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Matriarch creates tradition of music

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Gladys Evans, "Glad" to her friends, is a portrait of elegance perched at her piano.

Grasping her mother's legacy, she has filled her family home with classical music since the age of 8. Her life's song has been lively and joyful, mournful and hope-

Nestled in her Woodhill Drive home for 45 years, the matriarch's fingers still caress tender love notes to her late husband, Tad. But her repertoire also includes upbeat ditties to the next generation of talent as her children and grandchildren record their own musical accomplishments

Evans' ongoiff melody underscores a lasting, spiritual founda-tion of family love.

Musical inspiration

Early on, Evans instilled musical appreciation into her two sons and two daughters.

Today, Northville resident Suzie Johnson teases her mom about force-fed piano lessons yard with her brothers. On the other hand, eldest daughter, Stacey Becker of Novi, took the ball and ran with it, opting for a career in music.

Both speak with proud awe of their mother's ability.

"I have always aspired to play as well as she does," said Becker, an accomplished pianist and music therapist. "It was actually my mom who encouraged me to go that route.

"I think she was someone who has always understood my passion

for music." A full-time music teacher at

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The love of music runs in the family of Gladys Evans, center. She raised her daughters Suzie Johnson, left, and Stacey Becker in a household of music. Granddaughter Erica Johnson recently earned the lead role of Maria in the Northville High School production of "The Sound of Music."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Trash cans are placed at the curb of a residence northwest of Eight Mile and Novi Road. The City of Northville is replacing its solid waste contractor effective June 1.

DUMPED: City hires new solid waste company

Pick-up days to remain same at June 1 change

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Put the trash out, leave for work.

Come home from work, the trash is still out - not a wel-

come sight.

Becky Dozier, clerk for the Northville Department of Public Works, has fielded many phoned-in, bad-trash scenarios during the past few months. Couple countless complaints with a better price from another collection contraccanned.

That's what happened Monday night when the Northville City Council unanimously voted to dump Inkster-based Painter and Ruthenberg in favor of Waste Management of Michigan, the self-described "leading provider of waste and environmental services in North America.'

"I will guess that complaints will substantially decrease," said Jim Gallogly, public works director. "It's tough on that front-line call answer - those calls shouldn't come åt all.

"This past year has been a

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Corriveau counters trash talk

Anti-tax posters criticizing the vote by Northville's state representative on pending solid waste legis--lation was part of the

The literature circulated by Michigan Taxpayers Alliance Monday in 20th District communities represented by Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) called his vote to increase the landfill surcharge "trashing your wallet."

From the podium at the council meeting Monday, Corriveau said the group misrepresented his support to raise the tipping fee from 21 cents to \$7.50 per ton, adding the increase would bring Michigan in line with neighboring states.

Corriveau said bumping up the landfill tax was intended to discourage the stream of out-of-state garbage into Michigan

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SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTION: Smith and Price earn voters' approval

■ Voter turnout 15.3 percent in Wayne County

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Although she felt final results were still "up in the air" the morning after the election, Marilyn Price said she was glad she and fellow incumbent Libby Smith had recaptured their seats on the Northville School Board.

"We're waiting for verification from the Board of Carwassers, but it appears that Libby and I have won."

Unofficial results late Wednesday morning showed Price attracted the most votes at 1,816. Smith was next with 1,513 votes. Carol Grimmer followed with 1,479 votes, with

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Northville Public Schools - Two four-year trustee positions

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Carol Grimmer	248	1056	162	1	5	7	1479
Steve Lomske	263	840	172	4	9	6	1294
*Marilyn Price #	469	1047	281	7	10	2	1816
*Libby Smith #	384	856	259	9	3	2	1513

* Denotes winners; # denotes incumbents

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Tradition of music binds family

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Novi Middle School, Becker and her husband, Gary, are known for their First United Methodist Church of Northville program, where Stacey has served as director of music for 33 years.

The years Becker spent at the piano bench, practicing, imitating her mother's dedication, became a bridge to her livelihood.

"I think it was destiny," she said.
"My first memory is of my mom
playing the organ at the Methodist
church in Romeo where we lived
then."

As a fourth grader, Becker joined her mother in a piano and organ duet, playing in public for the first time.

Family harmony

Johnson cherishes the beautiful sight and sound of her mother at the keyboard.

Evans' hands coaxing classical selections from the shiny black piano set the scene daily in the pale pastel living room at the center of their childhood home. Evans finds solace in her regimen, fulfilled by the company of the music.

"It's the feeling of everyone being home," she said. "Plus, it keeps my fingers going."

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Before and since the loss of their dad six years ago and brother Scott Evans' death the year before, Glad's four grown children and their families simultaneously converge at the Evans Northville home at least twice a year. Standing tradition for the annual celebrations involves gathering around the piano.

"I think it's been part of the marriage agreement," Johnson said with a laugh. Holidays with the Evans family has always been akin to a von Trapp event.

"Growing up, we used to go around the neighborhood," Johnson recalled. "My brother Steve had the trumpet, Scott, the French horn, I had jingle bells. We had pots and pans.

"Everybody loved the Evans' Christmas. It was fun."

But while mom was poised with her classically trained precision, dad would pump out boogie-woogie, playing by ear. Childhood memories are a home filled with music.

Now, Johnson and her husband, Mark, are watching their family's musical roots grow again.

A love song

Like Evans followed the keystrokes of her mother who played organ at their_family_church_in Ireland, successive generations are sharing their talents. And Glad has been relishing her front row seat for her grandchildren's accomplishments.

Johnson and Becker daughters both won the lead role in high school musicals their sophomore year. Evans keeps a professional glossy on her piano of Betsie Becker, who subsequently earned a position at Carnegie Hall after completing her vocal arts education.

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At Northville High School last month, Erica Johnson won the audience's hearts as Maria in "The Sound of Music."

Grandmother and granddaughter recalled Johnson's attraction to music as a little girl.

"I'd always sit at the piano," she said. "I always just wanted to hear her play and just dance around." Evans glowed as she described

her granddaughter's growth.
"I was amazed the other night to hear this voice," she said, "It's hard to keep the tears from coming. I'm

just really pleased. I know their

grandfather would be, too."

Spiritually in tune

And in the Evans house, the music plays on, reaching a wider audience, continuing the legacy.

"Hopefully, I'm going to teach her piano lessons this summer," Evans said of Erica,

In addition to establishing a musical foundation in their own children, the Beckers have touched thousands of lives, growing First United Methodist's youth program from a fledgling handful in the 1970s to hundreds of kids singing God's praises today — as taught by the generation before them.

"Mom's incredible," Stacey said, "Music is an outlet for her, for me. It is therapeutic.

"As with all of us, it's a connection — for my mom too, with her and my dad.

"It's very spiritual. Very emotional."

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■ Dumped: City hires new solid waste company

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tough one for Painter and Ruthenberg — service has been less than what we would desire."

Seamless transition

Gallogly said the June 1 transition to a new solid waste collection company should be seamless for City of Northville households.

That's when Waste Management will begin collecting solid waste, recyclables and compost according to the same schedule; Monday north of Eight Mile Road, and Tuesday for everybody else.

As part of their vote, council

members directed the staff to work with the city attorney to properly end it's current arrangement with Painter and Ruthenberg, the city's residential contractor since the public works ceased supplying the service 25 years ago.

After sporadic pick-up times during the past year, Gallogly said customers will have to get re-accustomed to putting items at the curb by 7 a.m. on their specified day. Public works solid waste guidelines are detailed on the city's Web site, www.ci.northville.mi.us.

Despite a personal appeal by Paul Ruthenberg, council members said the volume of complaints and competitor's price forced a break from tradition.

Better value

Gallogly said customers won't pay to switch vendors. In fact, the \$1.8 million five-year contract for both residential and commercial services awarded to low bidder Waste Management will cost the city less than budgeted based on the Painter and Ruthenberg contract.

Gallogly said savings generated by the new, lower rate will be returned to the city's self-supporting solid waste enterprise fund. "We'll be able to hold off future rate increases," he said.

However, property owners could see a \$12 annual price increase if a dumping tax pending in the state legislature is signed by the governor.

Gallogly explained the proposed governmental landfill surcharge — equating to \$1 per month maximum for each household — would be passed on to consumers, regardless of which company the city awarded the contract.

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Corriveau counters trash talk

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landfills, not hurt state residents. He told the council the proposed measure includes a provision to reimburse cities like Northville.

In light of the state's track record for returning promised revenue, Mayor Christopher 'Johnson said he was wary of a pledge from Lansing to hold local governments harmless.

While acknowledging Corriveau's rationale for supporting the measure, Johnson said he would like to see an "iron-clad" method to pay back cities like Northville the costs they incur as a result of the plan.

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Jim Gallogly Northville public works director

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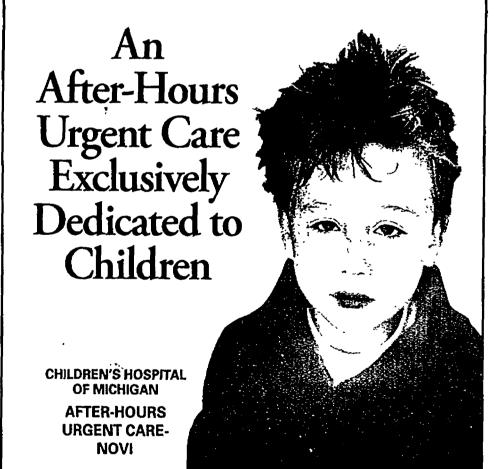
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Pack your bags: Annual letter carrier food drive this weekend

■ Teen scouts leading effort to lenď a hand to local needy

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Letter carriers and boy scouts are mobilizing a mighty philanthropic force this weekend.

Across the country, U.S. Postal Service employees for the 15th year are volunteering their muscle to collect food items while running their Saturday route. In Northville, two high school juniors in pursuit of the esteemed Eagle scout award are helping coordinate the local collection.

Last weekend, Dan Ketchum of Troop 755 and Max Catanese of Troop 777 split Northville neighborhoods — delivering pink or yellow fliers - asking their neighbors to donate nonperishable food. A postcard from the post office announcing the food drive followed this week,

This Saturday, the boys will man two Seven Mile Road locations as volunteer scouts, church members, students, club representatives and their families move mountains of food toward local emergency service headquarters, Northville Civic Concern.

Growing need

director, said this is the largest coordinated effort yet to collect food for Northville's needy. With a recent count of client families at an all-time high of 117, it comes at a time when the need is greatest.

"This is at minimum a fourmonth shelving drive for Civic Concern," Kunz said. "As well as the kids have coordinated it, we're hoping for six months of canned goods."

Clients who seek Civic Concern assistance - often reluctantly, as a last resort receive help in the form of biweekly grocery distribution. Kunz, who processes qualification paperwork, has been hearing stories about job loss, lack of insurance to cover medical expenses and the rising cost of

Jan Catanese, a long-time Civic Concern volunteer, said clients using scarce cash toward gas to get to work are short when it comes time to buy food. Max previously worked alongside his mom at the food pantry.

But he and Ketchum, pals through First Presbyterian Church, are stepping into a larg-er role this weekend, attempting to show the leadership needed to earn Eagle scout designation.

Ketchum's mother, Debbie. said the boys have worked independently, but in concert, to develop a plan with Kunz' blessing to coordinate the volunteers who will follow the letter carriers, picking up the groceries.

'It feels like we're really helping people, even if we don't see Marlene Kunz, Civic Concern it directly," Ketchum said.



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Northville Boy Scouts Max Catanese, left, and Dan Ketchum are helping to get the word out about the upcoming food drive on Saturday. Postal carriers Dianne Landers, Ken Evola and others will gather food donations that day as they deliver mail - to benefit Northville Civic Concern.

History of assistance

Civic Concern is fortunate the Northville postal workers have been designating the local agency as the food drive recipient since it started, she said. Letter carrier Betty Karsten is repeating her role as food coordination representative at the Wing Street facility.

Kunz said this is the seventh

year leagues of volunteers trailed the carriers to help transport the groceries.

Meanwhile, as many as 10 boy scouts have selected Civic Concern as the target of their eagle award efforts.

"It's really nice because it's important for them and important for us," Kunz said, adding anyone interested can still volunteer because of the number of — from collection routes

Pheasant Run to Northville Colony Estates.

'We need drivers for subdivisions - they can do it as a family if they want," Kunz said. "Or, they can sort for the day.

"What a nice way to spend Mother's Day weekend."

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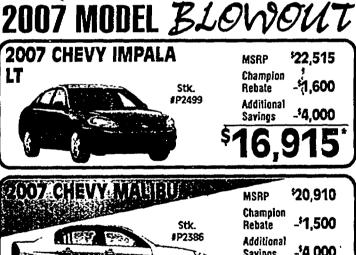


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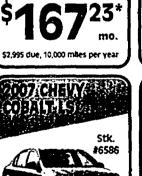


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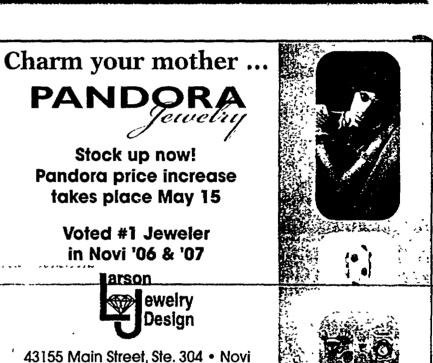
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Incumbents win both trustee seats in Northville

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Steve Lomske collecting 1,294. Board members serve four-year

These results include votes from all six jurisdictions in the Northville School District: city of Northville, Northville Township, Lyon Township, city of Novi, Novi Township and Salem Township.

"I am delighted that Libby and I have been re-elected and to have retained our seats," Price said. "We're both committed to the work we started for the district and to help solve the difficult issues the district faces." Smith was not available for comment at press

Price said in the immediate future, "If the shortfall from the state comes through, one of the first things we'll have to address is the \$830,000 cut, which will Election night meeting happen June 1."

Voter turnout was low, with only 11.84 percent for Northville Township, 14.9 percent for Oakland County and 15.3 percent for Wayne County, said Sue Hillebrand, Northville Township

"I'm always disappointed when the turnout is that low," Hillebrand said. "Elections are a lot of work, and the school board issues are important. I'm always concerned when a small percentage of people make decisions for the community."

Hillebrand said election officials in the township were anticipating a higher turnout for this election — more like about 20 percent of registered voters.

"We did have almost twice as many absentee voters over those who came to the polls,"
Hillebrand said. "And, at least
the percentage is up from last

which has adopted election by mail, averages a voter turnout in the 90-percentile range. "And in Australia, voters who

Hillebrand noted that Oregon,

fail to vote are fined via their driver license," she said.

School board candidates attended a board meeting on election night.

amended Members schools' budget and recognized students who participated in the National PTA Reflections Program. This national program awards students' achievement in the arts on a school, state and national level.

Board members celebrated the completion of the Galileo Leadership Program for teachers. Members of the new Galileo Cohort include Denise Brockman, Dr. Donna Chase, Shannon Cullen and Dr. Hubert

They also approved the hiring of a new principal for Moraine Elementary School - Denise Bryan — and the merger of the Western Lakes Activities Association and the Kensington Valley Conference, which will now be the Kensington Lakes Activity Association.

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Photo by Cal Stone Ready to dash! Next Thursday, 100 cou-

ples will gather for unique fund-raiser, "Art Dash," hosted by Laurie and Terry Marrs at St. John's Inn and Conference Center in Plymouth. Arbor Hospice and Home Care receives all the proceeds from the annual event where ticketholders "dash" for one of the donated artworks during dinner, a live auction and entertainment. The Flower Alley is donating approximately 30 centerpieces for the event. Shown is LeeAnn Bowman-Adam, who owns the Novi shop with her husband, Jeff Adam. They are one of many local businesses who contribute goods and services to help raise money for the non-profit agency that provides care for families of terminally ill patients.



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New sparkle: Orin giving \$500 in jewelry to one NHS senior

Just a weekend away ... Northville's Relay for Life is coming to Ford Field May 19-20. One of the many ways for the publie to participate is the silent auction 2-4 p.m. Saturday. A new twist this year - Relay teams have been assembling theme baskets - gardening, quilting, baseball, ice cream, you get the idea. Other great boxes include a downtown shopping "Bonanza"; "No! Don't Know What We're Having for Dinner!"; an electronics package and autographed sports memorabilia So, plan to get down to Ford Field to boost the bidding — it's for a great cause — to help fight cancer!

This is cool ... when you visit Margene Buckhave's new store, GG Resort, in Northville Square, check out the "clock" table. The table top is one of four faces taken from the Buckhave's other development at the corner of Center and Dunlap streets, the former First Methodist United Church. Interesting piece of history ...

Wildflower fans were out in earnest last weekend. Thanks to organization and publicity by Friends of Maybury State Park. interpreters Selena Browne and Karen Gurley welcomed 80 visi-

growing along the forest paths.

Now that spring is in the air ... check out the staff at Motor City Car Wash on East Main Street! Tropical shirts put you in the mood for summer time cruising in a clean car ...

Been spring cleaning? The Lange family is hosting a garage sale May 17-19 to benefit the Kids for Afghan Kids Project. Monday through Wednesday, donate goods to sell at 229 High Street - all proceeds will go to the outreach effort supported by local kids.

And speaking of outreach ... Northville residents are among those planning to participate in the second annual "Walk2gether" May 20 event along the Detroit riverfront to promote diversity. For information on the fund-raiser for Michigan Roundtable's youth programs, diversity www.miroundtable.org.

And speaking of supporting each other ... the tally is in for the inaugural Northville Drive for the Needy organized by the Busch's Five Mile Road store and the Northville Chamber of

tors to check out native species Commerce. In-store and business donations totaled \$7,460, meaning 100 Northville Civic Concern client families will receive a \$40 gift basket in time for Mother's Day. Now, that's neighborly!

> It's not just rendering on Cady Street ... Representatives from Grissim Metz Andriese and Associates, the downtown design firm behind the town square expansion, opened the Northville Parks and Recreation co-ed softball season with a 14-12 trouncing of last year's league champions. Coyote Golf Course. They came out swinging on a sunny, windy Sunday!

Speaking of the town square expansion plans ... if you want a front row seat for what's planned when the shovels hit dirt later this month, visit city hall for the design committee meeting tonight!

And while you're out and about downtown ... don't forget to pick up something for Mom. Mother's Day is this Sunday.

Also this weekend ... remember to put out grocery donations for the letter carriers annual food drive benefiting Northville Civic Concern. And Maybury Farm's first Trot of Animals fund-raiser to help collect feed money is Saturday. Still time to participate ...

And speaking of Maybury Farm ... this summer's Rustic Chef competitions resume later this month. Professionals, novices and king-of-their-own kitchen chefs are welcome to participate for iron skillet honors. Call (248)

Last weekend, Winchester Elementary fifth grader Michelle Helner had another special cause in mind. With her proud mom, Jennifer, and uncle, Brian Gatt, at her side, she donated six inches of her hair to "Children with Hairloss, Inc.." an agency that makes wigs for children who lose their hair due to an illness. Michelle was motification then loss of her grandfather to lym-

phoma. Nice job, Michelle.

Speaking of hair ... Seventeen Magazine's June issue that hit newstands Tuesday features Northville resident Jasmine Black, 14, one of 17 girls sharing their secrets for having hot hair. By sending photos to the magazine, Black was selected from more than 5,000 readers to be deemed one of Seventeen's "Best-Tressed Girls in America.'

And speaking of local "celebrities" ... Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art on Center Street is hosting modern-day impressionist Tom Slack's exhibit "Northville's Who's Who" through the end of the month. His collection of original oil portraits features some of our "movers and shakers." Check it out!

Thanks for the contributions ... as part of \$15 million in grants recently presented by Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan, Northville Public Schools received \$15,300 to support our program to help students with developmental disabilities from 16 school districts in Wayne County to gain practical work experience. They are improving the quality of life

Speaking of contributing ... want to volunteer a few hours for the community's annual tradition - the 4th of July parade? Host Community Northville Foundation is looking for people to help line up the 2,000 entries 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. parade day. Call (248) 374-0200.

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Word is the First Fridays Art and Fashion Walk and late night fashion show at NOMI were hoppin' last weekend! The hot vehicles Alex Hamka's valet service was parking in front of the West Main Street nightspot were a sight to see. It's not just your daddy's Northville anymore!

It's starts with Northville High School seniors visiting the store at the corner of Main and Center to fill out a wish list ... On May 18, Orin Jewelers will pull from the lists collected the winner of \$500 in jewelry. Store manager Orin Mazzoni III said wish lists will be mailed to parents as suggestions for graduation gifts. And for one lucky winner - extra sparkle just in time for prom!



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WWII veteran U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jesse Westmeier (Ret.) hands out ballots at Moraine Elementary last Tuesday as he and his wife Happy worked the polls for the 12th year in a row.



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■ Couple hosts baby clothing collection drive next weekend

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

"Make sure you have something to retire to.'

When Bob Harmer wrapped up his 35-year career with Ford in January, he heeded those words of advice from a fellow former automotive executive.

Harmer, 58, had kept a frenzied pace, raising three children with his wife, Sandy, while logging 170-hour work weeks. Slamming on the brakes was not an option.

So, the engineer is plotting his new leisure time the way he traveled the career fast-track carefully, with commitment. Next weekend, the couple is using their Pheasant Hills subdivision home as a drop-off site for the Lennon Center, a Dearborn Heights facility that helps pregnant women.

"After working at the fast pace of automotive, I could not see staying at home with my feet up," Harmer said. "Things like this occurred to me, but I wasn't able to take much action due to a lack of time."

Like many driven, newly retired individuals, Harmer will help fuel community service efforts with his professional planning experience.

A worthwhile mission

A neighbor introduced the Harmers to the Lennon Center's mission of helping prepare pregnant women prior to the baby's birth and for the following five

years.
The facility offers counseling. life enrichment classes, material goods and other services to clients age 11-46 in 52 cities in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe counties. Center director Laura Dyas said her staff receives more than 1,000 calls per month from women in need of assistance.

Harmer said he was impressed with the center's ongoing support for the mothers into their child's fifth year. A tour of the facility clinched the couple's conviction to back Lennon's pro-

"I said, 'We have a van, we can collect a bunch of this stuff and take it over there," Harmer

"It's not what can we do about those huge numbers. It's if you can make a difference with one. That's huge.'

Through St. James Holy Family parish drives and other projects, the Harmer family has a history of community service involvement. But they're not sure how people will respond to this inaugural baby item collection in their own back yard.

"This is far from engineering." Bob said. "It seems there are a lot of people out there who might be interested in something like that.

"What if we really organized that (retired) work force?

A formidable force

Far from ready to park, careerminded men and women in and around the Northville area are revving up second careers in philanthropy.

Municipal posts, non-profit committees and volunteer commissions boast rosters of neighbors fresh off years in corporate

Baby, items collection

What: Donations of new and used baby clothing, cribs, strollers, baby bottles, blankets, crib sheets, swings, diapers, formula.

When: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 18-19, noon-3 p.m., Sunday, May 20

Where: 969 Coldspring Court in the Pheasant Hills subdivision accessible from Eight Mile Road, just east of **Beck Road**

Why: Items will be taken to Lennon Center, a Dearborn Heights pregnancy crisis facility
Tax-deductible: Receipts

available at drop-off For info: (248) 347-2868

In Harmer's case, a life-threatening car crash one Christmas created his drive to retire and redirect his passion. A Ford buyout package in January enabled him to take the step.

"That was a life-changing event for me," he said. "It was at that point it was apparent to me that God was keeping me

"It wasn't just to put in 70 hours at Ford. It must be more than that."

A Ford volunteer corps director advised Harmer to take his time deciding how to spend his newfound free time. Many times, executives fearing boredom overcommit before they realize lots of golf fit the bill.

That's partly why I wanted to retire, finding time for some of

"It's not what can we do about those huge numbers. It's if you can make a difference with one. That's huge."

these other things," Harmer said. me, it was all in a few split seconds - it occurred to me. The kids are grown and gone,

"I had a sense of these things I should be doing for a long time." Harmer left his profession as director of body exterior engineering with a smile on his face, not sure where he was headed

but certain of his intent. 'Now, I know what I want to men's conference, the Lennon Center," he said, "I'm still in the process of filling out my meeting cadence.

'You can get in a hurry when your life is 'full'."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville residents Sandy and Bob Harmer will be conducting a clothing and baby items drive from their home to benefit the Lennon Center in Dearborn Heights to assist new mothers.

more involved in," he said. "For spend my time doing - the

so this is a great opportunity."

Harmer also hopes to find a

larger role in his tradition of

attending the Catholic Men's

Conference held each March.

And he's keeping his options

"That's something else I'll get

Bob Harmer Volunteer

Middle school students read for fun of it

dents answered as a team, for prizes and bragging rights. already ----{planning to repeat event next year

After poring over pages for months, students were ready to show off their knowledge.

By all accounts, the Northville District Library's inaugural Battle of the Books held at Northville High School April 24 was a huge success. Thirty nine teams including 167 sixth, seventh and eight

graders competed. "It was awesome," said teen librarian Suzanne services Schimanski-Gross, who planned the event with part-time librarian Karen Fehl. "Karen and I have been swamped reading e-mails of compliments and great suggestions for improvement.

"We are working to make it even better this year.

Librarians selected a variety of books, including mystery, sports, adventure, fantasy, historical fiction and realistic fiction genres. They compiled the questions stu-

dents answered as a team, vying

Triumphant in 'Battle' Official results for the Battle of the Books hosted by the

Northville District Library are: First Place team: Book Keepers From Jupiter

Managers: Jenny Lin and Vivienne Lucksom Members: Jay Tyan, Joshua

Lucksom, Vikas Venugopal, Yashas Singri, David Song Second Place Team: Radian

Readers Managers: Janet Cheaney and Cecile Zacharias Lomske

Members: Allison Boss, Katherine Coleman, Laura Cheaney, Kelly Sweeney, Natalie Lomske, Emily Pasek

Managers: Claire Kim and Brian Cho Members: Christine Cho,

Third Place Team: Smoothies

Hannah Kim, Krista Rodriguez, Hai Wen Yu, Sarah Hennessy, Stephanie Hong

Best Costume: BiblioChicas Manager: Sharon Simkins



Zach Heller, left, and Charlie May, both 12, were part of team "The Allies" that competed in last week's Battle of the Books at Northville High School. The battle, organized by the Northville District Library, featured teams of Meads and Hillside middle schoolers who read and then answered

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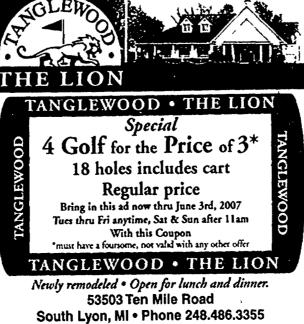


quiz show-like questions about a wide variety of books.

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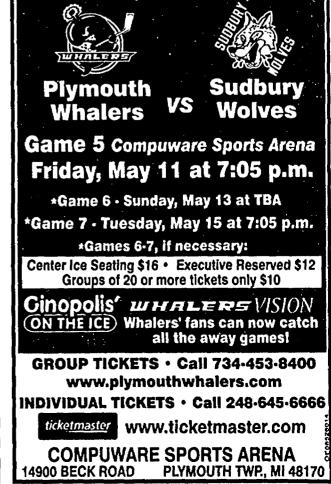


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May 4 meeting

All members present. Next meeting: May 21

New solid waste contractor

The Northville City Council awarded a five-year \$1.8 million contract to Waste Management of Michigan for residential and commercial solid waste, recyclables and compost collection effective June 1. Staff was directed to work with the city attorney to end its current arrangement with Inkster-based Painter and Ruthenberg. The city's four-year contract with Republic Waste Services for commercial solid waste collection services expires May 31.

Ciarifying conflict of interest

The council unanimously approved an amendment to the planning commission's by-laws attempting to reduce conflict-of-interest concerns while retaining local experts willing to provide community service. The rules now say that an excused member shall not participate as a commissioner in the discussion of an agenda item, but may speak as an authorized agent for the applicant as part of the applicant's presentation.

Expanding mutual aid

The council unanimously approved revisions to the Western Wayne Mutual Aid Association agreement, adding the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township to the plan for shared emergency services, and amending language regarding the association's federal tax status.

Catalog printer selected

The council unanimously agreed to pay \$17,160 to low bidder ID Enterprises of Livonia to publish the Northville Parks and Recreation department's three program catalogs during the coming fiscal year.

Portable stage purchased

The council unanimously approved the \$59,892 purchase of a portable stage system from Signature Audio Services of Wixom. Paid for with a Wayne County Parks millage program grant, the movable staging will be used in community parks, on downtown streets and the expanded town square, as well as inside the Northville Senior Community Center.

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Downtown surveyor hired

In a 4-1 vote, the council agreed to pay \$19,700 to the Novi-based engineering firm of Zeimet Wozniak to survey blocks of Mary Alexander Court, and Main, Dunlap, Hutton, Center and Cady streets in preparation for future downtown improvement projects. Stating his concern about the current town square expansion project, Council member Tom Swigart voted "no." "I think Phase One is a mistake, Phase Two will be an even bigger mistake," he said.

Authority by-laws amended

The council unanimously approved amendments to the Northville Downtown Development Authority's bylaws. Specifically, the authority established five subcommittees—design, business mix, marketing, organization and parking—to serve as the mechanism for implementing the city's strategic plan.

During council comment

Council member Jim Allen, planning commission liaison, reported final planned-unit-development zoning had been approved May I for CVS to move to Dunlap Street and the Center Street Square retail/residential project to proceed at the corner of Center and Rayson streets.

On the consent agenda

The council unanimously approved several items, including:
• a request by the VFW
Auxiliary Post 4012 to solicit on downtown streets today through Saturday. Members will distribute poppies to benefit disabled veterans at intersections of Main and Center, Center and Dunlap streets 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

• a special event request for the Northville Central Business Association and Northville Chamber of Commerce to host downtown Flower Days Friday and Saturday, May 25-26

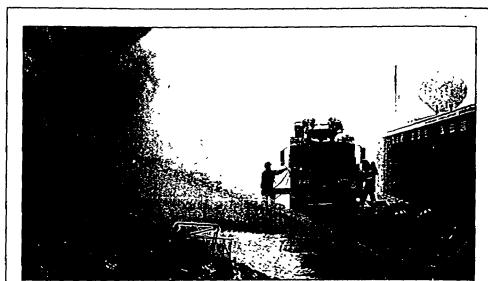
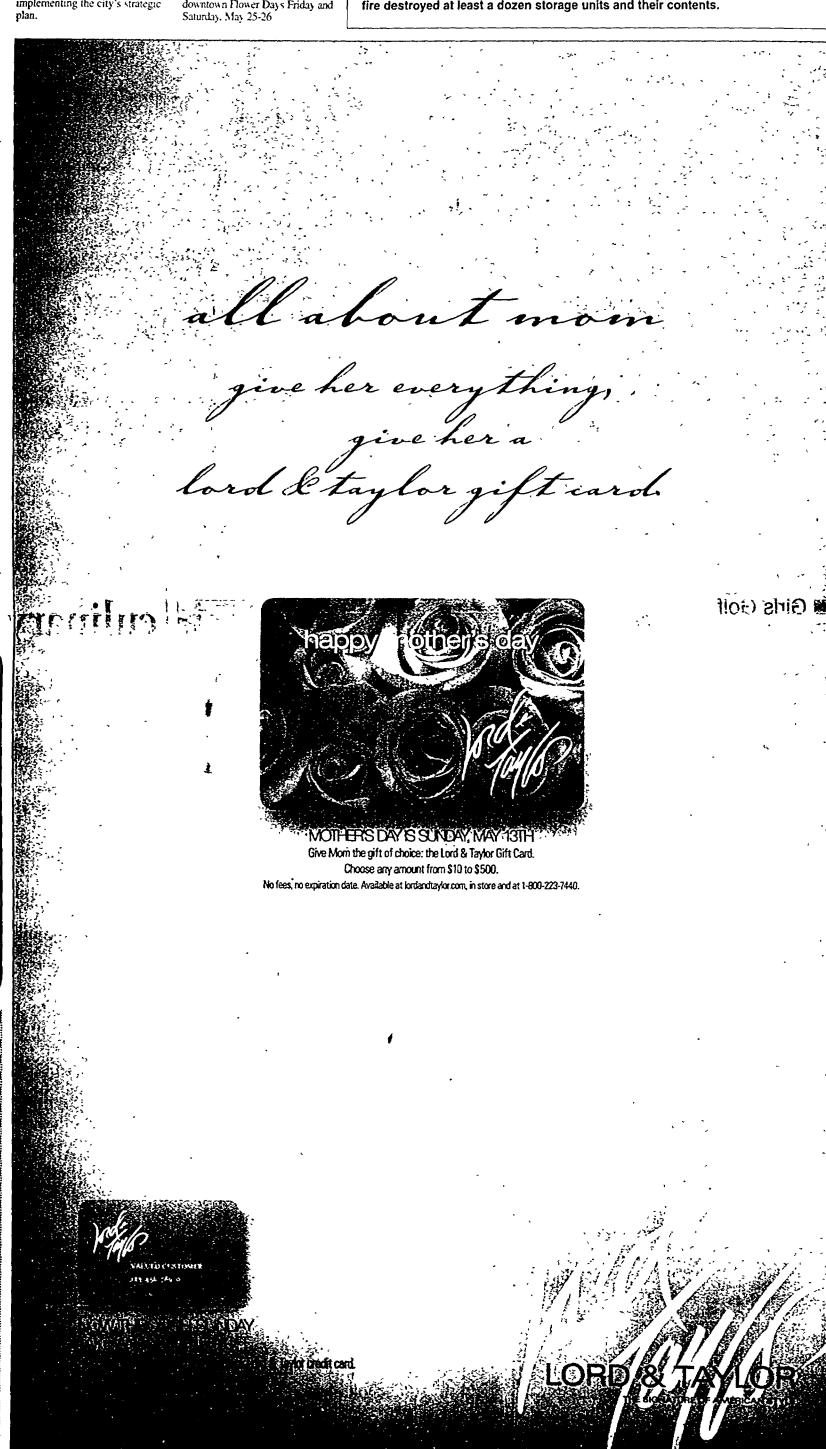


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Helping out

Northville Township firefighters helped their Plymouth counterparts in battling this blaze at Plymouth Township's Storage Unlimited last Thursday afternoon. The fire destroyed at least a dozen storage units and their contents.



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Webkinz world: Kids buy into latest collectible craze

■ Parents buy animals as, safe, fun outlet for children

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Nathan Lane was disappointed - not even a poodle left.

Last Friday, the 10-year-old Northville Christian School pupil stood in a line of youngsters aspiring to own a pug, hippo or Chihuahua outside Baby Bliss on Main Street. Word came just 35 minutes after the sale period started: Sorry, sold out until next

"We're just lucky to get some in," said store owner Colleen McInnis as she consoled parents, sons and daughters. "It's just constant. Constant phone calls."

If your kid can reach a key-board and still thinks stuffed animals are cool, chances are your household has heard word of Webkinz.

The latest toy craze that couples cuddly with computers has been a blessing and a curse for

Supply and demand

McInnis and her husband, Trevor, were expecting two shipments of Webkinz again this week. Since the pet-via-the-Internet phenomenon swept into Northville, the merchants have been trying to keep pace with demand for the \$10.95 and \$8.25 plush toys.

"It didn't start getting big until the sidewalk sale (in August)," Trevor said. "Then, it really caught on.

"When school started, it went

On Friday, Baby Bliss received a shipment of 80 animals and quickly sold out. The couple publicized their sale period via e-mail to their 400-member mailing list containing families for Northville, Novi and beyond.

"It can be anything — we just say we have Webkins coming in," Colleen said. "You'll know when you get here what we got in."

Computer notice sent Novi parent Tony Barra downtown with his son Nick, 10, in tow to lay claim on a poodle and terrier for his 8-year-old daughter, Rachel. 'She's addicted to them," Barra

said. "She has all of them - 22. "She takes care of them online. Our nanny takes care of them sometimes, too."

Their own pet

With a few mouse clicks, the on-screen pet, an animated version of the soft animal in-hand, offers a warm greeting to the caretaker at the keyboard. The Webkinz Web site, designed for users ages 6-13, prompts children to set up a home for their pet, earn money to take care of it and play games with it.

According to the product Web site, Webkinz promotes learning and teaches children responsibili-

"It increases typing skills, money management in a safe environment," Colleen said. "It teaches them responsibility you have to take care of your pet."

Tied to the computer?

On the Webkinz Web site, the plush toy maker offers the following suggestions for limiting your child's time on the computer with their adopted pet:

 Allow time to play in the Webkinz World after he or she has completed homework and chores.

 Discuss what is an appropriate amount of time for Webkinz play and set a

• Encourage offline play with the plush toy, such as drawing the rooms they'd like to design, making pictures of their pet and inviting friends over to play with pets.

Source, www.webkinz.com

Webkinz pets can get sick, but they cannot die.

Wide appeal

Trevor said adoption of the Webkinz animals, which come with a unique registration number, appeals to a wide age range.

He said the challenge as Baby Bliss owners is spinning their hot product into greater interest about their other store offerings, beyond Webkinz.

"We've had kids from Hillside come in for them," he said, adding the fascination has started as



Sisters Lauren, 9, left and Caitlin Goyer, 11, were some of the excited few who found their Webkinz stuffed animals at Northville's Baby Bliss store on Main St. last Friday.

young as preschool. Just two years after their introduction, he said Webkinz are the ticket across

the elementary school set. They bring them to school," Colleen said. "They play with

their friends online.' After nearly joining the Webkinz club Friday, Lane shipment.
"I have like 15 friends who

have them," Lane said. He knew his mom, Lauren, supported his

"He just wanted one and went online to order one, and his friend told him he could get them here,'

pinned his hopes on a subsequent Lane said. "We had no idea this is where everyone went to get them. "We'll be back."

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'FORE'WARD FASHION: Store injects hot pink and leopard into staid sport

Girls Golf Resort newest offering in Northville Square

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Local gal golfers can wow with their T-shirt, even if they can't with their tee shot.

Perhaps a gray cotton top lettered with a metallic word "Birdie" or a black rhinestonestudded tunic identifying the "Golf Qucen."

GG Resort, short for Girls Golf, newly opened in Northville Square, is sporting golf and tennis fashions a bit off the beaten

But store owner Margene Buckhave --who won't be found on links or courts - isn't just targeting Meadowbrook Country Club members or Northville Hills residents. She cites herself as walking proof the stylish shoes, shirts and skirts in the shop double as regular street wear.

"We don't want people to think you have to be a golfer to shop here," she said. "This is fun stuff for anyone to wear."

Fashion forward

Black-and-white houndstooth carpeting, brightly-colored walls and a black chandelier set the scene for GG Resort's leisure merchandise Buckhave has collected from a variety of sources, including the store's namesake line tailored to sizes 2-14. Other manufacturers' goods will fit golfers size 2-22.

"We'll have different price points for shoes — they'll range anywhere from \$100 to \$400," said Buckhave, pointing out course-regulation wear in hot pink and leopard. "And clothing, we're hitting a range with them. too."

A golfing ensemble of an embellished T-shirt and skirt will cost about \$175; less if it's more traditional garb.

Beyond the lavender snakeskinlook capris and tropical print skorts - hung from drivers doubling as closet rods — are unique product stories, like shirts made of bamboo and sunglasses with helicopter windshield lens material.

We'll continue to get things for travelers, too - anything resort - things that travel well," Buckhave said. "Eventually, we

Growing a name brand

Margene Buckhave said she was motivated to start the store after meeting Girls Golf founder Annie: Margulis.

'Her stuff is very functional, but also fashion 'fore' ward," she said. And like Buckhave nurtured her first scrapbook store, she felt a kindred entrepreneurial spirit of growing a business she began in her home.

Margulis, a leisure golferturned-designer, now is marketing her Girls Golf line in the U.S. and Europe.

She didn't like the clothes," Buckhave said. "She's kind of pushed the envelope on the fashion

Vicki Goetze-Ackerman, Ladies Professional Golf Association president, is furthering Margulis' promotional cause with her commitment to wear Girls Golf fashions while on tour this

Before the store opened for business, manger Marion Sexton fielded a call from a Dallas golfer who "had to have" the Girls Golf red-polka-dot white skirt featured in a national maga-

For more information, visit www.girls-golf.com.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Margene Buckhave's GG Resort boutique inside Northville Square will offer fashions and fixtures for the female golfer.

might have a swimwear line. "We'll constantly be looking for that kind of stuff, changing it

Boutique feel

Buckhave said GG Resort extends Northville Square's identity as home to one-of-a-kind des-

"It's the kind of specialty boutique that we'd like to see more of - something for the guys, something for the kids, adding more of a mix downtown," said Buckhave, who with her husband, Bob, has been recreating the former wholesale mall at the corner of Main and Wing streets.

The long-time owner of Stamppeddler scrapbook shop in

the couple's other development, Old Church Square, said she will split time between her two stores. Former Stamppeddler sales associate Marion Sexton will manage GG Resort.

Meanwhile, the developers are continuing to solicit other stores for Northville Square's Main Street main level and additional professional services for the Cady Street level. Current prospects include a dance studio, book store, ice cream venue, wine shop, a dentist and real estate office.

"We have a few things that hopefully will be coming in pretty soon," said Buckhave, acknowledging the optimism needed to venture deeper into the retail marketplace in current economic con-

"There's still a lot of speople who have their jobs - they're still working and they're still golfing," she said. "It's not a great market right now. I guess I'm willing to take the risk and go for

Buckhave gradually is opening GG Resort to the public, welcoming early visitors during the First Fridays event downtown last weekend and leading up to Mother's Day May 13.

"We'll work out the kinks in the next two weeks," she said, adding GG Resort will be open seven days a week.

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GET COOKIN': Store serving up culinary lessons and equipment

■ Scottie's Kitchen to open Saturday on Center St.

By Maureen Johnson RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville, tie on your apron - Debbie Jones wants families to sit down to homecooked meals together.

So, the mother of two grown children is setting a place to share her love of the culinary arts and knowledge of the food industry at Scottie's Kitchen at 149 N. Center St. She and her staff are planning to open their retail doors May 12 and commence classes May 22.

At the corner of Dunlap and Center streets, wire racks are brimming with pots and pans, serving ware and utensils while contractors complete installation of the demonstration kitchen.

"We're trying to educate first," Jones said. "The supplies for them to be able to do what they want will be here, along with a few extras."

A family affair

"There are so many people now who don't know how to cook and don't have family nights at home like I brought my kids up with," said Jones, 57. "I want to help them do that, too, with their young children.

They can learn how to make quick, nutritional things for their kids, instead of fast food." Jones, who resides

Northville with her husband of 32 years, Charlie, formerly shopped at the Kitchen Witch, a long-time Main Street supply and instruction destination Ronnie Cambra closed upon retirement. When Jones wrapped up 20 years at SBC, she took the opportunity to fill Northville's culinary void by returning to her

"I grew up in the restaurant business with my dad," she said. "He sold directly to chefs."

Jones' son, Mac, 28, also followed food industry footsteps, currently working for a

Who's Scottie?

Debbie Jones' pet Scottish terriers — Katie. Matilda and Willow - lent their identity to their owner's enterprise.

"Normally, they're not here," Jones said. "They're here for pictures."

Jones said she liked the name and logo her terrier rescue group developed for her store. The red staff aprons are

emblazoned with little dogs and trimmed in plaid. Pets liven up the showroom windows and Web site.

For info: Visit www.scottieskitchen.com

Northville restaurant and now helping his mother.

He works in the culinary field, so he'll be doing the knife sharpening, things like that," she said. Shelle Taylor, Amber Lounsbery, currently at work inputting inventory, will help staff the sales floor.

"We have a good attitude," Jones said. "We live in Northville. We want to be part of Northville.

"We're a family and we're going to make it work."

Experienced chefs

The Scottie's Kitchen Web site details \$35 classes available through the end of the year. Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Saturday mornings, professionals will serve up their expertise from simple desserts and salads, to basics for beginners and bread making from scratch.

"We'll have all certified chefs in to do the classes," Jones said. "I'm pulling a lot of different chefs from all over.

Large screen TVs will continuously feed customers Food Network or other gourmet fare like the in-store cooking demonstrations.

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■ Run/walk set at Maybury Park

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Pattie Bingham urges area residents to grab their sneakers and head for Maybury Park on Saturday, June 9.

Bingham, who works at the New Hope Center for Grief Support at 113 E. Dunlap St. in Northville, said the center will have a Hike for Hope run/walk fund-raiser from 10 a m.-2 p.m. that day.

This is the first time the nonprofit organization has organized such an event, and Bingham said hard-working committee members from the center will hopefully ensure its success.

"It's not a competition but more of a fun walk for families and friends of New Hope," Bingham said. "We want entire families to participate - young and old. Leashed dogs and babies in strollers are welcome, too."

"It's a four-mile trail, but people can do as much or as little as their body can tolerate," Bingham said. Registration begins at 9 a.m., with the run/walk kicking off the



Bingham, left, and volunteers Pat Tabone, Paul Gelst, and Renay Weiss-Stansell will be taking part in a fundralser walk at Maybury State Park to benefit the grief support center on June 9.

New Hope Center counselor Pattle

relies strictly on fund-raisers,

"Grief is a journey," Bingham

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A time of remembrance to honor lost loved ones will follow the run/walk.

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Cost to attend the event is \$15 per person or \$25 per family. which includes the run/walk, lunch and a T-shirt for adult participants. Donations for the center can also be solicited by the run/walk participants.

Bingham said the center is still seeking individuals or businesses to volunteer at or sponsor the

Staff at the center, which has served Northville for seven years, help anyone through a grief journey as they suffer the loss of a loved one, Bingham said.

"We do that through seminars, ongoing support groups and referrals for individual counseling," she said.

All of the center's services are provided free of charge, so it

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Debbie Jones, owner of Northville's "Scottie's", a kitchen supply shop, stands with terriers "Kate" and "Matilda" and employees Shelle Taylor and Amber Lounsbery.

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"Most of our product is here," she said. "All of our appliances are here - we're just waiting for the kitchen to be finished.

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City of Northville, township ask for voluntary water use cutback

■ Use restricted to odd/even days

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

James Gallogly and Don Weaver know there is power in

So, the director of public works for the city of Northville and director of public services for Northville Township, respectively, are asking area residents and business owners to cut back on their outdoor water usage.

The goal of the voluntary effort is to reduce instances of low water pressure and help control future water rate increases, Weaver said. Other Western Wayne County

communities have joined in implementing the voluntary outdoor water use restrictions that started May 4.

These include Plymouth Township, the city of Plymouth and Canton Township.

Residents and business owners are asked to now limit outdoor water usage to odd/even days.

Those with addresses ending with odd numbers are asked to do outdoor watering only on odd numbered dates. Conversely, those with address-

es ending with even numbers should water lawns, fill swimming pools, wash cars, etc., only on even-numbered dates. In addition, area officials are

also asking residents to voluntarily limit outdoor water use from 5 a.m.-9 a.m.

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2007	\$3.90	\$3.61

Note: Rates are per 1,000 gallons SOURCE: Charter

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A simple adjustment to the start time of irrigation system controls can achieve this.

Questions about water use?

Residents or business owners who have questions about the requested water use restrictions can call the city of Northville's Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930 or Northville Township's Department of Public Services staff at (248) 348-

Homeowners in subdivisions with common areas are also asked to restrict watering their common areas to every other day.

Residents should be aware that

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When it comes to water usage, it's all about how far communities are from the source - the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

"We get charged for the distance out and the distance up," Gallogly said. "Where our water tower is by Hillside Middle School is the highest point in Wayne County. So, our water is one of the most expensive in the

He noted that the city of Northville is, therefore, most vulnerable to low water pressure when demand is high.

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"They penalize customers who use water at peak times by raising the rates," Gallogly said. "One year we paid a 27-percent rate increase for the city of Northville. We don't want to do that any

Gallogly said if people water their lawns every other day, about half the amount of water will be used.

This becomes even more critical during June, July and August. If there are drought-like conditions, officials can issue mandatory water use restrictions, Gallogly

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PROPOSED 2007 MILLAGE RATES The following statements are provided, as required by State statute, concerning the 2007 proposed

The 2007 tax rate for the City Operating Millage is proposed to be 13.30 mills, reflecting no increase or decrease from the 2006 Operating

be 1.7670 milts, compared to 1.7609 milts in 2006, resulting in an increase of 0.35%.

issue approved by the voters in 2000 is proposed to be 0.1374 mill, compared to 0.1279 mills in 2006, resulting in an increase of 7.44%

factors for both Wayne and Oakland County are expected to be 1 00 for all classes of property.

(5-10-07 NR 353652)

Township officials miffed about number of requests from REIS

At least eight since December

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Township manager, is frustrated by the number of requests developers have made over the proposed Highwood project.

Snider said requests from Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company (REIS) on the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property have kept his staff hopping and from conducting their regular

The requests were made under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, better known as a FOIA. This act regulates and sets requirements for the disclosure of public records by all public bodies in the state.

We've filed these requests to make sure that all of the information we have on file is correct," said Steve Mitchell, a public relations representative for REIS. "Basically, it's an accuracy issue."

Requests a legal strategy?

Snider believes the requests are part of the developers pre-lawsuit legal strategy.

REIS failed to obtain the township's approval of their development concept for the more than 400 acres they own on Seven Mile Road between Northville and Haggerty roads.

The township is waiting to see if REIS will file a lawsuit in Wayne County Circuit Court over the property.

When a lawsuit is filed, we Chip Snider, Northville become exempt from producing information requested under FOIA to the suing party unless ordered by a judge," Snider said.

'They're just accumulating any and all data getting ready to pull the trigger on this lawsuit." Snider

The manager said because of the requests his staff has "FOIA fatigue."

"We're sick and tired of the harassment through the redundant FOIA requests that they're asking (for), particularly at meetings at which they attended and had their own court reporter there," he said.

Snider believes it unfair for REIS to stress township staffing levels with accumulating this data when township officials have invited the developers or their representatives to come in and even

provided them an office.

"The FOI laws were designed to build trust and confidence in government," Snider said. "They were not designed to be used as a harassment tool by developers or anyone else out there."

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Freedom of Information Act requests to Northville Township from legal counsel for Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company (REIS), which date back to Dec. 4, 2006,

· a copy of the audio recording for the Dec. 5, 2006, planning commission meeting;

· any and all materials, documents and notes (in hard copy or electronic formats) the township has used or will use to prepare the minutes of the Dec. 5, 2006, and Jan. 30, 2007, planning commission meetings;

 a copy of the audio recording of the Feb. 15, 2007, board meeting and copies of all township staff and consultant reports relating to the Seven Mile Planned Unit Development (aka Highwood) plus a copy of the resolution relating to the project and a Feb. 13 memo Jennifer Frey, community development director, sent to Mark Abbo, township supervisor.

Other requests include:

· a copy of the audio recording of the March 26, 2007, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority meeting plus copies of all township staff and consultant reports and memoranda about the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan;

· all studies, reviews, reports, documents and information within the last five years the township has about traffic within a 2-mile radius of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads;

 a copy of the audio recording of the April 18, 2007, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting plus all documents, materials and information relating to REIS' ZBA petition, except for their application materials. REIS representatives also asked for all letters, memoranda, notes and e-mails of ZBA members, township staff and consultants about this meeting;

• all materials and correspondence relating to the township's sale of about 15 acres at the northeast corner of Five Mile and Sheldon roads to Grand Sakwa or its affiliates and about rezoning and development of the property from Jan. 1-April 24; and

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- 1 Reavie Terrio, right, gets an escort from Hillside Middle School student Alexis Mencotti at the start of last week's annual Senior Prom. Hillside invites area seniors to join them for an afternoon of song, dining and dancing. Photo by John Heider
- 2 Team members, from left, Daniel Brenner, Nick Denhof and John Duquesnel won the May 1 Hillside Iron Chef Challenge at Hillside Middle School. The team prepared their winning desserts for the May 2 Senior Prom for senior citizens at the school. The eighth-graders said they mashed blueberries and strawberries, strained them, then poured the juice over the top of their winning dessert before baking. Photo by Pam Fleming
- 3 The horn section of Northville High's jazz ensemble plays during last week's Senior Prom held at Hillside Middle School. Photo by John Heider
- 4 Moraine Elementary third grader Bianca Dimitrievski jumps with a Hoola-hoop during last week's All Kids Exercising Together activity. Photo by John Heider
- 5 Ridge Wood second graders Molly Duda and Danica Meade put the finishing touches on their cheesy breadsticks during a May 7 Girl Scout outing at Northville's new Young Chefs Academy. Located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center on Seven Mile Road, Young Chefs Academy is a nationally franchised cooking school exclusively for kids. Photo by Tracy Bins
- 6 These Meads Mill Forensics Team students were recently noted for their efforts in the State Championship Tournament held at Wayne State. Kaliana Basoukeas and Marisa Sourges, front row, won for their team effort, and Alex Agne for in impromptu speech effort, Christine Caldwell for a poetry entry, and Alexa Patsalis, right, for an Oratory Category effort. Photo by John Heider







Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northville Record

Donna Keeling smiles as she dances with a bunch of Bobby Socks-ers during last week's annual Senior Prom at Northville's Hillside Middle School.

Hillside Middle School features patriotic theme at Senior Prom

■ Event honors those who lived through drama of World War II

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF REPORTER

They may not think so, but Hillside Middle School students and staff think today's senior citizens represent the greatest gener-

So much so that those words became the theme for the school's annual Senior Prom for local senior citizens on May 2 - 'The Greatest Generation.

Heidi Caprero, vice principal at Hillside, said this was the 17th year for the event started by Dr. Jeff Radwanski, a retiree from the former Cooke Middle School. which is now a school for special needs children in Northville.

About 150 seniors attended the 3:30-6:30 p.m. event.

"It's a wonderful tradition." Caprero said.

Student council members selected the theme to recognize

senior citizens who lived during and fought in World War II.

Colors of the day were obviously red, white and blue, and songs emphasized patriotism, beginning with members of the Women's State Honors Choir singing the

national anthem "It was very inspirational," Caprero said.

Eighth-grader and student council president Raven Batshon gave a speech at the prom, thanking those from the World War II generation as well as recognizing them for their bravery.

The Northville High School Jazz Band played during the last hour of the party. At least 80 seniors were "tearin" up the dance floor" with either their spouses or students, Caprero said.

The last song of the evening was singer Bette Midler's "The Rose" performed by members of the Eighth Grade Honors Choir.

At the end of the song, each senior citizen received a rose.

Preparation takes months

Students needed to learn how to "cut a rug" on the dance floor before the event. So, free dance lessons were provided

This year, Angie Dunfee, a

building substitute and coach at Hillside, and Donna Shannon, a retired Northville teacher, served as dance instructors.

"We prepare for months for this," Captero said.

The event included a full meal during which students waited on the senior citizens. Dessert was provided by the winners of the May I Hillside Iron Chef Challenge.

Every senior or senior couple who attended also received a photo taken of them at the event.

The photo was placed in a holder decorated with patriotic words and images by sixth-graders.

Caprero said students and staff enjoy making each Hillside Senior Prom special.

"We get a lot of students involved," Caprero said. "And, the staff loves this as much as they

The students even get to eat the leftover desserts.

They were happy about that," Caprero said.

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

PLAY BALL! Early Bird tourney this weekend

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

If you go past Millennium Park, Northville's downtown Ford Field or Northville Community Park this weekend. you're bound to see some baseball.

Northville is playing host to 13th annual Early Bird Tournament. The baseball tournament has 47 teams involved. ranging from 9 and under up to 14 and under.

The tournament is free to all and concessions will be at all

A couple of purposes for the tournament are for kids in the area to get a chance to play a local tournament, and for the Northville teams to host the tournament and use part of the funds raised to offset cost during the season like jerseys, travel or entry fees.

Northville has two host teams in every age bracket, 9 and under, 10 and under, 11 and under, 12 and under, 13 and under and 14 and under.

Todd Sander, the tournament director, played in one of the first Early Bird Tournaments.

"It is an extremely rewarding experience. It's fun to see everything come together." Sander said. "Last year's tournament was mostly a washout due to heavy rains all weekend. One of the local Northville players was upset when the tournament was canceled because he didn't get to play a game in his last Early Bird.

That statement made me realize how much our local kids look forward to the tournament every year."

Sander wanted to thank all the volunteers that help put on the event, but he was mostly looking forward to watching some

The tournament starts with a round-robin format with a blind draw determining which side of four each age group of the eight teams gets put in. The winners of the pools will face each other in the championship.

Millennium park will host 11u, 12u and parts of the 9U 13U tournaments. Northville Community park will host the 14U and parts of the 13U and 9U tournaments. Ford Field will host the 10U tournament. Games begin at 6 p.m. at all fields on Friday. Saturday (8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.) and Sunday (8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) will feature baseball at all three



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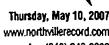
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Nurses Week: Honor in health care

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By Tracy Mishler RECORD SPECIAL WRITER

Janice Richmond knew what her calling was after undergoing open-heart surgery at just 12 years

Now, as an emergency room registered nurse at Providence Hospital in Novi, Richmond confirms helping people was indeed her calling.

"It's a great joy knowing that you are going to be able to help someone new on a daily basis, she said. "If you truly want a rewarding job and have a natural knack to be caring for fellow human beings, then nursing is the way to go."

Richmond, a nurse for more than 20 years, is one of thousands honored during National Nurses Week, May 6-12, across the nation.

"I've always looked at nursing as a wonderful, caring profession," she said. "You come into it (nursing) because you love helping people. That's the best part." National Nurses Week is celebrated annually beginning on May 6, National Nurses Day, and ending May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, known as the founder of modern day nursing.

True calling

Judy Checcobelli, of Novi, and registered nurse with the Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan, said she found her calling as a home-care nurse during her clinical rotation in nursing

"When I went to nursing school, some of the students knew what kind of nursing they wanted to go into, for example, in a hospital," Checcobelli said. "It wasn't until I had my clinical rotation in public health that something clicked, and I knew this would be the area that I would love."

Checcobelli, teleHome care program manager for VNA, said it's wonderful to celebrate nursing and promote the profession.

"There are so many avenues in nursing," she said. "There is a need for nurses. We truly want to make a difference in the commu-

Checcobelli said though nursing school can be difficult; if that is your field of choice, stick with

"It's difficult and at times you think it's never going to end," she said. "Stick with it. It's very demanding and difficult, but worth it."

Growing demand

officials estimate Michigan will be short about 7,000 nurses by 2010. And by 2015, current estimates show the state on track to have a nursing shortage of more than 18,000.

"There will always be demand for nurses," Checcobelli said. "There's a shortage as we speak."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently highlighted a key proposal to provide Michigan workers with training they will need to succeed in a global economy.

The Michigan Nursing Corps initiative, divulged during Granholm's February State of the State address, would help minimize the future nursing shortage forecasted for the state's future.

"By expanding our capacity for training nurses and accelerating the training," Granholm said in a statement, "we are not only placing workers in jobs, we are help-ing to ensure every Michigan citizen receives world-class health care."

Along with the training program, the Granholm administration has invested \$30 million through the Michigan Opportunity Partnership in state universities and community colleges for programs to generate more nursing graduates.

"We encourage both men and women to go into nursing," said Marsha McLaughlin, emergency room registered nurse at Providence Hospital. "It's certainly important to honor nurses because it's a noble and gratifying profession."

·McLaughlin said though nursing might sound tough, anything is obtainable if you set your mind

"Nursing is certainly interesting and offers continuous learning long after college," she said. "If there's any struggling that goes on in school, by the nature of nurses, anyone would be willing to provide tutoring.

"We know how important it is to recruit more people."

Tracy Mishler is a freelance reporter for the Novi News.

Nursing workforce facts

 There are fewer younger people entering the nursing workforce.

 The physical demands of nursing make it difficult for individuals to work in the profession past their mid- to late-

 In Michigan, 18 percent of active registered nurses are age 55 and older.

· Women have left nursing for other professions and not enough men have entered the profession to take their place.

· in Michigan, 8 percent of active registered nurses and 4 percent of LPNs are males.

Source: Michigan League for Hursing: Michigan Licensure Survey 2006

Northville resident honored as Sinai-Grace Nurse of the Year

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Sandy Denny remembered when her mother said she wanted to be a nurse.



nursing school? Now Northville resident Denny, for-

But with 13

children, who

had time to go

merly Sandy S. Denny Henson, is living her mother's dream as a full-time

nurse. Recently, she was named Sinai-Grace Hospital's Nurse of the Year for 2007.

A graduate of Schoolcraft Community College School of Nursing, her career at the Detroit Medical Center began when she joined the Harper Hospital openheart step-down unit.

Her experience at Sinai-Grace Hospital started at the Lahser Surgery Center in 1994.

As an operating room nurse, Denny served as the ophthalmology coordinator and charge nurse. While there, she returned to college for her bachelor's degree.

She then transferred to the hospital to join the Medical Intensive Care Unit team. While working in this area, she became certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support and received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix.

ed 25 years with the Detroit Medical Center and has worked in interventional radiology for the last two years. She also teaches basic life support to hospital staff members.

Greatest honor to date

But, Denny said the 2007 Nurse of the Year Award is the greatest honor she has received so far.

service."

Sanders of Northville, always wanted to be a nurse, but instead was a full-time homemaker.

"We were her career." Denny said. So, instead, her youngest of 13 followed her dream.

When I finished high school, it's just the direction I went in."

In the fall of 2006, she celebrat-

In February, Conrad Mallett Jr.. Sinai-Grace president, presented Denny with a President's Choice

"I actually found out about a month ago but had to keep it a secret until it was announced by the hospital," she said. "I almost let it slip so many times."

Denny received the award last week at a Sterling Heights nursing conference, "A New Dawn in Health Care." "This is such an honor because

it's recognition for exemplary Denny said her mom, Ruth

Denny said "I gravitated toward

Denny has been married to Rockford Denny for about two years, and has two daughters, Christina and Sara, 20 and 23, respectively. She likes reading spiritual literature and participating in activities at the First Baptist Church of Northville.

What does she enjoy about nursing?

"It provides me the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives," Denny said. "Every day, I'm inspired by real people with real issues and real needs.

In interventional radiology, Denny provides radiology nursing and care for outpatients and inpa-

"Radiology embodies what nursing is all about — patient education, monitoring during the procedure and comfort measures, both physical and spiritual," Denny said. She's there for patients undergoing procedures such as prostate, breast, lung and liver biopsies. She explains the procedure and helps keep patients

comfortable. "What I enjoy the most about my job is that patients are afraid, and they need to be comforted," Denny said. "When it's appropriate, I'll even offer to pray with the patient."

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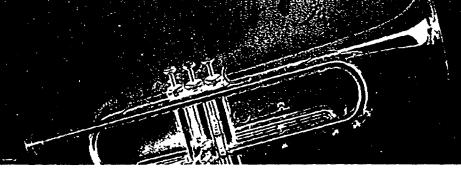
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Love your pets, watch their food

By Tracy Mishler RECORD SPECIAL WRITER

Heather Roberts considers her eight dogs part of the family.

The 35-year-old employee of Gone to the Dogs in Novi said she would do anything to make sure her pets are healthy, including the dozens she watches over on a daily

Roberts, like most people across the United States, was concerned when the Food and Drug Administration announced in March that several brands of pet food for both cats and dogs had been contaminated, causing several animals to get sick and die.

"Of course it's scary," Roberts said. "We don't want anything to happen to any animals, especially our daycare dogs. They might as well be our own dogs."

Roberts said since the announcement in March, Gone to the Dogs had one client who thought she might have some of the recalled pet

"We do have informational handouts for our clients to keep them informed," she said. "And since the recall, anytime anyone has questions about the food they're buying, we tell them to look at the ingredi-

What happened to the food?

On March 16, due to ingredients contaminated during production, Menu Foods, Inc. recalled cat and dog food sold between Dec. 3, 2006, and March 6, 2007, along with a number of other brand names

The present recall of more than 100 cat and dog food products pulled from the shelves can be blamed on the chemical melamine. used in fertilizer and plastics manufacturing.

GENERAL FUND



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Heather Roberts, owner of Novi's Gone to the Dogs daycare, feeds American cocker spaniels "Kramer," left, and "Maggie" Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance dog food. The food is all natural, and trusted by Roberts.

The FDA recently announced 16 dogs and cats have died as a result of eating contaminated foods, although more illnesses and deaths are suspected.

"So far there's been a relatively low number of sickness and death." said Dr. Joe Osbourne, veterinarian and owner of Meadowbrook Veterinary in Novi. "Cats have been particularly more affected than dogs, but it's still a really sad thing."

Osbourne said he personally has not treated sick animals as a result of the pet food recall, but his clinic did treat a cat that had been clinically affected, causing kidney problems.

He said while food is still watched closely, consumers should read the ingredient labels carefully and avoid rice and wheat gluten products.

The common denominator is a grain gluten from China," he said.

Wheat and rice glutens are imported to the United States, where the problem lies. Corn gluten is domes-

The most recent theory regarding the food contamination, according the Food and Drug Administration, is that Chinese suppliers added melamine to certain ingredients low in protein to make sure they would test high enough to be labeled as protein supplements.

What's safe?

According to the Food and Drug Administration, if you have recalled pet food, return it to the store where it was bought.

"Stores generally have a return and refund policy when a company announces a recall of its product," according to FDA officials. "If you cannot return the pet food immediately, store the food in a secure place where pets and children cannot get

According to several area grocery stores, including Kroger, Farmer Jack and Meijer, all contaminated pet food has been pulled from the shelves.

Brands such as America's Choice, Mighty Dog and lams labels were pulled from all Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company stores. owners of Farmer Jack.

Alpo Prime Cuts in Gravy wet dog foods, Del Monte Pet Products including Jerky Treats, Gravy Train, Beef Sticks and Pounce Meaty Morsels brands were also pulled from all Kroger Company stores, including many more.

Food and The' Administration said the investiga-tion of pet food would continue until they are completely satisfied that the cause of the contamination has been eliminated.

Love your pet

Doreen Poupard she has completely taken her dog off wet canned dog food, and will continue to keep her cat on prescription food.

"It's a shame," said Poupard, of Novi. "I think they should have done something earlier."

She said the pet food recall can be emotional for many people, but you have to do the best you can with it. Talk to people in the pet stores,"

she said. "You have to find out as much as you can and act according-Pourpard said the best thing people can do to ensure their pets are

safe is to take the emotional part of the equation and talk to as many people as you can. "Get your head in and talk to peo-ple," she said. "I don't consider my

dog as part of my family, but he adds to my life. You care about them, love them

and try to keep them safe and healthy. That's about all you can do."

Tracy Mishler is a freelance

Show.your pet some love

National Pet Week is May 6-12, founded in 1981 by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the Auxiliary to the AVMA.

National Pet Week allows pet owners to celebrate their love of pets.

The week's goals are to promote responsible pet ownership, celebrate the human-animal bond and promote public awareness of veterinary medicine.

According to a 2001 American Veterinary Medical Association study of all U.S. households, 36 percent of the population owned dogs, 31 percent owned cats, 4 percent owned birds and almost 2 percent owned horses.

For more information on National Pet Week, visit www.nationalpetweek.org.

Recall list

Visit

www.accessdata.fda.gov/sc ripts/petfoodrecall for a complete list of pet food brands recalled.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BUDGET

FY 2008 CITY BUDGET The budget for the various Funds of the City of Northville are proposed for the year ended June 30, 2008 as follows Revenues **Expenditures**

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Sales and Services	106,791	Department of Public Works	637,498
Fines and Forfeitures	87,330	Planning, Zoning and	
Other Revenues	485,515	Inspection Services	243,590
Interfund Transfers	224,638	Shared Services	280,886
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PARKING FUND	\$171,258	\$171,258	
BEAUTIFICATION FUND	\$9,950	\$9,950	
ARTS COMMISSION FUND	\$57,265	\$57,265	
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AUTHORITY	\$1,894,050	\$1,894,050	
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PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$200,662	\$200,662	
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& REPLACEMENT FUND	\$94,260	\$94,260	
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PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing will be held on Monday, May 21, 2007, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2007-08 City Budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS As provided in State statute, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund and up to ten percent (10%) of the total salary and fringe appropriations for distributed Public Works Labor and Equipment Rental between the General, Major Street, Local Street, Equipment, Refuse and Recycling and Water and Sewer Funds. All other inter-fund transfers require approval of the City

Council.

BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND As provided in State statute, the City Council has established a Budget Stabilization Fund to receive surplus operating funds which may occur from time to time, as a reserve against unanticipated or emergency expenses or revenue shortfalls in the future. No contribution is anticipated from the

2007-2008 operating year due to the current financial position of the City.

COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE A complete copy of the 2007-2008 City Budget Document will be available for public inspection beginning May 10, 2007 at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours and online at www.ci northville.mr us. In addition, a limited number of copies are available to be signed out for review by City residents at home.

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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.

Thank you, mom!

Mothers have been around for ... well, forever. But we've only been honoring them officially since 1914. That's when Congress designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. That was six years after Anna Jarvis organized observances in Philadelphia and Graston, W. Va. and began lobby-

But you don't need an official act by politicians to celebrate these wonderful women, who numbered 80.5 million in this country alone in 2001. Here's a couple of other interesting facts: 55 percent of women ages 15 to 44 are mothers: 81 percent of mothers are ages 40 to 44; and the average number of children a mother can expect to have in her lifetime is 2.1.

Take time to really think about all the things your mother did for you. A little stunned, are you? And if you have children, you realize even more what a tremendous responsibili-

ty and commitment the title of mom carries.

If your fortunate enough to still have her, don't let Sunday slip by without recognizing your mother. Spend the day with her, take her out to eat, buy her flowers or just call her on the phone. She deserves as much (and a whole lot more).

Art Talk

A. Hibbeln

Adventures in **Black and White**

I have always been drawn to loud, bright photographs. They demand to be seen. But black and white photography is a horse of another color. It doesn't jump out and grab me around the neck and

scream, "look at me, look at me." Black and White uses a softer seduction. It takes me by the hand slowly, inviting me to look closer into it's focus. The relationship between artist and viewer seems more profound in this medium and therefore, more revealing. And since the DIA is currently showing the a waw works of the great Ansel Adams, until May 27, I thought I'd go down there for a little romance.

At the exhibit, I walked from one breathtaking image to the next, being awestruck by both Adams' subjects and the sharp contrast of light and dark, in which he is known. His famous works of Yosemite National Park and the American wilderness were displayed of course, but it was the lesser known images that drew me in. A lonely farm house at the end of a country lane would have me standing and staring for almost an eternity, wanting so badly to walk down that road and into the old farm house. Perhaps I'd sit down at the kitchen table and have a cup of muddy coffee and share some warm biscuits with the grandmother who lived there (assuming there was a grandmother who lived there). Sometimes I like not knowing the facts of a photograph. This gives my imagination a chance to

I was really enjoying this black

and white rendevous and didn't want it to end. So, the next day I seized the opportunity to meet fine arts photographer Monte Nagler at his home in Farmington Hills. Monte explained that he once took a workshop taught by none other than Ansel Adams. It was this class that would change his life forever.

He promptly sold his two muffler shops and began a successful career in photography, his passion.

"Ansel brought an art to black and white photography in a way that made it possible for photographers like myself to make a living".

Adoming the walls of Nagler's bome is a museum - like collection of both his own works and those of famous photographers who preceded

him. Monte captures moods and subjects very similar to the works of Adams. But it was his latest infrared images that hijacked my attention. The softness of these brown and white photographs capture an intrigue all it's own.

At last, my adventure in this fascinating medium was complete. For now, anyway.

Monte Nagler will be showing his works at Laurel Park Place from May 12-27. There, you can view and purchase his black and whites as well as his infrareds, one of which will probably find its way to my house. Monte will be at the show everyday from 3 until 9pm. You can also find his works at the Tom James Gallery in downtown Northville. Visit his website at

montenagler.com. Fill your heart with art.

Aleea Hibbeln can be reached at aleeahibbeln@yahoo.com or (248)



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Walk this way

The New Hope Center for Grief Support is planning a fundraiser walk at Maybury State Park on Saturday June 9. The Center's Pattie Bingham, Renay Weiss-Stansell and Pat Tabone get in some walking practice around downtown Northville. See the full story on page 10.

LETTERS

Senior Fest is coming

It is time again! The Northville Senior Community Center is hosting the annual 'Senior Fest." The Senior Fest is a picnic for all senior citizens including not only those from Northville, but also neighboring communities. Previously we served over 300 senior citizens a wonderful picnic lunch of chicken, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips and pop. There were also door prizes, drawings and entertainment. All of this was made possible by contributions from the business community as well as private donations.

The Northville Senior Community Center is a vital service to the community and we are requesting your help. Some ways you may assist us is by sponsoring this event. You can support us with the sponsorship of door prizes and give-aways, gift certificates and cash donations to purchase food items and other expenses involved in this picnic. If there is any way you can assist us in our goal, please feel free to contact us.

Every year our picnic gets bigger and better with your support. The Northville Senior Community Center's staff has really appreciated the way our community has supported their residents and provided services. In return we will promote your sponsorship in our newsletter, flyers and any other promotional source for this event. Also, if there is any way we can help or assist your organization, please feel free to contact us.

The Senior Fest will be held on Wednesday, June 6 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Waterford Bend Park on Northville Road and Six Mile. Checks should be made payable to Northville Senior Center and mailed to the address listed. Thank you in advance for you consideration and support.

Sue Koivula Northville

Put project to a vote

The \$1.7 million proposal to pull out the gazebo and all the plantings at Town Square Park and replace it with a big glass butterfly pavillion may he a huge mistake - \$1.7 million dollar proposals should always be brought to the residents to Please, Mayor Johnson and council members,

bring this proposal to your city residents for a

Barbara Strong O'Brien

Thanks from Lions

The Northville Lions Club would like to submit this note to thank all of the generous contributors to our White Cane Fundraising drive:

On behalf of the Northville Lions Club I would like to thank all those who made donations, whether big or small, during our White Cane Week collection on April 28th. We were able to collect over \$1,300 to help us with our mission of service to the blind and hearing impaired. Special thanks to Hiller's Market on Center Street for allowing us to use their lobby for this event, and to the City of Northville for allowing our "street people" to safely encourage donations. Thanks also to our members and volunteers, who stood for many hours manning the stations, especially those who were brave enough to work the streets.

The Northville Lions Club is a small but dedicated organization. Our funds are used strictly for charity. We also collect both glasses and hearing aids that can be recycled to those in disadvantaged countries who do not have the resources to obtain them on their own. We support Leader Dogs, the Penrickton Center, Old Village School, and have provided scholarships to deserving high school students from the Northville community. Our Peace Poster Program has been popular with both Hillside and Meads Mill students.

Again, to all those who took a moment to contribute and at times admire Mr. Heckemeyer's wonderful guide dog, Guido, thank you.

> Sandy Basse, Secretary Northville Lions Club

Help save the planet

We want to encourage you to recycle paper, Northville metal, plastic, and glass. If something has a triont level well on the beattern throw it in a recycling the instead of tossing it into the garbage can. This will save energy and create less garbage. We recycle at our school and we would like you to recycle at home and at work. Help save the

> Ms. Gottman's and Ms. Fraser's second grade class Ridge Wood Elementary

What do you think?

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

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■ Fax: (248) 349-9832

the Thursday edition.

■ E-mail: cstone@gannett.com ■ Deadline: Letters must be received by noon on Tuesday to be published in

Business tax plan gains momentum

Now here's a little good news for a change — a glimpse of what can happen when the political system works and politicians rise out of their ideological trenches to try and do what's right.

This came last week, after months of intense partisan squabbling about Michigan's business tax structure. Finally, we saw the beginnings of a breakthrough that could lead to an agreement.

Those with long memories will recall that last year, a petition drive launched by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson led to the repeal of the Single Business Tax, the state's main levy on business, a tax that brings in around \$2 billion annually.

But the legislature abolished it without putting anything in its place, effective at the end of this year. In a state already facing billion-dollar deficits for both this fiscal year and the next, that threatened to add enormously to an already daunting financial crisis.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's early ideas for replacing the SBT were declared dead upon arrival, and much of this year has been consumed by complicated arguments

about what to do about it. These arguments involved not only the political parties (Democrats generally wanted any new business tax to be revenueneutral, while Republicans pushed for a \$500 million tax cut) but also various sectors of Michigan businesses (manufacturers wanted reduction of the personal property tax, while insurance companies wanted to maintain their favorable position in the tax code.)

Those arguments became more intense as lawmakers discovered duh! -- that businesses were simply not going to consider moving to or expanding in Michigan without knowing what the tax environment was going to be like.

Jim Epolito, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, reported that up to \$5 billion in potential investment here was being held hostage until it was known just what Michigan's business tax structure would be.

Moreover, there is even less time left than might appear. Officials at the state treasury began noting that it would take at least six months to develop the forms and procedures needed to actually collect whatever tax the legislature agreed on.

So, as the calendar moved forward into May, everybody began to recognize that time was running

out. Enter three groups not usually noted for working closely together: The powerful Michigan Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan House of Representatives, and the governor's office and her appointed state treasurer. Robert Kleine.

Under the leadership of Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, and tax committee chairman Steve Bieda, D-Warren, House Democrats proposed a tax package that would fully replace SBT revenue.

The money would come from taxing a combination of business income and net worth, provide around \$900 million in personal property tax relief and offer some \$700 million in new tax credits for companies that invest in Michigan

A lot of interested people said they liked the package. Capital intensive manufacturers, who dislike the personal property tax more than the SBT, were happy. Local government folks were relieved that reduction of the personal properry tax wouldn't hurt their revenue stream. Major corporations, business groups like the Michigan Manufacturers Association, organized labor and universities all had something nice to say.

Most important was the state Chamber of Commerce, which said



About Phil Power

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate thinkand-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@honnet.com.

it was "intrigued" with much of the plan. Tricia Kinley, the chamber's tax expert, praised features that would give businesses incentives to expand in Michigan, At that point, momentum for a bipartisan, broadly acceptable business tax plan

began to build. When I talked to Rich Studley, executive vice president of the Chamber late last week, he was cautiously optimistic, "Of course, there will be some political maneuvering and posturing," he said, "but we want to play a constructive role in this. This is not a political issue, but a public policy issue."

The chamber has, he said, pulled together more than 100 business leaders around the state, surveyed business tax conditions in other states, and held meeting after meeting of its tax committee over the past year. "Having supported SBT repeal, we felt an ethical obligation to play a constructive role in the process.

Studley also praised State Treasurer Robert Kleine, "I talked with Kleine, who is a smart and sensible guy. He made it clear that we really had to have some time of detailed act passed in time for Treasury to work out how to collect it. He was very responsive." Studley concluded, "if we miss the

deadline for passing a business tax, Michigan will look like some kind of banana republic. Of course, given a package as complicated as this, there will be no

end of debates as the process moves

forward, both the House and the

Senate passed differing plans last

tionary tale about what hasn't worked in times past.

and do the right thing.

Now imagine what would happen if people actually got together and earnestly tried to find common

week by largely straight party-line

votes. The Senate plan gives busi-

nesses a \$600 million tax cut, and a

lot of work will have to be done to

that there is, at long last, momen-

turn to get something done is an

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ground on issues like prison spending, higher education, and the current budget deficit.

We might even have a state that worked once again.

MMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 10, 2007 www.northvillerecord.com fax: (248) 349-9832

NORTHVILLE

cstone@gannett.com

Coffee with Corriveau

TIME/DAY: 8-9 a.m. Monday LOCATION: Big Boy, 44681 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

DETAILS: Discuss issues and concerns informally over coffee with State Representative Marc Corriveau. Call to schedule an event for your organization. CONTACT: (877) 208-4737

Farmer's Market

TIME/DAY: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday

LOCATION: corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon Roads

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

CONTACT: Nancy Murphy (248) 305-5460

Ladies Spring Banquet TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. today LOCATION: Northville Hills Golf Club Banquet Room
DETAILS: Members and guests

invited to this celebration of the club's 21st birthday; three dinner choices and cash bar: \$31 per member \$34 per guest; RSVP required today.

Golf Lessons DATE: Tuesdays

TIME: TBD (late afternoon) LOCATION: Salem Hills Golf Course

DETAILS: Six one-hour, small, group lessons at beginner-intermediate level provided by PGA instructor. Learn the game. Improve skills.

Health Screenings at Meijer LOCATION: 20401 Haggerty

Road DATE: Tuesday, May 29 and June 26

DETAILS: The pharmacy at Meijer will offer the following tests for low cost: Cholesterol, \$30; Liver Function, \$15; Diabetes Screening, \$4; Hemoglobin A1C, \$30; You will receive results within." 15 minutes. All tests include consultation and explanation of results by the pharmacist, anwers to questions about your medications and blood pressure check. Appointments are necessary. CONTACT: (248) 449-5733

The Muses: Twelve Artists Interpret the Figure

TIME/DATE: 1-7 p.m. Thursdays; 4:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays; 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through May 20

LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

DETAILS: Artists' work focuses on beauty of human form through drawing and painting. Exhibit features Karen Berrie, Peggy Brewer, Marge Chellstorp, Daria Fileta, Linda Logan, Barbara Eko Murphy, Kathleen Montgomery, Dominique Moroz, Anne Plutshack, Linda Sterns, Gail Salinsky, Mary Step.

Northville Geneological Society

LOCATION: Northville District Library

DETAILS: Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members in the Local History Room at the library Mondays, 1-3 p.m., also by appointment. CONTACT: Tille Van Sickle (734) 595-7806,or www.rootsweb.com/~mings

Northville Garden Club

DATE: Monday TIME: noon LOCATION: Cady Inn **DETAILS: Annual Plant Auction** CONTACT: Julie Mantay (248) 349-1602

Gardeners Road Trip DATE: Monday TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Bordine's Nursery, Brighton

DETAILS: New plants; public invited; free.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1946 or mainwoods@wowway.com

Slumber Party

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DATE: Friday TIME: 6:30 p.m. stories; 7 p.m. movie LOCATION: Northville High School Cafeteria

DETAILS: Wear pajamas; book

reading; watch "Cars;" children under 13 must be accompanied by adult; free.

Amerman Elementary Ice

DATE: Friday, June 1 TIME: 5-8 p.m. DETAILS: Games, magician, moon bounce, pizza, fun for the whole family.

Democrats of West Oakland County

DATÉ: Tuesday TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Souvlaki and Kabob Restaurant, 31150 Novi Road

624-7228

accepted; all proceeds go to Afghan School.

Town Hall Meeting

DATE: Thursday, May 17 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside Middle School Forum

Henry Pollack from U of M will speak on "Meeting the Global Warming Challenge." Open to the community. Free admission.

Now open

CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

Downtown Development

DATE: Tuesday, May 22

Chambers, 215 W. Main St.

CONTACT: downtown-

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: City Council

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or

Dinner Theater - "In Stitches"

TIME/DATES: 7 p.m. Friday

DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per

person. To run through November.

Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday; 4

DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per

person for the Friday show; \$35

per person for the Sunday show.

Leah's Happy Hearts...The

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday,

DETAILS: Benefit helping chil-

dren with brain tumors; \$50 per

person, includes appetizers and

two drinks; silent auction and raf-

fles: those wearing purple receive

free raffle ticket for chance to win

Neil Diamond Tribute from Las

TIME/DATE: 7 p m. Friday, June

DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per

The Bette Midler Tribute From

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, July

DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per

person for the Friday show; \$35

per person for the Sunday show.

Genitti's Acting Workshops

DATE: We will open any date

DETAILS: Enjoy our famous

family-style lunch or dinner, then

practice voice and body move-

ment with one of our actors on

stage. Play theater games. Take a

son. Everyone gets a Genitti's fun

backstage tour. \$16.95 per per-

6; 4 p.m. Sunday, July 8

June 1 and June 15; 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays through June 30

Authority Meeting

TIME: 8 a.m.

northville.com

www.genittis.com

Call for more dates.

Journey Continues

p.m. Sunday

May 18

gift basket.

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person.

Las Vegas

for 10 or more.

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Tribute from Las Vegas

Book Club Meeting

Cuckoo's Nest," Ken Kesey CONTACT: northvillebook-

Northville Yoga Class

LOCATION: American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap; Thursday morning class only at Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

CONTACT: Diane Siegal-Divita (248) 344-0928 or

trianglesix@sbcglobal.net SCHEDULE: 5:30-6:45 and 7-8:30 Monday; 9:30-11 a.m., 5:20-6:45 p.m. and 7-8:30

Thursday, through June 28 DETAILS: Drop-in rate \$11, registered students pay \$8 for an extra class; spring make-ups allowed in Legion class; scholarships available; start anytime, no

CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or www.northvillemarquistheatre.com Summer Theatre Camp Registration

sessions now being accepted. Contact the theater or go to the Web site for more information on session dates, times and tuition.

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon DATE: Saturday, May 19 LOCATION: Northwille Recreation Area, Hines Park Shelter area (south of Seven Mile Road, between Hines Drive and Northville Road)

CONTACT: (313) 213-5026

DATE: May 21 TIME: 6-8:45 p.m. **LOCATION: Plymouth District** Library

DETAILS: Genealogical Research



Cream Social

DETAILS: Free Press columnist and talk show host Rochelle Riley to speak on key issues for today's Democrats.

CONTACT: Jim Gauldoni (248)

Huge Garage Sale OATE: May 17-19 LOCATION: 229 High St. DETAILS: Drop off gently used donation items Wednesday, May 14-Friday, May 16; everything

CONTACT: Vicky Lange (248) 380-9166 for information or to volunteer.

Northville Democratic Club

DETAILS: Guest speaker Dr. CONTACT: (248) 465-1995

DATE: Friday, May 18 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St., Northville club@gmail.com

charge for first class.

Marquis Theatre

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St.

DETAILS: Registration for twoweek Day Camp or Ducky Camp

Wayne County Veterans Service and Appreciation Day

DETAILS: There will be health screenings; representatives from Social Security, IRS, Veterans Service officers; refreshments and more; bring valid Michigan identification, DD214 and proof of income to begin on-site veteran benefit process

Daughters of the American Revolution-SENIOR Northville/Plymouth **EVENTS**

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

10 a.m.: Bowling -11:30 a.m.: Detroit Tigers

the market as it opened for the first time in 2007. It'll be open every Thursday until October.

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle, Bunco 1 p.m.: Computer II "Respect" at the Gem " " Massage by appointment "

Friday 9:30 a.m.: Strength Training 11 a.m.: Poker, Computer II 1 p.m.: Movie "Dreamgirls" Monday

9 a.m.: Greektown Casino 9:30 a.m.: Strength Training 10 a.m.: Oxycise, Line Dance 12:30 p.m.: Pinochie/Euchre 1 p.m. Computer 1

Chair Massage by appointment Tuesday 10 a.m.: Massage by Heartland

Rehab Services, Computer II 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 7 p.m.: Tai Chi Wednesday 10 a.m.: Oxycise 12 p.m.; Bridge

12:30 p m.: Red Hat Seldom 6 p.m.: Computer I 7 p.m.: Bridge 7:30 p.m.: Word Processing LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

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 **LOCATION: Senior Community** Center 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.

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.

Surrounded by baskets of flowers, Grace Winkler, 2, gets a hand as she walks through the Northville Farmer's

Market last Thursday morning. Hundreds of local shoppers took advantage of a great spring day to check out

CONTACT: (248) 349-3020 for information regarding programs and library materials.

Mother's Day Crafts for Kids TIME: 4-5 p m. DATE: Today

DETAILS: Drop in to make a lovely charm bracelet for Mom. All ages welcome; children age 4 and younger, bring care giver. Library cannot accommodate day care or

preschool groups. **Library Closed May 13.** Happy Mother's Day! Between the Lines

DATE: Monday TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Join a discussion of River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey," by Candice Millard. This work explores Roosevelt's harrowing trip on the Amazon after his defeat in the 1912 presidential

Summer on the Farm with the

Farm Lady DATE: Wednesday, May 23 TIME: 4:15 p.m. DETAILS: Stories, songs and nature information with Margaret Schmidt, "The Farm Lady," and her farm animal friends. One hundred free tickets available 5 minutes prior to program; no advance tickets; due to space limitations, no daycare or pre-

school groups. Junior Books Chat and Chow DATE: Wednesday, May 30 TIME: 4:15 p.m.

DETAILS: Book discussion of "The Homework Machine," by Dan Gutman with friends and treats.

MAYBURY STATE PARK

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

TIME: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p m. DATE: Saturday, June 2 **DETAILS:** Join the Friends of

Maybury State Park in reconstructing hiking trails damaged in winter. Bring your favorite longhandled shovel, extra wheelbarrows needed. Friends membership not required. Lunch provid-

CONTACT: RSVP George McCarthy at (248) 347-0899 or gmccarthy@comcast.net. Horseshoe Ride and Lunch

TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. DATE: Saturday, June 2 LOCATION: Maybury State Park Staging Area off Beck Road between Seven and Eight Mile

roads

DETAILS: \$5 donation for members, \$7 donation for nonmembers. Lunch provided from noon-2 p.m.. Prizes at 2 p.m. State Park sticker required by all. Sponsdred by the Maybury State Park Trail Riders Association.

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CONTACT: Debbie at (248)

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 DETAILS: Thursday evenings; 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program; \$5 CONTACT: www.singleplace.org Tonight: "Understanding and

Improving Credit Scores," with

Beth Troost; Cards and Games, 8 May 17: "Online Dating: What You Need to Know," with Tara Kachaturoff; Cards and Games, 8

May 24: "Health and Wellness," with Patrick J. Offman, Ph.D.; The Power that Made the Body Heals the Body," with Dr. Patricia L. Chelenyak, D.C.; "Looking at Foods," with Patrick J. Offman,

Ph.D. May 31: "Picnic & Light & Lively Concert," featuring Ronnie "J." Requesting donation of \$10 for picnic and concert; \$5 for con-

Divorce Recovery Workshop II DATE: May 17-June 14 TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Emeritus Room **DETAILS:** Various speakers; child care available for toddlers

weeks prior to workshop; registration required; \$45 CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Walking Group

through sixth grade, register two

TIME: 11:30 a.m. LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington; Third Saturday. Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand

River Ave., Farmington DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited.

First Baptist Church of Northville

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing continued on 18 CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 11 a m. and 6

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

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.

Ward Evangelical , i. Presbyterian Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile

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

DATE: Thursdays through today

TIME: 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 international organization that provides support and encouragement for mothers of young children.,

CONTACT: Keli Plansinis, atplayintennis@comcast net or Women's Ministries (248) 374-5978

WOW Tuesdays TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m. LOCATION: Chapel, NE corner of church

DETAILS: WOW Tuesdays offer seven different classes, four new. Something for everyone, Bible veterans or wanting to learn more. Small groups enable richer, deeper understanding of God's word and how we can apply it to our everyday lives.

20s and 30s Women's Bible

Study DATE: Tuesdays TiME: 7-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Room C317-319 **DETAILS: Study Scriptures in** this 12 week program through "Breaking Free," a video series by Beth Moore. Reserve workbook. **CONTACT: Women's Ministries**

(248) 374-5978 Coilege 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 **Single Point Ministries**

(Single adults 40 years and older)

CONTACT: (248) 374-5920 Friday: "Lifeworks" Dick Bont continues his series "Creating and Recreating Relationships' touching on topics concerning single adults, 7 p.m., Knox Hall May 18: Neon Indoor Golf,

details tha Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments in

Knox Hall Every Monday: 7 p.m. Learner's Bible Study, Room A101

Second and Fourth Monday: 7 p.m. Study of Ephesians, Room C309

Every Tuesday: 7 p.m. Praying Together, Sanctuary

Every Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Single Adult Ministries office; 7 p.m. Ward School of Christian Learning for Single Men, Room C350; 7 p.m. Single Parents, Single Adult Ministries Office; 8:30 p.m. Volleyball, Knox Hall; 4-7 p.m. Tennis, Rotary Park (Six Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman roads)

Every Thursday: Co-ed Softball; \$30; includes shirt and tournament

Every Saturday: 10 a.m. Bicycling Group, Single Point bike rides start from various locations until the weather turns cold and are geared toward the tourist level rider, but riders of all ability levels are welcome. Helmets are required. Lunch, at own expense, half-way through ride. Saturday location is Kensington Metro Park, South Lyon, Exit 151 off I-96, then north on Kensington Road to park entrance, then east one mile to West Boat Launch. May 19 location is Newburgh Point, Hines Drive, west of Newburgh Road

Every Saturday-Sunday: 1-5 up.m.; Jennis / Rotary Park (Six 🕮 Mile Road between Farmington-i and Merriman roads)

First United Methodist Church LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile

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

5 p.m. **Healing Service** DATE: First Monday of every

TIME: 4 pm.

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. Regisfration is not required.

CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net

Career Ministry Meetings DÁY: 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 Women's Bible Study

DATE: First and third Thursday of every month

TIME: 6-8 p m. DETAILS: This is a nondenominational 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

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

Blood Drive DATE: Sunday, May 20 TIME: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DETAILS: Walk-ins welcome. CONTACT: Janet: (248) 349-6592

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

8.30 a m. Blended,11 a m. Contemporary, 11:30 a m. Traditional

MILL RACE **MATTERS**

Mill Race Historical Village

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

DETAILS: Office Hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1p.m.; Archives Open Thursday-Friday 9 a m.-1 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 Northville Historical Society Plant Swap

DATE. Saturday, May 26 TIME 8-11 a m. (or later)

LOCATION: Mill Race Village DETAILS: Share perennials, annuals, wildflowers, shrubs, trees, pots, flats, tools, books, magazines, and information. Bring whatever you may have or a donation. Northville Department of Public Works will again be supplying their "Black Gold" composted leaf mulch so bring your

own shovel and containers. Refreshments served. Swap held rain or shine. Proceeds to benefit Mill Race Village Landscape and Garden Projects. CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 10 a.m. school tour; 3:45 p.m. Brownie Scout meeting

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open: 4:15 p.m Brownie Scouts; 6 p.m. Rehearsal Saturday: 3:45-5:45 p m. wed-

ding* Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 11:30 private party Monday: 11 a.m. Northville

Garden Club; 7 p.m. Lions Club Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 10 a.m. school tour; 7:30 p.m. Mill Race Weavers Guild

Wednesday: 10 a.m. school tour, 12:15 a.m. school tour; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church

Grounds closed to the public

LOOKING **FOR YOU**

Midwest Rabbit Rescue and Rehome

DETAILS: This organization houses, treats and adopts out rabbits to new homes. They 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 visit www.rabbitrr.org. Pet rabbit shelter is open 12:30-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment.

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

SHiking/ 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 weekdays and weekends to assist with hayrides (must be experienced); docents to assist with the school programming, Call (248) 374-0200.

Northville Community Foundation Independence **Day Parade**

DETAILS: Planning is under way for the parade. Volunteers are needed for both the committee and parade day. 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.

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

Volunteers Needed for Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Program

DETAILS: In as little as two to four hours a week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free, 18-hour/three-day training program is provided.

CONTACT: (800) 882-5720, ext. 8361 or (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Moms in Touch

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. Thursdays

LOCATION: Member's homes **DETAILS: These mothers form** a college/career, interdenominational prayer group that gathers for one hour each week to pray for their adult children.

CONTACT: Kathy Petlicke, (248) 348-1691 or www.momsintouch.org

Susan B. Galli Angel Fund

DETAILS: Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic has created a fund to assist families in need with medical expenses for their pets. The fund is in memory of one of their to not interchents and friends, Sue Galli, who passed away in November. Hidden Springs welcomes all donations

from the community to help build this fund and help as many pets as possible. Please make checks payable to Hidden Spring Vet Clinic SGA Fund, and mail to: 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

CONTACT: (248) 349-2598

Friends of the Northville **District Library**

DETAILS: There are openings for the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Northville Library. The Friends is a volunteer organization that promotes reading, supports programs in the library and provides financial support to projects not covered by the library's regular budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and are also expected to serve on a committee. The only requirement for becoming a Board member is an interest in the libray and a willingness to serve as a volunteer. Those interested should send a letter to James Morche, President of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

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

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 quilters group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers.

LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia

CONTACT: Joan Lee, (734) 953-

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M. Physical Therapy Rehabiltation Update



by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

A SUMMER CAUTION

After a season of relative inactivity, vention is so important. many people are lured by warmer templaying tennis or joining a softball ball and throwing a softball are strenubone. Prolonged stress can lead to ten-patients are welcome. donitis, or inflammation of the tendon. Symptoms usually include tenderness and pain at the site. Rest is vital to helping tendonitis heal, which is why pre-

When you require rehabilitative care peratures to include their passion for after a sports injury or surgery, contact Northville Physical Rehabiliatation P.C. league. While this is all well and good. We are dedicated to providing quality summer athletes should temper their care to insure the best possible result for enthusiasm by slowly accustoming each patient. Treating diagnoses of the their muscles and tendons to the rigors back, joints, muscle strains, sprains and of their favorite sports. Hitting a tennis weakness, our physical therapists customize programs to compliment ability ous and repetitive movements that level and lifestyle. Call 248.349.9339 to place a lot of stress on tendons, which schedule an appointment. We are locatare the tissues that connect muscle to ed at 215 East Main, Suite B. New

PS. One way to prevent the orset of tend inits is to rary your activities.

www.northvillephysicalrehab.com



Presented by Michael S. Rowe, M.D., F.A.C.P., C.P.I.

NON-ALLERGIC RHINITIS

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Are you constantly reaching for a tissue for your nose, but don't know why? A consistent runny or congested nose, called rhinitis, is commonly associated with allergies. However, half of all people with rhinitis do not have an aftergic component to their symptoms. Non-allergic rhinitis can be caused by exposure to various irritants such as perfume, smoke, or hormone changes. Unlike allergic rhinitis, which commonly affects people in their childhood years, non-allergic rhinitis is more likely to strike people as they get older. It also does not have the seasonal component of allergic rhinitis. Avoiding the rhinitis triggers, if you know them, can pervent symptoms. Nasal steroids, antihistamine sprays, and oral decongestants can help alleviate symptoms.

Today's column offers good advice for

toms.

Today's column offers good advice for allerty sufferers. For the latest and most effective allergy treatment options, you should consult a medical doctor specializing in allergies. Call the ALLERGY



www.allergyinfo.org

To all the nurses of UMHS,

On behalf of the U-M Health System, I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize you and your outstanding work during National Nurses Week.

Of America's 2.9 million registered nurses, I am honored to work with the very finest right here at the U-M Health System. My physician colleagues and I are grateful for your dedication to the care of our patients and their loved ones, and for your being integral in delivering on the promise that it is here where they experience the Michigan Difference.

I am most proud to acknowledge each nurse within our organization as my colleague and partner in patient care.

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Chief of Staff

Darrell (Skip) Compbell, Jr., M.D.

continued from page 18 **Anxiety Disorder Support** Group

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road,

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

CONTACT: Robert Diedrich at robtddrich@msn.com

New Hope Center for Grief Support

DETAILS: The New Hope Center for Grief Support offers age-and loss-specific groups for men and women whose spouse has died, parents who have lost a child, those who have lost a loved one to suicide and other specialized groups. The groups meet on a regular basis in various scheduled locations. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants.

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

YWCA of Western Wayne County

DETAILS: The YWCA is looking for volunteers to assist with office help, after-school programs, building projects, communications and marketing in its various locations throughout western Wayne County.

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

Meals-On-Wheels

DATE: Ongoing TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers are needed. **CONTACT: Eileen at Allen** Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna (248) 348-1761

DATE: Second Tuesday of every

month

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 volunteers to work four hours per month. Meet interesting people. Get 10 percent off store purchas-

CONTACT: Carol Kendra (248) 344-0497

Beautification Commission

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

Housing Commission

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

Youth Assistance DATE: Second Tuesday of every

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

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

CLASSES

Center, 303 W. Main St.

How To Become a **Government Contractor** seminar

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon DATE: Thursday, May 24

LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia (between Six and Seven Mile roads)

DETAILS: Geared for small and medium-sized businesses, participants will learn how to classify their product or service with the Federal Government and how to register. They will examine appropriate laws and regulations, marketing strategies and ways to find opportunities for selling to the government. Topics involving the State of Michigan include vendor registration, getting bidding information, how the state buys goods and the bid process. Seminar fee is \$40. To reserve a space call (734) 462-4438.

PARKS AND RECREATION **ACTIVITIES**

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

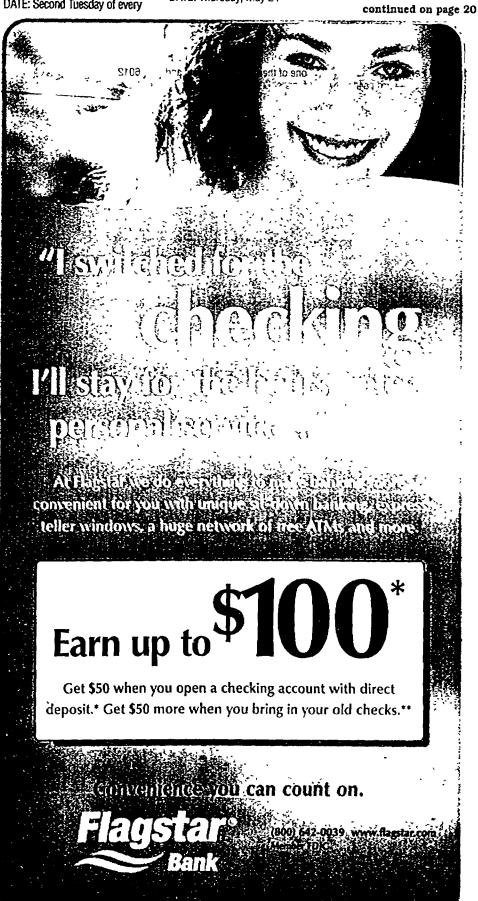
CONTACT: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities call (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

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-ins 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 Baskethall

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



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DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE'S HOPPIN SCRAMB

A Shopping FUNdraiser for **TIPPING POINT THEATRE**

Sponsored by the Northville Central Business Association

Wednesday, May 23 9:00am - 4:45pm

2, 3 or 4 Person Shopping Scramble - Public Welcome It's an exciting shopping event modeled after a golf outing. Shoppers create a foursome of their best shopping buddies and then "compete" against other foursomes at an all-day outing in downtown Northville.

Enjoy a day of pampering, great food, entertainment, prizes and a unique shopping experience!

\$50/Person Includes Meals, Fun Activities, a Fabulous Fashion Show and Great Prizes!

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MAY 21ST

50% of each ticket sale will be donated to TIPPING POINT THEATRE (\$25 of the ticket price may be used as a tax-deductible charitable contribution)

Registration Forms available at **Participating Downtown Merchants**

For more information or to register in Person, by Phone or Fax: Swearingen Visions, 118 W. Main Street Phone (248) 347-1642 Fax (248) 347-1785 Sherrus Gallery, 109 N. Center Street Phone (248) 380-0470 Fax (248) 347-2857-

DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE SHOPPING SCRAMBLE

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> \$50|Person Includes Meals, Activities, Fashion Show and Great Prizes! 50% of each ticket sale will be donated to TIPPING POINT THEATRE -Northville's newest and very exciting entenainment venue - making \$25 of your ticket price a tax-deductible, charitable contribution



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Check-in at Sherras Gallery of Frae Art. Breakfast catered by Edwards Café & Catering. Group photos compliments of Swearingen Portraits.

Shopgen start. Shop your first 9 holes at any of the participating downtown

12:30pm During back at Genital's enjoy a fabulous Fashion Show coordinated by Dueto's featuring downtown merchanes

1.30pm Shopping continues...take advantage of the special offers, sales and fun activities offered by the participating merchants!

3.4Spm 19th Hole Opens at Northville Square turn in your shopping scorecards and enjoy wine and hors d'ocuves.

4.30pm Awards Coromony - Prizes Awarded & Great Gift Bags for all Participants!

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

Open 40+ Basketball

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

Open Volleybali

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 Thursday; \$4 per person 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 through 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 1971-1974

DATE: Saturday, July 14

TIME: 3 p.m. LOCATION: Classmates Farm, Fight Mile Road **DETAILS: Friday the 13th** Night on the Town at Poole's

Tavern, 6 p.m., 157 E. Main St.;

Starting Gate Saloon later, 135 N. Center St.

CONTACT: 1971nhs71reunion@gmail.com; 1972-nhs72reunion@gmail.com; 1973-poolorphan@yahoo.com; 1974-nhs74reunion@gmail.com

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

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. 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

Belleville High School Class of 1982

DATE: Aug. 3-5 LOCATION: Eagle Crest Marriott, Ypsilanti

CONTACT: For more information, Richelle Fales (734) 844-8704 or brotary@comcast.net

GOLF **OUTINGS**

27th Annual Catholic Central Golf Outing

DATE: Monday LOCATION: Walnut Creek Country Club, South Lyon

DETAILS: To accommodate all participants, some will golf at Tanglewood, South Lyon. Dinner and festivities to take place at Walnut Creek Country Club. Register as golfer or sponsor

CONTACT: CC Athletic Department (248) 596-3829

Northville First United Methodist Church Golf Outing

DATE: Saturday, May 19 TIME: Tee off starts at 1:00

LOCATION: Links of Novi DETAILS: Eighteen hole golf scramble hosted by FUMC Men's Club. Cost is \$75 and includes green fees, cart, lunch and prizes for golfers. Open to golfers of all levels. Proceeds to First UMC Youth Porgrams plus Free Will offering. Payment for golf due by Wednesday, May 16.

CONTACT: Turner Osborne (248) 344-4395

South Lyon High School **Baseball 3rd Annual Golf** Outing

DATE: Sunday, June 3 TIME: 7 a.m. Registration; 8 a m. Shotgun Start

LOCATION: Coyote Golf Club, 28700 Milford Road, New Hudson **DETAILS: Includes 18 holes of** golf, continental breakfast, raffle, awards luncheon, \$100 per golfer;

hole sponsorships available. CONTACT: (248) 486-6553 or sark416@msn.com

Hote-in-One Event

DATE: Sunday, June 3 TIME: 8:30 a m. Registration; 9 30 a m. Shotgun Start

LOCATION: Fox Hills Golf Course, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

DETAILS: This a fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, includes 18 holes of golf, brunch, prizes; \$90 per golfer, check in at Strategic Fox Clubhouse; registration deadline May 26

Novi Lions Club 14th Annual Charity Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, July 12 TIME: 9 a.m. shotgun start LOCATION: Beacon Hill Golf Club, Commerce Township

DETAILS: Proceeds go to Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor. Cost is \$100 per person. Includes 18 holes of championship golf, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, steak dinner; \$25 for advance dinner/silent auction tickets only.

CONTACT: Terri D. Taylor (248) 755-2384

Brighton Hospital Annual Golf Classic

DATE: Monday, Aug. 13 TIME: 11 a m.-7 p.m.

LOCATION: Lakelands Golf and Country Club, 8760 Chilson Road, Brighton

DETAILS: Sign up early for an extra round of golf. Sponsorships available. CONTACT:

vvvv.stjohn org/Brighton

REGIONAL

"Bond and Beyond," an Original Musical Comedy

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 19; 3 p.m. Sunday, May 20 LOCATION: O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt

Garden City DETAILS: Presented by Livonia Civic Chorus; tickets available at the door; adults \$12, seniors and children \$8

CONTACT: (734) 525-6414 or www.livoniacivicchorus.org

Schoolcraft Community College

American Association of University Women Annual Scholarship Dinner DATE: Tuesday

Ehud Kapen, M.D.

Sandhya Patel, M.D.

Mara Rubenstein, M.D.

Jennifer Supol, D.O.

Stacy Zide, M.D.

& CIRCLE CHECKING"

List your event in our calendar!

To be included in the Community Calendar, please send event name, date, time,

location, details and contact. Mail: Northville Record. Community Calendar, 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167.

■ Fax: (248) 349-9832

■ E-mail: cstone@gannett.com

TIME: 6 p.m. LOCATION: VisTaTech Center **DETAILS: Special evening** where the branch adds to endowed scholarship funds for Schoolcraft and Oakland Community Colleges.

CONTACT: Beth Ann Knisely (248) 305-8992 Seminar on Government

Contracting DATE: Thursday, May 24

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon LOCATION: VisTaTech Center DETAILS: Learn to become a government contractor, to classify

your product or service, to register; examine laws and regulations, marketing strategies, opportunities. State of Michigan topics include vendor registration, bidding process, how state buys goods. Reservations being taken;

CONTACT: (734) 462-4438
Professional Chef Training DATE: June 5-7

TIME: 8:30 a m.-4 p.m. (except for final day)

LOCATION: Schoolcraft College DETAILS: Schoolcraft College: Culinary Arts Department will offer the "Chef to Chef" program, an initiative bringing culinary professionals into the Schoolcraft instructional kitchens to share expertise of chef instructors with industry practitioners. There will be four concurrent seminars: Artisan Breads taught by certified Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel; Charcuterie and the Modern Kitchen taught by certified Executive Chef Brian Polcyn; Contemporary Classical Cooking taught by certified Master Chef Dan Hugelier, Plated Dessert Composition taught by certified Master Pastry Joseph Decker. Each seminar allows 16 partici-

pants. Fee is \$850-\$950. CONTACT: (734) 462-4448

St. John's Rummage Sale TIME/DATE: 9.30 a m. Friday; 9:30-noon Saturday

LOCATION: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, between N. Territorial and Ann Arbor roads. DETAILS: This is a fund-raiser

for the outreach mission to the Dominican Republic.

South Lyon Plant Exchange TIME/DATE: 9-11 a.m. Saturday

■ Deadline: Must be received by noon on Tuesday to be published in the Thursday edition

Call (248) 349-1700 for additional information.

LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot Museum, 300 Dorothy St. DETAILS: Enjoy new plants and new friends. CONTACT: (248) 437-0154

"Evening in the Gardens" at **MSU Tollgate Farms**

CONTACT: Registration necessary; call Linda (248) 858-0887 or smithlin@oakgov.com

Landscape Design TIME/DAY: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday DETAILS: Fee \$20 Rain Gardens and Wel Areas TIME/DAY: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30 DETAILS: Fee \$20 Weeds Indeed! TIME/DAY: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

June 5 **DETAILS: Fee \$20** Garden Photography TIME/DAY: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, June 16 DETAILS: Fee \$30 **Climbing Roses Selection and** Growing

TIME/DAY: 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 18

DETAILS: Fee \$20 **Gardening Made Easy** TIME/DAY: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 DETAILS: Fee \$20 Herb Gardening TIME/DAY: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 8 DETAILS: Fee 20 **Dwarf and Unusual Conifers** TIME/DAY: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 22 DETAILS: Fee \$20 Cooking in the Garden TIME/DAY: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29 DETAILS: Fee \$20

Adult Softball Leagues

DATE: Beginning Tuesday. LOCATION: South Lyon DETAILS: Men play Tuesday or Wednesday, co-ed plays Friday. CONTACT: South Lyon Area Recreation (248) 437-8105

Men's Softball Tournament DATE: Saturday

LOCATION: Volunteer Park

DETAILS: Each team guaranteed minimum of two games. CONTACT: South Lyon Area Recreation (248) 437-8105 or www.sirec.com.

Artrain USA "America's **Hometown Art Museum**"

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., June 8-12 LOCATION: 840 N. Pontiac Trail

DETAILS: Public can tour three gatteries and Artist's Studio onboard vintage railcars. Exhibit includes "Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture," recently designated an American Masterpiece by the National Endowment for the Arts. Children can participate in an exhibition "Scavenger Hunt." Demonstrating artist's original works for purchase. Admission free. Donations encouraged. CONTACT: Cathy Behrens (248) 624-4847 or Train Travel, Inc. (248) 960-9440; also visit www.rail-road.com or

Business Networking International

www.ArtrainUSA.org.

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

Roads DETAILS: Discuss novels, plays, poetry and nonfiction, CONTACT: (248) 349-3121

Business Networking International

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

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

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

CONTACT: Jim Green, (248) 345-3302

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.

Garage Full? We Can Help!



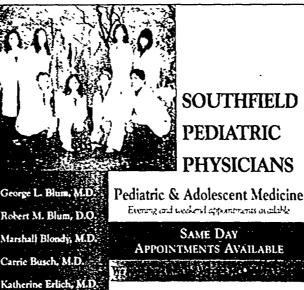
Our Garage, Your Sale

FREE use of our units for 3 days (as availability lasts)
2 days to Organize Your Sale, 5 Hours to Sell Estate Self Storage, Novi Rd. Between 8-9 Mile

Call for details - 248-349-1673 Special event parking available at Novi Bowl. See Novi Bowl's new lounge & receive

Mini Garage Sale Sat. May 26th, 9am to 2pm

a coupon for a FREE game of bowling This event will be combined with our Regular Auctions of Dalinquent Units at 10:00 a.m.



PHYSICIANS

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

Southfield Pediatrics West 7416 Haggerty Road West Bloomfield, MI 48322 (248) 661-9100

Southfield Pediatric Physicians, P.C. 31500 Telegraph Rd Suite 105 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 (248) 540-8700





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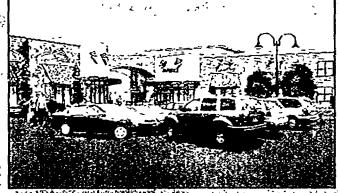
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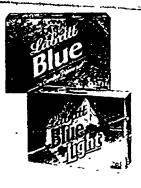
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Amerman Elementary teacher earns Educator of Year Award

She loves her second-graders

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Arlene Frayne says there's something special about teaching second-graders.

"I like the age," she said. "They're very cooperative and able to concentrate for quite a while."

Frayne ought to know. She's taught 7- to 8-year-olds for 20 years at Amerman Elementary in Northville.

She received the 'annual Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association Educator of the Year Award at the 89th convention awards breakfast Saturday in Sterling Heights on May 5.

Steve Anderson, principal, said students and parents just love Frayne.

"She possesses the combination of a business-like focus while at the same time a warm-and-fuzzy type of feeling. If you can capture that in a classroom - Wow! She cares about her kids."

Anderson said Frayne is the senior member of the second grade teaching team.

Denise Merlanti, the Amerman parent who nominated her for the award, said she appreciated how Frayne treated her daughter, McKenna, a 9-year-old special needs child in Frayne's class last

"She's the whole package," Merlanti said, "Every kid matters to her, and my daughter was no

In fact, she said Frayne would say whatever was good for McKenna was good for the class. "She's very soft spoken and

ears before moving to Amerman. Frayne and her husband, Glenn, their father. Their son, David, of Plymouth,

Besides spending time with her children and grandchildren, Frayne enjoys coupon shopping, gardening, walking, cycling and

She said her 19 Amerman stu-

calm, yet tenacious when it comes to what's best for the students," Merlanti said.

And Frayne is extremely welcoming to parents, Merlanti said. "Her classroom was always

One day, Frayne even pulled Merlanti into the classroom to show her a project.

The positive atmosphere in her classroom is contagious," Merlanti said. "She teaches students to respect themselves and others and instills a love of learn-

Born on the West Coast

A native of Seattle, Frayne's mother was a secretary, and her father worked for Kellogg.

"He started as a salesman and became a vice president," she

A graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Frayne earned a master's degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University.

She taught in the Farmington public school system for three

have three children, all of whom became mechanical engineers like

works for Ford Motor Company and has three children, ages 5, 3, and 1; daughter Rebecca Speckhals, of Northville, is a stay-at-home mom with two children, ages 4 and 2; and daughter Beth Loeback lives in Raleigh,



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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Amerman Elementary teacher Arlene Frayne smiles as she goes over vocabulary words with her second grade students on a recent Tuesday afternoon.

dents' extra-cooperative parents make her job even more enjoy-

They support education, want their children to do well and have high goals for them," Frayne

And, Principal Anderson gives teachers the flexibility to be creative with their lesson plans.

"He's very supportive and gives us leeway," Frayne said. She said Amerman's entire staff works together on the school's learning

environment.

"It's a team effort," she said. _ The bottom line? She loves teaching.

"It's rewarding to see children learn," she added. "It's watching someone grow."

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

CLASS NOTES

Two in arts festival

- Northville High School saxophone player Yough the and reco have been invited to participate in the prestigious Michigan Youth Arts Festival Thursday-Saturday at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. Both have been selected to participate in the honors jazz band.

Yonglu Che's parents are Chundao and Chunhui Che. Tony Pizzimenti's parents are James and Mary Pizzimenti.

Northville High School trumpet player Zachary Thomas will study at the prestigious Interlochen Arts

Camp. Some of this summer's visiting artists include Joshua Bell, Olga Kem, Branford Massalis and Anthony Rapp. Zachary is the son of Andy and Joan Thomas of

Morga earns French award

The American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) announces that Kelly A. Morga of Northville High School has received a 2007 AATF Outstanding Senior in French Award. This award is made annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in the

study of French as well as exceptional commitment to the French language and the many cultures 🔒 where it is spoken. Recipients must have completed at least three years of French study at the time of graduation and be non-native speakers of French.

Kelly has competed in the National French Contest and is a member of the National French Honor Society. She has studied French for five years and is currently the student of Karen Motz.

Orin offers contest for prom

Orin Jewelers is going to make

one senior sparkle a little brighter at his or her prom on May 25 by giving away \$500 in jewelry to a Northville High School senior.

The contest, which began May I, requires students to come into Orin Jewelers and fill out a wish list of their favorite items from sporty watches to earnings to glittering bracelets. The lists will be collected from all entries for a drawing to be held on May 18th. One lucky winner will receive \$500 in jewelry from his or her list to wear to prom. As a bonus for participating in the contest, the student will get to keep the jewelry. After the contest is over, the lists

will be mailed to the parents of all that entered for graduation and other gift ideas. -

'Orin Jewelers is a very community-minded business," said Orin Mazzoni III, Manager of Orin Jewelers Northville store. "We know how special prom is for the students, and this gives us a chance to do something really unique and distinctive for these seniors."

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On Campus

Sophomore Christopher Ponder of Northville has carned a place on the Dean's List for the third quarter this year at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy, Delafield, Wis.

Elizabeth Cohen, daughter of Julie Cohen of Northville has graduated with a bachelor's degree in Communications and Management from Hope College, Holland.

Lara Wagner, daughter of Kenneth and Barbara Wagner of Northville has graduated with a bachelor's degree in English and Classical Studies from Hope College, Holland.

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Families find the answer in Club Z

By Stacy Jenkins GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

In a time of shrinking school aid, larger class sizes and less individual instruction, families are discovering they can fill in the gaps with good old-fashioned, one-on-one tutoring.

Club Z, an in-home tutoring service franchise, owned by Dean and Kathryn Thompson is the answer to many homework mysteries, conflicts and stumbling blocks.

Working one-on-one with kids is such a nice way to meet their needs," said Kathryn Thompson, who has been a teacher for 31 years. The way school districts are going, we're seeing less and less individual

Janet Hong, of Novi, said Club Z is a nice alternative to another group tutoring program her 8-year-old son, Kiefer, attended.

"I like the one-on-one basis," she said. "It's more concentrated on him and more catered to his needs."

The Thompsons' business including a Novi location, has 150 tutors which serve 300-400 students via in-home tutoring at least twice a week. Club Z also tutors through school districts, which receive some funding from the No Child Left Behind federal law.

Club Z handles after-school tutoring for middle school youth in the Farmington Hills After School Program at the Costick Activities Center.

"They have saved us in the area of tutoring," said Todd Lipa, Farmington Hills Youth and Family Services director. 'They have worked with so many students, many who were struggling and have become better students."

Summer school

Club Z will offer a summer program at its Novi location and at the Jon Grant Community Center in Farmington Hills. The program, Summer Science Studies, will be held Mondays and Tuesdays from June 18 through Aug. 10. A Study Skills course will be offered Monday through Friday from Aug. 20-31, which will help students

transition back to school. They lose a lot during the summer," Dean Thompson said. "Our parents sometimes forget we offer services year round."

Summer programs often focus on topics not typically covered during the school year, including scientific research, sports greats and even guitar lessons and courses to learn'

"This gives us the chance to fill the niches we don't get to do at school," Kathryn Thompson said.

Tutor Luis Morente, of Novi, who is a native of Venezuela, enjoys teaching Spanish in addition to the basic reading, writing, history and

"I learn from the kids and they

learn from me," he said. "They are not as self-conscious as we are; kids just do it, while big people are afraid to make mistakes.

The tutoring sessions are usually an hour, two or three days per week.

"We set up our students, our parents and our tutors for success, not failure," Dean Thompson said. There is such a need for one-onone tutoring and study skills."

Kathryn Thompson said some parents have difficulty helping their kids with school work, noting conflicts often arise from frustration.

"Some parents will never be without a tutor because they've regained a fun relationship with their kids," she said, adding that parents have told her how much they've learned from watching the tutor.

Club Z is a family thing for the Thompsons, too. Their daughter, Elizabeth, 26, works there. Their son, Joe, 28, lives in Maryland.

Dean and Kathryn Thompson started their Club Z franchise eight years ago out of their Canton home. Dean Thompson worked in the waste management field for 25

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Students also will have an opportu-

nity to meet classmales from the

other elementary or middle schools

and get answers to questions about

social issues, lunch hours and other

components of the middle or high

'The move from elementary to

enrichment classes.

"I reached a crossroads in my life and decided to do something different," he said.

Kathym is a third-grade teacher at Thornton Creek Elementary in Northville.

Their business has grown throughout the area, with clients in western Wayne County, Oakland County, Ann Arbor and downriver.

"It's a business that gives you the opportunity to meet wonderful people," Dean Thompson said. "You're invited into someone's home and you're invited to really make a difference in a child's life."

For more about Club Z In-home Tutoring Services, visit www.clubztutoring.com.

Club Z programs

• Novi – Club Z's headquarters is at 25800 Novi Road, just south of Grand River, in Novi. Several summer programs are offered, including math, writing, study skills, ACT preparation, beginning Spanish, beginning guitar, novel studies, science research, history research and more. Call (248) 344-2200 or email clubz17@comcast.net for more information.

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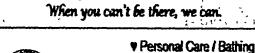
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The expanded summer school program is being offered at three levels through Elementary Summer Connections, Middle School Summer Connections and High School. Summer Connections. Registration for all three programs begins May 14 and ends June 25. Brochures with registration forms are available in each school building and on the district's website at www.northville.k12.mi.us.

Classes take place June 25-July 26 at Northville High School.

Summer School Principal Bob Boshoven said the district has expanded the summer school program this year by incorporating more enrichment classes and providing courses to help ease the transition from elementary to middle school and middle school to

New courses this year include Introduction to Web Page Design and Introduction to Digital Photography for middle school students. Back by popular demand this, summer will be Fun Friday classes on July 20 for K-5 students. Classes include Junior Picassos

Summer Connections

Other classes offered through the program include:

• Elementary Summer Connections: Students entering first grade can continue to build reading/writing readiness and math skills through the First Grade Development class. Other classes include Reading and Writing Workshop I (Foundations in ... Language Arts) and Investigations into Math and Science I for students who have completed first or second grade: Reading and Writing Workshop II (Constructing a Complete Language. Arts Learner) and Investigations into Math and Science II are available for students who have completed third or fourth grade.

 Middle School Connections: In addition to the introductory web design and digital photography courses, math and English classes are available for middle school students. The math class will help students who wish to enhance their math competency. The English class provides language arts enrichment and reinforces spelling, process writing, grammar and literature skills.

 High School Connections: A variety of credit classes are offered to high school students including English Nine and English Ten, Algebra I, Biology, American History, Government, International Issues, Economics, Physical Education and Seminar.

Registration for Summer Connections classes may be done in person at the Board of Education offices on Main Street (three blocks west of Center Street) or by mail. Parents are encouraged to register their students early to ensure classes are not canceled due to lack of registration.

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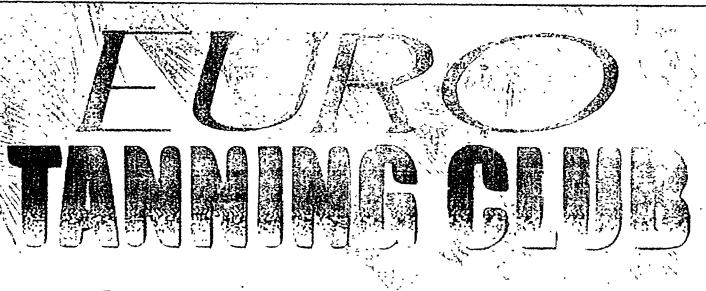
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gs Bryce Jenney left, and Bret Spencer bring a potent 1-2 punch to the mound for the

Bryce and Bret bring the pain for opposing batters

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Most baschall coaches are happy with having one solid pitcher 6 abits to give the ball to for a crucial game. Northwile head coach John Kostrzewa said he has options IA and IB in seniors Bryce Loney and Bret Spencer in no particular order.

and Bret spencer to the periodic order.

The two have been on varsity since their sophomore years and they ve now been part of more than 60 wins in three seasons. If a a luxury that most teams don't have. Kostrzewa Malayang two years at the varsity level they don't get fazed by anything.

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I m really proud in the fact that in three years they had a huge hand in really kind of put ting the program on the map.

Before Monday's game at

By the numbers

Through May 5

Boot Spanner — 4-0, 2 save, 32 1/3 innings pitched, 47 sirilinouis, 25 ints and 16 walks, 1 08 ERA

Bryce Jenney — 3-2, two saves 23 innings pitched 34 strikeouts 19 hits, 11 walks, 1.83 ERA

Plymouth the Muxtangs were 14-4 with Spencer and Jenney accounting for almost half of the immigs pitched this year. Spencer (4-0 with a save) has 47 strikeouts with 16 walks 25 hits allowed and a 1 08 earned run

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Top performer

Mustang Mike Yassay shows his intensity as he competes in the pole vault event during a recent track meet. Yassay rebroke his own school record clearing 15-5 at Saturday's Observerland Relays, which was also a new meet record.



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Mustangs destroy tennis league foes

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■ ROUNDUP: Toney becomes all-time Mustang soccer scoring leader

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In league play, the Mustangs beat Franklin 171-201 May 2 before blasting Wayne 182-289 Friday and Canton 193-272 Monday.

Kirsten Freisen was medalist with a 38 against Franklin. Other scores included Snyder with a 39. Weber with a 42 and Jennifer Ha with a 52.

Snyder was medalist against Wayne with a 40, and she was followed by Freisen (42), Weber (47)

and Taylor Johnson (53).

Against Canton, Weber won medalist with a 41. She was followed by Freisen with a 47, Arianne Frink with a 51 and Johnson with a 54.

Northville Girls Track

The Northville girls track team continues to dominate dual meets. beating Plymouth 105-32.

The Mustangs are a perfect 5-0 in dual meets and have scored at least 100 points in each.

"The Mustangs continue to excel and achieve personal bests as they prepare for regionals in two weeks," Northville head coach Nancy Smith said. "I'm very happy with what we have been able to accomplish this season without much dual meet competition.

"The seniors ran their final home dual meet and left the meet with no regrets and outstanding

accomplishments tonight." Highlights from the meet included - All four relays winning, Paige Stuart winning the long jump with a personal-best 16-1. She was followed by teammate Jackie Konopka with a personal best 15-5. Amy Reynolds won the pole vault, clearing 9-0. Becky Murphy finished second at 8-6. The Mustangs swept the 200 meters with Emily Kreichelt winning in 27.8 with teammates Brianna Jenkins next at 27.9 and Julie Foucher third at 28.2. Konopka won the 400 meters, Lindsay Hagan wpm the 800 meters, and Jenny Murphy won the 3,200 meters in 12:09.

The Mustangs also competed in the Stevenson Invite, which did not keep score.

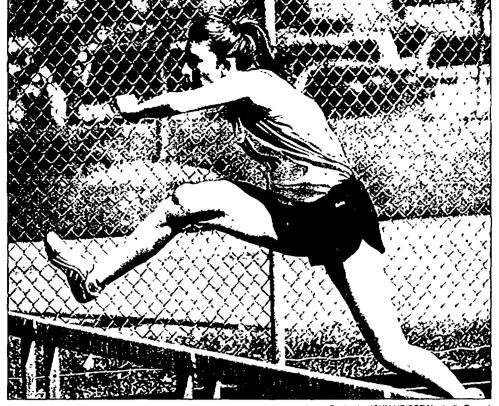
Mustang highlights included Konopka winning the long jump with a leap of 16-5, Brianna Jenkins placing second in the high jump (5-1), O'Malley King placing second in the 100 hurdles (16.3), Kreichelt placing second in the 100 meters (13.02) and third in the 200 meters (26.8), the 400 relay (51/6) placed second and the 800 relay (1:50), 1,600 relay (4:19) and the 3,200 relay (9:55) each finished third.

Northville Boys Track

The Mustangs placed third at the Observerland Relays at Farmington High School on Saturday. Northville also beat Plymouth 84-53 for its last home meet of the year.

Highlights of the relays included: Mike Yassay rebroke the school record and meet record, clearing 15-5 to beat former Olympian's Paul Turek's mark. Other first-place finishes included the 4x1,600 team of Nick Kolbow, Jasen Turnbull, Jack Dalton and Nitin Jacob, the shuttle hurdle team of Cavan Corcoran, Evan Gerish, Ali Arastu and Eric Francheschi, Turnbull in the 1,600 meters and the pole vault team of Yassay, Franceschi and Jonny D'Anna. Corcoran was secon in teh 110 hurdles.

Highlights of the Plymouth



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Wayne and two more in a 3-0 win

against Plymouth on Monday. Liz

Watza earned her seventh shutout of the year against Plymouth.

The Mustangs (9-1-3, 6-0-1)

also tied Livonia Stevenson 1-1.

Toney was pulled down in the

box, trailing 1-0. Sarah Stern

came in to convert the tying and

final goal of the game.

Mustang hurdler O'Malley King races down the track on her way to winning this heat of the 110-meter hurdles.



Mustang Markea Dickinson clears the bar as she competes in the highjump.

800 and 1,600 relays. Eric Markstrom won the shot put (47-9), Andrew Gorley won the discus (138-2), Franceschi won the high jump (5-9), Turnbull won the 1,600 meters (4:35), Corcoran won the 110 hurdles (15.2) and the 300 hurdles (42.1).

The Mustangs can wrap up the Lakes Divsion with a win today against Franklin

Northville Lacrosse

The Mustang lacrosse team (9-2) came away unscathed in three tough games in the past week. Northville beat Rochester 7-4 and Grosse Pointe South 7-6 in triple overtime to win the Grosse Pointe Invitational, and also beat Utica

Eisenhower 14-3. Saturday against Grosse Pointe South, the Mustangs fell behind 4-2 and 6-4 before getting the tying goal by Pat Larabell with six minutes remaining.

In the third overtime, Kyle Ziomek took a shot that was knocked down but right to Larabell, who fired in the winning tally. Larabell finished with five goals and two assists. Andy Cauzillo and Ziomek added the other goals.

Northville jumped out to a 4-0 and held off a Rochester comeback to get the victory. Derek Gelven led the attack with three goals and an assist.

Lamoureux came up big with 13 saves to get the win.

The Mustangs took on a tough opponent in Utica Eisenhower on May 3, and Northville passed the test with flying colors with a 14-3

The Mustangs scored the first nine goals of the game, with Larabell notching four goals in the first half and five in the game with two assists to lead the charge.

"Pat so far has had a great year," Northville head coach Greg Durham said. "I put a lot on his shoulders this season, and so far

he has answered the bill." Also scoring for the Mustangs were Andy Cauzill with two goals and two assists, Kyle Ziomek with a goal and a helper, and Alex

Thurman with a pair of goals. defense limited Eisenhower to 12 shots while garnering 15 takeaways. Lamoureux needed just six saves for the win.

Northville soccer

Danielle Toney became the alltime Mustang scoring leader with

Sports Shorts

Mustang football meeting

The Northville High School 2007-08 football round-up meeting will be held on Monday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in the Northville High School cafeteria/auditorium. All interested incoming 9-12th grade players (for the 07-08 school year) and parents should plan to attend and register for summer camps, meet coaches, obtain schedule details, order fan gear, etc for next fall. More information can be found on the football program's website at www.northvillemus-

The Summer Basketball Academy

Area players will receive the best individual instruction available in a camp setting. Five weeks to choose from, June 25-28, July 9-12, July 16-19, July 23-26, July 30-Aug 2, will involve players in three hours of highly intensive skill development training per day. Limited enrollment guarantees players, ages 10-18, will rapidly and dramatically improve in all phases of the game. Basketball teaching professional, Coach Paul Tripp, will personally evaluate and instruct each player in shooting, footwork, offensive moves, and defensive instruction. He has trained

some of the top players in the area from middle school to college level. The camp fee is \$135.

Contact Coach Paul at coachpaul@basketballworkshop.com or call (248) 563-0858 for registration information.

Wildcat basketball camps

Novi boys basketball coach Pat Schluter is hosting three summer basketball camps.

The Boys basketball camp for grades 2-5 will run 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades 6-9 will be 1-4:30 p.m. July 18-22 at Novi Middle School. Cost of the camp is \$140 and will include all aspects of basketball and player development. Participants will also receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball.

The boys and girls shooting camp for grades 2-5 will run 12:30-2 p.m. and for grades 6-9 2:15-3:45 p.m. July 23-27 at the Novi Middle School. The camp costs \$68 and will concentrate on all shooting aspects with awards being given to contest winners.

The boys and girls K-2 camp will run 8:30-10 a m. for one class and 10:15-11:45 for another class July 23-27 at the Novi Middle School. The cost is \$68 for each class and will teach the basic skills of basketball.

Gym clothes and gym shoes are required for all camps. Registration begins April 16 by calling Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

4-Star Basketball Camp

Novi basketball head coach Pat Schluter is teaming up with South Lyon head coach Daren Clayton to run the All-Area 4-Star Basketball Camp at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The first camp is for boys entering grades 3-6 from 8:30-noon with boys entering grades 7-8 from 1-4:30 p.m. July 9-13.

The second camp is for grades 5-8 from 8:30-noon and grades 9-12 from 1-4:30 p.m. July 16-20. Each camp cost \$165 and is aimed at improving the serious bas-

ketball player. Space is limited to 100 campers per session. Visit www.allareabasketballcamp.com for more information.

Novi girls basketball camp

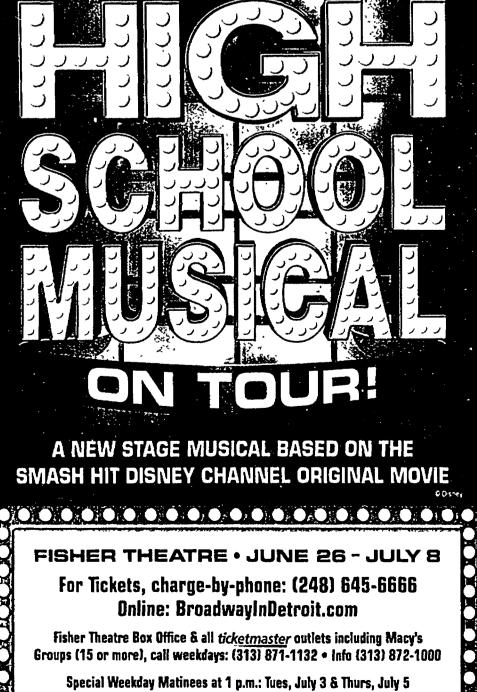
The Novi basketball camp run by for girls in grades two through nine will take place June 18-22.

An emphasis will be placed on all game phases including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsman-ship, and an introduction to the Lady Wildcats offensive and defensive schemes. Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball.

The camp for grades 2-5 will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day in the fieldhouse. The camp for grades 6-9 will run from 1-4:30 p.m.

The camp is run by Wildcat head coach Bill Kelp. The fee is \$140, and registration begins April 16 by calling Navi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.







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Working horses

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville baseball (14-4, 7-0) came out of a very busy week in great shape, winning four games in four days. A fifth win came in a 2-1 win against Canton.

Mike Deluca got things started, throwing six innings and allowing just one run in a 9-1 win against Salem on May 2. Deluca also contributed a two-run homer in the

Bret Spencer took the hill on Friday and went the distance in another 9-1 win, this time against Wayne Memorial.

Saturday saw a pair of wins against Southgate Anderson, 6-0 and 14-4

Nick Balow threw six innings of the first game, allowing just two hits with seven strikeouts. Joe Mitchell had a big day at the plate, going 3-for-4 with run knocked in and two runs scored. Jenney had two hits, two RBIs and two runs scored.

Mitchell threw three innings of scoreless ball in the second game to claim his first-career win. Kevin Uetz closed the door with a pair of scoreless innings in relief.

Going back to Monday, we gave up four runs in 33 innings pitched while committing only three errors all week," Kostrzewa said. "Fundamentally we continue to improve. We have had a great approach all week."

Bryce Jenney finished just one strikeout away from tying the school record in a 2-1 win against Canton on April 30. He went the distance and struck out 15 batters to pick up the win.

Jenney also came through at the plate, doubling home Spencer in

the second inning. Gerard Powell scored the win-

ning run off a wild pitch. The day was really dominated by pitching by both teams," Kostrzewa said. "Bryce really had good command and did not walk a single batter."

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Anticipating a bunt, first baseman Bret Spencer charges towards home during Northville's home game against Livonia Franklin.

Derby, another check off the list

I got to check another entry off my must-do-before-I-die list over the weekend. I was able to go down (and donate) at the Kentucky Derby

at Churchill Downs. I had planned to go the year before, but a few things came up and I had to turn down the offer. Nothing, however, was stopping me this year.

After years of hearing my relatives tell me story after story of what ing out on, I had to do it.

Anticipation

The six-hour drive was filled with anticipation and what I was going to do with the money I was going to make

somehow pick-

ing the right

horse out of a

20-entry field.

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would allow J. Theisen me to whittle the field down to a few horses that I thought could pull off the win.

But, after asking most of the six others that went down for the trip, I realized it was going to be a crap shoot when almost everyone had a different idea, theory or horse they thought could win.

So I put my worries aside for the rest of the drive and enjoyed the trip.

Arrival

My uncle drove us down in his motorcoach, and we arrived at a lot about a mile from the track in a lot filled with buses and trailers.

We were worried about the weather, and sure enough, our worries became true when it rained for much of the first few days.

But asking around to other Derbygoers, I realized it was even more of a crapshoot as I thought but about four or five horses never came up in any conversation. OK, now were down to about a 16-horse field - getting better.

Churchill Downs

We wandered over to the Downs on Friday to go to the first big race of the weekend, The Oaks. I wasn't expecting much on the day before the big race, but as the pattern will clearly show. I was wrong.

The party started sometime on Friday and didn't end until well after the big race on Saturday.

The Hats

I don't even know how to describe the hats. Anything you've ever seen in a store and thought, "Who in the heck would wear that?" they wear it at the Kentucky Derby.

I saw everything from a horse head to a lady with massive red hat with well over \$100 in cash stapled to it. (I could never get the wind to blow hard enough to knock off one of the \$20 bills). It was also Cinco De Mayo, meaning several sombreros were also atop heads throughout the day.

Celebs

No Queen Elizabeth sightings. I'm pretty sure we saw her motorcade coming in from the airport though. It contained five or six cop cars and several limos. As we assembled together as a group just before The Oaks on Friday, O.J. Simpson walked within a few feet of us. Amazingly, people were cheering pretty loudly for him.

I did see Nick Lachey after the Derby, but he was well surrounded and unapproachable.

The Crowd

I tried to talk to as many people as possible, finding out what makes the Derby what it is. Ultimately, it's many things. It's being with the crowd (more than 150,00 strong). It's the party, as Caitlin O'Connor from Kansas City came down to celebrate her 21st birthday, which actually was the day of the race.

She said a fellow traveler on a trip to Australia talked up the Derby so

■ BASEBALL: Throwing BBs

continued from front

one of those guys," Kostrzewa said.

Having so many strong arms has Kostrzewa feeling good about a possible deep run into the state

playoffs. "Not too many teams have a

No. 2 guy. If you have a two-guy, you have the potential to do a lot of damage in the state tournament. You absolutely have to have a No. 2 guy."

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much that her and two friends had to come down for her birthday.

"Where else better to celebrate your 21st birthday, so I just decided to come down with some friends," O'Connor said. Her plan was to hit the party area, which is on the

It's a reason to wear the hats. Some hats went beyond anything that could be justified, but nobody seems to care. It's just a good time

with good neor Ethan Gullickson from Plymouth and Amy Terrill from Harrison Township looked the Mardi Gras part. Gullickson had on a string of beads that were about the size of

bocce balls. For Kathy Lehman of Hendersonville, Tenn., it's was about showing off her hat that she

bought in Memphis. "I kind of sort of knew what the outfit was going to be, so I knew I needed a black hat," she said. "So the black hat with the ostrich feathers, primo!"

The Race

After consulting more people than I needed to, it was time to make the (wrong) pick. My idea was to pick inside the pack, because of the difficulty in coming from the way outside to win. I went with 5, 6 and 8 horses. (Notice the missing number.) I placed a couple of bets for some friends, but they were far from the horses I wanted. I walked to the window still wondering if I had any clue on who was actually going to win, but I had my confident poker

The hum of the crowd turned to instant insanity as soon as the gates opened. The race started and two horses I had money on were fighting near the front. I was excited, to say the least, but there was a lot of race

As the race neared the final turn, I had the eight horse very close to the front. I've got a sure winner. And then the blur that was Street Sense (#7) dashed my hopes. I looked through the five or six tickets I had, and it might as well be five or six Post-it notes.

A few people are yelled in victory, but most people threw losing slips like confetti at a parade. Or as I

put it, the losing party. Was it worth it? You bet.

The night turned into one big party as everyone realized it's the last hurrah of the weekend. A group of partiers sang the Michigan Fight Song in the parking lot, bean tosses were everywhere in the parking lots and I was already trying to come up with a different plan to win next

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On the move - Enjoy the outdoors

iving in Michigan, one has a special appreciation of spring after making it through long, cold winters. The "hibernation" period is over and we can now fully enjoy the outdoors in comfort, surrounded by spring flowers, green grass, singing birds, and people having

Family Time

At times, the solitude a walk, run, or bike ride can offer is very much appreciated. But also consider the opportunity for informal family time together. With all the organized sports and other activities children are in, it can be especially enjoyable to do something as a family group - with no coaches, referees, time clocks or scoreboards.

If you like to walk, stride around your neighborhood or into town. A walk to downtown Northville passes by many historic homes and interesting shops, and can feature an ice cream or lunch destination.

Spring also brings out the wildflowers at Maybury State Park. Why not take a walk along the paved or forest trails to see the abundant array of wildflowers? Who knows, you may even spot a deer, a wild turkey, an owl, or other wildlife along the way.

The nice weather also brings out runners and aspiring runners. Of note are two Northville Community leaders. Jody Humphries, president of the Northville Chamber Commerce, expanded her running endeavors by completing her first half marathon in April. At Northville City Hall, Nickie Bateson, finance director, assistant city manager and runner-tobe, recently bought two books which other new runners may wish to consider: "Women's Complete Guide to Running" and "Galloway's Book on Running." Can her first race be far away?

If you are thinking about taking up running, you may want to consider one of the "Running

classes offered at the Running Fit locations in the area.



They "designed to give beginning runners the information and motivation needed to

paslong sion" One of the things I have enjoyed most about running is doing it with my family whether it is a training run, a race or a relay event. Local races that are especially "family friendly" with run/walk events and special

turn running

into a life-

activities for children include: Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run on June 17.

Northville Solstice Run on

· Northville Road Runner Classic on July 28.

Website of the Month

If you would like information on running routes, including distances and elevations, in this area or places you travel, check out www.usatf.org/routes.

Upcoming Events

· Saturday, June 2: The 30th Annual Oak Apple Run will take place in downtown Royal Oak. It includes a 10K run and 2 mile and fun runs, (www.oakapplerun.org)

 Sunday, June 3: Another long standing event, the 34th Annual Dexter-Ann Arbor Run, will take place along scenic Huron River Drive, Events include a 5K run/walk, a 10K run and a half marathon. (www.dexterannarborrun.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.

NORTHVILLE H.S. SCHEDULE

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5/11 at Franklin, 4 p.m. 5/12 vs. Trenton, 10 a m; Allen Park 1 p.m. 5/14 vs. WL Western, 4 p.m.

5/16 vs. Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Softball

5/11 vs. Franklin, 4 p.m. 5/14 at WL Western, 4 p.m. 5/16 at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Boys Lacrosse

5/15 at Catholic Central, 7 p.m.

Girls Lacrosse 5/11 at Regina, 6 p.m. 5/14 at Ladywood, 6 p m.

Girls Golf

5/17 Regionals at Oak Pointe in Brighton, TBA

5/14 vs. WL Western, 7 p.m.

5/16 at Canton, 7 p.m.

5/12 at WLAA Tourney, TBA

Track

5/10 at Franklin, 3:30 p.m. 5/11 at South Lyon, 4 p.m.

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6 GAMES IN 3 DAYS

■ Mustang girls go 2-3 in Stars Tournament

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville softball team finished off a wildly busy week with six of the seven games being played Friday through Sunday.

The Mustangs hammered Wayne 14-1 in five innings Friday before heading to the Michigan Stars Tournament for five games Saturday and Sunday.

In the tournament, Northville went up against No 1 ranked Chippewa Valley in the opener. The teams had to go to extra innings to settle the score, but Chippewa Valley edged out a 7-6 win in nine innings.

Northville fought back to earn a

Northville fought back to earn a 9-1 win against Alma before beating Ladywood 9-3 on Saturday.

On Sunday, Utica stymied the Mustangs and won 2-1 before Milford also handed Northville a 7-4 loss.

Friday's game was an offensive outburst for the Mustangs. Sarah Rounsifer had three hits (two dou-

bles, two runs batted in to lead the offense. Allyse Moore and Kelsey Whelan each knocked out two hits.

Samantha Doud picked up the win, allowing four hits and four strikeouts.

The Mustangs put the game away with seven runs in the second.

The week started with a 3-1 win over Salem on May 2. Allison Holmes improved to 7-0, allowing only six hits, two walks and one earned to with nine strikeouts.

Big hitters included Elise Fleishaker, Rounsifer (two doubles) and Kirstyn Wildey with two hits each.

The Mustangs went ahead with a pair of runs in the first and one more in the fourth.

"The girls really hit the ball hard," Northville head coach Teryn Chrzanowski said. "Their outfielders recorded 10 outs on long fly balls. They were playing us really deep.

us really deep.
"Although we didn't push more
runs across, everyone was hitting
well. Allison pitched great and
overall it was a good win."

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Mustang softballers shout encouragement to their teammates from behind their dugout fence.



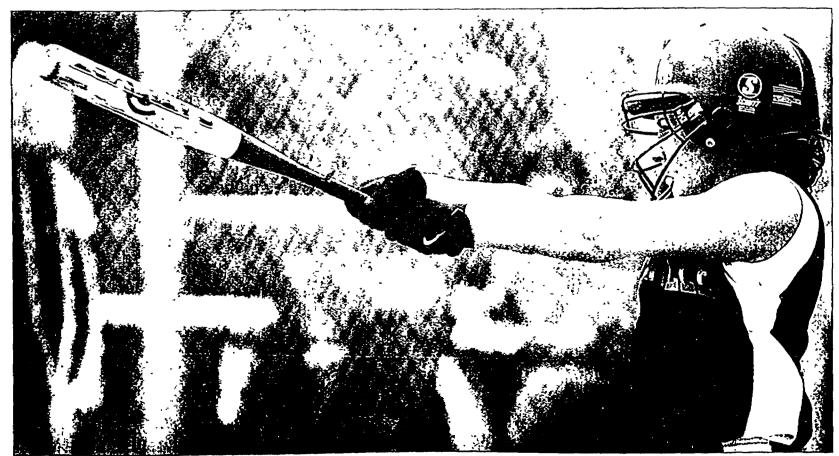
After looking a runner back to second, Mustang shortstop Elise Fleishaker fires to first base for an out.



Mustang catcher Sarah Rounsifer works behind the plate during an away game at Canton High.



Brittany Birdsall looks a grounder into her glove as the Mustangs visit the Canton Chiefs.



Kelsey Whelan takes a swing during Northville's game at Canton.

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OOD FOR THOUGHT

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How Many Vegetable Servings Do You Need?

The USDA recommends 2-1/2 cups of vegetables per day for a 2,000 calorie diet, with higher or lower amounts depending on age, gender and activity level. That means about five 1/2-cup servings a day of fresh or frozen, raw or cooked vegetables. For more information, visit mypyramid.gov.

Consider adding a simple salad or one of these easy vegetable dish recipes to your Lean Cuisine Spa Cuisine entrée, and you'll be well on your way to reaching the USDA daily recommended servings of vegetables.

Roasted Red Pepper Hummus

Serve this easy dip with raw vegetables or toasted pita bread as an appetizer before enjoying your Lean Cuisine Spa Cuisine entrée.

3/4 cup roasted red pepper from a jar, drained 1 cup prepared hummus Lemon juice to taste

Puree roasted red pepper in food processor or blender, then add hummus and puree until smooth. Add lemon juice to taste. 1-1/2 cups or 8 servings

Vegetable Va-Va-Va-Voom! Check out these easy and delicious ways to help get those USDA-recommended three to five vegetable

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servings a day:

Don't Forget the Freezer.

Remember that many frozen vegetables, like those found in frozen entrées such as Lean Cuisine, have been picked and processed at their peak, so stock up. Lean Cuisine's new Spa Cuisine entrées all feature at least two servings of vegetables and offer delicious varieties such as Sesame Stir Fry with Chicken. Butternut Squash Ravioli, Ginger Garlic Stir Fry with Chicken, Hunan Stir Fry with Beef, and Grilled Chicken Primavera.

It's in the Sauce. Tomato-based spaghetti sauces and salsas can be a vegetable serving. So can guacamole, salsa verde and pico de gallo.

Stuff. Choose ravioli stuffed with squash or pumpkin, fill a burrito with grilled vegetables and fresh salsa, spoon hummus and chopped cucumber into pita bread.

Chop. Cruise through the grocery store salad bar and load up on chopped veggies to quickly add to scrambled eggs, a grilled cheese sandwich or a casserole.



Easy Minestrone

6 to 8 servings

Start simmering this delicious soup a few minutes before cooking your Lean Cuisine Spa Cuisine

- 2 (10-ounce) packages Italian-style
- vegetables, frozen
 4 cups low sodium chicken broth 1/4 cup grated Parmesan

Stir together vegetables and chicken broth in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook, stirring. until soup bubbles and vegetables are tender, about 8 minutes. Sprinkle each serving with Parmesan.



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Raney's Plants blooms with garden ideas

By Kate Phillips SPECIAL WRITER

his time of year many folks are trying to transform their yard into a beautiful, blossoming paradise an oasis right at home.

Rancy's Plants of South Lyon is the best spot to look for annuals, perennials, nursery stock and all sorts of garden accessories.

But even the best plants will wilt if they're planted in the wrong spot or are poorly cared for. The expert staff at Raney's can tell customers what plants would be best for specific soil and sunlight conditions and can provide practical advice on keeping the plants healthy.

When problems arise, an on-staff horticulturist and master gardeners can answer any question. It's what separates Raney's from other garden centers.

"Between us, we have hundreds of years of experience," said Mike Raney, retail manager.

Tradition of excellence

Growing plants comes second-nature to the Raney family. Ray and Irene Raney started out as produce farmers in Novi more than 60 years ago.

As Ray raised his cauliflower and other vegetable crops from seedlings, he began potting some of the plants and selling them to local farmers. The farmers found that Ray's vegetables saved time and made for a bountiful crop. Ray's reputation spread and the farmers began to order more and more plants every year.

Finally Ray and Irene decided to shift towards mostly plant farming. They kept adding greenhouses until the property could support itself just on plants - both vegetables and flowers.

The family purchased the current property on Ten Mile Road, just west of Milford Road and opened a store in 1950. The couple and their seven children

painstakingly labored over the greenery, discovering the best methods for raising healthy plants and getting them ready for customer distribution.

It's always been a destination that draws in loyal customers from miles around and it still is.

Ray and Irene just aren't the type of folks that retire. They're continuing their life's work. But children, Tony, Mike, Mary, Paul and Anne now manage the business with help from their own children and other family members.

Raised for perfection

It all starts with a tiny seed.

There is thought behind every single seed at Raney's Plants.

As the wholesale growing manager, Tony Raney chooses the perfect seeds - selecting plants that have flourished at Raney's through the years. Nearly all of the plants at Rancy's are grown on site.

Since Raney's grows for local consumers and sellers. Tony chooses only varieties that will do well in southeast Michigan. That's a bit different than buying flowers that are shipped in from out of state. Every Tony checks out the plants at the MSU Trial Gardens. When he sees new plants that are growing well there, he plants some at Raney's the following year.

"We always try out a few new plants every year," said Tony Raney. "We are always growing and changing so we have new stock all the time."

Every year, Tony starts some of the seeds in December and others throughout the winter and spring. With 50 greenhouses to manage, there's always plants that need the staff's careful attention - all year 'round.

Once the seedlings in thousands of tiny dirt plugs have sprouted, they're carefully transplanted into flats or other containers.

Mother's Day Gift List:

- Hanging baskets
- Annual combo planters
- Design moss baskets Garden art
- Flowering shrubs
- Rose plants
- Fresh cut flowers



Tony and Michael Raney still grow flowers in the same tradition as their parents, who started Raney's Plants in 1950 — though they've added many technological improvements.

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On a typical day several Raney's employees are working just on transplanting the plugs. There's automated machinery for filling pots with dirt and other common processes, but the plants are mostly handled by gentle, competent human hands,

Yet technology actually helps the growers take plants to their absolute highest potential. Tony said that the secret to raising good plants in a greenhouse is perfect temperature control. Automated irrigation systems also help make sure that exactly the right amount of water gets to each type of plant every day.

"People would be surprised what a hightech operation this is," said Tony.

The nursery uses almost no pesticides or herbicides. With healthy plants raised in ideal conditions, there rarely is a need, Tony

The growers work hard to coordinate planting schedules and growing seasons. By Easter, beautiful indoor flowers are ready for spring. Then at the start of May a bountiful harvest of annuals are ready for outdoor planting. But as the summer continues, new plants continue to be prepared, so that there is always something looking fresh and beautiful - throughout spring, summer and

The value of plants from Raney's comes in the long, slow growing season. That means that the plants are hardier because they have a longer root system than typical stock. Each plants is grown with a careful eye towards quality - even down to the

Flowers everywhere

The showroom at Raney's is like an enormous flowering garden. It's an experience in itself, with rich scents of flowers and something interesting to see in every single

The main focus is the flowers. They're irresistible to everyone that walks in. There are hundreds of flats filled with colorful annuals. Favorites like marigolds and impatiens are found in every color. Raney's has pansies with huge flowers - the biggest around.

But there are a lot of annuals that you just won't see anywhere else. The double petunia is an old-fashioned flower with lacy looking leaves that just isn't grown much



Raney's Plants carries a full assortment of annuals, perennials and nursery stock — plus decorative accessories and garden art.

anymore. A regal geranium is also a rare Raney find, a type of geranium that grows well in cool, shady conditions and lasts throughout the summer.

"If you like something different in your

Raney's specializes in beautiful hanging baskets, patio planters and design moss baskets. With thousands of hanging baskets, there is something for every personality. They make perfect Mother's Day gifts and hostess gifts.

The staff members who put together the combo planters and design moss baskets are true artists. These planters are designed by those with an eye for beauty and enough years of experience to predict how each plant will hold up over the course of the summer. They're like an instant garden, with a number of colors and textures all put together artistically. Every Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., customers can come in to make their own combo pots.

"If they're taken care of well, our planters will look great the entire summer."

explained Mike. The vegetables at Raney's are as good as they were 50 years ago — or better. They're all grown organically. Heirloom tomatoes are highly sought after. They're flavorful, old-fashioned tomatoes that aren't genetically engineered. There's also a number of varieties of peppers, cucumbers and many others, including a dozen herbs.

Perennials are also in bloom at Raney's. Some of Mike's favorites are the pink climbing hydrangea, the "paper butterfly" type of day hly and the knock-out roses, which are a sturdy low-maintenance variety. He also loves fun plants like mini conifers, which are perfect for grooming into a bonsai tree.

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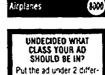
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voted, we tabulated and the results are in: The 2007 People's Choice awards for the best in businesses and services in your area are finally here.

Over a six-week period, the South Lyon Herald, the Milford Times, the Northville Record and the Novi News published ballots for readers to write in their choices for the best businesses and services in the area. Entries at each paper were tallied.

"This year we've printed and received more ballots then ever before," said Grace Perry, general manager of the newspapers. "We have found that more and more people look forward to voting every year, more often than not as a way of thanking their favorite area businesses."

Each newspaper has categories for their particular readership area. Readers write in the name of businesses in their respective categories that they wish to nominate for the award.

Ballots received by the published deadline are qualified, then the votes are counted. The South Lyon, Huron Valley, Northville and Novi winners of the 2007 People's Choice Awards appear in their respective sections in this special issue.

"Businesses look forward to The People's Choice Awards. Getting this award is a way of gauging how well their products and services are received in the community," Perry added. "Every year, many of the winners proudly display a banner announcing their People's Choice honor, thanking their customers publicly. Businesses know they are doing everything right when they have received the most handwritten votes for the top award."

Did your favorite business win this year? Turn the page and find out.

And if you didn't vote this year, look for the 2008 ballots early next year. Your local businessmen and women work hard all year for your votes.

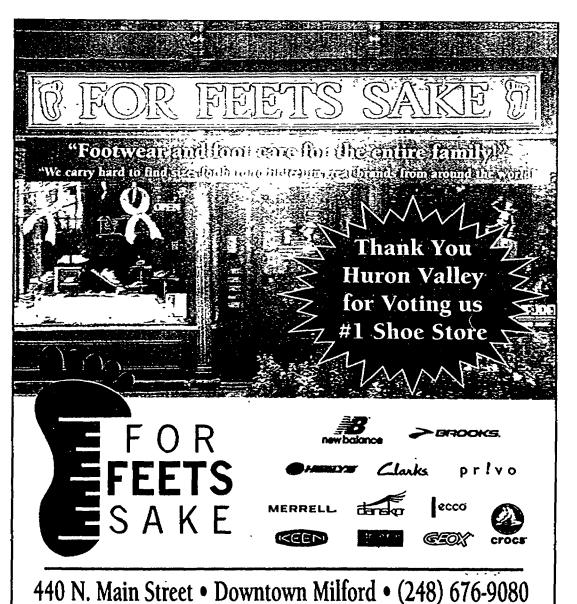
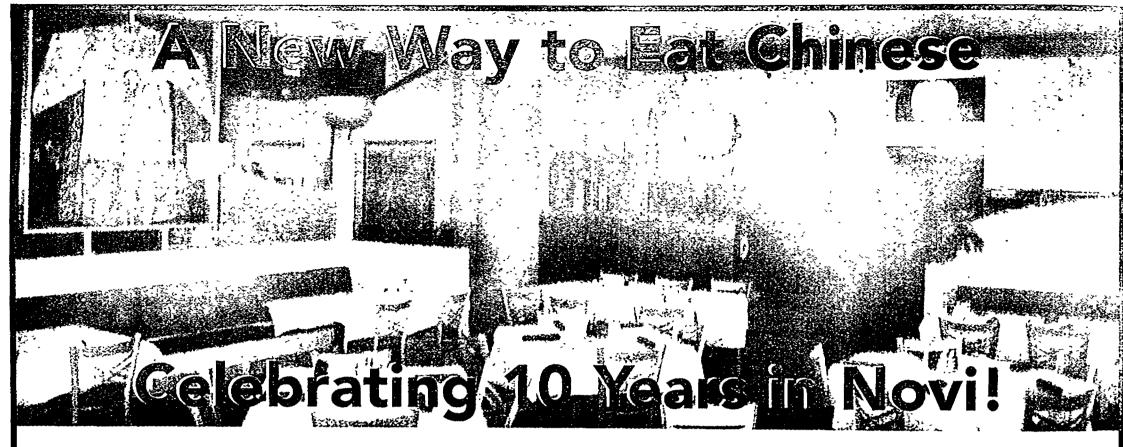


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Sarah Dickens is living her dream by offering beautiful and unique gifts to the people of the Huron Valley area.

Uniqueness makes Tula's top gift shop

By Kelly Murad SPECIAL WRITER

In a one-of-a-kind town, it only seems fitting to have one-of-a-kind shops with oneof-a-kind items.

Among the originality of downtown Milford, lies one store in particular that sets itself apart. Tula's, which will be celebrating its two-year anniversary on May 12, was recently voted "Best Gift Shop" by Milford Times readers in the annual People's Choice Awards.

"To be voted the best gift shop in my second year, I am overwhelmed," said owner Sarah Dickens. "Maybe I am doing something right."

The recognition may also have something to do with the fact that Tula's re-located to a more populated area on Main Street in the fall. The new location, which is next to the Milford Times office on Main Street in downtown Milford, is also slightly bigger.

"I have more space," said Dickens of the stores new location. "I feel that I do get more people coming into the store."

Dickens is also looking forward to enjoying the store's new location during the summer festivities in Milford.

As a Milford Township resident, Dickens knew that when she finally got around to opening the store she had always dreamed of, it would be here in Milford.

"I love this town," she said. "This is the best town anywhere."

Eventually, when her daughter graduated high school, Dickens was able to make her dream a reality.

"I've had this dream for over 20 years," said Dickens. "Opening the doors made the

dream come true. It is just so wonderful, I am on cloud nine."

When asked what the name "Tula's" represents, Dickens explained that there is no sentimental reason behind the name.

"It's just a great name that makes you smile," she said. "It just makes me happy."

Among the variety of specialty items you will find at Tula's, most of what is offered are handmade ceramics and hand-blown glass. Dickens, who features artists from throughout the United States, also tries to include local artists as well.

"It's all so unique," she said. "I just try to keep the merchandise turning."

Although Dickens has a lot of repeat customers, she also has out-of-town clientele and inquiring phone calls from people in the surrounding areas.

"I have a pretty loyal clientele that comes into my store," she said. "Everything seems to go."

Another attraction to Tula's is the baby department Dickens has. Although the items carried there are primarily tailored toward infants, Tula's offers a selection of one-of-a-kind pieces. From hand-painted furniture, to blankets, books and bunnies, you will be sure to not only find a quality gift, but also one that contains character.

Part of the appeal of a town such as Milford is its originality. And the original stores, such as Tula's, are what draw people in from near and far.

"It's like when you go up north and go shopping," said Dickens. "That is what my store is like."

Tula's is located at 409 N. Main St., in downtown Milford. Call (248) 684-6808 for more information.

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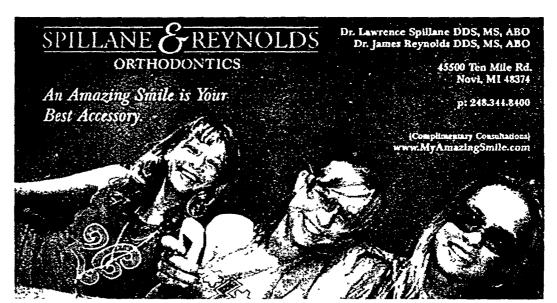
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Get in the swing with Karen's School of Dance

By Kelly Murad SPECIAL WRITER

You may have thought your family was big, but I guarantee this one is bigger.

At Karen's School of Dance, owner Karen Kern, along with her manager, receptionist and seven other dance instructors, have created a family atmosphere for their 700 students.

"We are involved with all of the kids like they are part of our family," said Kern. "They are all like my kids."

Kern, who grew up in Highland, has always had a passion for the art of dance. During her high school years, Kern attended the performing arts school Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan, and graduated early. At the age of 17, Kern was attending Eastern Michigan University to study dance when she decided to open her own studio.

"I decided at a young age that I wanted to open a dance studio," she said.

Now, 21 years later, Karen's School of Dance has moved to a new location and was voted the "Best Dance Studio" by Milford Times readers in the annual People's Choice Awards. Karen's School of Dance has moved directly across the street from where it used to be, to a 6,000-square-foot studio.

"We needed more space," said Kern. "We have a much larger dance studio now."

When Kern made the decision to relocate her business, she knew she wanted to stay



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Karen's School of Dance is the best dance studio in the Huron Valley area.

in the same area.

"I love it here," she said. "We have a state-of-the-art facility."

The new location is also accommodating to most of her students who are from this area.

"We have some kids from Howell, Flint and Holly, but the majority of the students are from the Highland/Milford area," said Kern.

Although the studio is larger, Kern tries to keep the dance classes small so they are

more personalized. Among the 700 dancers at Karen's School of Dance there are both boys and girls ranging in ages from 2 years old to 19 years old.

"We also offer adult classes as well," said Kern. Karen's School of Dance offers basic classes such as, jazz, tap, ballet and pointe, along with some of the more uncommon classes, like hip-hop, modern, lyrical, jazzgymnastics, Hawaiian and Tahitian. The classes range from beginning to advanced levels, depending on the age and ability of each individual.

Karen's School of Dance also has a dance company called Dance'Sations. With 51 students as part of the dance company, Dance'Sations competes in regional and national competitions three or four times per year.

"We have a lot of talented kids," said Kern. All of the instructors, including Kern, have the dancers interests in mind.

"We focus on technique," said Kern.
"That way, if our students want to pursue dance professionally, they have the technical background."

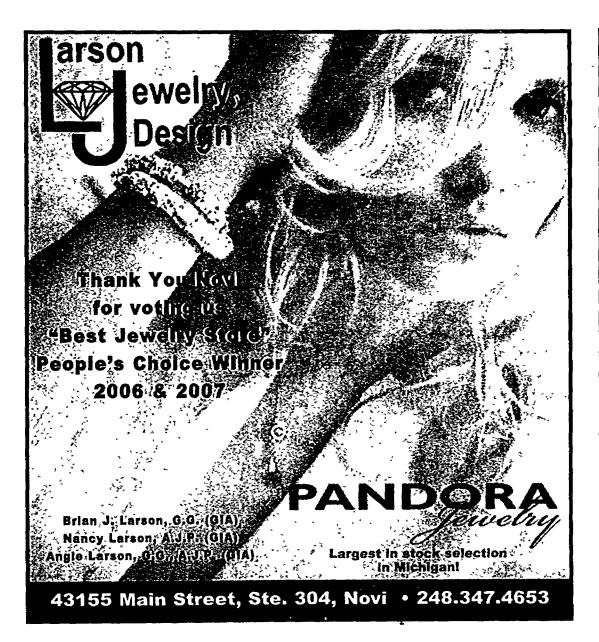
One of Kern's students has been offered a full-ride dance scholarship from Wayne State University and the opportunity to participate in a three-month program where she would be performing in front of choreographers and agents in Los Angeles, Calif.

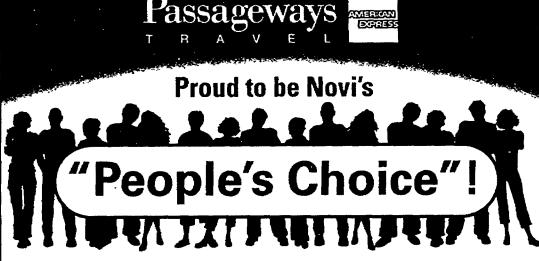
As it is stated in their mission statement, "Karen's School of Dance strives to instill self-confidence, self-esteem, discipline, creativity and poise in all our students through the art of dance."

Kern believes that because of her dedicated staff, the family atmosphere is instilled upon the students, therefore allowing Karen's School of Dance to set itself apart from all other dance studios.

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The best place to purchase wine, according to the readers of the Milford Times, is Colasanti's Wine Cellar. Wine manager Lee Hershey, left, and Calvin Johnson from Arbor Beverage make sure the store always has the best selection.

Make the best wine selection at Colasanti's Wine Cellar

By Kelly Murad SPECIAL WRITER

Wine can be sparkling, in honor of a celebration. It can be sweet, to fulfill your need for self-indulgence. Or it can be dry and tannic, to accompany a simple steak dinner. Whatever the reason, there is a wine for every food, mood and occasion. And in Colasanti's Wine Cellar, Wine Manager Lee Hershey can help you find exactly what you are looking for.

Known as the "wine" guy" to many, Hershey's insight and appreciation of wines attracts clients from all over the greater Detroit area. Combine his knowledge with the top of the line selection of wines offered at Colasanti's Market, and it is no surprise that they were voted "Best Wine Selection" by Milford Times readers in the annual People's Choice Awards.

Although Hershey has only been with Colasanti's for approximately two and a half years, he is no novice to this wide world of wines. Aside from working in wine retail and wholesale for 35 years, Hershey has also been teaching wine appreciation classes at Schoolcraft College for about 20 years. As a teacher and as a wine retail salesman, Hershey has noticed an "ever-increasing interest in wines."

Even though different generations tend to have different interests, wine has become a common interest among people of all different age groups. Hershey believes that the baby boomers have reached a point in their lives where they have money and are interested in the socializing aspect of wines.

"They, want to have the right ingredients at a party," he said.

Overall, Hershey has noticed that the average age of students taking his wine apprecia-

tion classes are younger than they ever were before.

"The younger set has become much more interested in wines," he said. "There is a greater awareness of wine in general."

There are a number of things for retailers to consider when choosing which merchandise to offer their clientele. But according to Hershey, the decision to choose which wines to carry in the wine shop is much more simple.

"Basically, if it's good quality and a sound bottle of wine at the right price, we'll put it in here," he said.

Since every person has a different taste, it is hard to determine which wines are Colasanti's biggest sellers.

"Because of the movie 'Sideways,' pinot noir has done quite well," Hershey said. "I've also always encouraged there to be a section of Michigan wines and I have seen a substantial increase of interest in Michigan wines." With a wine selection of 2,600 different labels ranging in price from \$3.99 to \$399 a bottle, you are guaranteed to find something that will please your palette — and your pocket.

"We have a bottle of wine in every price range you want it in," said Hershey. "I just try to find out what they are interested in, and go from there."

Colasanti's Market has been an attraction site in Highland for almost 30 years. Hershey is confident that the wine shop being awarded this recognition will only add to the appeal of the store.

"This is a destination store," said Hershey.
"People get in their car and drive a long way
to come here."

Colasanti's Plants and Produce is located at 468 S. Milford Road, in Highland. Call (248) 887-0012 or visit www.colasantis.com for more information.

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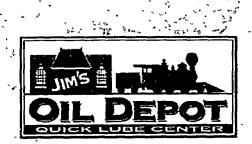
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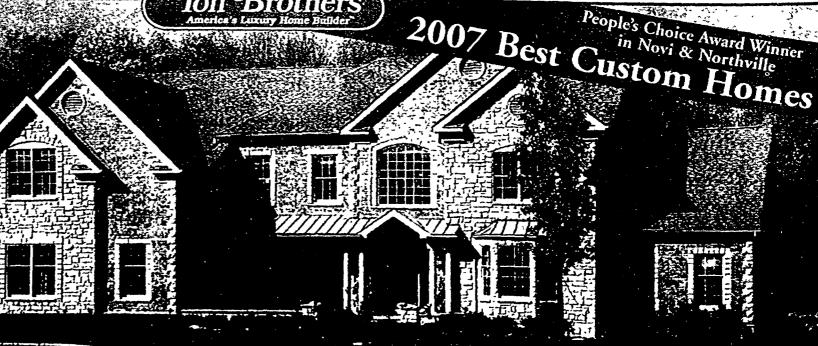
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John Choate stands inside one of the custom homes created by his company, Choate Custom Homes, which was voted by Milford Times readers as the "Best Custom Home Builder" in the annual People's Choice Awards.



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Sharon Flora, a waitress at the Milford House Bar and Grill, is honored to be voted "Best Waitress" in the Huron Valley area. Milford House Bar and Grill also earned "Best Soup," "Best Sandwiches" and "Best Salad."

Find some special service at Milford House Bar and Grill

By Kelly Murad SPECIAL WRITER

· After winning People's Choice awards in categories such as "Best Soup," "Best Sandwiches" and "Best Salad," it is obvious that Milford House Bar and Grill is a favorite among the Milford community. But the food isn't the only thing that local customers enjoy about the restaurant.

"It's our value," says owner Perry Sinacola. And the "value" that Sinacola is referring to consists of atmosphere, food quality, price and most importantly, customer service.

Sharon Flora, of Milford House Bar and Grill, was voted "Best Waitress" by Milford Times readers in the annual People's Choice Awards. Flora, who has been a waitress throughout the last 23 years of her life, has been working for Sinacola approximately 12 of those years.

"He has a great following, and he's a great boss to work for," Flora said of Sinacola. "I like working at a restaurant that has a great following."

Sinacola's distinguished reputation is not only due to the success of Milford House Bar and Grill. He also owns Perriez Milford House and Custom Catering and Milford House Ice Cream. As one of Sinacola's most dedicated employees, Flora not only works as a waitress at Milford House Bar and Grill, but she works catering events for Sinacola as well.

"She is always willing to go above and beyond her expected job requirements," said Sinacola. Flora doesn't seem to prefer one more than the other, but she appreciates the variation between the two environments.

"I like them both," she said. "I like the change of what catering brings. It seems more laid back somehow."

Even with the town of Milford voting Flora as the best waitress, she remains more modest

than ever regarding her own personal attributes. "She won't blow her own horn," said Sinacola.

"I thought Perry was pulling my leg," Flora said. "I'm very honored." Although Flora was "totally shocked" to hear about her recognition, she wasn't the least bit shocked to find out that Milford House was honored in numerous categories for their food.

"To have the food we do have," said Flora. "It is just wonderful to be able to feel comfortable about the food we serve."

Flora has spent some time serving in different towns such as Livonia, but feels privileged to work in, and to be a part of a community like Milford.

"I love the clientele in Milford," she said. "I like working in a smaller town where everybody knows everybody." Just as she enjoys knowing everybody, the customers look forward to seeing Flora's familiar face when they walk in the doors.

"One of my favorite things (about being a waitress) is the different people I get to meet and talk to," she said.

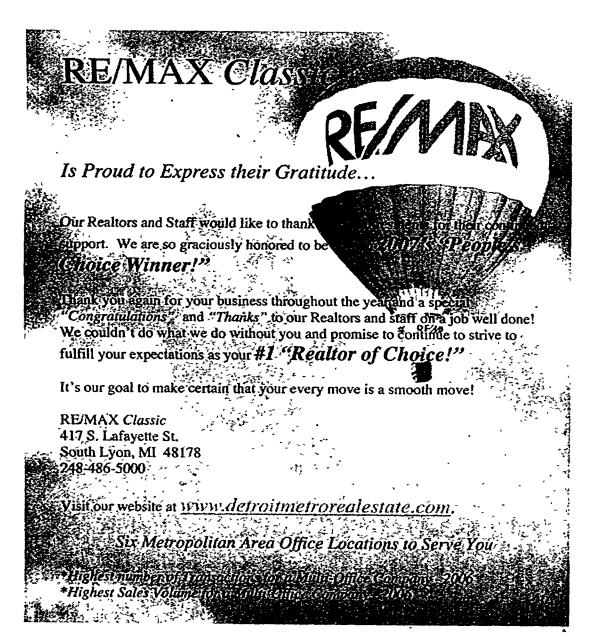
"She always wants to make sure the guests are happy," said Sinacola. "That's our #1 priority and she carries it out."

In this day and age, the majority of the restaurants you eat at have servers that are strictly there to serve you. They take your order, bring you your food and drinks, clear your plates and return with your bill. At Milford House Bar and Grill, that is never the case; especially when Flora is your server. She will actually spend time talking with you, and make it a point to remember you the next time you come in.

"We love having her and hope that she's with us for many years to come," said Sinacola.

Milford House Bar and Grill is located at 113 E. Commerce St., in Milford. Call (248) 684-1474 or visit www.themilfordhouse.com.

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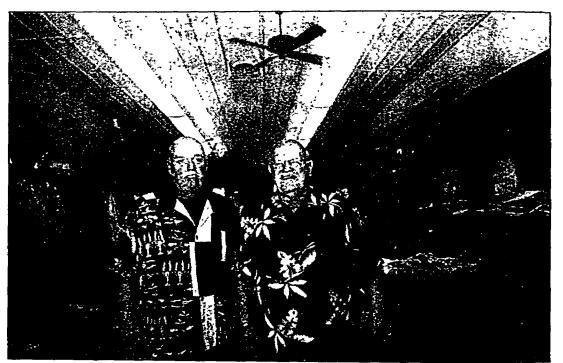


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Men will find exactly what they need at Arms Brothers in downtown Milford. Employee Ron Barnett, left, and owner Tom Motley are ready to assist.

Arms Brothers has always been the place for men's wear

By Kelly Murad SPECIAL WRITER

Among the picturesque setting of downtown Milford, in the midst of Main Street, between St. George's Cafe and The Village Peddler, lies something of true historic value.

Arms Brothers Store for Men is not only the oldest established business in Milford, but it is also the oldest established retail business in the state of Michigan.

When owners Ansley Arms and Jabesh Mead established Arms Brothers as a general store in 1836, Michigan had not even been declared a state.

After four generations of Arms, it was Milford native and employee Tom Motley who was next in line to run the Arms Brothers business. Motley, who had been an Arms Brothers employee since 1952, bought the business in 1979. Although he has owned Arms Brothers for 28 years, Motley was the first non-family member to run the family business.

Now, 170 years after Arms Brothers opened its doors, Motley has managed to not only keep the same name for the store, but he has kept the same quality of service as well.

"We still try to keep the personalized service going," said Motley. That is just one example of why Arms Brothers was voted "Best Men's Wear" by Milford Times readers in the annual People's Choice Awards.

Motley, with the help of long-time employee Ron Barnette, tries to keep the store as up-to-date as possible, while continuing to fulfill the needs of his devoted clientele.

"We are up-class, corporate casual," Motley said to describe the style of Arms Brothers Store for Men. Although they do offer dress shirts, sport coats and suits, Motley explained that the store is currently tailored toward the sports field.

"In this day and age you need to specialize," said Motley. "Sportswear is what has kept me going."

Since the typical clientele of men tend to be 25

"We still try to keep the personalized service going."

> - Tom Motley Arms Brothers Store for Men

years of age and older, Motley carries name brands such as Echo, Enro, Lacoste and Tommy Bahama

Motley, believes that the Tommy Bahama line is one of the biggest draws to his store. When he began carrying the line 7 years ago, Motley noticed that the store saw some impressive sales improvements.

"People are coming from everywhere," said Motley. "We advertise in the Milford paper, which I think is our best means of communication with the public."

As owner of the most historic business in Milford, Motley knows the importance of being involved with the community. Among other things, he is currently a board member of the Downtown Development Authority, a member of the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce and involved with the Milford Business Association.

Barnette, who will take over Arms Brothers when Motley retires, also makes it a point to get involved with community events.

"Ron Barnette has been with me for 30-something years," said Motley. "He will be the next owner when I leave."

Visitors are lucky to have a store with so much history as a part of downtown Milford. Possibly, what makes Milford even luckier is that Motley and Barnette operate the store and keep the traditional values of the original Arms Brothers alive.

Arms Brothers is located at 361 N. Main St., in downtown Milford. Contact the store at (248) 685-8449.

Brien's makes it beautiful

By Kelly Murad SPECIAL WRITER

We all know one of them. One of those people, who as a kid was so focused and determined that they were instantly driven to success. Local business owner Brien Worrell was ahead of his time. When he was only 12-years-old, he began taking care of his neighbors' lawns. Now, 26 years later, Worrell is running the same business as the one that he started at the age of 12. Although the business is the same, Worrell's experience and expertise have far exceeded his expectations.

The success of the business eventually provided Worrell the opportunity to expand his business into a full-service landscaping company.

"We expanded our business in Milford because it was an area that was growing and an area we wanted to stay in," said Worrell. It was obviously the right decision since Milford Times readers in the annual People's Choice Awards voted Brien's Services, Inc. the "Best Landscape Company." Although this was not the first time being awarded this recognition, Worrell feels it is important for Brien's Services to win this honor.

"It's good for the business and it gives the employees good morale," he said. "We do good work." The quality of work is the most important thing to Worrell. Even though his company has expanded, Worrell wants to be a part of each and every one of his accounts. That way, if they have any problems, he already knows the details of what is going on.

Now at the beginning of May, Worrell is in full swing preparing for another busy season. The majority of Brien's Services business is return clients. "The majority of our customers stay with us. They know they have dependability and reliability with us, at affordable rates."

"We do everything," said Worrell. "Design, install, maintain ... we'll even clean your gutters," he said. "But we don't wash windows." Additional services offered by Brien's Services include things such as installation and maintenance of irrigation systems and tree stumping.

Generally speaking, Brien's Services clients are a combination of commercial and residential properties. As you could probably tell from driving around town and seeing all the Brien's Services trucks, a lot of Worrell's business is local. And even though he has clients outside of Milford and Highland, Brien's Services doesn't venture too far outside of the surrounding areas such as Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Wixom and White Lake.

By keeping the majority of his clientele in the same general area, Worrell is able to be involved with the communities for which he does business.

"We reinvest in the communities we serve," said Worrell. "We tell our customers that their money is going back to their community."

Among other things, Brien's Services is one of the Presenting Sponsors of Milford Memories. Worrell also sponsors three local baseball teams and donates items and time to the Community Sharing Program.

"We believe in giving back to the community," he said.

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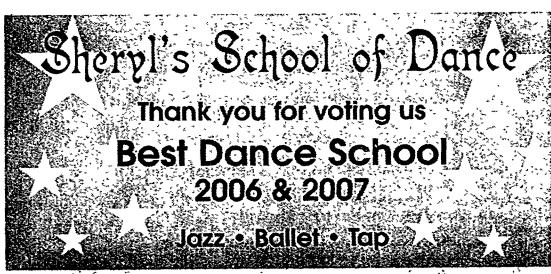
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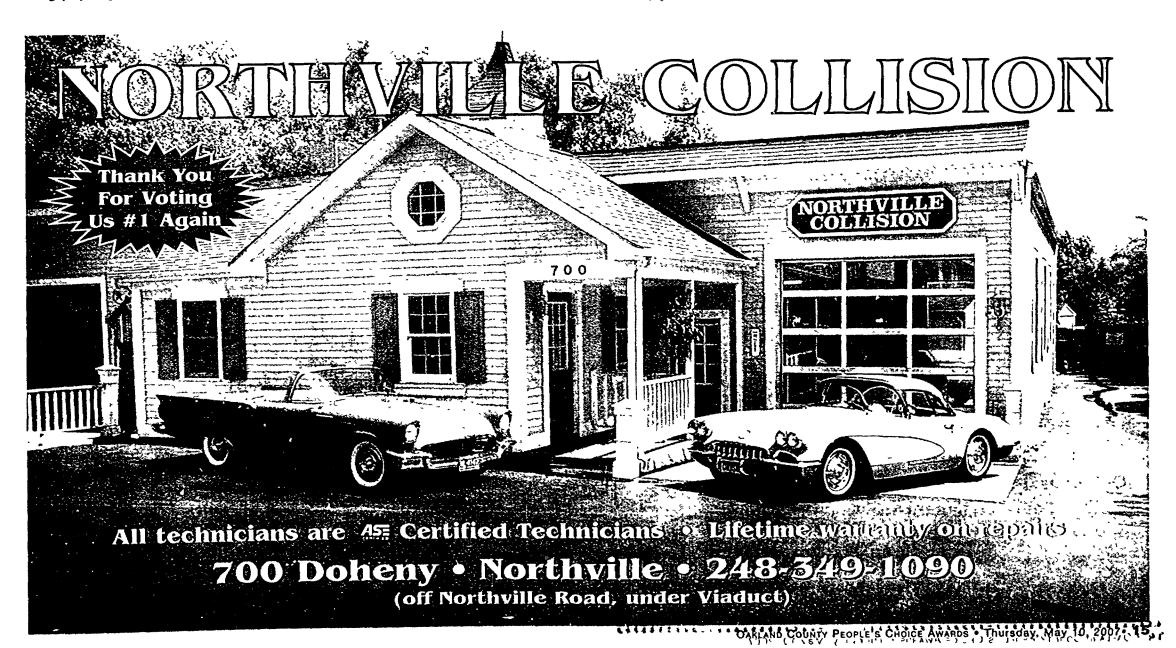
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Eclectic variety of dances taught at Sheryl's

By Sam Eggleston SPECIAL WRITER

When it comes to learning how to dance, Novi residents don't think there is any place better than Sheryl's School of Dance.

The center, which has been located on Grand River Avenue for the past 15 years, has been teaching students how to dance for more than 47 years. From hip-hop to point to ballet to cecchetti, Sheryl's School of Dance is ready to teach anyone who wants to learn the ins and outs of dance.

"We have three generations teaching here right now," said Sheryl Sulek, co-owner of the dance school with her mother, Arline Hahn. "My mother and I teach classes and so do my two daughters, Julie Hughes and Jackie Sulek."

The school has taught some of the state's best dancers the craft of their art. Among the pupils there are several USA Dance Champions as well as the reigning Mr. Dance of Michigan, Fred Diaz. Two of the school's former students are now Rockettes, Sulek

Teaching the art of dance is something that Sulek said she just enjoys. And why not? She's been doing it since she was just 14 years old teaching neighborhood kids how to dance. Though her class sizes are a little bigger, Sulek said not a lot is different as far as what people want.

"It's always a large variety of interests," she said. "We have a lot of little tiny preschoolers and a lot of teenagers and even a lot of adults who want to learn how to dance. That's why we offer so many classes."

The eclectic tastes of the dance community has led Sheryl's School of Dance to offer a wide variety of stylings. Jazz, tap and point are just some of the different styles, and interest in ballroom dancing has prompted the school to hire an instructor to teach classes starting this fall, Sulek said. Even Scottish dancing, which is much like "Riverdance" in style but without the taps, is a possibility of being offered in the coming months.

"We just need to find room," she laughed.
"We want to offer as much as we can and we want to teach people the style of dancing they want to know."

Novi, said Sulek, has been very supportive of the school. She said a large percentage of her student body consists of Novi residents.

"We love being in Novi," she said. "It's a great community. We have been here for 15 years and plan on being here for quite a while longer."



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Nicole Blaszczyk, left, and Stacey Racklyeft, 13, are both students of Novi's Sheryl's School of Dance.

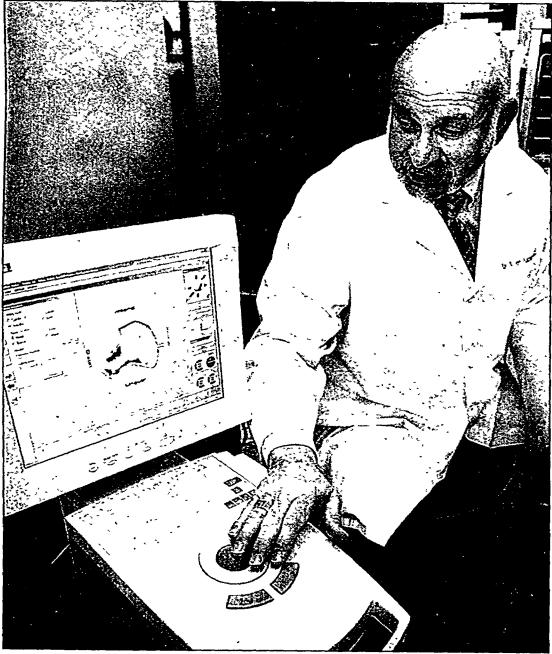


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Dr. Allen Tuchklaper has been caring for Novi's teeth for 27 years.

At Novi Family Dental, the name says it all

By Sam Eggleston SPECIAL WRITER

After 27 years in Novi, Allen Tuchklaper and the folks at Novi Family Dental have a good idea of what the families who use their services are looking for.

That's why Tuchklaper makes sure to emphasize the need for continued family care as well as the intensive cosmetic techniques his office is capable of using.

"We're still a family practice despite being a cosmetic dentist as well," he said. "We're full service. We offer everything from cleaning to crowns to implants. If there's something wrong with your smile, we're probably going to be able to fix it."

It's the service that Tuchklaper thinks keeps the families coming back. He said he's at the point in his career where he sees the children of the children who used to come in and sit in his chair.

Customers, he said, keep coming back because of the quality of the services offered at Novi Family Dental. Corners are not cut and the techniques and instruments used are cutting edge. For example, Tuchklaper said his office has a machine called a "cerec unit" that allows teeth to be photographed and measured and crowns cut in the course of about an hour.

But cosmetics aren't the focus of Novi

Family Dental. Though many of the advertisements like those on television or shown at the movie theater suggests cosmetics as one of the reasons to see Tuchklaper and the crew, it's not the office's bread and butter.

"We want people to know we are committed to keeping that family image," Tuchklaper said. "We want people to know we're still there to be a family practice. Being a cosmetic dentist is just a part of what we do."

Times have definitely changed for Novi Family Dental since Tuchklaper started the office nearly three decades ago. The face of the community has continued to transform, as has the way people view dentistry.

Instead of a kid coming into his office scared of the dentist and what might happen once they are in the chair, Tuchklaper said children come in educated and ready to get started.

"Kids are real good about it now," he said.
"By the time they start losing teeth, we've seen them a few times and they're really comfortable with us."

But even those who aren't sure about how scary it is in the dentist office shouldn't worry, he said.
"There's no pain," Tuchklaper said. "We do

"There's no pain," Tuchklaper said. "We do everything we can to make everyone comfortable. We want people to know they can come to Novi Family Dental and will want to come back when we're finished."

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Novi's the perfect locale for Smart Chicks Consignment

By Sam Eggleston SPECIAL WRITER

Ask Smart Chicks Consignment owner Nancy Solomon why she opened a store in Novi and her answer is straight and to the point: It was the best place.

After four years in business and a continuing growth in customers, Solomon's decision is proving to be the right one.

"This is a shopping mecca." Solomon said of Novi and her Grand River Avenue location. "It's the place to be, especially with the addition of Rock Financial (Showplace) to the area."

Solomon said she's proud of her business. With a focus on high-end shoes, clothes and handbags, Smart Chicks offers great items at a fraction of the cost that it would be for a customer to pick up at the local mall.

Consignment allows people to bring in their gently-used, higher-end items to be sold with a portion of the sale price going back into their pocket. It helps people all around in tough times like those being faced across Michigan right now, with those in need of money being able to sell some of their clothes and those trying to save money able to buy great brands as a much reduced cost.

She said despite the aura that hangs over many consignment shops. Smart Chicks comes off as an intelligent and sophisticated place to shop.

"What sets us apart is that we offer higher end items and better brands than a normal consignment shop would," Solomon said, "Many shops are considered dirty and smelly, but we're not like that."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOVINEWS

Owner Nancy Solomon, right, and associate Carol Webster are pleased to offer an affordable way to purchase high-end apparel and accessories at Smart Chicks Consignment in Novi.

Brands like Talbots, Chicos, Tommy Hilfiger and Liz Claiborne are just a few of the great names that Smart Chicks offers to those who come through the doors. In addition, Solomon spends time searching for items to add to the selection.

She said the location of the store has been a great boost for business, especially with the construction than slowed traffic down over the past year.

"A lot of husbands went home and told their wife about us," she laughed. "We definitely

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- Nancy Solomon Smart Chicks Consonment

benefited from all the construction."

Solomon admits that her store focuses on the 30, 40 and 50 crowd, offering intelligent, professional clothing options.

"We've actually developed quite the following," she said. "Everyone says that all we have to do now is get a bigger store."

It's an idea, said Solomon, that isn't a bad one at all. With tough economic times, however, it's a plan that will be put on hold for a while.

"We definitely want to stay in Novi, but I wouldn't mind a bigger store," she said. "That would allow us to carry even more merchandise and offer even more to the customer. There's never anything wrong with that."

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Looking for the best martini in Novi? Try the Mixx Lounge.

Mixx Lounge is the 'sophisticated' place to be

By Sam Eggleston SPECIAL WRITER

Ask Randy Gregory what makes Mixx Lounge stand out from the rest of the competition and he'll be blunt: It's the sophisticated place to be.

There aren't rowdy college crowds or beer chugging clogging up the bar stools at the Mixx Lounge, which is located in Novi's Main Street area near the Lazy Lizard restaurant. Instead, Gregory and his staff have focused their efforts on attracting the more sophisticated, mature crowd.

"That doesn't mean you are older," Gregory said. "That just means you know how to enjoy yourself without getting loud and obnoxious. We invite anyone who would like to experience the Lounge to stop by, we just require that they're respectful to us and the other patrons."

It's the atmosphere — and the wide variety — that helped snag Mixx Lounge a People's Choice nod for the best place in Novi to grab a martini.

With its year anniversary approaching in June, Mixx is still in the infancy stages as far as the world of businesses go. But Gregory said he's confident that the Lounge will be open for a while.

"We already have a great group of regulars," he said.
"It's the kind of place where the bartenders get to know you and you feel comfortable. It's relaxing and it's enjoyable."

Mixx Lounge also stands out from the crowd thanks to a seven-day-a-week schedule and a 2 a.m. closing time. On the weekends, Mixx even offers dancing.

"We want people to have a place to come where they can enjoy themselves.

The Mixx Lounge is that place."

- Randy Gregory Mix Lounge

The Lounge — which long ago bucked the monicker of a "club" — offers a ladies' night on Thursdays and has plenty to offer anyone looking for a great way to unwind. For those who have enjoyed the spirits and don't have a designated driver, Mixx Lounge is also ready to arrange for a ride to keep the streets and the patrons safe.

"We've worked closely with the Novi Police Department to find out what we need to do to keep things going well," said Gregory. "They've been great in giving us advice and helping us out."

Gregory said there's something for everyone who stops in at the Mixx Lounge. From champagne to beer to their award-winning martini line-up, Mixx is ready to serve.

"We plan on being in Novi for a long time," Gregory said. "We want people to have a place to come where they can enjoy themselves. The Mixx Lounge is that place."





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John Agosta styles hair at the Gina Agosta Salon on Grand River Avenue.

Service earns Gina Agosta readers' vote

By Sam Eggleston SPECIAL WRITER

There's a reason that Gina Agosta Salon has won best salon in the People's Choice voting for the past three years straight. Service, simply put, is what they do best.

Chris McCrory, the general manager for Gina Agosta's Novi shop, said the salon focuses on being the best at what they do, even if that means being a little different than the competi-

"One of the things that definitely makes us different is the fact that we are completely departmental," McCrory said. "We have separate colorists and stylists. It's a full service salon and spa."

Being departmental means that each employee is completely focused on doing one job. While many salons have stylists who would also color a customer's hair, Gina Agosta's employees don't cross train. A stylist focuses on cutting and styling hair while a colorist is an expert at their job. Those who work in the spa focus solely on their job of massages and other spa-related aspects.

"It makes it tough to find employees sometimes," McCrory said. "They get their cosmetology license and we ask them to make a commitment to doing just one thing. They are inclined, and were trained, to do everything, but those who agree to focus on one thing always end up having a passion for their area of expertise."

Being recognized as one of the area's best salons is nothing new for Gina Agosta. Beyond being selected by the readers of the Novi News for the past three years, the salon also won several Tiffany awards - viewable at www.thetiffanyawards.com. Finalists from Gina Agosta in the formal category included Julie Emmett and Linda Valerio while Debbie Cislo 24 OAKLAND COUNTY PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS . Thursday, May 10, 2007

"We want people to recognize us as a great salon with a great atmosphere."

Gina Agosta Salon

was a finalist in the color category. John-Paul Takacs won first place for women's editorial entry for the salon.

"We're very proud of our employees," said McCrory. "Everyone here has a passion for what they do. It's a great environment to work in as well as for the customer to come to.

With around 75 employees, Gina Agosta also manages to mix individual attention with the ability to serve several customers. The result is a great experience and great customer-employee relations without creating long waits and impossible scheduling.

Due to the success in Novi. Gina Agosta who is not only the owner of the salon but a colorist there — decided to expand her operations and recently opened a store in Brighton to help better serve the customer base.

"We want people to recognize us as a great salon with a great atmosphere," said McCrory. "I think we've done a great job at realizing that

And McCrory would know. He's not only the general manager, he's a customer, too.

"I love getting my hair cut here," he said. There's plenty of focus on the men, too. Big screen televisions for them to watch while they are here. It's really a great place.'

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BrewWaters wins Best Coffee Shop

By Alyson lott SOUTH LYON HERALD

A gathering place known for its ambiance and laid-back atmosphere was named Best Coffee Shop in this year's South Lyon Herald People's Choice competition.

BrewWaters, owned by Deborah Keefer, offers a full range of teas, smoothies, espresso-based drinks and regular brewed coffees. Located in Brookdale Square at Pontiac Trail and Nine Mile Road, the shop is also known for hosting a wide variety of local bands and

"We have 'a real spirit of independence," said owner Deborah Keefer. "We really try not to be corporate-oriented in any way, and so that way we can focus more directly and specifically on our customers.'

BréwWaters, a first-time People's Choice winner, has called South Lyon home for three and a half years. Winning a 2007 award was "a pleasant surprise," Keefer said.

We're very grateful to all our customer bases that have supported us for our time here," she said. "They've made it fun."

BrewWaters sells its own sandwiches and baked goods, including bagels, muffins and cookies. Among its most popular lunch choices are the turkey club sandwich and the broccoli-cheddar soup.

Keefer said she tries to emphasize freshness in all her store's products, especially the coffee. She buys the coffee beans weekly from a local roaster.

"We never carry a lot of backstock — we just order what we need, so it's fresh every weck," she said.

BrewWaters also tries to be health-conscious, she said. The store uses many organic products, including organic lettuce for the sandwiches. Decaffeinated coffee and espresso drinks are decaffeinated without using chemicals, she said. The shop is smoke-free.

Besides hosting live bands, BrewWaters is a venue for local group meetings, open-mic nights and informal board-game tournaments. Keefer said she hopes to start hosting regular art events featuring work by local artists sometime in the near future.



Photos by HAL GOULD/SOUTH LYON HERALD

Deborah Keefer is the owner of BrewWaters in South Lyon.

BrewWaters is located at 22235 Pontiac Trail. The store opens at 6 a.m. daily.

For more information, call BrewWaters at (248) 437-3773.

Victory Lane Quick Oil Change zooms by all competition

By Nathan Mueller SOUTH LYON HERALD

A female customer pulled into Victory Lane Quick Oil Change a few weeks ago and was greeted by a friendly "Good morning, ma'am" from owner Kevin Prohaska.

The woman acknowledged his greeting and responded with a good-natured, "you sure are brave this morning standing in front of my car." Both parties exchanged a laugh and continued with the conversation.

Moments like that make Prohaska happy he and his wife, Karen, purchased the shop last June, and customers have returned the favor by selecting his business as a winner of the South Lyon Herald People's Choice Award for best oil change shop in town.

"I am ecstatic and a lot of the credit goes to the technicians we have," he said. "Customer service is No. 1 in our book. We don't pressure sell, we educate the customers on our products and services and let them make the decision."

Victory Lane Quick Oil Change puts a priority on customer service.

shop last summer after the previous owner decid- the nearby Express Care Valvoline.

The Brighton Township couple bought the ed to leave because of competition concerns from

It didn't deter Prohaska from buying, and he said he is surprised how well the business is doing and that sales are up.

Karen handles the accounting side of the busi-

ness, while Kevin is more hands-on. 'She's the beauty, I'm the brawn," he said.

Kevin also owns a deck cleaning and windowwashing business, on top of being a teacher. The oil change shop is more of an enjoyable hobby.

"I wanted to do something I really like doing and that is working on cars," he said. "I don't like to sit around.

His Victory Lane shop is one of 31 franchises in Michigan. It provides customers with services such as oil changes, air filter replacement, belt replacement, fluid checks and changes and tire pressure adjustment.

Coupons for certain services can be found on its Web site at www.victorylane.net.

Prohaska's shop is located at 703 S. Lafayette and can be contacted at (248) 486-1630. It is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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Total Dimension offers cutting-edge service.

By Kate Phillips SPECIAL WRITER

The staff at Total Dimension is celebrating after recently being chosen as top salon in the South Lyon Herald People's Choice Awards for 2007.

They're thrilled that the votes cast reflect the excellent feedback they've received from customers through the years at the Lyon Township hair salon.

Owner Chuck Cleavinger said that he expects the award was given because the salon offers cutting edge hair services at fair

prices.
"People come here and can get hi-tech services at reasonable prices," said Cleavinger.

There's no scrimping on the important details that make customers feel special, like beautiful décor or hot coffee and desserts. But the salon keeps its costs down and delivers the savings to its customers.

The only place Total Dimension spends big is in constant education for stylists, Cleavinger said.

'That's where we invest our money," he said. "Education is our number one priority."

The constant education means stylists know the latest haircuts and the newest color techniques.

Customers can walk out of Total Dimension looking like they just visited an upscale New York salon.

Customers at Total Dimension can't say enough good things about their stylists.



Photos by HAL GOULD/SOUTH LYON HERALD

Total Dimension is a full-service salon providing hair styling, color, hair straightening, perms, tanning, waxing and nails.

Cleavinger gets phone calls from customers wanting to compliment a stylist. When customers come to the salon, they are full of

compliments on how well the last haircut or color worked out - still looking good weeks later.

So while Cleavinger was excited to win the award, he was not totally surprised that South Lyon would vote the salon No. 1.

Nail tech Joanne Galorneau was voted No. nail tech in the People's Choice Awards as well. Joanne came to Total Dimension with a large following after owning and operating the Nail Cottage in downtown South Lyon.

Now customers love seeing Joanne at Total Dimension, where she performs miracles with acrylics, gels, manicures and luxurious pedicures.

Total Dimension is a name to be trusted, with 26 years in business in South Lyon. Only the highest quality of products are used and sold in the salon. That means that each client will have great looking hair, long after they walk out of the saion.

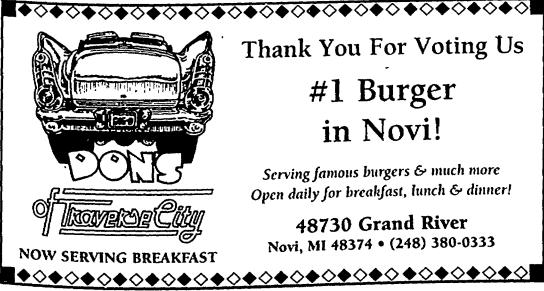
The stylists are experts at working with everyone in the family. Each customer, from children to senior citizens, will enjoy the experience at Total Dimension.

And customer service is a high priority. Cleavinger works in the salon himself, to make sure that customers receive high quality services with a high degree of profes-

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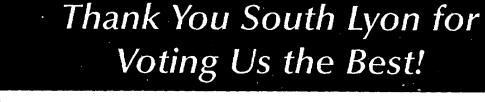
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Abe Ayoub does more than just sell houses

By Jessie Ellis SOUTH LYON HERALD

"For Sale" signs seem to be staying in the yards of homes longer and there seem to be more sellers than buyers.

Abe Ayoub, the South Lyon Herald People's Choice Award winner for Best Real Estate Agent, just doesn't see the housing market like that.

"Actually, I've never been busier," he said.
"I've got a lawyer who's looking to relocate here. I have an automotive CEO who is relocating his entire management staff here. And I'm working with a doctor from New Jersey. You just don't seem to hear about the good things that are happening. I've never been so busy, but you just don't hear about that in the papers."

Ayoub is a broker and part owner of Mayfair Reality. He is also active in the community as a member of the Board of Review and the Lyon Township Fire Department.

Ayoub summed up why he felt readers voted for him with one word.
"Results," he said. "I sell homes. Some peo-

"Results," he said, "I sell homes. Some people list homes. I sell them. I'm also very active in the community, which I think is very important for anyone who is in business. That equals up to a pretty positive career."

The home-buying process can seem a little daunting at times, but Ayoub maintains that it

doesn't have to be that way.

"Real Estate is really pretty fun," he said. "People tend to think it's complicated, but if you have an agent who knows what he's doing, then the process is very, very easy."

Ayoub said he felt honored that readers voted for him.

"It felt really good," he said.

For Ayoub, real estate isn't just about selling homes; it's about working with people.

"I enjoy dealing with people and in this business you have to," he said "If you're in real estate and you don't like working with people, then you're in the wrong business. I work with everyone from Average Joe's to CEOs."

The best part of the process is actually closing on a home, Ayoub said, especially with the first-time home buyers.

"They're so excited," he said. "When it's someone who has bought four homes before, then the process is no big deal. The first-time buyers are so excited to be getting their first home. Those are always the most memorable ones for me."

Photo by HAL GOULD/SOUTH LYON HERALD

Abe Ayoub of Mayfair Realtors loves working with people — especially first-time home buyers.





Photo by HAL GOULD/SOUTH LYON HERALD

The staff at Lyon Veterinary Clinic is pleased to be voted South Lyon's No. 1 Vet.

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Patients meow and bark for more

By Kate Phillips SPECIAL WRITER

Lyon Veterinary Clinic has once again earned the South Lyon Herald People's Choice Award for, "Best Veterinary Clinic." The popular South Lyon office has been voted the best by Herald readers for five out of the last seven years.

· Co-owner Heather Ferguson, DVM, is glad to receive the award, because it means that the families she serves are happy. It's quite consistent with the patient feedback the staff receives.

"They feel they're getting individualized attention from the time they walk in to the time they leave," said Ferguson. "We provide this atmosphere because we believe it's not just about caring for the animal, it's providing good customer service to the entire family.

"That's what keeps people coming back."

Ferguson said that it's not just careful attention from the four veterinarians — it's the entire staff.

"The people that work for me are very focused on providing that level of service," said Ferguson. "The staff has a very high level of compassion for the animals. Everyone that is involved is here because they want to work with the animals."

Lyon Veterinary Clinic opened in 1995. Equine veterinarians Dr. Doug Engers and Dr. Mark McMahan are partners with Dr. Ferguson, who handles small animal care.

Engers and McMahan travel to barns

"We treat every pet as an individual and hopefully every person as an individual as well."

Heather Ferguson
 Lyon Veterinary Clinic

throughout South Lyon and beyond, providing loving care for horses. Ferguson and other staff members take care of small animals in the clinic — from dogs and cats to ferrets, rabbits, guinea pigs and birds.

"We treat every pet as an individual and hopefully every person as an individual as well," said Ferguson.

Lyon Veterinary Clinic is located at 2 188 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon.

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3-R Pools keeps right on swimming

By Kate Phillips

3-R Pools is the type of place that earns customers for life. That may be why 3-R Pools was named, "Best Pool Store" in the South Lyon Herald People's Choice Awards.

Even if folks move away from the area, they continue to come back to shop at 3-R Pools. It's worth the drive, said owner Jim Pietila.

The 35-year-old business is known for helping customers with every concern. Sometimes the advice of an expert can help swimming pool owners save a lot of time and money when questions arise.

Jim said that his store doesn't just provide that type of in-depth service to those who have bought pools at 3-R. It's available to everyone who stops by for pool chemicals, or just some helpful advice.

"We treat everyone well, whether they've bought their pool here or not," Jim said.

That commitment to customers has been noticed throughout the community.

Customers are no less thrilled with the professional pool installation services. Many of the dedicated installers are nephews, cousins and others in Jim's family.

'Customers talk about how hard our crew worked and how happy they are with the job they did," said Jim. "My installers have to be

willing to work long, hard hours out there in the sun. But as a bonus, they do get a free sun

3-R carries a wide selection of both above and below ground pools. Customers can visit the store to see the pools set up. That helps with the purchasing decision, Jim said.

The pools can be professionally installed with little waiting time.

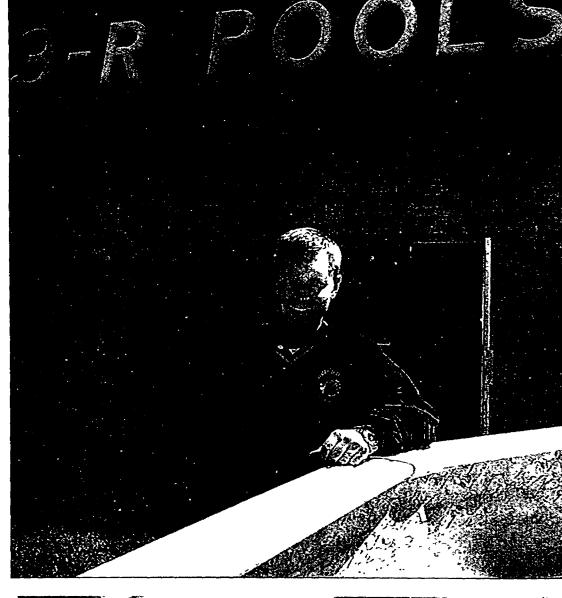
The crew at 3-R can also clean and open pools in the spring and make preparations to close them in the fall. The reasonably priced service takes a lot of the work out of owning a swimming pool. Customers can still call to set-up an appointment for spring pool "opening" services.

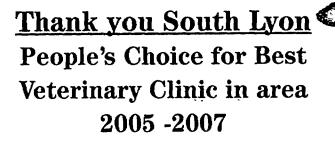
The store also carries several lines of pool and hot tub chemicals, plus all sorts of parts and accessories for pools.

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Service burns bright at Northville Candle

By Sam Eggleston SPECIAL WRITER

The question isn't what Northville Candle can offer to customers, but more along the lines of what it doesn't offer. The answer is simple: Not much.

Owner Beverlee Lindeen worked day in and day out as a member of the corporate world, traveling abroad to recruit employees. Then, one day while downtown Northville shopping, she found herself inquiring about what it would take to become a business owner.

"I didn't want to quit my job," Lindeen said.
"I just wanted something different."

A few weeks later, different was exactly what she got. It was the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, when she signed the papers to become a business owner. Though that day found confusion and terror reigning, Lindeen and Northville Candle have stayed on the path to success, building a strong customer base and continuing to expand the wares offered to those shopping the quaint downtown location.

From candles, to greeting cars to tea sets and accessories all the way to custom-made purses and soaps, there isn't much Northville Candle doesn't offer.

"I really love it here in Northville," Lindeen said. "I love interacting with the customers here. I listen to what they have to say about what they'd like to see here, and I go out and try to get those items or those that would fit in with what the store already has to offer."

Lindeen said earning a People's Choice

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"It's been a lot of fun. I'm so glad I made this decision."

- Beverlee Lindeen Northville Candle

award is just a great way of capping the past five and a half years of business.

"It's been a lot of fun," Lindeen said. "I'm so glad I made this decision."

And customers are glad, too. Northville Candle is the one-stop shopping location for those looking for those hard-to-find tapered candles for their dinner tables, or those crackling wooden wicks that have become so popular in the recent years.

"We carry 12 candle lines and a variety of different accessories," Lindeen said.

In addition, the store also sells local jewelry and arts on a consignment basis, which Lindeen said was an easy decision to make.

Lindeen said was an easy decision to make.

"I love local artists," she said. "I'm more than happy to help them out. It's a great way to help promote them and I really like to see what they've made."

Northville, said Lindeen, is home. She said there are no plans to up and move any time in the near future. "It's a great place," she said. "I live in Northville. I wouldn't want my business to be anywhere else."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville Candle's owner Beverlee Lindeen loves helping her customers find exactly what they want.

At Davis Auto in Northville, it's all about trust



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYILLE RECORD

Auto owners know they can trust the staff at Davis Auto.

SPECIAL WRITER

By Sam Eggleston

Jim Davis knows it's about more than just getting cars fixed and out the door when it comes to having a successful repair shop in Northville.

Davis, who owns and operates Davis Auto, said it's about credibility, word of mouth and giving the customers the kind of service that his shop has come to be known for.

"The reason people come here isn't because they see our ad in the Northville Record or in the phone book," Davis said. "People come here because they can trust us. People come here because they know we're going to be straight with them. We're not going to say things need to be fixed when they don't."

Davis Auto, which won the People's Choice Award for best auto repair, offers full line repairs from brakes to shocks to replacing windshields to major engine repair.

The technicians are certified, friendly and quick, while the shop's managers are attentive and always looking to offer friendly advice, arrange for rides for customers and are always eager to explain the situation with the vehicle being repaired.

In addition, the employees at Davis Auto are always looking for ways to help customers keep their car on the road at the least cost.

"We understand how expensive car repairs can be," said Davis. "That's why when there are multiple repairs that have to be made we always try to prioritize them. We want them to know what needs to be fixed now and what can wait a cou"We're proud of the work ...we do here and it shows."

- Jim Davis Davis Auto

ple of weeks until the next paycheck."

When all the little things are added up, Davis said he knows the recipe for success is right at home in Northville.

"We want to make it a good experience," he said. "People come here because they trust us. We try to do all the little things to make that happen. It starts right at the top, with me, and goes all the way down to every employee here. We're happy to be able to serve Northville."

While many people don't trust mechanics and the vehicle repair shops they work for because of assumptions of being ripped off by high prices and exuberant per-hour rates, Davis said he's proud to offer a strong handshake and the ability to look his customers in the eye and know he's offering service they will want to come back to.

He said it's about solving problems and helping people get their lives back on track.

"I have to wake up every morning and look at myself in the mirror," he said. 'That's why we do it right the first time and get customers who aren't afraid to bring their repairs to us. We're proud of the work we do here and it shows."

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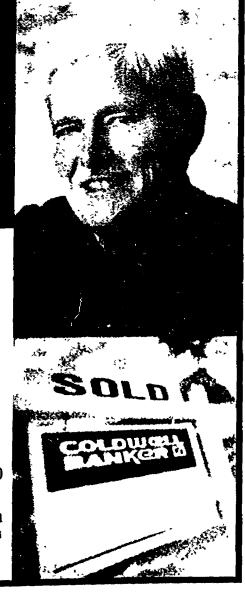
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Chiropractor Dr. Ken Stoppa works on the cervical vertebrae of patient Sidney Breach, 6, at his Main Street clinic.

Stoppa's getting backs on track at Main Street Family Chiropractic

By Sam Eggleston SPECIAL WRITER

If there was ever a question as to why patients leave Northville's Main Street Family Chiropractic with a smile on their face, it just takes meeting Ken Stoppa to understand why.

Stoppa, owner of the chiropractic center, is quick with a smile and always ready with a good laugh.

"I really enjoy what I do," said Stoppa.
"This is a great business and you get to meet
a lot of great people, especially here in
Northville."

And with seven years under his belt in Northville, a lot of people have thought it is great to meet Stoppa.

Main Street Family Chiropractic has made a lot of people happier with their ability to get the creaks and cracks out of patients' backs. The focus of the five-person staff is to make sure everyone has a great experience, which is why Stoppa insists on keeping a hands-on approach to customer service.

"Most places will schedule three or four patients into a 15-minute block," Stoppa said, even speaking from experience after being in a shop not too far from Northville after graduating from college. "Here, we make sure each patient gets 15 minutes. We don't cram appointments in there. Everyone gets our attention and we make sure the job is done right when patients come to us for help."

A key to being able to offer such great service, said Stoppa, is having a great staff. He said Main Street Family Chiropractic boasts some of the best in the business – and none of them want that to change.

To stay on top of the program, Stoppa and his staff attend the state organization seminars twice a year and learn the "latest and greatest" techniques and about the most modern technology.

"People are really happy when they have a happy staff to deal with," Stoppa added. "And it's more than just that. They are well trained and genuinely care. If anyone has any questions, any one of us is able to answer it. That goes a long way."

And having some of the best equipment available doesn't hurt either, Stoppa said. Most chiropractic offices don't have a traction table, which allows for spinal decompression. Stoppa said Main Street Family Chiropractic has three.

He also noted that focusing on families goes a long way in a town like Northville.

"We get the dads in who are having back trouble, and after we're done with them, we often end up seeing mom and then the kids," Stoppa said. "It's great being involved with the people here in Northville. It's a great community. I'm not gong anywhere. There have been five or six places that have come and gone, but we're here to stay."

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Clients keep coming back to Margo's Spa and Salon

By Sam Eggleston SPECIAL WRITER

After 20 years in the community, Margo Kramar of Margo's Spa and Salon knows what her clients want. That's why she's been seeing so many of the same faces over the years.

"We love having so many clients who keep coming back," said Kramar, "It means a lot to us that they feel that comfortable with us."

And comfort is something Kramar and her employees constantly strive for their customers to feel. They ask for feedback on the job they've done and try to find ways to make the experience even better.

"We're always asking questions, and people say that's really unusual," Kramar said. "We want that feedback though. We want people to have a quality experience in a non-pretentious environment.

From hair cuts to deep tissue massages, Margo's Spa and Salon is a full-service stop for anyone looking to get primped and pampered.

The shop also offers medicated skin peels, which are specially formulated by a doctor Kramar works closely with.

"People are seeing instant results with the medical peels," Kramar said. "We are a destination place. People come here knowing what they want and we are happy to be able to offer those services to them."

And the relations with the clients of the salon and spa have shown with a third People's Choice Award, selected by the readers of the Northville Record.

"I cannot tell you how proud I am, or how grateful," Kramar said. "I'm just tickled. This is great."

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> - Margo Kramer Margo's Spa and Salon

Kramar said one of the things she is most proud of about her salon and spa is that the clients have come to expect great service from each and every employee. That, she said, makes their jobs much easier.

"Our clients know they can expect to get the same quality from any one of us," Kramar said. "That means clients are very comfortable having someone else take care of them instead of not getting something done because one of us just isn't available at that time."

The key, she said, is treating everyone with respect and with the same strive of making each visit a great

Our motto is that we do business with integrity and kindness," Kramar said. "That's exactly what we do each and every day."

Margo Kramer, seated, has owned and operated Margo's Spa and Salon on Cady Street in Northville for 20 years.



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Remax 100 agents work from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to help residents buy and sell homes, land and commercial property.

Voters keep Remax 'above the crowd'

By Sam Eggleston SPECIAL WRITER

In the real estate business, it's never been about the number of agents out trying to sell homes as it has been about being recognized by the consumer Remax has all the product identification they need.

And with a mix of great success and strong people skills, the Remax 100 offices in Northville and Novi are making that name even more well known.

"Everyone recognizes the hot-air balloon," said office manager Heidi Bednarek. "Our corporate slogan is even 'Above The Crowd."

Being above the crowd is exactly what Remax 100 strives to do. With 65 agents in two locations, the Remax office has the corner on the real estate market throughout the "southeastern region," which includes Northville, Novi, South Lyon and Walled Lake and surrounding areas.

Bednarek said that real estate is one of the most competitive businesses in the country, which means an office that hopes to have success has to look for something more in its employees than just having passed the licensing arm. All agents work from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

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"We have always had higher standards," she said. "We require our agents to be full-time and

not just someone who does it on the side. We also require our employees to have five years experience in this business before we'll hire them on. This is their career."

It's demand for such high quality that makes Remax 100 a local favorite. In the People's Choice voting, the real estate office won the most votes from the readership of the Northville Record as well as the readership of the Novi News

The Remax 100 offices in Northville have been around for nine years at the Center Street location and a recent addition finds a new office at the corner of Grand River and Beck roads in Novi that opened April 1.

"It's where everyone is at right now," said Bednarek of the new digs. "We knew it's where we wanted to be, especially with all the growth in that area."

And despite tough financial times throughout the state, Bednarck said things are definitely moving and it's a buyer's market.

In addition to trying to be "Above the Crowd" in everything they do, the agents at the local Remax offices also have another motto they live by: Speedy. Bold. Simplistic.

"We want our clients to be happy with their experience with us," Bednarck said. "We're a one-stop location. We offer everything you need."

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'It's no secret Hidden Springs is the best vet

By Sam Eggleston SPECIAL WRITER

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic thinks you can teach an old dog how to stay young.

With preventative medicine and regular check-ups, Hidden Spring's staff knows they can keep animals healthy throughout their entire life

"It's all about health maintenance," said Janet Talbot, the practice manager. "We can keep animals going longer than we've ever been able to before. It might be something like changing a diet or certain medicines, but prevention is something we focus on."

Talbot said that after 34 years of operation at their Eight Mile Road location just west of Beck Road, the staff is always eager to see how they can help a family pet.

"The staff here is wonderful," she said, "They have great training and schooling but they have the heart, and that's where it starts. They treat every pet like it's their own pet."

It's service like that which earned Hidden Spring the People's Choice Award for best local veterinarian. The award, said Talbot, is a great reward.

"It's a wonderful moment," she said. "We try and we try and we try and to have it come back like this is amazing. To have the clients recognize us is just wonderful."

Earning such recognition takes lots of work. From the staff to the animal care to the facilities, Hidden Springs offers it all.

The office is a general practice, seeing 98percent of dogs and cats as clients with other animals like guinea pigs, birds and ferrets making up the other 2 percent. "Now, we're seeing generations of clients.

We took care of the family pet and now we're seeing the kids of that family who are all grown up bringing their pets in."

- Janet Talbot Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic

The facilities offer a surgical suite, a laboratory, x-ray capabilities and even a pharmacy.

"We offer just about everything you need," said Talbot, "If there's something more that needs to be done, then we'll send the client to a specialist."

Talbot said the key to running a great veterinary clinic is caring. The staff, she said, is in love with animals.

"A lot of people don't realize that a veterinarian and a regular doctor go to school for the same amount of time," she said. "But a vet gets paid about one-third what a normal doctor would. They definitely have to love it."

And that love shows. It's one of the reasons Hidden Springs has done so well. In fact, it was just recently a little green sign with the clinic's name on it was placed out on Eight Mile Road. Until then, it was just word of



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From preventative check-ups to surgery, the staff at Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic offers it all.

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"Now, we're seeing generations of clients," Talbot said. "We took care of the family pet

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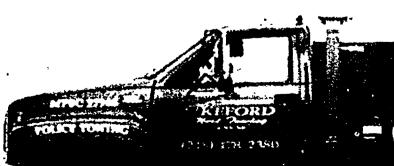
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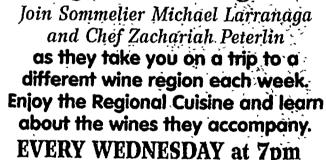
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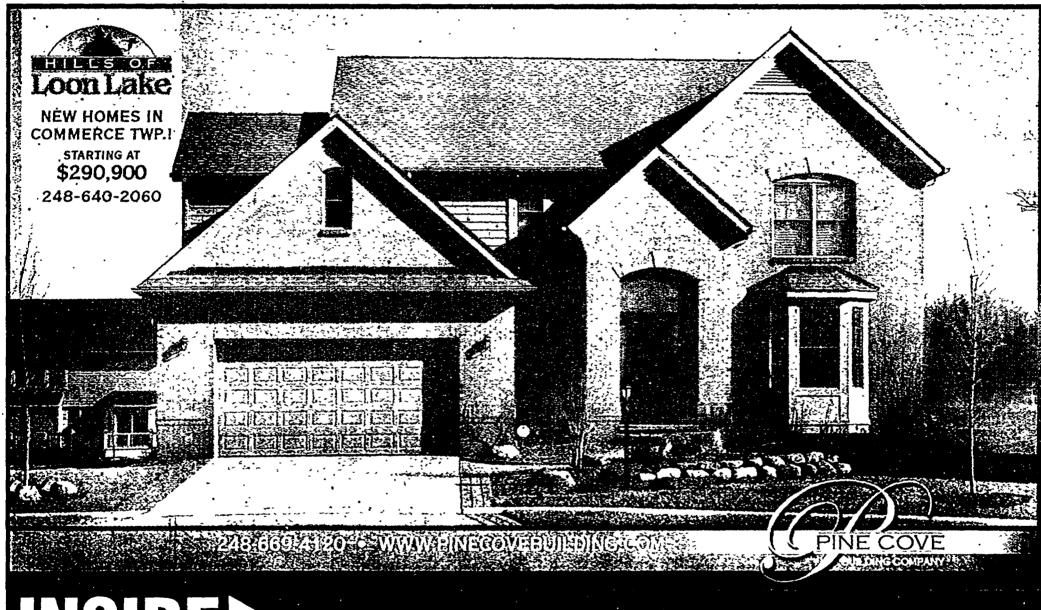
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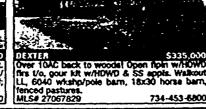




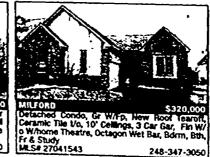














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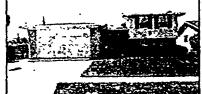


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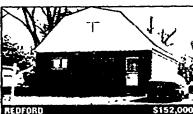


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(NewsUSA) — In a country that abounds with suburban developments of similar-looking homes, adding a personal touch to your property might be high on your list of priorities.

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. If you're looking to customize your castle with ease, concentrate your efforts on a few of the following areas:

■ Trim. Exterior trim can give your home a graceful, almost Victorian appearance. One option is Restoration Millwork from CertainTeed, which comes in 15 shapes and has a polyvinyl chloride (PVC) composition that looks and feels like wood, but performs even better.

Siding. If you want to give your home a fast and major makeover, consider replacing its siding.

Available in a vast array of colors and textures, siding can make your home stand out and increase its value. Vinyl and fiber cement are two materials that are easy to maintain and will last over time.

Decking. Outdoor living is a hot trend this year and adding a deck is one of the most dramatic ways to customize

your home. Since many decks are made with easy-to-clean materials such as weather-resistant composite decking, they're easy to maintain as well.

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Text your way to your next home

(NewsUSA) - It took a while, but Americans have tapped into the text messaging craze full force. According to the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association, a trade association for the wireless communication industry, U.S. cell phone users sent more than 64.8 billion text messages in the first six months of 2006, up 98.8 percent from the first six months of the previous

These days, there's a lot more to do with that tiny keypad than text messaging your friends and family. If you're house hunting, for example, and spot a home you like, you may even be able to receive the listing information on your phone with a simple text message.

If the home is listed through ERA Real Estate, all you have to do is send a text message with the property ID number, displayed on the for-sale sign, to "TXT ERA" or 898372. House hunters can also choose to be notified by text message when homes that meet their requirements become available.

We're always looking for ways to better service our customers, including communicating in ways that best fit their ever-changing lifestyle," said Bill Cogan, ERA vice president of interactive marketing.

Noting that ERA was "founded" on technology," Cogan says his company was the first national real estate brand to tap into the mobile frontier with ERA.com Mobile, a service that allows customers to view ERA's listings and use its other Web tools from their cell phone's Internet browser.

Text messaging seemed like a logical next step for the tech-savvy company. In fact, it may be ahead of the curve.

According to the research firm In-Stat, wireless text messaging is expected to increase six-fold between now and 2009.

So far, ERA has found that its text messaging service is most popular with first-time homebuyers. That may come as no surprise to some industry experts, considering a study by comScore Networks that reports 46 percent of people between the ages of 25 and 34 consider text messaging to be of "high importance" when choosing a cell phone. Soon enough, it may be of high importance when choosing a home as well.



Some prospective homebuyers are now using text messaging to get listing information for homes they are interested in.

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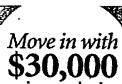
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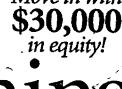
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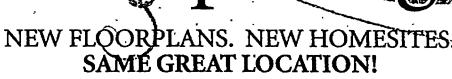
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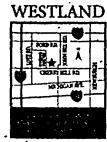




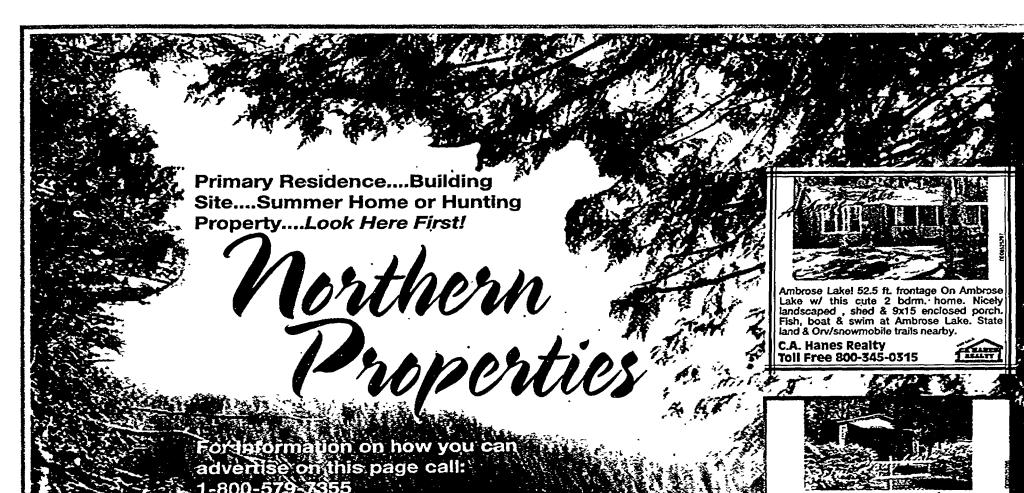
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Florida law differs a bit on-as is property

Q. I am in the process of selling my home in Florida and I understand that there are some peculiar provisions in the sales agreements that are different from what is typically found in Michigan, particularly with respect to "as-is" sales. Do you have any comment?

A. Based upon my discussions with a prominent Florida Realtor and my review of Florida documents, it appears that even though used homes are sold on an as is basis, there is usually up to a 12 percent fee imposed on the seller's



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obligation to make repairs to the unit unless that is waived. These repairs would also include termite and wood damage and unless that clause is removed from the agreement, the seller would have an obligation under the standard form agreement to

make those repairs and/or defray the cost of same. That also gives the buyer, of course, still the opportunity to inspect the premises. This is somewhat unusual as it relates to Michigan where you do not normally find that type of

Q. Our condo association is built in the form a townhouse community and we have just passed a rule concerning smoking in the townhouse unit. Do you think it is reasonable to enforce it?

A. While there are diverse views on this, a Colorado judge has recently upheld a homeowner's association order barring a couple from smoking in their townhouse. The case was initiated as a result of the condo association amending its bylaws to prohibit smoking. The co-owners argued that it was unreasonable for the association to ban smoking in their home, on their patio, or anywhere on the condominium grounds. The condo association responded to

complaints from other co-owners who said that cigarette smoking was seeping into their units creating a smoke smell that was quite strong at times. They argued that, as with loud music, the rights of the community trump the rights of an individual resident. A district judge in Colorado ruled that the association can ban the smoking in the co-owners' home unit because "smoke and/or smoke smell" is not contained to one area and the smell "constitutes a nuisance." This may be the first of many cases involving this issue.

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.

Save Thousands When Moving to a Larger Home by Avoiding These 6 Costly Mistakes

FARMINGTON HILLS - A new report has just been released which identifies the 6 most common and costly mistakes that home buyers make when moving to a larger home.

Unlike the experience of buying a first home, when you're looking to move-up, and already own a home, there are certain factors that can complicate the situation. It's very important for you to understand these issues before you list your home for sale.

Not only is there the issue of financing to consider, but you also have to sell your present home at exactly the right time in order to avoid either the financial burden of owning two homes or, just as bad, the dilemma of having no place to live during the gap between closings.

In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "6 Inside Strategies to Avoid Trade-Up Mistakes".

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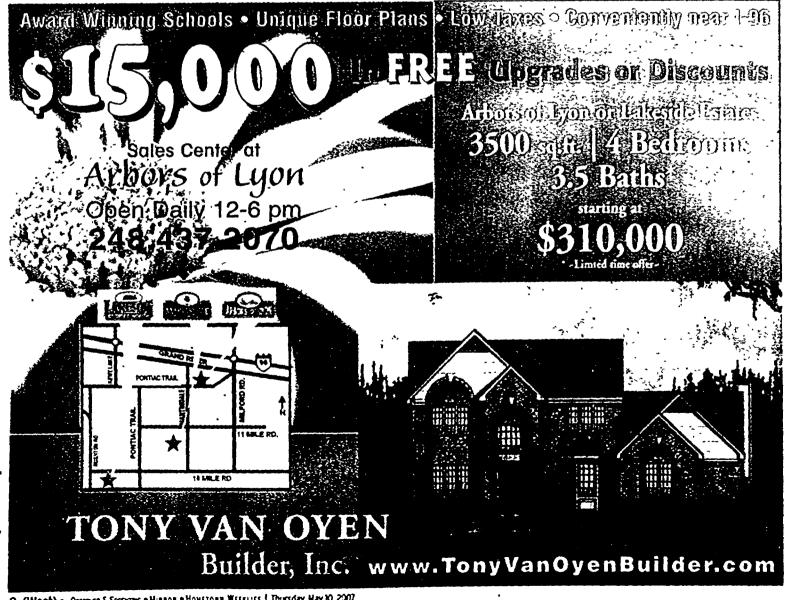
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CREW seeks entries for real estate Impact Awards

The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW Detroit) now has 2007 entry packages available online for its sixth annual commercial real estate award program, the CREW Detroit Impact Awards.

The awards recognize two recently completed southeast Michigan commercial properties that significantly improve their surrounding communities.

The 2007 competition is open to new construction and redevelopment projects completed between Jan. 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007. The projects must also have involved at least one firm with a CREW Detroit member, said Sheila Monohon of Giffels-Webster Engineers in Rochester Hills, award committee chair. A list of companies with a CREW Detroit member is available at crewdetroit.org/memlist.htm.

Impact Award "intent to enter" forms can be downloaded now at crewdetroit.org/awards.html. Printed forms are available from Norma Beuter at (248) 646-0629 or beuter@comcast.net. Completed forms should be submitted along with a \$100 entry fee by June 1. Entrants will then receive an entry package outlining the submission requirements. Those completed entry packages are due on or before June 29.





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Real Estate One will be holding prelicensing classes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting Monday, June 4. Evening classes from 6-9 p.m. starting May 14 run Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for 3 weeks. Call (800) 889-9001 to register.

Start your own business

Real Estate One is always looking for good people. Career seminar 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at the corporate office. Register by calling (800) 889-9001. Space is limited. Discount prelicensing coupon for attending.

Safety and security

BIA will present a Residential Construction Superintendent (RCS) course - Safety and Security - from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, May 15 at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on how to protect a job site by learning the essential components of a safety program. Participants will examine the most common OSHA citations and how to prepare for an OSHA inspection, as well as review a superintendent's responsibilities to adequately protect a job site.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-

Sales and marketing awards

BIA's Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the 8th Annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, at the Community House of Birmingham, 380 South Bates St. in Birmingham.

The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts throughout Southeastern Michigan. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Registration fees are \$90 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, non-members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

On-site project management course

BIA will sponsor an On-Site Project-Management course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 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, Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) designation, as well.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead a discussion on site conditions and layout, effective office and client communications, quality control standards, scheduling, and documentation.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelors Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Estimating and bid strategies

BIA will present another in its series of Effective Business Management Seminars — Estimating and Bid Strategies for Increased Profitability from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead the seminar, instructing attendees on the business and strategic side of estimating, including tips on how to calculate and assign the correct margins for your business, strategies for competitive bidding in a tight market and key ratio

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Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$60 for BIA members and \$85 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Quality construction for superintendents

BIA will present another of its Advanced Residential Construction Superintendent (ARCS) courses -Building it Right: Quality Construction for Superintendents (Technical Proficiency Track) - from 8 a.m. to noon on Thursday, May 31, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Brindley R.W. Byrd, CAPS, CGR of Qx2, Inc., will guide attendees to learn to identify the stakeholders of a construction project and the performance expectations that need to be set and measured for each group to ensure product quality, as well as offer technical tips and best practices to improve quality at each stage of a construction

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Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Fair housing for maintenance staff

Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, May 11, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington

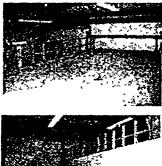
Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site will lead the seminar, instructing attendees on how Fair Housing applies to maintenance; communication: maintenance to management; documentation: consistency and record keeping; inapartment and on-site etiquette; service request procedures; what constitutes an emergency and T.E.A.M. building.

Registration fees are \$45 for Property Management Council members, \$55 for AAM and Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004.

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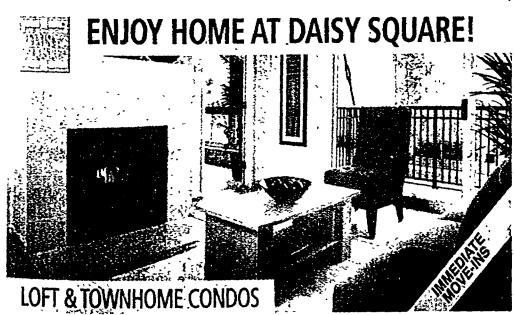
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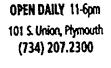
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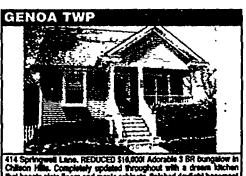


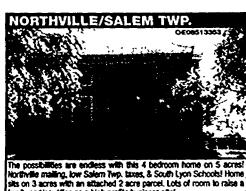
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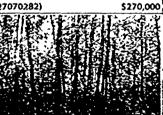






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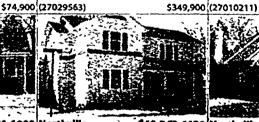


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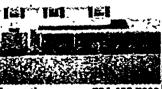




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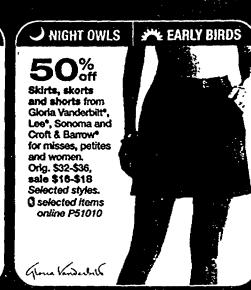
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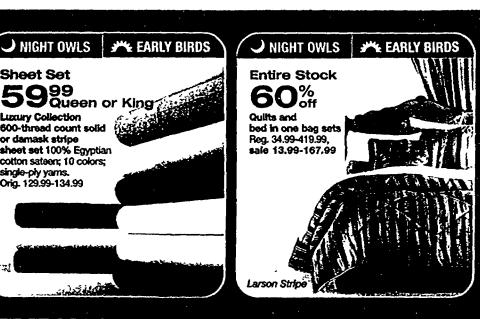
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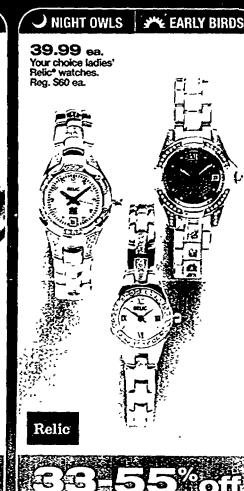
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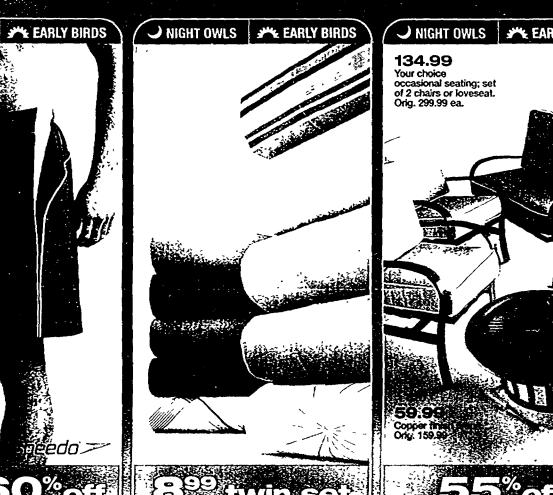
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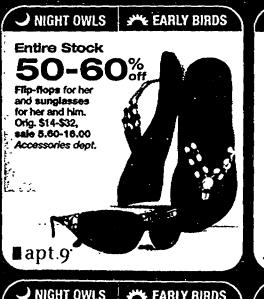


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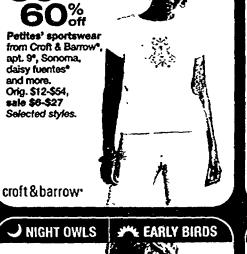


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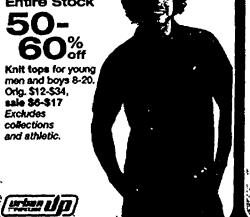


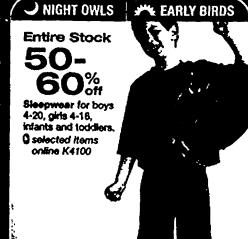
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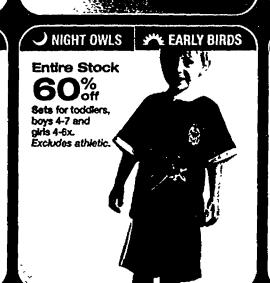


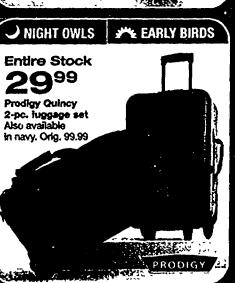
























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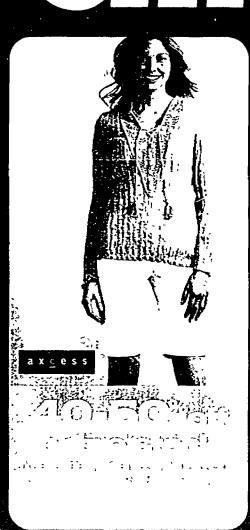






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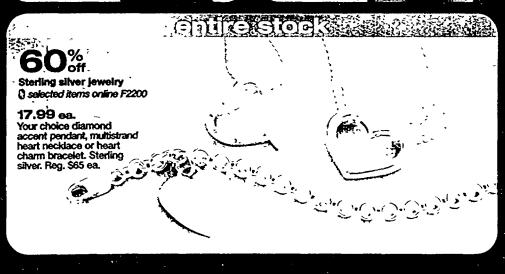




















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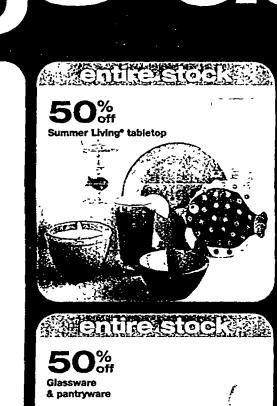
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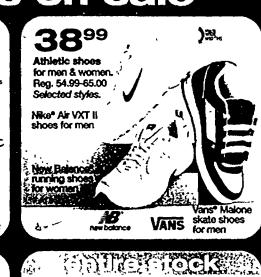




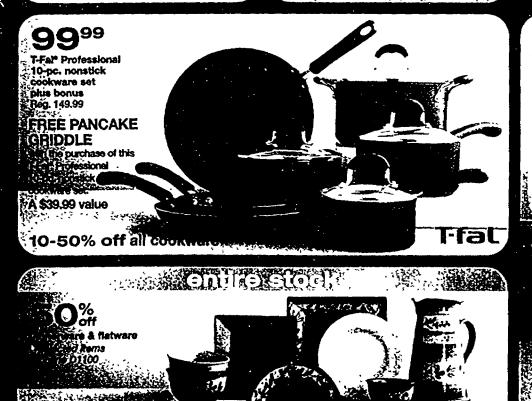


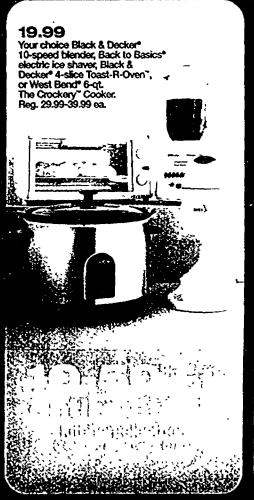


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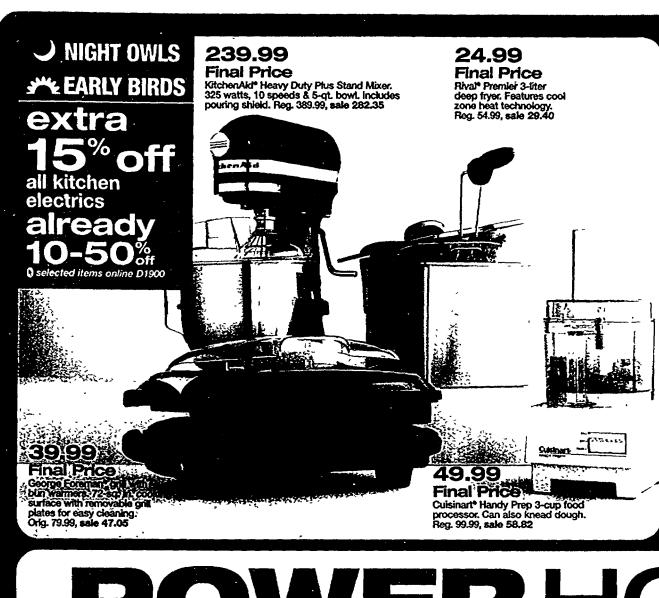














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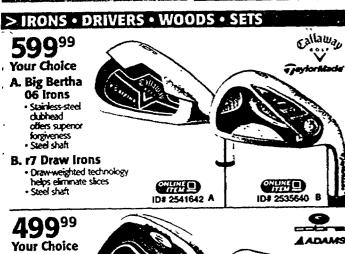
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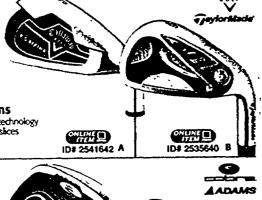




















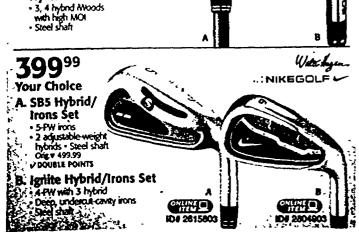










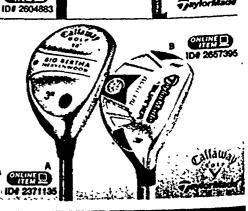






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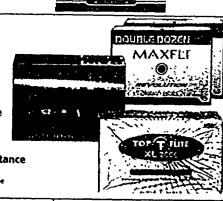




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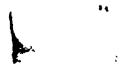
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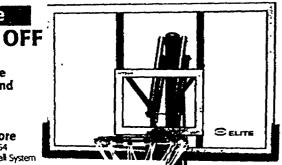


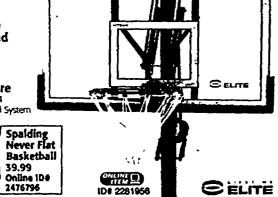
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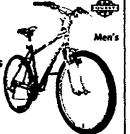
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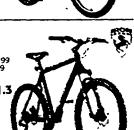
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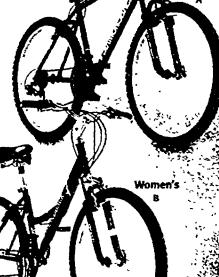
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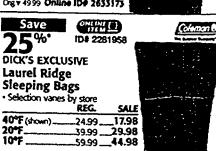
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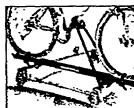
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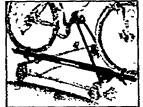
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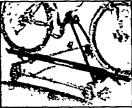


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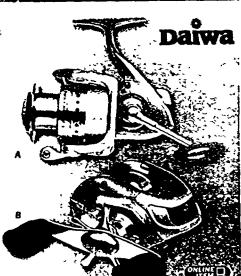


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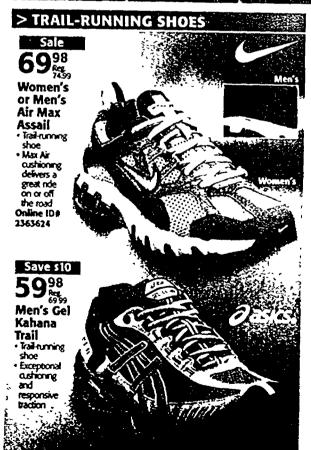
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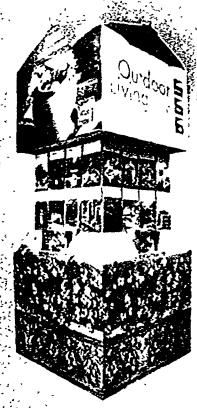
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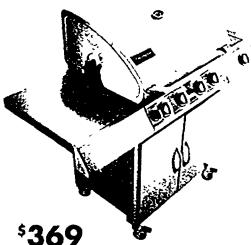
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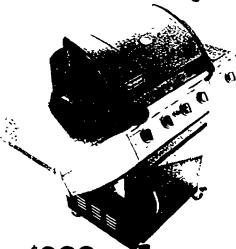
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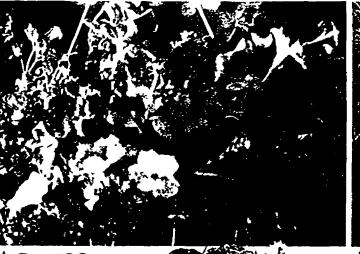
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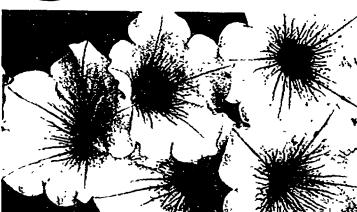


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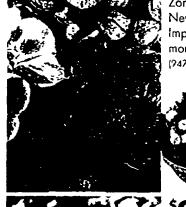
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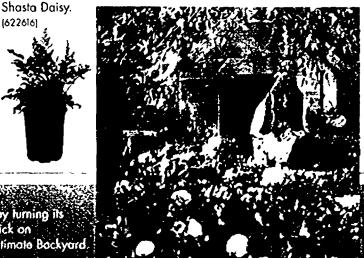
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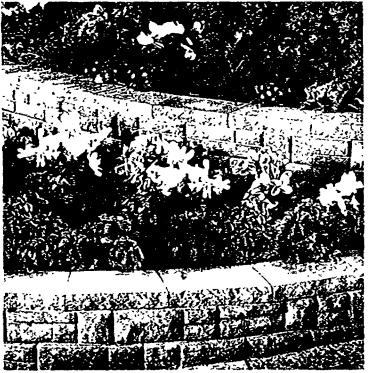


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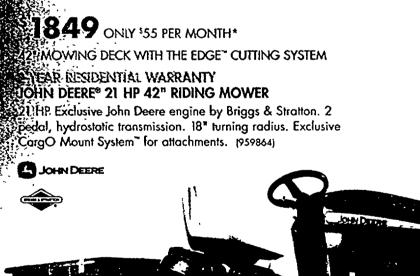


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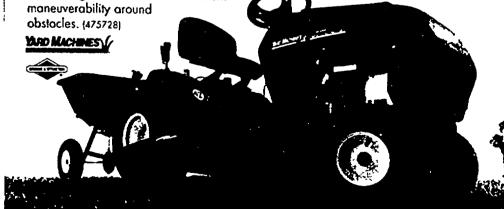


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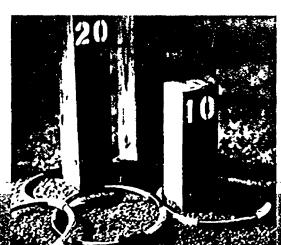
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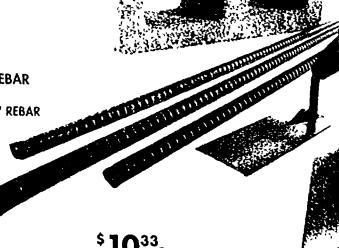
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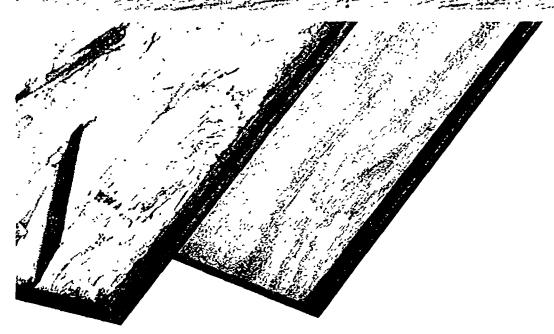
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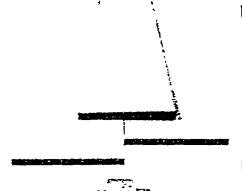
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1"x8"	\$549	\$675	\$8 ³⁹	\$979
1"x10"	\$6°8	5925	51088	51349
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SIZL	<u> </u>	1 10	1 2	
2"x4"	5232	⁵ 2 ³⁴	5346	\$5 ²⁴
2"x6"	\$3 ⁴³	\$457	\$5 ⁹¹	⁵ 7 ⁸³
2"x8"	54 ⁹¹	56 ³¹	5774	51019
2"x10"	\$ 7 58	5947	511∞	\$15 ¹⁶
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STRUCTURAL PANELS

SIZE	TYPE	SKU	4' x 8'
3/8"	RATED SHEATHING	(166065)	19 99
1/2"	RATED SHEATHING	(166073)	\$1793
5/8"	RATED SHEATHING	[166081]	\$15°
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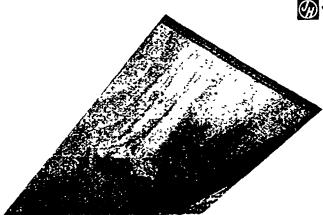


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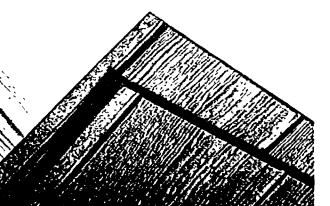
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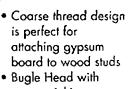
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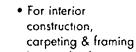
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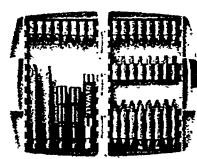
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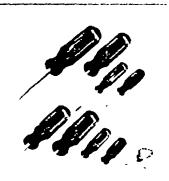
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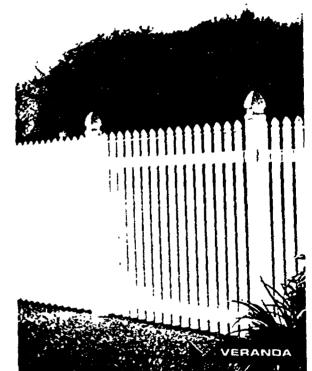
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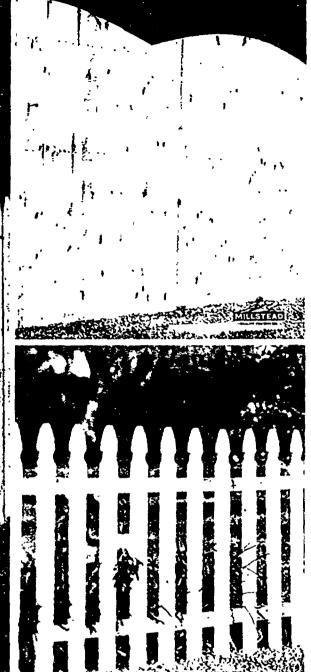
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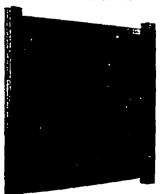




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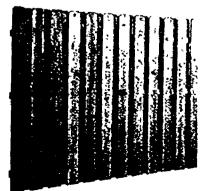
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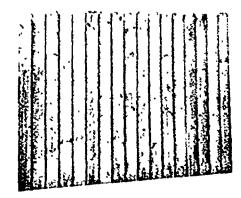
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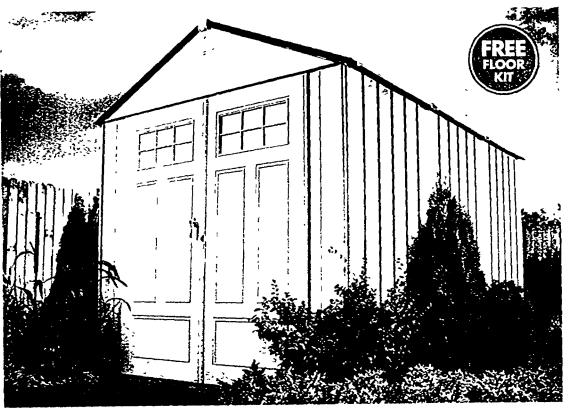


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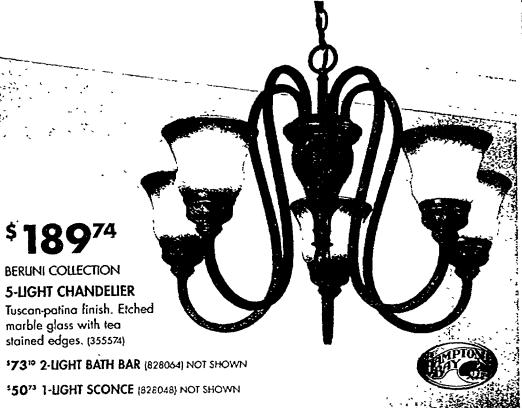
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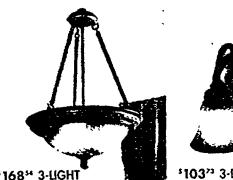
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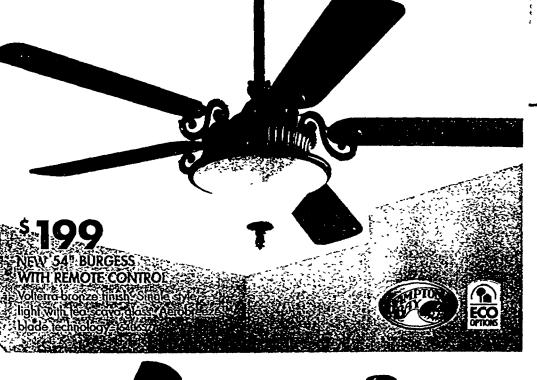
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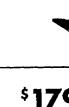


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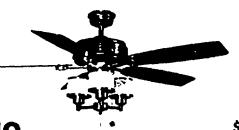
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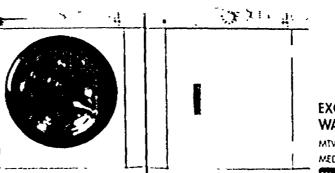
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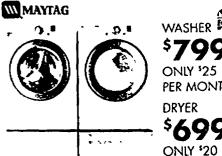


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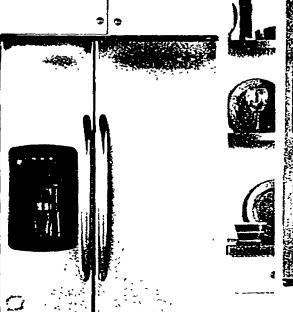
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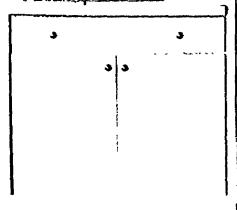
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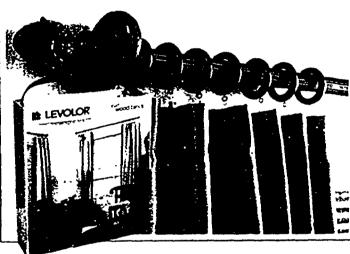
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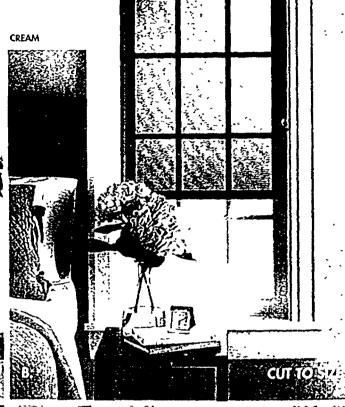
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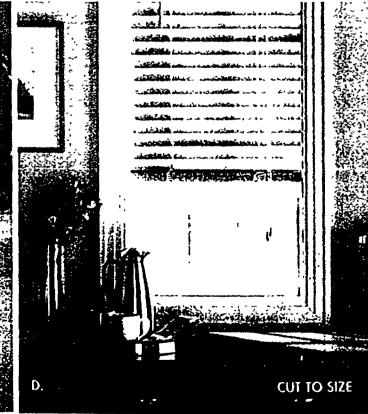
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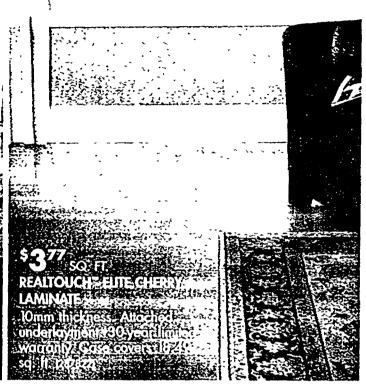
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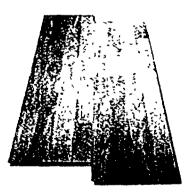
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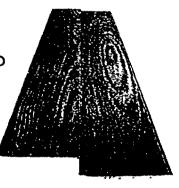
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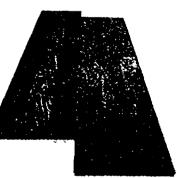
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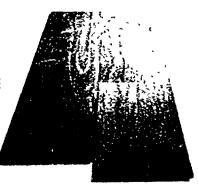
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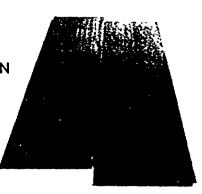
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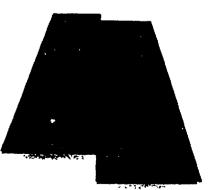
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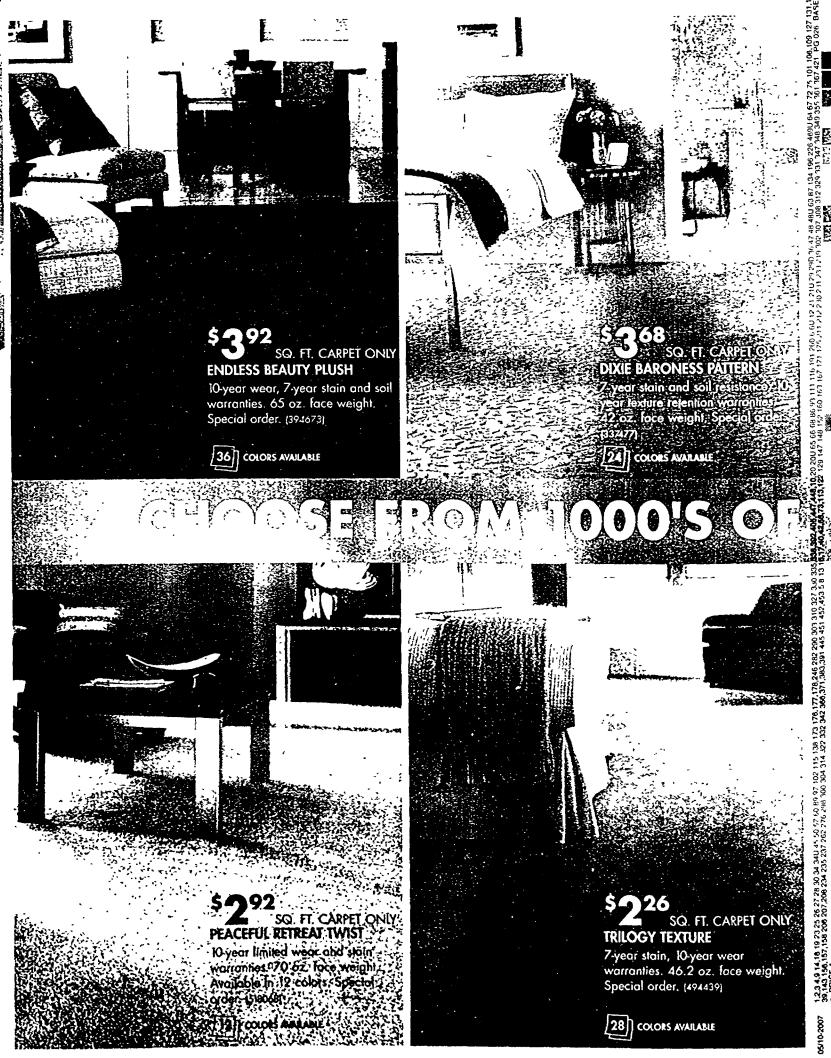


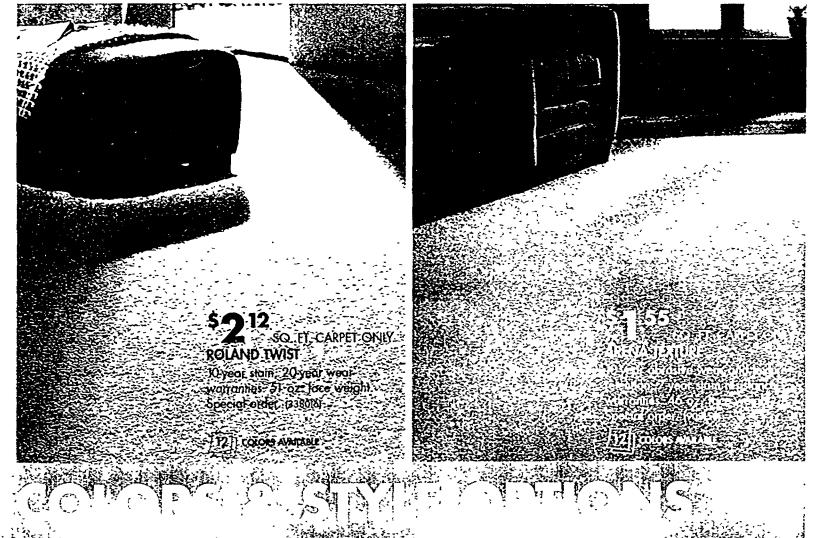
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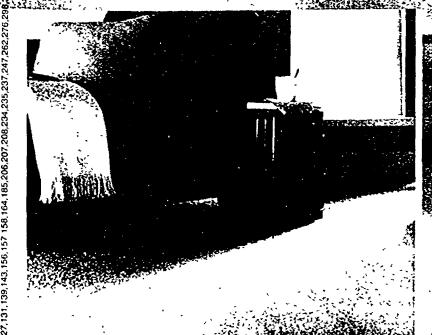
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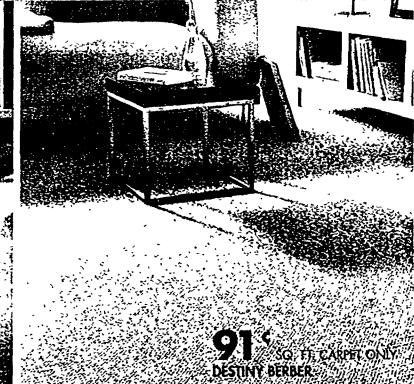












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What can you tell me about Bradley Cole on The Guiding



Light? I know he played Prince Richard Winslow from 1999 to 2002 and left the show and came back as a different character, Jeffrey O'Neill. He is a phenomenal actor and very handsome. -Carly C., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Born and raised in California, Cole, 48, studied business and drama at Pepperdine University and played college basketball until an injury forced him to quit. He left his first Guiding Light role in 2002 when his contract expired and he felt "the character had run its course." When producers of the daytime drama approached him the following year about playing a different character, he accepted. Married and the father of a son who'll turn 1 in July, Cole also is a singer who released his fourth CD, A Human Thing, last year.

🖳 ls Mariska Hargitay on Law & Order: Special Victims Unit the daughter of Jayne Mansfield and Mickey Hargitay, and was she mauled as a child by a wild animal at Jungleland in Thousand Oaks, Calif.?

—M. Filipmere, Yreka, Calif.

Yes and no. The Law & Order star, 43, is indeed the daughter of the late sex symbol and her actor/bodybuilder husband. But it was Mariska's brother, 6-yearold Zoltan, who was mauled by a lion during a freak accident in 1966 at Jungleland while his mother was doing a photo shoot at the now-defunct animal park. Mariska and Zoltan both survived a horrific car crash a year later in which Mansfield and two other adults were killed. Hargitay has a zigzag scar on the side of her head from the accident, but she doesn't remember anything about it.



Whatever happened to the mentalist called the Amazing Kreskin?

-E. McCnry, Tempe, Arra.

George Kresge, also known as "The Amazing Kreskin, is constantly on the road and in the air, performing some 300 shows a year. "I love my work and I've been blessed," says the New Jersey resident, 72, who

Mentalist Kreskin

stresses that he is not a psychic or fortuneteller, but rather a "mentalist" with a special gift to read the thoughts of others. "I've been doing this for a living since I was 11 years old." He has a new book, Mental Power Is Real, available through his website, ununkreskin com

Whatever became of the boy who played "Dueling Banjos" in the movie Deliverance?

-lum Petit, Franklin, Pa.

Georgia native Billy Redden didn't have any speaking lines in the 1972 classic Deliverance, but he sure made quite an impression as the banjo-playing hillbilly kid who visually imprinted the film's musical signarure. Redden, then 16, was selected from his Rabun County school for the part. But he didn't actually play the banjo, nor could he convincingly pretend to pick one. For the movie's



Billy Redden was the "boy with the banjo" in Deliverance.

"Dueling Banjos" scene, a real musician crouched behind him and reached around, and the camera framed the shot to make it appear as if Redden was playing. Now 51,

Redden went on to appear in one other movie (he had a bit part in Big Fish in 2003), and today he works at a Wal-Mart in Clayton, Ga., not far from where he grew up.

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Your memory "clutch" is in great shape! The 1941 film you recall was Reaching for the Sun, but the novel on which the movie was based was indeed titled EO.B. Detroit, by Michigan native Wessel Smitter. The movie, a boisterous comedy about a country bumpkin who moves to the Motor City to work in a manufacturing plant. steered clear of the book's grittier realities of factory life.

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Pat Robinson and her foster family—(from left) Lydie, Latasha, Laniya and Quanitra—at their home in Stratford, Conn.

ford last year, and today studies criminal justice at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport and works part time at a department store.

McCray appreciates how Robinson guided her and

helped her gain confidence. "She'd have me take a city bus to the baby's doctor appointments to learn my way around. And she taught me how to budget money and put me on a schedule. I'm very grateful."

Robinson shares a laugh with her children before lunch.

Motherly advice

Robinson, who works part time at a local law office, always has provided hot meals and motherly advice to troubled kids. When her two biological sons, Ernest, now 44, and Karcern, 33, were growing up, their friends knew they could depend on her to listen.

"In order for kids to succeed, there usually is one instrumental person who believes in them and is a mentor," says Kareem, who owns a security company based in Bridgeport. "In a lot of different cases, Mom made that difference."

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In 1992, after her sons were grown and she had retired from a management position at IBM, Robinson's home was quiet and she missed having a household full of kids. So, Robinson took classes to become a foster parent for Casey Family Services, headquartered in nearby New Haven. Since then, she has fostered eight children full time and provided short-term care for many others. Today, her family includes McCray and Laniya, 2, Latasha, 17, and former foster children Lydie and Willie Vainqueur, ages 27 and 26.

"She is my mom," says Lyche, who was placed in Robinson's home in 1996. "I could not pick a better one." Lyclic was 15 and her brother, Willie, 14, when they moved in. Natives of the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe, Lyclic and Willie spoke only French when they arrived in the United States. As with many foster children, some details of their family history are sketchy and others are best forgotten.

"I'll never know the story of how my mother ended up here," says Lyche, who was 4 when her mother came to the United States. "When she knew she was dying, she sent for us. My mother brought us to this country for a reason. She wanted us to experience better opportunities."

Just 14, Lydie nursed her mom and ran the household. "Whatever English I could put together, I used. It was a survival thing."

When her mother's health deteriorated, Lydie informed a social worker at school, and she and her brother were placed in foster care with Robinson. Two weeks later, their mother died.

For Lydie, the biggest adjustment was learning to be a child. "Lydie was tough," Robinson says. "She was accustomed to mothering her brother. Once she let me be the mother, she enjoyed being a child herself."

Beyond loving children, a foster parent needs vision, Robinson says. "You have to look beyond what you see when that child walks through the door."

Adds Lydie, "She had vision for me when I didn't have it in myself." Today, the college graduate works as a senior buyer for Brooklace, a paper products manufacturer in West Haven, Conn.

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Across the United States, about 513,000 children are in foster care because of parental neglect or abuse. About 140,000 foster families provide homes until the children can be reunited with their biological families or placed in a permanent home through adoption.

"There just aren't enough foster parents," says Marvin Ferneau, president of the National Foster Parent Association, headquartered in Gig Harbor, Wash. "Some kids are living in group homes and shelters."

Marvin and his wife, Melody, of Monrezuma, Iowa (pop. 1,440), became foster parents in 1991 when their biological daughters, Melissa, 31, and Christine, 29, were teens. Since then, they've cared for 30 teenage girls—some for a few days and others for a few years—and adopted two foster children: Neisha, now 25, and Kelly, 22.

"Everybody needs a mom and dad to come home to," Marvin says.

Home at last

A child longs for the security of a permanent, loving home, says Myra Magee, 58, of Angie, La. (pop. 240), who understands the heartbreak of a broken home. As chiklren, both she and her husband, Mitchell, were shuttled among caregivers.

After their own five children were grown, the Magees became foster parents in 1994. "I wanted to make a difference," Myra says. "It was just in my heart."

The couple since have adopted six of their foster children: Sabrina, 11; Omeisha, 12; Richard, 12; Raven, 12; Raechelle, 13; and Calakeisha, 14. The children sing in the choir at local Center Baptist Church and most play instruments in their school bands.

Mitchell, 58, a self-employed logger, and Myra, a stay-at-home mom. budget carefully. Their home had to be gutted after Hurricane Katrina and has been rebuilt as far as the insurance coverage would stretch. Although most of their belongings were destroyed, the family returned home last September before school scarred.

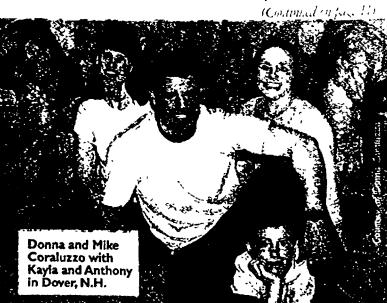
"We don't have fancy stuff, but nobody goes lacking," Myra says.

Best of all, the Magee children have parents and a permanent home. "I made a commitment to my babies that they won't have to move again from home to home," Myra ackls.

Forever family

Foster parenting is hard work, but the reward is to better the life of a child, says Donna Coraluzzo of Dover, N.H. (pop. 26,884). She and her husband, Mike, have one biological son, Anthony, 10, and have been foster parents for three years to Kayla, 15.

"It's our job-all of our jobs-to take care of these chiklren," says Donna, 58, program director at the Dover Children's Home, a residence for troubled adolescents. Mike, 39, is a state trooper, and both he and



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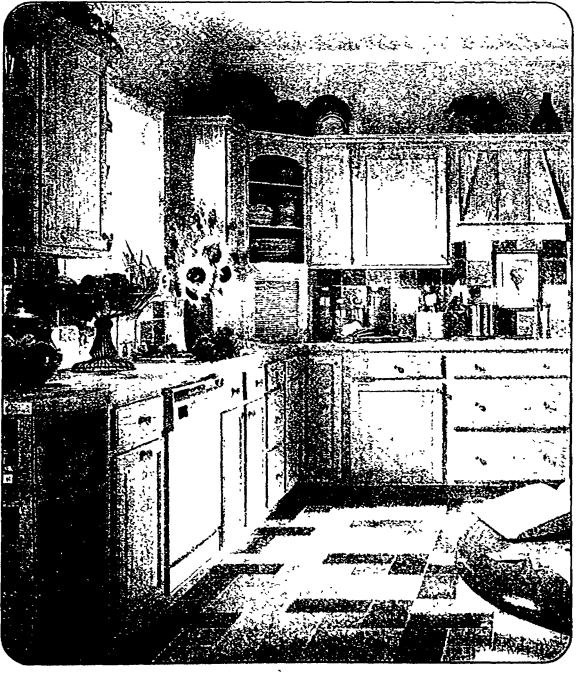
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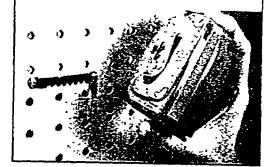
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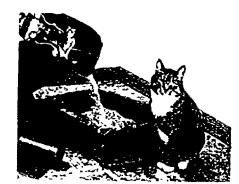
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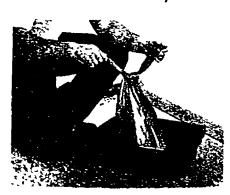
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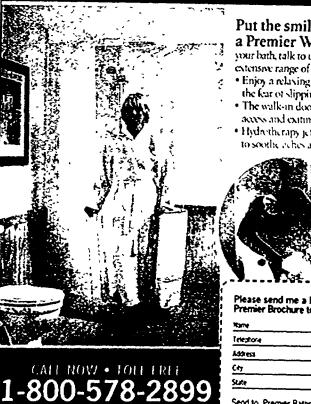


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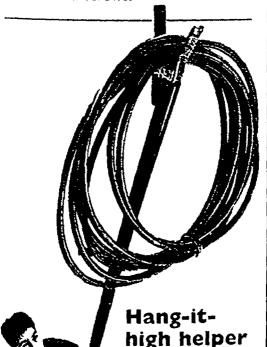


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teaspoon Italian seasoning

cup diced tomatoes, seeds removed

cup grated Parmesan cheese

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"Kayla was gaunt and had cold sores from stress when we got her," Donna recalls. The oldest of four children, Kayla had cared for her siblings when her mother left them unattended for days. Both of her birth parents have spent time in prison.

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Being placed in foster care completely changed Kayla's life. "Now I feel like I can have a life and not have to make everyone else a life," she says.

Earlier this year, Kayla received thrilling news. "I get to change my last name to Coraluzzo," she says, beaming.

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IOWA—Founded in 1849, Winterset (pop. 4,768) might have been named Summerset or Somerset until someone pointed out the freezing weather and suggested the more appropriate Winterset, according to local lore.

KANSAS—At 95, Nola Ochs is a senior at Fort Hays State University in Hays (pop. 20,013) and if she completes her degree this month, will become the world's oldest college graduate. Ochs isn't planning to join the job market, but simply enjoys learning.

MICHIGAN—Wayne County is the state's oldest county with settlers as early as 1701 and incorporation in 1815 with Detroit as the county seat.

MINNESOTA—Music legend Bob Dylan, 65, made history as the oldest person to launch an album in the No. 1 spot with Modern Times, which sold 192,000 copies in its first week last September. Dylan was born Robert Zimmerman in 1941 in Duluth.

MISSOURI-In 1954, brothers Henry and Richard Bloch planned to scrap their sideline tax service, but first ran a newspaper ad featuring a man behind an eight ball with the message: "Taxes, \$5." The promotion attracted so many customers that the Blochs dropped their other bookkeeping services and began offering only tax preparation. H&R Block was launched in 1955 in Kansas City.

NEBRASKA—More than 5,000 pieces of Red Wing pottery, from cookie jars to bean pots, are displayed at The Schleich Red Wing Pottery Museum in Lincoln. Jerry and Louise Schleich opened the museum in 2001 to display their personal collection.

NORTH DAKOTA—When Valley City (pop. 6,826) replaced its Rainbow Bridge in 2004, the city chose the same 1920s concrete arch design used by builder James Marsh, despite the bridge's complexity and expense, to preserve the town's beauty and history.

OHIO—Held every year since 1823, the Great Geauga County Fair in Burton (pop. 1,450) is one of the oldest agricultural fairs in the nation. The 1889 Domestic Arts Hall and 1890 Flower Hall on the fairgrounds are on the National Register of Historic Places.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Jason Besmer of Custer (pop. 1,860) reeled in a state-record tiger muskellunge in 2003 at Lake Sharpe near Fort Pierre (pop. 1,991). The fish weighed 37 pounds, 7 ounces.

WISCONSIN—In Lake Tomahawk (pop. 1,160), a familiar sound each summer is the crack of the bat and the flap-flap of snowshoes as the hitter runs to first base. Since 1961, the town has played the quirky game and calls itself the "Snow-shoe Baseball Capital."

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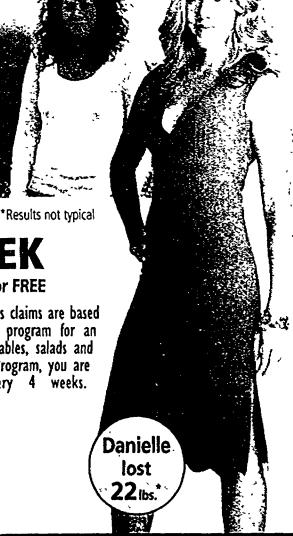




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Sean Sexton couldn't choose between working the land and being an artist, so he decided to do both.

"The two are so connected," says Sexton, 52, who owns and operates a 600-acre Angus-Brahman cattle ranch in Vero Beach, Fla. (pop. 17.209).

Sexton makes half of his living from his ranch and half from his paintings, which are inspired by his rustic ranching lifestyle. "I'm not dabbling in cattle or dabbling in art," Sexton says. "I'm dead serious about both."

As a cattleman with 300 head of livestock, however, Sexton must set priorities. During fall calving season, for instance, when he has to catch and tag every calf and plant forage crops, it's difficult to find time for art. So he seizes other opportunities to put paint on canvas, such as on a chilly morning before dawn. As his wife Sharon, 52, and his son Michael. 18, sleep, Sexton dons his cowboy hat, pulls on a pair of well-worn work boots and walks across his sprawling back yard, past a cluster of swaying palm trees, to a nearby art studio in a rustic cabin he built from salvaged lumber.

"I have the discipline to come out here and work all day, every day," Sexton says. "I just don't always have the time."

Inside the studio, the focal point is Sexton's twoyear work-in-progress, a 6-foot-by-7-foot oil painting depicting his neighbors, the Guin brothers, dressed in mountain man garb and posing with a table of



Sexton paints in a cabin on his 600-acre Florida ranch.

objects—deer skulls, turtle shells, grape-fruits—that are meaningful to their rural Florida lives.

Sexton keeps a journal and sketchbook

with him at all times to be ready when inspiration strikes. "When I'm running a tractor, chopping a field or planting, if I'm open to the things I'm seeing, it makes a worderful basis for a painting," he says.

The inspiration is effective, says Currie McCullough, curator of the 53 Cannon Street Gallery in Charleston, S.C., where about a dozen pieces of Sexton's art are on permanent display. "Sexton's paintings derive from his firsthand knowledge of life and death," McCullough says, "subjects constantly present in the everyday existence of a cartleman."

As a cattleman, Sexton works mostly solo. He takes care of his ranch alone, except for the five or six times a year when cows must be moved to greener pastures or gathered for sale, necessitating the assistance of hired cowboys.

"I put in all the posts," he says. "I fix all the fences. I pull all the calves. Everything."

Sexton, whose father and grandfather also raised cattle on the ranch, gets enormous satisfaction from the ranching lifestyle. "This is a real life," he says. "We cherish it every day."

Indeed, Sexton is doing his best to preserve a life that is fast disappearing. He's not sure if his son Michael wants to take over the ranch someday. And his daughter, Julia, 23, plans a career in interior design. Sexton's main concern is developers who are frantically snapping up coastal property and building high-priced condominiums. Sexton's land is just five miks inland from the beach.

"I've had people yell land prices across the ditch thinking I'm going to jump on it," he says. "But isn't happiness worth millions of dollars? That's what I want."

That, and maybe a little more time to paint.

M.B. Roberts is a writer in Hollywood. Fla.



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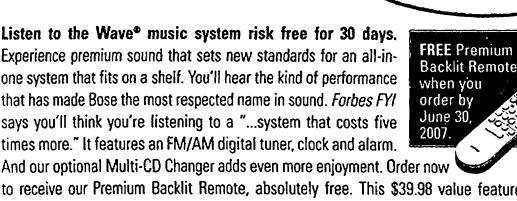
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