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'Voices' wants meeting with Foundation board

■ Meeting spot to be announced

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Susan Greenlee of Voices for Maybury Farm has invited the Northville Community Foundation Board of Directors and president to a public forum on Sunday, Dec. 2. The meeting is slated for 3:30 p.m., with a location to be announced.

Greenlee, president of Voices, mailed a letter to Shari Peters, foundation president, last Thursday, with four requests (see sidebar).

"We think a forum with citizen participation is desperately needed," Greenlee said. "We dispute the claim that there is a two-year limit on the meetings of the Advisory Committee."

The only signed, dated document pertaining to the Advisory Committee, which is part of the original lease between Maybury Farm and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, simply states:

"Lessor and Lessee mutually agree that an Advisory Committee shall be formed by Lessee. The Committee shall be advisory in nature and shall provide an opportunity for citizen participation and ideas."

"We believe there should be such a body, and that such was the intention of members of the DNR staff when they stated so in the lease," Greenlee said.

Greenlee said Voices for Maybury Farm members, as representatives of both the public and the Advisory Committee, are making

these requests in response to urgent concerns expressed at their Nov. 4 meeting at the Northville District Library.

Greenlee said a petition recently distributed locally asking the state to investigate various aspects of Maybury Farm had 934 signatures at press time. Additional signatures were accepted through Nov. 21 and will be mailed to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Ron Olson of the DNR reported on Tuesday at press time that no petitions have been received in Lansing yet.

Voices of Maybury Farm's concerns

■ To inspect a copy of the audited financial statements, the IRS 990s or any of the Foundation's policies. This offer of inspection is mentioned on the foundation's Web site;

■ For the entire NCF Board, including the president, to join Voices' members for an open public forum from 3:30-5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, for an exchange of ideas and a question-and-answer session. The location of the meeting will be determined after Voices members receive a reply from Peters;

■ For the Maybury Farm Advisory Committee to resume quarterly meetings not later than Dec. 3, 2007, and for the NCF president to be present at these meetings; and

■ An escorted tour of the now-closed-to-the-public farm within 30 days, specifically to check on the conditions of the animals.

The Record contacted the Northville Community Foundation office Monday to ask if Peters or the board would be attending the proposed Dec. 2 meeting. After no response, the Record contacted the office an hour before deadline. Pat, the woman who answered the phone, would not give her last name and said she knew nothing about the meeting and would give Peters the

message.

Pat did, however, call earlier to report that the foundation had sold 850 tickets at last week's Holiday Home Tour at \$20 a ticket, which totals \$17,000.

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He's back!

Santa greets some excited fans along the parade route last Friday night. See more photos on page 16.

Media gagged in murder case

■ Third suspect won't be charged so he can testify

By Pam Fleming and Brad Kadrich
STAFF WRITERS

Judge Michael Gerou ruled Nov. 15 in his chambers at the 35th District Court in Plymouth that a gag order be placed on media in a grisly murder case.

This means that law enforcement, prosecuting and defense attorneys and witnesses cannot talk to members of the media about the case. Those who do could be found in contempt of court.

Attorneys for Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17, of Plymouth, the main suspect in the crime, requested the order, according to local news reports.

Parents of the suspects were not included in the order.

Orlewicz, and his alleged accomplice, Alexander Letkemann, 18, of Westland, have been charged



D. Sorensen

with first-degree premeditated murder in the death of Daniel Sorensen, 26, of River Rouge.

Sorensen's decapitated and charred body was found in Northville Township on the morning of Nov. 8.

The teenagers, currently housed in the Wayne County Jail, were arraigned on murder charges Nov. 12 via videoconferencing in 34th District Court in Romulus. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Nov. 19 but was postponed until Friday, Nov. 30.

Orlewicz's attorneys filed an emergency motion with the court following a press conference conducted Nov. 12 by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, at which she labeled the murder "a thrill kill" and used words like "bone-chilling" and "horrific."

Niskar wouldn't comment on why he brought the motion, but in

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'Black Friday' a different experience for Northville retailers

■ Shops extend hours to entice shoppers

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Staff at stores such as Best Buy and Circuit City

will open their doors Friday before most people have slept off their Thanksgiving meals.

Shopping enthusiasts will be in line at those and other stores that day before they digest those meals, too.

But owners of downtown Northville shops won't welcome customers in before day break.

One reason is because Northville stores don't have staffs of hundreds like Macy's and Sears. Another is

because the foot traffic isn't that deep early the day after Thanksgiving, according to Starring: The Gallery Owner Mary Starring.

"I've only been in business here for two years, but we usually expect people to hit the big box stores early (Friday morning)," Starring said. "We're usually ready for them about noon, though."

Starring, who also serves as the president of the Northville Central Business Association, said

some Northville stores will attempt to open earlier Friday, while most will opt to stay open later into that evening. She added that a number of downtown Northville merchants will extend their hours through the holidays to accommodate shoppers.

Lindsey Fowler, of Urban Blues, is one of the shop

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The Chase enters nightlife mix

■ New sports bar features music, 16 TVs

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Filling up yet another vacant space in his and wife Margene's new Northville Square, landlord Bob Buckhave is excited about their newest tenant, The Chase

Bar & Grill.

"I knew this place was going to hit the ground running," said Bob Buckhave.

The new sports bar, that just opened to the public on Monday, had a grand opening party Saturday night, and it was standing room only.

The bar and restaurant, located on the lower level of the new building at 133 W. Main Street, features 16 plasma TVs and a room for meetings or private parties.

Owners David Bastianelli and Bret Konol are thrilled that their new "baby" is finally born.

Former Northville councilman Jerry Mittman and his wife, Terry, attended the grand opening.

"I think it's outstanding," Jerry said. "It's really a different type of restaurant in town. We saw the menu last night, and we got quite enthused about it already. It's going to add a lot to the city."

"It's really neat," Terry said.

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Photo by PAM FLEMING/Northville Record

David Bastianelli, left, and Bret Konol, owners of The Chase Bar & Grill, by a cake made in the likeness of their new establishment in Northville Square. The grand opening party was Saturday night.

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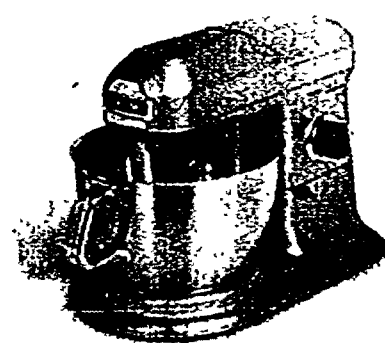
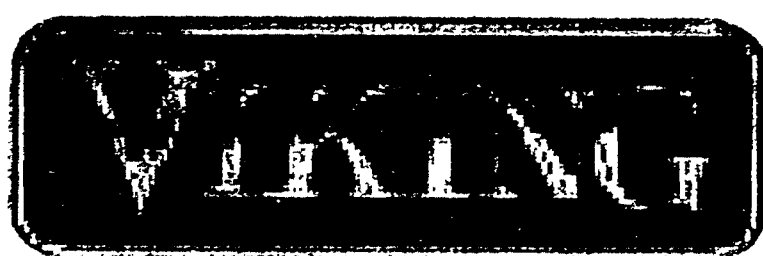
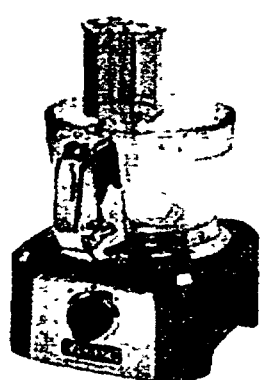
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Waterford resident announces candidacy for U.S. Congress

Progressive Democrat wants to bring troops home from Iraq

By Pam Fleming
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Tom Spencer, 55, of Waterford, announced his candidacy for U.S. Congressman in Michigan's 11th District on Nov. 14 behind city hall in Northville.

The liberal Democrat will be running against Republican incumbent Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia).

Spencer said he made the announcement in Northville because the city is in the center of the district.

Married to Kim, a United Methodist minister, for 28 years, Spencer is devoting his attention to his campaign now fulltime. He was a United Methodist pastor for 14 years.

"But I have a new calling, so I'm resigning as a pastor," Spencer said in a telephone interview a few hours before his announcement.

Most recently, Spencer was with the Lakeville and Thomas United Methodist Churches.

The Spencers have a son, Scott, who is married and serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis, Wash., as an engineer and a sergeant.



Tom Spencer of Waterford, Democratic candidate for the 11th district congressional seat in 2008, will address members of the Northville Democratic Club at their general membership meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Mill Race Historical Village's Cady Inn on Griswold Street.

Photo by Pam Fleming/Northville Record

"He's been to Iraq twice and due to go back in the spring," Spencer said. He has two young grandsons, who are Scott's sons — Thomas and Matthew.

The couple also has a daughter, Tami Wayne, newly married to an attorney and working in the Detroit metropolitan area. She attends Wayne State University.

A former 20-year member of the U.S. Air Force, Spencer served as a computer operator and shift supervisor.

"I'm a progressive Democrat," he said, adding he's against troops being in Iraq.

"I think that it sets a poor example when we invade countries that are no threat to us," he said. "The government torturing people we have captured makes it more like-

ly that our troops will be tortured when they're captured."

Spencer said Osama Bin Laden is still running free, and Al Qaeda is strong.

"The latest intelligence reports are that Al Qaeda is as strong now as it was on 9/11," he said.

"What's really sad is that the president was warned five days before the attacks that something like this might happen, and he did nothing."

Spencer criticizes McCotter for not representing the people of his district.

"He votes 92 percent of the time with his party," Spencer said. "He's voted against SCHIP, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, twice and also voted to allow the president's recent veto

on SCHIP to stand.

"I don't like the direction that our country is going, such as spying on our citizens without warrant. I want to leave the world a better place for my grandchildren, just like all grandparents do. I think I have something to offer the district with my experience as a member of the military and as a pastor."

Spencer grew up in Oakland County and graduated from Lake Orion High School. He completed seminary training at the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio, north of Columbus, and also attended Saginaw Valley State University, where he's a few hours short of a bachelor's degree in history (par-

ticularly military history) and a dual minor in philosophy and sociology.

He enjoys reading military history, political science and current events books and admits to being a "choc-o-holic." In fact, he even brought a basket of chocolates to the announcement rally.

If elected, one of the first things he would do is bring U.S. troops home from Iraq and cut war funding.

"I'm running on the idea of honesty and integrity in government and my slogan is, 'We the people,'" Spencer said.

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The Chase enters Northville's nightlife mix

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"I'm pleased that it's going to be here, after this location sat dormant for many years. It's great that the Buckhaves have brought life back into this area."

Northville Mayor and sports aficionado Chris Johnson said he'll enjoy the multitude of TVs in the restaurant.

"I'm impressed with how nice and open it is," he said. "Maybe they can show 'Desperate Housewives' on Sunday nights for the women."

Jim and Carolyn Roth think Northville needs more restaurants like The Chase.

"It's upscale yet still reasonably priced," Carolyn said. "I think it will become one of the spots to come to

in Northville."

Appetizers include skewered chicken wings, nachos supreme, southern fried chicken strips, stuffed jumbo mushroom caps, beer-battered vidalia onion rings, chicken quesadillas, fried calamari, potato skins, steak bites, garlic and parmesan bread and mozzarella cheese sticks.

Salads include a house salad with bleu cheese and red wine vinaigrette dressing, The Chase's Real Caesar salad, the Big Fat Greek Salad, a Caprese salad (tomatoes, basil, and mozzarella with balsamic vinaigrette), Chef Signature Salad and Cobb Salad.

Entrees, served with a house salad, are roasted half chicken with sweet onion cranberry relish, meat-

loaf with mushroom gravy, grilled flat iron steak with caramelized onions and fries, sweet soy glazed pork chops, Italian sausage with peppers and creamy polenta, slow-cooked barbecued ribs, grilled barbecued chicken breast, cajun chicken alfredo and a fresh fish of the day selection.

A full sandwich menu is also offered, plus calzones, pizza and desserts.

A children's menu is also available.

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Judge places gag order on media in murder case

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the motion he said Worthy "should have known her statements would have a 'substantial likelihood' of being widely publicized and, as a result, 'materially prejudicing' the potential jury" in a potential trial.

Orlewicz, 17, and Letkemann are scheduled for a preliminary examination at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 30 in 35th District Court.

While asserting in a response to the motion that her office never violated the Modern Rules of Professional Responsibility, Worthy agreed to the gag order "so long as all parties, lawyers, agents and/or employees of the lawyers in this case are so bound."

But not everyone was happy about the order.

Although all parties eventually agreed to it during a lengthy meeting with Gerou before Thursday's hearing, Raymond

Cassar, the lawyer for Letkemann, said prior to the hearing he didn't want the order.

"I'm not in favor of a gag order," Cassar said. "If it goes into place, it will scare people away and we won't get as much information as we've been getting through the media. Right now, so many people are coming forward because of what they've seen or read."

While he signed the gag order, Gerou did say he would continue to release all public documents to the media.

Third suspect falls through

There was rumored to be a third suspect in the case who helped dispose of the body but wasn't involved in the murder.

However, local news reports on Friday said the suspect was not involved in the murder or the aftermath.

New information before order

A local television station learned new information last week before the gag order was issued about Letkemann, including messages posted on his MySpace page after his arrest.

His parents have appeared on television, professing their son's innocence in the crime.

The media also released details of the search warrant issued on Orlewicz's grandfather's home in Canton, where the murder allegedly took place. Other details released before the gag order were that bloody clothes and a gun were found at one of the suspect's homes.

If convicted, the teenagers face life in prison.

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Retailers get ready for Friday

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owners who will extend hours and remain open later daily after the holiday season.

Fowler said the hours of her shop, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and other Northville stores are more conducive for "Moms who don't work."

"We have to try and stay open later because the majority of people have jobs," Fowler said. "Most people don't leave work until about 5:30 every afternoon, so we have to

try and accommodate those people who can't shop until later in the day.

"If we don't try and stay open later, we're cutting off a large portion of the population."

Fowler said "Black Friday," the name given to the Friday following the Thanksgiving holiday due to the number of sales several retailers offer, has been hit or miss for downtown Northville in recent years. She said foot traffic has decreased and cited the economy as part of the reason behind the decline in shoppers.

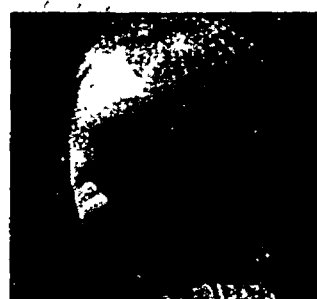
"Most of the big box stores give ridiculous discounts," Fowler said, adding she plans on offering customers major discounts tomorrow and potentially through the weekend.

Starring agreed with Fowler's assessment of the lack of foot traffic in downtown Northville. She said she thinks shoppers need to realize what a downtown like Northville's has to offer in the way of added parking and being able to shop without the rushed vibe a mall has.

"Northville has a lot of great gift stores and a lot of unique gift stores," Starring said. "There's a number of things you get (in downtown Northville) that you can't get in a mall."

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Five township residents named to resurrected Ethics Board

Service terms to be staggered

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Five township residents were appointed to the Nov. 15 Board of Trustees meeting to serve on the resurrected Ethics Board.

The board will serve as a watchdog group for all township elected officials, employees and volunteers who serve on various boards and commissions.

The resurrection of the board was spearheaded by board member Sue Hillebrand, township clerk.

An ethics policy was adopted in 1995 by the board, which was used until 2000.

The board was reformed and made amendments to the ethics policy in May 2007.

Nine people applied to be appointed to the board.

Hillebrand and Mark Abbo, township supervisor, conducted interviews and selected five to be appointed by the board.

Ethics Board members will meet in the near future to establish bylaws, officers and operational issues.

Those on the board include Kimberly Winnik, who will serve a three-year term from Nov. 20, 2007-Nov. 30, 2010; Jim Tishowkowski, who will serve for the same period of time; Charles Nichols, who will serve a two-year term from Nov. 30, 2007-

Nov. 30, 2009; Marguerite Aramian, who will also serve for the same two-year period; and Dottie Garrity, who will serve from Nov. 20, 2007-Nov. 30, 2008.

"We wanted to stagger the terms of service so that there is continuity to the board," said Abbo. "The board will help govern internal and external relationships."

Board members' backgrounds

Winnik has lived in the township for six years.

"I am interested in serving on the township ethics board as I believe I could make a value-added contribution give my professional work experience as a compliance director," Winnik stated on her appointment questionnaire. She has a bachelor's degree in accountancy and a master's degree in management from Walsh College in Troy.

Tishowkowski has lived in the township for 13 years. He has a bachelor's degree from Hillsdale College, an MBA from the University of Detroit-Mercy and also did postgraduate work at Wayne State University. He is retired from Chrysler Corp., where he worked for 23 years.

"I feel ethics is critical for the establishment of integrity in all government and business operations," Tishowkowski said.

Nichols has lived in the township for seven years and has worked as an attorney for 28 years. He has a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in

biochemistry from Oakland University and a law degree from the Detroit College of Law (now Michigan State University Law School).

"I am personally interested in seeing that our government officials act ethically," Nichols said.

Aramian has lived in the township for two years and has a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and a master's degree in psychology from the Center for Humanistic Studies. She is currently a psychologist in private practice in Farmington Hills.

"As a clinical psychologist, I am required to uphold the ethical standards set forth by the state," she said. "To maintain my license, I am also required to be supervised by a Ph.D. psychologist who monitors both my practice and ethical standards to meet the state's requirements."

Garrity has lived in the township for five years and has a bachelor's degree in international affairs from Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio. Her work experience has included positions as a human resources administrator for Intercounty Title in Chicago, department manager in agriculture for Vlasic Foods in Farmington Hills and office manager for Reum Corp. in Lake Bluff, Ill.

"I have a great interest in the success of the township as it moves forward through these complicated times," Garrity said.

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Helping hands

Comedian/juggler Jon Park gets some assistance from two audience members in getting up on his six-foot unicycle during his appearance at the Northville District Library last week.

Demmer, auto dealer's wife, dies suddenly

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Area residents are mourning the death of Shirley Demmer, 54, of Northville Township, who died suddenly on Nov. 12.

Demmer was the wife of local auto dealer Bill Demmer, president of Jack Demmer Lincoln Mercury in Dearborn and Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne.

She was a good friend of Mark Abbo, township supervisor, and Sue Hillebrand,

township clerk and township trustee.

"She was one of the most wonderful people I knew," Abbo said.

Besides her husband, Demmer is also survived by their children, Matthew, Mark and Jacqueline, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Demmer was the daughter of the late John and Genevieve Dudek, the sister of Gloria, Nancy, Robert, Richard and Thomas and the daughter-in-law of Jack and Margaret Demmer.

Although the funeral was last Friday, friends can still leave a memorial tribute at harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

Memorial contributions can also still be made to the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, 333 West Fort Street, Suite 210 Detroit, MI, 48226-3134.

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BRIEFS

Optimists Christmas tree sales benefit local youth

The Optimist Club of Northville/Novi (OCNN) will sell Michigan-grown Christmas trees during their third annual fund-raiser at noon tomorrow on the front lawn of the American Legion, 100 Dunlap, in downtown Northville. Proceeds benefit Northville and Novi youth through sponsorship of educational enhancement, scholarships, and other programs.

Sale hours thereafter will be 6-9 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, noon-9 p.m. Sundays, continuing until the trees are sold.

Trees are available in sizes to fit any home, with heights ranging from six to 12 feet or more. They were fresh cut the week before Thanksgiving at a tree farm on the west coast of Michigan (Pentwater).

The Optimists Club of Northville/Novi was formed in 2004 and through fundraising efforts has financially supported Arbor Hospice for Children, Cooke and Old Village Schools (Northville); Civic Concern Backpack Program, annual scholarships, and other programs.

For more information, contact Jim Keskey, 517-214-0267 JKSKEY@aol.com

Werth sworn in as president of Wayne police chiefs

John Werth, director of public safety for Northville Township, was sworn in this week as the new president of the Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police.

Chip Snider, township manager, said he believes Werth is one of the youngest law enforcement officials to earn this honor.

"He certainly earned this opportunity," Snider said. "Few chiefs in Wayne County get an opportunity to claim the title."

Snider said as public safety director in the township, Werth has been steady and patient when necessary.

"His uncompromising principles and leadership will now be recognized by chiefs throughout Wayne County as he acts on their behalf as president," Snider said.

Wayne County clerks services don't include city documents

Cathy Garrett, Wayne County Clerk, reminds area residents that county clerk offices do not provide birth or death certificates for the city of Detroit.

Those documents must be obtained by the city of Detroit clerk's office.

The three Wayne County clerks offices in Detroit, Westland and now Northville Township process requests for birth and death records in all other areas of the county, however.

They also process requests for marriage licenses, assumed

names/co-partnerships certification, notary public application, permits to carry a concealed weapon and passport photos.

The phone number for the new satellite office in Northville Township, located in township hall at 44-405 Six Mile Road is (248) 348-5800, ext. 10129. The fax number is (248) 348-8271.

Hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

'New Hope for the New Year' at Tuscany Reserve

Downtown Northville's New Hope Center for Grief Support will have a fundraiser at the Tuscany Reserve gated community in Novi next week.

The center, located at 113 E. Dunlap Street, will present "New Hope for the New Year" from 7-10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7.

Attendees are asked to make reservations by Monday, Dec. 3. New Hope Center for Grief Support in cooperation with Eric

Guidobono and Guidobono Holiday Open House at Tuscany Reserve.

Area residents are invited to tour the charming Bella Casa model with its European-inspired architecture and design detail. The evening also includes a chocolate fountain, hors d'oeuvres provided by Tirami Su, Brann's Steakhouse, Cassel's Catering, Genetti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant and Dinner Theatre and more; musical entertainment will be provided along with complimentary valet parking, raffle and prizes.

The cost is \$35 for adults 21 and over only; \$20 of the ticket price is tax deductible.

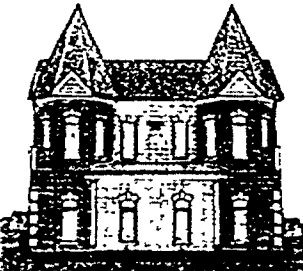
The event will take place in the model home in the new gated community on the north side of Eight Mile Road west of Beek Road at 20966 Barola Drive.

For tickets, call the New Hope Center for Grief Support at (248) 348-0115.

This event is one the larger fundraisers that New Hope relies upon to provide the funds, support and means by which the center can continue to offer support groups, seminars, workshops and other grief services free-of-charge.

Those who plan to attend the Dec. 7 "New Hope for the New Year" fundraiser are encouraged to bring a donation to the New Center for Grief Support's KIDZ Program, which is in need of the following: boxed snacks, gift certificates from Michael's JoAnn Fabrics, Office Depot, Costco or Sam's Club; supplies of craft kits, stencils, sponges, modeling clay, tissues, stickers and fabric paint.

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Honoring hospice and home healthcare

By Tracy Estes-Mishler
SPECIAL WRITER

Alice McKenzie wanted nothing but the best for her mother, Rose.

Diagnosed with terminal cancer in 2005, Alice McKenzie, 57, of Novi, said her family wanted to make her mother as comfortable as possible in the last few days of her life.

"I came to terms with my mom's passing long before it got really bad," McKenzie said. "I'd never been in this situation before and a friend told me to call hospice to assist."

"I know, from their help, my mom went in peace and she's up there looking down on us smiling now. And that makes me feel happy."

McKenzie said her mother wasn't a fan of hospitals or nursing homes and knew she wanted to die in the home she and her husband lived in for 48 years in Farmington Hills. She said bringing in hospice to help with her request wasn't going to be a problem.

"In that type of situation, you'll do just about anything to ensure the people you love are happy," McKenzie said. "After my dad died, my mom was never the same. She missed him a great deal. It was only right that she die in the home where they shared so many memories."

Like McKenzie, many people are choosing hospice care to help with a loved one passing away. November is National Hospice and Home Healthcare month, honoring those who pass away under hospice care and those who help care for patients.

According to the Center to Advanced Palliative Care, the first United States hospital-based palliative care programs began in the late 1980s at a handful of institutions, such as the Cleveland Clinic and Medical College of Wisconsin.

The modern hospice is a relatively recent concept that originated and became popular first in the United Kingdom after the founding of St. Christopher's Hospice, in 1967, by Dame Cicely Saunders, who is regarded as the founder of the modern hospice movement.

Julie Richards, vice president of community and provider relations for Arbor Hospice, with locations in Northville, Ann Arbor and Trenton, said not everyone knows or understands the concept of hospice and what it's for.

"Only about 35 percent of the deaths that occur in the U.S. occur with the benefit of hospice care," Richards said. "There are a lot of people who don't understand (hospice care) or know how to access hospice care."

"(National Hospice Month) is an opportunity to honor the patients who have died under hospice care, a chance to educate the community on hospice care so more people understand it and have access to it, and it's a way to say thank you to our employees who do provide direct patient care."

Richards said Arbor Hospice's main objective is to make the services available to people who would benefit it.

She said hospice is part of the Medicare health insurance benefits, but it is also covered by many private insurances.

"We treat pediatric patients up to seniors," Richards said. "People

think old people die and that's not the case."

Hospice, according to the American Academy of Family Physicians, is a program designed to care for the dying and their special needs.

As stated by the academy, all hospice programs should include control of pain and other symptoms through medication, environmental adjustment and education; psychosocial support for both the patient and family, including all phases from diagnosis through bereavement; medical services commensurate with the needs of the patient; an interdisciplinary approach to patient care, patient and family support, and education with physician leadership; integration

into existing facilities where possible and specially trained personnel with expertise in care of the dying and their families.

"The primary thing we do is talk to the patient and understand what their goals are," Richards said. "We do a lot of work in discussing with the patient things like social goals, favorite meals, maybe they want to reunite with a high school friend before they go."

"We help facilitate those goals, helping them work through issues if there are unresolved family issues ... we try getting the things done the patient wants before they leave."

Richards said hospice personnel would help discuss the progression of the disease and what the patient and family can expect.

"A lot of times people think that going into hospice care is about giving up," she said. "That's absolutely wrong. It's about making that choice about how you want to live out the last months of your life."

In order to be certified or approved for hospice care, patients must have a physician declare a six-month life expectancy if the disease follows a normal course.

Richards said, in an ideal world, people would do their advanced directives and chose a hospice provider. But that is not always the case.

She said people rely on referrals from friends and family as a trusted source.

"It could be a friend or family member with a positive experience, someone in their faith-based com-

munity or their physician. The easiest way (to find a hospice location) is through a trusted source."

Elizabeth Edenstrom, executive director of Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks in Novi, said Waltonwood has an established relationship with several hospice agencies in order to make referrals for residents in need.

"We want our residents to know, especially because we're a continuum of care, that if they want to die peacefully, they can sign up for hospice care," Edenstrom said. "We feel it's important to have that option available and our staff can provide that care or we can contact a hospice agency in the community."

Edenstrom said it's important for residents and ill patients to know they should go out and do their research on who can help them.

According to Hospice of Michigan, hospice is a palliative care that seeks to comfort rather than a

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cure. Today, there are more than 3,000 hospice programs across the country and about 100 in Michigan.

"People shouldn't be afraid to call and ask for help," McKenzie said. "I love my mom, and all I want was the best."

"Hospice made sure she left us peacefully, and I couldn't ask for anything more."

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Who's taking care of senior caregivers?

■ Northville quartet has the answer, forms support group

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Northville residents and close friends Cathy Cardinal, Martha Grazioli, Theresa Grigsby and Margaret Wisniewski have loads and loads of stories they can share about their time taking care of the people who took care of them when they were growing up.

Each of the women for an extended period of time has served — or is serving — as a caregiver for their elderly parents.

Some of the tales are comical. "One time, my Dad called me at 3 a.m. screaming, 'I'm dying. I'm dying,'" Grazioli said. "I got up and went to his house and he was standing in the kitchen in his underwear eating salami and cheese. He just started laughing and said, 'I got ya, didn't I?'"

Some of the anecdotes aren't fit to print.

All of the stories, however, provide the women with an outlet when their jobs as caregivers become a little too much to bear; and they want others who may be in similar situations to know there is a place to go to prevent burnout.

The foursome has formed a support group called, "First Aid for Elder Caregivers," where those people looking after their parents, or elderly relatives, can learn the importance of taking care of themselves while taking care of others. The quartet has hosted three meetings at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., but attendance has been low.

Wisniewski, administrator for Heartland Hospice, said the group provides caregivers with a way to connect with each other. She has also enlisted the aid of other health care professionals, such as psychologists and doctors.

Group started over coffee

Grigsby, who works with Shared Care Services, Inc., a company that provides home health care, said the group started after camaraderie developed between the four and they realized how much they had in common.



Courtesy photo
Cathy Cardinal, left, Martha Grazioli, Theresa Grigsby and Margaret Wisniewski have come together to form a support group for those who are caring for their elder parents. Cardinal, and the other three women at times, want to meet with people taking care of seniors like Cardinal's mother, Sis, center.

"We tell each other all our stories and it provides a release," said Cardinal, who has taken care of her 96-year-old mother, Sis, for 20 years. "Our original suggestion was for (Wisniewski) to teach a course at Schoolcraft (Community College)."

Wisniewski said that plan fell through when Schoolcraft officials needed to have a set number of attendees to each class. Northville's library became the support group's next stop, but participation was scarce for the group's first three meetings.

"We know there are people out there who need something like this," Grazioli said. "We just need to get the word out."

"Sandwich generation" needs help

Private home care has become expensive, as some services cost upwards of \$20/hour. So the baby-boomer generation is the group that's taking care of their older parents, but they also have younger children in the home, said Grazioli, who has two adult daughters of her own. Those daughters have watched their mother take care of her parents and assist other seniors in their neighborhood.

"We're kind of the sandwich generation and it's putting a strain on our lives," Grazioli said. "It's nice for us to have a group where we can vent, laugh and cry to each other

because it's easy for caregivers to get burnt out.

"It's also easy for us to take it out on people and we don't want to do that. So the group helps us out in a lot of ways."

"We know it gets difficult on caregivers, so we use humor to get through the tough times and it helps so much," Wisniewski said.

Grazioli calls the group "a sisterhood." She said it helps to have friends like Cardinal, Grigsby and Wisniewski when family doesn't step up to the plate. Cardinal, for example, has called on her "sisters" to help with Sis when she has taken vacations.

God-given gift

Each of the four women have siblings who have put the onus on them to take care of their parents.

Wisniewski said it's up to the caregivers to forgive their relatives, but only after seeing they did what they could to help.

"I truly believe it's a God-given gift to be a caregiver," she said. "Yes, we do have issues at time with our siblings, but we have to get past that in order to care for our parents."

Grazioli said it takes immense patience to be a caregiver, as well. Each of the four said they have seen caregivers snap at their elders for things they can't control.

"I think you need to, in a way, be

Support for caregivers

Who: First Aid for Elder Caregivers group

What: Meeting for those taking care of parents or older relatives

When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8

Where: Northville Community Senior Services Center, 304 W. Main St.

trained to be a caregiver," Cardinal said. "After a meeting, you have more confidence about what you doing, and an understanding of a lot of things. So you feel better after (the meeting) is over."

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Senior Community Center

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Closed Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday

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10 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance; Oxygise
11 a.m.: Laughter Yoga
Noon: Blood Pressure Check
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre
6 p.m.: Alzheimer Support Group
7 p.m.: Tai Chi
Tuesday
9 a.m.: Greentown Casino
11 a.m.: Medicare Seminar
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Computer I
6 p.m.: Pilates
Wednesday
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10 a.m.: Oxygise
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Noon: Bridge
1 p.m.: Computer I
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Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleyball

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

DATE: Monday-Friday
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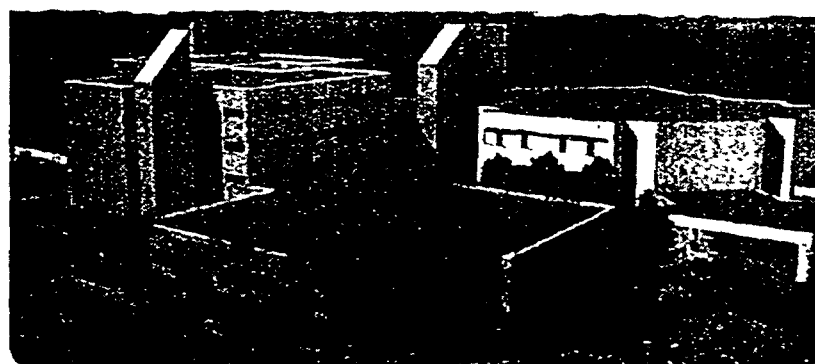
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Home for the holidays

■ Michigan native installed as senior minister of Meadowbrook Congregational Church in NoviBy Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

This year's Thanksgiving service had special meaning for Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi. In addition to celebrating the Pilgrim heritage that is such an integral part of the congregational faith, Meadowbrook gave thanks for the recent installation of its new senior minister, Arthur P. Ritter.

Rev. Ritter was formally installed as Meadowbrook's senior minister on Nov. 11. The service, which was attended by congregational ministers from throughout Michigan and other local clergy, marked only the second time Meadowbrook has installed a senior minister in its 22-year history.

The Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt, now minister emeritus, retired as senior minister in May 2006. The Rev. Edward Willingham served as the church's interim minister until Ritter's selection in April. He officially began his ministry at Meadowbrook on Aug. 20.

Ritter said the service was a special one, as a number of people from various places he's worked at attended the event.

A Michigan native, Ritter spent the last nine years as senior minister of First Congregational Church in Salt Lake City, Utah — the only congregational church in Utah and the first non-Latter-day

Saints (Mormon) church in the state. Ritter also served congregational churches in Toulon, Ill., and West Bloomfield.

"Michigan is home for me," Ritter said. "This is a place I plan to stay for a while."

Ritter received his bachelor's degree from Alma College and his master's degree from Central Michigan University. He was ordained in 1985 following graduation from the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and the Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies.

Ritter brings to his ministry in Novi considerable experience with the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, a national fellowship of approximately 450 congregational churches. Ritter currently serves as chairperson of the Congregational Church Development Division. He previously served as chair of the Church and Pastoral Relations Committee and was former moderator of the Southeast Michigan Association.

Ritter said he was drawn to Meadowbrook Congregational Church for numerous reasons, including the eclectic mix of members in both ages and backgrounds, the church's renowned music program, its Christian Education program for children and youth, its strong congregational tradition and the stunning architecture of its building.

Ritter said he would like to continue to focus on the church's youth, along with finding ways to make Meadowbrook more inviting and having music selections that appeal to all generations.

Returning to his Michigan roots also allowed Ritter and his wife, Laura, to be closer to their oldest daughter, Maren, who is currently



Submitted photo

Arthur Ritter is the new senior minister at Novi's Meadowbrook Congregational Church. He comes to Novi after stops in Utah, Illinois and West Bloomfield.

a freshman at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. Younger daughter, Amelia, is an eighth grader in Novi.

"It's always good to be able to come home," Ritter said, "and that's where I want to stay."

Meadowbrook Congregational Church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine roads in Novi.

For further information, contact the church office at (248) 348-7757 or visit the church Web site at www.mbccc.org.

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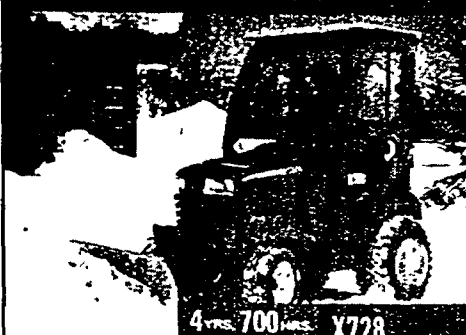
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Church Events

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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Single Place Ministries
DETAILS: Thursday evenings;
7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m.
opening; 8-9 p.m. program; \$5
CONTACT: www.singleplace.org
25th Annual Thanksgiving
Dinner

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
today

LOCATION: Westminster
Presbyterian Church, 17567
Hubbell at W. Outer Dr., Detroit
DETAILS: Car poolers meet at
Starbucks, 8:15 a.m.; return
around noon. Contact Artheilia
Thompson at (313) 341-2697 ext.
210 if you need to depart at
another time.

Assault Crime Prevention
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 29

Advent Candlelight Concert:

Messiah
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday,
Dec. 2
DETAILS: Handel's "Messiah"
performed by the Northville
Concert Chorale with Dr. Darlene
Kuperus, conductor; tickets are
\$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors
and \$5 for students 12-18 years
old, free for under 11 years old;
purchase in advance at the church
office during business hours, after
Sunday services and at the door.

CONTACT: Darlene Kuperus,
Music Director at (248) 349-0911
ext. 206

First Baptist Church of Northville

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing
CONTACT: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. and
6 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first
Saturday of every month

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile
Road
CONTACT: (248) 374-5978
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9 a.m. and 10:20 a.m.
Traditional, 9 a.m. Contemporary
Sunday AM Women's Bible
Study
TIME/DATE: 10:20-11:15 a.m.
every Sunday through Dec. 30
LOCATION: Room A101-103
DETAILS: Karen Nottenkamper
covers "The Life You've Always
Wanted," a study by John
Ortberg.

WOW Bible Studies
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
every Tuesday through Dec. 12
LOCATION: Chapel (NE corner
of church)
DETAILS: Theme "In Your
Wildest Dreams;" seven small
group classes.

Book Study
TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every
Wednesday through Dec. 12
LOCATION: Room C309
DETAILS: "Discerning His
Voice" by Priscilla Shirer
MOPS
TIME/DATE: 9:15-11:15 a.m.
and 7-9 p.m. the first and third
Thursday of each month
LOCATION: Room C307-309
DETAILS: Support and encour-
agement for mothers of young
children

CONTACT: Day MOPS, Jan
Janke (734) 367-9171; for
evening MOPS, Keli Plansinis
(248) 561-8019.

Single Point Ministries
For single adults 40 years and
older
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920
Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m.
Fellowship and refreshments,
Knox Hall
Every Monday: 7 p.m.
Learner's Bible Study, Room A101
Second and Fourth Monday: 7
p.m. Study of Ephesians, Room
C309
Every Tuesday: 7 p.m. Praying
Together, Sanctuary

Northville First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile
Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or
www.fumcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.
Healing Service
DATE: First Monday of every
month
TIME: 4 p.m.
Men's Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m.
every Wednesday
LOCATION: Room 10
Sharing Hearts Women's Bible
Study
TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m.
every Tuesday

LOCATION: Chapel upstairs
DETAILS: Child care available;
cost is \$11 for materials.
Disciple One Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every
Sunday or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every
Wednesday
DETAILS: Course lasts 34
weeks; covers 70 percent of the
Bible.

Disciple Three Bible Study:
Remember Who You Are
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday
Disciple Bible Study: Jesus
and the Gospels
TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every
Sunday
The Faith Club
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every
other Thursday
DETAILS: This interfaith group
will be reading "The Faith Club,"
register at (248) 344-4248.

Meadowbrook Congregational

LOCATION: 21355
Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur Ritter,
Senior Minister (248) 348-7757 or
visit www.mbcc.org or
gmccc@arounddetroit.biz
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.

St. John Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road,
Farmington Hills, between Grand
River and Freedom Roads
CONTACT: 248-474-0584

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road
CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix
(248) 349-5665
Preschool/Kids Choir
TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every
Wednesday
DETAILS: For ages 3-6; all are
welcome.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty
Road
CONTACT: (248) 348-7600
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible
Study, Youth & Children Ministries

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington

LOCATION: 25301 Halsted
Road, Farmington Hills
CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or
http://www.uufarmington.org

St. John's Episcopal Church

LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon
Road, Plymouth
CONTACT: (734) 453-0190
Reinventing Your Life-God is
Calling You to a Song
TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m.
Wednesday evenings
DETAILS: Minimum of 10 peo-
ple required to attend every ses-
sion
CONTACT: Elizabeth Winelm

(734) 953-0190 ext. 10

Novi United Methodist

LOCATION: 41671 W. Ten Mile
Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or
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Alternative Christmas Fair

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Hope Lutheran
Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile Road
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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

LOCATION: 770 Thayer
CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or
www.olvnorthville.org
Saturday Worship
TIME: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship
TIME: 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m.,
12:30 p.m.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WAYNE & OAKLAND COUNTIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PY2008

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 3, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain public input on the proposed uses of PY2008 Wayne & Oakland County Community Development Block Grant Funds. The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or submit written comments.

Total Estimated Allocation - Wayne County	\$51,000
Total Estimated Allocation - Oakland County	\$ 8,000
Proposed uses include:	
Public Services- Senior services	\$11,690
Rehab Publicly Residential	\$41,210
General Program Administration	\$ 6,100

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(11-22-07 NR 388101)

SYNOPSIS NOVEMBER 15, 2007 REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, November 15, 2007
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order
4:30 p.m. PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Supervisor, Sue Hillebrand, Clerk,
Richard Henningsen, Treasurer, Marjorie Banner, Trustee, Marv Gans,
Trustee, Christopher Roosen, Trustee Brad Werner, Trustee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
CLOSED MEETING: (4:30 p.m.)
Motion to enter into Closed Session as permitted under Michigan
Open Meetings Act (PA 267) of 1976 or MCL 15.261) A. Litigation

1. Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas -
approved, add item 2, F. 2.G and item 5 H.

2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions &
Announcements:

A. Kimberly Winnik - Appointment to Ethics Board - approved.
B. Jim Tishowkowski - Appointment to Ethics Board - approved.
C. Charles Nichols - Appointment to Ethics Board - approved.
D. Marguerite Aramian - Appointment to Ethics Board -
approved.
E. Dottie Garity - Appointment to Ethics Board - approved.
F. Marjorie Banner - Reappointment to Zoning Board of Appeals -
approved.
G. Christopher Roosen - Appointment to Planning Commission
approved.

3. Public Hearings:
A. Set CDBG 2008 Budget Public Hearing for December 20,
2007 - approved.

4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: Business owner ques-
tioned sewer fee.

5. New Business:

A. Cantoro Market Rezoning (RZ 07-03) - approved.
B. Northville Community Park Drainage Project Progress
Payment #5 - approved.
C. Woods of Edenderry Pond Detention Pond - Payment
request #3 - approved.
D. Elevated Water Tower - Payment Request #6 - approved.
E. 2006 Distribution System Improvement - Payment Request
#6 - approved.
F. Five Mile Road Booster Water Station - Payment Request #6
- approved.
G. Employee Appreciation - approved.
H. Thayer's Corner Proposal - approved.

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Ordinances:

A. Amendment to Business Licensing Ordinance - tabled.
B. Amendments to Zoning Ordinance - approved.
8. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable for \$2,296,458.90 - approved.
9. Board Reports from Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard
Henningsen, Marjorie Banner Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad
Werner, Chip Snider - Department Reports.

10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of
Trustees: none.

11. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. The minutes
(draft) will be available in the Clerk's office after November 28, 2007.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
MARK J. ABBO, SUPERVISOR
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Mom's in for Holiday 'glam'

The Learning Experience (TLE) child care center of South Lyon invites all busy moms to a free night of pampering, glamour and indulgence to gear up for the holidays 6:30-9:30 p.m. tomorrow.

South Lyon

Holiday Glam: Mom's Night Out will include manicures, massages, psychic readings, holiday home decorating, a fashion show, cooking recipes and casual shopping booths from local merchants. Merchandise sales and raffle proceeds will benefit three local children's charities.

"This is our way of giving moms some much-needed attention and building excitement for the holiday season," said Cynthia Umphrey, TLE co-owner. "We have great relationships with the parents who bring their young children to our center and we wanted to do something special for the moms."

Local merchants participating in the event include: Aqua

Salon (providing free paraffin waxing, mini-manicures, hair product and style consults), Rococo (selling contemporary women's clothing), Grande Trunke (distictive home decor and gifts on sale), Orchard Lake Framing and Gallery (custom framing displays and frames for sale), Pickety Patch Boutique, Jan's Skin Spa (Mirabella mineral makeup application and hand massages), AADO International Designer Purses and Jewelry, Premier Design and Meili Jewelry and Bundles By Dominique.

Proceeds from merchant sales will benefit three local charities: Community Support Team helping seriously ill children, Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family and Active Faith Community Service, a Non-Denominational organization assisting local families in need.

For more information or to RSVP, call Mollie Blixt at (248) 446-6283.



Submitted Photo

Holiday Glam: Moms Night Out, a free night of pampering for local moms takes place from 6:30-9:30 p.m. tomorrow. Local shops will be displaying gifts for purchase, a portion of the proceeds to benefit three local children's charities.

Signs of stress

1. Chronic fatigue — exhaustion, tiredness, a sense of being physically run down
2. Anger at those making demands
3. Self-criticism for putting up with the demands
4. Cynicism, negativity, and irritability
5. A sense of being besieged
6. Exploding easily at seemingly inconsequential things
7. Frequent headaches and gastrointestinal disturbances
8. Weight loss or gain
9. Sleeplessness and depression
10. Shortness of breath
11. Suspiciousness
12. Feelings of helplessness
13. Increased degree of risk taking

(Source: www.assessment.com)

Caregivers of elders offered 'Safe place to vent'

By Jessie Ellis
STAFF WRITER

Caring for an elderly, sick or disabled parent can sap one's strength and lead to burnout.

"Each one of us feels like we're reinventing the wheel," said Suzanne Paul, organizer of an adult caregivers support group at New Hope Church in New Hudson. "It's a safe place to vent."

New Hudson

Paul founded the group while caring for her own elderly parents and in-laws. By the time the group got up and running in January, her parents and mother-in-law had all passed away.

Adult caregivers suffer from an odd reversal of roles that parents and children alike are not comfortable with.

"One of the issues for the adult children is that you become very much the parent," Paul said.

"There's a reversal of roles. It's difficult for the child and difficult for the parent."

Patrick Shannon is a member of the caregivers support group and president of the board of trustees of the congregation of New Hope. He has been caring for his mother, Mary, a resident of South Lyon Nursing and Rehabilitation.

"There's a lot of stress related to caring for an elderly parent," Shannon said. "It can be really demoralizing, especially with the World War II generation. They won't ask for help, they expect you to read minds."

Mary Shannon, 84, suffered a stroke which has severely limited her mobility. Her mind remains sharp, but her body has failed her. Shannon said of his mother, whom he visits three to four times a week and takes care of her finances, a task which has proven to be daunting. Navigating the different systems and trying to find answers to his question has proven difficult.

For Shannon, one of the most difficult parts of being caregiver has been carving out time for himself.

"The ability to say 'No' and setting some boundaries," he said. He noted that when he tries to do more, the more things go awry.

The adult caregivers support group strives to provide a safe place for caregivers to vent their frustrations with ineffectual systems and the demands of parents suffering with illness and disability. It is also a place to find the best resources.

"People will say 'I'm looking for a nursing home that's really a good one,' or they'll say 'Don't go

to that one, it's awful,'" Paul said.

The size of the group averages about six people per meeting. Paul said she would like to see more participation, but she understands that by the nature of their responsibilities, caregivers have difficulty finding time to come to meetings. The largest group was 15 members. At one meeting, only one other person showed up besides Paul.

"But she clearly needed to have a shoulder to cry on," Paul said.

As the Baby Boom generation is busy caring for their aging parents, they have also begun to think about their own futures.

"As we age, we'll be a little

more proactive rather than reactive to an emergency," Paul said.

For Shannon, the group has helped him cope with burnout. He acknowledges that there are plenty of other people that have it much more difficult than he does.

"We're breaking the isolation and silence," he said. "It really diminishes the feelings of guilt and resentment. Just because people are needy in some way doesn't make people bad."

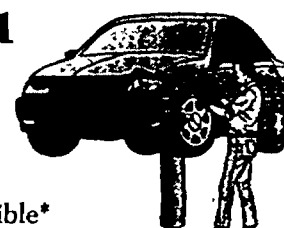
The Adult Caregivers Support Group meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at New Hope Church, 57885 Grand River, New Hudson.

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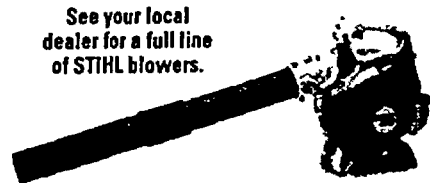


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Foundation must meet with Voices

Nearly 1,000 signatures gathered in two weeks. That's quite an accomplishment for the group known as Voices of Maybury Farm.

It shows how determined members are to figure out what's going on at the Farm and with the organization that runs it, the Northville Community Foundation.

It also shows that a whole lot of people are equally concerned, which is why so many have signed a petition to get the Department of Natural Resources and/or the Michigan Attorney General's office to investigate.

Since the firing of Farmer John Beemer from the Farm on Sept. 28, questionable issues involving the Foundation have been brought up at an alarming rate. It has reached the point of absurdity, and the Foundation's board of directors needs to get ahold of the situation and prove to this community that it — not Shari Peters, its president/executive director — is running the Foundation.

The Voices have requested a meeting with the Foundation board. Accepting the invite would show that the NCF directors are willing to listen to the concerns.

But that's just the first step.

The board then needs to take action. Writing a letter or two to this newspaper isn't good enough. Solid answers must be given or changes need to be implemented.

The NCF has time to do it now on its own accord. Or, it can wait until state officials look into it.

We think the former is the way to go.

LETTERS

Not fair to Beemers

For the past weeks, I have been reading with interest about the firing of Farmer John Beemer. Then, today, I saw the letter from the NCF saying that Farmer Beemer was denied unemployment. Well you would have thought that when the NCF saw all the bad press they were getting about firing Farmer Beemer, that the last thing they would have wanted was for him to be denied his unemployment.

I think everyone who donates to the NCF should make their donations to Farmer Beemer instead of the NCF. I, for one, refused to go to the corn maze with my children this year, and we will be using Hines Park more.

Yes, times may be changing, but you should not have put Farmer Beemer and his wife out in the cold that way. I would love to know how any of these board member or Ms. Peters would feel if their job was just yanked out from under their feet with nothing to fall back on.

D. Merriman
Northville

Thanks to Northville

On behalf of Christoph's ALL Stars, I would like to thank the entire community of Northville.

Christoph Bartschat, an 11-year-old leukemia patient, inspired friends and neighbors to help him raise funds for leukemia research. The name, Christoph's ALL Stars, relates to his diagnosis: Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

In September, we held an Open House Auction to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Michigan. The Northville Record ran a beautiful photo by John Heider and Pam Fleming wrote a great story about Christoph and the event. The photo proved instrumental in helping our group procure numerous donations from local businesses. Our event was extremely successful and raised close to \$20,000 to fund research and improve the lives of patients with blood cancer.

There was a tremendous outpouring of talent from the community, which made the event so wonderful. Numerous community members, working together, created a fabulous evening at the Toll Brothers Model Home in the Northville Hills Golf Club subdivision. Local businesses, individuals, Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions, several NFL players and coaches were very generous in their auction donations. Toll Brothers Builders provided an elegant venue and food was donated by area restaurants. We are extremely grateful for all of the support and look forward to a similar event next year.

In addition to offering their time, talent and funds, many of the people who attended the Open House became blood donors recently at

the Northville Hills Golf Club blood drive, organized by Women with a Purpose. Many cancer patients are dependent on regular transfusions of blood and platelets, so blood donation is a priceless gift. Please consider becoming a regular donor. Visit www.givelife.org for more information.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success! Christoph's ALL Stars will continue to encourage awareness and raise funds for research.

For more information, please e-mail christophsallstars@comcast.net.

Anita Bartschat
Northville

Scout thanks

I would like to thank everyone who helped with my Eagle Scout leadership service project to benefit Howe Elementary School in Detroit. Some volunteered their time; some donated books, school supplies, or money.

Thank you to BSA Troop 755, Sunset District, and Detroit Area Council for approving my project. Thank you for the generous donations from families in Northville Commons, Northville Colony, Lakes of Northville, Maple Hill, Parkstone and Northville Trails subdivisions.

Scouts, scouters, family and friends, Kroger, Office Max, and Durr Systems Inc. — I couldn't have done it without you. With your support, I collected 2,854 books plus 12 boxes of school supplies for the Pre-K to fifth-grade students at Howe.

Thank you for making a difference.

Andrew Benjamin, Life Scout — BSA Troop 755
Northville

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Pondering parrots, puppies and priorities

My pet parrot, Jasper, so named by my daughter, Katherine, died after nine years of companionship and friendship. He frequently traveled with me. Many people, young and old, would smile as he would sit on their shoulder, hand or head. There are pictures in many photo albums across the state of young children holding Jasper. I am sad to lose him and yet smile thinking of the joy he brought to me and many others.

I know the pain one feels when they lose a loved one — human or pet. My heart aches when I read stories about tragic accidents that destroy families, the young men and women who give their lives and limbs for our country and a young athlete like Ryan Shay, the marathon runner who dropped dead in the prime of his life as he pursued his dreams to represent our country in the 2008 Olympics. Sad, tragic and heart-breaking.

Life is precious. My Mom, a smoker a good part of her life, is

tethered to an oxygen tank and holding onto life with the support of her lifelong companion, my dad. It's painful to see someone you love suffer; you agonize about the thought of losing them. It reminds me of a saying a friend repeats — it is not that life is so short, it is that death is for so very long. Yes, many of us hope to meet our loved ones in heaven — but we want and need to enjoy them here on earth as long as we can.

Pain and sorrow can bring out the best in people. You would be without a heart if you did not gasp at the recent story about those that are trying to save a pit bull puppy, "the sole survivor of a litter that were hog-tied and set afire in an abandoned northwest Detroit home," as reported locally.

The outpouring of support and offers to help this poor puppy are touching and show the compassion and love that many in this state and across the nation have for animals.

However, juxtaposed to this outpouring of sympathy and support for the burned puppy is a story in the same paper in the same week about a homeless man attacked by a roaming pack of pit bull dogs. The man was hospitalized in critical condition with bite wounds. He has had two limbs amputated and may not live. Where is the outpouring of sympathy and support for this man?

Friends who work for emergency services in Detroit and local hospitals talk about an "alarming number of cases" where dogs, mainly pit bulls, are roaming the city and attacking people; especially vulnerable people with disabilities and the homeless. I can't imagine a much worse fate than to be attacked by a dog or pack of dogs and being mauled to death. Where is the outrage about the loss of this man's dignity and perhaps his life attributed to dogs roaming our streets?

I can't help but question where

our priorities lie as a community when I read these stories about the helpless puppy and the helpless homeless man and our public response or non-response to such events. Is the lack of outrage about the man being mauled because he was homeless and hence somehow less valuable as a member of our society? As one homeless man told me awhile back, "The difference between you and I is a job and a home."

It has been reported that there has been a remarkable outpouring of support and donations to help the burned puppy, named Miracle, since the incident was reported. Sad to say, there has not been the same level of public outcry nor support for the man mauled nearly to death. The puppy has a name and support while the man remains unidentified and alone.

Given what is happening in our state, with unemployment nearly double the national average (greater still in our urban core), the continued convulsion in the auto



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industry and home foreclosures hovering at depression level records, the old saying, "There but for the grace of God, go I" takes on a powerful meaning.

There is much pain across our great state today. In spite of all the misery happening around us, we must never become numb to the plight of a helpless puppy or a man homeless and down on his luck.

According to the Bible and other religious writings, "What you do (or fail to do), unto the least of your fellow man, you do (or fail to do) unto God." Regardless of whether you are a

faith-based believer or not, we must all find ways to assist the helpless and provide comfort to the afflicted.

As Thanksgiving and the holiday season approaches, let's all find a way to give back and give thanks for all we have.

As for me, I believe my friend Jasper is flying high somewhere in the afterlife, wishing he was here with me bringing joy and happiness into others' lives. And I am hoping for a miracle; that the man mauled by the dogs lives and that there will be an outpouring of support for him as well.

Union contracts will help state's recovery

Michigan, as we all know, needs to regain not only prosperity — but also an informed belief in, and hope for, a better future.

Right now we are home to a domestic auto industry struggling through the greatest and most difficult transformation of modern times. We're facing a 7.7-percent unemployment rate, highest in the nation. We have thousands of homes under repossession, with more to come, all the consequence of the sub-prime mortgage crisis.

For the first time since the Great Depression, we are seeing reductions in the absolute value of real property, even in wealthy Oakland County. And at bottom, lies a political and policy system that is — putting it charitably — broken, as the spectacle of how our lawmakers behaved during the budget crisis has made all too clear.

Yet there are other less obvious, but perhaps even more important factors: Long-standing, deeply-embedded cultural attitudes that hinder progress. We have a baffling and unjustified scorn for education; according to a Detroit News poll, only 27 percent of Michigan families consider post high-school education critical to their kids' success. Too many of us are reluctant to

accept risk and are too willing to tolerate failure. All this has worked to stall the development of a take-charge, creative entrepreneurial economy that our state desperately needs if we are again to be competitive.

The problem with cultural issues, of course, is that they are intangible, hard to get at and even harder to change.

But now for the — very — good news: The recently concluded labor agreements between the domestic automobile manufacturers and the United Auto Workers represent the single-most important cultural change in Michigan in more than half a century.

Since the 1930s, confrontation between labor and management has been the hallmark of the auto industry, our most important. Its history has been one of shop-floor anger, out-of-touch management, repeated strikes and restrictive and complex contracts.

Now we have a series of labor contracts that reduce the labor costs to the car companies by something like \$30 an hour, putting them nearly on a par with the foreign transplant plants. They also offer a two-tier wage structure that significantly reduces the wages paid to non-core job classifications. In return,

the companies are committed to make investments in existing and new plants and to manufacture new product in UAW-represented facilities.

David Cole, president of the Center for Automotive Research, told me this is an historic shift in the culture, from confrontation to collaboration. Cole thinks this change has been developing for around a decade, but the threat of disaster facing the domestic manufacturers and their union partners has been so terrifying as to speed this up, inspiring new contracts that call for a completely different way of working together. "Instead of framing the choice as between gold and silver," Cole told me, "both the union and the companies realize the real choice is between silver and lead."

After all, the word "collaboration" comes from "co" ("together") and the Latin verb, "laborare" ("to work"). A collaborative relationship, like a marriage, doesn't mean the partners never argue or disagree.

But it does mean they recognize it is in each party's basic interest to work together. Many people have remarked about southeast Michigan's preference for conflict, argument, confrontation. And many have suggested that this long-standing cultural



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attitude stems from the labor relations pattern in the automobile industry.

Perhaps the new auto contracts represent a change that will spread much farther. Imagine what a culture of collaboration might do to relationships between Detroit and the suburbs! Another deeply ingrained cultural attitude hindering Michigan has been "entitlement thinking," the attitude that gold-plated health care coverage or generous pensions are to be expected from any job. Plus, the attitude that workers are entitled to such benefits regardless of what they do or how successful their employer is.

Consider, now, the VEBAs (Voluntary Employers' Benefit Associations) in the new contracts. Setting up these trusts inside the UAW to pay for

retirees' health care takes that liability off the balance sheets of the auto companies — and doesn't stop there.

The trusts are funded by complex financial instruments called "convertible debentures," which can be converted into company stock. That means UAW members have become major equity owners of the auto companies. Preliminary calculations suggest the UAW's stake in General Motors is now around 16 percent, nearly 15 percent at Ford.

What the VEBAs have done is, in effect, converted a defined benefit health care plan (i.e. one in which the benefits are set regardless of the contribution of the employee) into a defined contribution program (in which the contributions of the employees are fixed and, therefore, can only buy as much health care as they

can pay for). This conversation hits at the core of entitlement attitudes that are so damagingly pervasive in Southeastern Michigan.

Both sets of cultural changes — moving from confrontation to collaboration and from entitlement to shared responsibility — are enormous in their implications for the future health of our state.

And both are driven by the most powerful objective facts in Michigan — the workings of the auto industry.

Yes, the new contracts will be important — maybe revolutionary — in their long-term economic impact. But what they might do to overcome and reverse long-held cultural patterns in our state may in the long run be far more important for our futures.

ETCETERA: Be sure to visit northvillerecord.com for parks & rec, class reunions, support groups and more.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, November 22, 2007
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Local Events

Food Drive

DATE: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday; Nov. 26-Dec. 21

LOCATION: Main Street Family Chiropractic Center, 109 W. Main St.

DETAILS: Help fill our lobby, items needed are canned food, canned fruit, crackers, laundry soaps, etc.; for every can of food or donation given you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win chiropractic services, chiropractic items and massages. All proceeds go to Civic Concern.

Personal & Professional Etiquette

LOCATION: 133 West Main St., Suite 190

CONTACT: (248) 349-1114

Social Etiquette

TIME/DATE: Ages 8-11: 4:45-5:45 p.m. Ages 12-17: 6-7 p.m. Dates and times to be announced.

Communication Skills

TIME/DATE: Ages 8-11: 4:45-5:45 p.m. Ages 12-17: 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30.

Table Manners

TIME/DATE: Ages 8-11: 4:45-5:45 p.m. Ages 12-17: 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, 13, 21, 27.

DETAILS: All sessions cost \$75. Please call to register over the phone or mail payment with student's name, age, complete address, phone number, e-mail and course choice to address above C/O Miss Harriet's Dance Studio.

As the Page Turns

LOCATION: 149 N. Center St., Suite 102

CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or www.assthepageturns.biz

Wonderful Wednesdays

DATE: Nov. 28, Sue Bennett,

jewelry artist

TIME: noon-1 p.m.

DETAILS: Fun activities and free slices of pizza; book prices change weekly.

Storytime

TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1

NHS Senior All Night Party

MEETING

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28

LOCATION: Northville High School Forum

DETAILS: Second parent meeting for the Senior All Night Party.

Mitch McVicker Concert

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29

LOCATION: First Baptist Church, 217 N. Wing St., Northville

DETAILS: McVicker, gospel music songwriter and award winner, will perform; a free will offering will be taken.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 or visit www.fbnnet.org or www.mitchmcvicker.com.

Northville Book Club

TIME/LOCATION: 7 p.m. at Starbucks, 302 E. Main Street (downtown Northville)

DATE: Friday, Nov. 30 "All the King's Men," Dec. 14 "Catcher in the Rye" (Salinger) DETAILS: Please have read books entirely read.

CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

Holidays in the Village

DATE: Nov. 30-Dec. 2 weekend

LOCATION: Northville Village stores at 6 Mile and Haggerty roads

DETAILS: Bring a bag of non-perishable food items to benefit the Northville Civic Concern food drive. Stores are sponsoring several activities and there is a 5K Fun Run. Parking at Ward Church available with free shuttle service to shopping center.

CONTACT: Renee Miller (734) 765-4987 or Betsy Storr (248) 348-1274

Holiday Open House

TIME/DATE: 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1

LOCATION: Northville Square, 133 Main Street

DETAILS: The Holiday Open House allows guests to meet new

people and rekindle old friendships. All community members are invited. Cost is \$25 per person. Proceeds fund grants to graduating seniors, which are presented at the Northville High School Honors Convocation in May. Last spring four scholarships of \$1,000 were awarded.

CONTACT: To purchase tickets or make contributions, call Cheryl Spines (248) 349-5855 or Margaret Surd (248) 349-7665; also holidaypartyRSVP@hotmail.com

The Holidays in Northville

Children's Christmas Workshop

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1

LOCATION: New School Church, Mill Race Village

DETAILS: Children in grades 1-6 hand-make 7 old-fashion, Christmas gifts. Space is limited.

CONTACT: (248) 349-2833.

Candlelight Walk

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7

DETAILS: This will be an enhanced First Fridays Art Walk and shopping experience.

Girls' Night Out Late Night Shopping

DATE: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6

Guys' Night Out Late Night Shopping

DATE: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13

Northville Nite 2007

DATE: New Year's Eve, Dec. 31

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: Family night of carnival games, entertainment, food and giant toys. Tickets go quickly. Contact the Parks and Rec. at (248) 349-0203 ext. 1411.

Northville's North Pole

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 1

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main

DETAILS: Bring the kids and join in the Christmas fun; refreshments, crafts, a letter to Santa table, a Christmas Story and a visit from Santa; ages 3 and up; \$10 per child and \$2 per adult; register at the Parks and Rec Office, 700 W. Baseline Road.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

"Messiah" Advent

Candlelight Concert

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St.

DETAILS: The Northville Concert Choral presents this magnificent choral work by George Friderich Handel; conducted by Dr. Darlene Kuperus. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors 65 and over, \$5 for students 12-18 years, children under 11 free.

Contact the church for tickets at (248) 349-0911.

2007 Gingerbread Open House

TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2

LOCATION: The Inn at St. Johns' 44045 Five Mile Road

DETAILS: Free fun for the family; carriage rides, live reindeer, petting farm, visits with Santa and a gingerbread house display; refreshments; please bring a donation of non-perishable food items to benefit St. Vincent de Paul. Visit the Web site to learn how to enter the gingerbread building competition.

CONTACT: (734) 414-0600 or www.theinnatstjohns.com

Scottie's Kitchen Cooking

Classes

DATE: Monday, Dec. 3, Fish with Chef Michelle Bommarito

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 6, Polish food with Chef Mary Spencer

TIME: 6-8 p.m.

LOCATION: 149 N. Center St., Suite 101

DETAILS: Classes are \$35 each. For more information contact (248) 344-7990 or visit www.scottieskitchen.com.

Handcrafters Craft Show

DATE: Friday-Sunday, Dec. 7-9

LOCATION: Northville Recreation Center at Hillside

CONTACT: (734) 459-0050

All A-Glow/Illumination for

Education by Northville Mother's Club

DATE: Friday, Dec. 7

CONTACT: (248) 449-1385

Holiday Hope for Dysfunctional Families

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

LOCATION: Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville

DETAILS: Motivational speaker Susan McKenna and therapist Arnold Keller present this free class for those struggling with the holidays and the effects of growing up in dysfunctional families; to pre-register, please call (248) 348-1100.

Beckridge Chorale Presents "Gloria"

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9

LOCATION: Northville High School

DETAILS: Tickets are \$12 and \$15.

CONTACT: (734) 416-9885 or visit www.beckridgechorale.org.

Marquis Theatre

135 E. Main St.

CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or northvillmarquistheatre.com

The Jungle Book

TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26;

2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27; and 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 26-28

DETAILS: Holiday fun for everyone. See the monkey fly. Kipling's classic story of jungle animals and the boy named Mowgli; tickets \$8; no children under 3; group rates for 20 or more.

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.

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: Saturday, 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.

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: 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; cost is \$36/\$42.

Third Annual Holiday Art Market

DATE: Nov. 17-Jan. 4;

Members Only Preview 6-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 followed by the Opening Gala from 7-9 p.m. with refreshments, silent auction and shopping; public welcome.

DETAILS: Unique gifts for the holidays; over 50 artists featured.

Girls Night Out

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6

DETAILS: Shop the Holiday Art Market; enjoy libations and creations, raffle; free.

First Friday Art Walk

TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7

DETAILS: Holiday Art Market open, refreshments.

Venetian Carnivale

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008

DETAILS: Save the date for a special fundraiser for the Art House. Elegant evening will be held at an historic 1929 Tudor home, featuring entertainment, strolling dinner provided by Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro and original Venetian-style art for

exhibit and sale. Formal attire or Venetian costume requested. Tickets are \$100 per person and go on sale soon at the Northville Art House.

Friday Fun at Center Stage Dance Company

TIME/DATE: 4:30-5:45 p.m. Hip Hop Friday is the second Friday of each month; Tap Jam Friday is the third Friday of each month.

LOCATION: Center State Dance Company, 43334 W. Seven Mile Road, Suite 250, Northville

DETAILS: Ages 6 and up are invited to free-style their hip hop and tap moves, dance with friends and help kids in their community; \$1 cover charge goes toward purchasing holiday gifts for the children at Hawthorn Center.

CONTACT: (248) 380-1666

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CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com

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TIME/DATE: Interactive comedy playing every day in December for lunch and dinner; \$45 per person includes 7-course dinner and show.

Children's Lunch Theater and Santa

DATE: 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1; 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2; 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 15 and 22; 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, 16 and 23; 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13

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. Will open any date for 25 or more.

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.)

State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually.

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.

Owl Prowl

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8

LOCATION: Concessions building, use 8 Mile Road entrance.

DETAILS: This free program includes owl calling, stories and refreshments; suitable for all ages; park entry pass required.

CONTACT: (248) 347-0899

Mill Race Historical Village

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

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

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

Thursday: Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday: Closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. private party; 5:45 p.m. private party

Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 10 a.m. Kings 8th; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scout meeting

Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 7 p.m. Lions Club

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats

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

* Grounds closed to public

NHS Class of 2008 Senior All Night Party

TIME/DATE: 10:30 p.m.-4:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 2008

DETAILS: Get tickets early for the Senior All Night Party; tickets are \$55 through December and increase to \$70 on Jan. 1, 2008; contact Shirley Rogers at (248) 348-7295 for more information. Unpainted wooden horses are available to purchase for \$40 and can be personalized by parents for their senior. They will be displayed at the All Night Party; order a horse now and it will be available

in the spring; contact Mary Jo Blasius at (248) 349-0101. Order forms for tickets and horses are available online at www.northville.k12.mi.us and checks should be made payable to Northville Senior Class Party; mail to Janet Goldberg, 18833 Oak Leaf Lane, Northville 48168.

Regional Events

Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan

DETAILS: Regional orchestra has openings in intermediate and advanced orchestras, also sax choir, for interested student musicians. Rehearsals take place at Churchill High School Saturday mornings. Contact Kathy Bilger at (734) 464-8704 or auditions@LYPM.org for more information.

Jeff Daniels & Friends

Holiday Concert

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24

LOCATION: Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor

DETAILS: Concert features Michigan artists Seth Bernard & Daisy May, Jeremy Kittel Trio, Repercussions, Steppin In It and Josh White, Jr. Tickets on sale at http://www.ticketmaster.com, the Michigan Union ticket office (734) 763-TKTS and all Ticketmaster outlets at \$27.50-\$75.

"Remembering the DSR of Old Detroit"

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26

LOCATION: Senior Center, Farmington and 5 Mile Roads, Livonia

DETAILS: Presented by Livonia Historical Society at no cost; speakers Ken and Jack Schramm (Transportation Historian for the City of Detroit) encourage guests to bring DSR memorabilia (tickets, routes, ads). Refreshments will be served.

Christmas in Canton

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2

LOCATION: Village Theater at Cherry Hill

DETAILS: Orchestra Canton's musical family holiday concert including a performance with the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society youth orchestra; tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for children and may be purchased at the Summit On the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460, ext. 0, online at www.canton-mi.org or one hour before performance at the Village Theater box office.

Friends of the Foster

Farmhouse Fundraiser

TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4

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NHS Music Boosters to shell out \$30,000 in prizes in raffle

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

The Northville High School Music Boosters are giving fans of the bands more than 30 opportunities to win cash prizes from \$150 to \$15,000 and a number of other awards through the Music Booster Raffle.

More than \$30,000 in monetary prizes and several merchandise awards will be given away at an event next month. Group members are giving anyone who purchases a raffle ticket, for \$100, of which only 1,000 will be sold, a 1 in 32 chance of winning.

Aside from the cash prizes, which make up the first 25 awards, the group will also raffle off a hand-painted wood table

from Paraphernalia, a decorated Christmas tree, a two-story doll house, a basket of kitchen gadgets from Northville's Scottie's Kitchen and a piggy bank with at least \$150 in it.

Northville Music Boosters supporter Sue Nichols said this is a big event for the band enthusiasts.

Therese Grossi, Northville High Music Booster president, said she's pleased with ticket sales thus far.

"I think this community really appreciates what the (Northville High School) band and choir do for this area and as a result, we've sold tickets to many people who don't even have a student in the program."

The funds generated through the raffle are used to support the

750 students who participate in Northville High choir and band programs. The 2006 raffle brought in \$48,000 and helped defray the cost of many items for the program, including new tubas, financial support for the annual spring choir trip to Toronto and a new music curriculum and scholarship for summer music programs.

Winners' names will be drawn at about 9:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 after the Northville High Holiday Concerts at the Northville High School Holiday Afterglow Party in the Mustangs' cafeteria.

Northville Record staff writer Jason Carmel Davis can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or jasondavis@gannett.com

Raffle details

Get Northville High School Music Booster raffle tickets at any of these events:

Band-U-Rama: 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 in the Northville High School Auditorium
Northville High School Holiday Concerts: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, Thursday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 15.
Tickets cost \$5 and go on sale Thursday, Nov. 29

Below is a listing of possible prizes that will be given out at about 9:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Northville High Afterglow Party.

First prize: \$15,000
Second prize: \$6,000
Third prize: \$3,000
Fourth prize: \$2,000

Fifth prize: \$1,000
Sixth-10th prize: \$750
11th-15th prize: \$300
16th-25th prize: \$150

26th-30th prize: Hand-painted wood table from Paraphernalia, a decorated Christmas tree, a two-story doll house, a basket of kitchen gadgets from Northville's Scottie's Kitchen and a piggy bank containing at least \$150

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call Raffle Chair Mary Jo Ring at (248) 465-9987.

Special Section

Be sure to see next week's edition of the Northville Record, which will include a special section dedicated to the high school music program.

Courtesy photos

Ridge Wood events

Top: Northville bus drivers and Buster The Bus visit Ridge Wood Elementary to teach kindergartners bus safety



Bottom: Northville Barnes and Noble (Six Mile and Haggerty roads) welcome Mrs. Zecman's second graders from Ridge Wood Elementary to shop for "Just Right Books."



ON CAMPUS

Ferris State University

The following Northville residents graduated from Ferris State University in August: Lauren Connolly and Rebecca Middlemis both received their associate in applied science degrees in Radiography.

The following Northville residents were placed on the Ferris State University Academic Honors List for the semester that ended in August: Andrew Maguire and Rachael Zaas.

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Mixing it up

Students and staff at Meads Mill middle school participated in Mix It Up Day. During lunch, participants were encouraged to sit near students that they do now know. The object of the day was to get to know and appreciate as many students as possible. Mix It Up Day was well received by the students who seemed to enjoy the change. The lead teachers for the event were Melissa Morse and Sarah Deblen.

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Northville pompon girls to participate in today's parade

The elite Mid American Pompon All Star team will perform in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade for the 21st consecutive year. The prestigious All Star team, which originated in 1986 with only 40 members, has grown to 228 performers from high schools all over Michigan. Each year, they perform at several events throughout the United States.

The All Star Team is comprised of pompon girls from more than 40 cities in Michigan. Seven girls from Northville High School are members of this unique blend of talented performers who practice together only one day prior to the parade.

The girls are responsible for learning the routines prior to the event from a DVD created for them by Mid American Pompon staff. Their performance style is traditional pompon, which involves sharp, precise moves and spectacular kick-lines. During the parade, they will perform their routine up to 40 times. The All Star Team's uniforms are patriotic colors of red, silver, blue



Mid American Pompon was established in 1979 by its creator and president, Karen Blazaitis. It has become Michigan's leader in pom and dance instruction and summer camps for high school teams. The team has had more than 2,000 performers participate in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

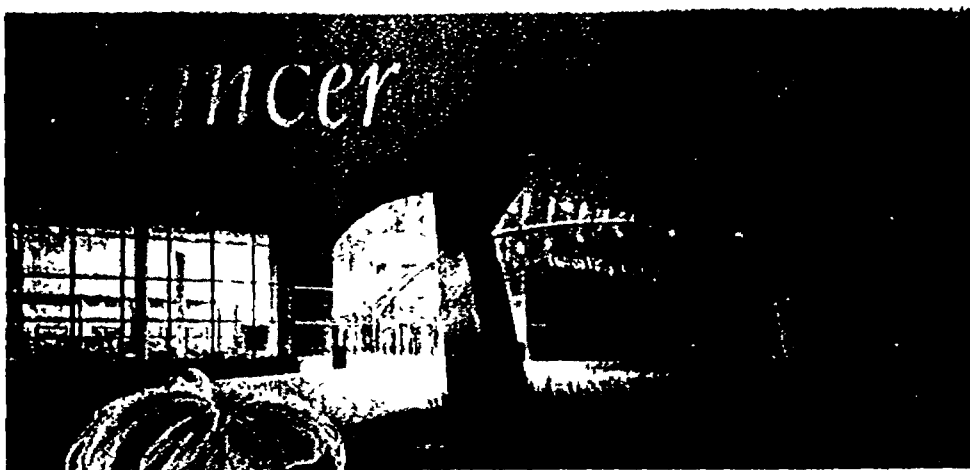
and black with metallic pompons.

To be eligible to try out for the Mid American Pompon team, girls must be a member of a high school varsity pom/dance team. Each year, team members are selected based upon their outstanding showmanship, academic stature and pompon/dance performing abilities. Auditions take place at Mid American summer camps.

In addition to America's

Thanksgiving Day Parade, the team will perform at the Motor City Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit on Dec. 26. They have also had the honor of performing at Presidential Inaugural Parades for President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush; the Fiesta Bowl and Citrus Bowl Parades; the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta; Sea World of Ohio; Piston's and Ignition games; Epcot Center and on Carnival Cruise Lines.

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BE SCENE



Left: Mary Dalrymple rides around in a small wagon during the Holiday Lighted Parade tossing candy out to kids along the route.



Right: Charlie Van Ripper walks his dog Basil in last Friday's Holiday Lighted Parade in downtown Northville. Both wore holiday themed gear.

LIGHTING UP DOWNTOWN



A Brownie group, dressed as Christmas packages, marches in last Friday's Holiday Lighted Parade.



The Victorian Woman's Parasol Brigade marches in Christmas costume in last week's Holiday Lighted Parade.



Left: A couple of young ladies wait for the parade to start.

Right: The Northville High School color guard marches along Main St. during last week's parade.



Photos by John Heider/Northville Record

Saving pennies for a great cause



Arlette Comben, rear center, and her Amerman fourth-grade class raised more than 45,000 pennies as a part of October is Math month. The money will go to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life campaign.

Photo by Jason Davis/Northville Record

Amerman fourth-graders raise more than 45,000 pennies for American Cancer Society

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

The students in Arlette Comben's Amerman Elementary School fourth-grade class did a number of things they might not normally do to earn money.

That might sound "kid typical," but everything the youngsters did, from laundry, to washing dishes and other chores, was for a good cause.

Each October, Amerman classes compete to see which group of students in the elementary school can raise the most pennies as part of "October is Math" month. The mounds and mounds of change are then sent to the American Cancer Society for its Relay for Life Campaign, according to Comben.

Comben's fourth-grade class, with help from parents and friends, won this year's event by raising 45,413 pennies — almost 20,000 more than it raised last year, when the class also won the event. For their efforts, the class

will receive a pizza party sometime next month.

Aside from doing chores around their homes, the students said they made and sold bracelets, bookmarks, jewelry and arts & crafts. The class also received some help from a competing teacher, as he "donated" his class's bounty to Comben's group once it was out of the running.

Relay For Life is a fundraising event of the American Cancer Society, and is held in many countries. It is an overnight event where a number of people who have sponsors walks for an extended period of time, and is designed to spread awareness of cancer prevention, treatments and cures, celebrate survivorship and raise money for research to find more cures for cancer.

Northville's Relay for Life event takes place in May, Comben said. "We have a student-run credit union here each week through a partnership with Community Financial," said Amerman Principal Steve Anderson. "Once we get all the pennies counted up, they go to (Community Financial), the bank writes a check and it goes to the (American Cancer Society).

"We've done this for three years. It's a great way to get the kids involved with a good cause."

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Illuminating education

■ Mother's Club of Northville event to honor individuals, remember loved ones and benefit local students

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Northville community can purchase a holiday tree light in honor of someone special and, at the same time, support Northville school children through the Mothers' Club of Northville All Aglow: Illumination for Education program.

The All Aglow Illumination Ceremony, set for 6:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 in the Church Square, located on the southwest corner of Main and Dunlap streets, will include a holiday sing-a-long with the Hillside and Meads Mill middle school choirs and the lighting of the All Aglow holiday tree, as well as complimentary cookies and hot chocolate.

All Aglow will take place from 6-9 p.m. in conjunction with the downtown Candlelight Walk and First Friday event the same evening presented by the Northville Central Business Association. All honorees will also be listed on the Mothers' Club board located in the Church Square, as well as in a special All Aglow advertisement in *The Northville Record*.

"The Mothers' Club of Northville has been hosting the All Aglow fundraising event for several years," Mothers' Club member Leslie Moran said. "The money raised allows for school enrichment programs to continue even in difficult economic times, and in fact, has helped the district meet curricular needs."

Brochures with information on how to honor someone through All Aglow are available at each of the 12 Northville Public School District buildings. For a donation, according to Mothers' Club member Janet Naughton, mini tree lights are provided should anyone wish to present one to an honoree.

"The holidays are a time to remember and honor the special people in our lives," said Holly Cracraft, chair of this year's All Aglow event.

"All Aglow is a wonderful way to recognize friends, family members, teachers and all those who make a difference in our community. At the same time, all the money raised through All Aglow goes to support programs that will directly benefit Northville school children."

For more information on the All Aglow event, contact Cracraft at hollycray1@aol.com or Moran at moranant@comcast.net.

For more information on the Mothers' Club, e-mail Georgiana Rushing at rushing5@wowway.com.

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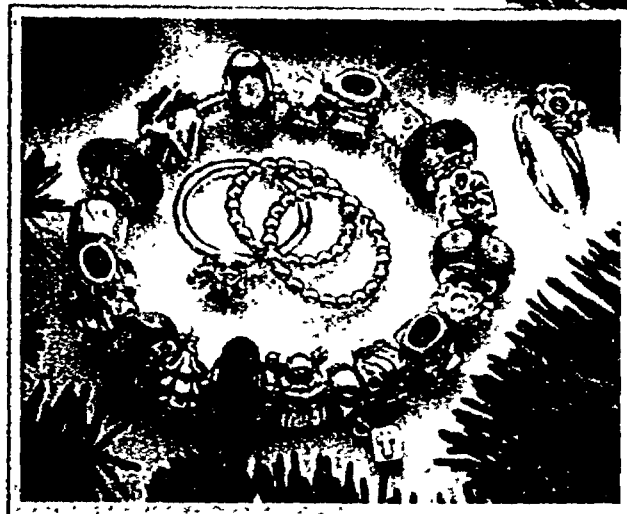
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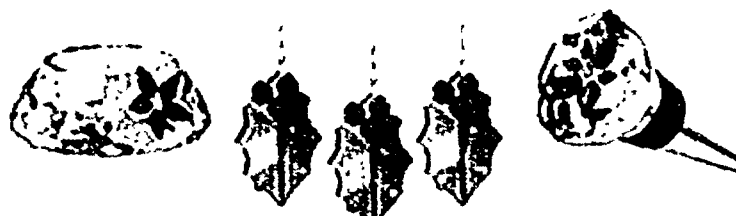
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Northville charged



Area players help make up the Hillsdale football team. From left, Alex Wojcik (Northville/CC), Will Danko (Brother Rice), Evan Duey (Northville), Ryan Wiska (Catholic Central), Mark Yassay (Northville), Bill Riegner (Northville) and Bill Brown (Northville).

Area players bring life to Hillsdale football

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Hillsdale football team came within one game of making the playoffs, despite being picked near last in their conference in preseason polls.

Along for the ride were six players from Northville and Catholic Central.

Northville graduates Bill Brown, Bill Riegner, Evan Duey and Mark Yassay teamed up with Catholic Central graduates Alex Wojcik and Ryan Wiska to bring excitement to Hillsdale football.

"It's good football out in that area," Charger head coach Keith Otterbein said. "We hope to continue to get players out of that area. We think that's a good spot for us."

"We're going to go into those areas every year and try to find kids that are smart enough to go to school here and are good football players that can help us win championships."

Area players

Wojcik finished his junior season with the Chargers and will be expected to increase his workload next year as a senior safety.

"He's been in a lot of special teams play and spot play. This was his first year starting," Otterbein said. "He made a lot of tackles. He was very dependable."

Brown, a wide receiver, played behind a pair of all-league teammates but still found a way to contribute.

"When he got his chances he was ready," Otterbein said. "He knows our offense. He's going to be a fifth-year senior."

"He's got to play his best football as a senior and if that's the case, I'm sure he'll be looking to get more snaps."

Riegner played as a backup linebacker his junior season.

"He's been a great backup for us," Otterbein said. "He's been a special team player his whole time."

He's another one that's going to be a fifth-year senior next year.

"He's very dependable, a good, hard-working kid."

Duey is one of the youngsters of the Northville group. After redshirting his freshman season, he will have plenty of opportunity to gain playing time as positions open up.

"Evan is going to be a good player," Otterbein said. "He got dinged up a little bit this year."

"With the graduation of a couple seniors on the offensive line, we need to find a couple of guys. He's one of those guys that can maybe step up."

Yassay is on the other side of the trench as Duey, playing his sophomore year on the defensive line.

"Yass is a two-year starter already," Otterbein said. "He had never played defensive line (before Hillsdale). He's getting better and stronger."

"His improvement was directly effected in we were a better run defense this year."

Wiska played his freshman season as a backup offensive lineman. He has extensive knowledge in run-blocking thanks to his years at Catholic Central.

"He comes from a football family. His dad played at Michigan State," Otterbein said. "He was on the scout team working against our defense this year."

Playoff push

The Chargers finished 8-3. A 24-21 heartbreaking loss to Saginaw Valley kept Hillsdale from making the playoffs. But Otterbein likes the make-up of his squad and what the future holds for Hillsdale football.

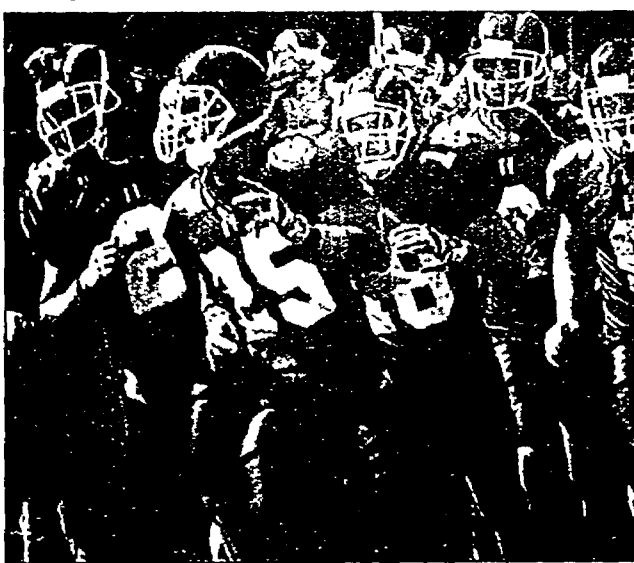
"We've been getting better players," he said. "There's a magic chemistry. Every once in a while you get a group that's driven toward a goal. For 356 days they were driven toward a goal to make the playoffs in Division 2."

"For 356 days, our battle cry was Nov. 17, the first round of the playoffs. Other than just falling a little bit short ... that team was highly motivated to that goal."

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Above: Defensive lineman Mark Yassay works against Michigan Tech.
Below: Alex Wojcik (25) leads the team out against Michigan Tech.



Stangs' swim to fifth in state

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville swam its way into the fifth spot Friday and Saturday during the state meet at Eastern Michigan University.

Ann Arbor Pioneer won its eighth-straight title with 340 points. Livonia Stevenson took second with 181, followed by South Lyon with 151, Rockford with 144 and Northville with 113.

"It really was a great weekend," Northville head coach Brian McNeff said. "We were ranked 10th going in. We thought that we could get higher. On Friday, we swam amazing. It was pretty special."

"To be in the top five, that's

All-State swims

Jessica Weber fourth in the 100, and seventh in the 200 freestyle

Meghan Kanya seventh place in the 200 freestyle Emily Hopcian eighth place in the 100 butterfly 200 and 400 freestyle teams of Weber, Kanya, Hopcian and Rachel Englert placed fifth

pretty good. It really meant a lot to the girls."

Jessica Weber had two All-State swims in all four events she

entered. The top eight finishers in each event are All-State.

She placed fourth in the 100 freestyle (52.97), seventh in the 200 freestyle (1:57.26) and was part of the 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams that finished fifth with Meghan Kanya, Rachel Englert and Emily Hopcian. The 200 relay finished in 1:40.14. The 400 relay touched the wall at 3:39.02.

"It really wasn't until the 400 relay when we got fifth (place)," McNeff said.

Hopcian provided another All-State swim in the 100 butterfly with a seventh-place finish (59.32).

Kanya placed eighth in the 200 freestyle to garner All-State honors. She also placed 10th in the

100 butterfly (1:00.58).

"In the 200, Meghan and Jess both got All-State," McNeff said. "That was great."

McNeff appreciated the hard work Kanya, Englert, Hopcian and Weber put in to help lead the team all year. He said the four girls combined to miss less than five practices.

"That shows the dedication that they have," McNeff said. "They did everything they could to reach their goals. It really is great to work that hard and to have it pay off and more is something special."

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Mustang Jeff Cheslik, soccer player of the year.

Cheslick brings all-around game

Northville senior leads six Mustangs on First Team

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville soccer went on its furthest run into the playoffs in school history, and Jeff Cheslik was one of many reasons why.

The senior midfielder knows exactly when to play what roll, offense or defense.

Cheslik's position does not allow him to put up gaudy offensive numbers, but it was his ability to nullify opposition's offense while sparking the Mustangs' attack that helped most.

"Most coaches realize you have some goal scorers and great defenders, but you're still going to win and lose games in the midfield," Northville head coach Henry Klimes said. "He got some big goals when we needed him. He knew how to push up when he had to."

Cheslik's play also got noticed by many others. He was voted to the First Team All-Dream Team and All-Conference.

"That means you're being seen by the other coaches as a very, very dominant player," Klimes said.

Part of what made Cheslik a dominant player was always playing at the highest level.

"He comes to play every day. Every day he was there playing. It didn't matter if it was a weaker opponent or one of the top teams in the state," Klimes said. "He gave a complete effort and dedication for that day."

While being one of the stars on the field, Cheslik also displayed leadership both on and off the pitch.

"I think Jeff had a lot to do with getting the boys on believing that one dream that we had," Klimes said. "His soccer sense and smarts are just remarkable for such a young man."

Cheslik will take his play to Oakland University next year.

"I think he's going to be a great college player," Klimes said.

First Team

Northville pushed into the final four for the first time in school history and wound up with five more players on the All-Area First Team — Latif Alashe, Albert Kief, Alex Marilley, John Donikian and Nick Slabassi.

Alashe was another force at the midfield and offensive ends. He received All-State Second Team honors and was voted All-Conference.

"Latif was a tremendous midfielder along with Jeff. What a tandem we had there," Klimes said.

Slabassi and Donikian teamed up on defense to help shut down the opposition. Slabassi received All-State

All-Area Soccer

Player of the Year:
Jeff Cheslik, Northville senior

First Team

Latif Alashe, Northville jr.
Nick Slabassi, Northville jr.
Alex Marilley, Northville jr.
John Donikian, Northville jr.
Albert Kief, Northville sr.
Nate Robinson, Novi sr.
Garrett Gauruder, Novi jr.
Nick Kristofek, CC jr.
Josh Gatt, CC soph.
Ryan Deters, Lakeland sr.
Sean Mccaul, Lakeland sr.
Jim Thomas, Milford
Andy Ohanesian, S. Lyon sr.
Danny Coppola, S. Lyon sr.
Kyle Kaminsky, S. Lyon sr.

Second Team

Doug Beason, Northville soph.
Nick Kolbow, Northville sr.
John Hatzis, Northville jr.
Dan Mackinnon, Northville sr.
Masato Morioka, Northville sr.
Max Wujczyk, Novi jr.
Bobby Laski, Novi jr.
Hendrik vanHosbeeck, CC sr.
Nick Pelon, CC sr.
Paul Kemennu, CC sr.
Andy Parsons, CC sr.
Bryan Bouck, Lakeland jr.
Justin Janssen, Lakeland sr.
Jeremy Flora, Milford
Brian Young, South Lyon sr.
Adam Gentile, S. Lyon sr.
Jake Green, South Lyon sr.

Honorable Mention

Nate Hrivnak, Northville jr.
Andrew Kelleher, Northville jr.
Dan Kilger, Novi jr.
Shaun Rydzewski, Novi sr.
Matt Bessesen, CC sr.
Brad Smith, CC sr.
Landon Prisk, Lakeland sr.
Billy Nunold, Lakeland sr.
Eric Hoepf, Lakeland soph.
Jason Rhodes, Milford
Kent Pennington, Milford
Chris Kobayashi, S. Lyon jr.
Jimmy King, South Lyon sr.
Vili Armanen, S. Lyon sr.
Jordan Selva, S. Lyon soph.

Honorable Mention and All-Conference honors. Donikian received All-Division honors.

"They really had outstanding years in the back for us," Klimes said.

Kief was the last line of defense and provided eight shutouts for Northville.

"He just played solid throughout the year," Klimes said. "He was outstanding in the playoff run that we had."

Marilley led the Mustangs with 18 goals, winning the Golden Boot Award.

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Bayou bound

Mustang Krysta Cicala is watched by Athletic Director Bryan Masl and coach Laura Lesko as she signs her letter of intent to Louisiana Tech.



Submitted photo

Andrew Lamoureux brings the puck up the ice Saturday against Novi.

ROUNDUP: Northville hockey knocks off Novi

Northville hockey starts the year 2-0 with wins against South Lyon and Novi.

The Mustangs knocked off South Lyon 2-0 to start the year. Against Novi, the Mustangs jumped out to a 2-0 lead with goals coming from TJ Hohl and Kevin Uetz. Novi answered with a goal to trim the lead in half, but

Northville held on and went on to win 2-1 Saturday at Novi Ice Arena.

Saunderson signs

Northville's Demarii Saunderson signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Western Iowa Junior College.

All-Area Soccer

continued from front

"He has that knack to be in the right spot at the right time to get those finishes," Klimes said.

The rest of the First Team includes Novi's Nate Robinson, and Garrett Gauruder, Catholic Central's Nick Kristock, and Josh Gatt, Lakeland's Ryan Deters and Sean McCaul, South Lyon's Andy Ohanesian, Danny Coppola and Kyle Kaminsky and Jim Thomas from Milford.

Second Team

Northville places five more players on the All-Area Second Team — Masato Morioka, Doug Beason, Nick Kolbow, John Hatzis and Dan MacKinnon. They are joined by Novi's Max Wujczyk and Bobby Laski, Catholic Central's Hendrik vanHosbeeck, Nick Pelon, Paul Kemennu and Andy Parsons, Lakeland's Bryan Bouck and

Justin Janssen, South Lyon's Brian Young, Adam Gentile and Jake Green and Milford's Jeremy Flora.

Honorable Mention

Receiving All-Area Honorable Mention honors are Northville's Nate Robinson and Andrew Kelleher, Novi's Dan Kilger and Shaun Rydzewski, Catholic Central's Matt Bessen and Brad Smith, Lakeland's Landon Prisk, Billy Nunold and Eric Hoepf, Milford's Jason Rhodes and Ken Pennington, South Lyon's Justin Janssen, Jake Green, and Vili Armanen, S. Lyon and Jordan Selva.

The All-Area team is nominated by coaches with final decisions coming from sports writers Jeff Theisen and Patrick Pinter.

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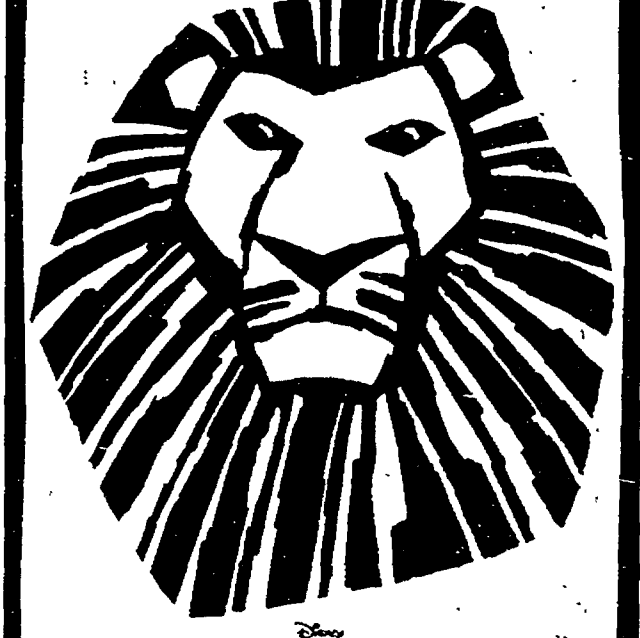


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Thawing Your Turkey

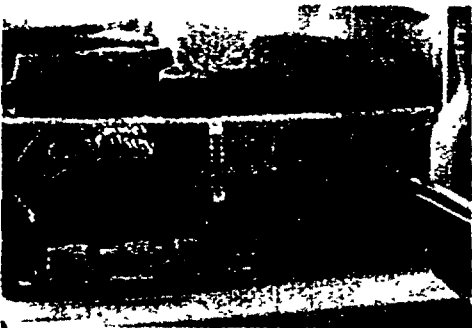
It is unsafe to thaw a frozen turkey at room temperature. Two safe ways to thaw your turkey are in the refrigerator or in cold water. See the chart below for estimated thawing times. Whether you have a frozen or a fresh turkey, cook it within 1 or 2 days of purchase or after thawing.

In the Refrigerator (40 °F or below)

Allow approximately 24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds.

4 to 12 pounds	1 to 3 days
12 to 16 pounds	3 to 4 days
16 to 20 pounds	4 to 5 days
20 to 24 pounds	5 to 6 days

Keep the turkey in its original wrapper. Place it on a tray or in a pan to catch any juices that may leak. A thawed turkey can remain in the refrigerator for 1 to 2 days. If necessary, a turkey that has been properly thawed in the refrigerator may be refrozen.



In Cold Water

Allow approximately 30 minutes per pound.

4 to 12 pounds	2 to 6 hours
12 to 16 pounds	6 to 8 hours
16 to 20 pounds	8 to 10 hours
20 to 24 pounds	10 to 12 hours

Wrap your turkey securely, making sure the water is not able to leak through the wrapping. Submerge your wrapped turkey in cold tap water. Change the water every 30 minutes. Cook the turkey immediately after it is thawed. Do not refreeze.

Cook It Your Way!

No matter which method you use to cook your turkey, use a food thermometer to insure that your turkey and stuffing are cooked to a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 °F. Check the internal temperature in the innermost part of the thigh and wing and the thickest part of the breast. For reasons of personal preference, consumers may choose to cook turkey to higher temperatures.

These times are approximate and should always be used in conjunction with a properly placed thermometer.

Approximate Whole Turkey Cooking Times

Times for fresh or thawed turkey in a preheated 325 °F oven

Weight	Unstuffed Timing	Stuffed Timing
8 to 12 pounds	2 3/4 to 3 hours	3 to 3 1/2 hours
12 to 14 pounds	3 to 3 3/4 hours	3 1/2 to 4 hours
14 to 18 pounds	3 3/4 to 4 1/4 hours	4 to 4 1/4 hours
18 to 20 pounds	4 1/4 to 4 1/2 hours	4 1/4 to 4 3/4 hours
20 to 24 pounds	4 1/2 to 5 hours	4 3/4 to 5 1/4 hours

Electric Roaster Oven

Generally, the cooking time and oven temperature setting are the same as for conventional cooking. Preheat the oven to at least 325 °F. Place the turkey on the roaster oven rack or other meat rack so the turkey is raised out of the juices that collect in the bottom of the oven liner. Leave the lid on throughout cooking, removing it as little as possible to avoid slowing the cooking process. Always check the roaster oven's use and care manual for the manufacturer's recommended temperature setting and time.

Grilling a Turkey

Outdoor cooking of a big bird for the holiday meal is becoming a popular cooking method. During grilling, a turkey cooks by indirect heat in an outdoor covered gas or charcoal grill, and a pan of water is placed beneath the grilling surface to catch the fat and juices that drip from the turkey as it cooks. Cooking is done by the hot, smoky, steamy air.

Turkeys that are 16 pounds or less are the recommended size for safe grilling. A larger turkey remains in the "Danger Zone" — between 40 and 140 °F — too long. Do not stuff the turkey. Because cooking is at a low temperature, it can take too long for the temperature of the stuffing to reach 165 °F. Also, smoked stuffing has an undesirable flavor.



More Ways to Cook a Turkey

Deep fat frying, smoking, using an oven cooking bag, roasting in aluminum foil, microwaving, using a pressure cooker, and cooking a frozen turkey without thawing it first are other ways to get the big bird done. For information about these methods, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline or read the publication "Turkey: Alternate Routes to the Table" at www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Turkey_Alt_Routes/index.asp.



FAMILY FEATURES

What government agency is open on Thanksgiving Day? The United States Department of Agriculture on the job to protect public health through food safety. For more than 20 years, the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline has helped Turkey Day cooks weather a variety of culinary storms and travails. In recent years, the Hotline has developed the innovative "Ask Karen" feature (AskKaren.gov) on the Web that allows consumers to type questions online and receive an immediate reply from USDA's virtual representative 24 hours a day.

These efforts are just part of a long-running campaign by USDA's food safety educators to teach Americans about the dangers of food-borne illness and the importance of adopting safe cooking and food handling behaviors. The statistics show that approximately 5,000 Americans will die each year due to a foodborne illness — that's almost 14 people a day, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Thanksgiving dinner is an ideal time to put food safety tips into practice because it is the most challenging for average American consumers to cook. Food safety considerations are often overlooked, especially since there may be several cooks preparing food for the celebration. "Food that is mishandled can cause very serious consequences for all, especially for 'at-risk' groups — infants, young children, older adults, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems."

"Thanksgiving dinner can be a challenging meal to prepare because it is so time-consuming and complex," said USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Richard Raymond. "When you factor in thawing the turkey, cooking the turkey, preparing side dishes and desserts — and making sure guests are accounted for — it is easy to forget that food safety is the most important ingredient to making the meal an enjoyable one."

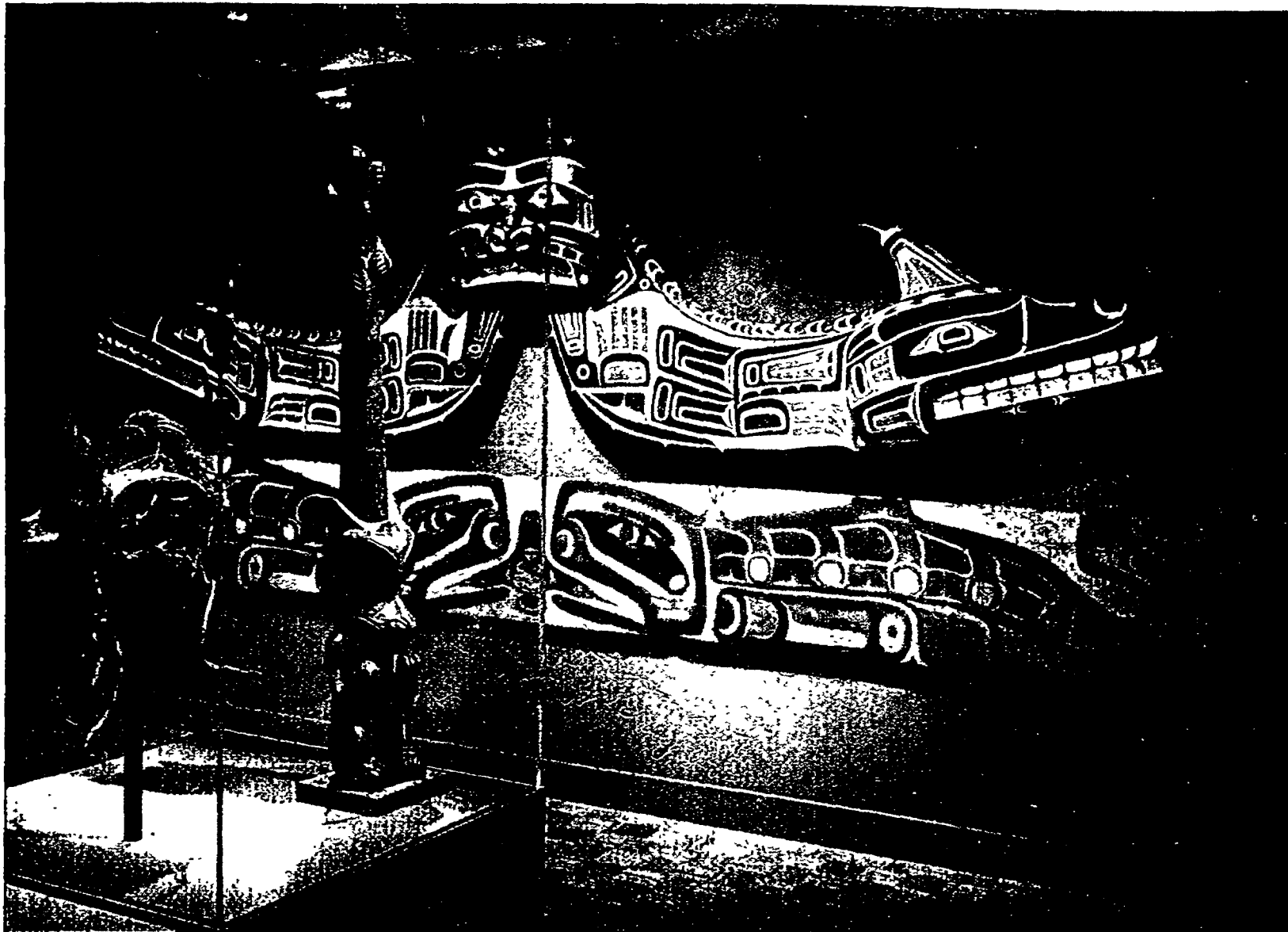
5 Tips for a Safe Thanksgiving Meal

- 1. Keep Everything Clean** — Keep hands and surfaces clean. Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds before and after handling food. Run cutting boards and utensils through the dishwasher or wash them in hot soapy water after each use. Keep countertops clean by washing with hot soapy water after preparing food.
- 2. Don't Cross Contaminate** — When you prepare Thanksgiving dinner, keep the raw turkey away from vegetables and side dishes. Consider using one cutting board for fresh produce and bread and a separate one for raw meat, poultry, and seafood. Washing the cutting board with hot, soapy water after each use; then rinse with clear water and air dry or pat dry with clean paper towels.
- 3. Cook the Turkey and Stuffing to a Safe Temperature** — Regardless of the method of cooking, you can't tell if the bird is done by the color of the cooked poultry. The only way to know for sure if the turkey is safely cooked is to use a food thermometer. Every part of the turkey and the center of the stuffing should reach a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 °F. For reasons of personal preference, consumers may choose to cook poultry to higher temperatures.
- 4. Store Leftovers Safely** — Discard any turkey, stuffing, side dishes and gravy left out at room temperature longer than 2 hours. Divide leftovers into smaller portions, and refrigerate them in covered, shallow containers for quicker cooling. Be sure to consume refrigerated turkey, stuffing, side dishes and gravy within 3 to 4 days or freeze the leftovers for later use.
- 5. Keep Egg-rich Desserts Chilled** — Pumpkin pie is as much a staple of the holiday meal as the turkey. Foods made with eggs and milk, such as pumpkin pie, must first be safely baked to a minimum internal temperature of 160 °F. Then, they must be refrigerated after baking. Eggs and milk have high protein and moisture content; when foods baked with these products are left at room temperature, conditions are ripe for bacteria to multiply.



Where to Get Information

- USDA features AskKaren.gov, a Web site where you can ask and receive answers to your food safety questions 24 hours a day from the Food Safety and Inspection Service's virtual representative.
- The USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline is staffed Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Time, year-round. It will also be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern Time on Thanksgiving Day. Contact the Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854).
- "Let's Talk Turkey" pamphlet is available at www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Lets_Talk_Turkey.pdf.



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\$158 MILLION RENOVATION New DIA opens tomorrow

By James Mitchell
SOUTH LYON HERALD EDITOR

If you think you've been to the Detroit Institute of Arts, think again. Even long-time, frequent visitors may feel as if they're experiencing the museum for the first time.

In many ways, they are. Beginning tomorrow, the "New DIA" — as the venerable museum is billing itself — unveils a massive "re-installation" launched in 2001. Earlier this year, the DIA closed its doors while the hands-on efforts began in earnest to reorganize its galleries and showcases, home to what has long been considered one of the finest collections of art in North America.

"We sometimes felt as if this day would never arrive," said DIA Director President and CEO Graham W.J. Beal. The ambitious undertaking Beal launched — not long after his 1999 arrival in Detroit — began, in some ways, in 1966. The Woodward Avenue museum was — literally — falling apart, with pieces of granite flaking from its column-lined walls. The addition of north and south wings to the central museum during that period resulted, many felt, in "a labyrinth" that was difficult to negotiate, let alone tour.

Over the years, it became a common concern. Beal said the fundamental goal of the renovation project was "to make art have more meaning to the general public." In other words, if the plan is to spend upwards of \$150 million on a six-plus year project involving more than 60,000 works of art, why stop at just reorganizing the collection?

"No other museum of this scale has attempted a complete, top-to-bottom re-installation," said David W. Penney, vice president of exhibitions and collections strategies.

Penney — who joined the DIA in 1980 — and Beal took advantage of both the DIA's reputation and permanent collection. In the past six years (while much of the permanent collection went into storage awaiting the re-installation) the DIA hosted some of North America's landmark special exhibits, including "Degas and the Dance," "Magnificenza! The Medici, Michelangelo and the Art of Late Renaissance Florence" and

"Van Gogh: Face to Face." The collection of Vincent van Gogh portraits set the record for attendance at the museum of more than 300,000 visitors; the DIA was one of just six North American museums to host a show of van Gogh portraits. (An appropriate distinction, as the DIA's iconic self-portrait was the first painting by van Gogh to become part of an American collection when it was purchased in 1927.)

Penney said the re-installation began with a series of informal panels to determine what museum guests wanted. Those involved possessed an in-depth knowledge of the DIA collection, which was coupled with an understanding of what visitors hoped to gain from a tour of the museum. "User-friendly" might have been the guiding principle involved, aiming for a more casual experience with the artists and their creations.

Interactive displays at "The New DIA" don't make assumptions that the casual visitor has an extensive knowledge of art, and — especially for younger visitors — panels invite viewers to find particular objects or subjects in a painting to allow the artwork to fulfill its original purpose. (There are now 5,000 text panels among the museum's 140 galleries.) Information provided to visitors avoids academic analysis in favor of more accessible explanations that help the viewer connect to the people, places and cultures represented, resulting in exhibits that are both "kid-friendly" and easy on adults.

"We needed to get to the purpose of art, the shared human and emotional experience," Beal said. The story of art, Beal said, is a framework for a walk through time, civilization and cultures.

Along with classic, priceless paintings from practically every known period and school of art, objects and artifacts are held in 320 cases throughout the museum. (The final piece was put in place on Nov. 8, just one day before a gala was held to welcome the DIA back.)

"This has been a delightful adventure," said head designer Michael Graves. "You won't find anything close to what has happened here."

The Detroit Institute of Arts was established in 1887, and its first



Male and female figures from ancient Mexico.

permanent collection. The Detroit Museum of Art moved from relatively modest quarters on Jefferson Avenue to its current Woodward Avenue location in 1927. Over the years, the museum's reputation

grew along with its permanent collection and programs, to include the Detroit Film Theater, the masterpiece "Detroit Industry" in the Rivera Court (named for muralist Diego Rivera), and a host of class-

es, concerts and workshops.

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The Detroit Institute of Arts

The museum will open with an official ceremony at the Woodward entrance at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and it will stay open for 32 consecutive hours, closing at 6 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

■ 5200 Woodward Ave. in Detroit, just north of Warren
■ (313) 833-7900
■ www.dia.org

Fun Facts

years for the completion of the DIA's current building renovation and expansion project.

■ \$158 million was the cost of the DIA's current renovation and expansion project.

■ When the renovation project is finished more than 5,000 works of art will have been reinstalled in the newly refurbished and reconfigured galleries of the DIA.

■ 657,650 is the total square footage of the DIA, including the new 31,383 square-foot addition.

■ 67,000 pieces of new marble called "Vermont Danby" were used in the DIA's renovation and building expansion; it came from the original quarry used for the original building.

■ The floor plan of the 1927 building was reproduced in the 1929 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica to illustrate the ideal museum layout.

■ The DIA has 140 galleries.

■ 60,000 works of art are in the DIA's collection.

■ Van Gogh's 1887 self-portrait and Matisse's "The Window" (1916) were the first paintings by those artists to enter a U.S. public collection.

■ "Van Gogh: Face to Face" drew the largest attendance ever for a special exhibition at the DIA — 315,000 visitors.

■ Diego Rivera considered his Detroit Industry murals to be his best and most successful work.

■ The Detroit Industry murals underwent an extensive cleaning in the mid-1980s using regular soap and water.

■ Tintoretto's "The Dreams of Men" spans 13 feet framed, weighs 160 pounds, and is the largest painting to be x-rayed by the DIA's Conservation Department. It is suspended from the ceiling — as the artist intended.

■ 760 DIA volunteers donated 56,176 hours while the DIA was one-third its size. When the museum reopens, 1,000 volunteers will be needed.

■ To promote a Whistler exhibition in 2004 at the DIA, "Whistler's Mother" threw the first pitch at a Detroit Tigers home game.

■ Amelia Earhart, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Dizzy Gillespie, Princess Grace of Monaco, James Earl Jones, Spike Lee, Robert Duval and Rosa Parks are among those who have appeared in programs in the DIA Auditorium.



Contemporary art in one of the new African American art galleries.



A section of a gallery called "Made in Paris," featuring objects purchased by 18th-century aristocrats.



German Expressionist works are set in one of the DIA's Modern Art galleries.

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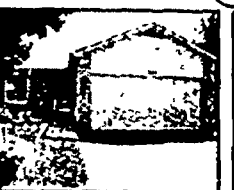
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WOW!
Beautiful 2 bd, 2 bath townhouse in
move in condition. All appliances
stay upper balcony open floor plan,
recessed lighting & 1 car att Garage
1 yr lease w/option to buy
\$1,150/mo (P-5744W)



CUSTOM RANCH
Unique 3 bd, 2 bath ranch on
gorgeous lot w/1.5 acres of trees &
streams. Open floor plan, custom
Kitchen, finished bsmt, hwd floors, &
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\$289,900 (P-4618R)



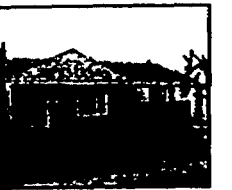
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2 bd, 2 bath ranch condo w/open
floor plan, vaulted ceilings, 1st flr
laundry, basement, & attached
garage. Move in condition. Perfect in
every way - move right in!
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STUNNING HILLTOP ESTATE
Nestled on over 10 acres backing to
woods. Open floor plan, 3 bd, 3
baths, w/outlet lower level, new roof,
brand new well, huge Pole Barn,
Horse Barn, fenced pastures/
paddock, & more
\$275,000 (P-9000E)



POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE
Insist on a tour of this bright &
spacious Canton colonial Great floor
plan w/large entrance, 1st flr laun,
Den, must see Master, private fenced
lot, & too much more to list.
\$239,900 (P-7900E)



LIVONIA RANCH
This 3 bd brick ranch offers a
spacious Liv Rm, remodeled bath,
hwd floors in all bedrooms, finished
bsmt, updated plumbing, elec, hwh,
windows, & roof
\$127,000 (P-6640E)



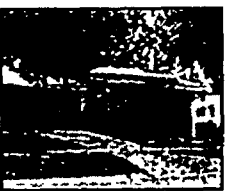
MOVE RIGHT IN
Freshly painted 4 bd, 2.5 bath
colonial featuring a large Deck off
Family Room, Pano 1/3 acre lot,
convenient location, & home warranty
included. Also for lease
\$228,900 (P-9347A)



BEAUTIFUL HOME
Beautiful brick home on a oversized
lot, 5 bd, 2 baths, updated Kitchen,
huge Deck in backyard, bsmt w/tpl &
hwd, new A/C, & attached Garage
\$209,900 (P-7167L)



BETTER THAN NEW
Recently renovated colonial w/Pl
Can schools. Shows like a model w/
furn off roof, granite counters, newer
furnace, C/A, carpet, & much more
Close to pool & clubhouse w/tennis.
\$236,900 (P-9650A)



WELL MAINTAINED
3 bd brick ranch in lovely area
featuring spacious rooms, hwd under
carpet, extra insulation, finished bsmt
w/glass block & bath, lots of
closets, & appliances stay
\$120,000 (P-1300A)



MOVE IN READY
Enjoy this totally remodeled end unit
condo. Updates include all fixtures,
windows, & hwd floors. Add to this
an attached Garage, fireplace, &
great location.
\$124,900 (P-3240K)



UNIQUE IN PLYMOUTH
This 1924 Craftsman style, 2 story
home is loaded w/well cared for
original features. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, in-
law area, Library, sunroom, leaded
glass, 3" wide oak moldings, & more.
Also for lease
\$339,000 (P-8477M)



NEW CANTON CONDO
2 bd, 2.5 bath condo featuring a loft
area, Master Suite w/jetted tub,
gourmet Kitchen w/builders finest
cabinets & c-tops, partially finished
bsmt, & 2 car att Garage
\$227,500 (P-1317M)



EXCELLENCE AWAITS YOU
Awesome Northville colonial offers
you a gourmet Kitchen w/granite & double
oven, Butler's Pantry, 1st flr Master w/
trey ceiling, jetted tub & 2 W/C's,
Jack & Jill bath w/granite, & much
more
\$600,000 (P-9977M)



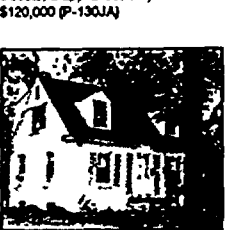
EXCELLENT LOCATION
Live in fabulous Village of Eagle
Gardens in Whitmore Lake. End unit
ranch condo offers Master w/bath &
W/C, Great Rm w/cath cel & trpl
dwl to covered Deck, & finished
bsmt.
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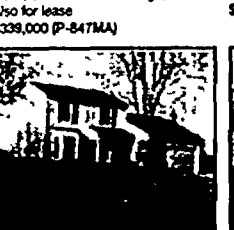
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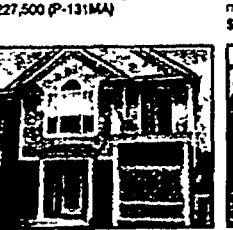
GREAT BUY
Beautiful 3 bd home w/lots of
updates inc: newer furnace, water
heater, 1st flr windows, kitchen floor,
fresh paint, finished bsmt, & home
warranty provided.
\$65,000 (P-4118E)



MOVE IN AND ENJOY
Curb appeal abounds w/this picture
perfect gem. Great location, spacious
double lot, many updates inc: siding,
oak Kitchen, carpet, glass block, 2.5
car Gar w/openers, & room for an RV.
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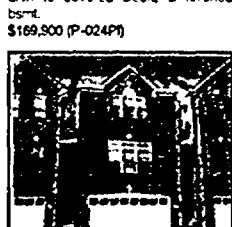
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Come see this beautifully decorated
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Farmington Hills schools, & so much
more.
\$237,000 (P-7548U)



PRICED TO SELL!
Reduced for quick sale! This condo
has it all! Master w/bath & W/C,
spacious Great Rm w/doorcase
leading to Deck, maple Kitchen,
direct access Garage, & so much
more
\$129,900 (P-7030A)



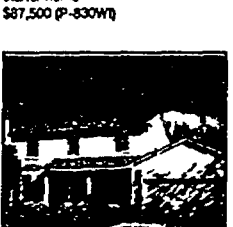
IMMACULATE CONDO
Priced below market value! Nestled in
Brighton's popular Northridge Sub. 2
bd, 2.5 baths, walkout bsmt, vaulted
ceilings, appliances stay, 1st flr
Master w/W/C & glamour bath, 1st flr
laun, & a Deck.
\$223,000 (P-2330E)



PERFECTLY APPOINTED
The 2002 built Canton condo has it
all! Gourmet Kitchen, flooded w/
sunshine, 3 spacious bedrooms, loft,
2.5 baths, some granite c-tops
Master w/bath & W/C, 2 car Garage,
& finished bsmt.
\$189,900 (P-6540H)



GREAT LOCATION
Situated on an oversized corner lot,
just a short walk to neighborhood
clubhouse, pool, park, & schools. 4
bd, 2.5 baths, 2 car Garage huge
backyard, & over 2000 sq ft.
\$249,900 (P-6360E)



NOTHING TO DO BUT MOVE IN
This beautifully updated ranch is sure
to delight w/all rooms freshly painted,
remod Kit w/bs app's & granite,
newer windows, roof, all app's &
perfect fenced lot w/Deck & Patio
\$224,500 (P-2007A)



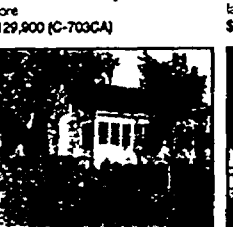
GREAT LOCATION
3 bd, 1 bath brick ranch in
convenient Garden City location.
Kitchen w/hwd floors & eating area,
dwl to Patio, newer furnace, roof, A/C,
2.5 car Gar, & an above ground
pool
\$150,000 (P-5427L)
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CANTON COLONIAL
Nice 3 bd home featuring an open Kit
w/all app's & nook, Liv Rm w/tpl,
large Master w/W/C, prof finished
bsmt, large fenced yard, updated
roof & windows, & Deck.
\$190,000 (P-6320E)



MOVE IN CONDITION!
Charming 3 BR brick ranch with a
full basement, hardwood floors, 2 car
garage, & all appliances stay. Very
well kept.
\$114,900 (P-7400L)



HUGE YARD!
Lovely updated home on almost
1/2 acre of land backing to woods.
Newer paint, refinished hardwood
floors, vinyl windows w/warranty, &
a 2 car garage.
\$115,000 (P-7217H)



GREAT VALUE!
This 3 bd, 1.5 bath home features a
new front porch, landscaping, & front
entry. Freshly painted, loads of
storage, bsmt rec room w/wetbar &
bath. Close to schools, parks, &
shopping
\$124,900 (P-3150H)



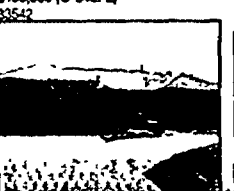
STATELY PRESENCE
Beautifully situated on a corner lot
backing to golf course. Open floor
plan, dream Kitchen, Master w/spa
bath, intercom, main, free Deck, 3
car Garage, & too much more to list.
\$435,000 (P-3330V)



FANTASTIC HOME
This home offers 4-bd-2.5 baths,
Great Room w/sloping ceiling,
skylights, & too many updates to list.
Great location, an absolute must see!
\$212,500 (P-2600A)



GREAT PLACE!
Nice 3 bd home in a great area. Hwd
floors, updated Bath, newer furnace
& C/A, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage,
large yard w/trail trees, & a home
warranty.
\$129,900 (P-2077M)



BRICK RANCH w/WALKOUT
Huge 4 bd brick ranch w/3.5 baths,
finished walkout bsmt, Great Room
w/tpl, 2.5 car att Garage, backs to
cormore & great location.
\$279,900 (P-2817P)



DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE
This 3 bd, 2 bath Cape Cod features
a remod Kit w/Pergo, remod bsmt,
new carpet, updated elec, plumbing,
furnace, C/A, & siding. Beautiful
home, a must see!
\$179,900 (P-3287E)



JUST REDUCED!
Recent price drop on this Westland
condo w/Livonia schools. 2 bd, 2
baths, trpl basement, Deck & master
w/bath. All appliances included, plus
new inssue dues.
\$110,000 (P-7058P)



PERFECTLY MAINTAINED
Open foyer w/hwd, gourmet Kit w/
nook, formal Dining w/bay window,
Farm Rm w/tpl, finished bsmt w/
wetbar & bath, Deck w/hot tub in
fenced yard, & convenient location.
\$235,000 (P-3250A)



CHARMING COLONIAL
Make this your home! 3 bd, all brick
colonial w/minutal trpl in Liv Rm,
updated Kitchen, new porches, brick
paver Patio, Garage, bsmt, updated
windows & all app's stay
\$134,900 (P-5150R)



RANCH ON 4 ACRES!
Located in Canton, offering a large
open floor plan with over 4 acres (possible
split), 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and a
40x48 pole barn. Family Rm w/tpl &
app's stay. Call now
\$364,900 (P-3315A)



HISTORIC COLONIAL
Offering solid 1940 construction w/up
to date improvements. Spacious floor
plan, newer island Kit, Liv Rm w/tpl,
formal Dining, Den, newer baths,
Sunroom, & private yard w/reted
Deck.
\$299,900 (P-8395A)



FORGET ABOUT BUILDING!
Cape Cod w/premium lot backing to
protected woods. Walkout bsmt w/
rec room, 5th bd, bath, & storage.
Potential for in-laws quarters, 2 story
GR w/tpl, gourmet Kit, 1st floor laun,
& much more
\$364,900 (P-1433U)



LOCATION LOCATION!
Fabulous 4 bd, 3 BA, Plymouth
colonial featuring Farm Rm w/tpl,
updated roof, siding, etc., &
Wendover, Formal DR & LR, ceramic
floor, bsmt, 2 car Garage, & fenced
yard w/Deck.
\$250,000 (P-9697H)



CHARMING & IMMACULATE
Completely updated ranch w/stone
molding, hwd floors, new brick paver
porch & walkway finished bsmt w/
bath & trpl, & Sunroom for relaxing.
\$190,000 (P-9227W)



DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Cozy 3 bd bungalow within walking
distance to downtown shopping &
events. Covered front porch, updated
Kit w/sub zero, Part fin bsmt w/Den,
jetted tub, & sauna.
\$199,900 (P-7540D)



LAVISH COLONIAL
Your search is over, this home will
take your breath away! Relocation
forces sale of this fabulous 4 bd, 2.5
bath home feat. 2 story Great Rm,
jetted tub, & new landscaping
\$265,000 (P-5600A)



GREAT HOME
4 bd, 3.5 bath, Garden City home.
Updated Kitchen w/all app's, laundry
room w/wash & dryer, Florida Rm w/
fireplace, large fenced yard, & more.
Also for lease
\$129,000 (P-4218O)



EXQUISITE
North Canton colonial features an
open 2 story Foyer formal Liv & Din
Rm, Den, Farm Rm, island Kit w/
granite & adjoining Sunroom, Master
w/2 w/c's & spa bath & finished
bsmt.
\$429,900 (P-9998R)



BACKS TO WOODS!
Great location on this 4 bd, 2.5 bath
Novi home feat. Farm Rm w/tpl &
dwl to Trex Deck, gourmet island Kit
w/app's, walkout lower level, vaulted
Master Suite, & more
\$299,000 (P-9608R)



LOCATION, CONDITION, & PRICE!
Lovely colonial on private off de sac
w/luxurious in-ground pool! Great
layout w/large bedrooms, formal LR/
DR, Farm Rm w/tpl, updated Kit w/
pantry, Northville Schools, & move in
ready
\$269,900 (P-0740U)



FANTASTIC CONDO
2 bd, 2.5 bath condo in popular
Westland sub feat. Den Rm, finished
bsmt, 2 car Garage, 1450 sq ft, 1st flr
laun, updated Kitchen & baths, &
fireplace
\$135,900 (P-4310D)



LOVELY HOME
Lovely 4 bd, 4 bath home that backs
to farm setting. Generous room sizes,
finished walkout bsmt w/theater
room & cedar room, Trex Deck, 3 car
Garage, & great location.
\$495,000 (P-8647A)



FANTASTIC LIVONIA RANCH
3 bd, 2.5 bath home in great sub.
Remodeled Kit w/hwd floors, Florida
Rm, professionally finished bsmt,
oversized huge lot.
\$179,900 (P-4767L)



HIGHLY MOTIVATED SELLERS!
Original owners have gone all out to
get this baby ready for it's new
owner! All new paint, appliances,
upgraded cabinets, huge Master w/
cath ceiling, & much more
\$349,900 (P-7540F)



EXECUTIVE COLONIAL
5 bd, 3.5 bath home w/open floor
plan, Theater Rm w/3 tiered seating
& season Sunroom, finished bsmt w/
2nd Kt, gorgeous details t/o, heated
in-ground pool, & Ply-Can schools.
\$499,900 (P-0330F)



RECENTLY RENOVATED!
Sparkles w/updates. New roof,
Kitchen w/app's, new bath w/vanety
vinyl windows, new elec, plumbing,
landscaping, refinished hwd flrs
carpet, & more
\$119,900 (P-4717F)



EXCELLENT LOT SIZE!
Newly rebuilt in 2005. Loaded w/
privacy & wooded views. Shows
great, part finished bsmt, huge
Kitchen & Dining Rm neutral decor,
hwd floors & great location.
\$249,900 (P-8430E)



TURN KEY CONDO
The best condo around! Loaded w/
extras inc: premium pond setting w/
Deck, hwd & ceramic flrs, finished
bsmt, & ceramic flrs. Also
available for lease
\$158,000 (P-8824A)



PLYMOUTH CHARMER
Walk to downtown from this beautiful
home! Hwd floors, marble bathroom,
new appliances stay, huge fenced
yard, marble tile in kitchen, & more.
\$200,000 (P-6097A)



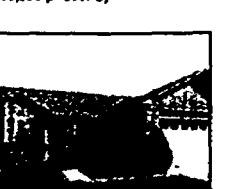
LIVONIA CONDO
Exquisite end unit condo feat. 2 bd,
2.5 baths, open floor plan, Great Rm
w/vaulted ceiling & gas trpl, app's
stay clean & neutral t/o, new carpet,
& close to everything.
\$210,000 (P-9600A)



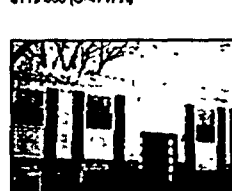
MANY MANY UPDATES
Hurry over to this move-in ready
home. 3 bds, Liv & Farm Rm, updated
plumbing, trim, roof, furnace, hwh, paver
Patio, landscaping, carpet,
appliances, & fresh paint.
\$118,000 (P-5650E)



CUSTOM CAPE COD
Beautiful wooded location on the 4
bd, 4 bath Plymouth home w/1st flr
Master w/bath, guest suite or in-
law quarters, finished bsmt w/Farm
Rm & 2nd Kitchen, & Ply-Can
schools.
\$424,900 (P-8990L)



FANTASTIC LIVONIA RANCH
3 bd, 2.5 bath home feat. Great Rm
w/cath ceiling & trpl, spacious ranch
w/cath ceiling, large Kit w/hook, 1st flr
laun, newer roof, 2 car att Garage,
large Deck, & fenced yard.
\$214,999 (P-8060J)



WELCOME HOME!
Spacious open floor plan offering 3
bds, 1.5 bas, & many updates inc: C/A,
windows, Kitchen w/app's
updated paint, gutters, huge laun
room, & great Plymouth location.
\$169,000 (P-8450R)



POLISHED TO PERFECTION
Original owner of this Sunflower
beauty has it all ready for you!
Updates inc: driveway roof, prof
landscaping windows, cherry Kit,
premium carpet, new furnace, & C/A,
& much more
\$269,750 (P-2250E)



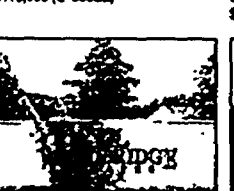
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Custom everywhere in this special
home w/4 fireplaces, 2 story Great
Rm, 1st flr Master w/whirlpool tub,
Florida Rm, walkout bsmt, extensive
woodwork, private pond, 2 furnaces,
Anderson Doorways, & more
\$750,000 (P-9086L)



COUNTY LIVING AT ITS FINEST
This 2813 sq ft home sits on 6.38
acres w/5 out buildings! Remod
Kitchen, 1st flr laun, new windows,
in-law quarters, Farm Rm w/tpl, large
Master, & much more
\$289,000 (P-6300R)
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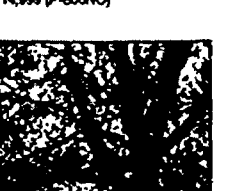
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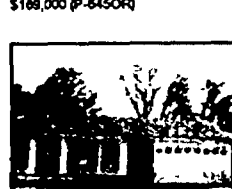
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PERFECT END UNIT
3 bd, 3 ba Canton condo w/hw
carpet, neutral paint, oak Kitchen w/
Pergo, & app's stay. Formal Dr w/
dwl to Deck, Great Rm w/tpl,
vaulted Master w/2 w/c's, & part fin
bsmt.
\$190,000 (P-1565T)



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home or let our builder design an
architectural masterpiece! Call today!
\$269,000 (P-00717A)



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3 bd ranch w/2 car attached garage,
updated roof, siding, furnace, sump
pump, glass block windows, trpl,
& updated baths.
\$150,000 (P-1557H)



GREAT CONDO
Tranquil setting for this 2 bd condo in
Village Buren. Fresh paint, vaulted
ceiling, oak Kit, Master w/W/C,
private laun room, appliances stay &
essoc dues include water
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NORTHVILLE Walking distance to downtown. 3300 sq ft, 3 1/2 baths, 2 kitchen, 3 bdrm, 3 decks \$1500/mo. (248) 885-8456

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Duplexes 4030

BRIGHTON - 2 br. unit. Good access to freeways \$650/mo No pets 517-404-0161

BRIGHTON 3 br 1.5 bath, great room, fireplace, no pets! \$975/mo 810-623-2034

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Duplexes 4030

FOWLerville - 3BR, 2 bath, C.A., garage, \$750 First mo + security deposit. NO PETS/SMOKING (248) 684-5002

HARTLAND 2 br. ranch units, air, garage, no pets. Start \$675/mo, 1/2 rent for 90 days w/13 mo lease 734-497-0960

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PINCKNEY 1,527 sq ft, 3 br, 2 baths, garage, utility room Patio & lawn maintenance Pets OK \$1,200/mo 810-844-2344 or 810-602-8887

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FENTON 4 br, 2 bath, large rooms large yard \$950 586-980-9329 810-632-9257

FOWLerville - 2 br, full bsmt., garage, appliances incl, near downtown. No smoking/no pets \$750/mo 517-546-4214

FOWLerville - 2 HOUSES Spacious 3 br ranches, 1.5 bath & 2 bath, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, attached 2-car garage Country setting Lawn service & snow removal provided \$700 & \$800/mo No pets or smokers (517) 223-3787 weekdays 8:00-5:00

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BRIGHTON 4 br updated ranch Rent to own, flexible terms 810-355-4356

BRIGHTON, NEW Builders model 4,000 sq ft, plus walkout, 4 br, 3.5 bath, deck, 3 car garage, wooded lot \$2,900/mo No pets 810-231-3300

BRIGHTON-One of a Kind 3 Level Townhome only steps from downtown 2 BR, 2.5 bath attached garage, association & maintenance incl \$1600/mo 810-231-0035

BRIGHTON Reduced On lake 3 br, walk-out. Need good credit \$790 810-441-1133

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MILFORD 3 BR, 900 sq ft, Huron Valley Schools, next to Proud Lk Rec. area E-Z 196 access Ideal for outdoor lover non-smoker, Short term OK \$850/mo 248-640-0307

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MILFORD - LARGE furnished room on horse ranch facing Kensington Park Kitchen privileges Direct TV Non-smoker Security deposit. \$450/mo includes utilities. 6 mo minimum Ref Call 248-787-1453

Rooms For Rent 4140

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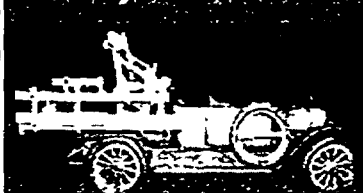
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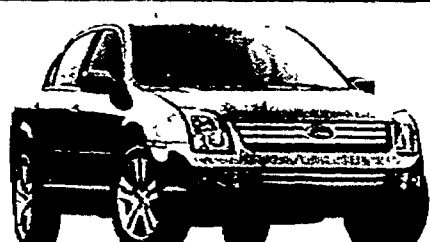
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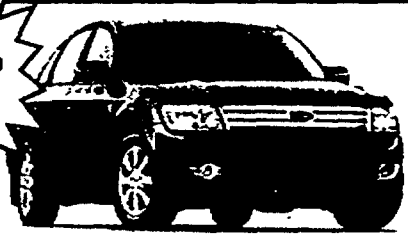
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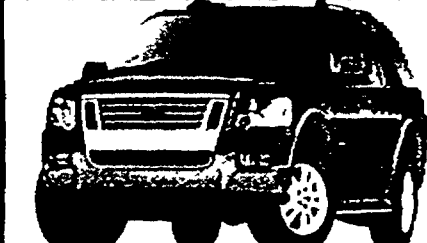
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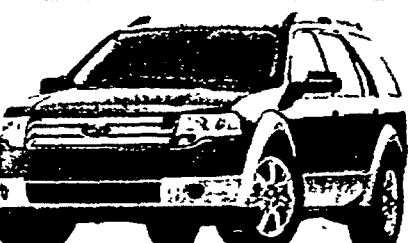
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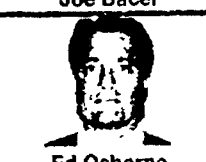
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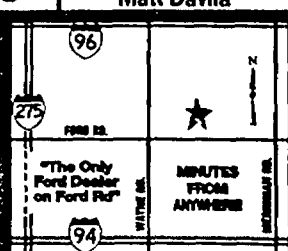


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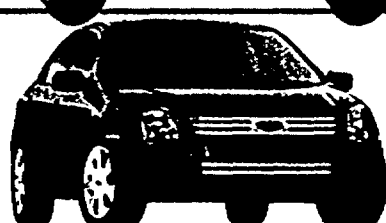
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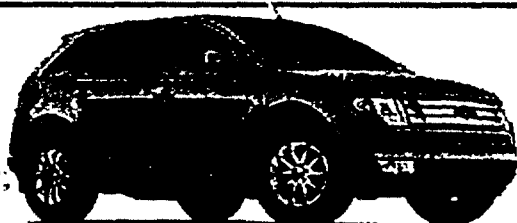
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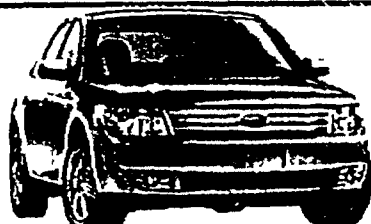
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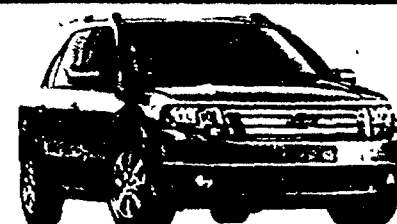
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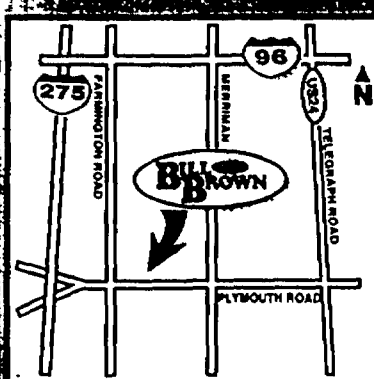
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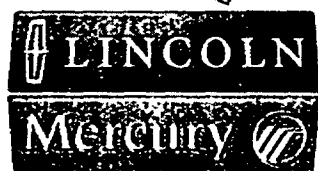
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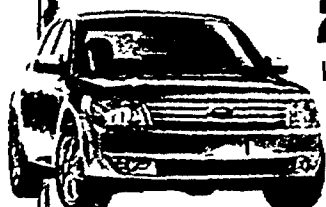
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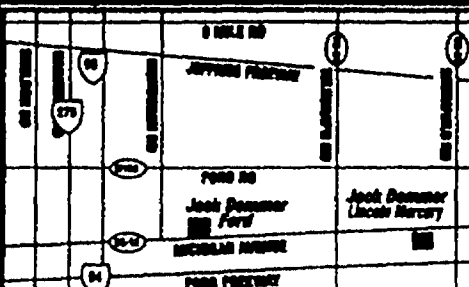
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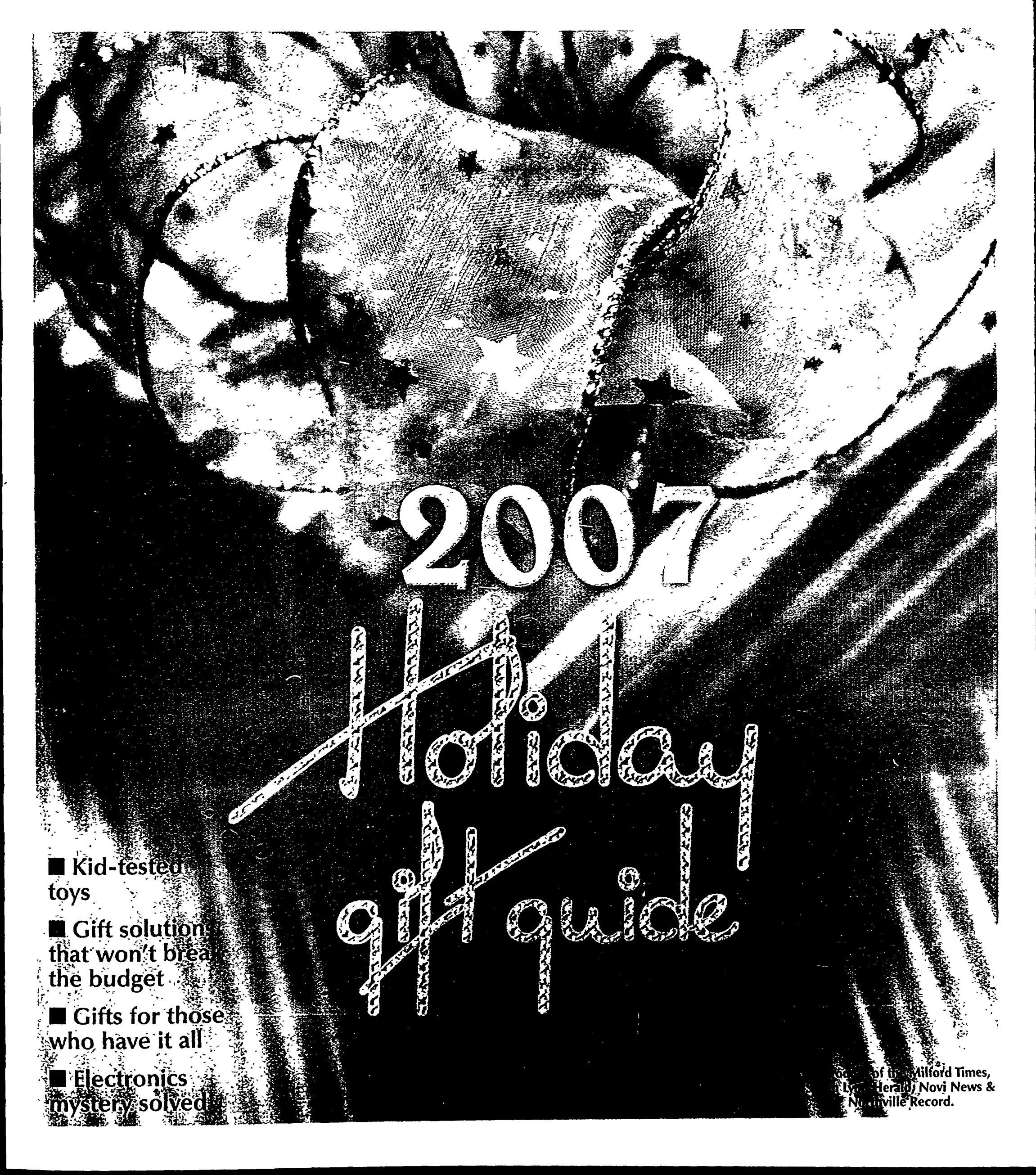
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It's my favorite time of year. Other than the cold, I love everything about the holidays — putting up the tree, baking cookies, seeing distant family members, driving around to look at the lights, making ornaments, wrapping presents, singing (when no one is around) — I love it all.

My favorite part of the season, however, is buying gifts that I know will make someone happy. I love stumbling across an item that screams the name of someone I care about. There is nothing more rewarding to me than watching their face as they open a package and find the perfect item inside.

Sometimes it is something they have wanted for so very long, they almost lose control when they finally get it. I remember several years ago when I bought my son a PlayStation2. He was so excited he dropped the package, leaped into his dad's arms and starting crying, laughing, screaming and shaking all at once!

Sometimes it is a sentimental gift. Last year, for example, I made my mother-in-law a scrapbook about her family and their history. I included a family tree, old photos, pictures of headstones, copies of old documents and stories of generations of ancestors. She cried as she looked through the book remembering all sorts of stories and learning a lot more. It took me the entire year to do the book, but she loved it and that was all that mattered.

And sometimes it is an item they didn't know they wanted — or even that the item existed — but fall in love with it the minute they open the package. That happened to me during the first Christmas I spent with my husband. He bought me a pair of holiday socks because he knows my feet are always cold and that I enjoy silly socks. He selected the thickest, softest and smallest pair. (My feet are small and women's socks are often a little too long.) When I first opened the package, I thought they were great. But when I put them on, I fell in love. Years later, they are still the only pair of socks I own that keep my feet really warm and they fit like they were custom made. I wear them all year even though they have Santa's on them.

Yes, I love the joy of giving and enjoy shopping for the perfect item. But, I know there are many who don't share my sentiments. They hate shopping and stress about finding something that will be enjoyed by the recipient. So, the newspaper has decided to help by doing the shopping in advance. We've read the reviews, tested the toys and gone from store to store to locate the best gifts for everyone on your holiday list. The pages that follow offer a plethora of ideas to get you started.

Happy Holidays!

Candy Spiegel, Niche Products Editor

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Ratings help guide video game purchases

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With holiday shopping right around the corner, and video games topping your gift list, it's important to choose games that are age-appropriate for players. This means consulting the Entertainment Software Rating Board rating that appears on each and every game.

The ESRB rating system has two parts — rating symbols, which are prominently displayed on the front of game packages, and content descriptors, which are found on the back next to the rating symbol. Six main rating categories are used to recommend age appropriateness for a game. Plus there are more than 30 content descriptors that refer to different types of content (violence, sex, humor, language, use of controlled substances) that may have either contributed to the rating, or may just be of interest or concern to consumers.

In assigning ratings, the ESRB also takes into consideration how frequently, intensely, and in what context elements are depicted in games. Other factors such as interactive elements, player control and reward systems are also taken into account.

When shopping for video games this season, Activision suggests the following:

■ Check out the ESRB rating on the front of the box and don't forget to flip the package over to read the content descriptors on the back. Both parts are equally helpful in allowing you to decide if a game is right for your family.

■ For more information on a particular game, visit the ESRB Web site at

www.esrb.org. The more information you have, the more equipped you will be to make an informed decision about the game's value.

■ Check online resources such as video game reviews, demos and trailers for more insight about game content, as well as best and worst video game reports from watch guard sites. The ESRB has a list of helpful sites on its Parent Resources page.

■ Be consistent on the ratings you'll allow so children don't try to push the boundaries.

■ Make sure relatives and other gift purchasers are familiar with the ratings system as well to avoid the possibility that they'll purchase games for your children that you might deem inappropriate. If they are not familiar with the ratings, inform them which ratings you consider appropriate for your children, such as "EC (Early Childhood 3+)," "E (Everyone 6+)," "E10+ (Everyone Ten and Older)," "T (Teen 13+)," or "M (Mature 17+)."

■ If you see an advertisement for a game with an "RP" rating, which refers to "Rating Pending" check the ESRB Web site at www.esrb.org for updated rating information before you go shopping.

"Activision strongly supports the ESRB rating system, which we believe is one of the most effective tool parents can use to determine which games are appropriate for their children," says Robin Kaminsky, EVP of Publishing for Activision. "Looking ahead, these results will help strengthen our efforts to raise greater awareness among parents and young people."

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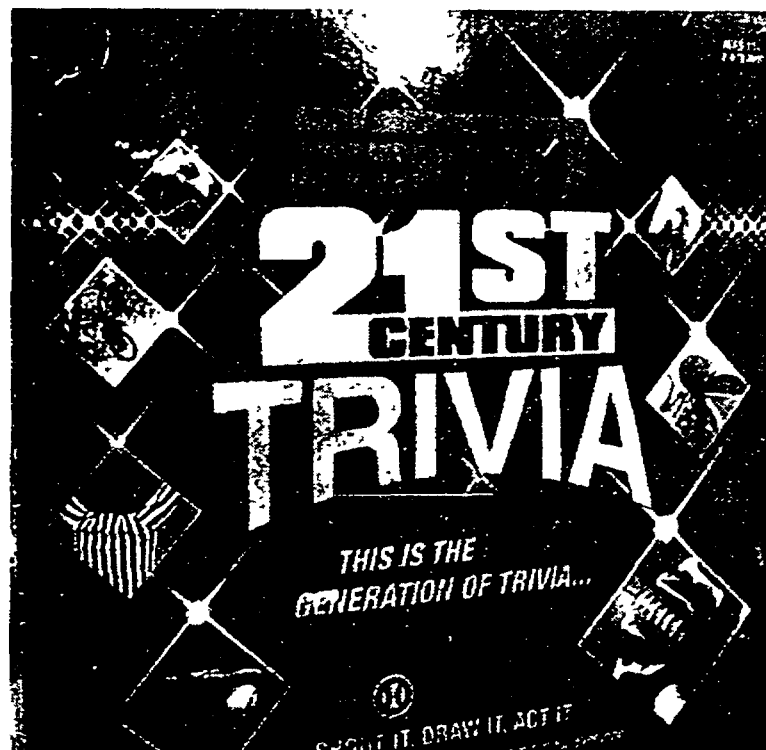
Wreaths

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Make a memory

Skip the generic ties, gloves and casserole dishes and give your friends and family members unique gifts they will appreciate and cherish. On the next few pages, you'll find a plethora of ideas for gifts they will remember forever.



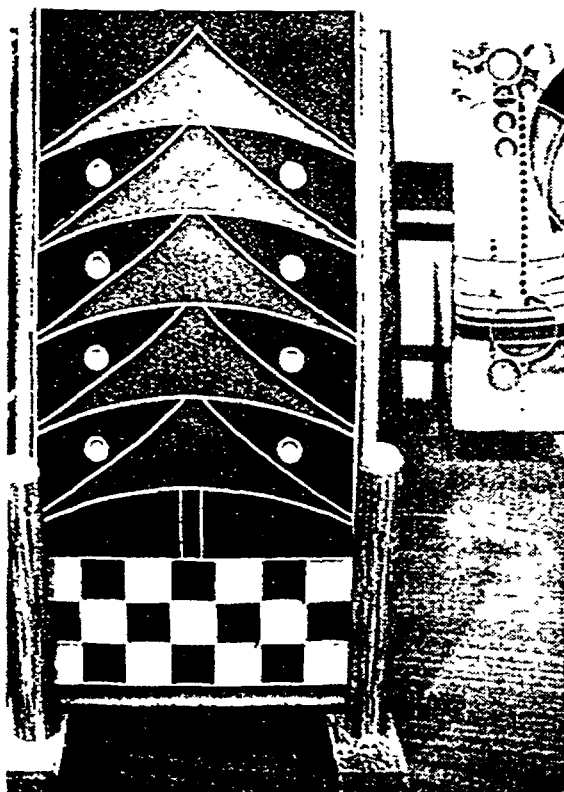
Get into the action

ESPN 21st Century Trivia is a new game that will have players shouting, drawing and acting out sports trivia. Designed for two to four teams, ESPN Trivia is available at Diane's Doll House, 102 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon. (248) 486-0450 MSRP: \$29.95 Ages 13+



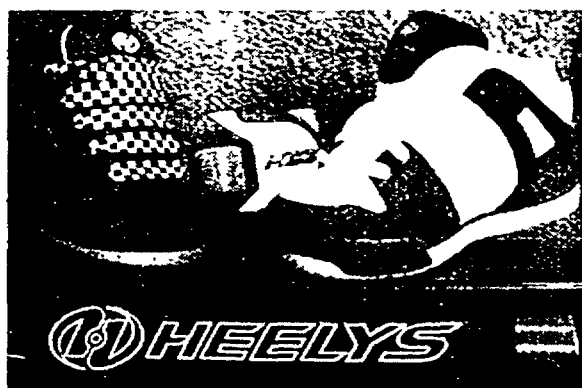
Start a village

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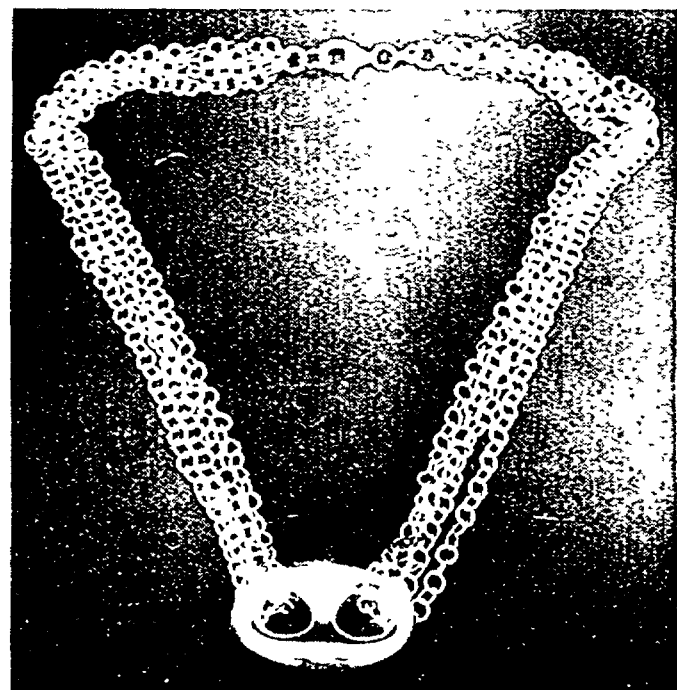


Let 'em roll

They'll have a grand time rolling around on these special shoes. Heelys have a roller in the heel that can be extended for skating fun. They come in styles for girls and boys and are available at For Feet Sake, 440 N. Main St., Milford. (248) 676-9080 MSRP: \$65

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Bring out her wild side with these adorable pajamas and slippers. Uptown Threads, located at 423 N. Main St., Milford, offers these and other "fun women's accessories for all ages." Sue Riggleman says. (248) 684-7346 MSRP: Slippers \$35; pajamas \$52

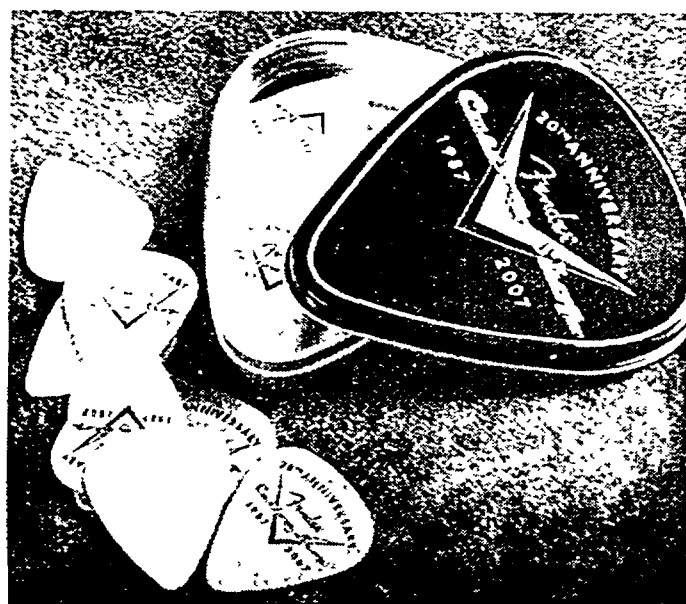


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Make a memory



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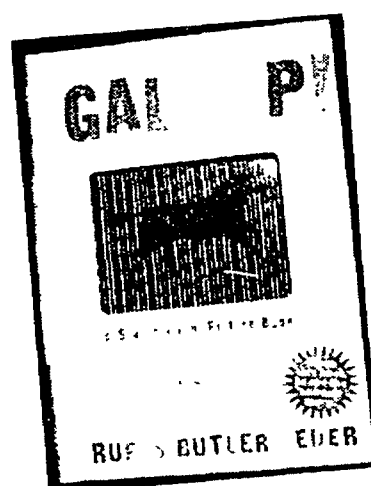
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You have to see this

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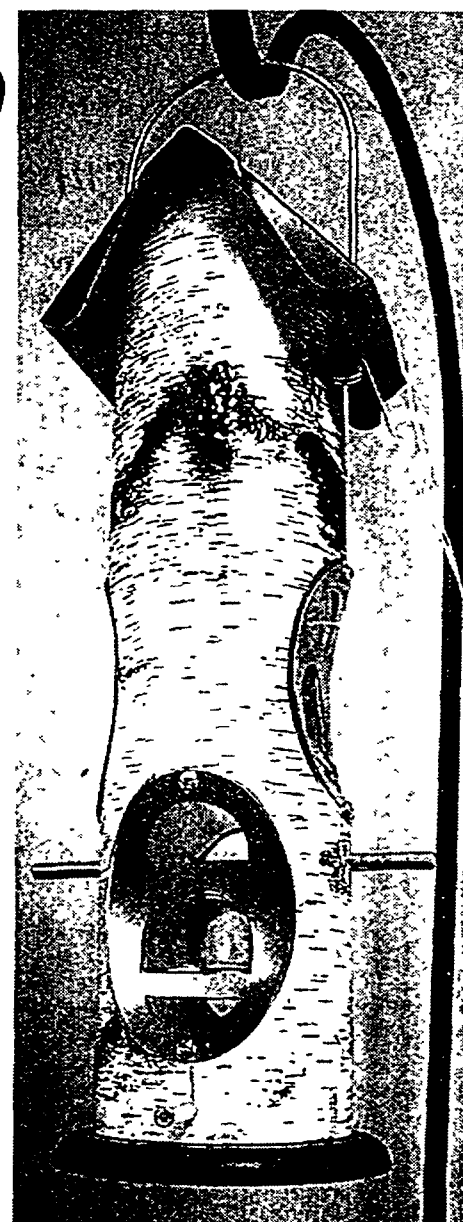


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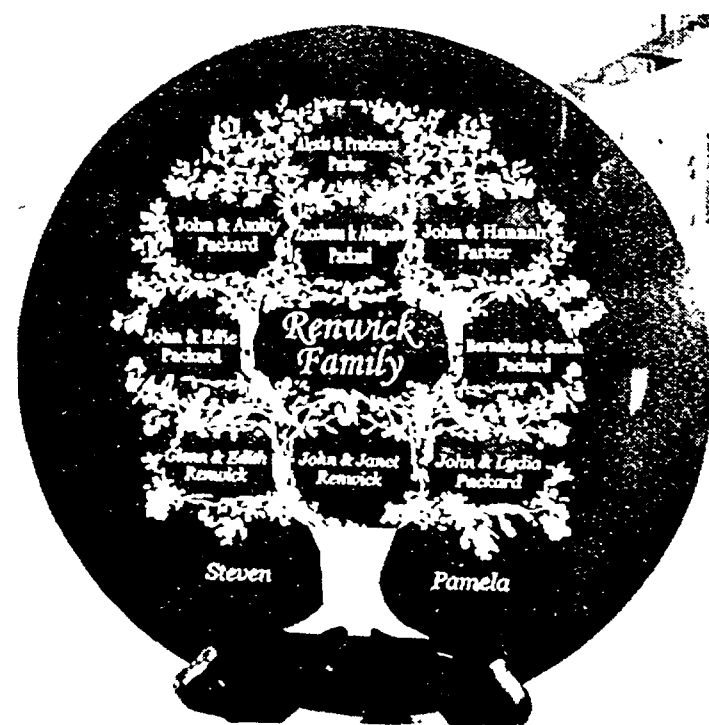
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Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit store that sells products handmade from artisans the world over. From folk art and heirloom-quality home décor, to ceramics, textiles, baskets, jewelry and musical instruments — there is something for everyone. The knowledgeable staff and volunteers can also tell you more about the products and the artisans who make them.

Each product is exquisitely handcrafted and reflects the traditions and cultures of artisans from the developing world. Many items, such as the nativity sets made from recycled newspaper, are environmentally friendly. The store also helps to improve the livelihood of disadvantaged people in developing countries and works to change unfair structures of international trade.

"It truly is a trip around the world in one store," Susan Adams, manager, said. "Sales represent a great amount, if not all, of the artist's income."

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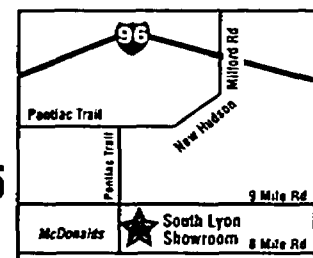
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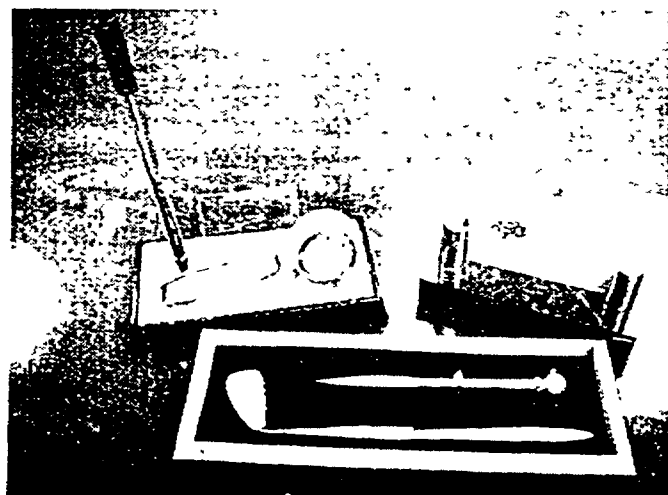


Stone castles

These beautiful bird houses are hand-decorated in Michigan. They are covered in river rocks, polished stones and Petoskey stones. Some are functional and others are meant just for a whimsical touch indoors. All are available at Basically Birds, located at 405 N. Main St., in Milford. (248) 685-9704 MSRP: \$50 to \$150

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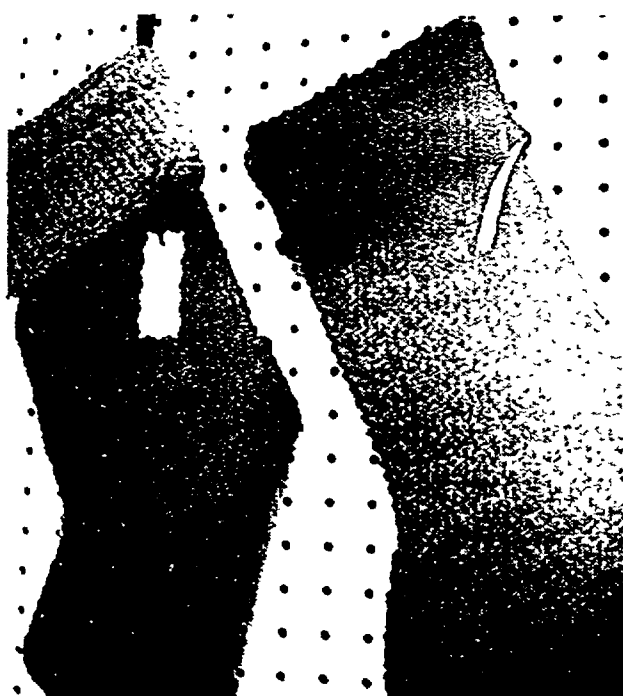


Fore-ever enjoyed

Golfers will love one of these personalized selections from Remember Me, located inside Parkside Cleaners in South Lyon. (248) 437-8353 MSRP: Engraved golf pen & clock set \$32; engraved letter opener and pen set \$24; engraved marble and brass card holder \$36

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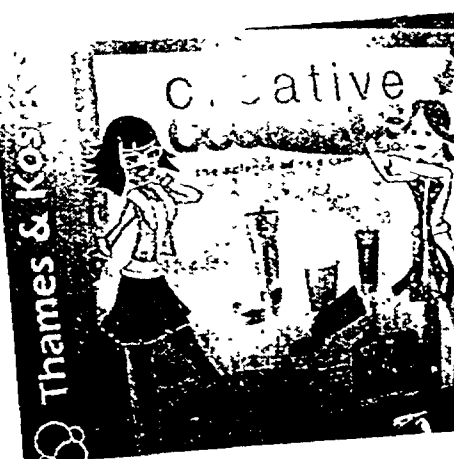
Turn any photo into a keepsake ornament at Remember Me, located inside Parkside Cleaners in South Lyon. It is an inexpensive, but thoughtful gift that is perfect for a new mom, grandparents, teachers and more. (248) 437-8353 MSRP: \$12



Add a homemade touch

Give them a handmade gift, like these crocheted stockings from Four Seasons Gallery, located at 588 N. Lafayette St., in South Lyon. (248) 446-4561

MSRP: Snowflakes \$8; stockings \$9.95



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Young girls will love to create their own skin lotion, gel, lip gloss and makeup with this special kit by Thames & Kosmos. Creative Cosmetics is available at Diane's Doll House, 102 N. Lafayette St., in South Lyon. (248) 486-0450 MSRP: \$59.95

Remember the sounds of the holidays

It's that time again ... so what will it be? Popcorn garland and your children's glue-covered art projects? Or, are you ready to move on to a more elegant and thematically garnished 'designer' look? Either way, family memories can be a unique part of your Christmas tree.

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Keepsake Quality

The trick to purchasing recordable ornaments is to make sure they are keepsake



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Smile year after year with holiday sentiments saved by recordable ornaments, like this one from Holiday Voices. It is available at Traditions Style in Northville.

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No tree? Not a problem

Even if having a tree isn't your thing, decorating with recordable ornaments can be.

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Holiday Voices recordable ornaments are available at Traditions Style in downtown Northville or through their Web site at www.traditionstyle.com.

They sell for only \$14.95 each.

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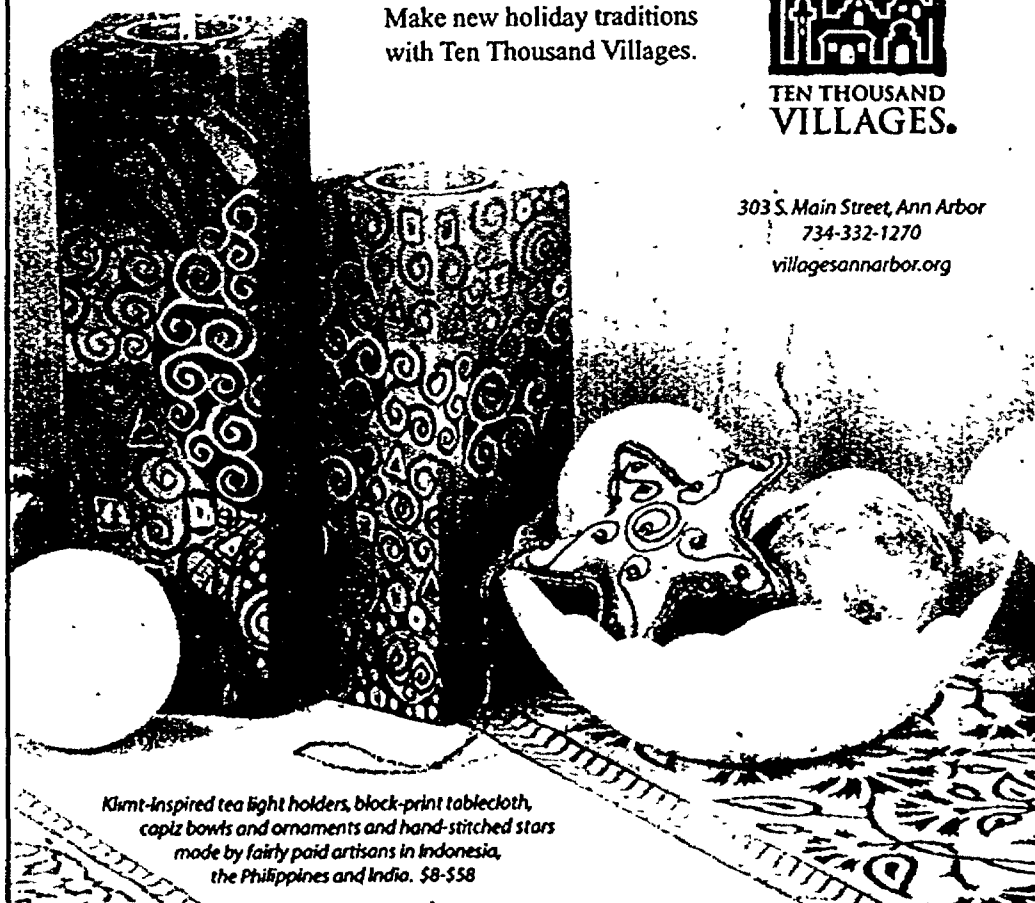
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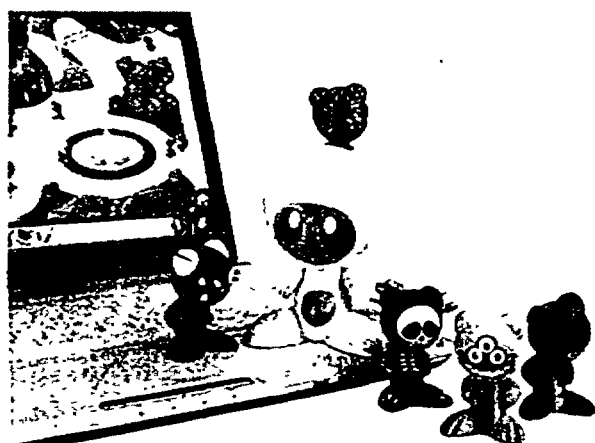
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MSRP: \$19.99 (Single characters are \$4.99) Ages 8+



Kristen Blevins, 5, of Fenton

Is she real or a doll?

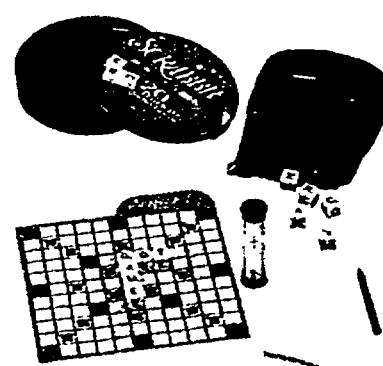
You'll ask that question the first time you watch Little Mommy Real Loving Baby Doll. With amazingly lifelike movements, she asks for a hug, drinks her bottle, plays peek-a-boo, snuggles with her blanket at night and more. Little girls can name her and she'll respond to her name. The doll also comes in an African American and Spanish-speaking version. Requires 4 AA batteries. MSRP \$69.99 Ages 3+

Go Diego Go! Animal Caller

Help Diego rescue the animals by speaking in their language. Words are translated into the sounds of the elephant, lion, monkey and more through this special megaphone. Pushing the button on the dial will generate messages from Diego and sounds of the animals, as well. Requires 3 AAA batteries. MSRP: \$15 Ages 2-7



Take a 20-minute break



With this new version of Scrabble, you can experience the game you love in just 20 minutes. The game board looks much like the original version, but the tiles are actually dice with letters on all sides. A timer keeps the game moving as players try to form the word worth the most points. But, what makes it truly unique is that only two words are left on the board at any one time, so the game is really portable and can be taken anywhere. And, all of the pieces, including the board, fit inside the plastic case that is about 6-inches across.

MSRP: \$14.99 Ages 8+

Music & fashion go online

Barbie has leaped into a new world with Barbie Girls. First, the 4½-inch device is a music player and holds 512MB (up to 120 MP3 files) and is expandable to 2GB. It comes with adjustable-sized earbuds, a belt clip, and a rechargeable battery that provides up to 10 hours of music per charge. Next, it is a fashion doll with interchangeable outfits, hair styles and accessories. Finally, the device hooks to the computer via a USB connector and offers an entire virtual world for girls to shop in, play games on and chat safely with other girls. Filters prevent personal information from being shared. And, the entire thing fits into a plastic storage box that can be attached to the wall for storage. Additionally, Deco Packs, containing animal charms and jewelry, and Fashion Packs, containing new outfits, unlock new areas to play online and are sold separately. MSRP: \$59.99 (Deco and Fashion Packs are \$9.99 each) Ages 6+



Brianna Allen, 9, of Howell

Watch him grow!

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He's absolutely amazing

We fell in love with Squawkers McCaw, the Furreal Friends Parrot from Hasbro. Just like a real parrot, this little guy talks, sings, repeats everything in his own voice, dances, responds to touch and can be taught to say more. You can feed him his cracker, play peek-a-boo with him, hear him snore when he goes to sleep, and even get a kiss. His life-like bird movements will amaze you, and his “feathers” are so soft.

Squawkers McCaw has quite a sense of humor. Tell him you love him and he might respond with, “I love me, too.” Ask him, “Watcha doin?” and he might say, “talkin to you” or “chillin.”

Play some music and he'll dance or sing and dance to his very own song.

Surprise friends and family by pushing buttons on his remote to get him to laugh hysterically, whistle or say, “what-ever.”

Or program him to respond to your commands and teach him what to say.

Another mode will have him repeating everything you say, in his own voice.

Squawkers McCaw comes with a perch, remote, cracker and adoption certificate. He comes with batteries, but needs 2 AAA batteries for the remote.

MSRP: \$69.99 Ages 5-105



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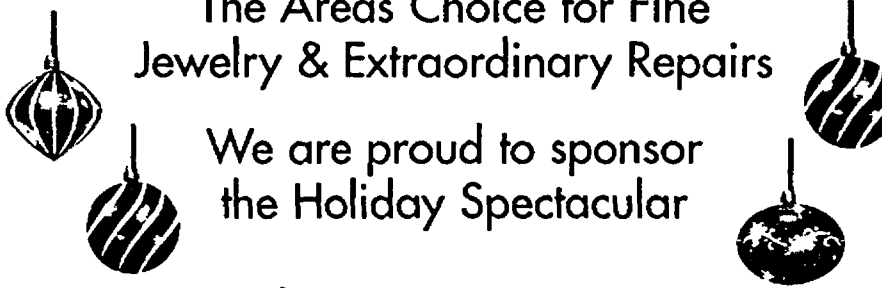
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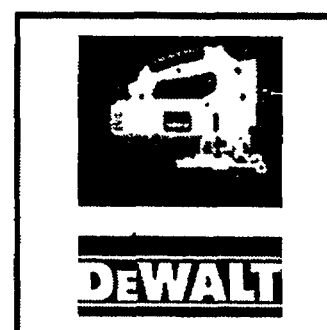
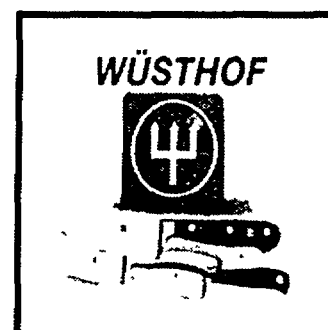
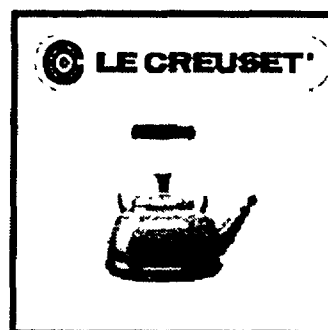
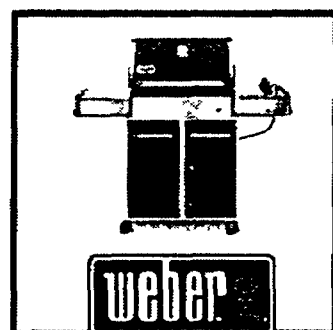
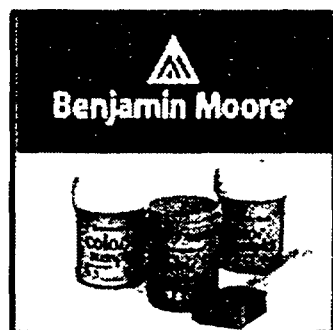
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*Jacob Klamo,
7, of Hartland*

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Internet personas do not expire. Lucky Duck Toys, 209 W. Main St., Brighton. (810) 229-0910 www.shiningstars.com
MSRP: \$15 *Ages 6 to adult*

American-made fun

Boys and girls will love these brand-new dolls from Granza, Inc. Designed by Aranza Zamora, Adoptable Kinders are super soft rag dolls that come with an Internet code. Children can go to the Web site and by playing educational games, take their doll through each grade of school — preschool to grade 12. There are 26 different dolls to choose from — one for each letter of the alphabet. There are both girl and boy dolls and they come in all skin and hair colors. Additional clothing and accessories are also available, with new products in the works. They are made entirely in Winter Springs, Fla. **MSRP: \$39.99** *Ages 3+* www.AdoptableKinders.com

*Hannah Klamo,
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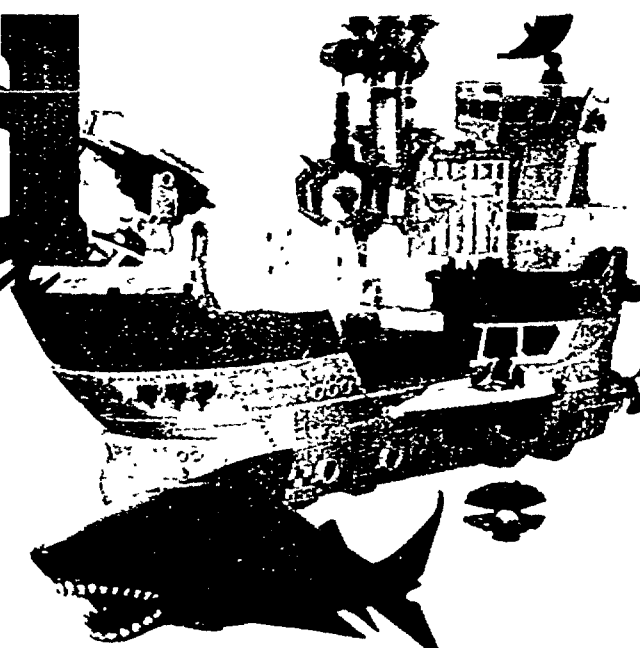
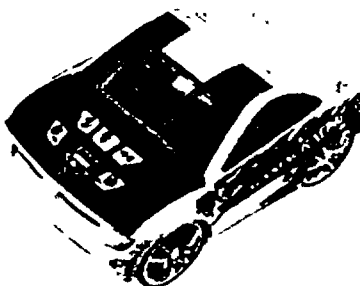
The adorable Littlest Pet Shop pets have been turned into super-soft stuffed animals to cuddle and love. Kids can choose from five Littlest Pet Shop VIPs: a dog, a cat, a penguin, a turtle or a panda. But, there is much more to these cute little guys. Each one comes with a secret code that allows children to play games and care for their virtual pet online at www.littlest-petshop.com. You can even try out the site before buying by



borrowing a pet. These pets are currently only available online at www.hasbrotoyshop.com, but will be in stores next year. **MSRP: \$14.99** *Ages 6+*

Digital driving dudes

Hot Wheels Maniacs are vehicles with virtual drivers. Kids can feed the driver, spin him upside down, drive him around on the floor and more. The driver has a sense of humor boys will love as he responds to your actions. Each vehicle also includes handheld games to play. Two versions — a car and a pick-up truck — are available. They require four AAA batteries. Our testers especially appreciated the packaging — cars just unscrew right out of the package! **MSRP: \$29.99** *Ages 8+*



Limited only by imagination

The Matchbox Mega-Rig Shark Ship Vehicle is a unique toy that can be played with on multiple levels, allowing no end to a child's imagination. The set comes with 28 pieces that can be configured into one huge shark ship or can be taken apart and recombined to create 40 different vehicles. Each boat has wheels and floats so kids can play on land or in the water. The shark chomps when you push his fin and the items he eats can be retrieved through his stomach. A harpoon takes off with the push of a button. A wench can pull up either an anchor or a shark grabber that opens and closes by squeezing the top. Two figures are included. The set is interchangeable with other Matchbox Mega-Rig toys for even more imaginative fun. **MSRP: \$44.99** *Ages 4+*

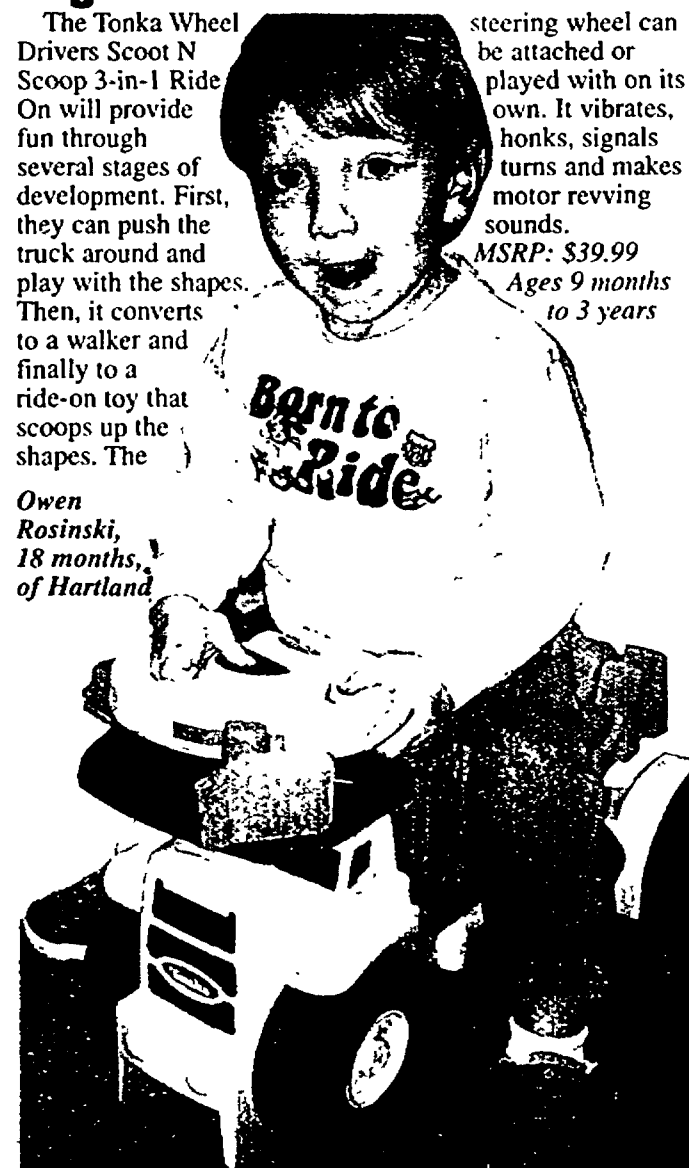
It grows with them

The Tonka Wheel Drivers Scoot N Scoop 3-in-1 Ride On will provide fun through several stages of development. First, they can push the truck around and play with the shapes. Then, it converts to a walker and finally to a ride-on toy that scoops up the shapes. The

steering wheel can be attached or played with on its own. It vibrates, honks, signals turns and makes motor revving sounds.

MSRP: \$39.99
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*Owen
Rosinski,
18 months,
of Hartland*



Don't forget to give year-end holiday gratuities for services

You may have checked your holiday list twice, but there may be some people you're forgetting to recognize.

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Certain people should be tipped because you are grateful for their level of service throughout the year, including newspaper deliverers, stylists, baby-sitters, etc.

Others can be "strategically" tipped to ensure your service or interaction remains


top-notch, including building superintendents, doormen, or the maitre d' at a restaurant you frequent.

According to etiquette experts, a gratuity of \$10 to \$30 for most service people is adequate.

If you use a day care center, consider \$10 to \$70 plus a small gift from the child.

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Goin' to the dogs

This year, add your pets to your holiday list and let them celebrate with you!

By Cynthia Grochowski
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Many Christmas shoppers have strollers, hammocks and stuffed animals on their gift lists this year, but a lot of it is literally going to the dogs.

This year, pets are sharing the holidays with their human families.

According to the 2007-2008 American Pet Products Manufacturers Association National Pet Owners Survey, 56 percent of dog owners and almost half of cat owners will buy their pets a gift this holiday season.

From practical beds, vehicle ramps and dishes to spa treatment products and tongue-in-cheek toys, pets will have an estimated \$40 billion spent on them this holiday season.

Alyssa Pasek,

manager of Market Place Pets in South Lyon, said there are plenty of holiday items to help pets celebrate.

"There are Christmas hats for dogs, little antlers, and stockings with glitter pens to write the pet's name on the stocking," she said. "Plus a section of the store is filled with stocking stuffers like catnip toys, squeakers and rawhide candy canes."

And, when it comes to gifts, the sky is the limit. Dogs out-gift all other animals during the holidays, according to Pasek.

"We get our pug a new toy each year and usually a box of treats from the dog bakery we used to go to in California when we lived there," said Sssygirl8 on www.MichiganMoms.com. "My in-laws always buy him a toy and treat each year."

Other gifts pet owners might want to consider this year:

■ Market Place Pets offers a 6-inch stuffed flea that says,

Pictures with Pets

Fido and Fluffy can have their pictures taken in a holiday scene by The Pooch Photographer from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 9, at Market Place Pets, 22179 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon, in the Brookdale Shopping Center at Nine Mile Road.

Families may pose with the pet if they choose. No reservations are necessary.

Call (248) 486-5400 for more information.

"Bite me." They also carry TV's popular BoBo the daschound toy.

■ Humunga Tongue is a red rubber tongue fetch toy for dogs. Toss it and get a laugh as your dog brings it back. www.FunStuffForDogs.com.

■ For the more discriminating pet and owner, Market Place Pets offers products such as SPA-Lavish Your Pet — a gift bag of shampoo, conditioner, facial scrub (to remove tear stains) and cologne, all in a cute bag with dog paw prints.

■ Petco.com offers the Chrysler Jeep Rubicon Pet Jogging Stroller and a pet ramp to assist dogs climbing into a vehicle, avoiding unnecessary strain on their master's back.

■ Other pet-friendly gifts offered by Jeep, like the Urban Traveler, Traveler Sling and Traveler bowls can be found on www.drsofostersmith.com.

■ For pet owners who love to cycle, Midnight Pass Inc.'s new Pet Cruiser Wicker Cruiser, www.WickerCruiser.com, replicates the famous English bike basket but is re-

This Urban Carrier from JEEP is perfect for transporting your pet.



Photo by METRO NEWS SERVICE

Multipet International, a pet toy company whose ever-popular Loofa dog appears in the PetSmart TV commercials, has a pink Loofa dog that would make a heart-felt gift for an animal lover or anyone touched by breast cancer.

"A new dog command has entered the marketplace — 'sit,' 'stay,' and 'fight' breast cancer," said Leslie Yellin, Multipet Director of Strategic Sales and a breast cancer survivor who spearheaded the pink program at the company.

The Breast Cancer Research Foundation has been selected as Multipet's charity-of-choice to receive ongoing contributions from the sale of the pink Loofa Dog.

The pink ribbon Loofa Dog is sold at PetSmart, PETCO, Pet Supplies Plus, Meijer's, Walgreens, and CVS.

— Metro News Service

designed to comfortably fit a cat or small dog up to 13 pounds.

■ Include kitty this year with the SmartyKat RunawayRascal remote-controlled mouse toy from www.worldwise.com. The cheese-wedge-shaped remote control keeps the wheels turning on this plush catnip-filled mouse toy.

Give a dog a phone or one of these other gadgets

By Ronda Addy
Multi-Ad

Love gadgets? Who doesn't? They are all around us in our homes, at work, wherever we go. We love gadgets, our kids love gadgets, so why shouldn't our pets love gadgets? With almost 73 million dogs and 90 million cats in the United States, is it any wonder that some interesting gadgets are making their way to our pets?

■ The AquaVista 500 aquarium is designed to hang on the wall like a picture. Measuring 26x26x4.5 inches, the aquarium can hold 6.6 gallons of water for freshwater fish only. It comes with a built-in proprietary filtration, air pump, lighting, heater, fish net, gravel vacuum, extendable claw and steel wall-mounting bracket. A side-mounted LCD display panel allows

users to control and monitor the temperature, lighting, oxygen level and filtration. The aquarium comes in plastic or wooden frames in a variety of colors and styles. www.aquavistanic.com

■ The CatGenie is the only self-flushing, self-washing cat box in the world. It is rinsed with fresh water, scrubbed by the GenieHand, sprayed with a solution to kill germs and odors, and dried. The cat box is 21x24 inches tall with a 19-inch bowl area. To hook it up, users need a cold-water hook-up, a laundry or toilet drain, a pipe to accept the waste and an electric outlet. Included with the cat box is a 10-foot long drain hose and an 8-inch long water hose. It works best in a home with two or three average-sized cats that are six months or older. www.catgenie.com

■ The NutraMatic 2X Automatic Feeder dispenses pellet and flake fish food every 12 hours.

The freestanding unit can be placed anywhere or mounted on the aquarium rim using the bracket included. It operates on two AA batteries, which are not included. www.hagen.com/usa

■ The PetCell is a 5x3-inch bone-shaped phone that attaches to a dog or cat's collar. Using a standard cellular network, the phone comes with its own number and can be programmed to accept up to three phone numbers, thus eliminating unwanted calls. Users simply call the number, and after one ring, they are automatically connected to their dog or cat's phone. The two can speak to each other through a built-in speaker. The phone also comes with three pre-programmed owner buttons that allows anyone who finds the dog or cat to contact the owner. It is GPS enabled, waterproof and Geofencing enabled. www.petsmobility.com

The 0.3 MPX Tomy Wonderful Shot camera

is light enough for any size of dog or larger cat to carry within their collar. It can be triggered remotely by remote control (the range is limited) or by timer to take pictures at regular intervals ranging from one minute to one hour. The memory allows for 90 images. When the memory gets full, the images can be downloaded into a USB port. The camera comes complete with rechargeable batteries that will last for 40 hours.

■ The Wordy Birdy Digital Speech Training Device allows users to record in their own voice what they want their birds to learn. The device repeats words and phrases over and over for a period of time ranging from 30 seconds to 30 minutes. Because it is digital, there is no tape or moving parts to break. The device operates on four AA batteries (not included) for up to six months. The message can be changed whenever desired. www.wordybirdy.com

Decoding the mystery of electronics

By Candy Spiegel & Cynthia Grochowski
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Electronics top the wish lists for many this holiday season. The Consumer Electronics Association is expecting a 7 percent increase in electronic sales during the fourth quarter, according to MSNBC.

And, while asking for one of these items is relatively simple, the number of models available can make actually buying one much more difficult. Even comparing models is challenging when one doesn't understand what the numbers mean.

To make the process easier, we've assembled the experts to help explain what we need to know to purchase a flat-screen TV or digital camera.

Digital Cameras

Megapixels — This is the camera's resolution or amount of detail it can capture. A higher number means better picture quality, a sharper image, and the ability to print the photo at a larger size. A higher resolution will also allow the photographer to zoom in on a portion of the image or crop out parts of the photo they don't want without losing the quality of the print.

According to How Stuff Works, www.howstuffworks.com, a 2.1 megapixel camera (1600x1200) is good for printing a 4-by-6 snapshot. A 4.0 megapixel camera



Some plasma TVs can display images from a secure digital image card so when the unit is off, family photos or works of art will appear on the screen.

(2240x1680) will make the 4-by-6 photos photo-lab quality.

Professional photographers disagree on the digital equivalent of 35mm film, with some saying it is as low as 4 megapixels and others going as high as 20 megapixels.

Most consumers will be probably be happy with a camera in the 5.0 megapixel to 8.0 megapixel range.

Optical Zoom vs. Digital Zoom — Digital zoom uses the camera's software to make the object closer. Depending on the camera's resolution, this could create a poor quality image.

Optical zoom on a digital camera replicates what a regular 35mm film camera zoom does, by actually magnifying the subject of the photo with the lens.

According to MalekTips, www.malektips.com, a 2x or 3x zoom is sufficient for those taking photos of friends and family. Those wanting to take photos of landscapes may opt for a 5x zoom. Wildlife photographers and those taking photos at sporting events or other places where one can't get close will want at least a 7x zoom.

Optical Zoom Part II

If getting close to a subject is important, Cameras.co.uk recommends buyers also examine the 35mm equivalents of a zoom lens (focal length), not just the "x" number (or zoom ratio). Zoom lenses are measured in millimeters, with a range given that represents the number of millimeters when the camera is not zoomed in to the number of millimeters when it is zoomed in to the maximum amount. It will look something like this: 35-105mm (or 3x).

Without going into a lot of math, one should know that a 3x zoom could zoom in to 105mm or 112mm or 84mm. Therefore, the best way to compare cameras is by comparing the focal length, rather than the ratio.

Wide-angle Lens

A wide-angle lens is 30mm or less. This allows the camera to see a wider image — taking in more of the landscape or fitting more people into the photo. A 3x camera with a wide-angle lens may have a focal length of 28-84mm, for example. So, while it will take wider photos, it won't zoom in as far as a camera without a wide-angle lens.

Flat-screen TVs

Flat-screen digital televisions are in demand this season more than ever, especially with the February 2009 deadline for analog stations to switch to digital broadcasting.

According to Rick Orlowski, district manager for Sears in Howell, there are several things to keep in mind when shopping for a flat-screen television.

LCD vs. Plasma — LCD screens use a liquid crystal display, just like calculator and computer screens. A gel between two pieces of plastic display colors when electrified. The plastic screen presents a matte finish to the picture, which eliminates glare from room light. LCDs are also more energy efficient to operate than plasma.

"This year it is more main stream to get an LCD because they are larger and prices have dropped," Orlowski said.

Plasma screens house neon and zeon gasses between two pieces of glass. The electrified gasses produce the colors. Plasma glass screens present a glossy picture and are susceptible to both glare and burn-in.

Burn-in is most noticeable when the plasma TV is off, but it can distort screen images. Burn-in occurs from displaying a stationary image like those from video gaming and stock tickers. LCD screens do not suffer from image burn-in.

"A lot of new technology has a signal that scrambles the pixels to avoid burn-in," Orlowski said.

Both LCD and plasma screens can suffer pixel death, or burn-out, which is not fixable.

"With newer models both burn-in and burn-out are becoming rarer," Orlowski said.

Viewing — Both types of televisions are rated from 60,000 half-life to 120,000 half-life based on a 12-hour TV watching day. Translation: these televisions can last 12 years to 20 years — much longer than earlier generations of flat screen TVs.

Both TV types can be viewed from the side without distortion problems, increasing the amount of seating in the TV room.

After all is said and done, Orlowski said it is really all about your eyes and what seems the best to you.

"It's a TV — you watch it," he said.



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Brands — Orlowski cautioned that price and brand names do matter when shopping for a flat screen TV.

"You will see these TVs in the \$499 to \$699 price range in brand names you have never heard of and you will get what you paid for," he said.

Screen Size — The size of the screen needed depends on the distance between the seating and the television.

The following guide is from www.ledtvbuyingguide.com:

Distance from seating	Screen size
2.5-5 feet	20-inch to 27-inch
6-8 feet	32-inch to 37-inch
10-14 feet	42-inch to 46-inch
12-16 feet	50-inch

Try making ornaments as gifts this year

By Tresa Erickson
MULTI-AD

This year, try making ornaments for elegant gifts. It's easier than you think.

Creating handmade ornaments is simple. You can use as many colors of paint as you would like or stick to two or three to create a specific color scheme.

Supplies:

- 12 frosted or clear glass ornaments
- Craft paint in two or more colors
- Paper cups

Directions:

1. Remove the hooks from the ornaments, rinse with water and set aside to dry.
2. Working on one ornament at a time, squirt a few drops of paint around the interior of the ornament, letting them flow down the sides to the bottom.
3. Fill in the spaces between paint trickles with squirts of a second color of paint and perhaps even a third.
4. Roll the ornament around in the palm of

your hand until the interior is completely coated with paint and you are satisfied with the swirls of color.

5. Dump the ornament upside down in a paper cup to remove excess paint and allow to dry overnight.

6. Repeat steps 1-5 for each remaining ornament.

7. Replace hooks, add a piece of curled ribbon and your ornaments are complete. It's that easy!

*Look for more great
gift ideas in
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Gift Guide
on Dec. 13.*



Filling out the tree

How do you give the kids several gifts to open when one item they want depletes the entire budget? Mrs. Claus tells all.

By Candy Spiegel
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Even Santa has a holiday budget that is quickly depleted with the purchase of a game system, digital camera or iPod.

And, while those items may be on the top of every child's wish list this year, parents would like to see them open more than just one gift on Christmas morning. So, how can parents give their children what they want without taking out a second mortgage on the house?

"By using some creative gift-giving ideas," Mrs. Claus answered.

After the Daily Press & Argus agreed not to reveal the identity of any of the children involved, Mrs. Claus shared some of the creative secrets from the North Pole.

The Value of a Dollar

Young children especially have difficulty understanding a budget and the cost of an item.

"They tend to count packages, not dollar amounts," Claus said. "So, after buying a young child an expensive item, visit the clearance aisle or dollar store to find small inexpensive gifts that can be wrapped and placed under the tree."

For older children, Claus said one Grand Blanc dad buys his teens paperback books, CDs, DVDs and other low-priced items to help fill out the tree.

It's all About the Food

"Everyone has a special type of food that they love, but don't get very often," Claus said.

"Why not spoil them during the holidays by wrapping up their favorite sugary cereal, an entire bag of bubblegum or a special bottle of soda?"

One Pinckney mom wraps empty coffee cans in holiday paper and then fills them with homemade cookies, Claus said. She also said a decorated mug with packages of cocoa mix

would make a nice gift.

"Food is not usually expensive and if it's something they really like, but rarely get, they'll be thrilled to have some of their very own that they don't have to share with anyone else," Claus said.

She does, however, share an important reminder — "never put wrapped food under a tree in a home where there are pets roaming about. Not only will the pet spoil the gift, but it could be dangerous for the dog or cat."

Tag Team

"There is no reason that children can't share an item with a hefty price tag," Claus stated.

She knows of one Howell family with three young boys. Santa is bringing them a Nintendo Wii but they have to share it.

"Mom and Dad are buying each of the boys their own game for the system and Grandma and Grandpa are buying the extra controllers," she said. "This way, the boys get what they want without an undue financial burden on any one person."

Make It

One Howell teen that Claus spoke with thought handmade gifts were a nice way to add something inexpensive to the presents under the tree. She told Claus that a handmade ornament, picture frame or blanket would make a nice addition to the iPod she hopes to get this year.

Accessorize

"Speaking of an iPod," Claus said, "parents may wish to wrap each accessory for an big-ticket item in a separate package."

For example, Claus felt that a case for the iPod, speakers or even gift cards redeemable for songs and movies for the iPod could each be wrapped in separate packages.

"A truly thrifty parent could even wrap the batteries separately. You just have to be careful as to which order they open the gifts in,"

Other ideas

- * Gift cards for fast-food restaurants or gas stations
- * Sudoku, word search or crossword books
- * Jigsaw puzzles
- * Coloring books and crayons
- * School or craft supplies
- * Holiday jewelry
- * Lipgloss, hand lotion or bubble bath
- * Ornaments
- * Small stuffed animals
- * Card games
- * Hair accessories
- * Extra batteries
- * Purse-size notebook and pen
- * Movie or vacation posters
- * Windshield washer fluid or accessories for their car
- * Silly Puddy, yo-yo's or other small toys

she said with a smile.

Holiday Fashion

Another tip, Claus explained, is to wrap the things the children need for winter and place them under the tree as gifts.

"It could be mittens and hats, a new winter coat, a sweater or socks and underwear," Claus said. "These are things parents have to buy for winter anyway, so why not wrap them and put them under the tree so the fun of Christmas morning is extended?"

Boxing Gifts

A final suggestion, Claus felt requires just the right sort of parent and child to pull off.

"I know of one grandmother in Argentine who wraps a small, but expensive, gift in a small box. She then puts it inside of slightly larger box and wraps it. That package goes into a larger wrapped box and so forth. When she is finished, her grandchildren have to open six or seven boxes in order to get to the actual gift," she said laughing.

Poinsettias make great gifts for neighbors, co-workers and friends

By Tresa Erickson
MULTI-AD

Each year, you usually give your neighbors a small gift to say thank you for everything they have done for you. This year, you have decided to give each of them a poinsettia. You're not much of a green thumb and you could use some advice on selecting good plants.

Poinsettias are one of the most popular holiday plants and can be found at a number of garden centers, florist shops and retail stores during November and December.

They typically come in red, white, pink

and marble, and in order to purchase a healthy plant, there are several items you need to consider.

First, check out the plant's bracts, or colored leaves. How many are there, and how large are they? The best poinsettias have six or more fairly large bracts that extend over the lower green leaves. Generally, the more bracts the poinsettia has and the larger they are, the more it will cost.

As you inspect the bracts, pay attention to the cyathia, or the green flower parts in the middle. Poinsettias with large cyathia and a lot of yellow pollen and sap have very few

days of life left, whereas poinsettias with smaller cyathia and little to no pollen and sap will last longer.

After you have finished with the bracts, check out the condition of the green leaves underneath. These should be in excellent condition and extend over the pot's rim. Drooping leaves may point to an insect infestation and you should avoid purchasing the poinsettia.

If selected properly, poinsettias will last four to six weeks in the home.

Of course, the life of the plant hinges on the care it is given. To ensure your neighbors'

poinsettias stay in good condition, you might want to give them a list of instructions for caring for it.

In order to survive, poinsettias must be placed in a somewhat humid, sunny location away from drafts — about 70 degrees during the day and 62 degrees to 65 degrees at night is ideal.

The soil should be given ample time to dry out and then the poinsettia should be watered periodically with warm water. The poinsettia should never sit in water for more than half an hour and its bracts should never be misted with water.



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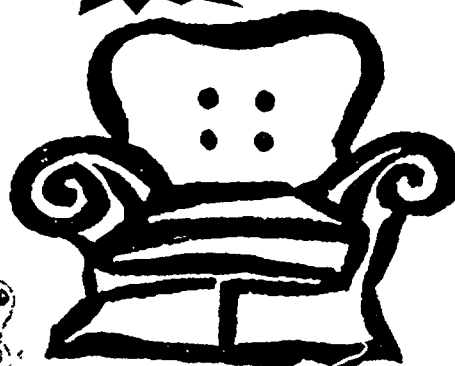
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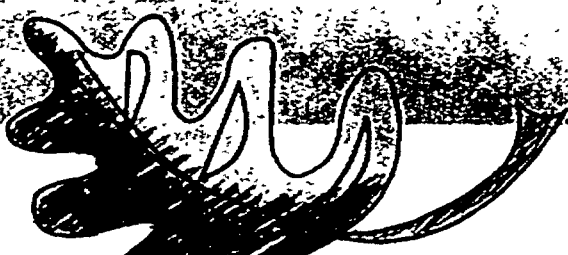
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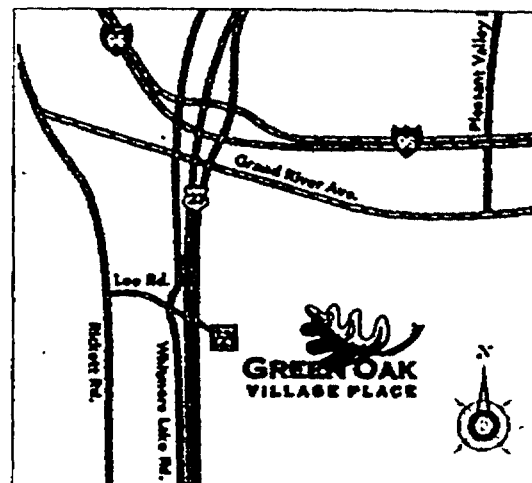
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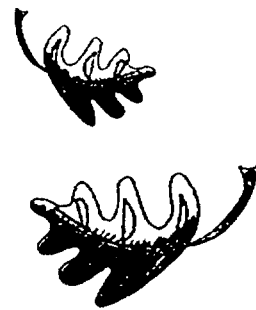
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