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Brookside Travel owner Jim Ehehalt has helped to plan a lot of Northville High School students' spring break trips down south

s spring break begins this weekend, many are looking forward to tropical climates and time away with family and friends

By Renee Gates RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville High School senior Erica Hagan was so excited she left a day early.

Hagan went with friends and their parents to the Mexican tourist location called the Riviera Maya. This is Hagan's first spring break trip out of the country.

We're going to a place where three hotels are all part of one all-inclusive resort," she

"Pretty much everyone I know who is going down there is in one of those three

Hagan will have a lot of company.

This weekend marks the annual spring break migration of students and their families to sunny destinations and warmer climates from the Northville and Novi communities. It's more than tradition; it's like an official holiday season.

"I'm always shocked at the sheer volume of kids who go somewhere for the break," said Northville High School principal Robert

"It's very significant. I'd be very interested to see percentages."

The percentage is high among the class of 2007. At Northville High School, senior Nick Galdes believes he will see the majority of his classmates in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

"What happens in Cabo, stays in Cabo," he said.

Traveling man

Jim Ehehalt of Brookside Travel in Northville has helped families get out of town for spring break every year since he opened his travel agency seven years ago.

"Most people from this area are choosing to go somewhere for spring break," he said, "a good 60 percent of the senior class."

The most popular destinations for this year's senior class are in Mexico, he said.

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JUST TOO

Image pitch misses mark

Consultant asked to revisit efforts at creating brand

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

The first pitch by the city's marketing consultant last week was low and outside.

Definitely outside the strike zone, according to several members of the volunteer committee - business owners, local organization leaders and residents — working with the professional firm hired to create a brand for downtown Northville.

"I found it lacking," said committee member Alan Somershoe, whose firm develops business-tobusiness marketing programs. "I was disappointed in the presentation technique and the product

There was nothing concrete in what I heard."

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Developing a brand

New Moon Vision's presentation last week was based on the theme, ' "Layers of Time." Suggested proposed positioning lines, or tag lines, that would accompany the

- logo included: A Timeless Classic
- A New Flavor of Classic
- Distinctively Timeless
- The Classic Continues
- A Walk in Time
- Your Little Secret • The Real Main Street

NEA accuses school district of unfair labor practices

■ Teacher union requests return to bargaining

By Renee Gates RECORD STAFF WRITER

Laurie Moore, Northville Education Association executive director, accused Northville Public Schools of unfair labor practices for not meeting with the teacher's union unless it makes "significant changes in its last, best, and final offer" to the dis-

In a prepared statement at the March 27 Board of Education meeting, Moore referenced a correspondence from Northville Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski to NEA chief nego-Tom Silak, where tiator

Rezmierski states the district's position.

"It concerns me that we're willing to come back to the table to continue bargaining and the only way the district is willing to come back to the table is if we're willing to change our position. That is not what we call bargaining," Moore said.

"You can't place conditions on

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Northville teachers picket at Thornton Creek Elementary School prior to the monthly school board meeting.



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■ NEA accuses school district of unfair labor practices

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what you would do in order to come back to the table. That's an unfair labor practice," she said.

Rezmierski was not in attendance at Tuesday's meeting. Board President Ken Roth said Rezmierski was at home recovering from a serious, but not long--term, injury

"I think just because a person or an organization may be labeled with having an unfair labor practice, doesn't necessarily mean it is one," said assistant superintendent David Bolitho.

"In terms of the unfair labor practice, nobody knows if this is or not. It may be a personal opinion, but it's decided upon beyond the person making the charge or the group being accused," he said.

Several hundred teachers came to the board meeting in support of Moore and the presentation she made to the board, said NEA president Ann Cook.

"We are anticipating a response from the district on when they plan to get back to the table. We're hoping they tell us they're inter-

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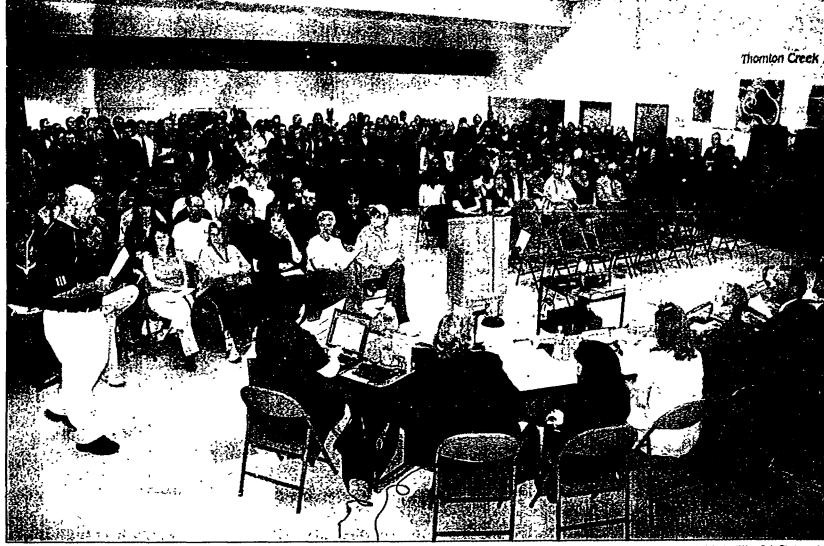


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Northville teachers picketed at Thornton Creek Elementary School and then filled the school board meeting.

Spring break: get outta town

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Riviera Maya, Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta are the favorite locations.

"A lot of them want to go to the sun," said Ehehalt

Novi High School senior Matt Lee is traveling with a group of 10

guys to Puerto Vallaria.
"I'm pumped," said Lee with excitement.

"We'll probably hang out on the beach; it's a mellow bunch of guys," he said. The group will be accompanied by eight sets of par-

A trend Ehehalt has noticed in recent years has been parents sending their children but not accompanying them for spring break trips.

"We always make sure there is one adult. I don't send any students by themselves to any foreign destination," he said.

Ehehalt admits the trend could be because of financial reasons. "You could tie it to the econo-

my; people can't afford to go, because you're talking \$3,000 verses \$1,500."

Alternatives

Economics have certainly affected Hillside Middle School mom Linda Kyle.

This year I've been unemployed for eight months, so we've foregone any vacations or traveling," she said.

Kyle moved to Northville seven years ago from Pennsylvania, so traveling for spring break is still a

new concept for her. "We don't, not usually, only because it's such a hairy time,'

If her family doesn't go back east to visit relatives, they will look for places local to go, she says, like driving to Chicago and visiting the museums.

This year, both her boys are involved in the First United Methodist Church annual spring musical, entitled "Indescribable." They will practice through spring break and perform through May 20, she said.

The road less traveled

Of course, not everyone travels for spring break week, however. While many travel, many more do not. Like Kyle's sons, many students involved in high school sports or activities make the decision to stay and play in the game rather than in the sand.

"I usually have sports tournaments, so I usually stay home," said Novi High School senior Cortlan White.

For his spring break, Cortlan says he'll relax and play soccer. His family usually goes on vacation during the summer, as do a lot of international families, said Novi High School Assistant Principal Stephanie Schriner

They go to China, Japan and India. But a lot of our families don't travel during spring break because there is not enough time to go home."

That's the case for Novi High School junior Vidhi Bamzai and her family.

"We're usually summer travelers," she said. "We go to India and California for some part of the summer.

For her spring break, Bamzai is planning to study for her AP test and take a day trip with a friend to visit the Toledo Zoo.

Traveling is not elementary

For families with small chil-

game and make a family trip out dren, traveling itself becomes the adventure. A group of Novi ele-'We're going to visit Nashville mentary school moms gathering and Memphis and see Graceland." for lunch at Panera Bread said

she said. Julie Tomkinson is the only one of the group traveling abroad. Having lived in Novi for 14 years. her family returns to England every two years to visit family. She has two children in elementary school and one in middle school. They don't always travel during spring break week, she

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Where to go if you want to stay close



■ Vacations not that far away

By Renee Gates

So, you're still in town. Neighbors, best friends and coworkers are all away on exotic spring break trips and you are here waiting for them to return with their tans, souvenirs and stories.

Why not plan your own exotic weekend get away right across the border?

Considered the New York of Canada, Toronto has everything you expect from a major metropolitan center, your dollar will go further by about 15 cents.

Toronto is a great cosmopolitan city and its very safe," said Jim Ehehalt of Brookside Travel in Northville.

This time of year it's not the place to go for the sun, however if you're just looking to get away to something for spring break, it doesn't require a passport." Brookside offers weekend pack-

ages to Toronto starting around \$343 per person that include a train ride into the city and a four-night stay at the Toronto Sheraton Centre. If you go, highlights Ehchalt sug-

gests include lunch at the CN Tower (once the tallest free standing structure in the world), a musical or show (current favorites are Phantom of the Opera and We will Rock You, based on the music from the rock group Queen).

You can also watch the Detroit Tigers play in against the Toronto Blue Jays or spend the weekend shopping or visiting the Toronto Science Center and Royal Ontario Museum.

Other weekend trips Ehehalt designs for families or quick get-New York and Chicago.

"I always love Chicago, we always do weekend trips to Chicago," he said.

Call Ehehalt or one of his associates at Brookside Travel if you are interested in breaking away this weekend or any weekend at 248-344-4747 or visit www.jebrookside.com.

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They will stay in town for most of

spring break and visit family in

travel more, but not now," she

is in the Novi Jaguars Soccer Club

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■ Image pitch misses mark

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New Moon Visions owner Kim Rivera, who described the logos, tag lines and the marketing plans her Highland-based firm developed during the past three months, said from the start tweaking would be part of the

But, this week the project leaders were walking out to the mound to check Rivera's arsenal.

Marketing: a key compo-

Lori Ward, director of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, planned to meet this week with Rivera and the marketing committee cochairs, business owners Kim Behmer and Margene Buckhave.

"We need to sit down and reassess where we are," Ward said. "We've got to make some adjustments.

Ward said New Moon Visions has been paid half of the \$40,000 contract awarded by the city council in December to spend seven months developing a comprehensive public relations plan for downtown Northville.

Somershoe voiced committee members' overriding concern about how New Moon Vision's efforts are supporting the fundamental goal of ensuring the downtown's viability. He said the promotional plan will be the public face on the downtown makeover that emerged from the strategic planning process, including physical improvements, parking needs evaluation and a business recruitment pack-

"There are some wonderful things that have been done in the 34 years that my wife and I have been here," Somershoe said. "I'm excited by what I see for the town square - those are great designs.

"But a big part of what's going to happen to attract people from the outside areas to come here will be the marketing campaign."
Beinner Said Rivera should have halted after the logo and tag line pitch fell flat, rather than proceeding with descriptions of

how it could be distributed. "It was kind of a disaster, I thought," Behmer said. "We've spent all these months working on this and none of these are

'The whole premise'

At last Thursday's meeting at city hall, Rivera led the committee through her firm's process how they sorted through survey results, interviews and past research to develop the theme, "Layers of Time." She shared proposed positioning lines, logo sketches and potential advertise-

While acknowledging residents' deference to Northville's

history, a repeated objection was the exclusive focus on the past.

"It was kind of telling people what we are, not what we want to be," Ward said. "It's not just classic and not just progressive. We need to find a balance and a message that encompasses everybody."

Of the six logos presented, committee members narrowed their preference to a sketch of the downtown clock submitted by the city's design consultant Grissim, Metz, Andriese and Associaties proposed for the center of Main Street. But even those reviews were mixed.

Somershoe said people outside Northville have come to visually associate the city with a clock in the center of town. Behmer, on the other hand, said a basic principle of retail management is encouraging shoppers to lose track of time.

"It was shock that two out of six designs reflected a time piece," she said. "Studies show that when customers see a timepiece it reminds them of what they need to be doing and they head out of town.

"The whole premise of this is to maintain a prosperous down-

Great expectations

Toward the end of the second hour of the presentation, Rivera listed media outlets - direct mail, radio, print, cable and billboards - to consider, adding budget constraints would help determine choices. The dozen committee members at the meeting said little as she rattled off a list of new events she proposed adding to the community's calendar.

Afterward, several committee members called that tactic put-

ting the cart before the horse.
"We should have seen a definition of the primary audience that needs to be reached and a list of the media to reach that audience in a kind of hierarchy — these are the best," Somershoe said. "It's going to have to be as effective as possible graphically and placed in media that gets the broadest audience for the money. Obviously, there is still work

to be done." Ward said the project leaders will review the product thus far.

The expectation is that she will come back with more

designs," she said. The next full committee meeting is 8 a.m. April 18 at city hall. City Manager Patrick Sullivan

said he watched a similar sequence when the design consultant first revealed plans to expand the town square.

"It's going to be an area where the citizens are highly involved," he said. "Things always get improved.

The first draft doesn't usually fly in Northville."

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Kim Rivera of New Moon Visions suggests this sketch of Northville's clock as downtown's logo.



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Art Dash co-chair Laurie Marrs, right, and Swearingen Visions co-owner Mary Starring look at the donated giclee print "Patriotic Iris" which will be up for grabs at the May 17 fund-raiser at St. John's Conference Center. The print was donated to the Arbor Hospice benefit event by Visions co-owner Nancy Swearingen.

Ready to dash: Art lovers raise funds for local hospice agency

■ Tickets on sale now for annual event at St. John's

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Laurie Marrs has watched women kick off their heels and take

off running.
Enthusiastic sprints to select a prized piece are part of the fund-raiser the Northville resident and her husband, Terry, dubbed "Art Dash." It's an upbeat evening of dining and entertainment for a serious cause.

"It's such a fun event," Marrs said. "We want to give people the chance to have fun while selecting their favorite piece of art, to dash for it and to take it home, and most importantly, to support Arbor Hospice and Home Care.

The non-profit agency that provides care for families of terminally ill patients - from daily assistance to grief counseling receives the evening's proceeds.

Tickets on sale

This year, the sixth annual event will be May 17 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center.

Marrs said tickets are still available at \$250 per couple; attendance is limited to 100 tickets because each couple goes home with a donated artwork.

"We've been very fortunate in that all the galleries downtown have been donating a piece," Marrs said. "It's a great way to advertise the artist and know they can come into the gallery and get their pieces."

During appetizers, beverages and dinner, guests can peruse a catalog of descriptions as a pianist supplies classical music in the atri-

Guests dashing for the artfully displayed pieces when their names are called and auction of items donated by Art Dash sponsors follow as the main event.

Showcase of talent

Mary Poole, Sherri Mewha and Nancy Swearingen are among the

Downtown Northville

Art Dash donors

galleries that have contributed artwork to the sixth annual Art Dash are:

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- Swearingen Visions

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local artists who presented Marrs with a piece they personally created. Photographers Steve Fecht and John Heider also donated their own work framed.

By the time Art Dash arrives, Marrs will assemble 105 artworks valued at \$250 or more from galleries, individuals and artists themselves. Her collection begins each June when artists in town for Art in the Sun contribute for the Marrs' next Dash

A perennial sell-out, Art Dash is one of Arbor Hospice's largest fund-raisers each year, said the agency's marketing director, Julie Richards, adding the Marrs last year turned over \$50,000 in proceeds.

"It's a very big deal for us, absolutely," Richards said. 'Ticket sales are just a portion of the fundraiser. There are also corporate sponsorships."

Guests bidding on items donated by area businesses - like a cocktail ring and Colorado condo stay last year — up the tally, Richards

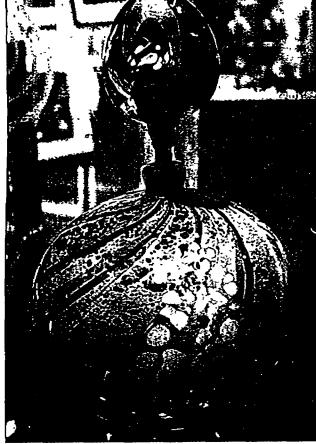


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This glass vessel has been donated to the Art Dash event on May 17 by Northville residents Andrew and Jeanne Vafakas. It was made by New York artist loan Nemtoi.

said. Fund-raisers like Art Dash provided revenue needed to supplement income from Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, she said.

'Touches everybody'

Last week, Mary Starring, coowner of Swearingen Visions on Main Street, handed over Nancy Swearingen's "Patriotic Iris." She framed the white flower protruding from a blue vase with a red back-

Like Marrs, Starring said her support for hospice care is based on personal experience.

"It's near and dear to my heart also," she said. "My mother died of cancer and she had hospice. I saw how much it meant.

"Laune's right. It touches every-

Marrs likes the combination of raising money for a good cause and supporting the arts. And, she said, the enthusiasm is contagious with the downtown's monthly gallery showcase, First Fridays Art Walk, and the arrival of the new professional non-profit Tipping Point Theatre.

"Terry and I are so excited because it's like the arts are alive," Marrs said. "Even with this, we're pushing the arts, and this raises a lot of money for hospice."

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Public hearing on final budget set for May 21

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

The main tax rate is unchanged.

Trash day is still Monday or Tuesday.

And water will cost the

For City of Northville residents, the transition to the

approaching fiscal year will be, seamless, according to the approximate \$6.8 million operating budget presented to the City Council Monday night.

While staff and services stay status quo, the five-year \$2.5 million capital improvement plan contained within the budget entails most of the proposed changes on the horizon.

Part of a spring tradition, city leaders have pulled out their fine-tooth combs for sessions scheduled to culminate in May 21 adoption of the spending plan. The budget study began last night, with subsequent 7 p.m. meetings at city hall April 19 and 23.

Primarily property tax

Presenting to the council. City Manager Patrick Sullivan said the budget is "balanced," "realistic" and "with conservative revenue estimates.

The city's total tax rate including operational, debt and improvement levies — would increase minimally, up to 15.2044 mills from 15.1888 in 2006, costing residents \$1 for every \$1,000 of the taxable value of their commercial and residential properties. The proposed operating tax rate of 13.30 mills is the same as last

Property taxes continue to generate the bulk of the city's operating revenue, about 71 percent. The city finance staff, led by director Nickie Bateson, planned on another decrease in revenue sharing from the state — generated by sales tax — historically the city's second

largest source of revenue. That's where we're concerned - the state's attempts to balance the budget - will impact our budget," Bateson said. The city planned to receive \$566,052 or 8.3 percent of the operating budget from the state, but included a contingency to cover cuts currently under consideration in the state legislature.

Budget highlights

In Sullivan's budget message to council, he highlighted the following points:

• The city's general fund had an approximate \$2.06 unreserved balance as of last June, the highest level in the city's

· Agreements with the city's four labor unions expire June 30, 2008. Wage adjustments, where known by contract, are included in the departmental budgets. The city is continuing its practice of setting aside rioney for health-care costs for active employees and retirees, currently an underfunded lia-

• The city's water and sewer fund, a separate \$2.6 million enterprise fund, continues to be financially stable. The

Capital Improvements

The city's capital improvement program for fiscal year 2008 provides for \$2.5 million in physical improvements, funded primarily by special assessment districts, enterprise funds and grants. Highlights include:

 Completion of a new town square in time for this year's Victorian Festival. Projected cost over two years: \$1.6 mil-

· Completion of Taft Road reconstruction with boulevard islands from Eight Mile Road to the northern city limit. State and federal grants of \$435,000 will apply to the \$900,000 project.

 Sidewalk improvements of \$35,000 throughout the city.

 East Main Street sewer project will relocate a portion more than 100years-old. Project cost: \$200,000.

• Upgrade the police department's radio system, in coordination with Northville Township, as part of a state-wide program. Project cost: \$88,888.

· Replacement of the 11-year-old sewer cleaning truck/vactor to continue preventative sewer cleaning program to reduce back-ups in homes and businesses. Cost: \$200,000.

Budget Schedule

The City of Northville staff and City Council have been adhering to the following scheduled for review of the 2007-08 budget

Jan. 29 - Council · goals and objectives meet-

April 2 - Budget presented to council a still the last April 4 - Review ses-

sion #1 April 19 - Review

session #2

April 23 --- Review session #3

May 3 -- Notice of availability of budget May 21 — Public hear-ing, schedule budget adoption and establish-

ment of operating millage

A complete copy of the 2007-08 budget will be available for public inspection beginning May 10 at the city clerk's office during regular business hours. In addition, a few copies will be available for sign out for review by city

budget absorbed a City of Detroit wholesale water rate increase into the self-supporting part of the budget, so Northville customers will not feel the increase.

residents at home.

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GROCERY SHOPPING? Busch's collecting food for local families

■ Chamber asking membership to join effort

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mark Adams' menu includes a whole roasted chicken, milk and fruit

The Busch's guest experience manager is packaging a fresh dinner to top off the box of groceries being delivered next month for 100 local families. The current clients of local emergency service agency Northville Civic Concern will be the beneficiaries of the inaugural Northville Drive for the Needy.

"I've heard lots of good things about Civic Concern," Adams said. "We're really excited about working with them for the first time.

The idea is for the whole community to be involved."

Busch's and the Northville Chamber of Commerce are hosting a food drive April 16-30. Residents can contribute during their routine trip to the store at Sheldon and Five Mile roads, while businesses are soliciting support from their clients and employees.

More for the money

The chamber is promoting the event via e-mail and newsletter to its 525 members, said membership director Jeri Johnson.

"We're trying to focus on the business community, trying to get the word out to their employees," she said. Businesses who make a donation will be listed on a flier inserted with each grocery basket.

The more people who chip in, the more baskets can be filled for local families that have qualified for Civic Concern assistance, Johnson said.

Within the past two years, job loss, illness and unexpected circumstances have doubled the number of clients seeking assistance from the agency. Help ranges from bi-weekly grocery distribution to gas cards to free up cash to cover utility bills.

Adams said Busch's has negotiated purchasing products at discount-ed prices to include in the baskets actually oversized egg boxes. He said checks collected for the cause at the store and chamber will be spent wisely. The transfer will be

The \$25 for the basket is pretty phenomenal if you could see what all is in it," Johnson said. "It's a way they're really giving back to the community."

Proven program

This winter, Busch's conducted a similar food drive with five Visteon and Automotive Components Holding Group locations, including the Sheldon Road site. In three weeks, employees pooled \$16,000 which Busch's spent on groceries for 402 families throughout the Detroit area, Adams said.

This drive we want to keep exclusively in Northville if we can,



Northville Chamber of Commerce president Jody Humphries will be working with Busch's employee Mark Adams and their customers to gather food items in their First Annual Northville Drive for the Needy. Busch's Is located on Sheldon Road south of Five Mile. The food drive will benefit Northville Civic Concern.

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Northville Civic Concern Sponsored by Busch's and

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he said, adding the majority of the Plymouth store's clientele crosses Five Mile Road from Northville addresses. "After we give the groceries to the 100 families, we're going to overstock the shelves with any money left over so that we can

help any future families." Adams said an in-store display will show shoppers exactly what

their donation will buy. He said Busch's is teaming with the chamber to try to gain community-wide support for the event. This is not about us trying to

make a profit," he said. "It's about getting more involved in Northville to help those families in need. "And to bring the whole community together as one."

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How it works

For the First Annual Northville Drive for the Needy, displays will be set up in the Busch's store April 16-30.

At the register: Cashiers will ask patrons whether they want to contribute as They compete with their co. S workers to earn the most donations.

To donate: Write a check to "Grocery Baskets" for any amount.

Deadline: May 1 Location: Busch's, 15185 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170; Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

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As required by the city charter, the administration presented the proposed 2007-08 budget to the council Meetings to review the spending plan were set for April 4, 19 and 23

Rewarding cooperation

The council unanimously amended the parking special assessment agreement for Lee Holland's proposed building at 115 E. Dunlap St. The council revised the number of parking credit spaces he is required to purchase at \$5,000 each from 25 to 23 due to a shared parking agreement with neighboring business CVS. If that agreement falls through, the assessment will revert back to the original 25-space assessment.

Stage in the works

The council unanimously entered into an agreement with Wayne County to accept a \$60,000 grant to purchase a portable stage system. The Northville Parks and Recreation Department will supervise use of the stage inside and outdoors for events such as the summer

concert series, Senior Fest and Northville Nite.

Commissioner selected

The council unanimously appointed Council member Jim Allen to serve as commissioner for the May 8 school election.

On the consent agenda

The council unanimously approved several items on the consent agenda, including:

· approval of a special event request for the May 19-20 Relay for Life at Ford Field. The American Cancer Society will host the event from 10 a.m. Saturday until 10 a.m. Sunday. More than 1,000 participants and spectators are expected.

 approval of a proclamation of April as the Month of the Young Child. Purple ribbons will be place

on downtown lampposts from April

March 29 Meeting

Absent: Mayor Protem Carolann

Special zoning progresses

City council unanimously granted preliminary planned-unit-development approval for the Center Street Square project subject to conditions suggested by the city's planning consultant and planning commission, including distance from the Center Street curb and the Rayson Street roof pitch. The final approval process requires another appearance before the planning commission and

Compiled by staff writer Maureen

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Top 10 Lists: Schools employ the most, track pays the most taxes

From the "Did you know" file ... the city's parking fine system calls for a warning the first time motorists overstay the three-hour limit. Subsequent offenses eam a \$5 ticket and fines escalate from there. But ... if no additional violations occur within a three-month period, the fines revert to the \$5 level.

The construction management firm recently hired by the city will be tackling the tricky, practical aspects of the town square expansion scheduled to begin this spring. Like ... will traffic on Main Street remain open both ways during construction? Will pedestrians be able to walk along the Rock on Main sidewalk from Mary Alexander Court to Main Street? Watch for answers in future issues of the

Northville Record ...

Check out this neighbor's house ... the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan named a Northville Township home a blue ribbon winner in the Spring 2007 Parade of Homes. The Legacy, built by Michael Moceri Design Build and located at 18573 Steep Hollow Court --- near Seven Mile and Beck took the prize in the \$1 millionplus price category. The home, priced at \$1.175 million, was recognized for its "exceptional value, open floor plan and master suite layout." Congratulations!

On the Corriveau watch ... Our hometown state representative Marc Corriveau want to protect the jobs of Michigan residents called to active military duty. A bill that passed the house would keep service members civilian jobs open for 90 days after they return instead of the current 15-day law. Corriveau, a Naval reservist from 1994-2001, said, "Returning to civilian life at home with their families can be a tough transition after they have served on the front lines." Sounds like a good measure toward gratitude ...

Call ahead for your company's dozen ... Tuscan Café's Terri Hundley said the donuts they serve fresh daily are a hot commodity, particularly since the Donut Scene closed. Local businesses and churches are among the customers with standing orders. All she needs is one day's notice ...

Want to get a jump start on the summer job hunt? Northville Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for park attendants, building attendants and life guards to work evening and weekend shifts. Wages start at \$7 and \$10. High school diploma and valid driver's license required. Apply Web

www.nor.thvilleparksandrec.org or at the recreation center in Hillside.

Can it be!? Already time for the Northville High School Class of 1997 10-year reunion. Details so far 6 p.m. June 9 at 5th Avenue Ballroom in Novi. Cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple due by April 16. Matt Zielinski and Meghan Cauzillo, both out-of-state alums, are lead party organizers. Want info? E-mail megcauzillo@gmail.com or visit http://groups.google.com/group/nhs party97 www.myspace.com/nhsparty97

What is the world is going on with the Dubuar Street neighbors? Allegations of trespassing, strewn debris and playing favorites flew at the city council meeting Monday night. It's always something ...

Pre-colored Easter eggs? Yup. Naturally colored eggs are available at May bury Farm for \$2 a dozen in the welcome center from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.

And don't forget the egg hunt this Saturday at Maybury Farm ... Free for kids age 10 and younger, the event starts at 1 p.m. Complimentary parking for parents entering the farm off Eight Mile Road between Beck and Napier roads. Treats inside the plastic eggs!



Photo by Maureen Johnston

Holiday treats!

Terri Hundley of the Tuscan Café is taking orders through tomorrow for these darling Easter cakes in the shape of a lamb, bunny and chicken that double as a centerpiece and dessert. The cost is \$12 or \$15 for chocolate, vanilla or marble cakes.

All kinds of interesting information in the budget draft submitted to the Northville City Council Monday night ... Based on the 2006 tax roll, who do you think are the top 10 taxpayers in the city? Starting with the Northville's home of harness racing, they are the

Northville Driving Club, Detroit Edison, Singh Development, Buckhave Investments, Thomas and Marie Prose, John Jameson, 120 West Main, Singh II, Hiller and Lutey, and Beneicke and Krue Properties.

And from the same file ... the top

10 employers in the city are Northville Public Schools, Northville Racing Corporation, Hiller's, Long Plumbing and Mechanical, City of Northville, R&D Enterprises, Jack Doheny Supplies, Main Street Bank, Genitti's and Star Manor of Northville. Interesting ...

FIRST FRIDAYS:

Arts on display during downtown social event

■ Galleries unveil glass, lithograph, etching exhibits

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Need custom-color earrings to complete your Easter ensemble?

Laura Lies will make them before your eyes tomorrow night. The jewelry artist will be at VanDam's, 111 E. Main St., from 6-9 p.m. during the downtown Northville's First Fridays Art and Fashion Walk.

Boutique owner Chris Van Dam invited patrons to bring an outfit for Lies to match bead colors as she creates jewelry during the event. Or, of course, select something in the

VanDam said inviting people downtown to learn about the products and services available locally is what the cooperative event is all about. The first Friday of each month, retailers in the central shopping district stay open late, inviting shoppers to attend exhibit receptions, sample refreshments and mingle with neighbors.

VanDam said she became enchanted with Lies after learning how she started her craft. She said Lies' now-husband, a fellow artist, invited her to a bead store where he proposed after making a temporary

engagement ring on the spot.

This Friday, VanDam is offering incentives and other prizes — like free earrings - for customers who open Easter eggs in her store.

In addition to the jewelry trunk show, other events planned downtown tomorrow include:

Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady

Through April 22, the Northville Arts Commission home is showcasing a variety of work created by Northville High School seniors. High school art teachers selected artwork they have produced throughout their entire school years. Students planned and executed the entire show on their own.

For info: (248) 344-0497

Awakening...The Artist Inside,

111 N. Center Street

To coincide with the First Fridays event, the art supply store and studio is hosting a workshop preview and exhibit with mixed media artist Valerie Allen. A representative for GOLDEN Artist Colors, Allen will preview the style she will share during a May two-hour workshop.

For info: (248) 347-0807 or visit www.AwakeningtheArtistInside.com.

The Tom James Gallery of Fine Art, 117 E. Main St.

Landscape painter lack Lindsey will be the featured artist tomber row night said gallery owner. Tom, lames, describing the calm. peaceful feeling evoked by Lindsey's paintings

"Jack's specialty is in his subtle gradation of colors which emulate a 'time-of-day' lighting over his landscapes," James said. The gallery also will be showing a new collection of fine art lithographic prints by noted artist Harold Altman and etchings by the late Austrian Kasimir family - Luigi, his wife Tanner Kassimir-Hoemes, and their son, Robert.

Kathy Groman of Wine Styles will be at the reception, offering samples of reds and whites from her

For info: (248) 349-0105

Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center Street

The exhibit, 'Through the looking Glass," featuring international glass artists April Wagner and Jason Ruff of epiphany studios in Pontiac will open tomorrow night and continue through April. The artists, alumni from the College of Creative Studies in Detroit, will attend the free wine and cheese reception from 6-9 p.m. Their exquisite use of color, coupled with the fluidity of their work and shapes that defy gravity, make their pieces truly unique," said

gallery owner Sherri Mewha. Works by Wagner and Ruff are in the White House Collection and some of their largest glass pieces are on display at Detroit Regional Chamber, General Motors Corp. and Pfizer Inc., Mewha said, adding other pieces are owned by Former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

For info: (248) 380-0470 or visit ,www.sherrusgallery.com.

Swearingen Visons, 118 W. Main St.

To celebrate April as glass month, Swearingen Visions will be featuring the blown-glass vessels of emerging artisan Brent Swanson, a recent graduate of College for Creative Studies.

"Brent has already developed and excellent reputation for his work." said gallery co-owner Mary Starring. "His pieces are very contemporary, but come alive with their own personality."

Also showing at the gallery through April will be oil paintings by Michael Ventura, a relatively new artist and local high school teacher. Inspired by nature, his paintings reflect a sense of peace and tranquility, Starring said.

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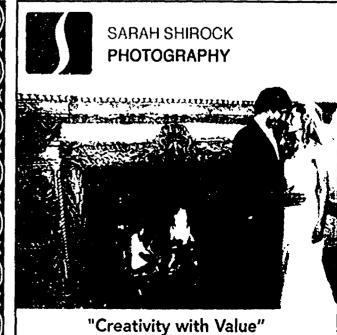
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ENGAGEMENTS



Sebastian-Metz

Gerald Sebastian of Dearborn and Janice Sebastian of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Nicole Sebastian, to Jakob Wayne Metz, son of Ken and Gale Metz of Dansville.

The bride-elect is 2001 graduate of Northville High School and 2005 graduate of Michigan State University. She is pursuing a post graduate degree for physician's assistant and is employed at Gadaleto and Ramsby in Lansing.

The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Dansville High School and is currently employed at Kel-Cris Corporation.

An April 14 wedding is planned.



Petrie-Flynn Jim_and Lonna Petrie of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Lindsay Ann

Petrie to Andrew John-Vance Flynn, son of Warren and Pauline Flynn of Port Huron.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Northville High School, a 1999 graduate of Michigan State University, received her Master of Curriculum and Teaching from MSU, and a second Master of Disabilities from Learning Madonna University. She is currently employed as a teacher at Thurston High School, Redford.

The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of Port Huron High School, earned his Bachelor's in Biology at Wayne State University in 2003. Currently he is employed as a laboratory technologist for the American Red Cross, Detroit.

A November wedding is planned.



Loeffler-Brunner

Don and Jan Loeffler of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Marie Loeffler, to Bradley James Loeffler, son of John and Mary Jane Brunner of Spring Lake.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Northville High School and 2003 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently employed as a teacher with Utica Community Schools.

The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Spring Lake High School and 2003 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently employed as a teacher with Corruna

Public Schools.

An August wedding is planned.



Nelson-Hammond

Steven and Linda Nelson of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Ann Nelson, to Joseph Alan Hammond, son of Brent and Claudia Hammond of Northville.

The bride elect is a 1997 graduate of South Lyon High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of

The groom elect is a 1996 graduate of Northville High School and a 2000 graduate of Central Michigan

An April wedding is planned.



Sprader-Brown

John and Cheryl Sprader of Northville announce the engage-ment of their daughter, Amanda Marie Sprader, to Mark Joshua Brown, son of Jack and Pamela Brown of Olivet.

OBITUARIES

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Northville High school and 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is currently in the nursing program at Wayne State University and plans on graduating in December.

The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Seaholm High School and 2003 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently employed as the Birmingham area director of Young Life, a non-profit youth organization.

An August wedding is planned.



Kornylo-Ryzyi

Walter and Patricia Komylo of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheila Marie Kornylo, to Joseph David Ryzyi, son of David and Mary Ryzyi of Northville.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Stevenson High School and 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is currently employed as a materials engineer at Ford Motor Company.

The groom-elect is a 2002 graduate of Catholic Central High School and 2006 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently employed at an infectious disease

A November wedding is planned.

فالفنالانتناث فالمحادث والتنادة

JANET R. BENTLEY 82, longtime resident of Age 42, Passed away March 9, 2007. Age 82, longtime resident of Northville, passed away on March 28, 2007. She was born on March 10, 1925 in Detroit, MI to John and Hilda (Eick) White. Janet was united in marriage to Dr. Frederick E. Bentley on July 1, 1954. She moved to Northville in 1956 from Plymouth. Janet was a Registered Nurse, but spent most of her life as a homemaker. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville and a former member of Northville Mother's Club and Northville Women's Club. She enjoyed the outdoors; she loved fishing, morel mushroom hunting and just spending time at her family's cottage. Janet also enjoyed golfing with her husband. Janet is survived by her beloved husband Dr. Frederick by her beloved husband Dr. Frederick Bentley, Sr. of Northville; her loving sons Fred (Jennifer) Bentley of Northville and David (Shelli) Bentley of Northville; her adoring grandsons Rick and Jack Bentley; and Evan, Adam, and Josh Bentley. She is also survived by her dearest nephew and nieces; Tom (Lynn), Kathi (Mel), Debbie (Randy), Ellen (Mark), Nancy (Randy), and many cherished and loving friends. Also missing Janet is her loyal companion 'Spike'. She was preceded in death by her par-ents and her brother John T. White, Jr. A memorial service was held last Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Rev. Kent Clise and Rev. James Russell officiated the service. Memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Highway, Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48034 would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

of Northville.

DEBRA KAY JUSTICE

Loving wife of Ron. Dearest mother of Alex, Jake, Kasey and Alyssa. Also survived by parents, Joyce and the late Wayne Liddle and her sister Denise Miller. Dear Aunt to Kayla and Erin. Visitation and Funeral Service was at the Livonia Chapel of the Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to the family at:

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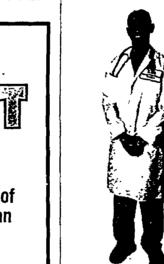
GENEVIEVE C. GRYSIEWICZ Of East Tawas, formerly Northville, died Friday, March 30, 2007 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. She was born May 19, 1925 in Detroit, the daughter of Jacob and Helen Zubel. Genevieve was a seamstress for many years and was a member of the National Alliance for the Mentally III. She resided in Northville for 45 years before moving to East Tawas seven years ago. She was preceded in death by her husband Ted, a daughter Laura Grice and a brother Edward Zubel. Surviving are four children, Celeste (Larry) Miller of Grand Blanc, Bruce Grysiewicz of East Tawas, Vicki (Larry) Platte of Central Lake, Gary (Kathy) Grice of Lafayette, California, six grandchildren, four great grand children. A memorial mass will be held Monday, April 9, 2007 at 11:00 AM at the Holy Family Catholic Church in East Tawas with Father Donald Geyman as celebrant. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Alliance for the Mentally III, 921 N. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI. 48906. Please send condolences www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

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Planning commissioners deny rezoning request at Five & Beck roads

Residents question need for retail at site

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Frank Jonna believes commercial and technology can sleep in the same bed.

In fact, he thinks the two could make perfect partners.

Jonna, CEO of Jonna Companies in Southfield, gave a Jonna passionate plea to members of the Northville Township Planning Commission March 27 to rezone 20.52 acres on the northeast corner of Five Mile and Beck roads from Research and Development to General Business.

But, commissioners unanimously shot down his request, as they admittedly have many others who have suggested commercial ventures in Technology Park.

Pete Lamourie, traffic engineer for the township, said a retail development in the park would increase traffic along Beck and Five Mile roads.

A representative from the Board of Directors of the Lakes of Northville Homeowners . Association iust north of Technology Park said he hasn't heard anyone mention a demand for retail in this area.

This goes against the idea of living in western Northville," he

Township officials, however, have talked about the fact that more commercial development is needed in the western portion of Northville Township to offset some of the traffic in the eastern half.

Another 23-year resident wants to see the corner stay zoned Research and Development.

Seven Mile has openings for retail. Why don't they just open something there?" he asked.

Robert Westerkamp also said, Where is the demand coming

from for retail? It doesn't add up. Westerkamp cited a possible increase in crime if retail outlets opened on this corner, with Meijer suffering from numerous thefts at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

Most shopping on east side

Jonna talked about the success of other retailers in the area, and that they have expressed an interest in being in this market.

"Even your planners have said more retail is needed in the western edge of the community," Jonna said. "If you wanted to buy a pair of shoes or a T-shirt, there's no place to do that on this side of

He also said many research and development firms want employees to have the convenience of nearby retail establishments.

"The commercial districts are lopsided," admitted commissioner Richard Allen, commission chair. "Everyone has to travel east to

Historical perspective noted

McCarthy said 20 years ago, community leaders decided they did not want commercial develop-

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ments on Beck Road.

"We always come back to the point of leaving it R & D," McCarthy said.

Robert Nix agreed the corner needs to maintain the same zon-

"We've had a lot of discussion on this," Nix said. "We hate to be the bad guys, but I think we should stick with R & D. We're very quickly losing every alternative site in the township to commercial, and this is a premier

Commissioners Mary Gans and Lisa Anderson also thought it inappropriate to rezone the land to General Business — the most intense commercial zoning.

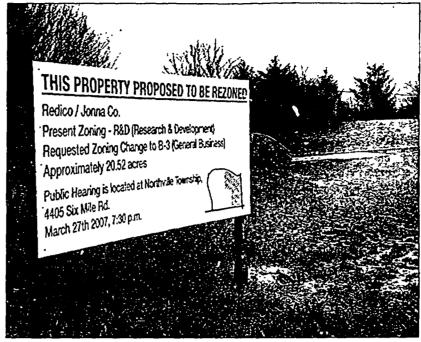
"I'm not against other types of commercial happening there, just not B-3," Gans said. "We have to exercise a prudent approach."

"I'm not willing to give up on our R & D parcels until we've exhausted all avenues," Anderson

Jonna said that College Park in Livonia has successfully integrated commercial in front of the TCF Bank headquarters on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

"It's not just a tax-dollar issue. We need to diversify our tax base," said Commissioner Mike

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



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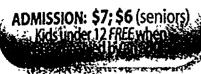




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SOLID GROUNDS: Coffee shop opens next week

Local business ready for gardners digging in a

■ Menu to feature gourmet beverages, European pastries, wraps, salads

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Teresea Berent and Rita Patel are a long way from the fast-food fries they dished as teenagers.

Next Saturday, the two high school pals, 34, and Rita's sister, Mona, will be serving up their dream, opening "Solid Grounds" in Northville Square.

Inside the mall at Wing and Main streets, the trio is joining Northville's designer drink fray, offering an alternative to established coffee depots Tuscan Café, Starbucks and Great Harvest Bread Company.

"We're going to have an ethnic flair," said Rita. "It will be a comfortable, inviting-you-to-comeback kind of atmosphere.

"It's been one of our dreams to open up."

Healthy emphasis

Specialty beverages will be Solid Grounds staples, from gourmet coffee to smoothies, and chai tea to frappucinos. The food menu will set the coffee shop apart, Mona said, by featuring Middle-Eastern influenced appetizers, European pastries and salad recipes developed from practice at home.

That said, patrons still will be able to stop in for a familiar bagel, muffin and yogurt parfait.

And although Rita and Teresa cut their food service teeth working Long John Silver's, Denny's and Domino's, they said with a laugh that's not their menu inspiration. Solid Grounds offerings will focus on wraps, sandwiches and at least seven salads.

"We don't have any fryers, so everything is baked and more healthy." Berent said, adding they'll tailor their menu to their Northville clientele's preferences.

Good competition?

Berent, who drafted the Solid Grounds business plan, said the coffee shop has been nearly a year in the making and a dream long before.

She said a chance conversation Stampeddler Plus, a Center Street store owned by Northville Square developers Margene and Bob Buckhave, led the women to the Northville location. Berent and the Patel sisters said subsequent scrutiny by friends and family endorsed their initial instinct.

"We were looking for a small town in an upcoming area," Rita said. "We were thinking upscale, trendy.

"It just felt like 'right'" Solid Grounds' distinctive flavor will appeal to all ages, Rita said, allowing the business to co-



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Business partners Mona Patel, Teresa Berent and Rita Patel, right, will be soon opening up their "Solid Grounds" coffee shop inside Northville Square. The shop can entered from inside the mall and by a door on the building's west side.

exist with Northville's current coffee shops.

Will Hundley, owner of the Tuscan Cafe, agreed.

'We've been here 11 years our clientele will not be leaving here," he said. "We are just excited to see a new business in the area, anything that's good for Northville.

"It's nice to see Northville Square expand."

On the front line

The hand-written menu boards are in place. The owners are noping to hang consignment artwork from local galleries to punctuate the bold green, red and orange

Seating extends from the contemporary bar stools and tables visible from the mall side to upholstered chairs along the Wing Street wall to a patio where patrons can drink and dine outdoors.

Rita quit their day jobs as a customer service representative and flight attendant, respectively. While they staff the store six days a week, Mona will supply behind-the-scenes support.

At night, the women envision their coffee shop as a first-date location and a place to go "first," and during the day, a place to meet friends and host business meetings. Their entertainment format will start with open mic night on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Just like the old days, Rita said she and Berent will be on the front line to field customer com-ments and suggestions time, as owners.

"We want them to give us their feedback," she said. "We're planning our second location in three

"We're going to be huge on customer service and satisfac-

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Newsmakers

New partner at Fausone Bohn, LLP

Mark J. Mandell has become a partner at the Northville law firm of Fausone Bohn, LLP after working as an associate attorney for four years with the firm. Mandell, a graduate of the Cooley Law School Class of 1998, is the youngest attorney in the firm's history to enter partnership. Mandell specializes in family and criminal law.

Professor wins Gold Award

More than 300 engineers, scientists and allied professionals honored Dr. Levi T. Thompson from the University of Michigan with the 2007 Engineering Society of Detroit Gold Award Feb. 22 at the Dearborn Inn Marriott

Dr. Thompson is a professor of chemical engineering at the University of Michigan, director of the U of M Hydrogen Energy Technology Laboratory and director of the Michigan Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation.

Gerlica selected as VP

The Henry Ford Community College Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Reginald Gerlica of Northville as vice president of academic affairs for arts and sciences at its Feb. 19 meeting.

Gerlica first joined HPCC in 1984 as an English instructor and has been the associate dean of the English Division since

Sheffield honored

Northville illustrator Heidi Woodward Sheffield was recognized at this year's ADDY Awards, a celebration of local advertising excellence.

Sheffield won "Best of Show," two additional Gold ADDYs and a Silver Citation for her 2006 Ann Arbor Book Festival illustrations.

PR firm welcomes Northville's Watson

Marx Layne & Company marketing and public relations agency has expanded its public affairs practice by adding Northville resident Heidi Watson, former deputy press secretary for Governor Jennifer Granholm, to its staff of more than 35 public relations professionals. Watson has been named an account executive at the firm.



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Five Mile, Sheldon project part of firms' \$400M in retail growth

Several states to gain centers

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Daniel Stern is bullish on the retail market - not just in Michigan but nationwide.

Last April, Stern's firm, Lormax Stern Development Co. in West Bloomfield, and Grand Sakwa Properties, Inc., in. Farmington Hills, joined to form the Equity Alliance Fund.

The companies joined forces to buy and build shopping centers across the U.S., investing \$400 million in centers in Michigan, Kentucky and Texas, adding new stores, employment and tax revenues to growth-minded commu-

One of the alliance's major projects in Michigan is Benton Corner on the northeast corner Five Mile and Sheldon roads in Northville Township.

Construction has already begun on Benton Corner and will include a CVS drug store, a Huntington Bank, a grocery store, a restaurant and small retail out-

The 65,000-square-foot shopping center is scheduled for completion in 2008.

Program ahead of schedule

The alliance's venture has exceeded expectations allowing for more enhanced growth. The \$1 billion in acquisition capital was to be utilized over a three- to five-year period, but the program is ahead of schedule, said Stem, the alliance's spokesman.

"You could say we're going from dirt to dollars faster than projections," said Stern. "Our retail shopping centers are exceeding revenue projections, and our new projects are coming on line ahead of schedule. The projects that we proposed 12 months ago are now under con-

struction. The alliance has invested in 3.5 million square feet of new and existing retail space since launching the fund last spring, he added.

Stern said the alliance is working on acquiring additional retail properties in Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, the Carolinas, Texas and other states, "Several additional projects are in the entitlement or due diligence process, and we will make further announcements once these deals are successfully closed," said

In Michigan, the alliance has five new projects underway, with other projects in Canton, Hartland and Macomb townships and South Haven.

Extensive research done

'We look at the location of each shopping center based on extensive demographic research of the niche market location, whether the site is in Michigan or any other state," said Stern.

The alliance looks at statistics such as average income, population density, competitors in the

the market, such as how many neighborhood centers are in each

"We have two more names that we're pretty excited about that we'll hopefully be releasing soon," Stern said.

Six Mile and Haggerty cen-

Grand Sakwa and Lormax Stern were also partners in the Six Mile and Haggerty development in Northville Township, now 10 years old.

Stern said this shopping center has experienced continued success of the last decade.

"Any vacancy has been immediately absorbed," he said, with Loehmann's the most recent large tenant in the Village Square of Northville at 17615 Haggerty

He said that although many community leaders believe their tax base can be increased with technology-based or R&D facilities, commercial development is still blazing the trail.

"That technology-based projects are the answer is worth challenging across the country," Stern said. "The tax base on those projects may be good, but they're often offset by the cost of tax abatements. The retail market is still very strong in the areas we've been developing.'

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Plaintiffs lose state court appeal on Seven Mile land bid process

■ REIS can now close on property

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

The State of Michigan Court of Appeals handed down a decision last week that clears the way for developers to close on their purchase of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property on Seven Mile Road.

The unpublished March 29 decision sided with the lower court's decision in favor of the Department of Management & Budget and State Administrative Board plus Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company (REIS).

REIS said parties who challenged the developers' \$31.5 million bid on the property had "no standing" because the parties never participated in the last bidding process.

The entity who challenged the purchase was Michigan's Promise, a nonprofit watchdog organization, according to Chip Snider, Northville Township man-

Of course, the plaintiffs can always seek another appeal from the Michigan Supreme Court, if the court will agree to hear the

Several years ago, Gary Sakwa of Grand Sakwa, Properties in Farmington Hills had an option to purchase the property out chose not to because he felt the price was too high at about \$66 million.

After another failed attempt to sell the property, the state decided to auction the property, with a minimum bid set at \$33 million.

REIS then won the right to purchase the property with an auction bid of \$31.5 million, with no other bidders on the property, in 2005.

"Grand Sakwa's contention was that they felt they could sue the state and REIS, because they might have purchased the proper-ty at the lower price," Snider

But the Circuit Court said other parties had no standing because they didn't apply to bid on the property.

Unless another appeal is sought from the higher court, REIS has the right now to close on the \$31.5 million purchase price, purchasing the property "as is."

State pieased with ruling

"This is a great day for the State of Michigan," Sakwa said. They've been waiting for a very long time for this legal battle to be

over. Now that's it's over, REIS has the obligation to close the property and pay the balance. If they don't, the state should put the property back up for sale immediately. With the state budget in the shape "it's 'in, "they don't need somebody who's not buying the

We're very happy with the ruling," said Edward Woods III, director of communications for the Michigan Department of Management and Budget.

"We've worked very hard to create economic opportunity through the sale of this property. We look forward to completing this transaction as soon as possible not only for Northville Township but for the State of Michigan as well."

Woods said that so far REIS has put up \$4,000,100 in carnest money on the property which was necessary for them to participate in the auction. The \$4 million was presented in August 2005 and the \$100 in October 2005 for the land contract.

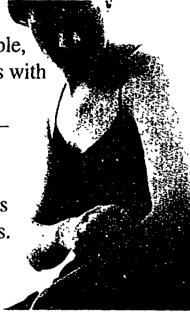
REIS representatives were not available for comment on the court decision.

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parent coach Viswa

"It's like one year goes by and

Additionally, parent involvement

When the team travels to differ-

ent competitions they never have to

use a bus or van for transportation

because parents drive to each of the

trip to East Lansing on April 28.

The same will be true on their

Wilson said the team of mainly

seventh and eighth graders has high

expectations for its performance at

state, but he reminds them they are

already winners regardless of the

"I always remind them, it's not about winning," he said. "Anyone

who is here has already entered

another level of success."

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you can't wait for the next year and

the next set of events to start."

has saved the team money.

events with their children.

said

Bhattachar.

outcome.

Hillside Middle School took first place in the Regional Science Olympiad Competition. From left: Erik Hjelmberg, Adithya Bhatachar, Parent coach Viswa Bhattachar, Rajeev Vadhavkar, Robert Hsu, Coach Scott Wilson, Beth Hadley, Matt Drago (partially hidden by Christina Hadley), Ows All, Parent Coach Phil Zimmer, Emily Zimmer, Adam Zimmer, and Parent Coach Sally Drago; Two boys to right — Stephen Beyer (on cell phone) and Emmett Zimmer; Front: Andrew Gutman.

Hillside Science Olympiads take regional, gear up for state event

■ Parent involvement kev to team's victories

By Renee Gates RECORD STAFF WRITER

Before participating in Science Olympiad this year, Hillside Middle School seventh-grader. Emily Zimmer, wasn't sure she had what it takes to go up against the really smart science kids who compete in the events.

That was before she came in first place in her event and before the Hillside team won first place in the Olympiad Regional Science

Competition last month. Now Zimmer has more confidence and cannot wait to compete again, said Hillside Science Olympiad coach Scott Wilson.

"It's neat seeing them celebrate the excitement over using their noo-

"I don't think we do enough to celebrate bright kids and the kind of effort it takes to do this stuff."

Now the team is gearing up for the State Science Olympiad Competition later this month on the campus of Michigan State

University. In the seven years Hillside has participated in the Science Olympiad, they have gone to the state competition five times. Last year the team made its best showing at seventh place. This year Wilson believes they can do as good a job

"I think we are going to be com-

regional, we can be a top 10 school again."

Parent power

The key to the team's success, Wilson said, is their use of parent coaches.

Before using parent coaches, the team just relied on the skill of its students who were good in science' and performed well in the science based competitive events.

Wilson said he would oversee the students preparing for 23 separate events for competition, but was limited in the assistance he could provide for some of the events.

As other schools continued refining their programs and doing a better job with coaching, Hillside's team began to loose its competitive edge and watched as the other teams passed them in regional

Another school let them know what they were doing with parent coaching and allowed them to see their format. Wilson was quick to adopt the new strategy.

The parent coaches have allowed the kids to really stay on task and some really get into it,"

Wilson said. They just really work well with the kids and they make sure they have all the right materials."

Since the Olympiad team is an out-of-school event, it is critical for parent involvement to make sure the students are meeting regularly to prepare for their events and check the Web site to make sure they are using the most undated

Science Olympiad facts Science Olympiad is a primarily

American elementary, middle school or high school team competition that requires knowledge of various science topics and engineering ability. Over 14,000 teams from the 50 U.S. states and Canada compete each year.

There are 23 events in which competitors face off on a single day. Events fall under three main categories: Science Concepts and Knowledge, Science Processes and Thinking Skills, and Science. Application and Technology, They are either knowledge-based (i.e. written tests of laboratory tasks in earth science, physics, biology, and chemistry) or engineeringbased (i.e. participants construct a device to do specified tasks).

Knowledge-based events generally have two participants either taking a test, performing experiments or mathematically analyzing data. Examples of such events are Designer Genes, Forensics, and Chemistry Lab.

Engineering-based events have a team of two to three participants. They are to construct a device following a specific event's parameters and test the device against others. Examples include Robot Ramble, Bridge/Tower Building, and Storm The Castle.

The majority of events require two team members, though some require more. If one member is unable to attend an event, the other is able to continue, depending on the event, with the competition, though at an obvious disadvantage.

The list of events and rules for events change and are updated every year to keep the competition interesting and to limit the advantages of older teams

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CLASS NOTES

Northville Senior All Night Party

Tickets and Wooden Mustang The Northville High School Class of 2007 Senior All Night Party will be held Saturday, June 2 from 10:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. Ticket prices are \$70. Get your tickets now before the rush!

For \$40 you can purchase an unpainted wooden Mustang horse. This wooden horse is personalized by you for your senior, i.e., painted scenes, photos, props, name tiles, sportswear, balloons, etc., and displayed at the party. Order your wooden Mustang soon. Questions? Please contact Mary Jo Blasius at (248) 349-0101.

Please make checks for tickets and wooden mustangs payable to: Northville Senior Class Party. Order forms are available online on the NHS Web site, http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/nhs. Please mail orders and checks to: Catherine Doong, 17981 W. Northville Trail, Northville, MI 48168.

Volunteers Needed

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Class of 1987 Reunion

The Northville High School Class of 1987 20-year reunion is in the works for July. Chris (Hornberger) Noles is collecting names of those interested in attending, and Kathleen Kennedy is heading up the party planning. If interested, please send the following information to Chris at christnoles@comcast.net: name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

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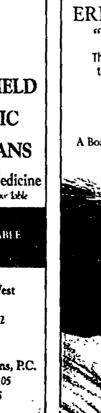
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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

Alcohol stolen at Meijer store

A 17-year-old Livonia man was arrested for third degree retail fraud at the Meijer store at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

Police responded to a call from the store about a subject fleeing from loss prevention.

The subject fled through the north

lot into the woods. Officers followed footprints onto Meadowbrook Golf Course and eventually found the suspect, wearing only a blue T-shirt and blue jeans, hiding behind a tree.

A loss prevention agent told police he saw the man select a bottle of Bacardi Razz rum and bottle of Jack Daniels whiskey.

He then concealed them in his jacket and proceeded through the north doors without paying for

The man ran out the door as two loss prevention agents tried to escort him to their office.

The alcohol was recovered at the

Family disturbance reported

Police responded to a family disturbance involving a 49-year-old woman and 50-year-old man on Chatterton Court.

The woman phoned police, saying she and the man are divorcing and she was in the process of removing some of her belongings from the home.

The two were arguing over some items, and she called police to act as peace officers during the process.

The man said the woman held a pair of scissors in her hand while he was trying to keep her from taking the comforter off of the bed. The woman told police she grabbed the scissors to keep him from harming

The woman was advised to contact police again should she need their assistance when returning to gather more of her belongings.

Attempted theft arrests

Two men were arrested for an attempted theft from a vehicle on Windridge Drive.

One of the men was also arrested on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in Plymouth District Court for a probation violation on a harassment communication charge.

The attempted theft was believed to have occurred following a road rage incident in which four men in two cars were arguing as to who had the best sound system in their respective vehicles.

The men reporting the attempted theft were playing video games, decided to get something to eat and found the two men they had argued with earlier going through one of their cars, a 1997 Cadillac.

They grabbed baseball bats out of the garage, chased off the suspects and called 911.

Police then chased the two suspects, apprehending them in a field between the back of Home Depot and Northwind Court.

The men were both released on personal bond, with police impounding one of the suspect's cars, a 2002 silver Chevrolet

Father, son quarrel

Police responded to a domestic assault involving a 45-year-old man and his 15-year-old son on East Harbor Village Drive.

The man told police his son is currently doing drugs and stealing medicine from his grandmother, who lives with them.

He said when his son returned home that night he demanded the house key from him, which he refused to give him.

The son allegedly began to push him and grab the phone as he was trying to call police.

Both parties were advised to contact Growth Works in Plymouth to get proper counseling, which they agreed to do.

Police also told the teenager that Northville High School counselors could help him.

Drunk driving arrests

A 25-year-old Novi man was arrested for drunk driving at Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

Police watched the man cross over the fog line (right edge of the road) on Six Mile Road west of White Haven and clocked him traveling between 45 and 55 mph. The man also did not proceed

through a stoplight for four-six seconds after it turned green. The man was driving on a sus-

pended license and had an expired license plate.

Stolen vehicle calls

Police responded to a call about a 2000 Dodge Stratus being stolen from a parking lot on Northville Place Drive.

A woman told police she had parked the car next to the curb near the back of her apartment when she returned from work.

When she left to go to work the next morning, the car was gone.

A 2001 Black Jeep Cherokee was also reported missing from the parking lot at about the same time on the same street.

No suspects have been identified in either case.

Domestic assault arrest

Police arrested a 21-year-old woman for domestic assault on Innsbrook Drive.

The woman allegedly hit her boyfriend in the nose and bit him on his cheek because of suspected infidelity.

She also allegedly threatened to try to get him arrested by beating herself up and tried to punch and scratch him.

The man told police he did not want to press changes on the

Driving on suspended license

An 18-year-old Orchard Lake man was arrested for drunk driving at Haggerty Road and Woodside Drive.

Police pulled the man over after noticing that the light on his license plate was not working and that he

stopped his vehicle several times in the roadway for no apparent reason.

The man said he was stopped because he was looking for Woodside Drive.

Police learned unat the man's license was currently suspended and that he had a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest out of the East Lansing Police Department.

Suspended license, drugs

A man was arrested for driving on a suspended license, possession of marijuana and possession of narcotics paraphernalia at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

The man was stopped when an officer noticed his vehicle's license plate light was not working.

Officers found marijuana in a baggie and a glass pipe in a work glove inside a knit cap on the floor of the vehicle behind the driver's

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Northville Township firefighters Brad Neuhart, left, and Jason Raschke get some equipment out of a rescue truck. Northville Township is considering a feasibility study of a regionalization effort with the nearby communities of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Livonia.

Communities ponder merit of regionalization of fire services

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

John Werth said the jury's still out on which, if any, western Wayne County communities want to consider regionalizing fire services.

Werth, director of public safety for Northville Township, said a meeting took place last week between representatives of the six communities involved - Northville Township, Plymouth Township, the city of Plymouth, Westland, Livonia and Canton Township.

The purpose of the meeting was to see which municipalities wanted to opt in and which ones wanted to opt out of the proposal for Plante & Moran to perform a feasibility study.

The city of Plymouth voted for their city council to authorize to have Plante & Moran do the feasi-bility study," Werth said. "They wanted to split the cost equally

between the five cities." Wenth said Westland and Canton Township have already opted out of the program.

They're not interested in continuing," Werth said.

Northville Township, Plymouth Township and Livonia, however, are still undecided, Werth said.

We want to explore now what the scope of the study would be with fewer communities involved."

Werth said he believes that Plymouth Township may also opt of

the proposed study.
'They're probably out, but there's been some ambiguity," Wenth said. Except for the city of Plymouth,

there's been no commitment of dollars toward a study." Obviously, Plymouth Township's decision will greatly affect Northville Township's decision in

the matter, since the communities

border each other. "In some areas, it makes sense for us not to proceed with this," Werth said. "I have to look at a proposal, however, any time I have an opportunity to provide better service at lower cost. I would like to study it and at least entertain the idea."

Whatever Werth decides as the new public safety director will have to be approved by the board of trustees before any action is taken.

'The board sets the level of service and the direction," Werth said. They make the final decision.

The proposal would be to share fire equipment and personnel with the intent of providing better services as a more reasonable cost.

"Even with the declining economy, our community is growing," Werth said, "and we're looking at building a second fire station at the eastern end of the township."

But, with the public safety millage renewed last August, "We're staying within budget," Wenth said. "We've got a five-year plan."



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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.

What is branding?

Back in December, when the city hired a firm to help market downtown Northville, we knew it would be a tough job.

Change, don't change. We're traditional, we're progressive. We're extrav-

agant, we're thrifty. We grew up here, we just moved here. We said then, "New Moon is going to have to cull through the sentiment, data and myriad materials collected during the strategic planning process to produce a promotional plan that accurately reflects the qualities and values of Northville residents and business owners."

While pointing at the \$40,000 price tag, we also said, "It's up to the city leaders to demand the downtown gets what the stakeholders pay for. There's too much at stake not to follow through."

Fast forward to last Thursday's presentation when the marketing firm unveiled their "Layers of Time" concept.

The marketing committee members - dedicated professionals who have been volunteering their time --- were underwhelmed, to say the least. Their overriding concern: How are New Moon Vision's efforts supporting the fundamental goal of ensuring the downtown's viability?

Indeed, the promotional plan will be the public face on the downtown makeover that emerged during the past years of strategic planning.

We need to keep our eye on the ball here. City leaders, in particular those responsible for writing the second \$20,000 check to New Moon Visions, need to take a hard look at the firm's

performance to date. Criteria were established in the contract. Can a distinctive identity and effective campaign be extricated from a doleful first attempt? The more critical question: what professional doesn't

pitch their best pitch first? City manager Pat Sullivan made the wry observation, "The first draft doesn't usually fly in Northville."

But, how did we say it? There's too much at stake not to follow through. Unless radical changes are made, Northville will pay. And no one will feel like they got a good deal.





Hoppy hunting!

More than 150 parents and children enjoyed the sunshine and egg hunt hosted by the Friends of Maybury State Park on park grounds last Sunday. Among the children who showed up with customized collection baskets are Olivia, Natalie, Matthew, Madison and Nicholas Oshefsky of Northville Township.

State's small problems become large – from neglect

Have you ever had a leaky faucet, a tiny cavity in a tooth, or a small hole in the roof? What happens when you neglect these relatively small problems and do not address them? Most of us have had this experience and know the answer small problems grow into BIG problems if neglected and ignored. When you continuously neglect a problem, it does not go away; it festers and gets bigger.

Okay, if you and I know this phenomenon, and have learned from them, why don't our elected leaders? For years, cutting across

Legislators from both political parties, our elected leaders have looked at and ignored a multitude of small problems, hoping they would go away. Certainly some actions have been taken - but they have been marginal, such as budget cuts, accounting changes, and delayed payments, and have not addressed the structural problems that need to be fixed in the long haul.

How many times over the last

few years, even decades, have you heard:

•we are too dependent on the auto industry; we must diversify our

 a quality education is the key to a prosperous future yet we spend more money enriching the adults in the system rather than the students we profess to want to prosper and succeed:

· the state's corrections budget absorbs far too many of our tax dollars (we spend more on corrections than on higher education) but we must find ways to punish and rehabilitate offenders without going

· escalating pension and health care costs are absorbing every new dollar spent on public education, preventing investment in programs and services that will prepare our children for the 21st century knowledge economy;

• there are too many small, inefficient school districts and municipal governments; action should be taken to consolidate and merge these units of government to gain efficiencies.

For too long, our state's elected leaders have neglected problems, pui bandages on broken systems, and used accounting gimmicks and smoke and mirrors to cover up problems rather than facing the truth and taking the bold decisive action nec-

essary to find permanent solutions. It is often said the first part of solving a problem is problem identification. We have identified

Michigan's problems. We are: • Spending more money than we

are taking in; Disinvesting in education

when thinking for a living has replaced lifting for a living; Too dependent on a shrinking manufacturing base because of

technology and outsourcing jobs to other states and nations; · Not producing an educated citizenry that can step into the brain

iobs of the 21st century: · Living in a flat world that is tilted away from Michigan with no

plan to tap the Global markets

everything has changed; and

(Governor and Democrats - the Michigan Education Association (MEA), the trial lawyers and organized labor, and the Republican's the State Chamber of Commerce. insurance companies and realtors)

In the halls of the state capitol we need leadership, collaboration and compromise that address the needs of the people and fixes the problems for the long haul. We will know that the tough choices have been made and the problems truly addressed when the MEA is furious with the governor and Democrats and the state Chamber of

· Organized and structured as if nothing has changed (like the auto industry that long denied the existence of quality competition) when Relying on our elected leaders

on both side of the political aisle who are more interested in appeasing the special interest groups that keep them in power than addressing the needs of the cit-

Commerce is mad as hell at the

few eggs to make an omelet. Think of that small cavity that you ignored and recall the pain

when doing nothing caused an abscess that resulted in a root canal. Yes, the pain of fixing Michigan's problems will be great because they were neglected for too long. Yet we know that if we do not step up and fix the problems now - they will not get better on their own and will likely get much worse.

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leading us boldly into the future. fronting our state has gotten us into Yes, it is true, you have to break a the mess we are in today. Real change requires real change and leaders that are willing to lead.

Republicans for stepping up and address the structural problems con-

About Tom Watkins

Leadership is: · Believing in a new reality · Helping others rally around this

 Working your beliefs until they become the new reality

Michigan needs a shared vision, a common agenda and the leadership to help take us there. But first we must believe in a new reality for our great state.

As a company, Michigan faces financial ruin

Any company facing disaster must do three things:

1) Cut costs to the bone in order to survive.

2) Stabilize its financial position to gain breathing room.

3) Invest heavily and systematically in whatever distinctive, proprietary and competitive assets it has. The goal has to be to drive sales up and gain market share.

Michigan is no different. We're facing financial disaster. And this state needs to right-size and stabilize itself fast — while figuring out how to become more competitive in the future.

Let's look first at where we stand: State government faces a General Fund budget deficit that is now at least \$686 million, and which must be resolved in less than six months.

But then a new fiscal year starts - and the total projected shortfall for the 2007-2008 fiscal year that will begin Oct. 1 is around \$900 million. That's assuming the Single Business Tax that the legislature voted to repeal as of Dec. 31 is fully replaced. That tax produces around \$1.9 billion a year in money the state cannot afford to lose. Yet the legislature still isn't close to agreeing on any replacement tax, and the clock is ticking.

There's more. For years the state has been borrowing more than \$1 billion every year to paper over the chronic General Fund deficit, a shortfall created by unre-

alistic economic assumptions. Seven years ago, when we had a healthy "rainy day" fund, we were raking in nearly \$140 million from interest income.

Today, the cupboard is bare, and we're spending \$85 million a year in interest to finance the deficit. But the shell game is about over. Michigan is at its short-term borrowing limit, so we won't be able to finance our fiscal irresponsibility any longer, at least this year.

What all this means is that we need to launch — right now! — a far-reaching, broadly acceptable package of financial reforms modeled on what any company has to do in order to survive:

1) First, cut costs. Michigan is operating on a structure of government dating back to the 19th century that we simply cannot afford today. The buzz word is "restruc-

What that means is taking a hard look at how government is organized, what it does and how much it costs.

For example, if we imprisoned our criminals at the average rate of our neighboring states, we would save \$500 million a year in our corrections budget. If we benchmarked what it costs our state government to provide services against other, better managed states, I'll bet we'd find at least that much in savings.

Thanks to the Home Rule Act, adopted in 1909, we have one of the most complex local government systems in the entire nation. We have 83 counties, 1,242 townships, 274 cities with less than

10,000 population, 259 villages and 553 school districts.

And each of those has its own overlapping and duplicating costs, bureaucracies and sources of funding. Do we really need that many school districts and townships? Of course we don't. We should require consolidation and cost sharing for any money the locals get from the state.

Our teachers do, by and large, an OK job. But they're among the highest-paid in the country. And their pension and health care benefits are gold-plated, a legacy of the good old days when we were the world's automaker. Health care alone costs more than \$1,200 per pupil, and best estimates are that one in every three dollars of School Aid funds will go to pensions and health care by 2018.

The total unfunded hability for state workers' and school district employees' pension and retiree health care benefits is \$35 billion

Workers in the private sector have had pension and health care benefits cut, so why shouldn't public employees share the pain?

2) Once we get serious about cutting costs, we then gain the moral legitimacy to bring the tax system kicking and screaming into the 21st century. In advocating a 2 percent sales tax on services, Gov. Jennifer Granholm got the sequence wrong. She should have started with cutting government costs and only then looked to raise

Many people - including, very



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privately, many members of the legislature -- believe we cannot simply cut our way to prosperity. They expect that taxes are going

to have to be raised. But it is not simply a question of turning a tap. It will take the Department of Treasury months to work out how to administer and collect whatever tax system the legislature passes and the governor signs.

Lansing, which will need that money as soon as possible, needs to realize that time is rapidly running out.

3) If we fix the tax system, we have a chance to stabilize our financial position by curing once and for all — the chronic, structural billion-dollar annual deficit in the General Fund. For years, the legislature and governor have papered over this deficit by a combination of one-time fixes, accounting gimmicks and midyear budget cuts. Left unresolved, this chronic budget deficit will result in a "fiscal train wreck, according to Tom Clay, the highly respected and semi-retired research director of the Citizens Research Council.

4) If we stabilize our financial position, we can generate the funds required for a sustained investment program to beef up Michigan's durable, distinctive, competitive assets. Those include our colleges and universities; the brains and skills of our people; our environment and the admirable quality of life it brings. Without such an investment program, we'll lose the competition with other states and enjoy chasing Alabama and Mississippi in the race to the bottom.

None of this is rocket science. Indeed, conversations I've had with thousands of Michiganders over the past year leads me to believe this program taps into the core of an emerging consensus: far-reaching reform principles for

But a complete fix will be a complex and long-term matter, and nobody I've talked with thinks it can be enacted thoughtfully or competently by Lansing in the next few months.

What's much more likely in the short-term is that the governor and the legislature will cobble something together over the next month or two that just barely squeaks us past financial disaster.

But we can and should do some things right now, to start us on the longer term road for reform. Gov. Granholm should re-summon the **Emergency Financial Advisory** Panel that was so disgracefully ignored after its far-seeing and intelligent report was released at the end of January. She might add to it a group of the state's most distinguished and powerful business leaders to add financial realism and just plain guts to the dis-

The governor should also convene a panel of experts to examine the structure and costs of state and local government. One perfect vehicle for that already exists: The Center for Local, State and Urban Policy at the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public

Policy. The hour is late. The full magnitude of the crisis is almost upon us. We're approaching Michigan's defining moment.

And we - all of us - better snap to it, before it's too late.



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Gebhardt for Schoolcraft trustee

The Faculty Forum at Schoolcraft College (an affiliate of the Michigan Education Association) and the American Federation of Teachers-Michigan are endorsing Joan Gebhardt for Trustee for Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in the Tuesday, May 8, 2007 election. As educators and staff, they have selected someone who they think will be an ambassador and advocate for the college and do what is in the best interest of the students and staff attending

I join those two professional organizations in supporting Joan Gebhardt because I was an educator who worked with Joan in the Taylor Schools for 30 years. Joan is a consummate educator who truly understands the needs of education and of the stakeholders she represents. I attended her swearing-in ceremony in January, and have followed her progress. Joan takes this position very seriously. She has attended every event that has occurred during her time on the trustee board. She has prepared for the meetings and asks thoughtful, intelligent and practical questions about issues brought

Joan Gebhardt should be retained in her position on the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees. I ask that voters give her serious consideration when they cast their ballot and join me in putting Joan back as a trustee to represent us.

> Peggy Koppy Northville

Increasing class size not an alternative

I disagree with the letters to the editor of both Ms. Grimmer and Mr. Lomske. I do not believe that we can treat the issues of class size or school size (section number) quite as lightly as they would

I attended the Managing our Growth community forums and my opinion echoed those of the majority of citizens at the forums. Keep class size as low as possible and maintain school size with 29 sec-

I would not want my child to be kept at an elementary school which is significantly more crowded than the others if space were available at another school in the district. In addition, I do not want my child at a school which has been stuffed with as many students as possible by adding more sections, using every available space to hold classes. What happens during entry and exit of the building, with 750+ students filling the hallways of those schools? And what happens at lunchtime, trying to get all of those students through the lunch lines and seated in the cafeteria? Raising class size and increasing school size, by adding more sections, are not the answers I would choose to solving the school capacity issues in

> **Dottie Garrity** Northville Township

Winchester Elementary thanks

Thanks to a lot of hard work by some dedicated parents, 600 children and adults from Winchester Elementary attended "Meet the Robinsons" this last Monday. As part of a March-Is-Reading-Month initiative entitled "We Are Family," students read for hours outside of school to reach a goal and get to see the new Disney movie, "Meet the Robinsons" at AMC-20 in Livonia. Every morning during March, students entered their building to Sister Sledge singing the theme song "We Are Family". There also was the visit from author/illustrator Tedd Arnold, Society of Readers' hat days, Spirit Fridays, a book exchange and these are just some of the literacy-focussed things that happened.

But such an undertaking wouldn't be possible without the help of many special people. For our tenth year in a row, Jim Delano has demonstrated his support for the Northville community by providing coupons for free pizza at Pizza Cutter for all students reaching their reading goals. Mary Wilson coordinated all of the tabulation and behind-the-scenes details, with indispensable assistance from Vicki Webster. From teachers who were flexible and supportive and volunteers who collected all of the necessary paperwork, coordinated popcorn for the movie, ran off handouts, affixed safety pins, or were part of the weekly tabulation team, we are so grateful. With apologies to anyone we may have inadvertently left off this list, we want to say, "Thank you" to: Michelle Gavalier, Liz Kwiecinski, Karen Heiser, Ann McCutcheon, Cheryl Goodbred, Rose Lerner, Melissa Mistak, Cathy Weir, Judy Carson, Carolyn Provagna, Karen Almeddine (our computer guru), Marti Vargo, Amy Marmaduke, Susan Wixon, Christa Howley, Maureen Ziparo, Jeannine Makowski, Kim Vaikevicius, Victoria Egan, Lynn Thomas, Maureen Vanhulle, Leslie Moran, Gretchen Schlicker and Barb Woodrich.

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Recently the Northville Record featured a story about Old Village School, a school for severely-impaired children. The Record's article expressed the importance of this school to its students, their families, its staff and our community, and the article went on to indicate that the school has continuing needs not covered by state funding. We are proud to report that on March 24, 2007, Old Village School held its First Annual Bowling FUNdraiser at Novi Bowl in which \$10,792.50 was raised!!! Through the diligent efforts of Old Village School's Fundraising Committee and the generosity of our local business community, our students will enjoy their Leisure Recreation Program this year. We are extremely grateful to Tom of Graph-X for his hard work and his donation of all of our sponsorship signs placed at Novi Bowl. We are also grateful to the Northville High School National Honor Society and the staff of Old Village School who generously donated their time at our event. A heartfelt thank you goes out to members of the community who not only made a donation to our school, but who showed their support by joining us for our big day: Daniel Vigil,

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The Fundraising Committee, and the students, families and staff of Old Village School

Gov's tax proposal obnoxious

The new idea to back door route to higher taxes by the Governor through "adding - on" substantial tax through utility bills. The Governor then can meet her own goals of the public covering the bureaucratic debt. This obnoxious proposal is not too much of a surprise since the utility companies represented a mighty asset to

The public is persistently hammered, through the media, over and over on separate billions and billions needed for roads, schools, and funding of long term care of the bureaucratic benefit requirements. What really represents political malfeasance of responsibility to the taxpayer of our "so called" leaders in the State of Michigan?

The State is seems locked into a program of "no change" in size of government and spending habits. What a mess.!

> Jim Nowka Northville

Redistricting needs to be fair

I read with interest last week's letter from Ms. Nancy Morris regarding the proposed public school boundary changes. Ms. Morris says that she hopes that most Northville parents wouldn't choose larger class sizes over redistricting. I would guess that depends on which side of the boundary you sit, and how altruistic you are. Certainly small class size is the optimum goal, but when some children are about to be relocated to their third elementary school in as many years, "reasonable" class size would then seem to be the more logical goal. Ms Morris gives an example of adding even four students per class which would "dramatically change the way our teachers interact with our children and parents." I contend that it would be much less dramatic than the way children, redistricted to a different school in their last elementary 5th grade year would interact with all new teachers and students. Furthermore, it is not "irresponsible" to imagine that behavioral issues may result when children are switched to yet another school; school is their whole world away from home and the majority of their social framework. Is it a "scare tactic" to suggest that they will feel stress over this change? It is also not reasonable to explain this all away by saying that they will all end up in the same high school, or that change is good for kids. Elementary school friendships will not survive. Change is only good if it is positive and not simply arbi-

Ms. Morris also goes on to say that another letter writer offered no solutions to the "overcrowding" issue. Perhaps that is because there IS no overcrowding issue. In fact, the boundary changes are being proposed because schools have LOST students. All of those new students trumpeted last year did not materialize. The attempt is to "balance" the student population, not relieve bursting numbers of new students. In fact, if growth were amazingly to take place any time soon, it's possible that another redistricting would result! The administration contends that they feel it is important for each child to have the same experience, i.e. class size. Children - and their families and their family's real estate investment - who are being redistricted once again are not having the same experience. Just for argument's sake: if you were looking at homes to buy in Northville, would you prefer the one where the assigned school seems to be anyone's guess, or the one with the stable assignment?

I agree with Ms. Morris when she states that "the most precious asset we have to consider...is the education and future of our children." I would add, however, that the education and future of ALL the children need to be considered fairly, not just those on the safe and static side of the change.

> Kathryn H. Peltier Northville

Corrections & Clarifications:

The recently published Discover Northville guide, included in the March 15 Record, incorrectly listed the phone number for Northville Township trash pick-up. It is (800) 878-4626.

■ In the March 29 issue of the Northville Record, the map accompanying a story about new home construction at 412 Horton St. incorrectly identified the location. The new home site is at the corner of Rayson and Horton streets.

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OMMUNITY CALENDAR

njoy arts on display during the monthly "First Friday Walk" tomorrow. See pag

Thursday, April 5, 2007 www.northvillerecord.com fax: (248) 349-9832

NORTHVILLE EVENTS

Northville High School Senior Student Art Show

DATE Through April 22 TIME: 1-7 p.m. Thursday; 4:30-8:30 p.m. Friday; 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St. DETAILS: The exhibit showcas-

es the work of students selected by Northville High School art teachers. The show is planned and executed by the students. CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

Swearingen Exhibit Opens

DATE: Friday TIME: 6-9 p.m. LOCATION: Swearingen Visions, 118 W. Main St. DETAILS: The opening and exhibit will feature the blown-glass art of Brent Swanson. His sculptured glass pieces will be at the gallery throughout April. Also on exhibit will be the oil paintings of local teacher Michael Ventura.

CONTACT: Mary Starring, (248) 347-1642

Sherrus Exhibit Opens DATE: Friday
TIME: 6-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center St.

DETAILS: The opening reception, exhibit and sale will feature Michigan glass artists April Wagner and Jason Ruff. The exhibit will run through April 31. CONTACT: (248) 380-0470

Workshop Preview and One-**Night Exhibit**

DATE: Friday TIME: 6-9 p.m. LOCATION: Awakening the Artist Inside, 111 N. Center St.

DETAILS: The exhibit will feature the paintings of artist Valerie Allen, a representative for Golden Acrylic Artist Colors. This will be a preview for the free workshop Awakening will offer May 26, in which attendees will have the opportunity to register for Friday

CONTACT: (248) 347-0807

Northville Garden Club DATE: Monday, April 9

TIME: noon LOCATION: Northville Township

DETAILS: The club will enjoy a tour of the new Northville Township Hall with Sue Hillebrand, Township Clerk. CONTACT: Julie Mantay 248-

Gardeners of Northville and Novi

DATE: Monday, April 9 TIME: 6:30 p.m. **LOCATION: Novi Civic Center** DETAILS: The subject will be "Naturescaping with Woodland Plants." The public is invited. CONTACT: (248) 348-1946 or go to garndenersnorthvillepro.ivon

Michigan Paralyzed Veteran of America Open House

DATE: Thursday, April 12 TIME: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **LOCATION: MPVA** Headquarters, 40500 Grand River.

DETAILS: This will be the debut of the "Ford Michigan Mobility Resource Guide." The publication provides information that any driver with disabilities can use to achieve greater independence in daily life. The open house will feature displays and information about products and services that improve the quality of life for people with spinal cord injuries or dis-

CONTACT: (248) 476-9000

Book Signing

DATE: Saturday, April 14 TIME: 2-4 p.m. LOCATION: Barnes & Noble, Six Mile and Haggerty Roads DETAILS: Author Susan

McKenna will discuss "Divorce: Healing Hurting Hearts" and sign copies of her new children's book, *Feelings Only I Know; Mom and Dad are Getting Divorced."

Daughters of the American Revolution

Northville/Plymouth Chapter DATE: Monday, April 16

LOCATION: Northville District Library

al meeting and sandwich lunch-

TIME: 6:45 p.m. LOCATION: Northville District Library

DETAILS: The program will be "Kids 4 Afgan Kids Project." CONTACT: Beth Ann Knisely, (248) 305-8992

DATES: Tuesdays April 17, May

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside Middle

DETAILS: The meetings will host a guest speaker on important issues facing our state and country. The subjects to be presented are: March 27-America's Middle East Challenges; April 17-Michigan's Budget Crisis; May 17-Earth's Changing Climate. All meetings are open to the community and admission is free.

CONTACT: (248) 465-1995

Northville Downtown **Development Authority** Meeting

TIME: 8 a.m. **LOCATION: City Council** Chambers, 215 West Main St. DETAILS: All are welcome to attend the monthy meeting of the

go to Downtownnorthville.com

Northville Chamber of Commerce State of the

TiMe: noon LOCATION: Meadowbrook

CONTACT: (248) 349-7640

Book Club Meeting

DATE: Friday, April 20 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St., Northville

Neighbors

Whirtyball Night DATE: Saturday, April 21

River Avenue, Novi

evening of Whirtyball. Whirtyball is a basketball-like game played in bumper cars on an indoor court. Cost is \$15 per person and includes the game and appetizers. Cash Bar. RSVP required by April

DATE: Tuesday, April 24

LOCATION: Meet at MAGS parking lot to carpool to Jiffy

Baking Company, Chelsea. DETAILS: Lunch at 11 a.m. at the Common Griff, time to shop in Chelsea's lovely boutiques and a 1 1/2 hour tour of Jiffy, which begins at 1:30 p.m. The tour is free. Reservations are limited to 30; RSVP required by April 17. CONTACT: Nancy Murphy,

Fund-raiser for Multiple Scierosis

(248) 305-5460, for both events.

DATE: April 22, 23 LOCATION: Chicago Uno, 20420 Haggerty Road DETAILS: 20 percent of proceeds from orders will be donated to benefit the National Multiple Scierosis Society Longest Day of Golf Event. Make sure to tell them

that you are there to benefit the National Multiple Scleosis Society. CONTACT: (734) 432-6091

TIME: noon

DETAILS: This will be the annu-

CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

American Association of **University Women**

DATE: Tuesday, April 17

Northville Democratic Club **Townhall Meetings**

School Forum

DATE: Tuesday, April 17

DDA. CONTACT: (249) 349-0345 or

Community Luncheon

DATE: Wednesday, April 18

Country Club DETAILS: This luncheon provides the community the opportunity to hear from the city and township officials about the future of the area. Tickets are \$35 per person.

DETAILS: The book for April will be "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

Northville Newcomers and

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: SoccerZone, Grand

DETAILS: Join us for an

Jiffy Baking Company Tour TIME: 10 a.m.

April 16; 11:30 Saturday, April 28 DETAILS: Meal features soup, garlic bread, pasta, salad, chicken, lemonade and brownies. Show is "Commander Panic." Tickets are \$14.95 for children and \$16.95 for adults. Johnny Ginger

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per

Dinner Theater - "In Stitches" TIME/DATES: 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, April 21-June 30, 7 p.m various Friday dates, please inquire or go to Web site.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per

person. Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin Tribute from Las Vegas TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday May

11: 4 p.m. Sunday, May 13 DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for the Friday show and \$35 per person for the Sunday show.

Neil Diamond Tribute TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday,

What a month!

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

Raggedy Ann and Andy SCHEDULE: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays through April 28; 2:30

p.m. Sundays through April 29; 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday April 9-

DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 each.

No children under 3 years of age.

Registration
DETAILS: Registration for two

week Day Camp or Ducky Camp

sessions is now being accepted.

Save \$25 if tuition is payed in full

by April 13. Contact the theatre or go to the Web site for more infor-

mation on session dates, times,

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.

Dinner Theatre - "Law &

Saturday through April 14

CONTAOT: (248) 349-0522 or

TIME/DATES: 6:30 p.m. every

DETAILS: Interactive comedy

for \$45 per person. Call for reser-

Laughs for a Miracle World

DETAILS: Grown up comedy

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday

benefit for Children's Miracle

mier storyteller Norm Stulz.

box office (248) 349-0522 or

TIME/DATE:1 and 7 p.m.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per

New Children's Theater Show

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. Monday,

person for the Friday show and

\$35 per person for the Sunday

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Central (248) 634-5918.

Teen Angels

Saturday

Network featuring Sue Fracker,

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vations.

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Summer Theatre Camp

Marquis Theatre

Reading Pirates with Super Danny!

June 8 DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person.

The Bette Midler Tribute From Las Vegas

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, July 6; 4 p.m. Sunday, July 8 DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for the Friday show and \$35 per person for the Sunday

show. 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

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

Between the Lines Book Discussion

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday, April 9

DETAILS: The book for this month is "A Thread of Grace" by Mary Doria Russel. Movie and Munchies for Kids

TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11 DETAILS: Enjoy a Disney's "Cars" and snacks during Spring Break. Bring your lunch if you'd

like. All ages are welcome although children 4 and under must attend with a caregiver. Caregives of children attending independently must remain in the library. Due to space limitations, the library cannot accomodate daycare, preschool groups.

Kids Club TIME/DATE: 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12 DETAILS: This program is for

children in first, second and third grades. It will feature stories, games and crafts. Registration is required.

Little Me Storytime TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday,

Et from DETAILS: This is a drop in storytime for children 10 months to 2 years old, along with parents or caregivers, with bean bag fund and simple stories. No registration

Celebrate National Library Week with a Vetriloquist Show TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 19

Havala Bayles, 2, checks out a book at the Northville District Library on a recent rainy Wednesday afternoon.

The library had lots of events for March Is Reading Month, including hosting the Vikki Gasko Show with

DETAILS: Ventriloquist Vikkie Gasko will perform "Reading Pirates versus Super Danny" with a cast of characters and audience volunteers. Due to space limitations, the library cannnot accomedate daycare, preschool or after school groups. 100 free tickets will be available at the Information Desk five minutes prior to the program. Tickets are not available in...

Movies at the Library TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Monday,

DETAILS: The movie "Ship of Fools" will be showing. Junior Books, Chat and Chow

TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, April 25 DETAILS: This is for children in fourth and fifth grade. Make

"Flush" by Carl Hiaasen. Memories of a Holocaust

Survivor TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday,

April 30 DETAILS: Sam Offen tells the inspirational story of overcoming his years in a Nazi concentration camp in World War II.

MAYBURY STATE PARK

Registration required.

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road, between Beck and Napier Roads CONTACT: (248) 349-8390

Maybury Farm

LOCATION: Maybury State Park CONTACT: (248) 374-0200 HOURS: noon-4 p.m., closed Mondays and holidays

NOTE: The farm will be open as weather permits. The farm will be closed if there is rain, snow or temperatures below 50 degrees. 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

DATE: Saturday TIME: 1 p.m. DETAILS: Children ages 2 to 10 are invited to visit the farm and search for Easter eggs. Find a "special egg" and win a prize. Free admission for children. After the hunt, tour the farm and see the new baby animals. NOTE: Use the

entrance. **Sheep Shearing** DATE: Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29

farm entrance off of Eight Mile

Road, just west of the Park

TIME: 1-4 p.m. **DETAILS:** Come out and watch the sheep get their annual hair cut. **Trot for Animals**

DATE: Saturday, May 12 DETAILS: This is a 5K walk/run through Maybury Farm with something for all ages. The proceeds will help feed the animals through the winter months. There will be a "Bunny Walk" for children and seniors and the "Trotter

Trail" and "Rooster Run" are for the more experienced walkers/runners. To register and receive a "Trot for Animals" form, call (248) 374-0200

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SENIOR **EVENTS**

Thursday 9 a.m.: Take Off Pounds =: 1 T

Sensibly 9:30 a.m.: Yoga 10 a.m.: Bowling 11:30 a.m.: Detroit Tiger Game 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Computer II Taxes by appointment

Massage by appointment Friday Closed for Good Friday Monday

9:30 a.m.: Strength Training 10 a.m.: Oxycise, Line Dance 10 a.m.: Line Dance 12:30 p.m.: Pinochie/Euchre 1 p.m.: Computer I Chair Massage by appointment Tuesday

10 a.m.: Blood Pressure and Glucose Check 10 a.m.: Book Club 10 a.m.: Computer II

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 7 p.m.: Tai Chi Wednesday 9:45 a.m.: Oxycise New Enrollees

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

10 a.m.: Oxycise

noon: Bridge

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

Ongoing Card Games Bridge TIME/DAY: 12:30 p.m. Monday Euchre TIME/DAY: noon-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday Pinochle (double deck) TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday Pinochie (single deck) **LOCATION: Senior Community** Center, 303 W. Main St.

Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleyball

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

DETAILS: All levels of play are welcome. Bring your friends, Cost CONTACT: Northville Parks and

Recreation, (248) 449-9947 Co-ed Adult 50+ Basketball

TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-noon Thursdays

DETAILS: All levels of play are welcome. Bring your friends. Cost

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.

CHURCH EVENTS

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m. Single Place Ministries CONTACT: www.singleplace.org PROGRAMS:

Tonight: No Meeting, Maundy Thursday

April 12: Open Forum I: Travel-The top ten places to see, presented by Shelly Fogelman; Open Forum II: Married of Single, presented by Tony and Trudy Valenti.

April 19: Laughter is the Best Medicine with Walt Stasinsk. Learn how humor can boost your immune system.

April 26: "Can You Hear Me Now" presented by Joanne Estes. Learn new communication skills and generate stronger connections with anyone.

Divorce Recovery Workshop II DATE: May 17-June 14 TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.

DETAILS: The cost for the workshop is \$45. Child care is available for toddlers through sixth grade. Register for child care at least two weeks before workshop starts. Registration for workshop required.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 **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.

elmoTHUMM Concert DATE: Sunday, April 29 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: This group is the

Midwest's reigning Harmony Sweepstakes Champions. They will perform rock and contemporary classics. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors (65 and older), \$5 for students (12-18) and free for children 11 and under. Contact the church to obtain tick-

First Baptist Church of Northville

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 11a.m. and 6

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 "Answers in Genesis"

Conference TIME/DATE: 9:30 and 11 a.m., 6 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 15; 7 p.m. Monday, April 16; 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17 DETAILS: Carl Kerby will help you discover how to defend Biblical truth, answer some of the most asked questions about the Bible and help to build a Biblical world view. This event is open to the public and free of charge.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty . Road

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

Meadowbrook Congregational LOCATION: 21355

Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: Rev. Ed Willingham, Interim Minister, (248) 348-7757, or visit www.mbccc.org or gmccc@arounddetroit.biz Sunday Worship

TIME: 10 a.m. **Special Lenten Discussion** Series

TIME/DAY: 7 p.m, Wednesday DETAILS: The topics to be discussed will include a critique of the sermon from the previous Sunday, and some current issues in the news with the question being asked, "What is the faith dimension?" The public is encouraged to attend.

Ward Evangelical **Presbyterian Church**

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile

EASTER SERVICES

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Easter Sunday: 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 Good Friday: 7 p.m. Palm Sunday: 11 a.m. Easter Sunday: 11 a.m.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 Palm Sunday: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-Week Service: 7 p.m. Good Friday, niùoni Easter Eggstravaganza: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Easter Sunday Sunrise Service: 7 a.m. Easter Morning: 8, 9, 10:50 a.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: Rev. Ed Willingham, Interim Minister, (248) 348-7757, or visit www.mbccc.org or gmccc@arounddetroit.biz Easter Sunday: 9, 11 a.m.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 Palm Sunday: 9, 10:20, 11:40 a.m. Maundy Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Good Friday: noon-3 p.m. Easter Sunday: 7:45, 9, 10:20, 11:40 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 Palm Sunday: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m., 5 p.m. Maundy Thursday: 7 p.m. Good Friday: noon, 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 201 Elm St. CONTACT: (248) 349-3146 Palm Sunday: 10 a.m. Maundy Thursday: 7 p.m. Good Friday: 1, 7 p.m. Easter Sunday: 8, 8:30, 11, 11:30 a.m.

Northville Methodist

Palm Sunday: 8 a.m., 9:15, 11 a.m. Youth Musical, 5 p.m. Maundy Thursday: 7 p.m. Good Friday: noon, 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 **Motherless Daughters** Seminar

DATE: Thursdays through May10

ŤIME: 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: Room A101 DETAILS: We support, encourage, discuss and evalute feelings associated with the loss of a mother. Through healing, find strength and joy ahead.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

DATE: First and third Thursday of the month

TIME: 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: Room C307-309 DETAILS: MOPs is an interna-, tional organization that provides support and encouragement for

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

WOW Tuesdays

DAY: 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

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 Preschool Enrollment Open **DETAILS:** Enrollment for the

2007-08 school year is now available. Morning and afternoon sessions for children ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1 are open. Tuition and schedule information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. CONTACT: Carol Nowacki,

(248) 374-5911 or e-mail carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org

First United Methodist Church LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile

Road CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 Sunday Worship

DETAILS: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m., and **Healing Service**

DATE: First Monday of every monu

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.

Radical Joy Womens Bible

DATE: First and Third Thursday of every month TIME: 6-8 p.m.

DETAILS: This is a non-denominational group that uses the guidebook, "Radical Joy" to study the New Testament book of Phillipians and holds dinner and discussion meetings that provide fellowhip and community outreach. The spring session will begin tonight and run through May 31 and the cost is \$30 per person.

CONTACT: Sue Craik, (248) 961-5911 or e-mail craik1@aol.com

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

School Open House
DATE: Sunday
TIME: 1-3 p.m.
LOCATION: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street

CONTACT: (248) 349-3146

LOOKING **FOR YOU**

Northville Drive for the Needy

DETAILS: The Northville Chamber of Commerce is asking businesses to help raise money, from April 16-30, toward food baskets for families assisted by the Northville Civic Concern. All money must be turned in to the Chamber no later than May 2. Cash and checks made out to "Grocery Baskets" only. For more information, contact (248) 349-7640 or go to chamber@northville.org.

Midwest Rabbit Rescue and Rehome

DETAILS: This organization houses, treats and adopts out rabbits to new homes. Instead of bringing home bunnies for Easter that will soon be forgotten, the organization would appreciate donations to support their efforts in the responsible care and treatment of indoor pet rabbits. To make a donation, call Dominique Moroz, (248) 348-8519. For more information on Rabbit Rescue and Rehome, go to www.rabbitrr.org. To adopt a pet rabbit, the shelter is open 12:30-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, or by appointment.

Dance Art Requested

DETAILS: National Dance Week is April 20-29. In recognition of this, Center Stage Dancer Company invites dancers from all studios to submit an artistic representation of dance, including photography, drawings, sculpture, collage, etc. One entry per person will be accepted. The pieces will be showcased a the Northville Parks and Recreation dance performance in June. Entries must contain the following information on the front of the artwork: the phrase "National Dance Week" and the dates "April 20 to April 29, 2007." Name, age and phone number must be on the back of the art. Work must be submitted to Center Stage Dance Company, 43334 W. Seven Mile Road, Suite 250, Northville, MI 48167, by April 20.

CONTACT: (248) 380-1666

Beautiful Singles Hiking TIME/DAY: 9:30 a.m. First and

Third Sundays of the month LOCATION: Maybury State Park **DETAILS:** Join singles of all ages for hiking and other activi-

CONTACT: http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/B

Maybury Farm

DETAILS: The Farm needs help in the following areas: In the barn, cleaning on Mondays and Tuesdays and feeding the animals; four people to work part-time on week-days and week-ends to assist with havrides, must be experienced; docents to assist with the school programming. Call (248) 374-0200.

Donations for PENNdemonium DETAILS: The fund-raising gala and auction to benefit the restoration of the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth will take place at 6 p.m. on May 11. The Friends of the Penn are seeking donations for the auction. Individual donations of items or services and business donations are needed. Tickets for PENNdemonium are expected to

be available in April. CONTACT: To make a donation: Julie Johnston, (734) 354-6069 or e-mail auction@friendsofthepenn.org. For information on PENNdemonium: www.PennTheatre.com

Northville Colts Football

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

lecolts.com and click on "Contact

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors DETAILS: This group is for resi-

dents of Northville and surrounding communities. Activities include monthly coffees, various interest groups and special pro-

grams. 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 welcome too.

CONTACT: (800) 770-9859

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

CONTACT: Joan Lee, (734) 953-

Anxiety Disorder Support Group

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia

DETAILS: A.I.M. (Aim for Recovery) is an organization that will be holding meetings to offer support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders, and their families. The meetings consist of planned behavioral lessons and discussions. Educational material will be available. Donations for the program and materials are accepted.

CONTACT: Robert Diedrich at robtddrich@msn.com

New Hope Center for Grief Support

DETAILS: The New Hope Center for Grief Support offers age-and loss-specific groups for men and women whose spouse has died, parents who have lost a child, those who have lost a loved one to suicide and other specialized

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CONTACT: (248) 348-0115 or go to 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

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

Meais-On-Wheels

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

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

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every

CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northvillecamera@sboglobal.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 volun**teers to work four hours per month. Meet interesting people. Get 10 percent off store purchas-

CONTACT: Carol Kendra (248) 344-0497

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DATE: Second Tuesday of every LOCATION: Northville City Hall,

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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

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

Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TÍME: 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

www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Group Fitness Classes

DETAILS: Classes include Yoga, Pilates Ball, Aerobics, Step, Kickboxing, Cycle and overall strength training. The class schedules are flexible and vary. A monthly calendar is available at www.northvilleparksandrec.org, or call (248) 349-0203. The fees are \$5 for drop-in or \$45 for a monthly resident pass for unlimited classes. The classes will be held at Hillside Recreation Center or the Senior Community Center. All fitness levels are welcome to participate and certified instructors are there to provide safe and fun workouts.

Open Basketbali

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+ Baskethall

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

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

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

Open Badminton

DATE: Every Tuesday and

TIME: 7-9:30 p.m. **LOCATION: Recreation Center** at Hillside

DETAILS: Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. The cost is \$7 per night.

Table Tennis

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

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

Total Golf Adventure's Golf Enrichment Program

DATE: Tuesdays April 24-June 5 TIME: 4-5 p.m.

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside Waterford Room

DETAILS: TGA introduces students to the game of golf through a five-level enrichment program that promotes advancement and achievement while teaching the 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.

CLASS **REUNIONS**

Northville High School-Class of 1987

DATE: Saturday, July 28 LOCATION: Dirty Martini, Novi **DETAILS:** Purchase tickets and make hotel reservations online beginning in May. Details to come. CONTACT: Chris (Hornberger) Noles, (248) 449-7597

Northville High School-Class of 1997

DATE: Saturday, June 9 TIME: 6 p.m. LOCATION: 5TH Avenue Ballroom, Novi

DETAILS: Tickets are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Reservations are due by April 16. Make checks payable, and send, to: Matt Zielinski, 12829 Lantana Ridge Court, Austin, TX 78732 CONTACT:

megcauzillo@gmail.com or go to https://groups.google.com/group/ nhsparty97

REGIONAL

Marshmallow Drop

DATE: Friday TIME: 11 a.m.

LOCATION: Nankin Mills, on Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail, Westland

DETAILS: Wayne County Parks presents its annual drop of 20,000 marshmallows from a helicopter for children to collect and have a chance to turn them in for a prize. Children will be divided into groups based on age to ensure that everyone has a chance to participate.

Business Networking International

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

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

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

CONTACT: Jim Green, (248) 345-3302

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

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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.

Schoolcraft Community College

Government Contracting Seminar DATE: Thursday, April 12

TIME: 9a.m.-noon LOCATION: VisTaTech Center DETAILS: The seminar will cover everything you need to know to become a become a contracted supplier to the federal government and to the state of Michigan. The seminar fee is \$40, and registration is required.

CONTACT: (734) 462-4438 How to Write a Business Plan: Your Road Map to Success

DATE: Wednesday, April 11 TIME: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. DETAILS: This seminar is an overview of what comprises a realistic business plan. Attendees will receive worksheets that outline the basic items in a business plan and fine-tune the document with their own market research and financial information. The cost is \$40 per person and registration is required.

How to Start a Small **Business: From Vision to Reality** DATE: Wednesday, April 18 TIME: 6-9 p.m.

DETAILS: This seminar will examine the basics of starting a business, the advantages of networking and when it is necessary to use community resources in developing a new business

CONTACT: (734) 462-4438 **How to Grow Your Business: Effective Marketing Techniques** for Small Businesses

DATE: Thursday, April 19 TIME: 6-9 p.m. DETAILS: This seminar will

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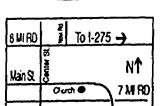
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Master Gardener Association of Wayne County

DATE: Thursday, April 12 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Environmental Interpretive Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

DETAILS: The meeting will feature Pat Sagert, Certified Tea Etiquette Consultant, who will speak on herbal teas.

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

Henry Ford Community College Theatre for Young Audiences

DATES: Friday-Sunday, April 13-15, April 20-22 and April 27-29 TIMES: Fridays 7 p m; Saturdays 2 and 7 pm; Sundays

DETAILS: The theatre will present "The Jungle Book", adapted by April Dawn Gladu with music by Daniel Levy The program s

targeted for children in grades kindergarten throught seventh. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children high school age and below, and groups of 10 or more are \$4. Reservations available. CONTACT: (313) 845-9817

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society

DATE: Monday, April 16

TIME: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

DETAILS: There will be two sessions for this meeting. At 6:30, Sue Cromwell will present "Obits, Death Records, Cemeteries. Funeral Homes and Their Connections". The main speaker following the 7:30 business meeting will be John Castle on researching Michigan's township records.

CONTACT: Margie, (734) 522-4050r go to http://www.rootsweb.com/~miww

Plymouth Symphony **Orchestra Pops Concert**

DATE: Friday, April 20 TIME: 6 p m. LOCATION Laurel Manor, Livonia

DETAILS This concert and dinher evening is a benefit for the

Plymouth Sympony. It will include cash bar and silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$75 for adults, \$35 for children. Tickets can be obtained by phone at (734) 451-2112; fax at (734) 451-3458; by e-mail at info@plymouthsymphony.org; in person at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 18, Plymouth.

Plymouth Stamp Show

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, April 19 LOCATION: Central Middle School, 650 Church St., Plymouth

DETAILS: The show will feature 2,800 pages of exhibits, 40 dealers from the U.S. and Canada and seminars. Admission and parking

CONTACT: (734) 699-1026

Adult Softball Leagues DATE: Beginning May 15. LOCATION: South Lyon DETAILS: Men play Tuesday or Wednesday, coed plays Friday.

Registration deadline is Monday,

CONTACT: South Lyon Area Recreation (248) 437-8105

Men's Softball Tournament DATE: Saturday, May 5

LOCATION: Volunteer Park DETAILS: Each team guaran-



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Retiring

Housing Director Joann Inglis smiles as she looks at a custom-made drawing made by Caroline Dunphy of Allen Terrace during Inglis' retirement party last week. Looking on is Northville City Council member Pat Sullivan. Inglis will be stepping down from managing Allen Terrace at the end of April.

teed minimum of two games. Deadline for registration is

Wednesday, May 2. CONTACT: South Lyon Area Recreation (248) 437-8105 or www.sirec.com.

MILL RACE ' **MATTERS**

Mill Race Historical Village LOCATION: 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near

DETAILS: Office hours Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-1p.m.; Archives open Thu-

Fri 9 a.m.-1 p.m. CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 9 a.m. MOMS Club; 3:45 p.m. Brownie Scout meeting

Friday: Office and Archives closed for Good Friday Saturday: 3:15-5:15 p.m. *Wedding

Sunday: 10 a.m Mill Creek Church; 4 p m. Cub Scout meet-

Monday: 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout

meeting; 7 p.m. Lions Club Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 4

p.m. Brownie Scout meeting; 6:45 p.m. Cub Scout meeting

Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church

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

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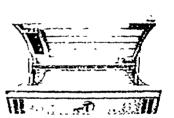
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RECORD SETTER



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Northville High School standout swimmer Chris Keady will be attending and swimming for Cornell.

Keady is involved in five school records

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville head swimming coach Rich Bennetts summed it up best: "If you want to know what (Chris Keady) meant to the program, all you got to do is walk on our pooldeck and take a look at our record board."

Keady's name is littered on the board, holding three individual records and part of two relays.

He owns the 200 individual medley, the 100 freestyle, the 500 freestyle and was part of the 200 medley relay and the 400 freestyle

relay.
"Chris came in as a highly-touted freshman," Bennetts said. "He's lived up to the expectations that he had for himself.

"He was the leader of our team from his freshman year on."

Keady finished his career with a strong showing at the state meet. He finished second in the 500 freestyle (4:38.98), third in the 200 individual medley (1:53.39). was on the second-place finishing 400 freestyle relay (3:08.73) and was part of the seventh-place finishing 200 medley relay team. The 500 freestyle and the 400 freestyle relay team were both All-American times.

Bennetts said Keady wasn't necessarily a vocal leader, but he didn't have to be. Keady did all of

All-Area Swimming

Athlete of the Year --- Chris -Keady, Northville senior

First Team Will Blickle, Northville senior Chris Culkin, Northivile senior Kyle Adams, Northville junior Jon Bardsley, Northville junior Joe Kargula, Northville junior

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Anthony Valdivia, Milford

"He's an absolute tireless worker and competitor." Bennetts said. "He was able, at a very young age, to understand the correlation between hard work and success.

The biggest thing he taught the kids was it's not how much you talk, it's about how fast you

Honorable Mention

Will Fankell, Northville senior Greg Sheppard, Northville junior Dan Meister, Novi junior Alex Arbour, Novi senior Mark Darga, Lakeland Kevin Birkholz, Lakeland Justin Amara-Parent, Lakeland Erik Olgeirssan, Milford Scott Chase, Milford Vince Thompson, Mitford John Fanchier, Milford Aaron Parzuchowski, South Lyon Nathan Bohn, South Lyon Ryan Keeney, South Lyon Brent Showerman, South Lyon Andy Ston, South Lyon Ben Newcomb, South Lyon Jon Denys, South Lyon Cameron Clark, South Lyon Trevor Moore, South Lyon

swim. In order to swim fast, you've got to work hard from Monday through Friday."

Bennetts said Keady was one of the best swimmers he's ever had at Northville because of his versa-

Keady will attend Cornell "We wish him the best." Bennetts said. "I've always said.

Keady's records

200 IM 1:52.66 Previous record: (1991, Eric Newton 1:56.24) 100 Free 47.23 (1992, Bob Holdridge 48.40) 500 Free 4:33.47 (1994, David Wesley, 4:36.17) 200 medley relay 1:36.63 400 free relay 3:08.73 (2006)

'If you're going to an Ivy League school, you're All-American in the classroom.

All-Area First Team

Northville is well represented on the All-Area First Team with seven members, not including

Mustang senior Chris Culkin fought through a shoulder injury in the offseason to get back in the pool and help lead the squad. He finished 10th in the 100 freestyle (48 was part of the 400

relay team. "He had a real had shoulder

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northwile Record

The Northville High boys' track team warms up in the school's gymnasium during a recent practice.

TRACK & FIELD: Mustangs ready to run

■ Northville boys coach sets his sights on the bigger track meets

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville boys track head coach William Cornelius isn't worried about issues that may hurt his team in dual meets. He's looking at a team that can compete for the big trophies at the end of the year.

Returnees include Mark Yassay (pole vault), Jason Turnbull (distance runner), Erik Markstrom (throws), Andrew Gorley (sprint, throws). Nick Kolbow (middle distance) and Cavon Corcoran (hurdles).

"I think we are going to do really well in the large meets, like the conference meet and the regional meet," Cornelius said. "We have some athletes that are very good that can get some first places in those

"I'm really excited about this year, especially if Corceran, Gorley, Markstrom and Kolbow can continue to improve."

large meets.

Yassay has already reown school record in the pole vault this year with a leap of 14-

"Last year he kind of scared me, because most other jumpers would be finished before he started," Cornelius said. "I was always nervous he was going to make the opening height because he's up there so high. He doesn't want to start lower because it gets him tired.

"This year he plans on starting at 13 feet. He can usually make that height without any problem."

Aside from being one of the best pole vaulters in the crea, Yassay also helps out by helping out with training the other vaulters, along with his dad.

"He's so mature for his age," Cornelius said. "He basically runs the practices for the other pole vaulters. It allows the other coaches time to work with the other athletes."

Markstrom shocked Cornelius by making a big leap from last year and launching a schoolrecord throw in the shot put (52-3) in his first meet of the year.

Last year he threw in the 45foot range, and then he pops a 53-footer," Cornelius said of Markstrom.

Turnbull returns with statemeet experience. Cornelius says Turnbull has filled out physically and likely will be the top 1,600 meter runner for the Mustangs.

"Jason is highly qualified." Cornelius said. "He's worked yearround on his run-

"He's gotten a scholarship to Clemson. It's quite

an accomplish-ment." Others contributing athletes include

freshman Ali Arastu (hurdles), junior Evan Gerish (hurdles), sophomore Aaron Brown (hurdles), junior Eric Franceschi (high jump, pole vault), sophomore Jack Dalton (distance), junior Jordan Nelson (middle distance) and senior Dittrick Williams (sprint, long

Sprints are going to hurt the Mustangs this year. Cornelius said the team is lacking any depth in the area and will suffer in the dual meets because of it.

The other top teams in the league include divisional foe Canton. Stevenson (last year's league champion) and Churchill.

Usually it's those three, but I think this year you have to include Northville in there," Comelius said.

Jeff Theisen can be reached at jtheisen@gannett.com or at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

High school sports seasons will change

Supreme Court denies review; changes begin next year

The changes

Girls basketball moves from Winter to Fall

Boys golf and girls tennis moves from Fall to Spring Girls golf and boys tennis moves from Spring to Fall

Released by the MHSAA

The United States Supreme Court denied a certiorari request by the Michigan High School Athletic Association in its Sports Seasons Litigation on Monday.

As a result of the Supreme Court's decision, the previous changes in seasons ordered by lower courts will occur beginning with the 2007-08 school year: girls basketball will move

from Fall to Winter; girls volleyball will move from Winter to Fall; boys golf and girls tennis in the Lower Peninsula will move from Fall to Spring; girls golf and boys tennis in the Lower Peninsula will move from Spring to Fall; and the MHSAA will offer Upper Peninsula post-season tournaments in soccer for girls in the Fall and boys in the

The MHSAA issued the following statement after the announcement: "The MHSAA is disappointed that the Supreme Court has decided against reviewing this case. Now is the time for our schools to step up and work with the decision of the Court to continue to maximize the quantity and quality of interscholastic athletic participation opportunities for young people in our state."

Northville roundup

Softball off to super start

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville softball team drubbed South Lyon 7-0 and 5-I to open the season with a pair of wins.

"The girls played great today," Northville head coach Teryn Chrzanowski said. "They were all crushing the ball. There were a ton of line shots into the outfield. This team truly was a hitting machine today and the plan is for them to continue their aggressiveness throughout the season."

Jenna Dubmbleton pitched the shutout in the opener, striking out 14 and allowing just three hits and a walk.

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Photo submitted by Diana Birdsall

Northville's Sarah Rousifer slides safely during the opening doubleheader.

ROUNDUP: Soccer gets scare; girls track blasts Baseline rivals

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Leading the offense were Emma Wise (2-3 with a triple). Kirstyn Wildey (a triple) and Allison Holmes (a double).

Holmes took over on the mound for the second game and produced another gem. She struck out 10 and also only allowed three hits and a walk with one earned run. Holmes also went 2-for-3 at the plate with a double.

Sarah Rousifer knocked out a triple and called both games behind the plate.

"Defensively, the girls were awesome," Chrzanowski said. "We only had one error in two games and it didn't end up hurting us at all. Jenna and Allison were in the groove, and Sarah called

two great games behind the plate. "It was a wonderful way to start the season."

Northville girls track

The Northville girls track team started the dual season with a 95-42 shellacking of Baseline rival Novi on March 29. Two days later, the Mustangs put up some impressive performances at the EMU relays.

Against Novi, 17 athletes scored for the Mustangs.

The girls really stepped up today and worked as a team, Northville head coach Nancy Smith said. "We had a lot of young girls step up today and it looks to be an amazing season."

Leading the way with a pair of individual wins were Lindsay Hagan and Anita Foss.

Hagan collected wins in the 800 and 1,600 meters.

Hagan was also part of the winning 3,200 relay team with Karina Puskorius, Jenny Murphy and Mary Sprader,

Foss collected wins in both throws — the shot-put (34-1) and the discus (106-3), both career

"Her performances were amazing." Smith said "Now she knows she has the ability to break the school record in the discus this season."

Other wins included the 800meter relay team of Emily Kreichelt, Paige Stuart, Julie Foucher and O'Malley King. Brianna Jenkins won the high jump, Foucher and Amy Reynolds went 1-2 in the pole vault, Daniela Drury started a 1-2 finish in the 400 meters with Jackie Konopka, .

Northville swept the 200 meters, with Kreichelt, Stuart and Foucher finishing in order. The 800 was also swept by Hagan, Puskorius and Leslie Thomas.

The Mustangs used the momentum gained against Novi to finish second in the 18-team field at the Huron Relays at EMU on Saturday.

Hagan set the school record in the 1,600 with a finish in 5:13.6, breaking the record of Devon Rupley, who now runs at Comell.

was awarded the Hagan Silverston/Ambrose award. which goes to the top athlete of the meet.

"Lindsay said at the meet that she was going for the record and did just that," Smith said. "She is a very competitive and talented runner who just ran beautifully

Jenkins also touched the record books, tying the school mark of 5-4 in the high jump.

This has been Brianna goals since last season, coming close on several occasions," Smith said. This is all accomplished on a limited practice schedule because she also plays on the varsity soccer team."

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Northville's Annie Tasse, left, battles with a South Lyon defender for control of the ball.



Photo submitted by Diana Birdsall

Northville pitcher Allison Holmes delivers against South Lyon.

1,600 relay finished third (4:23), the 3,200 relay team was fourth (10.03), King placed fourth in the 100 hurdles, and the 800 relay fin-

ished sixth (1:51). 'The girls had a great day and had amazing carly-season performances today," Smith said.

Northville boys track

The Mustangs suffered a 72.5-64.5 loss to Baseline rivals Novi on the road March 29.

The highlight from the meet came in a sweep of the 110-meter high hurdles. Cavon Corcoran placed first tied Evan Gerish (15.45) for first and Ali Arastu (16.82) placed third.

Other wins came from the Mustang 3,200 relay, Eric Franceschi in the high jump (5-6). Mike Yassay in the pole vault (12-0). Corcoran in the 300 hurdles

Northville Soccer

The Mustang soccer team clobbered Westland John Glenn 7-0 Monday at home.

Danielle Toney led the charge with three goals and two assists Sarah Stern contribueted a pair of

goals and two assists. Karen Mayhall and Camille Junca each scored a goal. Liz Watza earned the shutout, as the defense

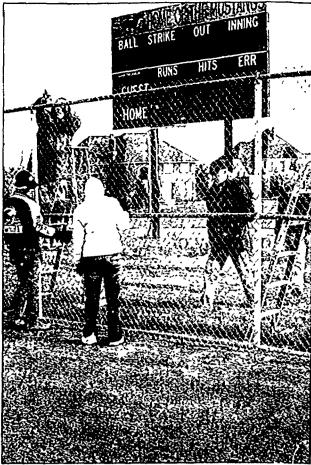
did not allow a shot on goal. The Mustangs (2-0-1) led 3-0 at the half, and tallied 16 shots in the

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Volunteer workers help with the outfield fence of the Northville softball field.

Swinging for the new fences

Athletes, volunteers makeover field

Submitted to the Northville Record

Mustang softball assistant softball coach Jim Long is no stranger when it comes to hard work in Northville. When Northville varsity softball coach, Teryn Chrzanowski, mentioned the need for a standard sized high school softball field, Long was ready for this major undertaking.

The renovation involved moving the entire pre-existing outfield fence in by 25 feet, so the distance from home plate to the fence would be the standard 200

In September, Long coordinated this major task by lining up all the workers and the necessary machinery. The parent volunteers, softball players, and National Honor Society students completed the preliminary work by removing the outfield sod. Mike Storm of Tru-Cut Landscaping hauled away the removed sod with his front-end loader.

The fence and fence posts were taken down and Fred Steinkopf of Steinkopf Landscaping augured new post holes to prep for the concrete crew from Long Mechanical. The Home Depot's Community Outreach Program crew and parent volunteers finished off by reinstalling the fence and wind



Workers drag the warning track of the new softball field.

Sam Constantine, an excavat-ing contractor, had also removed all the infield grass and graded the infield area.

The project, through sun, wind, rain and snow took nearly two months and was a truly a team effort led by Long and the parents. The field renovation was completed in early November and the new softball field is ready for the 2007 season, thanks to volunteers from the community and with generosity of the Northville High School Athletics Booster's Club.

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Boston bound

Area runners prepare for the granddaddy of all marathons

The third Monday in April is Patriots' Day in Massachusetts, and that means it is time for the Boston Marathon. This year's event will take place April 16th and will be the 111th running of this historic race (the world's oldest annual marathon).

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Jerry Mittman

Hopkinton, through several small villages and towns, and finishes in Boston. The route is lined with 500,000 cheering spectators - including the phenomenal female stu-

dents at Wellesley College. This year 22,500 runners will participate - the second largest Boston Marathon in history. Whether one is running their first Boston or their 20th. it is still special and a privilege to be running with the best marathoners in the world.

Northville Runners

Thirteen Northville residents are registered for this year's Boston Marathon: Michael Adamczyk (43), Brad Armstrong (44), Timothy Ashley (50), James Austin (56), Victor Barkoski (58), Lisa Coleman (46), Jeffrey Degroot (36), Alison Fitzsimmons (24), Rick Griffin (57), Lauren Kane (19), Rana Mohtadi (31), Richard Straub (52), and Janice Valade (60).

For Vic Barkòski, this will be the 30th anniversary of his first Boston and his 20th Boston Marathon. Vic considers Boston the "granddaddy of all marathons" and is especially proud of being able to continue to qualify.

With her running of Boston this year, Jan Valade will have run the event in her 40s, 50s and 60s - proving she is an ageless runner. When she started running 20 years ago, one of her objectives was to run Boston. Now she will do it for the fourth time.

The Marathon Distance

The marathon distance was not always 26.2 miles. As noted on the Boston Marathon website, the 1896 Olympic marathon distance of 24.8 miles was based on the distance run, according to Greek legend, by the Greek foot-soldier Pheidippides when he ran from the plains of Marathon to Athens with the news of the astounding victory over the Persian army. As he approached the leaders of Athens, he staggered and gasped, "Rejoice! We conquer!" and then collapsed and died.

The marathon distance was changed for the 1908 Olympic Games in London. King Edward VII and Queen Alexandria wanted the marathon race to begin at Windsor Castle outside the city so that the Royal family could view the start. The distance between the castle and the Olympic Stadium in London was 26 miles. Extra yards were added so the runners would finish in front of the royal box. Every Olympic marathon run since has been a distance of 26.2 miles.

Website of the Month

Check out www.bostonmarathon.org for more information on this world class

Upcoming Event

· Wednesday, May 2: The Run Fit 5K and Fit Kid's Run in Novi is an evening event sponsored by Running Fit. Start times are: 6:30 pm Kid's Run, 6:40 pm Mile, and 7:05 pm 5K. (www.runfit5k.com)

Northville resident Jerry Mittman is an avid runner and has completed over 600 races, including 56 marathons. He can be contacted at jjm997@hotmail.com.

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2007-08 high school classifications announced

Released by the MHSAA

Classifications for Michigan High School Athletic Association elections and post-season tournaments in traditionally classified sports (A, B, C, D) for the 2007-08 school year have been announced, and the enrollment breaks for post-season tournaments set up by divisions will be announced soon on the MHSAA Web site (mhsaa.com).

Classifications for the upcoming school year are based on a second semester count date, which for MHSAA purposes was Feb. 21.

The enrollment figure submitted for athletic classification purposes may be different from the count submitted for school aid purposes, as it does not include students ineligible for athletic competition because they reached their 19th birthday prior to Sept. 1 of the current school year and will not include alternative education students if none are allowed athletic eligibility by the local school district.

After all the counts are submitted, the 762 tournament-qualified member schools were ranked according to enrollment, and then split as closely into quarters as possible. For 2007-08, there are 190 schools each in Classes A and B, and 191 schools each in Classes C and D.

Effective with the 2007-08 school year, schools with 1,055 or more students are in Class A in MHSAA competition. The enrollment limits for Class B are 507 to 1.054; Class C is 249 to 506; and schools with enrollments of 248 and under are Class D. The break increased two

Enrollment

Breaks By Classes - 2007-08 (Number of schools in parenthesis)

Class A - 1,055 and above

Class B - 507 to 1,054 ... پد⊳(190)

Class C - 249 to 506 (191) Class D -- 248 and below

a to was to the state students between Classes A and B; dropped one student between Classes B and C; and the break between Classes C and D increased by four students.

The new classification breaks will see 18 schools move up in class for 2007-08, while 19 schools will move down.

Schools were recently notified of their classification. MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts said that schools may not subsequently lower their enrollment figure. However, if revised enrollment figures should be higher and indicate that a school should be playing in a higher class, that school would be moved

Schools have the option to play at any higher classification for a minimum of two years, but must exercise the option by April 15 for fall sports, Aug. 15 for winter sports, and Oct. 15 for spring

MHSAA tournament sports conducted in traditional classifications for 2007-08 are basketball, girls gymnastics, and volleyball. Football will use traditional classifications to determine play-

Postseason

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(Class D) , Coldwater Pansophia Academy (Class D) Kentwood West Michigan Lutheran (Class D)

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off points.

Sports which will compete in nearly equal divisions are:
Baseball, bowling, competitive cheer, cross country, golf, hockey, lacrosse, skiing, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and wrestling. Soccer will have 20 percent of sponsoring schools in Division 4 and the remaining schools divided equally into Divisions 1, 2 and 3. The division breaks of those sports will be announced soon. (Note: Visit the respective sports pages on the MHSAA Web site to review the divisional alignments.)

The eight divisions of the MHSAA Football Playoffs will be announced on Selection Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007. A complete list of school enrollments used to determine classifications for the 2007-08 school year can be found on the Administrators page of the MHSAA Web site.

Guidebook, which is available on

the Officials page of the MHSAA

Web site, and may be used during

Online registration can be

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on the Home Page of the MHSAA

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Pitching leads 'Stangs squad

■ Spencer, Jenney pack 1-2 punch

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville head baseball coach John Kostrzewa has reason for optimism with two of his starting pitchers back from fast year's 28-8 team that made it to the regional finals.

Bryce Jenney (13-0), already signed with Western Kentucky. and Bret Spencer (9-2) will form a strong 1-2 punch for the Mustangs.

"Anytime you have two returning guys like Bret And Bryce ... that's quite a few wins right there," Kostrzewa said. "I think our pitching is even stronger than last year.'

The outfield positions will be manned by Joe Mitchell Mention All-(Honorable Conference last year) who will bat leadoff; senior Gerard Powell in center; and incoming transfer Demarii Saunderson will start in right.

On the infield, Dominic Benavides bring two varsity letters into his senior year and is expected to play up the middle at second and short. Jennings will also play short and second when he isn't pitching. Mike Deluca will handle the hot corner for his senior season. Drew LeFresne and Spencer will share time at first. Dan McNeish will help out as a designated hitter.

Anthony Sergi, just a sophomore, returns to the catching duties. Bobby Thomas, another sophomore, will also see some time behind the plate.

Additional arms to help with pitching include Saunderson and Michael Collins.

Having players step up into

"Anytime you have two returning guys like Bret And Bryce ... that's quite a few wins right there,""

> John Kostrzewa Northylle basetall head coach

bigger roles will make or break the Mustangs this year.

"I have 13 returning guys, but quite a few of them didn't see nearly as much time as they are going to see this year," Kostrzewa saic.

Team goal, aren't a major focus for Kostrzewa. He worries more about players doing the little things right and the wins will

Getting off to a quick start would be nice, but Kostrzewa is more worried about how the team is playing at the end of the

year.
"The wins and losses aren't that big to me," Kostrzewa said. We've lost quite a few games early on in the last couple of

"I try to set the tone on what the expectations are. Early season doubleheaders, everybody is just trying to find themselves -pitchers struggle, hitters strug-

Kostrzewa expects Canton to be the top competition for the division title, and Walled Lake Central to again compete for the conference title.

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MHSAA seeks officials for next year tered in the past year. The test consists of 75 questions derived from the MHSAA Officials

Released by the MHSAA

Registrations for individuals interested in becoming a high school athletic game official for the 2007-08 school year may do so exclusively online through the Michigan High School Athletic Web Association's (mhsaa.com).

From April 2 until about June 1, the Association will conduct an exclusive online registration period for new registrants and renewals.

After June 1, applications will be accepted online, by mail, and on a walk-up basis in the MHSAA Office for the upcoming school year. The MHSAA Office has a lobby kiosk available for online registrations.

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Officials registered in 2006-07 will be assessed a late fee of \$20 for registration after July 13. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage of up to \$1 million for officials while working contests involving MiSAA

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Sheffield to sign book at Novi Borders

New Tiger slugger Gary Sheffield will appear to sign his new book "Inside Power" at 7 p.m. April 18 at the Borders in Novi.

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Depth brings high hopes



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The Northville High School girls' track team hits the oval last Monday afternoon for a warmup.

State-experienced athletes lead Mustangs

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville girls track coach Nancy Smith thought she had a talented team, but she wasn't sure until she saw them in a meet.

The girls proved her right with a 92-45 win against rival Novi.

Smith was pleased with the overall turnout of the team, but she's even happier with the depth of the team.

"We're pretty deep in every event, so they're going to have to fight for varsity positions," she said. "We're thinking in the 100

and 200 we're like six people deep, the same thing with the mile and the 800." Northville brings back several

girls with state-meet experience. Distance runners junior Lindsay Hagan and senior Mary Sprader return as part of the 3,200-meters relay team. Hagan also qualified for the state meet in

the 3,200. Mustang senior Julie Foucher holds the school record in the pole vault and returns with state experience. Brianna Jenkins,a junior, made state last year in the high

Senior Emily Kreichelt qualified her sophomore year in the 200 and just missed qualifying in two relays that she anchored last

Smith said repeating as division champs is one of the team goals, but that's far from the only "We would like to challenge

Churchill for the conference title. We were second to them last year," she said. "I'd like to send more athletes to the state meet. Last year we sent seven athletes to the state meet.

This year we'd like to qualify

all of our relays, our field event girls and some open races again.

Getting all three relays to state isn't a dream with both the 4x100 and the 4x200 returning in full and Hagan and Sprader back to help the 3,200 relay qualify.

The team is captained by six girls, four of which have been with the team all four years: Sprader, Foucher, Kreichelt and Laura Keys. Hagan and Paige Stuart are junior captains.

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■ KEADY: Broke 5 school records

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All-State in the 500 free last year, and because of the shoulder injury, he was not able to swim any kind of distance whatsoever.

"We turned him into a sprinter in about three months, and he was able to score at state. That's just a testament to how hard that kid works."

Fellow Mustang senior Will Blickle also had a strong showing at state with a seventh-place finish in the 500 freestyle (4:48.29), an eighthplace finish in the 200 IM (1:56.74) and was another member of the All-American 400 freestyle relay.

"He had a great career at Northville," Bennetts said. "He wound up being All-State in the 200 IM and in the 500 free."

Brody Blickle will be on the leaders next year, when he returns as a senior. "Brody is probably the most

talented kid I've seen," Bennetts said. Kyle Adams will be another

returning senior with state experience. 'He's not the most talented kid in the world, but his deter-

mination more than makes up for it," Bennetts said. "He was huge for us. I was able to get him on the 200 free relay, and we wound up getting All-State.

Jon Bardsley saved his best performances for the end of his junior year.

"He had a phenomenal postseason for us," Bennetts said. "He did not have his state cuts going into our league meet. Not only did he get his state cuts, he went to the state meet and swam faster in both of his

Joe Kargula also saved his best for last and will return for his senior season with state experience.

"He's another kid that did not have a state cut going into our league meet," Benneits said. "He did the same thing that Jon did. He got his state cuts and swam faster and got a couple of points for us."

Mustang diver Steven Kruse pulled off his biggest meet during the season when he smashed the old school record.

"He's just a fun kid," Bennetts said. "He really has a great attitude about life in general. He was able to pull it together at the right times."

The rest of the first team includes Novi seniors Mason Irvin and Sean Bugbee; South Lyon's Zack Kadykowski, Chet Jankowski, Max Sadler, Nick Pritula and Adam Oxner; Jake Campbell of Lakeland and Milford's Anthony Valdivia.

Honorable Mention

The All-Area honorable mention team includes Mustang senior Will Fankell and junior Greg Sheppard; Novi senior Alex Arbour and Dan Meister, Lakeland's Mark Darga, Kevin Birkholz, Justin Amara-Parent; Milford's Erik Olgeirssan, Scott Chase, Vince Thompson and John Fanchler; and South Lyon's Aaron Parzuchowski, Nathan Bohn, Ryan Keeney, Brent Showerman, Andy Ston, Ben Newcomb, Jon Denys, Cameron Clark and Trevor

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New girls factosee team forming

A new team is forming for all girls in grades 6-8. No experience necessary. This is an introductory program to teach the fundamentals of lacrosse. The team will play 4-6 games in the Northville area. This is a great way to learn lacrosse and prepare for play in

The season runs April 3 to June 1 with games on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Area field at Hines Park. The team will be coached by Kristen Woodby.

The cost is \$120 and includes a team jersey. Equipment required includes; girls lacrosse stick, protective lacrosse eyewear, mouth guard and athletic field shoes.

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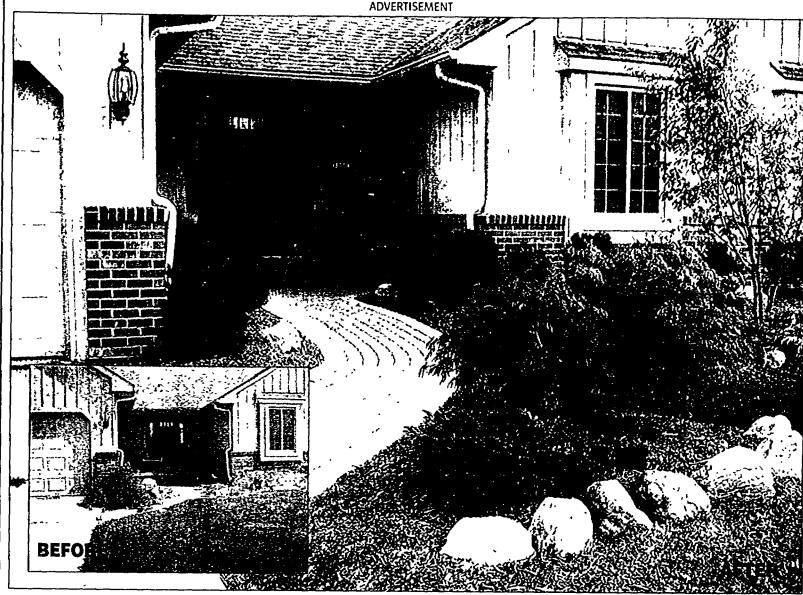
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Bell's expertise revives tired homes

By John R. Hall SPECIAL WRITER

Time is money. People know that. The company that provides the best and trusted services to its customers in a timely manner knows it, too. Mike Bell knows it.

The owner of Bell's Landscape Services, Inc. of Wixom has positioned his company into the right niche.

His landscape company specializes in a multitude of products and services for his residential and commercial customers with one main goal: provide an all-in-one service that saves customers time while giving them a high level of professionalism.

Tips for choosing a landscaper

- Select a licensed contractor who specializes in the necessary disciplines, such as chemicals and pesticides.
- Ask your landscaper if its employees are trained and up-to-date on new technologies and products.
- Ask if the landscape company carries workmen's compensation insurance.
- Ask for references from existing customers.
- Select a landscaper you feel comfortable working with.
- Get a full accounting of the total cost of the project and the various steps involved.
- L Establish a budget for the landscape project.

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We cater to people who do not have a lot of time to maintain their landscapes," Bell said. "It is usually out of necessity that they turn to companies like mine."

And what do Bell's customers get when they turn to them?

Plenty. Bell's is a full-service design and installation company as well as having a complete

iamienance oepariment. "People may hire several companies to do a lot of different things instead of hiring one company to do it all, and they wind up hav-

ing to micro-manage," Bell added. His staff is professionally trained in all of the latest trends in landscape products and services. Bell recognizes that customers are very educated and expect to have access to the best-trained technicians. His philosophy is to continually train his workers and make his company head-and-shoulders above an

already crowded landscape service market. Bell is in the process of working on a certification program for his service staff. Being certified means that landscape technicians must achieve a standard level of training in the latest technologies and products.

We just came back from a pond builder's training class," he said. "In it, we learned about how to keep fish healthy.

We are always trying to encourage our staff to take advantage of training. Heck, I've been in the business for 28 years and I am still learning.

Not only is training a key to having the best landscaping company, being licensed is

'A lot of people don't know that this is a licensed industry," Bell noted, "People should ask for proper credentials and insur-



The management team at Bell's Landscape Services, Inc. of Wixom is headed up by, from left, Scott, Marcy and Mike Bell.

ance when they shop for a landscaper. Being licensed means being able to get the proper permits required for all of the jobs."

Building and maintaining ponds is an example of what many of his customers are looking for today. Bell said that a lot of people enjoy landscaping with water features such as ponds and waterfalls.

He also noted that a popular trend today is outdoor recreation rooms and patios. Not only do the Bell professionals design outdoor rooms to customer's specifications, they supply all of the products, too

Bell knows that during tough economic times, like those facing a lot of Michiganders now, homeowners have a tough time selling their homes.

New home sales have slowed and considering that landscaping costs make up 10 percent to 15 percent of a new home's budget, it makes more sense to upgrade an existing

Many times homeowners choose to sell because they simply want a new look. Bell recommends getting a new look by renovating an existing landscape.

"We take homes that are old and put a new look to them," he said. "That may include new plantings, walkways, porches, or

And he has the expertise and the products to make these changes. The results can be amazing.

"Whatever we design we are able to supply 100 percent of the product and materials," he said.

Bell's staff includes: Mike Bell, President, CEO; Marcy Bell, office administrator; and Scott Bell, vice president of grounds maintenance division and sales.

Bell's employs up to 25 people during the busy season and combined supervisory staff has more than 50 years of experience in the landscape service industry.

Bell's has served the Wixom area for 19 years. Their 30-mile service area covers north of M-59 to south of I-94, west of D-19 to east to Telegraph Road.



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- Disclose the presence of lead-based paint
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- · Provide a federally approved lead hazard information pamphlet
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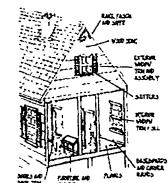
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A lead analysis kit is available and produces readings instantly. Alternatively, paint or dust samples can be sent to a lab for testing. If the house is lead-free or if it poses a minimal health risk, a Certificate of Lead-Based Paint Safe Housing can be issued.

What To Do To Reduce Risk: Often the best approach is to leave lead based paint alone. However, if chips or dust around window ledges or elsewhere can come into contact with children:

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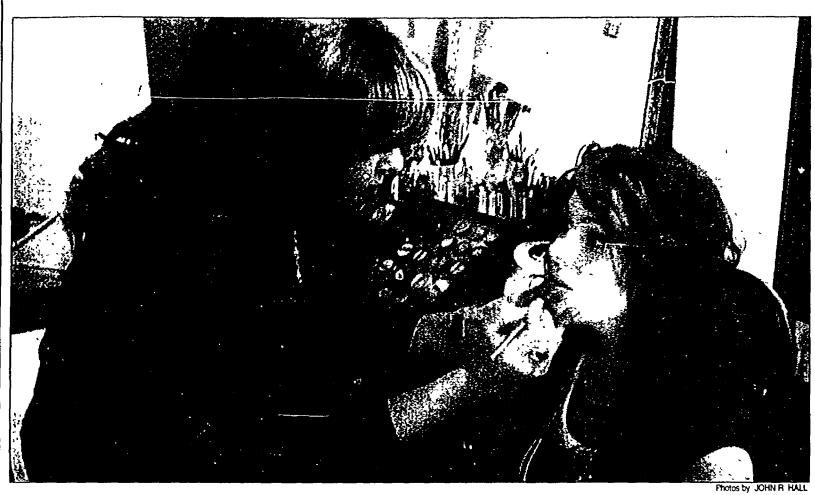
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Relax and renew at Alandre

By John R. Hall

oing to a salon and spa should be more than just keeping an appointment; it should be an experience that satisfies the outer and inner beauty of each person. It should be an experience that satisfies the spiritual soul as well as the physical body. That is the philosophy of Alandre Salon & Day Spa in Northville.

In fact, Alandre's motto is "Bring Your Inner Beauty Out and Escape With Us." Owner Suzie Duqum said every one of Alandre's staff believes in that philosophy and goes well beyond.

Our warm hospitality is what makes us different," she said. "We know that our clients want to be treated as we would want to be treated.

That's probably the main reason why Alandre has been voted the People's Choice Award Winner for best salon by readers of The Northville Record. And the salon has also been given a five-star rating by the Yahoo! Internet search

MASSAGE

It's not hard to understand why Alandre is so popular with its clients. An experienced staff of stylists, estheticians, nail technicians and massage therapists draw rave reviews from the people they serve, including Khal Hanna, a massage therapist with 25 years of experience.

"A lot of people have lifetime relationships with customers," he said. "We have set our standards very high."

Hanna noted that his clients see massage therapy as much more than just a means of relaxation.

"I appreciate the fact that people are becoming more aware of the benefits of massage therapy," he said. "It is not just to relieve stress. They recognize the preventative and rehabilitative health benefits related to massage therapy. What we are doing for customers is best for the long term, not just for one visit."

One of Hanna's clients, Gail, who counts herself as one of Hanna's longtime customers, spoke about her experiences at Alandre.

"The whole experience has to do with Khal," she said. "I've never had a male therapist and yet I feel very comfortable with him. He offers stimulating conversation and healing hands.

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"I don't get a massage just because I want to be spoiled. I have a lot of migraines and I get knots in my muscles. I feel wonderful when I leave. Khal has both the training and the experi-

Training and experience are key words. Both Hanna and Duqum have had international training - Dugum in Lebanon and Hanna in England. They encourage other staff members to continually strive to make themselves bet-

"Everyone here has met all of their licensing requirements and are continually engaged in professional development," said Dugum.

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Alandre also offers Botox treatments for its guests through Youthology, LLC. Kristen Rondeau, a fully licensed and certified injection specialist and registered nurse, offers Botox treatments and consultations in the relaxed and pampered environment of Alandre's spa facilities.

SO MUCH MORE

But Alandre is much more than the obvious. Case in point: at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, the salon will be

Khal Hanna, massage therapist, administers the healing massage that keeps bringing his customers back to Alandre Salon & Day Spa. hosting a special exhibition of ballroom dancing (see advertisement). Visitors can learn various dances like the chacha, salsa, and tango. Professional dance instructor Chad

Brown answers the obvious question: 'Why ballroom dancing?" "Ballroom dancing is a direct compli-

ment to Alandre, where health and beauty is emphasized," he said.

SPECIAL PACKAGES There are special group packages

available for wedding parties, proms, dances, etc. All packages include a healthy lunch; wine is available.

Dugum said that Alandre offers packages for couples, too, including a "Couples Delight," which includes two aromatherapy massages, two European deep cleansing facials, and two European manicures.

Duqum knows that her clients have spread the good word about Alandre. She said that people come from all over Metro Detroit.

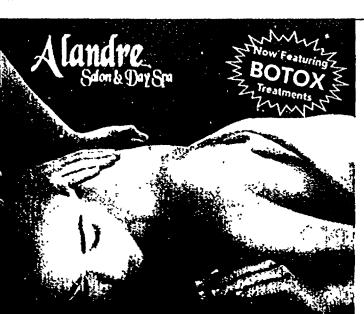
"Our guests build a lifetime relationship with us" she said. "By having a full staff on hand with the highest level of competence and professionalism it means that we never need to turn anyone

Yes Alandre Salon and Day Spa welcomes walk-ins.

"With every consultation, each guest is assured to greatly benefit from our highly talented staff. Duqum added.

Alandre Salon & Day Spa is also an active member of the Northville community and is involved with several community groups and projects, including the special Locks of Love program that provides hair prosthetics for disadvantaged children with permanent hair loss from alopecia areata, radiation treatments, or burns,

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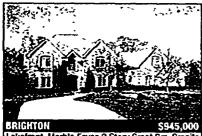
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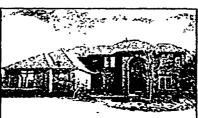
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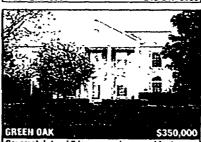


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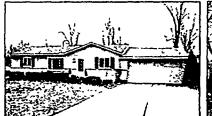
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Fresh Paint W/major Updates! HW Firs, Newer Root, Dining Area W/dr Wall To Florida Rm. Patio Leads to Fenced yard, Bsmnt Tiled W/1/2 bth &



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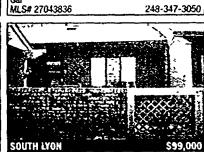
Well maintained, fully furnished 3 BR, 2 BA ranch. Updates: roof, furn, C/A, HWH & wndws. Spac LR

\$128,000

Clean 3BR, 1.1BA Brk Ranch w/lrg fin bsmt w/bar FP, tons of storage. Updates: oak kit, wndws, C/A, paver pabo, HWH, doorwall, neutral Vo.

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(NAPSI) — Home decorating trends come and go, but one thing is certain: Americans have rediscovered the potential of outdoor spaces. Last year alone, homeowners spent nearly \$5 billion on outdoor furniture and accessories, sparing no expense to bring the indoors out and create high-end outdoor living spaces.

Don't have the money to invest in new outdoor furniture or high-end accessories? It's easy to transform your backyard into a luxury outdoor environment on a "real-world" budget. All it takes is a little imagination and a few cans of spray paint. Here are some outdoor decorating ideas from the experts at Rust-Oleum:

designer look. Designer patio sets can cost thousands of dollars. But with spray paints such as Rust-Oleum's new MultiColor Textured, it's easy to give your old patio set a rich contemporary look that's virtually indistinguishable from pricier counterparts. Choose a rich multihued finish such as Autumn Brown, Aged Iron, Desert Bisque or Deep Forest. Or try one of today's trendiest colors, such as Espresso from Rust-Oleum's American Accents collection, to transform an ordinary patio



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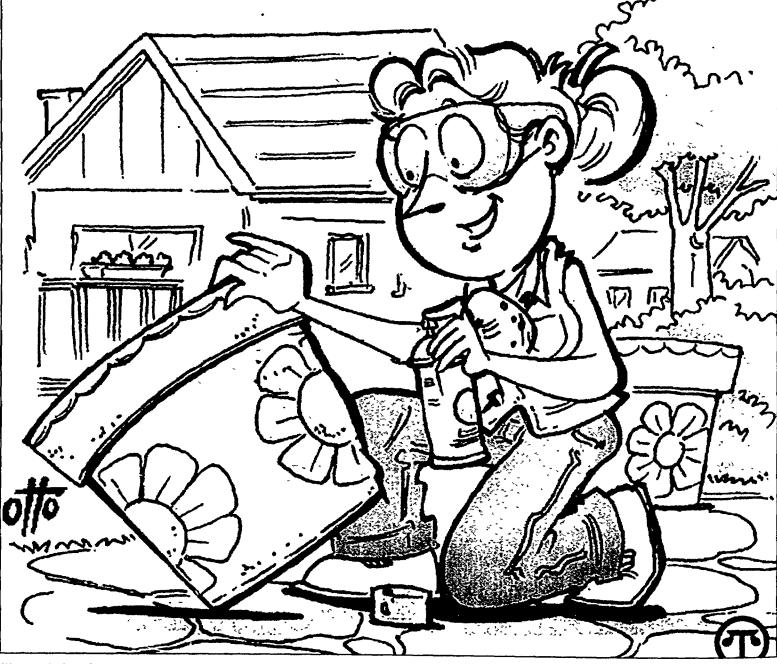
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wall décor with American Accents
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Robert Meisner

A. It may depend upon the documents or the discretion that the Board of Directors has. I can see arguments both ways and it may be best for the association to consider retaining an attorney to advise it on this possibility as well as a security expert. Opening the gates may establish a precedent and the association may

be concerned about the ramifications of it.

Q. Some of the people on our homeowners association board want to amend the declaration to indicate that people can only resell property to either a single person or to a single family. The term "single family" is not defined in the documents. What do you think?

A. There have been numerous cases throughout the country addressing the definition of single family within the context of building restrictions, group homes, rehabilitation homes, etc. Key legal decisions have held that unrelated residents can constitute a family for purposes of restrictions. Many courts have held that the controlling factor is the residents have the "generic character of a relatively permanent functioning family." The Fair Housing Act does prohibit discrimination based on familial status. However, familial status means the presence of children under the age of 18 and would not be applicable in your situation. However, you should check to see if there are any local ordinances that would restrict occupancy of your homes and you should retain the services of an attorney.

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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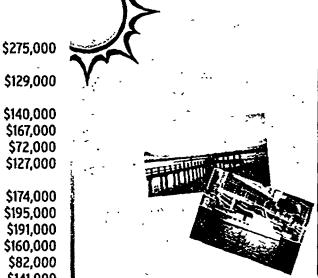
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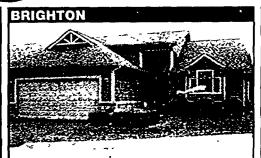


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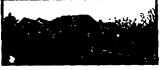
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Future of Michigan Real Estate discussion

The Detroit Real Estate Investors Network will host the first session of its 12-week discussion series entitled "What Becomes of a Broken Market -The Future of Michigan Real Estate" from 5:30 - 8 p.m. on Monday, April 9 at The Java Exchange Café, 440 Burroughs (TechOne building), Detroit. The location is in Detroit's Tech Town area on the north side of Wayne State University. Each session of the 12-part series will focus on a different topic of interest to real estate investors, practitioners, homeowners, business owners and the community at large. Each event is free and open to the public, however seating is limited; so timely arrival is suggested. For more information, call Loray at(313) 443-7188.

Decorate like a designer

Take the guesswork out of decorating your home with the seminar "Decorate Like a Designer" offered by Farmington Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute's Design Spirit. This class will be held Wednesdays, April 18, 25, May 2 & 9, 2007, from 7-9:30 p.m. at The Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington.

Learn how interior decorators make decisions about furniture choices and placement as well as those important touches that create beautiful homes. The course will cover basic design principles and how to apply them to your home. Hands-on exercises include measuring and sketching a room on graph paper as well as finding companion wall, furniture and flooring colors with samples of patterned fabrics. Also covered are the principles of color and color matching. Many hand-outs and helpful tips. Bring a small pair of scissors to class.

The instructor is a graduate of New York's Sheffield School of Interior Design and the University of Michigan.

The cost of the class is \$110 plus \$5 for materials to the instructor. Class size is limited. Register by Monday, April 16. Call Farmington Community Education at (248) 489-3333 to register Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Design Spirit presents the interior decorating classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure and current schedule, call 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771.

Builder's class is offered

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, April 17, 19, 24, 26, 2007 from 6-10 p.m. at Henry Ford Community

College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions, or \$208 for non-residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, April 13, to Henry Ford Community College. Please call 313-317-1500 to register Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule, call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

Pre-license class is offered

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Clarkston Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, April 17, 19, 24, 26,

2007 from 6-10 p.m. at the Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road, Clarkston.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, April 13, to Clarkston Community Education. Call (248) 623-4321 to register Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule, call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

Builder helps customers build their own home

Howard Satovsky, a 35-year veteran Master Builder in the Western Oakland and Wayne County markets has decided to switch hats in 2007 to a style better suited to the current economic climate and Web savvy clients.

Satovsky says his new company, Help To Build It, LLC is a way to orchestrate

the final dream home with customers that know little about the building business.

Through extensive reference materials, software and one-on-one counseling, Satovsky shows how to make the dream a reality from start to finish.

Visit www.HelpToBuildIt.com or see the consultants at the Spring Home and Garden Show at the Rock Financial Showplace, April 13-15.

Feng shui classes

Improve your chances for good luck in many aspects of your life from money and relationships to career and health using Feng Shui (foong shway), the ancient Chinese practice of placement.

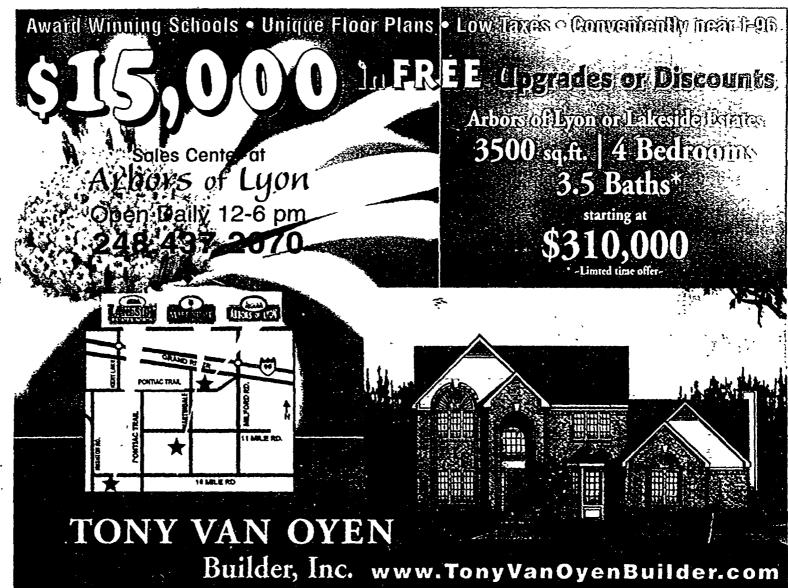
The Design Spirit presents the Feng Shui classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure and current schedule of classes call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

BIA offers programs

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and the Construction Association of Michigan will present the following programs:

■ "Green Products: What You Need to Know - What You Need to Have" - from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, at BIA headquarters,

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30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Jacob Corvidae, Green Programs Manager, WARM Training Center will instruct attendees on the basics of green building products, and will provide many pass-around samples, from bamboo flooring to low-VOC paints, recycled glass terrazo to all-natural carpeting, and much more.

Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

A comprehensive builder's license preparation course on Thursdays, April 12, April 19, April 26 and May 3 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Prepared by NCI Associates, Madison Heights, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies.

The registration fee is \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 548-2090.

A "Design/Build" seminar from 8

a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 13, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Builder (CGB)

Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group Inc. will instruct attendees on how to create a well-managed, full-service building or remodeling business that can pocket more profits while maximizing customer satisfaction.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelors Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "A 10-Point Game Plan for Success" seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, at the Troy Marriott, 200 West Big Beaver Road, in Troy. The seminar is sponsored by First Horizons Home Loans.

Tom Richey of Richey Resources will instruct attendees on "Heeding the Ten Commandments of Today's Challenging Economy," "marketing to address the new market," "bringing sales management up to an A-performance level," and "learning how to neutralize the negotiators."

Registration fees are \$35 for Sales and Marketing Council and Remodelors Council members, \$55 for BIA members and \$75 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "Codes and Quality Control" - from

8 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 20, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group, Inc. will instruct attendees on defining quality within one's company by identifying five essential quality components. The course outlines a superintendent's responsibilities regarding codes and provides tips on code enforcement and compliance on the job site.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033

■ A "Negotiating Skills" course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate and Graduate Master Builder designation, as well.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group will instruct attendees on strategies for specific negotiating situations through a combination of lectures, exercise and role-playing.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelors Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ A "Business Management for

Building Professionals" course from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Brindley R.W. Byrd, CAPS, CGR of Qx2 Inc. will provide participants with the essential "tools" for the ideal business management toolbox. The course will discuss the components of a business plan; defining and staffing your business; performance tools for managing and monitoring administration, sales, and production) and strategies for managing common challenges experienced in startup businesses.

Registration fees are \$185 for Remodelors Council members, \$235 for BIA members and \$275 for guests. For registration information, call (248)

862-1033.

How to build your own home

Oakland Builders Institute will offer a comprehensive, all-inclusive 16 hour seminar, How To Build Your Own Home on Saturday/Sunday, April 28 and 29, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Dr., Rochester Hills.

Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as your rights and responsibilities. The course covers home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes, insurance requirements and much more.

Many hand-outs and guidance from an instructor who is also a builder. The seminar costs \$220 and is all inclusive with a building textbook and a book prepared exclusively for seminar students covering home building information pertinent to southeastern Michigan.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Wednesday, April 25, to Oakland Builders Institute. Please call 1-800-940-2014 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 15 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule, call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

Builder pre-license classes offered

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16-hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule of all classes including evening sessions, call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771.



Home & Garden Show closes out spring show circuit

The Spring Home & Garden Show, produced by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA), will close out the 2007 spring show season with a bang April 13-15 at the Rock Financial Showplace.

Visitors to the show can tour two fullsize homes, stroll and admire more than 30,000 square feet of designer landscaped gardens, learn how to install a brick patio, win a backyard makeover, see a springtime petting zoo and get expert advice and tips and more.

"The possibilities are endless," said Richard Ives, president of BIA. "Using the array of resources available at the show, homeowners and idea seekers can save a lot of time and money by simply strolling through the show and taking advantage of the experts and talent under one roof."

The Green Thumb Theater will feature Don Engebretson, known as the "Renegade Gardener." Engebretson will headline the theater Sunday with his seminar "The Top 10 Gardening Blunders and How to Avoid Them." His presentation is directed toward suburban homeowners by helping them escape the cookie cutter landscape that fills their subdivisions. Using his 10step path to gardening, Engebretson invites and encourages creativity, depth and individuality into the landscape

mix. He will appear at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 15. Also planned for the stage are local experts, including seminars from Roses for Michigan author Nancy Lindley.

Other planned features for the show include:

Little Valley Homes in Novi will display and showcase two model manufactured homes at the show. The homes will range from a starter home through an upscale home. Each home will feature a professionally designed landscaped garden to provide a visual example of the great possibilities attendees can create for their own home.

■ More than 30,000 square feet of landscaped displays, created by dozens of local landscape companies, will decorate a quarter of the show. "The landscape displays alone are worth attending the show," said Mark Baldwin of Mark Baldwin and Associates of Plymouth. "Anyone in the metropolitan area knows this show is the place to get ideas and see the amazing landscape and gardening talent in your own backyard."

■ Stone City will offer do-it-yourself brick paving workshops. Attendees can learn how to install brick pavers, garden walls and even learn how to seal brickwork.

Children can also enjoy do-it-yourself workshops. AM 910 Radio Disney

and The Home Depot of Novi will host kids' workshops Saturday and Sunday. There will also be a springtime petting zoo with bunnies, chicks and even a visit from the Easter Bunny.

■ The Spring Home & Garden Show will also feature live broadcasts from local home improvement radio hosts: Glenn Haege, host of The Handyman Show on WJR-AM (760) Saturday and Sunday and weekend long programming from WDTK-AM (1400).

The Rock Financial Showplace is located at Grand River Avenue between

Taft and Beck roads in Novi. Show hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$6 for seniors 65 and older; children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. Ample parking is available at the Rock Financial Showplace for a fee. Discount coupons are available online at www.novihomeshow.com or at participating metro Detroit Dunkin' Donuts locations. For more information, go to www.novihomeshow.com or call (248) 862-1019.

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(C-450AS) large private yard, & so much ownership shows! disappoint more \$159,900 (P-553BA) \$234,90 disappointe (P-553BA) \$234,900



BEST BUY IN PLYMOUTH

(P-198BA)



EXCEPTIONAL BEAUTY





SPRAWLING RANCH

r attached garage fencing (3,900 (P-548HI) \$249,500



HISTORIC ROSEDALE GARDENS

(C-081CA) must see! \$229,900 (C-900CR)



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Must see 4 bd home w/original
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GREAT INVESTMENT SPRAWLING RANCH TOTALLY UPDATED 9LYMOUTH BEAUTY BRICK BUNGALOW 9POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE Spacous colonial w/over 2300 Lots of updates in this sunny & Enjoy the comforts of a free occupied investment package approx acre lot spacious upgraded insulation, windows, Rm, beautiful top of the line wating for 4 bd, 2 bath home sq ft, 4 bd, 2 baths, new lead cheefful home Finished bsmt, standing home w/the available w/other homes in floor plan offering 2 natural doonwall, ceramic, oak Kitchen, in ground pool w/ w/south Redford schools glass entry door, updated 2 car Garage, 2 5 baths, convenience of a condo Many same area & seller can help fireplaces, updated flooring, Kitchen, granite, newer appl's, fountain, Florida Rm w/hot tub, 8 wind strong costs with closing costs \$20,000 (P-1380R) (P-1380R) (P-548HI) \$249,500 (C-415HI) (C-992IV) (P-6402LU) (P-602LU) (P-602LU)

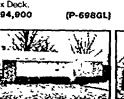
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\$254,900 (P-5560A)



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CUSTOM BRICK RANCH SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE CUSTOM BRICK RANCH Traditional Cartion colonial feat 1800 sq. ft. of. WOW best Executive colonial on 6th green South. Redford. 3 bd. brick. 2 story entry, formal LR & DR, describes this 3 bd. 3 bath of the south course in highly home. w/hind. Roors, huge roomy Fam Rm w/brick hearth ranch. w/Livonia. Schools sought after Tanglewood. 4 bd. Deck, oversized 2 car. Garage, frpl, updated maple, Kitchen, Gourmet Krichen, Great Room. 3.5 baths, 1st floor Master w/ LR. w/frpl, updated. Krichen hwd floors, & ready to move. w/frpl, double doorwalls to koury bath, sland. Krichen, new carpet upstans. Inished into!

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Selected Night Owls also available online.

EARLY BIRDS
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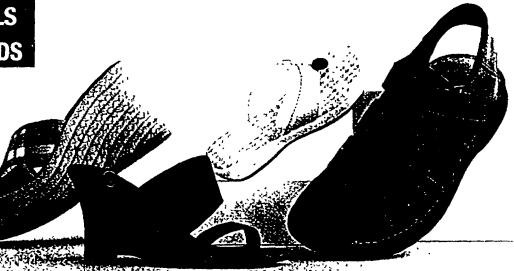
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→ EARLY BIRDS

Entire Stock

50%

Sandals for the family. Orig. 24.99-69.99, Sale 12.49-34.99 Excludes athletic. O shop online:



→ NIGHT OWLS
→ EARLY BIRDS

50-60%

Sonoma sportswear for misses, petites and women.
Orig. \$10-\$46, sale 4.49-21.99
SONOMA life+style*.
\$\mathbb{G}\text{ selected items} online P4580

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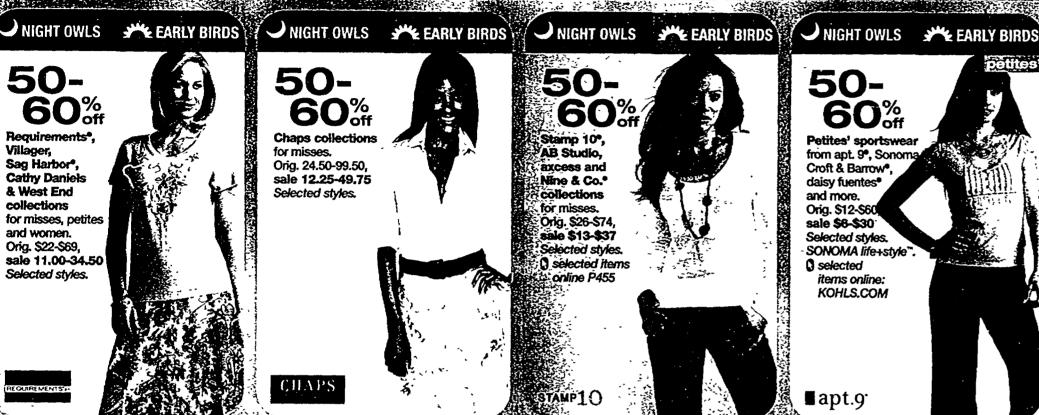
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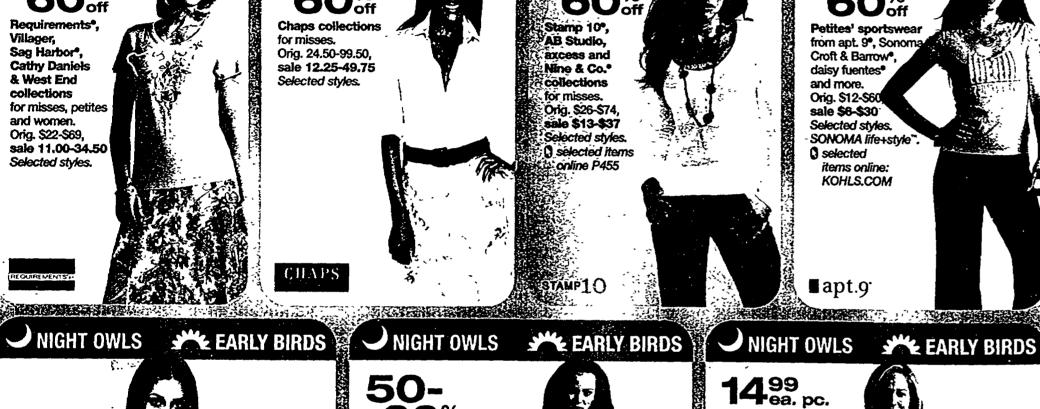
Dresses, dressy apparel, collections & playwear for girls 4-16, boys 4-7, toddlers infants & newborns Excludes Candie's & Chaps. Playwear not intended as sigepwear.

items online: KOHLS.COM



featuring over







50-60% off

Orig. \$20-\$60, sale 7.99-29.99 Selected styles.

selected items online P454

apt. 9° sportswear

Selected styles. a selected items online: KOHLS.COM croft&barrow



EARLY BIRDS

50-60%f

60%f

daisy fuentes*

for misses, petites

collections

and women.

Orig. \$16-\$64,

sale \$8-\$32

Selected styles.

daisy fuentes

Women's sportswear from Croft & Barrow⁴, daisy fuentes*, apt. 9*, Sonoma, Sag Harbor Villager and more. Sizes 1X-3X & 16W-24W. Orig. \$14-\$48, sale \$7-\$24

women's

Croft & Barrow* chiffon separates for misses. Orig. \$34 ea. pc.

croft & barrow

50-60% off Croft & Barrow" sportswear

for misses, petites and women. Orig. \$14-\$58, sale 6.99-23.99 Selected styles. selected items online P457

ONIGHT OWLS SEARLY BIRDS
FRIDAY 3PM-11PM SATURDAY 7AM-1PM FRIDAY 3PM-11PM

Selected Night Owls and Early Birds also available online.





entire stock capris from Gloria Vanderbilt® & Lee®

for misses & petites. Orig. \$38 selected items online P459.



EARLY BIRDS NIGHT OWLS

60% Tek Gear® active & fitnesswear for misses & petites. Oria, \$16-\$34. sale 6.40-13.60

TEK GEAR



EARLY BIRDS

50-60% off entire stock

sleepwear, loungewear & robes for her. Ong. \$12-\$45, sale 6.00-22.50 Excludes Chap.

selected items online W2400

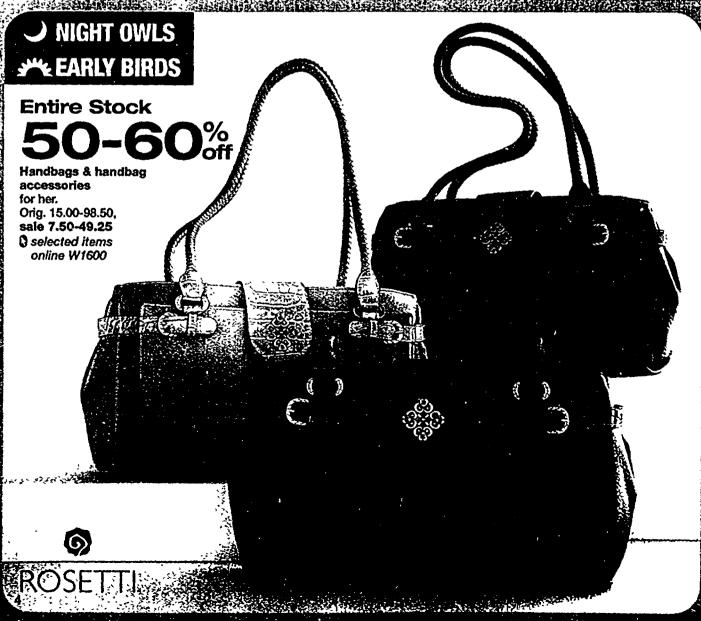
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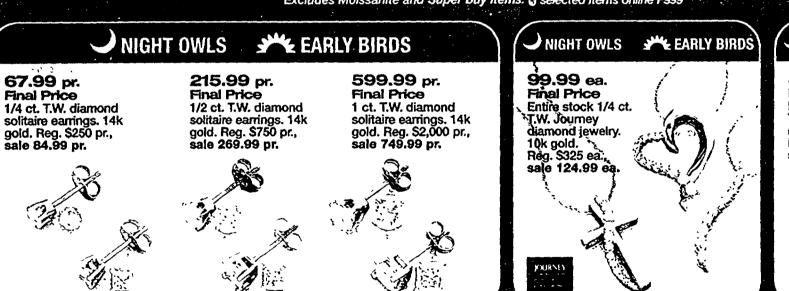


FRIDAY 3PM-11PM

ONIGHT OWLS & EARLY BIRDS SATURDAY 7AM-1PM



extra 20% off entire stock fine jewelry & sterling silver jewelry already 60%ff













featuring over

Entire

Stock

Dresses

Excludes

Candie's.

50%

Orig. \$36-\$68.

sale \$18-\$34

→ NIGHT OWLS FRIDAY 3PM-11PM

EARLY BIRDS
SATURDAY 7AM-1PM

Selected Night Owls and Early Birds also available online.



NIGHT OWLS EARLY BIRDS

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NIGHT OWLS *EARLY BIRDS

Entire Stock 40-**50**%

Shorts & bermudas for juniors. Orig. \$26-\$30, sale 12.99-18.00 Excludes

collections. selected items online P4520



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EARLY BIRDS

Entire

Stock

Candie's*

collections

Orig. \$24-\$68.

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() selected

P4518

items online

40.80

for juniors.

40%

NIGHT OWLS

EARLY BIRDS

NIGHT OWLS ** EARLY BIRDS

Entire Stock 50-55%

Fashion tops for girls 4-16. Excludes



UNIONBAY.

Entire Stock 60%f

Knit tops for juniors. Orig, \$12-\$24. sale 4.80-12.00 **Excludes** collections. Selected items online P4517

Entire Stock

55%

Graphic tees

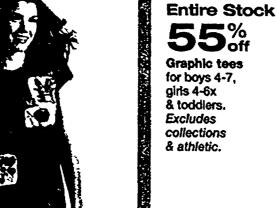
& tank tops

for juniors.

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EARLY BIRDS



→ NIGHT OWLS

EARLY BIRDS



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NIGHT OWLS * EARLY BIRDS **Entire Stock 50-**55%



NIGHT OWLS SEARLY BIRDS Stock 60%ff

Sleepwear for girls 4-16, boys 4-20, toddlers & infants. selected

online K4100



extra 15% off already 10-40%

✓ NIGHT OWLS → ME EARLY BIRDS extra 15% off all Easter toys and plush aiready Orig. 9.99, sale 4. final price 4.24

NIGHT OWLS

extra 15% off and shorts

already 30-35%

for girls 4-16 from Unionbay*, Mudd* & Bongo*. Selected items online P4521

NIGHT OWLS

Entire Stock

boys 4-20, toddlers

Excludes Speedo*

50%

Swimwear

and infants.

and Nike*.

for airls 4-16.

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NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

Entire Stock 60%

Sets for toddiers, boys 4-7 and girls 4-6x, Excludes



NIGHT OWLS

EARLY BIRDS

Entire Stock 55%

Sleep & play for newborns. Excludes Carter's.





50-60% off all

tops & bottoms from SO and Sonoma

for girls 4-16, boys 4-7, toddlers, infants and newborns. a selected items online: KOHLS.COM

for juniors. Orig. \$28-\$30 selected items online P4519

SO capris

Orig. \$18-\$24, 1299 sale 8.10-10.80 Excludes collections. entire stock

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NIGHT OWLS



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Entire

Stock

50%

Swimwear for

Sonoma, Nike®

Croft & Barrow

and Speedo*.

Orig. \$20-\$42,

sale 9.99-

Selected
 Selected

online

SONOMA

EARLY BIRDS

EARLY BIRDS

20.99

men from

NIGHT OWLS ** EARLY BIRDS

Entire

Stock

50

60%

Casual pants

for men from

Sonoma, Axist

and Croft &

Orig. \$40-\$50,

sale \$18-\$25

selected items

online P4535

SONOMA

NIGHT OWLS

Entire Stock

60%

Sport shirts for men

from Arrow, Sonoma

55-

and Haggar*.

Orig. \$30-\$42,

sale 13,50-18,90

selected items

online P4534

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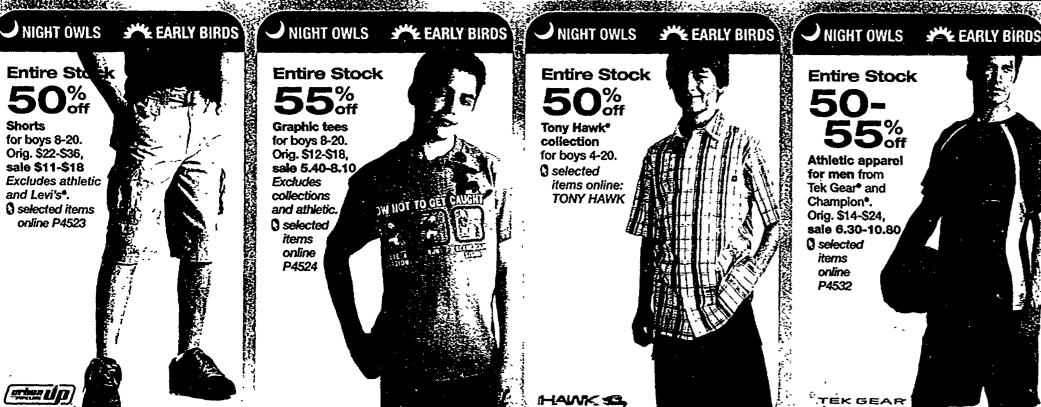
Barrow*.

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ONIGHT OWLS & JEARLY BIRDS **SATURDAY 7AM-1PN**

Selected Night Owls and Early Birds also available online.

NIGHT OWLS * EARLY BIRDS



NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS →** NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS →** NIGHT OWLS **EARLY** BIRDS **Entire Stock Entire Stock 4**⁹⁹ **55**% Urban Pipeline⁴ Hanes* pocket apparel for young & **Derformance** men & boys 8-20. tees for men. Orig. 12.00-39.99. Reg. \$12 sale 5.40-17.99



50-55% off

entire stock

shorts

A selected items online P4525



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NIGHT OWLS

Entire Stock 50-55% Tops for young men

from Machine^a, XTreme Gear and Urban Pipeline®. Orig. \$12-\$36, sale 5,40-16,20 () selected items online P4531

for young men. Orig. \$30-\$44, sale 13.50-21.99 al machine

selected items online P4530

EARLY BIRDS

50% Underwear & socks for men from Sonoma,

NIGHT OWLS

Entire Stock

Croft & Barrow and Tek Gear*. Reg. \$6-\$32. sale \$3-\$16 Selected items online P4533

croft&barrow

EARLY BIRDS

Entire Stock SONOMA **55**% Suit separates for men from axcess and Chaps. Orig. \$80-\$220, sale 35,99-99,00 () selected items online P4529

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✓ NIGHT OWLS

croft&barrow

NIGHT OWLS

Entire Stock

60%

Dress pants for men

from Croft & Barrow*.

Braggi*. Orig. \$45-\$80,

Chaps, Axist™ and

sale \$18-\$40

Selected items

online P4528

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EARLY BIRDS

Entire Stock 50-60% Chaps blazers &

sport coats for men. Orig. \$175-\$225, sale \$85-\$90 a selected items online P4527

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Orig. \$28-\$36, sale 10.99-13.99 sale 11.70-18.90 selected items online selected P4537 items online P4536

🜙 NIGHT OWLS - 💃 EARLY BIRD

Entire Stock 55-60%

Golf tops for men from Wedge and Dockers*. Orig. \$26-\$42,

croft & barrow

EARLY BIRDS

Entire

Stock

60

Shorts for

men from

Croft & Barrow

and Sonoma.

NIGHT OWLS EARLY BIRDS

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50-60% off entire stock dress shirts & neckwear for men

from Arrow and Croft & Barrow Orig. \$25-\$46, sale \$12-\$23

selected items online P4526

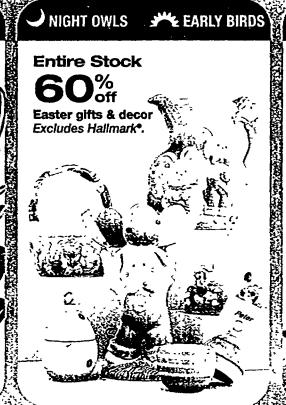
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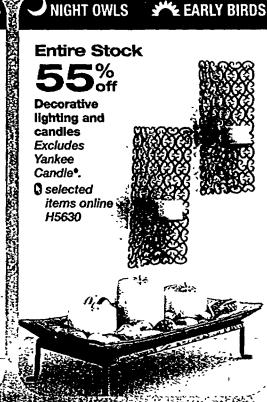
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Queen or King Set

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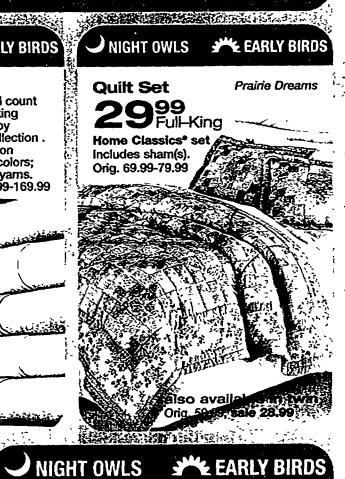
The Big One

bed in one bag sets

Orig. 109.99-119.99

sale 53.99-58.99

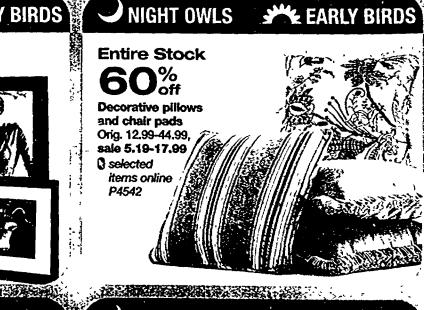
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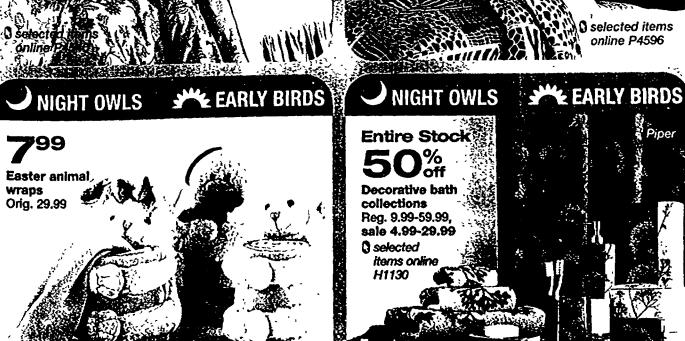




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Orig. 29,99

wraps





The Big One bath towel 100% ring-spun cotton; 30x54" oversized; 12 solids and 3 stripes. Reg. 7.99

55% off all The Big One* bath rugs

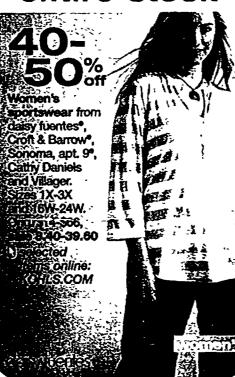


ft & Barrow r misses, petites and women. ng. \$14-\$58, ne. **7.99-26.4**0 selected items online W2330

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40-50%

petites' sportswe

40-50% entire stock Briggs°, Notations and Erika° separates for misses, Orig. Sic. 544 sale 8.99-24.99

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entire stock

maternity appa Orig. \$16-\$44, sale 9.60-2

capris from Lee' and Gloria Vanderbilt' for misses and petites. Org. \$38

women's capris Orig. \$40, sale 24.99

19⁹⁹ entire stock shorts & bermudas

from Lee' and Gloria Vanderbilt for misses. Orig. S32-S34

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33-50%off all Chaps, Villager, Sag Harbor, Requirements, Cathy Daniels

and West End collections for misses, petites & women. Orig. 19.50-99.50, sale 13.06-66.66



40-50% off

all apt. 9° sportswear for misses, petites & women. Orig. \$20-\$66, sale 9.99-39.60 0 selected Items online W2850

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40-50% off all woven tops

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for juniors.
Orig. \$24-\$30, sale \$12-\$18
Excludes collections. 3 selected items online P4549



50% off all SO knit tops

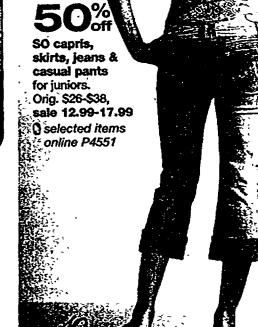
for juniors. Orig. \$12-\$16, sale \$6-\$8 selected items online P4550

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all knit tops for juniors from Energie*, Self Esteem* and Unionbay*. Orig. \$16-\$24, sale 8.00-14.40



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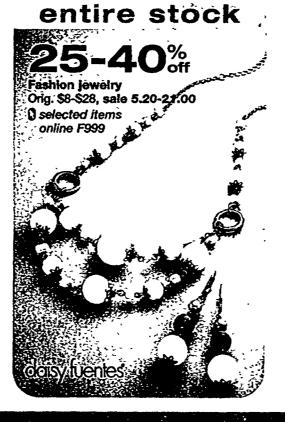


35-50% off all axcess, Stamp 10, daisy fuentes', AB Studio and Nine & Co. collections for misses, petities and women. Orig. \$16-\$74, sale 10:40-48.10











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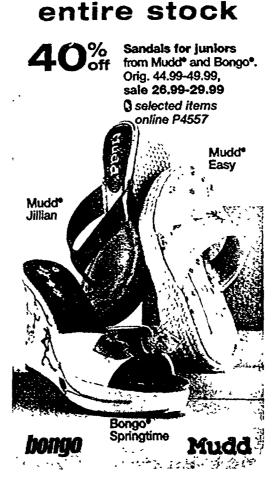








entire stock 40% Dockers® shoes and sandals for women Orig. 44.99-59.99. sale 26.99-35.99 selected items P4556



30-50[%] Shoes and sandals for men. Orig. 49.99-60.00 sale 34.99-41.99 Selected styles EVEREST SONOMA

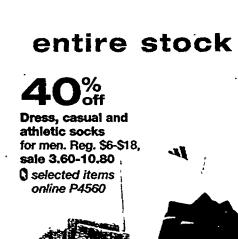


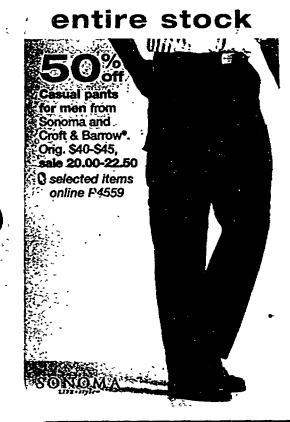
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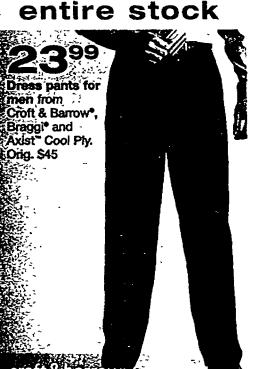


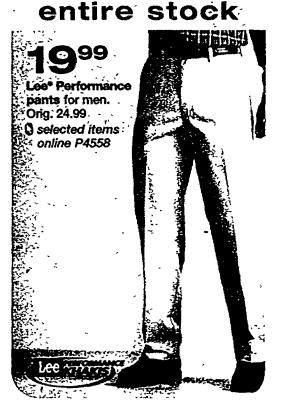
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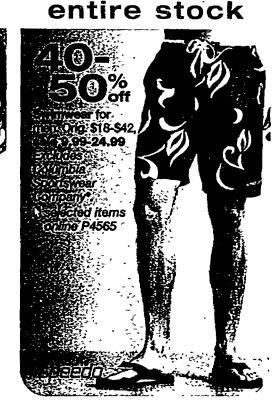
sport shirts for men

from Sonome, Arrow, Natural Issue*, Havana Jack's Café*, Batik Bay, and Croft & Barrow*. Orig. \$30-\$42, sale. 14.99-20.99





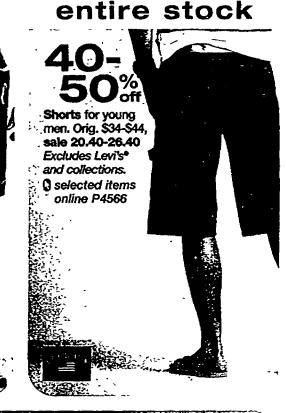




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Levi's 505° Regu Fit. 517º Bootcut. 550" Relaxed Fit, 559™ Relaxed Straight Fit and 560" Loose Fit ieans for men. Levi's 514" Slim Straight, 527™ Low Rise Bootcut, 567~ Low Loose Bootcut and 569° **Loose Straight Fit** jeans for guys. sale 29,99

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suit separates for men ofig. S65-S200, sale 32.50, 100,00

45-500 entire stock

Dockers and Chars blazers for men Reg. \$150-\$175, sale \$75-\$9

40% off entire stoc

axcess dress shirts and neckwear for men Orig. S28-S40, sale 16.80-24.00

50% off entire stock

loungewear and boxers for men from Croft & Barrow and Sonoma. Orig. \$12-\$20, sale \$6-\$10

40% off entire stock

underwear for men from Croft & Barrow and Sonoma. Orig. \$10-\$32, sale 6.00-19.20

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dress shirts and

neckwear for men

from Arrow, Axist", Croft & Barrow & apt. 9°, Orig. \$25-\$46, sale 15.00-27.60

© selected items online P4562



40-50% off 30-50% off entire stock

sportswear collections for men from excess and apt. 9°. Orig. \$24-\$50, sale. 9.60-29.99 () selected items online P4563

40-50% off entire stock golf tops for men

from Dockers*, Wedge and Grand Slam* Orig. \$26-\$50, sale 15.60-29.99 Selected items online P4567



50%off entire stock

knit tops for men from Sonoma, Haggar^a, Axist^a, Marc Edwards, Arrow and Croft & Barrow^a Orig. \$14-\$38, sale 6.99-18.99

Selected items online P4568

20-50% off entire stock

athletic apparel for men Orig. \$14-\$35, sale 6.99-28.00 selected items online P4569

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Sonoma Regular and Relaxed Fit jeans for mo

60% off entire stock

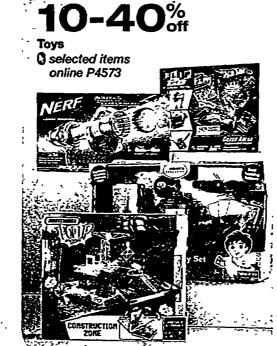
Retro suit separates for young men Orig. \$38-\$100, sale 15.20-40.00



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for girls 4-6x, boys 4-7 and load to the 40% off

entire stock First Moments' layette

for newborns.

Excludes packaged layette.

16⁹⁹ entire stock Levi's denim jeans

for boys 4-7. Reg. 21,99-24.99

entire stock

athletic apparel for boys 8-20. Org. \$12-\$35, sale 6.00-26.25

3 selected items online P4574



40-50% off entire stock

Sonoma separates for boys 4-7, toddler boys and infant boys, 0 selected items online: KOHLS.COM Septimina from the second section of the



50% off entire stock

playwear for boys 4-7, girls 4-6x and toddiers. Playwear not intended as sleepwear. Q selected items online: KOHLS COM



45-55% off entire stock

dresses and collections for girls 4-16, toddlers, infants & newborns. O selected items online P4576



30-50% off entire stock

fashion tops and bottoms for girls 4-16.

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toddlers, infants and newborns from Schoma & SO. SO weer it declare it.".

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40% off entire stock fashion socks

Q selected items online P4575

40-50% off entire stock apparel for girls 4-16,

Sonoma rompas

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50% Quilts and quilt accessories Orig. 34.99-169.99, sale 17.49-84.99

50% off

all sheet sets

Orig. 29.99-209.99, sale 14.99-104.99

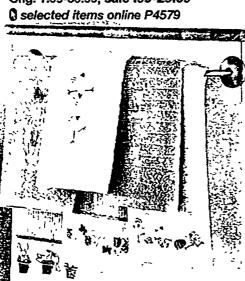
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S. Subjection of the series

Excludes coordinating sheet sets.

entire stock

50% Table linens and kitchen textiles Orig. 1.99-59.99, sale .99-29.99



entire stock

50-60%_ Luggage Reg. 29.99-379.99, sale 14.99-189.99 Selected items



entire stock

50% Decorative art selected items online: KOHLS.COM



entire stock.

40-50% decorative lighting Excludes Yankee Candle*. selected items

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pantryware.

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online D1100

Choose from dinnerware

flatware, glassware or

10-50% a selected items



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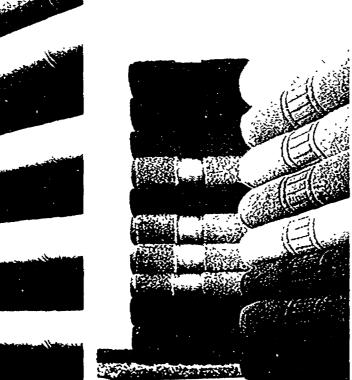
entire stock area rugs & mal@hire scatter rugs

entire stool Orig. 18,99-34.99, sale 9.49-17.49

40-50% of entire stock decorative bath collections Reg. 9.99-59.99, sale 4.99-29.99

50% off entire stock decorative pillows

the



50-60% off

all bath towels and bath rugs Reg. 7.99-44.99, sale 3.99-22.49 Excludes embelished towels and decorative bath collections. O selected Items online P4581



50% off

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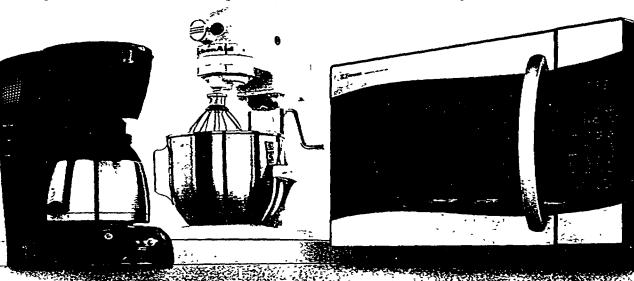
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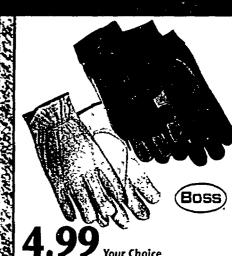
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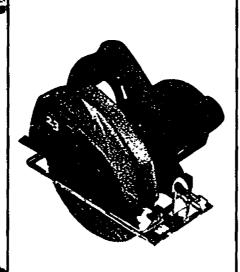
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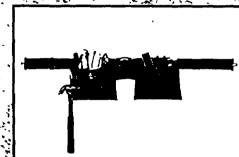


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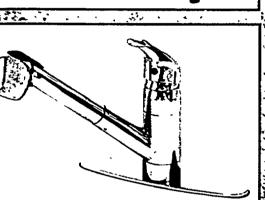
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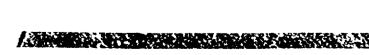
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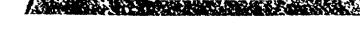


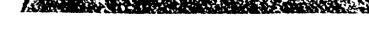
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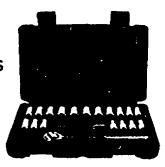
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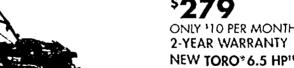
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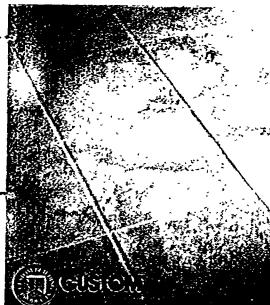
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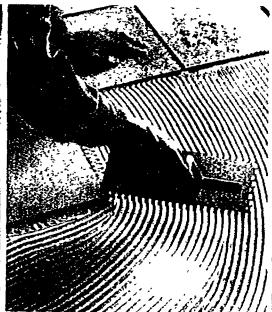
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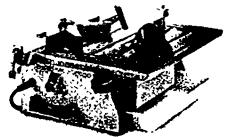


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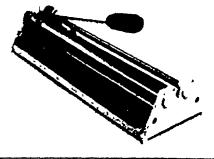


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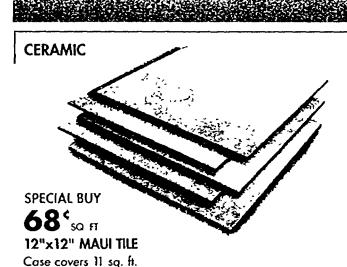
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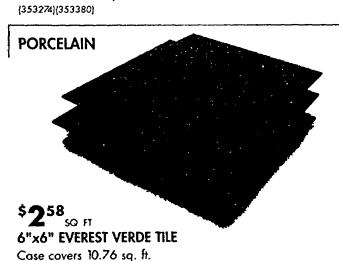
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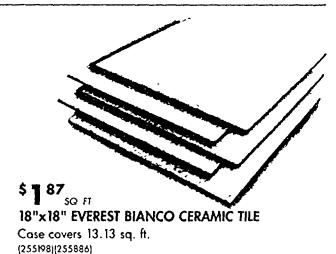
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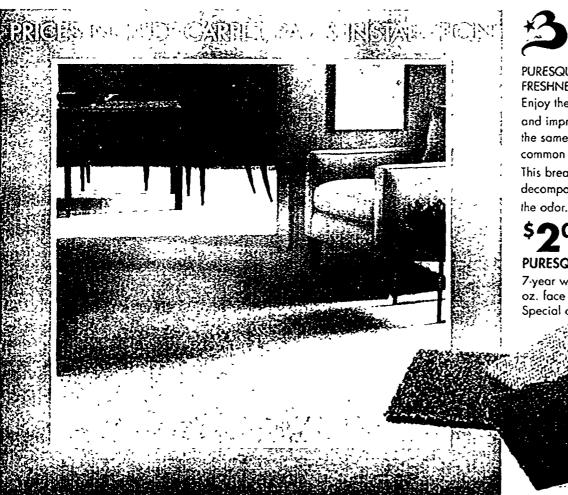
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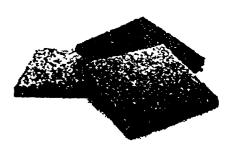
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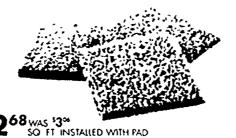
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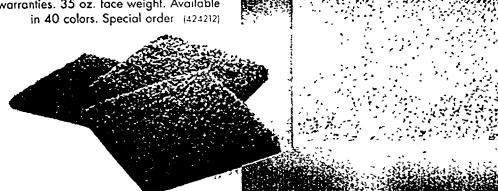


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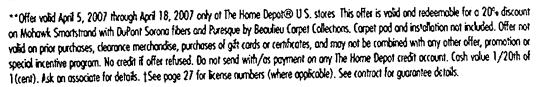
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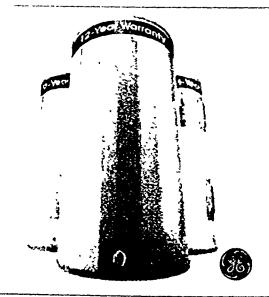
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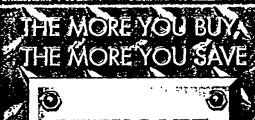
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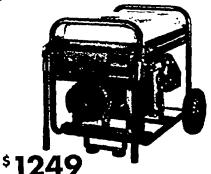
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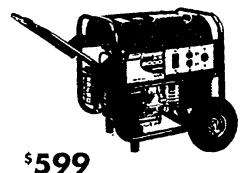
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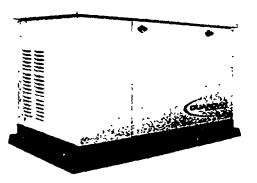
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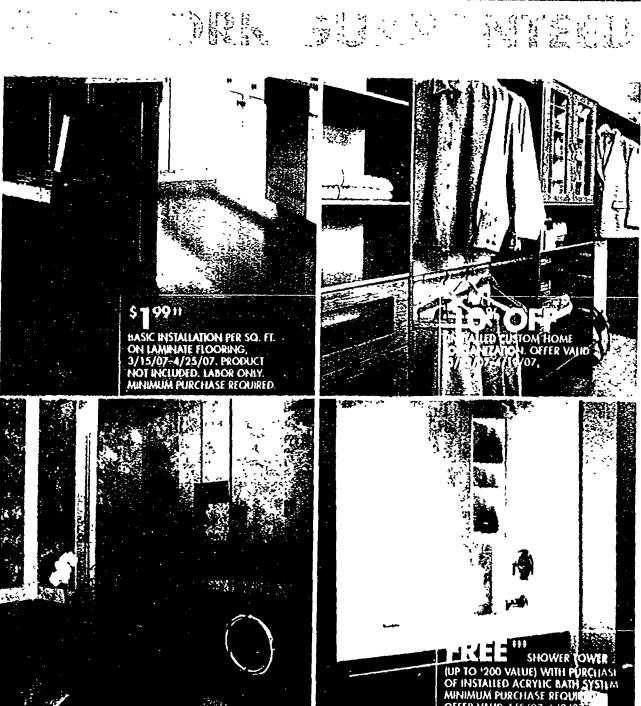
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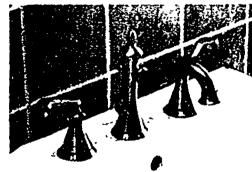


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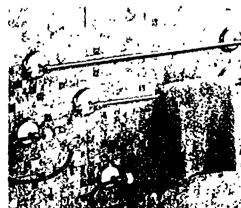
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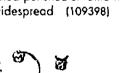
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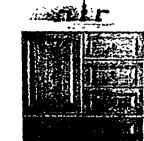


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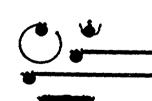


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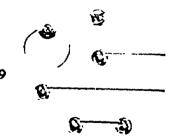


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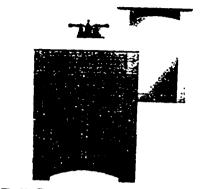
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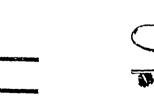


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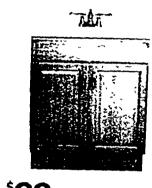
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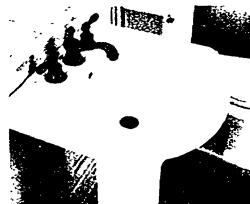
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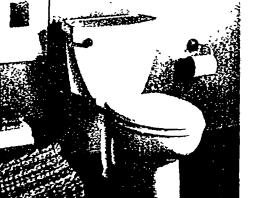
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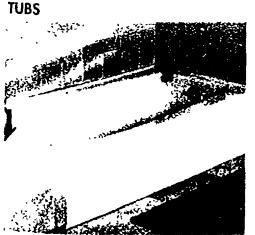
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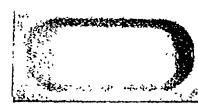
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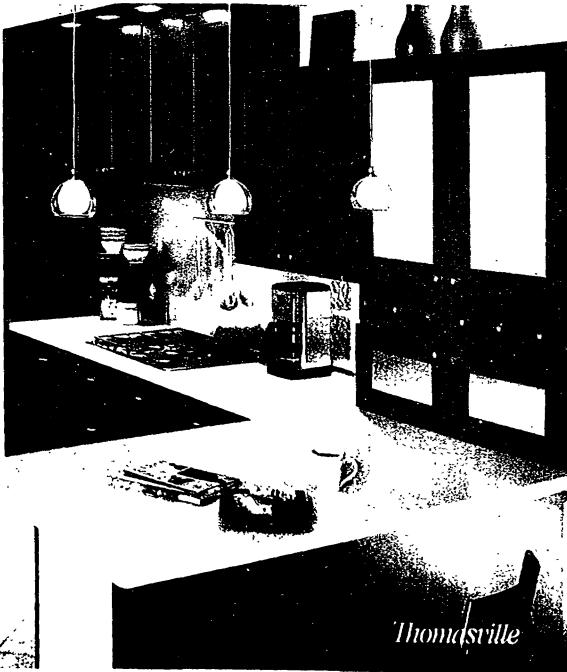
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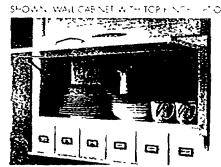
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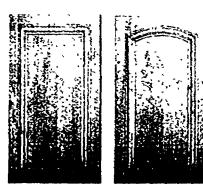
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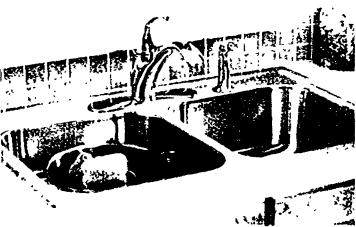
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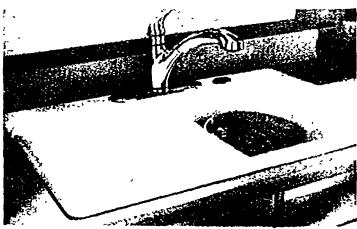
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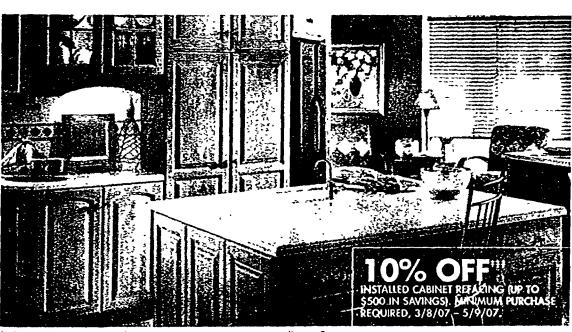


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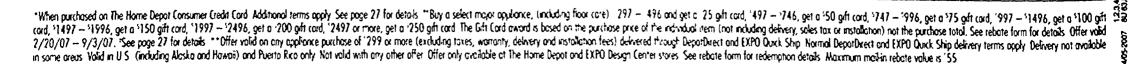
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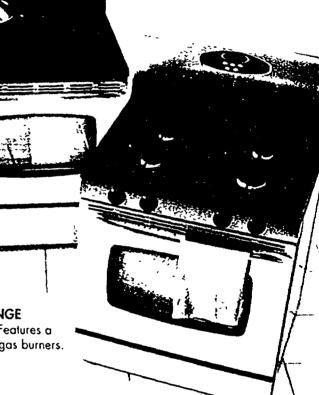
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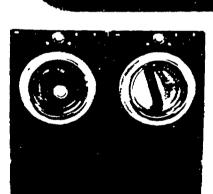
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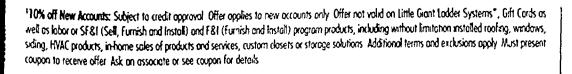
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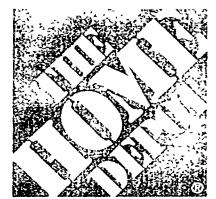


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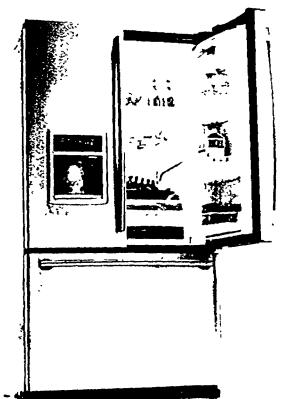


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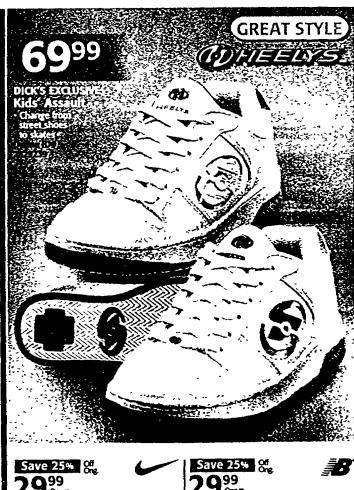




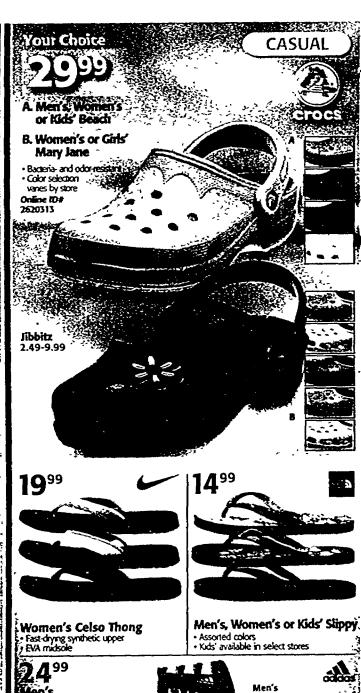
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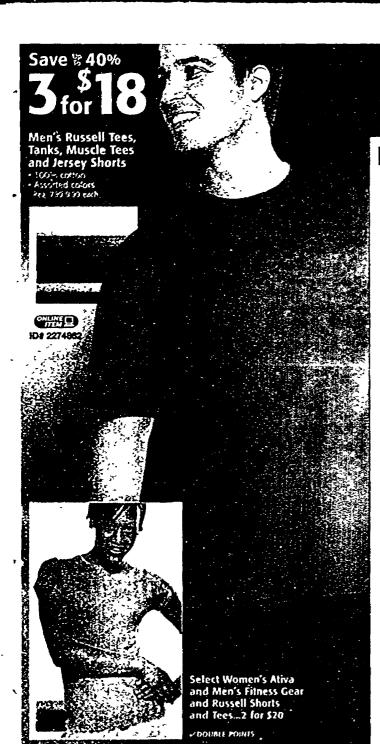




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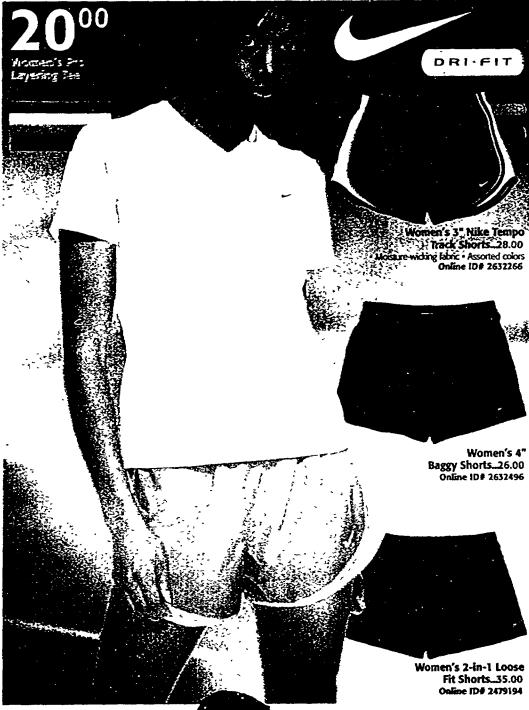


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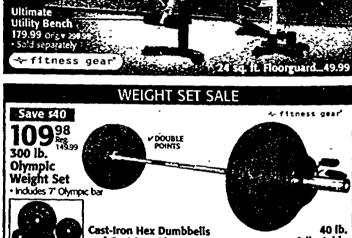




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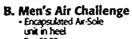
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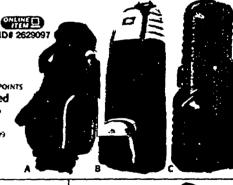
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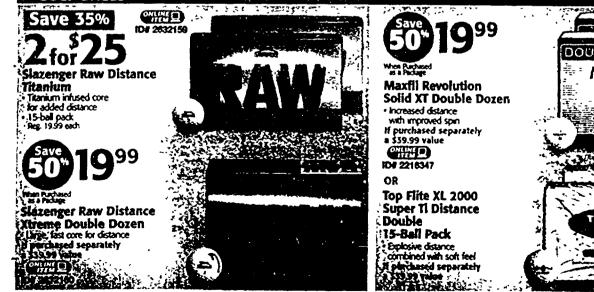


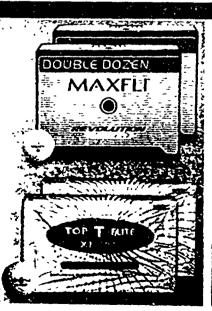
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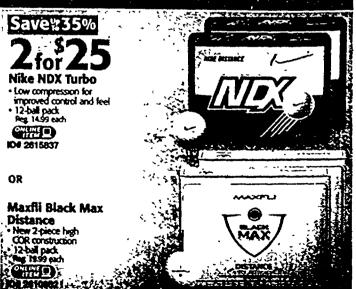
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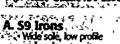
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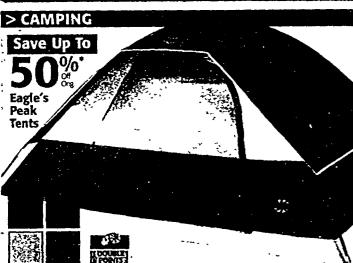
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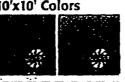




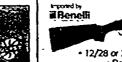
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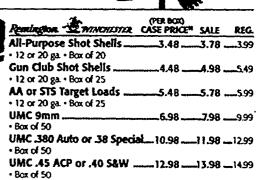




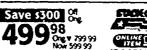
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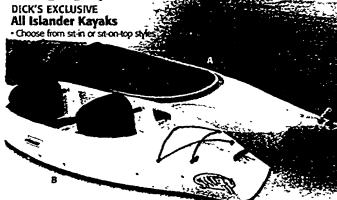
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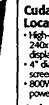
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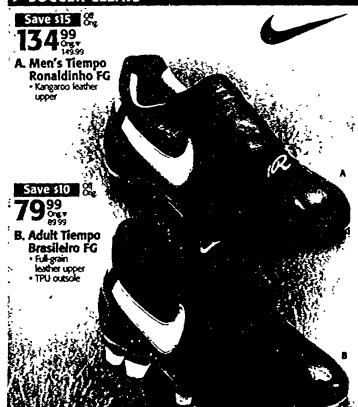
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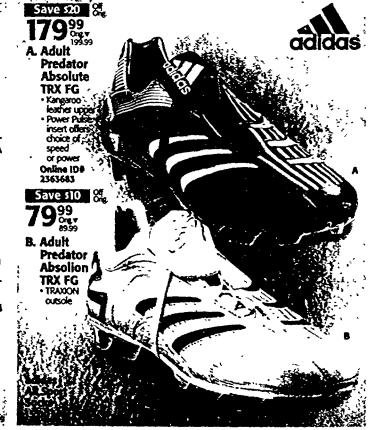
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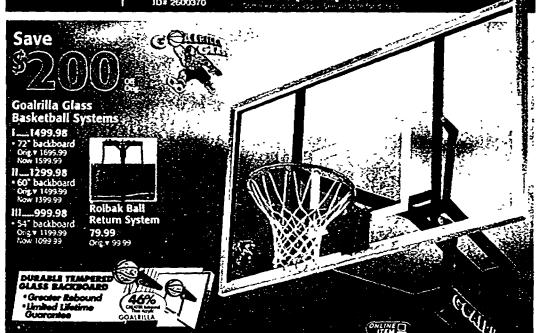


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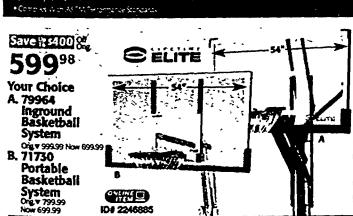
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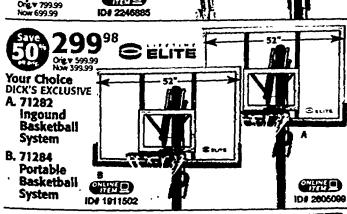




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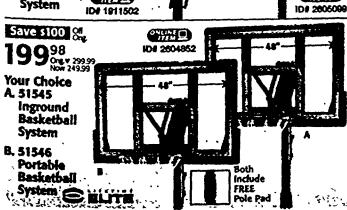


















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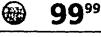
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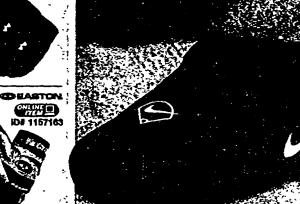
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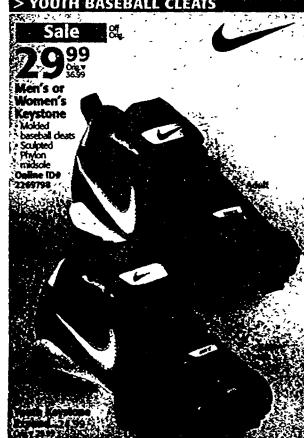
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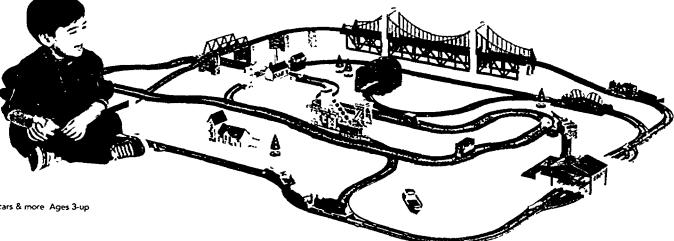




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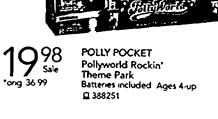
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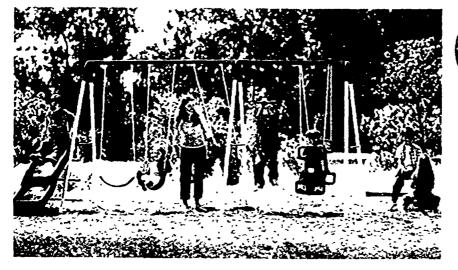




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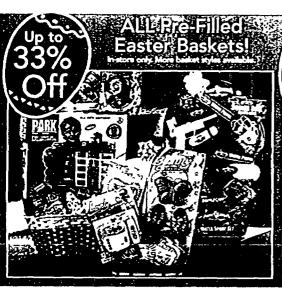
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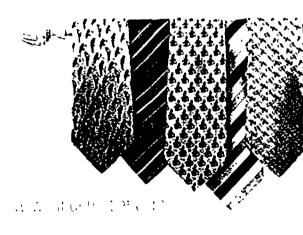
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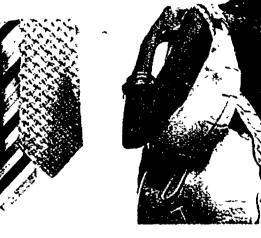
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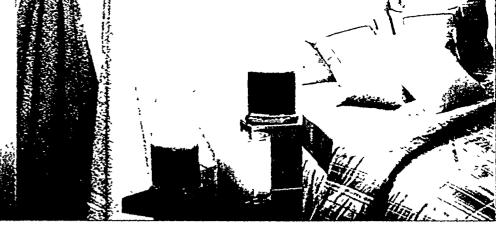
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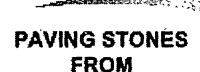
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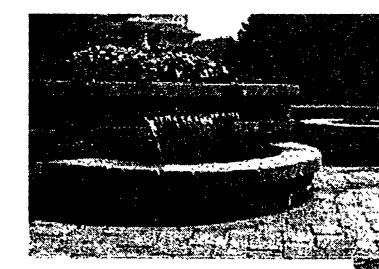
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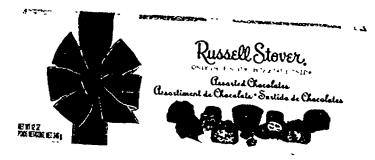






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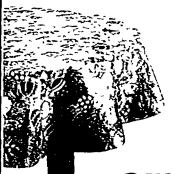
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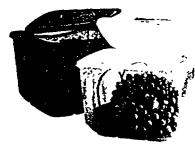


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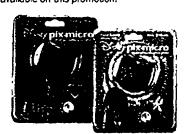
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Q I saw the movie Patch Adams again recently. It made

me wonder: Where is the real-life doctor today on whom the film was based? Did he ever get his free hospital up and running?

—Jean Rexford. Crescent City. Calif.

Dr. Hunter "Patch" Adams, 51, is based in Arlington, Va., where he continues to promote alternative health care with the Gesundheit! Institute, which he founded in 1972, and takes frequent trips with "volunteer clowns" to bring smiles and laughter to places of suffering around the world. A native of Washington, D.C., Adams and his laughter-is-the-best-medicine approach were dramatized by Robin Williams in the 1998 movie *Patch Adams*. The free, holistic-care "silly" hospital that his movie character dreamed about has not yet become a reality, but it's in the planning stages and targeted for a 310-acre rural area that Adams' institute owns in West Virginia.



Q I loved Ed Begley Jr. on St. Elsewhere. What's he doing now?

—Bee O'Reilly, Frederick, Md.

Begley, 57, is the star of the HGTV network's new Living With Ed, a reality series that shows the often-comical chemistry between the ardent environmentalistwho lives a passionately "green" lifestyle-and his wife, Rachelle, who longs for more conventional comforts in their solarpowered, two-bedroom Hollywood home. Begley has worked consistently since St. Elsewhere ended in 1988. He has several new movies in the works and played a recurring role in last year's season of TV's Veronica Mars.

Q I hope David Hyde Pierce, who played Niles on Frasier, gets his own sitcom some day. What can you tell me about his upcoming projects?

—Margaret Voynar. Chapel Hill, Tenn.

When Frasier ended its successful nine-year run on NBC in 2004, Pierce, 48, announced he wanted to return to the stage, and did just that. He recently completed a role in Monty Python's Spanalot, a Broadway spin-off of the movie Monty Python and the Holy Grail, and he stars now in Curtains, a new musical comedy at New York's Al Hirschfeld Theater. He has no immediate plans to return to television, but stay tuned.



David Hyde Pierce

I say Richard Dawson from the old Family Feud TV show is alive and well, and my husband thinks he died some years ago. Please settle this, as we have disagreed long enough!

—Carla Wrobbel. Westland. Mich.

You win this one. The famous game-show host, 75, is alive and happy in Beverly Hills, Calif., with his wife, Gretchen, whom he met when she was a contestant on *Family Faul* in 1981. He is enjoying retirement and spending time with his daughter, Shannon, and his three grandchildren.

Claire Forlani has an on-screen romance with Gary Sinise in CSI: NY, but is she involved with anyone in real life?

—Adrieme M., Artesia, N.M.

Last September, Forlani, 34, became engaged to Desperate Housewites actor Dougray Scott, 41, who personally designed her ring. They were introduced by a mutual friend in 2005. Previously, the British-born actress has been romantically linked to actors Benicio Del Toro, Keanu Reeves, John Cusack and Ben Stiller.

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Easter is remembered in an array of colors, from new purple dresses, yellow bonnets and black patent-leather shoes to multicolored eggs hidden in tufts of green grass and fragrant white lilies surrounding the Sunday church altar.

When American Profile asked readers about their favorite Easter memories, they conveyed stories of seasonal rebirth and spiritual renewal, acts of kindness and unexpected blessings, candy-filled baskets and the joy of discovering rabbit tracks in the new-fallen snow.

Here is a sampling of those memories:

Footprints in the snow

Every Easter I would fashion a nest of willow branches and hay to fill with goodies for our four children. Our oldest was of the age to be skeptical. On Easter morning he began screaming with excitement. There in the new-fallen snow were rabbit footprints to the back door. The male rabbit had gotten out of his cage in the shed. I was left with a wonderful Easter memory.

-Mary Ribky, Richmondville, N.Y.

Pink slippers

Years ago, I was a young mother of three chiklren, ages 3, 2 and 1. Trying to make a 9 a.m. Easter church service is quite a feat considering everyone had to be awakened, cleaned up, fed and dressed properly. At church I settled back to enjoy some serenity and glanced down at the floor. There on my feet were my pink bedroom slippers with silver pom-poms. I was horrified at the time but now our family gets a chuckle out of

-Bonnie Baechtel, Lady Lake, Fla.

Playing Easter Bunny
I love Easter and the spring season. Morn, my two sisters and myself enjoy a family tradition on the night before Easter. We put our children to bed and hop off to play Easter Bunny. We meet at mom's to dye eggs for the grandkids. We enjoy comparing dye kits

and seeing who thought of the most creative designs. My children have received eggs from plain pastels to sequin delights. The best part is the time spent together. We all agree to nudge each other awake at church on Eister morning. No one ever said Easter Bunny work was casy!

-Stacie Bendall, Russellville, Ala.

H good deed and holiday dinner Easter 1970 was memorable for me-not only was I expecting my first child, but a major snowstorm hit during Sunday morning services. Unless we could find someone to put chains on the car-on a holiday-we would never make it to my family's home in the country. One gas station was still open, but the attendant was reluctant to help. Turning to plead with him, my coat fell open. One look at my expanding midsection and he smiled and said, "Sure, come on in." God bless him, we made it to dinner on time.

-Kathy Agamedi, Smithton, Pa.

Easter morning
The sunshine burst through my curtains kaving a fine sliver of light on my lilac wall. Lying in bed, I stretched and wiped the tired from my chocolate-brown eyes. The morning light dropped sparkles of dust that danced like fairies above my head and kissed my ash-blonde cyclashes. Slowly, a smile

moved over my small innocent face. Easter morning at last. Gently, I slid from bed and tiptoed to the door, careful not to make the magic disappear. Closing my eyes tight, wishing a small wish, I swung the door open to a basket filled with rainbow surprises.

-Kim Buda, Greensboro, Md.

Ankle bracelet

It was 1950. I was 12, not grown up, not a kid. I wanted an ankle bracelet, just like my older sister had. When she gave me a chocolate lamb, I was thrilled to see an ankle bracelet around its neck. So proud, I placed it on the mantel. But it was a chilly night and I didn't know my dad was going to turn on the gas stove inside the fireplace. Going to bed, I glanced at the mantel for one last look before sleeping. I was shocked to see my lamb melting, dripping onto the floor! But the ankle bracelet was saved and worn on Easter Sunday.

-Joan Zidek, North Apollo, Pa.

Ten feet tall

The 40 days of Lent, with its somber, dark and brooding time, sent a message of hope as we attended all of the traditional ceremonies in our church. We were taught to give up something we really loved for the Lenten season, and sweets were the most natural choice. It was not easy and temptation was plentiful, but we struggled through the days and on Easter Sunday morning we walked into church with a feeling of pride and accomplishment. When the organist lifted her hands and brought them down on the keyboard playing a glorious rendition of our most favorite hymn, we felt 10 feet tall.

-Jean M. Sullivan, Brookings, Ore.

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Daffodils harvested by a Tucker, Ga., family in the 1940s were sold to buy Easter outfits.



A basket of Pysanky, or Ukrainian Easter eggs, created by Helen Timo of Bentleyville, Pa.

Ukrainian eggs

Once Ash Wednesday gets here, out come my egg dyes and raw eggs at room temperature. This is something that was instilled in me by my Ukrainian mother many, many years ago. Decorating Easter eggs (Pysanky) is a slow process that can't be done in a hurry.

-Helen Timo, Bentleyville, Pa.

Easter jackrabbit

Growing up in the Sandhills of Nebraska as I did, I had, shall we say, a rather unique image of what the Easter Bunny looked like. As a kid, I pictured him looking like all the other rabbits I saw every day near our small ranch. He was big, with long lanky legs, a large tail, and two enormous ears that stood straight up whenever he heard me rustling around the yucca plants that sprouted everywhere around our house. In other words, the Easter

Bunny was a jackrabbit, pure and simple.

—Richard Savino, Longmont, Colo.

Roman centurion

Easter is the most important and meaningful holiday of the year to me. As a Sunday school teacher, I wanted to impress, in a compelling way, the significance of the events of the first Easter on the first through sixth graders in our church. Through drama on Easter in 2005, I portrayed the Roman centurion (army officer) at the cross when Jesus was crucified. There was much to consider in preparing to tell the New Testament account of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection through the person of a first-century soldier to 21st-century students. Recounting those events was a memorable labor of love.

---Andy Campbell, Springfield, Va.

Rite of passage

My favorite Easter memory is the year my mother entrusted me with the Easter Bunny conspiracy and consigned me with a tidy sum to execute the procurement of chocolate bunnies and jelly beans that would fill my younger siblings' baskets. I shopped with a sense of self-importance, viewing

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—Cordella Jeremiason, Willmar, Minn.

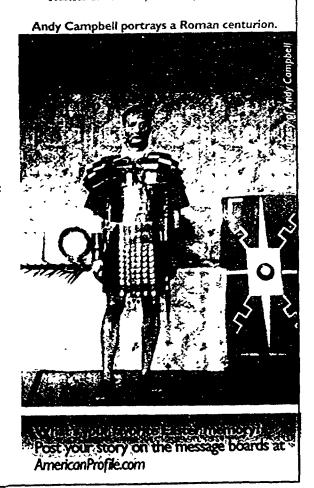
Prayers answered

Easter dawn communion service is my favorite memory of Easter. Colorful hats and flowers were everywhere. I tried not to giggle as the visiting pastor's false teeth clicked into the microphone. We sang favorite hymns with the choir. Delicious smells permeated the air; the after-communion breakfast was being prepared. The flowery smell of corsages was overpowering on an empty stomach. But bacon, eggs and coffee aromas promised prayers would be answered: prayers of food for my stomach as well as pastor's food for my soul.

—Anne Marie Chilingerian, Hesperia, Calif.

Bucket of gold

Each year when the daffodils bloom, I think of my mom. We moved to Tucker, Ga., in 1946. My dad had bought six acres of land and we helped Mom plant daffodils on one acre. When the daffodils were in bloom, we would help her pick and bundle them. After we were off to school, Mom would catch the bus to Decatur, Ga., to sell her bucket of "gold." Times were hard for a family of six, but Mom always made sure we had a nice outfit for Easter. \$\(\times\)—Frances S. Privette, Bonaire, Ga.



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Colorado Farm To Table project helped supply families in need with more than 108,000 pounds

Farming has been a lifelong passion for Madone, who, at age 5, happily picked cherries all day at his parents' orchard in Canon City, Colo. (pop. 15,431). Even as a student at Holy Cross Abbey, a boys' school, he yielded to the springtime temptation of uncultivated fields. Skipping school was a serious offense, but because his teachers knew he was out plowing, they looked the other way. After he graduated, Madone was hired to manage the abbev's farm.

For 23 years Madone farmed until health problems forced him to find less strenuous work. "I thought my farming days were over," he says. So in 1992, he and his wife, Kay, and their two daughters moved to Salida, where he opened an automotive machine shop.

Eventually he regained his health, and the fields beckoned again in 1996 after he built a tractor engine for a rancher. "I saw him on the tractor disking ground for hay, and I went and rode along on the fender," Madone recalls. "I smelled the



dirt and told him I wanted to grow produce." The rancher loaned him two

Growing and enjoying fresh vegetables had him thinking about poor people who weren't so blessed. He looked for opportunities to give it away, and found that area food banks and soup kitchens always were in need of fresh produce.

One beneficiary is the Arkansas Valley Christian Mission, which serves 150 "working poor" families in Buena Vista (pop. 2,195). Mission President Paul McCollister says people are grateful to find fresh produce, which few food banks can offer. "Tony represents three miracles: great produce, great yields and he grows

Growing sweet corn in the mountains is especially tricky. Madone creates extra-wide rows to allow sunlight through to warm the soil, and plantings are staggered to ensure that produce is continuously available during the harvest in August and September.

"You watch that last product go out on the truck, and you know you're supplying something that wouldn't be available to people," volunteer Paul Douglas says. "We're reaching out to show people that Christ cares for them."

He and other volunteers like Brice Lewis and his three daughters began helping Madone about four years ago. "Tony had been doing it all himself," Lewis says.

In 2005, Madone expanded his farming to five acres, after a food bank offered



Madone and volunteers harvest sweet corn for a food bank in Buena Vista, Colo.

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Counting on grant money, the Madones invested their life savings and took out a \$10,000 loan. Tony even closed his machine shop to work 15-hour days in the field. Unfortunately, the grants never came through and the Madones were left to fund the entire operation.

"Tony took a leap of faith with his own money," Lewis says. "It was hard on all of us. But he never quit."

"It broke my heart," Madone says. "I didn't know how I could plant in the spring."

But an article in Salkla's Mountain Mail newspaper and subsequent letters to the editor from local church pastors turned things around. People sent money and volunteer ranks swelled from a handful of people to around 40. Today, Colorado Farm To Table has a board of directors and nonprofit status with the Internal Revenue Service.

The Madones live on income from Kay's job with a local cable provider, and Tony dreams of planting another 10 acres.

"I have a God-given talent," Tony says, "and I want to share my blessings with those less fortunate."

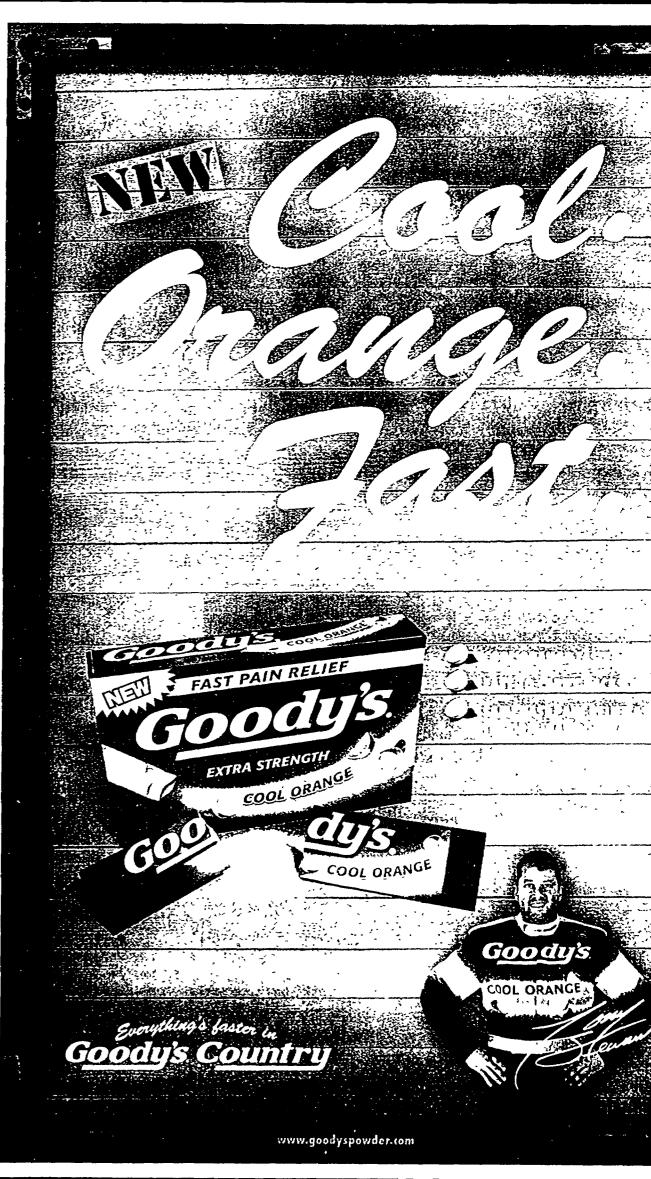
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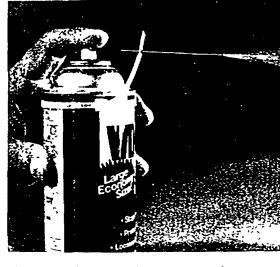
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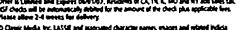
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Cocoa Devil's Food Cake

- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
- l cup chopped pecans (optional)

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Cocoa Devil's Food Cake

Cake:

- 1¼ cups granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup solid vegetable shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1½ cups sifted all-purpose flour
- tablespoons cocoa powder
- teaspoon salt
- 1½ teaspoons baking soda
 - cup buttermilk
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- I. Preheat oven to 350F. Lightly grease and flour a 13-by-9-inch baking dish.
- 2. To prepare the cake, beat granulated sugar and shortening with a mixer until creamy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.
- 3. Sift flour, cocoa, salt and baking soda together in a separate bowl. Add flour mixture alternately with buttermilk to creamed mixture until evenly blended. Add vanilla and beat 2 minutes. Pour into pan and bake about 25 minutes.
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Entertainment Editor

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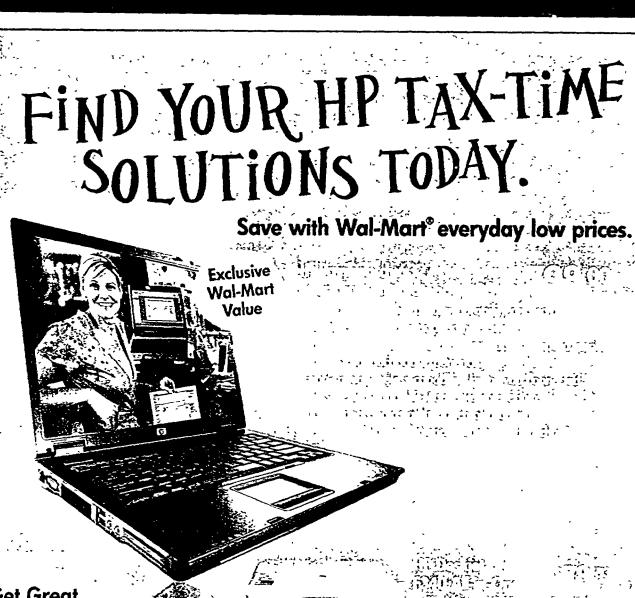
repeatedly risking their lives to bring supplies and equipment to troops behind enemy lines, frequently in complete darkness with only a compass and a flashlight to guide them. As one of the pilots inter-

viewed says, the "G" in their emblem stood for "guts" as well as "glider." U.S. Army veterans Andy Rooney and Walter Cronkite contribute commentary.

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"Every day, people thank us for reopening," says Nau, 44. In August 2004, she and her sister, Ann Flesor Beck, reopened the old-fashioned candy store with its soda fountain and luncheonette started by their grandfather, Gus Flesor, in 1901. Their parents, Betty and Paul Flesor, ran the store until 1975.

Although nearly 30 years had passed, the Flesor sisters found and bought back the original fixtures—the marble soda fountain, wooden booths and Tiffany-style lamps. Amazingly, every fountain stool, copper kettle and glass candy case had

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Paul, 5, and Alexis Nau, 7, admire chocolates at their family's candy store.

been warehoused by the antique dealer who bought the building.

"He'd negotiate to sell them, and the deal would fall through," Nau says. "We felt as though he was waiting for us."

Call it providence—the sisters do—because they were able to bring back Grandpa's candy store just the way it used to be and to rekindle memories for an entire town.

Randy Hastings, 45, a local real estate agent, remembers peeking in the candy cases as a child and seeing them all frilled up for Easter with chocolate bunnies, chicks, lambs and the store specialty—hollow eggs filled with hand-dipped chocolate creams with the customer's name written in icing.

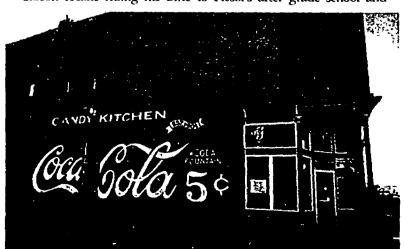
"Growing up, Dad would get us five kids the big chocolate rabbits and eggs with our names and hide them around the house," Hastings says. Today, he carries on the tradition and hides a chocolate Easter egg with "Turner" written on it for his 6-year-old son.

"I don't know of anyone else who still personalizes the eggs," Nau says.

The sisters use their grandfather's recipes for 40 varieties of candy—chocolates, divinity, caramels, toffee, horehound—made with real butter, heavy cream and Guittard chocolate. Nau's son, Nick, 16, makes most of the homemade ice cream and her younger children, Alexis, 7, and Paul, 5, stand on milk crates to chop walnuts in a hand-cranked grinder.

"It's as good a chocolate as you'll find," says customer Bill Carson, 59, who sends the hand-dipped chocolate cashews to his brothers on both coasts. "My brothers bite into them and it's like they're 12 and 13 again."

Carson recalls riding his bike to Flesor's after grade school and



Flesor's has offered tasty confections to generations of Tuscola, III., residents.

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savoring an ice cream sundae with his parents after church. "Everything is original, right back to the wooden telephone booth," he says. "You can sit there and remember your high school girlfriend and the booth you sat in."

Memories like these tugged at the Flesor sisters soon after 9/11 when they noticed that the vacant, ramshackle building was for sale. "We couldn't wait to get out of Tuscola in the '70s," says Beck, 52. "Dad never insisted that we work in the store." She ended up on the East Coast working as a management consultant; Nau stayed closer to home and taught English at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston (pop. 21,039).

Yet, seeing the old store for sale with "Flesor Bros" visible under the grime in blue and white mosaic tiles in the entryway under-

scored where they belonged.

"To me, this was home," Beck says. "It was about getting back to the fundamentals." Sitting at her mother's table, "I started this whole big speech about 'if you could do anything with your life," Beck says. "My mother leaned over in the middle of the speech and said, 'You want to buy the store, don't you?"' Nau quickly added, "I do, too"



Sisters Devon Nau and Ann Flesor Beck reopened Flesor's Candy Kitchen in 2004.

With personal savings, loans and grants, the sisters revived the building from top to bottom-from a new roof and restored tin ceiling to new sewer pipes and heating. As they worked alongside contractors, they left the front door open so townspeople could check the progress of the building.

They'd walk in and tell us about the place and say, 'In 1935, the cigars were over here," Nau says. Sometimes, okl-timers would argue about the location of certain store fixtures.

"Everybody in town appreciates the efforts of the Flesor girls," Hastings says. "We all get to relive our childhood memories." 🆈

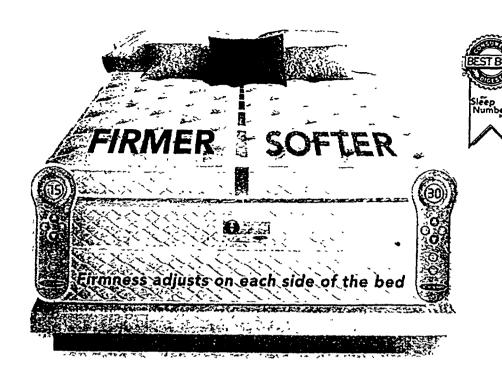
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