



Happy 10th Anniversary

The Northville Community Foundation celebrated its 10th anniversary Saturday with a party on the lower level of Northville Square, 133 W. Main Street. Pictured with Executive Director Shari Peters (right) are board members (l to r) Nikki Bateson, Andrea Marlow, Eric Colthurst and Chris Belcher.

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Farmer Beemer fired at Maybury Farm

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Beemer began his career with the state in 1964 as a park ranger at Sterling State Park in Monroe, Mich. In 1966, he went to Muskegon State Park, again as a ranger. In 1968, he and Norma moved to the Waterloo Recreation Area south of Stockbridge. In 1972, he took a job at the Pinckney Recreation Area.

The state opened the farm and park to the public in 1975, but a private concessionaire ran the farm for the first three summers, according to Beemer.

"The state wanted to run the farm itself and expand it, so they asked me to transfer over," he said.

Took buyout five years ago

Beemer took a buyout from the state on Oct. 31, 2002, and moved to his current farm in Stockbridge.

He was asked to return to the farm in spring 2004 after a devastating fire at the farm in February

2003. Beemer had worked full-time at the farm since 2004.

He said he'll miss the visitors and the people at the farm the most.

"I've seen three generations of people over 30 years," he said.

The Beemers aren't sure what the rest of their lives will bring, but they plan to work with school groups, and they also raise honey bees.

"We also have a couple of hayride programs in Stockbridge, so, we'll keep busy," he said.

"This is a situation that I thought would never happen, and I hope we didn't burn any bridges," he said.

If given the opportunity, Beemer said he might return to the farm, if asked.

Farming is in his blood

Beemer said his parents, Versal and Myrna, started farming just south of Big Rapids until his father learned he had asthma and went to work as a soil conservationist for the federal government.

"We've had our fingers in farming for generations," Beemer said.

"John Beemer and Maybury Farm are synonymous," said Dan

Schneider of Northville Township, a docent at the farm since 2005. "His name has been almost a household word in this community. I think the community has fond memories of him, and he has fond memories of the farm."

"I don't think there would be a Maybury Farm if John hadn't come along. He knew the farm inside and out," Schneider said. "It's his know-how that really put the farm back on its feet."

Schneider said Peters has been responsible for getting the farm back on its feet financially. But in terms of farm knowledge and experience, it was Beemer who made the farm come back to life.

"It took John's farm acumen to get this farm back on the seat again," Schneider said. "To see him be fired is unfortunate."

"Our hearts are still with the farm and the people," Beemer said. "That farm is a very important aspect of the community. We've had people there from all over the world."

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Preliminary Count Day numbers show an increase in number of students in Northville Public Schools

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dents will help bring additional revenue into the district."

Prior to a budget being agreed upon in Lansing Monday, the district also budgeted for no increase in per-pupil allotment.

If that holds up, those additional seven students Northville schools didn't budget for could bring in almost \$60,000 in additional funds,

at \$8,435/pupil, according to district Director of Business & Finance John Street.

In total, the 87 students will bring the district an added \$734,000. If that total of 6,928 holds up, Northville schools will receive almost \$58.5 million from the state.

"We've been cautious with our spending, so we're operating with a balanced budget right now," Street said. "It's added funds. We're glad

to add to our fund balance any time we can."

Bolito remains cautious about the projections, as the numbers could change after Oct. 26, as students with an authorized excused absence on the count day may be counted if they attended all classes at least once within 30 calendar days of the count day.

Enrolled students with an unexcused absence on count day must

have attended all classes prior to count day and must again attend all classes during the next 10 consecutive school days.

"We've still got a while before the numbers are verified," Bolito said. "So I wait until that date to check the reports."

Count day takes place twice each school year: in September and February. The number of students present on both days determines the

amount of state funding per pupil.

The September total accounts for 75 percent of the "blended total" and the February count day makes up the remaining 25 percent. The state takes the blended count total and multiplies it against the Foundation Allowance, which is the pre-determined amount per pupil.

Students must be enrolled on or before count day, meet state age

requirements, have identity and age verified by their school district, proof of residency, class schedule and be in attendance all day on the specified day.

Teachers are responsible for taking a head count on count day.

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■ Shutdown of state avoided

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Cautious Northville not affected, teacher retirement to change

The planned per-pupil increase would not have any bearing on the Northville Public School District, as officials budgeted for no increase for the current school year due to the state budget issue, according to Northville Superintendent Leonard Reznierski.

A measure that will impact the district, however, is a reform of teacher health insurance. Republicans had demanded the teacher insurance reform bill in exchange for casting votes in support of tax hikes.

Under Senate Bill 418, new teachers will pay more into their pension plans and could also end up paying more for health insurance as retirees, while current teachers could see significant health insurance changes as part of the budget deal.

Under the new law, teachers hired after June 30, 2008, will pay more into their pension fund — 6 percent as opposed to the 4 percent current teachers pay. New teachers would also pay higher health insurance premiums during retirement if they have less than 25 years of experience. It will also be more difficult for new hires to buy years of service toward that mark because of tighter eligibility requirements.

Iris Salters, president of the Michigan Education Association, said state leaders have made a devastating mistake by balancing the state budget on the backs of school employees. She said the bill will harm Michigan's public employees without aiding the state budget at all, while the cuts to school employee retirement will make it difficult to recruit and retain the best and brightest employees for Michigan students.

"The health insurance pools that will be set up under (the bill) will be cherry-picked to death because of the politically motivated claims data reporting requirements," Salters said.

"This bill, which never had any proof of cost savings attached to it, will end up costing many school districts more money. Pools that are already offering high-quality, low-cost health insurance will end up with higher rates when low-ball insurers swoop in to poach low-cost, healthy groups."

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Women with a Purpose clothing drive starts Monday

■ Residents can bring new, used items to several area locations

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Judy Rathwell wants to spread some warmth throughout the Metro Detroit community this fall.

A member of Northville's Women with a Purpose, Rathwell encourages area residents to bring their new or gently-used coats, sweaters, hats, gloves and mittens to the group's clothing drive. "Spreading the Warmth to the Needy," slated Monday-Friday.

Only new socks and underwear will be accepted in the drive.

This is the third year for the event, which involves more peo-

ple throughout the community each year, according to Rathwell.

Offering their support again this year are Winchester Elementary School, Our Lady of Victory Church and School and Northville Hills Golf Course subdivision.

All articles collected are donated to PB&J Outreach, Inc. (Peanut Butter and Jelly) and Holy Family Catholic Church.

Last year, 500-600 coats were distributed directly to the homeless and needy in the area.

Women with a Purpose is partnering with two Northville Brownie Troops to help collect coats and other warm garments — Our Lady of Victory's Brownie Troop 621 and Winchester/Ridgewood Troop 89.

"Members of Holy Family have expressed excitement about the drive because they have very few coats to hand out this year," Rathwell said. "So, this comes at a perfect time for them."

Rathwell said Northville Civic

Concern sends clients to Holy Family Catholic Church for their clothing needs.

PBJ Outreach Inc. provides food, clothing and basic social services to homeless people and others who are below the poverty level, living in depressed and impoverished areas of Metro Detroit, such as the Cass Corridor section of Detroit.

For more information about Women with a Purpose or the clothing drive, e-mail Susan Bolley-Guleff at sbolley@yahoo.com.

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Submitted photo

Members of Our Lady of Victory Brownie Troop 621 recently decorated collection boxes for the Women with a Purpose Clothing Drive that will take place Monday-Friday.



Drop-off locations

Residents can bring items to the following places Monday-Friday during next week's Women with a Purpose's "Spread the Warmth to the Needy" clothing drive:

- Our Lady of Victory Church, 770 Thayer Blvd., Northville
- Curves for Women, 44717 Five Mile Road at Beck Road, Plymouth Township
- Envy Salon & Day Spa, 15430 Haggerty Road at Five Mile Road, Northville Township
- Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street, (front lobby)
- Northville Township Hall, 4405 Six Mile Road at Sheldon Road (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., front lobby)

BRIEFS

Donate to Civic Concern

Northville Civic Concern members are asking residents to drop off donations to bins at city hall and the police department.

Groupmembers say they have a major need for breakfast cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, and spaghetti meals. Also on the list of needed items are fruit juices, canned soups (not broth), tuna/canned meats, spaghetti sauce, rice, Kraft macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly.

Paper products, such as toilet paper, paper towel, and facial

tissue, along with laundry soap, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and cleaning supplies will be accepted, as well. Gift/gas cards are needed, too.

Members of the group ask that donors check the expiration date on the items they plan to give.

For more information, call the Civic Concern office, located at 42951 Seven Mile Road, at (248) 344-1033.

Historic travel guides

The Historical Society of

Michigan in East Lansing recently introduced its 2008 Edition of the Historic Michigan Travel Guide.

The guide will be sold exclusively at the 92 Michigan Meijer stores across the state for \$9.95. Meijer has a store in Northville Township at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

The guide provides key information travelers need to know about hundreds of historic locations, including operating hours, admission fees, highlights of exhibits and collections.

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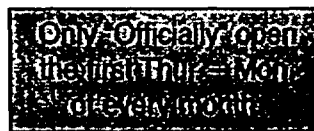
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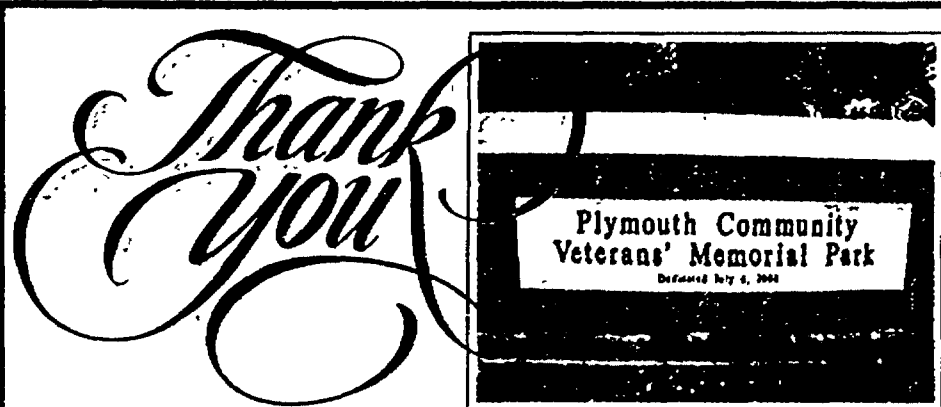
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FIRST FRIDAY

Art Walk, Fashion Show to celebrate fall offerings

■ Walk includes new location for Sherrus Gallery

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Sherri Mewha invites people to come check out her new digs in downtown Northville this weekend.

Mewha, owner of the art store "Awakening...The Artist Inside" and the Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, recently moved both businesses from north Center Street to a new space on the main level of Northville Square, 133 W. Main Street at Wing Street.

The gallery's exhibit space has almost been doubled with the move, and visitors can get a look at the new spot during tomorrow's First Friday Art & Fashion Walk from 6-9 p.m.

In addition to featuring a new artist exhibit at the gallery, Sherrus will celebrate its Grand Reopening with a free wine and cheese reception, live entertainment, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and special guests, including gallery artists.

Northville Mayor Pro Tem Carolann Ayers will assist with the ribbon-cutting ceremony, and Tracy Kash Thomas, 2007 Detroit Music Award nominee for outstanding jazz vocalist and jazz recording, will perform.

"We are tremendously excited about the move to Northville Square, where the gallery will have an even more prominent face in the community with windows bordering both Main and Wing streets," Mewha said.

"With the expanded exhibit space, we're able to exhibit twice as many of our artist collections and accommodate our future expansion plans."

Bob and Margene Buckhave, who own Northville Square and other downtown Northville properties, are thrilled to add an art gallery to the eclectic mix of tenants who occupy the beautifully spacious mall that includes critically-acclaimed restaurants, designer boutiques, a coffee shop

and most recently a dance/exercise studio.

"Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art brings a unique element of cultural class to the shopping experience at the Square," said Margene Buckhave.

Internationally-acclaimed abstract artist Madalina Nicola is the gallery's featured artist in October.

She will be in the gallery to meet with guests during the First Friday event, as well.

Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Nicola and her husband, Lee, will donate her piece "Windows of Dreams" to the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit for its annual fund-raiser.

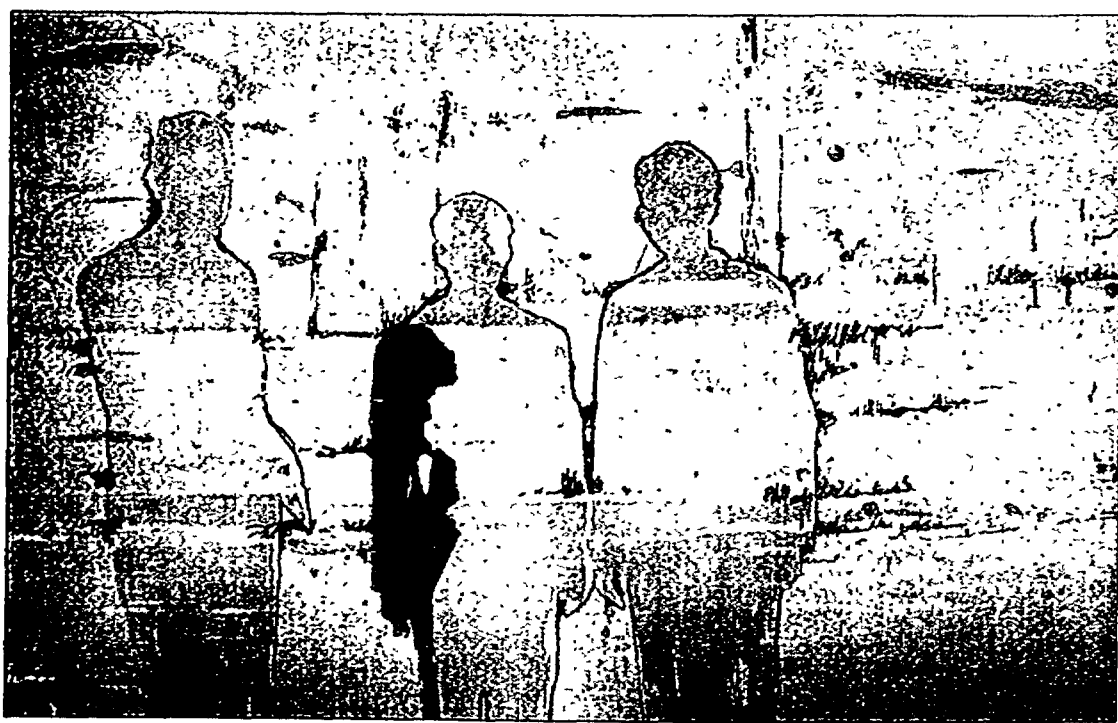
For more information about the exhibit tomorrow call Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, (248) 380-0470 or visit at www.sherrus-gallery.com.

Print show at Art House

Tomorrow's First Friday event will also include the Northville Print Show: A Juried Exhibition at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street. The exhibit will be on display through Sunday, Nov. 4.

The Northville Arts Commission is proud to present this show, featuring a variety of fine art printmaking in some unexpected ways.

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"Shadows of the Manhattan Project" by Benjamin Bigelow of Ypsilanti.

screen, woodcuts and linocuts. But the art goes beyond what the general perception of what printmaking is all about. Some artists have mixed printmaking with other media and materials, such as paints, or used collage with surprising success. There is even an unexpected sculptural work that completely jumps the boundaries of what has been thought of as a two-dimensional media.

The show includes 33 artists from Michigan and beyond.

Juror for the print show will be Zdzislaw Sikora, chair of the Fine Art Department at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. The show will be open from 6-9 p.m. during the First Friday Art Walk and will include light refreshments. Art House Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thursday-Sunday and 1-9 p.m. during First Friday events.

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT**Woman arrested for assault**

A 27-year-old Northville Township woman was arrested for assault and battery at 11:36 p.m. on July 9 on S. Glacier.

The woman was the live-in fiancée of the victim.

When police arrived at the scene, the victim appeared to be highly intoxicated and upset.

The man told police he had gotten into an argument with his fiancée after he had arrived home from a friend's house. He said she became angry because earlier in the day he told her he did not want to marry her.

The man said the woman threw a pair of nail clippers at him, which struck him on the chin.

The woman attempted to leave the scene but was stopped by police on Parkside Drive.

The man stated repeatedly he did not want his fiancée to be prosecuted for the offense.

The woman told police the couple has been engaged since October 2006 but no date has been set for the wedding.

She said she had been at the pool all day while he was out drinking with his friends and was watching a movie in bed when she fell asleep. When her fiancé came home, he allegedly woke her up and for no reason told her to get out.

An argument ensued, and she knew he was intoxicated, so she began to gather her things. She told police he then began throwing her valuables, damaging items. She said her fiancé then came at her with a hammer, and she threw the only thing she had in her hands at him — the nail clippers.

Neighbor trouble reported

Police responded to a report of neighbor trouble at 7:17 p.m. on July 9 on Fry Road.

The reporting party said his wife had been squirted with a hose by their neighbor.

The man told police he and his wife have had many problems with the neighbors, and that problems were so great they filed, and were granted, a restraining order in 2006.

The woman told police she was watering the bushes/trees in the rear of their lot by the neighbors' property, and the neighbor came out into his yard.

He allegedly began to antagonize the woman, insulting her husband and telling lies to their daughter and her friend.

The woman ignored him and continued to water when the neighbor allegedly sprayed her on the right side of her face and neck when her back was turned.

The man told police he and his wife are in their 60s and are fearful about what the neighbor might do, as he appears to be unstable.

The neighbor accused of spraying water said every time his daughter is outside that his male neighbor stares at her and drives by their home while she is on her way to school. He denied spraying the woman with a hose and alleged that the neighbors had emptied his pool.

Peeping Tom on Old Bedford

A 29-year-old man from Plymouth Township was arrested for disorderly conduct after he allegedly peeked in the windows of a home on Old Bedford Road.

The caller, a 55-year-old man, told police he confronted a man in his front yard, and after a short conversation, the subject left. The subject was described as a white male wearing a white T-shirt and gray shorts.

Nearby, police found the man, who said he was just looking at the house when the owner came out and started yelling at him.

The man said he was just admiring the house, and that he was reliving a memory because he once dated a girl who lived in the home.

The caller told police he was watching television when he saw a shadow, went to the door and saw the man standing on his porch.

After further questioning, the man told police he never really dated the girl who used to live there and he was only in the house once.

'Kill the rich' scratched on car

Police were called to a home on Preswick Court when a 39-year-old man reported a malicious destruction of property incident that occurred between 7 p.m. July 10 and 7:30 a.m. July 11 on Preswick Court.

Tires slashed on Chrysler 300

A 43-year-old man also reported a malicious destruction of property incident that occurred between 9:30 p.m. July 10 and 7:30 a.m. July 11 on Preswick Court.

The resident's gray 2006 Chrysler 300 had two slashed tires, front passenger and rear driver side, with the trunk and driver side of the vehicle keyed. Estimated total damage was \$2,500.

The man had no possible suspects.

Mazda's window smashed

A 49-year-old man who lives on Beck Road reported that a rear window was smashed on his 1998 dark green Mazda Millenia that was sitting in his driveway.

The man said his car was not damaged when he left for work the morning of July 12. He didn't notice it until he returned home about 8:40 p.m.

Road rage incident at Meijer

A unit was dispatched to the Meijer parking lot at 1:35 p.m. on

July 12 for a report of road rage.

A 38-year-old Farmington Hills woman said she entered the lot from the north Haggerty Road entrance just south of the Meijer gas station. An unknown man driving a blue Honda Odyssey was behind her vehicle, a white Honda Accord. The driver behind her began continually beeping his horn. She stopped in the middle of the driving lane, and the man drove around her vehicle.

Both vehicles stopped at the end of the driving lane. The man then left his vehicle and

approached hers. He began to scream at her, but she did not know what he was saying.

He then blocked her egress by standing in front of her vehicle.

The man then kicked her vehicle near the fuel filling area on the driver's side and banged his hands on the hood of her car.

He finally returned to his vehicle but followed the woman, who left the Meijer lot at Eight Mile Road and called 911. The case is closed due to lack of leads.

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OBITUARY

**ADELAIDE ELLA
(SOLOMON) SCHMIDT**

Born December 28, 1914 died September 17, 2007, in Ft. Myers, Florida. She joins her beloved husband Ernest J. Schmidt who predeceased her in 1995. Surviving are her children Tyrell (Mitsue), Kathleen Jerome (David) and Brian (Dagmar) and grandchildren Jim and Leah Jerome and Sarah Jenner-Schmidt. Her sister Lois Volkema of Grand Rapids, Michigan, survives her. She was predeceased by her brother, Robert Sullivan of Northville, Michigan and sister, Frances Horstmannhof of Wyoming, Michigan. Adelaide graduated from South High School and Grand Rapids Junior College, and Western Michigan Teacher's College. She taught school in Michigan in East Lansing, Grand Rapids, Kelloggville, and Kentwood school districts. She retired in 1977. Adelaide Schmidt loved teaching, music, reading, and her family. She emphasized health, responsibility and love of God. She has gone home. Be at peace. A memorial service will be planned for a future date.

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The first seven lines of an obituary are published free of charge. After that, there is a fee of \$3 a line. Pictures may be published for \$25.

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Presbyterian Church gets ready for Weekend Arts Celebration

■ Events
include art
show, concertBy Pam Fleming and
Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Nancy Wolfe has a tough task ahead of her this weekend.

The Ann Arbor artist has been selected as the juror for the art show Saturday that's part of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville's Weekend Celebration of the Arts.

The event will include an art show on Saturday, with pianist Paul Sullivan of Maine performing at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church at 200 E. Main Street.

The annual juried art show "Sharing the Gift Within" opens Saturday, with the gallery open each day and evening through Oct. 12.

Visitors can enjoy the displayed artwork, much of which will be for sale to the public.

Artists who enter the show come from all over the Metro Detroit area. The juried show includes awards such as "Best in Show," "Juror's Choice" and other honors.

An adjunct art professor at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Wolfe is a studio artist and educator, exhibiting her work at many galleries and art festivals. She received her master of fine arts degree from Eastern Michigan in 1994.

"My paintings are a visual connection to my love for the turns and tricks of language," Wolfe said. "I think about rhythm and color and how art can offer an image of glory or pain, harmony or strangeness."

"I like to take a walk in my paintings and conjure up a piece of nature, the beginnings of a visual story and a thread of connection between my path and viewers."

For more information about Wolfe, visit www.nancywolfe.com.

Pianist no stranger to area

Although he's lived in coastal Maine since 1988, Sullivan is no stranger to Michigan. He often travels here for the Northville Fine Art Concert Series.

Sullivan was brought to the church by two of its members, according to First Presbyterian Fine Arts Committee Member Alan Somershoe.

"Some of our members know (Sullivan) and have brought him to the area in the past, and that's how he got started playing here," Somershoe said, adding that Sullivan played one of his CDs for the church's music director, prompting the director to invite the composer to perform at the church.

Sullivan has enjoyed a richly varied and distinguished career as both a pianist and composer.

His 12 CDs have sold more than 200,000 copies and have won three Indie Awards.

His music has been broadcast internationally and on all the major American networks, including National Public Radio.

As a jazz musician, he has played in some of New York's most prestigious clubs, including Sweet Basil, The Village Vanguard and Bradley's.

In the theater, he has worked as a musical director, pianist and conductor. He played keyboards and shared conducting duties for the original production of "Nine" that won a Tony Award for Best Musical.

He has also worked extensively in the dance world, writing music for the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall.

Native of Massachusetts

Sullivan grew up in Boston, earning a bachelor's degree in music from Yale University in 1977.

He has worked as a member of the Paul Winter Consort for many years, with whom he currently performs.

Last February, he received a

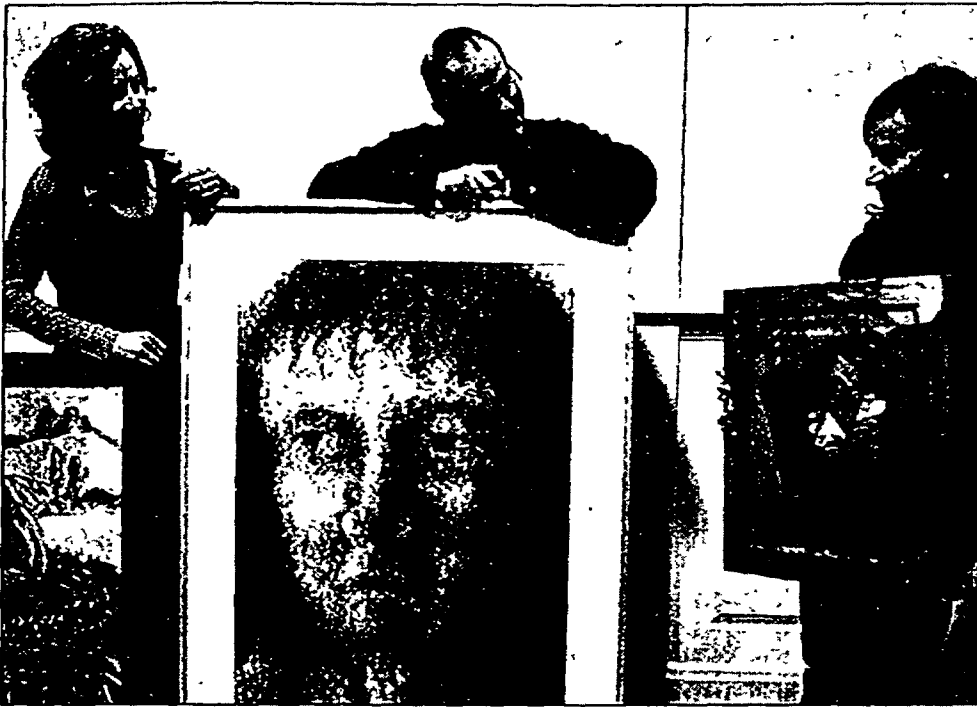


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Featured artists of the upcoming First Presbyterian Church of Northville's art show look at each other's work Monday morning. From left: Ellen Bennett ("Poppy Field"), Jeff Cancelosi ("Dream of Youth") and Darcel Deneau ("Deflated"). The show will open at the church on Saturday.

Grammy Award as part of the consort for their recent CD, "Silver Solstice," which was one of the finalists in the "Best New Age Album" category.

The CD is a collection of recordings made during the consort's Winter Solstice concerts in New York over the last few years.

One of the hallmarks of Sullivan's concerts is the sheer enjoyment he brings to his music and his audiences.

Filled with humor and interesting stories, he draws his audience into the music in a warm and friendly way. His repertoire is eclectic, and he has arranged all of the music he plays.

Somershoe said the pianist chooses the titles of some of his songs based on areas of New England he frequents. He also

said all of Sullivan's performances at First Presbyterian have been well attended.

"He's an excellent composer who, when he performs, plays some of his own unique works and some stuff that everyone knows," Somershoe said.

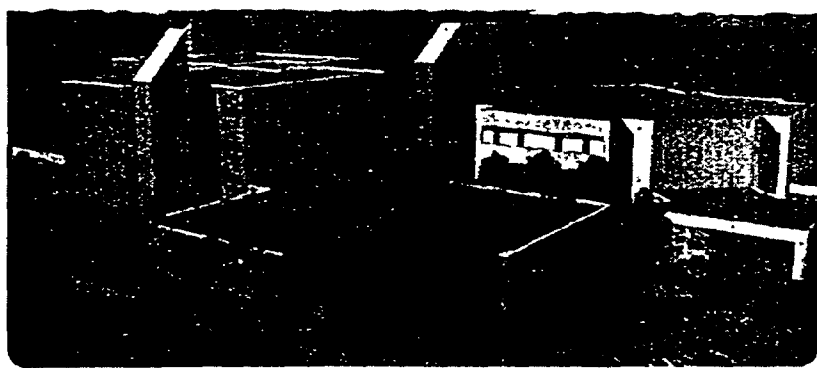
For more information about Sullivan, visit www.rivermusic.com.

Tickets for the concert are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5

for students. They can be purchased in advance or at the door.

For more information about the concert, call Darlene Kuperus, music director at the First Presbyterian Church at (248) 349-091, ext. 206, or visit www.firstpresnville.org.

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

Basically Bats

TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11
DETAILS: Presentation by the Organization for Bat Preservation teaches audience not to be afraid of bats; intended for young children, all ages welcome; library cannot accommodate children's groups; Tickets available five minutes prior to program, at the Information Desk.

Foreign Film Series

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Mondays
DETAILS: Oct. 22 "Nobody Knows," Japanese; Nov. 19 "Salaam Bombay," Hindi; and Dec. 19 "the Sea Inside," Spanish. All films free, ethnic treats provided; call library to make reservations.

Blended Strings

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10
DETAILS: Hear the country western stylings of Blended Strings, a string quartet.

Friends Board Meeting

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18

Junior Books Chat & Chow

TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24
DETAILS: Discussion on "House on Hackman's Hill" by Joan Lowery.

Board of Trustees Meeting

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25
DETAILS: Children age 2-3 registered for program only, accompanied by caregivers; babies and non-registered children may not attend; held

in Youth Activity Room. Register by phone or in person.

Books, Chat & Chow

for Middle and High School Students
TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29
DETAILS: Join us once a month to discuss good books. Pick up "Sleeping Freshman Never Lie" by David Lubar at the Information Desk.

Investor Education

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7
DETAILS: Free investing seminar led by Mark Robinson, CIMA, AIFA and Securities Staff from Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services; also optional one-on-one non-commercial counseling sessions will be offered to participants. Reservations can be made by calling the library.

Fall Kids Club

TIME/DATE: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Oct. 18 (Halloween Stories), Nov. 8 (Manners), Dec. 13 (All About Russia)
DETAILS: Program for grades 1-3 features stories games and crafts; in the meeting room. Register by phone or in person the first of each month.

Internet Classes

DETAILS: Anyone interested in learning to search the Internet for information can take free basic and advanced level classes. Participants work on laptops. Please call the library for further information.

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BUSINESS

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Million dollar homes available off Eight Mile Road, west of Beck

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

While many on the move worry about selling their old homes through realtors and financing their new ones through mortgages, Eric and Mark Guidobono are building multi-million homes at Tuscany Reserve.

The subdivision, located off Eight Mile Road west of Beck Road, is currently under development. The community has the potential to fill its 77 acres of land with 58 homes sized at 4,000 square feet and up in two phases over the next five years. Such custom-built homes will cost between \$800,000 and \$3 million, with most averaging between \$1.5-1.8 million.

"We felt there was a need for it," Eric Guidobono said. "We'll always have people in this market looking for custom built homes. We get 20 couples in to look at the homes every weekend."

Eric is president of Guidobono Building and Mark is president of Cambridge Companies. Together, the brothers are building their third community, Tuscany Reserve.

Other shared communities include The Bellagio in Novi and Woods of Edenderry in Northville, where homes run between \$800,000 to \$1 million. They also built 50-60 homes at Pheasant Hill in Northville and a number of individual locations and subgroups.

The Bellagio, located off Beck Road south of Nine Mile Road, is one of Novi's most expensive communities. It reached its capacity in November, six years after it was built, filling up with entrepreneurs, auto executives, Internet and wine investors, professional athletes, a commercial cement contractor and others.

"It's the same type of product," Eric said of Tuscany Reserve. "The interiors all have custom trim work. The standard specifications are generous compared to competitors."

The Guidobonos decided it was time for a new task down the road, creating a subdivision that will feature many energy efficient

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aspects. Other available features include a pool, \$50,000 home theater, 2,000-bottle climate-controlled wine cellar and a variety of architectural and landscaping options.

"We're trying to give it a more European flavor of architecture, not cookie cutter," Mark Guidobono said. "Whatever the customer wants, we deliver."

Mark, an avid traveler who just returned from an 11-day moose hunting trip in Alaska, also said the subdivision's location will be a prime selling point, as is with most Novi properties because of the nearby expressways.

"We're positioned. We've got a great location. We've got the perfect storm coming in. Now is the best time to buy. We're able to buy labor and most materials cheaper than we could've four years ago."

"All price ranges have been impacted (in) real estate have been impacted by the automobile industry," Mark said. "There's a slump from overbuilding, but (Michigan) isn't as overbuilt as other areas like Florida, California and Arizona. We feel it will turn around here sooner."

The industry is looking good for not only builders, but potential home buyers, as well.

"Labor costs are competitive. Buyers get more house for their money. They get a good bang for their buck," said Scott Lorenz, president of Westwind Communications and spokesman for Tuscany Reserve.

Although home shoppers may find better deals in the current hard economic times, many are also willing to spend less to purchase a home.

"People shopping in the \$5 million price range in 2002 are down



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A 5,600-square-foot residence that will serve as the model home for phase I of the Tuscany Reserve development located off of Eight Mile Rd.

to \$1.5-2 million," Eric said. "We hit the market right at the really bottom. It's going to be slow sailing for the next year or two."

Eric said they've had to scale down homes from 5,600 to 4,600 square feet to make it more affordable, but the brick and stone structuring adds back into the price, as does the architectural detail on the homes.

Mike Fontana, former president of the Michigan Mortgage Association, said a mortgage on a \$2 million home could cost about \$11,700 per month, which can vary depending on principle interest rates, property taxes and homeowner's insurance.

He said the narrow market is a special niche commonly filled by successful white-collar profession-

als, but it will still see the same problems as the rest of the industry.

"It's definitely a challenge right now. With income, credit and whether they have a house to sell, it can be a big predicament," Fontana said. "Because the market is oversaturated, they would have to drop the price (of their current home), which creates less equity for down payment for the

next home."

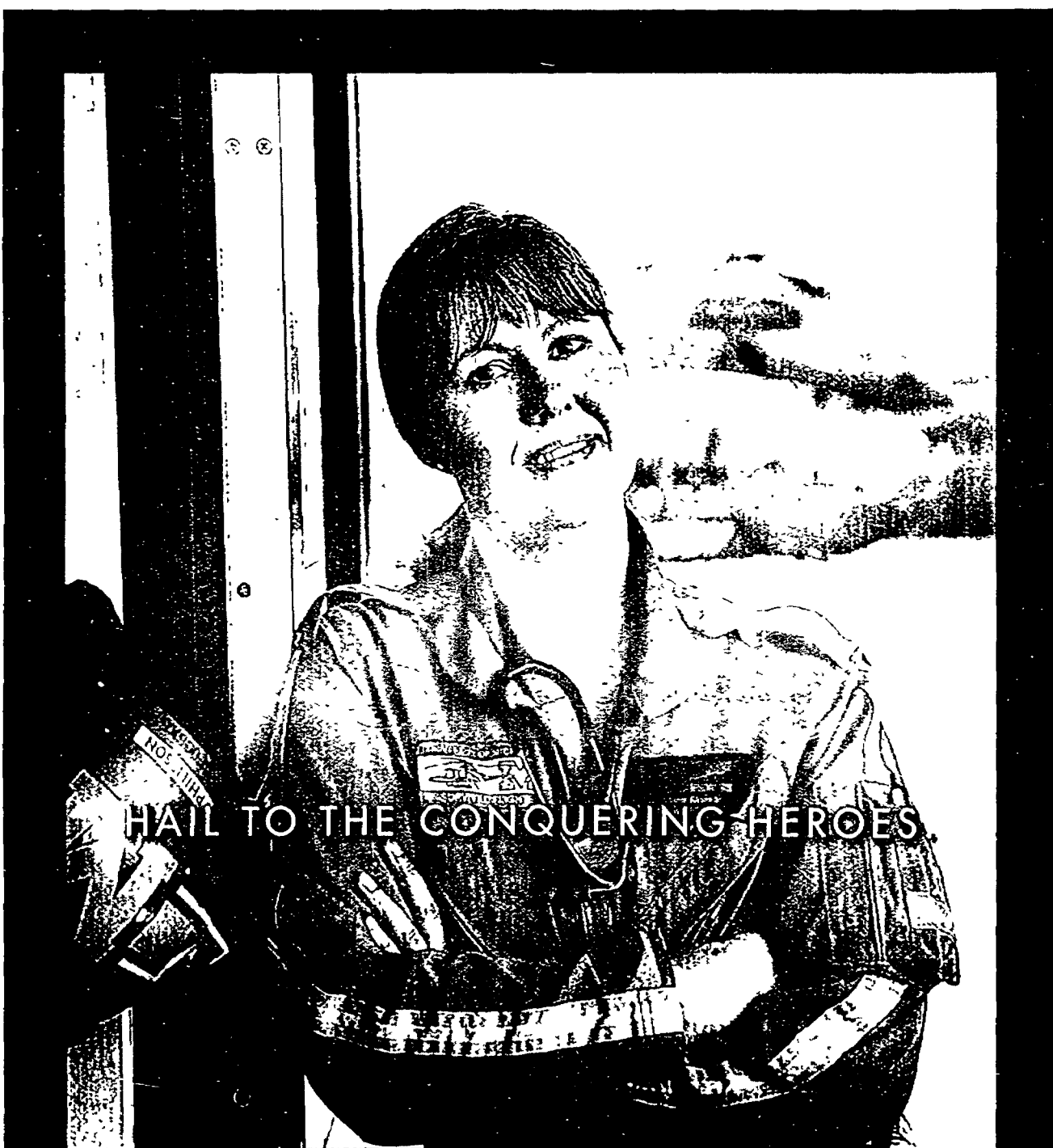
Although costly, the Guidobonos think it's quite a deal.

"There's nothing like this on this side of town," Eric said. "It's a one of a kind development."

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Models pass each other (below, right) on the runway during the second fashion show. Nordstrom constructed a huge tent in the parking lot outside their store to accommodate the show and its visitors.

Fashion show attendees (below, left) were treated to sneak previews of some of this fall's newest trends.



NORDSTROM ARRIVES

■ Twelve Oaks transformed as new wing opens

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Danielle Stein of Grosse Pointe missed a doctor's appointment she scheduled months ago to attend the grand opening of the store that carries her pink Coco Chanel lipstick.

Stein, along with thousands of other shoppers, spent last Friday morning waiting in line for the highly-anticipated opening of Twelve Oaks Mall's new Nordstrom wing.

More than 2,000 people waited outside Nordstrom in hopes of being among the first 450 people in line to receive a complimentary SWAG bag.

Although Stein didn't make the cut, Christine Thornton, of West Bloomfield, did.

In order to be one of those 450 people, Thornton arrived at 5:30 a.m., sacrificing a morning of work and leaving her husband in charge of putting their kids on the school bus.

"It's a once in a lifetime event," Thornton said. "We're making history."

Thornton's SWAG bag of goodies contained gift cards, candles, Oakley sunglasses, jewelry, chocolates and other items from stores throughout the mall.

Once everyone moved inside, a complimentary breakfast buffet was provided featuring quiche, frittatas, yogurt, cappuccino and smoothies.

Although the stores in the mall didn't open until 10 a.m., festivities began at 8:30 a.m. with the cosmetic tailgate party "Beauty, Breakfast and SWAG."

Cosmetic stations were placed in the new wing of the mall for shoppers to receive demonstrations and consultations from representatives of M.A.C., Estee Lauder, Bobbi Brown, Lancome, Philosophy and many others.

Geir Ness, the designer of Norway's first international fragrance, Laila, was in attendance to introduce his line exclusive to Nordstrom.

Avid Nordstrom shoppers, such as Melaney Eshelby of Canton, enjoyed a complimentary makeover from a Nordstrom beauty expert at the M.A.C. counter.

"It's my favorite store (Nordstrom) but Troy is kind of far," Eshelby said. "It's a lot faster to get here."

As the cosmetic tailgate party came to an end, State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) spoke in honor of the grand opening.

"Today, we add another page to the history books," she said. "Michigan is alive and vibrant."

City of Novi Mayor David Landry echoed Cassis by saying Twelve Oaks has become the retail destination for the state of Michigan.

In commemoration of Twelve Oaks' 30-year anniversary, General Manager Dan Jones, on behalf of Taubman Centers Inc., presented Novi Public Library Interim Director Mary Ellen Mulcrone with a check for \$30,000.

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Amidst spot-lighted patterns on a tent's wall, attendees of Nordstrom's 8 p.m. fashion show head back inside to the Twelve Oaks Mall store.



Businessman and former Detroit Pistons Dave Bing (left) was one of hundreds in attendance for Nordstrom at Twelve Oaks charity opener on Sept. 26.



Visitors (right) to Nordstrom at Twelve Oaks Sept. 26 chat and look at the shoe displays during its charity fashion show opener. Nordstrom raised money for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Links, Inc., a Detroit professional organization that will use its funds to help support the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Nordstrom Lancome makeup representative Shuston Crandall (left) assists a customer during the charity grand opening night on Sept. 26.



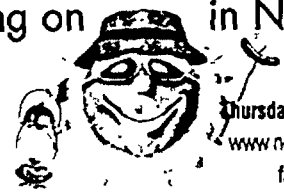
The exterior of Nordstrom (below) at Twelve Oaks Mall is lit up during a fundraiser grand opening on Sept. 26.



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Northville Parks & Recreation introduces new class, BodyFlow

City brings international flair to public

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Jamie Coley has brought a bit of a continental flair to the city's fall fitness program this year.

Coley, health and wellness coordinator for Northville Parks & Recreation, recently introduced a new class called BodyFlow.

A Les Mills International class, BodyFlow combines movements from several mind-body disciplines, including yoga, Pilates and tai chi.

Tested and proven for its safety and workout quality, Coley said the program has been just what this community has longed for — a great flexibility and strength workout that is safe and effective.

"The essence of BodyFlow is to be a challenging, athletic workout while bringing you into a state of calm restoration," Coley said.

With several years of teaching experience, the instructors, Jamie Coley, Heidi Iglay and Kirsten Ryan, offer many options so that

people from all fitness levels can participate and experience this exceptional workout.

Calming the mind and spirit

Benefits include improved strength, flexibility and balance while calming the mind and spirit with a rewarding relaxation period at the end of the class.

"Adding BodyFlow into our monthly schedule of classes really has us pumped," Coley said. "BodyFlow is a mind-body class for people who move at a hectic life pace."

Coley said she personally could not slow herself down enough to truly enjoy a traditional yoga class, but this format is perfect for her.

Ryan said, "It moves through exercises smoothly, and it has amazing music that really emulates feelings you should experience throughout the workout — strong and gritty for the tougher strength poses and soft and smooth for the tai chi and breathing tracks."

"It has helped me find an inner calm," Ryan said, who mentioned that she has felt more at peace and has increased her flexibility since learning BodyFlow.

"If I can achieve that centered

state, I know that others can, too, and I am really looking forward to helping others reach that goal," Ryan said.

Those interested in the class can download the schedule of fitness classes at www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Classes are offered at two locations — Hillside Recreation Center and the Senior Center on Main Street.

The fee is \$8 per class (drop-in) or \$50 (monthly pass) for Northville residents.

For more information, call Coley at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1403, or send an e-mail to jcoley@ci.northville.mi.us.

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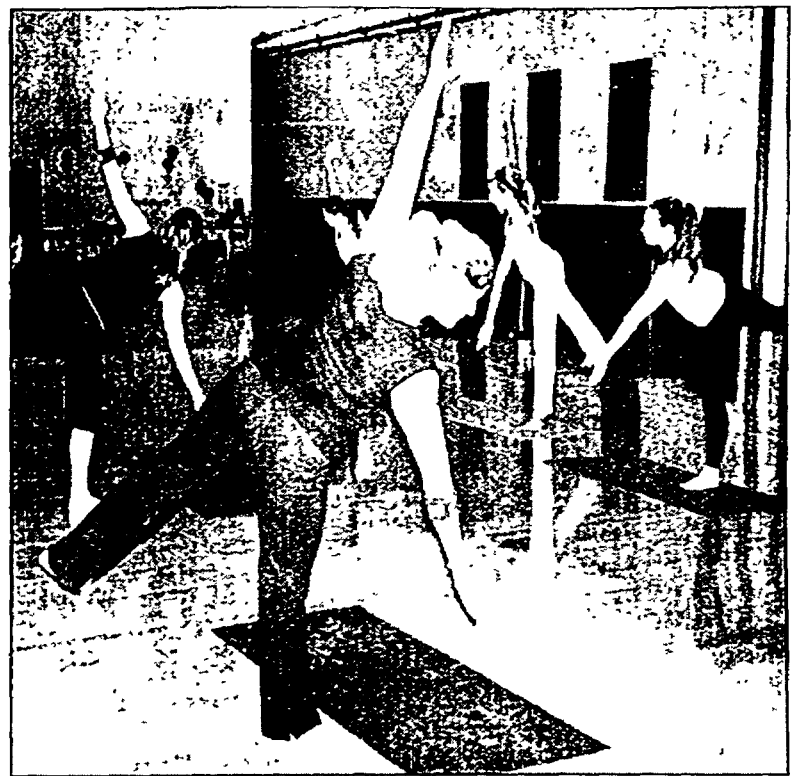


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Jamie Coley, foreground, health and wellness coordinator for Northville Parks & Recreation, helps lead a session of the new fitness class, BodyFlow, last Saturday at Hillside Middle School. The class combines elements of yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi and is ongoing.

Parks & Rec

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

Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE/TIME: 7 p.m. second Wednesday, every other month beginning with January
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Pumpkin Walk
TIME/DATE: 5-8:15 p.m. (timed admission, please call) Sunday, Oct. 21

LOCATION: Mill Race Village Trunk or Treat

TIME/DATE: 1-2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 27
LOCATION: Maybury State Park
Used Sporting Equipment Sale

TIME/DATE: 3-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10

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

Group Fitness Classes

DETAILS: Classes include

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TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every Sunday

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

Open Family Basketball

TIME/DATE: 4-6 p.m. every Sunday

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

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TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday

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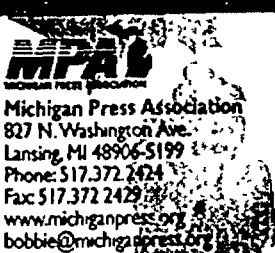
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CODEPENDENCY:

Free class can help you decide if you're your own worst enemy

■ Learn to battle stumbling blocks to happiness

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Arnold Keller wants to help people live happier and more functional lives.

With this in mind, Keller, executive director of Psychotherapy & Counseling Services at 215 E. Main Street in Northville, will have a free screening at 7 p.m. Monday to help area residents determine if they are suffering from codependency.

Keller says many people sabotage their own happiness because of this common response to other people in their lives.

What is codependency?

Codependency is defined as a tendency for care taking and an abnormal response to other people's needs while diminishing one's own needs, Keller said.

This causes low self-worth, according to Keller.

The affliction doesn't only affect those with family members or friends who have mental and/or addictive disorders.

"It's more common in the general population than people realize," he said.

"Codependent people always say yes to others," Keller said. "The word 'no' is often not part of their vocabulary. They usually put others' needs before their own and feel like their own needs are never met."

People who suffer from codependency are often unhappy,

angry or depressed about the fact that their needs are unmet or that they can't please everyone all of the time.

"This has ramifications for parenting, marriage, career and day-to-day relationships," Keller said.

"About 90 percent of all people possess some degree of codependency at some point during their lives," Keller said. "The problem is often not identified until it starts to affect everyday life in a negative way."

Can arise from childhood

Keller believes codependency issues often arise from childhood experiences.

"Many adults grew up in dysfunctional families, and many of them admit to a parent suffering from alcoholism, drug dependency, sex addiction, trauma or other problems," Keller said.

"After becoming adults, they

still carry unmet and invalidated feelings and needs with them," he said. "Every time a situation resembles a bad experience or memory from their past, consciously or not, they react in a way that only creates more problems or keeps the current problem firmly planted."

The tendency to suffer from codependency can affect family members from generation to generation unless it is identified and treated, Keller said.

Author, speaker to be on hand, too

Sue McKenna, author and speaker, will lead the class with Keller. They will describe what codependency is and how to know if it is affecting your life and relationships.

"Many things can be done on your own to combat codependency," Keller said.

The counseling service will offer a series of classes at the end of October for those interested in these types of issues.

Keller stresses that the series will be informative, supportive and possibly life changing.

"Participants will feel relief from the first free introduction because they might discover the reasons for their despair or unhappiness."

"For those who are just curious or not sure if this fits their life, they will know by the end of the free class if in fact they need to make some changes," McKenna said.

A question-and-answer period will follow the free screening.

Those who want to learn more about codependency issues can register for Monday night's screening by calling (248) 348-1100.

Seating is limited, so registration is required. Office hours are 9

Signs of codependency

- Lack of assertiveness
- Difficulty saying "no" to people
- Feelings of shame or guilt
- Putting others' needs before your own
- Anger, rage, resentment or resignation

Source: Arnold Keller, Psychotherapy and Counseling Services, Inc.

a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

ON YOUR KNEES

Because injuries and arthritis of the knees are quite common in athletes, women, older people, and those who are overweight, these individuals should be careful to avoid exercises that pound or twist the knees. By the same token, physical activity can ease everyday stress on the knees by stimulating the growth of the joints' shock-absorbing cartilage and strengthening the supporting tissues. Exercise also keeps off the extra pounds that place more stress on vulnerable knee joints. To get these benefits, one needs both aerobic and strength-training exercise. Those who have knee problems should check with the physical therapist before doing exercises designed to strengthen the knee joints. Water workouts are ideal for the knees because water's buoyancy lightens the load.

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When choosing an obstetrician or gynecologist, you want to select one who takes the time to answer your questions, remains current on the latest health screenings, and provides you with treatment options so you can make informed health care decisions. Perhaps most importantly, says Michelle Reinke-Young, D.O., you want to feel comfortable discussing any medical issue with your ob-gyn.

"I tell my patients that I want their visit to the ob-gyn to be a positive one," says Reinke-Young, who treats women of all ages at Associates in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Novi, and is affiliated with Providence Hospital. "One of my primary objectives is to approach the patient-physician relationship in a way that makes the patient feel comfortable - especially for young women coming in for their first exam."

Dr. Reinke-Young is also dedicated to caring for the patient as a whole - not just treating an isolated medical problem.

"I focus on treating the whole patient, not just one medical aspect," Reinke-Young says. "I take into account everything that's going on in the patient's life, because sometimes medical problems can be related to other issues. I think the extra care I provide is something patients really appreciate. I also keep up with the latest medical issues and treatments so I can offer the best possible preventative medicine to my patients."

Dr. Reinke-Young also provides counseling on issues such as vaccinations against certain types of the human papillomavirus (HPV). The vaccine is often recommended for patients ages 9-26. Studies have found the vaccine to be nearly 100 percent effective in preventing diseases such as cervical cancer.

"Many patients ask for my opinion about the HPV vaccine - they want to know what they should tell their daughters," Reinke-Young says. "I'm a strong believer in providing information to patients so they can make the best

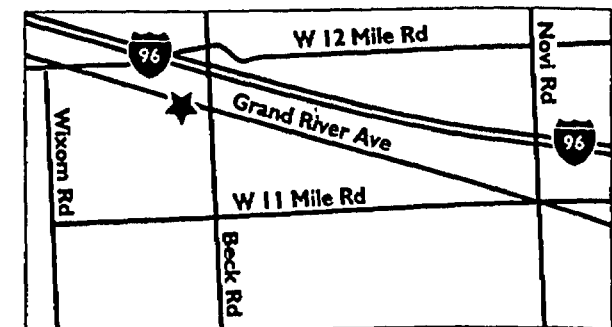
decision about their health care. The vaccine is something I offer, and I invite patients to meet with me to learn about their options."

Dr. Reinke-Young also takes a special interest in urinary incontinence, which is most common in women over age 50.

"Some of my patients are in their 80s, and many of my older patients ask about incontinence," Reinke-Young says. "I take the time to explain the common causes of incontinence as well as the surgical and non-surgical options available to them."

Dr. Reinke-Young's interests include surgery, gynecology and interstitial cystitis. Among the services she provides are routine health screenings; treatment of pelvic floor disorders; pregnancy and childbirth care; workup and treatment of menstrual irregularities; pap smears; PMS, perimenopause and menopause management; endometriosis treatment; and hormone replacement therapy.

To make an appointment with Dr. Reinke-Young, call Associates in Obstetrics and Gynecology at (248) 465-4340. Her office is conveniently located at 47601 Grand River, suite A-110, in Novi. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. To learn more about Dr. Reinke-Young, visit www.yourobgyns.com.



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October, November best times for influenza immunization shot

■ Young, old are especially at risk

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

No one likes the fever, chills and general all-around malaise that accompanies a bout with influenza.

And, with flu season almost here, now is the time to consider being immunized against the virus.

Experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, headquartered in Atlanta, say October and November are the best months in which to have a flu shot.

Who should get a flu shot?

People who are at high risk for complications of the illness should get a flu shot.

This includes children age 6 months-59 months old, pregnant women, adults age 50 and older and residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities.

Those who are in close contact to those at high risk, such as health care provider and first responders, should also get a flu

shot. Healthy people age 5-49 may opt for the nasal-spray flu vaccine instead of a shot.

Every year in the United States, on average:

- 5-20 percent of the population gets the flu;
- more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications; and
- about 36,000 people die from flu.

Wayne County flu shots

The Wayne County Department of Public Health offers the flu vaccine in three locations.

Cost is \$10 per person. To save time, print and fill out the Immunization Consent Form at www.waynecounty.com before coming in to get the vaccine at the following places:

- 6450 Maple Road Dearborn, MI 48126 (313) 216-2201
- 17421 Telegraph Road Redford, MI 48219 (313) 537-1708
- 26650 Eureka Road Taylor, MI 48180 (734) 955-3900
- 33030 Van Born Road Wayne, MI 48184 (734) 727-7100

The flu vaccine will be available Monday for Wayne County Health Department clinics.

At the Wayne Health Center,

vaccine will be available for walk-ins from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays by appointment only; and from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Wednesdays by appointment only.

At the Taylor Health Center, vaccine will be available the same days and times.

At the Dearborn WIC clinic, flu shots will be given from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursdays by appointment only.

At the Redford office, flu shots will be given from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursdays for walk-ins.

Oakland County flu shots

The Oakland County Health Division will give flu shots at seven community locations from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Flu shots are available to individuals age 6 months or older. The clinics are a test of Oakland County Health Division's Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Residents can save time and preregister to receive a flu shot at one of the Oct. 27 flu shot clinics via the Oakland County Health Division's Online Flu Shot Registration System.

People who preregister receive expedited service at all clinics. Pay and complete required paperwork ahead of time by using this

system. Preregistrants are automatically assigned to attend the flu clinic closest to their home, based on zip code.

Oakland County Health Division's flu shots are only \$7. Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard, Medicare, Medicaid.

Flu shots will be given on Oct. 27 at the following locations:

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Wear a short-sleeve shirt or roll your shirt sleeve to the top of your arm.

Flu vaccine is not recommended for people who are allergic to eggs or flu vaccine; had a serious reaction to flu vaccine in the past; previously developed Guillain-Barre syndrome within six weeks of getting a flu shot; or who have a fever.

The flu shot clinics on Saturday, Oct. 27 will be the first opportunity to receive a flu shot from Oakland County Health Division.

Flu shot clinics at Health Division Offices (Pontiac, Southfield and Walled Lake) will not open until early November.

Call the Oakland County Health Division's Flu Shot Hotline at (800) 434-3358 for updated information.

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The next flu shot clinic will be on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

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Public wasn't fooled by partisan politics

There is one silver lining in the Lansing budget cloud, which gave Michigan residents a dreary week-end anticipating a shutdown of the state government: While we share a sense of disappointment (if not disgust) at our full-time legislature for taking until (beyond) the 11th hour to do their jobs, we were encouraged by the public's grasp of the true root of the problem. We're hoping that awakened understanding holds through the 2008 election season.

The good news, which should be a wake-up call for prospective politicians, is that the public was no longer interested in partisan games and finger-pointing. In the past few weeks, as uncertainty grew over the state's financial future, the only people using the terms "Republican" or "Democrat" were, in fact, Democrats and Republicans. We've held dozens of conversations about Lansing's lack of professionalism with people who typically would call themselves by a party affiliation, or further confuse the issue with labels including "conservative" or "liberal," none of which addressed the fundamental problem.

In short, the public message to lawmakers was: Do your job. Balance the budget. Keep the functions of government working and spare us the partisan gamesmanship.

Six years ago, this nation had the rare opportunity to truly become united with common interests.

Unfortunately, the good will of patriotism gave way to the most divided political arguments seen in decades, usually on matters unrelated to the deepest concerns of a citizenry. We unfortunately expect that on the national stage, where hundreds of millions of dollars are spent on sound-bites that appeal to the lowest common denominator, usually void of any substance yet clear in accusations.

From our state employees (which includes elected officials), we expect a little better. The responsibility of Michigan legislators is to take care of Michigan residents. The inability to meet a simple deadline is even harder to understand in light of the vast number of bills that have been proposed which seek government authority where government doesn't belong. In more simple terms, lawmakers shouldn't be allowed to have their cake until they've eaten their meal.

It may not be coincidental, but many of the state representatives and senators whose performance fell far short of expectations are not concerned about the 2008 elections: Term limits leaves many of the non-decision makers ineligible for continued election. We encourage the voting public, those who recognized a partisan stalemate for what it really was, to funnel that same attention to local races. This year's councilman or board member may well be next year's representative in Lansing.

Now's the time to start thinking about the future of our state

Want to know why our political system in Lansing is so broken that the lawmakers can't even decide how to pass a basic budget?

Then consider these two anecdotes, which capture the astonishing combination of incompetence, isolation, irresponsibility and rank partisanship that perfectly capture Lansing these days:

A conversation with a Republican state representative as he emerged from a rare Sunday night session of the House:

"What are you going to do about the budget crisis? Increase taxes?"

"Absolutely not! Republican principles are totally against increasing taxes!"

"So can you get it done entirely with cuts?"

"No, God forbid. That would tear things to shreds."

"OK, so what do you propose to do?"

"I'm in the minority. It's not my problem."

A Democratic state senator, talking about the gridlock: "If most people in Michigan knew what's going on up here, there'd be hell to pay. Fortunately, they don't."

The editorial pages in Michigan's newspapers are uniformly and savagely contemptuous of our political leaders. Longtime Lansing hands and business leaders say things have never been this bad in living memory. Poll results published in Bill Ballenger's Inside Michigan Politics agree that "normal" people are disgusted, too: Gov. Jennifer Granholm has a 54 percent negative job rating.

But that looks good next to the legislature, which comes in at a rock-bottom 16 percent positive.

Yet ... where is the outrage? What may seem oddest of all is that there is relatively little public protest and outcry at a time when the deepest interests of 10 million Michigan citizens are being held hostage.

Hostage, that is, to the narrow partisanship of both political parties and their respective office holders. Why aren't people up in

arms? Sure, they are sore when they're talking about it over a beer in the bar or at the dinner table. But with the situation as serious as it has been, you'd expect daily marches on the capitol.

So, why hasn't that been happening?

My guess is that sadly, it's because most folks think there's little they can do to improve the situation — that it's all in the hands of the politicians and, hence, out of reach for ordinary people.

Some may believe that things are so bad there's essentially nothing they can do. So, perhaps the worst aspect of all this mess is that the average citizen has lost the informed hope that something — anything — can be done — that people think dully that their views simply don't count. If that's indeed the case, it suggests there is something terribly wrong with the workings of our democracy.

That's intolerable. And, it's time to do something about it.

Starting next month, ordinary citizens in communities all over Michigan will sit down for an

turbulent world?

John Kotter is Harvard's world-renowned expert on change and leadership and author of several books on the subjects. He offers some interesting insights that may be useful as we regroup as a state and begin the reconstruction that is necessary if we are not going to be relegated to the economic trash heap of history.

Professor Kotter lays out strategies and an eight-step program in his book, "Leading Change," that produce new ways of operating. He refines his approach of system change in his sequel, "The Heart of Change" (www.theheartofchange.com), and concludes that the main problem in bringing about successful change in large and small organizations "is never about facts, strategy, structure, culture or systems. In highly successful change efforts, people find ways to help influence emotions, not just thought."

Having the facts did not seem to have much influence over the last several months. The question was whose facts did you have? Were they ideological right or left facts, business or labor facts, tax or no tax facts?

In the coming months, as the purveyors of negativity and demagoguery flock to the talk shows and pursue recall campaigns that will tear down Michigan, who



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will take an equally compelling campaign of hope and opportunity to the people? Who can pick up the pieces, lay out the facts and, just as importantly, touch the hearts and souls of our fellow citizens? Who will help us acknowledge the challenges of global change washing over us and create a vision of a better tomorrow through investment in the human potential and talent of our state?

The 21st century commodities that will matter are knowledge, creativity, talent and the ability to make globalization work for us. The individuals, communities, states and nations that invest in their citizens' human potential and tap global markets will thrive in this hyper-competitive world. Michigan needs to make these investments now.

The Lansing area is poised to tap the global market with the recent announcement that GM

signed an agreement to export more than \$800 million in Delta Township-built Buick Enclaves to China over a four-year period. Buicks were first sold in China in 1912. Buick is the best-selling brand in China, GM the best-selling automaker, and China is now the second largest auto market in the world. Former Lansing Mayor Dave Hollister created this opportunity with his visionary leadership in pursuing this plant for his neighboring community back in the 1990s.

Leadership is believing and persuading others to share your belief and, through this common bond and strength, pushing forward into unknown territory, comforting and guiding those terrified of the unknown, until you reach calmer waters and a better tomorrow.

A rudderless ship always ends up on the rocks.

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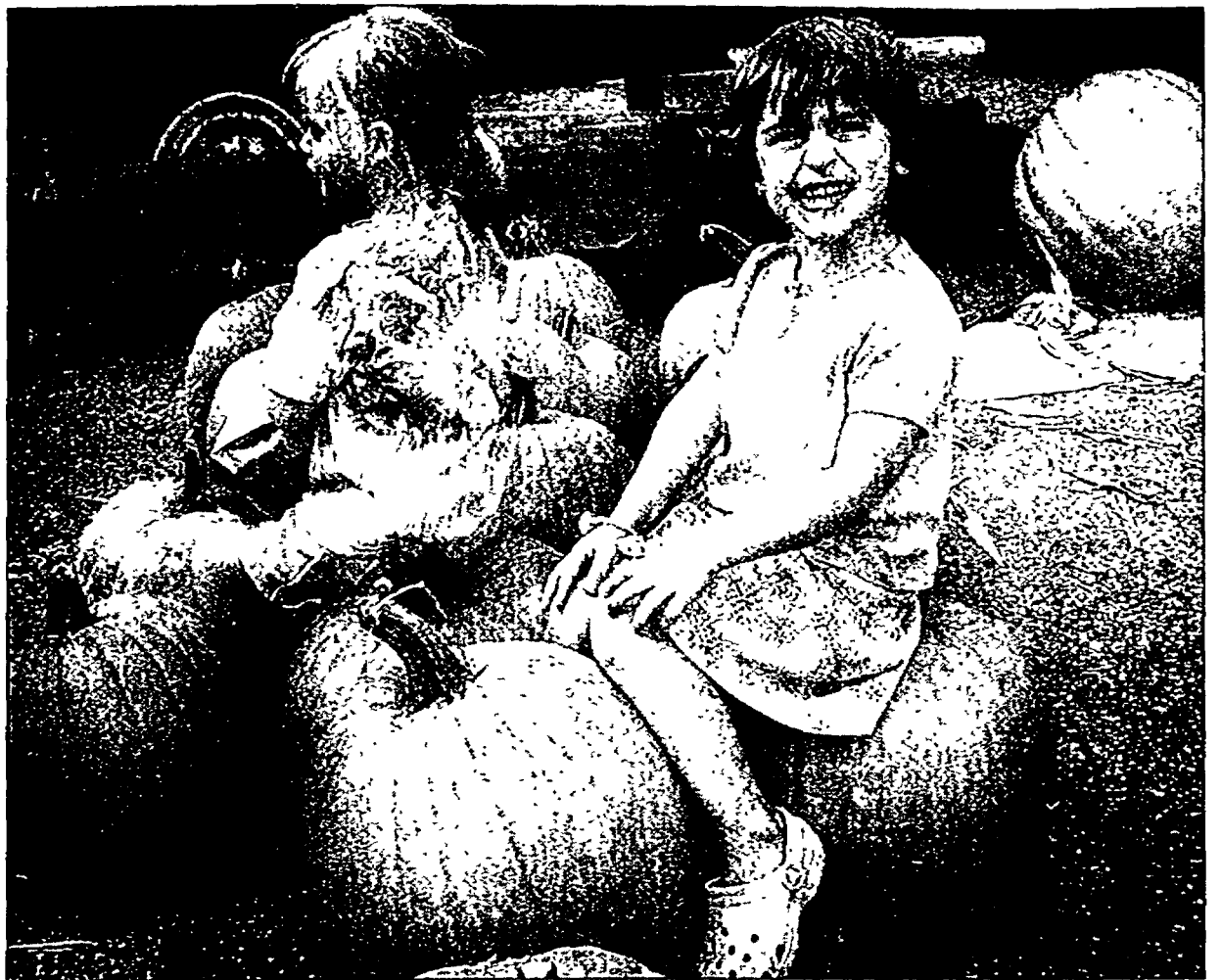


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"We want these!"

Kate, 4, and Hallie Fox, 3, take a rest on some pumpkins at last Thursday's Northville Farmers' Market. Pumpkins will be increasingly popular at the weekly market near Center Street and Seven Mile Road — as Halloween approaches.

Change, the most talked about but least acted upon concept in Michigan today

Watching what has been going on, or not going on, in our state capitol lately has got me contemplating what we need to do as a state to bring about a shared vision and common agenda that will move us forward. Obviously, the immediate focus is to get past the budget crisis. Then what?

It is doubtful that whatever solution is ultimately agreed upon will solve our long-term, structural fiscal problems. The economic horizon is very dark and stormy. Many within state government and the respected experts at the nonpartisan Citizen's Research Council (www.crcmich.org) believe next year's budget will likely be hundreds of millions of dollars out of whack as soon as the ink is dry on this new budget deal.

Further, given the backbiting and political "gotcha" that has become a norm in our state capitol during the legislative slumber parties formerly known as legislative sessions, how do legislators regroup and get about the business of moving us forward? Is there a foundation of trust that can be built upon or has it been shattered so badly that it makes building anything new as stable as building on the San Andreas earthquake fault-line? What must we do to help position Michigan become a winner in the increasingly disruptive, terrifying and



About Phil Power

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hour and half in small groups to have community conversations. First questions: "What's your vision for Michigan? What kind of Michigan would bring your kids back from Chicago or keep your grandchildren from moving to the West Coast?"

Second question, naturally enough: "If that's the kind of Michigan we all want, how best can we get there?"

Sponsored by the Michigan's Defining Moment public engagement campaign, these community conversations offer a way for folks to get involved and make their voices heard in Lansing.

Trained scribes will take notes at each of the 80 conversations;

they'll be put together in a summary report that will be released publicly late this year. That, in turn, will be the basis for further discussion and refinement in a second set of community conversations next spring. The idea is to bring Michigan's citizens together to develop a representative vision of the kind of Michigan we all want and a tightly focused agenda for transforming our state to get through our current crisis and lay the foundation for future prosperity.

For it should be clear that Michigan's political, budget and public policy systems are broken, held hostage to the partisan interests of both political parties. The

only way to repair them is through the direct input of Michigan citizens. It's too important a task to be left to the politicians who got us into this mess in the first place.

Readers of this column have two ways to get involved in this process. You can go to www.the-centerformichigan.net to reserve a seat at the community conversation near you. Or you can go to the same Web site, click on "community conversations" and add your voice to the conversation on line.

Either way, you'll be able to spend a little time on the future of our state. It might just be the best 90 minutes you'll ever spend.

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LETTERS

Budget was uncompromising

Gov. Granholm refers to the recent budget accord as a "compromise," but it was nothing short of total surrender. At least 75 percent of the budget shortfall will be covered by tax increases, so spending will largely remain intact. For a state with the 14th highest combined state and local tax rate in the country, more taxes are hardly what we need. I am pleased that Novi's representatives in Lansing, Sen. Nancy Cassis and Rep. Craig DeRoche, get it and voted against tax increases. Thank you, both.

The new services tax burden will fall largely on small businesses. Small businesses are the main engine of job creation in this country. Why would someone thinking about starting a business choose Michigan after this latest sign of hostility to business? With the highest unemployment rate in the country, perhaps we should be taking economics lessons rather than giving them.

Scott Horsburgh
Novi

Corriveau represented constituents

Did Marc Corriveau serve the interests of this community when he cast his vote in the State House to increase the income tax and assess sales tax on specific services? This is still a Republican majority community with fairly strong anti-tax sentiments. We do like to keep as much of our money in our pockets as possible and not hand it over to government.

The first thing I noticed is Corriveau held back and did not vote for the tax increase until a full budget solution was negotiated and in place, much to the chagrin of the House Democratic leaders. He insisted that a bipartisan solution that included significant budget cuts and reforms be part of the solution and not just a tax increase. This shows a little spunk, independence and a sense of responsibility to this mixed political community.

Secondly, we need to examine the alternative solution of balancing the budget with cuts alone. How would this have affected Northville? We are all proud of the test scores posted by Northville Schools, but few would suggest that the local district could afford its state grant slashed,

a cut that was on the table for discussion. Our teachers have already gone for over one year without a contract, while the School District pleads poverty. We could have seen layoffs, school closings and unacceptably high class sizes.

Local government services were also at risk. At one point, the Senate was looking at cutting the last \$400 million in revenue sharing dollars, some of which are sent to Northville City and Township. How would we have coped with these cuts? Would voters be faced with a loss of fire, police, and other services, or would we vote for more property taxes to maintain what we have? I don't think that either choice would be acceptable, and Corriveau did the right thing protecting our community.

Voting for taxes is never going to win friends for any political leader. But there comes a time when you have to make the hard decisions. I think that in the end Marc Corriveau did us proud. Our income tax is increased, but still not as high as it was in the 1990s. The sales tax on services is one that will be paid only by those who choose those services. And our state government is now on a solid foundation. This is where we need to be if we are going to attract new businesses and grow the many small businesses in Michigan. I, for one, would like to thank Marc for representing the interests of Northville in this most unpleasant budget battle.

Scott Craig
Northville

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

When tough calls are needed, true leaders shine

As history has taught us, it takes a true leader to persevere in times of crisis. The greatest leaders have triumphed in times of turmoil. They use wisdom and foresight to make the tough calls. Even when their decisions are unpopular, they are able to stand by their beliefs and succeed.

"I have no other view than to promote the public good, and am unambitious of honors not founded in the approbation of my Country." George Washington

On December 25, 1776, General George Washington made a decision that would bring victory to the American army and change the course of history. Washington went against conventional military wisdom and crossed the Delaware River at nightfall. The weather was horrendous and the river treacherous, but Washington knew that the troops were not expected. The next morning, they attacked to the south, took the garrison by surprise and overran the town. After fierce fighting, the British troops surrendered.

Building on this success, the Americans marched toward Princeton, where they defeated the British a few days later. These two victories drove the British out of New Jersey and gave the Americans hope that they could win their independence from the British.

George Washington made this difficult decision against the

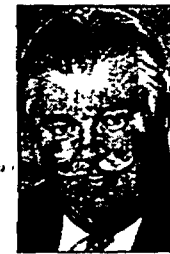
advice of many and most certainly against his military training. As one of the first true leaders of the United States, Washington proved that he was up to the task.

"I desire so to conduct the affairs of this administration that if at the end... I have lost every other friend on earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and that friend shall be down inside of me." Abraham Lincoln

In the spring of 1861, President Lincoln met with his closest advisors. They were discussing the situation at Fort Sumter. The Fort was in danger of Confederate siege, and the Union troops were in dire need of supplies. Many of President Lincoln's advisors recommended withdrawal, citing that any action taken by the Union would lead to war. After much deliberation, Lincoln chose the unpopular decision of sending supplies.

When the Confederate leaders heard that Lincoln was sending supplies, they ordered Fort Sumter to be attacked. This intensified the conflict and is well known as the start of the Civil War.

At a crucial time in our country's history, President Lincoln knew his decision would divide the nation and escalate into the War Between the States. He stood by his beliefs and demonstrated true leadership. As unpopular as the decision was, history has shown it was the proper one.



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"A man does what he must - in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures - and that is the basis of all human morality." John F. Kennedy

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For 13 days, the world waited, hoping for a peaceful resolution of the crisis. Recognizing the possibility of a nuclear war, the Soviet leader Khrushchev turned back his ships. The Soviets agreed

to dismantle the weapon sites, and, in exchange, the United States agreed not to invade Cuba.

At a compelling time in the 1960s, President Kennedy made the difficult decision to show strength of force to the Russians. Again, history has shown that President Kennedy's decision was correct.

Throughout the history of these great United States, our leaders have proven that in times of crisis, difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions need to be made for the good of the people. Even when conventional wisdom was against them, they stood by their decisions and triumphed.

A lesson can be learned from these historical examples. When faced with a decision that is deemed difficult, it is not always the popular one that is the best.

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ART TALK

Halloween art show comes to Northville

The hot days of summer have finally passed, the autumn air is cool and crisp, the kids are back in school, and now you're tapping your fingers wondering.... what to do, what to do?

Halloween is around the corner, and you want to do something... well, Halloweenish. Now picture this: It's Saturday, Oct. 6. The colorful leaves are floating from the trees to the ground. You head into downtown Northville. You have a hearty breakfast at any one of Northville's fine purveyors. And then, with a full belly, you walk over to the most prestigious Halloween art show in the Midwest. At the American

A. Hibbeln

Legion Hall, perched at 100 West Dunlap Street, you pay your \$5 admission fee and enter a Halloween artist spectacular.

Ghoulide Gathering is presenting a high-end Halloween art show, featuring 15 nationally recognized folk art artisans. The coordinators of the show, Scott Smith of Kalamazoo and Stephanie Rawson of Mason, tell me that most of these artists have licensed their work, but only their original art is allowed in the show. Talk about big name artisans: one has been on the Martha Stewart Show and another has been on the Carol Duvall Show on HGTV. And all 15 of these fine and imaginative creators of ghouls have been featured in national magazines.

Doors will open at 9 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. For you Halloween enthusiasts, start lining up at 5 a.m. to get your cute and creepy hand-made original

creatures before someone else bags a one-of-a-kind whimsical witch. Some artists have collectors who will be coming from all over the Midwest for this show, and you can bet your bottom dollar they will be lining up early. So, skip going out to breakfast because nothing is open this early. Besides, Tuscan Café will sell coffee and donuts to early birds standing in line.

Here's a sneak peek of a few original Halloween creations: One-of-a-kind, vintage inspired mohair rabbits dressed in fine woolsens by Lori Ann Corellis; traditional German-style ornaments, spun cotton figures and papier mache pumpkins possessed by a kooky devil or a wacky witch, all by Darla and Jerry Arnold; and one-of-a-kind sculpted wicked little witches sporting painted clothing and humorously ugly stockings by Sheila Bentley of Primdolly

Designs.

Buyer beware: Many of these creations are high-spirited, eccentric, a bit peculiar, and sometimes mischievous and, therefore, may ignite your home with laughter. Prices start around \$50 and go into the thousands. I did mention this is a high-end art show, didn't I?

Recap: Ghoulide Gathering, a Halloween art show, comes to Northville on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the American Legion Hall, 100 W. Dunlap St., from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

View some of the artists' works at ghoulidegathering.com. Fill your heart with art!

Alecia Hibbeln is a freelance writer and artist who lives in Novi. Her passion is writing about artists and their creations. She can be reached by e-mail at aleeahibbeln@yahoo.com.

HOT TICKET: Halloween art can be found at the Ghoullide Gathering at the American Legion on Saturday

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, October 4, 2007
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Local Events

Maybury Farm Corn Maze

TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m. Friday, 12:30-9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through Oct. 30
LOCATION: Maybury Farm, enter off Eight Mile Road west of park entrance.

DETAILS: Hayride to maze and return; last wagon leaves at 8 p.m.; tickets sold at Welcome Center on maze days and Meijer, Northville: \$8 for age 11 up, \$5 for age 3-10. Group tours available Monday-Friday; call early to book.

CONTACT: Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200

Northville VFW Post 4012 Spaghetti Dinner

TIME/DATE: 5-8 p.m. Friday
LOCATION: 438 S. Main
DETAILS: Fundraiser to support our troops and veterans; \$5 for adults, children are \$2.50.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1490

Northville Women's Club 115th Opening Luncheon

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Friday
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Country Club
DETAILS: Speaker is local author of "It's My Turn," Julie Felicelli.

Pear-aphemalia's 5th Anniversary Celebration

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, month of October
LOCATION: 184 W. Main St., Northville
DETAILS: Spend \$30 or more in merchandise and receive \$5 off your purchase; some restrictions apply; see store for details.

CONTACT: (248) 596-1430

As the Page Turns

LOCATION: 149 N. Center St., Suite 102
CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or www.as-the-page-turns.biz
Story Time with Renee
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Story Time with Jean
TIME/DATE: Coming every Saturday in October
Lori Goff Book Signing
author of "Free Falling: Writing Without Limits"
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday
Brandon Mull Book Signing
author of "Fablehaven, Fablehaven," "Rise of the Evening Star," and "The Candy Shop War"
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25
Donna Gambino Book Signing
author of "On a Roll"
DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2

Improv at the Point

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month
LOCATION: Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St.
DETAILS: Tickets for general seating are available 7 p.m. at the door on the night of the performance, \$8.

Book Signings at Borders

LOCATION: Borders Books, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi
CONTACT: (248) 347-0780
Jerome Bettis Book Signing
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Friday
DETAILS: Bettis will sign his book "The Bus."
Deborah Norville Book Signing
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16
DETAILS: Inside Edition anchor and author, Deborah Norville, will be signing copies of her latest book "Thank You Power," a groundbreaking book that states gratitude is the key to unlocking your full life potential.

Ghoullide Gathering

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: American Legion Hall
DETAILS: Artists sell original Halloween art.
CONTACT: Scott Smith (269) 553-1852 or Stephanie Rawson (517) 676-4846

Spread the Warmth Drive

DATE: Oct. 8-12
LOCATION: to be announced

DETAILS: Northville's Women with a Purpose charity group is partnering with two Northville brownie troops in collecting new and gently used coats, sweaters, hats and gloves for the needy. New socks and underwear are also appreciated. Items collected are distributed directly to the needy/homeless. Donations will be accepted at the following locations: Our Lady of Victory Church, Thayer Street; Curves (Five Mile and Beck roads); Envy Salon & Day Spa (Five Mile and Haggerty roads); Northville Senior Center, W. Main Street.
CONTACT: Judy Rathwell at rathwell@valassis.com

American Association of University Women (AAUW) October Program

TIME/DATE: 6:45 p.m. Tuesday
LOCATION: Northville Library
DETAILS: The Northville/Novi Branch of the AAUW will hold their October branch meeting and present Dr. David Law speaking about stem cell research. Public welcome.
CONTACT: Beth Ann Knisely at (248) 305-8992 or email northvillenoviaauw@yahoo.com

Oktoberfest

TIME/DATE: 6-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12; Noon-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13
LOCATION: Community Park, Five Mile and Beck roads
DETAILS: Event features food, entertainment, crafts, music, inflatable rides, merchandise and beer tent; free admission, to village, \$3 admission to tent for adults, free for children 16 and under; must be 21 or older or accompanied by an adult to enter beer tent.
CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Handcrafters Arts & Crafts Show

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14
LOCATION: Northville Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School
DETAILS: Admission \$2, no baby strollers please.
CONTACT: E-mail handcraftersunlimited@yahoo.com or visit www.handcraftersunlimited.com

The Art House

Open 1-5 p.m. every Thursday-Sunday; 1-9 p.m. on "First Fridays" of the month.
LOCATION: 215 Cady St.
CONTACT: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org
"Creative Kids"
DATE: Second Saturday of the month through Dec. 8; Oct. 13 (Print Exploration), Nov. 10 (Thanksgiving), Dec. 8 (Christmas)
TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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

PRINT

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday
continuing during regular gallery hours through Nov. 4
DETAILS: Juried exhibition featuring the fine art printmaking of 33 artists.

Michael Farrell's Fall Lecture Series - Diversity: Art and Architecture of the Far and Middle East

TIME/DATE: 4:30-6 p.m. on these Thursday evenings: China Oct. 18 and 25; Japan Nov. 8 and 15; Africa Dec. 13 and 20
DETAILS: Creative exploration for 1st-5th grade children includes collage, mixed media and drawing; making origami cranes, Japanese fish kites, paper dragons, cherry blossom tree designs, paper kufi hats.

Oakwood Cemetery Walk

TIME/DATE: 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14
LOCATION: 215 Griswold Ave.
DETAILS: Mail-order tickets on

sale, forms available at Mill Race Village, community organizations and merchants; \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and groups of 10 or more. Register early for specific times; proceeds benefit Mill Race Village and Northville Historical Society.

CONTACT: Historical Society office (248) 348-1845

Daughters of the American Revolution

(Northville/Plymouth)
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15
LOCATION: Northville Public Library
DETAILS: Program on Historical Preservation with speaker Beth Stewart.
CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

AAUW Daytime Book Club

(Northville/Novi)
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17
LOCATION: Nanci Olgren
DETAILS: This is an interest group of the NVI/Novi branch of the American Association of University Women. Discussion on "Three Farmers on Their Way to a Dance" by Richard Powers.
CONTACT: northvillenoviaauw@yahoo.com

AAUW Great Decisions Group

TIME/DATE: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18
DETAILS: Discussions on Central Asia and the competition for energy, also Iraq.
CONTACT: Karen Bunting, buntingk@comcast.net for location, directions, more information.

Northville Book Club

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19
LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St.
DETAILS: "As I Lay Dying" by William Faulkner
CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

AAUW Evening Book Club

(Northville/Novi)
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22
LOCATION: Mary Ann Stewart
DETAILS: This is an interest group of the NVI/Novi branch of the American Association of University Women. Book discussion on "The Accidental" by Ali Smith.
CONTACT: northvillenoviaauw@yahoo.com

Mustang Stampede of Pride

TIME/DATE: 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3
DETAILS: Community event to benefit NHS athletes; food, music, silent auction; donations needed; \$25 per person; plan for proceeds posted in high school athletic office.
CONTACT: Michelle Mamo (734) 254-1164 or Julie Felicelli (248) 380-5691

Catholic Central High School Mother's Clubs Holiday Craft Show

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3
DETAILS: Vendors and crafters wanted; Holiday Craft Show is open to all artists, crafters or business people selling items suitable for holiday gift giving.
contact: (810) 231-3235 or (248) 705-9519

Farmer's Market

TIME/DAY: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday
LOCATION: Corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon Roads
Chef's at the Market Series
TIME/DAY: 8:30-9:30 a.m. third Thursday of every month through Oct. 18
DETAILS: Each features a local chef and walk through the market to examine and choose fresh produce, a cooking demonstration; chat with the chef, samples and recipe card; free.

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. Saturday; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 and Thursday, Oct. 18; 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 27 and Friday,



Photo by Christina Zay

Shown (l to r) are Claudia Crampton (Plymouth); Gabbri Occhialini (Farmington Hills); Edie Jones (Northville); and Griffin Kirby (Livonia).

Live on stage "Annabella Broom"

This Halloween come and enjoy the musical "Annabella Broom" in downtown Northville at the historic Marquis Theatre, Oct. 6-28.
Don't miss the flying ghost! It's not scary - it's Halloween fun for kids ages 3 and older.
Showtimes are as follows:
2:30 p.m., Saturdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27,

2:30 p.m., Sundays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28,
7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26,
11 a.m., Saturdays, Oct. 20, 27

Tickets are \$8. Group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more. For more information, please call (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillamarquistheatre.com

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street.

Nov. 9

DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person; running through November.

Johnny Ginger
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday
DETAILS: Comedian, singer, impressionist; \$35 per person.
Barry Manilow Tribute from Las Vegas
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19

DETAILS: \$45 per person
Calling All Ghosts and Goblins
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 and 27
DETAILS: Halloween fun includes lunch and show "Commander Panic;" wear your costume, win a prize; adults \$16.95, children \$14.95.

Bob Posch and John Cionca
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2
DETAILS: \$45 per person.
Shades of Blue (Oh How Happy)
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3
DETAILS: \$35 per person.
Neil Diamond Tribute
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10
DETAILS: \$45 per person.

Children's Lunch Theater and Santa
DATE: Every Saturday and Sunday in December.

DETAILS: Full lunch followed by the show "The Naughty List" plus an appearance by Santa; bring your camera; \$14.95 for children, \$16.95 for adults, not including tax and tip.

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 backstage tour; \$16.95 per person.

Maybury State Park

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads)
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390; Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or www.FriendsofMaybury.org.

Horseback Riding
TIME/DATE: through November
DETAILS: Horses for rent for guided trail rides.

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

Our Fall Friends
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13

DETAILS: Bring blanket and stuffed friend; children under 10 must be accompanied by adult; meet near Concession Building.

Mill Race Historical Village

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

DETAILS: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday, Office open
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845
Thursday: 9 a.m. archives open; 9:45 a.m. school tour; 10 a.m. MOMs Club; 5, 6 and 7 p.m. rehearsals; 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Friday: 8 a.m. Hand-in-Hand meeting; 9 a.m. archives open
Saturday: 12:30-2:30 p.m., 3-5 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. weddings

Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church and Kings 8th; 12-5 p.m. Juliette Low Birthday; 1 p.m. Rug Hookers; 1-4 p.m. village open; 5 p.m. Mackinaw Scouts
Monday: 9 a.m. Northville Garden Club; 7 p.m. Lions Club
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30 p.m. Brownies
Wednesday: 9 a.m. Girl Scout Cluster; 5:30 p.m. rehearsal; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church
* Grounds closed to public

Regional

Plymouth Historical Museum Reopens with "Plymouth Rides the Rails"

TIME/DATE: Open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 1
LOCATION: 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth

DETAILS: Exhibit explores history of trains in Plymouth from 1871 to present; several model trains on loan; new permanent exhibit on Main Street includes caboose visitors can board; children can play with Thomas the Tank Engine layout; adults \$5, students 18 and under \$2, families \$10.

Bowling for Bunnies: A Benefit for Midwest Rabbit Rescue

TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13
LOCATION: Clover Lanes, 28900 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia
DETAILS: Cost of \$16 per person includes three games of bowling, shoe/ball rental, pizza, pop and birthday cake to celebrate our second anniversary; advance tickets only; used cell phones collected during event; proceeds benefit 140 rescued rabbits at Midwest Rabbit Rescue.
CONTACT: Debbie at (248) 994-7509, e-mail to Debbie@tinytreasures.net or visit www.rabbitrr.org.

"Lights, Camera, Auction!"

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23
LOCATION: Emagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road

DETAILS: Event hosted by Variety the Children's Charity features a strolling supper and a movie preview; proceeds benefit "Bikes for Kids" in Metro Detroit; tickets \$50 per person, patron tickets \$100 per person.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

DETAILS: Tickets (adults-\$25, seniors-\$20, students-\$10) can be purchased by contacting the Plymouth Canton Society office (734) 451-2112; in person at 470 Forest Avenue, Ste. 18; or visiting www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Exotic Nights
with artist/composer Michael del Aguila and the Ward Presbyterian Chancel Choir

TIME/DATE: 7:15 p.m. on-stage talk with Conductor Nan Washburn and Miguel del Aguila; 8 p.m. performance Saturday

LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville

Passion of the Piano
with pianist Armen Guzelimian and composer Cindy McTee

DATE: Friday, Nov. 16
LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church

Home for the Holidays
with youth choirs
DATE: Thursday, Dec. 20
LOCATION: Penn Theatre, Plymouth

Blissful Baroque
with harpist Maurice Draughn, composer Mary Watkins, soprano Nadine Balbelsi

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 19
LOCATION: Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Sensational Strings
with concertmaster Juliana Athayde, composer Frank La Rocca, PCEP Middle School Orchestra and the Celebration Strings

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 9
LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church

Rock Financial Showplace
46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5600 or visit http://rockfinancialshowplace.com for more information.

18th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show
TIME/DATE: 2-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday

DETAILS: Admission for adults \$8, children 12 and under are free; parking \$5.

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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EDUCATION



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Teacher contract talks resume

■ Sides have
28 days to
reach a deal

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Lansing-based arbitrator Barry Brown's fact-finding report, released Aug. 28, may be paying dividends as it relates to the contract issues between the Northville Public School District and the Northville Education Association.

Since the briefing was released, administrators and teachers have met three times, all in September, with the goal of hammering out a deal by the end of October, according to Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Dave Bolitho.

Bolitho said progress has been made, but declined to detail that information while the collective bargaining process goes on. He said more information could be released once an agreement is reached.

From the time the report was released, the two sides had 60 days — now 28 days — to discuss the findings, with the hopes that a contract agreement can be reached within the first two months of the 2007-08 school year. Although the two factions can use the report to come to an agreement, neither side

is legally bound to agree with the report.

Teacher's Association President Ann Cook and Chief Negotiator Tom Silak did not return phone calls from the Northville Record seeking comment on the negotiations.

District officials and the teachers' union have been negotiating for about 18 months in an effort to reach a new collective bargaining agreement. After numerous bargaining sessions and 13 meetings with a state mediator, the school district and the teachers' union remain apart on economic issues, such as compensation and a calendar.

At its Aug. 14 meeting, the Northville Board of Education unanimously approved to set district-wide school calendar dates for Wednesday, Aug. 29 through Wednesday, Oct. 31, as the fact-finding process and negotiations continue between the school district and the Northville Education Association.

On Aug. 22, Cook said district teachers would reopen its unfair labor practice suit if the district imposed these dates on the teachers.

Calendar an issue for those on outside of contract talks

Those dates have become an issue for some parents, as the timetable has hampered their ability to schedule family events.

Northville resident Karen Tاجر has a daughter, Kelsey, a sopho-

more at Northville High School, and a son, Nathan, who is in seventh grade at Meads Mill Middle School. She said the lack of a year-long calendar negatively affects her family.

Having the calendar set in advance of the school year has allowed her family to take vacations when the children have recesses during the school year. They have also been able to schedule time with other family members who live outside the district since they know the dates ahead of time. Without a school calendar, they can't do this.

Northville resident Bernadette Guthrie's son, Sam, is in seventh grade at Meads Mill. She also has twins, Megan and Matthew, who are fourth graders at Silver Springs Elementary School.

"Lack of a contract and set dates makes it difficult to schedule doctors appointments," Bernadette said. Sam sees a podiatrist and Bernadette has to book appointments in advance and is uncertain whether she can keep any appointments.

Contract issue longstanding

Fact-finding is a process in which a neutral third party appointed by MERC conducts a hearing regarding the issues on which the parties remain apart at the bargaining table. The fact-finder then issues a written report. While the

report is not binding on either party, the law does require that the parties bargain over the content of the report.

The teachers association's last contract with the district covered the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years and expired in September 2006. The group hopes to adopt a two- or three-year contract with the district that will include the 2006-07 school year.

At the Feb. 27 Board of Education meeting, board officials approved an extension to the expired teacher contract. Northville Education Association officials have received four extensions since the contract expired. The latest extension expired on June 12, one day after the last scheduled fact-finding meeting and three days before the last day of school.

In January, Northville officials filed a Petition for Fact Finding with the Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC). Both parties agreed on a fact-finder in February and a hearing took place in June.

To view the complete fact-finding report, go to the teachers' association Web site, www.iammea.org/northvilleea/, and click on the "complete fact-finding report" link.

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2007 Court

Northville High's 2007 Homecoming Court (bottom to top, left to right): Ladies - Anna Hardenbergh, Georgina Morris, and Lindsay Hagan, then Casey Neville, Samantha Solomon, and Sam Evasic. Gentlemen - Ken Sietloff, Seth Weddle, and Graham McHenry, then Kevin Uetz, Nick Kolbow, and Danny Beger.

Northville schools still mulling election options

■ Moving votes
to November
could cut costs
for district

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

According to Northville Public School District Director of Business Services John Street, it costs the district \$20,000-\$25,000 to conduct an election if school

issues are the sole items on the ballot.

If the district, and others across the state, move elections to coincide with other votes, those costs could be cut — or they could totally disappear.

Most school board elections take place in May, and districts usually see fairly low turnouts at the polls. Municipalities across the state are calling for school districts to move their elections to November, when more issues are on state ballots.

A law passed in January 2005 called for all elections in the state

of Michigan — including federal, state, school and local elections — to take place on one of four regular election dates: the fourth Tuesday in February, the first Tuesdays after the first Mondays in May, August, and November.

All elections are now run by local and county clerks. The parallel system of school-run elections ceased to exist when the new election law was passed, along with its separate polling places and separate absentee voter procedures.

Proponents for the change hope it will ensure voters participate in

more election decisions, particularly school ballots, while opponents fear the change will lead to confusion and longer ballots in the voting booth.

"If we go to November, we can't change our schedule," Northville Board of Education Treasurer Ken Roth said. "In the case of Northville, they only have elections in odd years, so we'd still have to foot the bill during the even years."

Northville school officials have said they favor the current set-up,

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Class of '08 All Night Party info update

The Northville High School Class of 2008 Senior All Night Party will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2008, from 10:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. Ticket prices are \$55 through December 2007, but increase to \$70 on Jan. 1, 2008. Contact Shirley Rogers at (248) 348-7295 with questions.

For \$40, one can purchase an unpainted wooden Mustang horse personalized by parents for their senior using photos, painted scenes, props, name tiles, sportswear, balloons, etc. and displayed at the party. Order wooden Mustangs now; they will be available in the spring. Contact Mary Jo Blasius at (248) 349-0101 for more information.

Please make checks for tickets and wooden mustangs payable to Northville Senior Class Party. Order forms are available on line on the NHS Web site, www.northville.k12.mi.us. Mail orders and checks to Janet Goldberg, 18833 Oak Leaf Lane, Northville, MI 48168.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

There will be a PUBLIC HEARING on the budget for the fiscal year January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 at the Northville Township Civic Center, 44405 West Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48167 at 7:30 p.m. October 18, 2007.

All interested residents are invited to attend. Comments and questions concerning the proposed budget will be heard at the public hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Township Clerk's office beginning October 12, 2007 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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

(10-4/11-07 NR 378688) SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

NOTICE CITY OF NORTHVILLE RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Northville City Clerk, within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to the City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works at 248-449-9930 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
(10-4-07 NR 380101)

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northville Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Hall in the Board of Trustees Chambers, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, to consider an Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate from Trelebe Rubore Inc., under Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended.

Any owner, resident, taxpayer, or legislative body of any taxing unit, which levies ad valorem property taxes on the property in which this facility is located, may appear at said hearing and give testimony.

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Northville district still mulling school election options

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as new board members are elected and sworn in prior to the start of a new school year, as opposed to taking their post during the school year.

Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said, through talks with the Harper Woods clerk, that 37 different school districts in Macomb, Oakland, Livingston and Genesee counties have made the switch. She also said she thinks it would serve Northville schools well to move elections to even years.

"The district would basically get a free ride if they held elections in November of even years," Hillebrand said.

The Northville Public School District, prior to the change, had eight polling places for its elections. Since the new policy was established, there are 20 precincts spanning six municipalities, according to Street.

Exceptions to the rule

There are three exceptions to the four regular election dates.

The first is the constitutional authority of the governor to call an election to fill a vacant state House or state Senate seat, and of the state Legislature to place constitutional amendments before the electorate in special elections.

The second exception allows cities that currently hold their primary election in September to continue to do so.

The third exception was added to overcome opposition from public school districts and school employee unions. It allows a school district to submit one annual ballot question to voters to borrow money or increase taxes.

This so-called "floater" election requires the district to obtain or receive a petition signed by either 10 percent or 3,000 of the district's registered voters, whichever is less. The election must be on a Tuesday, and it cannot occur within 35 days of one of the four regular election dates.

While Northville school officials welcome ideas that will help cut costs, the idea of changing election cycles is one that will require more discussion, Roth said.

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MIDDLE LEVEL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

State group honors Hillside's Jim Cracraft

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Because of conferences at his school, Hillside Middle School Principal Jim Cracraft didn't want to attend the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals annual conference Monday in Traverse City.

Cracraft did attend the event, though, along with Northville High School Principal Rob Watson. Cracraft took in morning seminars on the new Michigan Merit Exam, school accreditation, and had a visit with a motivational speaker.

Although the conference is a well-attended forum, the event seemed somewhat formulaic to Cracraft.

Until the group's award luncheon.

Each year, the organization acknowledges a middle and high school principal, who are nominated by their staff and peers, along with a vocational/technical institution with an award. Cracraft had no idea he was up for the honor of Middle Level Principal of the Year, which he received Monday.

"A speaker got up on the stage and started talking about all of these things this middle school principal has implemented and I thought to myself, 'Hey, we do some of those things,'" Cracraft said.

Those things include the Hillside Animal Room, which contains enough air, land and sea dwellers to qualify as a zoo; school parent involvement, which includes 10-15 parents a day serving as Hillside hall monitors; and the Hillside Making Caring Fashionable Program, a school improvement program that aims to improve Hillside's social climate.

The humble Cracraft is quick to say his staff and peers make those things possible. But Monday was his day, as a slew of important people — his father, mother- and father-in-law, wife, three children, and Northville Public School District Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski — trotted out onto the Grand Traverse Resort stage as a way to congratulate the Hillside principal.

"After he talked about all the things we do (at Hillside), they flashed my picture on the screen and all those people walked out," Cracraft said. "I had no idea or belief that was going to happen."

"I was extremely humbled by that experience."

Cracraft said his family members did an excellent job not letting the cat out of the bag. He said it was a huge surprise to see all those people file out onto the stage.

"I was shocked and probably a little embarrassed by it," Cracraft said.

Cracraft acknowledged this is one of the highest honors a principal can be afforded. Next October, Cracraft and another principal will travel to Washington for the National Principal of the Year awards.

Although the award has been bestowed upon Cracraft, he gives all the credit to the Hillside family. He said his award is the result of hard-working staff, students, and parents.

"I'm really fortunate to have the opportunity to work with such great kids and staff," Cracraft said. "Winning the award is really touching, but it's not about Mr. Cracraft, it's about Hillside."

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Jim Cracraft

Principal, Hillside Middle School



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Jim Cracraft, surrounded by some of his fans at Northville's Hillside Middle School, was recently named Middle Level Principal of the Year by the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

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Psychics on Main Street for Ladies Night Out

By Aileen Wingblad
STAFF WRITER

Ladies Night Out returns to downtown Milford tonight, but this time there will be even more to enjoy than special sales, promotions and refreshments.

Milford

In keeping with October's Halloween season, six psychics will be in town to meet with women from 6-9 p.m.

Presented by the Zonta Club of Milford, the psychic fair will be in the former opera house, located in the second floor apartment at 339 Main Street.

Visitors pay \$5 for admission to the psychic fair, which enters them in a raffle of gift baskets. Psychic readings run an additional \$20 each, which is at least a 50 percent savings over most psychics' typical fees, said Becky Jacques, a Zonta member who is helping to organize the event.

All proceeds will go toward the Zonta Club, which provides programs and support for women.

Based on feedback she's been getting about the upcoming psychic fair, Jacques said she expects a good turnout.

Resident Dave Armstrong will set the mood during the psychic fair by playing tunes from "Phantom of the Opera" on his keyboard.

The gift baskets will include items such as original artwork, gift certificates from local stores, for gardening services or a session with a psychic, a handmade lap quilt and more. Additional raffle tickets will be available for \$1 each.

"We want people to come on out and have fun with this," Jacques said.

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Attitude is everything for cancer patient

Breast cancer survivor urges mammograms

By Jessie Ellis
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Candi Cash Grubb, of New Hudson, knew something was wrong, but she just didn't want to think about it.

Then a postcard arrived in the mail and it ended up saving her life. The only reason Grubb got a mammogram is because she liked the free gifts offered as an incentive: a pink, leather-bound journal and some spa treatments.

"I never would have gotten the mammogram if it hadn't been for the free gifts," she said.

South Lyon

This summer, Grubb was diagnosed with breast cancer and had surgery to remove a cancerous lump and several lymph nodes. Now she is telling everyone she can about the importance of getting a mammogram.

"What a better megaphone with this mouth," Grubb laughed. "I'll be the poster child for breast cancer."

On Saturday, Grubb's aunt, Sue Cash, will be hosting a "Think Pink Party" in honor of Grubb. Grubb said she doesn't like the word "benefit" because it implies that she's dying. Grubb has no intention of dying anytime soon, she said.

In June, Grubb was diagnosed with stage one breast cancer, but when doctors removed it in July the aggressive cancer had already moved to stage two.

"It was a shock," Grubb said of her reaction when she first found out that she had breast cancer. "But I got it early."

Grubb said she feels the sting of hypocrisy when it comes to breast cancer.

"I was doing fundraisers and telling people how important it is to get mammograms and then not doing it myself," she said.

Last week, Grubb had her second round of chemo and she'll continue

to have it every third week until November. After that, she'll begin radiation. When that is over, Grubb will be on a pill for five years.

For Grubb, attitude is everything.

"You won't find me in a dark closet with a blanket over my head," she said. For most people receiving chemo, hair begins to fall out within 13 days after the first treatment. Grubb still had most of her hair going into her second treatment.

"I told myself that if I still had hair I was going to get a mohawk and paint it blue and orange and go to a Tigers game," Grubb laughed. That idea was quickly vetoed by Grubb's daughter, Kira, 14.

Instead, Grubb started to think about the hats she will wear when she finally does lose her hair.

"I bought my first one," Grubb said. "At the Renaissance Fair, they had these jester hats with bells on the ends," she laughed.

Grubb said she can't stand when people are sad when she tells them she has breast cancer.

"People are amazed by my attitude," she said.

Her positive attitude and toughness of spirit has rubbed off on the people around her.

"All my friends cried, but I wasn't crying," Kira said. "I knew she was strong enough to survive it."

Tough as she is, Grubb brushed tears from her eyes at her daughter's comments.

Grubb said she is grateful for all the support from friends, family and customers — she's a bartender at the New Hudson Inn. Her husband, Joe, has been with her every step of the way — and Grubb has no intention of leaving him, either.

"I told him 'You're stuck with me,'" she said.

Candi is a pretty feet-on-the-floor person," Cash said. "She's real; that's why we love her."

As for her "Think Pink Party" coming up on Saturday, well, Grubb can't wait.

"We are gonna have a party!" she said.

The Think Pink Party in honor of Candi Cash Grubb will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday at the VFW Hall in South Lyon. There will be a spaghetti dinner, karaoke contest, 50/50 raffle, silent auction and door

prizes.

Tickets are \$15 each or \$20 at the door. For tickets or for more information, contact Sue Cash at (248) 521-1915 or e-mail cashtwin@att.net.

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Sue Cash, right, will be hosting a fundraising party for her niece Candi Grubb on Saturday at the VFW Hall in South Lyon.



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ALL TIED UP



Latif Alashe scores past Novi goalkeeper Craig Demshuk at home Saturday

Game ends with a scoring flurry in final four minutes

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville earned much of the play Saturday against their rivals from Novi, but the two soccer powerhouses played to a 1 all tie at Northville.

All the scoring came in the final four minutes.

Northville had several chances in the first half and more in the second, but they finally broke through with 3:45 to play.

Off a free kick, Latif Alashe settled the ball behind the defense and knocked it home low to the far post for a 1-0 lead.

Now (10-2-2) switched from a defensive formation to a three forward formation and it paid off in the final minute.

Miles Reckley fed a ball to Nate Robinson who beat a defender but was fouled about 25 yards out with 30 seconds left.

Robinson took the free kick with less than 30 seconds left and buried it into the upper left of the net over the Northville wall.

The first half was all Mustangs. They held a 10-2 shot advantage in the first half and just missed on a couple of golden opportunities.

About 10 minutes in Alashe sent Alex Marzley in at a free and go feed, but Novi keeper Craig Demshuk made the save.

Five minutes later John Hartz got behind the defense off a feed from Marzley and fired a shot just wide of the post.

With 15 minutes left in the first half Doug Beason fired a shot off the goalpost.

"All in all we were very fortunate to be tied 0-0 at the half," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "Not only were we at a huge shot disadvantage, but ball possession must have been about 70 percent Northville 30 percent Novi."

Novi's missed a quality chance halfway through the second half. Robinson sent a corner kick in that was headed by Bobby Ladd, but cleared by defender Nick Scialappa before it could cross the line.

Northville suffered a similar fate five minutes later. Marzley sent a shot on goal that was stopped by Demshuk but sent back on goal by Beason. Wildcat defender Dan Kilger knocked the ball out of danger saving a sure goal.



Northville keeper Albert Kief stops a Novi shot.

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'Stang seek final WLAA golf title

Northville hopes to avenge loss to Churchill

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The No 4 ranked Northville golfers have saved some of their best rounds for the season's end.

After losing a match at Churchill where head coach Mary Jane Ossola says the entire team "just had one of those days," the Mustangs have been on fire.

It all came together Sept. 28 at Hinglewood Golf Course against Canton. Northville fired a 162, a new Mustang record as far as Ossola knows.

The biggest difference has been not trying to be a hero when things don't go well.

"Their course management is getting better," Ossola said. "If they get out on the green, they're thinking more to get out of it. You have to manage the course from your own abilities."

"You get into trouble and you try to hit this career-shot to get out of there."

She wants her players to just take their medicine and get out of trouble with minimal damage instead of multiplying the issue with another bad shot.

"Take what the golf course gives you. Find the trouble on the golf course, and try to avoid it."

WLAA Tourney

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Mustangs to watch:
Alicia Weber returning league champion Kirsten Freisen, injured for last year's tournament

first day of state play.

Staying away from the blow-up hole has been the key to Freisen scoring well.

"She'll have one hole that will just kill her," Ossola said. "She will have a lapse and just doesn't think real well. Now she's eliminating that."

Strapping up

Having two top-tier golfers gives the Mustangs a chance in any meet, but they still have to score four golfers.

"For a freshman, Alicia Weber has been Kelly Hill, a returner from last year's state team. Branna Roberts, Amy Bernstein and Emma Weber."

During the record-round against Canton, Roberts shot a 44 and Joanna Weber shot a 44.

"For a freshman, Branna Roberts has played very, very well," Ossola said. "She's played a lot of tournaments golf this summer."

"Whenever you have a freshman step up and play like that, what a bonus."

The top competition for the league title should come from Churchill, Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Northern.

With the league in its final gear, before consolidating with the KVC, Ossola would like to see her team take the final title.

"We've already shared this conference title two years in a row," Ossola said. "It's always nice to win whatever you enter. The fact that it's the last one, it would be nice to go out as the last champs."

Once the league match is decided, it's onto the regional meet Oct. 11. Ossola knows that Alicia Weber and Freisen have good chances to get there, but she wants to take a full team team.

"If everybody plays their part, we should be there (state)," she said. "There's a lot of talent on this team if they play up to their potential."

The WLAA Tourney runs off at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9 at Pheasant Run Golf Course.

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Plymouth shuts down Northville's offense

Mustang defense blanks Wildcats through 1st half

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville got a solid game out of its defense Friday but the offense couldn't take advantage in a 0-0 loss to Plymouth.

The loss leaves the Mustangs at 0-6.

The defenses dominated the first half as the scoreboard had yet to change by halftime.

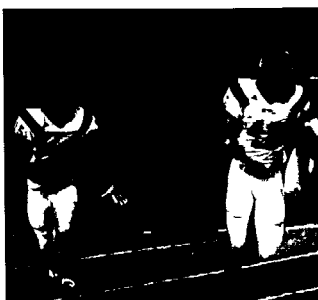
The scoring started when Plymouth's Mike Korona hit a 34 yard field goal with 5:30 left in the third quarter.

The final points came off a 14-yard run by Terrance Guthridge with 10:36 left to play.

The Wildcats did a good job containing the Mustang runners. Northville was held to 75 rushing yards on 21 carries. Plymouth ran for 224 yards on 35 carries.

A halfback pass created the biggest play of the day for the Mustangs. Andrew Devine hit Kns Baumgardner with a 49 yard pass completion. Devine also led Northville in rushing with 43 yards on seven carries.

Aaron Chew completed seven



Photos submitted by Carol Zinner

Andrew Gorley, right, lead blocks for running back Tim Oh against Plymouth

of 16 passes for 73 yards. Baumgardner led the receivers with three catches for 75 yards.

Greg Hasse again fed the defense with 21 tackles (five solo). Adam Fulman recovered a fumble and was in on seven tackles.

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Fourth quarter
P — 10:36 Terrance Guthridge 14 run Korona kick



Mustang lineman David Owens continues his block as a pass flies over his head.

Health

Steroids can lead to big problems

It seems lately that a day doesn't go by without some mention of anabolic steroids and human growth hormone (HGH) on ESPN and typically in the backdrop are highlights of Barry Bonds and Mark McGwire breaking homerun records.

As steroids are becoming a more prominent fixture in nightly sports-casts, the attention has focused on the cheating aspect of steroid use and rightly so. What is rarely seen is the athlete 20 years down the road with arthritis and liver damage. Unfortunately with the endless highlights and "Did he cheat?" debates, the real medical side effects of steroid use can get brushed under the rug. While



Sean Bak

Bonds was both vilified and glorified nightly during his homerun chase, nobody talks about what the state of his health may be in 15 years. If the allegations of steroid use are true, his health likely will be as destroyed as the belt-high fastball he connects with.

Recent studies show that around 3 percent to 4 percent of high school seniors are taking or have taken steroids. This may seem rather small but in a school with class size of 300, it's 12 kids. In a school of 2000, that's up to 80 kids and, yes, that does include girls. Even more concerning is this number has steadily risen since the early 90's. As reports of record-setting elite athletes on steroids or HGH continue, it is only natural that this number will continue to rise.

In the past, articles and TV specials had railed against the dangers such as mood swings ('roid rage), liver problems, heart problems, testicular shrinkage, deepening of the voice and increased facial hair.

Given all these serious side effects, one would think that someone considering steroids would have considerable pause but on the contrary, the most worrisome side effects to most steroid users are the male breast enlargement and hair loss—short term, cosmetic effects. The steroid user lives for the moment, wants physical gains now with a lack of long-term vision particularly regarding their own health.

Although not physiologically addictive (which drugs such as cocaine and pain-killers can be), performance-enhancing drugs produce a powerful psychological addiction, which can be as potent as the addiction to 'hard' drugs. The typical thought when faced with long-term liver damage is 'well, one cycle won't harm my liver.'

The problem is, most who begin using steroids cannot stop and that one cycle turns into years of use. Another concern is that most of these drugs are obtained from illegal sources. Besides being in violation of federal laws, a possibly bigger concern from a health standpoint is that a certain percentage of drugs obtained are not sterile, or may not actually be steroids. Often it may be vegetable oil or even crude estrogenic hormones cheaply obtained from animals which can give the steroid user just the opposite effect of what they are looking for but also with many of the same side effects.

Part of the problem with steroids has been the medical establishment's refusal to acknowledge their efficacy. For years, physicians have trumpeted the side effects of these drugs yet denied the effectiveness of them in building lean muscle.

Truthfully, these are highly potent substances with powerful muscle-building properties but also with severe, sometimes life-altering side effects. No doubt steroids can produce dramatic gains in lean muscle. Any steroid user can attest to that.

If you are taking steroids, though, what you need to come to grips with is just as your pecs are growing and getting more defined, the drug is slowly destroying your liver, your blood vessels and perhaps your mind. With steroid use on the rise and its spread into mainstream sports, awareness needs to be raised about the medical risks, not just the cheating aspects of performance-enhancing drugs.

Perhaps, instead of ESPN's constant barrage of bombs into McCovey Cove, nightly images of Lyle Alzado and other athletes who have succumbed to steroid-induced disease would get the point across.

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Mustangs comin' home

Northville hosts Franklin

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville football team hopes homecoming will help the Mustangs find their first win of the year.

The Mustangs (0-6, 0-4) host Franklin (2-4, 2-2) 7 p.m. Friday night.

Franklin also started the year 0-3 but together a couple of impressive wins at Wayne (21-18) and at home against Plymouth (18-10) in consecutive weeks. Canton knocked off the Patriots 27-12 last week.

Homecoming

Who: Northville (0-5, 0-3) vs. Franklin (2-4, 2-2)
Where: Northville
When: 7 p.m. Friday

The Patriots have shown the ability to put points on the board, but they have struggled to stop teams on defense.

Franklin averages 18 points a game, with a low of 12 (last week) and a high of 26 against Stevenson (a 38-26 loss).

On defense, the Patriots allow just less than 23 points a game, with Stevenson's 38 being the high and Plymouth's 10 being the low.

The Mustangs proved they

could play tough defense last week, also allowing 10 points to Plymouth. But the offense needs to come around. The Mustangs have been shutout in two of the last three games (W.L. Western and Plymouth) with 14 points scored against Wayne.

Andrew Devine continues to lead the offense in rushing with 417 yards on 95 carries with four touchdowns.

Aaron Chew has completed 51 percent of his passes (37-of-73) for 374 yards and two scores. Kris Baumgardner and David Burke are tied for the team lead with 15 receptions each.

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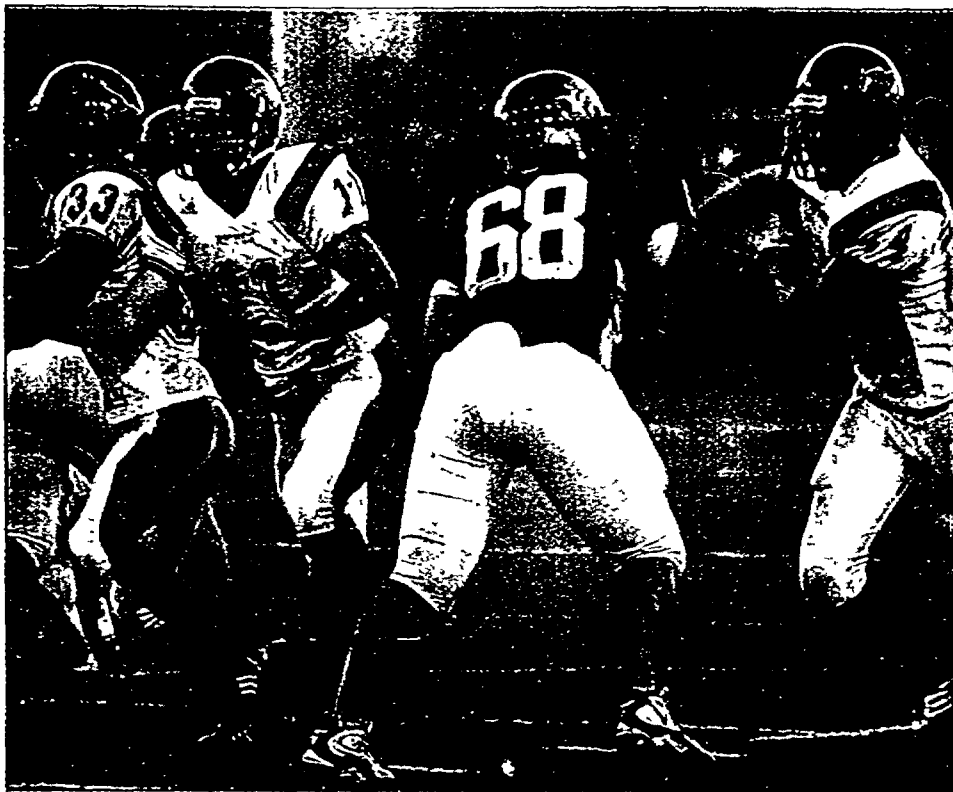


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Northville defenders, from left, Paul McCann, Josh Pratt and Jake Weddle try to stop a Plymouth play.

JV Colts outlast Ravens, 36-24

Submitted to the Record

The Northville JV Colts won their fourth game of the season as they defeated the Rochester Ravens 36-24 Sunday in Northville.

The Colts scored first with 4:02 to play in the first quarter when Tyler Kwasny connected with Shane Gregory for a 62-yard Touchdown pass. The Brandon Damour PAT was good and the Colts led 8-0.

After the Ravens fumbled away their possession, on the second play from scrimmage Nicky Stegmeyer broke loose for a 56-yard touchdown run, followed by another two-point conversion, 16-0 Colts at the end of the first quarter.

After taking possession at the Ravens 32-yard line, the Colts scored with a 29-yard run by Anthony Redmond with 8:50 to play in the half. Unfortunately, the Ravens were not beaten yet as they ran the ensuing kickoff back for a touchdown. The Colts followed this up with a 15-play drive starting at their own 44-yard line to score on a short blast by Joey Hewlett from the 1. The PAT for 2 was good. Again the Ravens stayed alive on a 65 yard running play with 30 seconds in the half. The Colts led 30-12 at halftime.

The Ravens scored first in the second half with 6:17 to play in

the third. The Colts answered back quickly on a 40-yard quarterback sneak by Tyler Kwasny. The PAT was short on the mark.

With the Colts leading 36-18 in the fourth quarter, everyone was able to get in the game for a chance to make big plays.

David Maier and Brandon Damour saved a touchdown with great defensive play with an open field tackle. Michael Vallespir caught the Ravens tailback in the back field and handed them a 5-yard loss. Robert Sneed also had a couple of key tackles.

The Northville Colts JV squad is now 4-1 for the season. Next weeks game is against the Livonia Eagles at Livonia Bentley starting at 1 p.m.

Freshmen stomp Ravens

The visiting Rochester Ravens could not stop the undefeated Colts from bringing in their fifth straight victory Sunday, 30-14.

First-year players Joe McCormick, Michale Zaas, Brian Lally, Jacob Pollitt Ty Kilar, Sean Smith, Thomas Rys, and Sam McMeekin halted the Ravens' first offensive attack, giving the Colts a perfect scoring opportunity. The Colts' David Dillon, Justin Zimbo, and Alec Coppock carried the ball right down to the line and Nicholas

Wilds carried it across for the first touchdown. Zimbo brought in the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

The Colts scored again quickly with carries by Jacob Walker and Mason Williams. Michael Minick brought in the touchdown. The Colts' attempted a kick for the extra point, but it was no good for a 13-0 lead.

The Colts' defense again immediately shut down the Ravens and the Colts scoring drive began. Quarterback Justin Zimbo scored for a 19-0 lead.

The Colts' Jeremiah Dunne kicked off and sent the football deep into Ravens territory, but the Ravens' Ryan Mitchell retrieved the ball and ran for a 60-yard touchdown, and the score was 19-7.

The Colts put on the scoring pressure again, this time with a pass completed to Zachary Prystash, who scored yet another touchdown. The extra point kick attempt was no good.

The Ravens' Mitchell was able to score again despite defensive tackles by Michael Zaas, Jeremiah Dunne and Jacob Walker, bringing the score to 25-14 at the start of the fourth quarter.

During the last three minutes of play, the Colts recovered a Ravens fumble within yards of the goal line, and the Colts scored the final touchdown.

Stallion JV, freshmen fall to Eagles

Submitted to the Record

The Livonia Eagles defeated the Northville Stallions 28-0 on Saturday.

The game began with a long, sustained drive by the Eagles. The drive resulted in a touchdown. However, the extra point kick was blocked by the Stallions defense.

The Stallions offense struggled to move the ball all day against a tough Eagles defense. In an attempt to provide a spark to the offense, the Stallions attempted to convert a fourth down play in their own territory, coming up just short. The Eagles took advantage of the field position and scored again to take a 14-0 lead.

After a few more possession changes, the Eagles converted a pass for a touchdown just before halftime, to make it 22-0.

The Stallions played a better second half, including a nice interception by Evan Killeen late in the third quarter. The Stallions gave up a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter for the only scoring of the half, making the final score 28-0.

There were several good efforts from the Stallions in this

game. Alex Doering was named the offensive champion of the game. Doering had several tough runs on offense and was hard to bring down all day. Jake Cheslik was named the defensive champion of the game. Cheslik had several tackles and played with great toughness. Tim Eis was named the special teams champion. Eis had consistent, long, well-placed kickoffs in the game.

Stallion freshmen fall, 20-6

The Northville Stallion freshmen football squad hosted the Livonia Eagles on Saturday and fell in a hard-fought contest 20-6.

The Eagles jumped out to a quick advantage on a 2-yard run to lead 6-0 after the first quarter. However, the Stallions fought back and one minute into the second quarter QB William Wright darted around the left end and outran the defense for a 76-yard touchdown run. The conversion failed, and the score was tied 6-6.

The second quarter was a battle for field position and the momentum was turned when the Eagles were able to pin the Stallions back against their own goal line after failing to score on a fourth and goal. The Stallions were corralled in their own end-

zone for a safety and now trailed 8-6.

Following a good return inside the Stallion 20-yard line on the ensuing kickoff, the Eagles managed to convert an 18-yard TD pass with only 34 seconds left in the first half. The Stallions stopped the conversion, but trailed 14-6 at halftime.

In the second half, the Stallions were unable to mount a comeback as the Eagles tacked on another score midway through the third quarter to take a two-touchdown lead.

The defense for the Stallions provided a strong effort and managed to keep the game in reach as the Stallions marched to the 2-yard line midway through the fourth quarter. A key sack by the Eagles on third down back to the 11-yard line stopped the momentum and prevented the Stallions from scoring, eventually falling by a final score of 20-6.

The defense was led in tackles by Michael Toth, but received multiple tackle contributions by many in the unit including Conner Gibaratz, Tyler Hood, Jake Justice, Jordan March, Mathew Komorous, Brennan Pelland, Steven Pennington, Diaz Saunderson and William Wright.



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Jake Robideau heads upfield after catching a pass against Plymouth.

'Stang JV football improves to 5-0-1

Submitted to the Record

The Northville JV football team thrilled the crowd in a nail-biting game Thursday night and trampled the Plymouth Wildecats 35-27.

Northville fell behind 21-7 in the second quarter due to the running attack of Plymouth. The Mustangs scored at the end of the quarter with an exciting hook and ladder play and cut the deficit to 21-14.

The excitement of this play helped carry the momentum during the second half and the Mustangs came out from half-time hungry for a win. They used a balanced attack to control the football, running 29 offensive plays to 11 for Plymouth.

"The team came away with a come-from-behind, hard fought victory", said head coach Dennis Colligan.

The Mustang offense was led

by running back, Brett Smith, who had another strong game, rushing for 190 yards on 20 carries. Quarterback Mike Wegzyn hit 8-for-15 passes for 137 yards giving the offense the balance they needed to achieve the victory. Jake Robideau was successful on all 5 extra point conversions and caught two passes for 49 yards. Kyle Galdes had a big game with 83 all purpose yards and 2 touchdowns. Jack Gibson and Devon Pearson also scored touchdowns.

The Mustang defense was equally outstanding with Dan Stern, Brian Gotberg, Kyle Buren, Kyle Galdes and Steve Widzinski leading in solo and assisted tackles.

The teams' record is 5-0-1 with wins against Canton, Churchill, Walled Lake Western, Wayne, Plymouth and a tie against South Lyon. The next game is away 7 p.m. Thursday against Livonia Franklin.

Northville H.S. Schedules

Football 10/5 vs. Franklin (Homecoming), 7 p.m.	10/10 at Canton, 7 p.m.
Soccer 10/8 WLAA Crossover, 7 p.m. 10/10 WLAA Crossover, 7 p.m.	
Cross Country 10/6 at Wayne Cty. Invite (Willow Metro Park), TBA	
Tennis 10/6 at WLAA Tourney, TBA	
Volleyball (JV time listed, varsity follows) 10/8 vs. WL Western, 7 p.m.	
Swim and Dive 10/4 at WL Western, 7 p.m. 10/9 at Groves, 6:30 p.m.	
Golf 10/9 at WLAA Tourney (Pheasant Run), TBA	

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ROUNDUP: Tennis squad improves to 10-1; both cross country teams fly high

■ Volleyball survives 5-game match with Canton

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville tennis team (10-1, 10-0) pummeled Plymouth 8-0 to stay undefeated in league play a day before finishing second at the Holly Invitational on Saturday.

At Holly, Rochester Adams finished two points ahead of Northville to claim the title.

The Mustang doubles teams poured in the points for Northville. Andy Mills and Graham McHenry finished runner-up at No. 1, with all remaining doubles winning titles.

Winners were Lee Schecter and Phil Irvine at No. 2, Brian Lovett and Dan Mills at No. 3, Evan Gatz and Nick Kalweit at No. 4, Matt Mehull and Mike Buczek at No. 5 and Alex Shashlo and Ian Jave at No. 6.

In singles play, Melvin Joseph and Steve Irvine finished fourth at No. 1 and 2 respectively, and Tim Wasielewski and Mike Hagan finished second at No. 3 and 4 respectively.

"This was Northville's best finish at this tournament," Northville head coach Matt Stetson said.

Boys Cross Country

The Northville boys cross country team took first in the WLAA Jamboree (Sept. 27), first at the Catholic Central Invite (Sept. 22) and second at the Centerline Invite (Sept. 29).

The win at the Jamboree counts 1/3 for the Mustangs toward the Western Division title. The Mustangs won handily with 29 points, well ahead of Canton with 53.

Jon Zurek placed second in 16:43, good for the eighth best all-time at Cass Benton for Northville.

Jack Dalton was close on his heels for third in 16:45 (Northville all-time 10th). Nick Kolbow placed sixth in 16:55 (Northville all-time 15th), followed by Erik Peterson in eighth (17:08) and Nitin Jacob in 10th (17:18). The Mustangs rounded out their top seven with Frank Griffiths placing 11th and Jake Meyers in 13th.

At Catholic Central, Zurek was first in for Northville in fourth place. He was followed by Kolbow in fourth, Dalton in ninth, Peterson in 10th and Jacob in 20th.

At the Centerline Invite, Northville finished with 82 points, beating South Lyon with 93.

With a couple of the top runners not racing, Northville had a couple of runners step up and fill the holes to finish first.

Dalton was first in for Northville in fifth (16:16). Zurek was one-second behind for sixth. Peterson placed eighth in 16:32.

"I like my chances at any meet with those three runners," Northville head coach Chris Cronin said. "They may not win the race, but if you are going to beat them, it will take your best effort."

Stepping up were Frank Griffiths in 31st (17:16) and Ben Marti in 32nd (17:16) for the Mustangs.

Girls Cross Country

The Northville girls cross country team highlighted the past week by winning the WLAA Jamboree



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Mustang No. 1 doubles teammates Andy Mills, left, and Graham McHenry congratulate each other after winning a point.



Submitted photo

Northville's Jon Zurek fights for position at the Catholic Central Invitational.



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The Mustangs get fired up before their match against the Rockets.



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The Northville girls cross country team shows off its hardware earned from the Centerline Invitational. From left, Jenny Murphy, Becky Reynolds, Emily Sklar, Stephanie Hamel, Anna Hardenbergh, Lindsay Hagan and Kristen Stutrud.

last Thursday and the 12-team Centerline Invite on Saturday.

The Mustangs scored 39 points, finishing ahead of Walled Lake Western with 56 and Plymouth with 68.

Lindsay Hagan retained her title at the meet, winning in 19:49. Next in for the Mustangs were Jenny Murphy in eighth (20:25), Anna Hardenbergh in ninth (20:31), Stephanie Hamel in 10th (20:35) and Emily Sklar in 11th (20:46).

The Mustangs went on to place 10 runners in the top 20.

"The girls ran another strong race," Northville head coach Nancy Smith said.

The Jamboree counts 1/3 toward the division title.

At Centerline, Northville won with 50 points, beating Troy with 60 and Livonia Stevenson with 102.

"The win was big for us today as Northville competed two weeks ago in the Elite race at Michigan State with Troy finishing 10th and Northville finishing 17th," Smith said.

Hagan led the crew with a fifth-place finish (19:23). Murphy was next in just three seconds later. Hamel placed ninth (19:50), Hardenbergh 11th (19:57) and Sklar 19th (20:04) to close out the

scoring.

"To have four girls run in the 19s and three others within reach of the 19s is so impressive," Smith said.

In the JV race, Markea Dickinson finished third in 21:12, returning from an injury. Katherine Coleman was next in fourth, and Lauren Cheany placed eighth.

Northville Volleyball

Canton pushed the Mustangs

(13-8, 2-0) to the limit, but Northville fended off the Chiefs in a five-game match. Wayne was a different story, as the Mustangs blasted past the Zebras in three games.

Against Canton, the Mustangs took the first game 25-19. The Chiefs rallied to tie the match with a 26-24 win. The Mustangs matched the feat with a 26-24 win to go back up one game. The Chiefs forced the final game with a 25-19 victory.

Northville finished off the match with an exciting 16-14 win to open divisional play.

Highlights included Beth Foucher with 36 digs and 36-for-39 serve receiving, Claire Wixted with 13 digs, as did Megan Hofmeister (nine kills), Allison Holmes with five blocks, Krysta Cicala knocked down 20 kills with 26 assists, and Emily Grant slammed down 14 kills.

"It was nice to see the girls work together as a team in game

five and pull out the win," Northville head coach Laura Lesko said. "They stayed focused and determined. It was well deserved. This was a big win for us."

Against Wayne, the Mustangs had little trouble, winning 25-8, 25-14, 25-7.

Shelby Temple provided eight service points with five aces and six assists. Wixted led with 10 digs and Grant and Sarah Koupal had six kills each.

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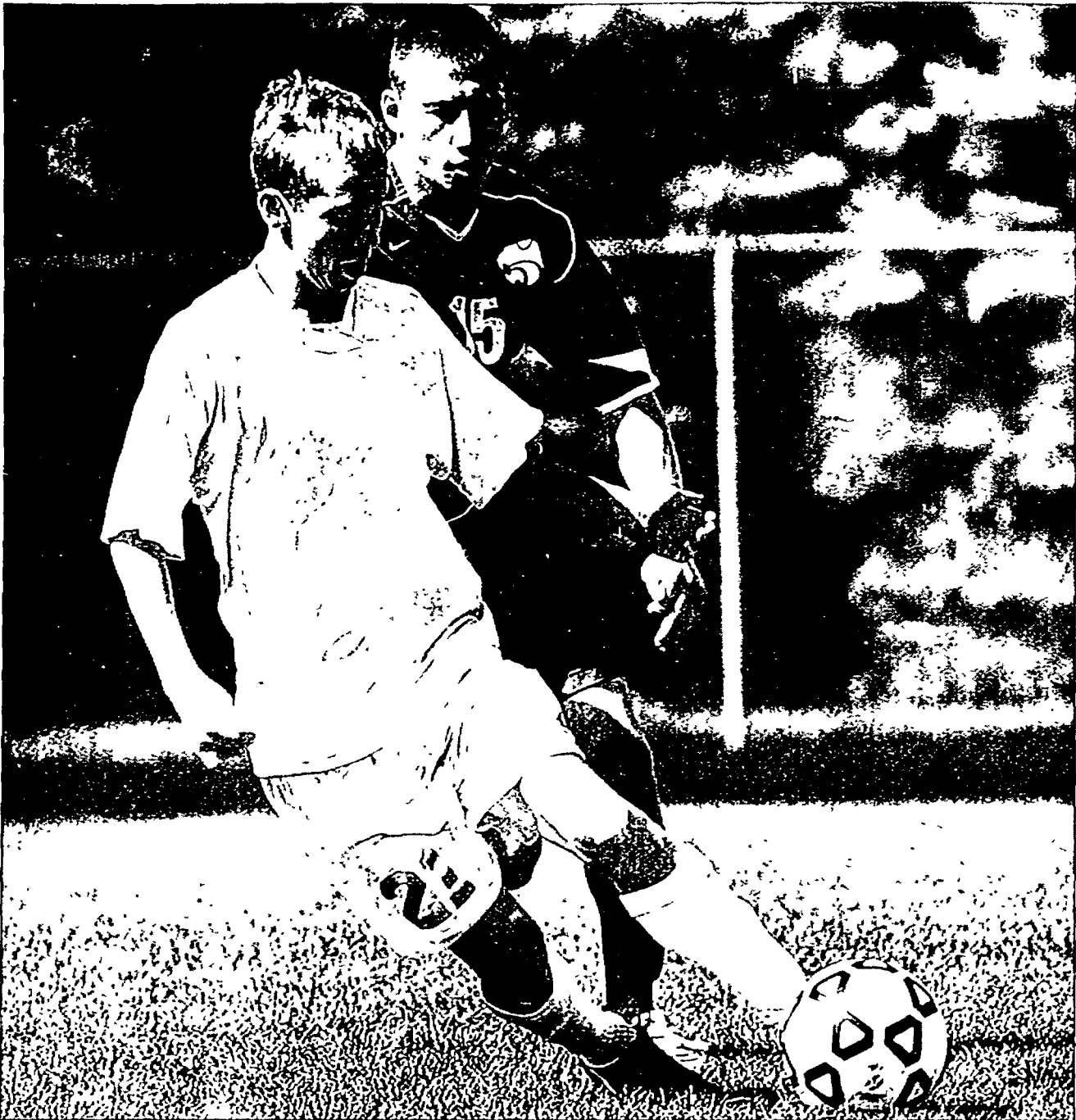
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Doug Beason tries to work away from Novi defender Bobby Laski.

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Northville's Latif Alashe fights for the ball with Novi's Nick Brockman.



Jeff Cheslik tries to keep space between him and Novi's Garrett Gauruder.



Northville's Massato Morioka controls the ball Saturday against Novi.



Cameron Burdette heads the ball against Novi.



Mustang defenseman Andrew Kelleher works the ball against Novi.

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16 servings

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Cook Time: 50 minutes

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- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
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- 1-3/4 cups granulated sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract*

Glaze:

- 1/2 cup boiling water
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- 1 cup confectioners' sugar

For cake, preheat oven to 350°F. Generously grease and flour 10-inch Bundt pan; set aside. In microwave-safe cup, microwave milk at HIGH 1-1/2 minutes or until very hot. Add tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze, cool.

In medium bowl, combine flour and baking powder; set aside.

In large bowl, with electric mixer on medium speed beat spread with granulated sugar 3 minutes or until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, scraping sides after each addition. Alternately add flour mixture and tea mixture; ending with flour mixture and mixing just until blended. Beat in vanilla. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. On wire rack, cool 10 minutes; remove from pan and place on wire rack lined with waxed paper. With wooden skewer, poke warm cake on all sides.

For glaze, in small bowl, pour boiling water over remaining tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze; then stir in confectioners' sugar until smooth. Brush cake with glaze until absorbed. Cool cake completely before serving.

*Substitution: Try using 1 tablespoon lemon juice and omit vanilla extract.

Lemon-Blueberry Sorbet

4 servings

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Brew Time: 5 minutes

Chill Time: 2 hours

- 1-1/4 cups boiling water
- 6 Lipton Tuscan Lemon Flavored Black Pyramid Tea Bags
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 cups frozen blueberries*

Pour boiling water over Lipton tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in sugar until dissolved, cool.

In blender, process tea mixture with blueberries until almost smooth. Turn into 8- by 8-inch metal pan; freeze 1 hour. With fork, stir to break up ice. Freeze an additional hour or until firm. Stir with fork; serve immediately.

*Also great with frozen peaches or a combination of blueberries and peaches

Hot Fruity Toddy

2 servings

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Brew Time: 5 minutes

- 1-1/2 cups boiling water
- 2 Lipton Blueberry & Pomegranate Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags
- 2 tablespoons almond liqueur
- 1 tablespoon pure maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon orange liqueur

Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in remaining ingredients. Serve hot.

This is also delicious cold. Serve over ice and top with flavored whipped topping.

Blueberry Pomegranate Fruit Smoothie

2 servings

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Brew Time: 5 minutes

Chill Time: 1 hour

- 1 cup boiling water
- 4 Lipton Blueberry & Pomegranate Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 cup frozen strawberries
- 1 pint (2 cups) vanilla frozen yogurt

Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in sugar until dissolved; chill.

In blender, process tea mixture with remaining ingredients until smooth. Serve immediately.

Hot Chocolate Tea

2 servings

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 2 minutes

Brew Time: 5 minutes

- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 Lipton Bedtime Story Caffeine-Free Herbal Pyramid Tea Bags
- 1 cup chocolate soy milk

In 1-quart saucepan, bring water and sugar to a boil over high heat. Remove from heat and add tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in soy milk and heat through.

Also makes a great cold drink. In blender, process chilled tea, remaining ingredients and 2 cups ice cubes until slushy. Serve immediately.



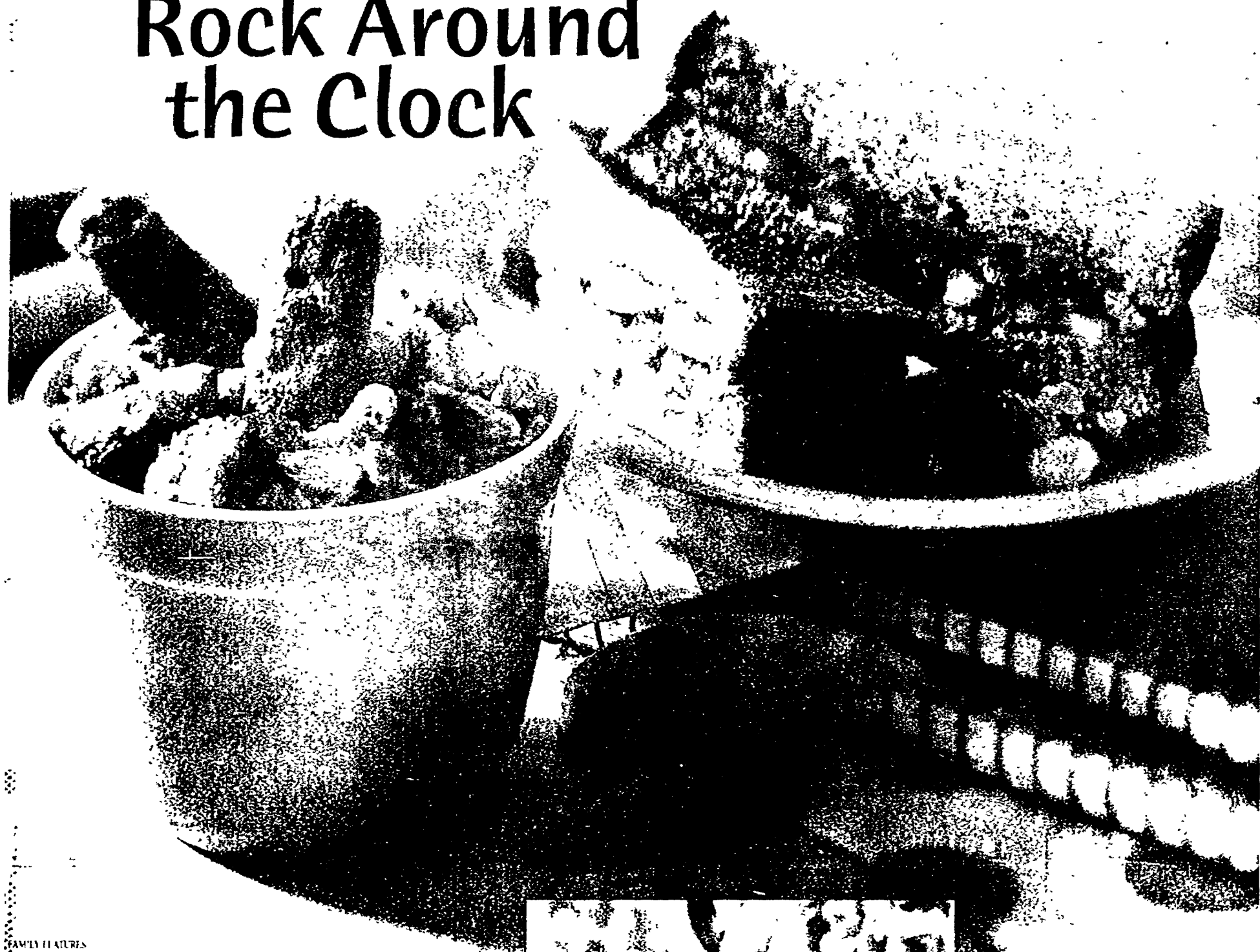
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Raisins... Rock Around the Clock



FAMILY FEATURES

Looking for healthy, kid-friendly ideas for breakfast, lunch and after school? With family schedules increasingly hectic during the school season, look no further than simple ingredients and easy preparation to create wholesome meals and snacks that kids will love.

This school year, get the kids involved in the food-making process. From breakfast to lunch, and after-school snacks, when children are involved in the preparation, they are much more likely to eat what they have helped to create.

Start the day off right with nutritious mini-muffins that taste like oatmeal raisin cookies. For lunch, try a healthful twist on PB&J with a peanut butter and raisin spread for sandwiches or wraps. After school, the spread doubles as a perfect snack when paired with graham cracker sticks and apple slices for dipping. For another healthy treat, create a scrumptious popcorn mix that can be eaten out of a big bowl or divided into individual snack bags and enjoyed throughout the week. Raisins are high in antioxidants and are a great way to incorporate fruit and fiber into kids' diets.

Help kids develop healthy eating habits for life by trying these California Raisin recipes that are fun to make, yummy to eat and good for you, too — any time of day.

For more kid-friendly recipes and information on California Raisins, visit www.LoveYourRaisins.com



California Raisin Peanut Butter Spread

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

- 3/4 cup California raisins
- 1/2 cup apple juice
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter

Measure raisins and apple juice into small saucepan and bring to boil, reduce heat to medium and simmer 8 to 10 minutes or until raisins have absorbed all juice. Stir in honey and cinnamon, cool slightly. Stir in peanut butter. Spread onto graham crackers, bread, mini-bagels, apple slices or celery sticks. Makes 1 2/3 cups

Recipe Variations:

Raisin Peanut Butter Griddle

Smear California Raisin Peanut Butter Spread on whole wheat bread, top with banana slices and brown in a skillet

Note to parents: Just do the prep work and have your kids assemble the sandwiches

Raisin Peanut Butter Tortilla Roll-Ups

Wrap California Raisin Peanut Butter Spread and banana slices in a whole wheat tortilla and serve in pinwheel slices

Note to parents: Just do the prep work and have your kids assemble and roll the wraps

Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Muffins

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 12 to 14 minutes

- 1/2 cup California raisins
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup quick oats
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1/3 cup canned pumpkin
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 egg white

Preheat oven to 400°F and spray 18 mini-muffin tins with non-stick cooking spray. Stir together raisins and all dry ingredients in medium bowl. In separate bowl, mix together remaining ingredients and add to dry ingredients, stirring just until incorporated. Spoon into prepared muffin tins and bake 12 to 14 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean.

Makes 18 mini-muffins

Note to parents: Kids can help by measuring and stirring in ingredients.

Pumpkin Pie Popcorn Mix with California Raisins

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 2 to 5 minutes

- 1 bag low-fat microwave popcorn
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- Butter-flavored non-stick cooking spray
- 1 cup California raisins
- 1 package (5 ounces) glazed pecans

Prepare popcorn according to package directions; empty into large bowl and remove all unpopped kernels. Stir sugar and pumpkin pie spice together in small bowl. Spray popcorn liberally with cooking spray, tossing to coat evenly. Add raisins and pecans. Sprinkle with sugar mixture and toss until popcorn is well coated.

Makes 12 cups

Note to parents: Get your kids involved by having them toss the popcorn

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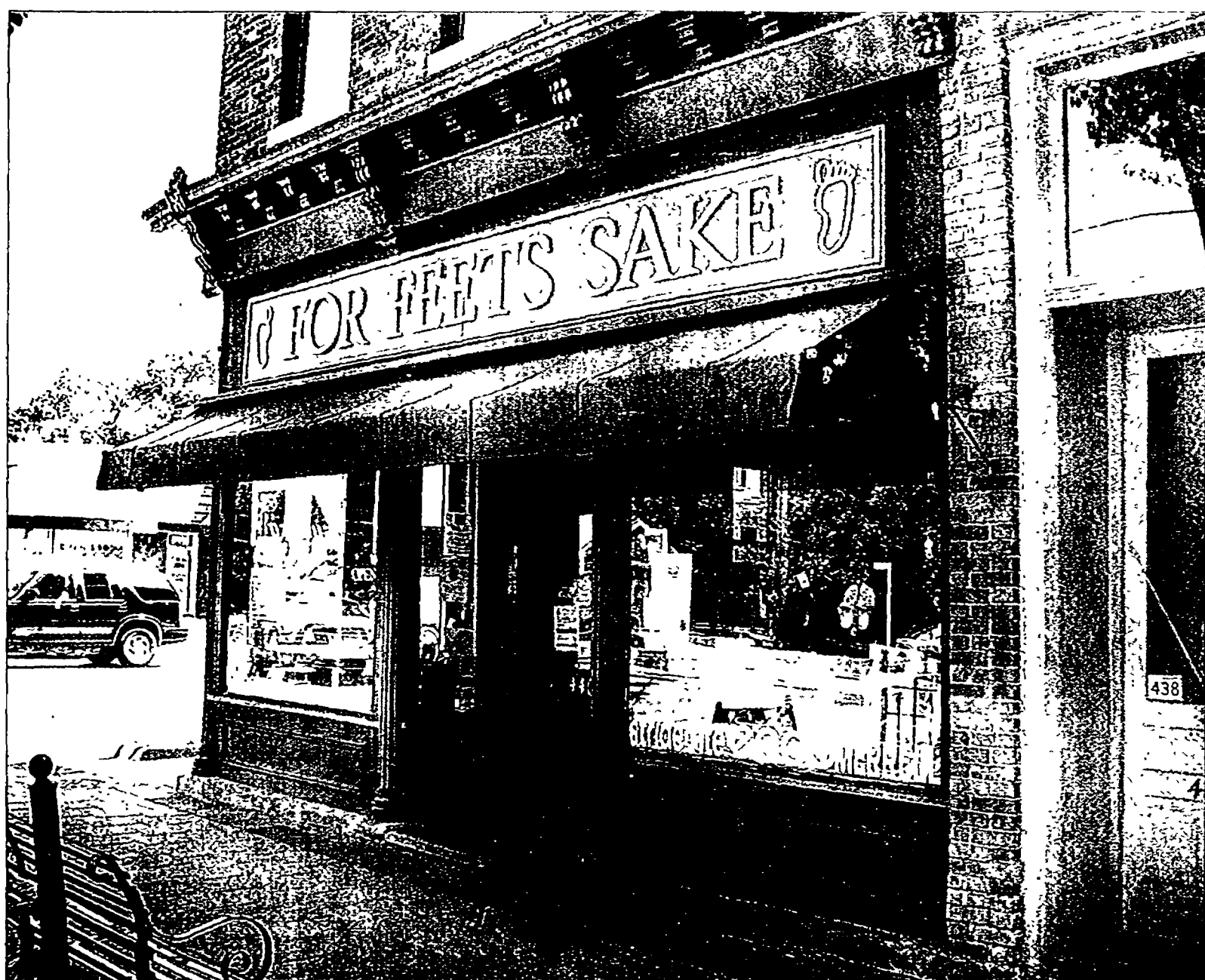


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At the corner of North Main and Commerce streets in downtown Milford, feet walk into For Feets Sake tired and grumpy, but leave comfortable and ready for the road.

Meet your feet's best friend in Milford

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

You don't have to be a pedorthist to appreciate the newest shoe store in downtown Milford. That's probably because when they enter the store on the corner of Main and Commerce in the old McMartin Jewelry store building.

Owners Aaron and Traci Goodnough are happy to talk about their new store and the services and products they offer, even being board certified pedorthists (defined as specialists in using footwear to solve problems in, or related to, the foot and lower limb). Aaron thinks the most visible thing that customers will see and experience is the great customer service his staff offers.

"We work with every customer, starting first by measuring their feet," he said. "People sometimes are surprised to learn their real size. A lot of stores simply offer piles of shoes to pick from. We fit each shoe correctly. When a customer leaves our store they know their new shoes will fit right."

Aaron brings a lot of experience to the store, which he and Traci opened in August 2006. He has been selling shoes since his college days and eventually became certified to work on shoe inserts and modifications, something he hasn't had a lot of time to do since the store opened.

"We opened during the Milford Memories weekend in 2006 and things have been very busy for us," he added. "We are seeing returning customers, especially those purchasing children's shoes."

Aaron said that children's shoes have been a very good business at For Feets Sake because parents want their kids to have shoes that fit correctly — especially parents in the Milford community. "We love this community," he said. "It is

very family oriented with many established families and new, young families. That fits us because we have a very family friendly environment in the store."

Besides good service in a friendly environment, For Feets Sake carries some very popular brands of shoes, including Clarks of England, Ecco, New Balance, Merrell, and Crocs.

The staff of five people can also help with special-order shoes which may not be in stock. Aaron said he has access to many "narrow, medium, wide, big, or small shoes."

For Feets Sake is also working with local school athletic teams to offer team discounts on athletic shoes.

"The more our name gets out into the community the more the local coaches will tie our name to the products they use," Aaron added.

Some of the upcoming things that Aaron and Traci are working on include a new Web site, which will debut soon.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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For Feets Sake's owner, Aaron Goodnough, is proud to sell the popular New Balance athletic shoe line.

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Aaron, Traci, and the staff are happy to work with customers of all ages. And if Aaron finds some extra time, he will even repair and/or recork his customer's

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Randall Patterson

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Welcoming visitors to Northville's Three Cedars Farm for traditional fall activities are Jamie Martin, left, and her mother Sherry Whittakers, two of the Whittakers' family members who own and operate the favorite local autumn destination.

Relax and enjoy traditional corn maze, cider and more at Three Cedars Farm

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

What started with a pumpkin patch 3 years ago has blossomed into a treasure trove of memories and traditions for visitors to the Three Cedars Farm in Northville. Owners Gary and Sherry Whittakers have transformed their 51-acre working farm into a delightful experience for families and people of all ages.

Located west of the village of Salem on Six Mile Road, Three Cedars Farm opened up this year in mid-September and will stay open seven days a week until November 4, reopening on weekends the day after Thanksgiving up until Christmas Eve.

MANY THINGS TO DO

Visitors have many attractions to keep themselves busy, including hayrides, a seven-acre corn maze, group bonfires, delicious cider and donuts, a well-stocked country store, and a goat farm, where children can pet and feed the goats.

Gary Whittakers, who bought the farm from Fred Verran 12 years ago, is very pleased with his customers' response to the many features he has added over the years. "Business has really taken off," he said. "Every year we try and add something new."

This year he has added a screened-in porch with a wrap-around outdoor seating area, fully stocked with wooden rocking chairs. Whittakers wanted to give his customers a place to sit and enjoy the fresh donuts and award-winning apple cider.

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Next year Whittakers plans to add a large outdoor play area for children. Right now, children can enjoy the special wooden train designed and constructed by George Smith of Marshall, Mich.

SPECIAL EVENTS

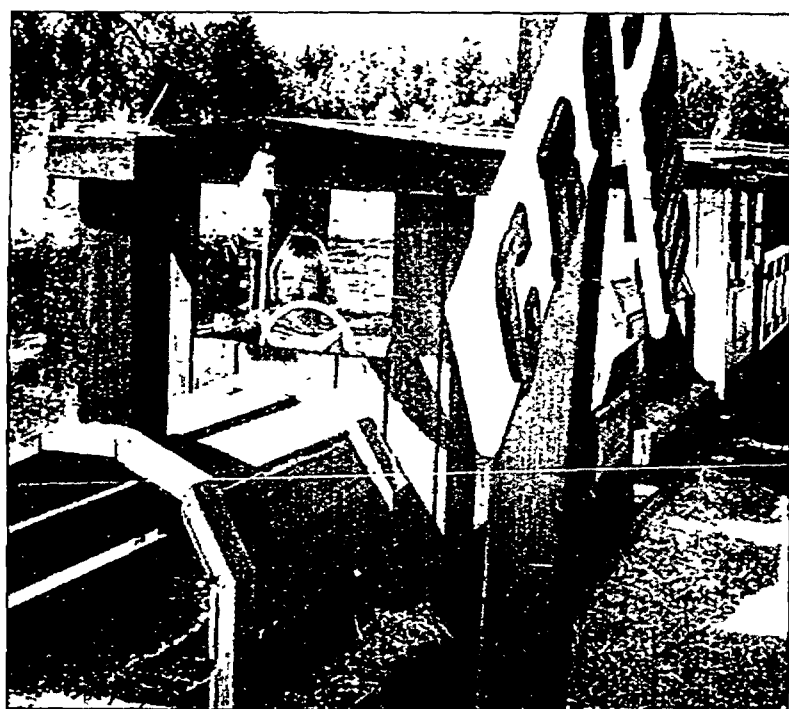
Some of the many events planned each year are educational school tours, group and business meetings in the spacious barn or out in one of the seven bonfire areas, and wedding receptions in the barn, too.

This year there is a special event centering around the popular corn maze and involves finding three wooden cedar trees within the maze. Visitors who find the trees have their names entered into a contest to win a iPod at the end of the season.

On one busy weekend this fall, Whittakers said Three Cedars Farm hosted a 160-person wedding reception while visitors walked the grounds and visited the country store. Fortunately, there is a lot of free parking right on the property.

FAMILY BUSINESS

The Whittakers family all work at the



The wooden train at Three Cedars Farm is always a hit with the many children who visit each year.

farm, including children Jamie, Carrie, and Travis and their spouses. This family spirit is one that Gary Whittakers is very proud of and it shows. "We have created a clean, happy atmosphere of life on a farm for the family," he said.

SANTALAND

Speaking of families, many of them enjoy bringing their children to the special Santaland display in the big barn every Christmas season. Mr. and Mrs. Claus are there to greet the young (and old) and there are many decorations to see and holiday-themed crafts to buy.

There is no admission fee to Santaland

but any donations are gladly accepted and all proceeds are donated to the Active Faith organization in South Lyon. Christmas trees are available, too.

Whittakers, who is vice president of Industrial Packaging in Detroit, said his weekends at Three Cedars Farm are very busy. "Business has been phenomenal," he added.

Located at 7897 Six Mile Road, visiting hours are 10 a.m. until dusk Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday to Sunday.

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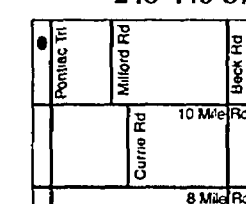


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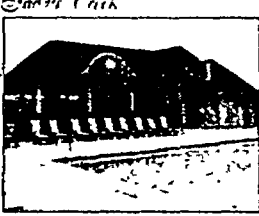
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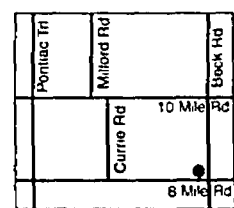
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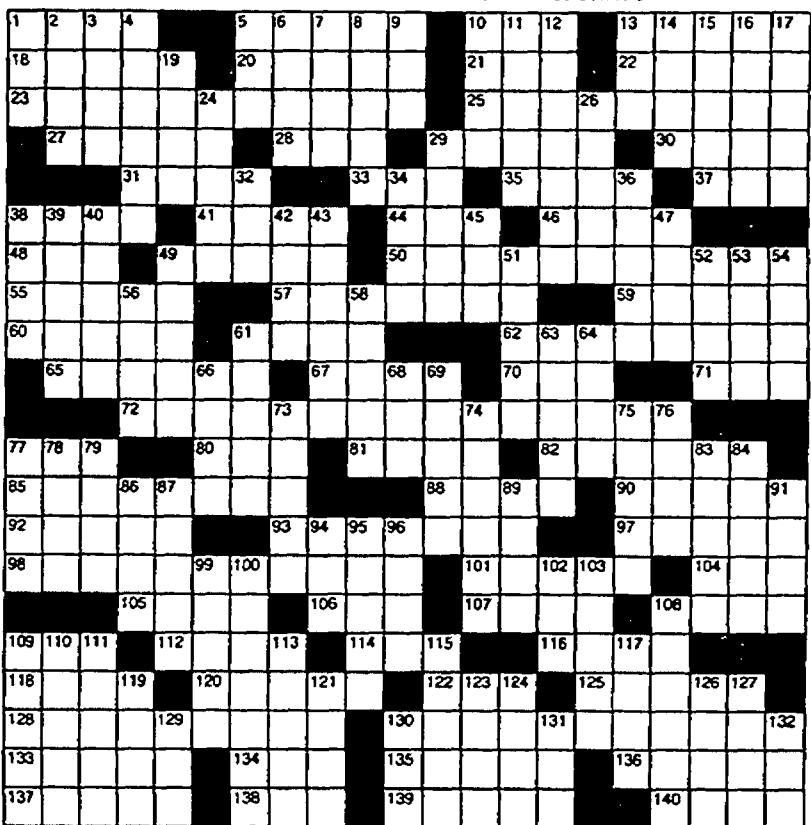
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Help Wanted-Office
Clinical

The Highland Business Association is seeking a part time person to work in our office 10-15 hours per week. The ideal candidate will be experienced in writing press releases and able to put together our monthly newsletter in addition to assisting with clerical duties. Send resume to info@thehba.net For more information call 248-889-1422

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Busy friendly 5 person, non-smoking condo management office in Bloomfield. Fax resume 248-745-7102

SECRETARY

For Engineering Vice President. Plastic company seeking person of fulltime position. Must have working knowledge of Word Perfect. Excel & be able to prioritize projects for themselves or others. Full benefits. Forward resume to APT, P.O. Box 100, Watford Lake, MI 48390

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APPLICATIONS ENGINEERS Do you enjoy problem solving in a technically oriented atmosphere? Do you want to be appreciated for your hard work and efforts toward excellence? 80 year old & growing building systems technology company has the perfect entry level position for you. Cad experience preferred. Full benefits. Fax/resume to 248-380-6268 anath@natson.net

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Help Wanted-Dental

DENTAL ASSISTANT Full time, for modern Endodontics office in Novi, exp. preferred. 248-735-8700

DENTAL HYGIENIST

3-4 days/week, evening hrs. Tues & Wed 734-425-2130 ncdonca2@aol.com

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ATTENTION ALL CENAS/HHAs Health Partners Inc. needs you! Seeking caring & compassionate Arabic-speaking aides male or female for Home Care Case located in Northville. Must have experience. Good pay, some benefits. Call for more information 1-800-969-7723 x102 - Mon-Fri

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Seeking 5+ years experience front desk/insurance biller, 20-30 hours per week. Professional person with great patient rapport. Need only apply Fax resume 517-549-4352 or e-mail resume to ebpropertymgmt@aol.com

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Part time, must work well w/ general public and have good phone skills. Familiar w/computer, insurance knowledge a plus. Fax resume to 810-220-1123

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MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Needed for busy Livonia Internal Medicine practice, with 2 yrs experience. Must know X-rays, EKG & labs. Full time position. Please fax resume: Attn Dawn to 734-513-1623

MEDICAL ASSISTANT WITH X-RAY SKILLS

Needed for Brighton Clinic. MINIMUM 2-3 YEARS EXP. Immediate Opening. Fax resume to 810-229-8665

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Experienced preferred. MISYS System helpful. Westland location. Please fax resume 734-647-8970

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Part time, experienced only. Must be familiar with assisting w/procedures and direct patient care. Team player. Fax resume to 810-220-1123

Help Wanted-Medical

MEDICAL BILLER Full Time Advanced Medical Solutions of Howell is seeking an experienced medical biller, for DME Company Knowledge of Medicare, Medicaid, BCBS, & commercial billing procedures. Fast learner, excellent computer and phone skills required. E-mail resume to: amsmid@sbglobal.net or fax resume to 517-548-1588

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Full time position, with 2+ years exp. Oncology exp. preferred. Please email resume to: HR@newlandmedical.com

OFFICE/PRACTICE MANAGER

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Help Wanted-Food/Beverage

DIETARY SERVER Part time AM/PM. Apply in person at Midford Park Place, 555 Highland Ave., Midford (248)585-1460

NOW HIRING

OLGA'S KITCHEN New Location Cooks, Dishwashers, Wait Staff & Hosts. Apply in person Mon-Sat. 9-7 at 47690 Grand River, Novi or call 248-840-5202

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For Wixom & Novi. Now Hiring Servers, Bartenders, Dishwashers & Snack Bar Personnel. Apply in person 10am-7pm at: Total Sports Complex, 30990 S. Wixom Rd., Wixom. 248-669-9817

SUBWAY Located in Clark

Station at I-96 & Grand River, Brighton. Apply in person 10/2, 10/3, & 10/4 at 10am

APPOINTMENT SETTER

Do you have a good phone voice & enjoy talking to people? Professional environment. Full or part-time. Second Shift, \$30,000-\$50,000/year. Call Jeff, Direct Buy of Brighton at (810) 534-5020 ext. 102.

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Sales career. Immediate openings - Full time up to \$750 a week plus commissions and bonuses. No prospecting 12-15 hrs per week. All appointments are pre-qualified and pre-set for you. Health benefits avail. Call 1-877-392-4980

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SALES ASSOCIATE

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Help Wanted-Part-Time

ELECTRONIC ASSEMBLER

Wixom firm has PT opening. Skills should include PC Board Assembly experience, good soldering ability, basic mechanical aptitude. Email anath@natson.net Fax: 248-380-6268. Call to NATSON PTEA 28045 Oakland Oaks Ct. Wixom, MI 48393

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Position Wanted

I AM LOOKING TO TAKE CARE OF ELDERLY IN YOUR HOME.

I am a woman with 10 yrs exp. Days, nights & some weekends or live-in. CNA trained in CPR & first aid cert. Reasonable rates. Good ref. s. Call 248-242-0126

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AUCTION
October 12, 2007 9:00 AM
Kilford Road Towing
35546 Grand River
Wm., MI 48375
1-248-478-2340
1997 Plymouth Voyager Red
VIN# 1P3H44R2RX119935
1985 Olds Cutlass Grey VIN#
1G3G66Y2F3R39816
1993 Chevy Blazer Black VIN#
1GNC11822K0166463
1997 Mercury Marquis Blue
VIN# 2MELM74W9X600774
1995 Ford Crown Vic Grey
VIN# 2F2F71W3S181058
1992 Ford Explorer Red VIN#
1FMDU34000UD28536
1993 Saturn SL2 Green VIN#
1G82K557P2172108
1988 Dodge Aries White VIN#
1B3B04609UR204133
1996 Dodge Neon Black VIN#
1B3E32240T0557320
2006 Suzuki GSX-R600K Red
VIN# J51G17DA962116395
1993 Ford Taurus Gold VIN#
1FACP256P0102472

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Rummage Sale/
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Antiques/Flea Market. Sun
Oct. 7, 7am-4pm. 200+ dealers.
Free parking and admission.
No pets allowed. Flat
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NOVI - Rummage Sale
Oct. 12 & 13 - Meadowbrook
Congregational Church

7100 Estate Sales (7104)

ANOTHER SALE!
By: Everything Goes
Fri-Sat, Oct 5-6, 10-4
526 Newburne Pointe Dr.
The Heathers of Bloomfield
N off Sq Lk Rd., E. of
Opdyke. Complete Condo
goes! Sofa groups, 4
poster king bedroom set by
Thomasville, wall unit,
occasional chairs & chairs,
artwork, great accessories
& antiques, & much more!
More info: 248-988-1077

ESTATE AUCTION
Hundreds of Antiques &
Collectibles
Sat., October 6th
Starting at 10:30
3255 Shoreview Lane,
Whitmore Lake, MI.
Take US-23 to M-36 W.
Hamburg exit. W to Merrill
Rd., left to Strawberry Lk.
Rd., right to East Lane, follow
signs.
D.T.A. Auctions
810-231-6696

NOVI 45580 South Lake Dr.
bwn Pontiac Trail & 12 Mile
Oct. 6 & 7, 9-5. All Furniture,
clothing & baby room. Call
Robi, (248) 613-3128

NOVI, High end furniture,
Jewelry, bronze art, oriental
rugs, antiques. Cash only.
Oct. 5-7, 9-5. 49704
Timberlake, 11/Wixom.

NOVI, ESTATE SALE. High end
furniture, jewelry, bronze
art, oriental rugs, antiques
Oct. 5, 6, 7, 9am to 5pm
49704 Timberlake, 48374

PLYMOUTH TWP. Fine art,
lamps, jewelry, dinner set,
ladies shoes, antiques &
collectibles, furniture & much
more! 11583 Parkway Dr off
Ann Arbor Trail bwn Eckles &
Hickory Oct 4-6th, 9-5pm

SOUTH LYON. Quality items
6321 Wilderness Dr., N. off 7
Mile, E. of Pontiac Tr. Thru
Fr. & Fr., 9-5 Sat. & Sun. 9-1

Garage Sales (7114)

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE
Cleaning House! Friday
October 5th. 10a-m-4p
3301 Morningview Terrace
(off of Overhill Dr. N of Maple
between Lasher &
Cranbrook) Furniture, blinds,
shades, ping pong table, tris-
les, sports magazines, books
Christmas, clothes & shoes

Auction Sales (7644)

The Evelyn Boulton Estate
AUCTION
Wednesday, October 10, 2007 @ 10:00 am
US-23 to exit #77 White Lake Rd., jog west to
Old US-23, north to 1/2 mile to
11451 Old US-23, Fenton, MI 48430
Visit www.narhauctions.com for photos & details
Farnal H tractor, JD 328 baler, 30' elevator, snow blower, JD
GX-85 lawn tractor, cement mixer, chainsaws, air compressor,
welder, drill press, power & hand tools, milk cans, farm col-
lectibles; Onassis crates, 14 aluminum boat, Scott Axtel Ship
motor, Winchester model 37 20ga.; H&R model 58 28ga.;
Slevens 25 Fawcett, Gaspar 20ga. double, Chinese starter pos-
tals; Colt Detective 38 Special, Hi-Standard Sentinel, .45
auto, shanty, mace, dryer, refrigerator/stove, round oak table
w/chairs, chifferobe, recliner, oak sideboard, mission oak rockers,
beds; organ; couch, bookcase, sewing machine, trunks; lots of
framed pictures/photos, toys, linens, glassware & more.
Terms: complete payment auction day. *Handguns require a pur-
chase permit or proper documentation. Credit cards: MI checks
w/prop. ID, cash. All items sold as is. Other terms apply.

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Antiques &
Associates
(810) 266-6474
Byron, MI

BRIGHTON Great stuff, great
prices! Spa equip., beds, towel
heater, hot stones, antique
clock, furniture, kids clothes
& toys & lots of misc. Oct. 4,
5 & 6. 9am-5pm. Deer Creek
Sub. 9778 Quad Ridge Road, off
Old 23, bwn Hyne & Hulton.

BRIGHTON - HUGE SALE
Antiques, dishes, toys, tools
& much more 5171 Marquis
Hills Dr. Oct. 5, 9am to 4pm

BRIGHTON - MOVING SALE
Oct 6 & 7, 10-4pm, 9935 Grand
Slope, Old 23 and Grand
River Lofs of furniture, house-
hold, appliances, outdoor
equip. Just too much to list!

BRIGHTON- Antiques Yard
Sale. Primaries, collectibles,
rugs, lamps, decorative
items, pre-18th Christmas
trees, lots of misc. 6418
Challis, bwn. Dorr & Bauer
Fr. & Sat., 9-4

BRIGHTON- SUB SALE
Woodwind Ct. In Pine Creek
Sub off Brighton Rd.
Oct 4-6, 9am-4pm

HOWELL - 3 Family Sale. only
Oct. 6, 9-4 2861 Russell Dr.
off Crooked Lake, near Dorr

HOWELL Mom-to-Mom Sale!
Oct. 6, 9-1pm. Bennett Rec
Center, 925 W Grand River
St. admission. Kids clothes,
toys, baby items. Cash only

HOWELL - 2 Family Sale
Sat. 10-6-3pm. 4435
Lily, Golf Club & Gully
Household, tools, TV, more!

HOWELL - Huge Liquidation
sale of a gift & antique shop
Christmas, clothing, furniture
& 40 years of stuff Oct. 4, 5,
6, 9am-4pm. D-19 on W. Coon
Lake Rd., N on Cedar Lake, E
on Loves Ridge Dr. to 3966

HOWELL, GARAGE sale 2330
Argentine Rd., 1/2 mile north
of M-59. Oct. 5, 6, 8 to 6pm

HOWELL, MULTI-FAMILY sale
Baby clothes, toys, stove tops,
entertainment center, comput-
er desk, clothes, antique clock
& much more 704 Indiana
Oct. 6, 9am to 5pm.

LIVONIA HUGE SALE - Oct. 4-5
9-4pm, Oct. 6, 9-2pm
6582 Nola Ct. S. of W. of
Newburg, enter on Munger.
Housewares, toys, tools, etc

LIVONIA- 45 yrs. of accumu-
lation. 37766 Pickford Dr. of
Livonia, MI 48152 Oct. 4, 5,
6 10AM-3PM.

MILFORD Multi-Family Sale -
Milford Lakes of Milford Sub
(Commerce Rd & Hickory
Ridge Rd.) Golf Cart,
Designer Handbags
Festaware, Toys, Thru 10/4
thru Sat. 10/6, 9am-5pm.

MILFORD - Moving Sale
Oct. 3, 4, 5, 9am-5pm. Tools,
clothes, toys, furniture, etc.
2448 Our Land Acres,
corner of Wixom & Sleeth

MILFORD - Multi-Family 3290
Hickory Ridge. Rainbow Play
Structure, Gas Grill, Weber,
Furniture & More Oct 4-6,
Thurs-Sat 9-5pm

MILFORD - Garage Sale Oct. 5
& 6, 9-5 650 Village Lane
(Uptown Village north of
Hector & Jimmys) Toys,
Housewares & more

MILFORD-HUGE SALE
BENEFITING
KURTZ ELEMENTARY
October 6th, from 9-4 1350
Kurtz Dr. off of Burns Rd
Something for everyone
including baked goods!!

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Albert Ln., Pontiac Tr. &
Martindale Mary items!!

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Everything goes, inside &
out! 10/5 & 10/7, 9am-7
59685 Pettegill, off Grand
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Martindale. Call for early
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NEW HUDSON
Thurs & Fri, 9am-5pm, Sat.
9-12 54870 Walnut Dr Off S
Hall bwn. Grand River &
Pontiac Tr 2 bwn antique head
& footboard, 1 double head
& footboard, boys & girls (size
10-14) toys & games

KING 4 Post Bed w/pillow top
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Set w/dressers, desk &
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\$200 248-255-5520

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household items.
Thurs. Fr. & Sat. 9-3pm
30098 Cobblestone Ln

NORTHVILLE - HUGE
Oct. 4, 9am-7pm Historic
District, Multi Family
Antiques, furniture, dishes,
dolls & toys, books &
misc. 118 Linden.

NORTHVILLE Gigantic Sale!
Furniture, household, tools,
misc. 985 N Center,
2 blocks N of 8 Mile
Thurs. thru Sat. 9-4

NORTHVILLE - GARAGE/ESTATE
64 yrs. Antiques, collectibles,
furniture, tons of linens &
Christmas items 114 West
Street W. of Center off Main
10-4 - 10-6 9am-5

NORTHVILLE - OCT 4-6
618 Orchard, off 7 Mile
Time is right! Yeah! it's Fall
Finally ready to sell a all
Tables to Teapots & more!
Thurs-Sat., 9-4

NORTHVILLE - Multi-Family
Yard Sale. Childrens clothes,
toys, furniture, & misc
household items Fr. & Sat.,
9-4 18260 Luraugh Dr. off 7
Mile, bwn. Beck & Sheldon.

NORTHVILLE-HUGE SALE
Holiday Shop Early Fr. & Sat.,
10-5 Lots of toys, Lids Takes,
Legos, Barbie, bikes, sports
equip., Stanley bunk beds &
more 912 Goldspring Dr.

PINCKNEY/HOWELL, 4585 W.
Schaefer Rd. & Hinchey Oct. 4,
5, 9am to 3pm only Clothes &
jeans, size 3 to 9, hunting
lots of horse tack, show
clothes, English/Western, fur-
niture, old 45 & 33s, mrs.
Indge, misc. items Everything
goes, give me a price

SALEM TWP. - BARN SALE!
Oct. 4-6, 9am-7, 6279 Seven
Mile, 1/4 E. Pontiac Tr. to
Something for everyone!

SOUTH LYON 336 University
off Pontiac Tr. bwn. 9 & 10
Mile, Oct. 4 thru 7, 10am-7
Snowblower, tools, household
items & much more!

SOUTH LYON - 1137
Chestnut Ln. in Trotter's
Point Sub. 11 Mile & Pontiac
Tr. 10/5 & 10/6, 9-5pm

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Woody Lane, off Currie Rd.,
S of 10 Mile Oct. 4, 5, 9am
to 6pm, Oct. 6, 9am to 3pm
Mens, antiques, household

SOUTH LYON, MAINT family
Oct. 4 & 5, 9-7 Tidson, off
Marshall at Silver Lk. Misc.

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Oct. 4, 5, 6 9am to 3pm
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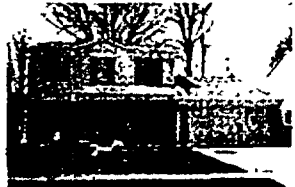
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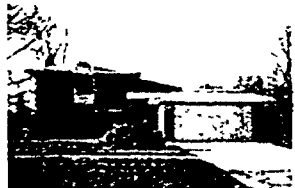
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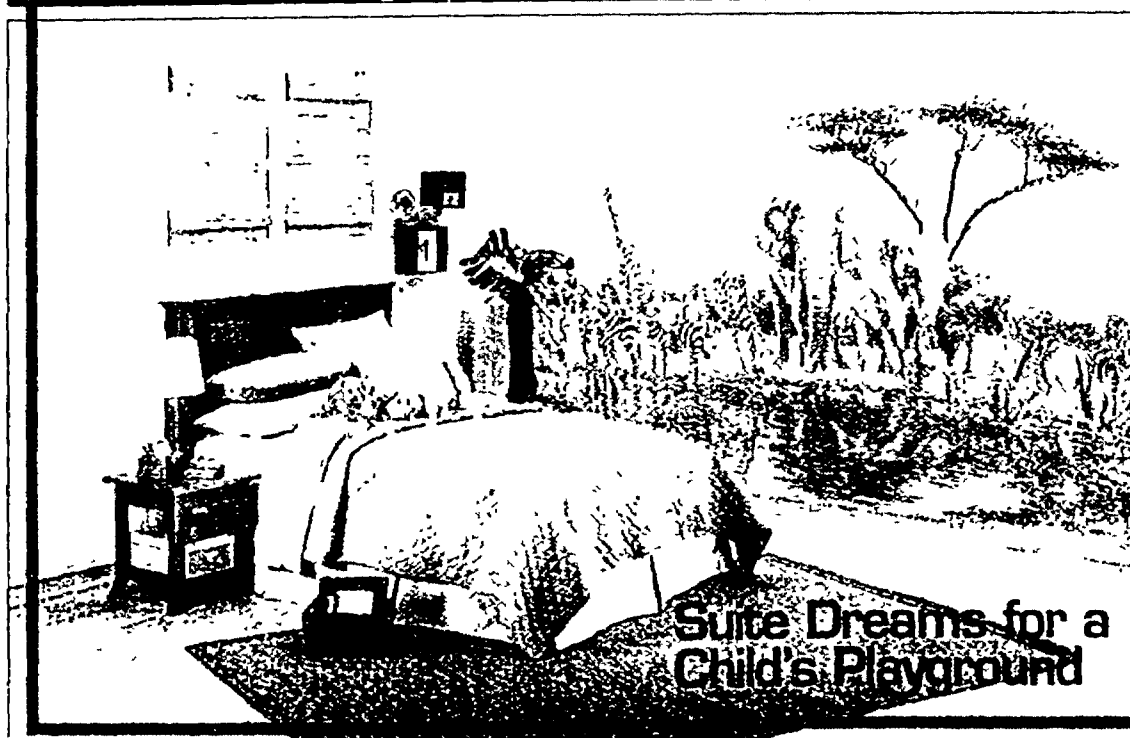
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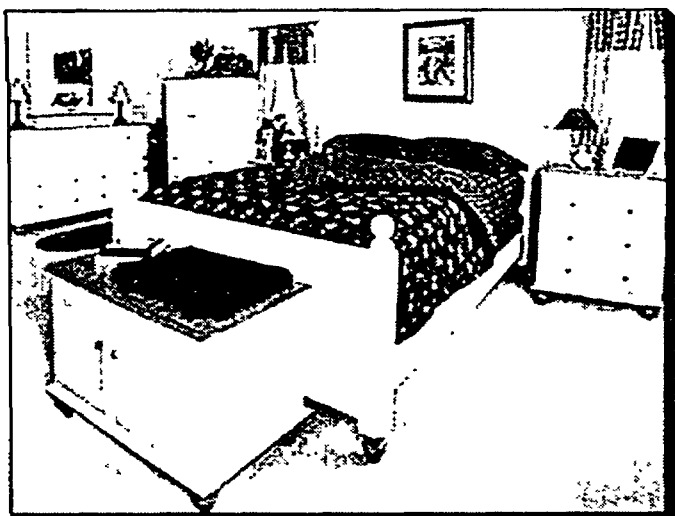


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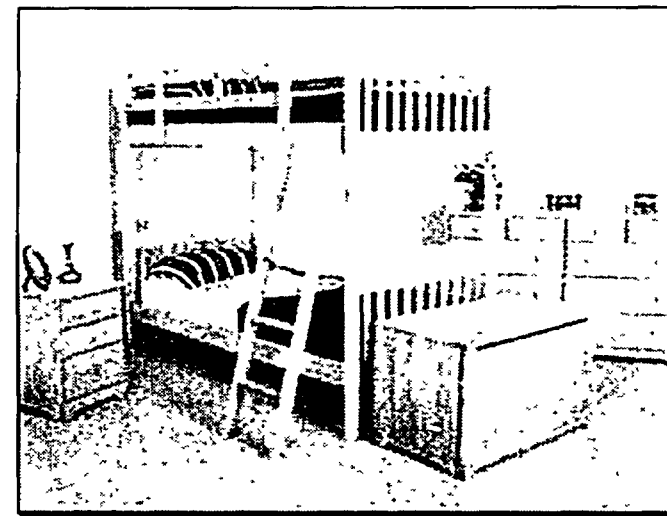
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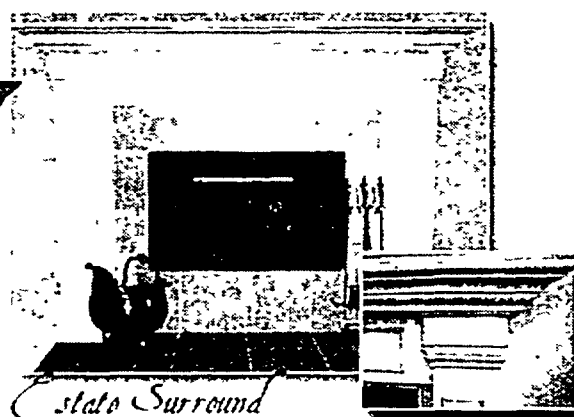
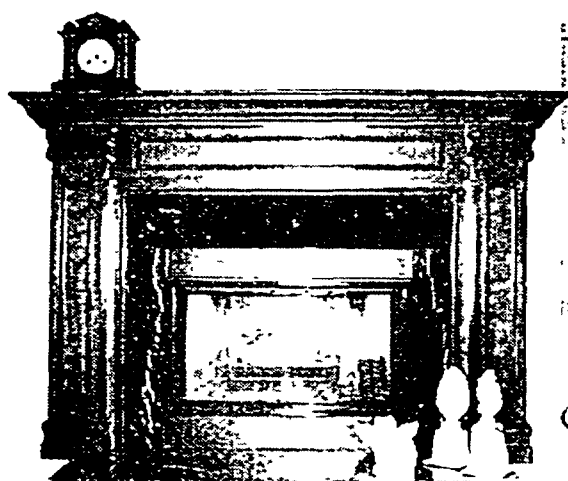


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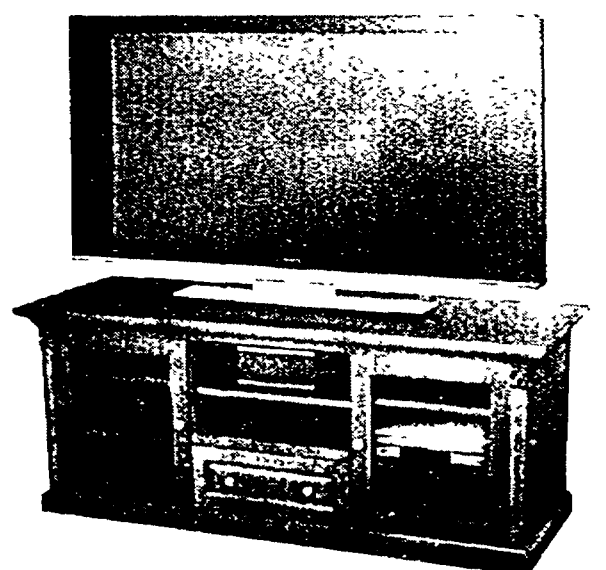
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Some do-it-yourselfers shouldn't try this at home

By Richard Ruelas / GNS

It's easy to laugh now that the bleeding has stopped and the scars have largely healed.

But as you're falling 10 feet from a rafter, or seeing your wrist get power-sanded, or feeling a nail go up your nose, the thought going through your head is not that this will make a funny story someday. It's more likely something inappropriate for publication in a family newspaper.

And those curse-laden thoughts — and shouts — are on the increase.

A federal study released earlier this year showed that consumer injuries from nail guns have increased by 200 percent since 1991.

The study, conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, says the increase in injuries among the general public could be due to the increased availability of inexpensive nail guns.

It didn't mention another possible reason: the popularity of those home-improvement shows. It looks so easy on television.

It's a vicious cycle. Once you've decided to tackle a job yourself, you head into a big warehouse home-improvement store and see all those power-tool options, just like the people use on TV. They would just make the job easier, right?

Well, sometimes.

Besides nail guns, the Consumer Product Safety Commission reports an increase in a whole host of power-tool accidents in the home.

For instance, power paint guns and sprayers.

The commission didn't even keep count of power-paint-gun accidents until 2000. And even then, the number of reported incidents were too low for the agency to guess a national average.

For 2006, though, it estimated that 1,296 people were injured with the devices. A scroll through sample cases shows one report of a 44-year-old female with this narrative: "accidentally sprayed paint in both eyes."

Chain-saw massacre

Pat Johnson of Gilbert, Ariz., knew there would come a time when her palm tree would grow too large for her to trim herself. But she thought she could do it just once more. "I'll give it one more time," Johnson remembers thinking, "and next time, I'll hire a professional."

The palm tree was near her swimming pool, surrounded by some loose gravel. Johnson climbed on her wooden ladder and started trimming with her trusty chain saw.

There was just one branch left to cut. "I'm thinking, I can reach it without getting down and repositioning the ladder," she says.

She was correct. She could technically reach it. Except she had to lean so far over to get at it the ladder tipped over sideways.

"All I could think going down is, '(Expletive), this is going to hurt.'"

She landed on her arm and was momentarily stunned. When she came around, she realized she had started this chain-saw project while she was home alone. "I better be able to move," she thought.

She could, except for her right arm. She

called a friend who took her to the emergency room. Six months of physical therapy cured her severe tendinitis.

The chain saw, sadly, never worked again. "I think God didn't want me to do any more chain-sawing," she says.

Such fall injuries are common, says Howard Munding, fire marshal for the Peoria (Ariz.) Fire Department. It is the most common fire department call, he says, and the most common reason for traumatic deaths in homes.

For healthy adults, a fall injury means one thing. "Generally, they're doing something careless," Munding says.

Off with her ... wrist?

For Sheila Maddox of Peoria, inspiration to pick up a power tool didn't come from television, but from her hardware-laden husband.

"He has all this stuff I want to try out," Maddox says. "He teaches me, and off I go." Off being the operative word.

Maddox was using a wire brush attached to a drill to sand rust off a metal can she wanted to decorate.

All was going well, almost too well. Maddox's son came over to chat and, because it was all going so well, Maddox started chatting back and stopped paying close attention to what she was doing.

"I slipped," she says. The wire wheel whirled off the rounded side of the can and skipped across until it found the next object to grind.

"Thank God I was wearing gloves," Maddox says. Those saved her hands, but not her wrist.

The scars lasted awhile. And while the wound healed, Maddox wore bandages

wrapped around her wrist and says she had to keep telling people that no, this was not a failed suicide attempt.

Drilling down

The safety commission estimates there were more than 2,000 accidents involving drills nationwide in 2006. That's up from about 1,600 in 2000 and 1,200 in 1991.

David Tracy of Sedona added to those statistics. He was screwing in some metal air-conditioning ducts. To do this he was laying face down across the rafters, about 10 feet off the ground.

There was just one screw left to get in, and he had to stretch to get it into place.

"Somehow," Tracy says, "something slipped."

At this split second — just before gravity kicked in — Tracy had a decision to make. Let go of the cordless drill and grab at a rafter with his free hand. Or hold on to the drill and fall 10 feet to the ground below.

His choice: the \$50 drill. "It was like in my hand like I'm holding an egg, and I didn't want it to break," he says.

Tracy soon realized that a falling body travels 10 feet pretty quickly. As a former gymnast, he was trying to tuck his feet up to nail the landing. But didn't.

"My toes went at a 90-degree angle straight into the floor," he says. "I broke two of them and bruised some of the others. You talk about musical toes. They were every color of the rainbow."

The drill, though, still works, he says. "I still have it to this day," he says, proudly. "It's probably worth 29 cents at a garage sale."

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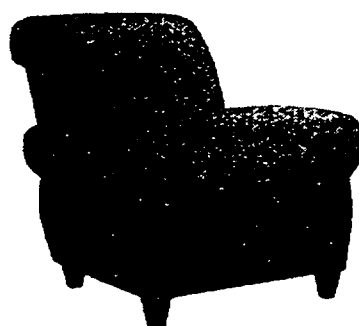
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Getting back to the basics

By Chuck Ross | CTW Features

We'd all like our kitchens to look like the photos in our favorite catalogs, with design schemes that change with the seasons and drawers stocked with elite gourmet tools. But who has room to store all that stuff, and how often will you really use that specially designed pineapple slicer, anyway?

We've called on three cooking and entertaining pros for their must-haves — and don't-needs — to help you get back to kitchen basics.

Food-Prep Essentials

Juan-Carlos Cruz, also known as the Food Network's Calorie Commando, knows a thing or two about paring away excess calories, but even he admits to having few unpacked gadgets in a hallway closet. The author of "The Juan-Carlos Cruz Calorie Countdown Cookbook" (Gotham, 2006) admits the constraints of a condo living-space have forced him to keep his acquisitive tendencies in check and his kitchen necessities to a minimum.

Cookware

Cruz says a good set of medium-priced nonstick cookware will work just as well as high-end stainless steel, but pair the easy-cleaning pots with another kitchen essential, a set of urethane spatulas. Include 8-inch and 10-inch sauté pans, a 1.5-qt. saucepan and a 5-qt. stockpot for pasta and soups. "That should cover 99 percent of all people's needs," he says.

Knives

You should spend a few extra dollars for good knives, Cruz suggests, but you don't have to bust your budget. "A good chef's knife will cost \$50 to \$60 — and the bigger the knife, the easier it will be to handle." The essential set should include an 8-inch chef's knife, a 3-inch paring knife and a 10-inch slicer, or carving knife. "The only time you're ever going to use the rest of the knives is when everything else is dirty."

Bakeware

When it comes to bakeware, Cruz says, "You really don't need that much, unless you really bake a lot." So, a couple 10-inch to 12-inch baking pans, along with the cookie sheets or specialty cake pans you use are all you really need. He's also a big fan of new silicone baking products. "They sound crazy, but they actually work, and if you're short on space, they squish down."

All the Rest

For small appliances, Cruz suggests a good toaster oven, a microwave for thawing and reheating and a



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Juan-Carlos Cruz, of the Food Network, keeps kitchenware to a minimum.

handheld immersion blender. And, if you have a little extra drawer space, Cruz says a Microplane zester is a great splurge.

"They're so cool," he says. "They're like a woodworking tool and they make the zest into a powder."

Top Picks for the Table

For Ted Allen, "Queer Eye's" food-and-wine connoisseur and author of "The Food You Want To Eat" (Clarkson-Potter, 2005), fancy china and purse-robbing centerpieces only take away from what's really important in mealtime entertaining. "To me, the focus should be on the food," he says, explaining his minimalist approach to tabletop design. Start with the basics, he suggests, and add to them when you can.

Plates

Sure, you could change your dinnerware with the season, but who has room to store it? Instead, Allen does away with separate formal and everyday services in favor of a single, simple design. "There's nothing like an oversized white plate with a little bit of a lip — it frames your food," he says.

Flatware

High-quality stainless steel flatware is a good alternative to expensive — and labor-intensive — sterling or silver plates, Allen says. Just be sure you get a chance to feel its weight in your hand, and be ready to spend a little more for heavier pieces. "Spend money on the things your guests are going to touch," Allen urges. "It gives an overall feeling of solidity."

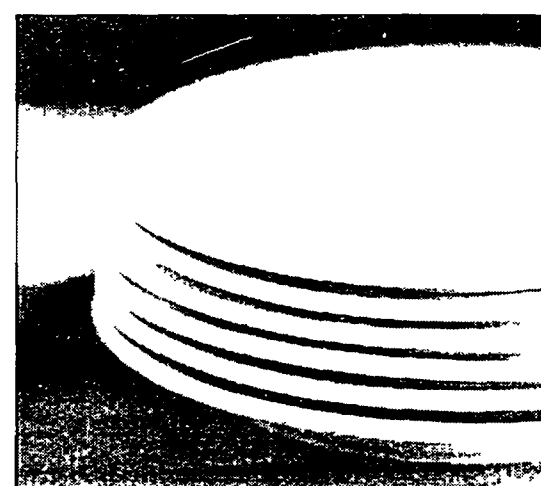
Glassware

It seems like every variety of wine has its own glass today. But Allen says a single set of high-quality stemware (again, try its weight in your hand before you bring it home) will serve red and white with equal success. More globe-like red-style glasses will let you fully appreciate the aromas of, say, a rich cabernet, without hindering your enjoyment of your favorite pinot grigio.

Entertaining Essentials

For Joan Kohn, HGTV diva and author of "It's Your Kitchen" (Bulfinch, 2003), entertaining should be an everyday affair.

"When you're making design decisions, treat yourself as a guest," she says.



Ted Allen, "Queer Eye's" food-and-wine connoisseur, recommends investing in one simple set of plates, rather than having formal and everyday services.

"Choose things that will multi-function for you if you have guests."

Multi-Purpose Spaces

We've heard and experienced it before: Guests almost always end up in the kitchen. So, Kohn suggests decorating your kitchen with guest-quality finishes to ensure party central is a place that makes you proud. "The kitchen is going to be an integral part of your entertaining space," she says. "Making it an organic part of the rest of the home gives you more space."

Serving Pieces

Buying cookware that's nice enough to serve food in saves both storage space and clean-up time, Kohn notes. She likes enameled cast-iron pieces, such as those by Le Creuset, that perform as well on the table as they do on the stove or in the oven. "Cookware pieces you can serve with are just smart," she says.

Illuminating Ideas

Nothing helps create the desired mood better than lighting, Kohn says, so give yourself options for varying light levels. "Dimmers and candles are magical," she suggests. With them, you can create entertainment and conversation "zones," little rooms within rooms that enable guests to step back and chat, or join in the revelry, as they choose.

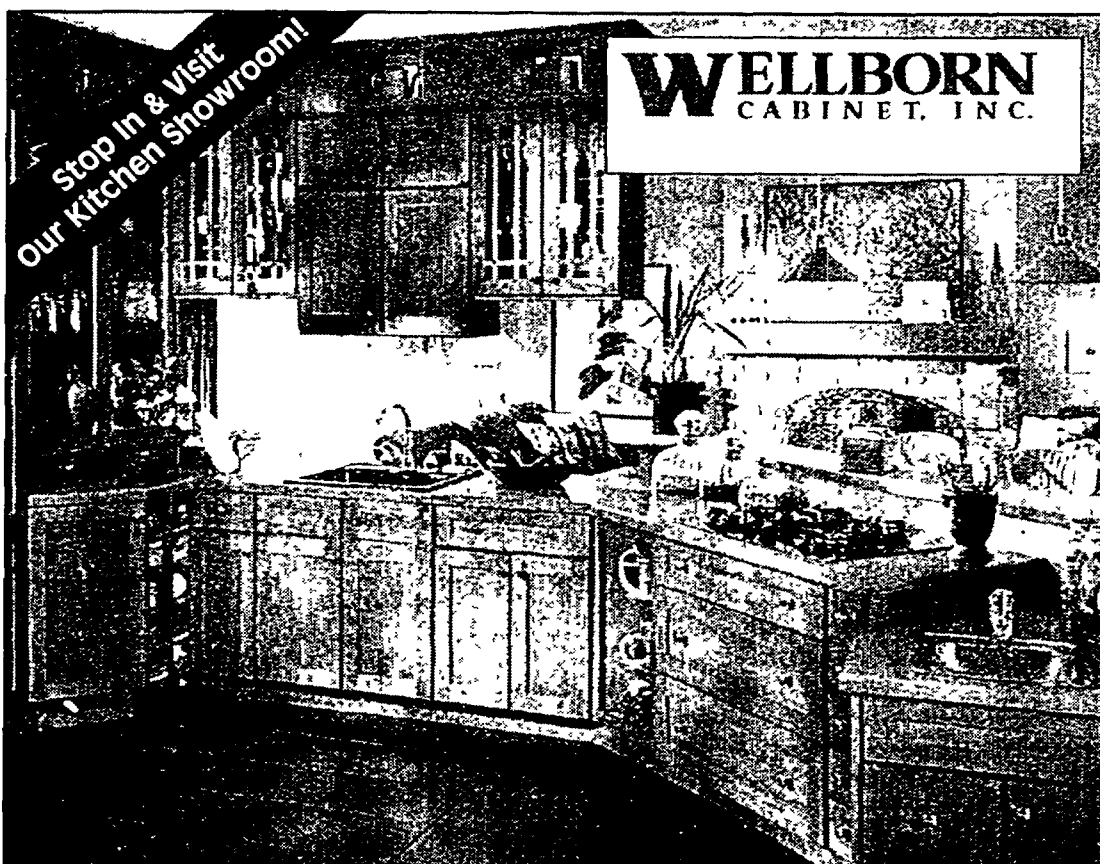
Double-Duty Furnishings

No room for a formal dining table? Consider coffee tables or end tables that can serve the same purpose with the addition of decorative linens, Kohn suggests. And a tea trolley on wheels can make both serving and cleaning up easier and more efficient.

No-nonsense: Nonstick sauté pans, saucepans and stockpots are easy to clean and compact to fit in any kitchen cupboard making them essential tools that work well in any cook's kitchen.



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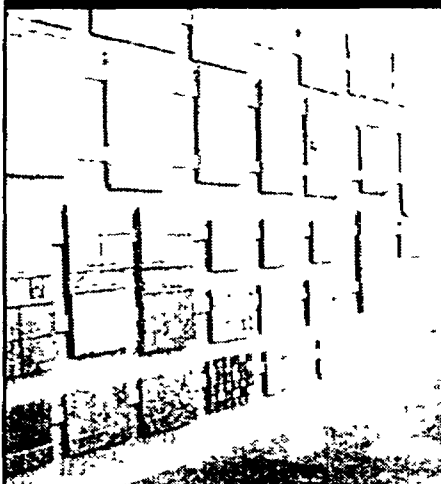
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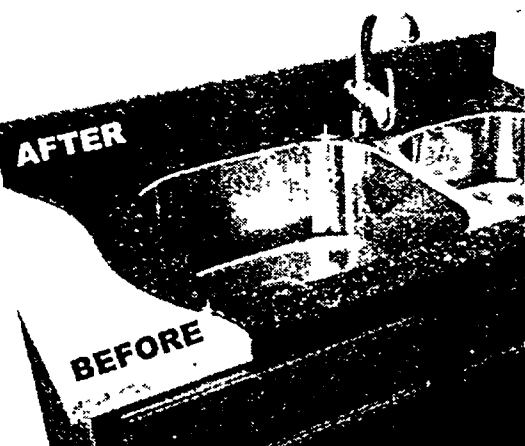
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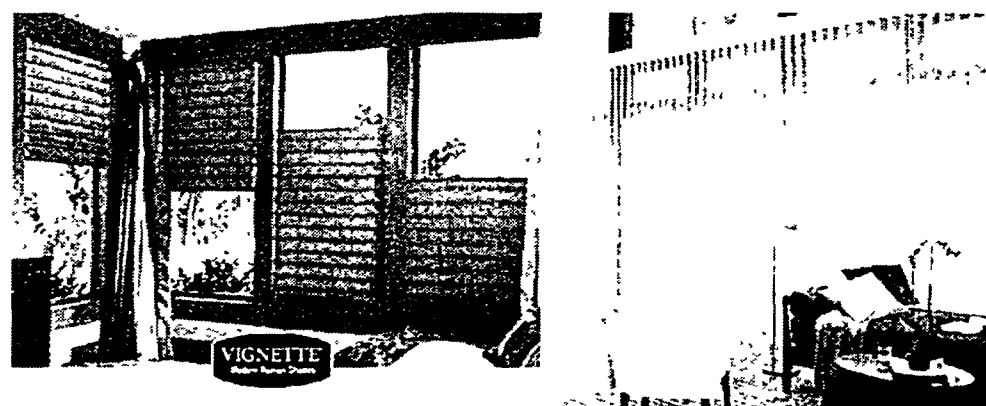
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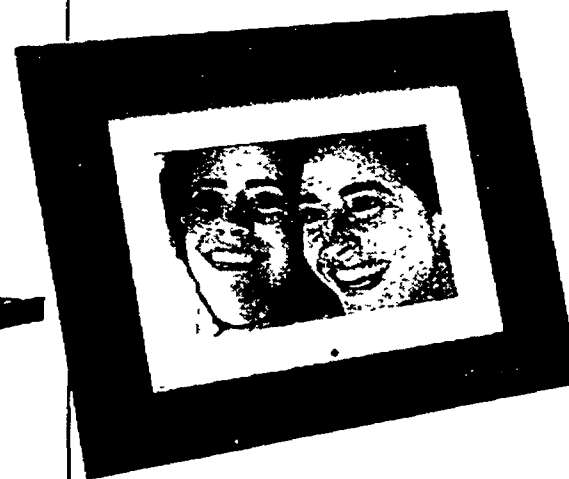
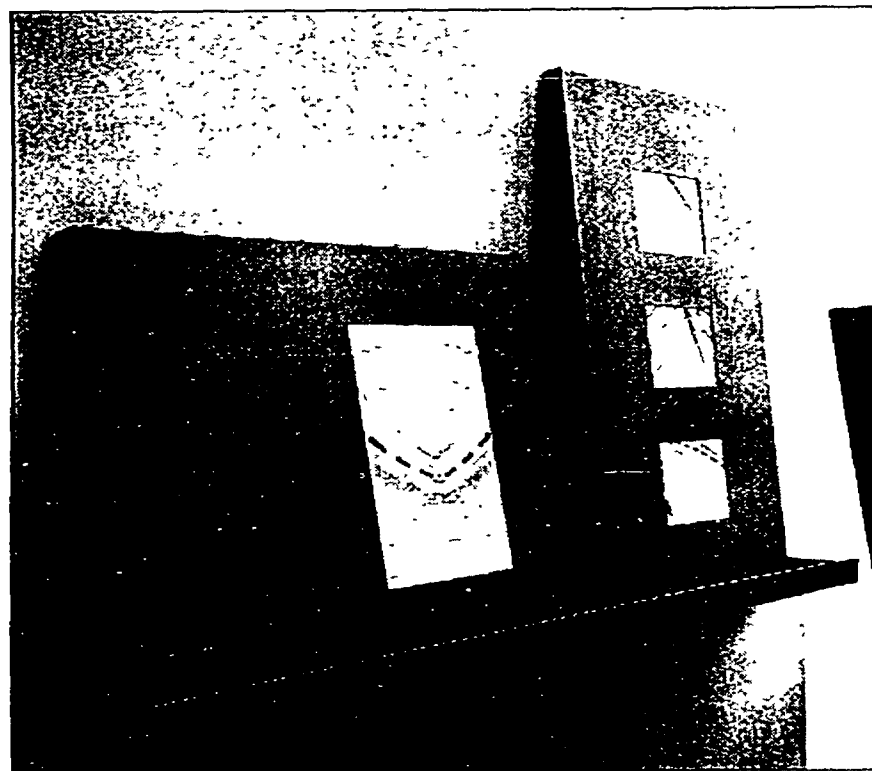


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Photo centric: Multi-photo frames allow homeowners to create a large, decorative focal point for their standard-sizes photos.

Office appropriate: Digital frames are a good choice for office display since there is a limited amount of desk space for a lot of pictures.

By Sally Farhat Kassab / CTW Features

If you have drawers overflowing with pictures or if your computer has thousands of digital photos sitting on its hard drive, you're not alone. In fact, you're in the majority, according to an online survey by Tabblo.com, a new photo-sharing site that lets you make online collages. "It's gotten out of hand," says Jeff Davidson, author of "Breathing Space: Living and Working at a Comfortable Pace in a Sped-Up Society" (BookSurge, 2007). "People are taking too many photos to begin with, and not deleting enough of the ones they take."

He suggests paring them down to the top few. Once you've done that, consider these are some easy ways to display them to make your home, and your pictures, look good.

The Frame Game

The single-photo frames you've been using for years are still in vogue, especially silver-, gold- and black-edged ones.

If you're having trouble at the store finding the perfect frame for the perfect spot for your perfect photo, upload your digital files to photo sites like Shutterfly.com, where you can fit your photo to the right frame. The best part: The framed photo comes delivered to your mailbox ready for the wall.

If you have photos ready to frame, multi-photo frames look great in the living room. They especially are good if you're trying to display a photo story or want to put a larger focus on smaller photos.

Not sure how many to put up? As with most design, there's no set rule. Just don't make it too busy — if it looks too cluttered to the eye, it probably is.

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"Ask yourself, at what point am I reaching absurdity? If you have three nice family pictures on the wall, is 30 going to be better?" Davidson says. "Pick the ones that are most representative or help remember the time."

Blowing Up

An easy way to display something without it being "too much" is to make a poster.

It's easier than ever to blow up your photos these days, so go for it. Antonio Rodriguez, founder and CEO of Tabblo.com, says most of his users put them in their kids' bedrooms or the kitchen — anything except the dining room or living room.

"You're not seeing a Victorian dining room with a 4-foot poster," he says.

Take some old black-and-white photos to a photo lab or scan them and upload them to a photo-sharing site, and arrange them in a big frame alongside new ones. The benefit being that you don't have to worry about damaging the old photos cut them to size and you can use photo-editing software to erase any imperfections.

Some people make murals by saving a photo on a photo site four times, cropping each quadrant, making each a canvas and putting them together to make a large mural-type photo, says Bridgette Thomas, a Shutterfly spokeswoman. This works best with natural images, such as flowers or landscape shots.

Off the Wall

Put a photo book on those bookshelves and coffee tables.

Forget the old albums where you have to slide photos in holes. Now, if you want to show off your candid wedding shots, baseball game or family reunion; \$10 can make a purse-

sized linen book at Boston-based Tabblo.com, or make one in honor of your favorite "hero" at Sarasota, Fla.-based CelebrateAHero.com for \$25.

"It's easy to display too many images around your house," says Amanda Sudimack, owner of Chicago's Artisan Events Boutique, which sells frames and other photo items. "That's why books are so popular. You can have 20 photo books on your coffee table and not be obnoxious."

You Want to Put a Picture Where?

When you get out of the living/family room, what can you do?

Want to plaster photos on the fridge? Go ahead. But try an organizer like the Fridge Frame (\$7 to \$20), from Plymouth, Mich.-based Fridge Frame, so it doesn't get too cluttered.

Or just turn those digital images directly into magnets.

Thomas says a popular item is recipe books.

"People are making a book, for example, with photos of 'cooking with grandma in the kitchen,' or 'making her first turkey dinner,'" Thomas says. "They put the photos alongside the recipes, and make tons of copies so everyone in the family can enjoy them."

Display the book prominently on the kitchen counter to show off photos somewhere other than the fridge.

In the bathroom, don't display people pictures. That single-framed shot of your dog, sitting over the toilet, is fabulous. Even a multi-frame with pictures of your trip to Paris (displayed on the wall above the toilet) works well.

Digital Décor

Digital photo frames are small screens dressed up as traditional photo

frames, often with a nice wooden finish. The best spot for these is the office. Just grab pictures from a computer, or directly from a memory card, and copy them into the frame, which displays them as stills or slide shows.

Some we like include San Jose-based Siren's FotoFrames (\$129 to \$199 each) and Lafayette, Calif.'s Pandigital's 6.0 Digital Photo Frame (\$115).

Make sure you get a frame with "onboard memory," meaning you don't have to leave the memory card in the frame all the time.

Who Woulda Thought?

Make something no one has seen before.

Think beyond a mouse pad or mug ... like a lamp from Lamps Plus (\$100 to \$130). Giclée Art Shades — on the market for just a few months — allow you to e-mail in your photo and see it printed on the canvas lamp shade.

Mark Sincevich, executive director of the Digital Photography Institute in Bethesda, Md., suggests photo quilts.

"Take an off-white quilt and add black-and-white photos to it for a meaningful, classy look."

Quilt sites include puttingyouin-stitches.com or photothrows.com.

If you're looking for a new place to share your photos online, Smugmug and Zazzle are two new photo-sharing sites with unique features.

If you or someone in your family loves playing with gadgets, there are some new ones that will really knock their socks off.

Try Sony's VRD-MC3 (\$250), which converts digital photos to DVDs without a computer. Like a screen saver on the computer, the TV becomes a backdrop for photos. And there really can't be a better spot to sit back and enjoy your photos than on the couch in front of the TV.

Move over mouse pads: A lampshade with your favorite photos is the next great out-there option for your photos





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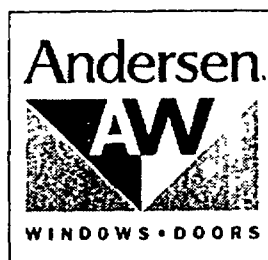
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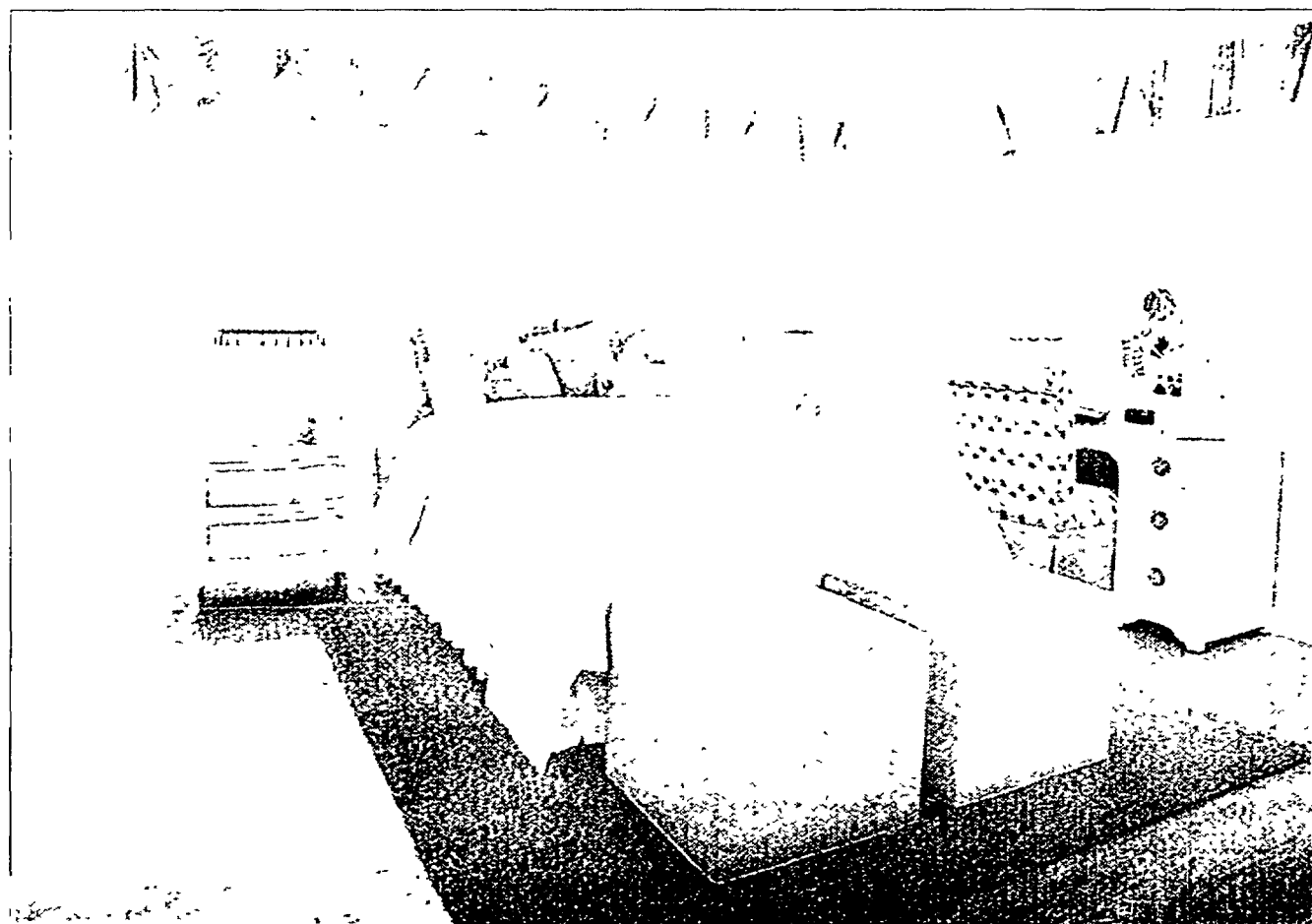


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Color chameleon: Bright, sassy colors and bold, graphic patterns lend themselves to the enduring lifespan of a growing child's room

By Paul Rogers | CTW Features

ustine Bowes was tired of her bedroom. The 10-year-old had been sleeping under Dalmatian-themed bedding, surrounded by walls with Dalmatian art and faux paw prints since she was 4.

It was a concept designed by her parents, Jeff and Mindy, and it originally was well received by their Dalmatian-loving daughter.

"But she wanted to switch," says Jeff Bowes. "It was younger kids' stuff and she didn't want it anymore. So she picked out a surfer theme."

She selected a surf bedspread and, together with her parents, built around it, adding a surfboard picture frame, surf art on the walls, a magnetic bulletin board shaped like a wave and incorporated an actual surfboard donated by Jeff's sister.

She's completely happy with it, he says. "She even does her homework in there, which is something she never did before."

And a happy child is, of course, the main goal of the exercise — well, that and all the effects from creating a space the child wants to be in and can call their own. By providing an envi-

ronment centered around a favorite activity or hobby and fostering independence, a well-designed child's room offers parents as many rewards as it offers the child.

That sounds like a lot for four walls and a ceiling to accomplish, but parents and room designers say it's the truth. If a kid is excited about his bedroom or playroom, the more likely he is to choose home as his location of choice when it comes to recreation. If the room's design emphasizes a child's interest, such as music, it might cultivate that interest and encourage him to practice piano or guitar. And if the child has had a hand in the design, it gives him a sense of ownership.

"They see themselves as individuals and gain a feeling of independence," says Lauren Jacobsen, principal at Lauren Jacobsen Design Studio City, Calif.

Rooms with More Than a View

With all the potential benefits, it should come as no surprise that parents are going further than ever with children's room decor.

There's a playroom in California made to resemble a 1950s diner, com-

plete with black-and-white checkered floor, jukebox and soda fountain.

There's a bedroom in Florida that harkens to the days of King Arthur, with a suit of armor and a recessed bed built into a faux stone castle wall (with parapet).

And there's a playhouse in New Mexico commissioned by Pat and Ed Webb of Albuquerque for their grandchildren that's reminiscent of a summer cottage. The building features three 5-by-5 rooms that stair-step up and plenty of windows. A bridge over a small man-made river connects the playhouse to a pergola. The Webbs saved for 10 years to build the playhouse.

One would think the more extravagant the children's space, the steeper the costs. But that thought is not necessarily true. Businesses like Environmental Graphics Inc., Hopkins, Minn., and Artistic Sensations, St. Louis, are helping parents decorate without taking out a second mortgage. Environmental Graphics sells pre-sized murals (of the solar system, horses running across the plains, etc.) at home stores for about \$150. Its Murals Your Way division offers 5,000 ready-to-use

wallpaper murals in almost any size starting at 4-by-6 feet (\$7.95 per square foot) and custom murals based on a photo or even a kids drawing (\$8.95 per square foot) through its Web site.

Artistic Sensations has bedding, furniture and accessories designed especially for kids at non-extravagant prices.

"People want to differentiate their space and make it stand out from someone else's," says Kim Gellman, owner of Artistic Sensations. And while lightweight concrete "castle" walls can do so, so can "little touches," she says. "You can add accents, like wall letters, a small chair or an inexpensive rug for under \$100."

The child's room is less about dollars spent and more about reflecting the person who will occupy it, after all. Sarah Barnard, owner, Sarah Barnard Design, Los Angeles, recently completed a project in Palos Verde, Calif., for a family with Japanese and Hawaiian heritages.

"We wanted to incorporate a Pan-Asian hula theme making sure to capture the flavor of their heritage with the whimsy of a little girl surfing in Hawaii," says Barnard.

She used rattan and sea grass materials, a shag green "grass" bed skirt and multi-colored floral pendant light fixtures. A mural of surfing children in Hawaii covers one wall.

"We took care to characterize the facial features to look somewhat like the child that the room was designed for so she could imagine she was surfing," Barnard says.

Room to Grow

One of the benefits of these room designs is its expected longevity.

A common error in children's room design is not taking into account the rapidly evolving tastes of kids. Wrapping a room around a particular cartoon character or TV show usually means redesigning in a couple years, designers say.

"You don't want themes imbedded too deep into the spaces because they can change," says Steve Appolloni, owner of Appolloni Designs, Albuquerque, N.M. Appolloni and Lora Vassar, designer at Albuquerque-based Remodel Inc., designed the Webb's playhouse and are working on a lineup of similar modular, themed playhouses that provide the impact of a custom model at a lower cost.

"The space planning is more critical than the theme," says Appolloni. "When you look at a design for a kid's space, always anticipate them growing out of it and how it can be used afterwards."

Anticipating that growth is exactly what Jacobsen did for a recent bedroom design for a "tween" girl — tweens being notoriously tough to plan for because they are in the throes of that shift to teen tastes and behaviors. The answer for her client was not so much a theme but a room suited to older tastes.

The room is a vibrant citrus color scheme — lime green, yellow, pink and pomegranate used throughout, including a bold, bright patterned chair, headboard and valances.

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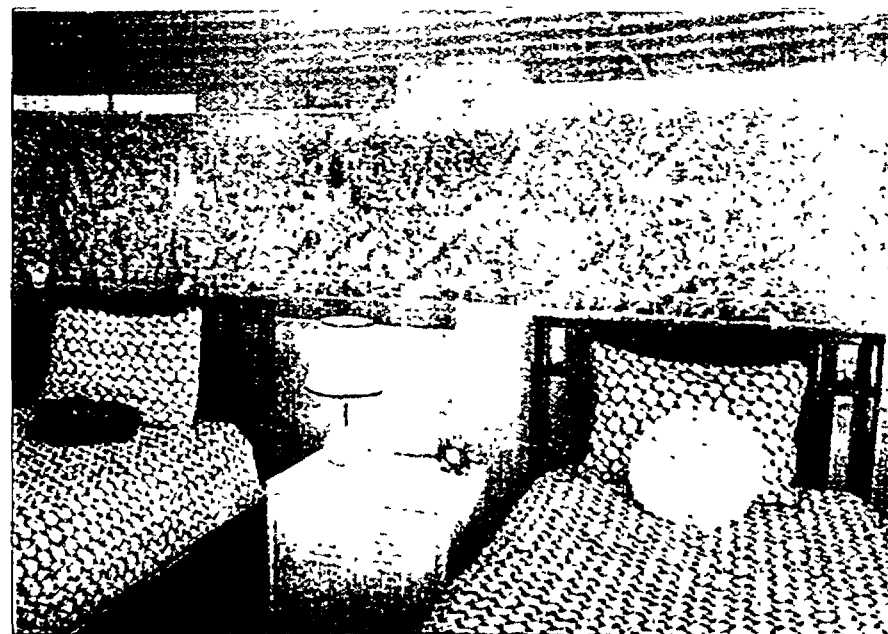


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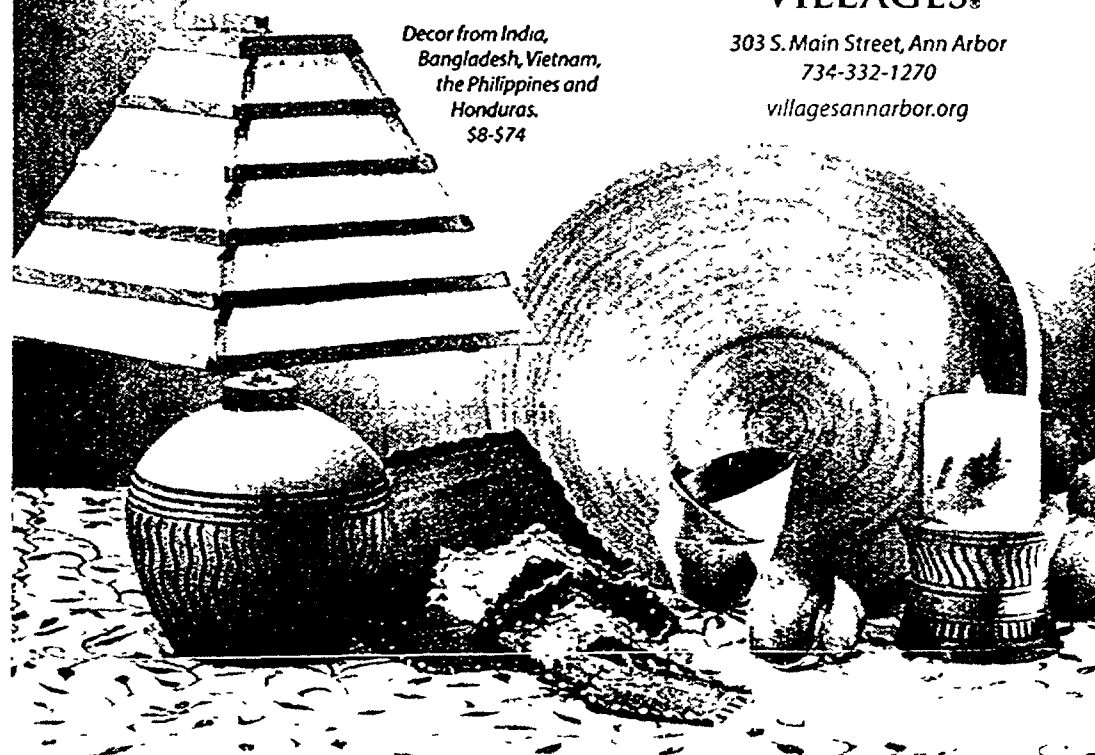


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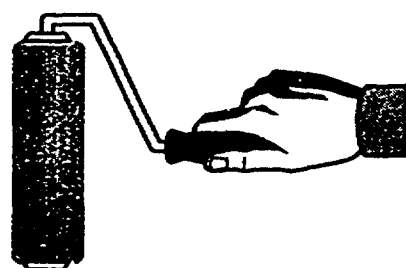
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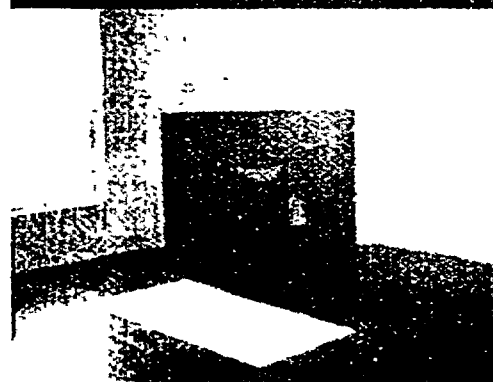
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Apartment is guide to Tim Gunn's style

By Olivia Barker | USA TODAY

When the maintenance crew of his new luxury apartment building declined to help put together his living-room bookcases, Tim Gunn followed his own "Project Runway" advice and, well, made it work. He assembled, primed and painted the wall of shelves himself, one section a night over four nights.

"Now I know how the Great Pyramids were built," Gunn says, his soigne sartorial style paralleling his panache with a paintbrush.

Gunn moved into Chelsea's London Terrace towers at the end of May and lived among a labyrinth of 200 boxes until early last week.

He can be forgiven for not unpacking and setting up his cozy one-bedroom rental in a timely fashion: he only just wrapped his new Bravo television show, "Tim Gunn's Guide to Style," last month — and he has that little job at Liz Claiborne to contend with (he's the company's chief creative officer).

These days, life is about "running to catch up," Gunn says. "It's quite a juggling act, and I'm not very good at it."

"Guide to Style," premiering in September, aims to polish up the makeover genre with Gunn's gloss on what constitutes chic. Gunn, along with his co-star, former model Veronica Webb, transforms the wardrobes of real women according to the tenets discussed in his recent book, "Tim Gunn: A Guide to Quality, Taste & Style" (Abrams Image, \$17.95).

Gunn's general fashion formula can be narrowed to silhouette, proportion and fit, characteristics that also played a role in how he decorated at home.

His old rental apartment, the top floor of an 1865 West Village brownstone walkup (where he lived for 16 years), was about one-third larger than his new one and was configured differently, a narrow series of small, railroad-car rooms vs. his current well-proportioned rectangle.

So Gunn purged some pieces that felt out of scale — a chest, a lamp, toile trays that hung in the kitchen — and relegated them to the downstairs laundry room, where scavengers scooped them up as quickly as he dropped them off.



Photos by EILEEN BLASS USA TODAY

"Project Runway" star Tim Gunn stands in his New York apartment. The fashion and design expert designed the interior of his residence himself and even painted his own bookshelves.

Though he lost overall area (the new place is about 660 square feet), Gunn gained a larger bedroom. And for the first time in his life, he was able to trade in his twin for a queen-sized bed, a four-poster.

"I can just hear your readers: 'He sleeps in a 'queen' bed?' Of course he does!"

There were other upgrades: a doorman, an elevator (he lives on the seventh floor, with courtyard views of ivy-carpeted brick walls), a shower that doesn't rain chunks of ceiling, and access to London Terrace's legendary indoor pool, tiled like a Turkish bath. He has four generous closets, as opposed to three, totaling 7 linear feet of closet space. And though it's probably only as large as a suburban pantry, Gunn's new galley kitchen is "huge, 'huge'!" compared with his previous one.

"I'm finally living like a grown-up," says Gunn, 54. "I'm feeling so spoiled."

Gunn says he's "very much into things." And fame — "what fame?" — hasn't affected his designing dictum. He keeps the walls and upholstery neutral — buttery ochres, grayish greens and warm taupes — "because I like the decorative arts to be the things people actually see."

Not that many people will actually do so.

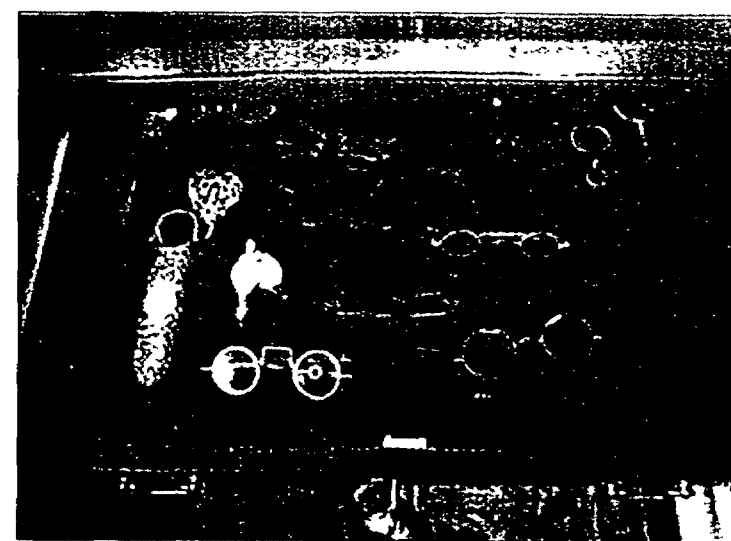
"I'm an introvert. I'm much happier being alone, like Greta Garbo," says the happily single Gunn, whose home-from-work routine involves getting into his pajamas and bathrobe, flicking on the TV, fixing a drink and preparing dinner, often a classic like beef bourguignon.

But even he knows some of his quirkier decorating choices might not pass muster on, say, Bravo's sister show "Top Design." Take the small oil painting of a gap-toothed man.

"It's like a soup kitchen portrait," he says. "Who would paint that man?"



A 14th-century Khmer piece, from left, a seventh-century Chinese Tang Dynasty piece and an item from the Metropolitan Museum of Art gift shop add to the eclectic mix in Gunn's apartment.



Vintage eyewear fills a glass-topped table at the New York apartment of "Project Runway" star Tim Gunn.

A pastoral of cows and foliage and water was purchased at a London flea market for \$50.

"The dealer said, 'It's not bad for the frame,'" Gunn remembers. "I said, 'I really like the painting,'" to which the seller huffed: "Americans."

And he readily concedes that his collection of 25 green Ming Dynasty tomb sculptures might be 24 too many.

The last time he had an architect over, he was told, "I'm sorry, but I've lost all respect for you, now that I know you live with all this glock."

Architects (Gunn, incidentally, briefly studied to be one) have since been banned as visitors.

Not surprisingly, Gunn's decorating counsel mirrors his fashion counsel: "Own your look! Like our clothing, our home sends a message about how we want the world to perceive us. Let it be who you are."

Don't be baffled by the bathroom

By Michelle Tautz / CTW Features

Whether you're hiring a contractor or going the DIY route, there are a dizzying number of questions to answer when you remodel the bathroom.

Here, four designers walk you through 15 essential choices you'll need to make before your first shopping spree at the home improvement store.

• Wallpaper or paint?

Like a loud sofa, wallpaper takes over the look of a room with color, texture and pattern. "Is that what you want?" says Greg Rawson, president of Richard's Kitchen and Bath Center in Muncie, Ind. "Or do you want something else to be the focus?" Wallpaper also makes cleaning the walls tougher, and if your bathroom isn't properly ventilated, you might find that gorgeous paper peeling off the wall.

• Vanity or pedestal sink?

Pedestals may make the room more spacious, but they don't offer storage space, which could have you asking, "Where am I going to put all this stuff?" says Marge Ling, a designer at Custom Kitchen Bath Center in Fremont, Calif. A pedestal can also mean additional plumbing costs, since fixtures aren't hidden by a cabinet, they need to be higher quality and line up with the sink. If your budget allows, higher-end options include consoles, which often resemble furniture and wall-mounted sinks.

• Single or double-handle faucet?

"This is a personal preference or habit," Ling says. "A lot of folks may have spent their entire life with a single handle." Why make the switch? Two handles can achieve a more styl-

ized look, though installation takes a bit more work and a bit more money.

• Two sinks or one?

Do you and your spouse really get ready at the same time? If not, extra counter space might offer a better bathroom experience than an additional sink. You'll need at least 5 feet to accommodate two sinks, says Sheila Tilander, a designer at Showplace Design and Remodeling in Redmond, Wash. Again, you'll pay the plumber more to install two sinks rather than one. If you're relocating the existing sink, the moving of pipes may be necessary.

• Mirror or a medicine cabinet?

Do you need the storage? If not, a mirror can give you a high-end look for less money. Rawson says. Plus, a low-cost mirror might look more stylish than a budget cabinet. If you want both, try splitting the difference by recessing the medicine cabinet into a side wall and using the mirror over the sink as a focal point.

• Lights beside the mirror or over it?

When space allows, it's best to put them on the sides. "Light over the top casts shadows," says Joanne Cannell of Joanne Cannell Design in San Francisco. If there's a medicine cabinet, make sure the door won't hit the lights, or choose fixtures that recess into the wall. Install both when there's room in the budget.

• Recessed or stand-alone holders?

While they cost more to install, recessed shampoo niches are a plus in the shower. It cuts down on things jutting out as you bathe, Tilander says, and creates a cleaner look. If space is tight, you might sink the toilet paper holder into the wall, but most decorative toilet-paper holders mount to the wall's surface.

Toothbrush holders on the walls have largely gone out of fashion – except as style elements in period bathrooms.

• Elongated toilet or a round one?

Tilander recommends toilets with elongated seats, because most people find them more comfortable. If your bathroom is tiny, there are elongated toilets available in the same length as round ones.

• Toilet of standard height or higher?

A standard toilet runs 14 inches tall while a comfort version is about 16 inches to 17 inches high, making it the rough equivalent to a kitchen chair. "As we age, it's easier to get up from a comfort height," Ling says. It's also great for people with knee problems, but shorter folks might find the comfort height less, well, comfortable.

• Enclosed or open toilet area?

"If the space is large enough, most people enjoy enclosing the toilet," Rawson says. "It's nice for privacy and odors." Framing walls for a water closet adds to a project's cost, as does moving the waste pipe if the toilet changes location. For smaller bathrooms, a creative partition such as a half wall, display cabinet or glass panel can provide some privacy with a bit of style.

• Tub and shower or combination?

"For most existing bathrooms in older homes, there isn't room for separate fixtures unless you borrow space from a nearby room," Ling says. If you're working with a large master bathroom, think about your routine. No time for baths? Invest in a larger, more luxurious shower. Just make sure your home has at least one tub, for resale value. A separate tub and shower makes

sense for those who love a relaxing soak and have the space and budget to accommodate this option.

• This showerhead or another?

"The main thing is to decide what you want in terms of pressure," Rawson says. Some rain showerheads offer soft water flow, so you may want a second showerhead to help rinse out the shampoo. Handheld showerheads are great for shaving your legs or washing your back. They also make cleaning the shower easier.

• Large or small floor tiles?

"The larger, the better," Ling says. "When you have larger tiles, you see less grout. It makes the floor look larger." And since grout tends to be a favorite hiding spot for dirt and grime, this approach makes maintenance easier. Another trick: Set the tiles on a diagonal to make the room appear bigger.

• Safety bars now or later?

As more candles appear on your birthday cake, bars make the bathroom safer and easier to use. Add them now in the shower or tub if your budget allows. They're available at a range of price points. Counting every dollar? Cannell recommends adding a sheet of plywood under the tile, so you'll be able to attach the bars wherever you want (not just at the studs), when you add them later.

• One heat source or two?

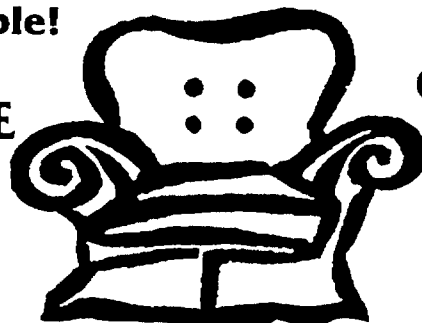
If there's just one vent in your bathroom, Cannell suggests installing an additional heat source. "A lot of times you want the bathroom warmer," she says. A toe-kick heater or heated floor allows you to warm up the space before you hop in the shower, giving you a cozier place to step once you turn off the hot water.

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Keeping The Home Up Close and Personal

HOMEOWNERS ARE EMBRACING CLEVER WAYS TO GO BEYOND THE BASICS OF FUNCTION TO PUT A PERSONAL STAMP ON THEIR HOME

By Bev Bennett | CTW Features

Hold back. Don't buy that "hot" piece of furniture that is making the rounds in homes, catalogs and stores. This year's must-have purchase might be better left alone in favor of something more, well, you. According to Furniture.com design consultant Davis Remignanti, the most important thing in decorating is to make your space personal.

"Things that you love are things you should live with. Anything that has personal meaning should be displayed," Remignanti says.

The home reflects your taste, and having personal touches and embellishments says a lot about what's meaningful to you. Even if your budget directs you to warehouse-like stores, there is still the desire to customize your space to move it beyond what Remignanti calls "the Ikea-ization of design," or mass-produced merchandise.

In the past, shoppers either gravitated toward elegant and expensive, or everyday and affordable.

"Fifty years ago the model was McDonald's. Everything was cost-effective and homogeneous," says Jarrett Paschel, Ph.D., director of consumer and retail trends for the Hartman Group and Tinderbox in Bellevue, Wash. "We realized we could make things cheaply. Now we want to tackle the problem of why things have to be homogeneous."

Customization has become more prominent in home décor in the last five years and may be attributable to a post-Sept. 11 change of attitude, says Jackie Hirschhaut, vice president of public relations and marketing at the American Home Furnishings Alliance, High Point, N.C.

"People want their homes to reflect their hobbies and interests," Hirschhaut says.

Your home can tell any story that you wish, whether it's a reminder of your honeymoon shopping expedition to the stone quarries of Carrara, Italy, as told through the marble on your kitchen counter, or your expedition to Peru for a rug woven by indigenous craftsmen.

And the search for the authentic



doesn't have to take you far afield. Artisans and designers can bring the original and unique into your living room.

When Spider Johnson, proprietor of Tesoro Design, Mason, Texas, was commissioned to create the front panel to an entertainment center, the marquetry artist (the art of cutting and assembling different pieces of wood to create a design) looked around his client's home, that of a world traveler, for inspiration. "She wasn't specific in what she wanted. But we were able to discern what she's like based on the artifacts she collects," Johnson says. A collection of burial dolls from Peru caught his eye. The result is an abstract of a Peruvian burial doll on the entertainment center doors. Johnson's work also includes an art deco headboard for a customer. His pieces can cost from \$5,000 to \$150,000.

"I think people who can afford the work want something that reflects their lives, and they certain-

ly have lots of choices other than a painting or piece of sculpture," Johnson says.

One of those choices includes hand-painted ceramic tiles. Chicago artist Sharon Bladholm can recreate scenes of your favorite part of the country on tiles that surround a fireplace by using stains and washes to depict the mountains of West Virginia and other scenes based on photos supplied by clients.

Bladholm, owner of Opal Glass Studios, begins such projects with an in-depth conversation with clients to help them turn their homes into palettes to "express something personal about themselves," be it on glass tiles in a kitchen back splash or a suite of windows.

Clients purchase one of Bladholm's stained glass lighting fixtures or one-of-a-kind stained glass installations for \$100 to \$125 a square-foot for a simple design to \$200 to \$250 for a complex piece.

She suggests taking a look at your home before deciding where to put

Cutting into customization

Your home should be your stage, says Madeline Roth, Pariscope Design, Geneva, Ill. Helping people find what's personally meaningful in their décor is her specialty.

Here are some ideas that worked for Roth's clients:

■ Fill a wall with black-and-white family photos. If all the photos are the same size the look is architectural.

■ Take a favorite collectable out of its box and show it off. "One client, with a very contemporary condo, had old Staffordshire figures in a box. She wanted to display them but not in a contemporary style," Roth says. The solution was to make shadow boxes for each figure and install them in the bathroom.

■ Another client loved clothes, shoes and jewelry. Instead of hiding her treasures in a closet, Roth let them shine by painting an old jewelry display case, lining the drawers with velvet and arranging the client's vintage costume baubles in the case. Roth built hat stands and shoe display racks for her wardrobe favorites.

■ Add a dash of your own kitchen philosophy with a message in tiles. To reflect one client's love of cooking Roth recommended mosaic tiles spelling out "feast." "If you have things you love and that reflect your personality find ways to show them," Roth says.

— CTW Features

your art dollars. If you'd like to hide an ugly view while letting light in, use a less-expensive sandblasted piece; if you want a focal point for a room you spend a lot of time in, use your budget for that.

Another material that is used to personalize an area in the home is stone. Stone, by its nature, is a one-of-a-kind material, and installing a unique piece of stone or using it in a distinctive way can yield customized results. "Every piece of stone is different, even if you and your neighbor get stone from the same quarry," says Mark Fernandes, chairman of the board of the Natural Stone Council headquartered in Hollis, N.H.

Perhaps you're looking for a stone piece to remind you of some wonderful time of life, your college years, for instance. That's not far-fetched. The buildings on the campus of Duke University in Durham, N.C., are constructed from locally mined stone.

"The stone is exclusive to Duke. It's called Duke blue stone, and now the alums want it," Fernandes says.

Opting to accent an everyday item in the house with stone can add to the personal space as well.

Go beyond the fireplace or chimney, says Fernandes and add stone to the patio, interior walls or kitchen countertop. Stone-in-stone is a new look that presses slices of semi-precious stones, such as amethyst, along with granite slabs. The resulting sheet, which is then resin coated, makes a unique countertop. What could be more customized than a kitchen counter imbedded with your birthstone? Although you may not have a craftsman available or don't have the budget to play a Medici patron to the arts, you can still get the personalized décor you want.

"In the '50s, the idea of a nice house was to have very nice things," Paschel says. "Shoppers either gravitated toward luxurious and expensive goods as a way of saying they'd 'made it,' or to goods that were ubiquitous but cheap. Neither suits styles now. Instead of buying the most luxurious item, we want to show the most authentic."

New builder expo starts Saturday

By Cynthia Grochowski
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

People planning on building, remodeling, financing, decorating or gardening now or in the future will enjoy the first Builders' Home & Garden Expo, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6 and 7, at the Brighton High School Field House.

Exhibitors and industry experts will be on hand to speak to gardeners, home builders and remodeling enthusiasts during the two-day expo about the latest products and services on the market that can make a house a home.

Joe Gagnon, The Appliance Doctor, will broadcast live on 1600 WAAM AM talk radio from the show both days, answering questions and addressing concerns of expo attendees.

Gardening guru Gretchen Voyle, from the Michigan State Extension Service, and regular columnist for the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus, will also be on hand to answer questions.

Also on display will be numerous Christmas trees from Bordine Nursery.

Lakeside Services will register people at the expo for its Oldest Furnace contest in which someone will be awarded a new Carrier high-efficiency furnace.

The event, put on by the Home Builders Association of Livingston County, will bring experts and service providers under one roof from which current and future home owners can gather information.

"We are delighted to bring this new event to the community, and fall is a great time for home improvement," said Diane Korona, Executive Officer of HBALC. "At one time and place, homeowners can gather hundreds of ideas for building, remodeling, home maintenance, gardening, home décor, and more."

The event hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7. Tickets at the door are \$5 for adults with kids under 15 years of age free. Seniors enter free before noon each day. Each paid entry receives a chance to win a potting shed donated by the Livingston Construction Trades program.

For more information about the expo, contact the HBALC at (810) 227-6210.

Design a child's playground

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"Obviously color is huge. Kids love color. And a child's room is an area where you can use color you may not put in the rest of house," says Jacobsen.

The space will not likely suffer from the fickle tastes of a 7-year-old girl who likes horses one day and fairies the next.

"The room is designed to have a forward-age lifespan. It needed to be able to grow along with the child into her teenage years," Jacobsen says.

Children's rooms aren't about extreme makeover, like putting a sandbox in a bedroom because the kid likes the beach, but creating a space a child can call his or her own. In that sense, kids' rooms are a lot like those of adults.

"You go out into the world every day and get beat up by traffic or jobs or whatever, and when you come home, you want something special and personalized for you. That's your special retreat," says Barnard. "Parents are willing to take extra steps to make a special place for themselves so why wouldn't they want to extend that to their children?"

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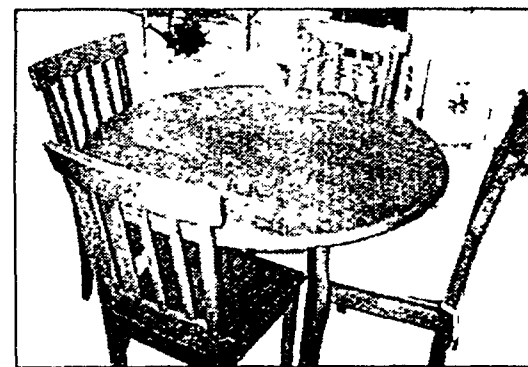
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Bye, Bye Paint... Hello, Wallpaper

By Patricia V. Rivera | CTW Features

Ed Albers is finally in his element. After years of watching other designers play with bold and innovative wall-coverings, he's been able to convince some of his clients in the more conservative area of Rehoboth Beach, Del. to let him do the same.

Just recently, he masked the walls of a study with a two-tone, black-and-brown textured paper that simulates snakeskin. In another dining room, he used a covering with 18-inch beaded swirls of sand on a subtle red background.

Although small cities and rural areas tend to be more conservative than large urban areas when it comes to interior design, folks there and elsewhere are waking up to the idea that adding a little character to their walls beats staring at plain backgrounds.

Wallpaper's Resurgence

Over the last five years, wallpaper

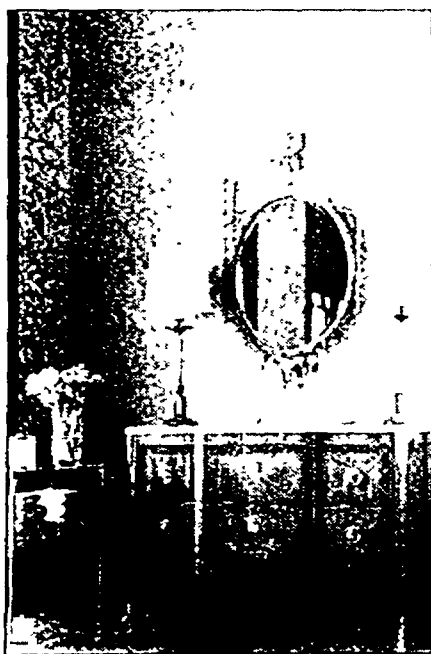


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Thibaut's Tone on Tone II collection, while ornate with foliage prints, appears classically subdued in a more open space.

has come to the forefront of design again with a niche of innovative retro prints. The wallpaper industry itself has made huge strides, adding color and vibrant designs to its once-subdued palette of offerings.

Experts agree that these days, bold is in.

"People are looking for something more fun. They're not afraid of color and texture anymore," says Albers, an allied member of the American Society of Interior Designers, Washington, D.C.

Contemporary wallpaper designs benefit from many new techniques, products and designers, notes Ziggy Hanaor, author of *"The Cutting Edge of Wallpaper"* (Black Dog Publishing, 2007).

Hanaor, of London, says people became more interested in putting a personal stamp on their interiors once the real estate boom leveled off.

Trend-setting companies, such as Timorous Beasties, started to blend old Victorian motifs and contemporary colors with a funky spin.

"There is a witiness to wallpaper design that comes from the irony of the fusty image that wallpaper still carries with it," Hanaor says. "The current designs have a self-awareness that draws on past traditions and other design mediums."

Wallpaper fell from favor as the minimalist look grew in the mid-1980s. The industry banded together in early 2000 to make a comeback. Even groups like the Paint and Decorating Retailers Association, Fenton, Mo., tried to convince consumers that wallcoverings could be anything they wanted, from dramatic to whimsical to stimulating.

The Cleveland-based Freedom Group, a business research company, estimates U.S. demand for wallcovering alternatives to paint grew 5.7 percent annually until 2007. Hanaor noticed the turnaround from one year to the next.

Five years ago, she met British designer Anselm Chatwin who developed a covering based on Russian tattoos of skulls. She found it odd initial-

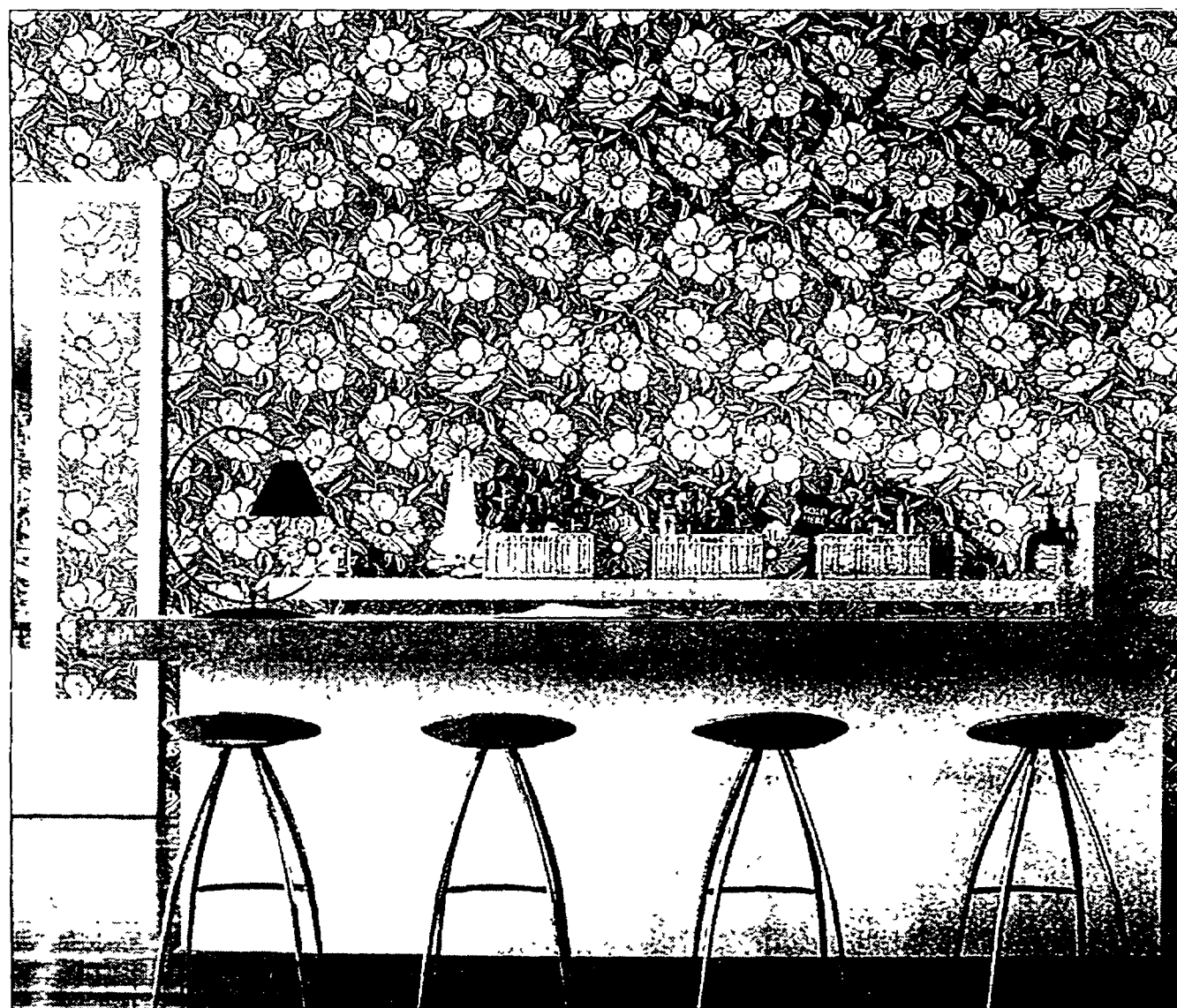


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Large-scale designs, like the Dahlia Collection by Kenneth James, can give a room a modern twist.

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— Ziggy Hanaor
Author

ly until others around her began playing with wallpaper in unique ways. Suddenly, all the trendy shops started stocking edgy wallpaper.

Designers are experimenting with anything they can get their hands on, Hanaor adds.

There are interactive wallpapers that use magnets and digital projections, for example.

Old materials, such as silk and vinyl, are being used in new ways and designs are popping up that make the most of cultural references.

Wallpaper to the Masses

Many manufacturers are offering self-adhesive papers for the DIY set. The papers come in breathable non-woven substrate that allow the wall art to come off as easily as it goes up.

Consumers are being let in on the fun of the wallcovering trend through the Internet. Shoppers can go online

for products and several sites allow consumers to pick and choose the designs and colors that best suit their needs and desires. Both large and small retailers offer a wide selection of wallcoverings at all price points.

With wallcoverings being viable options in home décor, how is one to select the proper one for their room?

Hanaor says the key to wallpaper is that there are no rules.

"In past generations wallpaper was considered an indicator of wealth and respectability. Today it is merely a design statement — and as such has much more freedom," she adds.

Wallcoverings can be used as art or any way a person chooses, according to Kate Telfeyan, a spokeswoman for Graham & Brown, a U.K.-based wallcovering and home décor company.

"Some people use it on just one wall or just over a headboard," she says.

Wallpaper is also being used as the background in clocks to give a little more variety to the usual numbers.

There's even freedom with who is designing the paper.

Fashion designer Julien MacDonald entered the wallpaper industry with a line called "Dazzle," sold by Graham & Brown. The collection is a display of flowers and foliage with striking curves and spiral lines.

Paula Berberian, creative services manager of Brewster Wallcovering Company, Randolph, Mass., says the push these days is to incorporate various styles, designs and time periods.

"Consumers aren't matching as much," she says, "they're creating personalized looks."

Looks that go for it all at once, as Hanaor says. And some prefer to go toward bold walls a little at a time, as Lori Reagle, art director at the Newark, N.J.-based Thibaut Wallcoverings and Fabrics, says.

"Larger patterns look best in smaller rooms," Reagle says. "Or you could start with just one wall so it's not too overpowering."

Thibaut is known for its more traditional coverings, but in recent years it too has released cutting-edge designs, like "Sabrina," which has a flock effect (velvet or damask imitation). The design features stylized leaves and flowers on trailing vines.

"Wallpaper can really tie the room together — much as a big rug would do," Hanaor says.

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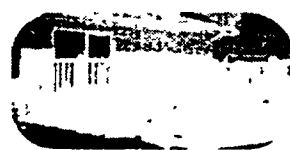
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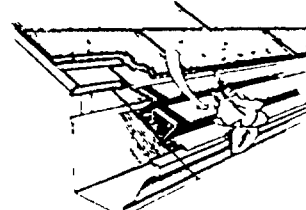
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