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Art in the Sun

Fest returns this weekend

Exhibits to include paint, wood, photography, fiber, metal

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Nancy Bynim will be on Main Street by 7 a.m. Saturday.

Three short hours later, she'll be tending her booth, describing her technique and greeting pedestrians — one of 80 artists who've set up shop for the 19th annual Art in the Sun.

This weekend, downtown streets will be lined with booths, easels and artwork. Exhibitors trailers filled with crated and carefully wrapped creations of paint, pottery, metal and wood

hoping for sales. "I've enjoyed that show - I think it will be my third or fourth year," said Byrum, an acrylic painter specializing in nature. "I

do pretty well." Meanwhile, motorists will be detoured on Main from Hutton to Wing streets, and Center from Dunlap to Main streets early Saturday morning until the

streets reopen Sunday at 6 p.m. Art lovers will be able to roam safely among booths, shopping for a new acquisition.

Time to stroll

Recorded music and food concessions will be part of the atmosphere as the Nonhville Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual art festival, traditionally coinciding with Father's Day weekend. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a m.-5 p.tti. Sunday.

Janet Bloom, Chamber marketing and events director, said a panel of judges selected a range of talent to display downtown, from first-time exhibitors to show veterans.

Rochester resident Michelle Hinz will set up a booth at Art in the Sun for the first time. A featured artist at downtown gallery isions Hin she's ready to take her contemporary, textured acrylic paintings to the street.

'I'm excited to participate in Northville's Art in the Sun," she said. "I plan on showcasing some new pieces from my studio including my signature 'Poppy' series and 'Majesty' series, which display a rich array of earth tones and exploit the essence of capturing texture on

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CURTAIN RISES: Council OKs parking plan for theater

Accord paves way for August premiere

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

The Tipping Point Theatre won three votes and one go-ahead from the city last week.

With a parking agreement in place, a stumbling block to Northville's fledgling non-profit community theater is removed.

But some wonder at what price. While the entire Northville City Council voiced their support for the theater, the deal to swap land for parking spaces squeaked by with a 3-2 vote during a special meeting last Wednesday.

"I hope they are wildly successful, but the expectation is even greater," said Council Member Michele Fecht, who along with Mayor Pro-Tem Carolann Ayers, voted "no." "We've gone from private investment to committing public dollars, which means we are all highly vested in this.

Tipping Point does have to become Northville's Purple Rose."

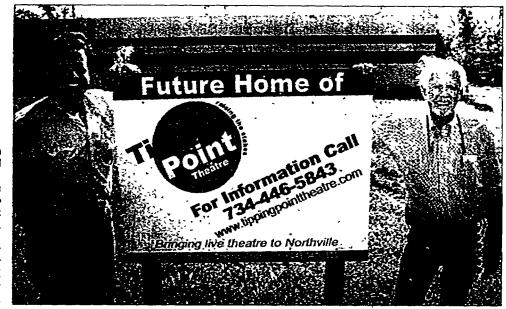
The motivation

All along, theater backers have welcomed the comparison to the Pumple Rose Theater, the successful non-profit performing arts venue in Chelsea. Theater executive director Christina Johnson, founder of the Tipping Point concept, has been deluged with inquiries from patrons and professional performers eager for a regional live theater.

Meanwhile, city leaders welcomed the plan pitched as a catavision for redevelopment of the southeast corner of downtown from a former industrial district into an entertainment and shopping destination.

'It's a great thing for that part of town," said Council Member Jim Allen. "I do believe, in the not-too-distant future, there will be great things happening in that part of town. It is that whole catalyst thing."

Northville Township residents Chuck Lapham and Chuck



Planned Location

Parking

Chuck Gaidica (left) and Chuck Lapham are both looking forward to moving ahead with the opening of their Cady Street Tipping Point Theatre in August.

Gaidica, who purchased the 361 E. Cady St. building to house the theater group, were pleased to reach an accord. They're kicking into gear their plans to convert the former car wash parts production facility into a 100-plus seat theater in time for an Aug. 25 pre-

"We're elated to move forward after all the effort that's gone into it — not just Chuck and I — but everyoge at the city and all that have been involved," Lapham said.

Behind the scenes

Gaidica and Lapham said Cadytown investors are poised in the wings, awaiting Tipping Point's launch.

The theater has to be the first piece in other peoples' minds that's the 'cool' factor," Gaidica

The pair had been frustrated to the point of threatening to relocate the venture - by the city's parking requirements tied to the use of their building as a theater. They said the approximate \$170,000 in parking fees dictated by ordinance that the theater faced - including nearly \$100,000 for 27 "phantom" parking spaces — were cost-prohibitive to their nonprofit venture.

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Tipping Point Theatre Parking Agreement

The Northville City Council and Chuck Gaidica and Chuck Lapham, owners of the 361 E. Cady St. building that will house Tipping Point Theatre, agreed to the following terms:

• The theater will have a 20, space parking lot constricted at an approximate cost of \$75,000.

The officially owners yal deed the lot, at the northeast comer of Cady and Griswold streets, to the y of Northville.

• The city will relmburse the landowners for the actual cost of the parking lot improvement, estimated to be \$75,000.

The city will grant the property owners 47 parking credits as consideration for the deeded property.

The purchase agreement will contain a reversion clause. which allows the property owners to reclaim the land if the theater use is terminated.

: Should the reversion clause be exercised, the landowners will repay the amount which the city reimbursed the landowners for the parking lot improvement (estimated to be \$75,000). Also, upon reversion, the city would re-claim the 47 parking credits.

Lobsterfest 2007: New date, new location for annual fund-raiser

■ Tradition shifts from Father's Day weekend

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Dads looking for the feast of lob-

ster this weekend will have to hold onto their bib.

And people in town for the Art in the Sun festival won't be wandering down to Mill Race Historical Village for the Rotary Club of Northville's annual Father's Day weekend tradition of serving up whole lobsters flown in from Maine.

Leaders of the 50-member local community service organization changed the date, the setting and the entrée selections for this year to July



New Date • New Location

Northville Square losted by Rotary Club of Northville

28 at Northville Square. And the meal will be "surf" or "turf," offering diners the choice of a lobster tail

July 28 7–10 p.m.

"From the comments - people didn't want to work on taking a lob-

ster apart," said Steve Hoppens, Rotary president effective July 1. "We figured we're going to make it

"And July gets us all out of the graduation season."

For a cause

Ticket prices are \$45 per person before June 30; \$50 per person

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after June 30, and \$60 per person at the door. The cost includes the entrée and accompaniments. A cash bar with beer and wine will be available.

"En Passant," a duet that regularly performs at La Dolce Vita restaurant in Detroit, will provide dinner entertainment.

"It will be a nice evening out and support for a good cause," Hoppens said. "We're really hoping for 350."

Rotary Club members currently are selling tickets for the event. proceeds from which fund local, national and international service projects.

Past projects in which local club members have participated include installation of the clock at Ford Field, the Goodfellows drive for Northville Civic Concern, aid for victims of Hurricane Katrina. literacy projects in Peru and Afghanistan, and the Agua Project, a clean drinking water initiative in Central America.

Event in transition

So, instead of finding a chair under an oversized tent on grassy park grounds, Lobsterfest diners will occupy tables inside Northville Square, the indoor shopping mall at the comer of Main and Wing streets.

Rotary Club member Bob Buckhave and his wife, Margene. are donating facility space for the event on the eve of the first anniversary of the redevelopment project.

Instead of the food preparation and serving line outside the Cady Inn. Lobsterfest ticket holders will dine on fare prepared by Main Street Catering of Canton. the source of the club's weekly

The New Lobsterfest Who: Open to the public What: Annual fund-raisng dinner When: 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 28 Where: Northville Square Host: Rotary Club of Northville: Entertainment: "En sant duel Cost: \$45 per person ... belore June 30; \$50 after June 30; \$60 at the door Payment: Cash, check or Proceeds: Local, national and international ivice projects Want to Join: Business and professional leaders (;) Latong an active role in their communities meet at 12:05 p.m. Toesdays at the First presovenan Church Lori nur (248) 344 (1618)

Tuesday luncheons at First Presbyterian Church.

Club leaders decided they wanted to host the Lobsterfest in January in conjunction with another community-wide festival. Fire and Ice. The dinner in July this year will serve as a transition

for the revised event. "We thought we might have a better opportunity to tie it in with that," Hoppens said. "There's not so much going on in January."

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TIPPING POINTE THEATRE

A rendering by Northville architect Greg Presley portrays the future Tipping Point Theatre with an entrance angled toward the corner of Cady and Griswold Streets.

Curtain rises: Council OKs parking plan for new theater

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According to the agreement, the building owners will pay for parking credits - \$3,600 a slot payment into the city's parking fund in lieu of physically providing spaces - only if the curtain falls on the theater. A reversion clause also would require repayment to the city the cost of paving the 20-space lot adjacent to the building.

City Manager Patrick Sullivan, who facilitated the discussion, said they sought to reach a compromise both abiding by the intent of principles on the books while still bringing the theater to

"I think it was done with the intent of helping the theater get started," said Sullivan, who will sign the formal parking agreement on behalf of the

Fecht said she feared the deal would set an unwieldy precedent for future developers in the Cadytown area to approach the city asking for special conditions. She pointed out the two men at the outset of the project sought revised zoning which clearly called for the purchase of parking credits:

"I'm willing to provide some level of support — I think this is too great-in terms of providing public dollars to do this," Fecht said. "What we have is a business plan that came up short and that puts the onus on the city council.

"My concern is what's going to happen when the next developer comes along and says, 'I forgot to put parking in my business plan.

'Classy' prospect

As president of the Tipping Point Theatre, Gaidica has worn two hats, negotiating with city officials to bring professional theater to his hometown.

"No where in the process did we want special dispensation," he said. "We wanted to do this within the system - the problem is there's no provision for this

From the building owners' perspective, the agreement gives the city the deed to valuable property, paving at a wholesale price, parking in an area where the demand is imminent and unlimited spin-off potential. Lapham and Gaidica said they expect to receive in-kind donated paving of the soon-to-be cityowned parking lot for less than the \$75,000 estimate included in the agreement. ""
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it," Lapham said. "We'll deliver it to the city for exactly what it will cost."

Next step for the building owners: pursue building permits from the city.

"We're hoping as early as next week," said Gaidica, adding Greg Presley is on board as the project architect and Mike Miller as the general contractor.

"We're noping to do it so classy," he said. "It's going to be something people are going to be proud to say is in Northville."

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Did you miss Northville's Fire and Ice Festival in February because you were in Florida and wanted to avoid its 'ice' aspect?

Were you out of town for Novi's Dog Show this past winter, or how about the recent Northville and Novi Relay for Life efforts?

Hah! You missed them all and yet wanted to take in a report of those times that captures their sights and sounds in one neat little package that rarely goes over a minute and twenty seconds.

Well, if you're interested in seeing a video recap of those and other events from Northville and Novi, check out the papers' Web sites (northvillerecord.com & novinews.com) and look into our "Online Special" the Record and News' video reports from local events. (On the paper's main page, about halfway down, just look for the video camera logo and click on it to access our video catalog). There are the recent Relay videos and archived events going all the way back to winter.

We'll be adding more as we go along. From big time community events like Novi's 50's Festival to Northville's Art in the Sun to smaller, more intimate portraits of individuals we're also covering for the Record and News print editions.

We hope you enjoy them. Online videos are just another medium we're utilizing to bring you more information and insight into your community.

" "John" Heider," Northville Record and Novi News photographer. " " "

Courtesy photo Michelle Hinz is one of many artists featured at the annual Art in the Sun this weekend.



Art in the Sun Fest back tnis weekend

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Planning for the imminent construction start on the city's town square construction project, the chamber shifted all the booths west of the clock on Main Street for the art show.

Byrum's usual slot near the corner of Main and Hutton streets this year will be in front of Tom James Gallery of Fine Art.

On screens and tables, she'll display originals priced \$75-1,600 and limited-edition prints from

"They're often mistaken for photography," she said, adding commission her to paint their pets. "I do all different sizes and types."

With city erected barriers in place at 5 a m., Byrum will begin uncrating and unwrapping her framed and unframed works as soon as she arrives from

Wyandotte. "I usually shoot for 6:30 a.m.," she said. "I'm always there by 7 am. I like to be set up by 9:30

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Last-minute gift ideas for...

FATHER'S DAY

You don't have to look far for that special gift

From neckties to Trump steaks

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

OK, all of you procrastinators

Here it is Thursday already, and you don't have a Father's Day gift for dad or grandpa

Northville and Novi merchants are ready to help you out, however, with a few sugges-

Alexander Hamka, owner of Alexander's

Custom Clothiers of Northville, said one of the hottest items for Father's Day 2007 is fun

Bermuda shorts with wild prints, such as martini glasses, golf items, sailboats, dolphins or lob-

"These shorts — I'm selling out like crazy," Hamka said. "They're fun, extremely comfortable and made for any activity, even swimming.

Another hot item for Father's Day are Alexander's dressy denim jeans made in California by

"They're also extremely comfortable since they're made of double-mercerized -- de cotton,") Hamka said. "The more you wash these jeans, the softer they get, and they always hold their shape."

Many items are 20 percent off in the store, and those who purchase a pair of slacks and a golf shirt will receive a free Mine T-Shirt, sold in London, Milan and New York.

receive a free shirt and tie Fresh. soft colors, such as a sky blue, are good for spring 2007.

Truefitt & Hill badger hair men's grooming kit handmade in England.

Fine Threads in downtown Northville has quite a selection of neckwear for Father's Day.

"Bright, summer colors are available, and we have a nice arrangement of silk shirts and said Mark Trudeau, owner. "Pinks, purples and various shades of blue are

popular for spring 2007." The store also has briefcases and shaving kits for the traveling dad.

Lance Marsh, manager, the Sharper Image store at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, said this the Global Positioning Systems are

really popular, because, as we all know, men don't like to ask for directions, They range in price from \$300-\$900.

"There's quite a range, depending on what you're looking for," Marsh said. "On some models, you talk to it, and it will tell you how to get where."

The store also carries Donald Trump steaks, which he serves in all of his

restaurants. "These are made out of the top 1 per-cent of beef in the nation," Marsh said. "It's something you'd wa never buy for your-

self." Packages range from \$200-\$1,000. For stressed-out dads, the Sharper Image carries a variety

of massage chairs and portable massagers. And, for the dad who has every-

Those who buy a suit will thing, how about a flight on a zero-gravity plane?

"Sharper Image has the exclusoft yellow, salmon and lavender sive rights to selling the tickets in Dave's Restaurant in Novi has 105, or by e-mail

online and set up your flight after viewing the schedule," Marsh

said. Cost is \$3,700 per ticket. "That is the coolest gift you could give," Marsh said. "Some people are looking at this as an anniversary gift."

Golfsmith's "Fore! Dad"

For the father who frequents the fairways, Golfsmith in Northville Township has "Fore! Dad," its annual Father's Day

Items include clubs, bags, golf balls, training aids and apparel. with sale items in each category.

"We also have a re-grip special in our club-making department which is 99 cents per club for labor only, usually \$2.99 per club. "It's got our club builder pretty busy this month," said Dan Adair, general man-

"We also offer free custom club fitting on all club purchases, using our Vector Launch Monitor," Adair said. That's what all the tour players use."

Golfsmith also offers gift cards that can be used in the

> store, online or through the catalog. The Sharper Image also has the Sky

> Caddy, which provides information about all golf courses in the United States. "It will give you the

course yardage, par for the course and location," Marsh said. The two models at Sharper Image cost \$300-\$350.

Treat dad's tastebuds

For rib-lovin' dads, Famous

from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. on Sunday. "What we offer is simply the

best barbecue in town," said Tom Brady, managing partner with Famous Dave's.

The specialty of the house is their St. Louis-style ribs, hickory smoked, slow smoked and slathered in the award-winning "rich and sassy," one of five Famous Dave's sauces.

Other choices include baby back ribs. Texas beef brisket. Georgia chopped pork, hot link sausage and country roasted or barbecued chicken. No reservations are necessary.

Custom fine wine for fathers

Vine to Wine Custom Winery, at its new location at 446 South Main Street in

Northville,, formerly on Mary Alexander Court, offers a wide selection of wines from all over the world. "We don't sell by

the bottle, but instead get customers involved in creating their own wine," which has fewer sulfites than store-bought wine, said Mark Zucker, owner.

Fathers can come into the store. taste different varieties of wine, then six-eight weeks later get involved in the bottling, corking and labeling of their custom-made wine. Patrons receive 30 bottles of wine; in-store parties can also be booked.

This is a great Father's Day gift, and we also provide gift certificates," Zucker said.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Cute kid

Farmer John Beemer holds one of two kids that were born to a goat last Friday at Maybury Farm. Beemer was hand feeding the kids through a tube because their mother died during delivery. The farm has seen a number of other new births besides goats, with a quarter of lambs joining the livestock i

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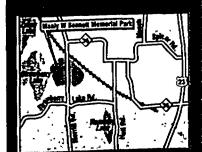
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Chefs at the Market: Local experts join popular community attraction

Edward's owner first in monthly chef series

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Chris Shelters will pluck from the produce at hand to show her

owner of Edward's The Catering and Café is the first five local chefs scheduled to demonstrate their expertise in a new forum downtown. The Northville Chamber of Commerce, host of the Farmers' Market Thursdays, is adding "Chefs at the Market" once a month.

Already a popular community draw at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads, the market

will feature the chef series from 8:30-9:30 a.m. starting June 21. "Our goal was to add; some

things to the Farmers' Market this year," said chamber president Jody Humphries "I think it will be fun to see."

Always something new

The collaborative effort between local chefs and the chamber will showcase their culinary talents and give market visitors first-hand knowledge of new ways to use the products they're purchasing.

The Farmers' Market, a May-October local tradition, has steadily grown since its introduction across from the Northville clock in 1986. The chamber has added and subtracted vendors during the 21-year run, maintaining the dedication to products made or grown in Michigan.

In the spring, people load in

wagons flower flats and baskets; in the summer, tomatoes, sweet com, cantaloupe and cut flowers; and in the fall, hearty mums and pumpkins. Other items available include honey, baked goods, fine crasts, garden an, soaps, jewelry, wood working and home accessories.

A recipe card to go

Two years ago, the chamber added shaded tables to enjoy a quick lunch. This year: Chefs at the Market.

"Each session includes a walk through the market to examine and choose fresh, locally grown, in-season produce," Humphries said. "It continues with a cooking demonstration, a chat with the chef, samples and a recipe card to take home."

The event is free and requires no registration. The hour-long presentations will be the third

chefs at the Market 8:30-9:30 am Farmers Market

Seven Mile &

Sheldon roads

Thursday of each month.

'I think it's a great addition to the Farmers' Market," Humphries

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Chefs at the Market

The following chefs are scheduled to appear at the Farmers' Market - at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads --- the third Thursday of the month:

June 21 — Chris Shelters of Edward's Catering and Café will kick off the series using fresh spring produce.

July 19 — Northville's Fire and Ice festival chili cook-off champ, Tim Bryant of Independence Village, will share his skills.

Aug. 16 - Chef Susan Pitzenbarger-Allie and her friends will share appetizer recipes, food styling techniques and serving tips for entertaining.

Sept. 20 - With tomatoes and fresh basil in season, Italian food of Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall will be features.

Oct. 18 - Schoolcraft College trained chef Brenda Hallberg of the new Rustique bakery will wrap up the first season talking about baked goods for the holidays.

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EXCHANGING CULTURE: Rotary Club program means lessons for hosts and student

■ Northville's director of rec welcomes boy from Brazil

By Tony Bruscato GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Traci and Paul Sincock have been married for 11 years and have no

However, their lives took a bit of a twist the past nine months as the Sincocks, skipped the baby, toddler and pre-teen years to raise a teenag-

Thiago (pronounced CHEE-ahgo) Nielsen, 18, an exchange student from Vitoria, Brazil, has been a member of their family since mid-September as part of the Northville Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

a couple of weeks a few years ago and it was great taking him up north and on the boat." Traci Sincock said "So, I thought we could do this. I think both of us were a bit apprehensive because we don't have children, but it worked out well."

Bridging barriers

Paul Sincock said he was more amazed at Thiago those first few hours when they met him at Metropolitan Airport, holding a sign that read "Welcome Thiago" so they would be able to find their "son" as he deplaned.

"He's 17 (at the time) and after flying all day long he meets two people he's never met before," Paul Sincock said, "We didn't get home until after 2 a.m., and he wanted a glass of milk. He didn't like the skim, and he doesn't like our whole milk. He said it tastes different."

There's a simple explanation for that. According to Thiago, 'They have better cows in Brazil.

Not only was Thiago with a strange family, he knew very little

"Paul had taken sticky notes and put them all over the house with the names of things, in both English and Portuguese," Traci Sincock said. "We lived with Portuguese-to-English dictionaries for a couple of

That made it tough just a couple of days later, when Thiago attended classes at Northville High School.

"I only knew a little bit of English," Thiago said. "It was tough at school the first day. But, in a few weeks it got better. My first semester my English was not that good. but second semester it was much

After a year at Northville High, Thiago had this assessment: "The teachers are more strict here," he said. "In Brazil, they are more friendly."

American ways

Thiago, who is used to eating a staple of beans and rice in Brazil, likes Paul's "hot fresh scrambles" for breakfast. And, he quickly picked up on an American tradition: fast food restaurants.

"Every day at school we can have cheeseburgers and fries and pizza," said Thiago, as he was eating Lee's



Photo by Bill Bresler Tracy and Paul Sincock with Thiago Nielsen, their foreign exchange student from Brazil.

"We had an exchange student for Famous fried chicken for lunch. "I eat fast food three or four times a week."

Since he's been in Plymouth Thiago's bought two dozen pairs of tennis shoes because "they are more expensive in Brazil," has been to Disney World - twice - with the Sincocks, and has traveled to Chicago, Toronto and California. Thiago said he's met many friends, some of whom he will continue

long-distance relationships: 14. drove me around," said Thiago, who couldn't get a driver's license in Brazil until he turned 18. ...

However, Thiago said there is a difference between teens in America and those in Brazil.

Teens in Brazil are more connected, they hang out different than here," Thiago said. "Here ye go out to a theater or somebody's house. In Brazil, we go to disco clubs and other parties. It's very, very differ-

Thiago, who lives in a high-rise off the Atlantic Ocean and whose high school is also on the water, had a difficult time leaving températures in Brazil that sometimes reached 100 degrees to survive a Michigan

"I never saw snow before never want to see it again," he said. "It's too cold."

Privilege of sharing

Thiago, whose father, Pabio, was a 1982 exchange student from the same Northville Rotary club, said the entire experience has been a good one.

The whole experience has been great, to know people and know another country," Thiago said. "I know more of myself now.

"And the best, dad, mixing and (yellow lab/great dane) Loge," he

Traci Sincock said the time has gone fast, and it's been a great experience teaching Thiago about the United States, and learning about

"It was the fun of highing a teenager, the good stuff, and we didn't have to pay for his college, Tracy Sincock said with simile. "It's fun being able to partitione in an exchange program with you learn about somebody else's culture, and you have the privilege of seaching them about your own."

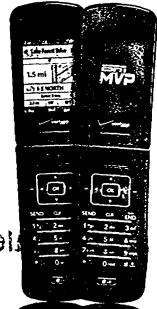
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■ Preslev lends time. expertise to local projects

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Greg Presley sees a community's soul in its historic structures.

The Northville architect is known for local projects in which he attempts to preserve the integrity of vintage residences. His livelihood, his own home and his volunteer efforts to enhance his historic hometown's unique appeal exemplify his passion for old buildings.

Last month, Gov. Granholm recognized his devotion. Presley Architecture and the developer he worked alongside on an East Jordan project were among six recipients of 2007 state historic preservation awants.

"That's a cool building," said Jim Allen, a landscape architect and admirer of Presley's work who visited the small northern Michigan town. "It totally fits - you wouldn't even know it's a new building. It's

"He's very deserving."

For the award

Presley was part of a collaborative public and private investment project that shifted the fate of a 15,000-square foot commercial building from the wrecking ball to placement on the National Historic

Presley features the Main Center

Building of East Jordan on his Web site, encouraging preservation as a first choice, even if it costs a little

"It's important to preserve history," Presley said. "The context of development is the preservation of

The soul that we have is all these historic structures.

In Granholm's commendation of Presley's efforts, she wrote, "Your work to preserve the valuable historic resources that are an integral part of our past, present and future makes our cities more vibrant and our neighborhoods more comfortable."

Created in 2003, the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation recognizes individuals, developers, corporations, academic institutions and governmental agencies that undertake rehabilitation of historic resources or implement policies to promote preservation.

The intent: "Draw attention to historic resources' unique potential for economic development as well as to the important role they play in defining our communities."

For preservation

Presley gets it.

The architect's hand is evidenced in several rehabilitated Victorian residences around town, like Keith and Cindy Paterson's Dunlap Street house.

"He's an artist of space," said Keith Paterson, who hired Presley in 2004 to design an addition to their historic home. "He clearly has a passion for it. He also gets it.

"His 'art' bears witness for his

Northville

Historical Society's head of facilities, has consulted Presley on several local building salvage projects.

It's all kind of interconnected contacts with the houses, demolition, what materials are available," he said. "He shows up to help or gives us the 'rah-rah' to go do it.

"He'll do anything to preserve architecture."

Thanks to Presley's expertise, Paterson said, homes throughout Northville - on Randolph, Rogers, Dunlap and Wing streets - stand stately and enlarged, but still blending seamlessly into the neighbor-

hood.
The entire town is full of his artwork," he said. "He understands what's the architectural genres are.

"That's in stark contrast to what

For the future

Presley, who in the past couple of years has been championing downtown improvement efforts, has not escaped criticism of his laser-like intensity on the task at hand.

As chairman of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, he's been part of the team preparing a town square expansion plan recently tweaked after coming in over budget projections. The plan will be presented for the City Council's blessing Monday night,

During the past three years, countless volunteer committee hours and scrutiny by professional consultants produced a downtown strategic improvement plan. As leader of the design component, Presley has played a key role in formulating plans to create a larger public gathering space at the center of town, improve pedestrian walk-

What's next?

Meeting: Northville City

When: 7:30 p.m. Monday Where: Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

What: Possible council go-ahead for town square expansion project; final planned unit development approval for CVS. Center Street Square projects.

ways, update the streetscape and establish a more welcoming connection between downtown and Ford Field.

"What I've learned with this project is how good he is -- with the big picture and the details, too," said development authority director Lori Ward. "Obviously, he has a great skill set.

"He has a great experience base to draw from."

For the community

Allen, Ward and others have gratefully acknowledged Presley's willingness to share his expertise.

"Him, Marc Russell, Walt Copenen, Dave Mielock - they have devoted so much to the community because they love Northville," Ward said. "We're lucky we've had that donated for years to us.'

Ward said Presley --- as a downtown resident, business man and customer - has a unique grasp of issues facing the aging commercial

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northwile Record

Northville architect Greg Presley was part of a team that was recognized by the Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation for their effort in working on a building in East Jordan.

"I think we're lucky to have a person with his understanding and such a broad commitment to the downtown," she said.

When he's not off in another part of the state plotting the rescue of a soulful beauty, Presley strolls Nonhville sidewalks - walking from his Dunlap Street home, approaching his Center Street office and pondering designs and

materials proposed to enhance and preserve downtown's vintage

"The town square project is recognition that we're a much larger community now," Presley said. 'The retail world is so much more competitive than it was 20 years ago we need to adapt while we preserve the history that makes us unique.

Fifth Forester's Solstice Run takes place downtown June 23

After just five years, Forester's Solstice Run has become one of Michigan's most popular races. Few races offer top flight entertainment, family activities and a charming course. The Solstice 10km and 5km Run/Walk boasts that "this event is a special experience." Word of mouth has spread credence to this tag line.

Race Director Alan Whitehead has already received a record number of pre-race entries with each race running about even in participation. As course operations director, I designed each course to enable participants to get a feel for city and township's atmosphere. Although its hills are challenging, offering two distances has helped raise attendance to more than 1,000. Both courses are certified by USA Track and Field, the goveming body for road racing.

On Saturday, June 23, the 10km will traverse past luxurious homes in Northville's township and city at 7:30 a.m. Karen Newman will be inging the national at the start of the 5K event at 8:45 a.m. The Forester's Solstice Run has also partnered with Newmen to mobilize the hundreds of volunteers needed as well as organize the kid's fun run at 8:35 a.m.

With its Victorian atmosphere and neighborhoods accustomed to parades, the Solstice is tailor made for spectators and deserving of a first class race. The pond and park of Mill Race Village and Ford Field make a picturesque location for the finish area.

According to Whitehead, "Few races in Michigan provide our entertainment value. Headliner band Ultra Violet returns to the main stage at Ford Field while other musicians perform out on our courses.

The Northville Road Runners will serve as the host running club and course marshals. At the finish line expo, locals will be encouraged to sign up for one of their weekly runs from Maybury State Park or Hillside Middle School. With Hines Park, historic downtown, small lakes and a few hills. Northville, both the city and town-

Whitehead has utilized his marketing expertise to secure a solid sponsorship program. It has put the

race in a position to donate proceeds to a number of local charitable and non-profit organizations such as Northville's Parks and Recreation, the historical society and Special Olympics.

Title sponsor Forester's has made a commitment to the race and promoting positive community events. "Foresters measures its success by the positive impact we have on local communities and the children who represent the future," said Deb DesChenes, race volunteer coordinator and President of Foresters local member branch.

For the past two years both races has been won by Eastern Michigan University All American, Boaz Cheboiywo. He is likely to be racing on the European track circuit this summer which should open the field to some of the Hanson-Brooks Distance Race team.

Last year, the Hanson's team led a clean sweep of the women's 10km which was lead by Dot McMahon. Desiree Davila beat defending champ Laurel Park in

The Solstice Run offers elites over \$1,000 in prize money and gift awards. The top 500 10km and top 100 5km runners will receive multi-colored medals with the race logo. There are also numerous merchandise prizes to be raffled

Early Packet Pickup & Registration has moved to a new location this year. Runners should Northville Square (586-604-8657) located at 133 W. Main Street west of Center Street in downlown Northville from 11 a.m.

7 p.m. Or wait in line on Race Day morning beginning at 6:30 a.m. to pick up timing chips and bib numbers.

You'll find plenty of parking just a block south at Northville Downs harness raceway. Volunteers are

For more information, call Running Fit at (248) 380-3338 or go to www.solsticerun.org.

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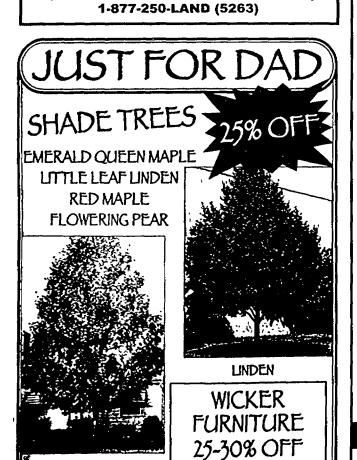
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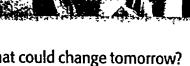
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Thursday, June 14, 2007

In-tune plan? 'Treble Clef' could landmark Cadytown

Greetings from the north!
Former Northville resident Paula
Shepherd, now of Saginaw, was
seeking a unique way to send
loving wishes to her 90-year-old
dad, a resident of Allen Terrace
and avid reader of the Northville
Record. So here's to you.
Robert Ketterer. Happy
Father's Day!

Keep your eyes peeled, downtown merchants ... word is a "grandmother-type" woman has been bagging merchandise without paying! Sporting an oversized tote, big glasses and a big ring, she's reportedly helped herself to thousands of dollars of goods from retailers on Main and Center streets before slipping out with a cheery "Thank you!"

And speaking of sincere gratitude ... Thanks to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano for arranging donation of the stage and tent at Northville's Senior Fest last Tuesday, Senior Adult

Services Coordinator Sue Koivula said the annual event at Waterford Bead park was a great success, attracting 300 local seniors under sunny skies. "It was just perfect," she said.

The smashing success of First Fridays Art Walk is a reason to toast downtown the first Friday of each month But hold on, Trigger—that adult beverage has to stay inside the store as one local gallery owner found out June 1 when a patron's behavior piqued the curiosity of the long arm of the law ...

Speaking of keeping the downtown thriving ... word is consumers targeted as patrons for the city's new professional theater will spend on average \$22.60 per person each time they attend a show, in addition to the ticket price. So let's do the math if Tipping Point has 130 seats, with multiple showings of each production during their four-show season. Welcome to our town! It's a baby boom at Maybury Farm ... during the past two weeks the barn family has welcomed five goats and three lambs. It's a great place to take the kids to see a vintage farm in operation

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And once again, Main Street Bank window boxes are bursting with red geraniums. Next time you drive by the intersection of Main and Hutton streets, check out the city's landscaping, too. What an attractive, welcoming corner for people entering downtown from the east ...

Quick ... get into Gardenviews or Good Time Party Store to get your tickets before they sell out. The Northville Chamber of Commerce's annual Grub Crawl is fast approaching. July 31. Cost is \$35 per person for the 6-10 p m. shuttled visit to 11 local restaurants! Details to follow in an upcoming issue of the Northville Record.

And speaking of a good time had by all ... John King is at it again — opening his home to host a fund-raiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society June 23. The 6:30 p.m. event, catered by the Pampered Chef, is open to the Northville community. Last year 250 guests and contributions by many local businesses helped King raise

more than \$8,000 for the Michigan chapter of the non-profit agency. A raffle, silent auction and entertainment will be part of the outdoor party. For more info, e-mail jkingl@peoplepc.com..

With the Tipping Point Theatre's path cleared by city council last week. Cadytown visions can swirl in earnest. As in

... part of the town square expansion plan includes removal of the sculpture, "Treble Cleft" from Bandshell Park. Word is the entrance to Cadytown — potentially the downtown's new entertainment and shopping district near the corner of Cady and Griswold streets — is being eyed as a possible site for relocating the artwork. Interesting proposition



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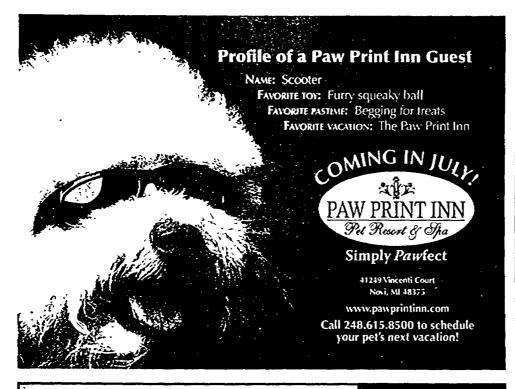
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Connections through family, friends united avid golfers

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

They've dubbed it their "Sterling Season"

Marking a 25th anniversary this summer, eight area golfers have been teeing off together longer than some marriages last. They call themselves "The Sunday Bunch" and they resumed play at regional courses May 6.

Northville Township resident Gary "Keeper of the Stats" Morrow said they all have nicknames and miss their bi-monthly outings only under extreme circumstances.

It's how their clique has fasted - and thrived.

"It's just a given we'll continue to play," said Morrow, 56. "I don't want to say until somebody dies ... It's a great bunch of guys the brothers I never had.

"It just has continued to build."

Nicknamed fellas

From May through September, two foursomes travel from their homes in Northville, Novi and other cities to courses throughout southeastern Michigan according to a schedule Morrow prepares.

"There are a number of places that recognize us," said Alan "Big Al" Ferra, also of Northville, "At one course outside Ann Arbor the woman sees us once a year --the minute we walk in, she starts giving us the business, picking up from the previous year.

In addition to Morrow and Ferrara, players are "Banker Bill" Johnson and his cousin, Dennis "The Z Factor" Zurla, brothers Mark 'Mr. 400" and Carlo "Big Kahuna" Fugolo. Ron "The Shotmaker Hoekstra, and Charles "Sir Chas" Wiltsie. Ferrara's 24-year-old son, Dan, occasionally filling in as an alternate, has extended the golf play and horse play into a second generation.

"He has no hesitation," Ferrara said of his son's foray into the familiar teasing. "He knows what he can take and what he can give back."

Varied talents

Off the links, the golfers' professions range from lawyer to factory worker, special education teacher to software salesman.

"We just kind of have a good time with each other," said Ferrara, an attorney and also a Northville resident.

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Morrow tallies scores, exemplary moments and milestones, which he shares at each season's end." Since 1983, the group's statistician has not missed a league round, which once again this year commenced on the birthday of his wife, Elaine.

Morrow said the talent varies widely -- with handicaps from under 10 to plus 30 - but the competition is fierce to get their name engraved on the championship trophy.

"Everyone plays everyone else once," he explained. From there, his schedule details a system of playoffs, non-league matches and tournament pairings.

"It's happened before, you could end up playing the same person again and again and

Collegiate humor

The group's origin is a complex web of shared days at the University of Michigan, wives' friendships and family relation-

"Our kids kind of laugh at us the nicknames, all the stories we have when we go up north." Ferrara said.

Like fraternity brothers, the golf enthusiasts said on- and offcourse shenanigans are part of the fun. Ferrara said they even bantered about dubbing their 25th anniversary, "The Sterling Sterling anniversary. Season."

The guys may alternate who rides with who in the carts, but they're all in on it when elaborate ruses unfold.

"Part of this is psychological warfare," Morrow said, "We know each other so well - it's just a With the exception of one

replacement who joined the bunch in 1985, they've been connected since Tiger Woods' was 6. Most are in their 50s, with the newcomer, Wiltsie, about to reach that mark. "As you can imagine, this is a

very close-knit group," Morrow said. "Aside from family ties. some have known each other since high school, and other friendships were formed in college or later.

The common bond is the love of a game that humbles everyone who plays."

Growing old together

In addition to their summer passion, the group meets four times a year during the off-season. After the last round, the guys host a banquet the wives most cases - look forward to attending, Morrow said.

"We call them planning meetings, but it's just an excuse to get away together," he said, describing the guys-only outings. "Some

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famous yeast rolls.



Members of "The Sunday Bunch" are Carlo Fugolo (standing, left), Ron Hoekstra, Alan Ferrara, Charles Wiltsie, William Johnson, Mark Fugolo (seated, left), Gary Morrow and Dennis Zurla shown today above and near the start of the league 25 years ago below.

of the wives — like mine, who's a great cook — help us prepare."

Through the years, the golfers have been privy to their counterparts' triumphs and tragedies marriages, births, divorces and deaths.

"Early on - unlike women who would have been into all the things about family - I wouldn't have been able to tell you who had kids and who didn't." Morrow said. Bonds have grown over the years during conversations awaiting turns on the tee, riding across fairways and during shared meals.

The advent of the Internet and frequent e-mails have increased communication.

For the camaraderie

Ferrara attributed the group's longevity to a variety of factors love of golf and good food at the

2007 Tour of

top of the list.

"As we got older, we worry less about how we play and more about having fun," he said. "We would never not go out to breakfast before the round. We like to Libitz.

"And it's got to be a good breakfast place. Food is important to these guys."

Like Morrow, Ferrara sees no end in sight for The Sunday

"Unless we can't get out of bed in the morning. I don't see any reason why we won't continue," he said. "We've said we'll have our 50th.

"We're going to enjoy every one that we can."

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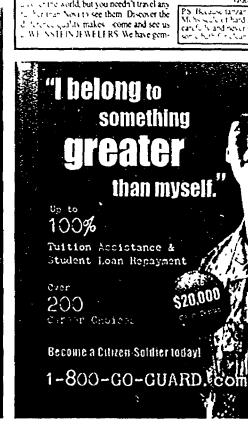
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Anita Louis Naugle, right, peruses some sheet music offerings at the start of the Friends of Northville Library annual booksale. The Friends use proceeds of the sale to buy supplies for the library and funded the middle school book marathon of this past spring.



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Chuck Ayers, left, and Hal Wright greet each other at the annual Old Timers' luncheon at Genittis on June 4. Northville's old guard got together to break bread and remember their early days in the town.



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Mary Lu Tairaas, left, and Lily Beament were among the many volunteers recognized at a May 23 luncheon for their efforts at the Northville Senior Center.



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Sue Hooper, left, and Julie Mantay team up to help the Northville Garden Club as it prepares flower planters for downtown Northville. The planters were delivered to the streets of Northville on June 1.



Courtesy photo

PKSA Karate held a recent Break-a-thon, raising more than \$10,000 for food baskets for the needy during a recent board-breaking fund-raiser. The 26 students who participated ranged in age from 4-12. Some students were brave enough to break boards engulfed in flames. Each student was taught how to prepare and break the boards properly by head instructor, Greg Martin and Kirsten Wood, a third degree black belt in Tang Soo Do. Northville participants included Jack Baligian, Bobby Brewer, Evan Carson, Nishant Chava, Neha Chava, Nicholas Couyoumjian, Trevor DeGroot, Sierra Duncan, Garrett Ford, Harrison Ford, Charlie Hancock, Griffin Hancock, Sarah Hennessy, Zeina Jaafar, Alex Kerns, Jacob Kerns, Jimmy King, Morgan Lebold, Shane Lebold, Matt Mendell, Sean Niles, Ryan Rootare, Sidney Rootare, Thomas Rys, Barbara Smith, Angelo Sorce and Jett Thomas.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/ Northwile Record Right, Kevin McCarthy hits off the fairway at St. John's during the Northville Chamber of Commerce golf outing June 5.



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Left, Miki Ishii of Mitsubishi Electric Automotive Service, Inc., demonstrates the ancient Asian art of paper folding, known as origami, recently to students from Cooke School in Northville. Paul Poe of Mitsubishi invited the students, who visited the firm for lunch and an origami lesson. About 25 students attended. The local firm has donated money for communication equipment for the school and sponsored the school's family picnic.



Courtesy phot

Pitching National Trails Day on June 2, Bob Hudgins (left), Tom Griebe, Lisa Nichol, Bill Watson, Andrea and Chuck Murdock, and (kneeling) park ranger Frank Toarmini and park supervisor Tom Bissett showed up at Maybury State Park. Members of the Northville Road Runners and Solar Outing Club were among the more than 30 volunteers who helped set three benches at the Oak Shelter, relocate a section of trail that was in a boggy area and pull the invasive garlic mustard.

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FAITH & RELIGION



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United Methodist welcomes new interim minister

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Rev. Bill Ritter sure does work a lot for somebody who's retired. 'I kind of flunked retirement," he

Last week, staff and members of the United Methodist Church in Northville welcomed Ritter, 66, of Bloomfield Hills, reportedly a "celebrity" in

Methodist church circles, although he'll deny it.

clergy have groupies," he

He started June 4 as interim minister for

"Very few.

Rev. B. Ritter

Rev. John Hice, who's on a threemonth sabbatical in South Africa.

Preaching through Aug. 19

Ritter will be at the pulpit through the third week in August, when he resumes teaching duties at Duke Divinity School in Durham, N.C.

Ritter "retired" June 30, 2005, after 40 years as a United Methodist minister, including 12 years as senior minister of First United Methodist Church of Birmingham.

A native of northwest Detroit, Ritter was a member of Westlawn United Methodist Church. A graduate of Mackenzie High School in Detroit, he studied at Albion College and Yale Divinity School. Albion College awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1981.

Ritter and his wife, Kristine, the former Kristine Larson of Novi, have a daughter, Julie Hopkins, who returned to Michigan from California with her husband a year ago to raise a family.

The Ritters' son, Bill Ritter, Jr., an attorney, committed suicide in 1994 after being diagnosed with adult attention deficit disorder.

Take the Dimness of My Soul Away: Healing After a Loved One's Suicide," was released in fall 2004. The book contains sermons Ritter gave following his son's death.

Strangely enough, Ritter said he doesn't come from a long line of churchgoers. In fact, his parents did-n't belong to a church until they got married. "They picked the Methodist church" down the street because it was close," he said.

Ritter hung out at the church a lot growing up, even as a teenager.

"A lot of the little old ladies used to say to me, 'I'll bet you're going to be a minister some day.' If enough people say that to you, you start to listen," Ritter said. "God can be very sneaky."

This is Ritter's third stint as an interim minister, previously serving Livonia and Fenton churches.

In his spare time, Ritter is a passionate Detroit sports fan. "I've probably missed only five Tigers opening days since I was 15 years old," he said.

He and his wife enjoy traveling. have visited most of Europe, the Middle East and may go to South Africa next spring

'Dr. Bill Ritter has a rich history with the Methodist Church," said Karen DeBenedet, parish nurse "He brings experience and passion." to his ministry and is a high-profile

member of the Methodist community not only in Michigan but nation-

'His enthusiasm is infectious, and he has the ability to take 2,000year-old scriptures and bring them into the 21st century, Rev. Ritter's message is consistently relevant, delivered with empathy and always provokes thought'

He loves to preach

Besides being a visiting professor.

at Duke University, Ritter mentors other ministers and writes for a CEO. He may co-author a book on retirement with a recently retired university president.

But, his first love is preaching. "I actually love to preach and put a lot of effort into it," Ritter said. "Words are powerful tools. I can comfort the afflicted or afflict the

So much for retirement As he says. Sometimes work is good therepy

comfortable.

Hear him preach

Those who would like to hear interim minister Rev. Bill Ritter preach at the United Methodist Church in Northville can hear him at the following times:

• 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday, June 17;

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL LAYOFFS: 13 teachers affected: 10 full-time and 3 partial reductions

■ State funding still in doubt

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Some Northville teachers will have an extended summer this year, as layoffs were announced at Tuesday night's board meeting at Old School Village.

The layoffs will include 10 fulltime teachers, with three teachers receiving partial reductions in work

hours.
"What we're faced with is our finances with the state," said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville Public Schools. "We're still back in the crevasse of not knowing what our funding will be from the state."

The law states that the district must have a budget by June 30.

"Present thinking is that we will

have \$8,435 per student," he said. Teachers are being laid off due to increased class size, according to Ann Cook, president of the Northville Teachers Association.

"In other words, the district is ation warrants layoffs considering placing more students in fewer classes, lessening the demand for teachers," Cook explained.

Rezmierski said although he expects an additional 80 new students this year, there's still the possibility that more residents may

Unity walk before meeting

More than 300 teachers participated in a "unity walk" prior to the meeting to protest the expected layoffs and the fact that they still don't have a contract.

"We demonstrated in hopes of encouraging the district to get back to the table, in the interest of teachers keeping their jobs, and to inform the community that after June 12, Northville teachers will be working without a contract," Cook said.

At the board meeting, "There were some very passionate presentations by parents and students concerning increased class sizes and loss of teachers," Cook said. "We're obviously terribly saddened by the circumstance and are uncertain whether the district's financial situthe district had an excess of \$2 million in new revenue this school

However, Rezmierski said the lion's share of the more than \$2 million in new revenue went to health care, salary, retirement and utility

"All teachers received their step increases, so that money is gone in a flash," Rezmierski said. "And we still cut hundreds of thousands of dollars from the budget."

"If the hard decisions in Lansing are made, there will be a rebound." Rezmierski said. "But I don't see that in the next couple of years, and I'm taking this from people who are perts in the area. None of the folks take counsel from are saying, 'Don't worry about it.' We have to lay off staff in anticipation of no new money and a minimal growth in new students."

Fact finding continues

In the meantime, teachers don't have a new contract, with the union and the district in the midst

The two sides met Monday the first scheduled meeting between the district and the association's fact-finding teams.

"The meeting went a little different than we anticipated," Cook said. "The district was supposed to present its case, but there was time for both parties to present their cases."

The teachers association was not scheduled to present its case

until July 17.

Now that both parties have presented their cases, both are required to submit a post-factfinding brief due on July 27.

Cook said either side can request an extension if needed, although she believes that's unlikely. "When those briefs are in, the

appointed fact finder, Barry Brown, has no deadline on when he presents his findings," Cook said. "Once findings are presented by

Brown, both teams are obligated to come back to the table to bargain over the next 60 days," Cook said. "At no time is either side prohib-

ited from bargaining throughout the

of the fact-finding process initiated by the district.

fact-finding process, however,"
Cook said. "The association's position is that we are willing to be at the table right now with the district."

Cook believes the district's perpective is that unless the association changes its present offer that there's no need to meet.

"We don't see that as the district bargaining in good faith," she said. "We're willing to get this agreement settled."

Rezmierski said, however, that the district is willing to continue negotiations.

I am hopeful we will have opportunities to discuss," Rezmierski said. "But that depends on the willingness of everyone to give and take. I remain optimistic that we can find a middle ground that is positive for the district and the teachers."

District can impose contract

After the 60-day bargaining period, the district can impose a contract on the estimated 518 teachers in the

They can impose all or part of their last, best and final offer, or they

can choose instead to use the fact finder's recommendations," said Tom Silak, chief negotiator for the Northville Teachers Association.

Fact finding is intended as a more public, non-biased forum.
"In theory, this applies pressure to

one or both sides," Silak said. Teachers had been working under an extended contract, which expired Tuesday at midnight.

"The community will be gnawing on a few things," Cook said.

Hearings in Detroit

Cook and Silak were in Detroit yesterday to testify on behalf of the association against the district in the unfair labor practice charge the association has filed on the district.

Presentations were to conclude yesterday from both parties.

"A timeline on the court-appointed judge's decision is not known," Cook said.

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Members of the Mazzara and Gordon families of Northville participated in Amerman Elementary School's "Be TV Free Week" last month. Pictured by the turnedoff TV in the Mazzaras' family room are, from left, Nickolas Mazzara, Samantha Gordon, Emily Mazzara, Lauren Gordon (in the bee costume), Rachel Mazzara (front) and Jaclyn Gordon.

Bee TV Free' week at Amerman has students and parents buzzing

School makes it a family affair

By Pam Fleming

RECORD STAFF WRITER

Groucho Marx said it best. "I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book," he said.

Along these lines, Northville's Amerman Elementary recently had a successful "no TV" week.

PTA member Anna Mazzara of Northville chaired this year's event last month with the theme "Bee TV Free."

"I came up with the theme and just ran with it," Mazzara said.

The Amerman parent made buttons with a bee logo that read Bec TV Free, and the students placed decorations with the theme throughout the school.

Students were also given a strip of caution tape to put across their TVs at home for the week.

The national event began in the mid 1990s, and Amerman has participated since at least 2000.

Negatives of TV watching

Mazzara said the event began as a response to the negative influences of TV today.

There are a lot of negative things associated with excessive TV watching, such as obesity, illiteracy and an increase in violence due to the content on TV today," Mazzara

"People become desensitized to violence by watching TV."

Mazzara and her husband have two daughters - Rachel, a fourthgrader, and Emily, a second-grader,

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and a son, Nickolas, who's a first-

During "Bee TV Free Week," students were allowed to watch TV at school or watch a program for a homework assignment, but no recreational TV or computer time was

"The students reported they did lots of reading," Mazzara said. "They also enjoyed outdoor activities, such as walking, biking and baseball."

Some even attended the performance of "The Sound of Music" at Northville High School that

"Increasing family time was another goal of the program," Mazzara said.

In past years, the most participants in the "no TV week" at Amerman was 170 people. This year, 280 participated between teachers and students. Even Steve Anderson, principal of Amerman, joined the effort.

"It was actually very nice because my husband participated this year," Mazzara said. "We enjoyed the extra sleep, peace and quiet and being

A lot of teachers said they couldn't turn off their sets because the Detroit Red Wings were playing.

Mazzara's response? "You've got a radio." dad has his own scents of style



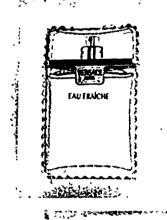
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By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Scott Szukaitis wants his students to know about the world around them

As such, the Northville High School science teacher organized the planting of a vegetable garden at Northville's Maybury Farm this

The class project was part of the Michigan Natural Resources class, a science elective.

"We talk about the state's rivers, woods, endangered species and exotic species that are non-native to Michigan," Szukaitis said.

Other topics include global warming, the state's deer population, hunting and logging.

Students even learn how to tap a maple tree and make syrup, with Farmer John Beemer's help. Beemer also used the farm's horses to play the garden.

to plow the garden.
"They had the opportunity to run
the plow and got a horse-drawn ride
to tap the maple trees," Szukaitis
said.

This is Szukaitis' third year teaching at the high school, and he said students really enjoy learning about the state.

"Michigan is a special place, with the Great Lakes, vast forests and numerous state and local parks," he said. 'There's something for every-

Students solicited seed companies for donations and started seedlings in January: planting began around the end of February.

Vegetables raised from seedlings include tomatoes, peppers, lettuce

and onions. This spring, students have been the garden, with the recent rainfall helping their cause.

"It looks good," Szukaitis said. The class includes a forestry lab, where students learn the names of different trees. Students also learn about integrative pest management and invasive plant species.

"Our biggest problem is garlic mustard," Szukaitis said. "It's a small plant with a two-year life cycle, and it's extremely prolific."

The garden is totally organic, and the vegetables will be sold to the public this summer and fall, with all proceeds going back to the farm.

Students like being outdoors

Noel Snyder said the garden project is a lot more fun than being in a classroom.

"It's a lot more hands on," he said.
"Being out here is more entertaining. We're getting class credit for being outside."

Snyder said this was one of the most informative science classes he's taken.

"I've learned a lot about gardening, such as how things have to be spaced apart and arranged in order for the garden to work properly."

He's helped friends and family with their gardens and plans to plant his own garden someday.

Dan Lone also enjoyed being outdoors. "I learned how to garden on a large scale," he said.

"It's rewarding to know you did something to help out," said Anthony Petrucci, "I learned how to take care of plants and vegetables, and we've been weeding a lot."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville High students Pat Brennan and Dalton Mitchell hoe the garden.

Weeders needed

Scott Szukaitis says with students out for the summer, he needs local residents to come out and help weed/water Northville High School's garden at Maybury Farm.

The 10,000-square-foot vegetable garden is a project of the Michigan Natural Resources class, a science elective. To volunteer, e-mail him at szukaisc@northville.k12.mi.us.

The organic vegetables from the class project's garden will also be sold at the farm this summer and fall, with proceeds going to the farm.

Szukaitis said Seedway donated the bulk of the seeds for the garden. Home Depot in Northville also made a donation to the project, and members of the Northville High School Honors Society volunteered their time on weekends to plant.

"A lot of this year's seniors, who finished school two weeks ago, have been coming out to help in the garden as well," Szukaitis said.

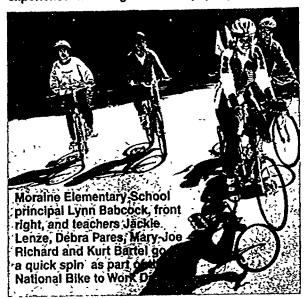
Area residents are encouraged to come out to maintain the garden this spring and summer.

"We've got hundreds of hours of weeding ahead of us," Szukaitis said.



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Moraine Elementary School student Erica Gumkowski helped drop off her classroom's recycling paper as the school's pupils got hands-on experience in sorting their used paper products.







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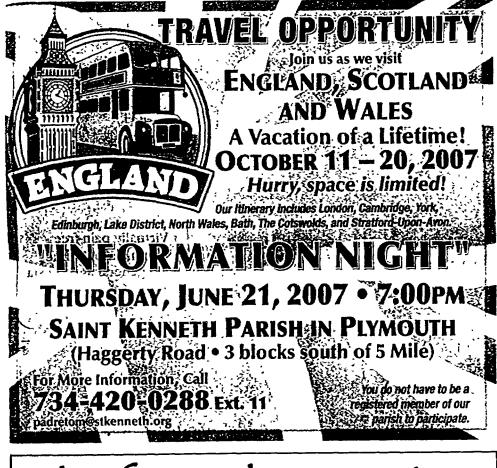
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The featured chef with do a demonstration of the recipe and each attendee will receive a recipe card of the featured item.

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June 21 Chris Shelters, Edward's Café and Caterers
July 19 Tim Bryant, Independence Village of Plymouth

Aug. 16 Susan Pitzenbarger, Allie & Friends

Sept. 20 Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall
Oct. 18 Brenda Hallberg, Rustique Bakery

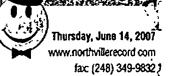
The Northville Farmers' Market is located at the corner of Sheldon and Seven Mile Rds at the Northville Downs parking lot. The Market features over 100 stalls of Michigan Grown, Michigan

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PEOPLE OF NORTHVILI



Five boys from two local troops recognized as new Eagle Scouts

■ Rezmierski officially honors five teenagers

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Only 2 percent of Boy Scouts achieve Fagle Scout status.

Last week, five Northville Scouts were recognized at a school board meeting for that achievement.

Those Superintendent Leonard Rezmierskt included Chris Hilger, Blake Kandah and Pat Maguire

from Troop 903 and Alex Vernacchia and Charles Oehmke from

Troop 755. Kandah, 18, senior at Northville High School, has been a Scout since fifth

grade. "My parstarted ents me in Cub Scouts in elementary school, so I

stuck

Kandah said. "It's a great way to meet new people and do different activities.

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Kandah said he's been able to meet a lot of different people through scouting since there are three large troops in the area.

The Eagle Scout Project

To advance to the rank of Eagle, a boy must not only acquire the required merit badges, but also complete an Eagle Scout Project that demonstrates the knowledge and leadership gained as a Boy Scout.

For his project, Kandah designed and built a kiosk for the manual registration of motor vehicle permits at Maybury State

Park. The kiosk can be used when someone's not at the entrance booth. Kandah said he reviewed an existing park kiosk for materials and dimensions.

"It does déviate from the original design a little bit," he said. Park staff identified the kiosk as one of the park's needs.

Kandah, who will soon attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, was inducted as an Eagle Scout at a May 8 Court of Honor at Mill Race Church.

"There's gratification to progress that far," Kandah said. To finally see something pay off is satisfying."

Hilger, 18, has been a Scout since the first grade. For his project, he painted five office rooms totaling about 3,000 square feet at St. Christine's in Detroit, the site of a soup kitchen. He has volunteered at the soup kitchen through his church, St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Hilger said he likes scouting because, "It teaches you good values. I love to go camping and enjoy all of the trips and summer

He added that his Eagle Scout project opened his eyes to the world around him.

"I got to see a lot of the problems that aren't really seen living in Northville," Hilger said. "It's surprising the social injustice and poverty that people experience just 25 minutes away.

Hilger has attended summer church missions to Buffalo, N.Y., and Cincinnati, Ohio.

"After attending those, I decided that I wanted to give back to the homeless here in Michigan."

Hilger was a captain on the high school cross country team. He and fellow Eagle Scout Ochmke, also an NHS cross country team captain, currently mow about 35 lawns a week in the area. He will also soon be a student

A better way to live

at the University of Michigan.

Maguire, a sophomore at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids studying special education, believes scouting is good

"It's something everyone should do," he said. "It involves you in the community, gives you good morals and values and offers a better way to live your

For his Eagle Scout project, he built a duck house for Maybury Farm.

Vernacchia, 17, an NHS senior who will attend Purdue University, said he likes camping and enjoyed scouting trips out West and one in which he got to go dog sledding.

For his project, he set up a canned food drive and collected more than 1,200 cans to be distributed by Northville Civic Concern.

Vernachhia, whose dad was a Scout and grandfather was an Eagle Scout, said he's gained leadership abilities from scouting and the ability to cope bet-

Oehmke, 18, cleared the area behind the parish house of his church, Our Lady of Victory, for his Eagle Scout project. "We chopped down trees, removed bushes, weeds and raked the whole area," he said.

They also added plants to

help prevent soil erosion, created a path with wood chips, designed a flower garden and built a park bench. He and his team members volunteered more than 122 hours to the proj-

Ochmke got involved in scouting because a lot of his friends were in scouting. "I really enjoyed the camping." he said, especially the week-long summer camps. He also enjoyed being a mentor to the younger scouts. He'll be attending Olivet Nazarene University Bourbonnai, Ill., majoring in physical therapy.

Vernacchia's and Oehmke's Court of Honor was April 29 at First Presbyterian Church in

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Photo by PAM FLEMING/Northville Record

Five Northville Boy Scouts were honored for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout at a recent Northville Board of Education meeting at Amerman Elementary School. Pictured outside the school are, from left, Blake Kandah, Pat Maguire and Chris Hilger from Troop 903.



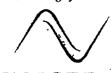
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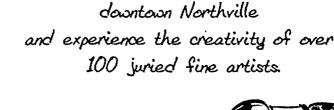
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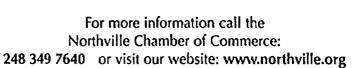


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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Keep kids' body, mind active this summer

On Amazon's web site, you can purchase the first six Harry Potter paperback novels for \$30. That's six books to keep your youngster mentally active this summer instead of twiddling their thumbs.

After today, school is out for summer, and that means idle students have a lot of free time on their hands. And you can play a big part in how they fill that time.

With their calendars suddenly wide open, most are likely to spend — if left to their own devices - hours in front of the TV, playing video games or stuffing their faces.

But there are plenty of options for keeping the kids mentally and physically active during the next few months.

Instead of letting your kids watch marathons of "Ed, Edd and Eddy" or letting them play Halo 2 for hours at a time, take them to the library to stock up on books that suit their reading levels and check out upcoming events. And the more kids read over the summer, the more knowledge their

brains will carry over to next fall when school begins again. Team up with the neighboring parents and send the kids outside on their bikes, or stock up on sports equipment. There's nothing like a pickup game of baseball or basketball to get the blood pumping and energy going.

Keeping kids active also keeps them out of potential trouble - local police report that youth-related shenanigans tend to rise during the warmer months when students are out of school with nothing to do.

Offer older teens to neighbors as potential baby-sitters. They'll be making money and helping youngsters stay active.

Correction

Last week's special section on graduation failed to include the following Northville High School inductees into the National Honor Society: Kelly Englert; Zachary Firlit; Elizabeth Foucher; Benjamin Naber, Megan Narus; Andrew Nguyen; and Bridget O'Brien.

Calling Class of '77

Looking for the Northville Class of 1977. It's been 30 years, anyone working on a reunion? Anyone want to join me in forming a committee to plan a reunion? Contact me at 248-349-3391 or Northville46@aol.com. Hope to hear from some classmates soon!

> Teresa Folino **Northville**

Summer concerts

I share Norm Fankell's disappointment regarding the summer concerts. Not only was the excellent Northville High School Jazz Band missing, but other excellent previous groups like the Farmington and Plymouth Community bands are also absent from the schedule.

The Arts Council arranged much better concerts than the group now doing it.

> Don MacKinnon Northville

do you think?



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Rouge River and Johnson Creek Day

The 7th annual Johnson Creek Day/Rouge Rescue featured many activities, including log jam removals, weeding and mulching native garden beds and clearing a nature trail along Johnson Creek at Fish Hatchery Park in Northville. After volunteers completed these tasks they could relax or participate in activities at the park. The pond was stocked with Rainbow Trout Howell Nature Center had a variety of live animals displayed and children enjoyed a fun run, native planting activity, T-shirt stamping, macroinvertebrate bug hunt and casting contest and refreshments. These activities help educate residents on the importance of keeping local waterways clean. Pictured, from left, are Demetria Janus, Johnson Creek Protection Group Secretary/Stantec Consulting; Richard Henningsen, Northville Township Board of Trustees; and Jill Rickard, Northville Township staff engineer.

Take a vacation close to home

Do you need to remortgage the house to pay the gas tab for your recent trip up north? With gas' prices exceeding \$3.50 a' gallon during these uncertain and tough economic times, spending upwards of \$200 for a weekend getaway is tough on the pocketbook. Yet, the Michigan summer beckons you to kick off the safety boots, trade the tie in for a rod and reel and head "up north" where nature can refresh your soul - without going broke. What-ya-gonna-

If you seek a pleasant peninsula,

look about you
We have "up north" surrounding us in the Metro Detroit Region. Here are some of my favorite close-by Michigán destina-

Kensington Metropark www.metroparks.com. On the western edge of Oakland County is one of the jewels of the Metropark System, Kensington, a slice of "up north" in our backyard. This park has something to offer everyone the lakes are dotted with canoes and sailboats, a par-3 golf course

is speckled with duffers and more than 4,000 acres of woods with paved bike trails and hiking paths! await you. A trip to Kensington, or any of the many Metroparks, adds substance to the old refrain,

"Simple pleasures are the best!"
Hines Park - www.waynecounty.com/parks. The Wayne County Parks slogan captures the essence of Hines Park with its slogan, "The Benefits Are Endless." I am fortunate to live in Northville, a starting point for Hines Park, a slice of beauty that meanders through w em Wayne County and follows the Rouge River. The Friends of Rouge Park -

(www.therouge.org). Together with leadership from Wayne County's executive and commission, they have done a wonderful job of educating people about the importance of this watershed and helping clean up the park and river. Have fun the old fashion way in the park with hiking, bike riding, throwing a line in the river, and tossing horse shoes. Bring friends and, with the gas money you saved, grill a few steaks while enjoying the beauty only a few

miles away from any neighborhood in the metro area.

www.ci.detroit.mi.us. "The Jewel of the City of Detroit!" No matter what direction you look, the beauty of the island is truly breathtaking. It is the Central Park of Detroit, a diamond glistening with Windsor, Canada, or the Detroit skyline as the backdrop. Bring your fishing pole, bike, cooler, Frisbee, a canoe or just a lounge chair - it is going to be a beautiful day of fun. Enjoy the five miles of shoreline and views of the huge freighter traffic, framed by the towers of the Ambassador Bridge off in the distance, which are reminders of the

economic might of our region. Ann Arbor - it's more than just U of M. Cross a county line and take in the beauty of Ann Arbor in Washtenaw County (www.a2gov.org). A favorite activity of mine is to follow the bike trails that meander along the edges of the Huron River. Gallop on over to the Gallup Park Canoe Livery and take in this 65 acre park on the Huron River. Enjoy nature real close to home.



, दिक्षाणीय सिक् Tom Watkins is president and CEO of TDW and Associates, a business and education consulting company. He served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools from 2001-05 and President and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, FL from 1996-2001. He has traveled to China numerous times and will be leading an education and business delegation to China this month. He welcomes reader comments at tdwatkins@aol.com.

Other activities nearby

Take in: The Henry Ford (www.thehenryford.org) -America's Greatest History Attractions are four distinct attractions in one: Greenfield Village, The Ford Rouge Plant Tour, the Henry Ford Museum and the Imax Theater; The New **Detroit Science Center** (www.detroitsciencecenter.org); The Detroit Zoo (www.detroitzoo.org); The Detroit Historical

Museum (www.detroithistorical.org/); and the Detroit Institute of the Arts (www dia org). Clearly, there is nothing better than going to the

ball park to catch a Detroit Tigers is surrounded by the Great Lakes

(www.detroit.tigers.mlb.com) and having a ballpark hotdog smothered in mustard to make you appreciate your hometown.

OK, splurge!

There is no need to feel guilty about loading up the car from time to time and leaving the metro region and taking in all the beauty our state has to offer. Go to www.michigan.org/travel to discover the many nooks and crannies that you can find all across the two beautiful peninsulas that we call home. Michigan

and is rich in natural beauty. Michigan's two peninsulas are dotted with 97 state parks, four national and numerous metro and municipal parks. We have more shoreline than any state in the nation with the exception of Alaska. In addition, six state forests plus nature preserves and refuges, gardens and arboretums provide plenty of opportunity for fun in the sun, snow and everything in-between. Recreation and relaxation, the good of R&R, is Michigan's middle name.

This is pure Michigan. Get out and enjoy it in spite of the high gas prices!

Schools could learn from Ross' example

So you think all politicians only think of what's best for themselves? OK. Now let's meet a man who turns 65 this week, one of the brightest members of his generation. He's had a big-time Michigan political career. State senator, Department of Commerce director: assistant secretary of labor, candidate for governor.

And then he chucked all that to run a charter school in Detroit. His name is Doug Ross, and let him take the story from there.

"I lost the 1998 Democratic gubernatorial primary to Geoffrey Fieger," actually finishing third behind East Lansing's Larry Owen.

Once the votes were in, "I got to talking with Bill Beckham, who was the head of the Skillman Foundation, about how disgraceful the Detroit schools were." For a quarter of a century, 70 percent of high school students had failed to finish.

"So since I had time on my hands, I agreed to go around the country looking at what urban schools actually worked.

"We decided that the problem in Detroit was an obsolete learning

organization, not bad people. So we decided to lift one of the successful school designs from cities around the country, start a school to see if it could work in Detroit, and hope the Detroit Public Schools would, in turn, lift that design to improve the entire system."

That's the story behind University Preparatory Academy, which Ross founded in 1999. Last Saturday, it graduated 128 seniors, more than 90 per cent of those who started there as freshmen. Nearly 100 percent of the graduates are going on to college.

If Detroit Public Schools could

copy that model, the city would be a far better place. And as far as I'm concerned, while Ross is Jewish, he's also Michigan's top candidate for immediate sainthood.

By using passion, smarts, a big heart and vast energy, he has conclusively demonstrated that it's possible to take a bunch of innercity kids and get them to perform at academic levels nobody would have believed. He is a man who indeed knows the Detroit schools.

Ross graduated from the University of Michigan and taught for a year and a half in the Detroit public schools, at McMichael Middle School and at Northeastern High. But then he was fired, because I looked like a potentially troublesome person." I've known Doug for a long

time, and he always was among the smartest, most creative, articulate and all-round energetic people around. But I never expected him to dedicate a decade of his life to helping a bunch of Detroit kids ... nor to succeed so enormously. What's his secret?

You start with two core beliefs," Ross says. "First, as an urban public school, you have absolutely to accept responsibility for developing college-ready graduates, regardless of what kind of background of educational deficits those kids bring

with them. "Second, you have to do whatever it takes to help a student succeed, not just 9-to-5 but whatever is necessary, whether it's evenings, trips to court, funerals, whatever."

You then move on to operating principles. You have to have a deep knowledge of each child — academically, emotionally and socially



About Phil Power

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and have the flexibility to respond to that knowledge."

University Prep does that by making the fundamental leaning unit the "advisory," a group of 16 pupils who stay together with the same advisor as an extended family through their entire school career. And "you have to organize the school so as to individualize learning. A ninth grader who reads at the fifth grade level is only going to deepen his self-doubts if he's faced with a ninth grade book."

Ross started University Prep on the theory that if it worked, it would be a shining beacon and model other schools could copy.

So far, he's succeed in meeting the achievement targets set out by his financial backer, Bob Thompson, the Plymouth-based former asphalt-paving titan (and another a proper candidate for canonization.) With Thompson's backing. Ross is starting up several more schools in Detroit, hoping that the model will gradually

Frankly, I'm pessimistic about getting the Detroit Public Schools to voluntarily come along. Ross says that the requirements for his model to succeed -- educational and budget decisions and hiring and firing — must rest in the hands of the individual school principals.

I doubt the centralized and bureaucratic culture of DPS would tolerate local decision-making. Nor do I believe the Detroit Federation of Teachers will tolerate someone else making personnel decisions.

But I would like it very much if I have to write a column in a few years saying, "OK, I was wrong." What is clear is that Doug Ross is succeeding in one of the hardest and most centrally important tasks in all of Michigan. He deserves every one of the plaudits he's been getting in recent weeks. And while I'm sure the angels in Heaven would be pleased to greet Doug Ross and Bob Thompson as they ascend to the cherubim, I hope they don't do so any time soon.

Right now, we very much need both of them here.

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Tunes on Tuesdays begins next week at new location — Ford Field OMMUNITY CALENDAR

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NORTHVILLE EVENTS

Farmer's Market

TIME/DAY: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every LOCATION: corner of Seven

Mile and Sheldon roads

Friday Night Concert Series TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Fridays

through August 10 LOCATION: behind Northville City Hall, comer of Wing and Cady

SCHEDULE: Friday, Trilogy Band; June 22, Joel Palmer Trio with Wagon Wheel Children; June 29, King Sweat

DETAILS: Sponsored by Main Street Bank, Northville Downtown **Development Authority**

Tunes on Tuesday

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, beginning June 19 LOCATION: Ford Field; when raining at Genitti's Little Theatre, Main Street DETAILS: Children's concerts

Genitti's Little Theater LOCATION: 108 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com

Dinner Theater - "In Stitches" TIME/DATES: 6:30 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 18.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person; to run through November; call for more dates.

The Bette Midler Tribute From Las Vegas

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21 DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for the Friday and Saturday shows.

Genitti's Acting Workshops DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.

DETAILS: Enjoy our famous family-style lunch or dinner, then practice voice and body movement with one of our actors on stage. Play theater games. Take a backstage tour. \$16.95 per person. Everyone gets a Genitti's fun

"Creative Kids" Second Saturdays at the Northville **Art House**

DATE: Second Saturday of the month through December 8: July 14 "In the Garden;" Aug. 11 "Bugs and Butterflies;" Sept. 8 "Colored Pencil;" Oct. 13 "Print Exploration," Nov. 10 "Thansgiving;" Dec. 8 "Christmas."

TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m. LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 Cady Street, Northville

DETAILS: Two-hour creative exploration for youth, grades 1-5; activities include drawing, painting, scultpture and mixed media in conjunction with current professional exhibitis on display, register early; class size limited to 12; cost for member is \$18 per session or \$108 for series; non-member \$20 per session or \$120 per series.

CONTACT: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org

Northville Garden Club

CONTACT: Julie Mantay (248) 349-1602

Civic Service DATE: Thursday, June 21 LOCATION: Mill Race Village, Yerkes House

DETAILS: tend garden DATE: Thursday, June 28 LOCATION: Garden Club Park, Hosta Garden

DETAILS: tend garden

No-No's Garden Walk Adventure

DATE: Saturday, June 23 TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. DETAILS: Six home gardens. lectures, artists, a memorable garden walk experience; free plant to first 250 ticketholders; tickets available at Anglin Nursery, Novi, Gardenviews, Northville, Bordine's Nursery, Brighton, Backyard Birds, Plymouth; \$10.

CONTACT: www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Book Club Meeting

Tragedy," Theodore Dreiser

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St., Northville DETAILS: "An American

DATE: Friday

6:45 p.m. and 7-8:30 Thursday; through June 28

DETAILS: Drop-in rate \$11, reg-

CONTACT: northvillebookdub@gmail.com

Downtown Development Authority Meeting

DATE: Tuesday TIME: 8 a.m. **LOCATION: City Council** Chambers, 215 W. Main St. CONTACT: downtownnorthville.com

Northville Newcomers and **Neighbors Summer Garden Party**

DATE: Thursday, June 21 TIME: 11 a.m. LOCATION: Cranbrook House and Gardens, Bloomfield Hills

DETAILS: For all members of Newcomers, please join us for a tour of the Cranbrook house and oardens; lunch of chef salad on the north porch at noon; cost of \$25 includes tour, lunch, tax and gratuity; carpool from MAGS parking lot, meeting at 9:45 a.m. RSVP and check are due today. CONTACT: Nancy Murphy (248) 305-5460

Foresters Solstice Run

TIME/DATE: 7:30 a.m. Saturday, June 23 LOCATION: Downtown Northville

DETAILS: Road race; 10 K, 5K run and walk, Kids Fun Run. CONTACT: Alan Whitehead (248) 420-1376 or www.solsticerun.org

Northville Eclipse Baseball

Baseball from the 1860s: Rules. equipment, terminology; Free. TIME/DATE: 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 16 LOCATION: Greenfield Village, Dearborn

DETAILS: Edipse verses the Lah De Dahs TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. Sunday,

LOCATION: Ford Field (next to Mill Race Village)

DETAILS: Eclipse verses the Woodstock Actives - 1 - 18114 17111

Health Screenings at Meijer

DATE: Tuesday, June 26 LOCATION: 20401 Haggerty

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 ques-tions about your medications and blood pressure cl Appointments are necessary. CONTACT: (248) 449-5733

Country Garden Club of Northville 14th Annual Garden

DATE: Wednesday, July 11 TIME: 9 a.m. 4 p.m. DETAILS: Visit six exceptional gardens and other special attrac-

(734) 591-0360 or www.cgcnv.org

Northville Book Club

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

LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St.

DETAILS: "An American Tragedy," Theodore Dreiser CONTACT: northvillebook-

dub@gmail.com

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 Yoga Ciass

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

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-

istered students pay \$8 for an extra class; spring makeups allowed in Legion class; scholarships available; start anytime, no charge for first class.

Marquis Theatre

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

Summer Theatre Camp Registration

DETAILS: Registration for twoweek Day Camp or Ducky Camp sessions now being accepted. Contact the theater or go to the Web site for more information on session dates, times and tuition.

Auditions for "Rapunzel" TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Marquis Theatre,

135 E. Main St. DETAILS: Children ages 8-15, must sing "Do-Re-Mi" from "Sound of Music," accompanist provided; prepare a poem or monologue no longer than 90 seconds, does not have to be memorized.

CONTACT: (248) 349-8110

LIBRARY LINES

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall

TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, closed Sunday. CONTACT: (248) 349-3020 or www.northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.

Between the Lines TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., the second Monday of each month

DETAILS: Book discussion group for adults and teens: July 10 "The Tender Bar" by J.R. Moehringer, Aug. 13 "The Dollmaker" by Hariette Arnow.

Get a Clue at the Library DATE: June 15-July 31 DETAILS: Youth summer reading for ages 2-12; includes activities, story times, reading games, weekly prize drawings and more. Register in person to receive summer activity quide; more information at www.northvillelibrary.org.

YNK, You Never Know, DATE: June 8-August 22

DETAILS: Exciting programs for students entering grade six through high school; chances to win prizes; register at information desk and receive schedule of events, includes several video game competitions. •

Read, Relax and Enjoy DATE: through Aug. 31

DETAILS: Offers adults and youth ages 12 and older a chance to win prizes by reading a variety of books; reigster at information

Foreign Film Series TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m.,

DETAILS: June 18 "Infernal Affairs," Chinese film about organized crime; July 23 "Kolya"; Aug. 20 "Prisoner of the Mountains," Russian with English subtitles.

Gordon the Magician presents "Mystery of the Missing Book

TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Monday DETAILS: Magical extravaganza loaded with hilarious comedy, plenty of fun; crazy cast of animal characters search for Billy the Book Worm; children of all ages welcome; 100 free tickets available at information desk 10 minutes prior to program, not available in advance; due to space limitations,

no children's groups please. Mysterious Crafts TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.

Wednesday DETAILS: Children all ages drop in to make variety of crafts in the library meeting room.

X-Box 360 Racing Competition TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday DETAILS: Video game fun; free play starts at noon; competition 1 p.m.; prizes awarded; stop at information desk or call.

Global Warming TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday, June 25

DETAILS: Presentation based on the documentary "An Inconvenient Truth," led by local businessman Bruce Jones, trained by The Climate Project (a nonprofit devoted to education regarding climate change); advance registration recommend-

Salem Train Wreck of 1907 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednsday,

DETAILS: Learn about Michigan's worst railroad accident with stories and records from the Local History archives. Drummunity

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31

LOCATION: The park just east of the Library

DETAILS: Performance featuring hand drums, percussion and simple drum circle games; preceded at 5:30 p.m. by workshop for teens.

MAYBURY STATE PARK

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road, between Beck and Napier Roads CONTACT: (248) 349-8390. For Friends of Maybury, contact (248) 349-3858 or

www.FriendsofMaybury.org. Horseback Riding TIME/DATE: April-November DETAILS: Horses for rent for

guided trail rides. Children's Programs DETAILS: Children's programs offer many different ways to get outdoors and get involved with nature; programs last one hour; parents encouraged to join; free; State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually.

Fishing in the Park

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Friday DETAILS: Learn the basic techniques of fishing; bring a pole; adults must have valid fishing license; meet at Riding Stable parking lot.

Animal Tracks TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Saturday **DETAILS:** Follow animal tracks along Maybury Pond; wear shoes for getting muddy; meet at Riding Stable parking lot.

Friends Of Maybury June Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday,

LOCATION: Meet at Park Office DETAILS: Meet the group, get

Ball ble. MILL RACE **MATTERS**

Mili Race Historical Village

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

DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m.-1p.m. Monday-Friday; archives open Thursday-Friday 9 a.m.-1

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 Thursday: 9 a.m. archives open: 7 p.m. rehearsal Friday: 9 a.m. archives open; 6:45 p.m. rehearsal

Saturday: 10 a.m. private party;1-3 p.m. wedding*; 3:30-5:30 p.m. wedding* Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek

Church; 1-4 p.m. Village open; 1

Monday: 10 a m. Heirloom Rug Hookers Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 7:30 p.m. Mill Race Weavers Guild

Wednesday: 1:30 p.m. private tour, 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church

Grounds closed to the public

SENIOR **EVENTS** Thursday

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

11:30 a.m.: Detroit Tiger Game 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle Massage by appointment Friday

9:30 a.m.: Strength Training 11 a.m.: Poker 11:30 a.m. Father's Day BBQ 1 p.m.: Movie "Flags of our Fathers"

Monday 9:30 a.m.: Strength Training 10 a.m.: Oxycise and Line

noon: Blood Pressure Check 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre Chair massage by appointment Tuesday 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 7 p.m.: Tai Chi

Wednesday 10 a.m.: Oxycise 11 a.m.: Grandparent-Grandchild Day noon: Bridge

7 p.m.: Bridge

See how 'Departed' started

Often when there is a big Hollywood movie smash there was a foreign language film that came first. Such is the case with the Martin Scorcese-directed "The Departed."

The Northville District Library will show the original of that film, "Infernal Affairs" at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 18. This Cantonese movie with English subtitles is a 2002 Hong Kong crime thriller that spawned two sequels in 2003. In 2006, Scorcese's "Departed" starring Brad Pitt, Jack Nicholson, Matt Damon and Leonardo DiCaprio was released. The United States film went on to win four Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

"Infernal Affairs" won more than its share at the 2002 Hong Kong Film Awards: Best Picture, Best Director, Best Screenplay, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor, Best Editing, best Original Film Song, plus nine other nominations. The plot of "Infernal Affairs" involves a cop named Yan (Tony

Leung) who goes undercover into the Triad organization, while at the same time a Triad member, Ming (Andy Lau) infiltrates the police department. Each mole is determined to gain an intelligence advantage over the other. (This film is not to be confused with another United States movie titled "Internal Affairs.") There were two different endings filmed. Which did they use?

Was it the same as in "The Departed"? You can find out on June 18 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady. The film is free and so are the treats. However, space is limited. Call the library at (248) 349-3020 to reserve your seat.

"Infernal Affairs" is part of the Foreign Movies series at the Northville District Library. All films start at 6:30 p.m. On July 23 the feature will be "Kolya," a Czech film about a financially strapped former symphony cellist who is making a meager living playing at funerals, then becomes trapped in a mar-

riage to a friend's single-mother niece. On Aug. 30, the feature will be the draina "Prisoner of the Mountains," a Russian film in which political rivals, divided by a bloody war are forced to come to terms with one another.

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

is \$1a gm day CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

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DATE: Fridays TIME: 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community

DETAILS: British game based loosely on baskethall rules: \$3 per person

Health Walking

DATE: Monday-Friday TIME: 8-10 a.m. **LOCATION: Senior Community** Center, 303 W. Main St.

GOLF **OUTINGS**

Novi Rotary 22nd Annual

Charity Golf Outing DATÉ: Today TIME: 10 a.m. shotgun start

LOCATION: Oak Pointe Country Club, 4500 Club Dr., Brighton **DETAILS: Scramble format**; includes lunch and dinner; register as foursome or individual; sponsorship opportunities; hole-in-one

contest to win a car; putting contest to win \$5,000. CONTACT: Bryan Berent (248) 705-3672 or www.novirotary.org

Angela Hospice Golf Outing

DATE: Friday TIME: Continental breakfast and free range balls before golf, shotgun start at 10 a.m.

LOCATION: Woodlands of Van Buren, Wayne DETAILS: Eighteen holes of golf

with cart, box lunch and open beverage carts on the course. steak reception following golf with open bar, dessert, prizes, minisilent auction; benefits programs for terminally ill patients and their families. Golfers can register in foursomes or as individuals; \$175 per golfer. Packages for business partners and corporate sponsors

CONTACT: Barbara Paul (734) 953-6014 or www.angelahospice.org

12TH Annual Charity Golf Scramble

DATE: Thursday, June 21

TIME: Registration 8:30 a.m.,

Shotgun start 9:30 a.m. LOCATION: Salem Hills Golf Club, Six Mile and Currie roads, Northville

DETAILS: Proceeds support student enrichment programs, staff development, classroom 3 equipment and teacher minigrants for the Novi Community School District; cost \$130 per person; includes 18 holes of golf,

lunch at the turn and dinner. CONTACT: Bob Schram (248) 449-1203 or www.novi.k12.mi.us/NEF/NEFinde

x.htm

Samaritan Counseling Center Sixth Annual Charity Golf

Outing DATE: Friday, June 22 TIME: 10:30 a.m. Registration, driving range, putting contest; Noon Shotgun Start

LOCATION: Links of Novi,

50395 Ten Mile Road DETAILS: Fees \$125 per golfer; includes cart, lunch, dinner and awards; dinner only quests \$25; proceeds of outing subsidize therapy programs; mail checks and registration to Samaritan Counseling Center, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington

CONTACT: (248) 474-4701 **Northville Newcomers and Neighbors Wine Tasters**

Hills, MI 48336.

Annual Golf Outing DATE: Saturday, June 30 TIME: noon

LOCATION: Downing Farms Golf Course DETAILS: scramble, all levels welcome; \$85 per golfer; includes 18 holes with cart, lunch, steak and wine dinner, gifts and prizes; non-golfer

\$40 CONTACT: Joe and Sue Boelter (248) 349-1844

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce Second Annual Golf Outing DATE: Tuesday, July 10 TIME: 9 a.m. registration, 10

a.m. Shotgun start, LOCATION: Links of Novi **DETAILS: Eighteen holes of** golf with cart, goodie bags, special competition holes, two drink tickets on course, lunch at the turn, steak dinner, open bar at dinner, door prizes galore and raffle with prizes. Cost is \$110 per golfer or \$400 for advanced

June 19. CONTACT: (248) 347-4622 or www.greaternovichamber.com

registration of a foursome by

Novi Lions Club 14th Annual Charity Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, July 12 TIME: 9 a.m. shotgun start 49 LOCATION: Beacon Hill Golf 11d Club, 6011 Majestic Oaks Dr., Commerce Township DETAILS: Proceeds go to

Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor. Cost is \$100 per person. Includes 18 holes of 1 championship golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the

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continued from page 15 turn, steak dinner; \$25 for advance dinner/silent auction tickets only, register by July 1. CONTACT: Terri D. Taylor (248) 755-2384

Third Annual "Get in the Game" Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 2 TIME: Shotgun start 10 a m. LOCATION: Links of Novi **DETAILS: Sponsored by Novi** Parks Foundation and Tom Holzer Ford to benefit City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, breakfast from Moe's on Ten, box lunch, steak dinner. Cost for foursome is \$500, single golfer \$125, dinner only \$50.

CONTACT: Novi Parks Foundaiton, PO Box 1169, Novi, MI 48376; www noviparks org; (248) 347-0405

CHURCH **EVENTS**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 201 Elm St. CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship 8:30 a m. Blended, 11 a m. Contemporary, 11:30 a m. Traditional

Vacation Bible School DATE: June 18-22 TIME: 9-11:30 a m. DETAILS: "Quest for Truth," an Indiana Jones-type adventure where kids dig into scripture to investigate Jesus' life.

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 DATE: tonight DETAILS: Sadie Bolos will help

you identify the best in yourself and others in four minutes or less. Living with Satisfaction and Pürpose in Our Third Age

DATE: June 21 DETAILS: June Strieby, M.S., is a career-transition consultant who can help you learn how to spend time with purpose and satisfaction in the final and third part of your

Online Dating: What You Need to Know Part III

DATE: June 28 **DETAILS:** with Tara Kachaturoff

(see above) Divorce Recovery Workshop II NATE: through tonig TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Emeritus Room DETAILS: Various speakers; child care available for toddlers through sixth grade, registration , required two weeks prior to workshop: \$45

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 **Walking Group** TIME/DAY 11:30 am, Saturday

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LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington; Third Saturday. Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave, Farmington

DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited.

First Baptist Church of Northville

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 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 **Vacation Bible School** DATE: June 25-29

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon DETAILS: "SonForce Kids" for those in grades K-6; a week of fun and adventure.

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: 7 p.m. Bible Study, Youth & Children Ministries

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

Ward Evangelical

TIME: 10 a m

Presbyterian Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile

Road CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 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 Preschool Enrollment Open **DETAILS:** Enrollment for the 2007-08 school year is now available. Morning and afternoon ses-

sions 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

for single adults 40 years and

older CONTACT: (248) 374-5920 Sportsway TIME/DATE: 6:45 p.m. Friday

LOCATION: Sportsway of Westland, 38520 Ford Road DETAILS: outdoor putting, battling cages and go-kart racing

Lighthouse Cafe TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 22

DETAILS: music, cards, games,

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Detroit Tigers TIME/DATE: 5:45 p.m. Friday, June 29

LOCATION: Bus departs from Ward Church Lot F DETAILS: Detroit Tigers vs. the

Minnesota Twins; tickets \$20 DATE: Friday June 29-Sunday DETAILS: Getaway to Louisville,

Kentucky; tickets \$265; payment due by June 3

Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments, Knox Half

Every Monday: 7 p.m. Learner's Bible Study, Room A101 Second and Fourth Monday: 7 p.m. Study of Ephesians, Room

C309Every Tuesday: 6:30-9 p.m. Volleyball at Rotary Park on Six Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman roads; 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; 4-7 p.m. Tennis, Rotary Park (Six Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman roads)

Every Thursday: Co-ed Softball, includes shirt and tournament;

Every Saturday: 10 a.m. Bicycling Group starts from various locations; geared towards tourist level rider; all levels welcome; helmets required; lunch halfway through ride at own expense; Saturday at Kensington Metro Park: Saturday at Willow Metro Park; June 23 at Newburgh Point; June 30 at Northville West Recreation Area Every Saturday-Sunday: 1-5

p.m. Tennis, Rotary Park Every Sunday: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Tennis for beginners, Stevenson High School, Six Mile

Road west of Farmington Road

First United Methodist Church of Northville

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 Sunday Worship DETAILS: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Healing Service DATE: First Monday of every month

TIME: 4 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group DATE: Second Thursday and Fourth Monday of every month

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. **DETAILS: New Hope Center for** Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

Registration is not required. CONTACT: New Hope Center for Gnet Support (248) 348-0115 of

www.newhopecenter.net Radical Joy Women's Bible Study

DATE: First and third Thursday

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by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

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through May 31; \$30 per person. CONTACT: Sue Craik (248) 961-5911 or e-mail craik1@aol.com **Habitat for Humanity**

DATE: Saturday and Saturday, July 21 DETAILS: Sponsored by the

Men's Group and Church and Society.

CONTACT: Brooks Kelley at (248) 380-0969 or BrooksK@soscs.org Vacation Bible School

DATE: June 25-June 29 TIME: 9:30 a.m.-noon DETAILS: "Avalanch Ranch;" \$20 per child, \$50 per family (3 or more children)

CONTACT: Miss Heather (248) 349-1144

CLASS REUNIONS

Northville High School-Class of 1971-1975

DATE: Saturday, July 14 TIME: 3 p.m. LOCATION: Classmates Farm, 51825 Eight 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. On Saturday reunion is Pig Roast/Barn Party; cost \$35 per person and includes food, pop, beer and wine; checks made out to "NHS 70s Reunion" must be received by June 15; mail to Visions, 511 North Center St., Northville, MI 48167.

CONTACT: 1971nhs71reunion@gmail.com; 1972-nhs72reunion@gmail.com; 1973-poolorphan@yahoo.com; nhs74reuinion@gmail.com: 1975-nhs75reunion@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 come. **CONTACT: Chris (Hornberger)** Noles, (248) 449-7597

Northville Class of 1977

DETAILS: It's been 30 years. Anyone working on a reunion? Anyone want to join me in forming a committee to plan a reunion? Hope to hear from some

CONTACT: Teresa Folino (248) 349-3391 or Northville46@aol.com

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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

PARKS AND RECREATION

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.

Tunes of Tuesday

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, June 19-August 7 LOCATION: Ford Field, 150 Hutton (rain location Genitti's Hole-in-The-Wall Theater, 108 E. Main St.)

DETAILS: Family concert series with a different performer each week; free; check www.northvilleparksandrec.org for concert schedule.

Family Campouts

DATE: Friday-Saturday, June 22-23; Saturday-Sunday, July 21-22

TIME: Set up at 5 p.m. on June 22 and 4 p.m. on July 21; clean up by noon

LOCATION: June 22 at Maybury State Park; July 21 at Fish Hatchery Park

DETAILS: Fees are \$25/\$30/\$35 per family of four, \$3/\$8/\$13 for each additional family member, on June 22 enjoy interpretive hike, campfire, S'mores, crafts, fishing and more; on July 21 enjoy crafts, create-your-own sailboat race,

S'mores and more; discounted tent rental at REI; register at Parks and Rec Office.

Ford Field Family Flick TIME/DATE: 8-11 p.m.

Tuesday, July 3 LOCATION: Ford Field (rain location Senior Community Center Gym)

DETAILS: Enjoy the outdoors, crafts, a kid-friendly movie and more; bring lawn chairs, blankets, flashlights and bug spray; movie begins at dusk; free; no registration required.

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

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

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 an unlimited monthly resident pass. 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

Open Basketball

fun workouts.

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

Open Family Basketball DATE: Every Sunday TIME: 4-6 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF NORTHVILLE

At the regular meeting of the Northville City Council held on Monday, June 4, 2007, the City Council adopted a resolution amending the fees, fines, and penalties schedule for various City of Northville services, licenses, permits, and violations, effective on July 1, 2007.

A complete copy of the amended fee schedule is available for public review in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, 248-349-1300, during normal business hours.

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LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: There is a fee of \$2 per person.

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

Open Volleyball

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

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: There is a fee of \$4 per person.

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.

LOOKING **FOR YOU**

Ladies Auxiliary VFW 4012

DETAILS: In September, the Ladies Auxiliary is sending goody boxes to our men and women in the military. Please mail your donations or loved one's address to Barbara Cook or Karen Frazer, VFW 4012, 438 S. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-5982

Cemetery Walk 2007

DETAILS: Event planners, reception presenters, publicity distributors, tour leaders and bakers are needed for this fall's annual Cemetery Walk.

CONTACT: Barbara Davies (734) 454-4287

CHYCLERK

Beautiful Singles Hiking

TIME/DAY: 9:30 a.m. First and third Sundays of the month LOCATION: Maybury State Park

DETAILS: Join singles of all ages for hiking and other activi-

http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/ BSH:king/

Northville Community Foundation Independence Day Parade

ay rarade DETAILS: Planning is under way for the parade. Volunteers are needed for both committee and parade day. Call (248) 374-

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

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

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

CONTACT: Nancy Murphy (248) 305-5460

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

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

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



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Senior Fest

People sit down under the pavilion at Northville's Waterford Bend Park last week for the annual Senior Fest picnic and gathering. Seniors got a chance to peruse offerings by local businesses, have a hot dog and fried chicken for lunch, listen to live music and enter into a raffle for prizes.

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

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TIME: 8 a.m. LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile

CONTACT: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618 "Powerful Kids!" Program

SCHEDULE: Second-Grade Girls, 10 a.m.-noon July 16-20; third- and fourth-grade boys, 10 a.m.-noon July 23-27; third- and fourth-grade girls, 1-3 p.m. July 23-27; fifth-grade boys and girls, 1-3 p.m. July 16-20

LOCATION: Northville High

School **DETAILS: Program to increase** self-esteem and confidence, encourage self-belief, expect the best, maintain high energy and good health.

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Jere Stormer's Folk Out Too

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday **LOCATION: Trinity House** Theatre, 38840 Six Mile, Livonia (northwest corner of 1-275 and Six Mile Road)

DETAILS: Solo concert by Jere

Stormer with guest artists David Nefesh, Don't Look Now jugband, Plum Street, Astronauts of Love, Acousta kimbo, the Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society and more; benefit for Gleamers Food Band of Detroit; advance tickets \$10; tickets at door \$12 (members \$9); doors open 7:30 p.m.

CONTACT: (313) 587-3110 or www.trinityhouse.org

Adoption Information Meeting DATE: Tuesday

TIME: 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: Adoption Associates, Inc., 26105 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT: Renay Rath (248)

474-0990 or rrath@adoptassoc.com; www.adoptassoc.com

Coldwater Creek Fund-raising Benefit

TIME/DATE: 4-6 p.m., Sunday June 24

LOCATION: Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile, Livonia

DETAILS: Coldwater Creek's Fashion for the Cure offers shoppers 10 percent off all merchandise during the event and the company will donate 10 percent of the event's sales to the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

CONTACT: www.coldwatercreek.com

Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

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Courtesy photo Members of the Northville **Township Fire** Department participated in a May 23 flashover training exercise behind department headquarters on Six Mile Road. The flashover trailer came from Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills. Flashover is the term used to describe the temperature at which victims and firefighters are killed, usually more than 1,800 degrées Fahrenheit.



Township fire staff experience first flashover training exercise

Members learn valuable details

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Lt. Guy Balok said every firefighter knows what the term 'flashover" means.

"That's the temperature, which usually exceeds 1,800 Fahrenheit. at which victims and firefighters are killed," said Balok, of the Northville Township Department.

Township firefighters last week gained some valuable training during the department's firstever flashover training exercise

behind its Six Mile Road head-

The department contracted with Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills, whose staff brought over a flashover training trailer. College staff members take the special training trailer to fire departments across the state, according to Balok.

"It's a structure in which a fire can be started, firefighters can watch the fire grow and watch for signs of flashover," Balok said. This is when a room reaches its ignition temperature and all of the carbon, smoke and carbon monoxide ignite at once."

In the training exercise, firefighters could see first-hand what happens when a fire reaches this level of intensity as well as what to do to prevent it.

Exercise recorded on video

Six trained fire professionals from other departments served as instructors in the exercise, during which firefighters actually go into the trailer at temperatures exceeding 200 degrees

Firefighters also had the ability to view a video at the station showing the various temperatures in a fire and what happens to objects during a fire, Balok said.

The video was recorded during the training session using a thermal imaging camera.

Balok said 22 township firefighters participated in the threeand-a-half-hour exercise. Why was this exercise so

important?

The guys all said it was an excellent training exercise

because they learned skills and knowledge that they'll be able to use in house fires in the township," Balok said. "This was a phenomenal training exercise for our department."

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John Werth, director of public safety, agreed.

"Any time we can train our individuals in such a setting in which the knowledge gained could potentially save their lives and the lives of others is invaluable to the firefighters and our community," he said.

Pam Fleming can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or at pfleming@gannett.com.

Police association, PTA help schools with life-saving gift

■ AEDs now available at five new locations

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Larry Demeter knows what's it's like to save a life.

As a Northville Township police officer, he's seen how important a tool an automated external defibrillator is when dealing with the victim of a heart

AEDs save people's lives, and they're now available in several additional Northville schools.

Demeter, school resource officer for the township's elementary and middle schools, said because of a gift of about \$10,000 from the Northville Township Police Officers Association and the PTAs of the township schools, several

AEDs have been purchased.

An AED is a device about the size of a laptop computer that analyzes the heart's rhythm for abnormalities and, if necessary, directs the user to deliver an electrical shock to the heart attack victim.

This shock, called defibrillation, may help the heart to reestablish a proper rhythm.

AEDs can be found today not only in schools but also in corpo-

rate offices, malls, airports, sports stadiums, community centers and other large places where large groups of people gather and the risk of someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest is more likely.

Early defibrillation, delivering an electrical shock to the heart, is recognized as the most critical step in restoring heart rhythm and resuscitating a victim of sudden cardiac arrest, which strikes more than 200,000 Americans each

year, according to the Red Cross. Schools receiving the devices include Moraine, Ridge Wood, Silver Springs and Winchester elementary schools and Meads Mill Middle School.

Northville High School is already supplied with the life-sav-

"We are so pleased that the police officers association and PTA were able to partner in buying these AEDs for the schools, Demeter said.

"This is all about the kids anything for the kids," he said. "You never know when one might save a life."

Demeter is also the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) officer for Northville Township elementary and middle schools.

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Novi Road closing

Novi Road will be closed at the railroad crossing between Grand River Ave. and 10 Mile Road in the City of Novi from Monday, June 18, through Friday, June 22, so the CSX Railroad can make repairs to its grade crossing. During the closure, the detour route for through traffic on Novi Road will be Grand River Ave to Meadowbrook Road to 10 Mile Road and vice versa.



Northville Township Police/Fire Softball

Members of the Northville Township Police and Fire Departments participated in their third annual softball event May 19 at Massey Field in Plymouth. The police department won the first game, 16-14, with the fire department capturing the second game, 21-7, and the third game, 12-9.

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SPORTS

Thursday, June 14, 2007 www.northyllerecord.com fax: (248) 349-9832 Did the Mustangs beat Novi?

wwy.northvillerecord.com will have the final score and highlights of Wednesday's matchup with the Baseline rival Wildcats.

REGIONAL CHA



Photos submitted by Diana Birdsall

Northville's Danielle Toney dribbles the ball upfield Friday against host Saline. Her goal with 20:58 to play was the game winner.

'Stangs in final four with 2-1 victory

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville soccer opened up a 2-0 lead before fending off a Saline comeback for a 2-1 win to claim the regional title Friday.

Sarah Stern scored in the first half, and Danielle Toney added a second-half goal for the second-half goal Mustangs.

Saline scored with 17:35 left to play. The Hornets were buzzing. but the Mustang defense shut them down the rest of the way

"Moving on at this point is the important part." Northville head coach Ron Meteyer said. "We're in the final four again, and we feel good about that.

"It's a lot farther than I thought we would be at this

Stern started the scoring a little more than 24 minutes into the contest. goalkeeper Saline Mackenzie Gilmore decided not to come out to knock away a floating corner kick by Kelsey

Baskins, and Stern took advantage by heading the ball in from close range

"It was just a perfect ball from Kelsey," Stern said. "Last year we lost nine. This is a

rebuilding season. and we just won regional."

Setting up a goal is like scoring for Baskins.
"I never have a chance to score, so whenever I can get an assist, it's really cool,"

she said. "Stern got

up there and headed the ball. It

The second goal came off a set play. Baskins sent a free kick into the penalty area, and Toney chipped the ball in for a 2-0 lead

with 20:58 to play. That one was actually planned out," Toney said. "Kelsey Baskins was just hitting them in perfectly."

Saline more than ended any doubts of if the Hornets were just going to pack it in and call it a day. They scored a little more than

three minutes later. Autumn Jacobs sent a free kick in from 20 yards out to Mustang

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Above: Northville's Julia Bawden races to beat a Saline player to the ball.

Left: The Mustang players swarm around head coach Ron Meteyer with the regional championship trophy. The Mustangs beat Saline 2-1.



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n the move means more than just running or walking. It encompasses a variety of "in motion" physical activities for a healthy lifestyle. One of my favorites is biking. In addition to the cross-train-



ing benefits biking provides, it is also an ideal alternative to running on those hot and humid summer days when you are tempted to forego any

exercise. What other activity provides its own breeze and lets you take a break and coast while still moving forward?

Best Places to Bike

Southeast Michigan offers many biking opportunities close to home. If you have a mountain bike, check out the mountain bike trails at Maybury State Park or Island Lake State Recreation

Area. For those with road bikes, here are some of my favorite biking locations:

• The streets of Northville and Novi (especially the well-shaded Historic District of Northville).

 Hines Drive — which runs
 17 miles from Northville to Ford Road in Dearborn, with a bike trail extension to Michigan Avenue. On Saturday's from May through September, a six mile stretch of Hines Drive (from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive) is closed to vehicular traffic from 9.00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for people of all ages to run, walk, skate, and cycle safely.

· Kensington Metro Park with its eight mile bike trail around

• Island Lake State Recreation Area with a paved bike trail and quiet park roads.

· The Huron Valley Trail System which starts in South Lyon and connects to Kensington Metro Park, Island Lake State Recreation Area and

 A hidden gem is the paved bike trail network in and between Lower Huron, Willow, and Oakwoods Metroparks just south of Interstate 94 off of Haggerty Road.

Biking Safety

While biking can be very enjoyable, it is important to do it safely. The first thing to consider is to make sure your bicycle is in good repair. Northville is fortunate to have two excellent bikes shops downtown (Town & Country; and D & D). Check them out. Some other guidelines

· Always ride with traffic

• Be visible and observant · Obey traffic rules

· Wear a helmet · Let others know when you

League of Michigan **Bicyclists**

are passing

An excellent source of information about biking in Michigan is the League of Michigan Bicyclists (LMB). The League's Web site (www.lmb org) includes

the 2007 Michigan Ride Calendar (a comprehensive list of one day and multi-day biking events), information on the Shoreline Bicycle Tours and a free Michigan Biking Packet.

Upcoming Events

 Saturday, June 30: The Tour De'Ville is a family-friendly bike event through the City of Northville and Northville Township. The 13- and 22-mile routes provide an excellent tour of the community. It is put on by Northville Parks and Recreation. (www.northvilleparksandrec.org)

 Saturday, July 14: The 31st Annual One Helluva Ride includes scenic bicycle touring routes from 15 to 100 miles, along with rest stops and lunch. All road events start at the Chelsea Fairgrounds. (www.aabts.org)

Northville resident Jerry Mittman is an avid runner and bicyclist. He can be contacted at jjm997@hotmail.com.



Pictrued with the championship trophy are, front row, from left, Olivia Silvestri, Rachel Brown Second row: Rachel Deacon, Allison Holden, Ellie Asher, Haley King, Maggie Stewart Third row: Marisa Hahn, Jamie Bell, Laura Pond, Michelle Nelson, Suzanne Hasse, coach Henry Stewart, head coach LeRoy Asher, coach Marianne Nelson, coach Tim Deacon.

A perfect tourney for Bronco girls

The Northville Broncos 12U Laura Pond was 3-for-3, Hahn girls travel team won the Sharks/Kriedel fast pitch softball tournament over the Memorial Day weekend in Sylvania, Ohio. The Broncos finished 6-0, including an exciting 2-1 win in the finals against the Northwest Ohio Lady Buckeyes.

Northville opened the tournament Friday night with a 7-1 win over the Lady Irish Blue. Michelle Nelson threw a twohitter with nine strikeouts to get the win. Suzanne Hasse, Marisa Hahn and Jamie Bell had key hits for the Broncos. Haley King was voted the MVP by the opposing team for her spectacular play in center-

Northville won two games on Saturday in pool play. The Broncos defeated the Toledo Wizards, 9-8. Laura Pond had the game-winning hit, a twoout walk off double to the gap in left center to clinch the win. Olivia Silvestri led the Broncos with two hits. After falling behind 8-6 in the final inning, Northville had RBI hits from King, Rachel Brown and Pond to win the game. Michelle Nelson was the MVP.

The Broncos defeated the host Sylvania Sharks, 12-6 in the second game on Saturday. Silvestri picked up the win. had two hits and Ellie Asher and Maggie Stewart had key hits for Northville. Catcher Rachel Brown was voted the

On Sunday, the Broncos won three games. The Broncos opened the day with a 4-2 win over the Irish Hills Magic. With the score tied at 2-2, Alli Holden led off the final inning with a double to left field and scored the winning run.

Northville beat Saline Sting 10-3 in the semifinals. Nelson improved to 4-0 in the tourney with a complete game. King went 3-for-3 to lead the offense.

In the Championship game, the Broncos met the Lady Buckeyes, who also entered the game with a 5-0 record. Holden was the winning pitcher. Northville fell behind 1-0, but scored two runs in the fifth inning to take the lead. Rachel Deacon had the game-winning RBI, driving in Jamie Bell, to make it 2-1. In the final inning, Holden got out of a two-on, one-out jam to claim the title for Northville.

With this tournament win, the Broncos qualified for the ASA National World Series, to be held in York, Penn., in August.



Submitted photo

Interlake champs

The Northville Travel 16 and under fast pitch softball team were the champions of a tournament on July 9-10. The Interlakes National Qualifier Tournament was held in Commerce. The Northville team went a perfect 5-0 during the tournament. Pictured are, first row, from left, Alexandra Kaszuba, Lisa Haverkate, Kelsey Whelan. Second row: Megan Sklut, Nara Demuro, Megan Hofmeister, Samantha Doud. Back ow: head coach Jim Long. Allison Holmes, Kristen McNamara, Alyson Varley, Jamie Cotrone, Brittany Birdsall, Kelsey Lewis, asst. coaches Megan Colligan, Laura Zíma.

SPORTS SHORTS

Benavides to attend Madonna

Northville baseball player Dominic Benavides has accepted a scholarship to attend Madonna University. Benavides was a threeyear varsity infielder for the Mustangs. He was voted All-Conference and was a big part of the team's 27-game winning

Westside Football Camp

Catholic Central head football coach Tom Mach will hold the 25th annual Westside Football Camp from June 18-21 for kids entering grades 5-9. The camp runs 9 a m.-3 p m. each day at

Catholic Central and costs \$180. Registration forms are available online at www.catholiccentral.net or by calling (313) 531-

Novi girls basketball camp

The Novi basketball camp for girls in grades 2-9 will take place June 18-22.

An emphasis will be placed on all game phases including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship, 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.-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 Novi Community Education at (248) . 449-1206

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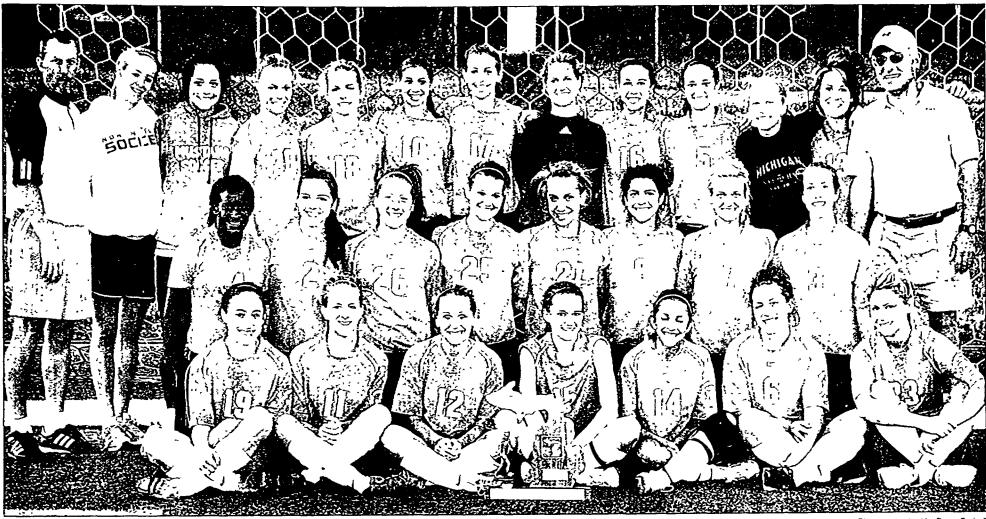


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MUSTANGS MOVE ON



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The Mustang soccer team and coaches show off their newest trophy for winning regional championship.

Northville leaves Saline with regional trophy

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goalie Liz Watza's left. The kick went over to the right post where Kacy Hartman knocked it home to cut the lead in half.

Saline only recorded one decent attempt the rest of the way. but Watza made a routine save with 2:54 left to keep the lead and

help preserve the win.
"I was kind of like we're not going to lose this game, because we're just not." Toney thought to herself after the Saline goal. There was a little bit of panic because there is just a one-goal difference, but at the same time I knew that we wouldn't let that Semifinals and state

The regional win set up another contest with Novi, played yester-day in Brighton. Novi won the earlier season matchup 3-0, but a win by the Mustangs would land them in the state finals

The Division I state finals is 2.30 p.m. Saturday at Troy

Alive before Wednesday's games on the other side of the bracket are Rochester and Grosse Pointe North

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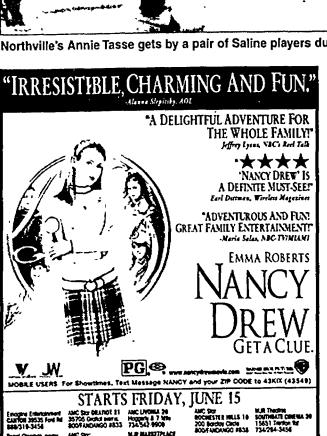


Northville's Annie Tasse gets by a pair of Saline players during the regional finals.

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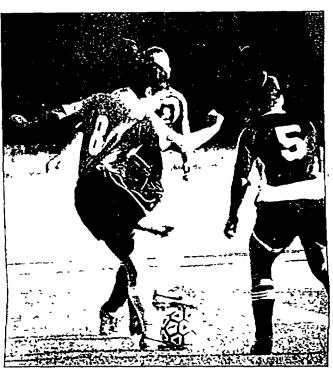
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· Bathrooms and the kitchen should be given a deep cleaning. Homeowners should consider hiring a cleaning company that offers "move in I move out" cleaning services to do the job.

• If kitchen cabinet surfaces are in bad shape, refacing may be an option. Far less expensive than new cabinetry, refacing can give old and worn cabinets new life and can visually update a kitchen.

• Consider replacing kitchen or bathroom counters with a neutral colored laminate surface if the current material is badly worn or stained. This gives everything a fresh look and prevents buyers from focusing on an evesore.

• Fresh paint on the walls and ceilings will do wonders for all



rooms in the house. Stick to neutral colors so that buyers aren't distracted by the color. They'll be able to imagine themselves and their furniture in the space much more easily.

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EXTERIOR

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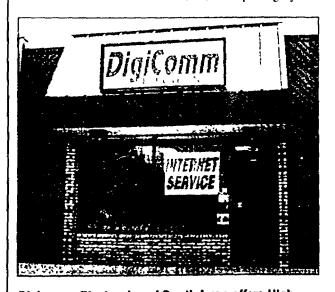
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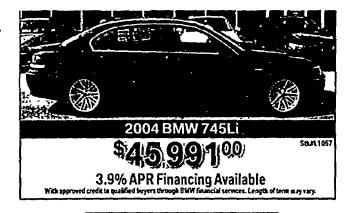
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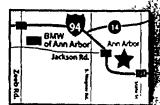




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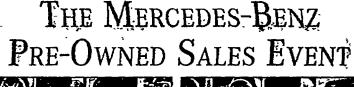


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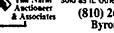
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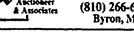
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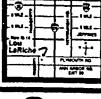
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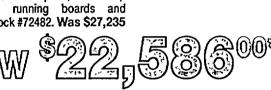
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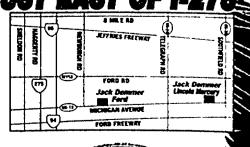
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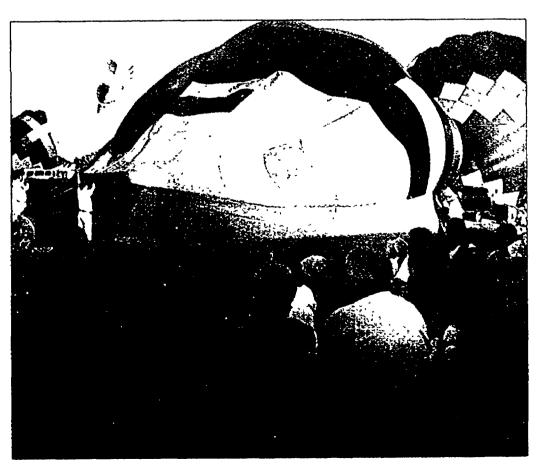
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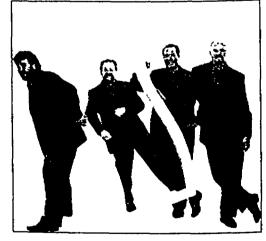
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"When that many people enjoy an event, the committee knows it is providing a festival that fits into the interests and budgets of many families," Tokan added, "We've added many new activities to Michigan Challenge XXIII that offer even more for the money."

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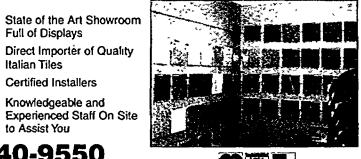
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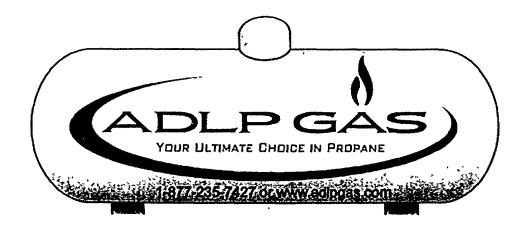
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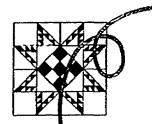
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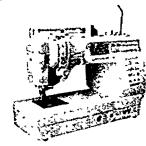
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On behalf of the is my pleasure to welcome you.

entire community, it Geraldine K. Moen Mayor

Balloonfest is an exciting time in the city. Not only do we all enjoy this great event, but we are also pleased to show off our beautiful, historic town to so many first-time and returning guests.

We're proud to be the host community for

the 23rd annual Michigan Challenge Balloonfest, the state championship of hotair ballooning. It is always a thrill to see dozens of beautiful balloons launching into the sky over Howell.

But balloons are just one part of this great weekend. The committee has planned lots of activities and fun. I hope you will come downtown and enjoy all the great family entertainment planned for the weekend. Take a stroll through our beautiful neighborhoods. Visit our stores and dine in our restaurants. You'll see why we're so proud of our city.

I'd like to thank the hundreds of community volunteers who work so hard to make the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest such an outstanding special event. I'd also like to congratulate the many city employees who help the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce stage this huge event. It would not be possible without their cooperation and help.

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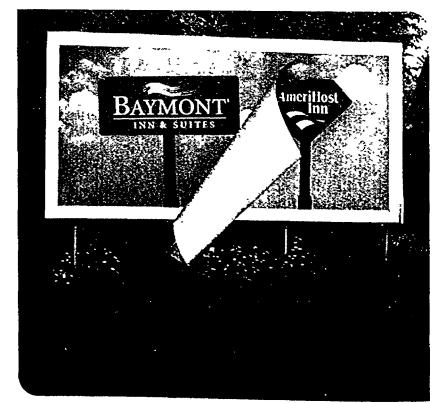


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"Entertainment and activities include a movie, skydivers, carnival, celebrities, a 5K run, cars, arts and music, but the highlight of the weekend is the hot-air balloons that decorate the sky throughout Howell," said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge director.

It all happens during Michigan Challenge weekend, June 22-24. The event is the state championship of hotair ballooning and one of the largest three-day outdoor events in Southeast Michigan. Balloonfest is held at the Howell High School complex, 1200 W. Grand River Ave. Events are also held in downtown Howell, about a mile east of the high school.

"Balloonfest is fun and affordable and signals the start of summer," said Tokan. "It's a family tradition for many of our guests who make this part of their vacation and holiday plans."

The Michigan Challenge is hosted by the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce. Major Sponsor is National City Bank. Supporting Sponsors are Citizens Insurance, Tanger Outlet Center, Pepsi and Waste Management. Site host is Howell Public Schools.

Activities at the high school launch site include balloon fly-ins and launches and special nighttime destinations.

On Friday night, the Comcast Film Series On The Road at the Michigan Challenge shows the movie "Happy Feet".

Then on Saturday night, a performance by Three Men and a Tenor gets the crowd warmed up for the balloon glow and night skydiving show. The color and spectacle make the glow a not-to-be-missed event

As darkness falls, more than 20 pilots will return from their competitive flights to inflate their balloons on the launch field. It is a never-to-be-forgotten sight as the many colors of the balloons are

illuminated against the night sky.

Daytime attractions include skate board exhibitions, skydivers, the Michigan Challenge 5K Chase, interactive national mobile tours, Windjammers stunt kite shows, a medieval village and horse show, a juried arts festival, Rock-N-Roll K-9s, music, Citizens Insurance Family Fun Tent, classic cars, games, carnival rides, concerts, music, comedy and juggling.

Fifty-six pilots, some flying specialshaped balloons, will compete in the event this year and have traveled to balloonfest from across the country.

Mass balloon launches take place, weather permitting, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, between 6-8 p.m.

Early birds can arrive just after dawn on Saturday and Sunday to watch the pilots compete for the title of Michigan Challenge champion as they fly in to the site after launching their craft from locations in the countryside.

Take a look at what's new at Michigan Challenge XXIII

In addition to all of the balloonfest favorites, the Michigan Challenge committee has added many new attractions for 2007.

"Balloonfest just gets better every year, creating an entertainment experience where memories are made and the fun continues night and day," said Tokan. "Comcast's showing of "Happy Feet" creates a Friday night destination. Saturday night is always spectacular with the balloon glow and skydiving show."

To fit in with the nighttime magic, the Spirit of Livingston has created a special glow in the dark T-shirt as part of the official Michigan Challenge Balloonfest merchandise that can be purchased at the event or in advance by calling (517) 545.8831

New special-shaped balloons fly this year. The Felix the Cat balloon, sponsored by Countryside Veterinary Hospital, makes its first appearance at the Michigan Challenge.

"Many of us remember the feline cartoon character — Felix the Cat, the wonderful, wonderful cat," said Tokan. "It will be wonderful to see Felix fly at balloonfest."

Flat Earth brings a new corporate balloon to the event to promote its new fruit crisp and vegetable crisp snacks that will be sampled during the weekend.

JVC brings its Perfect Experience Tour to the Michigan Challenge with hands-on, interactive displays featuring their latest products and equipment.

As part of its sponsorship of the Windjammers Stunt Kite Team, Blue Cross & Blue Shield (BCBSM) of MI brings The Blues Cruiser to balloonfest featuring an appearance by former Detroit Tigers sportscaster Ernie Harwell on Sunday, June 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. At The Blues Cruiser, guests will learn about BCBSM products and services. The mobile education center features health and wellness literature, videos and presentations.

Also on Sunday, the second annual Michigan Challenge 5K Chase will be run at 8:30 a.m. and offers a unique setting for runners and spectators. A new ¼ mile Kid's Run around the launch field will take place at 9:15 a.m.

"The 5K race course covers the entire balloonfest grounds. Runners will experience many different terrains and be treated with some surprises along the way," said Tokan. "Since balloonfest is a family event, we've added a Kid's Run so runners of all ages have an opportunity to benefit from some early morning exercise."

The 5K Chase is sponsored by Baskin Robbins, Dunkin Donuts and Mugg & Bopps. Registration information can be found at michiganchallenge.com.

Finally a medieval equestrian horse show will be part of the Medieval Village and perform on the launch field at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Medieval Village is sponsored by LaFontaine Automotive Group.

Enjoy balloonfest all day long

With so much to see and do, guests are encouraged to spend the day at the Michigan Challenge. Come to the Citizens Insurance Family Fun Tent on Saturday and Sunday afternoon in the dining area for free, hands-on activities, games and crafts for all ages.

Watch skydivers jump from the sky during five scheduled daytime performances.

Fly a kite with The Windjammers Stunt Kite Team, who dazzle the crowd with their spectacular kite performances, choreographed to music.

Travel back in time with a visit to the Medieval Village.

Pick up a gift or something to take home at the Arts Festival, sponsored by Champion Chevrolet.

Enjoy live performances and entertainment at the arts festival, dining area and main stage area. Entertainment is sponsored by Krug Ford and Atlas Gutter Helmet.

Shake a leg and tap your paws to performances by the Rock-N-Roll K-9s, dogs that run through specially designed courses. Sponsored by Meijer, these performing canines certainly earn the title of man's best friend at balloonfest.

Take a trip down memory lane at the Antique and Custom Car Show sponsored by Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep.

And take it to the extreme at the Skate Board Exhibition sponsored by Special Editions Skate Board Shop and the Lighthouse Skate Team.

There's just too much to mention it all! Check out the entire event schedule at michiganchallenge.com.

Destination downtown Howell

Visitors to downtown Howell will enjoy great entertainment and activities, centered around the historic Livingston County Courthouse and on the sidewalks of the city during Michigan

during Michigan
Challenge
Balloonfest weekend, June 22-24.
Shoppers will love

the bargains at the inflation sale that takes place early Saturday morning from 5-9 a.m. to coincide with the scheduled balloon launch. Downtown Howell merchants will have select items on sale each hour, and the earlier you shop, the bigger the discounts.

Kids, music and more will be the theme for downtown activities. Saturday is Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kids Day and Sunday is Schafer's House of Music — Music

Day.

"The downtown committee has planned some new activities that allow families to interact in front of the beautiful Livingston County Courthouse, a city landmark," said Tokan.

Activities include karate demonstrations, dog shows, make and take crafts from the Livingston County Family YMCA, music, a bubble factory, games, contests, basketball, community garage sale, Farmers' Market, entertainment and more.

The Michigan Challenge is an event to remember and a visit to downtown Howell provides even more memories! Visitors are encouraged to come early and stay late all three days to enjoy everything the weekend has to offer.

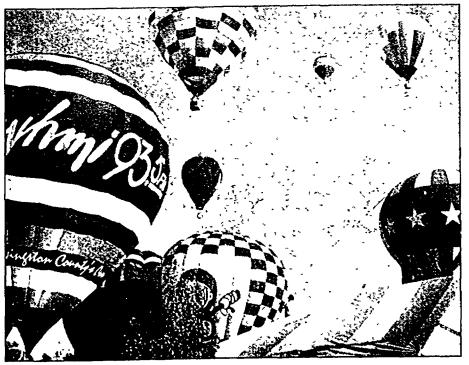


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MICHIGAN CHALLENGE BALLOONFEST XXIII

June 22-24

- Most events are held on the campus of Howell High School and at the Historic Livingston County Courthouse in downtown Howell
- Parking is \$12 per day or \$20 for the weekend and includes admission for everyone in the vehicle. Visitors may come and go as often as they like on the single parking pass.
- Each parking pass comes with a coupon that can be exchanged at the information booth for a chance to win a hot-air balloon ride. Additional raffle tickets are available.
- Pets, smoking and alcohol are prohibited on school grounds.

Chamber welcomes all to balloonfest

Can this time of year in Howell be any more exciting?

Based on all the new attractions and old favorites coming to the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest this year, June 2007 might be one for the record books.

The Howell area is proud and delighted to welcome the many thousands of visitors to our 23rd year of one of the finest ballooning events in the country. The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest committee, the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce and the entire community has been anticipating — and planning for — this event for the past year.

Congratulations and thanks to the members of the balloonfest committee, chaired by Reed Kittredge of WHMI 93-5, who create a memorable weekend. Balloonfest is a real partnership among all those involved — businesses, volunteers and the community.

Our sponsors help make this event possible. Many thanks to our long-time Michigan Challenge Major Sponsor, National City Bank; to our Supporting Sponsors, Citizens Insurance, Pepsi, Waste Management and Tanger Outlet Center; to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MI for its sponsorship of the

Windjammers Stunt Kite Team; to Krug Ford and Atlas Gutter Helmet for entertainment sponsorships; to Meijer for its sponsorship of the Rock-N-Roll K-9 Show; to Champion Chevrolet for its sponsorship of the Arts Festival, to the LaFontaine Automotive Group for its



Pat Convery President

sponsorship of the Medieval Village, to The Livingston Community News for its sponsorship of the VIP room, and to Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep for its sponsorship of the Antique and Custom Car Show.

Special thanks to Comcast for providing a new Friday night destination at balloonfest

Charlotte Swann Chairman

Sponsors contribute to balloonfest activities in downtown Howell as well. Thanks to Saint

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to Schafer's House of Music for sponsoring Music Day on Sunday.

Our second annual Michigan Challenge 5K Chase, a 5K run through balloonfest grounds, on Sunday morning is sponsored by Baskin Robbins, Dunkin' Donuts and Mugg & Bopps. The race team has added a 4 mile

Kid's Run around the launch field after the 5K.

The help and cooperation of the Howell Public Schools and the city of Howell are key in the success of the balloonfest. We could not do it without them. The staffs of both the city and the schools are enthusiastic partners in staging this event.

We'd also like to thank the many other area companies that have contributed to the success of the Michigan Challenge in countless ways, such as sponsoring individual balloons, advertising in this publication, providing product, allowing employees time off to volunteer or helping promote the weekend.

The mission of the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce is to "be a catalyst for a vital business environment and an exceptional community."

We feel the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest accomplishes just that, in addition to providing great family entertainment and a weekend of memories.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Swann, Chairman
Pat Convery, President
Howell Area Chamber of Commerce

For additional Michigan Challenge Balloonfest information, visit **michiganchallenge.com**

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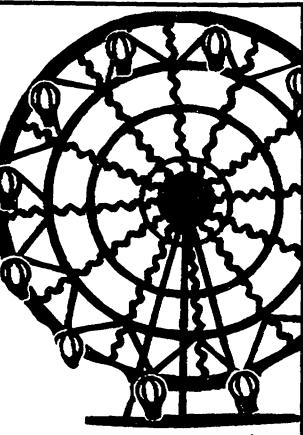
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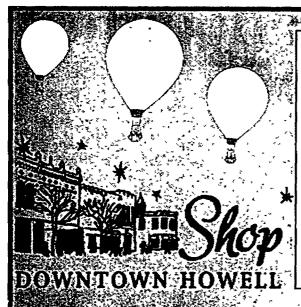
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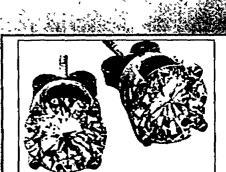
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- Balloon baskets are made of wicker, not just to be picturesque, but because wicker is light in weight, strong, and is a good shock absorber in the event of a rocky landing.
- A balloon crew is typically four people
 one pilot and three ground crew. Crews
 are essential for a safe launch and the recovery of the balloon after landing.
- The most popular hot-air balloons are about seven stories tall and 55 feet wide, with an average of almost 1,800-square-yards of nylon fabric, three miles of thread and ½ mile of reinforced nylon webbing. It weighs about 500 pounds, not inflated. When fully inflated, a balloon will weigh about 2½ tons. Of course, increase these numbers substantially for the huge special shape balloons.
- The multi-colored balloon part of a hotair balloon is technically called the envelope and is made of rip-stop nylon.
- Balloons cost tens of thousands of dollars to make, including the envelope, basket and burner. Special shape balloons can cost more than \$100,000.
- Balloons are registered aircraft. Pilots must be licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration, very much like airplane pilots. You must be 16 years old to be a pilot.
- Propane is used to fuel the burners that provide lift for the balloons. Most balloons carry four 10-gallon propane cylinders.
- Balloon burners generate about 10 million BTUs.
- With 40 gallons of propane on board, balloons can fly for about two hours. Most flights, however, last about 1½ hours.
- Why do pilots traditionally toast with champagne at a flight's end? When the first balloon took flight in France in the late 18th century, it terrified the country folk, who thought the strange craft was some kind of monster. After the first few unhappy incidents with landowners, the pilot began carrying champagne as a sign of friendship and appeasement for the farmers.

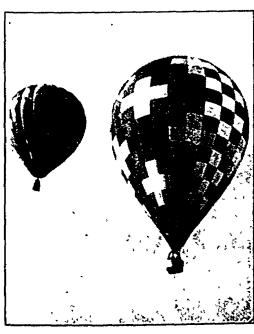


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Hot-air balloons need clear skies with low winds in order to fly.

Where are the Balloons?

- Because they can't steer and are at the mercy of the wind, hot-air balloons cannot fly unless there are no storms in the area and the winds are less than 12 mph.
- The sun typically creates wind currents during the day, so balloons only fly in the early morning and late evening.
- Five flights are planned for balloonfest weekend.
- Listen for announcements from the main stage, near the launch field, for the latest details.

LAUNCH SCHEDULE

Friday between 6-8 p.m. Saturday between 6-8 p.m. Sunday between 6-8 p.m.

FLY-IN SCHEDULE Saturday between 6-8 a.m. Sunday between 6-8 a.m.

BALLOON GLOW Saturday as darkness falls

- Balloons hold between 30,000 and 800,000 cubic feet of air, depending on the size. Most hold about 70,000 cubic feet.
- You can't "steer" a balloon. But pilots make directional changes by going to different altitudes where the wind may be shifting to the direction they need to reach the target.
- Who's got the right of way airplanes or hot-air balloons? With both craft converging on the same area, the balloon has the right of way, similar to power boats that give the right of way to sail boats.
- Balloons often fly over water.

 Sometimes, a pilot will do what's called a "splash and dash" when the balloon descends to touch down in the water and then take off again.
- What's that rope hanging from the top of the balloon? It's called the crown line and is used to hold the balloon down during inflation. Sometimes the ground crew uses it to stabilize the balloon during landings.
- Each pilot has several gauges on board. There is an altimeter to register how high the balloon is and a variometer to indicate whether the craft is going up or down. The pilot has a temperature gauge to tell how hot the air is at the top of the balloon. Of course, the propane tanks have fuel gauges.





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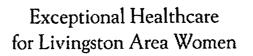


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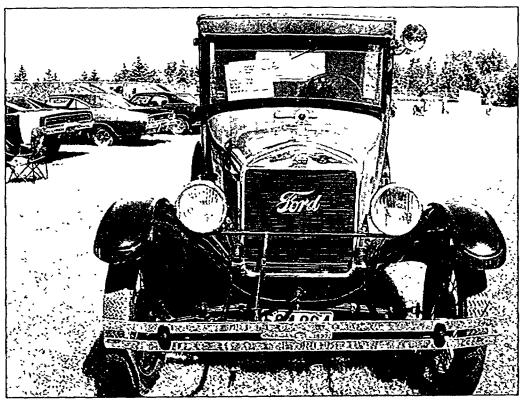


Photo by CHRISTOPHER PAREN

Antique, classic, muscle and custom cars are all featured at balloonfest.

Classic, custom cars ready to roar

It's a balloonfest classic — the Antique and Custom Car Show at the Michigan Challenge.

Located north of the balloon launch field, the show features classics and coupes from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Guests can see the vehicles up close and picture themselves behind the wheel of a classic car.

To help get the launch field warmed up for evening balloon flights, cars in the show parade around the field at 4:30 p.m. each day.

"The car parade is one of the most fun events of the weekend because car enthusiasts who bring their vehicles to display get to start their engines and cruise around the launch field," said Gary Morris, car show chair. "It's the Michigan Challenge's version of afternoon drive time"

Trophies will be awarded.

The Antique and Custom Car Show is coordinated by the Livingston A's Region of the Model A Restorers Club and sponsored by Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep.

"We love our cars in Michigan, and seeing the classics at balloonfest is a great way to celebrate the state championship of hot-air ballooning," said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge director.

The first 100 car owners who bring their vehicles to the show before 1 p.m. and stay for the car parade will receive a beautiful

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brass dash plaque featuring the Michigan Challenge XXIII commemorative pin.

Participants are asked to arrive at the Highlander Way gate of the balloonfest before 2 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday to qualify for the show and be directed to the display area.

Entrance fee is \$10 per car, per day.

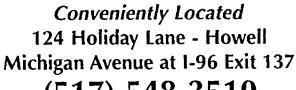
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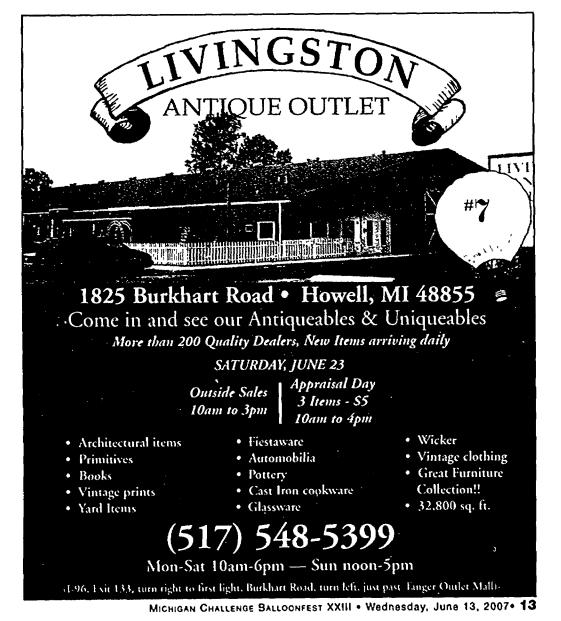
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Run in the Michigan Challenge 5K Chase

The second annual 5K Chase will be part of the activities at balloonfest and will be run on Sunday morning, June 24, at 8:30 a.m.

CHALLENGE 5K CHASE Starts and finishes at Parker Skate Park, north of the

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launch field Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Register online at gaultracemanagement.com

New this year is a 4 mile Kid's Kun around the launch field at 9:15. A \$2 registration fee includes race number. race award and refreshments for the kids.

"Runners will have a chance to see the balloon fly-in on Sunday morning as well as run through balloonfest grounds at the Howell High School complex."



Eric Trimble, race co-director, "The venue will be unique for runners, and is an added attraction for guests who come to see the balloons compete.'

Registered runners will be eligible for a post-race drawing for a discovery flight donated by American Aces Aviation.

The 5K race course covers the entire balloonfest grounds. Runners will experience many different terrains and be treated with some surprises along the way, said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge director. "Since balloonfest is a family event, we've added a Kid's Run so runners of all ages have an opportunity to benefit from some early morning exercise."

Sponsors for the 5K Chase are Baskin Robbins, Dunkin' Donuts and Mugg &

Entry fee is \$16 before June 22; \$18 on



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Spectators, including Coffee and Donut from Dunkin' Donuts, wait to cheer for the runners during last year's event.

June 23; or \$20 on race day. Race fee includes parking, 5K race, ChampionChip timing, T-shirt and refreshments.

Runners can register online at gaultracemanagement.com.

The Michigan Challenge 5K Chase has received endorsement from The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports.

According to the council, the endorsement program provides a network of

opportunities to youth through adults for becoming and staying active, and acts as a seal of approval as a well-planned and high-quality program.

In addition, runners who participate in a Governor's Council endorsed run can register for a chance to be one of only 300 runners in the 2007 Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Run.

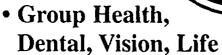
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City of Howell offers downtown destination during balloonfest

Like bargains? Great music? Family activities? Then, don't forget to add downtown Howell to your balloonfest plans.

"Downtown Howell is a beautiful place for families to gather and have fun," said Michigan Challenge Director Michelle Tokan.

Wake up early on Saturday, June 23 and bring your shopping bag for the inflation sale that takes place from 5-9 a.m. to coincide with the scheduled balloon launch. The balloons will be inflating and flying into the balloonfest site during the early morning hours while bargains await shoppers downtown. Many Howell merchants will have select items on sale each hour, and the earlier you shop, the bigger the discounts, with many items at 40 percent off between 5 and 6 a.m.

Have fun with the kids all day Saturday during Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kid's Day and enjoy karate demonstrations, dog shows, basketball, a community garage sale, games, bubble blowing, dancing, make-and-take crafts from the Livingston County Family YMCA and more.

Listen to the sounds of music on Sunday, June 24 during Schafer's House of Music — Music Day and stroll through Howell's Sunday Farmers' Market for fresh produce and flowers.

The downtown venue — with shops, restaurants and entertainment — is a mile east of the Howell High School complex where the balloons launch.

Friday, June 22

Shop and dine in the city's quaint shops and restaurants.

Saturday, June 23

Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kid's Day

Downtown Howell Merchant Inflation Sale 5 to 9 a.m. Trunks to Treasures 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dozens of community members will empty their car trunks of treasures for sale. This "community garage sale" is sure to

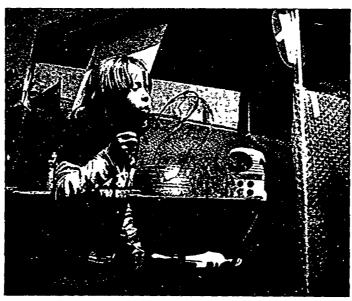


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Bubble blowing offers summer fun.

provide something to pique your interest. Want to be a part of the sale? Call the Howell chamber at (517) 546-3920. Trunks to Treasures is on State Street, next to the courthouse.

Ohana Karate 10 a.m.
Karate demonstrations show off skills of the masters.

Dog Show Noon

The always-popular Dog Show is more bow-wow than high-brow and even offers a pet refreshment stand. Prizes will be awarded for the "musical hoops," "most unique," and "costume contest." Each participant will receive a doggie goodie bag and there will be trophies. Registration begins at 11 a m.



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Tessa won the high-jump contest for dogs last year.

The dog show is presented by Town Center Veterinary Clinic.

AKC Canine High Jump Contest 1 p.m.

Watch dogs of all sizes participate in a high jump competition, and stop by the Canine Good Citizen information booth with your dog. Presented by Kern Road Vet.

Michelle's Academy of Dance and

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Kids 4-18 can dance with the team to a mixture of jazz, hip hop. lyrical and ballet with local vocalists.

Saturday Night AfterGlow!

Downtown Howell is the place to be on Saturday night. Relax and enjoy the party after a great day at balloonfest.

Sunday, June 24

Schafer's House of Music — Music Day Great live music will be the feature of Sunday's balloonfest activities. Children can paint at the art easels and design musical instruments.

Howell Sunday Farmers' Market 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Stop by to purchase home-grown, home-baked and home-made goodies. Many of the area's finest farmers and growers will have their produce for sale. The Farmers' Market is located on State Street, next to the courthouse

Children's Musical Parade

Kids can bring their own instruments and strike up the band as Sunday activities begin downtown.

Livingston County Concert Band 11 a.m.

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Three Men and a Tenor return

Michigan's own Three Men and a Tenor join the Michigan Challenge entertainment lineup on Saturday, June 23 at 8 p.m. at the launch field.

The entertaining a cappella performance follows the mass balloon launch. Excitement will still fly high after Three Men and a Tenor perform. As darkness falls, balloons return to

the field for the balloon glow and skydiving night show.

"We're delighted to have Three Men and a Tenor at the Michigan Challenge" said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge director. "The group appeals to all ages. They put on a great show that's fun to watch as well as to listen to."

Paul Felch, Chuck Colby and Mark Stiles are the "Three Men" in the group. Glenn Williams completes the group as "The Tenor." The group was voted "The Best

The group was voted "The Best Entertainment in Michigan — 2006," by the Michigan Meetings and events Magazine.

The four men with uniquely different musical backgrounds blend together to create a sound and style that is one of a kind. The singers put a



Submitted Photo

Chuck Colby performs.

spin on classic, sing-along songs, sung a cappella.

What's so special about the group?

It's hard to define. Perhaps, its their up beat style, popular lyrics, fun loving attitude or simply the way the group came together. In January of 1992, four members of the Michigan State University Men's Glee Club joined anticipating singing one song for only one performance. More than 15 years later, the four college friends have stayed together making a career out of singing and entertaining. Whatever the case may be, one thing is certain, Three Men and a Tenor's success is inarguable.

2003 was a big year for the group as they made a television appearance on a PBS-TV special titled, "Three Men and a Tenor in Concert." The special went on to win an Emmy award for "Best Live Direction of Cameras." It was also nominated for a "Golden Screen" Award for Best "Live" Show.

In 2004 the guys took their style outside of the U.S. with their Ten Thousand Smiles Tour. The group toured Germany visiting the schools of the children of those serving our country. Three Men and a Tenor also brought smiles to those at Ramstein Air Force Base, located in Germany.

"The Michigan Challenge attracts pilots who have flown around the world. With Three Men and a Tenor joining the event, we now have entertainment that has world-wide recognition as well," added Tokan.



Start a pin collection

Don't forget to pick up the Michigan Challenge XXIII commemorative pin, which features "Fast & Serious" flown by Shawn Raya, the 2006 Michigan Challenge champion.

The second place balloon from last year is also featured on the pin. It is "ZL Racer 60" flown by pilot Andy Baird.

Pins are available for \$5 each at the Michigan Challenge and at the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Pins from previous years may also be available for those starting a collection of Michigan Challenge Balloonfest commemorative pins.



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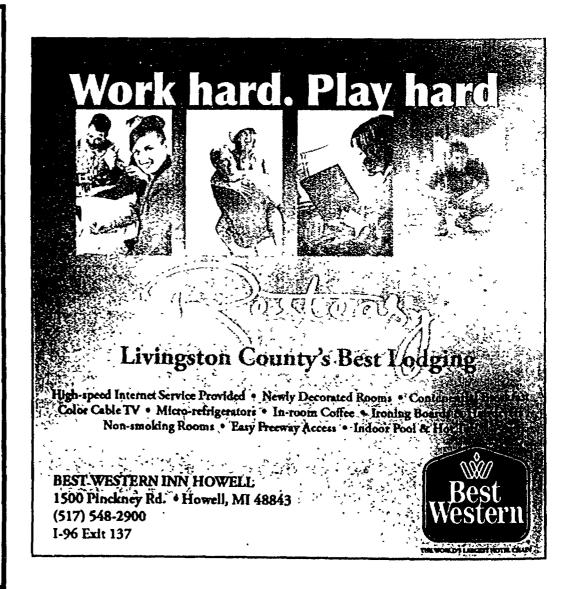
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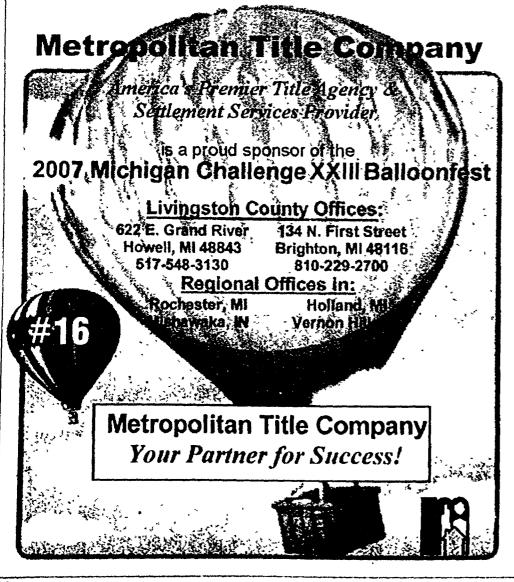
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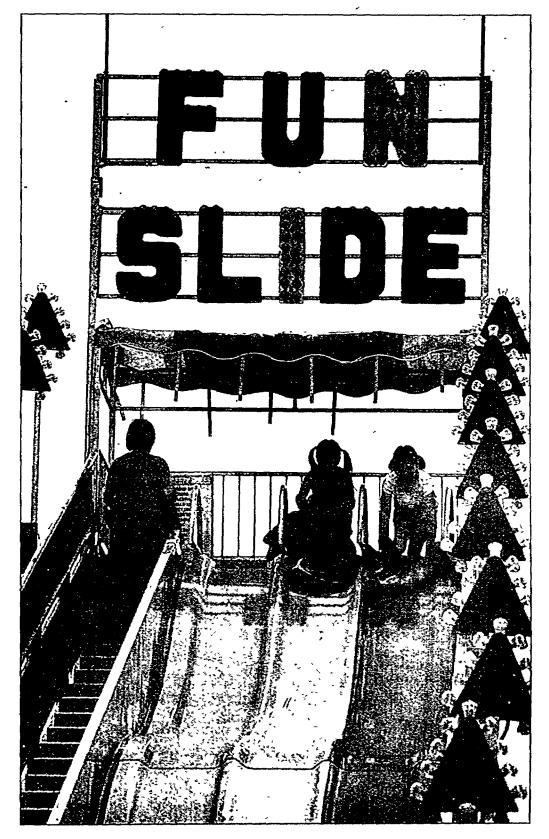
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Ready for the ride of your life?

Hop on the 100 foot giant ferris wheel and see the balloons launch from high above the ground.

Wanna ride is a hot-air balloon?
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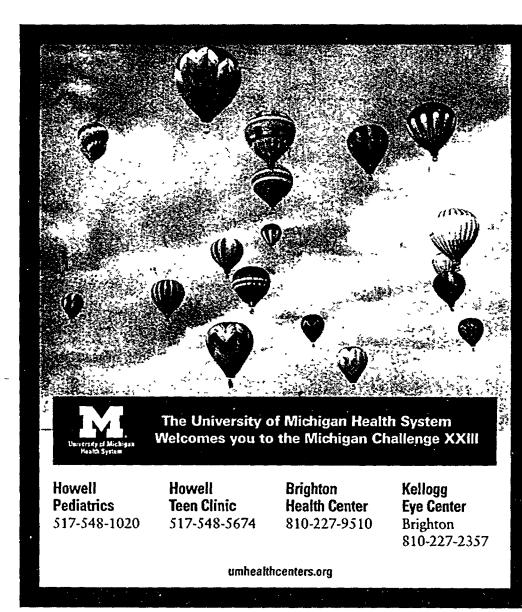
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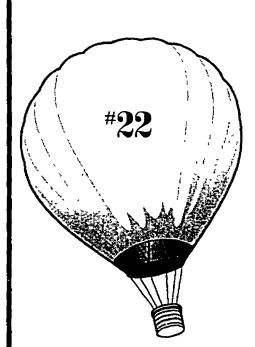
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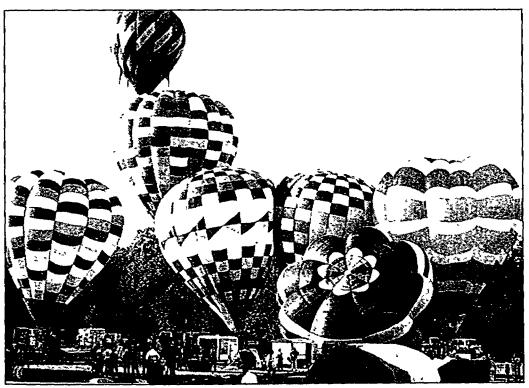


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Balloonfest pilots face challenging tasks

Flying a hot-air balloon is an adventure in itself, but competing in the Michigan Challenge involves skill, accuracy and good judgment as well.

Although popularly called "races," competitions such as the challenge have nothing to do with how fast or how far a balloon travels. It's all a matter of skill.

The competition is based on how well pilots can use wind currents and altitude to steer their balloons to a specific target. Pilots toss a numbered "baggie" onto an "X"-shaped target. A baggie is made of rip-stop nylon, weighted at one end, with a long nylon tail that streams behind it as it descends.

During the scheduled balloon launches, targets are set up in pre-arranged areas. Competing pilots fly their balloons near the target and toss a baggie from their balloon basket aiming for the center of the target on the ground below. The throws are then measured by official scorers who record the distance from the target.

"Pilots who fly in the event are some of the best in the sport. They take the competition seriously and make the event very exciting to watch," said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge director.

The competition takes place in the early evening and just after dawn because that is when the winds are the calmest. During the Michigan Challenge, balloon launches and fly ins are scheduled between 6-8 p.m. and 6-8 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Winds over 12 mph, rain or lightning will keep the balloons grounded.

Guests can easily watch the competition during morning flights at the Michigan

Challenge when the "X" is located right at the launch field and the pilots take eff from various spots out in the countryside.

Balloonists will compete in various events during the competition.

- Judge Declared Goal a goal, perhaps a target or road intersection, declared by the balloonmeister.
- Hare and Hound the hare or lead balloon leaves the field first and the hounds, the remaining balloons, try to follow and throw a marker.
- Watership Down balloons fly into the main launch field and follow a hare out that takes off at a predetermined time.

 Convergent Navigational Task (CNT) — a fly in task, usually at the main launch field.

Each event will have at least one target (or task), sometimes two or three. The type of competition will depend on the weather conditions and will be determined by Balloonmeister Jim Birk. Events will be announced at the pilot briefing prior to each launch. Spectators should listen for competition announcer Tom Maynard, who will supply the details of each flight.

During Michigan Challenge XXIII, balloon pilots will compete for a beautiful trophy, cash and prizes and bragging rights as the official Michigan Champion of hot-air ballooning.

In this competition, pilots must drop a bean bag marker as close to the "X" on the field as possible. They cannot allow any part of the balloon or basket to touch the ground or a tree nearby.



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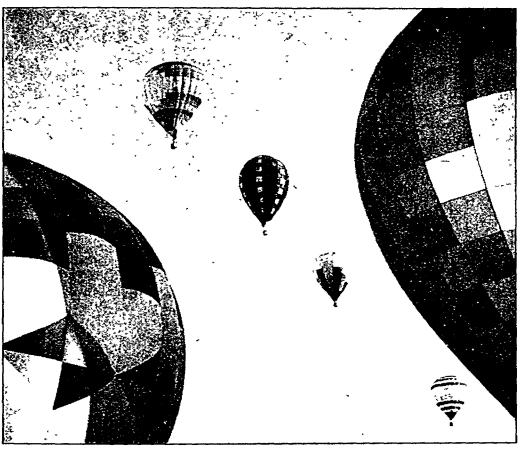


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Balloons take to the air Saturday evening in one of the numerous launches allowed by ideal weather during the 2006 Michigan Challenge Balloonfest in Howell.

Spend time in the Family Fun Tent

The Family Fun Tent, sponsored by Citizens Insurance, is the perfect place for the whole family to enjoy balloonfest.

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The Citizens Family Fun Tent will be open on Saturday and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. in the dining/entertainment area, across from the carnival.

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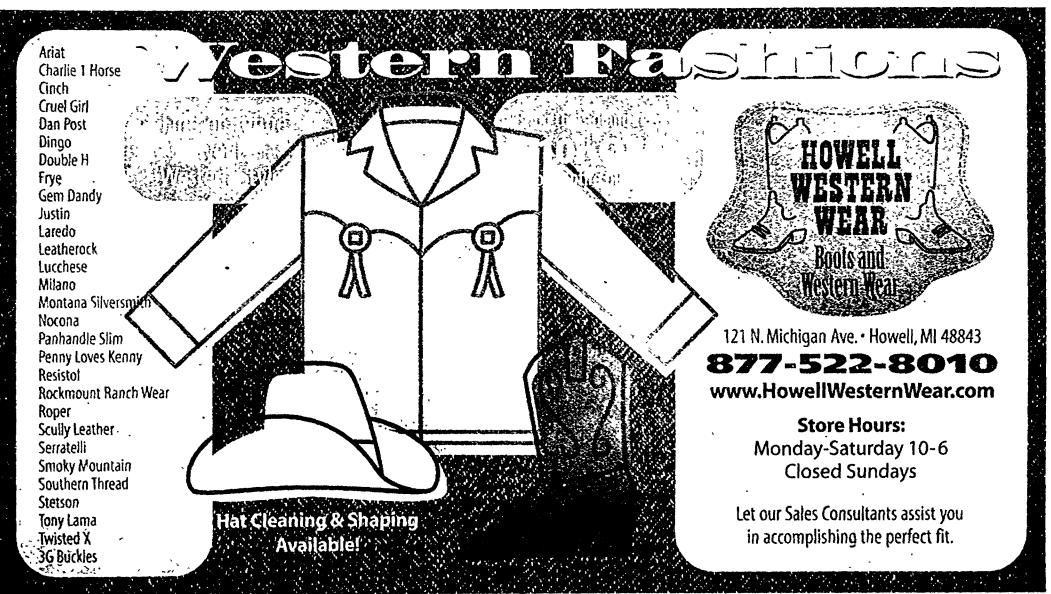
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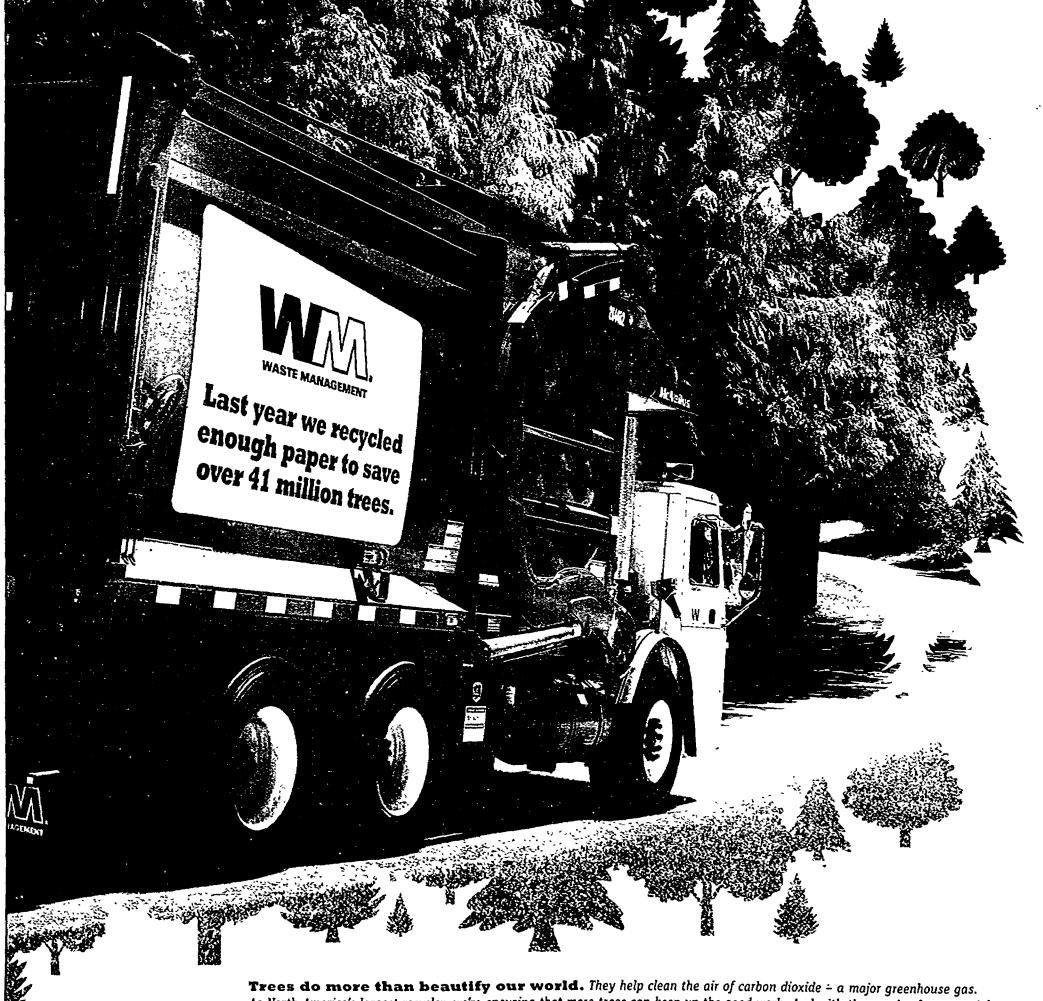
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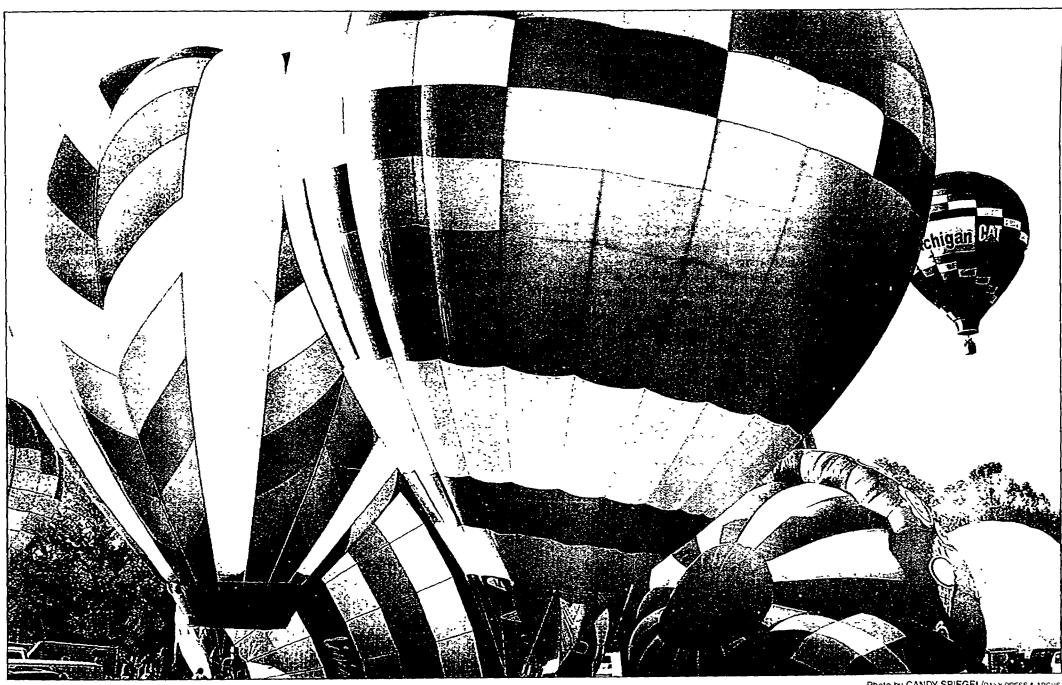
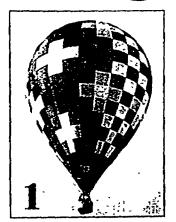


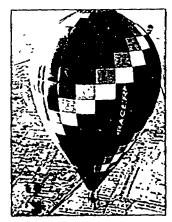
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Bring out the balloons and meet the pilots



Shawn Raya, the 2006 champion, hails from Oxford with his wife Sandy and family. Sponsored by The Greene-Cutright Team/ The Michigan Group Realtors, Shawn flies a Cameron ZL-65 called "Fast & Serious."

Since Shawn won last year's competition, his balloon is featured on this year's collector pin that may be purchased at the balloonfest information booths.

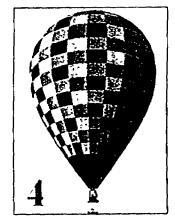


Dr. Paul Thielking sponsors Andy Baird, the second place pilot last year. Andy was also the 2003 Michigan Challenge Champion and owns Cameron Balloons in Dexter. The balloon design features a new shape to make it easier to cut through the air to score. It is a beautiful stair-step pattern of blue hues.



Ron Centers flies the National City Bank balloon, an envelope with red, white and blue vertical gores and the National City corporate

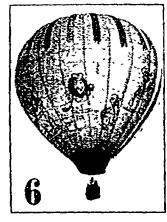
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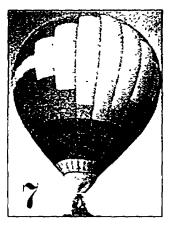
A brand new ZL Racer named "First Impression" will be flown by Howell pilot Paul Petrehn. First **Impression Print and** Marketing sponsors Paul for his seventh Challenge race. It is a bright egg shaped entry of multiple colors including red, orange. black, navy, royal, purple and yellow checkerboard.



Dr. Ismael Yanga sponsors Chuck Polonowski who hails from Rockford. His wife Mary is his crew chief and this year is his fifth attempt to capture the Challenge trophy. "Double Yellow" is a spiral step pat-tern of maroon, orange, red. green and black against a bright yellow background.



Gordon Boring, who has flown many different styles of balloons including those powered by gas, flies a designer balloon called "Boynton Critters." His wife Margaret is his Crew Chief, and this is their 13th attempt at the Michigan Challenge, Kensington Inn sponsors his return trip.



Livingston Antique Outlet sponsors Chuck Walz who travels from Munith for his 10th Michigan Challenge. "Little Trails" is a brand new racerballoon decorated with bright red, orange and yellow colors. Squirt is Chuck's crew chief.



Bill Sterner flies "God's Promise," a chevron patterned balloon with white sections splashing through the chevron colors in alternating gores. His sponsor is Miller & Co. This is Bill's 19th trip to the Michigan Challenge.



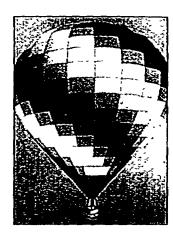
"Ralphie's Ride" is dedicated to Fowlerville pilot Ken Myer's dad. Spartan Tire sponsors this beautiful midnight blue envelope with a horizontal band of primary colors. Ken's wife Lori is his crew chief and attends to all of the flight details.



Sarah Johnson, from Howell, returns for her second flight at the Michigan Challenge. Her husband Mark, who is also a pilot, is her crew chief. Their balloon, "Quietude," features a stair-step chevron pattern of rich warm colors. This year's flight is sponsored by Howell Village Market.



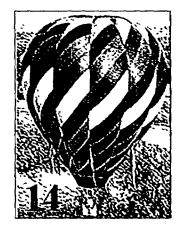
The UPS Store sponsors Jeff Bartlett from Sharpsville, Penn. Jeff flies "Tunbleweed," a sky blue envelope with a band of yellow and red diamonds around the circumference. Sandy, Jeff's wife, is his crew chief.



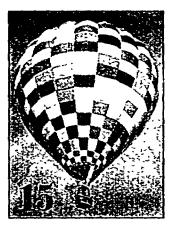
A yellow, black and red spiral design balloon called "Fore" is flown by Wes Dickerson of Milford. This will be his sixth time competing in the Challenge. He has great support from Oceola Township, his sponsor for many years. His crew chief is his wife Carol.



Best Western of Howell sponsors Dennis Belger of Richmond. Dennis and his wife Shirley have flown in most of the Challenges making their 20th trip this year. They will be flying "Betsy" a red, white and blue entry.



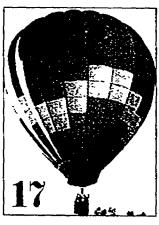
Jerry Stephan flies "Jedami," a vertically stepstriped balloon of black, teal, and bright rainbow colors with pennants to match. Jerry is from Howell and has flown in every Michigan Challenge, MacDonald's Funeral Home sponsors Jerry.



The President of the Southeast MI Balloon Association Joey Gauthier of Waterford is one of the many Gauthiers who fly in the Michigan Challenge. He pilots "Joseph's Coat," named for the coat of many colors. Joey's sponsor is mycounty.us.



Metropolitan Title sponsors Ralph Payne from Hastings who flies "Autumn Fire." The balloon represents a fall day with shades of orange, gold and black in a zig-zag pattern to accent the colors.



Brian Prokuda flies "Sunrise," a wave pattern of red, orange, yellow and blue. Cottage Kids Resale & More sponsors Prokuda who lives in Fenton with his family and wife Kelly, his crew chief.



Bill Baker pitots a brandnew corporate balloon from Flat Earth. The specialshaped balloon features fruits, vegetables and butterflies popping out of the blue background. Flat Earth will provide product sampling at of its new, healthy fruit and vegetable chips.



Don Wertman II flies the beautiful balloon named "Ocean Fantasy" with scuba divers, fish, sea life and blue water. A & L Parts Plus sponsors this water wonderland balloon. Don is among several second generation pilots and lives in Commerce Township.



"Kismet" has a yellow top with vertical primary colored bars of different heights in orange, green, blue and red. It is flown by Tim and Missy Midura. They live in Ohio and are sponsored by UM Health Systems.



"Airwaves One" is a corporate balloon from
Livingston County's Own
WHM1 93-5. With colors of
cyan and white, the balloon
illustrates the radio station's
logo. Local pilot Phil Glebe
was the Michigan Challenge
Champion in 1988 and



Rick Kerber is set to take on the Challenge from Wayland. The corporate Michigan CAT balloon returns for a third time to the event. The balloon is black with a yellow and red spiral design with the company logo displayed.



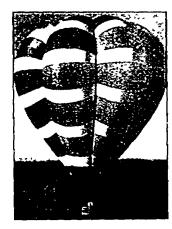
Joe Zvada joins us from Wadsworth, Ohio flying his balloon "Free Bird." The balloon is bright yellow with a bird like design. This is Joe's second trip to Howell and the Michigan Challenge. He is sponsored by VIBE Energy Works.



Cleary University sponsors Balloonmeister Jim Birk, the 1992 Michigan Challenge Champion. Jim, of Defiance Ohio, flies "Pelo Deimos," a balloon with shades of orange, beige, grey and black in a stair-step design. He oversees the tasks during the competition.



Howell pilot Denny McGuire flies "Kalcidoscope," a balloon with a sawtooth/rainbow design in a chevron pattern. His wife Carol attends to the duties of crew chief. Bennigan's is Denny's sponsor.



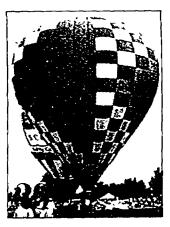
"Wind Dancer" is a multicolored spiral balloon with white horizontal bands whose colors dance in the sky. David Seekell, from Jackson, is the pilot. Primerica sponsors this trip.



Jim Lykins of Lake Orion flies "Boo!" This will be Jim's 21st trip to the Michigan Challenge. The Halloween-themed balloon always delights the kids and it is a treat for they to see it inflate. Abbey Homes sponsors Jim's exciting ride.



Dan Gauthier of Waterford is returning for his second visit. He is sponsored by Yorkshire Place Apartments and flies "Dan's Turn." aptly named as he is the most recent member of his family to become a pilot. This balloon is designed from bright primary spiral blocks.



Wal-Mart Supercenter sponsors Battle Creek veteran pilot Phil Clinger. He flies "The Jester," a beautiful purple, yellow and green balloon. Tammy is the crew chief.



Looking out a Renewal by Andersen window during balloonfest, one just might see Jim Neill from Riverwoods, Ill. flying. This is his 16th visit in a balloon he built with a blue background and bright yellow stars aptly named "Stellar." Eileen is his crew chief and his son, Kelly, also competes.



Kelly Neill from Naperville, Ill. returns for his third trip to the Challenge. "Pengwind" is an awesome design of a penguin bending around to take a look, perhaps at the beautiful countryside in the Howell area. Kelly is sponsored by DTE Energy.



Doug Hill, a brand-new pilot in the Challenge, visits us from Saginaw. His maiden voyage here is sponsored by Cobb-Hall Insurance. Doug flies "Pixely" the landscape of a perfect summer day from green grass to a cloud-dappled blue sky below a dazzling sun. Doug's wife, Janice, is part of his crew.

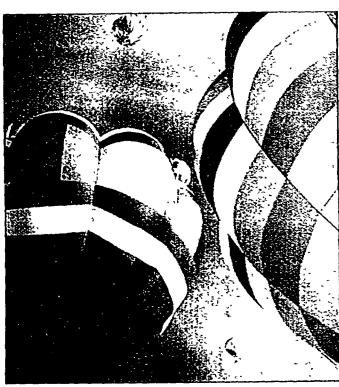


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Mitsubishi Motors R&D of America, Inc. sponsors Marty Gauthier from West Bloomfield. His balloon is "Fulfillment" and has multiple shades of yellows and reds in a geometric pattern. His wife Cara is the crew chief.



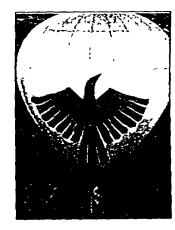
"Cloud Dancer" depicts a gold woven design against a dark green background. First National Bank sponsors pilot Jan Knight who lives in Howell. This will be her ninth attempt at the event with her husband Gary, who is her crew chief.



Max Mitchell is a new pilot at the Challenge from Champaign, Ill. He flies "Felix the Cat" a special-shaped balloon sure to be a great attraction for the kids and those who remember the wonderful cartoon. He is sponsored by Countryside Veterinary Hospital.



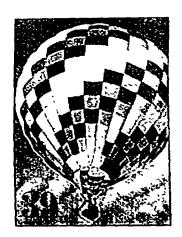
Bibby Financial Services sponsors Derrick Jones of Battle Creek in his second visit. He flies "Reflections," and has been involved in ballooning since he was 9. His balloon is a ZL Racer 56 by Cameron with a black and white stairstep background highlighting a bright multicolored center design.



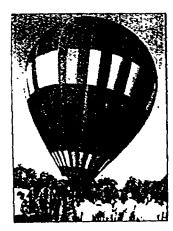
"The Phoenix," the bird that flies out of the flames returns with pilot Jody Leatherberry from Stockbridge. Neville Law Offices, PLC sponsors this balloon that stands out in the sky.



Roger Beebe from Ceresco is sponsored by Your Peace Of Mind. Jane is the crew chief of the balloon team. "Skittles" is a bright red balloon with a band of brilliant blue, green, yellow and red around the middle.



Dr. Mark Frazer of Middletown, Ohio returns with "Release," a yellow base with multiple colored spirals to accent it. Mark is sponsored by Medilodge of Howell.



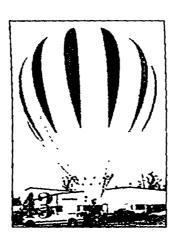
This is the 20th time Weather Officer Ted Gauthier flies in the Challenge. Part of one of the largest ballooning families in the country, Ted will be flying "Daydream." Ted studies the current conditions prior to each flight. Senator Valde Garcia sponsors his visit.



Summerville at Brighton sponsors David Mohr of Three Rivers. He flies "Rainbow Twist" a bright multicolored chevron-patterned balloon. His wife Cindy travels with him as crew chief for David's 10th visit to the Michigan Challenge.



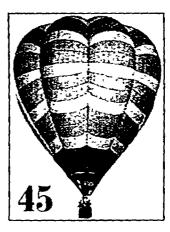
For her third visit to the Challenge, Lisa Gano from Bay City is ready for the task. She is sponsored by International Transmission Company. Her balloon, "Dreams eaver" is a super bright balloon with colors of hot pink and burgundy.



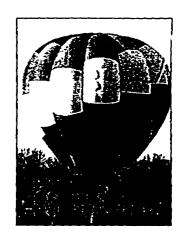
Ron Groce from Mason flies a gorgeous yellow balloon with vertical colored green, red and blue stripes basically referred to as "Primary Gold". Eastern Michigan University sponsors Groce who has a long history of flying and organizing events all around the state.



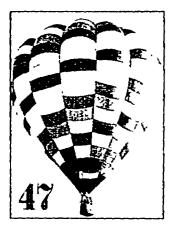
Culligan Water sponsors the 2001 Champion of the Michigan Challenge Paul Quandee from Elkhart, Ind. Paul pilots "Cherrie Bomb," a bright red and yellow balloon with a cherry on the top.



Midland sends "Attinude Toy" to fly in the Challenge. The balloon has layers of color against a yellow background showing navy, green, pink, orange and red. Pilot Scott Strouse has flown several times in the event with his wife and crew chief, Jill. Northern Enclosures sponsors Scott.



A first-time pilot at the Challenge is Michael Nelson from Fortville, Ind. His balloon, called "Tickled Pink", is a pink, black and white spiral that is sure to bring smiles. Michael's visit is sponsored by Independence Village of Brighton Valley.



Larry Coan, back for his second attempt at the Challenge, is sponsored by Homewood Suites by Hilton. He is from Livonia and flies "Portkey," a light and dark blue balloon with purple stair-step pattern.



Citizens, a Michigan Challenge Supporting Sponsor, sponsors Safety Officer Wayne Warren of Waterford. Wayne ensures that everything is properly done for each flight. He has been at all 23 Challenges and flies "Junior" which has stripes of black, yellow and pink Linda handles the ground crew.



Grass Lake sends Al Smith, flying "Northern Lights" which can be described as vertical gores of yellow interspersed with horizontal bands of salmon, tangerine, orange, red and blue. The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus sponsors Smith.



Pilot Steve King grew up in Howell but now lives in Midland. He flies a diamond patterned balloon called "Blown Away," a bright collection of blue, green and yellow bands. His wife Brooke is his crew chief. Saturn of Okemos sponsors Steve.



Tom Roush visits from Tennessee and is sponsored by Chem-Trend. He is originally from Michigan and his crew chief, Liz, is a Howell native. Tom flies "D Blun." The balloon is a stair-step design of white and teal against a background of dark blue.



Sprint will sponsor Jeff Pestun from Zeeland. His balloon, called "Fantasy", is blue with yellow and orange vertical bars. Jeff's wife Robyn is his crew chief.



Wade Shows carnival sponsors Rick Meteyer who was the 1986 Champion of the Challenge. "Mariah" is a beautiful balloon of multiple shades of blue in a stair-step pattern.



Mark Enszer and his wife Marsha come down from Saginaw and bring "Celebration" for its fourth flight at the Challenge. The balloon has a spiral of orange, green and blue that winds its way through a field of yellow. Ferris State University is his sponsor.



A collection of "Carouvel" animals have landed on pilot Frank Campanale's balloon. This special-shaped balloon amuses the crowd. Jonna's Market sponsors Frank.



Tom Bergeon flies Re/Max's corporate balloon "Re Max Runner" Tom and his wife Mickey are active balloomsts and they even have their own event in their hometown of Mason, Mich



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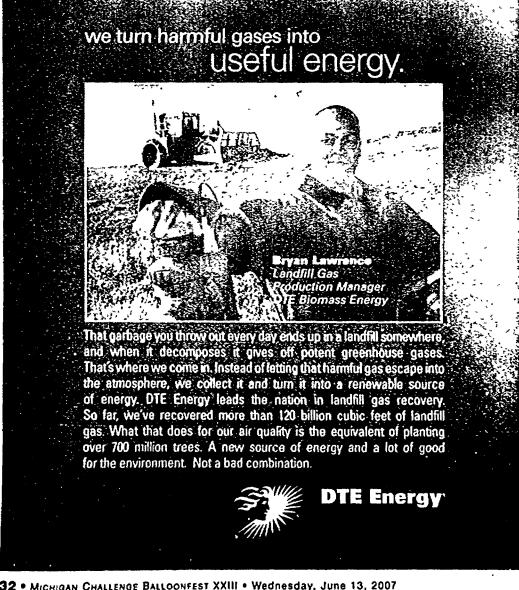
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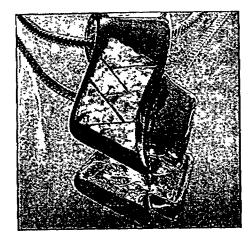


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At top, jewelry is popular at the arts festival, including the handmade works of Mike Young. Above, it's summertime and hand-painted flower pots by Leslie Krystowiak are useful and beautiful.

Art, activities add to the fun

The arts festival at the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest is a palate of original art in all media including pottery, glass, metalworking, fabric, jewelry, ceramic, photography, painting

and sculpture.

Champion Chevrolet sponsors the Arts Festival. Nearly 100 artists are expected to exhibit.

"Our jury committee has selected

the most creative artwork from artists . throughout the region," said Tim McCotter, arts festival chair. "It is a quality show featuring original pieces of art.

In addition, the JVC Perfect Experience Tour and Flat Earth Product Sampling will be located near the arts festival.

"Adding the interactive displays of these national companies adds to the activity in the area," said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge director.

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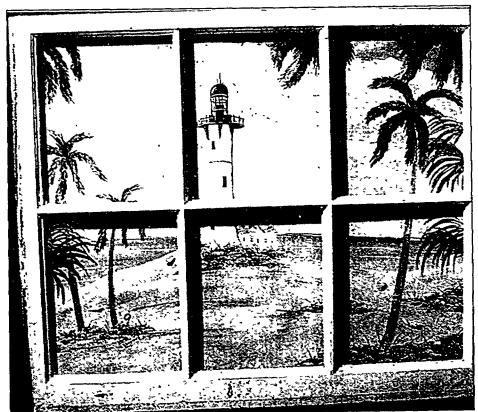
ARTS FESTIVAL

In keeping with the outdoor venue of the Michigan

Challenge and other summer arts festivals, all artists will be located in outside spaces allowing for an open and friendly setting.

The arts festival opens at 4 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and stays open until the day's events conclude.

It is located at the east end of balloonfest grounds, just south of the Howell High School.



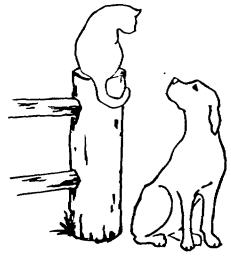
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Karen Korpocal and Richard Stevens bring windows of art to balloonfest.

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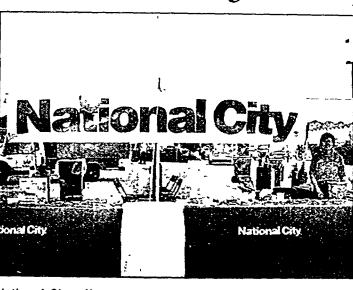
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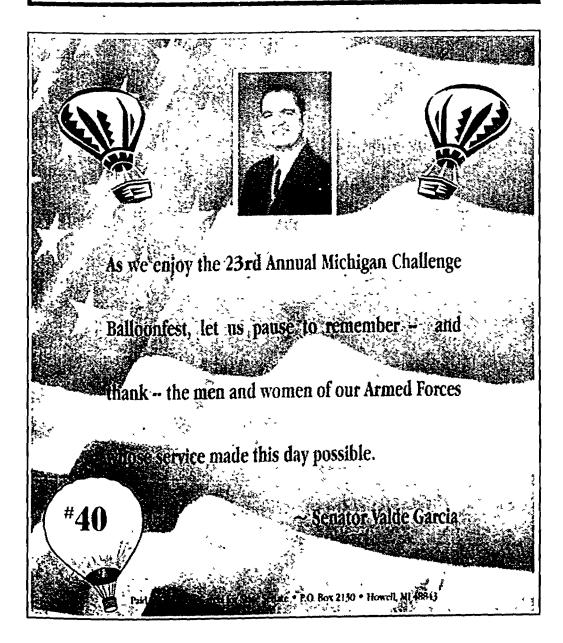
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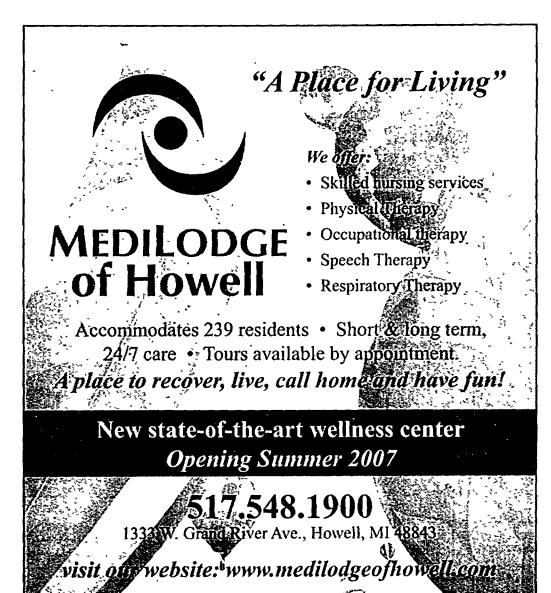
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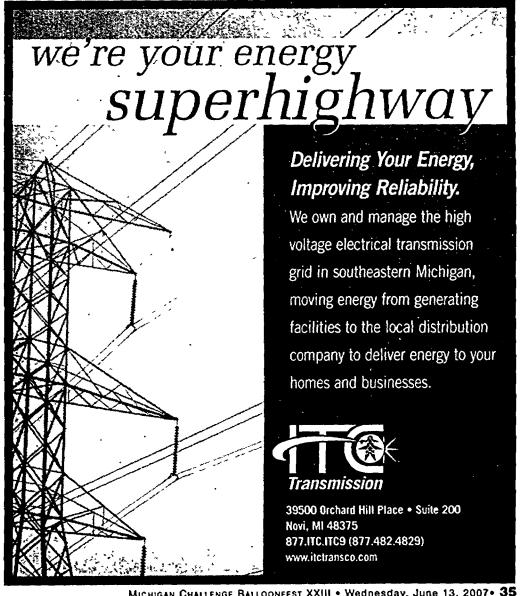


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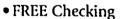
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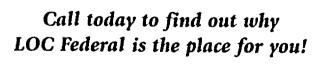


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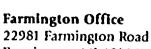
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In addition to watching sword fights, craftsman and entertainers perform in the Medieval Village, guests can also play games, like the catapult game at left, and shop for books, clothing and other "medieval" goods. This year, an equestrian group will also perform on the launch field. Guests won't want to miss the first jousting exhibition ever held during balloonfest on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Journey into yesteryear

New medieval equestrian show is sure to be a big hit

There will be some horsin' around in the Medieval Village at the Michigan Challenge.

'We've added a medieval equestrian show to the village this year," said Michigan Challenge Director Michelle Tokan. "The horses will parade to the launch field on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and demonstrate medieval jousting



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The 14th century joust and mounted combat show promises a "show worth a royal ransom."

The gate towers are open "During the performance, for guests to participate in Honorable Lords the mystical magic of the Timotheous and James Medieval Village display their horsemanthroughout Michigan ship and combat skills Challenge weekend. during the 14th century In addition to the joust and mounted horse shows, lords combat show," said and ladies from horse trainer Steve every century Schindler "In addition, Lord Matthew demonstrates the games and and see skills needwhat life ed for a MEDIEVAL VILLAGE was like in knight in trainearlier days Located east of the launch field All three rid-Friday 4 p.m. to close in full ers have been Saturday 9 a.m. to close armor jousttraining ing, chainwarhorses for Sunday 9 a.m. to close mail makyears and have ing, black-MEDIEVAL HORSE SHOW provided smiths demonstrations Performing on the launch field working at throughout the Saturday 3:30 p.m. their trade, ballista Midwest. They Sunday 3:30 p.m. and trebuchet demos, are part of the

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"Assisted by ladies and squires, we will give a show worth a royal ransom," added

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Belinda Amwake, Kelly Dickinson, Vicki Kozlowski and artistic director Melissa Benjamin, a troup of dancers called Mystic Lotus, performed during last year's festival in the Medieval Village.

> knights in shining armor, ladies and knaves.

Watch the knights compete in sword fighting and see the artisans at their crafts.

Members of the Society for Creative Anachronism and Ring of Steel, two historical re-creation groups, will be on hand to answer questions and get visitors involved.

The Medieval Village is sponsored by LaFontaine Automotive Group.

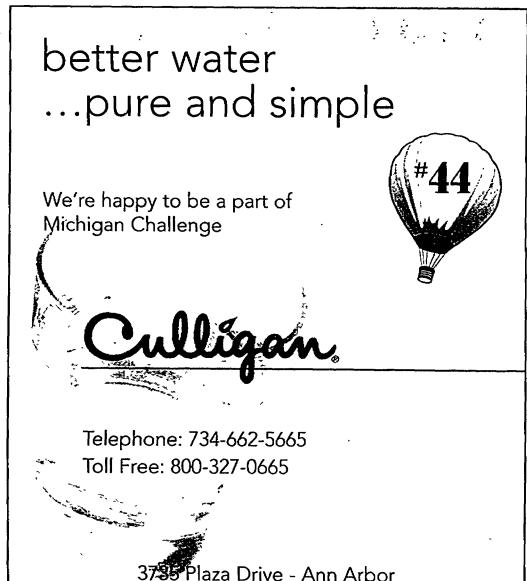
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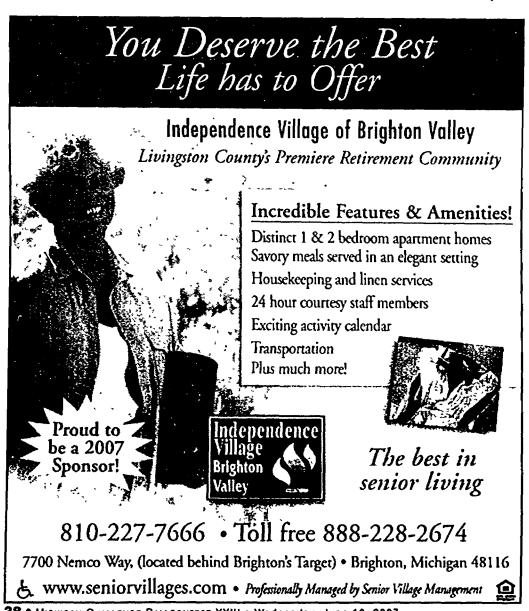
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Nestled in the rolling landscape of Livingston County, and located just outside of downtown Howell, off of I-96 and M-59 at exit 133, Tanger Outlet Center has 80 brand-name, designer fashion outlets where shoppers enjoy a pleasing, family-oriented atmosphere. New outlet stores that opened in 2007 include: Alfred Dunner, Bargain Books and Coach Factory Store. They join such great stores as Polo Ralph Lauren, Liz Claiborne Outlet, Mikasa, Nike Factory Store, Old Navy Outlet, Banana Republic, Gap Outlet, J Crew, Van Huesen, Carter Childrenswear, Kitchen Collection, Harry & David, Nine West and many more.

The country-Victorian architectural design of the center is in keeping with the rural spirit of Howell Township, while attractive covered walkways shield shoppers from inclement weather.

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The center is open year round, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and New Year's Day the center is open

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The Tanger Outlet Center employs more than 750 people, many of whom are community members raising their families right here in Livingston County.

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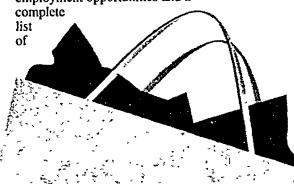
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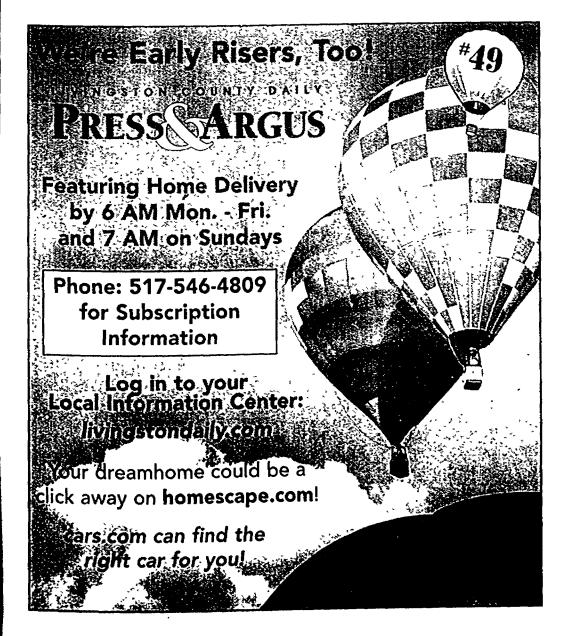
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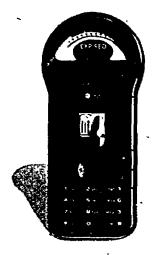
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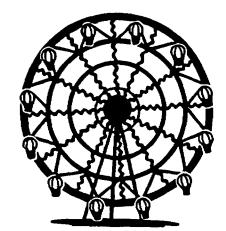
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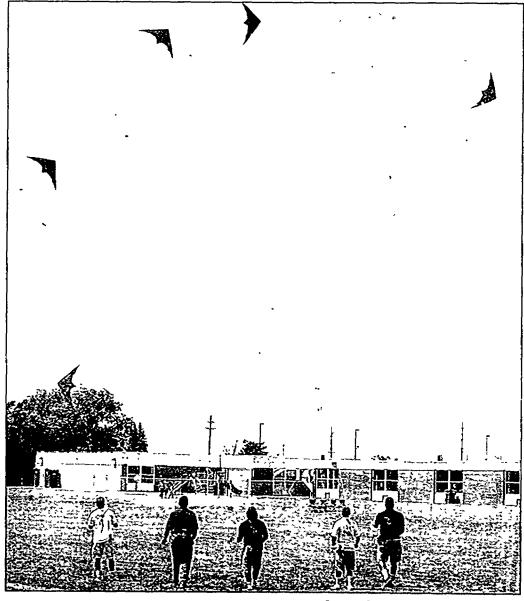


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The Windjammers fly kites at balloonfest.

Kite shows, health care and Harwell attend event

The Windjammers Stunt Kite Team returns to fly colorful kites in the air on Saturday and Sunday of balloonfest weekend.

The Windjammers are sponsored by Blue Cross & Blue Shield (BCBSM) of MI.

Joining the kite team this year, BC/BS will have The Blues Cruiser at balloonfest and former Detroit Tigers sportscaster Ernie Harwell will make an appearance on Sunday, June 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In what could be described as "dancing" kites, the Windjammers perform with a routine set to the music of patriotic favorites to Motown and show tunes.

The highlight of their performance is a stirring rendition of "America The Beautiful" with spectacular red, white and blue kites. And if the winds are right, the Windjammers will fly 78 kites at once, in six spectacular kite "trains."

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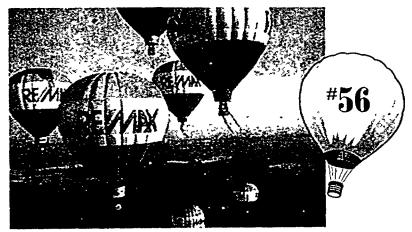


Ernie Harwell

allowing them to be steered and "choreographed." Even in light winds, the graphite kites fly. Visitors will see kite formations and controlled power dives.

Members of the team are Gary Maynard, Nate Williams, James Kinsey, George Wright III, and Mike Carlisle. They've been flying stunt kites together for years and have performed at balloonfest for 18 years.

At The Blues Cruiser, guests will learn about BCBSM products and services. The mobile education center features health and wellness literature, videos and presentations.



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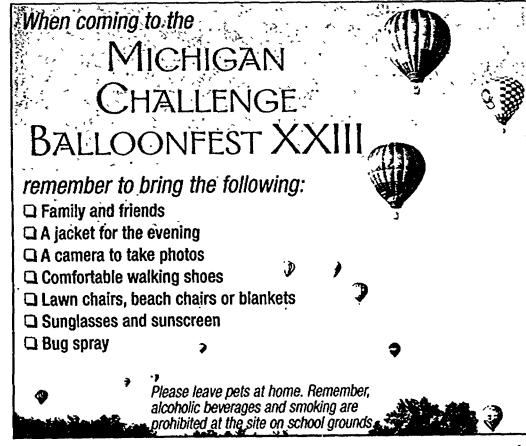
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Kelsey Tokan is ready for balloonfest with her official Michigan Challenge T-shirt. Souvenirs from the Spirit of Livingston are available in their booth located across from the information area northwest of the launch field.



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The Michigan Challenge in Howell is only a short drive away from many big cities in the state including Lansing, Ann Arbor, Flint and

And once guests arrive, the real journey begins as family fun awaits those who make balloonfest part of their weekend travels.

Howell is located midway between Lansing and Detroit on I-96 and at the western end of M-59. The Michigan Challenge takes place at the Howell High School complex, 1200 W. Grand River Ave., with entrances on West Grand River Avenue, M-59 and Highlander

The best route to the balloonfest from I-96 is Exit #133 — the M-59 exit. Take M-59 east for a few miles — there are several balloonfest entrances on your right. Follow the balloonfest

M-59 travelers going west can take the high-

way into Howell to the entrances on the left. Coming from the north? Take I-75 to U.S. 23 south to M-59. Follow M-59 west about 12 miles to the balloonfest entrance.

During your visit to Howell, don't miss live entertainment, special events, great shopping and restaurants in the downtown central business district. Downtown Howell is about one mile east of the balloonfest grounds on Grand River Avenue. Balloonfest parking passes allow you to re-enter the grounds as often as you wish on the day indicated on the pass. The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest is a

great value and an affordable weekend activity. Parking passes are only \$12 per day and provide admission for all your passengers. Weekend passes are available for \$20 or \$15 in advance at any National City bank office in Livingston County until June 21.

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flight for two, courtesy of Renaissance Balloons.

Lots of parking

Parking can be accessed from West Grand River Avenue, M-59 or Highlander Way.

Handicapped parking is available at all entrances of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest. Guests in vehicles with a handicapped license plate or sticker should bring it to the attention of the parking attendant and will be shown to a special parking area where access to the launch site and festival grounds is completely paved.

For the comfort and safety of both our guests and our animal friends, the Michigan Challenge committee requests that spectators leave their pets at home.

Traffic Reports

Once you're in Livingston County, get the latest traffic information and updates by dialing the 2-1-1 information line, or listening to WHMI 93-5 FM.

Balloonfest gives back to the local community

The Howell Area Chamber of Commerce, host of the Michigan Challenge, pays nonprofit organizations for each four-hour shift worked by a volunteer in the group's name. The pay for most shifts is \$20. However, a fee of \$24 per shift is paid for volunteers working premium shifts. Hundreds of parking volunteers are needed throughout the weekend.

Overall, the event fits the chamber's mission and focuses on business development and community improvement.

Working with nonprofit organizations to help park vehicles is just another way balloonfest gives back to this community," said Michigan Challenge Director Michelle Tokan. "It's a unique fundraiser, and some organizations earn thousands of dollars,"

Be amazed, entertained as dogs compete

There are hot dogs to eat and hotdogs to see at the Michigan Challenge.

"The Rock-N-Roll K-9s like to strut their stuff during their shows and are some of the best loved per-



formers at balloonfest," said Michigan Challenge Director Michelle Tokan.

These clever canines jump, bark, run, play and perform on the launch field Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

"While the audience is tapping its toes, the dogs are shakin' their paws and wagging their tails to popular music while doing tricks and maneuvers," said Tokan.

Sponsored by Meijer, the Rock-N-Roll K-9s are a pack of very talented dogs and owners who put on amazing shows of canine agility and athleticism. Dogs, from miniscule to massive, compete in contests of speed and agility.

The dogs and their owners also run a specially-designed course in a 1950s theme, dashing over, under, around and through obstacles such as a giant milkshake, a juke box and a 57 Chevy.

Have you ever seen dogs play

musical mats? You will at the Michigan Challenge.

In the high jump competition. dogs take their turns jumping a bar that's continually raised, until only one dog is left victorious.

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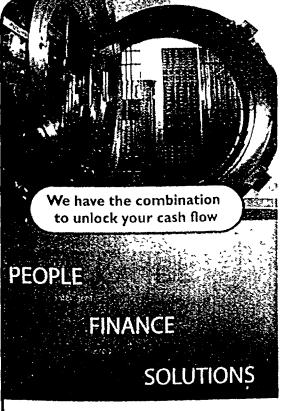
of dogs compete, relay-race style. Afterward, guests are welcome to

come over and meet the Rock-N-Roll K-9 performers with their handlers. So if you love animals, you won't

want to miss the antics of the Rock-N-Roll K-9's Performance Team.

For further information visit rocknroll9s.com.

For additional Michigan Challenge Balloonfest information, visit michiganchallenge.com



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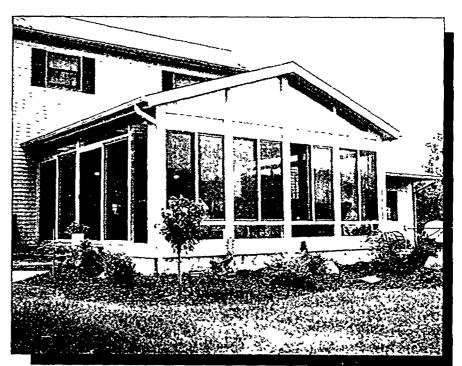


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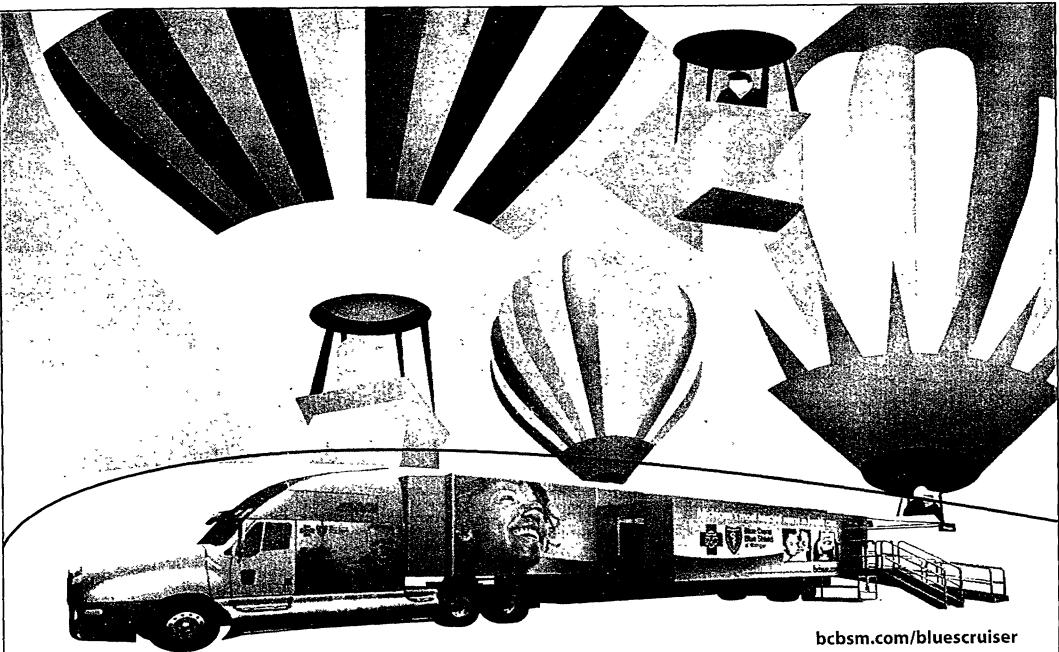
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Balloonfest satisfies all tastebuds

With all there is to see and do at the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest, guests will want to experience a "taste" of the event as well.

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Food vendors at the Michigan Challenge cook up favorites such as hot dogs and hamburgers as well as specialty foods from other countries including German, Irish and Mexican dishes.

"Treat yourself to some wonderful food that's sure to please the palate," said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge director.

Concession stands are conveniently located at two areas, on the west and east sides of the launch field, and offer a taste fest of sandwiches, grilled favorites, meals, treats and beverages. Food is available all day and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner items as well as snacks and drinks.

At the Arts Festival on the east side of the field, area nonprofit groups grill and dish up favorites such as burgers, sausage and hot dogs and serve up plenty of Pepsi products.

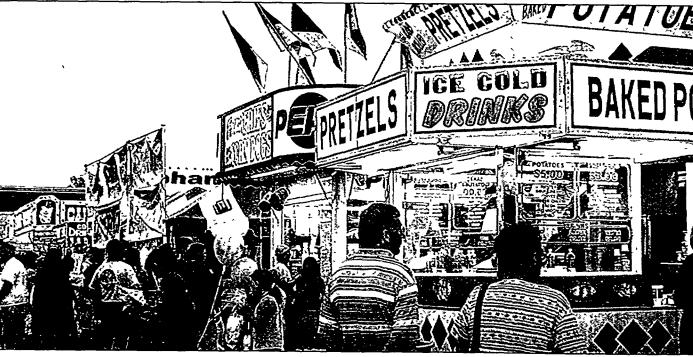


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Literally hundreds of volunteers from these groups will work the grills all weekend to keep the crowds satisfied.

At the west side of the launch field are the commercial food vendors. Guests will enjoy a mouth-watering assortment of culinary delights including traditional "fair food," such as French fries, pretzels, fajitas, stir fry, roast beef, cotton candy, popcorn, corn dogs, pizza, ethnic food, strudel, fruit shakes, pitas and baked potatoes. And don't forget hot dogs, brats, sausage, snow cones, funnel cakes, steak subs and deep-fried Twinkies.

Craving a healthy snack? Try a sample of new Flat Earth fruit crisp and vegetable crisp snacks. The snack is described as "impossibly good" and comes is six flavors: tomato, cheddar, garlic and herb, wild berry, peach mango and apple cinnamon.

There's a new drink to try too — it's Pepsi's new summer mix, a tropical fruit cola available at the balloonfest.

In both food vending areas, you can rest and relax at dining tables that are kept clean all weekend long by volunteer Scout groups. In addition, plenty of Waste Management containers are available throughout the area for your convenience.





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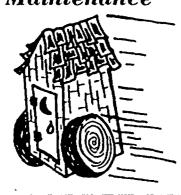
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Michigan Challenge volunteers strive to enhance balloonfest

After 23 years, the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest continues to thrill guests, thanks to a committee who brings new ideas and attractions to the event each year.

For those who make the event happen, the Michigan Challenge is more than a three-day weekend. It's a team effort among the chamber, volunteers, sponsors and business community who work together to make balloonfest one of the premier outdoor festivals in the state.

"Balloonfest has great tradition, but is also ever evolving. Returning attendees want to revisit their favorite aspects while finding something new to enjoy," said Michigan Challenge Committee Chairman Reed

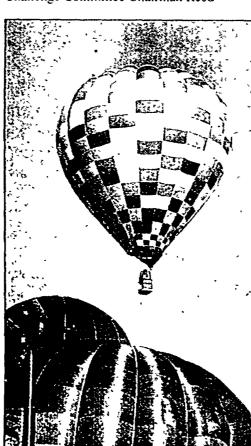


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Kittredge, WHMI 93-5. "Our balloonfest team has really worked hard since last June, and we're very confident our guests will be glad they attended. The balloonfest committee and volunteers have our warmest appreciation for their dedication and talent."

In addition to the committee chairs and leaders listed below, hundreds of volunteers work to make the event a success.

The Michigan Challenge committee is chaired by Reed Kittredge, operations manager of WHMI 93-5. He has been on the committee since 1996

Paul Butler, Impressive Imprints, coordinates landowner relations for the event. He is assisted by pilot Jerry Stephan, Zephyr Balloon Company, who will help map out safe landing and take off spots for the pilots in the area.

Carey Weihmiller of Waste Management supervises sanitation and clean-up of the site before, during and after the big balloonfest weekend.

Greg Clum, Bredernitz, Wagner & Co., P.C., keeps the books for the balloonfest, as head of the finance committee.

Don Cortez, owner of First Impression Print & Marketing and Steve Barlow, LDMI, are co-chairs of the parking committee. They are responsible for the enormous job of directing parking for the thousands of cars that visit the Challenge.

Phil Westmoreland, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., and Paul Butler, Impressive Imprints, are in charge of all signage for the event.

Kate Roberts, Got Web, chairs the balloonfest downtown committee. Kate is assisted by City of Howell Mayor Gerri Moen; Mindy Atnold, Howell Main Street and DDA; Kelly Fielding, Edward Jones Investments; Colleen Sova, RE/MAX Platinum; Paula Brown Livingston Co. Family YMCA; Mary Ann McCray, Le Boutique Upscale Resale; and Jackie Mullaney, Livingston Business Forms & Promotional Products.

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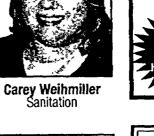






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Shop and Dan Tomaszewski, Sprint, cochair the vendor area. Ernst also chairs the skateboard exhibition.

Dan Tomaszewski

Sgt. Scott Mannor of the City of Howell Police Department acts as liaison between the city and the chamber, coordinates safety and security at the balloonfest site and is in charge of carnival activities.

Doug Hawes of WYM Consulting Services is in charge of the balloonfest site. He makes sure everything is in place for the

Joe Heslip coordinates sound at the balloonfest site and in downtown Howell.

Trevor Brooks, National City Bank, is chair of the entertainment committee that coordinates activities on the main stage. launch field, arts festival, vendor and dining

Gary Morris chairs the Antique and Custom Car Show. Gary is very active in the Livingston A's Region Model A Restorers

Pam Rietsch is pilot liaison for the event. She runs the Livingston County Genealogical & Historical Web site. Pam has worked on the committee since its first year. She is assisted by Patt Hansen, Balance Consulting of Ann Arbor; Bill Bettis, Bettis Insurance and Financial Services; and Roy Coons, Cleary University.

Dick Rudlaff is the event's competition director and first had the idea of holding the state championship of hot-air ballooning in



Phil Westmoreland



Tammy Yeagle, Metropolitan Title, coordinates site activities, souvenirs and the information booths at the Michigan

Sue Tucker, a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, chairs the Medieval

Eric Trimble and Linda O'Neill, Advertising Excellence, co-chair the Michigan Challenge 5K Chase, a run through balloonfest grounds, and the 4 mile Kid's Run.

Rozalina Mekhael, LOC Federal Credit Union, chairs the hospitality area and coordinates refreshments for VIPs and committee members during the weekend.

The balloonfest would not be possible without the cooperation of the Howell Public Schools

Mike Peterson of Howell Public Schools provides outstanding support to the balloonfest and the committee as school liaison.

Exhibition on board during balloonfest

Balloonfest guests can even jump into the action at the skateboard exhibition at the Michigan Challenge.
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Skateboarders at balloonfest perform kick flips, grinds, board slides, backslides, fakies, healflips, ollies, nollies and noseslides during the show, located north of the balloon launch area.

"The skateboard exhibition features some of the best local boarders. These kids really put their heart into the event," said Ron Ernst of Special "The skateboard exhibition features some of the best local boarders.
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This is the second year the exhibition has been at the Parker Skate Park, which is located across from the launch field.

Skateboarders are invited to join in the exhibition. They only have to bring their helmet and board to participate.



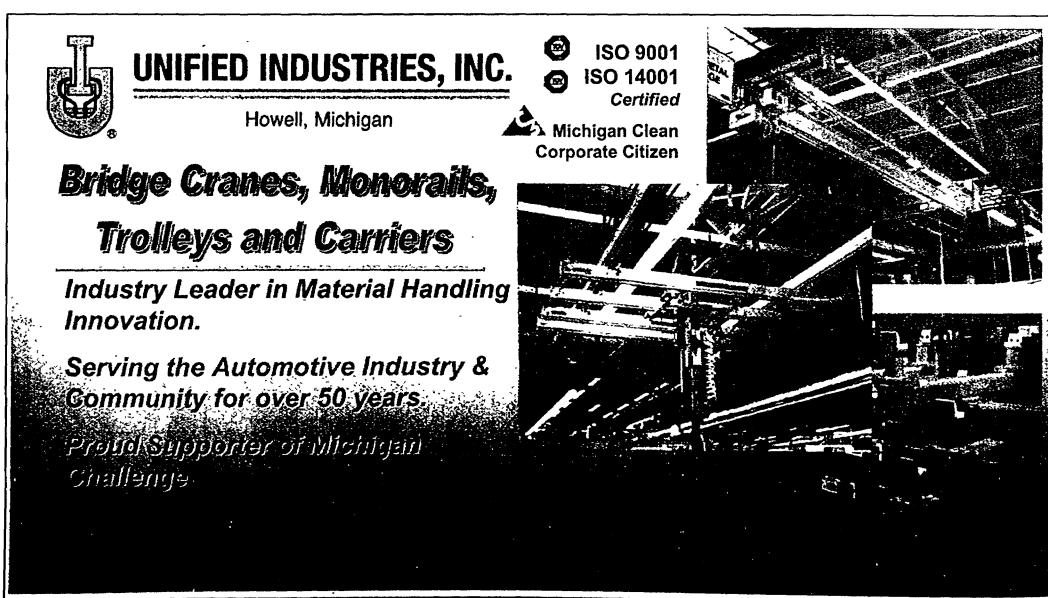


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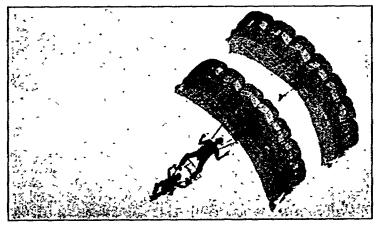
The skydivers join the Michigan Challenge for many spectacular jumps throughout the weekend performing precision skydiving maneuvers including skydiving with what the team calls, the Flag. This special flag was introduced into the show by McCowan last year and is 5,000 square feet, larger that an NBA basketball court and weighs more that 140 pounds.

Since jumps are scheduled at 5 p.m. each day, the skydivers have become the opening act for the evening mass balloon launches.

"All eyes look up, waiting to catch a glimpse of the skydivers as they descend from the sky and gracefully land on the launch field," said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge

Other memorable jumps are scheduled throughout the weekend including the spectacular Skydiving Night Show on Saturday evening during the Balloon Glow.

During the night show, the team exits their aircraft a mile



above the earth, each with custom-designed special effects pyrotechnics strapped to their bodies. A brilliant white light and a trail of sparks 1,000 feet long mark the trail of the team traveling earthward at over 100 miles per hour. The trail of sparks can be seen up to 20 miles away.

After the parachutes are safely open and the ignition systems are armed, the fireworks display begins. Multiple system control modules electronically launch rockets, blazing comets, Roman candles and shooting stars across the night sky. Brilliant strobes illuminate the canopies as the jumpers execute their final approach for

During their day shows, the skydiving team performs thrilling aerial maneuvers. Colorful trails

of smoke enhance the freefall of the team.

And when they're not jumping, the team members love to meet spectators, especially children.

SKYDIVERS

Friday 5 p.m. Saturday Noon, 2 p.m., 5 p.m., as darkness falls Sunday Noon, 2 p.m., 5 p.m.

'We always encourage people to come up and say 'hi," said McCowan, team leader.

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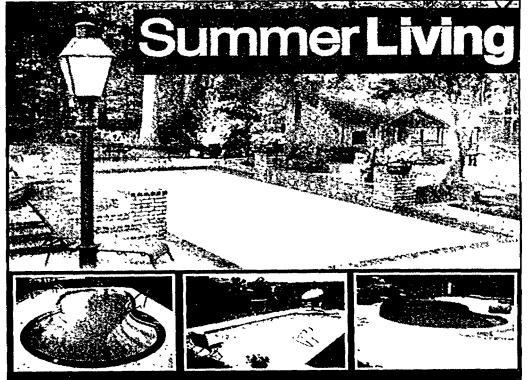
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Schedule of Events & Activities

Thursday, June 21

2-11 p.m. Wade Show Carnival Special "Pay One Price." Free parking!

Friday, June 22

2-11 p.m.

Wade Show Carnival

4 p.m.-close Arts Festival

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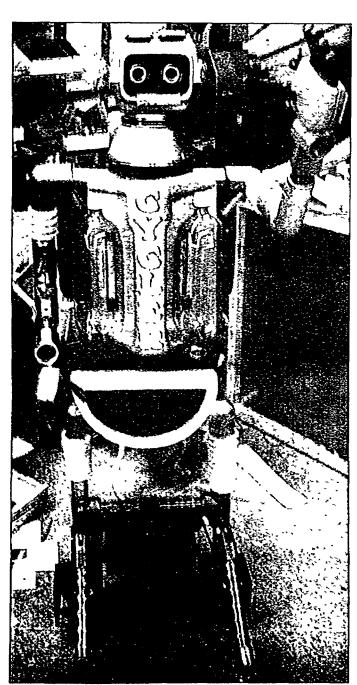
4 p.m.-close

JVC Perfect Experience Tour Flat Earth Product Sampling

Find both in the Arts Festival area.

4 p.m.-close Medieval Village

Travel back in time and experience medieval life. Enjoy the competition of knights in armor, authentic craft demonstrations, dance, entertainment, music and more. Sponsored by



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Look for Cycler the Robot in the Waste Management booth. Cycler is a 4-foot-tall robot that sings, dances and entertains with a recycling theme. LaFontaine Automotive Group.

5 p.m.* Skydivers.

Watch as they land on the launch field. Presented by Paul McCowan Airshows.

6-8 p.m.* Mass Balloon Launch Hot-air balloons launch in a spectacular display.

6-9:30 p.m. Entertainment at the Dining Area Juggling, magic, music and more. Sponsored by Krug Ford and Atlas Gutter Helmet.

7-11 p.m. Twilight Sale

Have a great time shopping for bargains in historic downtown Howell and hear local bands perform on the courthouse lawn.

as darkness Comcast Film Series On the Road at the falls Michigan Challenge presents "Happy Feet" Enjoy the family movie, "Happy Feet," on the launch field.

Saturday, June 23

6-8 a.m.* Balloon Fly-in

Watch as the hot-air balloons compete at the balloonfest site.

9 a.m.-close Medieval Village

Travel back in time and experience medieval life. Enjoy the competition of knights in armor, authentic craft demonstrations, dance, entertainment, music and more. Sponsored by LaFontaine Automotive Group.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Downtown Howell Entertainment
Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kids Day — Pack up
the family and travel downtown for family games, activities,
entertainment and more on the courthouse lawn.

10 a.m.-close JVC Perfect Experience Tour Flat Earth Product Sampling

Find both in the Arts Festival area.

10 a.m.-close Arts Festival

Nearly 100 artists will display and sell their handmade work. Sponsored by Champion Chevrolet.

10 a.m.-11 p.m. Wade Show Carnival

11 a.m. Rock-N-Roll K-9s

Watch as dogs of all sizes race through courses, compete in the high jump and run relay races on the launch field. Sponsored by Meijer.

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Skate Board Exhibition
Sponsored by Special Editions Skate Board Shop and the
Lighthouse Skate Team.

11 a.m.-close Antique and Custom Car Show Sponsored by Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep.

Noon* Skydivers

Watch as they land in the launch field. Presented by Paul McCowan Airshows

Noon-5 p.m. Citizens Insurance Family Fun Tent Fun for the entire family! Games, arts and crafts activities, face painting and more in the dining area.

1 p.m.* Windjammers Stunt Kite Team
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of MI. Visit the Blues Cruiser at the balloonfest site.

1:30-6 p.m. Entertainment at the Arts Festival Complete Abandon and Matt Watroba perform. Sponsored by Krug Ford and Atlas Gutter Helmet.

2 p.m.* Skydivers

Watch as they land on the launch field. Presented by Paul McCowan Airshows.

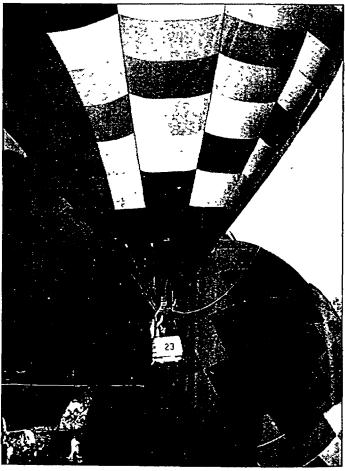


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2-9:30 p.m. Entertainment at the Dining Area Juggling, magic, music and more. Sponsored by Krug Ford and Atlas Gutter Helmet.

2:30 p.m.* Rock-N-Roll K-9s

Watch as dogs of all sizes race through courses, compete in the high jump and run relay races on the launch field. Sponsored by Meijer.

3:30 p.m. Medieval Equestrian Horse Show . Don't miss this new event on the launch field.

4:30 p.m. Classic Car Parade Look for your favorite dream machine or muscle car as the classic cars parade around the launch field.

5 p.m.* Skydiver

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6-8 p.m.* Mass Balloon Launch Hot-air balloons launch in a spectacular display.

8 p.m. Three Men and a Tenor

Enjoy music and comedy from the group voted "The Best Entertainment in Michigan 2006" by the Michigan Meetings and Events Magazine. They'll perform on the launch field.

As darkness Balloon Glow Skydiving Night Show fall*

More than 20 balloons will return to the launch field for a dazzling nighttime display as skydivers make a spectacular nighttime jump, complete with pyrotechnics. Don't miss this!

After dark Downtown AfterGlow

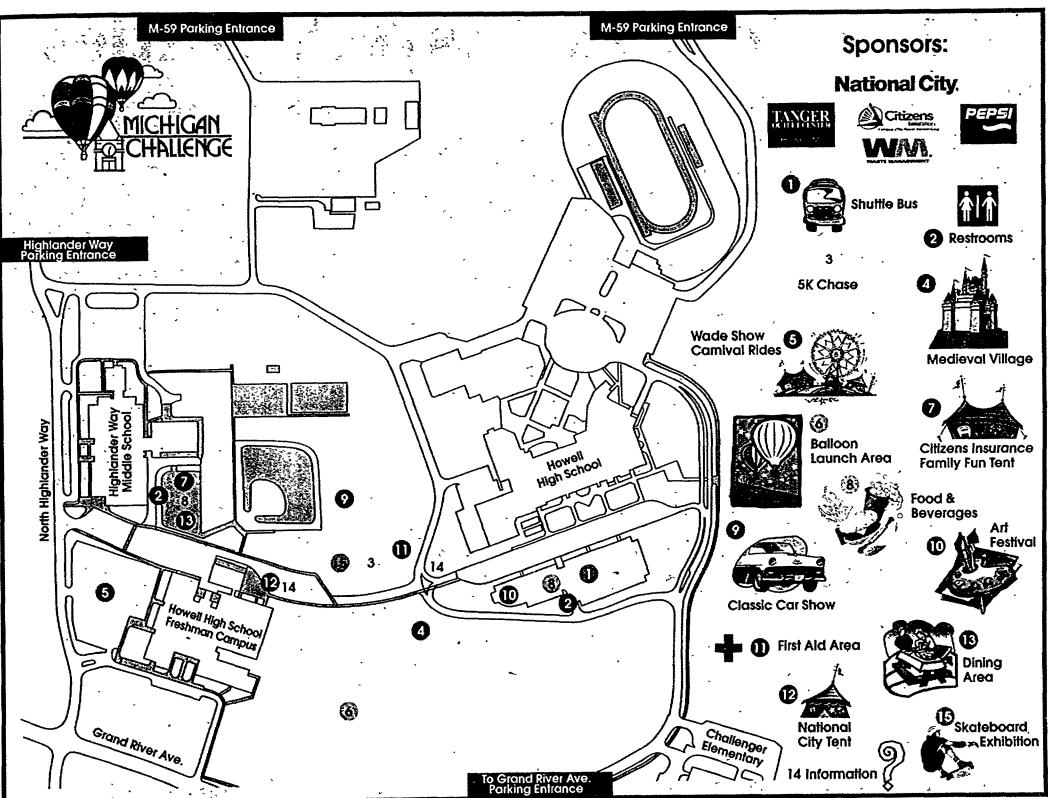
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Sunday, June 24

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Watch as the hot-air balloons compete at the balloonfest site

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Michigan Challenge 5K Chase 8:30 a.m. The second annual 5K race on balloonfest grounds is followed by a h mile Kid's Run around the launch field. Sponsored by Baskin Robbins, Dunkin' Donuts and Mugg & Bopps.

9 a.m.-close Medieval Village

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11 a.m.-close Wade Show Carnival Special "Pay One Price" - ride all you want from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rock-N-Roll K-9s 11 a.m.

Watch as dogs of all sizes race through courses, compete in the high jump and run relay races on the launch field. Sponsored by Meijer.

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Downtown Howell Entertainment Schafer's House of Music — Music Day: Bands, singing, arts and more on the courthouse lawn.

Skydivers Watch as they land on the launch field. Presented by Paul McCowan Airshows

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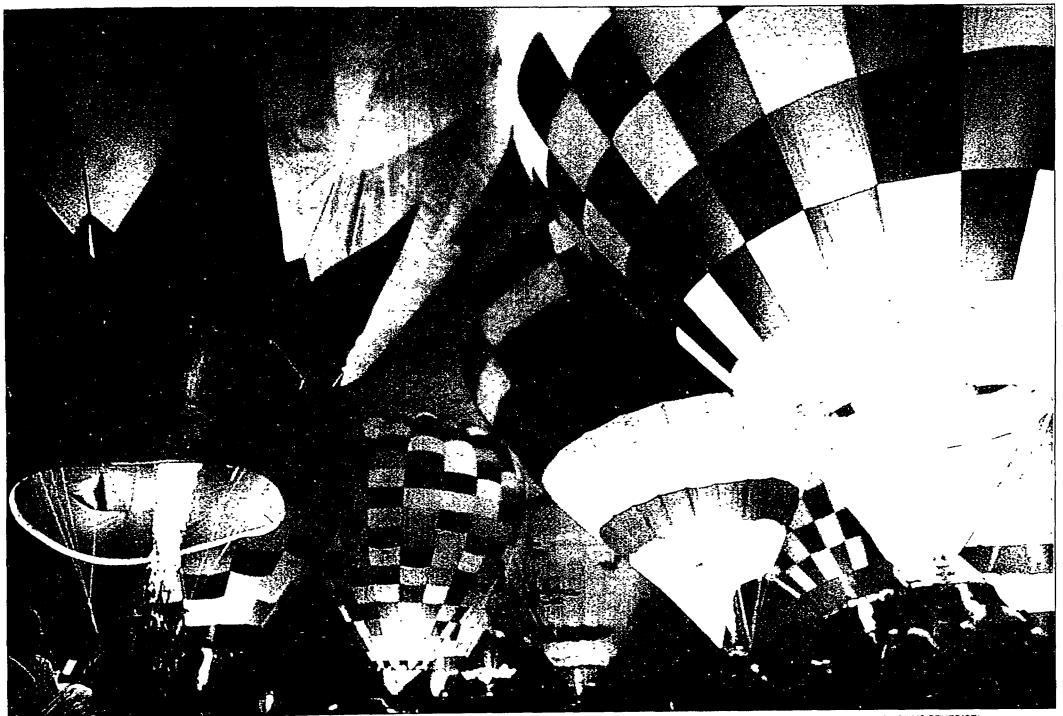


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Saturday's balloon glow is a favorite with spectators at the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest. This year, Comcast will present the movie, "Happy Feet," on Friday night.

Don't miss the 'glow' of summer nights

Friday and Saturday nights shine at the Michigan Challenge and are sure to make guests "happy."

On Friday night at dusk, the Comcast Film Series On The Road at the Michigan Challenge will present a special showing of the movie "Happy Feet."

WATCH "HAPPY FEET"
On the launch field
Friday at dusk

BALLOON GLOW
On the launch field
Saturday as darkness falls

"Just as the balloon glow has become a popular tradition on Saturday night, the committee has been working on and evaluating

opportunities

for Friday

night. A giant movie screen on the field with a family movie at dusk gives us a great activity that is well suited for balloonfest and our community," said Michigan Challenge Committee Chairman Reed Kittredge, WHMI 93-5. "We think the movie is a great addition to balloonfest weekend and a great fit with the other activities and events."

On Saturday night, Michigan Challenge guests who like to ooh and ah won't want to miss another chance to be happy by watching the night balloon glow and skydiving show.

As darkness falls, more than 20 balloons will inflate on the launch field, their colors glowing against the night sky. Announcer Tom Maynard leads the crowd in a countdown to the first "all glow"— and all the balloons simultaneously ignite their burners presenting an almost overwhelming display of color and light.

In anticipation of each glow, the crowd shouts out the count and cheers the pilots on: five...four...three... two...one...GLOW!

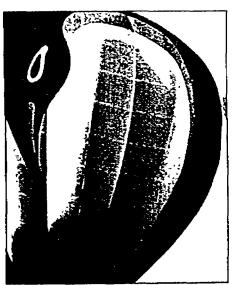
"Twinkle" glows will also be announced as spectators marvel to one balloon glow after another. It's a sight that outshines any stars in the night sky.

"Saturday night is one of the most exciting times to be at balloonfest. Seeing the balloon envelopes light up against the night sky is breathtaking," said Michigan Challenge Director Michelle Tokan.

And then, from nearly one mile above the earth, the skydivers perform a spectacular nighttime jump, complete with pyrotechnics.

To help with the nighttime magic, the Spirit of Livingston has created a special glow in the dark T-shirt as part of the official Michigan Challenge Balloonfest merchandise that can be purchased at the event.

"The shirts will help make the evening activities even more fun, and provide a great souvenir of the balloonfest," said Tokan.



The fun never ends at balloonfest. Make sure to see the Friday and Saturday night attractions at Michigan Challenge XXIII.

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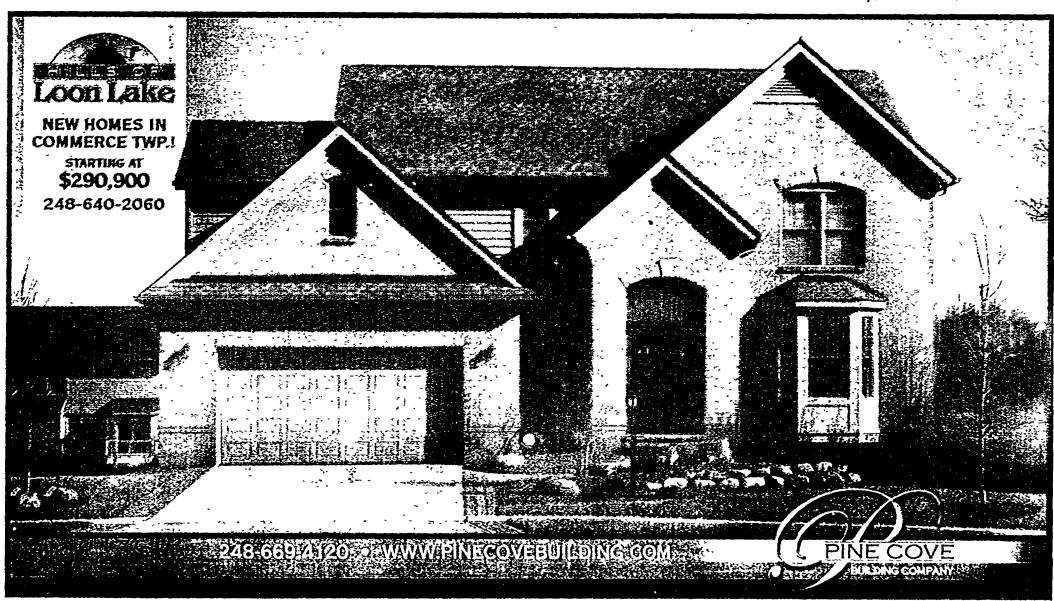


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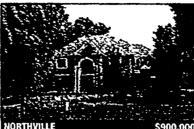
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Brookside - 3 BR plus loft, 2.5 BA. Large deci-chees to commons area. Kit-nook w/hrdwd firs opens to commons area. Kit-nook w/hrdwd firs. LR plus GR w/gas FP. Mstr w/cath ceiling, WiC & fash BA. MLS# 27094275

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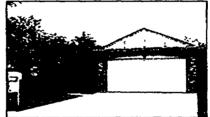


3 BR, 2 BA brick home w/partial fin bsmnt. Updated kit & BA's, new patio, nicely landscaped, 1st fir laundry. All new appliances.



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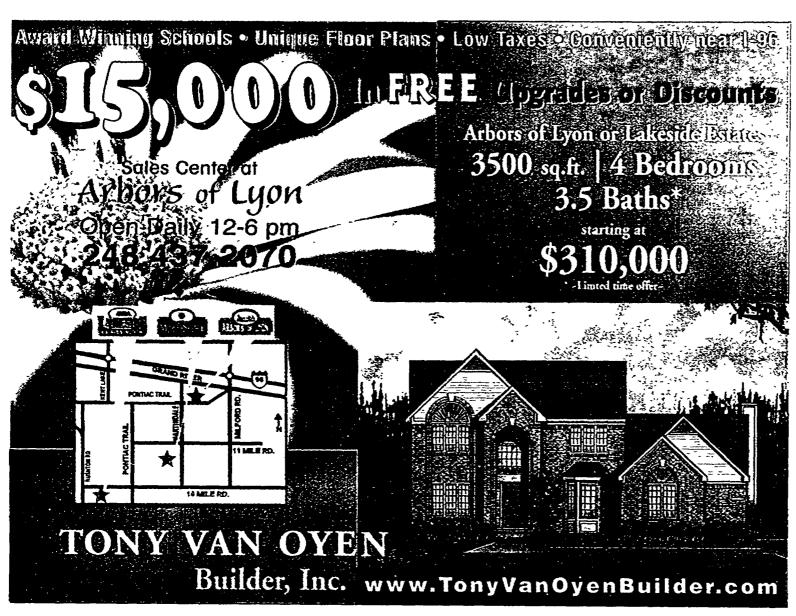
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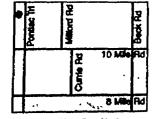


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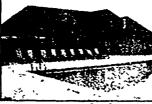
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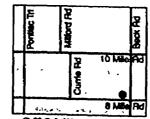
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Assessment levy may be best

Q. Our association is contemplating alternatives in order to finance extensive road and building repair in our condo complex. The information that we have received from certain lending persons claim we do not have any liens on the individual units and no loans to pay off if we sell our individual units. Also, they claim no personal credit checks, great rates and fixed and floating rates from two-15 years. This supposedly makes assessing the co-owners unnecessary. Do you think this is a wise way to go for us for capital expenses?

A. It depends upon the financial condition of the association, the age of the units and the amount of money to be borrowed together with the economic conditions of the co-owners. It may be

most expedient to levy

Robert Meisner

an assessment and make the co-owners obtain individual loans if they need to do so. On the other hand, if the association borrows the money without providing any security or liens on the condominium units, that may be

advantageous depending upon the interest rate, the terms of payment and the ability of the association to repay the loan over a period of time. It all depends upon the circumstances and you are best advised to consult with your community association attorney before making any commitment.

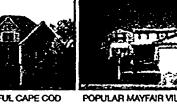
Q. We have a collection attorney from a big law firm, but we are not getting good results. We have a hard time getting a hold of the attorney and his assistants and I am wondering how long it should take to put a lien on a unit.

A. It depends upon the collection policy of the association, the ability of the management company or the board to get the information to the attorney, and the ability of the attorney and/or law firm to properly service the client. Generally speaking, we suggest that a lien should go on a unit at the beginning of the second month of the delinquency, and we prepare a collection policy for the association to insure that the lien process is consistent and automatic where possible. You should have a meeting with your attorney to discuss these issues and demand better productivity and responsiveness or consider hiring a new law firm. Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.





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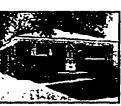
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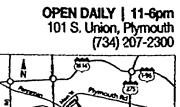


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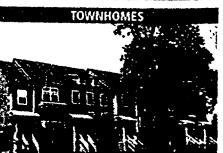
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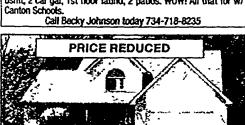


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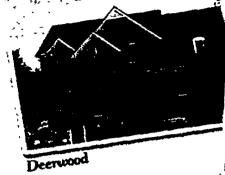
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2429 Arcadia Dr	\$164,000
8355 Autumn Ct	\$256,000
43115 Avon Rd	\$214,000
50461 Black Horse Ln	\$167,000
50517 Black Horse Ln	\$167,000
6714 Carlton Rd	\$255,000
39533 Cather St	\$178,000
43511 Cherrywood Ln	\$272,000
43567 Cherrywood Ln	\$203,000
43668 Cherrywood Ln	\$208,000
4052 Cornerstone Dr	\$46,000
49677 Courtyard En	\$224,000

5605 Denton Rd	\$137,000
4006 Elizabeth Ave	\$157,000
424 Elmington Ct	\$460,000
7140 Epping Dr	\$242,000
44516 Fenwick Dr	\$300,000
43544 Fleetwood Ct	\$202,000
46301 Gainsborough Dr	\$220,000
43629 Gatehouse Ct	\$221,000
41955 Glen Arbor St	\$150,000
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40487 Gien Eagle Ln	\$172,000
51211 Gold Ridge Ln	\$290,000
46083 Graystone Ln	\$242,000
7298 Green Meadow Ln	\$180,000
6945 Harvard Ln	\$97,000
4093 Hunters Cir E	\$144,000
4687 Hunters Cir E	\$130,000
49575 Jackson Ln	\$355,000
46375 Larchmont Dr	\$306,000
2428 Lexington Cir N	\$277,000
42776 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$88,000
46755 Maidstone Rd	\$221,000

1341 Manton Blvd
2061 Marlowe St
8613 Newbury Ct N
43634 Nowland Dr
47536 Pembroke Dr
1827 Pinecroft Dr
49536 Potomac Rd
49830 Potomac Rd
1710 Stonebridge Way
630 Sutten Or
2045 W Franklin Dr
5720 Wedgewood Rd
5867 Wedgewood Rd
1738 Wentworth Dr
7449 Willow Creek Dr
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\$153,000	29273 Laurel Dr
\$515,000	21387 Purdue Ave
\$288,000	21820 S Brandon St
\$152,000	30571 Seguoia Cir
\$145,000	25326 Wessex St
\$228,000	27236 Winterset Cir
\$212,000	32875 Wing Lake Rd
\$338,000	Garden City
\$213,000	32116 Alvin St
\$138,000	32626 Bock St
\$200,000	28507 Cambridge St
\$200,000	28452 Donnelly St
\$203,000	29879 Doyer St
\$210,000	33711 Kathryn St
\$272,000	29735 Rosslyn Ave
	6735 Schaller St
\$50,000	29554 Sheridan St
•••••	27444 Windsor St
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\$315,000	33709 Eight Mile Rd

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\$293,000	15357 Bainbridge St	\$164,000
\$252,000	34450 Bretton Dr	\$268,000
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\$85,000	11493 Deering St	\$154,000
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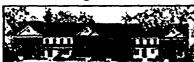
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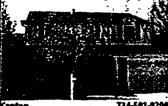


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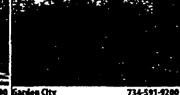
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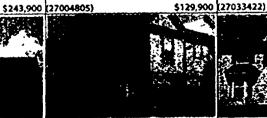


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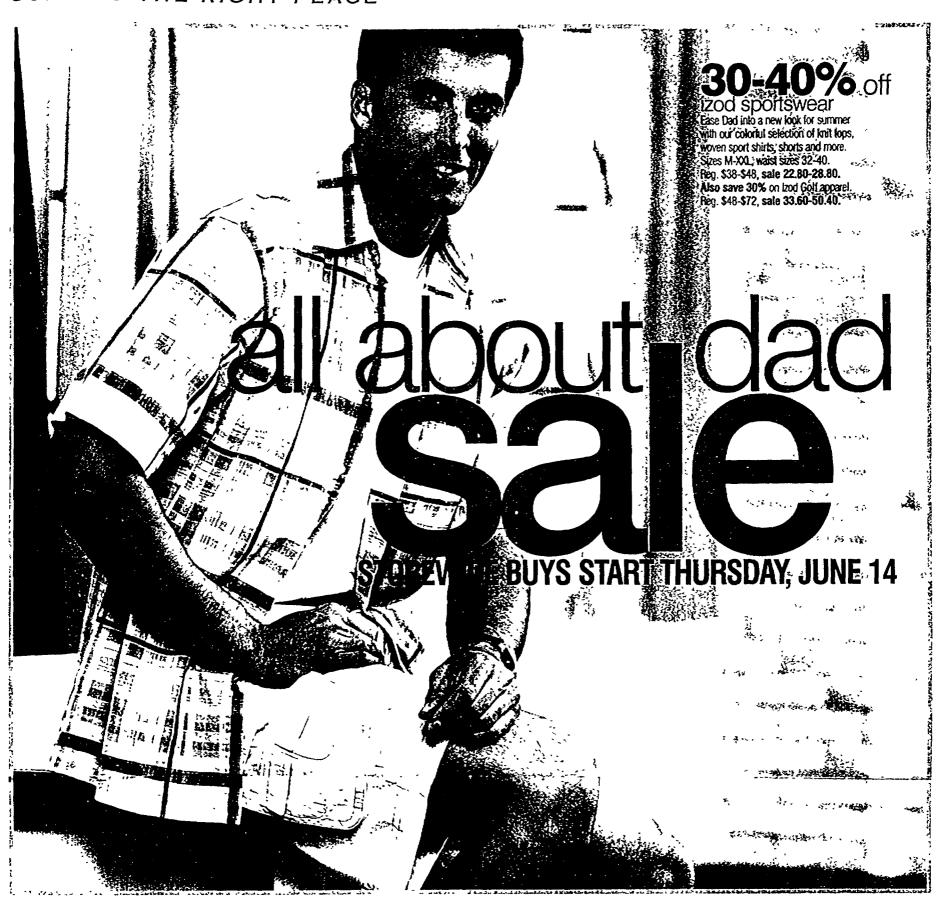
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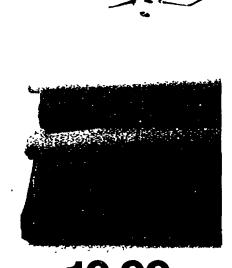
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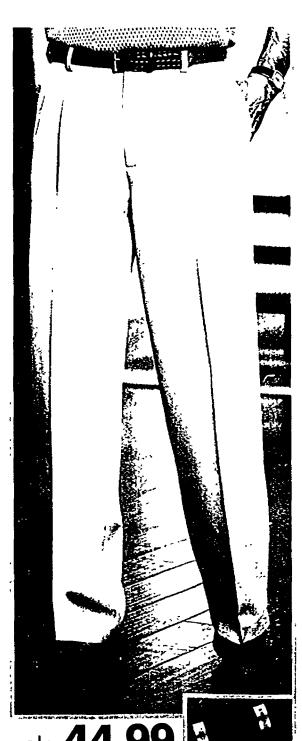
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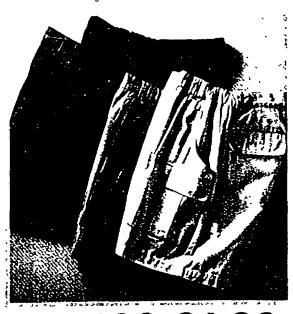


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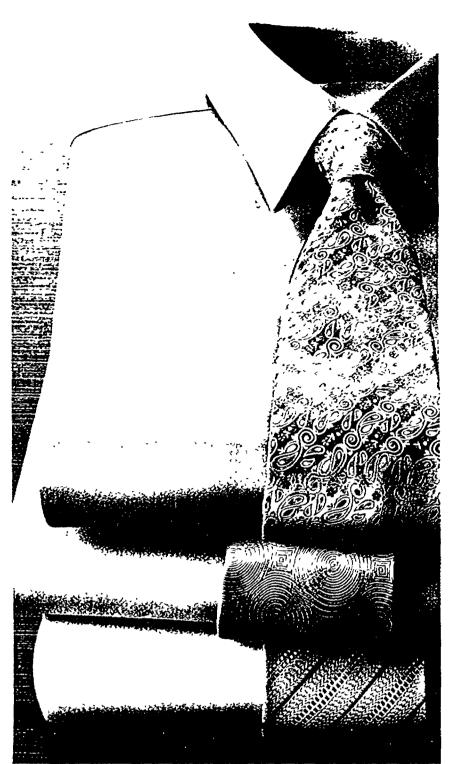


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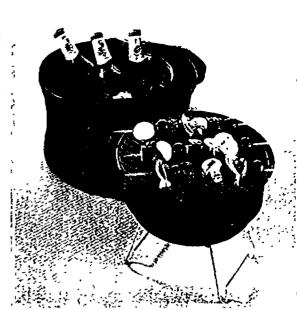
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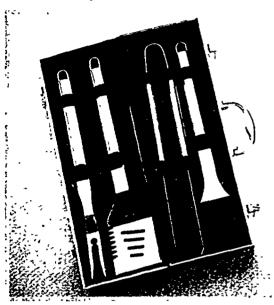
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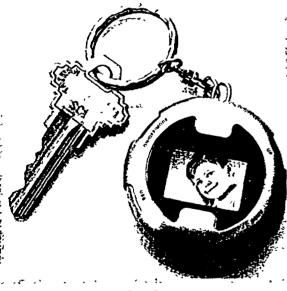
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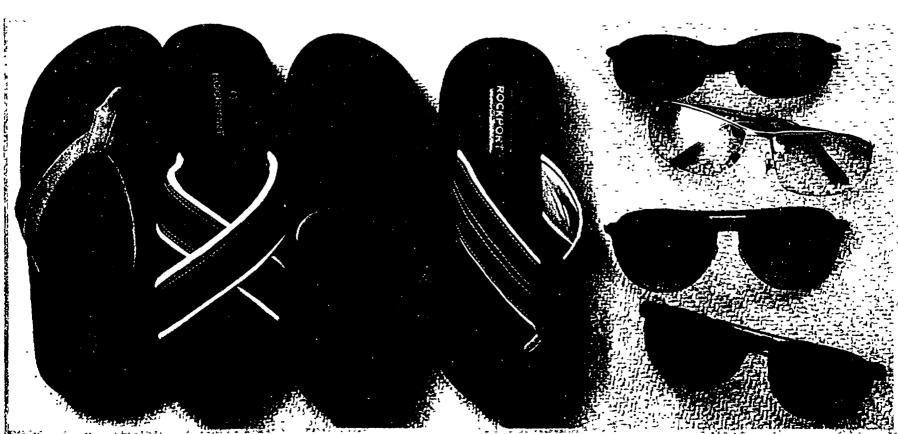
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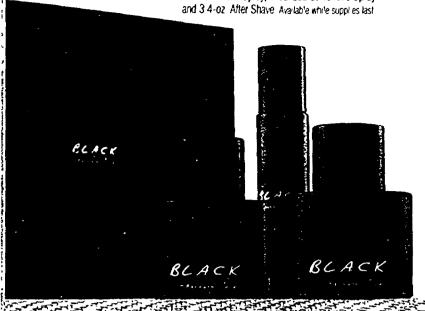
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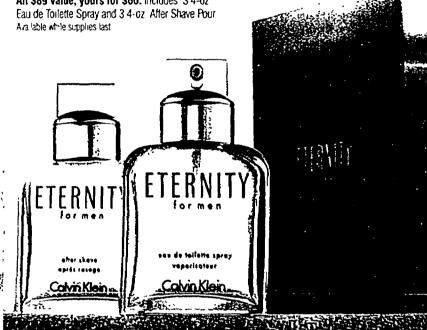
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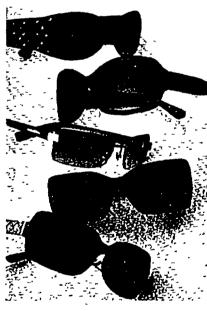
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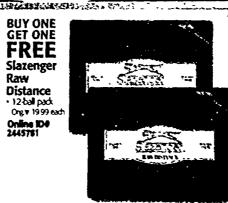
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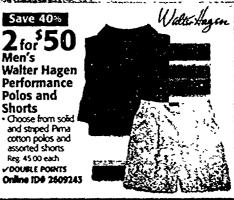
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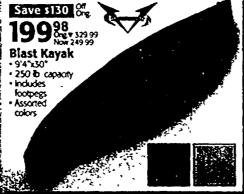




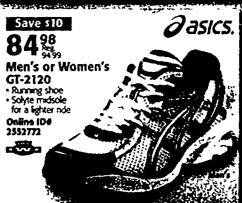












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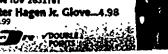
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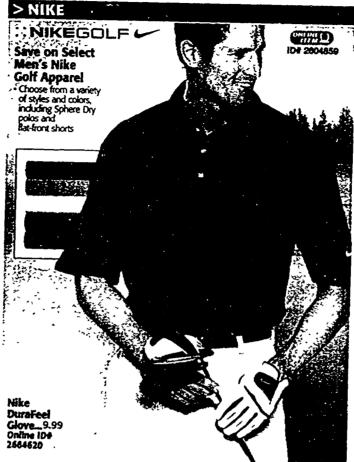
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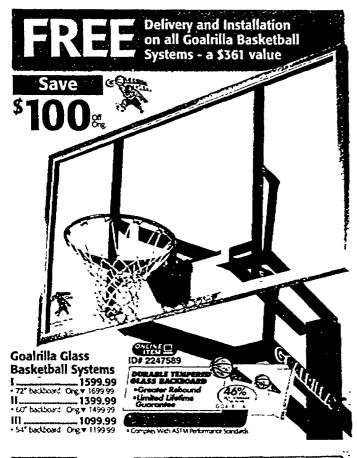






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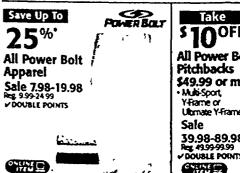


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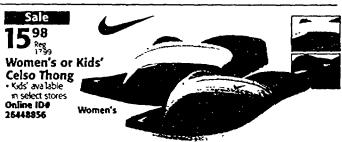


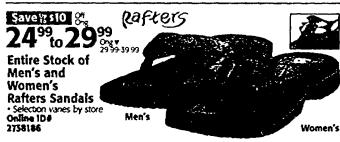




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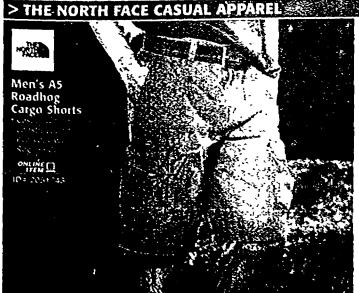




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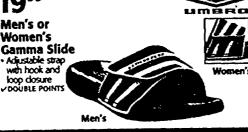




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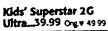
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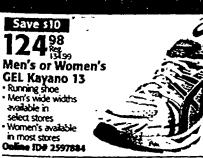
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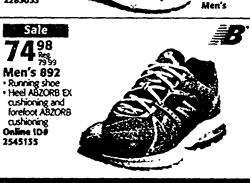
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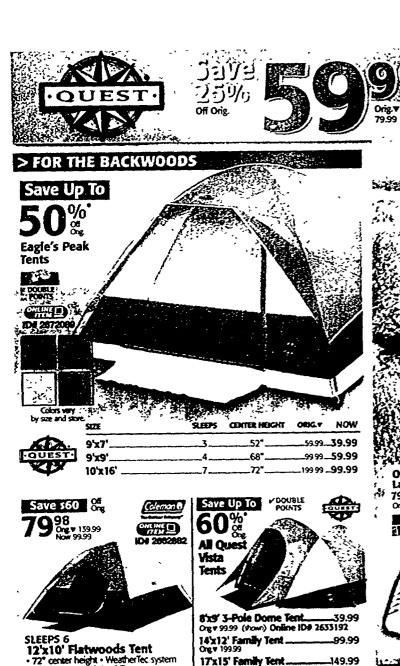
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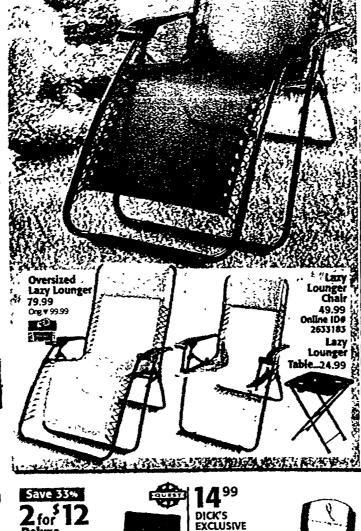
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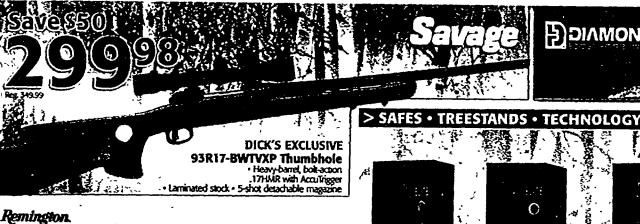
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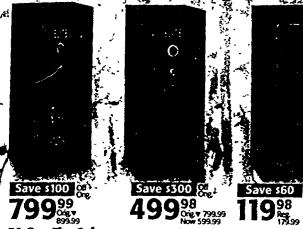
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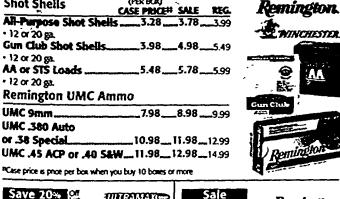
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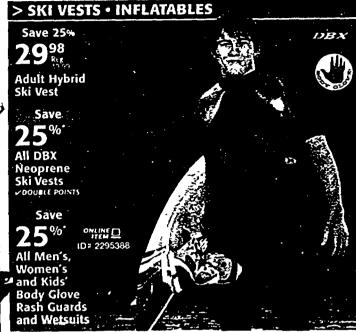


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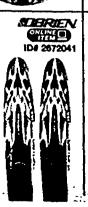
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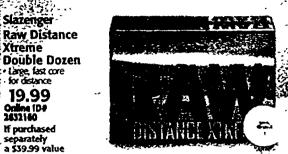
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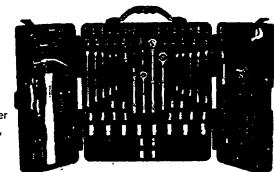


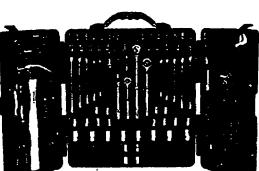
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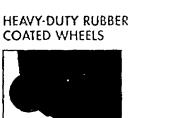
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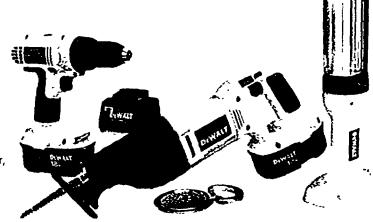
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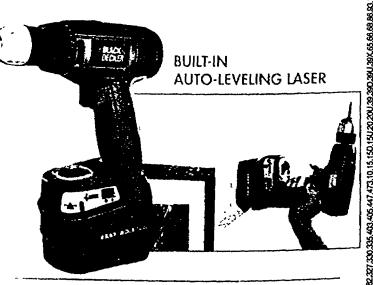
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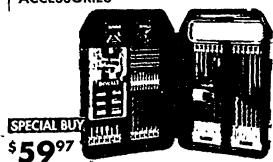
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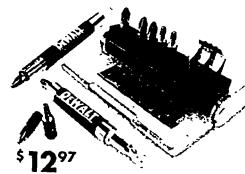
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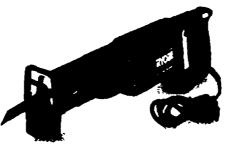


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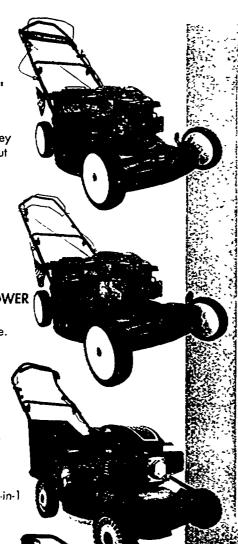


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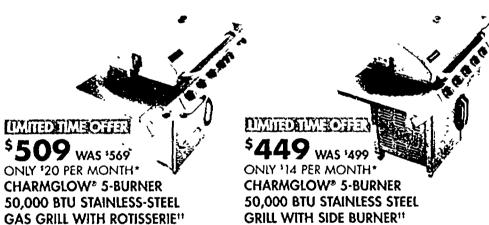
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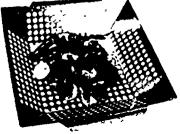
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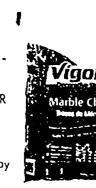
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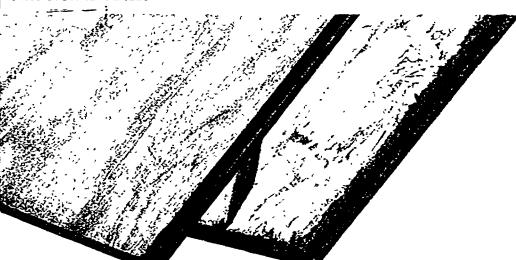
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STRUCTURAL PANELS

SIZE	TYPE	SKU	4' x 8'
3/8"	RATED SHEATHING	(166065)	10°
1/2"	RATED SHEATHING	(166073)	\$1197
5/8"	RATED SHEATHING	[166081]	\$1 7 °
3/4"	RATED SHEATHING	(166103)	¹ 21"

5/16"x4'x8' PRIMED SIERRA HARDIPANEL® SIDING

Will not crack, rot or delaminate. Low-maintenance and noncombustible. Withstands termite attacks. 8" on center. (553777)



3/8"x4'x8' 8" OC SMARTPANEL II" **ENGINEERED WOOD SIDING**

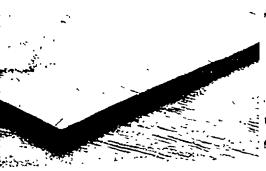
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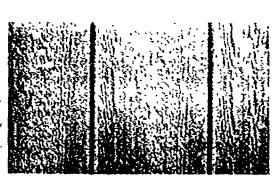
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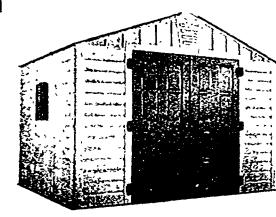








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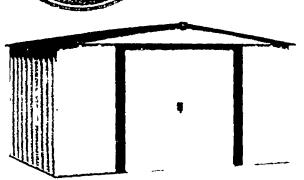
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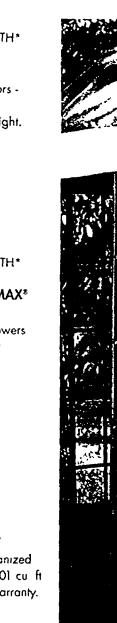




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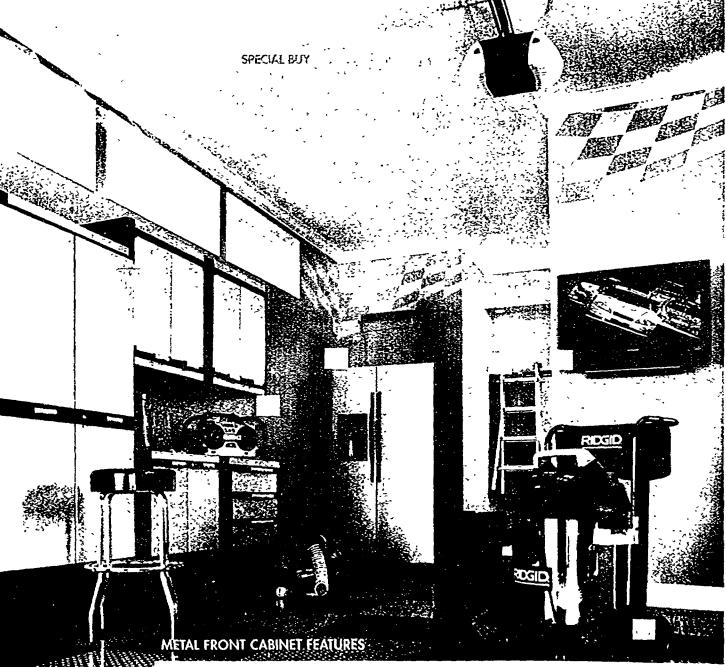
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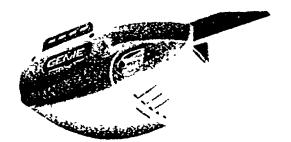


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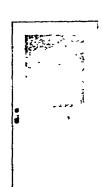


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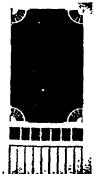
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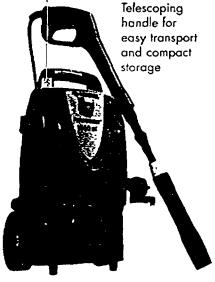
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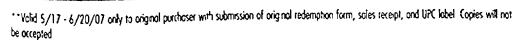
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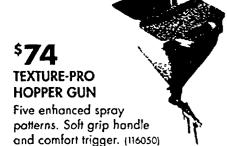
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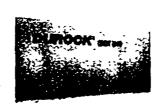
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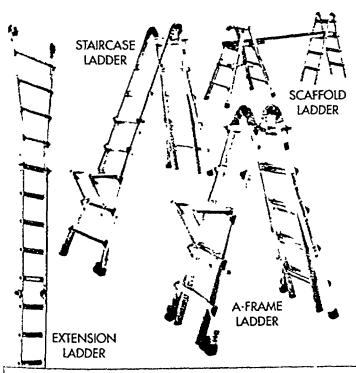
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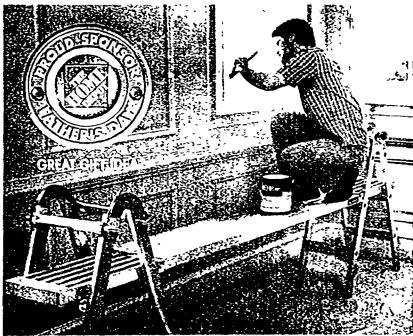




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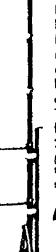
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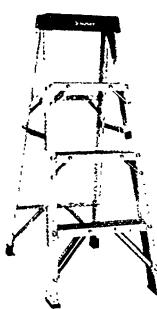
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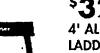
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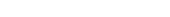
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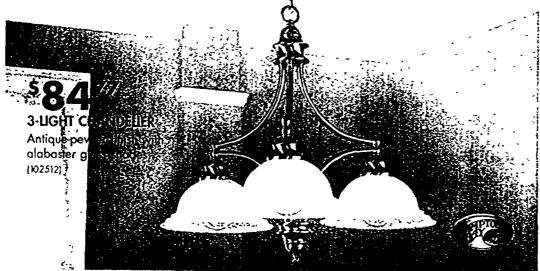


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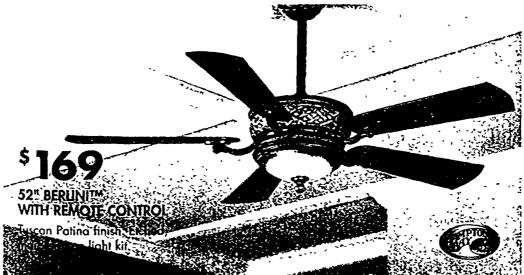
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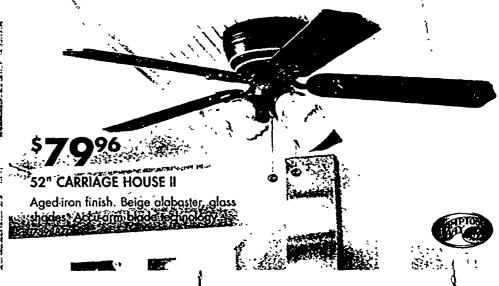
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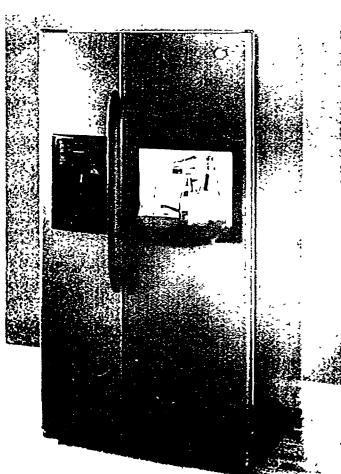
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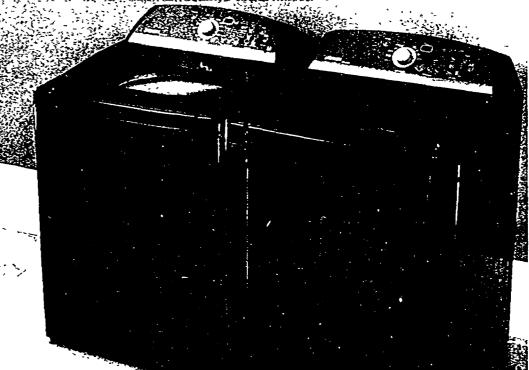
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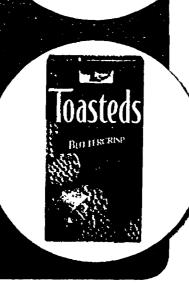
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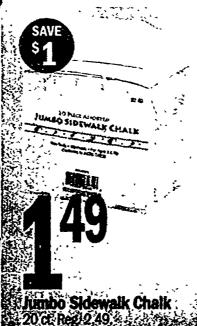
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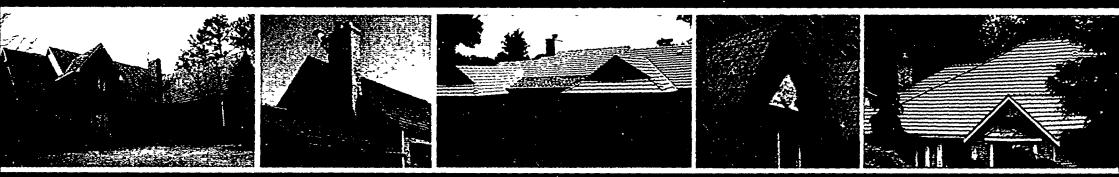
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Please help my friend and me settle a disagreement. She says an actor on The O.C. was Jennifer Beals' boyfriend in the movie Flashdance. I say no way—it's two different people.

-Mark O., Farmville, Va.



Actor Michael Nouri

Your friend is correct. Michael

Nouri, who portrayed Dr. Neil Roberts on the FOX-TV series The O.C., played the blue-collar boyfriend/boss in 1983's Flashdance. Nouri, 61, has been acting steadily since 1969, when he had a brief appearance in the comedy Goodbye. Columbus. You may have seen him most recently in the movies Invincible, set in the 1970s football world of the Philadelphia Eagles, and Boynton Beach Club, in which he played a retirement-community playboy.

My niece is crazy about a new group called Girl Authority. What can you tell me about them?

-S. Silar, Danville, Ill.

Girl Authority is a group of nine Boston-area friends, all between the ages of 9 and 14, who are creating quite a buzz with their bubbly, positive pop music geared toward young girls. Their new CD, Road Trip, features retooled versions of Madonna's "Holiday," Fleetwood Mac's "Don't Stop," the Go-Go's "Vacation" and Katrina and the Waves' "Walking on Sunshine." The members met through a local theater company in Massachusetts, where they each—at various times—appeared in productions of Annie.



Q Can you tell us anything about Johnny Rodriguez? He was such a good singer.

-Gladys Davis. Toast, N.C.

Texas-born Rodriguez, 56, made the trek to Nashville, Tenn., in the early 1970s, intent on becoming a country music star. He eventually landed a string of hit singles, including "Pass Me By (If You're Only Passing Through)" and "Ridin' My Thumb to Mexico." He continues to tour and perform. Injured last summer when he was thrown from a horse near



Singer Johnny Rodriguez

his home in Fort Worth, Texas, he recovered after 10 days of hospitalization and soon was back on the concert trail.

I heard that Drew Barrymore was paid over \$1 million for her first movie, E.T., a record amount for a child star, alnd she was barely 7 years old! Is that true?

—Shawn Wilson, Edna. Texas

Barrymore's pay for *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* in 1982 was \$75,000—not \$1 million, but certainly impressive. The child actress made her movie debut in *Altered States* in 1980 at age 5. Now she's 32, and her salary has risen considerably: She was paid \$14 million for *Charlie's Angels*:

Full Throttle in 2003. Her latest movie is Lucky You, about a hotshot poker player in a high-stakes Las Vegas tournament.

Drew Barrymore was 7 when she starred in E.T. the Extro-Terrestrial (below).



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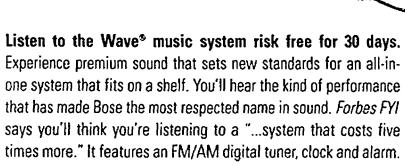
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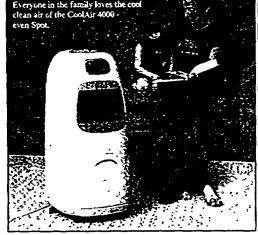
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Pickin', Grinnin' and Giving

by PAM WINDSOR

Even though 2007 marks his 60th year as a performer, Roy Clark is as excited as ever about making music. "I do love it," says the award-winning singer, songwriter and television personality.

The "pickin' and grinnin" Clark, 74, former host of the long-running TV series *Hee Haw*, continues to perform all over the nation, playing some 200 shows last year. His wife of 50 years, Barbara, is amazed that the life of a working musician captivates him to this day.

"I'll come off the road after being out for two months and there's a guitar right by my chair," he says, "and

I'll get it and start strumming as soon as I get home. She'll say, 'Don't you ever get tired?" He never does.

Clark first became interested in music as a boy growing up in Meherrin, Va. His father, who later moved the family to Washington, D.C., encouraged young Roy as he taught himself to play guitar. He eventually became a virtuoso on several other stringed instruments.

Hee Haw, which aired from 1969 to 1993, made Clark a household name, but he has many other credits. As one of country music's most recognized ambassadors, he pioneered a groundbreaking 1976 tour to the Soviet Union, appeared on numerous TV shows and commercials, and became the first musician to open a celebrity theater in Branson, Mo., in 1983.

"What you see with Roy Clark is what you get," says Franklin Grant, who organizes an annual concert by Clark at Longwood University in Farmville, Va., where the entertainer funds scholarships to aspiring musicians. "I've never seen him be anything but nice to the audience, the students or the people who work for him."

Clark's image as a genuinely nice guy is enhanced by his track record of extensive charity work. During the last 15 years, he's staged fund-raising concerts and other events for hospitals in Virginia, Tennessee and his hometown of Tulsa, Okla; a language-disorder clinic in

Multitalented Roy Clark is a virtuoso on numerous stringed instruments.

North Carolina: a Los Angeles youth center: an assured of his signature cones including "(Chest)

North Carolina; a Los Angeles youth center; an elementary school in Tulsa and dozens of college programs.

For several years, he headlined a golf tournament for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., where a floor was named in his honor. "I see a lot of celebrities come to St. Jude, and you know what's in a person's heart by how they entertain the children," says

hospital CEO David McKee. "He was truly touched by the kids, not the cameras."

Clark sees his helping hand as a responsibility. "I've just been so blessed in my life," he says. "It would be a sin for me to sit there and not share it, and not do something to help others."

Clark also is noted for his generosity on stage, eager to share the spotlight with the younger musicians in his band.

During a recent performance, he played

several of his signature songs, including "(Ghost) Riders in the Sky," "Yesterday, When I Was Young" and "Thank God and Greyhound," then stepped aside to allow each member of the band to shine. Later, in a move that prompted laughter from the crowd, Clark edged to the front of the stage, saying it was time to show the younger people that "the old boy can still get it done." He grabbed his fiddle and dazzled the audience with a lightning-fast version of "Orange Blossom Special."

While his enthusiasm and musical chops are as strong as ever, Clark says he's finally ready to cut back on some of his traveling to spend more time with family, which includes four grown children and five grandkids. He plans to scale down to around 75 shows each year, but don't expect him to put away the guitar anytime soon.

"We ain't through yet," he says. "There's some notes out there that still wanna be played."

Pam Windsor is a writer based in Louisville, Ky.

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Co-hosting Hee Haw in the

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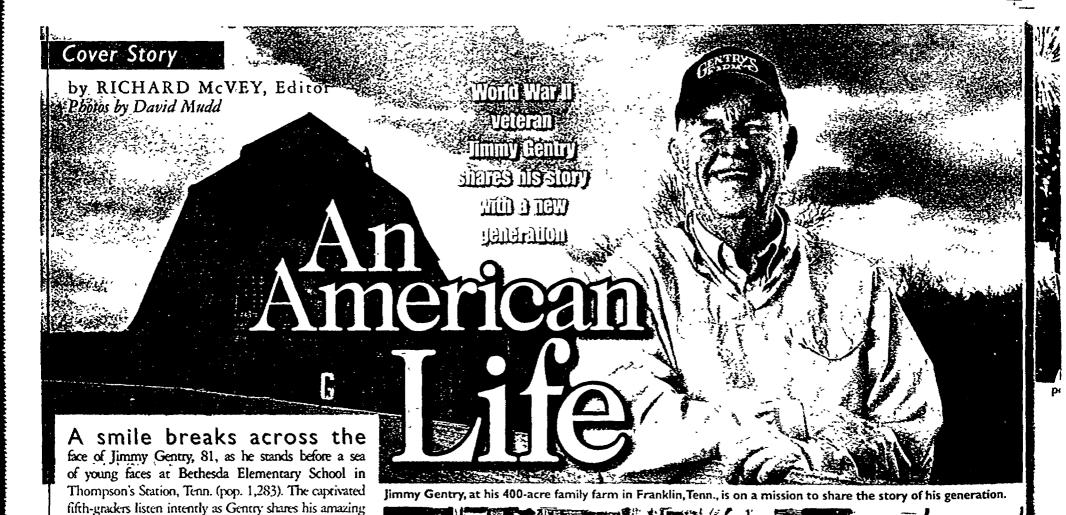
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"I want you to close your eyes and imagine a time long ago," Gentry begins. "I want to tell you a story about a little boy." Like he's done more than 100 times over the last 20 years for audiences around the nation, Gentry takes listeners back to the "simple, but wonderful times" of his childhood, when he would climb trees, swim in the Harpeth River, and catch squirrels and fish with his bare hands to help survive during the Great Depression.

"We didn't have anything," he says of his years growing up in Franklin, Tenn. (pop. 41,842). "But nobody else had anything, so we didn't know any better. We had the best time in the whole world. And the reason I had such a good time was because of my momma. She would tell us, 'You may not have the best clothes in the world, but you'll have the cleanest."

Gentry was 12 when his father died, leaving his mother to raise nine children. "She gathered us kids around his coffin and said, 'What you've left me with is worth more than all the gold in the world."

Gentry lived through significant times in American history: "I remember being at a drug store on Dec. 7, 1941. I was 16 years old and hanging out with a group of teenagers. Somebody said, 'Be quiet and turn up the radio.' There, for the first time, we heard that the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. When we heard that, we put our unfinished Cokes down and walked out of the drugstore without saying a word."

Students' eyes widen as he describes his life as a 19-year-old foot soldier during World War II. "You'd walk all night, then you'd go to sleep walking," he tells them. "You'd

Gentry tells students about his life as a foot soldier during World War II and surviving the Great Depression.

fall down and wake yourself up and keep on walking. Then you'd walk all day and all night again. The next day we reached the city of Wurzburg, Germany. That's where the Germans were waiting for us."

Near the end of his conversation with the students, Gentry pauses. "There are some things in here that are difficult to talk about, so I might cry," he says, closing his eyes as he describes the events of April 29, 1945, the day he and fellow soldiers liberated Germany's Dachau concentration camp.

"I remember seeing these faces," he says of

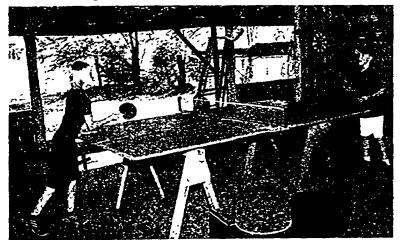
the camp's survivors. "They're staring out at me. They appeared to be dead." Gentry is careful to not upset his young audience, but offers enough description so they understand the atrocities he witnessed.

Gentry's story brings the textbook to life, says social studies teacher Melanie Dickson, 38. "I didn't realize what a powerful impact he would have on us all," she says. "History comes alive as the students realize that there are people who actually lived through these events. Several students said that they had a vivid image in their head of what life was like during the Great Depression and the trials faced during World War II."

At the conclusion of his talk, Gentry fields questions



Wade Kinser gets a lesson on horseshoes as his mom, Sharon, looks on.



Each June, Gentry's Farm is transformed into a summer camp for kids. from his young audience. "I have a question," says a little girl in the corner. "Was the squirrel tasty?" Gentry laughs and replies, "If you're hungry enough, you'll eat a stick."

You've got to tell your story
For 40 years after serving the nation in World War II, Gentry kept

For 40 years after serving the nation in World War II, Gentry kept his war stories to himself: They were much too painful to retell. Instead, he focused on his career as a high school teacher and football coach, and on building a family with his wife and high school sweetheart, Rebecca—"the only girl I ever kissed."

But in 1985, he received a call from a concentration camp survivor, asking if he would speak about what happened at Dachau. "I couldn't do it," Gentry recalls "But the man asked if he could just meet me and slake my hand."

The two met, and again the man asked if Gentry would share his story. "He said to me, 'When you die, nobody will ever know anything about what happened." In 1986, Gentry worked up the courage to speak to a group of students at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. Since then, he has been asked to tell his story to civic groups, church congregations and schools in Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Texas, among others. He speaks because, "my conscience tells me that I should do it," he says.

However, Gentry doesn't just tell the story of his experience liberating Dachau. Instead, he tells the "story of an American life." He often dedicates his talks to small towns, and spends much of his time reminiscing about his childhood.

Recalling an American life

"Everybody knew everybody else growing up," Gentry says.
"I remember the telephone numbers growing up were 1, 2, 3, 4.



Gentry with his bride, Rebecca, in 1946

One time I called the operator. Lillian, and said, 'Lillian, give me number 79.' She said, 'Jimmy, they're not at home. They've gone to the grocery.' She knew my voice, and she knew where they were. Everybody knew everybody."

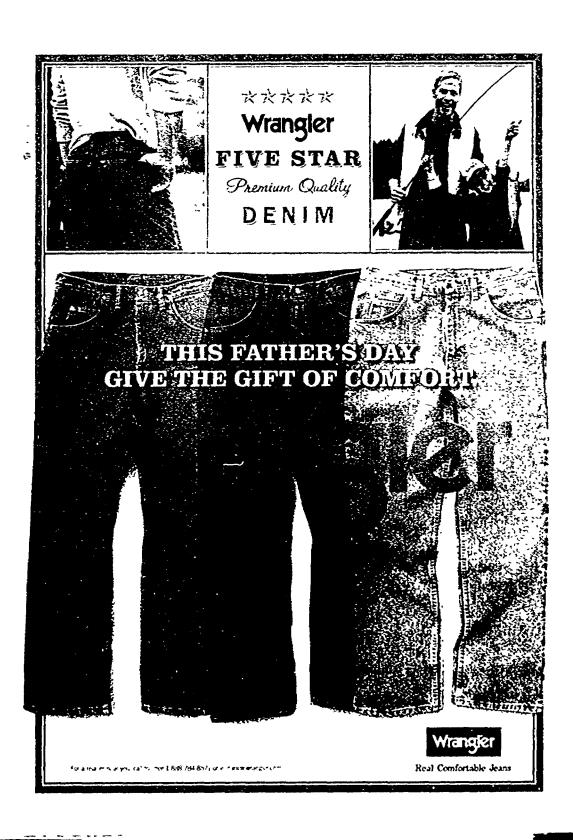
His stories often are met with amazement from his audience, as evidenced by the thousands of letters he's received over the years. Katie Horton, a fifth-grader at Bethesda Elementary, wrote to Gentry: "I can't wait to share your stories with friends and family. I think they will also be very interested and proud of all the things you have

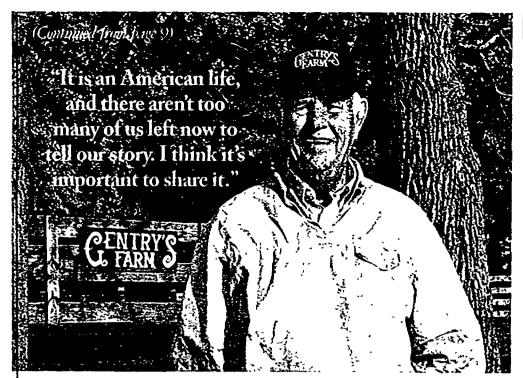
been through. You are a great speaker. I would love to hear more of your stories."

Responses from students and friends prompted Gentry to write and publish his autobiography, titled An American Life, in 2002, which is dedicated to his wife, who died last year.

Sharon Kinser, 39, who has known Gentry since she was a kid, was thrilled when he wrote his autobiography. "It gives someone a glimpse into a life that is long gone, but has much to be desired," she says. "And to know that you can read that and go talk to the person. It's a real gift. He's such a special man. He's an American hero."

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Each June for more than 30 years, Gentry's Farm has been transformed into a summer camp for kids. "We pitch horseshoes, feed the chickens, we have a rope swing in the tree, play in the river and we tell stories,"

Gentry says. "Just simple things and we do it without computers or television."

Kinser attended the camp as a middle-school student and worked as a camp counselor during high school. "I had so much fun there," she recalls. "We played checkers, horseshoes, and a highlight was capture the flag. We'd camp out by the river and tell ghost stories."

This summer, her 8-year-old son, Wade, will attend his third year at the camp. "When he was born, I basically said, 'You will be going to Gentry's camp when you get old enough.' He loves it." Gentry finds great joy in sharing the life he remembers, whether at his camp or in front of a classroom full of students. "My story could be someone else's story in another part of America," Gentry says. "It is an American life, and there aren't too many of us left now to tell our story. I think it's important to share it."

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NEBRASKA

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Quasquicentennial—Ellendale, June 28-July 1. Join the town's celebration of its first 125 years with historical programs, arts & crafts, a road race, golf tournament, parade, street dance, food and fireworks. (701) 349-4103.

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In the 1880s, the brass ensemble was dubbed the Germania Band.

Band members include teachers, students, small business owners, enginxers, accountants and retires, most of whom live within five miles of Ouakerrown (pop. 8,931) and all of whom love music. They commit to practices each Thursday evening and more than 15 annual performances at area parks, church chancels and school auditoriums. All are volunteers who audition for the privilege of participating in the regionally renowned group.

"Sometimes, we have too much fun up there," says Blewett, who has played oboe for the band since 1955 and is its senior member. "We're in for the love of music."

The diminutive Long, an eighth-grader at Milford Middle School in Quakertown, concurs. "It's fun to be up there," she says after finishing her ery first performance with the band. "It feels really cool."

Long is the band's youngest member and represents the future of a community tradition that began in a shoe factory on Quakertown's East Broad Street in 1877, Founded by 23 local shoemakers, the group practiced in the factory and originally called itself the Citizens Silver Cornet Band, Members, mostly of German descent, changed the name to the Germania Band with the purchase of brass instruments in the 1880s, then renamed the group after the town in 1917.



Trombonists Jason and Jim, part of the musical Strefeler family.

"We're an independent, self-supporting organization," says Jim Strefeler, 52, a banker who has played trombone for the band since 1976, "but we



couldn't do it without the financial support of the

community and local businesses." Strefeler's family tree intertwines with the band's history. His wife, Julie, descends from cornetist William Mininger, who joined the band in 1885. The Strefelers' three grown children were band members before heading to college, and their youngest child, Joanna, 16, plays clarinet and hopes to join some day.

The Quakertown Band includes musicians of all ages, both amateurs and semiprofessionals, many of whom hold music degrees. The group has produced three CDs.

"There is a pride in good music in this community, as in many Pennsylvania Dutch communities," says Karschner, referring to the rich musical traditions brought by German immigrants. "The Quakerrown Band exists to provide musical entertainment to the community . . . and to provide an opportunity for instrumentalists, young and old, to perform in a quality ensemble."

Each concert serves as a celebration of the band's proud heritage, both for musicians and music lovers. Sax player Fred Haas, 66, can appreciate the trust placed in his nimble fingers as he performs a solo medley of Ray Charles hits before the July 4th crowd. Eyes closed, fingers effortlessly moving across the shiny instrument, the tall, white-haired Haas makes each note sing, drawing whistles and a spontaneous ovation from the crowd. A sign from Karschner sends Haas back to his seat as fellow band members beam and flash the "thumbs up" sign.

"This band is a great community thing." Haas says in the afterglow of the show. "People know it's a quality band. That's why they keep coming to hear us play, and why musicians want to be a part of it."

Susan Stets is a freedance writer in Coopersburg, Pa.

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Picnic Fare

Lunch at the lake, picnics in the park, visits to family in the country, and outdoor barbecues—you'll have no trouble gathering the family together for these summer activities when delicious picnic fare is on the menu. And these two recipes from *American Profile* readers are great make-ahead and take-along dishes.

Gail Van Osdell of St. Charles, Ill., sent us her recipe for Italian-Style Baked Beans. "This recipe has been in our family for many years," Osdell says. "It is a dish that can be served with almost any meat. We like it as a side dish when grilling outside."

Blueberry Jell-O Salad is another great picnic offering. "This recipe was used by my mom every holiday meal," says Michelle Fyfe of Mesa, Ariz. "This is one leftover you never get tired of eating."

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1½ pounds Italian sausage

 6 (16-ounce) cans beans (mixture of garbanzo, baked, kidney and great Northern)

2 large onions, minced

2 large green peppers, diced

2 (6-ounce) cans tomato paste

2 bay leaves

2 tablespoons dry mustard

2 tablespoons brown sugar

2 teaspoons dried oregano

I teaspoon garlic salt

1. Cut sausage into bite-size pieces; fry, drain off fat. Scrape sausage into a slow cooker.

2. Drain beans and add to slow cooker. Add onion, green pepper and tomato paste; stir. Add bay leaves, mustard, brown sugar, oregano and garlic salt; stir. Cook on high until mixture bubbles, then set slow cooker on low heat and cook 6 to 8 hours. If there is too much liquid, spoon it off before serving. Serves 12 to 14.



Blueberry Jell-O Salad

I (6-ounce) box black cherry Jell-O

2 cups fresh blueberries

l (16-ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained

½ cup sugar

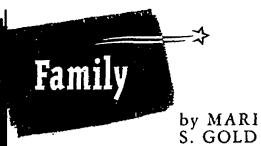
i (i6-ounce) container sour cream

I (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened

l cup chopped toasted pecans

I. Prepare Jell-O according to package instructions; refrigerate until partially set, about 1½ hours. Add blueberries and pineapple; stir well. Pour into a 13-by-9-inch glass dish. Refrigerate 6 hours or overnight to set.

2. Combine sugar, sour cream and cream cheese. Mix to spreading consistency. Spread over set Jell-O; sprinkle toasted pecans on top. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serves 10 to 12.



Hosting a Themed **Gathering**

If you're planning an outdoor gathering, consider hosting a themed picnic. Here are some suggestions to make your next picnic a memorable one:

- "Host a cowboy picnic," suggests Kelsey Ullman, a mother of three in Hopkinton, Mass. (pop. 13,346). "Create invitations with photos of guests and write Wantal over the pictures. Suggest dressing in denim with bandanas and boots. If you can, provide inexpensive cowboy hats." Play country-and-western CDs while serving barbecued ribs, baked beans and grilled vegetables.
- Go Italian with red, white and green decorations. Serve cold cuts in focaccia bread layered with cheese and tomatoes. Toss cubed mozzarella with green and red peppers for a colorful salad. Play a game of "Capture the Italian Flag" and listen to classics such as "That's Amore" and "Arrivederci Roma."
- Make your picnic "Out of this World." Serve food on sheets of silver Mylar, cover bowls with tin foil, and use star and moon stickers to decorate black paper plates and cups. Munch on Flying Saucers (individual pizzas) and Martian tomatoes, sliced and served on a plate that resembles the red planet. For dessert, cover a pound cake with white frosting and sprinkle with crumbled chocolate sandwich cookies for "moon dust." Turn a game of tag into "Catch the Space Explorer."
- Celebrate the Earth with a "Planet Green" theme. Buy recycled party goods or use utensils and plates you'll wash and reuse. Serve fruits and vegetables grown in your own garden or purchased from a local farmers market. Guests can plant a tree together or clean up a local park.
- If you live near a beach, lake or pool, consider a "Seashore Picnic." Ask guests to wear beach clothes and sunglasses. Sit on colorful beach towels, nibbling Goldfish crackers and shell pasta salad. If your budget permits, have a clambake. Play beach volleyball or build a sandcastle together.

Whatever the theme, be sure to take plenty of pictures so you can remember the fun.

Mari S. Gold is a freelance writer in New York.







Milk's favorite little cookie.



"When I think that I used to look like this not that long ago..."

"Now I can eat whatever I want and keep my new weight stable without gaining any weight back. Just like when I was much younger."

After following the advice broadcast on TV. Cecilia Wolker shares with us how:

"I lost 11 pounds the first week

(and 35 pounds in all) While

continuing to eat as usual (and I haven't gained back

(and I haven't gained back a single pound in the last 6 months)"

ike all the women in her family, Cecilia always put on weight easily. She's struggled with serious weight problems for 14 years. She had tried everything, even medications.

Today, for the first time in her life, she lost weight and kept it off "while continuing to eat as usual; even pasta, chocolate and desserts" she confided to our correspondent. She now weighs 123 pounds and she hasn't gained back any weight in over 6 months.

When we decided to launch a nationwide information campaign, we naturally asked Cecilia to share her amazing experience with our readers.

Interviewed by JUDITH EMERSON

Judith Emerson: Cecilia, before we talk about your experience, can you tell me more about the weight prob-

lems you struggled with?

Cecilia Wolker: When I was a child, I was rather chubby. However, when I was 11, I began to steadily gain weight. At one point, my weight went

up to 163 pounds and I'm only 5'6". Every now and then I'd lose a few pounds, but in no time, my success was always a short story from the past. It depressed me, but my appetite didn't decrease. I'd starve myself, but binge eating episodes were always following the starvation periods. So, by the time I was 23 years old, I was so round I no longer knew how to dress myself. I was convinced that no one liked me; so I stopped caring about myself and withdrew into my shell.

JE: Did you try anything else besides diets to lose weight?

CW: For a long time, I tried

one weight-loss product after another. When you have weight problems, like I did, you'll try anything. "Miracle" pills, appetite suppressants... everything. I tried yoga, joining a gym, aerobics, acupuncture and even medication. In the best cases, I would lose 13 or 14 pounds... but I'd gain back 15!

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JE: And yet, after all these disappointments, today you're sitting before me, slim and sexy. What happened?

CW: About a year ago, right after the date was set for my brother's wedding, I had a real anxiety attack thinking about

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buying a dress for this event. Instead of being thrilled about this blessed event, I was an emotional wreck.

Then, one night, while I was watching television, I came across a program featuring women who were about my age who easily lost their excess pounds. Up to 45 pounds in some cases.

JE: How did they lose so much weight so easily?

CW: The secret is an ingenious blend of 26 plants and 3 marine plants which is known under the scientific name of Detoxykall. It comes in drinkable doses and it's to be taken three times a day. The next day, I called up my doctor to talk to him about it. He told me that he just recently heard about this discovery. He then told me that an institute which specializes in weight control in western European countries had concluded in a report that this recent discovery was considered to be a major advance for those people who are battling excess weight caused by a poor metabolism and who have a body that doesn't burn enough calories. This problem, according to him, was the main reason why 95% of overweight people have trouble losing weight.

35 POUNDS IN 38 DAYS

JE: So, was it at that moment that you told yourself that you may have finally found the solution that you've been waiting for for so long?

CW: After that conversation with my doctor, I realized that for the first time I felt like I was going to finally lose my excess weight. But I never expected what happened to me next. Without telling anyone, I called the distributor and asked them to send me, in a discreet package, the Detoxykall intensive program with the Fortified Formula. Anyways, I wasn't risking anything. I had a guarantee that I would lose weight or the trial would not have cost me anything.

JE: How soon after did you receive your package?

CW: The next week. The best thing however, was when I opened my package. Everything was beautifully presented and it really grabbed my attention. Everything was clear, concise and easy to follow. I was really anxious to get started right away. There was only a month and a half left before my brother's wedding... so I took the recommended doses of *Detoxykall* each and every day, before each main meal.

JE: What happened over the next few days?

CW: I started on a Friday. I weighed 158 pounds. I told myself there was no sense in weighing myself for the first few days. It was only on Saturday of

feeling more optimistic, less anxious. After one week, I was in such a good mood and had so much energy that I was able to do twice as much as I usually could do in a day.

JE: And since then, have you managed to keep your slim figure?

CW: I haven't gained back a single pound. My hips have stayed slim and my buttocks are firm. And now, I can eat whatever I want. Sometimes, I wonder

think that you'll never get slim and achieve an attractive figure, you no longer have to worry. Testimonials are currently coming in from all over. Men and women who have finally lost weight and became slim are writing in. Here are some excerpts:

"Until recently, I had always quickly gained back the pounds I lost. With Detoxykall, I lost 18 pounds and six months later I haven't regained any weight. It changed my life." Helena G.

"My husband lost 9 pounds in one week and I lost 13 pounds in about 10 days." L.F.M.

"I was skeptical, but I decided to try this product and I lost the 20 pounds I needed to lose. And I never felt hungry or denied myself anything I liked during the entire treatment."

Petra P. Salburg

"I lost 28 pounds in 7 weeks and I haven't had any problems maintaining my new weight." Jonathan L.

"I'm very satisfied. I lost 11 pounds in two weeks and I feel much better."

Angela P. Lokenbaden

"I'm thrilled! I tried everything and this time I'm really happy being able to keep my weight stable at 126 pounds instead of 156." Maika G. Bischwiller

Detoxykall is the first weightloss program which causes weight-loss through a process called meta-stimulation. It is your internal system that is modified in such a way that the calories you consume will not make you gain weight, exactly like those individuals who are able to eat whatever they want without gaining weight. You can call the toll-free number and ask to have a Detoxykall program shipped from the exclusive North American distributor to your home for a risk-free trial.

Simply tell the operator how many pounds you would like to lose.

Call the toll-free number now (24/7);

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Do it now, while you have the number in your hand.

(Please, turn over for more details...)



"Since I lost all my excess weight, I feel more attractive than ever... and I'm not the only one."

the next week that I decided to step on the scale. I felt like I was slimmer and lighter. And I was! The proof was on my scale. I had definitely lost 11 pounds. I couldn't believe my eyes. But the most surprising part was that in exactly 38 days, I had lost 35 pounds... and on the day of my brother's wedding I weighed 123 pounds.

NEVER HUNGRY AGAIN

JE: You lost your excess weight very quickly. Didn't feel tired or lethargic?

CW: No, actually it's quite the opposite. Not only did I lose my excess pounds, but I started what happened or changed inside my body since all the good things I love to eat don't make me gain weight anymore. Another good thing is that I can now wear dresses and skirts that really show off my new figure. I can tell you that my life has really changed since I became more attractive. People really look at me differently now... and I like it.

Interview conducted by Judith Emerson.

Other documented cases'...

If you've tried everything and

3,656 people have already reached their ideal weight

"How to lose 10, 20 or even 40 pounds and more

Very quickly, safely and while continuing to eat all the foods you love"



Dr. Karen Mulder

"I'm against diets and medications for weight loss.

However, this product is without a doubt, the best way to lose weight naturally without feeling hungry currently available on the market."

Phytotherapeutic physicians have discovered the incredible energetic weightloss properties of a liquid concentration of 26 plants and 3 marine plants presently being sold under the name Detoxykall. Discover below why it makes you lose weight — and how.

Experiments have shown that the Detoxykall liquid concentrate reduces fat cells through meta-stimulation, a process which provokes a permutation within the process of excess calorie absorption. In other words, the body burns more calories than it receives (up to 3 times the number of calories in the food consumed). Result: you can continue eating all the foods you love. Once you've started the Detoxykall program, YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE WEIGHT AND INCHES NON-STOP.

- Unwanted fluids and fat are dissolved progressively and systematically.
- A strong biological reaction occurs within your body that affects caloric intake, even when you maintain your normal eating habits.
- This combination has shown to be effective in generating the fastest weight loss observed on over one thousand overweight subjects.

Lose weight naturally'. First, Detoxykall contains marine plants such as Laminaria, Chlorella and Wakame which stimulate the secretion of thyroidal hormones thereby stimulating the combustion of calories. Also, it contains the molecule found in the amazing HDA which is harvested from the Kalahari desert (Southern Africa) combined with 6 other plants and which suppresses the absorption of approximately 1,300 calories per day. It does so by sending a message to the parts of the brain which are responsible for controlling hunger that replicates the sensation of gustative pleasure.

Detoxykall also contains Piper Nigrum

extract, a plant of Asian origin whose active ingredient relieves congestion in saturated fat cells and cleans the colon of toxic residues left behind by the foods we eat. And there's also Crocus Sativus extract which acts like a boiler, liquifying fat reserves to facilitate an easy evacuation.

It should be noted that all the active ingredients of the plants and marine plants contained in Detoxykall are bioavailable and biodegradable. This means that they are assimilated naturally into the body's cells and their active ingredients are hard at work throughout the day. This explains their unusual effectiveness.

Lose weight according to your needs. If you have 10 to 20 pounds to lose, you are going to lose at least 6 pounds within the first 3 days and an average of 4 pounds per week thereafter. If you have 20 to 30 pounds to lose, you're going to lose weight even faster. Certain people, who had more than 40 pounds to lose, lost up to 13 pounds in the first week and an average of 7 to 8 pounds in the following weeks.

Simply take the required dose before each meal, as indicated. As soon as Detoxykall is assimilated by your system and is circulating throughout your body, its weight-loss properties are unleashed. The process of caloric transmutation has begun. The saturated fat cells in your body are decongested and shrink in volume. Fat bulges quickly flatten out. By the end of the first week, you're going to see results in the mirror that will be confirmed by your scale.

Lose weight while eating. Everyone who's followed the *Detoxykall* program has lost weight. Even the most difficult cases. If it worked for others, there's no reason why it won't work for you. The second important element is the action process itself: your body is going to simply burn more calories than it absorbs from the food you consume. And since *Detoxykall* has no

a slim and attractive news.

"This discovery is far superior to all the other weight-loss products on the market. The results are so instantaneous that you can almost watch yourself lose weight.

There are currently reports which are documenting weight loss of up to 13 pounds in the first week."

Excerpt from the magazine
The Medika Report

I decided to step on the scale

counter indications and doesn't require changes in eating habits, anyone can use it.

If you think that you've tried everything, but in vain, don't despair. Try one more time, for the last time, if not only for curiosity's sake... you won't regret it. And, if unlikely as it may be, it does not work for you to your expectations; this experiment will not have cost you a penny.

Lose weight without any obligation. The results and weight loss is so certain that for the next 15 days all the readers of this publication can benefit from a special risk-free trial. To receive a complete Detoxykall program without any obligation to buy, just take 2 minutes of your time to call toll-free (24/7) the exclusive direct distributor at:

1-800-820-0914

Or visit: www DetoxykallDirect.com/99B

Or, if you'd prefer, indicate on a sheet of paper if you have less than 20 pounds to lose, between 21 and 30 pounds to lose, between 31 and 40 pounds to lose or more than 40 pounds to lose. IN CAPITAL LETTERS, print your full name and address along with your Visa or MasterCard number and expiration date and sign your name at the bottom of the page. Send it to:

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(You can also pay by check or money order. Make it out to SynergHealth Ltd. and include it along with the sheet of paper).

To lose weight with certainty – how much does it cost?

If you have less than 20 pounds to lose, the Regular *Detoxykall* program is sufficient. The introductory price is only \$39 (instead of \$49).

If you have between 21 and 30 pounds to lose, the Intensive *Detoxykall* program is required for the price of \$69 (you save \$29!).

If you have between 31 and 40 pounds to lose, you need the Intensive *Detoxykall* program with the Fortified Formula which costs \$89 (you save \$58!!).

And if you have more than 40 pounds to lose, we recommend that you try the Intensive *Detoxykall* program with the Ultra-Fortified Formula for \$99 (you'll save \$97!!!).

• All the prices above include a reduction of between \$10 and \$97 which is only offered during this national press campaign. A \$6 charge will be added to your order to cover special handling and first-class shipping fees, no matter which Detoxykall program you choose.

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IMPORTANT: Since fresh plants and plant extract ingredients are used to make the Detoxykall concentrate, supplies are limited. The next production will begin in about 3 weeks. Orders are fulfilled on a first-come, first-serve basis. To ensure that you won't have to wait, call toll-free now (24/7):

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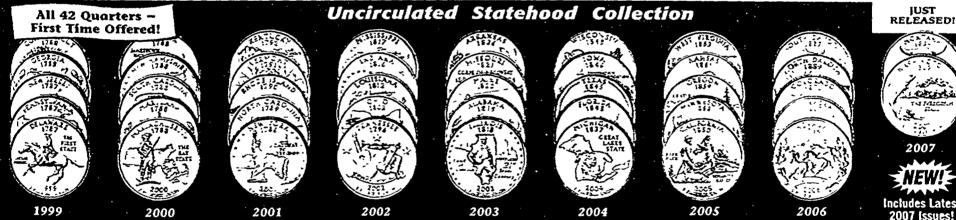
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