The first group of young men that I had there, they were so hungry," Rodriguez said. "These guys were starving to be first. They won the first regional in the history of the school (in 1968). The next year they won the state and won it three years in a row.

These guys - from freshmen to sophomores and sophomores to juniors - they became men. They had arms like seniors. Out of that class, we had three millionaires. I know them personally, and they come back and say, 'Hey coach, it was the room that taught us to be obsessed with working ethics. We worked

Since taking over the Shamrock program, Rodriguez has had a state placer in all but one of his years, and as many as six in 1988. He won state titles in 1969-71, 1974, 1978, 1983 and 1988.

But even Rodriguez is surprised at his coaching

"My second oldest son was my assistant for five years, and he said, "When are you going to quit Dad?" he said. "I said, well, I really don't know, David, I just love it so much, I'd hate to give up right now.

"I said, 'But if I get to the point when I get in my 70s, if I can't walk, put me in a wheelchair and roll me out to the mat so I can scream at somebody.'-

Position filled

Since Rodriguez took over the Shamrock program in 1968, no one else has been the head coach.

Bob Santello, CC's athletic director, has enjoyed knowing who the wrestling coach would be, but he's enjoyed seeing the impact that Rodriguez makes off the mat even more.

"He's more than just a coach - he's a teacher and a father figure," Santello said. "It's amazing - the wresting community, when they graduate, they never forget Mike Rodriguez. He does so much besides



Mike Rodriguez during his first year with the Shamrock wrestling team in 1968.

just teaching the fundamentals of wrestling. He's a teacher of how you should live life."

Santello said it will be different penciling in a different name next year for wrestling, but he appreciated all his former coach did for the program.

"Thanks for all that you've done for Catholic Central," Santello said. "We all wish him well in retirement. I'm sure we'll see him at a number of our meets. He's not going to disappear."

Filling the void

Mitch Hancock, a former Catholic Central wrestler for Rodriguez, will take over the program

Hancock had opportunities to go to other schools after an All-American career that ended in 2005 for Central Michigan University, but he knew where he wanted to go.

"It's just so gratifying to know that he's all Catholic Central," Rodriguez said. "He's very disciplined. He demands excellence from the young men that are in the room.

Santello said it will be weird with someone else at the wrestling helm, but it won't be a total change for

Mitch is a disciple of Rod," Santello said. "Ho graduated from CC and was coached by him for four Well, I've made it. I can still walk out to the edge of the years. His philosophies will continue, although you the mat."

The final scene

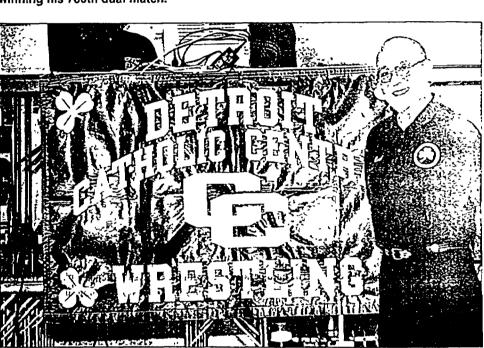
Tears are going to flow when the final match is wrestled for Rodriguez, and he's the first to admit he'll be part of the action.

"I don't know if I can keep the tears out of my eyes," he said. "It's going to be difficult to walk away. But I'm blessed to walk away and leave it in good hands. He's (Hancock) going to keep it clean and make the kids work hard."

Rodriguez said his wife has been there for him throughout his career, but this year especially.



Catholic Central wrestling coach Mike Rodriguez is presented with a cake after winning his 700th dual match.



Mike Rodriguez stands proudly in front of the Catholic Central wrestling banner before the 2006-07 season.

said, 'You always get like this in the beginning of the season, and you always come out in the end.

The end is near, but the final chapter will be written in a book filled with highlights both on and oft ext 104 er at phetsenC cannett com

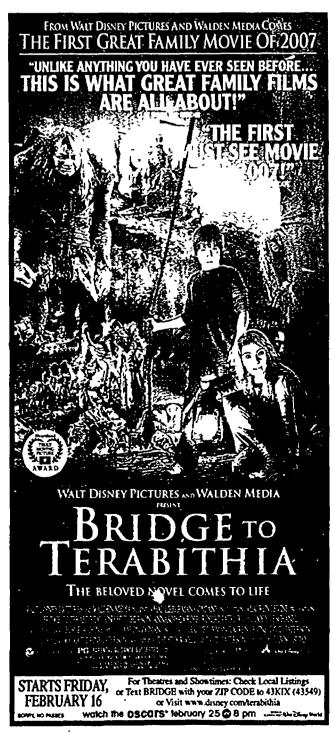
"I kept coming home just ragging on these kids.

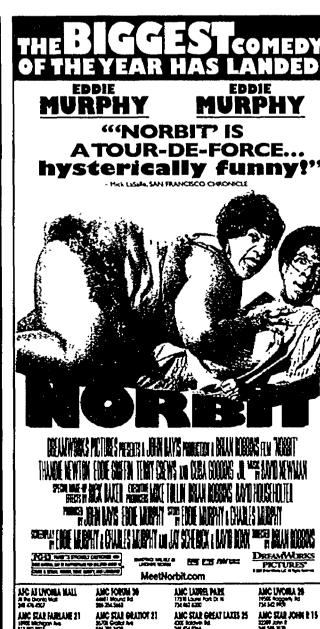
She was always there for me," Rodriguez said. "She as one of the greatest coaches of all time for high

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Mustangs finishing with medals.
Chris Keady placed second in the individual medley and fifth in the 500 freestyle, Will Blickle was eighth in the 200 individual

medley, and Brody Blickle was

third in the 200 freestyle and the

100 butterfly. The 400 freestyle

relay team of Chris Keady, Will

and Brody Blickle and Chris

The Northville volleyball

team knocked off Plymouth in

three straight Feb. 7. The Mustangs won 25-11, 25-19, 25-

19. Joanna Foss had 15 kills for

Culkin placed second.

Northville volleyball

Northville (29-3-2).

'Stang swimmers stay perfect in WLAA meets

Hockey wins two out of three

Submitted to the Northville Record

Northville won two out of three contests last week, with a huge home ice victory against Walled Lake Western on Feb. 7, and split the games in the Michigan Showcase tallying a tough loss to Portage Central on Friday and a win over Clarkston on Saturday.

The home game was another high scoring treat for the Mustang's fans, with a final score of 8-2. Portage Central took advantage during their power plays and finished with an empty net goal to beat the Mustangs 4-1. Northville came back strong to outplay Clarkston with a 4-0 win.

Northville 8, Walled Lake Western 2

The Mustangs did not go into the game overly confident against the Warrior's, since their previous match was a narrow win of only 2-1, and the first period was certainly too close for comfort.

The Warriors notched the first point early on when Northville had a giveaway low in the zone. Junior Kevin Uetz tied things up a few minutes later when he slid the puck through the five-hole after a corner pass from senior Ian Jezak. A couple of nice saves from sophomore goaltender Teddy Keranen and some aggressive defensive play from senior Brandon Wales held the tie until late in the period. With three minutes to go, senior Anthony Deneau passed the puck out from the corner straight to

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The Mustangs defeated the

Mercy Marlins and Port Huron

Rebels in less than twenty-four

hours to cap their most successful

weekend of the season. Both

games were decided by a goal and

The Mustangs began the week-

end Friday night when they

played the Marlins in what turned

out to be one of the most exciting

The scoring began half way into the first period when Alex

Kaszuba's slap shot went wide of

the goal and an alert Hannah

Deacon quickly passed to Erin

Hietala skating into the high slot,

Hietala's "one-timer" caught the

lower left comer of the goal, giv-

ing the Mustangs their first goal

of the game. Soon after Erin's

goal, the Mustangs just miss tak-

ing a two goal lead, when Lisa

Fishbeck passed to Carrie Pichan

who was robbed of a goal when

the goalie at the last second

reached out and grab what was

going to be a sure goal, only to

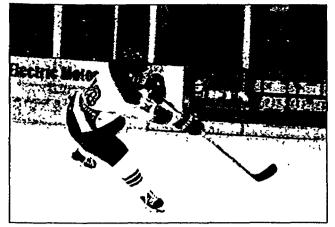
see the Marlins score the next

time down the ice to tie the game

at the end of the period.

games of the year.

went down to the final seconds.



Submitted photo

Senior Brandon Wales notches his second goal in the game against Walled Lake Central.

Mustang girls hockey wins pair

senior Mike Garbarz's tape and it deflected into the upper corner, ending the first at 2-1 Northville.

The second period highlights included five unanswered goals from Northville, beginning with some beautiful team work when sophomore West Gates took the puck down low and dropped it to a trailing senior Steve Dawson who fired it into the net. The fourth goal was a skillful unassisted play from junior Jordan Duff, who snatched the puck and carried it into the corner and then across the crease to backhand it home. Gates and sophomore Matt Kreager teamed up for the fifth, and Wales scored the sixth with assists from junior TJ Hohl and junior Ross Riehl. Wales and Riehl showed the fans how it's done when Wales took the puck in

Just two minutes into the sec-

ond period, Natasha Nemcek

passed to Abbey Reichard who then spotted Danielle Hirka

streaking up the right side, Hirka

took the pass and skated by both

Mercy defenseman to score the

Mustangs second goal of the

game and giving the Mustangs a

Later in period, Hannah

Deacon again set up Erin Hietala,

but this time Eve Audoulos redi-

rect the shot giving the Mustangs

their third goal of the game and a

three to two lead. The Marlins

came right back scoring in the

closing minutes of the second

period, tying the game at three

Mustangs down two players,

playing five on three, when

Krysten Ruzylo blocked a shot

from the point and skated the

length of the ice to score the

fourth goal of the game and the

first "two man" down goal in

leads, the Marlins once again tied

the game halfway into the third.

But, like the previous three

Northville Hockey history.

The third period began with the

2-1 lead.

goals apiece.

on a two on one, sent it to Riehl who shot it right back for the assist, ending the period 7-1 Northville.

The only Mustang goal of the third was from Dawson, who took advantage of a scramble in front of the net and sent in his own rebound with assists to Wales and senior Kevin Ruzylo. The last goal of the game came with a little over two minutes left when Walled Lake scored on a breakaway, ending the game at 8-2 Northville.

Portage 4, Northville 1

Unfortunately, Northville had to play both of their games on the soft ice of the practice rink at the Trenton Showcase. Portage Central scored on a Northville

with three minutes to go in the game hit the post and Beth Nichols was robbed of a goal in

front of the net when Mercy

goalie Ashlee Witkowski was able

the ice and let go a sixty foot wrist

shot that caught the corner of the

goal with 46 seconds remaining to

A good nights sleep and an 85-

mile trip to Port Huron, saw the

Mustangs play there most domi-

nant game of the year, out shoot-

ing the Port Huron Rebels 34-18,

but all the Mustangs needed was

one goal, as Jordyn Bell and

Megan Brennan played flawless

hockey teaming up to achieve

Once again, in her second game

in a row, Krysten Ruzylo scores

when the Mustangs are a "man-

down." Almost identical to the

night before Krysten forces the

Port Huron player to shoot early,

and then blocks the shot and

skates the length of the ice to score

the winning and only goal of the

their first shutout of the season.

close out a 4-3 Mustang win.

penalty kill a couple of minutes into the game, and they scored again with about five minutes to go, ending the first at 2-0 Portage. A minute into the second, Kreager scored Northville's only goal of the game when he took the puck behind the net, bounced it off the boards and played it for a pretty wrap-around. Portage responded about halfway through the third when they took advantage of another power play, and with less than a minute to go in the game they sent one into an empty net to end the game at 4-1 Portage.

Northville 4, Clarkston O

The Mustang's came back ready to play on Saturday night, bringing their typical offensive style and team play for the win against Clarkston. Goaltending senior Andrew Flynn stood up in the first period and denied Clarkston on their scoring chances, while Northville did notch the only goal of the period when senior Kyle Storey scored with an assist from Dawson. Northville teamed up early in the second for a gorgeous two on one, which resulted in a short-handed goal for Garbarz and an assist for Dawson. With only a couple of minutes left in the second. Northville's power play gave Deneau the opportunity to send the puck to Storey who fired a beauty in from the slot. The final goal of the game came from Garbarz, who tipped it in when Deneau earned his assist from the blue line after a pass from Kreager. Flynn held on to his shutout.

Northville Schedules

Hockey

By Jeff Theisen

RECORD SPORTS WRITER

of Plymouth on Feb. 8.

The Mustangs swim and dive

team continued a perfect league

season with a 133-53 lambasting

Highlights included Clay

Malloure winning the 200 freestyle in 1:57.06, Pat Keady

winning the 50 freestyle in 25.17

and the 100 freestyle in 53.73,

Jake Lane finishing first in the 100 backstroke in 1:04.46, Greg

Sheppard winning the 100 breaststroke in 1.08.68 and Steve

Kruse leading the field in diving

the MISCA meet, with several

Northville also competed in

with 178.10 points.

2/15 at Farmington, 7 p.m. 2/21 Waterford Mott, 7 p.m.

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2/24 WLAA (home), 9 a.m.

2/19 at Canton, 7 p.m.

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to deflect the shot at the last second. Witkowski's luck was about JV Girls set a record for to run out when freshman, Lee wins in a season Ann Ellison skated the puck up

blank shots on goal.

the length of the ice and take point

Bloomfield Hills at 4 p.m. Friday.

The Mustangs next game is at Southfield Civic Center versus

The Northville girls JV team is having the most successful season ever at 12-4, breaking last years record wins. This past Thursday the Mustangs faced the Bloomfield Hills Knights Varsity and won 4-2 in what turned out to be one of the most exciting games of the year. The Mustangs scored four unanswered goals during a nine-minute span of the first period, locking up their twelfth win of the season. Goals came from Jenny Burke, Morgan McGuirk, Danielle Collerano and Molly Eley.

The key to the win said coach Corless was the outstanding play of first year goalie Genna Guibord, who Scott Corless said, 'Gena's confidence increases with every game win or lose, she has been one of the keys to the our success this year."

The Mustangs had several game. Later in the third, both Alex chances in the closing minutes. Davis and Michelle Oldham, are Varsity B team this Friday at 3:30 Mellissa Kosztowny's slap shot robbed of goals when each skates at Cranbrook (Wallace) arena.

Third at state!

The Northville High School Junior varsity pom pon team placed third at the Mid-American's 28th Annual State-Wide Pom Pon Championships on Feb. 11 at Eastern Michigan University. Northville varsity pom achieved one of their best rankings in the Division I Class A competition. Coach Christie Wilson commended the girls for unifying together as a team for the competition.

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■ WRESTLING: D'Anna wins title

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"Our underclassmen really came through nicely for us tonight. Freshman Mike Bagian and Nick Mudar, along with sophomore Colin Maresh picked up huge wins for us. Mudar's match is the match that turned the tide for us. After his match we went on a tear and never looked back."

The Mustangs compete against Novi in the team districts tonight at Novi. The first match starts at 5:30, with the winner going on to face the winner of Catholic Central and Farmington immediately after.

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State tough!

The Northville High School Varsity Pom Pon Team competed in Mid-American's 28th Annual State-Wide Pom Pon Championships on Feb. 11 at Eastern Michigan University. Northville Varsity Pom achieved one of their best rankings in the Division I Class A competition. Coach Christie Wilson commended the girls for unifying together as a team for the competition.

The State Final participants include Senior Captains Lauren Bishop, Kristen deBear, Ali Evasic, Erica Hagan and Heather Quick, and teammates Laura Catalano, Amanda Cook, Hilarie Denomme, Bri Diegel, Brittney Ermatinger, Sam Evasic, Kristina Kaldis, Lauren Kerr, Anna Lichtman, Amy Mnich, Christie Potter, Abby Presley, Chelsea Przekop, Abble Saltz, Sam Sine, Marisa Woloszyn, Marissa D'Agostino, Sarah Forsthoefel, Barble Gutmann, Lauren Helvenston, Nikki Metruslas, Kendra Rays, Julie Roper and Lauren Wysocki.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record Mustang diver Stephen Kruse performs a dive during

practice.

Fankell, Kruse at top of their game

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Push for state

In a breakdown on each diver, Bennetts said that Kruse has the ability to score big points if he hits all of his dives, as shown by the new school record. Fankell is a more consistent diver and rarely has any major flaws during his dives.

Bennetts says the pair are capable of landing in the top four at the league meet and going onto the regional meet with some confidence. After

that, it will take a top-12 finish to make it to the state meet.

They've both been steadily improving as the season goes on," Bennetts said. "February is the time. We'd love for those guys be at their best, and it looks like they're on track to do that.

"We know that we're going to need every single point that we can get, and this team doesn't care whether you're getting it in the pool or on the board."

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■ Instead of running from store to store, shop at one Supercenter that offers everything you need for entertaining: groceries, beverages, home décor and

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Enjoy your own party this holiday season, with good company, great food and lots of cheer. For easy, entertaining ideas all in one place, visit www.walmart.com and click on In Stores Now/Idea Center.

Red Pepper and Tapenade Slices

This hearty appetizer will disappear, so keep ingredients on hand for making a second or third batch.

- Makes: 8 pieces 1 8-ounce can refrigerated crescent rolls
 - 1/2 cup marinara sauce 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
 - 3 tablespoons crumbled blue cheese
- 1/4 cup olive tapenade 1/3 cup roasted red bell pepper, cut into strips 1. Heat oven to 425°F. Unroll dough, separate into 8
- triangles. Arrange triangles on baking sheet. 2. Layer each triangle with some marinara sauce, Monterey Jack cheese, blue cheese, olive tapenade and pepper
- 3. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until edges are golden. Serve

Feta-Stuffed Artichoke Bottoms

These irresistible Mediterranean-inspired appetizers are so very satisfying - be sure to make plenty. Makes: 15 pieces

- 1/2 cup chopped roasted red bell peppers (from jar)
- 1/4 cup chopped ripe black olives
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 13 3/4-ounce can artichoke bottoms, drained and patted dry
- 1. Heat broiler Line cookie sheet with foil.
- 2. In medium bowl, combine peppers, olives, cheese and olive oil. Place artichoke bottoms onto prepared cookie sheet. Mound 1 1/2 teaspoons of stuffing onto each
- 3. Broil 7 minutes or until golden on top. Transfer artichokes to a platter and serve hot.

Bacon-Wrapped Artichoke Hearts

Feel free to double or triple this recipe. Makes: 18 pieces

Red Pepper and Tapenade Slices

- 1 12-ounce jar marinated artichoke heart quarters 9 slices bacon, cut in half
- 1. Heat oven to 425°F. Line a baking sheet with aluminum

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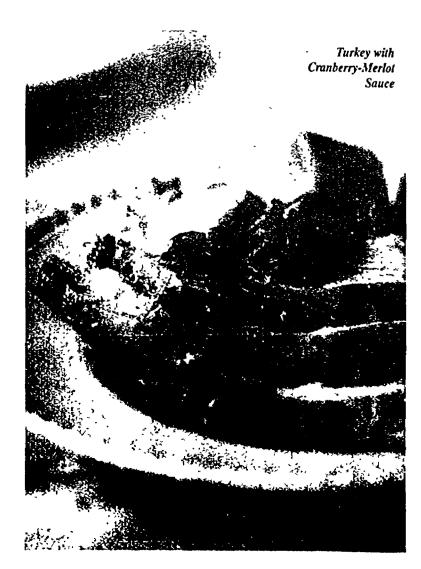
- foil. Drain artichoke heart quarters, reserving liquid. 2. Wrap each artichoke heart quarter with a half-slice
- bacon. Secure with a toothpick. 3. Place on baking sheet. Drizzle with reserved liquid from
- artichokes. Roast 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned and cooked through.

Turkey with Cranberry-Merlot Sauce

Tender turkey breast, arranged on a platter with this sweetand-savory sauce is perfect on a buffet table. If you're serving a crowd, this recipe doubles easily. Or serve this turkey breast alongside a spiral-sliced ham.

Serves: 6

- 2 pounds boneless, skinless turkey breast
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- cup frozen chopped onion
- 16-ounce can whole cranberry sauce cup Meriot or other red wine
- 1 1-ounce packet peppercorn sauce mix
- 1. Sprinkle turkey with garlic salt; set aside.
- 2. Place onion in a 5-quart slow cooker. Place turkey on top. In medium bowl, stir together cranberry sauce, wine and peppercorn sauce mix. Pour over turkey.
- 3. Cover and cook on low heat 4 to 6 hours until internal temperature reaches 170°F.
- 4. Slice turkey and serve with cooking juices.





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Better Health

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FAMILY FEATURES

Got a minute?

You're just in time to learn how small adjustments to your daily routine may add up to improved health and a more balanced lifestyle. With the start of a new year, examine your personal profile and pinpoint opportunities where better-for-you changes can be made. Whether you'd like to shape up or slim down, the key is making smarter choices and finding real solutions that can bring about positive results.

Before you know it, you'll be eating better, feeling better and living better, explained Dr. Bob Arnot, who has served as chief medical and health correspondent for national news shows. For example, exercise should be compared to play - not a chore. "I've always advocated fun sports, such as walking, golfing or biking, as the best way to stay fit," said Arnot, also a best-selling author. "I find biking the single best sport for keeping in shape because from day one, you put in as much time and distance as you want. It's also friendly to the joints."

Another timely tip: bookmark a favorite online resource that offers a refreshing perspective and a dose of inspiration. A top pick is www.EatBetterAmerica.com, which features simple tips on eating better, the benefits of doing so and recipes to get started. Good nutrition, Arnot notes, not only plays a role in weight management, it can also have a big impact on reducing risk for chronic diseases such as diabetes.



One Doctor's Rx for **Eating Better, Feeling Better**

Dr. Bob Arnot, experienced medical journalist and best-selling author, offers his top three personal tips for better health:

First Things First: Breakfast is my favorite meal -- hands down. I still start with a whole grain cereal, such as my childhood favorite Wheat Chex, slice a banana on it, throw in some blueberries and douse it in ice-cold soymilk. I tell patients breakfasts are free ... meaning this meal won't add inches to your waistline, but it will give you the energy to help fuel your morning. And, choose cereals with lots of fiber to help fill you up and get you off to a healthy start. What if your kids won't cat adult cereals? Look for kids' cereals made with whole grain; they provide many essential nutrients in addition to the health benefits of whole grain.

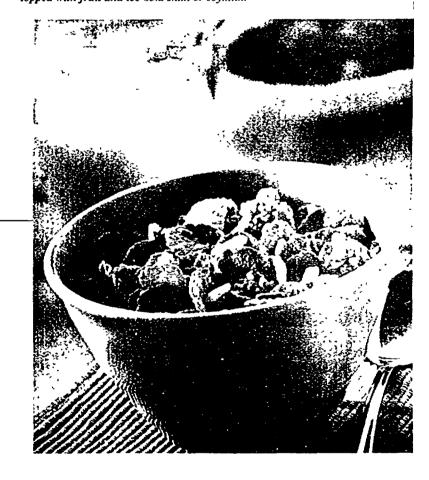
Chill: Fresh vegetables are often perceived as the healthiest choice. However, within hours after harvest, nutrients begin to disappear. And, during the week-long trip from the fields to the grocery store, a significant amount of nutrients can be lost. What's the solution? Today, food companies literally freeze fruits and vege-

tables within hours of being picked to retain valuable nutrients. In fact frozen fruits and vegetables are just as nutritious as fresh. I stock my freezer with corn, broccoli, green beans, blueberries and raspberries. They taste as fresh as if I just picked them myself.

Enjoy Soy: Soy is a super healthful food I enjoy every day. Using it in my cereal bowl at breakfast, or in a smoothie, is great because it delivers a low-fat, naturally cholesterol free protein great for heart health. If I'm in a hurry and need instant nutrition, I'll grab a glass of soymilk. Substituting soymilk for whole milk may help lower my cholesterol level. And, like many adults with some degree of lactose intolerance. I use soymilk as a terrific replacement for milk and a great way to get added calcium to help reduce my risk of osteoporosis and bone fractures.



"If you make one change to your health routine," said Arnot, "make breakfast a must." He recommends cereal made with whole grain topped with fruit and ice-cold skim or soymilk.



Raspberry-Banana Soy Smoothie

Try this soy-based smoothie on for size. Perfect for a mid-day snack, it delivers 9 grams of protein, 10 grams of fiber and 100 percent delicious flavor. Enjoy in less than five minutes.

- 1 container (6 ounces) fat free French vanilla yogurt 1 1/2 cups 8th Continent original soy milk
 - 1 cup unsweetened frozen or fresh raspberries 1 medium banana, sliced (1 cup)
- 1. Place all ingredients in blender or food processor. Čover; blend on high speed about 30 seconds or until smooth. 2. Pour into 2 glasses. Serve immediately.
- 2 servings (about 1 1/2 cups each) 1 Serving: Calones 210 (Calones from Fat 30); Total Fat 3.5g (Saturated Fat 1g), Cholesterol 5mg, Sedium 150mg, Potassium 190mg, Total Carbohydrate 37g (Dietary Fiber 3g), Protein 7g

% Daily Value: Vitamin A 15%; Vitamin C 4%; Calcrum 30%; Iron 4%; Vitamin D 25%; Folic Acid 2%

Exchanges: 1 1/2 Other Carbohydrate, 1 Skim Milk,

Carbohydrate Choices: 2 1/2

Munchy Trail Mix

Eating portion-controlled snacks between meals gives the body the burst of fuel it needs to sail through the day. A smart snack — such as trail mix paired with a favorite fruit or veggies and dip - curbs hunger and can be a good source of important nutrients you may not get otherwise.

- 2 cups Cheerios cereal 2 cups Chex bite-size squares cereal
- (any variety)
- 2 cups Kix crispy corn puffs cereal cup raisins
- cup yogurt or carob candies,
- if desired
- 1 cup peanuts, if desired

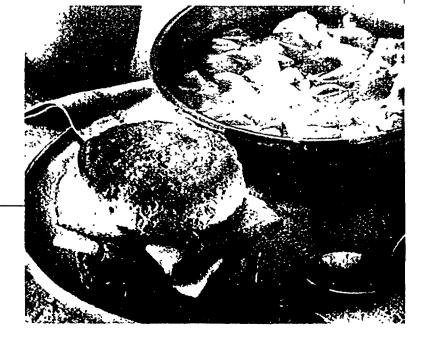
1. In large bowl or resealable food-storage plastic bag, mix all ingredients. (If serving to children under 4 years old, omit the raisins and peanuts.) Store tightly covered.

Makes 7 cups

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Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1/2 Fruit Carbohydrate Choices: 1

Pop open a can of ready-to-serve soup, heat and enjoy with a sandwich for a satisfying lunch or dinner. Many canned soups clock in around 100 calories per serving. Look for reduced sodium varieties, such as Progresso, if salt intake is a concern. Choosing heart-healthy reduced sodium soups can help with weight management and help decrease



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Group 3 Inc., a development, construction and realty-services firm, has revolutionized the small office practice by making the office condominium commonplace to the marketplace in Michigan.

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Often, businesses buy two adjacent condos, and lease one out to help offset expenses until they are able to expand into both spaces.

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For several years Group 3 has been offering business professionals office condominiums throughout the Oakland County.

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The offices of Group 3 are located in the lovely Woodland Center on Milford Road. just north of the Village in Milford Township. Other successful projects are the Heritage Crossing on Highland Road at Milford Road in Highland, plus Saddlebrook Farms and Stonecrest in Highland. Several other equally successful projects are currently under

way and accepting reservations for space. Both men live in and support the communities where they do business. Adams and Percy both live with their families in Highland Township, not far from their office.

GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Group 3 also works as general contractors for commercial and residential projects. Percy serves as the construction manager, after nearly 20 years as a builder.

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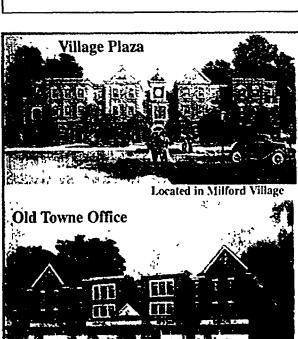
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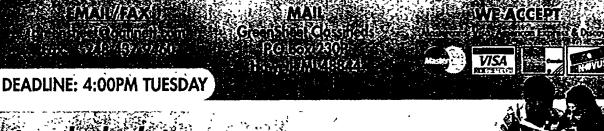
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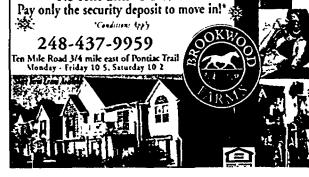
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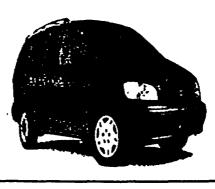
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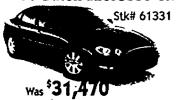


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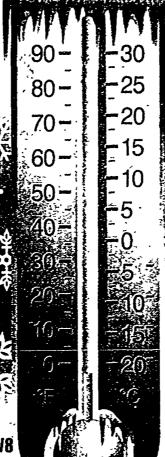
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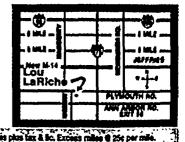
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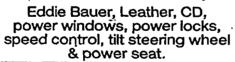
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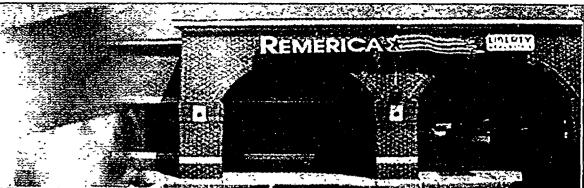
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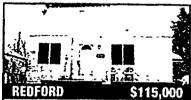
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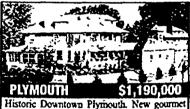
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Q: So what's new for you in 2007? A: Well, I've actually got a lot going on. I am launching a new magazine, tentatively called Ty Pennington at Home, starting a new production company and opening an L.A.-based design store, ADHD: Art, Design, Home Décor.

Q: What can readers expect from Tv Pennington at Home?

A: I'm really excited about the new magazine. It's dedicated to home design and gives great tips and advice on how to redesign your home without breaking the bank. Q: And what about ADHD? That's a pretty interesting name for a design

A: Yeah, well it's no secret that I have Attention Deficit

Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). It's something that I'm committed to raising awareness about, and I thought what better way than to combine two of my passions. Q: How do you keep up with such an extreme schedule?

A: I think the most important thing is to stay on top of your health. I try to eat right, get enough sleep (which can be hard since I'm always on the road) and exercise every day. And when I have pain, I take aspirin.

My job is pretty hard work rebuilding a home in just seven days, week after week! I really love helping people rebuild their lives, but work can sometimes be a pain. So then I sometimes find myself reaching for the aspirin so I can handle everything my job throws at me. Anything that can help you relieve a headache or survive a heart attack, when taken when your doctor tells you, is pretty amazing!

Ty Pennington's new magazine will be launching in April 2007 and his home design store will be opening in April as well. Ty will also be partnering with Bayer on a new campaign, Wonders of the Heart.



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Property values relate to curb appeal

(NewsUSA) — When a prospective buyer drives up to the home you're selling, the first impression is going to be a lasting one. Long before he sees the inside of the house, the exterior makes a statement about the property - one that's going to play a role in several decisions that buyer is about to make.

First will be the question of whether or not he wants the house based on its appearance, and second will be the issue of the home's value.

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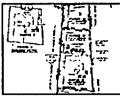
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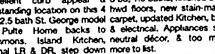
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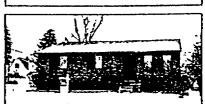
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Q. We own a condo in Naples and our association is trying to settle a claim that it has with the insurance company in response to last year's hurricane. They have not fixed my unit yet since they claim they are fighting with the insurance company. Can I do anything about it?

A. It all depends on your documents as normally the condominium association has an obligation to repair your unit in a reasonable manner to the extent they have responsibility for same. I would



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suggest that you or your attorney write the association a letter demanding that they take measures to correct your unit whether or not they have insurance proceeds at this time. It may be that the association may have to levy an additional assessment or they may

have already levied one but you should

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

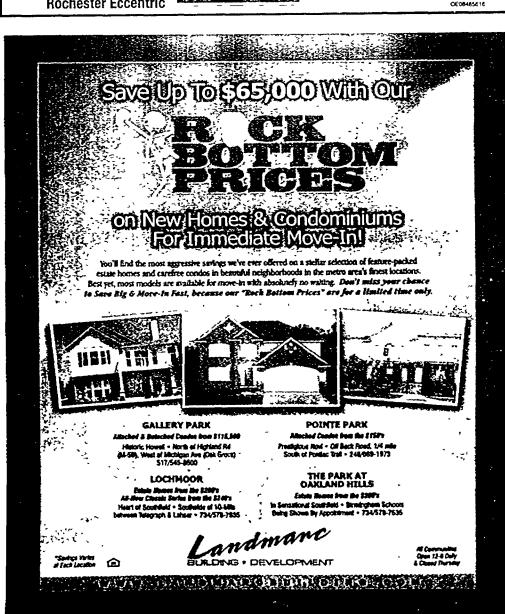


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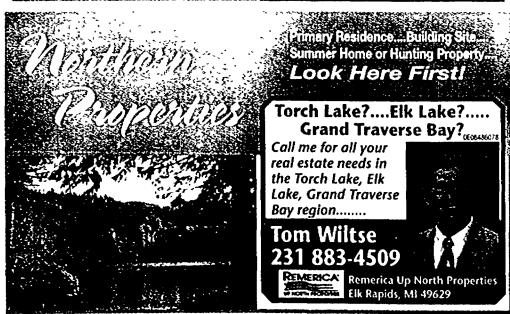


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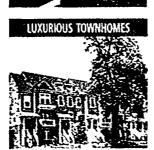
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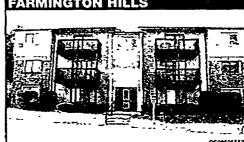
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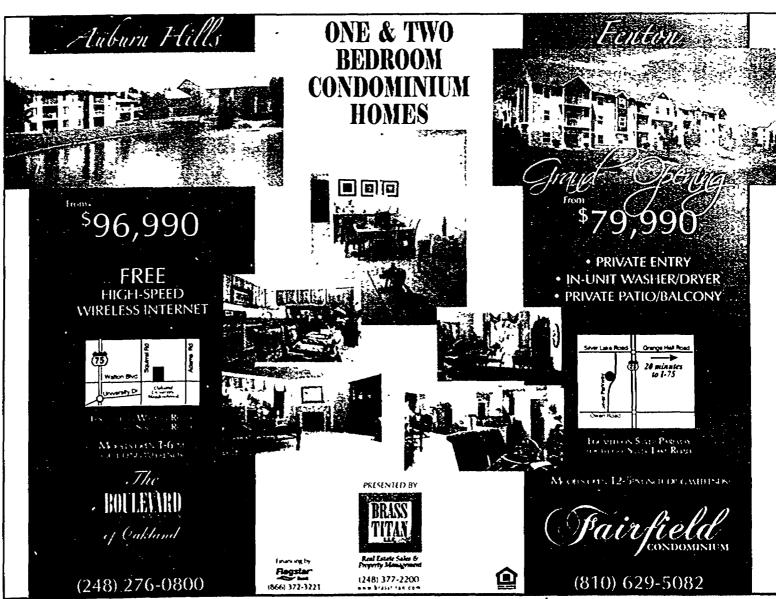
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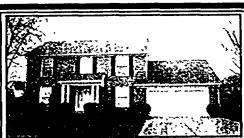
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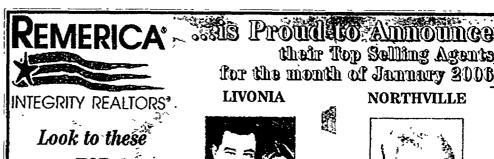
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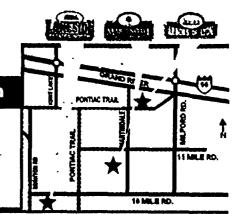
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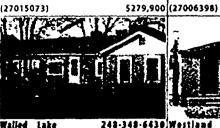


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I'd like to know more about my favorite Law and Order actor, Sam Waterston.

-Faye Thomas, Portland, Ore.



Actor Sam Waterston

Born in Cambridge, Mass., Waterston, 67, received a bachelor's degree from Yale University, where he studied French and history. He's been nominated for a Tony for his stage role as Abraham Lincoln in Abe Lincoln in Illinois, and for an Oscar for his work in The Killing Fields. His role as Forrest Bedford on the TV series I'll Fly Away was ranked No. 17 on TV Guide magazine's list of TV's "50 Greatest Dads of All Time." He has four children and lives in Connecticut with his second wife.



What is singer Laura Branigan doing now?

-Donna Madden, Pine Knot, Ky.

The talented singer died Aug. 26, 2004, of a brain aneurysm. She was 47. While Branigan was best known for her 1982 hit single "Gloria," she continued to release

albums, earning four Grammy nominations and a Top 10 hit in 2004 with a 20th anniversary re-recording of her dance hit "Self Control." Through the years, she juggled music and acting, appearing in popular TV series such as CHiPs and Knight Rider. In 2002, she received rave reviews for her portrayal of Janis Joplin in the New York stage play Love, Janis.

What can you tell me about TV and radio host Tavis Smiley? He's fascinating.

-Marianne Groves, Coshocton, Ohio

Tavis Smiley

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Smiley, 42, a crusader for black rights, issues and opportunities, is a multimedia sensation. He hosts the nightly TV series that bears his name on PBS, plus Public Radio International's weekly Tavis Smiley Show. Twice a week, he's a commentator on The Tom Joyner Morning Show. He also is an author with a new autobiography, What I Know

For Sine: My Story of Growing Up in America, now joining his 2005 bestseller The Covenant on the bookshelves. "I am tired of seeing black people live beneath our privilege," says Smiley, whose favorite expressions are "love wins" and "keep the faith."

I loved Samantha Mathis in The Thing Called Love. What's she been doing recently?

-J.D. Powers. Big Spring. Texas

Hard to believe, but it's been 14 years since Mathis starred with Sandra Bullock and River Phoenix in the movie The Thing Called Love. Now 36, she's worked consistently on a variety of projects and appeared recently in the TV movies Absolution, Salem's Lot and The Mists of Avalon, in Nightmares and Dreamscapes, and on episodes of House and Law & Order: Criminal Intent. Fun fact: Of Austrian ancestry, Mathis has spoken fluent German since childhood.



I really enjoy John Stamos. What can you tell me about him?

-Marie Maleninsky, Scranton, Pa.

The California native, 43, got his acting break on General Hospital before becoming a full-blown celebrity on the TV series Full House in the late 1980s. During that time, he also performed as drummer for the Beach Boys, later directing one of their videos. In the '90s, he wowed Broadway in How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying and Cabaret. His sevenyear marriage to actress Rebecca Romijn ended in 2005, just about the time he was beginning his most recent TV projects, the starring slot in Jake In Progress and a recurring role on ER.

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TV star John Stamos once drummed for the Beach Boys.

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Turn Dinnertime ^{into} Family Time

Families across the nation are reclaiming the family dinner hour, and for good reason.

"Parents are concerned that home has become like a fast-food drive-thru, where kids rush in, grab a bite to eat, ask for money, then rush out again," says Judie Byrd, founder of the Fort Worth, Texas-based Super Suppers, a meal assembly program designed to get families back to the dinner table.

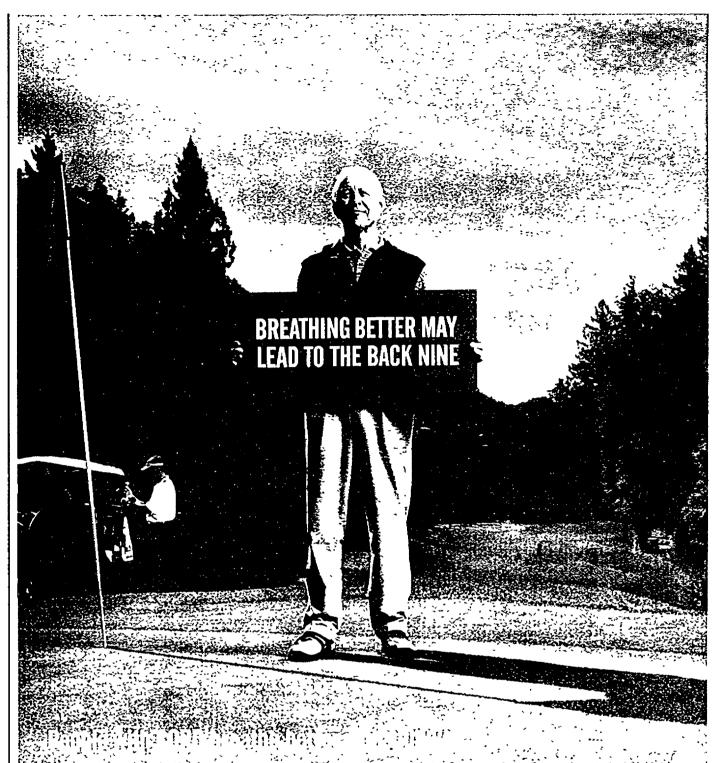
According to the American Psychological Association, dinnertime plays a crucial role in the lives of teenagers. Studies found that well-adjusted teens—those with better relationships with their peers, more academic motivation and few, if any, problems with drugs and depression—ate dinner with their families an average of five days a week.

Of course, it's important to realize that eating dinner together as a family is about more than food; it's about nourishing and nurturing children. It's when parents can discuss what's going on in the world, learn about each other's day and teach their children important life lessons.

Here's how to bring families together for dinner at your house:

- Decide how many nights you'll eat together, and do it. You may have to adjust your schedule and give up some things, but remember that you're building for the future.
- Beware of the "whining hour." If you have small children, have some light, healthful snacks to tide them over until dinnertime.
- Develop a repertoire of easy-to-make meals and always keep the ingredients on hand. Don't let complicated recipes

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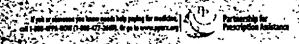


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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

SPRIVA Handifoles (totropum bromide inhalation powde) is indicated for the long-term, once-daily maintenance treatment of bronchospasm associated with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), including chronic bronchds and emphysiema.

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SPRIM Handifaler (botopoun bronide inhalation powder) is intended as a once-daily maintenance treatment for COPO and is not indicated for the initial treatment of acute episodes of bronchospasm. LE., rescue therapy.

Immediate hypersensivity reactions, including angioedema, may occur after administration of SPRVA. If such a reaction occurs, therapy with SPRVA should be stopped at once and alternative treatments should be considered.

Inhaled mediones, including SPRIVA, may cause paradoxical bronchospasm. If this occurs, treatment with SPRIVA should be stopped and other treatments considered. PRECAUTIONS

As an arcicroinergic drug. SPRNA (botropum bronide inhalation powder) may potentially worsen symptoms and signs associated with narrow-angle glaucoma, prostatic hyperplasia or bladder-neck obstruction and should be used with causion in potents with any of these conditions.

As a predominantly renaity excreted drug patients with moderate to severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance of 550 mil/min) treated with SPANA should be monitored closely (see CLIBICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacokinetics, Special Populations, Renaily-impaired Patients. Information for Patients

It is important for patients to understand how to correctly administer SPRNA capsules using the Handi-faller inhalation device (see Patient's Instructions for Use). SPRNA capsules should only be administered via the Handi-faller device and the Handi-faller device should not be used for administering

Capsules should always be stored in sealed blisters and only removed immediately before use. The blister stro should be carefully opened to expose only one capsule at a time. Open the blister foil as far as the 570P line to remove only one capsule at a time. The drug should be used immediately after the packaging over an individual capsule is opened, or else at effectiveness may be reduced. Capsules that are inadvertiently exposed to air 6 e., not intended for immediate use) should be discarded.

Eye pain or discomfort, blurred vision, visual halps or colored images in association with red eyes from conjunctival congestion and comeal edema may be soys of acute namow-large glaucoma. Should any of these soyns and symptoms develop consult a physician immediately. Mixture eye drops alone are not considered to be effective treatment.

Care must be taken not to allow the powder to enter into the eyes as this may cause bluming of vision and publi ditation.

SPRIM Handifater is a once-daily maintenance bronchooliator and should not be used for immediate reflet of breathing problems, i.e., as a rescue medication.

SPRNA has been used concomitantly with other drugs commonly used in COPO exthaut moreases in achierse drug reactions. These include sympathorismesic bronchodusors, methyloardines, and oral and inhaled steroids. However the co-administration of SPFRIA with other articulorinergic-containing drugs (e.g., prateopum) has not been studied and is therefore not recommended.

Drug/Laboratory Test Interactions

the evidence of surrorgencity was observed in a 104-week inhalation study in rats at somption doses up to 0.059 mg/kg/day, in an 83-week inhalation study in female mice at doses up to 0.145 mg/kg/day and in a 101-week inhalation study in make mice at doses up to 0.002 mg/kg/day. These doses correspond to 25, 35, and 0.5 times the Recommended Human Daily Dose (RRIOD) on a mg/tm² bass respectively. These dose multiples may be over-estimated due to define the management. specified in these dose multiples may be over-estimated due to difficulties in measuring deposted uses in animal inhalation studies.

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In rats, decreases in the number of corpora listed and the percentage of implants were noted at inhaltion botropoum doses of 0.078 mylipiday or greater (approximately 35 times the RHDO on a implan basis). No such effects were observed at 0.009 mylipiday (approximately 4 times than the RHDO on a mylim basis). The lentitly index, however was not affected at inhalation doses up to 1.699 mylipiday (approximately 750 times the RHDO) on a mylim basis). These dose multiples may be overestimated due to difficulties in measuring deposited doses in animal inhalation studies.

Pregnancy Calegory C

Preparacy Calegory C.

No endence of shuctural alterations was observed in ratis and rabbits at inhaltation hotropium doses of up to 1.471 and 0.007 mg/hg/day respectively. These doses correspond to approximately 660 and 6 limes the recommended human daily dose (FHDO) on a mg/m² basis. However, in ratis, fetal resortion, lister loss, decreases in the number of the plups at their and the mean pup weights, and delay in pup secural maturation were observed at inhaltation botropium doses of 20.078 mg/kg/dapproximately 35 times the FHDO on a mg/m² basis, in rabbits, an increase in post-implantation loss was observed at an inhaltation dose of 0.4 mg/kg/day (approximately 360 limes the FHDO on a mg/m² basis. Such effects were not observed at mg/kg/day (approximately 360 limes the FHDO on a mg/m² basis. Such effects were not observed at ministerior doses or 0.009 and up to 0.005 mg/kg/day in rats and rabbits, respectively. These doses correspond to approximately 4 and 80 limes the FHDO on a mg/m² basis respectively. These dose multiples may be over-estimated due to difficulties in measuring deposited costs in animal inhaltation studies.

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in programs women. SPRFVA should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

The safety and effectiveness of SPRVA has not been studed during boor and delivery

Clinical data from nursing women exposed to botropium are not available. Based on lactating indicat studies, botropium is experted into breast milk, it's not known whether botropium is excreted in human milk, but bocause many drugs are expresed in human milk and given these findings in rats, caution should be exercised if SPRIAR is administered to a nursing woman.

Pediatric Use

SPRIVA Hand-Haler is approved for use in the maintenance treatment of bronchospasm associated with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, including chronic bronchos and emphysema. This disease does not normally occur in children. The safety and effectiveness of SPRIVA in pediatric patients have not been established.

Gariatric Use

Of the total number of patients who received SPRNA in the 1-year clinical thats, 426 were <65 years, 375 were 65-74 years and 105 were 275 years of age. Within each age subgroup, there were no differences between the proportion of patients with adverse events in the SPRNA and the comparator groups for most events. Dry mouth increased with age in the SPRNA group (differences from placetowere 9.0%, 17.1%, and 16.2% in the aforementioned age subgroups). A higher frequency of constitution and urinary tract infections with increasing age was observed in the SPRNA group in the placebo-controlled studies. The differences from placeto for constitution were 0%, 1.8%, and 7.8% and 4.5%. No overall differences in effectiveness were observed among these groups. Based on available data, no adjustment of SPRNA dosage in genatric patients is warranted.

ADVINERS REALTIMES. ADVERSE REACTIONS

Of the 2,663 patients in the four 1-year and two 6-month controlled clinical thats, 1,308 were treated with SPRMA (portpount bronnde matation powder) at the recommended dose of 18 mog once a day Patients with narrow angle glaucoma, or symptomatic prostatic hypertrophy or bladder outlet obstruction were excluded from these trails.

The most commonly recorded adverse drug reaction was dry mouth. Dry mouth was usually maid and often resolved during continued treatment. Other reactions reported in individual patients and consistent with possible anticrofinering effects included constipation, increased heart rate, blurned vision, claucoma, unnary difficulty and unnary retendon.

Four multiportex. 1-year, controlled studies evaluated SPFRMA in patients with COPO Table 1 shows all adverse events that occurred with a frequency of 23% in the SPFRMA group in the 1-year placebo-controlled thats where the rates in the SPFRMA group exceeded placebo by 21%. The frequency of corresponding everts in the [pratinguin-controlled thats is included for comparison.

Table 1: Adverse Experience Incidence (% Patients) in One-Year-COPO Clinical Trials

| Body System (Event) | Placebo-Controlled Trials | | Ipratropium-Controlled Trials | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| | SPIRIVA | Placebo | SPIRIYA | Ipratropions |
| | (n=550) | (n=371) | [n=356] | [n=179] |
| Body as a Whole | | | | |
| Accidents | 13 | 11 | . 5 | 8 |
| Chest Pain (non-specific) | 7 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| Edema, Dependent | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| Gastrointestmal System Disor | ders | | | |
| Abdominal Pain | . 5 | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| Constigation | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Dry Mouth | 16 | 3 | 12 | 6 |
| Dyspepsia | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Vomong | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Musculoskeletal System | | | | |
| Myalgia | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Resistance Mechanism Dison | ers | | | |
| Infection | . 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Monikasis | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Respiratory System (upper) | | | | |
| Epistaxis | 4 | 22 | 1 | 1 |
| Pharyngits | 9 | 7 | 7 | 3 |
| Filmits . | 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Snusitis | 11 | 9 | 3 | 2 |
| Upper Resonatory Tract Infects | on 41 | 37 | 43 | 35 |
| Skin and Appendage Disorder | | | | |
| Rash | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Urinary System | | | | |
| Urinary Tract Infection | 7 | 5 | 4 | 2 |

Affires, coupling, and influenta-like symptoms occurred at a rate of 23% in the SPRNA treatment group, but were <1% in excess of the placeto group.

Other events that occurred in the SPRINA group at a frequency of 1-3% in the placeto-controlled that's Other events that occurred in the SPRAK group at a frequency of 1-3% in the placebo-controlled thats where the rates excreded that in the placebo group include Body as a Mhole allergic reaction, legiplan, Central and Perpheral Nethous System dysphonas, paresthesis, Gastronisstral System Disorders gastronisstral disorder not otherwise specified MOSs, gistroescopagaal reflux, stomatiks, foculting uccerative isomatikis. Metabolic and Alchboral Disorders hypercholestrolema, hyperplacema, Miscoulosteletal System Disorders steletal pain, Cardiac Events angina poctoris fincluding approvated angina poctorist. Psychiatric Disorder depression; Miscoulos angina poctoris fincluding approvated angina poctorist. Psychiatric Disorder depression; Miscoulos angina poctoris finalisms. Vision Disorder catanact in addition, a mong the adverse events observed in the clinical finals with an incidence of <1% were shall forillation, supraventricular tachycardia, angiocetma, and uninary retention.

In the 1-year trials the incidence of dry mouth, constipation, and unnary tract inlection increased with age (see PRECAUTIONS, Gerlatric Use).

Two multicenter, 6-month, controlled studies evaluated SPRNA in patients with COPO. The adverse events and the incidence rates were similar to those seen in the 1-year controlled thats.

The following adverse reactions have been identified during worldwide post-approval use of SPIRMA dizzoness, epistaxis, hoarseness palphations pruntus, tachycardia, throat inflation, and unleana. DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

DUSANCE AND PROFINGED FOR ANY THE RESERVE OF SPRINA HandHaler (butropum bromde inhalation powder) is the inhalation of the contents of one SPRINA capsule once-daily with the HandHaler inhalation dence (see

No dosage adjustment is required for genetic, hepatically-impaired, or renally-impaired patients. However, patients with moderate to severe renal impairment given SPRNA should be monitored closely (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacokinetics, Special Populations and PRECAUTIONS)

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SPIRMA capacies are for inhuration only and must not be swaftowed HOW SUPPLIED

carton containing 5 SPRIVA capsives (1 blister card) and 1 Handi Hater inhalation device (#IOC 0597-0075-06)

carton containing 30 SPPN/A capsules (5 bister cards) and 1 Hand-Haler inhalation device (AIDC 0597-0075-37)



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and menus limit the time your family can sit around the table and talk about the day. It's more important to eat together than to eat elaborate meals.

- Assign everyone a meal-related job. Cooking and working with other family members teaches kids cooperation and patience-important skills they'll use the rest of their lives. Even young children can tear lettuce and wash vegetables or just play with "cooking" toys while parents and older siblings prepare dinner.
- Think of your kitchen as a classroom where you can enhance your child's intellectual development. Elementaryage kids can learn that one cup does not mean a coffee cup, and a teaspoon is not just any spoon from the drawer. When you double or halve recipes, you can teach math skills. And preparing dinner is the perfect time to teach children about safe use of appliances and equipment.
- Keep an ongoing grocery list in a prominent spot in the kitchen so everyone can record needs. When you're preparing dinner, have one family member check on staples and add to the list.
- Focus on your family. Disconnect from the outside world, and break the I-have-to-answer-the-phone habit (cell phones included) while you're cooking, eating and cleaning up from dinner.
- Don't reserve ambiance for guests or celebrations; serve it with every meal. Use cloth napkins and pretty place mats, light candles (store them in the refrigerator so they'll burn longer) and turn off the television. Replace background noise with pleasant music.
- Ban critical words and arguing at the table. Avoid disciplinary discussions that can be handled at another time.
- Start and finish together. You're teaching kids good manners by having them remain at the table until everyone is excused.
- Compliment everyone who helped with the meal. And when it comes to cleaning up, remember it's more important for your family to work as a team than for the kitchen to be spotless.

Kathy Peel is a home and family management expert. Her website is www.familymanager.com.



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In 2006 there were 27 manufacturer notifications or recalls. There were over 20 different Class I High Risk Recalls for diabetic meters issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2005. A Class I recall means that there is a reasonable chance that the product will cause serious health problems or death. Most major diabetic meter manufacturers have had a recall in the past 2 years!

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of his French-speaking forefathers.

The partying procession, which includes a band playing Cajun music and an entourage of Mardi Gras revelers, journeys from house to house collecting donated chickens, sausage and rice, and entertaining spectators along the 12-mile route that begins and ends in downtown Mamou. Like modern-day jesters, the men sing, dance and perform acrobatic tricks, including headstands on horseback and back flips off wagons.

Le Courir de Mardi Gras (or the run of Fat Tuesday), which has been a part of Louisiana's Acadian culture since the 1800s, took a hiarus when many of the local young men left to fight during World War II. In 1950, some Mamou residents resurrected the tradition, which today is maintained by a handful of communities in rural Acadiana, including the nearby towns of Church Point (pop. 4,756) and Eunice (pop. 11,499).

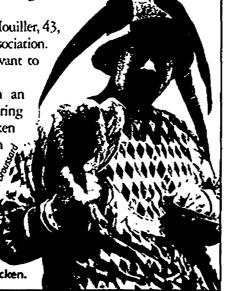
Mamou prides itself on having the only "traditional" Courir de Mardi Gras because only males 16 and older are allowed to ride horses and chase chickens during the annual jaunt, which has roots in ancient Europe when

peasants were permitted one day a year to beg from and mock royalty. "It's always been men," says Kenneth Mouiller, 43, a captain of the Mamou Mardi Gras Association. "It was the tradition before us and we want to keep it that way if we can."

The daylong event concludes with an awards ceremony on Main Street honoring the best costume, best dancer, best chicken chaser and best overall performer, and an evening meal of sausage and chicken gumbo at the American Legion Hall.

Mamou's annual courir is the culmination of a four-day, almost non-stop celebration of Cajun music, (Continued on page 20)

lester Billy McCauley holds a captured chicken.



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For wintertime baking,

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The recipe for the three-layer Banana Nut Cake, sent to us by Nina Grizzard of Las Cruces, N.M., uses bananas not only in the cake but in the frosting as well. "This recipe was handed down through my family from my great-grandmother," Grizzard says.

Ann Langenfeld of Burns, Ore., submitted the recipe for Banana Oatmeal Cookies. "This is a childhood favorite. My grandma would always make these cookies for my sisters and me. When I make these cookies, the way my home smells really brings back the memories of my grandma," Langenfeld says.

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RECIPE: Banana Nut Cake



Frosting:

cup mashed ripe banana (2 bananas)

3 tablespoons butter, softened

2 cups confectioners' sugar

1½ cups chopped pecans

Banana Nut Cake

Cake:

2¼ cups sugar ¾ cup solid

vegetable shortening

cups mashed ripe banana (3 bananas)

3 eggs

l½ teaspoon vanilla extract

3 cups allpurpose flour

l teaspoon salt

baking powder I¼ teaspoons

baking soda l cup buttermilk

2 cups chopped pecans

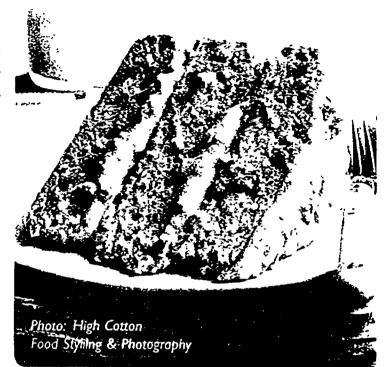
1. Preheat oven to 350F. Spray three 9-inch cake pans with cooking spray.

2. To prepare the cake, cream sugar and shortening together with an electric mixer. Add mashed bananas, eggs and vanilla extract. Mix well.

3. In a small bowl, combine flour, salt, baking powder and baking soda. Add to banana mixture alternately with buttermilk. Beat 3 minutes on medium speed. Stir in pecans. Pour batter into pans. Bake 30 minutes.

5. To prepare the frosting, beat together mashed bananas, butter and confectioners' sugar. Add additional confectioners' sugar as needed to achieve spreading consistency. Stir in pecans

6. Spread frosting on top of one layer, top with cake layer, frost top of that layer, top with final layer and frost top and sides.



Ann Langenfeld
Burns, Ore

Proto: Fright South
Food Styling & Photography



Banana Oatmeal Cookies

3/4 cup solid vegetable shortening

l cup sugar

egg

cup mashed banana (2 bananas)

1½ cups all-purpose flour teaspoon baking soda

l teaspoon salt

teaspoon cinnamon

½ teaspoon nutmeg2 cups quick oats

l cup chocolate chips

I. Preheat oven to 400F. Mix shortening, sugar, egg and mashed bananas well. Add flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Stir in oats and chocolate chips.

2. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto baking sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Yield: 4 dozen

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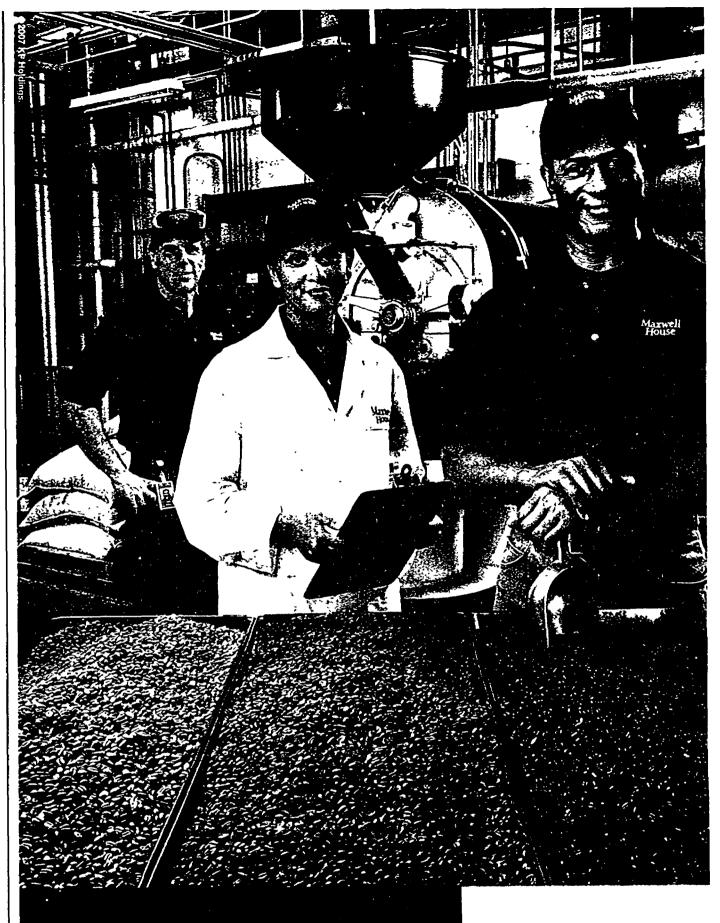
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INDIANA—South Whitley (pop. 1,782) toots its horn as home to Fox Products Corp., manufacturer of bassoons, oboes and English horns sold worldwide. Hugo Fox, a bassoonist for the Chicago Symphony, founded the company in 1949.

IOWA—In 1892, John Froelich of Froelich invented the first successful gasoline-traction engine-the tractor-which could be driven forward and backward. He helped form Waterloo Gasoline Traction Engine Co., which was sold in 1918 to Deere and Company in Moline, Ill. (pop. 43,768).

KANSAS—John W. Peterson wrote more than 1,000 gospel hymns, including "Surely Goodness and Mercy" and "It Took a Miracle." The Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductee was born in 1921 in Lindsborg (pop. 3,321).

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MICHIGAN—The 1904 mansion of Shelly B. Hutchinson, co-founder of S&H Green Stamps, is in Ypsilanti (pop. 22,362). Established in 1896, S&H was among the first independent trading stamp companies, providing stamps and booklets to merchants who could redeem the stamps for merchandise at the S&H store.

MINNESOTA—Weighing 2,900 tons, the 1910 Shubert Theater in Minneapolis was moved about a block in 1999 to a new downtown location to make way for an entertainment complex. At the time, the theater was the heaviest building ever moved on rubber-wheeled dollies.

MISSOURI—Traveling salesman Max Hunter of Springfield took his reel-to-reel tape recorder into the Ozark hills of Missouri and Arkansas from 1956 to 1976 and recorded 1,600 folk songs and stories, helping preserve the region's cultural legacy.

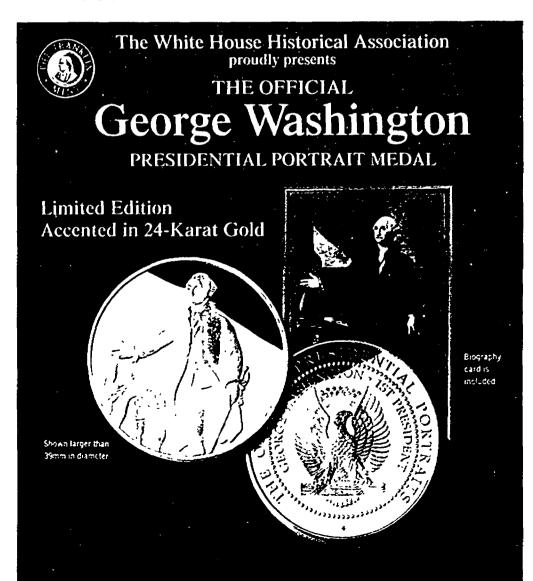
NEBRASKA—Freedom Park near Omaha salutes U.S. Navy veterans from World War II through the present and is the permanent port to the USS Marlin and the USS Hazard, where the submarine and minesweeper are displayed.

NORTH DAKOTA—During World War II, schoolchildren gathered pods from milkweed, a common plant in the state, to substitute for kapok, a fiber filling for life preservers. The principal supplier of kapok had been the island of Java, which was occupied by Japan during the war.

OHIO—Born in 1926 in Mount Vernon (pop. 14,375), actor Paul Lynde went on to play Broadway and television roles in Bye Bye Birdie and Bewitched in the 1950s and 1960s, but his greatest notoriety came as the wisecracking center square in The Hollywood Squares.

SOUTH DAKOTA—The first memorial to President Theodore Roosevelt was a stone observation tower near Deadwood (pop. 1,380). The tower was built in 1919 by Seth Bullock, the sheriff and a friend of Roosevelt.

WISCONSIN-In 1995, a 55-ton boukker fell from a bluff and crashed into the bedroom of Dwight and Maxine Anderson of Fountain City (pop. 983). The unharmed Andersons moved, but entrepreneurs Francis and John Burt bought the home and began charging \$1 to see The Rock in the House. About 22,000 people toured the house the first year.



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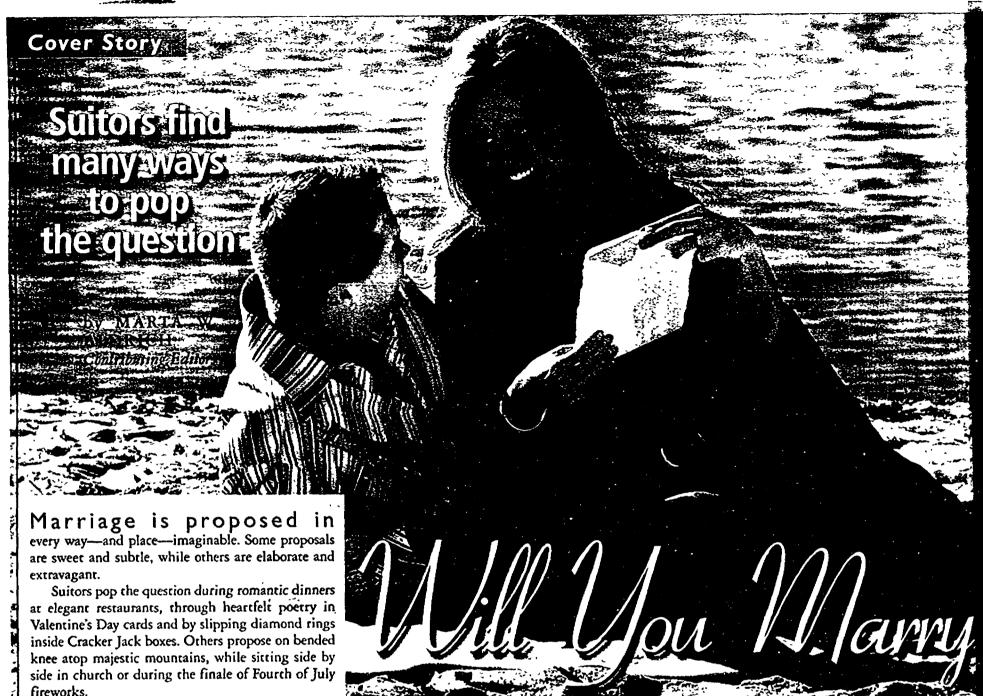
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Of more than 200 marriage proposal stories submitted to American Profile, the most unusual came from an anonymous reader who described hers as "rather embarrassing."

"Way back in 1976, I was taking a bath at his apartment when he needed to come in to use the restroom. He told me that the level of comfort we both seemed to have in that moment prompted him to ask me to marry him. So he proposed to me while he was sitting on the toilet and I was in the bathtub.

"He still often asks me to marry him when we are together in our bathroom. I'm sure it is not the most romantic setting for most, but we both get a funny gleam in our eyes when others talk about their own marriage proposals."

Here are a few other memorable proposals:



Message in a bottle

Ocean waves splashed against the shore as Jay Wellman and Carla Fox combed Folly Beach in South Carolina for seashells and sand dollars. During the couple's morning seaside stroll, Carla spied a glimmering green bottle among the rocks and ran to explore. Pulling out the cork, she found a note inside that read:

"Drifting alone on a sea of blue
Not knowing in this life if I'd find you.
I've traveled far, I've traveled near,
Never knowing which way to steer.
So through the storms, I ride the tide.
And with the current, I did ahide.
Now all this time I've trusted fate,
It led me to you, my soul mate!"

Turning to her boyfriend, she found Jay on one knee and holding a diamond ring. "I was in shock that Jay could even write a poem," recalls Carla, now 38, married for four years and living in Statesville, N.C. (pop. 23,320). "He was making it so special and memorable. My eyes just filled with tears."

Jay, who had secretly placed the bottle among the rocks earlier that morning, says the seaside proposal just made sense. The 1999 movie Message in a Bottle is one of their favorite films and a drifting bottle is an apt metaphor for his life before meeting Carla. "When I spotted her, I knew at that moment that I didn't need to move again or look any further, that I'd finally found home," says Jay, 34.



Edwin Sidebottom proposed to Frances Weaver in 1946, with a jewelry store receipt and a nod.



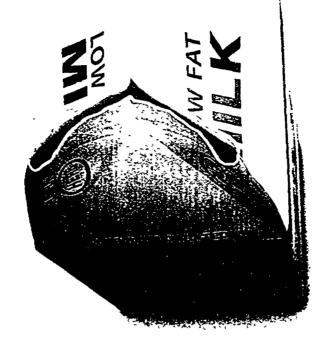
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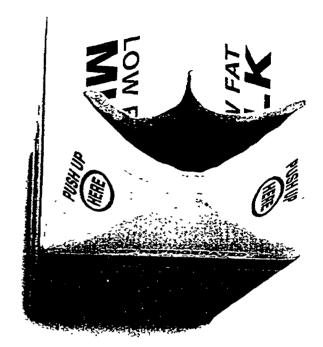
On July 3, 1946, 19-year-old Frances Weaver arrived home from her bank job and found Edwin Sidebottom waiting for her. Recently discharged from the U.S. Navy after serving in World War II, the 22-year-old sailor handed his sweetheart a slip of paper that came from Gordon's jewelry store in downtown Houston.

"It was a receipt for a \$1 down payment on a \$100 wedding ring set," says Frances, now 79 and living in Brenham, Texas (pop. 13,507). "Surprised, I looked at him and he nodded." She nodded back and, two days later, they were married at the Baptist church.

After celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary last year—with four daughters, eight grandchildren and eight greatgrandchildren—it's evident that the couple didn't need a lot of words or hoopla to

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Milk's favorite cookie.

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realize they were in love.

"I had known Edwin for four years and we wrote each other letters the entire time he was in the Navy," Frances says.

Adds Edwin, 83: "Back in those days, we didn't have fancy proposals or fancy weddings. We just got married."

One-in-a-billion

Having met while acting in a community theater in Heber Springs, Ark. (pop. 6,432), Kirby McNamee wanted to find a dramatic way to propose to his girlfriend, Carolyn Douglas. But it wasn't until he sunk his very first hole-in-one last June on the fourth hole at the Thunderbird Country Club that the 43-year-old avid golfer developed a fitting plot.

Five days later, Kirby took Carolyn, 41, on a golfing date at the same course and arranged for about 20 family and friends, including Carolyn's parents, to hide near the fourth hole. He parred the hole, she bogeyed, and disgusted over her poor play, Carolyn went to retrieve their golf balls. Beneath them she found a small wooden box with a brass latch. Before she could even open it, Kirby was on bended knee.

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Carolyn Douglas and Kirby McNamee got engaged on a golf course.

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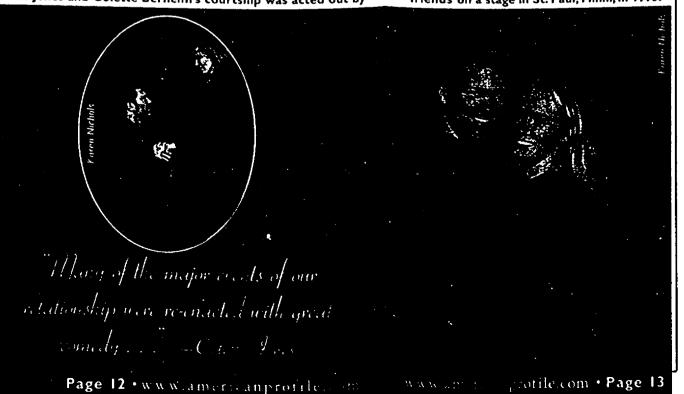
As soon as the newly engaged couple hugged, family and friends "appeared out of nowhere" carrying flowers and riding up in their golf carts, Carolyn recalls.

The couple were wed in November. "What really impressed me was that she said 'yes' before she ever looked at the ring."

Scott Jones and Colette Berheim's courtship was acted out by

Staging a proposal
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Rothel University in St. Paul, Minn., college sweethearts Scott Jones and Colette Berheim happened upon a mutual friend who said she had "something to show us" in a nearby theater classroom. Inside, a theater-in-the-round was dimly lit, and Scott walked Colette to a couch that had been specially placed for front-row seating. A single spotlight appeared on stage as the house lights dimmed, and the narrator-Scott's best friend-launched into the story of Scott and Colette's courtship.

(Continued on page 14) friends on a stage in St. Paul, Minn., in 1993.



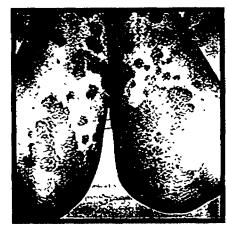
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"For the next 20 minutes I watched several of our good friends portraying 'our life," recalls Colette, who learned later that Scott had written the play and recruited friends to be the actors. "Many of the major events of our relationship were re-enacted with great comedy—from an unflattering portrayal of my ex-boyfriend to the nervous meeting between Scott and my father—it was all there."

As the play ended and the room emptied, the spotlight moved to the couple on the sofa, and the narrator said, "Now there's just one thing left to be said."

"Scott got down on one knee and asked me to continue the story with him," Colette says.

She did. After Scott's self-penned proposal in the spring of 1993, the couple walked down the aisle that July. Today, they have three sons—ages 9, 6 and 2—and live in Kalispell, Mont. (pop. 14,223).

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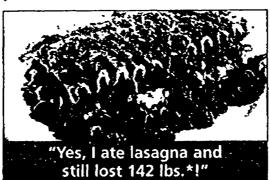
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At the Sarasota Memorial Nursing Home Center

in Sarasota, Fla. (pop. 52,715), an assembled audience of patients slowly but surely perks up, tapping fingers and nodding heads, as a barbershop quartet fills the room with the sounds of old familiar favorites. With the line "Flash, bam—alacazam!" from the song "Orange Colored Sky," wrinkled faces brighten with smiles.

For the vocal group My Three Sons, it's all in a day's work—especially if the day is Valentine's Day. "We hope to bring a smile to someone's face and put a song in their hearts," says Stephen Ditchfield, 53, the head of the Sarasota-based quartet, which has been delivering singing Valentines for nearly 10 years.

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The Ditchfields comprise one of the hundreds of barbershop groups coast to coast that "spread the love" with singing Valentines each February, bringing timeless romantic songs to wives, husbands, boyfriends, girlfriends and mothers in performances typically arranged as a Valentine's Day surprise from one sweetheart to another.

"A singing Valentine is a unique and very unusual way of expressing love," says Ed Watson, CEO of the Barbershop Singing Society in Kenosha, Wis., which coordinates singing Valentines each year for groups in its 820 membership chapters across the United States and Canada. "Being serenaded touches some primal

emotion because music has long been the language of love. And barbershop quartets are the modern-day troubadours."

"It takes so little effort for us to affect someone so deeply," says David Ditchfield, 18, who joins his brothers Nathanael, 32, and Michael, 19, alongside their dad in My Three Sons.

Like most barbershop groups, its members have full-time jobs and responsibilities outside the quartet. Still, throughout the year, they find time to perform regionally at churches, community centers, nursing homes, private parties and barbershop-singing events.

A true American "melting pot" tradition imported by German immigrants, barbershop singing and its distinctive, a cappella harmonies took root in minstrel and vaudeville shows during the 1920s, growing into formal, organized singing events in the 1940s and '50s. Its interlocking, four-part structure and happy, feel-good vibes influenced the development of doo-wop music and the sounds of vocally driven pop-rock acts such as the Beach Boys.

"My Three Sons is a wonderful example of the greater good of barbershop harmony singing," Watson says. "They represent the musical art form well with their skill

and repertoire, while they further illustrate the family values and bonding opportunities barbershop offers."

"The amount of time I have been able to spend with my dad and my brothers is something I don't think I could have had under any other circumstances," Nathanael says. "On the road, we bond in a way that most families never get a chance to do."

For Stephen, My Three Sons is the realization of a lifelong dream. When he married his wife, Bernice, in 1972, the couple began singing together in a Christian trio. As children arrived one by one, a closeknit family ensemble blossomed.

"My dad and I sang in a couple of quartets when I was a teenager, but when Michael and David started singing, it took us by surprise," Nathanael says. "They were so young—and so good."

After My Three Sons was formed in 1998, the Ditchfields began entering barbershop competitions, eventually winning at the state level and advancing to the prestigious International Quartet Competition in 2004, where they placed among the top 50 quartets in the world.



In 2004, My Three Sons was named one of the top 50 barbershop quartets in the world.

The group loves the competitions, but say winning has never been a driving motivation.

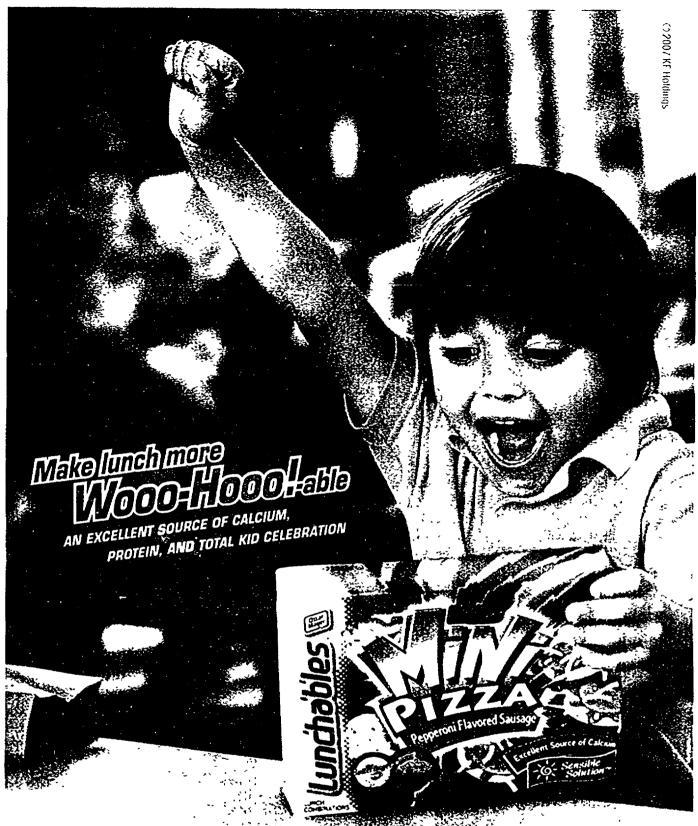
"Expressing love, hope and faith through music is a special privilege we share as a family," Stephen says. "There has never been a greater need for a positive message than there is in our culture today. Valentine's Day is one of those special times of the year when we can help others express their love to the people that are most important to them."

Cynthia Rubin is a writer in Orlando. Fla.

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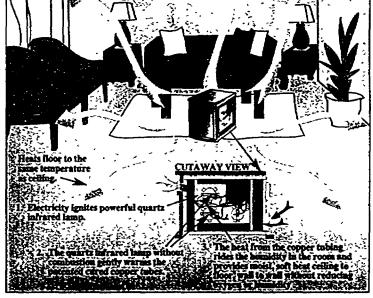
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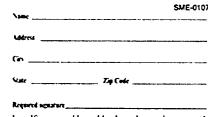
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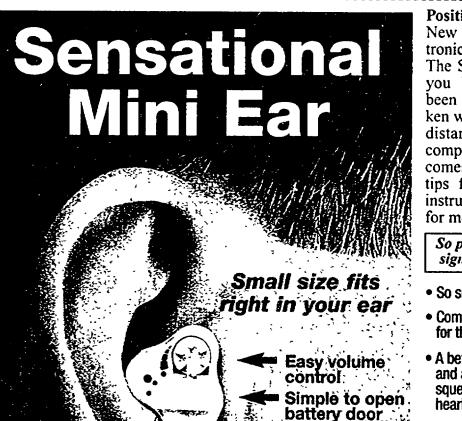
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Sue Vasseur, Mamou's matriarch and ambassador, manages Fred's Lounge.

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dancing and food before Lent, a 40-day period of fasting and penance observed by Catholics and members of some other Christian churches before Easter.

Last year's celebration featured cracklins (fried pork skins), boudin (rice and pork sausage), chicken gumbo and barbecued pork sandwiches as well as a headline performance by accordionist Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys, a band that tours the nation playing Cajun music.

Named for the *mammoth* prairie that surrounds the town, Mamou is a farming community with a large population of French-speaking Acadians (or Cajuns), whose ancestors immigrated to Louisiana from Canada in the 1700s. Flooded rice fields and crawfish ponds dot the landscape and Mamou's Main Street features a half dozen stores that sell masks, beads and souvenirs during Mardi Gras.

While the Courir de Mardi Gras is Mamou's signature celebration, the town remains a stronghold of Cajun culture year-round. The town, which bills itself as the Cajun Music Capital of the World, is home to Fred's Lounge, which hosts a live radio broadcast of Cajun music each Saturday morning via KPVI-AM, a station based in nearby Ville Platte.

"Fred's is first on the list to have a good time," says manager Sue Vasseur, 75, as dancers two-step across the crowded floor.

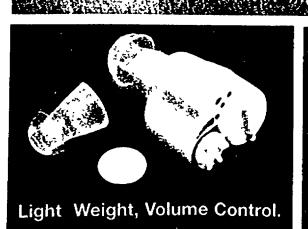
On stage, Don Fontenot and les Amis de La Louisiane perform 'The Mardi Gras Song,' whose lyrics tell the time-honored story of the Fat Tuesday horseback run, a Mamou tradition that's as much a part of Cajun culture as a bowl of chicken gumbo.

Mamou's Courir de Mardi Gras is scheduled Feb. 20. Visit www.lsue. edulacadgatelmardmain.htmformore information.

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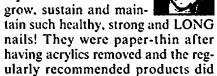
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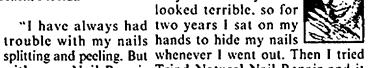


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Florence Atkinson Houston, Texas



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A cow and a vow

At his family's dairy farm in Hudson, Iowa, (pop. 2,117), Blake Hansen, 25, invited girlfriend Jordan Drackley, 23, outside and made her close her eyes, whispering messages of love and trust as he led her to a side yard.

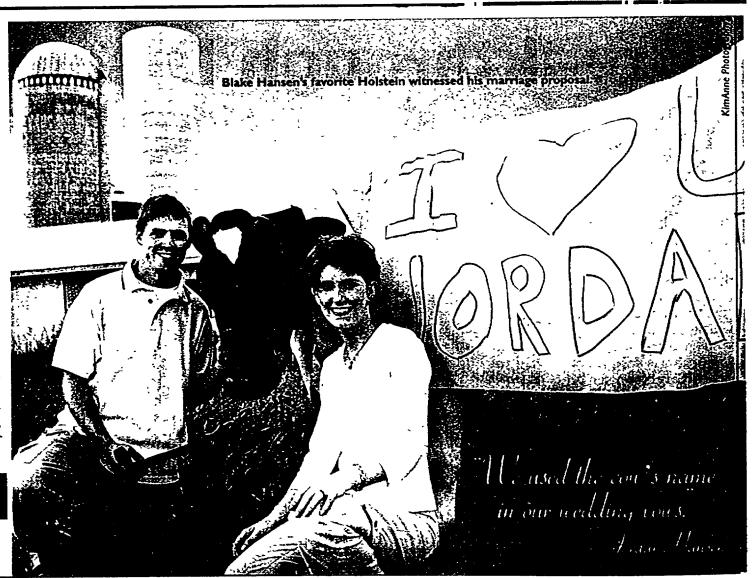
"You know how I want to spend the rest of my life with you," Blake said. Jordan responded yes. "So will you marry me?" he asked.

When she opened her eyes, Blake's favorite Holstein cow, named Array, was tied to a tree and draped with a sheet that proclaimed "I ♥ You, Jordan" on both sides. An engagement ring was fastened to a fishing line hanging around Array's neck.

So was Blake's cow invited to their May 2005 wedding? "No," says Jordan, "but we used the cow's name in our wedding vows, promising to always support each other's 'array of goals."

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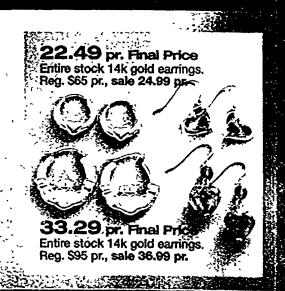




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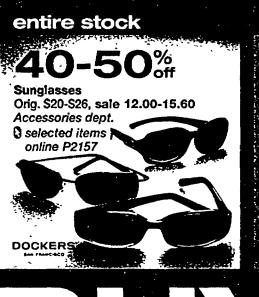


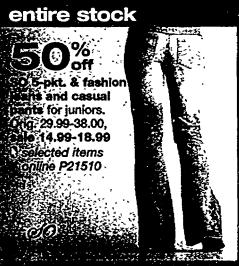
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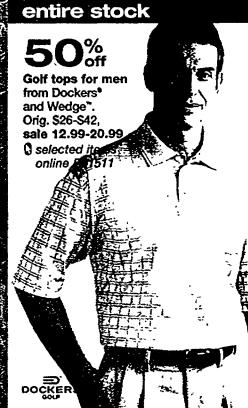


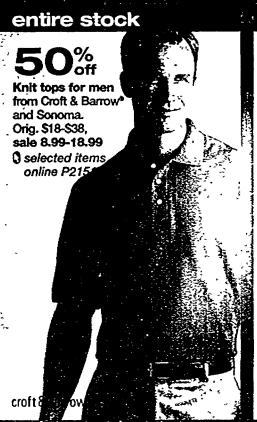






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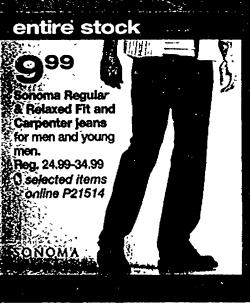




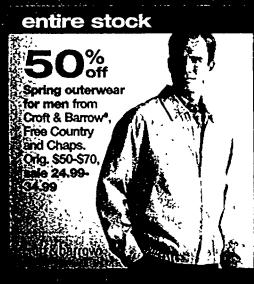












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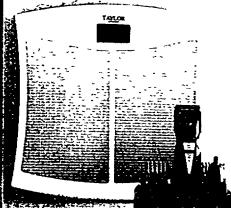


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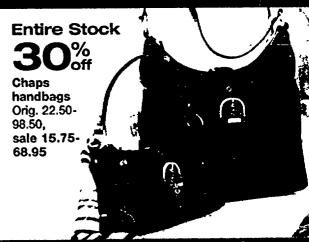
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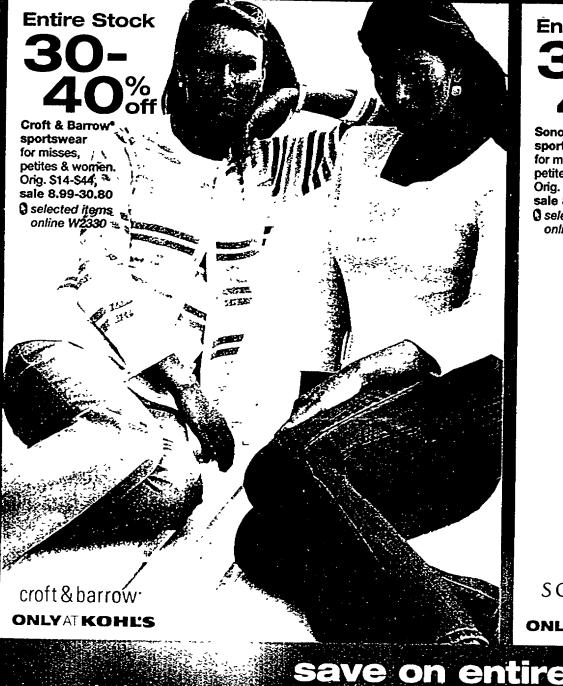


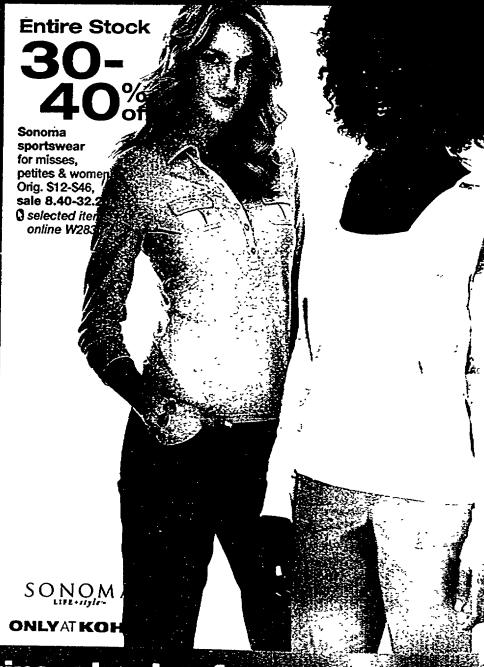




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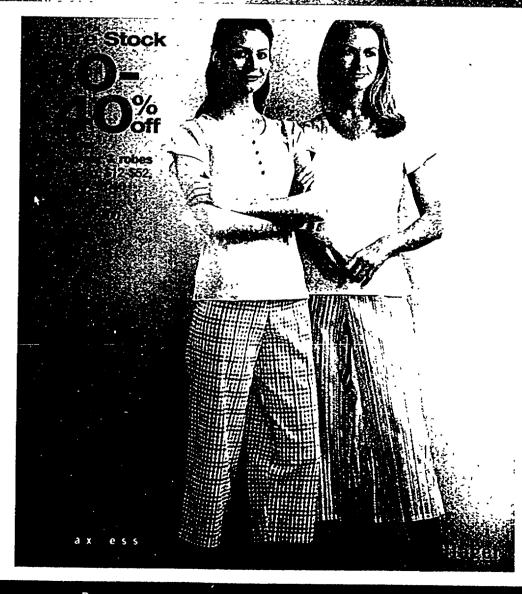
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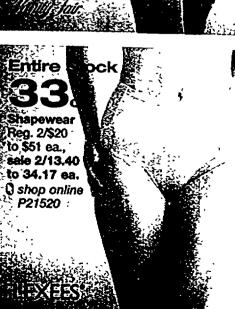


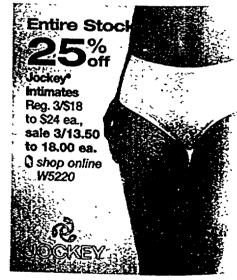












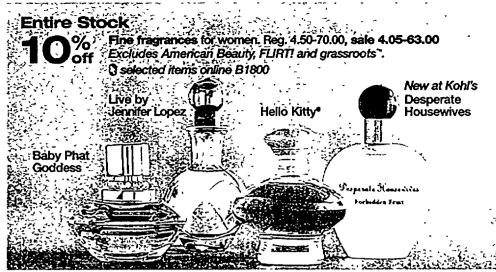


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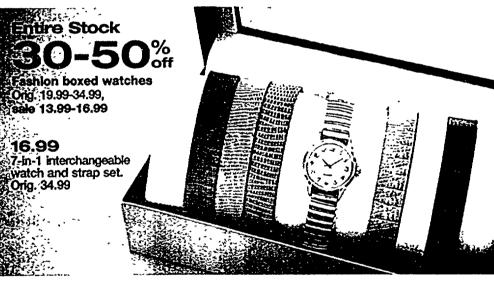
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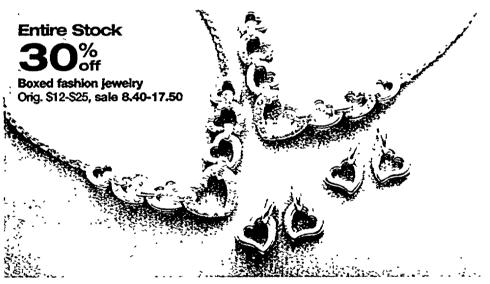


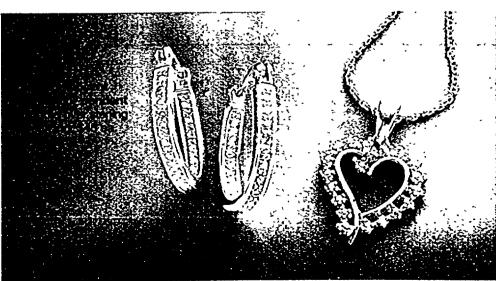


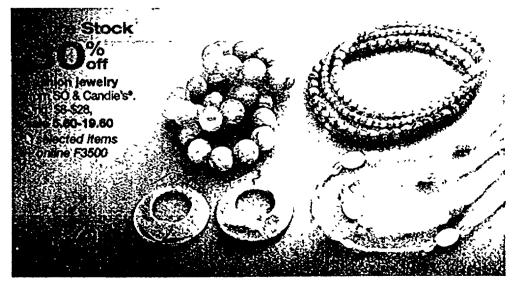








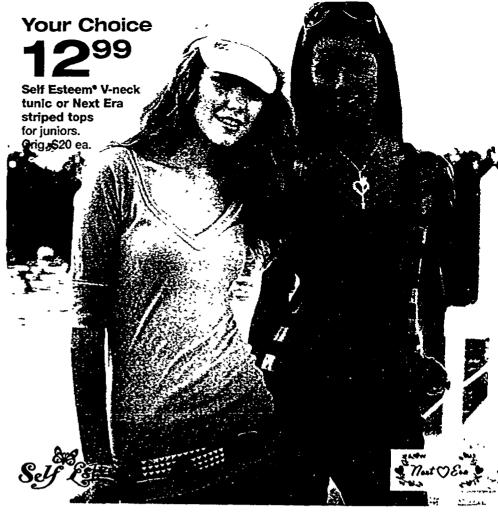




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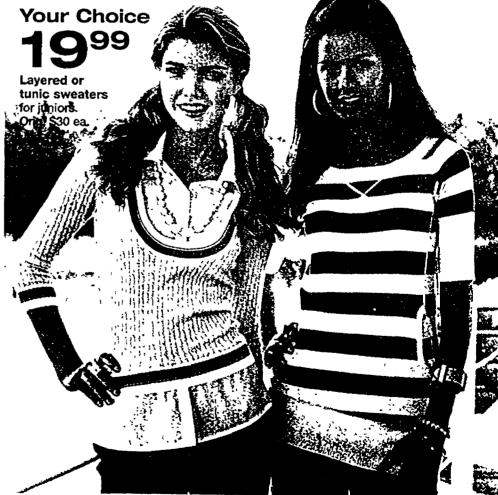




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Orig. \$34



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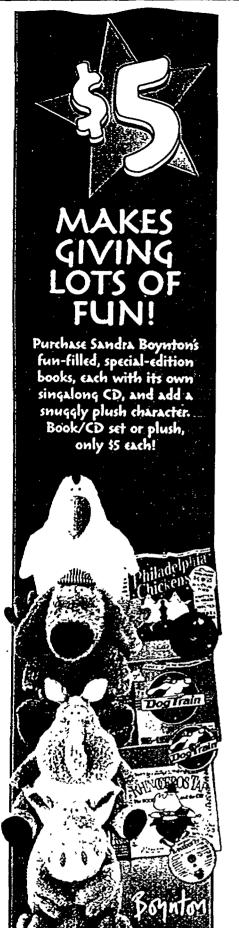
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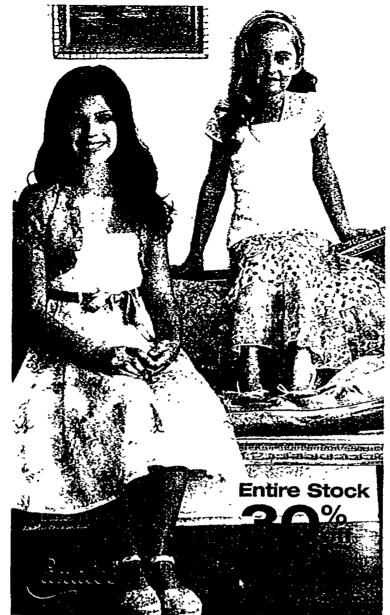


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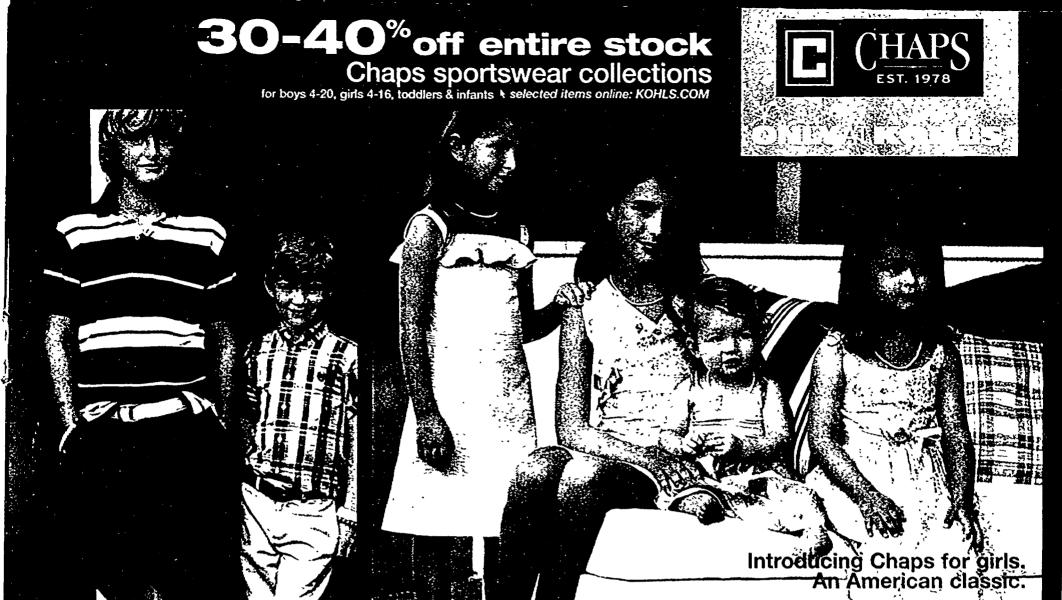
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Sonoma separates for girls 4-6x. Orig. \$12 ea., sale 6.99 ea.











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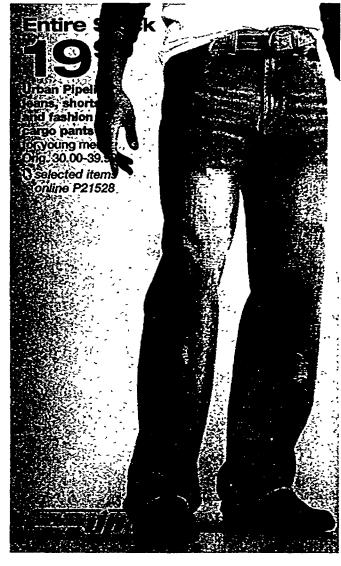
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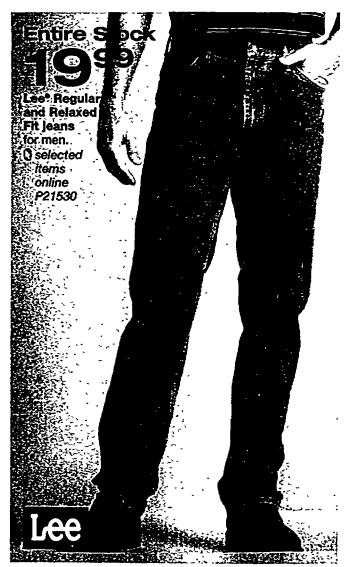


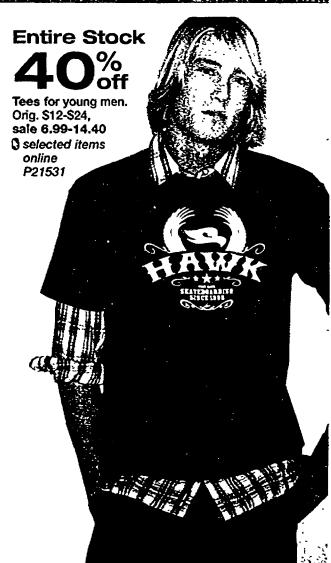


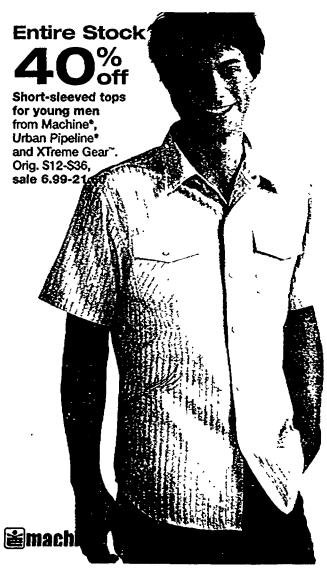
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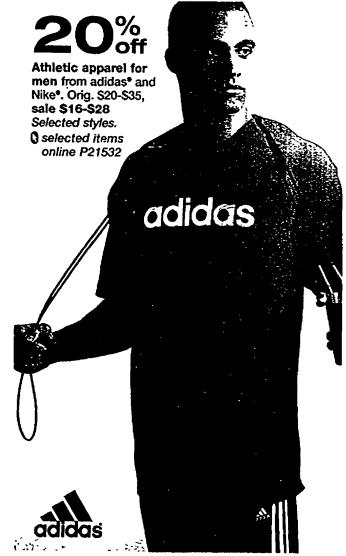












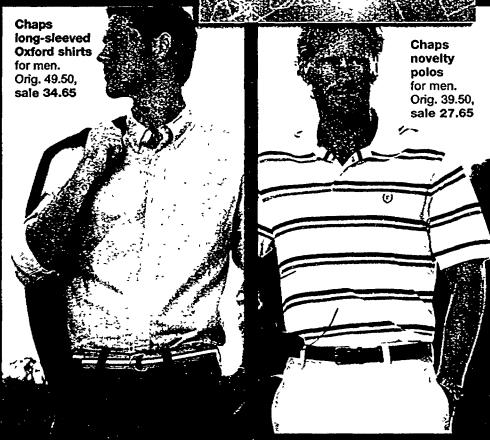
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Orig. 36.00-49.50, sale 25.20-34.65 § selected items online: CHAPS













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sale 9.60-29.99 § selected items online P21533



Entire Stock
30-40%

Sport shirts for men from Axist", Arrow, Dockers*, Haggar*, Sonoma and Croft & Barrow*. Orig. \$30-\$42, sale 17.99-29.40

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Entire Stock
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Golf tops for men from Grand Slam*, Dockers* and Wedge*. Orig. \$26-\$50, sale 18.20-34.99

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Entire Stock
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Knit tops for men from Arrow, Croft & Barrow*, Sonoma and Axist*. Orig. \$18-\$38, sale 12.60-26.60 SONOMA life+style*.

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Entire Stock
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Underwear for men
from Hanes', Jockey', Sonoma
and Croft & Barrow'. Reg. \$10-\$32,
sale 7.00-22.40

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Dress shirts & neckwear for men from Croft & Barrow*, Axist & apt. 9*.
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Athletic, dress & casual socks for men. Reg. S6-S18, sale 4.20-12.60

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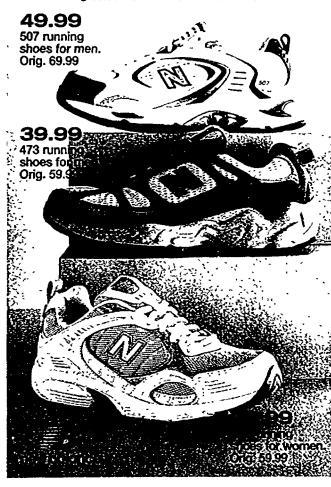
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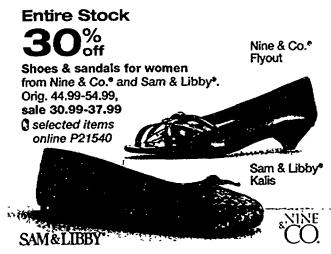
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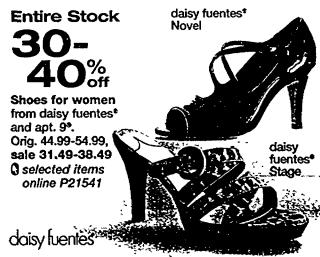








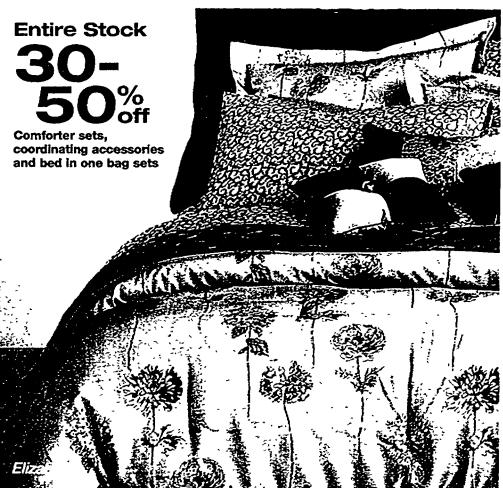






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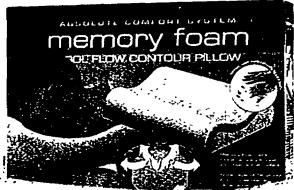
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Bed pillows & mattress pads Reg. 9.99-359.99, sale 4.99-179.99

Twin 11.99 The Big One mattress pad. Reg. 24.99 29.99 Cool flow contour pillow. Reg. 59.99 Shop online P21542







10.99 Laura Ashley Lifestyles Cluster Puff bed pillow. Reg. 21.99

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40-50% off entire stock bath towels & sheet sets

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Sonoma 400-thread
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-Single-ply yarns
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Luxury Collection
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-5 colors

Reg. 7.99
The Big One' bath towel
-100% ring-spun cotton
-Oversized 30x54"
-12 solids, 3 stripes

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Sonoma Pima
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-2-ply front and back
for absorbency
-Oversized 30x56"
-16 colors



Reg. 19.99
Laura Ashley
Lifestyles
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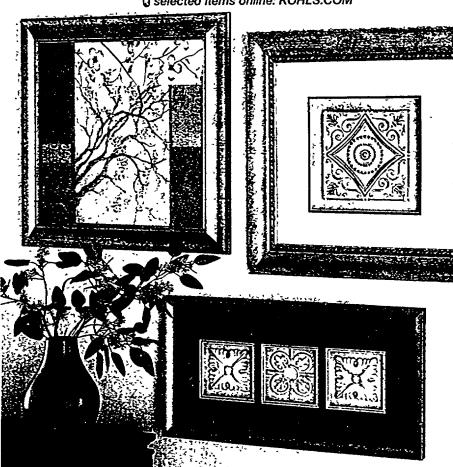


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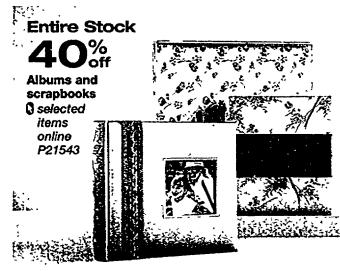
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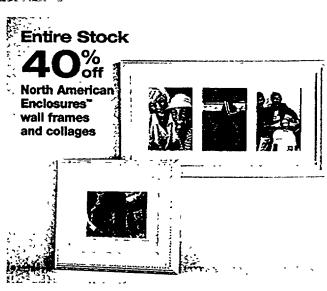
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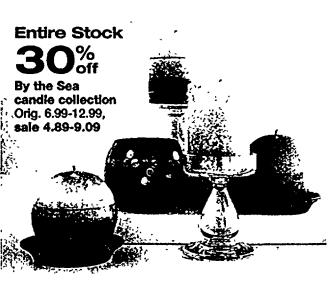


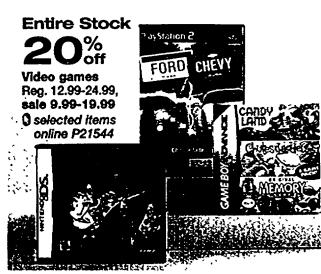


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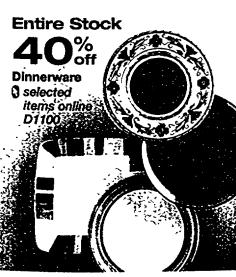




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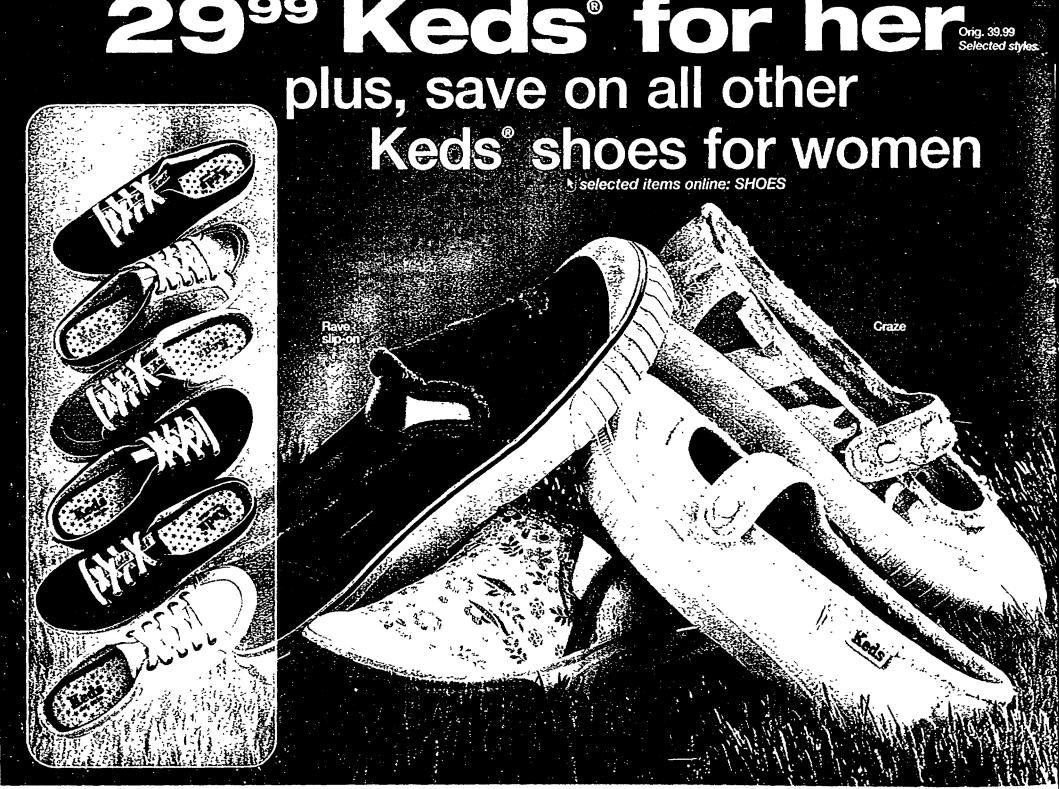








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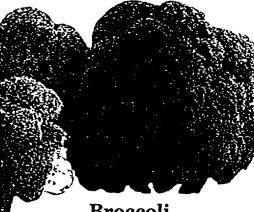
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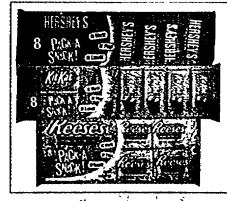
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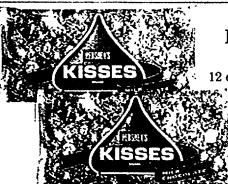
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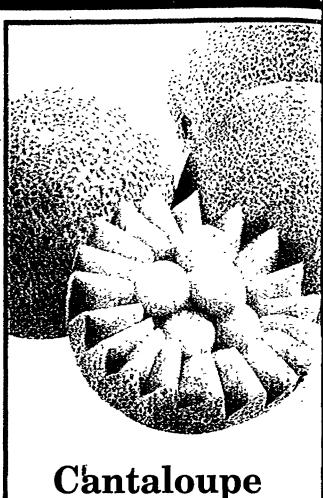


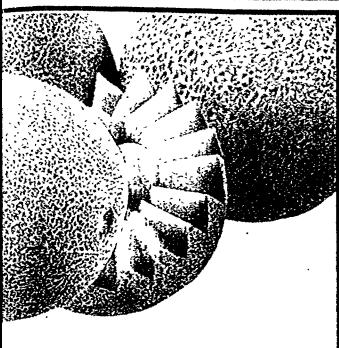
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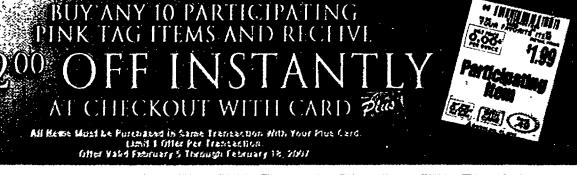
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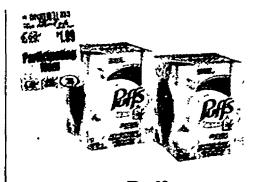


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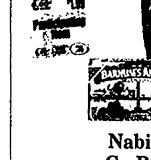
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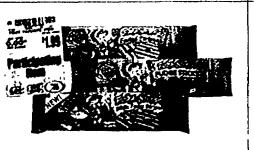
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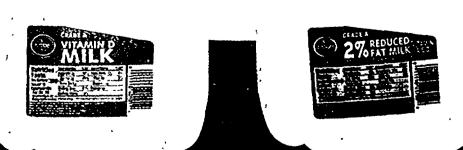
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