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Religious order suing township

■ Priests claim constitutional rights violated

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Members of a Catholic order filed a federal lawsuit last week against Northville Township, claiming their constitutional rights have been violated.

The Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor filed the case on behalf of members of the Miles (pronounced meé lahs) Christi Religious Order, who live at 49744 Seven Mile Road in the township.

Besides the township, the suit names Chip Snider, township manager, Jennifer Frey, director of community development, and Joseph Bauer, ordinance enforcement officer.

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The suit, which was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, is a civil rights action.

It claims that through the enforcement and attempted enforcement of zoning laws that the township violated the priests' constitutional rights.

The priests, under the direction of Father Cesar Bertolacci and Brother Francisco Conte-Grand, seek compensation for harm caused them by the township along with reasonable legal costs, including attorney fees and expenses.

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Legal fund established for Farmer John Beemer

■ Firm to hold money in client trust account

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

A group of Northville citizens have established a legal defense fund for former Maybury Farm worker John Beemer to pay for expenses relating to his appeal on denied unemployment benefits.

The Northville Community Foundation Board fired Beemer as farm manager on Sept. 28.

Beemer was subsequently denied unemployment compensation by the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

The Farmington Hills-based law firm of Couzens Lansky will represent Beemer in contesting the denial, according to attorney David Lawrence.

"We will be examining the denial of benefits and the circumstances surrounding Farmer Beemer's termination," Lawrence said.

There were no other details provided regarding the unemployment denial or potential litigation against the Northville Community foundation.

Beemer was contacted about the matter at his and wife Norma's farm in Stockbridge.

"In response to an inquiry to myself from the Record about the above, I must decline any comment because of pending litigation with the NCF.

"Maybe in the near future, Norma and I can write the Record and answer many of your questions.

"In the meantime, we wish to thank the many people who have supported us and your farm for the past 30 years."

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Farmer John Beemer holds one of two kids that were born to a goat in June at Maybury Farm.

The Record also contacted members of the Northville Community Foundation Board of Directors and Susan Greenlee, president of Voices for Maybury Farm.

"This is an effort being done by others in the community, not the Voices for Maybury Farm, but we are very supportive of this effort, and I personally am contributing to it," Greenlee said.

The Northville Community Foundation Board of Directors responded via e-mail:

"We stand by our decision, and reiterate this is (a) personnel issue and will not discuss it publicly."

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To contribute:

Anyone interested in contributing to the cost of Beemer's representation may send a check payable to the "Couzens Lansky Client Trust Account" indicating it is intended for the Beemer matter, to:

Couzens Lansky, P.C
39395 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

The money will be held in the firm's client trust account and applied exclusively to this matter.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Ray Martin takes a look at some of the bottled selections at downtown Northville's Simply Wine, which recently opened on Center Street.

■ Newly-opened Simply Wine caters to all wine lovers

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Take a step inside Northville's newest winery, Simply Wine, located at 109 N. Center St., and you may want to pop open a bottle, turn on some Wynton Marsalis jazz and talk shop inside the emporium.

The strong aroma of potpourri hits you as soon as the wood and glass entrance opens. Then you take in a rustic feel that is accented by hardwood flooring, and your eyes wander as you take in each of the wines that line the store walls. The cozy setup is the brainchild of co-owners Laura McQueen and Maria Vasseliou — two women with a passion for the libation that has several blends and can go with almost any meal.

"We wanted to make sure the store wasn't intimidating," McQueen said. "We want people to know they can come in and get great customer service whether they're just getting into wines or if they're a wine connoisseur."

Simply Wine, which opened for business Nov. 15, prides itself on having a variety of wines from all regions, Vasseliou said. That shows in the shop's setup, as the wines are separated in areas represented by their flavor profile, which is made up of ripe wines, such as zinfandels and Australian shiraz; rustics like Bordeaux and Spanish blends; rich beverages, such as chardonnay and German riesling; and clean wines like pinot grigio and crisp Italian styles.

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Survey to aid NPS in its handling of cultural issues

■ Questionnaire to serve as guide for district

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Any parent who is a part of the Northville Public School District community and has ever wanted their feelings known on how the district deals with cultural diversity is about to get their wish as the district earlier this month sent out cultural diversity surveys with students.

Lynne Mossoian, district director of special education, said Northville officials and staffers don't want to speculate or assume what the communities perception of cultural diversity is within the district, so the survey will serve as factual information. Mossoian added the surveys were to be returned to district elementary and middle schools Dec. 7, while parents of Northville High School students have until tomorrow to turn the questionnaire in.

> **"We want to be more proactive than reactive. And we feel this survey will prevent us from running into some problems down the road."**
>
> *Lynne Mossoian*
> *NPSD Director of Special Education*

Karin Pearson, Northville High School assistant principal, said responses to the survey will aid the district in implementing culturally-diverse programs to the district makeup and curriculum.

"I've been in the district seven years, and this is the first survey of this kind that I have seen," said Pearson, who serves as a member of the district's Diversity Core

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Promoters called the Dec. 5 concert one of the hottest tickets in almost 20 years, as Montana, played by 15-year-old singer-dancer-actress Miley Cyrus, daughter of country singer Billy Ray Cyrus, was joined by singing duo Jonas Brothers for the show.

HOT TICKETS

■ Northville fourth-grader and friends take in Hannah Montana show

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday's "Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Tour" concert at the Palace of Auburn Hills sold out fairly quickly.

Luckily for Winchester Elementary School fourth-grader Jane Schriner, her mom, Stephanie, didn't mind taking her to the concert on a school night.

"We all had a rocking good time," Stephanie said. "That was the only thing going that night."

The mother-daughter duo made the trip to the sold-out show in style, as a stretch limo picked up Jane, her mom, five of Jane's friends and two other mothers.

"The limo was fun. My friends and I listened to Hannah, Miley and Jonas Brothers songs all the way there," Jane said. "My mom brought food for the ride out and we drank sparkling cider out of the glasses in the back, just like being grown up. It was very fun."

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The Disney series focuses on Miley Stewart, played by Cyrus, who lives a double life as an average teenage girl at school during the day, and a famous pop singer, Hannah Montana, at night, concealing her real identity from the public, other than her close friends and family. A number of CDs and DVDs have been released during the show's run, and it has also been nominated for an Emmy.

Long, strange trip

Jane, 9, and her cohorts enjoyed the show, but the trip almost didn't materialize, according to Stephanie. She said Jane wanted to see Hannah Montana and a another child-popular group, The Cheetah Girls, last Christmas in Canada.

"I said 'I'm not going over to Canada on a school night,'" Stephanie said, "but I decided to get tickets for the show at the Palace because I knew Jane really wanted to go."

In order to get tickets for last week's event, at pre-sale, Stephanie had to join the Hannah Montana Fan Club, and she was able to purchase the tickets before they went on sale to the general public.

"I was surprised because I was able to get (the tickets) at face value," Stephanie said. "I didn't think I'd be able to do that, so with the money I saved, I was able to get us the limo."

Fun time

Other than questioning why the girls behind her "screamed so loud," Jane had a great time, she said, even though she thought her eardrum was going to burst.

"I thought it was really cool. It was also really loud," Jane said. "I was surprised at how many times Hannah/Miley changed clothes. We counted over 10 costume changes. Her outfits were pretty amazing, especially compared to the clothes my friends and I wear, and my mom was glad that they were 9-year-old girl appropriate."

The Jonas Brothers were really cool, too. They sang alone and with Hannah. They had awesome gymnastic moves and crazy jumps while they were singing. I love dancing, so their moves and Hannah's, and her dancers', were all terrific and fun to watch.

"My favorite song was (Hannah's) "Best of Both Worlds," probably because we had a 'limo out front' just like the song."

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Submitted photo

Winchester Elementary School fourth-grader Jane Schriner, left, cuts up in a limo with friends Hanna Holshouser and Anna Kwiecinski, right, on their way to last week's Hannah Montana show at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

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The dates authorized by law for school regular elections are:
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(b) The November general election date;
(c) The November general election date in both even and odd years;
(d) The May regular election date in both even and odd years;
(e) The odd year May regular election date.

The Board has tentatively established the November general election date in both even and odd years as the regular election date, commencing in November 2008.

Establishment of an annual election in November as the regular election date commencing in November of 2008 will result in the term of office of current school board members being extended to fit the new election cycle.

The hearing will be held in the Board Office, 501 W. Main St. in the district at 7:00 o'clock in the evening on the 18th day of December, 2007.

If the Board of Education fails to approve the tentative election date, or any other date authorized by law, the regular election will continue to be held at the May regular election date in both even and odd years, continuing with May 2008.

The Board of Education is authorized by law to adopt a resolution setting the regular election date immediately subsequent to the public hearing.

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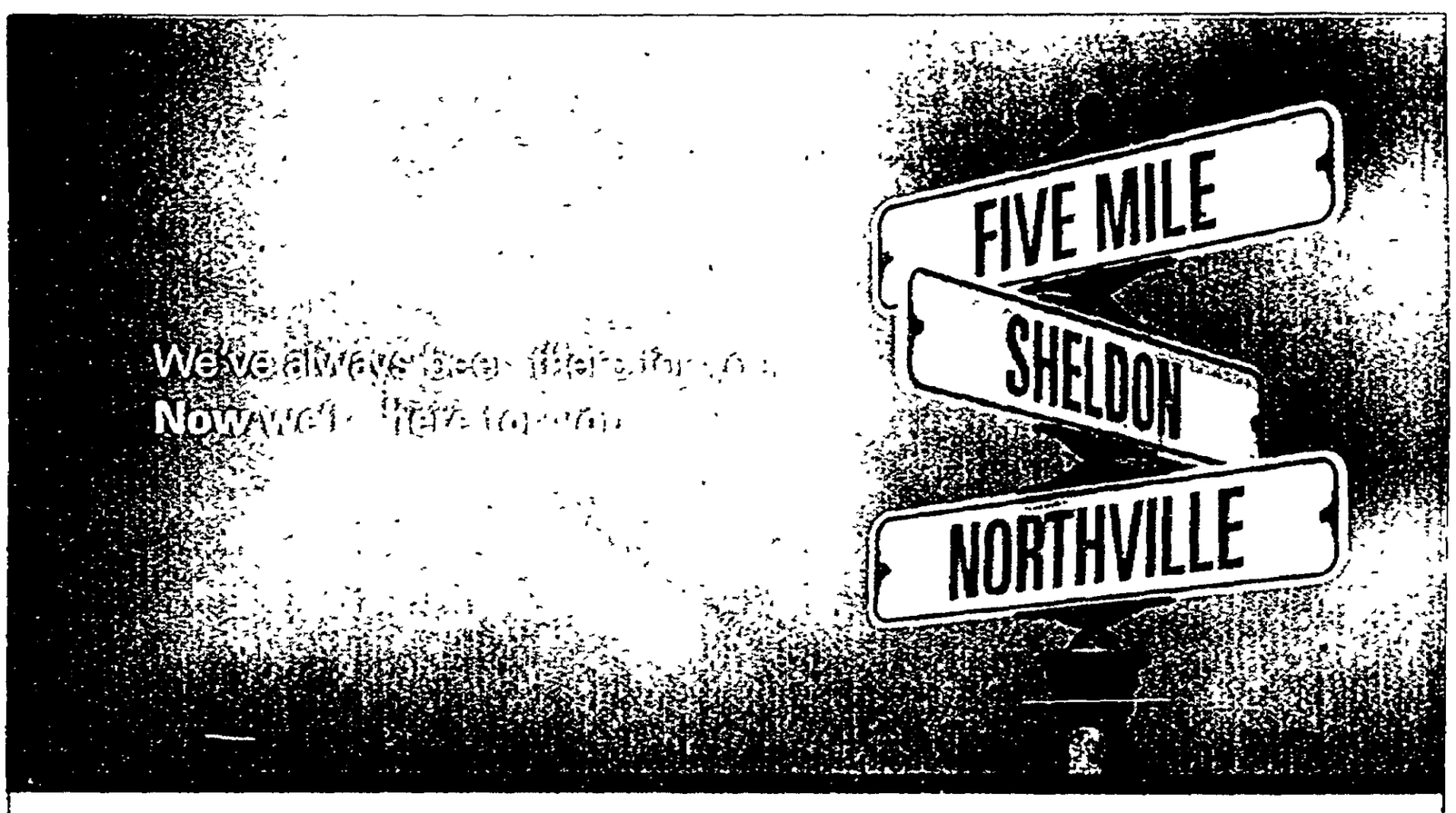

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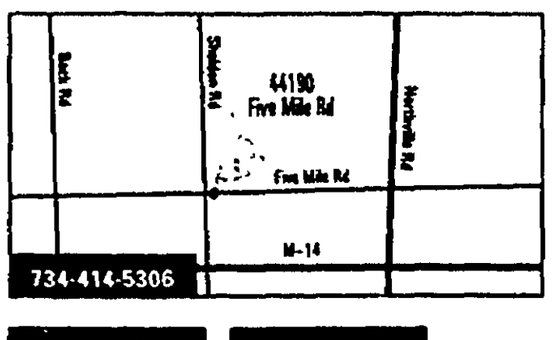

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The Miles Christi home on West Seven Mile Road in Northville Township.

■ Religious order suing Northville Twp.

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Tax-exempt organization

The order, which is approved by the Catholic Church, is recognized as a tax-exempt entity by the IRS.

The priests and brothers in the home have owned the property since 2002, when the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence donated it to them.

The Catholic religious order of sisters once used the home to care for the mentally challenged.

Six Miles Christi members live in the home, where they also engage in private religious practices and host private Bible study groups.

The order claims that this use is consistent with and appropriate for current zoning for the residential district.

However, after receiving complaints from neighbors about the number of cars parked on the residential parcel, the township said the order was not in compliance with residential zoning laws and wanted members to develop a plan that would include a parking area.

But, the lawsuit states that typically, only 8-13 people attend the religious study sessions at the home and as few as five people some days.

It also says that when the study sessions involve youths, parents often drop them off at the home, and that no vehicles have been parked on public roads or rights-of-way.

The house also contains a small chapel, with a maximum capacity of about 18, used by the priests and brothers for daily Mass, but not for marriages or baptisms. It is not open to the public.

The suit alleges that because of a complaining neighbor that the township conspired to find a way to enforce the zoning ordinances against the Miles Christi order.

During the month of February 2007, the suit states the township increased surveillance of the Miles Christi property, including using uniformed police officers in marked cars to monitor the property and take photos.

The document goes on to say that the frequent surveillance caused the order to cancel one of its Bible study groups and limit visits by friends and supporters. This surveillance supposedly continued through June 2007.

At a meeting in March, Frey said she thought the order's property should be considered a small church that under zoning laws would have to go through a site plan approval process for its more "intense use."

The lawsuit says required renovations to the property would place a financial burden on members of the order that would negatively impact its ability to perform religious practices.

Supervisor's response

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, believes the township has not violated members of the order's constitutional rights.

"Township personnel were responding to citizen complaints regarding parking activity viewed in violation of township zoning ordinances," Abbo said. "It had nothing to do with religious practice."

Abbo went on to say that, "Being Catholic, I understand reconciliation is often preached and often taught at the church. Therefore, I'm disappointed they feel this action was necessary, because the bottom line is that township staff were simply doing their job."

When the township sued the religious order earlier in the year for failure to submit a site plan for its alleged change in use, 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou dismissed the case.

Gerou said the township failed to demonstrate a change in use under its zoning ordinances because the law was vague and also denied a motion to reconsider his decision.

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Township: REIS placed gate illegally

■ Developer says new gate safer for tenants

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Chip Snider, Northville Township manager, said a 30-foot, electric gate installed by developer REIS Tuesday afternoon on the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property violates local ordinances.

"How in the world could they do this, placing residents in the four security trailers in jeopardy?" Snider asked.

Snider was referring to four families who are currently renting modular homes placed on the property recently.

Public Safety Department vehicles are now unable to access the property when the gate is closed, Snider said, adding that the fence was placed on the property without proper permits being obtained from the township.

"Any action or effort by the township to interfere with this gate would be impeding advanced and better security," Mitchell said. "That's clearly contrary to the public good. This is much safer for everyone," Mitchell said.

"We had no knowledge that the gate was being installed prior to a public safety official observing it on Tuesday," Snider said.

The gate can be seen about 20 feet from the roadway.

This is the only entrance to the property, since the Haggerty Road entrance to the former psychiatric hospital parcel has two poles and a chain across it.

A 24-hour show cause was hand-served by the township to the contractor on Tuesday, which means REIS has until 1 p.m. Wednesday to obtain a permit for the gate, which can't be obtained without Zoning Board of Appeals approval.

"What we have done is to repair an existing gate that had a key and a lock," said Steve Mitchell, spokesperson for REIS. "The township did not have a key to get into the property if there was an emergency. The key and the lock will be replaced by a key pad, and the township — including both the police and fire departments — will be given the code to the key pad in case they need to come onto the property.

"This is really an improved security gate that adds to the property's overall security."

Mitchell added that never in any of the applications that were made did REIS use the word "trailer."

"We applied for permits to build residences on the site," he said. "The township issued the permits for us to build the residences. The township then issued unconditional certificates of occupancy after full inspections of the residences. Once they received those certificates, we then leased them to tenants."

Agencies seek storm water permit input

■ City supports other testing procedures

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Northville City Council members voted this month to approve a resolution supporting local agencies in efforts to negotiate a fair and achievable National Pollution Discharge Elimination System storm water permit with the state.

The resolution requests a 90-day extension to review the proposed permit.

The resolution was approved at the Dec. 3 council meeting.

In June 1999, the city of Northville obtained a Certificate of Coverage as part of the Voluntary General Storm Water Permit established by the state.

In 2003, the city reapplied for the certificate in what became a federal permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency to the state and administered by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The state's review process for the modifications was to remain open only until yesterday. Thus, it was important for local communities to request that this deadline be extended for 90 days.

This will give the Oakland County Drain Commissioner, the Alliance of Rouge Communities and SouthEast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) time to develop and bring practical changes to the permit process.

This will result in improved water quality while at the same time lowering the costs to municipal permit holders.

To show support for the efforts of the Oakland County Drain Commissioner, the Alliance of Rouge Communities and SEMCOG, it has been suggested that each community pass a resolution like the one Northville city council passed on Dec. 3.

The resolution expresses concern about the proposed requirements developed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and asks for a time extension to allow more discussion in establishing the criteria.

"If there are no comments from communities, the MDEQ will proceed with the criteria proposed, and these changes will have a negative financial impact on the city," Jim Gallogly, public works director, told the mayor and council.

Nancy Darga, a newly elected member of city council who is involved in clean water issues in the area, said she believes there are more effective ways of dealing with the issue of combined sewer overflows in the Rouge River.

Darga was one of the founding members of the Friends of the Rouge and has worked with the Rouge Rescue Program for several years.

Mayor Chris Johnson believes a newer test should be used to measure the water quality of the Rouge River.

He believes the current test for E. coli bacteria is too stringent, considering bacteria comes from wildlife that frequents the Rouge.

The resolution states that the communities strongly support the MDEQ and its efforts to enforce the Clean Water Act of 1992 and that communities throughout the region have already invested millions of dollars to eliminate sewage from area waterways.

The document also says the city of Northville rejects the use of E. coli as the only means of identifying sources of human sewage in the area waterways.

Northville city officials support the use of alternative testing procedures, such as those that combine targeted bacterial source tracking and fluorometric screening.

"There is an alternative testing method that has been recommended by the drain commissioner," Johnson said.

The resolution says the proposed new storm water general permit will require communities to perform excessive self-reporting based on sampling procedures that do not have widespread support from the professional community.

The 90-day extension on the comment period was requested because of the complex nature of the information and the need for the city to become fully apprised of issues involved

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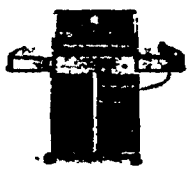

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Don't wait until last minute – shop at Guys Night Out tonight

■ Men get their turn downtown

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

OK, men of Northville, it's time you show the ladies how to shop like a man.

The ladies had their opportunity at the Dec. 6 Girls Night Out, which organizers say was a resounding success.

T. Daniels

T. Robinson

Today, downtown Northville merchants will open their doors to local men as Guys Night Out takes place from 6-11 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Northville Central Business Association.

Yes, guys, shopping can be fun, even if it's not in sporting goods or home improvement stores.

So, grab your buddies and head to downtown Northville to enjoy Guys Night Out.

After all, guys deserve a night out with their friends, too.

Male shoppers who haven't finished (or even started) their Christmas shopping yet will have a chance to shop for unique gifts in downtown until 9 p.m.

Downtown merchants will have special male-oriented giveaways and promotions.

Store owners and clerks will also be available to provide assistance to those who don't know what to buy everyone on their shopping list.

Men whose wives or girlfriends attended last week's Girls Night Out should remember to bring their "wish lists" from that evening if they have one.

While the men are shopping, they may run into Trudi Daniels from 101 WRIF-FM, who will be in town getting some shopping done herself, with other celebrity bell ringers positioned around town collecting money for The Salvation Army. Daniels can be heard on WRIF's "The Drew & Mike Show" weekday mornings.

When the guys are done with their shopping, they can head to the recently-opened Chase Bar & Grill from 9-11 p.m. to kick back with the boys.

That's where Taylor Robinson, the WRIF Rock Girl, will be on site to welcome all the guys to the post-shopping hang out.

More giveaways will be available for the guys at The Chase.

Tom Holzer Ford will also provide a free shuttle service from outside The Chase for anybody who decides they've had too much fun to drive home.

For more information on Guys Night Out, call Starring, the Gallery, at (248) 347-1642.

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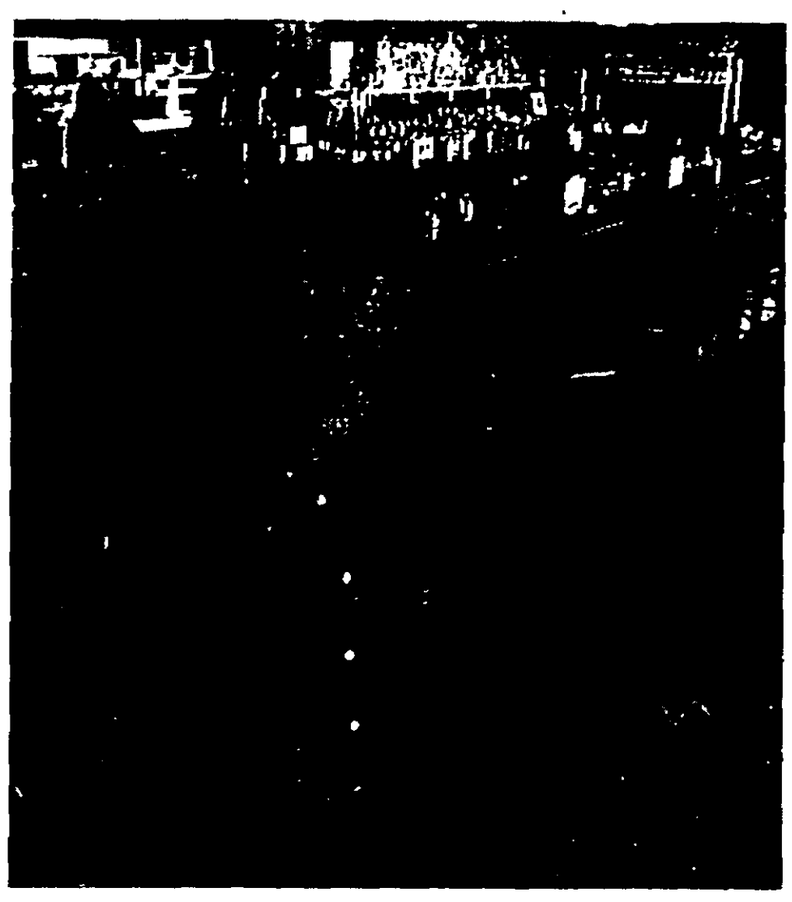

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Dave Bastianelli stands in his recently-opened The Chase Bar & Grill. The Chase opened in the southeastern lower level of the Northville Square development and features food, drinks, lots of flat panel TVs and and outdoor patio for next summer's visitors. Bastianelli opened The Chase with partner Bret Konol.

■ Simply Wines of all kinds

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The presence of the shop has been made known in the near month it's been operational, which could be due, in part, to its motto — "Simply Wine: The 100 Best Wines under $15."

"That's our niche," Vasseliou said, adding the store also has higher-end wines. "We have a lot of quality wines for under $15. People can come in and browse around. We want to appeal to a wide range of clients."

That wide clientele will be made up of wine lovers of all ages, Vasseliou said, adding that she has noticed the "younger generation" taking an interest in wine.

"In the past, I think wine was looked at as an older person's drink," Vasseliou said. "It was thought that all young people drank beer, and that's not the case anymore, so we're here for everyone."

Aside from featuring a plentiful wine catalog, Simply Wine also specializes in gift baskets and accessories for a number of occasions. Both owners say they will make it a priority to aid any customer who has questions about what type of wine to serve for a specific occasion, along with welcoming input on how to improve the store.

Vasseliou said she and McQueen may host a grand opening celebration once the holiday season passes. She said that would serve as a "thank you" to members of the Northville community, who have embraced the store.

"I think the people like the idea of the shop because Northville really doesn't have one like it," McQueen said. "It's also great to see how much the people want to support local businesses, and we're going to try to build around our customers."

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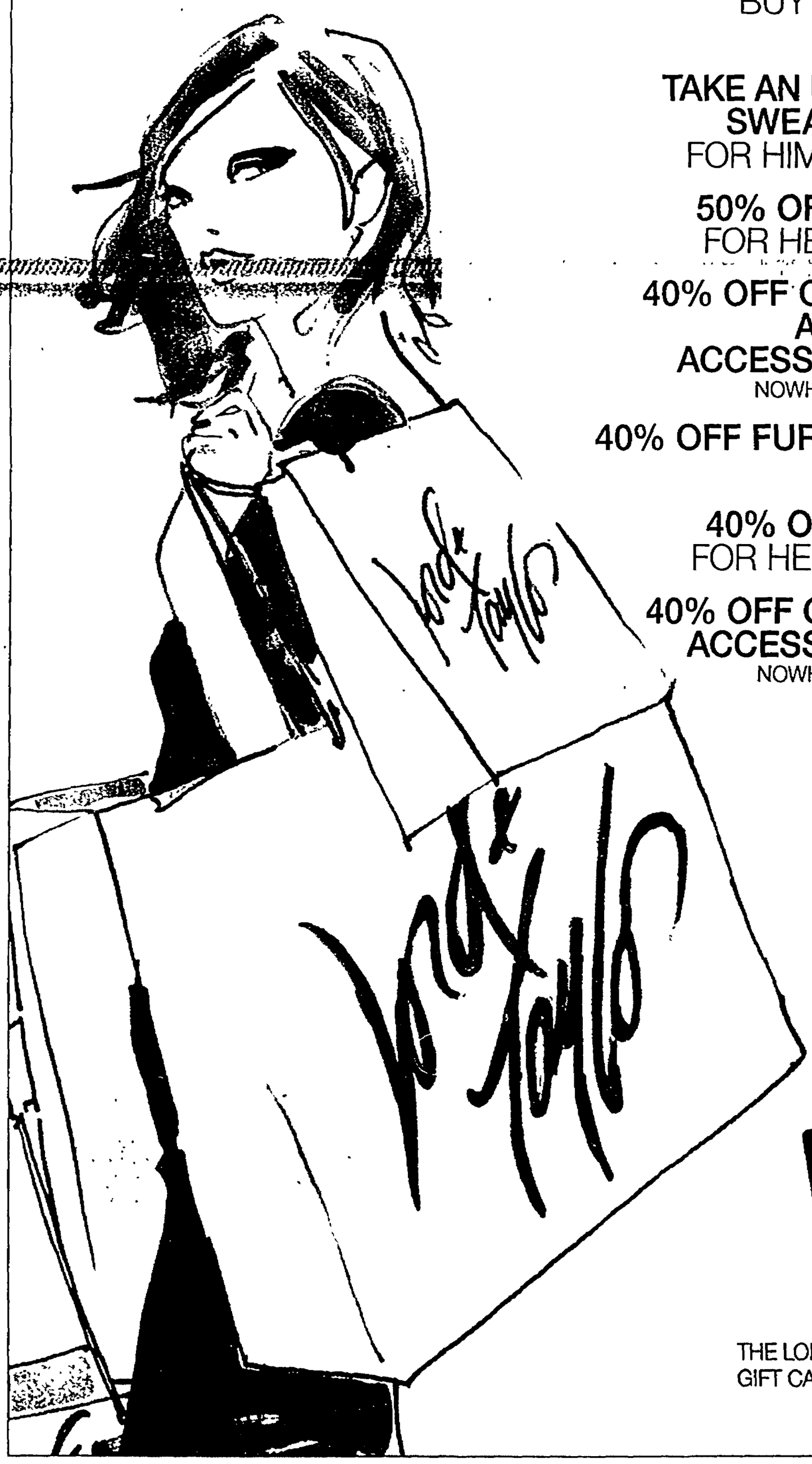

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NEWSMAKERS

Northville resident, patent attorney and mechanical engineer **Vincent Ilagan** has joined the Troy-based intellectual property law firm of Reising, Ethington, Barnes, Kisselle, P.C. as an associate patent attorney. Before joining Reising Ethington, Ilagan practiced IP law at the firm of Cantor Colburn LLP.

Ilagan received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan, and a juris doctor degree from the John Marshall Law School. His technical experience includes engineering positions at Motorola, Inc., and at the Manufacturers Products Company.

Ilagan is admitted to practice before the United States District Court – Eastern District, and before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He is a member of the Michigan Bar Association, the American Bar Association – IP Section, the American Intellectual Property Law Association and the Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association.

James G. Fausone a partner of Fausone Bohn, LLP, Northville, was recently selected to receive the University of Michigan College of Engineering, 2007 Alumni Society Distinguished Service Award.

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department held its 14th annual turkey shoot on Nov. 15. Fifty teams vied for the first place prizes of a turkey, the second place prize of a chicken, and the third place prize of a pair of turkey drumsticks. Prizes were donated by Hiller's Shopping Center Market. The winners included:

Ages 8 – 9
1st Place – **Steven and Brian Pennington**
2nd Place – **Matthew and Jim Mitchell**
3rd Place – **Justin and Jeff Gibbons**

Ages 10 – 11
1st Place – **Jack Rathsburg and Andy Szombati**
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3rd Place – **Jake and Don Slominski**

Ages 12 – 13
1st Place – **Brandon and Steve Patrove**
2nd Place – **Angelo and John Zannis**
3rd Place – **Adam Kukinski and Steve Patrove**

Northville Parks and Recreation would like to thank Hiller's Shopping Center Market for its generous donation. Lastly, thanks must go out to all of the youth and adult participating teams. An estimated 80 pounds of canned goods and other non-perishable food items were donated to the Northville Civic Concern for Thanksgiving week distribution.

ENGAGEMENTS

Sessoms-Olson

Timothy Sessoms, of Charlotte, N.C., and Sheila McCathrin of Dallas, announce the engagement of their daughter Katelynn Sessoms of Walled Lake to Miles Olson, son of Doug and Leah Olson, of Novi.

The bride-elect is a full-time student in her junior year at Eastern Michigan University.

The groom-elect is a junior at Madonna University and employed at AT&T.

A wedding is planned for May 2009.

Terakedis-Perry

Kirby and Marjorie Terakedis of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Kathryn DeLee Terakedis of Kennesaw, Ga., to Jeremy Reuben Perry, son of Larry and Irene Perry, of Olivet.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Northville High School and a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree. She is working toward a master's degree in education, focus in administration from Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Ariz., expecting to finish March 2008. She teaches seventh-grade math at Mount Paran Christian School.

The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Olivet High School and a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor degree in computer information systems. He is employed as a senior support technician at TNT Educational Consulting.

A July 19, 2008, wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

OBITUARIES

RONALD E. BLAIS

Age 68, of Redford passed away Dec. 8, 2007. Funeral Mass Monday, Dec. 17, 2007 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory. Contributions to the family c/o Casterline Funeral Home, Inc of Northville.

CAROLYN (CARRIE) PAULINE MCMAHON

Of Northville, (formerly of Dearborn and Farmington Hills) passed away peacefully on December 7, 2007 after 94 wonderful years of life. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA on July 26, 1913 to Frank and Salomeja Swickle and moved to Dearborn, MI with her parents when Carolyn was a teenager. Carolyn was married for 47 years to Dan L. McMahon, a dentist who practiced in Dearborn for 50 years. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her daughter Mae McMahon, and her brothers Edward and John Swickle. She was the owner and proprietor of McMahon's Bar in Dearborn for over 20 years. She is survived by her daughter, Sally McMahon-Jones, her son- in- law Geoffrey Jones and her grandchildren Gregory Jones, Carrie Jones, Heather (Kevin) O'Connor, Melanie (Bob) Fenneuf, Daryl and Kevin Jones. Carolyn is also survived by her great grandchildren Emily and Keegan O'Connor. In addition, she is survived by her nieces, Mary Dianne (Larry) Glimpse, Sheila (Jack) Dalton and Kathy Choate, her nephews John (Cathy) Swickle, Edward and Robert (Carol) Swickle, great nieces, Wendy (Warren) Barone, Charmaine, Sarah, Emily, and Natalie Swickle, Shelby Dalton and her great nephews, Shay Swickle and Parker Dalton. Visitation Monday, December 17, 2007 from 1-9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, with funeral services following on Tuesday at 10am. Internment will follow at St. Hedwig's Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Contributions suggested to the American Cancer Society. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.

HELEN R. GEISLER

Age 80, of Northville, passed away December 9, 2007. She was born on October 9, 1927 in Bay City, Michigan to Charles and Rhea (Carroll) Ryan. She was united in marriage to Albert J. Geisler on April 25, 1957. She has been a resident of Northville since 1972. Helen grew up in Bay City and spent 5 years living in Coventry England with her husband and children, where they traveled all over Europe. Before she was married Helen worked as the Society Editor for the Bay City Times. She was the second woman in Broadcasting in Michigan. During the fifties in the Saginaw area she had her own television shows called The Happy Homemaker and The Helen Ryan Show. She also worked as the Head of Press Relations for SS Kresge Corporation in Detroit. Once married she took on her most important role, a homemaker Helen, a Parish member at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, was also a very active member of the Northville Women's Club. She was a volunteer with the Northville Chamber of Commerce, and was a founding member of the PTSO at the Northville Public Schools. She enjoyed throwing parties for the holidays, her family, and the neighborhood. Her friends were very important to her; she had many life long friends and lasting friendships. Helen is survived by her beloved husband Albert J. Geisler of Northville, and her sons John M. Geisler of Auburn Hills and Daniel J. Geisler of Northville. She was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Mary, and 2 brothers. Visitation will be held today, Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. A Funeral Mass will be held Friday, Dec. 14, 2007 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 770 Thayer, Northville. Masses to Our Lady of Victory would be appreciated.

EDITH F. MILLER

Age 85, of Northville, passed away Dec. 8, 2007. A funeral service was held Tuesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, tribute #20093514.

MARGARET A. NAUMAN

Saline, MI (formerly of Northville), age 96, died December 4, 2007 at Saline Evangelical Home with her loving family by her side. She was born January 19, 1911 in Pennsylvania to Robert and Anna (Riedel) Matson. Margaret grew up in Highland Park where she was a member of the Eastern Star. She moved to northwest Detroit following her marriage to Philip Nauman on January 22, 1967. Margaret was a secretary for King Insurance agency in Detroit, then moved to Northville in 1958 and was active in community service as well as secretary for the First Presbyterian Church in Northville from 1967-1977. In 1997 she moved to Saline where she remained until her passing. Survivors include a daughter Judith (John) DaSilva of RI and FL., a son Robert (Carol) Nauman of Saline, son-in-law Harry Christman of GA., seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, her dear friend and sister-in-law Florence Nauman, eight nieces and nephews and their children. Besides her husband she was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter Barbara Christman and a brother John Matson. Memorial services were held 2.00pm Friday, December 7th at Christ Our King Lutheran Church in Saline. Burial in Oakland Hills. Contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice or Christ Our King Lutheran Church. www.ochalekstark.com.

ROBERT D. SMITH

Age 63, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully on December 5, 2007. He was born on May 17, 1944 in Bloomsburg, PA to Robert and Marilyn (Miller) Smith. Robert moved to Inkster from Pennsylvania when he was 9 years old. He graduated from Inkster High School and received his Associate Degree from EIT in Detroit. He was united in marriage to Marian L. Parmalee on June 30, 1972. He was a member of SAE, the Washtenaw Sportsman's Association, and the NRA. Robert was an avid reader who enjoyed collecting trains. He was fascinated with trains, airplanes, and muscle cars. He was also very interested in World Politics. He is survived by his beloved wife Marian; his loving children Barbara Ann (Jim) Rolston, Michael (Pamela) Smith, Robert (Audrey) Smith III, and Randy (Susan) Thomas; his adoring grandchildren Katrina, James, Christopher, Gregory, Amanda, Sheila, Christopher, D.T., Randy Jr., Scott, Jack, Griffin, and Mitchel; and great grandchildren Brayden and Alexis. Robert was preceded in death by his parents. A Funeral Service was held Saturday December 8 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions appreciated to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 220, Bingham, MI 48025.

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

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For more information, call 888-999-1288 or contact your funeral home

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Submitted photo

Cub Scouts collect canned goods

Pack 721 of Northville joined the fight against hunger in Southeast Michigan Nov. 3 when they collected canned goods from Northville residents. Pack 721 Cub Scouts in Northville are part of the Detroit Area Council, which has partnered with other Scout councils and Big Boy in this program for the last 19 years. Cub Scouts placed plastic bags at the doorsteps of Northville residents and collected the bags filled with can goods from each home. Pack 721 includes 75 boys in first through fifth grades from Moraine Elementary and Our Lady of Victory schools. The Scouts would like to thank those who generously support this year's collection efforts. Annually, Scouts collect more than 450,000 pounds of food (225 tons) for the needy.

Submitted photo by Tracy Bins

Brownies help

Ridge Wood Brownies Carly Bins, 8, and Emily Peck, 9, sort eyeglasses to donate to the Lions Club and Give the Gift of Sight Foundation. Students at the Northville Township elementary school collected 262 pair of prescription eyeglasses and non-prescription sunglasses as part of the organizations' annual Sight Night Halloween glasses collection. Once professionally cleaned and classified, the glasses will be given to underprivileged youth and adults in Third World countries.

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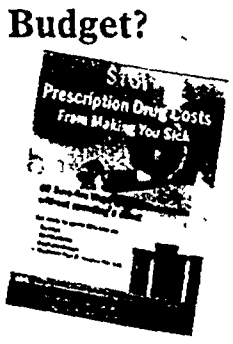

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WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stephens

Tanya Corine Matthews and Peter Denton Stephens were married April 21 at St. Boniface Church in Bay City. Father Dale Orlik officiated the ceremony. A reception was held at the Doubletree Hotel.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Lorna Matthews of Corunna. She graduated from Corunna High School and Eastern Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree. She is employed as a career services coordinator at Davenport University and is pursuing a master of arts degree at Central Michigan University.

The groom is the son of Carl and Karen Stephens of Northville. He is a graduate of Northville High School and earned a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a geologist at Superior Environmental Corporation in Bay City.

The maid of honor was Amber Matthews. Megan Belprez was the matron of honor and Victoria Pack was a bridesmaid. The best man was Barry Rohder, with James Belprez and Jonathan Pack as groomsmen.

The bride wore a white A-line gown with beads and a cathedral train. Her bouquet was made of red and pink roses mixed with other brilliantly colored flowers and ivy.

The couple honeymooned at Bay Harbor, Maine. They have made their home in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cunningham

Renee Charla Olin and Michael Justin Cunningham were married Sept. 22 at The Chapel at Beaver Hill Creek, Avon, Colo. Pastor Carl Walker officiated the ceremony. A reception followed at The Lodge at Vail, where everyone spent an event-filled weekend while enjoying the golden aspens of the Colorado Rockies.

The bride is the daughter of George and Beverly Olin of Northville. She is a 1995 graduate of Northville High School and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned a degree in hospitality business. She is the general manager of the Marriott Towne Place Suites, Littleton, Colo.

The groom is the son of Douglas and Janet Cunningham of Centennial, Colo. He graduated from Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colo., where he earned a degree in computer science. He is employed at Mortgage Cadence, a software development company.

The bride wore an ivory empress taffeta wedding gown designed by Maggie Sottero, accented with embroidered motifs, Swarovski crystals, glass, bugle and seed beads.

The matron of honor was Elizabeth Shuster of Midland, with Karen Casalino of Seattle, Wash., and Megan Stirrat of Costa Meca, Calif., as bridesmaids.

The groom's father, Douglas, was the best man. Ernesto Mendez of Seattle, Wash., and Martin Ottenbrite of Highlands Ranch, Colo., were groomsmen.

The couple honeymooned in Tahiti and have made their home in Littleton, Colo.

CLASS REUNIONS

Northville Class of 1977

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

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

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Shopping for Seniors

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Gadgets make fantastic presents! Everyone loves to receive gifts that make their life a little easier or more fun, and today there are thousands of gadgets for boomers and seniors that can accommodate almost any need. Here are some popular items to consider.

Senior-Friendly Electronics

For technology-adverse seniors who like things big and simple, there's a variety of electronic gadgets on the market that make great gifts. Some of the most popular include the no-frills Jitterbug cell phone (www.jitterbug.com), which has features like large buttons, simple functions, easy-to-read text, voice dialing, and a cushion that cups around your ear to improve sound quality for $147. Also, see the new Coupe cell phone ($50) designed for older adults at www.verizonwireless.com.

How about a senior-friendly camera? Check out Hewlett-Packard's Photosmart R927 ($279; www.shopping.hp.com). An 8.2-megapixel digital camera that has simple functions, a 3-inch-wide color screen that makes it easy to see what you're shooting, an "image advice" feature, which offers suggestions on how to improve your pictures, along with a menu that provides written explanations on the camera's screen. Or, if you're interested in a camcorder, the Flip Video ($150; www.theflip.com) is a wonderful product and simple to use.

What about an easy-to-navigate GPS system? The TomTom One XL ($350; www.tomtom.com) and TomTom Go 910 ($500) are dandy with a large 4.3-inch color screen that's easy to see in bright daylight and its touch screen controls are smartly designed and easy to learn.

And for the computerless seniors out there, put a Celery (www.mycelery.com) on your shopping list. The Celery device that prints out e-mails and pictures sent via the Web, and gives seniors the ability to send handwritten letters as e-mails, all without a computer. It uses a color fax/printer ($99) connected to a standard phone line instead of a computer. Service fees are $140 per year. Also check out the HP Presto at www.presto.com.

Healthy Living Gifts

Staying healthy as we age is a huge priority for most seniors. That's why exercise gadgets like pedometers (step counters) make wonderful gifts. For around $20, a pedometer can help supply motivation to get moving, and the Digi-Walkers (www.new-lifestyles.com) and Omron HJ-150 and HJ-151 (www.omronhealthcare.com) are nifty little devices that are accurate and simple to use.

Another great gift idea to help keep your elder loved ones healthy and strong is the Resistance Chair ($240; www.continuingfitness.com). This all-in-one, home strength training tool is designed for seniors because it allows them to exercise in a safe seated position, using low-impact resistance bands, which minimizes the risk of exercise-related injuries.

And don't forget that seniors need to keep their noggins sharp, too! For this, see Nintendo's Brain Age and new Brain Age 2 (www.brainage.com). These are senior-friendly electronic games that offer mind-boosting games that are fun and mentally stimulating. Each game cost $20, but to play them, you'll need to buy a palm-sized DS Lite game unit which costs $130.

Helpful Household Gifts

Believe it or not, magnifiers are a favorite gift idea among older boomers and seniors, and Great Point Light (www.biggerandbrighter.com) offers a variety of styles in a rainbow of colors to meet almost any need, all for under $20.

For help in the kitchen, garden or tinkering around the house, you can't go wrong with OXO (www.oxo.com), which makes a fabulous line of "good grip" products that are easy on aging hands. Everything from kitchen utensils to hardware and garden tools, OXO makes more than 500 different products at prices, starting at around $5 per item. Two other great kitchen gadgets are the new "One Touch Can" and "One Touch Bar" openers ($20 each; www.onetouchopener.com and www.onetouchjar.com). As the name implies, these small devices open-up any can or jar at the push of a button.

And finally, because seniors are prime targets of identity theft, a Fellowes P-57C ($59, www.fellowes.com) home power-shredder makes a smart gift.

Savvy Tip

If you don't like these ideas, you can find thousands of other gadgets at www.abledata.com, a Web portal that lists what's available and where you can buy it.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" books

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Senior center benefit

Elizabeth and Tony Haewski make a jewelry purchase from Marti Jones during last week's sale to benefit the Northville Community Senior Center. The two-day event raised money for the center's year-round activities. There will be a pizza party and movie day tomorrow beginning at 11:30 a.m. For reservations, please call (248) 349-4140.

County funds will be used for repairs at Allen Terrace

The Northville City Council authorized the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for fiscal year 2008 from both Wayne County and Oakland County on Dec. 3.

Sherry Necelis, Northville housing director, said the city is expected to receive $51,000 from the Wayne County grant program and $8,000 from the Oakland County program.

The funds are to be used for low- to moderate-income residents or to provide an urgent community need.

The city has no low/moderate income census tracts for project eligibility. But the category of senior citizens qualifies as a presumed benefit group eligible for funds.

Out of the earmarked funds, $11,690 will be used for the operation of the senior citizen centers; $41,210 will be used to replace the intercom system in the main entrance of Allen Terrace and the concrete patio at the front entrance, which is currently viewed as unsafe for residents and visitors.

Another $6,100 will be used for administration of the block grant program.

The authorization to use the money will be sometime in June 2008, with bids for the two jobs being accepted shortly thereafter, according to Necelis.

By Pam Fleming

Senior Events

Senior Community Center
LOCATION: 303 W. Main St
Thursday
Massage by appointment
9 a.m.: TOPS
9:30 a.m.: Yoga
10 a.m.: Bowling
11 a.m.: Congressman McCotter Representative
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle, Bunco
1 p.m.: Computer II
Friday
9:30 a.m.: Strength Training
11 a.m.: Poker
11:30 a.m.: Computer II; Pizza and a Movie
1 p.m.: Movie "Waitress"
4 p.m.: Center Stage Dance Presentation
Monday
9:30 a.m.: Strength Training; Beginning Line Dance
10 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance; Oxycise
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre
7 p.m.: Tai Chi
Tuesday
10 a.m.: Landscape Painting
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Computer I
6 p.m.: Pilates
Wednesday
10 a.m.: Oxycise
Noon: Bridge
1 p.m.: Computer I
7 p.m.: Bridge
Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleyball
TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; $1.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
Co-ed Adult 50+ Basketball
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday
LOCATION: Senior Community Center
DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; $1.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
Health Walking
DATE: Monday-Friday
TIME: 8-10 a.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
Pilates Class
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. each Tuesday
Bunco
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month
DETAILS: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; $1 per person.

SPOTLIGHT ON
ALLERGY & ASTHMA
Presented by
Michael S. Rowe, M.D., F.A.C.P., C.P.I.
HOW CAN YOU TEST FOR FOOD ALLERGIES?
Food allergy is such a common topic that it's easy to think that a food "sensitivity" is a food allergy. If you don't react well to a certain food, you may just have an intolerance to it. However, if a reaction is worrisome, how do you know whether or not something is an allergy? Your allergist will talk to you about your health history and exactly what types of reactions you are having when. He or she may then do a skin test, which involves putting a small extract of the potentially offending substance on the back of your arm, then pricking that spot with a needle. If you develop a bump, you probably have an allergy to that food.
If you are experiencing food allergies, the best approach for relief is to rely on the professional guidance of an experienced physician. Please call for an appointment with Dr. Rowe. The ALLERGY & ASTHMA CENTER is conveniently located near you. For further information, call (248) 473-6400. Our office is located at 24120 Meadowbrook Road, Ste. 201, Novi. New patients are welcome. We offer a caring and experienced practice for the entire family. It's time to be tested and treated, so you can fully enjoy this holiday season.
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Library seeks book donations

■ Friends group says make your donations prior to year's end

As the end of the year approaches, this would be a good time to clear out some of those old books around the house, according to James Morche, president of the Friends of the Northville District Library. If you itemize on your taxes, these book donations may be tax deductible, and that goes for videotapes, CDs, DVDs and audio books, as well.

Morche reminds readers in the area that these donations can be a great way to support the Library while at the same time softening the tax bite come April 15.

"But the time to act is now," he said. "Donated books are screened, with some of them going directly into the library's collection. Those decisions are based on condition of the materials and the supply on the shelves. Acceptance of such donations allows the library to place more titles on the shelves. That just makes great fiscal sense. Dollars and cents, that is."

The rest of the materials are turned over to the Friends of the Library, who sell them on their book carts, through their Book Cellar and at their semi-annual used book sales, said Morche.

The Book Cellar, located on the lower level of the library, is open to the public 1-4 p.m. on Sundays and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Mondays.

Morche estimated that the Book Cellar houses 5,000-6,000 books. The several used book carts are available to the public every day that the library is open. Prices are extremely reasonable: $1 for hardcovers and 50 cents for paperbacks.

"We also have a cart of gift-quality books at $3, the perfect gift for the reader on your holiday list," said Morche. "I am absolutely amazed at the great condition of these books. They look like they came right from the publisher, except that they're about $20 cheaper. And, if you give them as a present, we promise not to tell they have been gently pre-read."

The Friends raise more than $20,000 annually through the sales of used books. Proceeds from used book sales, Gift Store sales and Friends memberships go to support library programs not covered by its budget. Since 1992, the Friends have provided the Northville District Library with more than $350,000 in funding.

Book donations can be dropped off any time the library is open. "Be sure," Morche said, "to pick up a receipt for your book donations and save it for tax preparation time."

Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady, one block west of Center Street and one block south of Main Street.

If you have too many books to bring in, the Friends will pick them up at your home. Just call the Library at (248) 349-3020 to make arrangements.

Library names new gift store manager

For the very first time, the Friends of the Northville District Library Gift Store has a manager.

Martha Nork has a degree in human resources with an emphasis in clothing design and retailing from Penn State University, followed by courses in interior design at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa. She has worked in interior design, in retail and as a manager.

"We are extremely pleased that Martha has stepped forward to take this post," said Morche. "We are indeed fortunate to have someone with her qualifications take on this volunteer position."

Nork has worked as a volunteer in the Friends Gift Store for four years. She is enthusiastic about becoming the Gift Store manager. Nork will be working with Amy Storm, bookkeeper; Berclay Ruschak, buyer; Barbara Hudgins, trainer; and Ann Bourque, scheduler.

Also, for the first time, the Gift Store is now open consistently on the weekends, when the traffic is heaviest in the library. The store abounds with lots of interesting items. The Friends Gift Store has Christmas stocking-stuffers, puzzles and educational toys, which are great for gift giving. Additionally, members of the Friends receive a 10-percent discount.

"This clearly sets us apart from other stores. You can buy unique items, get good value and also feel good about your purchases going to support library programs," Morche said.

Proceeds from the Friends Gift Store, Friends memberships and the sales of used books go to support programming in the Northville District Library not covered by its budget.

LIBRARY LINES

Northville District Library
LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3020 or www.northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.

Winter Storytimes
DETAILS: Please visit the library Web site or call for details. Registration begins in January.

Kids' Club
TIME/DATE: 4:30-5:15 p.m. today

Foreign Film
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17
DETAILS: "The Sea Inside," Spanish treats served.

Holiday Crafts
TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18
DETAILS: Children of all ages are invited to make a festive pop-up card. Due to space limitation, no groups please.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20

Library Closed
DATE: Dec. 23-25

Winter Break Movies and Munchies for Kids
TIME/DATE: Children can bring their lunch to the library and watch a movie; snacks and beverages will be provided. Children 4 and under must be accompanied by a caregiver. Caregivers of children over 4 must remain in the building; no groups please.

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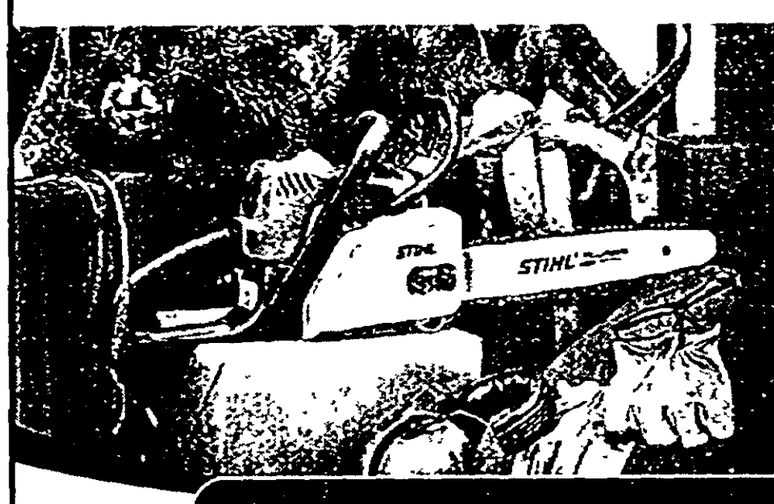

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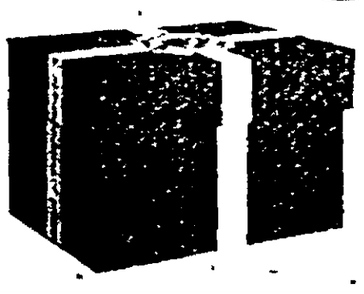

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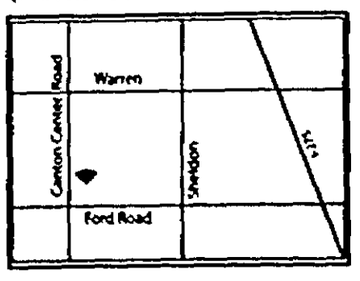

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PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY Society sponsors 30th Youth Artists competition

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

For the 30th year, a local music group is putting on a competition to recognize young musicians with great aspirations as the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society is once again sponsoring its Youth Artist Competition.

Since 1978, this competition has offered music scholarships to the youth in these areas:

Senior instrumental and Senior Piano (grades 10-12), and **Junior Combined** (grades 7-9). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students residing in one of the following school districts: Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville) or Wayne-Westland. Members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra or students at Evola Music are also eligible.

The distribution of scholarship funds for the first-place winners in each division is as follows: **Senior Instrumental** — $500, **Senior Piano** — $500 and **Junior Combined** — $250. If applicable, honorable mentions will also be acknowledged.

"The awards are great and can be put toward lessons or scholarships for students going away to (college)," said Jane Libbing, society education coordinator. "I think the contest is great for students who may want to pursue a musical career."

Libbing said, after students perform for judges, each performer will receive a critique. The winner may have a chance to perform with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for a student to be able to play with a professional orchestra," Libbing said. "But that depends on the student's proficiency level and if we have music available that suits them."

The application deadline for the contest is Monday, Jan. 21. The competition is scheduled to take place on Sunday, Feb. 3, at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Road in Canton. Through contributions from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, Plymouth Optimists, Plymouth Rotary and the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society recognizes young orchestral students from greater Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities, including Northville.

Applications, available through the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, are due on or before Monday, Jan. 21. Past participants are encouraged to reapply; however, musicians are eligible to win only one first-prize award in each division.

Applicants must be available to perform at the competition.

For an application and/or further information, contact Libbing at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at jane@plymouthsymphony.org. Applications are also available on the Plymouth Symphony Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Submitted photo

A number of students like these two take part in the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's Youth Artist Competition each year. Northville-area students make up one of seven groups of youngsters who are encouraged to enter the competition.

NHS Dance Company presents Holiday Dance Spectacular

By Alyssa Marcangelo
NHS SENIOR AND DANCE TEAM MEMBER

Since the end of August, members of the Northville High School dance company have been working diligently with local choreographers to prepare for their premier performance, titled Holiday Dance Spectacular. The show will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Northville High School auditorium. Tickets $5 at the door.

The show explores all genres of dance: tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical, pointe, musical theatre and hip hop – there's something for everyone.

The program follows the story of two Northville High School students who travel to New York for the holiday season, where they experience the various forms of dance as interpreted by the high school dance company. From the stage to the streets, the students attend a performance of the Broadway hit musical, "Hairspray," as well as the Rockette's at Radio City Music Hall and the Nutcracker Ballet. The students explore the streets of the city, where they watch ice skaters at Rockefeller Plaza, sign up for a Broadway dance class, and relax to the beat of a street band with local dancers.

The dance company showcases a wide variety of talent not previously recognized at the high school. Many members of the company perform at a professional level and have received recognition at both conventions and competitions nation wide.

Yet, no matter each dancer's experiences, each member on the team has a passion for dance, a passion they share with each other, which could not be more evident when they all perform together on stage.

Courtesy photo

The 2007-08 company members include Kaila Adam, Kaliana Basoukeas, Stephanie Curran, Alyssa Hammer, Leah Hastedt, Jillian Hoernschemeyer, Megan Kelly, Melissa Learman, Alyssa Marcangelo, Lauren Martin, Amy Mnich, Meredith Njus, Lauren Roumayah, Erin Southers, Michelle Truong, Chelsea Vick, Alyssa Waineo, Michelle West, Amy Yakima and Rebecca Zawodny.

SPOTLIGHT ON:
YOUR DENTAL HEALTH
Presented by Andrea S. Vivian, D.D.S.

DOWN TO THE ROOTS

The advanced form of gum disease known as "periodontitis" occurs when sticky plaque on and around teeth hardens into calculus (tartar). As it does so, the gums begin to pull away from the teeth, and pockets form between teeth and gums. In time, this can lead to disintegration of gum tissue and bone to the point where teeth loosen and fall out. To avoid this outcome, teeth may be subjected to the standard treatment for periodontitis known as "scaling and root" planing. This procedure involves first scraping the surface of the tooth below the gumline. Then, root planing removes the bacteria-contaminated surface of the root to clean it and make it more acceptable for gum and tissue reattachment..

It is estimated that more than half of all people over age 18 have at least the early stage of gum disease. After age 35, about three out of four adults are affected. Avoid the need for gum scaling and root planing and protect yourself and your family - practice conscientious home care, have regular checkups, and eat a healthy diet. We'll help, too, at **496 W. Ann arbor Trail, Ste. 201, Plymouth** (1 blk. E. of Kellogg Park) because we care almost as much as you do about the health of your teeth and gums. Call us soon at **734-453-9413** for an appointment especially if you'd like to maximize your dental insurance coverage before the end of the year.

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NORTHVILLE TWP. POLICE BRIEFS

Drunk driving arrest

A 60-year-old Plymouth man was arrested for drunk driving at 11:07 p.m. Oct. 25 on Edgewood Circle.

An officer was conducting a follow-up on another case in the area when he saw a black Chrysler parked almost in the center of the road. As he drove toward it, it began to move slowly in his direction, coming within inches of his patrol car as it passed him.

A citizen at the end of the street flagged the officer down saying, "That guy's drunk." The citizen said the man was also seen urinating on a parked car.

Before activating his overhead lights, the officer watched the man drive onto a front lawn, with all four tires on the grass. After detecting a strong smell of alcohol coming from the vehicle, police asked the man if he had been drinking; he said yes.

The man also lost his balance, falling back against the car door when asked to step out of the vehicle.

When asked how much he had had to drink, the man replied, "Five vodka and tonics. I'm pretty messed up."

A blood-alcohol test showed a level of .20 percent.

Breaking and entering

An officer was dispatched to Lake Shore Lane at noon on Oct. 7 about an attempted breaking and entering.

The 68-year-old female resident told police that sometime between 6 p.m. Sept. 3 and noon on Oct. 7, someone attempted to break into her home by prying the door look of the doorwall located on the east side of the home. The officer suggested to the woman that she might want to invest in a security system.

Apartment broken into

A 31-year-old female resident on Northville Place Drive told police she left her apartment about 8 p.m. on Oct. 20 to go to Detroit. When she returned to her apartment about 2:40 a.m. on Oct. 21, she immediately noticed that the coat closet by the front door was open, a kitchen chair was knocked over and the blinds on the doorwall were making noise from the wind.

Items stolen included a $1,000 fur coat, $650 leather coat, two jean outfits valued at $500, Gucci sandals valued at $400, Nike gym shoes valued at $150 and a book of checks.

Driving under the influence

A 52-year-old Pinckney man was arrested for drunk driving at 1:38 a.m. Oct. 21 on Haggerty Road. Dispatch received a call from the Meijer gas station about a disorderly person causing a disturbance. The caller described the person as a white male with white hair wearing a black Harley Davidson sweatshirt.

The caller was also able to give police a description of the vehicle the man left in, which was a gold or silver sport utility vehicle, and that it was southbound on Haggerty.

Police saw a vehicle that matched the description with its gas cap open and pulled the driver over. The man told police he was in the Northville Meijer gas station and became angry when they wouldn't let him pay for gas with a personal check. When police smelled alcohol on his breath and asked if he had been drinking, the man said he had been drinking at a soccer benefit. When asked how much, the man said two beers — one in a bottle and one in a can — and some Jello shots.

A preliminary breath test showed a blood-alcohol level of .11 percent.

Purse snatching case

A 17-year-old man from Hell, Mich., was arrested for purse snatching at the Northville Meijer store at 7:50 p.m. on Oct. 20.

The man had already been detained by loss prevention agents when police arrived at the store. The man told police he had taken an unknown lady's person and then ran. The man also told police that he and his girlfriend were at one of the gas stations at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads pan handling for gas money. When they were unsuccessful, they decided to drive over to Meijer. When police asked the man if he was using drugs, he said he did use heroin and that he had last used the drug two days prior.

Runs red light after drinking

A 28-year-old Novi man was arrested for driving under the influence at 2:43 a.m. Oct. 20 at Haggerty and Seven Mile roads.

An officer was on stationary patrol when he saw a 1976 tan Oldsmobile make a left turn onto northbound Haggerty Road from Seven Mile Road on a solid red light.

He then saw the car weaving in its lane and initiated a traffic stop. The officer could smell alcohol on the driver, noticed that his eyes were bloodshot, his speech slurred and that he was moving very slowly to retrieve his wallet. He said he had just come from the Wagon Wheel Bar where he had consumed two beers.

A preliminary breath test revealed a blood-alcohol level of .27 percent.

Drug possession

A 20-year-old Lyon Township woman was arrested for marijuana and paraphernalia possession and an 18-year-old Northville man was arrested for paraphernalia possession at 1:25 a.m. Oct. 18 at Seven Mile and Beck roads.

An officer was performing stationary radar on Main Street and Beck Road when she saw a vehicle heading southbound on Beck Road traveling at 54 mph in a 35 mph zone.

When he pulled the driver over, he could smell burnt marijuana. When asked if there was any marijuana in the car, the man quickly said no, but a female passenger said there was some in the front armrest and in her purse and that it was hers.

A search of the vehicle produced a bag of marijuana in the front armrest, a black pipe with marijuana residue on it and marijuana in the woman's purse. There was also a bong found on the back floorboard of the 2003 red Stratus.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Taking chances

City of Northville police personnel have had run-ins with some drivers who maybe should have found alternate forms of transportation for their trips home from nights on the town.

At about 1:35 a.m. on Dec. 3, a Northville officer was traveling northbound on Novi Road when he noticed a vehicle going southbound through a curve just north of Eight Mile Road. The officer clocked the vehicle at 41 mph using his radar, which is relatively fast to attempt to maneuver around the curve, especially when you consider the day's weather.

The officer turned around and caught up to the vehicle at a red signal on southbound Novi Road. Near Eight Mile, after the light turned green, the vehicle, a maroon Jeep, waited about 15 seconds before it turned west on Eight Mile, accelerating rapidly.

The vehicle then turned southbound onto Novi Road and again accelerated rapidly to about 35-37 mph in a residential area. The vehicle continued south to Baseline Road before turning onto Rouge Street and again accelerated rapidly. As the officer initiated the traffic stop, the vehicle pulled into the driveway of 604 Oakland Ave.

The officer approached the Jeep and spoke to the male driver, who said he was at the Mixx Bar in Novi and that he had a "couple drinks." The officer then asked why the man pulled into the driveway and the man said he knows the resident and that he was going to pay him a visit. The officer then asked the man if it was normal to "pop in" for a visit at 1:30 a.m. and the man admitted it wasn't. He also said he was trying to lose the officer because he had a couple drinks in him.

After performing a number of sobriety tests, a Breathalyzer test determined the man had a blood-alcohol level of .11. After the officer placed the man under arrest, the owner of the home came out and told the officer he knew the man, but that he wasn't expecting him.

The man was transported to the Northville Township Police Department and the man is scheduled to appear in court today.

"Four or five beers"

Another man caught a Northville officer's attention while the cop was assisting a colleague with a traffic stop when a black Ford F-150 passed the duo going eastbound on Main Street.

Both officers noticed the vehicle was traveling without its headlights. When the officer conducting the traffic stop said she was secure, the second officer began pursuing the pickup, where he caught the vehicle as it turned onto northbound Griswold. The officer stopped the truck just north of Main Street.

Upon asking for the driver's information, the officer noticed the male driver displaying poor dexterity while looking for his license and he was speaking with a noticeable slur. The officer also detected a strong odor of intoxicants emitting from the passenger portion of the car.

The driver said he had been to Genitti's earlier and that he left Poole's Tavern, where he had "four or five beers," prior to the stop.

After conducting a number of sobriety tests, it was determined the man had a blood-alcohol level of .18 percent. The officer placed the man under arrest, but handcuffed him from the front because of his 5-10, 300-pound frame.

The officer who was initially conducting the traffic stop placed the man's truck in the Mill Race Village parking lot and he was taken to the Northville Township Police Department and given an 8:30 a.m. Dec. 20 court date.

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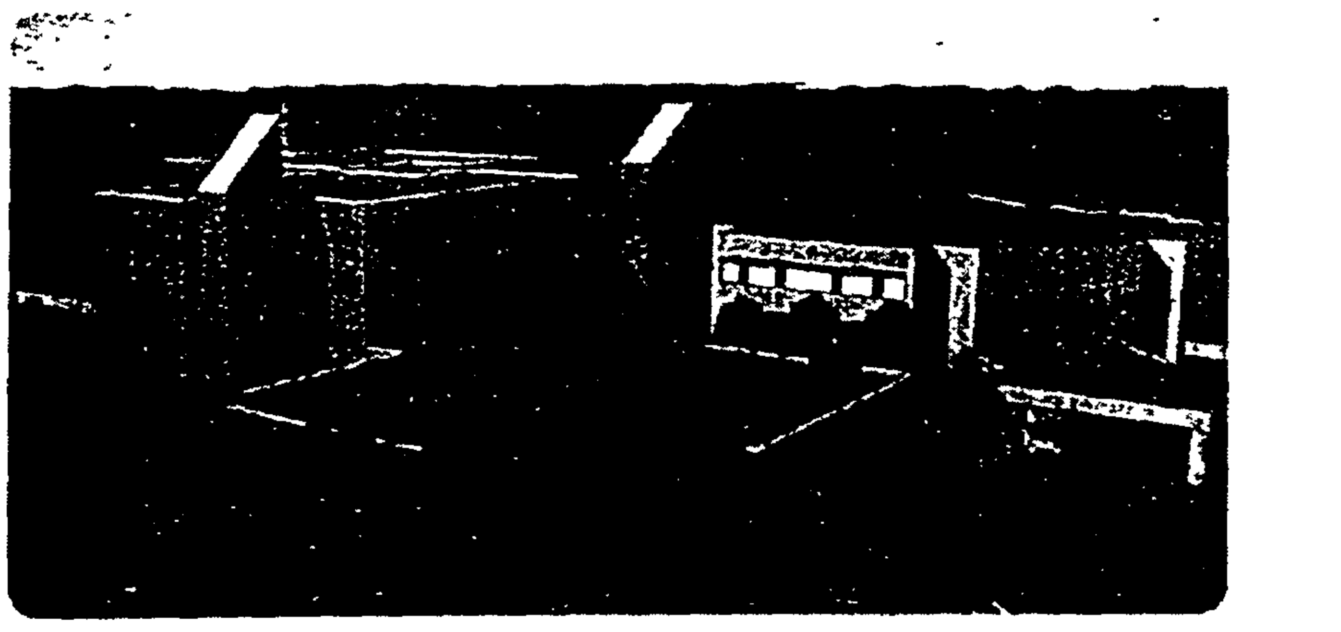

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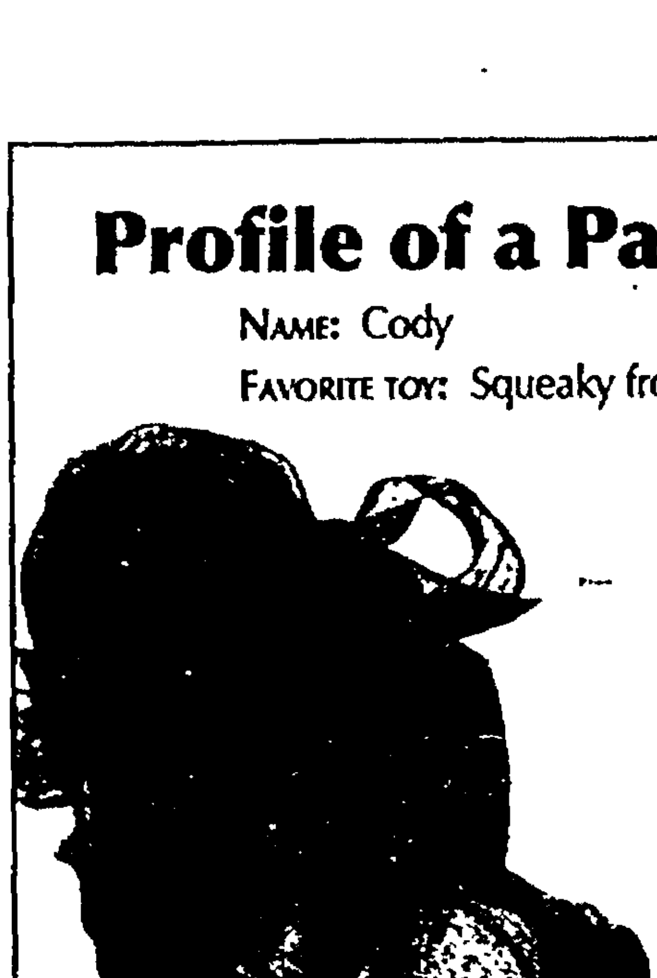

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Corriveau getting a bum rap

As a rookie legislator, Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) is probably having a hard enough time getting used to the world of politics in Lansing, let alone trying to explain himself every time a newspaper (including this one) misprints how he voted.

We blew it back on Nov. 8, saying our local state representative was one of only two Democrats who voted for the service tax.

He voted against it.

In fact, Corriveau voted no on the plan to expand the service tax every time it was put up for a vote on the House floor.

And he voted yes – three times – to repeal the service tax.

It was finally repealed on Dec. 1.

Corriveau says he believed "from the beginning that instituting a new tax on services would be devastating for our businesses and the wrong direction for our state."

We believe him, and his voting record supports his statement.

Two-and-a-half minutes from Memphis

I've never been to Memphis, and my best shot at visiting the music mecca came – and went, in two and a half minutes – a couple of weeks ago at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

I had been working on "The Makers of Music: A Tribute to the Northville High School Music Program," a 12-page special section this newspaper published Nov. 29. For weeks, I was organizing photos and layout and editing articles, all for a project that focused on something I love – music.

Cal Stone

Reading about high-schoolers who excel to the levels that our local students do is great. I wish I had shown an interest in playing music when I was younger, but it wasn't until I saw Bruce Springsteen at the Michigan Palace in 1975 that I even thought of picking up an instrument. And a couple of years later, I did. It was a guitar.

Now, nearly 30 years later, I play bass (upright, double, doghouse – whatever you want to call that big violin-looking thing) with Michael May and the Messarounds. Some friends say we play "jazz." We don't. I wouldn't kid myself into thinking I could even come close to playing jazz. We play jump blues, which is like swing without horns (we're too cheap to pay a saxophonist).

We play mostly for fun, although getting paid does help cover the beer and dry cleaning bills. But we take it seriously. Yes, we have fun, probably more than we should, in fact. However, our top priority is always staying true to this style of music.

When we were asked by the Detroit Blues Society to compete in the annual Blues Challenge this summer, not all four of us were excited about the offer. We didn't really want to drive all the way to St. Clair Shores to play a 20-minute set for free on a Sunday night, but we agreed to do it.

Round 6 of the competition was held Sept. 16, and we were up against four or five other bands. They were mostly loud, rock bands in jeans, cranking out tunes they figured were blues. (Kind of like how the current country music scene has little to do with real country music.) But, we figured that's what most people nowadays think of blues, including the judges, and we thought we'd get wiped out.

But we won.

That meant we got to compete against the other preliminary round winners in the finals at the Magic Bag Nov. 25. Again, we were not thrilled about playing for free on a Sunday, but now we were looking at the possibility of going to Memphis to compete for $10,000 in the International Blues Challenge in February.

We had more than two months to get ready, but we really didn't do anything different. We just kept gigging here and there, and we'd talk about what songs we might want to play in the contest. A couple of days prior, we played at Gracie's in Ann Arbor, and we played a five-song set we felt would showcase a variety of our original material. We played them in the exact order we would at the Bag, talked between songs, and still came in under 20 minutes.

That's important to know, because that's how long each band gets to play in the contest.

So the day of the event, we get there at 4 p.m., check in and start listening as our competition plays, one by one. And we begin looking at each other, thinking maybe we got a shot at winning this thing.

And we did.

We nailed our five songs and left the stage with two more bands to follow us. My wife and I went next door with some friends to get something to eat and then came back just in time for the announcement of the winner.

"The Front Street Blues Band!" the announcer said.

Wait a minute, we thought. There's no way.

But it turns out we did get the most votes from the judges, by far – 24 points – but we were penalized 30 points because we went over our 20 minutes by two and a half minutes. We lost by six points.

Someone came up to the stage with a 5 MINUTES sign, and held it right in front of our singer – who happened to have his head bent down and eyes closed, like he always does when he solos on harmonica. He didn't see the sign, and we kept cranking away.

Oh well, we thought, that's life. We knew we were the best, at least that night.

Then, on Monday, I got an e-mail from my singer asking if we wanted to compete again in the 2008 Challenge. Here were go ... Sunday, April 19, at Callahan's in Auburn Hills. A stopwatch for Christmas and we might make it to Memphis.

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Building bridges – from the Great Lakes to the Great Wall

If the current and two former Michigan governors and top governmental, business, political, labor and educational leaders told you to pay attention because what you are about to hear and see is going to impact our state, our communities, families and your children and grandchildren – would you?

Well, you'd better.

On Sunday, at 11 p.m., following the finale of "Survivor: China," WWJ-TV will premiere a three-part series that examines Michigan's economy and future and their potential connections with China in "Building Bridges: From the Great Lakes to the Great Wall." (Part two airs at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18. The series wraps up at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19)

This show, in which I assisted as a consultant for WWJ-TV, is a wake-up call to everyone in Michigan. It tells us that the world we once had is now gone. There are 1.3 billion new consumers/capitalists that are going to challenge and engage us at every turn – in business, education, innovation and creativity.

"Building Bridges" is shot in stunning high-definition and hosted by Carol Cain, Community Affairs and Editorial director of WWJ-TV. It leads us on a journey to see how the Chinese have built one of the most explosive economies on the planet and how the economic growth in China could help position Michigan for future growth.

Rick Wagoner, CEO of General Motors, said it this way: "Twenty years from now, the only markets that will really matter will be the U.S. and China." If it were not for the profits being made in China, GM would be in much tougher financial shape than it is today. While the U.S. auto market is stagnate, the growth of sales in China is growing by leaps and bounds. This should not surprise anyone who understands that the ability to own a private car is a phenomenon that is less than 20 years old in this country that is home to one-fifth of the world's humanity.

Cain interviewed a number of experts to offer the most comprehensive, eye-opening report on those who are building bridges and attempting to develop opportunities for Michigan residents. She and WWJ TV award-winning videographer Paul Pytlowany captured the sights and sounds of China from the majestic city of Shanghai, teeming with its 20 million residents, to the sunrise over the Great Wall of China and the scenic beauty of the habitat of perhaps one of the most beloved animals in the world, the Giant Panda.

"Building Bridges" features exclusive interviews with virtually every local business leader and decision-maker who will play a part in Michigan's economic expansion. From government officials to business CEOs, automotive executives to union leaders, Cain leads a very balanced discussion on this important topic.

A number of experts were tapped to offer the most comprehensive, eye-opening report to date on this issue. Cain traveled extensively throughout China and Michigan to see first-hand how bold pioneers in business and education are laying the groundwork for future prosperity in Michigan. A partial list of her guests includes: Jennifer Granholm, governor of Michigan; John Engler and Jim Blanchard, former governors of Michigan; Phil Spender, Ford China COO; Audie Wong, Amway China; Zhou Wenzhong, Chinese ambassador to the United States; Mary Sue Coleman, University of Michigan president; Kenneth Lieberthal, University of Michigan China expert; C. Peter Theut, partner, Butzel Long, Global Business Advisory Council; Karolo Chen, CEO of Motown Travel; Mark Brewer, Michigan Democratic Party chairman; Mark Gaffney, Michigan AFL-CIO president; Lou Dobbs, CNN anchor; and two students from a local high school who are traveling in China.

Globalization's here to stay

Jim Epolito, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, gives this advice: "There is a need to change the mindset of all Michigan companies, regardless of size. In today's economy, where goods and services move across time zones and international borders seamlessly, ALL business is global, regardless if you want it to be or not."

Building solid relationships, or "guanxi," are critical to long-term success in China. Two local political leaders, L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive, and Robert Ficano, Wayne County executive, are working overtime to build the relationships that will pay dividends back here in Southeast Michigan. Both of them and their staffs have made numerous, grueling transcontinental flights in an effort to develop the guanxi and "bring home the bacon" (or, in this case, the jobs) for their constituents.

Patterson has both long- and short-term strategies to help prepare his county for the transformational global wave that has been heading our way for some time. He understands that our children will not be competing against the children in the school district or state next door – they will be competing against the children of the world. He has called for, and the Oakland schools have embraced, the teaching of Mandarin Chinese (the most spoken language on the planet) in all schools in Oakland County. His call has been heard in China by educators and business leaders alike as a visionary educational effort and one that will make Oakland County and all of Southeast Michigan an economic magnet for Chinese investment.

Ficano has been to China three times in the past few years, crisscrossing the country and telling them that Wayne County – and Michigan – are open for their investment and business. Ficano has been successful in luring Century Automotive, a division of Beijing-based Tempo Group, to open a research and development facility that will create 200 new high-paying jobs in Canton Township.

Clearly, this special cannot, and did not, capture the 5,000 years of history, culture and economic vitality of this vast land of China in two hours. It does show how Michigan leaders, understanding that a Chinese economic wave has been unleashed, are seeking ways to make its rise work for Michigan citizens and companies.

"This issue is vital to everyone in Michigan," said Trey Fabacher, vice president and general manager of WWJ-TV and WKBD-TV. "In just a few short years, there won't be a business or family not affected in some way by economic changes outside the USA. Carol Cain has used her extensive relationships and experience as a journalist to produce a truly riveting and informative special series."

As part of a new community initiative called "Eye on the Future," WWJ-TV will provide programming and initiatives that offer a spotlight on how Michigan can move forward in this ever-changing world.

Clearly, the 21st century will be driven by leadership, innovation, talent, creativity, knowledge, change and China. Watch this special, "Building Bridges: From the Great Lakes to the Great Wall," with your entire family – it will help you understand that change and China are coming our way.

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When odd couples become allies

This is the story of how two long time Michigan legislators, originally fierce opponents, learned over time to work together to pass important legislation that today benefits thousands of us.

It is a story our entire governing class could learn from today. It makes a convincing case that Michigan's term limits hurt our ability to pass sensible and effective legislation. More than that, it stands as a sharp rebuke to the behavior of our legislature in recent months.

First, to set the scene: David Hollister was first elected to the legislature in 1974, representing the 57th district, a safe seat for Democrats located entirely in Lansing. He was a firebrand Democrat, a member of the so-called "Kiddie Caucus" of liberal, young lawmakers who came in the Democratic wave after Watergate. He was pro-choice in no uncertain terms, and served for 20 years.

Fred Dillingham was elected to the legislature in 1978, representing the solid Republican 51st district, including all of Livingston County and much of rural Ingham County. Geographically, his seat was close to Hollister's. Politically, they were light years apart. Dillingham was a staunch pro-life, anti-abortion conservative. He served in the legislature for 16 years.

Talk about an odd couple! It would be hard to imagine two less likely allies. Yet — they forged an alliance, something that happens far less often today. And here, in their own words, is how they turned an initial confrontation over "the right to die" into working together to get legislation authorizing hospice care in Michigan.

Hollister: "My interest in the issue grew out of my grandfather, who had been a carpenter and never hospitalized. In the mid-1970s, he had a severe stroke. They put all kinds of feeding tubes and resuscitation stuff into him, which he hated — he tried to yank the tubes out and they had to restrain him in the hospital.

"I convened a task force to look into death and dying. We invited lots of people, including the Michigan Catholic Conference and various doctors and ethicists. The issue generated intense interest, great fear."

Dillingham: "I remember Dave Hollister sitting on the floor of the House, describing his family experience. I sat with him and learned what he was like, where he was coming from. I represented the purity of the pro-life movement, so I worried what he was talking about was some kind of right to die. But as we talked and as our relationship developed, I learned that wasn't what he was trying to do. Philosophically we were coming from two very different directions, but over time we forged a relationship that enabled us to work together."

Hollister: "It took a long time, something like eight years. We didn't want to cause somebody to die. We just wanted people to die in a way they wished, passively and without pain or suffering.

"Eventually, we decided to try to amend the public health code to authorize palliative hospice care in any setting — home, hospital, nursing home."

Dillingham: "When we finally reached agreement, we persevered in sticking to it. That wasn't easy, because each of us had to go back to our colleagues and bring along bunches of people who were critical. David had no standing with Right To Life, but I was able to give him cover with them. And he did the same thing for me. The critics would go after both of us, but I wasn't about to go back on my word to David, and he wasn't going to go back on his word to me."

Hollister: "Both of us came from safe districts, so we could keep our word with each other, perfecting our vision and keeping to it, day to day, month to month, hearing to hearing. We simply could not have done it under today's strict legislative term limits."

Dillingham: "We cut a deal and we stuck to it. Today, legislators are often scared — of interest groups, of recall campaigns, of who knows what. But in our case, over the years we got to know each other so well that neither of us was prepared to go back on our word, on what we had agreed to do.

"I can't imagine being able to that today."

Eventually, legislation amending the Public Health Code authorizing hospice care was passed by the legislature in 1987 and signed into law by Gov. James J. Blanchard.

What followed has had an enormous impact. According to the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, around 42,000 people in Michigan avail themselves of hospice care. A more specific number shows that in 2005 alone, exactly 32,836 people in Michigan had hospice care paid for by Medicare. So what Representatives Dillingham and Hollister managed to do together has made an important difference in the lives of many, many Michiganders.

After leaving the legislature, Hollister became the Mayor of Lansing and is now the Director of Prima Civitas, the principal economic development organization for Lansing and mid-Michigan.

Dillingham became president of the Economic Development Council of Livingston County. Coincidentally, both lost their mothers within the past three months; each died peacefully in hospice care.

Today, hospice care is far from unusual. Research by Jane Banaszak-Holl, a public health professor at the University of Michigan, suggests that 34 percent of those who died in Michigan in 2002 used hospice services in the year before their death. This was higher than the national average of 29 percent.

As for the "odd couple" — "We're still friends, still working together with the same passion as we did when we were in the Legislature," Dillingham said. "Collaboration is the key to legislation, as it is to almost everything of any importance," Hollister added.

Wouldn't we all be better off if our legislative leaders in Lansing today could understand from — and follow — their example?

About Phil Power

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LETTERS

Open up, NCF

In Monday's Wall Street Journal, Sally Beatty wrote a wonderful article titled "How Charities Can Make Themselves More Open." She says "charities and foundations should provide detailed information on their web sites – everything from board members and their bios to an open discussion about problems they've encountered while trying to achieve their goals. Charities should also explain to donors how they measure their effectiveness and stop flouting existing efforts at self-regulation. Finally, more charities should embrace rigorous forms of evaluation and report their findings to the public."

These are definitely good ideas for the Northville Community Foundation to use as they start on a new course of outreach to the community.

The whole farm issue has been and still is cloaked in mystery from the abandoned farmhouse to a huge sheet of clear plastic blowing around on the roof top of a storage building, while the doors of another building remain open. Who is this veterinary student that has time to attend school and check on the animals twice a day? Is his/her professor overseeing their work? Does this person receive a paycheck or class credit?

It appears the animals, barn, machinery and buildings are receiving only minimal care, if that, while the NCF looks for experts. But if the board doesn't have agricultural credentials, how will they recognize experts and know if they're qualified to replace Farmer John Beemer? Michigan State University touts the best agricultural school – why not use them as a resource?

And finally, can't the responsible board members also demand that the president of NCF join them in meeting with the public and the Voices of Maybury Farm? The community is waiting for a response to their questions and the sharing of detailed plans and realistic goals for the future of the farm and the foundation. Open meetings (the next is Jan. 13) are a golden opportunity for the NCF to repair and restore the community faith and confidence it once enjoyed.

Sharon Marsh
Northville

School raises sent wrong message

Late on a cold Nov. 27 evening – after the crowd had left the lecture hall at Meads Mill Middle School following the student athletic awards, in a room practically empty, except for a few teachers and custodial staff nervously sipping their coffee as they awaited any news of their future employment situation – the school board unanimously voted to approve retroactive pay raises for all active, and possibly a few semi-retired school administrators. The floor was then conveniently opened for public comment after the roll call vote had been taken and the motion approved.

What happened to the May school board election message of an impending, looming $700,000 or more budget deficit, cuts in state funding, teacher layoffs, lack of funds for teacher salary increases, the need to privatize school services in order to save money, belt-tightening, sacrifice, tough cost-cutting decisions, declining enrollment, high unemployment, foreclosures, declining home values and tax revenues, higher energy and health care costs, a shrinking fund balance and, most importantly, the lack of funds to purchase new text books? At this time, there was a perceived need to keep the makeup of the board intact in order to deal with the crushing and difficult cost-cutting course that lay ahead.

What has changed? Have health care costs gone down? Has the state budget crisis been resolved? Is home building up? Is the unemployment rate at a new low? Are home foreclosures a thing of the past? Are families pouring into our community, gobbling up new homes?

Is the doom-and-gloom financial scenario so vividly portrayed during the election process by the board over?

Yes, we kept the board the same, and they all voted the same. What happened to the re-elected leaders who were going to step up and take a stand to reduce the budget problem by holding the line or reducing expenditures? Or, was there really ever a budget problem? After all, couldn't we hold the line on administrative salary increases until we could buy those textbooks we were told our students so desperately needed back in May?

The school employees I have had the opportunity to meet are all hardworking individuals, dedicated to our children's best interests. The board and the community hired them to teach, feed and transport our students and maintain our facilities. As a community, we have an implied contract with them: They supply the services, and in return, we will assure them that the school district is managed, operated and funded properly in order to be reimbursed. It is our responsibility as parents and taxpayers to ensure that our school district stays on firm financial ground. After all, some employees have relocated their families, purchased a home or car or leased an apartment in order to work here. If they are laid off, these debts still remain with them. The focus of the community should be to secure jobs through sound, long-term financial management.

Sure, the administrators deserve pay increases; we all do from time to time to keep pace with rising costs and longer work days. After all, this one board meeting went on to almost 11 p.m. The total of the pay raises amounts to only about $25,000 plus any additional benefit costs, if any. However, this was not the message conveyed to the electorate, by the candidates, as to the course the school district needed to follow in order to remain financially stable. During the election, we were told the district was short $12,000 to $16,000 for textbooks.

The reality of the growing situation was very evident with the latest publication of the 2008 Wayne County property tax foreclosure list, which was thicker (122 pages) than the newspaper it was delivered in. Also, see the Detroit News article on Dec.11, "Cash-short schools scrimp on textbooks," as it pertains to the situation in other districts.

The school district is also experiencing a shrinking general fund balance. As stated in the MERC report, the fund has dropped from 14.85 percent of revenues in 2001-02 to 4.64 percent in 2005-06. That's an average decline of 2.0 percent per year. At the current spending and funding rate, the fund balance could be exhausted in a few years. If expenditures increase at an accelerated rate or funding is reduced, the yearly decline in the fund balance could be even greater than 2 percent. This is akin to a household continuing to dip into a savings or home equity line of credit to pay bills in order to maintain the household's standard of living. If the household's standard of living continues to exceed its income, sooner or later the household will run out of money.

The lengthiest discussion of the evening was in regards to the proposed school election date being moved from May to November. If approved, it would automatically require some of the board members to extend their terms by six months. This is a positive change, in that it could save the district money by reducing election expenses and bringing more voters to the polls. These funds could then be directed into the classroom.

Steve Lomske
Northville

Stay the course, twp.

There is chess game on the former psychiatric hospital property. The current owner, REIS, is not happy with the site plan approved by the township. It's an approved site plan with densities already beyond that of the current zoning restrictions. It's a site plan that allows, among other things, 25 acres of commercial versus the zoning ordinance maximum of 16 acres.

Instead of coming back to the table, REIS slaps a huge lawsuit and moved people onto the property in hopes of annexing the property to Livonia so they can have more. This shows greed and an unwillingness to be reasonable in working with the township. Seven-story condominiums, a mall almost the size of Laurel Park, a thousand plus homes are unreasonable and would be very difficult to support traffic along Seven Mile and Haggerty and are not compatible with the high standards Northville has rigidly enforced over the years.

The developer's talking points of the size of the development and jobs created are intended to mask the results afterwards of more traffic congestion, community service cost provided beyond tax dollars generated, severe overcrowding in the school district and perhaps lower property values for neighboring property owners.

The township was right to stick to its ordinances.

Carol Poenisch
Northville Township

To downtown shops

Tis the season to shop in town,
so PLEASE stay open LATER (than 5 p.m.!)
so people can come have fun
and shop around.

Jan & Mike Minch Family
Northville

Holiday party thanks

On Dec. 1, almost 300 community members welcomed the holiday season at the annual party sponsored by the Northville Mothers' Club Life Member group held in the lower level of Northville Square.

Mothers' Club of Northville provides support to Northville school children through service activities and fund-raising events. After at least 10 years of active membership, this mission is continued, but at a slower pace, in the Life Member group. The Holiday Party is the Life Members only fund-raising event with the proceeds funding scholarships to high school seniors.

We wish to acknowledge the generosity and assistance of the following: Margene and Bob Buckhave for the use of Northville Square; Cynthia Pickens Catering for the fabulous food; Good Time Party Store; Patio Plus Outdoor Furniture; Emerald City Designs; and Northville Public Schools.

To those who attended, we hope you enjoyed the party and were able to rekindled old friendships as well as meet new people. Thank you for your support.

Sharon Ferrara
On behalf of the Northville Mothers' Club Life Members

Speed bumps?

If Jim Gallogly, director of public works for the city of Northville, is sincere about the reason for the reconstruction of Taft that it's all about "calming traffic," I have one question for him: Instead of spending one million dollars for curbs and a nonfunctional roundabout, why didn't he just put in two speed bumps? That way he could have reduced the sign pollution, too, from 19 signs (just on the east side of the road entering the roundabout) to two signs stating: Speed Bump Ahead!

Dennis Horwatt
Northville

Welcome to Northville

There are 72 road signs on the approximately one-tenth of a mile span of Taft Road from the Northville city line to the end of the new median strip. Twenty-six of these signs have to do with explaining how to negotiate the roundabout. No amount of landscaping will neutralize the visual impact of this quantity of sign pollution.

In the Dec. 6 Record, Mr. Gallogly cited the roundabout as a "traffic calming" method necessary due to the "residential area with a school" and exiting Lexington Commons "during rush hour." Moraine and Thornton Creek elementary schools are on busier roads within residential areas, without issue. The Galway intersection on Taft is busier than Morgan, and yet there are no issues with egress that patience won't solve.

I have driven Taft as the main road to and from my residence for the past nine years. I cannot fathom any unique set of circumstances this design was implemented to solve. I do not know how the spending of $600,000 of "local funds" was prioritized for this project.

I do know that standing in the middle of Taft Road, the view looking south towards the gateway to Northville is now a visual disgrace.

What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification.

We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Co-sponsors bill to require disclosure of pertinent mortgage facts

I recently co-sponsored legislation that was introduced in the state Senate requiring mortgage lenders to provide borrowers with a one-page summary disclosure of relevant facts pertinent to a mortgage contract.

Senate Bill 924 will help provide home buyers with information that is critical to determining whether an individual can afford to purchase a particular home. Since January 2006, it is estimated that one in 21 Metro Detroit homes have been in some phase of the foreclosure process and Michigan currently ranks first in the nation in delinquencies of subprime loans.

The bill amends the Consumer Mortgage Protection Act to require the one-page summary, titled "The Basic Facts About Your Mortgage Loan." The summary, developed by Alex Pollock, resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, includes the expected monthly loan payment including principle, interest, taxes and insurance, the amount of the loan, appraised value, type of loan, total points plus estimated other costs and fees, special factors, and other crucial information.

This legislation empowers consumers trying to navigate the often murky waters of mortgage transactions. Anyone who has ever purchased a home knows how complicated and sometimes confusing the pages upon pages of loan forms can be, especially for first-time buyers. This bill provides borrowers with a clear summary of the loan, listing the important information on one easy-to-read page. It is intended to ensure that home buyers are not taken advantage of and that they fully understand how changing interest rates effect the monthly mortgage payment.

SB 924 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions, and as a member of the committee I look forward to a hearing on the proposal.

If you would like to look at the proposed summary form, "The Basic Facts About Your Mortgage Loan," please contact my office for a copy or go to the following link: http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senators/cassis/OnePageDisclosureForm.pdf.

About Nancy Cassis

State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom.

Senate bans sale of lead-contaminated toys

The holiday season is a time when many are purchasing toys for children, and it is more important than ever to protect them from harm. Legislation banning the sale or transfer of toys and child care items that contain lead has unanimously passed the Senate.

Senate Bill 174 prohibits a person from using or applying a toxic substance in or on any toy or child care article and prohibits a person from selling, offering for sale, or transferring such an item in Michigan. The prohibitions would not apply to a collectible toy not marketed to or intended to be used by a minor.

According to the New York Times, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said 38 of approximately 39 lead-related recalls this year were of Chinese-made products. The Times reported some Chinese factories choose to use paint with higher levels of lead because it can cost significantly less than those with lower lead amounts.

If you are purchasing toys this holiday season, you can check the National Safe Kids Campaign Web site www.safekids.org for updates and information on recent toy recalls.

Senate Bill 174 has been sent to the House of Representatives for consideration in the Health Policy Committee.

Grant approval for Novi to acquire land

I am very pleased to announce that the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) approved a grant for Novi to acquire land adjacent to a trailway as part of an environmental preservation initiative.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 4, I testified before the MNRTF board in support of the application.

The application for a land acquisition grant to secure a 16-acre parcel located next to the Singh trail parkland at the headwaters of the Huron River will preserve a very sensitive resource adjacent and integral to a trail system.

Novi earned the designation of a 'green' city by being an early leader in protection and preservation of our precious natural resources. I am elated that the trust fund board members took into account the incredible support from the community and the remarkable partnership between the City of Novi and developers in considering this grant application.

The property to be acquired is located north of Nine Mile Road and west of Garfield. It represents a cooperative funding effort between the owners, Heritage Shoppes, LLC, and the City of Novi.

The ability to preserve land rich with woodlands, wetlands, and wildlife would not have happened without the hard work and cooperation of many people in our community. Appreciation is extended to Councilmember Andrew Mutch for his dedication and involvement. We are blessed to live in a community that embarks on preservation endeavors that have resulted in a quality of life unusual for urban areas.

As always, I look forward to your comments. You can contact me by e-mail at senncassis@senate.michigan.gov, or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

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HOT TICKET: Now it's their turn – "Guys' Night Out" from 6-11 p.m. tonight downtown – page 5A

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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; through 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.

The Holidays in Northville
Visit With Santa
TIME/DATE: Noon-2 p.m. every Saturday until Dec. 15
DETAILS: Children can visit with Santa in Town Square.
Guys' Night Out Late Night Shopping
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. tonight
DETAILS: After shopping, gather from 9-11 p.m. at The Chase Bar and Grill, 133. W. Main, lower level of Northville Square.
Northville Nite 2007
TIME/DATE: 4:30-8 p.m. Monday, New Year's Eve, Dec. 31
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: Family night of carnival games, entertainment, food and giant toys; tickets are $5 for adults 18 years and older, $10 for children 3-17 and $2 for tots 1-2 years old; tickets go quickly. Contact the Parks and Rec. at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411.

Toys for Tots Drive
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. today and tomorrow
LOCATION: Highland Lakes Auto Care, 43291 W. Seven Mile Road
DETAILS: Please drop off new toys, unwrapped.

BaseLine Folk Society Open Mic
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: Five open mic spots available on a first to sign up basis beginning at 6:15 p.m.; performers receive a three song set not to exceed 15 minutes; audience admission is $5 at the door.
CONTACT: Mike Mullin at mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Bookfair and Gift Wrapping Fundraiser
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION Barnes and Noble, corner of Haggerty and Six Mile roads
DETAILS: Northville Cooperative Preschool is holding it's annual fundraiser; request a voucher and present it at time of purchase and a percentage of your purchase is donated to NCP; then take your gift to the wrapping table.
CONTACT: (248) 348-1791 for more information

"Sing We Now of Christmas"
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: Ward welcomes The Chamber Choir of The First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Childcare is provide up to age 4.
CONTACT: (248) 374-7400

Daughters of the American Revolution - Northville/Plymouth
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Monday
LOCATION: Alexander Blue House, Greenmead, Livonia
DETAILS: Christmas music, sing along and more.
CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

Holiday Dance Spectacular
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20
LOCATION: Northville High School
DETAILS: Follow the adventure of two students who travel to New York for the holidays, and experience various forms of dance, from the Broadway stage to the streets.

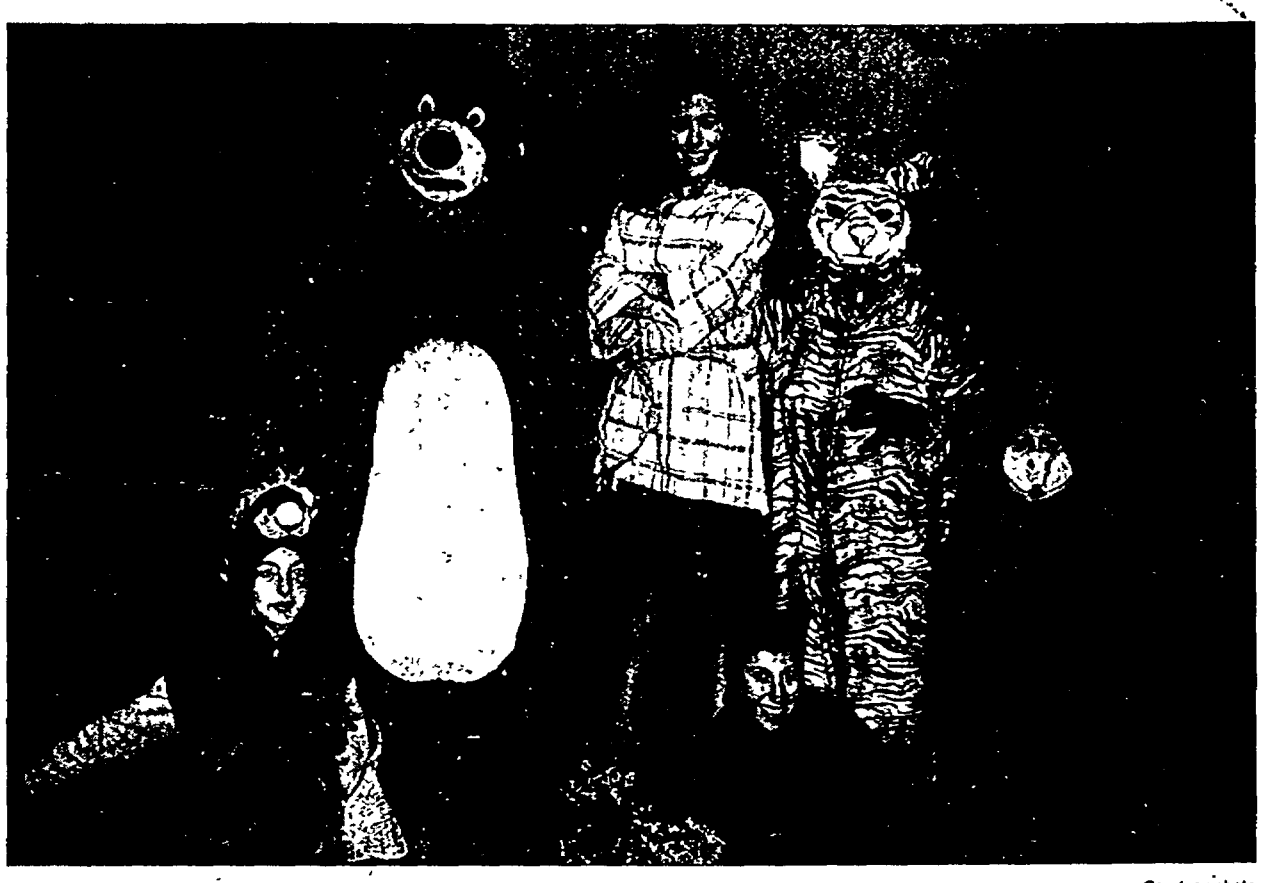
Marquis Theatre
135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or northvillemarquistheatre.com
The Jungle Book
TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 22 and 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, 23 and 30, Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27
DETAILS: Holiday fun for everyone. See the monkey fly. Kipling's 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
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, mused 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: Through Jan. 4
DETAILS: Unique gifts for the holidays; more than 50 artists featured.
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

Genitti's Little Theater
LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com
A Winter Wedding... Italian-style
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: 10 a.m. today; 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 and 22; 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 and 23
DETAILS: Full lunch followed by the show, "The Naughty List," plus an appearance by Santa; $14.95 for children, $16.95 for adults, not including tax and tip. Call for reservations. 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.



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Holiday fun for everyone

Come and enjoy the musical "Jungle Book" in downtown Northville at the Historic Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St. The adventure is based on Kipling's classic story of jungle animals and the boy named Mowgli they befriend. Show times are 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays through Jan. 27, and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 26-28. Tickets are $8; no children under age 3. For more information, call (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com. Shown are (left to right, back) Ken Haering (Flint), Gabbi Occhialini (Farmington Hills), Mike Morgan (Flat Rock); (front) Megan Ashley (Northville), Melissa Harrison (Detroit) and Casey Iles (Northville).

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 ($6 annually for seniors 65 and older.) 2008 permits now available at park office, 20145 Beck Road.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390; Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or www.FriendsofMaybury.org.
Nordic Ski Demo
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19
DETAILS: Try out the latest equipment from REI. There will be light refreshments in the Warming Shelter courtesy of Friends of Maybury. Meet at the Concessions Building (Eight Mile Road entrance).
Snow Shoe Demo
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9
DETAILS: Same as above.

Mill Race Historical Village
LOCATION: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field
DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m.-1. p.m. Monday-Friday.
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845
Thursday: 9 a.m. archives open; 6:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts
Friday: 9 a.m. archives open; 4 p.m. Junior Scout Meeting
Saturday: 1 p.m. private party
Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church and Kings 8th; 4:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scouts
Monday: 6 p.m. Cub Scouts
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30 p.m. Mill Race Weavers
Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church
* Grounds closed to public

Personal & Professional Etiquette
LOCATION: 133 West Main St., Suite 190
CONTACT: (248) 349-1114
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.

Taste of Northville Business Showcase
TIME/DATE: Noon-3 p.m. Saturday, March 8
DETAILS: Applications are now available. Contact the Chamber to reserve your spot or visit www.northville.org for an application. Exhibit space is limited. This year's theme is "Think Globally - Celebrate Locally." Tickets are $5 for adults, $4 for seniors 65 and over and $4 for children under 12 and are available at the door.
CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-7640 or www.northville.org

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

The Nutcracker
DATE/LOCATION: Saturday and Sunday at Grosse Ile High School Auditorium
DETAILS: The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra are featured in the performances in Canton; the Metro Shores Ballet Company performs on Grosse Ile; audience members can meet the dancers on stage after the performances during the Sugar Plum Parade with a $2 per person ticket; Canton tickets are $14-$18 for adults and teens and $8-$10 for children; Grosse Ile tickets are $12 for adults and teens and $10 for children; order tickets online at www.PlymouthCantonBallet.org.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra
DETAILS: Tickets (adults-$25, seniors-$20, students-$10) can be purchased by contacting the Plymouth Canton Society office (734) 451-2112; in person at 470 Forest Ave., Ste. 18; or visiting www.plymouthsymphony.org.
Celebration Youth Orchestra
Winter Concert
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday
LOCATION: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
DETAILS: Tickets are $6 per person.
Home for the Holidays
with the Livonia Youth Choir
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20
LOCATION: Penn Theatre, Plymouth
Blissful Baroque
with harpist Maurice Draughn, composer Mary Watkins, soprano Nadine Balbeisi
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 19
LOCATION: Village Theater at Cherry Hill
Youth Artist Competition
TIME/DATE: Sunday, Feb. 3
LOCATION: Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Road, Canton
DETAILS: The three divisions of the competition are Senior Instrumental, Senior Piano (grades 10-12) and Junior Combined (grades 7-9). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students residing in Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren or Wayne-Westland school districts; or members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra or students at Evola. Scholarship funds are awarded to first-place winners.
CONTACT: Call Jane Libbing (734) 451-2112 or e-mail jane@plymouthsymphony.org; also visit www.plymouthsymphony.org.
Sensational Strings
with concertmaster Juliana Athayde, composer Frank La Rocca, PCEP Middle School Orchestra and the Celebration Strings
DATE: Saturday, Feb. 9
LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church

Rock Financial Showplace
46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5600 or visit http://rockfinancialshowplace.com /for more information.
Woodworking Show
TIME/DATE: Noon-7 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.
DETAILS: Try before you buy and save on tools, equipment and supplies; learn tips observing demonstrations here before starting your next project.
26th Annual Cycle World International Motorcycle Show
TIME/DATE: 4-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4; 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008
DETAILS: BOSS Stunt Show, Suzuki Giveaway, Interactive Game Experience, Vintage Displays and a Kids Cycle Center; admission is $13, $6 for ages 6-11, under 5 free; parking $5.
Ultimate Fishing Show
TIME/DATE: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10; noon-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13
DETAILS: Fishing tackle, trips, boats, charters, seminars and more; $9 admission, $4 for ages 6-14, under 5 free; parking $5.

Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads
CONTACT: For more information, and to register, call (734) 462-4443.
Divorce Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month
LOCATION: Women's Resource Center, Room 225 McDowell Center
Women's Resource Center Luncheon Series
TIME/DATE: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, VisTaTech Center
DETAILS: Tomorrow, Professor Rodney Johnson talks about "The Art of Welding," insights about welding as an art form; Jan. 25, Julie Felicelli shares humorous anecdotes from her recently published book "It's My Turn"; $15 per luncheon; prepaid registration required, no tickets issued; limited seating; doors open 11:15 a.m.
Ask An Attorney
DATE: 5-7 p.m. second and third Monday of each month
DETAILS: Ask an attorney about divorce and family law; first come, first served, sign-in begins at 4:30 p.m.; Sept.-May; walk-in; no fee
CONTACT: (734) 462-4443
Money Matters in Divorce
DATE: 5-7 p.m. first Monday of month through May
DETAILS: Opportunity to ask a certified financial planner about the financial concerns related to divorce; walk-in, no fee; sign-in begins at 4:30 p.m.

Winter Master Gardener Class
TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. Thursday evenings, starting Jan. 10-April 10
LOCATION: Executive Office Building Conference Center, Oakland County Service Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford
DETAILS: Each session focuses on a different horticultural topic that will prepare you to fulfill a 40-hour community service commitment to earn Master Gardener Certification. First-come, first-served; $25 application fee, class fee $300.
CONTACT: (248) 858-0887 or visit www.msue.msu.edu/oakland. Look under horticulture and gardening.

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In the spirit

Greg Presley, chair of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, donned his Santa cap at the Dec. 5 Northville Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party held in one of the model homes at Northville Hills subdivision off of Sheldon Road south of Six Mile Road. Rocky's of Northville catered the event.

Gardenviews staff shows how to put on the 'glitz'

■ Items hail from Main Street store

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

There's more to holiday decorating than just hanging a wreath on the front door.

In this era of Martha Stewart wannabes, many local women take their home decor seriously and are constantly looking for new ideas.

Members of the Northville Women's Club got a special Christmas treat last Friday when one of the club members showed them the latest from Gardenviews, a garden and gift store on West Main Street at Wing Street across from city hall.

Club member Linda Jo Hare, program chair for the day, received a tutorial from Gardenviews' staff prior to her presentation.

The first decorating tip she offered was to weave a mesh-like green material sold at Gardenviews through a long piece of frosted pine tree garland.

This can be hung on a bannister or over a doorway.

"The green mesh sparkles it up, brightening the decoration," Hare said.

"When else do we get to decorate with glitzy things but at the holidays?"

Another piece of advice she offered was to not be afraid to use colors like teal, blue, white and silver in holiday decorations such as swags, wreaths and centerpieces.

Pearl beads or garland can also be added to greenery for a more festive look.

Add ornaments to decorations

Christmas ornaments aren't just for the tree, either.

Ornaments, such as large snowflakes or glittered ones in various shapes, can become part of decorations.

"Lighted shimmery balls can be wired into a wreath to provide a twinkling effect," Hare said.

Sparkled greenery can also be used.

"Tuck in silk or real flowers from your guests if you want to show off their gift," she added.

Gardenviews also sells large snowflake ornaments with a different color on each of the two sides to give a decorator options.

The store's large, clear snowflake ornaments can be placed flat on a holiday dinner table.

"They look like crystal when placed next to glassware," Hare said.

The store also has sparkly decorator "picks," which are often used in holiday floral arrangements.

"Add these to your swags, wreaths and centerpieces for a professional look," Hare advised.

And, of course, no home is complete without mistletoe during the Christmas season.

Gardenviews sells "kissing balls" made with silk mistletoe to hang in a doorway.

Another suggestion Hare made was to use different colors of spray glitter to achieve a special holiday look.

She also suggested keeping decorated wreaths out of winter weather, especially coated Styrofoam, which tends to crack and fall off.

A member of the audience even provided a holiday tip — use a hair curling iron to restore last year's crumpled bows.

Hare asked her fellow club members: "Are you a more-decorator or a less-decorator?"

"More is not always better," she said, "but Christmas does allow you to decorate more than usual."

For more ideas on holiday decorating, visit Gardenviews at 202 W. Main St. or call (248) 380-8881.

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MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools
Board of Education
DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month (Jan. 8)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Old Village School

City of Northville
City Council
DATE: First and third Monday of the month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
Downtown Development Authority Meeting
DATE: Third Tuesday of each month (Dec. 18)
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, 215 W. Main St.
CONTACT: downtownnorthville.com
Planning Commission
DATE: First and third Tuesdays of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall
Housing Commission
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.
Historic District Commission
DATE: Third Wednesday of month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall
Arts Commission
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
Beautification Commission
DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

Northville Township
Planning Commission
DATE: Last Tuesday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile
Board of Trustees
DATE: Third Thursday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall
Zoning Board of Appeals
DATE: Third Wednesday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall
Beautification Commission
DATE: Third Monday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall
Youth Assistance
DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road
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Northville Public Schools Cultural Diversity Parent Survey: 2007-2008

Northville Public Schools is seeking your input as we study issues of diversity in our school community. As you are aware, there are many kinds of diversity; economic, social, ethnic, cultural, academic learning styles, talents, abilities, religion and gender. This survey is designed to explore your perceptions of cultural diversity and its role in our school system. The "Key" for response is below:

Gender: ❑ Male ❑ Female

Predominant Ethnic Background:

❑ Hispanic ❑ Caucasian ❑ African American
❑ Native American/Alaska Native ❑ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
❑ Asian ❑ Other (please specify)

My student(s) attend school in the: (Circle all levels that apply)

Preschool Programs Elementary Middle School High School Center Program

Key: 1 = Strongly Disagree
2 = Mildly Disagree
3 = No Opinion
4 = Mildly Agree
5 = Strongly Agree

(Please circle your answer using the key above)

1. Cultural diversity awareness and competency is a critical component in the Northville Public Schools.	1	2	3	4	5
2. I am aware that there is a range of cultural diversity in my child(ren)'s school.	1	2	3	4	5
3. Cultural diversity awareness is an important component of a successful learning environment for my child(ren).	1	2	3	4	5
4. I am active in promoting cultural diversity awareness in my child(ren)'s school.	1	2	3	4	5
5. Encouraging cultural diversity is an important issue when I consider my child(ren)'s education.	1	2	3	4	5
6. I wish I could do more to promote cultural diversity awareness in my child(ren)'s school.	1	2	3	4	5
7. Increasing a school's cultural diversity awareness is a teacher's responsibility.	1	2	3	4	5
8. Increasing a school's cultural diversity awareness is a community responsibility.	1	2	3	4	5
9. Increasing a school's cultural diversity awareness is a school administrator's responsibility.	1	2	3	4	5
10. Increasing a school's cultural diversity awareness is a student/family responsibility.	1	2	3	4	5
11. Increasing a school's cultural diversity awareness is a responsibility that should be addressed through curriculum.	1	2	3	4	5
12. I would like to see cultural diversity awareness concerns more clearly addressed in the Northville Public School District.	1	2	3	4	5
13. I am interested in participating in discussion related to addressing and improving cultural diversity awareness in the Northville Public School District.	1	2	3	4	5
14. I believe our school district adequately addresses cultural diversity awareness.	1	2	3	4	5

15. I define "cultural diversity" as:

16. Other areas of diversity that the Northville Public School District should address are:

17. Additional Comments:

Please return this survey to your child's school by Friday, Dec. 14, 2007.
Thank you for your time and thoughtful responses.

Source: Northville Public School District

■ Survey to aid NPS in its handling of cultural issues

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Council. "The survey will serve as a litmus test on how people in the community think."

The two-page survey explains why cultural diversity has been chosen as a topic as opposed to types of diversity, such as economic, social, ethnic, academic learning styles, talents, abilities, religion and gender.

Mossoian, who serves as facilitator of the Northville Schools' Diversity Core Council, said the district chose to study cultural diversity above all other forms due to the makeup of the district. One major reason could be that, among all of the almost 7,000 Northville Public School District, nearly 50 languages are represented in all of the district's schools.

The parent survey contains 17 questions — 14 of which respondents must rate, 1-5, how they believe the district handles a specific issue and three essay questions.

"If there are areas of cultural diversity that people think we don't handle well, then we'll look into those issues and address them specifically," Pearson said.

"If there are things people feel (the district) does well, then we'll continue to improve on those, as well."

Mossoian said the Diversity Core Council was discussed toward the end of the 2006-07 school year and is made up of district school building and central office personnel. She added community input is necessary so the district isn't insulated on issues of diversity.

"Usually with surveys, you get a return of about 30 percent," Mossoian said. "We just want to get feedback to see where to go from here."

Both Mossoian and Pearson said each Northville Public School individually has a number of events and programs celebrating diversity each year.

Northville High School has a multicultural awareness club, held a program honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in January and plans on holding a second in January 2008. The high school also features Challenge Day in April, Pearson said, which is a program based in California with a motto of "Be The Change" that is geared toward youths. The program takes place at the middle- and high-school levels, Pearson said.

"(Challenge Day) gives the kids the chance to look at each other, who they are and their history as opposed to basing things off stereotypes or passing judgment," she said.

Mossoian said the results of the questionnaire will help district officials plan better, too.

"We want to be more proactive than reactive," she said. "And we feel this survey will prevent us from running into some problems down the road."

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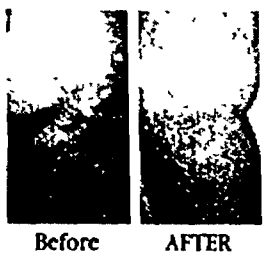

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NPS to seek district-wide accreditation

■ Measure comes after each school is individually tabbed

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

The Northville Public School District's six elementary schools, two middle schools and two special education center programs have joined Northville High School in earning accreditation by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI).

The announcement, made by Superintendent Leonard R. Rezmierski at the district board of education's regular meeting on Nov. 27, is the culmination of months of internal study and documentation by district officials and school principals and teachers, as well as an external review and visit by NCA CASI officials in March.

This is the first time the district's elementary, middle and special education center program schools have sought and achieved accreditation. Northville High School, last accredited in 2002, has been re-accredited by NCA CASI.

Rezmierski said district students and families are the ultimate beneficiaries of the accreditation process. NCA spokesperson Mike Bugenski said a district having all its schools accredited is a great feat.

"When an entire school community is aligned and focused on a shared vision for learning, students thrive," Rezmierski said.

"The enthusiasm with which our teachers and staff have embraced the accreditation process as an opportunity to learn and grow as educators is a demonstration of their unwavering commitment to ensuring that every student succeeds."

In addition, as part of a partnership between NCA CASI and the Michigan Department of Education, NCA CASI accredited schools, such as Northville, are recognized by the Department of Education as meeting standards under Michigan's Education YES! state accreditation program and participate in a streamlined Education Yes! reporting process.

"The goal of this state partnership agreement is to reduce the expense and duplication of effort that occurs when the state and NCA CASI manage separate school and district improvement and accreditation systems," said Mary Kay Gallagher, Northville assistant superintendent for instructional services.

"It also aligns and supports the work of schools and districts to engage in continuous improvement through NCA CASI accreditation and the Michigan Department of Education improvement framework. This is an opportunity for us to continue growing as a district."

With the goal of more closely aligning student performance across the district's schools and special education programs, the district board of education unanimously passed a motion at its Nov. 27 meeting to pursue NCA CASI district-wide accreditation.

Through this process, district leadership, the board of education and the district's various stakeholders will collaborate in reviewing the quality of the district's systems, the success of each individual school, and their collective contribution to student learning and overall district effectiveness. In order to be eligible for NCA CASI district accreditation, each K-12 school in the district first had to seek and achieve individual school accreditation.

"District accreditation is a powerful systems approach to improving student performance over time," Rezmierski said. "It recognizes that increasing student achievement is more than teaching reading, math or science better.

"It is a result of how well all of the parts of the education system — the district, school and classroom — work together to meet the needs of students."

Northville's NCA CASI district accreditation process will get underway in the coming months with the first District Quality Assurance Review anticipated during the 2008-09 school year.

Founded in 1895, NCA CASI is a non-governmental, voluntary organization that accredits 8,500 public and private schools and districts. Accreditation is a voluntary method of quality assurance developed more than a century ago by American universities and secondary schools.

Accreditation engages the school community in meeting high quality standards, implementing a continuous improvement process and engaging in quality assurance through internal and external review processes. Accredited schools demand rigor, use data to make informed decisions and approach the documentation of results with discipline.

"When an entire school community is aligned and focused on a shared vision for learning, students thrive."

Leonard Rezmierski
Northville Public School District Superintendent

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Old school

Ridge Wood students Sarah Dillon, left, and Chloe Harriman try their hand at "shaving" (using a butter knife) after they put on shaving cream using a brush as they check out some of the ways pioneer Americans got through their days. The school was visited by Tin Cup Adventures, a living history assembly.

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School election dates still an issue for Northville

■ No change in 2008 if no action taken by board

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

A public hearing will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in room 302 of the Northville Public School District Administrative Offices, 501 W. Main St., to discuss the district board of education's options as it relates to possible changes in school board election dates, according to district Director of Business and Finance John Street.

No vote will take place at the meeting, but if the board decides to take action, a special meeting will need to be called, as the board's last regular meeting for 2007 took place Dec. 11.

"However, if there's no action taken," district Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said, "there will be no change made for 2008, and our election will take place in May."

Rezmierski made contact with a number of school groups and state officials prior to last Tuesday's meeting, he said two bills that are on the table regarding the election issue, Senate Bill 663, which passed July 26, and House Bill 4507, approved Nov. 8, will not pass this year. Both measures call for school board elections to be held in November.

"The people I've been in contact with all recognize that the schedule would be too confusing to follow," Rezmierski said.

Proponents of the move say the change would do a number of things for school districts. If school board elections take place in November, costs would be deferred, since that's when most general elections take place. The district could also share costs with Schoolcraft Community College, Street said, and the move could also bring more people to the polls, but board Treasurer Ken Roth isn't sold on the measure.

"I'd like to know if Schoolcraft is bound to its dates," Roth said. "The possibility of sharing costs could evaporate if some things were to change."

A number of Wayne and Oakland county districts have already complied with the measure, as 15 of 34 Wayne County districts and 12 Oakland County districts have made the change from May to November, Rezmierski noted.

If the amendment is adopted, board members' terms would be extended by six months. There is, however, pending legislation — from the Michigan Association of School Boards — that would eliminate the annual November option and, instead, have odd May, odd November, annual August and even August election dates.

That would extend current Northville board of education members' terms by 18 months. If this statute is approved, districts could still make a change for 2008, but subsequent election dates would not conform to the new choices.

By the language of the bill, it appears the annual May election date would be omitted, according to Street. To play out an odd year November change, those members who have terms expiring in even years would have their terms extended 18 months, while board members who have odd-year term expirations would keep their seat an additional six months, Street said. There would also be three or four terms up in each biennial election.

Joan Wadsworth, board president, said she's grateful to have a wealth of information on the possible change, but she's not totally sold on the change, either, which would cause for a higher turnover rate among board members.

"I still have great concerns over this due to the possibility of school board questions being at the bottom of a long November ballot during gubernatorial and presidential elections," Roth said. "School board issues are important to this community, so I think we should step back and see what the real world is doing before we decide on anything."

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Pioneer

Ridge Wood Elementary School student Carly Bins learns how to pan for gold during a recent visit to the school by the Pioneer Living experience. The traveling show allowed students to card wool, grind corn flour, use a hand washer and wringer and try a number of other utensils that Americans would have utilized in the pioneer days.

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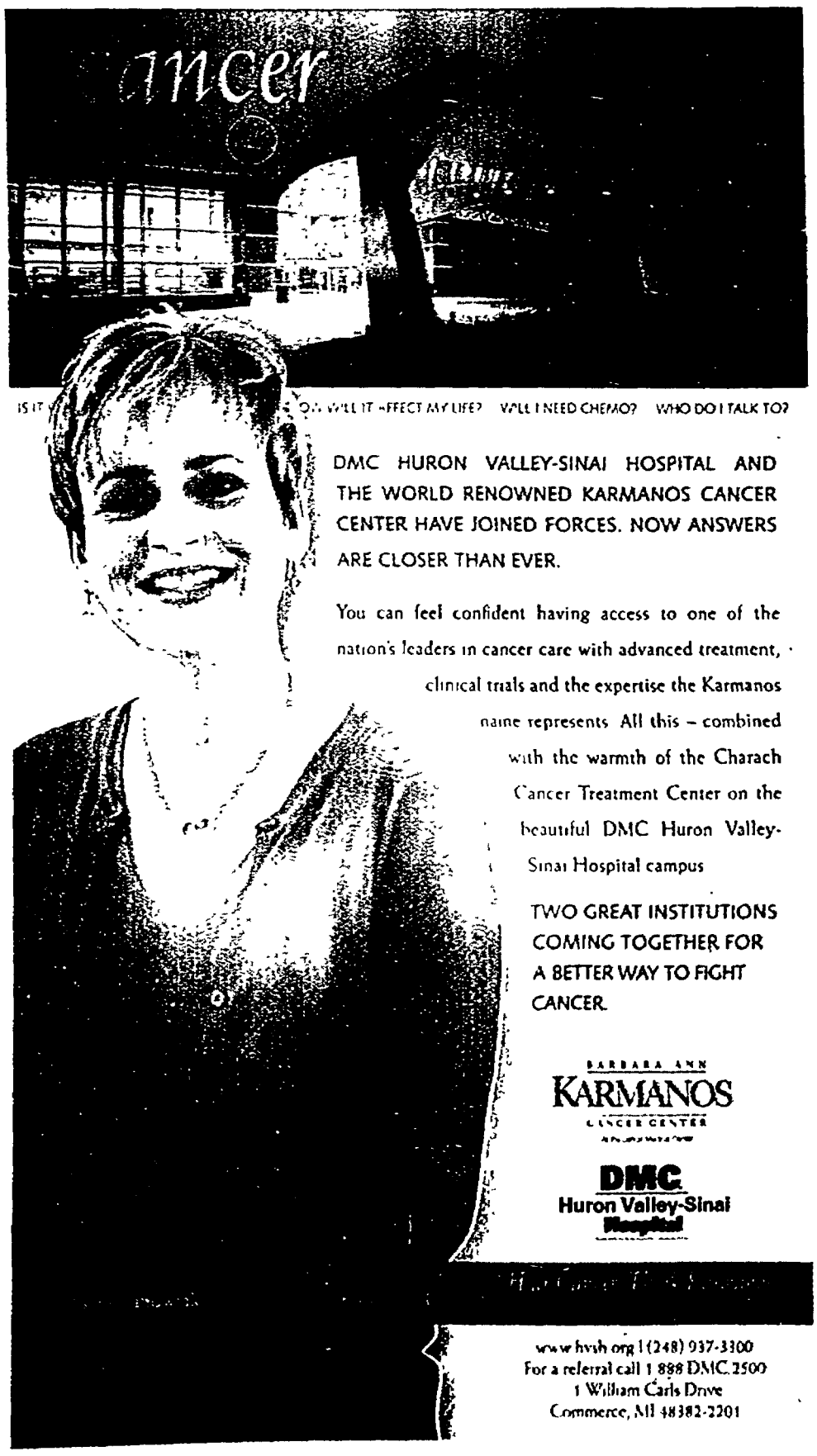

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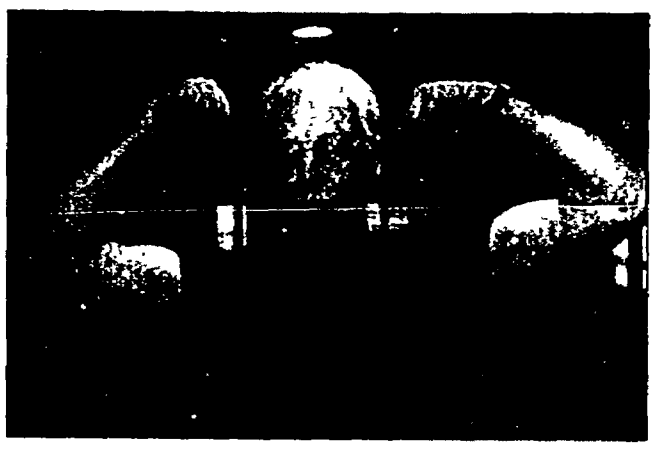
A 'wildman' at 74

By Nathan Mueller
STAFF WRITER



Photos by HAL GOULD

Fred Ferris, 74, shows off his 14-inch biceps (left) that he sculpted in less than a year of working out. (Right) Ferris, owner of Ferris Farms, rides between five to six horses per day on top of his weight lifting program.

Fred Ferris was sitting around his home with his wife and grandchildren about a year ago when the kids saw some old pictures of him. He was in good shape, including one picture with his shirt off when he was 17.

The kids saw the pictures and wondered what happened. Ferris, now 74, took inspiration from their comments — which were supported by his wife.

"You will never see that again, so keep this picture around," joked his wife, Diane.

Ferris looked at her, straight-faced, and said he was going to get back into shape like that. It was March 5, and Ferris started his transformation. Fast forward nine months, and he has gone from weighing 210 pounds to 180 pounds. His chest measures 44 inches, his waist 34 inches and he has 14-inch biceps.

His goal is to get 16-inch biceps.

"If you do not have a goal to work for, you are just playing," he said. "So I take it serious."

And he has been serious since the day his grandchildren and wife doubted him.

He does 200 crunches when he wakes up in the morning and another 200 before he goes to sleep. He works out with weights every other day and said there are even moments where he will be watching a movie with his wife and as it is nearing the end, he gets up and leaves to go work out.

"She will ask me if I'm going to watch the end of the movie and I tell her no because it is more important for me to lift," he said.

But while his workout tactics are spot on, his eating habits are not what most doctors would recommend. The 42-year Salem Township resident eats at Wendy's at least four times a week — he said they know his order when he walks in — and pasta at the local Italian restaurants. His breakfast consists of three eggs, toast with peanut butter and marmalade and a glass of juice mixed with water because he cannot stand drinking just water. He also drinks a lot of Ovaltine.

"I don't eat strictly diet food because it costs a lot of money," he said.

Ferris, who also is the owner of Ferris Farm, started working out when he was 14 years old so he could beat people up who picked on him. His mother lied that he was 18 years old so he could work out at the YMCA in Detroit.

While there, he met Norbert Schemansky, a famous Olympic weightlifter for the United States, who gave him tips on proper lifting techniques. He worked out until he was about 24 years old and stopped. It was not like he stopped completely because training horses was a workout in itself, but he did not touch a weight until last year.

It was a challenge when he started again because he knew all the old techniques, and his body had aged a bit. Ferris met up with a personal trainer at Powerhouse gym, Lance Kistler, who was instrumental in helping Ferris shape a plan.

Kistler told him the importance of lifting light weights and doing more repetitions. Extra strain would cause damage to the joints, a major concern for older people.

"Fred was looking for answers and most people have a warped view on what it takes to get into shape," Kistler said. "You have to get educated before you apply it and that is what Fred did."

He constantly goes back to Kistler for advice and keeps him updated on his progress.

"It's pretty evident he has been putting time in," Kistler said. "He is a wildman."

And that wildman wants to be the inspiration for the older generation. Ferris wants them to understand that anyone can get in shape no matter how old they are. Not everyone has to be as intense as him, but minor exercises such as eye and neck workouts, go a long way.

His wife, the one who thought he couldn't do it, has now started working out on her own. Ferris' 50-year-old son, Mark, also started running four miles a day because he saw how good his father looked and wanted to challenge himself. Fred also has two other sons.

Ferris has even become an inspiration to Kistler.

"When I reach that age I hope I am in as good of shape as someone like him," Kistler said.

While Ferris has become a die-hard workout guru, his true love will always be his horses. He rides five or six horses per day — and its not just a leisurely stroll. He jumps hurdles with them, completes flying changes and numerous other acrobatics a person his age should probably not be doing.

But that's who Ferris is — he goes 100 percent into anything because he does not know any other way.

"Everything I got into was something that hooked with me," he said. "It's almost like being a drug addict. I need (the horses and working out) because I feel so good with it.

"When I was younger, the biggest thing everyone would say was you are a lazy bum if you did not do anything, and I feel lazy if I'm just sitting around."

And with his 75th birthday and one-year anniversary of working out on the horizon, Ferris is excited that his grandchildren will get to see grandpa and be able to accurately compare him to the pictures.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 2, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the City of Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan. The purpose of this public hearing will be to solicit comments and consideration of a use variance or temporary use for 315 Griswold (Lot number 719). A use variance or temporary use may be considered in accordance with Section 25.04 of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance for the proposed office use at the above listed location.

The application for use variance and/or temporary use is available for review through the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours. Written comments concerning the proposed use will also be accepted by the City

DIANNE MASSA
CITY CLERK

(12-13-07 NR 391688)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE ABSENTEE VOTERS

To the Qualified Electors of the Charter Township of Northville who wish to vote in the January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary but are unable to attend the polls, applications for absentee ballots are being accepted at the Township Clerk's office, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

In the past, the township mailed an application for an absentee ballot to every registered voter over 60 years of age. Due to a recent court case ruling, we are prohibited from mailing the applications unsolicited. We are permitted to establish a **Permanent Absentee List (PAL)** so applications can be sent to voters who request to be placed on this list

If you wish to be placed on the Permanent Absentee List (PAL), you may sign up from the township's web site at http://twp.northville.mi.us (click on forms/permits under Quick Links) or contact the Clerk's office at 248-348-5800, ext. 10201

(12-13-07 NR 391299) SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will close early on Friday, December 14th at 3:00 p.m. and will re-open on Monday, December 17th at 8:00 a.m.

Additionally, the administrative offices will be closed on the following days in observance of the holidays:

Monday, December 24th
Tuesday, December 25th
Tuesday, January 1st

Residents wishing to pay their taxes before year-end can do so up until closing at 4:30 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2007.

The Department of Public Safety (Police and Fire) will remain open.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ATTENTION: VOTERS
RE: AUTOMATIC AV APPLICATIONS

As a courtesy for over 25 years, the Township automatically mailed an application to request an Absentee Ballot to all registered voters over the age of 60 years.

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You may sign up for the Permanent Absentee List by any of the following:

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- Email the clerk at. shillebrand@twp.northville.mi.us
- Fax (248) 348-9889 or mail in your request to be placed on the list
- In person at township hall or the clerk's department - 2nd floor
- Complete and return the postcard that you may receive in the mail, if you've previously been mailed an application.

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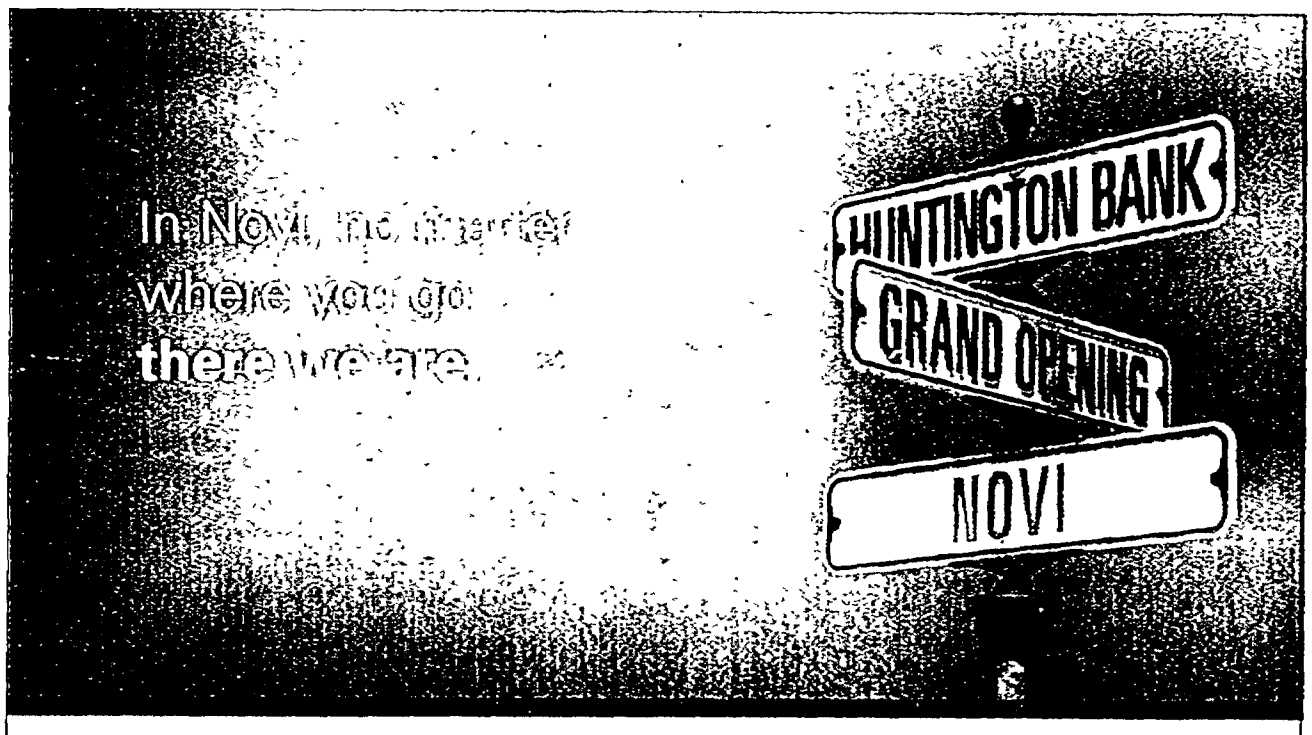

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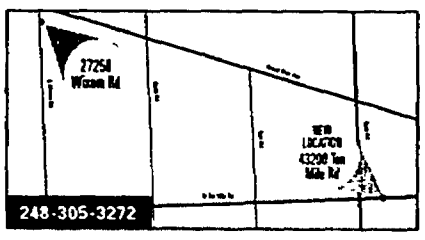

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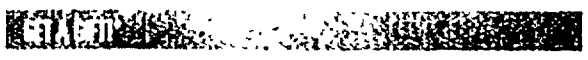

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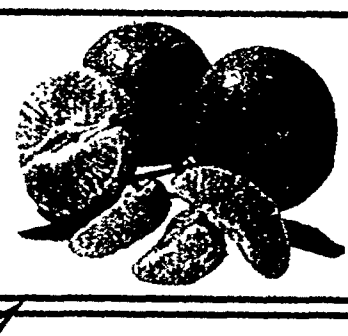

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MIKE MARTIN: CC's two-way player dominated

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Central Catholic senior lineman Mike Martin is the All-Area Football Player of the Year.

Hasse, Bojovic, Devine make Football First Team

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Mike Martin did something that no other Catholic Central football player has ever done before the season, he signed a Letter of Intent to play football. He will attend the University of Michigan.

"Mike is the very first player in the history of our school that committed or was asked to commit before the season," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "That does tell you something about him.

"I think he's ready for that. I think his confidence gets better every day."

After that, his season only got better as the Shamrocks rode their stingy defense and power running game all the way to the final four.

It was also a season that Martin very rarely got a view of from the sideline. He was usually busy playing on either side of the line, as a defensive tackle or offensive lineman.

"He gave us a good inside on defense," Mach said. "He made tackles from sideline to sideline. He gave us a lot of pressure on the quarterback. He always seemed to make the big play when we needed it.

"Offensively, he became a pretty good blocker. He was a force for us. He was out there the full game hitting somebody on every play."

Martin, listed at 6-2, 285 pounds, possesses a freaky combination of size and speed. He is able to fend off defenders on offense and push and run by lineman as a defender.

"He moves like a cat. For a man that's 285 pounds, he's got excellent movement," Mach said. "He's got excellent speed for his size, that is uncanny. He worked hard on his technique to get himself free.

"He's got the full package in what people are looking for in a great defensive lineman."

Playing as a senior captain, Martin wasn't the loudest player on the team, but that doesn't mean he never spoke up either.

"He's a great roll model for the kids in our school," Mach said. "Even though he is a gifted athlete, he still has a tremendous work ethic. He wants to excel and improve all the time, and he works that way."

Martin's career will move from Fridays to Saturdays at the Big House. Mach said he is grateful to have coached the All-State Dream Team player.

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All-Area Football

Player of the Year
Mike Martin, Catholic Central senior

First Team
Greg Hasse, Northville senior
Andrew Devine, Northville senior
Max Bojovic, Northville senior
Joe Kinville, CC senior
Ryan Houska, CC senior
Shane Morris, CC senior
Jim Morasso, CC senior
Scott Kovanda, CC senior
Tyler Hoover, Novi senior
Arshaun Hall, Novi senior
Graham Smith, Novi senior
Mark Bernier, Novi senior
Mark Heard, Novi senior
Brandon Bradford, Novi junior
Blake Heiman, Lakeland junior
Jon Wissner, Lakeland senior
Lee Lopez , Lakeland junior
Clint Penokie, Lakeland junior
Dan Greiner, Lakeland senior
Jordan Kidd, Milford senior
Jake Thompson, Milford junior
Chris Groth, South Lyon senior
Ian McGee, South Lyon senior

Second Team
Paul Kanaan, CC senior
Mel Farr, CC senior
Konrad Borkowski, CC senior
Cory Amble, CC senior
Kevin Longe, CC senior
Garrett Green, Novi junior
Daniel Enright, Novi senior
Joe Shada, Novi senior
Joe Pritchard, Novi senior
Dan Vess, South Lyon senior
Mitch Stidham, South Lyon senior
Ian Docherty, Lakeland senior

Honorable Mention
David Burke, Northville senior
Kris Baumgardner, Northville junior
Matt Zielke, Northville senior
Aaron Chew, Northville junior
Anthony Capatina, CC sophomore
Jack Daykin, CC senior
Chris Fischer, CC senior
Dave Robinson, CC senior
Pat Schlenke, Novi senior
Aaron Pugh, Novi senior
Brandon Bryant, Novi junior
Brendan Murphy, Novi senior
Justin Trombley, Lakeland senior
Nick Haller, Milford senior
Tom Schoenle, Milford senior

Keeping high expectations

■ Graduation leaves major holes to be filled

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS REPORTER

Northville will be missing some key ingredients from a team that swam all the way to third place at the state meet last year.

Last year's leaders Chris Keady, Will Blickle and Chris Culkin have graduated.

But head coach Rich Bennetts knows he can't waste time worrying about who is gone. It's time to get to work with who is back.

"Obviously we lost a lot of kids last year," he said. "We're looking to some new faces and some new people that have an opportunity to help us out this year.

"We've got a lot of open spots this year. It gives the kids a great opportunity."

Losing a group of seniors that swam so many events for the Mustangs means Bennetts is going to have to try and do things differently this year, but it's a challenge he's ready for.

"I expect to win," he said. "The last couple of years we've had kind of a set lineup. We know what our guys were going to be swimming.

"This year, a lot more teaching is going on in practice ... and I enjoy that. I feel that we are making progress."

The cupboards aren't exactly bare though. Out of 50 swimmers and divers out for the team, a few return with state experience, including Jon Bardsley, Brody Blickle, Joe Kargula and Greg Sheppard.

Brody Blickle was fourth in the 100 backstroke and runner-up in the 200 freestyle last year. Bardsley scored in the 200 and 500 freestyle at the state meet. Kargula score in the 100 butterfly at the state meet. Sheppard qualified for state in a pair of events last year.

Other returnees that will have a big impact on how the Mustangs compete are Clay Malloure, Anthony Adamowicz, Ben Schonek and John Blickle, all juniors.

"We're expecting all those guys to hopefully continue the improvement they made last year and get the state qualifying times for us this year so we can compete at that level," Bennetts said.

Goals will continue to be high for Northville. Bennetts sets his sights on the WLAA Western Division title, the league title and to finish in the top four at state.

"We've been fortunate enough to win the league meet the last three years," Bennetts said. "With this being the last year, it would be a shame if we couldn't go out winning it.

"We don't have a kid on our team that's lost that meet. That's in our favor."

Stevenson will once again be the main competition for the WLAA crown.

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Mustang Ryan Winkler swims during a Monday afternoon practice.

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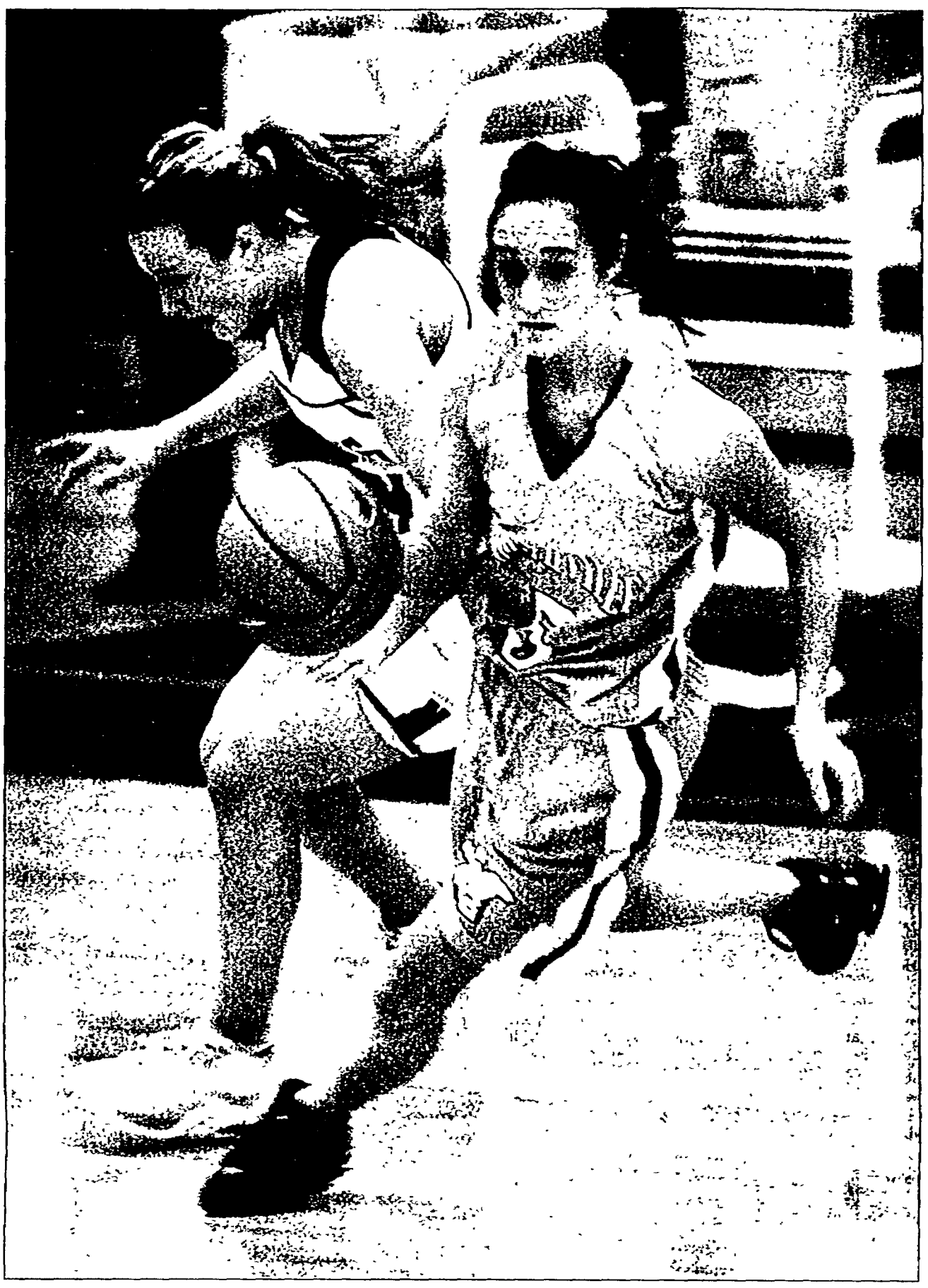

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Mustang Sarah Stern swivels and dribbles away from Wildcat Katie Chaklos.

Northville falls to rival Novi, 48-36

■ Mustang girls struggle with free throws

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Novi outscored rival Northville 14-3 in the second quarter and rolled on to a 48-36 home victory last Thursday.

"We played hard, and we played tough," Novi head coach Bill Kelp said.

Northville shot itself in the foot, connecting on just four of 15 free throws.

"When you shoot 4-for-15 in a game like this it means a lot," Northville head coach Pete Wright said. "That and I thought our defensive balance. We didn't get back. We gave up too many easy ones.

"That shouldn't happen. We should be able to get back and get in front and at least contest the shots."

Both teams came out a little tense, missing inside opportunities, until the Mustangs scored the first five points. A flurry of up-and-down scoring by both teams left Northville up 13-11 after the first eight minutes of play.

Novi stayed hot going into the second quarter, and Northville went ice cold from the floor and the free-throw line.

The Wildcats scored the first six points of the quarter. After a Northville hoop, Novi finished the quarter on an 8-1 run. The Mustangs made just one field goal and went 1-for-6 at the line and trailed 25-16 at the break.

"I think switching to the 1-2-2 zone threw them for a little loop," Kelp said. "It was one of the key things."

Both teams matched each other for most of the second half, with Northville getting as close as five early in the third quarter, but no closer the rest of the way.

Novi's Chantel Hill led all scorers with 14 points, seven in each half. No. 3 also scored in double digits with 10, and Katie Chaklos added eight points.

"The precedent was set last year where it's balanced scoring," Kelp said. "They play together, and that's the strength of the team."

Allison Holmes led the Mustangs with 10 points. Sarah Stern scored all seven of her points in the first half. She fouled out with 4:04 left to play in the fourth.

"It's just one game, two games into the season," Wright said he told his team. "It's awfully early, just get ready and come back and start working tomorrow."

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'Stangs travel to Novi

■ Cager boys prep for Wildcats

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

To the coaches, it's just one game out of 20 during the regular season.

The players and fans, it's a lot more than that.

Northville and Novi will meet on the basketball court tonight in front of a packed Wildcat house that will be wishing for this year's bragging rights.

With this being just the second game for the Mustangs, head coach Darrel Schumacher is more worried about finding a regular lineup than playing a rivalry game.

That's why you play these non-conference games. To find things out," he said. "We don't spend a lot of time talking about Novi. We look at it as a non-conference.

"Naturally, we want to win, but not because it's Novi. Naturally, we just want to win."

The Mustangs have owned the Baseline Battle the last two years. But Novi won five straight before that, going back to 2003. Novi's last win against Northville came in January 2005, 49-43.

Cory Heitsch has taken over the coaching duties for Novi and already knows this is a big game on the schedule. He said the players want to stop the Northville run at two games.

Last year, Alvin Storrs keyed a run late in last year's 51-45 Mustang's victory. But he is gone to Grand Valley State.

"Six year's we've been coaching and we've had Alvin here for three. You're not to replace him. We're still looking at who's going to be where."

Northville does have plenty of returning experience though in forwards Dan Kirkpatrick, Mike Rogers, Greg Hasse and David Burke. Steve Anderson also returns to guard duties.

But Novi isn't hurting for returning experience either. Caleb Dean grew a little more from last year and comes in at 6-9. Add in Tyler Hoover's 6-7 frame and it's rather obvious what Novi will try to get the ball inside.

But the biggest improvement for Novi this year could be the guard play. Chris Bellamy and Brandon Bradford started as sophomores last year.

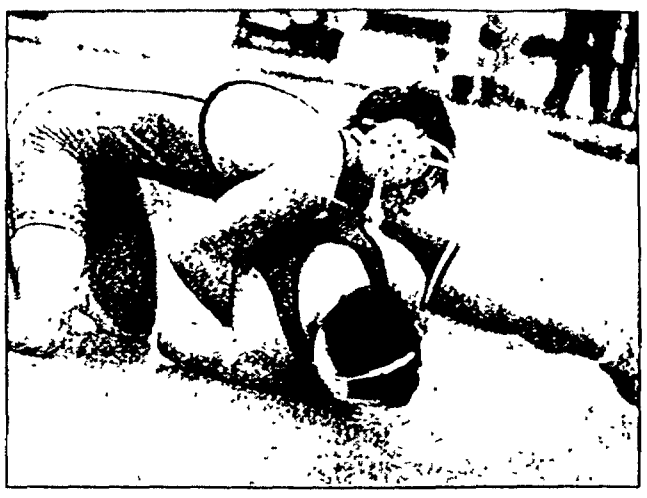
They are now juniors and with newcomers Brandon Bryant and Aaron Pugh, should form a potent bunch that all bring a certain element to the game.

Northville (0-1) started the season with a 46-44 loss to South Lyon.

Northville's Kelsey Baskins guards while Wildcat Alyssa Armiak tries to make a pass against the Mustangs.

Wildcat Paige Janer puts up a hook shot over the arms of the Mustangs' Jeanette Dolmetsch.

BATTLES



Northville's Evan Bentley looks for his next move against Novi's Steve DeBono.

Mustang wrestlers win home tourney, come up just short against Wildcats

■ Hebert, Bentley, Ladhoff, Towne, Bagian go undefeated

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

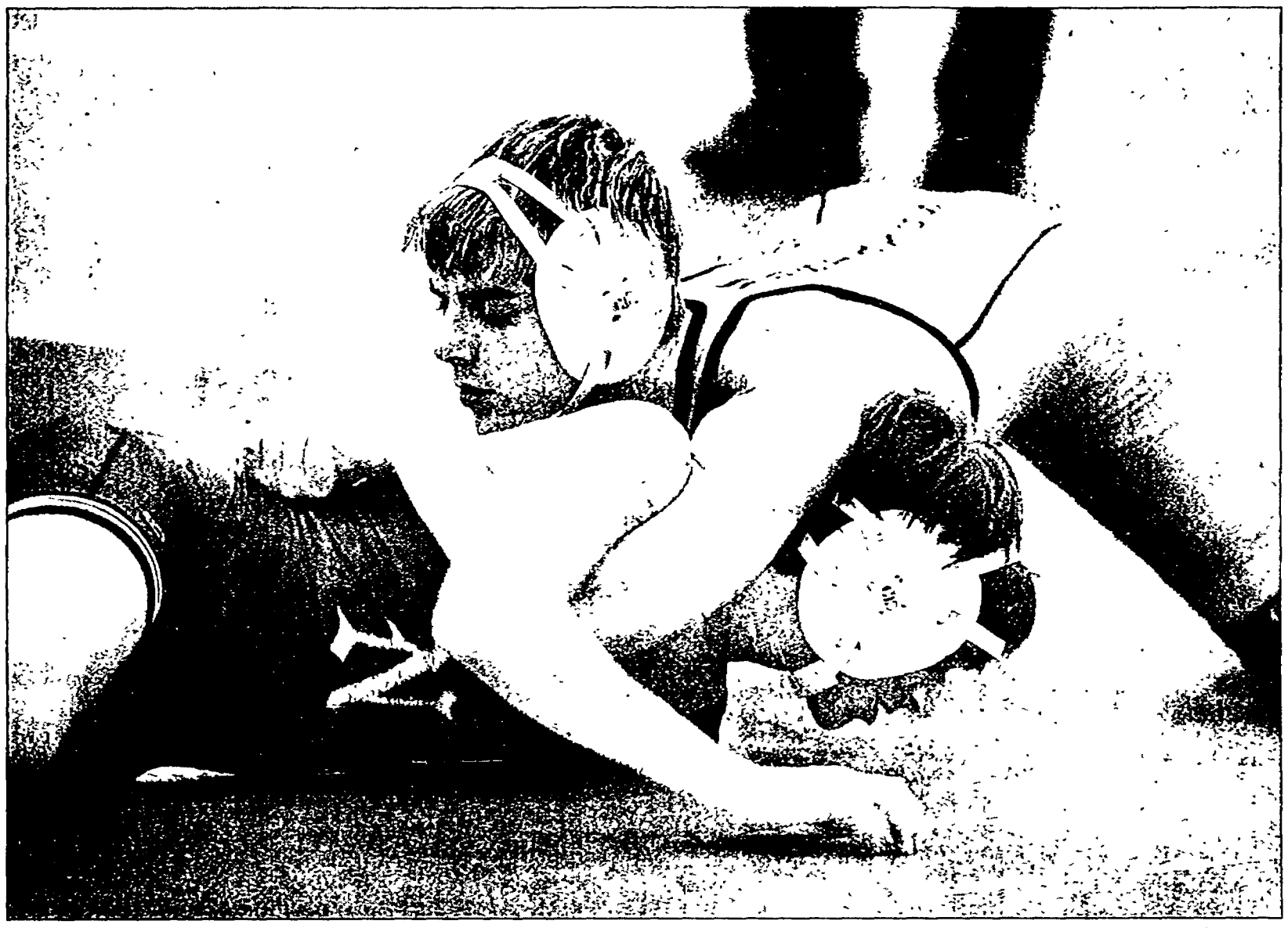
The Northville wrestling team just missed knocking off rival Novi before winning the inaugural Todd Shoenheide Challenge this past weekend in Northville.

Against Novi, the Mustangs came up just shy in a 37-35 loss.

Winning for the Mustangs were Mike Bagian 8-2 at 112 pounds, Jonny D'Anna by pin at 119, Matt Ladhoff 15-3 at 135, Aaron Towne 12-3 at 140, win by void at 145 and Matt Hagan by pin at 152.

"What a great dual. It came down to the end and things didn't go our way," Northville coach Jeff Balagna said. "We really wrestled hard and got off to a great start. I knew it was going to be a very close match.

"Their coaches had their team ready to go."



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Northville's Jonny D'Anna works against Novi's Ryan Pollard. D'Anna won by pin.

Schoenheide Challenge

The highlight of the early season for the Mustangs came during their home tournament.

Northville outwrestled Redford Union 63-10, Lakland 49-21, Dexter 46-26, Waterford Kettering 68-12 and East Detroit 50-24 to win the team title.

"I am very happy with the way our team responded after falling to Novi earlier in the week," Northville head coach Jeff Balagna said. "The guys took the Novi lose and used it as motivation and wrestled really well.

"What an outstanding day for everyone involved with the Northville wrestling program."

Highlights from the tournament included undefeated performances by John Hebert, Evan Bentley, Ladhoff, Towne and Brian Bagian.

"I am very pleased with the way our seniors performed," Balagna said. They came out and made a statement that this year was going to be different then years past.

"Those five seniors finished the day undefeated and wrestled some of their best I have seen."

D'Anna just missed finishing the day undefeated. He lost 3-1 to returning state champion Bret Marsh from Dexter. Marsh was voted the Most Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament.

The tournament was in honor of former Northville wrestler Todd Shoenheide, who was killed by a drunk driver in April of 2005.

"The tournament was a huge success," Balagna said. "We raised a lot of money and it all goes toward a good cause.

"Todd is smiling down on the team, knowing that they have really worked hard and won his tournament."

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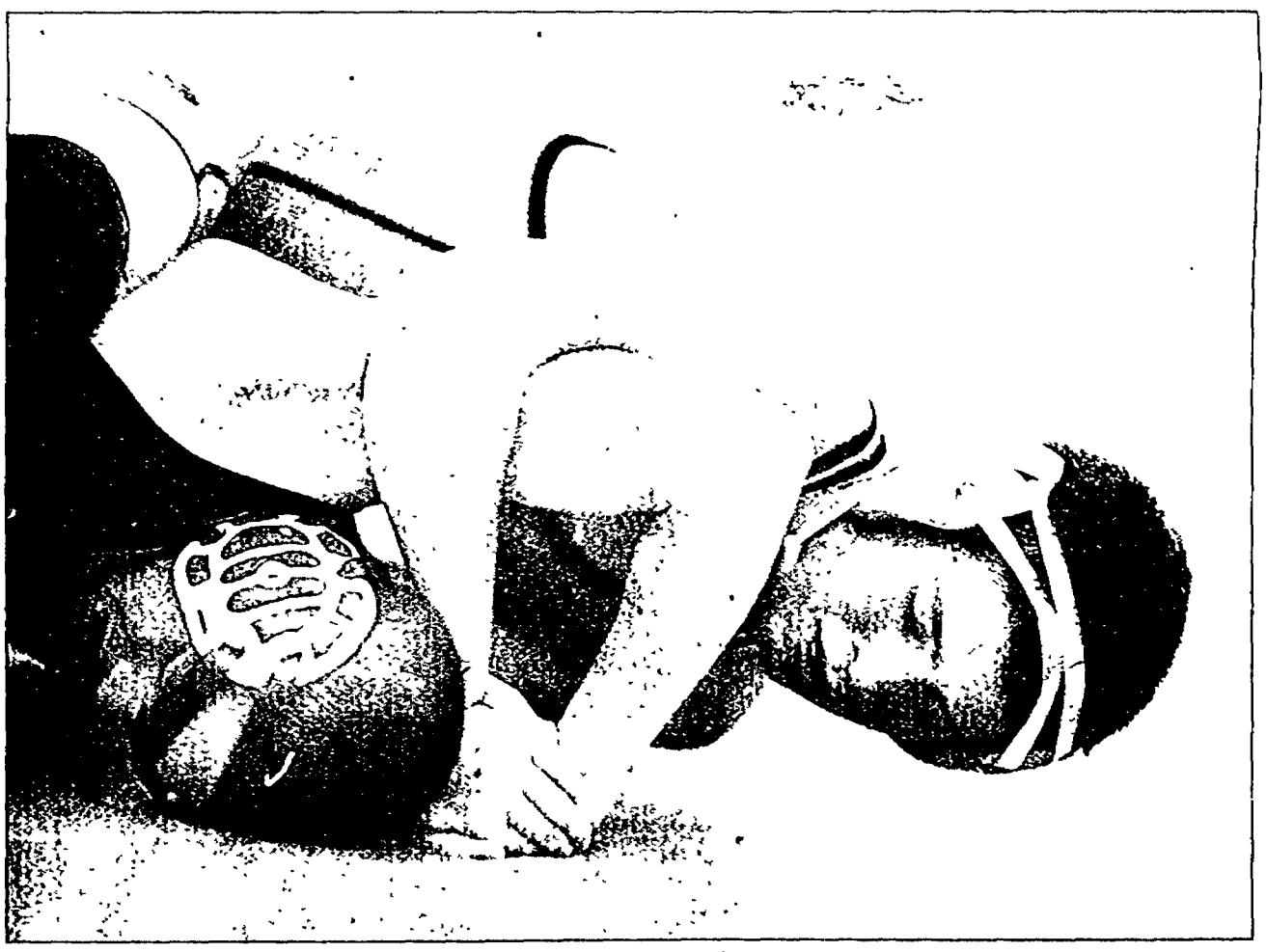


Northville's Mike Bagian controls Novi's Beau Bielski at 112 pounds.

Northville hockey wallops Walled Lake Northern, ties Novi

■ Hohl, Gates score goals vs. Wildcats

Submitted to the Record

Before a standing room only crowd at Novi arena, Northville Mustangs hosted the Novi Wildcats last Friday in a rematch of these 2 fine schools. The teams didn't disappoint the fans in a well played 2-2 tie.

In the first period, with Novi's Craig Howell serving a minor penalty for roughing, Nothville junior Wes Gates one-timed a shot from the slot to give the Mustangs a 1-0 lead. Assisting on the power play goal was junior Matt Kreager and senior captain TJ Hohl.

Novi responded with a power play of their own when Mustangs junior forward Derek Raymond went of for a minor penalty. Novi junior forward Erik Aepelbacher fired a slap shot top shelf, beating Northville goalie Teddy Keranen glove side. Senior Robbie Knurek and junior defensemen Paul Favorite picked up assists.

In the second period, Northville took the lead with a goal from TJ Hohl, who banged in a rebound in front of the net. enior Ross Rheil and junior forward Alex Berwin assisted.

Three minutes into the third period, the Wildcats tied the score at 2-2. Arthur Ferriss, a junior foward, scored with assists going to Aepelbacher and Knurek.

Play continued up and down the ice as both teams supplied pressure on each other with multiple scoring chances, but neither could crack the net.

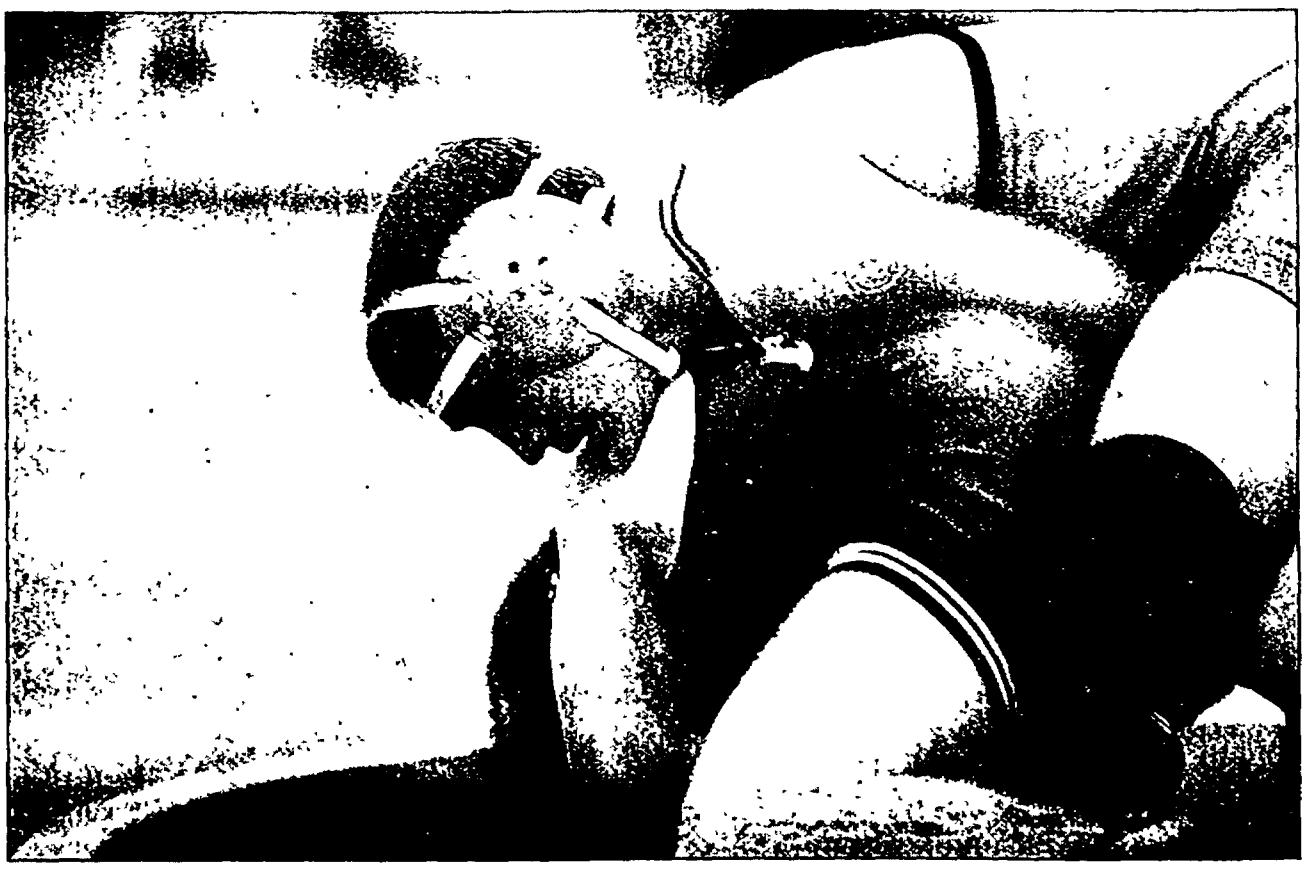
Keranen turned away 22 of 24 shots, and Novi's senior goaltender Kevin Michalzuk turned away 27 of 29 shots.

Northville 6, Walled Lake Northern 1

The Mustangs traveled to Walled Lake Northern and came away with a 6-1 victory. The highlight of the game was Freshman goalie David Ketelhut earning is first Varsity victory. Ketelhut turned away 22 out of 23 shots in a stellar performance.

The Mustangs had six different goal scorers in a balanced attack. Leading the charge with goals were Gates, Jordan Duff, Hohl, Raymond, Matt Dembicki, and Alex Berwin, Junior Drew Lamoureux chipped in with two assists.

The Mustangs overall record is 4-2-1.



Matt Ladhoff works on top during a match against Novi.

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ALL-AREA FOOTBALL: Hasse, Bojovic, Devine on First Team

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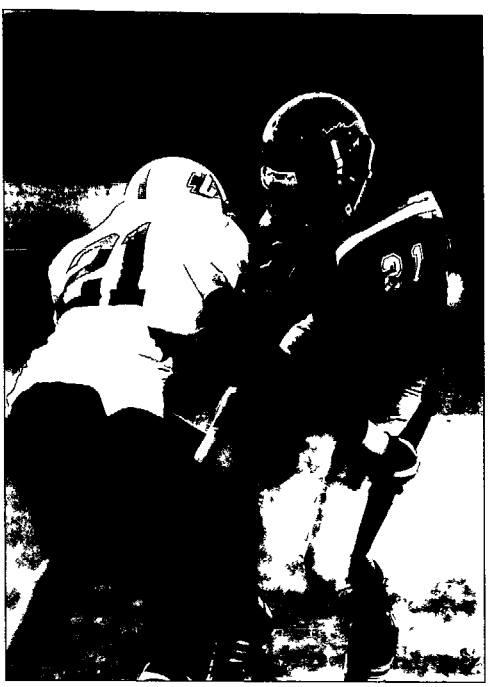
Mustang Max Bojovic gets off a punt against the Novi Wildcats



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Mustang runningback Andrew Devine tries to get past a Chief defender.

continued from front

He's just as good a person as he is a football player and I think that's what makes him such a great athlete. Much more.

First Team

Receiving All Area First Team honors from Northville are linebacker Greg Hasse, wideout/defensive back Andrew Devine and kicker/punter Max Bojovic.

Hasse, second-team last year, he was in just about every tackle during the past year for the Mustangs. A linebacker with a nose for the football he made 184 tackles (53 solo) forced three fumbles intercepted a pair of passes and provided two sacks.

"Greg is the most physical high school player I have coached," Ryan Hockman said, former Northville head coach. "He plays faster than what his times read on the watch — a very instinctive player."

Bojovic showed his leg got stronger during his senior year kicking the second longest field goal in school history (47 yards against Novi) in the final game. He also dropped 11 punts inside the opponents' 15 yard line.

Max was a weapon for us as a punter and kicker," Hockman said. His consistency and ability to establish field position for us kept us in every ballgame.

Devine showed the ability to shine on both sides of the ball. While most of his stats come as a running back, his move to defensive back coincided with a major improvement in points allowed. Northville allowed 28 points a game when he was just a running back and 16 points a game when he also played defense.

In a one safety defense the free safety must have the speed to make tackles in both alleys and cover one third of the field in deep coverage. Have the toughness to be the ninth defender in the box and the intelligence to align all the other defenders against the multiple sets that offenses present. Hockman said. Andrew Devine had all of these attributes.

The rest of the First Team includes Novi's Tyler Hoover, Arshaun Hall, Graham Smith, Mark Burmer, Mark Heard and Brandon Bradford. Catholic Central's Joe Kinville, Ryan Houska, Shane Morris, Jim Morrisso and Scott Kovanda. Lakeland's Blake Heiman, Jon Wissner, Lee Lopez, Clint Penokie and Dan Greiner. Milford's Jordan Kidd and Jake Thompson and South Lyon's Chris Groth and Ian McGee.

Second Team

The All Area Second Team includes Novi's Garrett Green, Daniel Enright, Joe Shada and Joe Pritchard. Catholic Central's Paul Kanaan, Mel Farr, Kondrad Borkowski, Cory Amble and Kevin Longe. South Lyon's Dan Vess and Mitch Stadham and Lakeland's Ian Docherty.

Honorable Mention

The All Area Honorable Mention team includes Northville's David Burke, Kris Baumgardner, Matt Zielke and Aaron Chew. Novi's Pat Schlecke, Aaron Pugh, Brandon Bryant and Brendan Murphy. Catholic Central's Anthony Capatina, Jack Daykin, Chris Fischer and Dave Robinson. Lakeland's Justin Trombley and Milford's Nick Haller and Tom Schoenle.

The All Area teams are submitted by coaches with final decisions being made by Jeff Theisen and Patrick Punter

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Mustang Greg Hasse chases down a Walled Lake Knight. He was in on more than 180 tackles this season

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12/18 at Churchill 7 p.m.

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12/18 vs. Churchill 7 p.m.

Wrestling
12/19 vs. Canton 6.30 p.m.

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12/13 vs. Brother Rice, 7 p.m.
12/15 at WLAA Relays Noon
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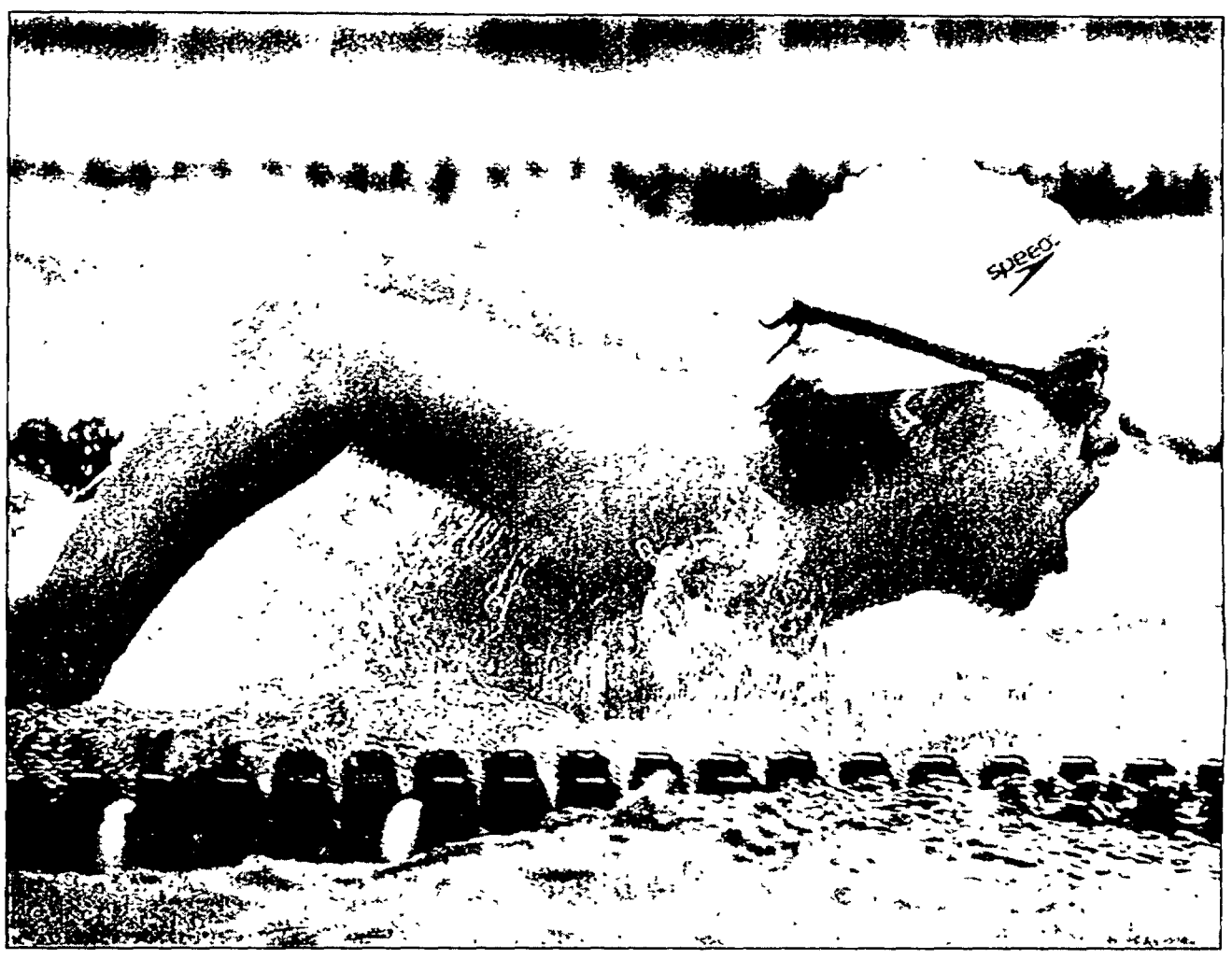
Regional Champs

The Waza FC U13 Boys soccer team won the National Indoor Championship Regional Tournament held on Dec. 1-2. The tournament was played at Total Soccer facilities in Novi and Fraser. The team now qualifies for the National Finals held in Sterling, Virg. Led by Matt Wilson's 11 goals and Trevor Nessel's relentless defense, Waza FC beat two teams from Ann Arbor and a team from Troy in the preliminary round; and then beat the Michigan Wolves 4-3 in the finals.
Front row, from left: Trevor Nessel, Noah Bushaw, Nick Yang, Aaron Krupa, George Pollak, Colin Warner (Northville) and Brent Winkler. Back row: Kristian Rego, Tommy O'Connor (Northville), Connaugh McLaughlin, Donald Payne, Aleksandar Isaevski, Ronnie Basin, Matt Wilson and coach Mario Scicluna.



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Practice makes perfect

Sophomore Connor Kolbinsky swims the butterfly along with his Mustang teammates as Northville preps for the winter 2007-08 season.

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Keranen can stop anything

Goalkeeper Ted Keranen and Joe Castallie survey the ice during a practice, while helmets surround the goal.

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Showing Spirit

The Northville High School junior varsity pom pon team competed at the 2007 Michigan Spirit Showdown on Dec. 1 at Pinckney High School. The girls placed second in the high kick division and they also placed second in the pom presentation division.
Team members include: Rachael Ambler, Elizabeth Allen, Shelby Canon, Emily DeBear, Brittany Emling, Katy Evans, Lauren Evasic, Madde Evasic, Haley Goldberg, Jillian Gray, Haley Johnson, Madison Jones, Rachel Lutz, Ellyn Marmaduke, Jenna Peirson, Julianne Pitcher, Becky Pokrandt, Tess Sheidy, Molly Shuart, Julie Wells, Danielle Wesolowicz and Katy Williams. The team is coached by Kelli Hay.

Sport Shorts

Northville travel basketball

Tryouts for the Northville Boys eighth grade Boys Travel Basketball Teams will be Dec. 15 and 16. On the 15th, tryouts will be at the Rec Center in Hillside Middle School from 3:30-5:30 p.m., and on the 16th at the Northville Senior Center from 2-4 p.m.

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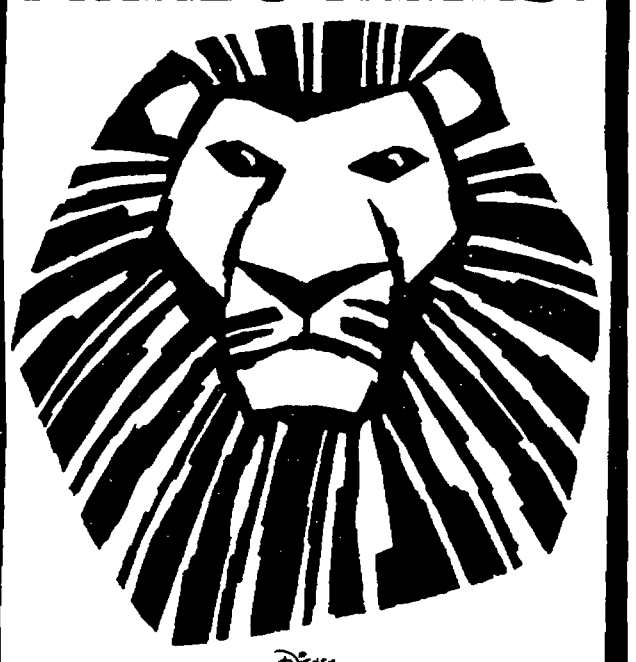

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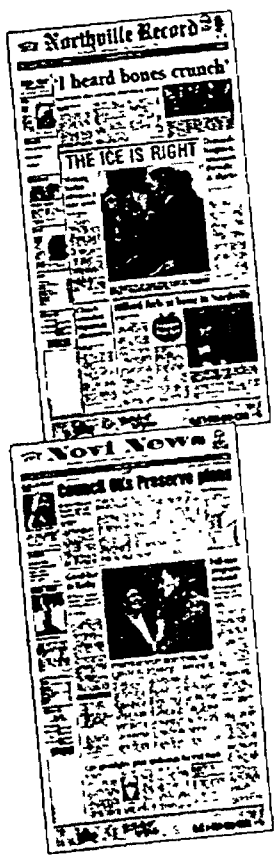

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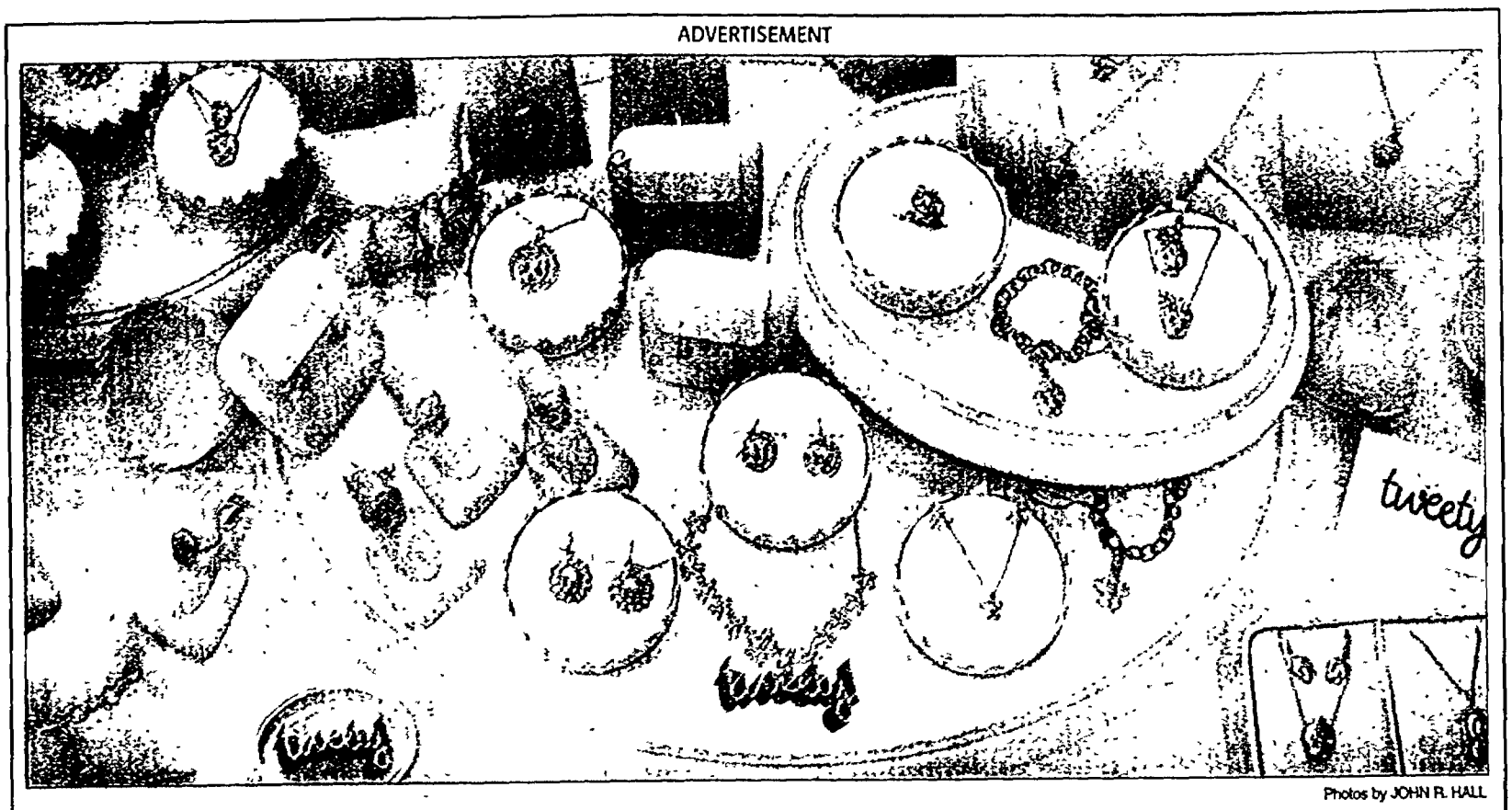

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The Tweety Bird collection will be an exciting new gift item for the holiday season at Orin Jewelers.

Orin adds to Northville's charm

New diamonds and jewelry are just in time for holidays

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

Although business as usual at Orin Jewelers of Northville means beautiful jewelry and excellent customer service, it is taking on an added meaning this holiday season.

The popular jewelry store, a Northville tradition at the corner of Main and Center Streets, is experiencing a new look to accompany the 2007 holiday season.

But tradition remains with top-of-the-line merchandise presented by an experienced staff.

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The retail space directly behind Orin Jewelers is being given a complete interior renovation and will provide the opportunity for another retail store to join the lineup of new and established Northville businesses.

GREAT JEWELRY COLLECTIONS

There are some new designs for the holiday season that Gina Mazzoni proudly describes. A recognizable face greets visitors to the store — that of famous Warner Brothers' cartoon character Tweety Bird. The Tweety Collection puts a big smile on Gina's face.

"Warner Brothers has become very big and they are starting a line of jewelry with their most popular character — Tweety Bird," she said. "This is a complete jewelry collection for people of all ages."

The Tweety Collection just arrived at Orin Jewelers in November and can only be found at this location in Michigan.

"We are anxious for people to come in and see what Tweety is all about," added Gina. If Tweety sells well, Warner Brothers will continue to introduce new characters with jewelry lines each year.

DIAMONDS

Customers will also enjoy the Corsage Collection by designer D'Annunzio. Gina said the distinctive look of the diamonds in this collection is created by a special cut, giving them a "special round invisible setting". The hexagonal-shaped necklaces and earrings are set in 18K gold settings.

"There is a different look to these diamonds — unlike any other," said Gina. "They have a very nice brilliance. All items have matching pieces. We are the only jewelers in Michigan to carry this collection."

One of the most popular collections carried by Orin Jewelers — Hearts on Fire — is once again in the spotlight this holiday season. The collection includes all types of jewelry including necklaces, earring, bracelets, and rings. Gina describes the diamonds in this collection as "the most perfectly cut in the world, taking four times longer to cut than other diamonds."

She added that Hearts on Fire diamonds are called ten table diamonds because they can be seen from ten tables away.

"I can't stress it enough — these are the most brilliant diamonds in the world," she said, "and they are for everyone."

SERVICE FROM EXPERIENCE

The Orin family has been in the jewelry business for 70 years and both stores in Northville and Garden City are still family-owned and operated. The staff of the Northville Orin Jewelers has been together for a long time and their motto is to give customers the best possible service — which happens the moment the door opens on the corner of Main and Center.

Store manager Orin Mazzoni III, grandson of the company founder, has been running the store for nine years. But he is not the veteran. Carole Urban has worked at the store for 25 years and Joanne Sorby has worked there for 10 years.

The staff includes Gina, Orin III's sister, with six years of experience; Joshua Summers, three years, and Cheryl Vickers, two years. Cheryl just received her certified jewelry sales associate certification from the American Gem Society.

Its repeat business and regular customers are a testament to the excellent customer service. Gina said her staff is especially happy to help customers who are looking for just the right gift or who aren't sure of what to purchase.

"We can help people who need suggestions — even on Christmas Eve," she said. "We know these people are looking for something special and we can help them. One of our most popular gift lines is Swarovski Crystal."

Gina said that for those who just aren't sure what to choose, Orin Jewelers sells gift certificates in any denomination.

Given the excitement of its return to nostalgic times and the introduction of new collections from caring professionals, why would customers choose any other jewelry store to shop for their loved ones?

Gina Mazzoni proudly shows off the Warner Brothers' Tweety Collection — available exclusively at Orin Jewelers in Northville.

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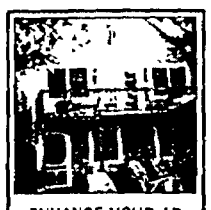

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Farms/Horse Farms 3630

FARM WANTED. Non-profit organization plans to teach about cow protection & using oxen for sustainable organic agriculture. Ideal farm would incl. lg. farmhouse, outbuildings, 100+ acres, pond/stream, woods, pasture land. Donate or sell cheap for tax deduction. (313)823-3815

Condos 3720

BRIGHTON – Hidden Lakes Sub. New construction, attached condo, 3450sq.ft., 3 br., 3.5 bath, finished lower level, 2 car garage. $399,900. 810-599-2430

NORTHVILLE BEST BUY
In Northville 1st floor ranch condo. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Nice layout. New paint, carpet, tile, appliances and more. Very clean. Walk to downtown. $119,000. #2711947. Tammi Ebenhoeh 734-276-4663,734-971-6070. Charles Reinhart Co. Realtors

SOUTH LYON – Senior Community 2 br., 1.5 bath, C/A, finished bsmt., 3-season room, clubhouse, in-ground pool. Completely remodeled! $52,900. 810-459-2111

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Mobile Homes 3750

HOWELL. 2 br. $1,500 down, $500/mo. Vacant lots avail. W/good credit. 517-546-2268

HOWELL – Burkhart Ridge. 4 br., 2 bath, fireplace, 1700sq.ft. 810-229-2046

NOVI- Waterfront, best lot in park. Double wide. 3 br, 2 bath, all appliances, big shed. Rent to own. $800/mo. incls lot rent. 248-521-5706

PLYMOUTH 14 x 70 w/expando 2 bdrm, 1 bath, c/a, deck & shed. Appliances neg. Plymouth/Canton Schools. Very eager seller $9500. Call 313-303-4606

Lots & Acreage/Vacant 3820

HAMBURG. ALMOST an acre with lake access on all sports Oneida Lake. Perked & surveyed. $50,000. 810-227-1549

Apartments/Unfurnished 4000

Unwrap the Savings at Brookwood Farms!

Lots & Acreage/Vacant 3820

HOWELL- 8+ acres wooded walk-out, has driveway & electric. $82,000. 810-499-2874

IOSCO TWP. Bradley Rd. paved, 2.8 acres, perked. $39,900. (810)220-5708

NORTHVILLE 270/272 Hutton St. Spectacular lot on Mill Pond. $499K. 248-921-0212

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP
Stonewaters Mystic Cove Subdivision year-end sale. Waterfront & walkout sites. Lots starting at $120,000 + 248-348-8790 734-306-7066

SOUTH LYON -12 unit condo site. Utilities zoned. Possible joint venture. 586-914-2890

Mortgage/Land Contracts 3850

"ALL MORTGAGE LOANS"
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BRIGHTON -2 BR, 900 sq.ft. upstairs apt. in quiet 4 unit bldg. in neighborhood. Walk to downtown, section 8 approved. Carport $795. 734-878-2295

BRIGHTON, 2 BR. Walk to shopping. Close to x-ways. No pets. $575/mo. 810-220-1449

Apartments/Unfurnished 4000

BRIGHTON. 940 E. Grand River. Spacious 1 & 2 br. Heat incl. No pets. Security deposit $200, with 3 mos. at 50% off, w/ good credit. 810-355-5376

BRIGHTON. HIDDEN HARBOR 2 br. Section 8 ok. No pets. $650/mo. (810)229-6989

BRIGHTON – OAK TREE VILLAGE 1 & 2 br. apt. homes. 55yrs & older, income limits apply. Please call 810-229-3303

BRIGHTON Private 2 br., 1 bath, Briggs Lk., 96/23, utilities incl. 1st mo. free! $743/mo. 248-755-6554

BRIGHTON SMALL DEPOSIT Spacious apts., 2 br., $675. No application fee. No pets. **810-229-5167**

BRIGHTON Spacious 2 BR in town. **Dec. Special $100 off first month!** $625/mo. + dep. **810-599-7176**

Apartments/Unfurnished 4000

CANTON
Lg. brand new 1 bdrm. On 5 secluded acres. All util. incl. $600/mo. 734-658-8823

FOWLERVILLE LAST MO. FREE w/1 yr. lease. 2 br., washer/dryer, $600+ sec. 248-302-8629. **Under New Mgmt.**

FOWLERVILLE Luxury 2 br. apt. Includes all appliances plus washer/dryer. $700/mo. Call after 6pm. 517-404-8901

HAMBURG TWP.- 1 BR efficiency w/family room, kitchen, bath in a walk-out lower level of a home on a private lake, secluded setting. $400/mo. incl. heat, electric, cable, min. 1 year lease. (810) 227-4545

HARTLAND – 2 quiet 2 brs., 1 w/attached garage, 1 w/carport. C/A, laundry room, no pets. 810-632-5834 or 810-629-0343

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321 Williamsen, Brighton, MI 48116
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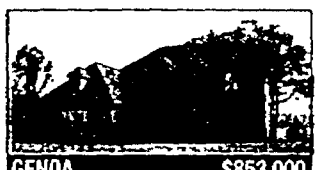
GENOA $853,000
Waterfront on all-sports lake! Colonial w/3792 SqFt, 4 BR, Gourmet Granite Kit, Hearth Area, Huge Mstr Suite. 1st Floor Office, Finished walkout w/kit.
MLS# 27195096 248-347-3050

LYONS $724,900
Grand 2 stry foyer w/limesta flr, study w/built ins & cherry flr, grnt kit w/42" cabs & gran cntrs t/o, 1st & 2nd flr lndry, pfin bsmt, 3 car gar w/ex tall bay!
MLS# 27193001 248-347-3050

INDEPENDENCE $697,700
Impressive! Stately Georgian 5BR col w/MBR ea flr w/ stunning mba on 2nd. Brazil cherry hdwd flr thru entry w/-granite kit counters. Fin LL. 4car gar.
MLS# 27099848 734-453-6800

WEST BLOOMFIELD $669,900
New const! Imm occ w/views of lake. Brazilian cherry & marble flrs, GR/OR w/21' clg, mstr ste w/glam ba, gran cntrs t/o, fin daylight bsmt, fin 3.5 car gar.
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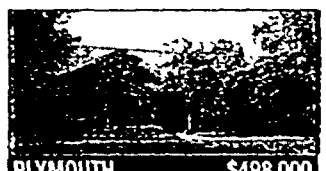
PLYMOUTH $498,000
One Of Plymouth's Favorite Addresses. Lighthouse Court...Unpredictable Flr Plan. Pella windws, New Hi-efficent Furnace, Fab Fam Rm & Private Rear Yard.
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NOVI $439,900
Backing To Woods W/Part Fin W/O W/studs, Elec & BA rough-ins W/fixtures, Hwd Flrs, Paver Walks & Raised Paver Patio, 3 Car Gar, 42" Maple Cabs W/gran.
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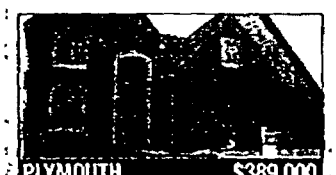
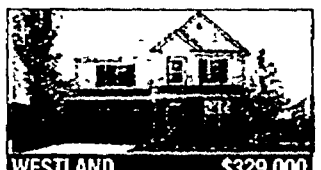

PLYMOUTH $389,000
4 BR, 2 1/2 BA colonial w/custom woodwork, granite counters, 3 car gar, daylight bsmt, hdwd flrs in kit, hall & foyer. 2 story GR, ceramic lndry rm.
MLS# 27142619 734-453-6800


WESTLAND $329,000
Move into this dream home in a very desirable location. Spacious home w/vaulted ceilings, upgraded kitchen, & beautiful curtains. Better than new!
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NORTHVILLE $325,000
Backs to silver spring flr w/fenced yard! Updated lot, huge DR. Updated mstr & main bas, updated lighting & faucets t/o, fin bsmt, 2 mstr ste, new hwh.
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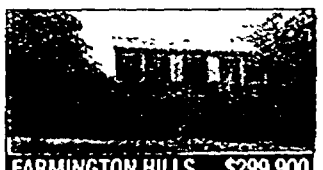
FARMINGTON HILLS $299,900
Updated colonial! Remod kit w/cherry cabs gran cntrs, limestone flr, new furn. New paver patio, remod 1/2, main & mstr ba, new stone FP in FR. P flr bsmt.
MLS# 27181853 248-347-3050

LIVONIA $289,000
3BR condo w/1st flr Mstr w/ prv BA w/hur/pool tub. 1st flr Office, GR w/ skylights. Gas FP. Bright Kit w/dining area. All BRs incl W/C. Perfect condo!
MLS# 27155391 734-453-6800

PLYMOUTH $265,000
1785 Sq.ft condo. Built 2005-18 unit complex. End unit. 2 bdrms 2 1/2 baths. Great Rm. Loft area. 1st fl lndry. Some hrd wd flrs, bsmt, 2car att gar.
MLS# 27206371 Pat Shields 248-879-3400

CANTON $250,000
Master BR W/sep Sitting Rm & fp. Great Floor Plan. Great Area. Nice Lot. Some Personal Touches. Property Sold As Is. PreApproval W/all Offers Please.
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NORTHVILLE $249,750
3 BR, 2-1/2 BA Brick ranch on quiet ct. w/mature trees. Completely remodeled kit w/granite & BA nook. Main bath w/therapeutic tub. FR w/skylights.
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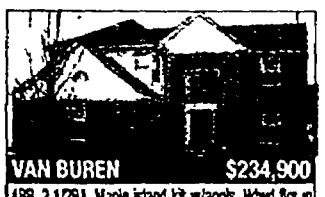
VAN BUREN $234,900
4BR, 2 1/2BA. Maple island kit w/appls. Hdwd flrs in foyer, kit, lk, & powder. 2-story ft.dr w/bay. 1st flr laud. Lrg mstr w/jet tub & WIC. Deep bsmnt.
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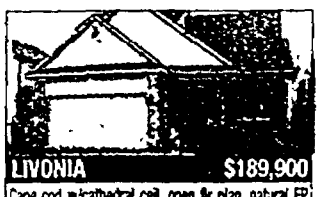
LIVONIA $189,900
Cape cod w/cathedral ceil, open flr plan, natural FP, new pergo flr, bright & sunny kit, full deck off back. Assoc maintains grass & snow removal.
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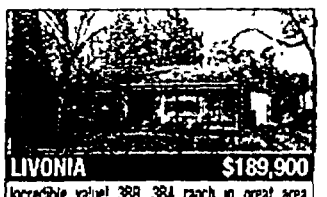
LIVONIA $189,900
Incredible value! 3BR, 3BA ranch in great area. Finished LL w/2 additional rms & full BA. Lrg island kit. Deep lot w/patio & privacy. 1st flr laundry.
MLS# 27211113 734-453-6800

STERLING HEIGHTS $179,900
Custom 3 br, 2ba home w/updated kit & bath. Refin hdwd flrs t/o. Gas fp. Heated sunrm. Lg mstr br w/ba & lg closets. New roof 07. Full bsmnt. Lg deck.
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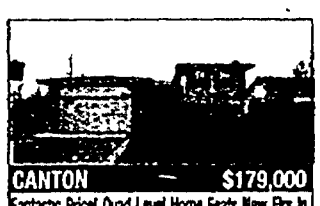
CANTON $179,000
Fantastic Price! Quad Level Home Feats New Flrs In Foyer, Kit & Carpet in FR. Updated Windws w/wood Frame & All Kit Appls, Newer Siding & Roof. FR W/fp!
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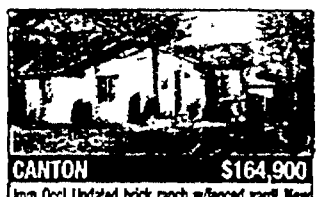
CANTON $164,900
Imm Occ! Updated brick ranch w/fenced yard! New furn, new flr t/o, new kit cntrs, hwd flr ba, new hwh, newer vinyl windws, 2.5 car detached gar & deck!
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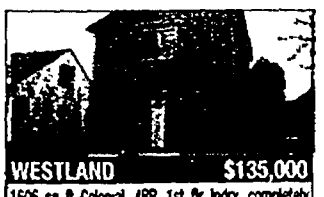
WESTLAND $135,000
1606 sq ft Colonial, 4BR, 1st flr lndry, completely gutted & remodeled in 2006, dbl lot survey done for split, Livonia schools! Seller concessions!
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WESTLAND $129,900
Condo in move-in condition. Pergo flrg in Kit, Din area & lndry. All appls stay. Fin bsmt w/berber. Lrg mstr suite w/BA & WIC. Refin deck. 2-car gar.
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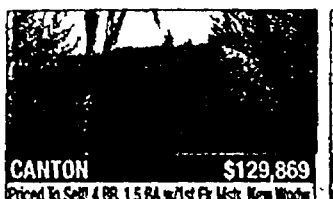
CANTON $129,869
Priced To Sell! 4 BR, 1.5 BA w/1st Flr Mstr. New Window Treatments T/o. 3 BRs W/Hwd. Kit W/oak Cab Incl All Appl. Updated BAs. LR W/bow Window. Alarm Sys.
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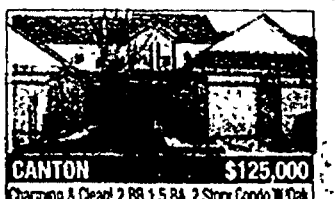
CANTON $125,000
Charming & Clean! 2 BR 1.5 BA, 2 Story Condo W/Oak Kit Cabs, DR W/Drwt To New Deck. Mstr BR W/WIC & Glam BA W/Soaking Tub, Double Sinks & Sep shower.
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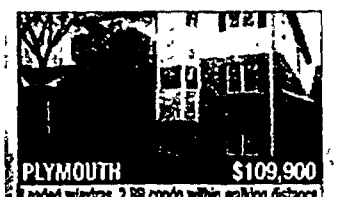
PLYMOUTH $109,900
Loaded w/extras. 2 BR condo within walking distance to downtown Plymouth. LR w/gas FP. Kit w/oak cbnts & cer tile flr (appls incl). Nice MS w/lg WIC.
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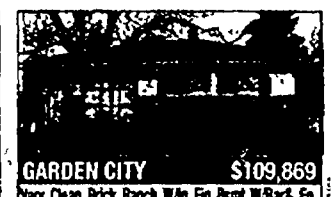
GARDEN CITY $109,869
Very Clean Brick Ranch W/lg Fin Bsmt W/Bar & Fp. Updates: Oak Kit, New Windws, Drwt, Paver Patio, C/a, water Tank & Copper Plumbing. Appls Stay. Lg Yard.
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ST. CLAIR SHORES $89,000
Move-In ready bungalow! New carpet, new roof ('06), freshly painted, newer appliances. Sunroom & large fenced lot. $88,000. More info at lombelz.com.
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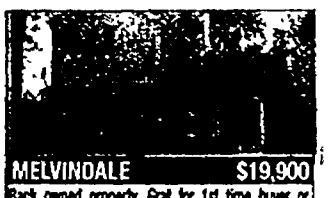
MELVINDALE $19,900
Bank owned property. Grat for 1st time buyer or investment. 3BR, 1BA, 1104 sq ft. Updated furnace & A/C. Large shed. Great price!
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NORTHVILLE $189,900
"Open Flr Plan W/Many Updates Incl Refin Hwd Flrs, New light Fixtures, Fresh Paint, New Ext Drs, Recently Remod Kit & Brand New Furnace. Move Right In!"
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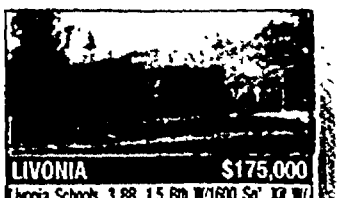
LIVONIA $175,000
Livonia Schools. 3 BR, 1.5 Bth W/1600 Sq'. Kit W/ appls Overlooks Fam Rm W/fp. Sep DR, 2 Car Gar, Full Bsmt & WICs. Updates: HW Flrs, Vinyl Windows & Roof.
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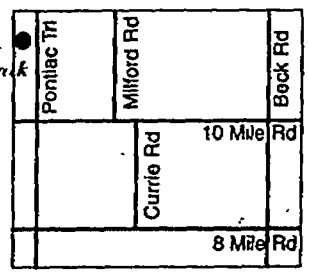

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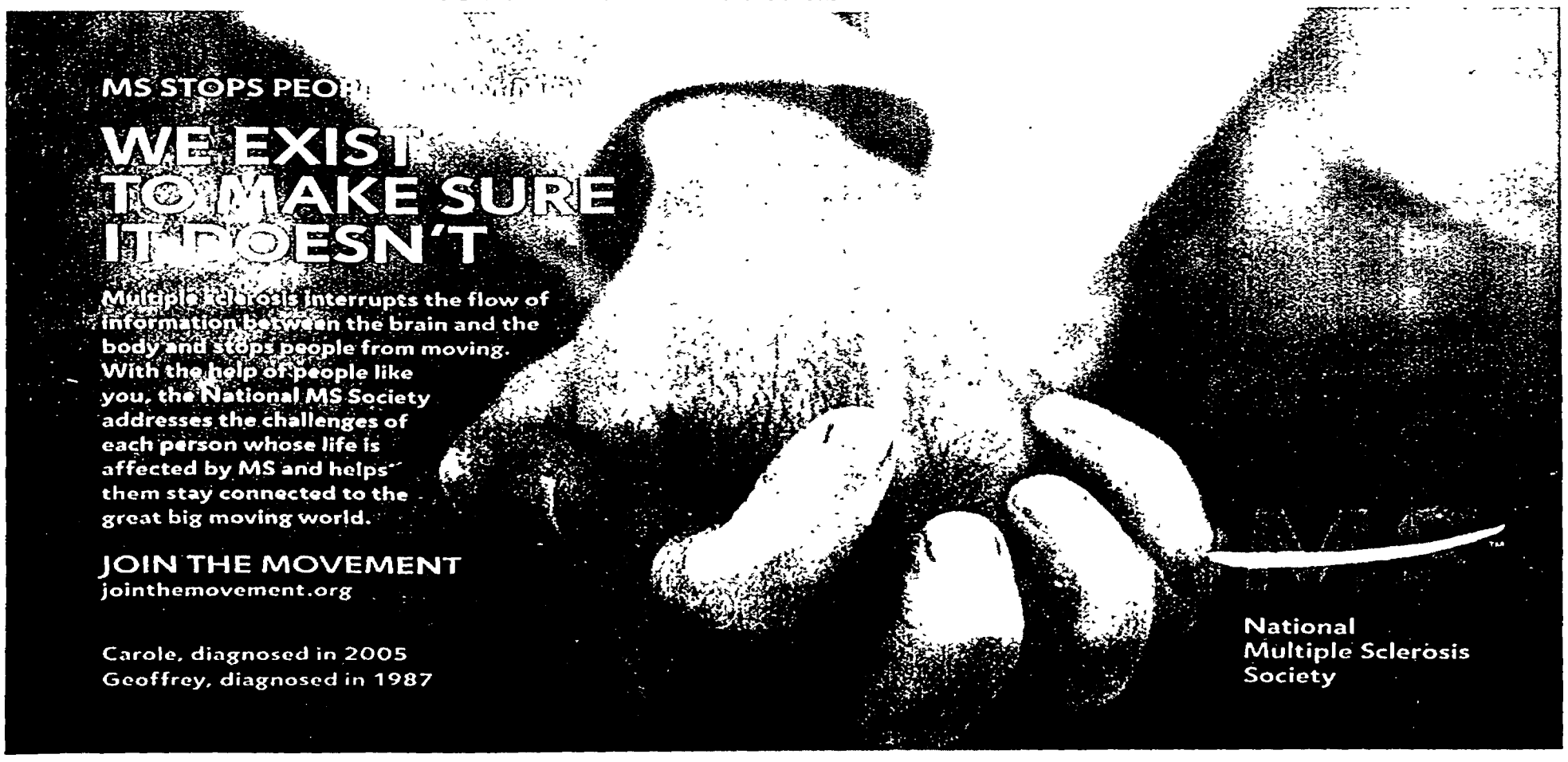

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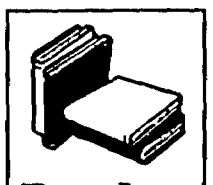

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40 "Serpico" author
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96 Starch source
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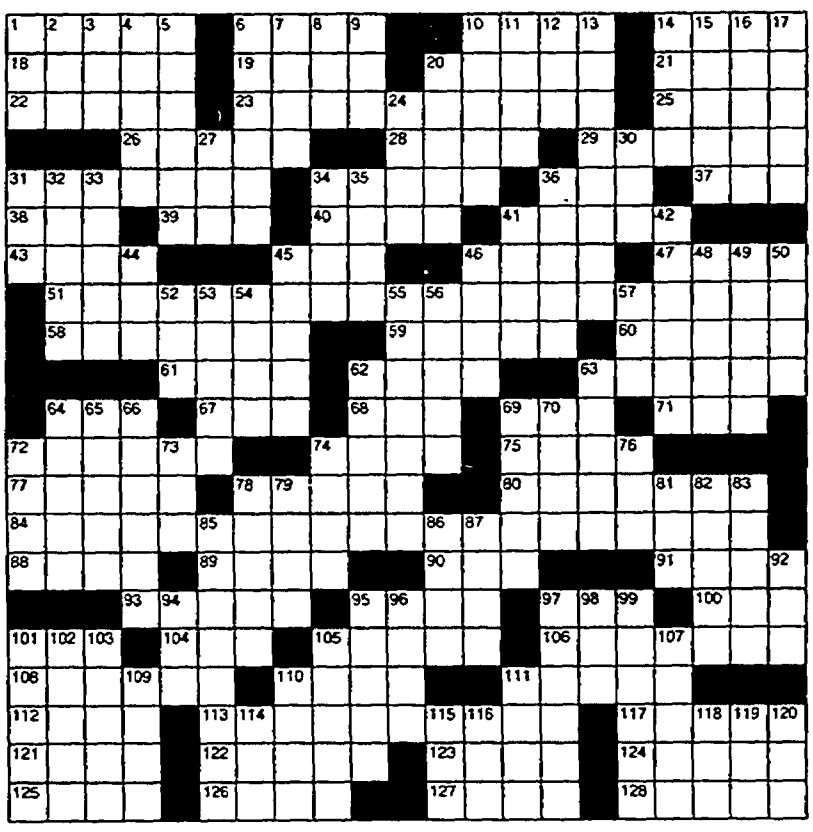

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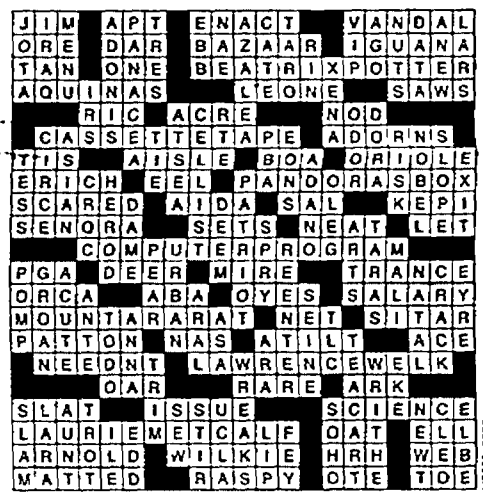

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0% Financing for 60 mos.***

1.9% Financing for 72 mos.*** on New 2007 Inventory

2008 Pontiac G6
Buy $14,474.68*
Lease $122.43**
Stk# 80136

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2008 Buick Enclaves 12 to choose!

2008 Buick LaCrosse
Buy $19,183.65*
Lease $207.44**
Stk# 80295

2008 Pontiac Grand Prix
Buy $17,376.23*
Lease $158.04**
Stk# 80010

2008 Pontiac Torrent
Buy $20,408.71*
Lease $303.87**
Stk# 80362

2008 Buick Lucerne
Buy $21,934.18*
Lease $231.35**
Stk# 80277

2008 Pontiac G5
Buy 11,424.58*
Lease $163.79**
Stk# 80226

All Current '07 Inventory Listed Below GMS Pricing for Eligible GMS Purchases

2007 G6 0% Financing** up to 60 mos. Stk# 71373 $14,597.45*

2007 LaCrosse CXL Heated leather seats, remote start. 0% Financing** up to 60 mos. Stk# 71547 $21,689.00*

2007 Lucerne CX (DEMO) 0% Financing** up to 60 mos. Stk# 70637 $19,588.00*

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J.D. Power and Associates Rated Buick #1 in Vehicle Dependability

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1999 CHEVY CAVALIER CONVERTIBLE	$4,900	2004 FORD TAURUS	$9,900	2004 JEEP LIBERTY	$14,900
2001 CHRYSLER LHS	$5,500	2005 CHEVY COBALT	$9,900	2001 CHEVY 2500 EXT CAB 4x4	$15,900
1999 BUICK LESABRE	$6,900	2005 CHEVY IMPALA	$10,900	2004 JEEP WRANGLER RUBICON	$17,500
1999 FORD RANGER EXT CAB 4x4	$7,900	2005 PONTIAC G-6	$12,800	2005 GMC SIERRA 2500 CREW CAB 4x4	$23,500
2002 OLDS SILHOUETTE	$7,900	2003 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT CAB	$13,900	2006 CADILLAC CTS 3.6 Ultra	$23,500
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2003 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX GTP	$8,900	2005 CHEVY EQUINOX AWD	$14,900	2007 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4x4 Leather	$33,800

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$137** PER MO.
$2000 Down $2447.07 DUE AT SIGNING

2008 FOCUS SES 4 DOOR

2.0L DOHC engine, automatic transaxle, P195/60R15 BSW tires, Sirius satellite radio and much more.
Stock #8C9033 Was $17,005
NOW $14,964*
24 MONTH LEASE
$156** PER MO.
$2000 Down $2761.31 DUE AT SIGNING

MANAGER'S SPECIAL

2007 EDGE SEL

18" aluinum wheels, roof rails, reverse sensing, keyless entry, Sirius satellite radio and much more.
Stock #7T3316 Was $28,950
NOW $22,567*
24 MONTH LEASE
$192** PER MO.
$2000 Down $2859.22 DUE AT SIGNING
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2008 TAURUS AWD LIMITED

3.5L V-6 Duratec engine, 6 speed automatic transmission, P225/55R18 BSW tires and much more.
Stock #8C7059 Was $29,445
NOW $24,420*
24 MONTH LEASE
$204** PER MO.
$2000 Down $2623.55 DUE AT SIGNING

2008 F150 4x4 XLT SUPERCAB

5.4L FFV V-8, electronic 4 spd auto O/D, P255/70RX17 OWL all-terrain, 3.55 ratio lim. slip axle, 7150# GVWR pkg., sliding rear window, elec. shift-on-fly, trailer tow pkg., 17" Mach alum w/polo accents.
Stock #8T6017 Was $33,475
NOW $25,129*
24 MONTH LEASE
$205** PER MO.
$2000 Down $2633.11 DUE AT SIGNING

2008 EXPLORER XLT 4 DOOR 4X2

Alt, illum. visors, 4.0L SOHC V6 engine, 5 speed auto trans with O/D, P245/65R17 A/S tires, 3.73 rabo rear axle, running boards, trailer tow, 17" cast alum whls, XLT convenience group: electr. mirror, auto lamp control, headlights, keypad and more.
Stock #8T5005 Was $27,710
NOW $21,004*
24 MONTH LEASE
$206** PER MO.
$2000 Down $2700.47 DUE AT SIGNING

2008 ESCAPE XLT

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Stock #8T9170 Was $23,020
NOW $19,259*
24 MONTH LEASE
$209** PER MO.
$2000 Down $2524.43 DUE AT SIGNING

2008 EDGE FWD SE

Automatic overdrive transmission, 3.5 L V6 engine, 17" painted aluminum wheels, P235/65R17 BSW tires and more.
Stock #8T3035 Was $26,094
NOW $22,589*
24 MONTH LEASE
$210** PER MO.
$2000 Down $2523.41 DUE AT SIGNING

2008 TAURUS X FWD LTD

3.5L V-6 Duratec engine, 6 speed automatic transmission, 60/40 2nd row 3-passenger bench seat
Stock #8T0300 Was $30,700
NOW $25,603*
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2006 FORD TAURUS SE Low Payments $9950	2001 FORD ESCAPE XLT 4x4, big savings! $10,220	2004 MERCURY GR MARQUIS GL What a ride! $12,160	2005 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT 4X4 $12,750
2007 CHEVY HHR - GREAT MPG Like new! $13,140	2006 FORD MUSTANG V6 - Loaded! $14,960	2005 FORD FIVE HUNDRED Lim, leather, moon $15,500	2006 FORD FUSION SEL Certified $15,870
2007 FORD FREESTAR Like new, 100k war. $16,300	2006 FORD FREESTYLE Limited - leather $16,320	2006 FORD FREESTYLE SEL Stock #P20324 $16,590	2005 FORD F150 SUPERCAB 4X4 - XLT $18,840
2005 FORD CREW 4X4 F X 4 $20,960	2006 FORD EXPLORER 4X4 - XLT $21,340	2003 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR Loaded! $22,500	2003 FORD F350 DUALLY 4X4 LARIAT $28,140

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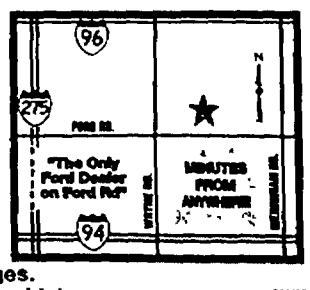

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39 MONTH LEASE: $186** PER MO DOWN PAYMENT $1499 | $226** PER MO. $0 DOWN PAYMENT

2008 PONTIAC G6 Hard Top Convertible — Stock #6311
39 MONTH LEASE: $277** PER MO. DOWN PAYMENT $1499 | $317** PER MO $0 DOWN PAYMENT

2008 PONTIAC VIBE (30 MPG) — Auto, Air, Power Windows, Locks and more! — Stock #6123
SALE PRICE $15,561*

2007 BUICK LACROSSE CXS — Stock #5273 — Was $29,800 — NOW $23,995*

2008 BUICK LUCERNE — SALE PRICE $22,934* — Was $26,995 — Stock #2029
39 MONTH LEASE: $247** PER MO. DOWN PAYMENT $1995 | $301** PER MO. $0 DOWN PAYMENT

2008 BUICK LACROSSE CX — SALE PRICE $21,155* — Stock #2068
39 MONTH LEASE: $234** PER MO. DOWN PAYMENT $1995 | $278** PER MO. $0 DOWN PAYMENT

2008 BUICK ENCLAVE CXL — Vin #4474
39 MONTH LEASE: $399** PER MO DOWN PAYMENT $1995 | $460** PER MO $0 DOWN PAYMENT

2008 GMC ENVOY — SALE PRICE $23,642 — Stock #4072
39 MONTH LEASE: $219** PER MO. DOWN PAYMENT $1999 | $276** PER MO. $0 DOWN PAYMENT

2008 GMC YUKON — SALE PRICE $30,621* — Stock #4140
39 MONTH LEASE: $334** PER MO. DOWN PAYMENT $1999 | $391** PER MO. $0 DOWN PAYMENT

2008 ACADIA (24 MPG) — ★★★★★ Front & Side Crash Rating — SALE PRICE $27,246* — Stock #4087
39 MONTH LEASE: $319** PER MO. DOWN PAYMENT $1999 | $377** PER MO. $0 DOWN PAYMENT

2008 SIERRA EXT. CAB (WOW!) — SALE PRICE $20,958* — Stock #4165
39 MONTH LEASE: $195** PER MO DOWN PAYMENT $1999 | $250** PER MO $0 DOWN PAYMENT

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GM Employee 39 Month Lease	$3000	$179	$191	$211	$3000	$204	$218	$239
	$2000	$206	$220	$240	$2000	$232	$246	$268
	$1000	$235	$248	$268	$1000	$261	$275	$296
	$0	$263	$277	$314	$0	$289	$303	$325
Non Employee 39 Month Lease	$3000	$211	$225	$245	$3000	$239	$254	$275
	$2000	$240	$253	$274	$2000	$268	$282	$304
	$1000	$268	$281	$301	$1000	$296	$311	$332
	$0	$296	$310	$330	$0	$325	$339	$382

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GM EMPLOYEE $223** PER MO 39 mo/39,000 mile lease. Total due $223
NOW EVERYBODY PURCHASE $14,311 - $2000 REBATE
$12,311*

2008 IMPALA

OnStar, side head curtain airbags, power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, power seat, stereo CD, rear def #8C9156

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39 Mo/32,500 miles lease, no security deposit required Total due $458.

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	Total Due Rear Wheel				Total Due 4 Wheel			
	Down	10,000 Miles	12,000 Miles	15,000 Miles	Down	10,000 Miles	12,000 Miles	15,000 Miles
GM Employee 39 Month Lease	$3000	$3404	$3416	$3461	$3000	$3429	$3468	$3539
	$2000	$2456	$2470	$2540	$2000	$2507	$2546	$2593
	$1000	$1510	$1548	$1593	$1000	$1561	$1600	$1646
	$0	$563	$602	$689	$0	$639	$653	$700
Non Employee 39 Month Lease	$3000	$3461	$3500	$3545	$3000	$3514	$3554	$3600
	$2000	$2540	$2553	$2598	$2000	$2593	$2607	$2654
	$1000	$1593	$1606	$1651	$1000	$1646	$1661	$1707
	$0	$646	$660	$705	$0	$700	$739	$832

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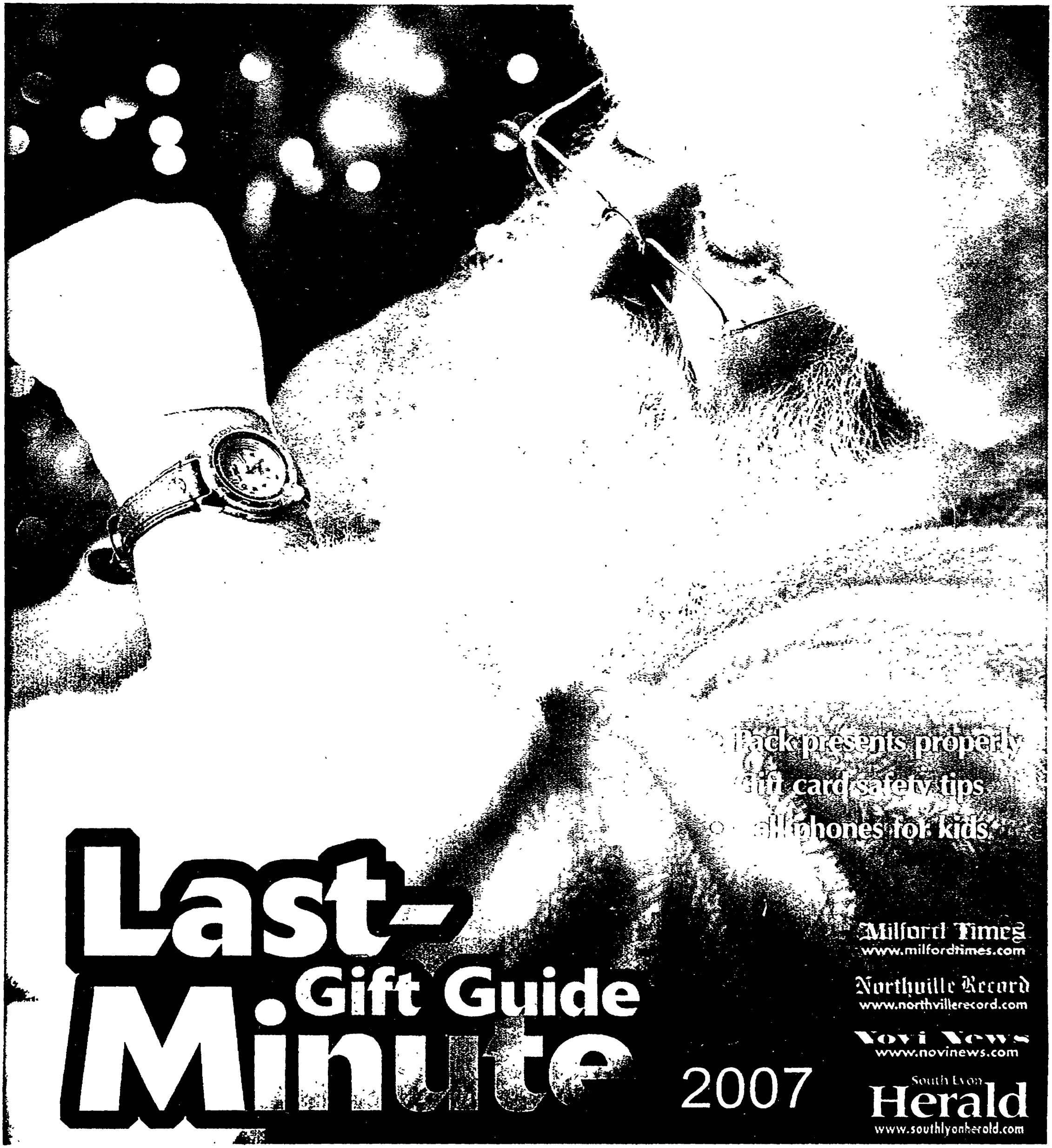

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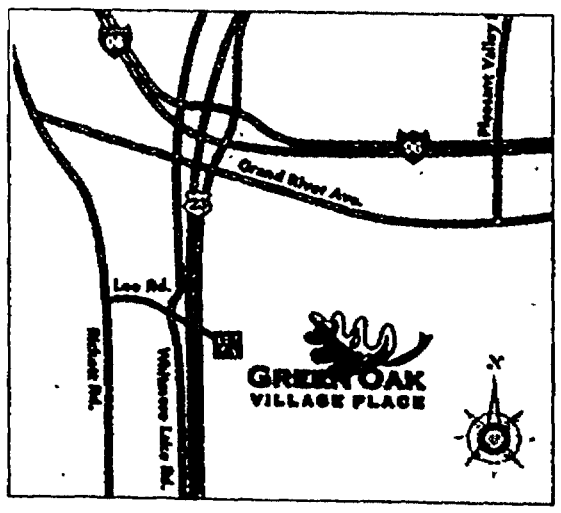

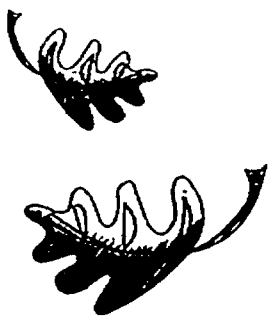

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From the Editor

The clock is ticking ...

Cynthia Grochowski
Special Sections

Time's almost up. It's the 11th hour. The clock is ticking. The calendar pages are falling. The days are racing by. We are down to the wire.

The tree needs to go up, the house needs to be cleaned, baking needs to happen, gift shopping needs to get finished (or started), and the daily activities aren't going to wait for any of it.

In 12 days, zero hour — Christmas morning — will be upon you.

Will you be ready?

Take a deep breath. Good.

Now take another deep breath and look through the pages of this Last-Minute Gift Guide.

Each page is geared toward making your last-minute gift buying decisions easier, faster and less hassle-filled.

In the rush, did you just remember someone you forgot on your gift list or someone who should be on your gift list? And what about those people you had no idea would be needing a gift this year — until they drop by unannounced?

Take heart.

Local and national merchants have a wealth of items and ideas to help you out at the last minute.

Inside there are ideas for gift cards and gift certificates along with ideas on festive envelopes and boxes to present them in. There are ideas for high-tech gifts under $50, gifts for musicians — beginners or pros — and gifts that are great to have on hand for unplanned gift giving. There is even an article on gifts that anyone at any age can appreciate and use (think edible).

Santa will appreciate the list of toys children are looking for, and parents will welcome the advice given to help answer the ever-popular youngsters' requests of "I want a pony" and "I want a cell phone."

There's safety advice inside, too. Check out the tips on avoiding gift card fraud. Don't let a Grinch-like situation spoil your holiday giving.

When it comes time to send some of those gifts, remember the advice inside about packing those gifts correctly, and the deadlines for sending them to arrive on time for Christmas.

Don't forget you have the power to make this Christmas a little greener than in the past. See how many of the recycling tips on page 4 you and the family can practice this season.

So you see, it really isn't too late to get your holiday shopping done in time for Christmas — but it is getting down to the last minute.

And no, my gift shopping isn't done either. But after putting together this last-minute gift guide, I have a good idea how I am going to complete it.

Happy Holidays!

Cynthia Grochowski
Writer, Special Sections

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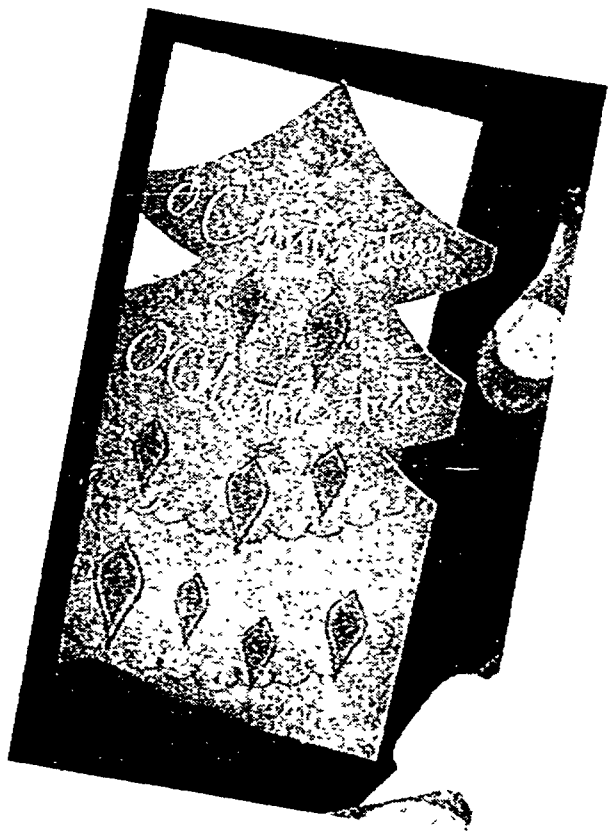

Be nice and check this list twice

Despite all the hype about electronic games and gadgets, dolls and action figures rank at the top of the list for children this holiday season.

Girls
1). Barbie
2). Bratz
3). Dolls (generic)
4). Dora The Explorer
5). Disney Princess
6). Disney Hannah Montana
7). Nintendo Wii
8). Webkinz
9). Elmo
10). American Girl

Boys
1). Transformers
2). Video Games
3). Nintendo Wii
4). Cars (generic)
5). Spider-Man
6). LEGO
7). Thomas the Tank Engine
8). Xbox 360
9). Elmo
10). Remote Controlled Vehicles

The NRF 2007 Holiday Consumer Intentions and Actions Survey was designed to gauge consumer behavior and shopping trends related to the winter holidays. The survey, which polled 7,982 consumers, was conducted for NRF by BIGresearch from Oct. 31 to Nov. 7, 2007. The consumer poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 1.0.

Make the season bright
PACK RIGHT

It's the most wonderful time of the year — decorating, baking, shopping, addressing holiday cards, and sending festive packages to friends and family. That is, until the time comes to ship your holiday packages and you wind up in a line a mile long just to realize you've missed the shipping deadline for holiday delivery. It's enough to test anyone's holiday cheer.

What most people don't realize is that while there are 32 shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year, there are only 21 shipping days to get gifts to friends and family who live across the country or around the world.

Here are some key holiday shipping dates to keep in mind for domestic packages from the experts at The UPS Store. Post these on your fridge or bulletin board so they're handy at all times:

- **Wednesday, Dec. 19:** UPS 3-Day Select for delivery on Dec. 24
- **Thursday, Dec. 20:** UPS 2nd Day Air for delivery on Dec. 24
- **Friday, Dec. 21:** UPS Next Day Air for delivery on Dec. 24
- **Saturday, Dec. 22:** UPS Next Day Air for delivery on Dec. 24

If you plan to have your packages ready earlier in December, check with your local packing and shipping store for ground rates and delivery schedules. For example, most UPS Ground packages take five business days or less to arrive, unless they are coast-to-coast deliveries, which could take a day or two longer.

Also, keep in mind that packages sent to military personnel or international destinations need to be shipped early in the season to guarantee delivery by the holidays. As you're making your shipping list and checking it twice, put these packages at the very top, and don't forget to call your local The UPS Store to check on rates and shipping deadlines.

Whether you're shipping internationally or domestically, here are a few tips for keeping your wait time in line to a minimum. First, try to avoid the busiest shipping week of the year — predicted to be Dec. 17 to 22. Also, try to mail packages on a day other than Monday, which is the most hectic mailing day of the week.

With some advance planning and organization, you can make the busiest time of the year a little less stressful — and a lot merrier.

— Family Features

Toys for Tots: Delivering holiday cheer for 60 years

Since 1947, Toys for Tots has been distributing toys to needy children throughout the U.S. This year, the organization is once again joining forces with The UPS Store to brighten the holidays for millions of children. As part of the "60 Days of Giving" campaign, participating locations will sell $1 donation cards from Oct. 26 through Dec. 24. All proceeds will be used by Toys for Tots at the local level.

Holiday packing tips

- **Do** use a new box designed specifically for shipping.
- *Don't reuse old boxes or moving boxes which can break down in transit.*
- **Do** include a label on the inside of the package with both the "to" and "from" addresses listed.
- *Don't leave old shipping labels on boxes; they can lead to confusion and delays.*
- **Do** use the right materials: layer at least two inches of bubble cushioning or packaging peanuts on all sides of the item and seal the deal with clear professional packaging tape.
- *Don't use brown paper or tie with string — they can get snagged on conveyer belts — or fillers like newsprint, which won't safeguard your package.*
- **Do** remove batteries from items for safety and security..
- *Don't ship perfume or cologne. They are considered hazardous materials by the federal government.*
- **Do** consider professional assistance, particularly for fragile or oddly shaped items.

Recycling the holidays

Reports estimate that a whopping six million tons of extra waste are generated nationwide between Thanksgiving and New Year's. By making your post-holiday cleanup more environment-friendly, you can start the new year off with a clean house — and a clean conscience.

- Recycle packaging peanuts. Many shipping businesses, like The UPS Store, accept clean foam packaging peanuts for reuse.
- Reuse wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, tissue paper, gift bags, and boxes. You'll be amazed how handy they are for various holidays throughout the year.
- Recycle greeting cards. Save cards and cut them up to use as gift tags next year, or put them aside for children's art projects.
- Recycle your tree. If you have a live tree, consider planting it or donating it to a local school or nursing home. If you have a cut tree, have it chipped into mulch, or check locally to see if your neighborhood offers tree recycling.
- Donate old toys, clothes, or unwanted gifts. Use this time of year to sort through your closets and donate the surplus to a local charity. Many organizations even offer a free pick-up service that can be scheduled at your convenience.

Don't be caught empty-handed

By Cynthia Grochowski
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

You've planned the perfect party with gifts for all and the guests are beginning to arrive. Everything is going great until your brother arrives with his new girlfriend, whom you were not expecting.

Then there are those awkward times where you find you have forgotten someone on the gift list and don't remember until you are on the way to their home.

Or maybe a neighbor or a co-worker surprises you with a holiday gift.

There really is no need to be embarrassed in these situations. You can be ready for any unexpected surprises with a few extra gifts wrapped and placed under the tree.

And don't fret about having something left over. Use them for upcoming birthdays or perhaps for yourself later in the year.

Here are some great ideas for those unexpected gifts.

Gift Certificates

Have a few massage gift certificates on hand from LaVida Massage of Brighton. A one-hour Swedish or basic relaxation massage is only $39.95, a deep tissue massage is only $49.95. Other massage options are also available at the best prices in the area.

The beautiful certificates come in attractive envelopes. The bonus: you can use the leftover certificates for your personal after-holiday stress relief.

Ornaments & Flowers

Christmas ornaments are a perfect gift to have on hand for unexpected guests — they fit the holiday theme, are inexpensive, and both men and women can appreciate them on their own trees.

At the Village Florist in downtown Milford, Kathleen offers a wide array of ornaments not found in department stores.

Also available are decorations like angel statues and small silk floral arrangements that can help a guest brighten up their home or office. Small silk arrangements in a weighted vase are only $6.

Photos by CYNTHIA GROCHOWSKI/DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Small silk floral arrangements from The Village Florist in Milford start at $6 and can help a guest brighten up their home or office.

Pampering items from Sunny J's in Howell are especially appreciated gifts for women. Keep a few wrapped and ready for unexpected gift giving.

Warm and Fuzzy

Warm fuzzy socks and cushy slippers from Sunny J's in downtown Howell are nice to have on hand. The stretchy colorful socks by Karen Neuburger are $15, and the memory foam slippers are $26.

Beauty

Both men and women like to keep their locks in line, and a few gift certificates for a Gina Agosta Salon haircut can be nice to have on hand with locations in both Brighton and Novi, they are convenient for many.

Order the cards online at www.agosta.com and have them delivered to your door in time for gift giving.

Everyone can use lotion. Maryan Mehlhorn aloe vera body lotion, after-sun gel and body scrub are only $16 each at Sunny J's in Howell.

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Think local for gift cards

By Cynthia Grochowski
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It's the one gift that is truly one-size-fits-all — the gift card. Add to that convenience by shopping for gift cards in your local neighborhood shopping districts.

From gas stations and car dealerships to clothing stores, specialty food shops and personal services, a gift card can give a recipient something they've always wanted or introduce them to a store and products they didn't know they liked — until now.

A gift certificate for oil changes, wiper blades or other vehicle services can be picked up at local car dealerships. Local restaurants are happy to offer gift certificates for meals or desserts — or drive-thru fare. Many speciality clothing stores are happy to sell gift certificates, especially for the holidays.

Like a specific store? Know that someone on you list likes a certain store? Ask the cashier about holiday gift certificates instead of worrying about whether you chose the right sweater or toy.

Gift card holders

Presentation is important when giving a gift, and it is no less important when giving a gift certificate or gift card.

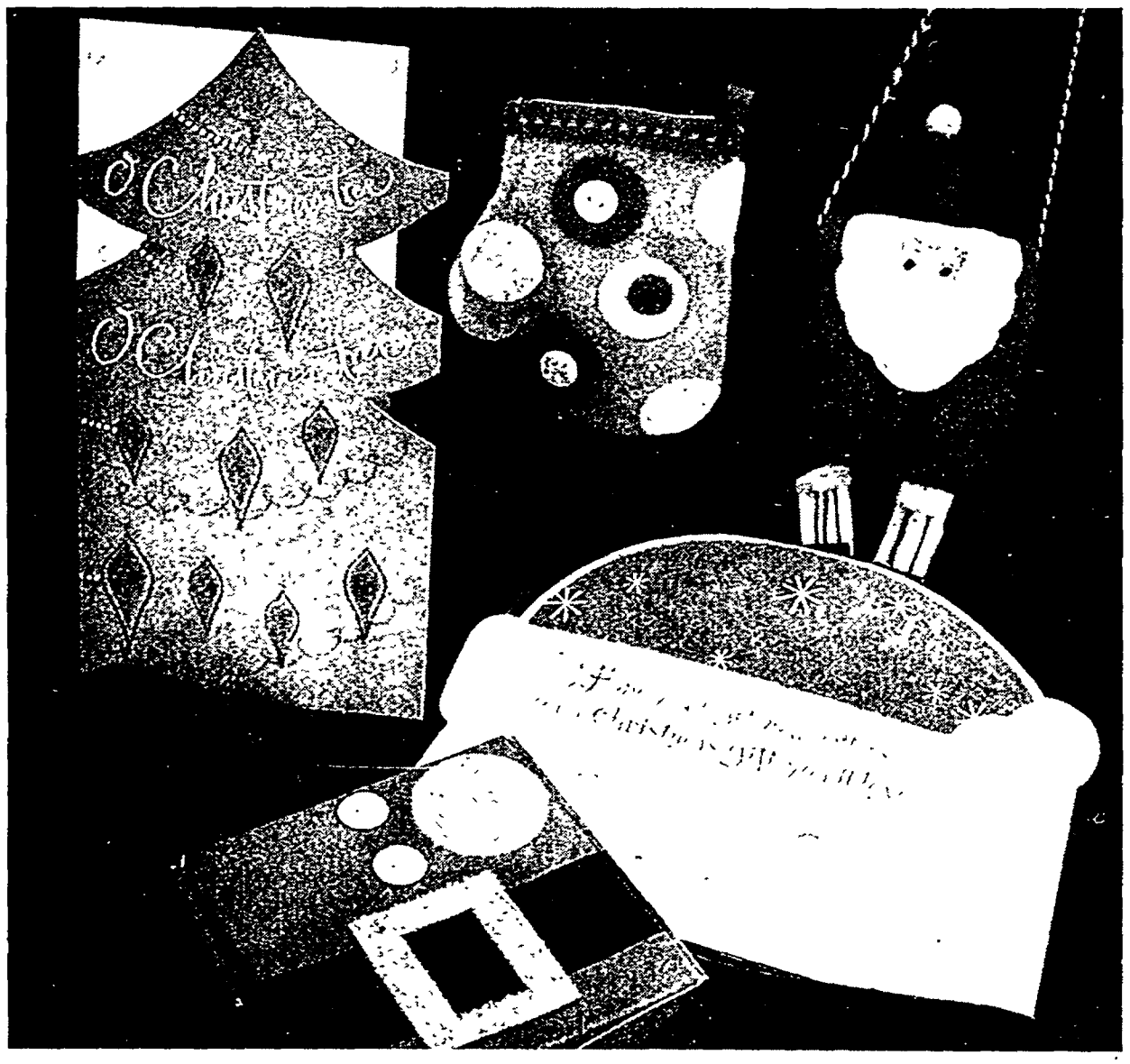
Most greeting-card displays have a section where you can find cute and inventive seasonal gift-card and gift-certificate holders so you can give your gift with a little flourish.

Hallmark has many styles of gift card holders, from a felt Santa that hangs from a tree while clutching a card, to a three-fold Santa card that hands out the gift when fully unfolded.

There are cards wide enough to hold certificates or cash if so inclined, and others that play a seasonal tune when opened, making the gift card extra sweet. Eartha Kitt is featured singing "Santa Baby" for one card, and another card, with the Peanuts gang on the front, plays "Linus and Lucy" by the Vince Guaraldi Trio when opened.

This season Hallmark is featuring a card-holder box, with either a snowman or Santa design, that plays a greeting as the recipient opens the lid to retrieve the gift card.

It's something they won't toss away quickly once they see their actual gift.



Most greeting card displays offer decorative gift-card and gift-certificate holders, like these adorable choices from Hallmark. Prices range from $2 to $4.99 each.

Gift-card safety tips

When purchasing or using gift cards, follow these 10 tips for a safer shopping experience:

Be Sherlock Holmes

Inspect the card you wish to purchase very carefully. If it appears tampered with, move on.

Behind Counter Trumps Point of Purchase Displays

Whenever possible, ask for a card from behind the counter instead of selecting one from a rack available to the public.

Activation Beware

Be sure any activation labels or scratch-off areas are intact and in pristine condition.

Don't Be Social

There's never a reason to divulge your social security number or other personal information to the cashier. The store does not need this information, only predators do.

Scan, Verify and Validate

Immediately after your gift card is activated, ask the cashier to scan the card so that you can verify the amount you requested is available. Keep your receipt as proof of purchase and value.

Avoid Third Party Merchants

Buy your gift cards directly from the company issuing it. Never purchase gift cards from online auction sites as stolen and counterfeit cards run rampant online.

Avoid Gift Card Expiration and Expectation Blues

Ask about, and read, the fine print for expiration dates. Be aware of any usage or dormancy fees. Check for purchase exceptions. Can the card be used to purchase anything or are there specifications?

Bricks & Mortar Beats Digital

Is the gift card valid for online purchases or can it only be used in the bricks and mortar store? Cards that can be used inside a store offer the user a face-to-face environment and help if something goes wrong with the transaction.

Avoid Gift Card Markups

Consider purchase fees and ask if there is a fee to buy the card or activate it. When buying gift cards online, find out if the vendor charges a fee for shipping and handling.

Gift Cards = Cash

Treat gift cards with the same care and respect that you give your check book and cash.

For more tips on safe gift card usage, visit the Federal Trade Commission at http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt010.pdf.

Avoid those heartless gift-card gremlins with these tips

By Tom Browning
SPECIAL WRITER

Shoppers beware — there is a new gift-card scam afoot that leaves shoppers vulnerable, violated, embarrassed and financially damaged.

The convenience of gift cards is being undermined by a scam in which thieves use your gift cards while they are in your possession.

The scam is really quite simple — the thieves steal the cards' identification numbers while the cards are on the store's display rack, then use the numbers to shop online or reprogram a different card to shop in the store once you've activated the card. Some thieves use small, handheld magnetic strip scanners, others just write down the unique ID numbers from the back of the cards. The 'stolen' cards go back on the rack to await purchase.

The criminal can reprogram a used card's magnetic strip to match the ID number they previously scanned and merrily shop until your balance goes to zero. When thieves write down the numbers, they use them to make online purchases.

Using the cards' id numbers and the consumer phone numbers to check balances, the thief learns which stolen cards are active, then begins shopping or offering the card for sale online.

Don't put a potential lump of coal in that gift card holder this year — shop wisely when choosing gift cards.

Purchase cards directly from the actual store that issues the gift card, never from online auction sites. Choose cards that are offered behind the counter, not on a public display rack. Check the card carefully for scratched labels and magnetic strips. If the card is not in pristine condition, pass it up.

At the checkout register, immediately after your gift card is activated, ask the cashier to scan the card so that you can verify the amount you requested is available. Keep your receipt as proof of purchase and value. Never, ever give your social security number or other personal information to the cashier. The store does not need this information to honor or activate your gift card, only predators do.

Treat the gift card the same as you would a checkbook or cash. Keep receipts garnered from the card's use. Read the conditions for card use to make sure you understand the card's expiration limit and purchase restrictions.

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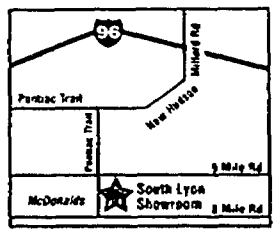

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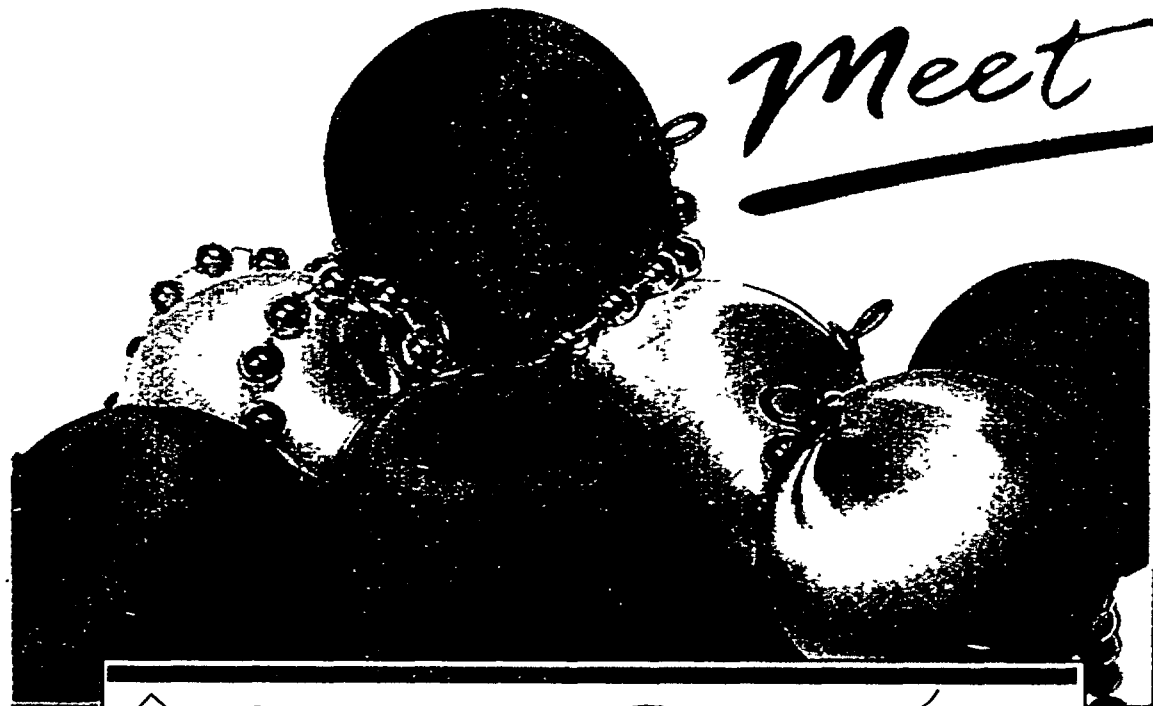

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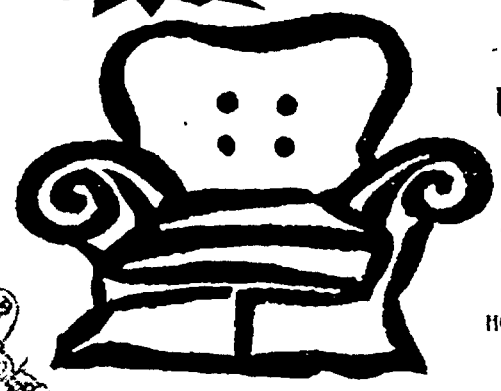

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Food, glorious food

Givers rarely go wrong when the gift is edible

By Cynthia Grochowski
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

No one can really go wrong giving a gift of food during the holidays — everyone eats.

According to Package Facts, a market research publisher, food gifting sales are up 56 percent from 2004-2006, and the trend is expected to continue with sales reaching over $23 billion by 2010. The finding suggests people are frustrated with traditional gifts, and wish to give a gift that is "unique, personal, indulgent, convenient, fun to share and sure to please."

Locally there are plenty of places to pick up edible gifts for those hard-to-buy-for people on your list.

Bottles of Michigan made wine, little gift baskets and holiday boxes of Michigan candy can be found at Taorello's Marketplace in Brighton. Michigan wineries are well represented at Taorello's as are the state's own Morely Sander's candy in holiday boxes. Small gift baskets can be custom made for as little as $12.

Give a German or Italian cake as a gift. Oebel's Kolner Christ Stolen, with marzipan filling, comes in a festive gold box for $7 to $16. A smaller holiday box is $5. Bring a traditional Italian Christmas Panettone cake in its festive handle box.

Add to the gift recipient's holiday table with an Oldani fillsette salami or a Kowalski hickory smoked sausage.

Wrap up holiday cranberry cinnamon goat cheese, fig goat cheese or a mushroom baked brie from $4 to $14 and give with a box of assorted crackers.

For Christmas morning, or after-dinner enjoyment, someone may appreciate the gift of Schuil brand coffee in holiday flavors starting at $7.99, or holiday packaged tea in festive flavors.

Taorello's also carries several varieties of edible ornaments for the tree and candy-filled Santas and snowmen.

Candy is dandy as the saying goes, and when it's handmade in Livingston County, it's unique.

Sherry and Les Pardee will celebrate their seventh year of offering handmade goodies at Fowlerville's Sweet Sensations this December. Ready-to-give-and-eat gifts line the shelves and display cases of their store.

"Most people don't know what others would like, so a box of assorted chocolates is a good way to go," said Sherry.

A box of milk and dark chocolates with caramels, toffees, creams and nut clusters range from $3.

The Pardees also make regular and sugar-free chocolate Christmas trees for $6.50, Santas for $4.75, crosses for $3.25. They also offer sugar-free Jelly Bellies which make great pre-wrapped stocking stuffers.

They also make chocolate covered Oreos, pretzels, S'mores, and orange peels, and treats like sea foam, peanut and cashew brittle, peanut and coconut-flake brittle, toffee crunch popcorn with almonds and pecans, and more.

Make your own gift baskets or pick up pre-made ones beginning at $40.

Twist gifting deliciously with a box of treats from the Great American Pretzel Company, as seen on QVC, the home televised shopping network.

These chocolate covered pretzel rods, twists, bite-sized gems, symphony twists or gems combine salty with sweet, including chocolate, caramel peanut butter and other rich toppings. All are made by hand in Howell and leave in pretty wrappings and boxes perfect for gift-giving.

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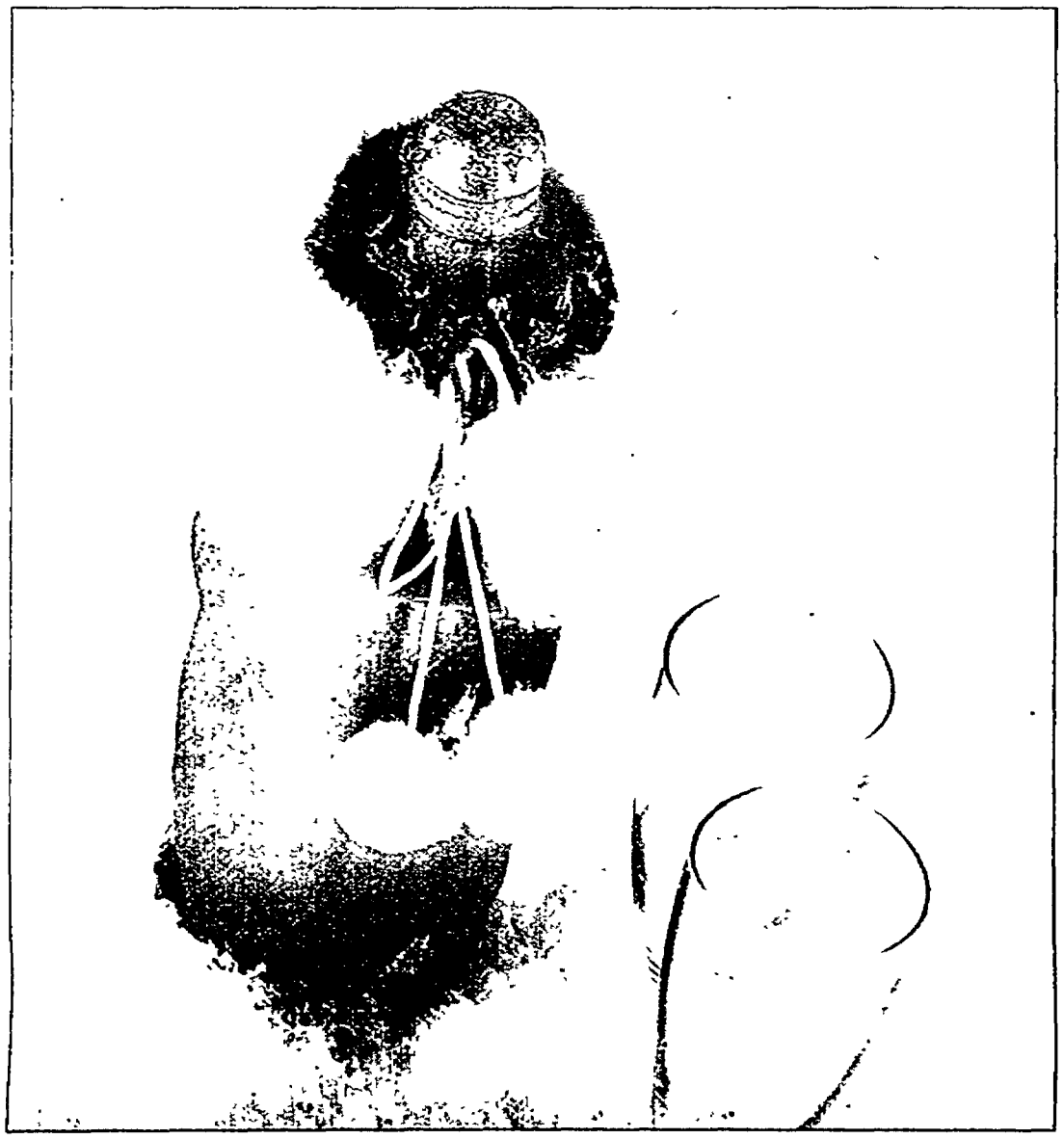
Candy, like this 2 pound box of assorted chocolates from Sweet Sensations in Fowlerville, is a nice gift to give and receive during the holidays.



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No brats among these well-behaved dolls

By Susan Reinhardt
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

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They come with history. And books.

Mothers love them. Grandmas spend their last dimes on them. American Girl dolls are a hot trend for the 7 and older set, girls who love to read and learn while still playing dress-up and hosting tea parties.

The dolls are wholesome young girls with names like Felicity and Josephine, and about a dozen others representing various times in history. They feature accompanying books and accessories devoted to educating and teaching, inspiring young minds to care about the past and apply it to the present.

Sound stuffy?

Not when one considers the latest fever this line of dolls, books and accessories has caused. More than 13 million American Girl dolls have been sold through the company's catalog and retail stores, according to www.americangirl.com. Also, more than 117 million American Girl books have been sold since 1986, making it a top children's publisher in the nation.

Photo by JOHN FLETCHER/GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Isabel Horak, left, Molly Horak, Kendall McDill and Clare Johnson play with American Girl dolls at the McDill home in Asheville, N.C., on Sept. 27, 2007. The girls say they plan to pass the collectible dolls down to their own daughters.

Celebrating girlhood

The company said its goal is to celebrate "a girl's inner star. The little whisper inside that encourages her to stand tall, reach high and dream big." Here's a toy company whose objective is to see girls grow into women who make a difference in the world.

Kendall McDill has collected American Girl Dolls since she was 5, and her step-grandmother bought the first.

"I wasn't even into them, but she sent me Kaya, the first American Girls doll," Kendall says. "We also read the first book, 'Meet Kaya.' "

Other grandmothers began sending the dolls, which sell for just less than $100.

"One of my grandmothers sews and made dresses for them," Kendall McDill says. In the early years of her collecting, Kendall would receive a doll or two for Christmas, for birthdays and special occasions. She now has 14.

Her mother, Kelly McDill, says her husband couldn't resist delving into her daughter's new interest. He was in Chicago on business, where the original American Girl store is located downtown. He went in and stayed for two hours, Kelly McDill says, laughing. "He's gonna kill me for telling this. He bought about 14 items. He was just so excited for Kendall."

At 11, she has almost the entire collection. This is an age, though, when interest begins to wane.

Connecting with history

"Right now, I have everyone except Julie and Nicki and Emily," Kendall McDill says. She also admits that since starting middle school, the cool factor in playing with dolls just isn't there. She and her group of neighborhood friends who once played American Girl dolls daily have slowed a bit.

One of those friends is Clare Johnson, 11.

Mary Johnson, of Arden, N.C., has three daughters, but it's Clare who seemed to love the American Girl dolls most.

"All of my girls collected them," Mary Johnson says. "They run their own little camp with them and invite little girls to come over and try to do history with them."

Mary Johnson says the girls actually use the dolls to focus on a historical lesson. This summer they discussed Harriet Tubman and Amelia Earhart.

"It's so wholesome," Mary Johnson says of the American Dolls line of merchandise. "It's real-life stuff girls have to deal with, but such a wholesome way to display it."

A different doll value

Mary Johnson says she was relieved when her kids began collecting the American Girl dolls. It meant the end to Barbie. The end to a very pregnant Midge.

"I wondered, 'How am I going to explain Midge to my preschooler?' " she says. "If I'd spend money on these instead of Barbies ... these are the kind of dolls you keep and hand down to your own little girls."

But these dolls are not heirlooms decorating closets or mantels. Most girls actually play with the dolls, so much so the company has an American Girl hospital.

"Kaya's arm got broken, and we had to send her to the hospital in a little box with $30," McDill says. "She also had a spot on her face where one of Kendall's brothers had marked on it." The doll came back with her arm fixed, a clear complexion, hospital bracelet, gown, and a get-well-soon balloon, scoring huge points with this family.

Mary Johnson says her daughter's doll also ended up in the American Girl hospital. "It was headless and they put it back together."

Both Clare Johnson and Kendall McDill believe the books and dolls have helped improve their grades in reading and social studies.

"I still like looking at them and dressing them up," Kendall McDill says. "I'll probably give them to my daughter."

Meet the American Girls: From 1764 to 1974

American Girl dolls each have a historical story and are the main characters in their own books. Here's the lineup, in chronological order.

Kaya (1764)

Kaya is troubled by her terrible new nickname, "Magpie." For a Nez Perce girl growing up in 1764, it's hurtful being named after the untrustworthy bird that thinks only of itself. She earned the name after her twin brothers wandered off when they were in her care - while Kaya competed in a daring horse race.

Felicity Merriman (1774)

Felicity Merriman is a girl who's as spirited and independent as the American colonies she lives in. Felicity believes the colonies should be free, not ruled by a king who lives far away. But in 1774, just before the American Revolution, her belief isn't shared by everyone.

Josefina Montoya (1824)

As a New Mexican girl growing up in 1824, Josefina is having a hard time without her Mam to teach and guide her. She is overjoyed when Mam's sister, Ta Dolores, comes to live on the family rancho. Ta Dolores wants to start a weaving business and teach Josefina to read, something Mam never learned to do.

Kirsten Larson (1854)

In 1854, Kirsten leaves all she's ever known to come with her family to the New World. They settle on the Minnesota frontier, a place where people don't speak her language or wear clothes like hers — or know about the traditions she holds dear.

Addy Walker (1864)

Enslaved on a plantation in 1864, Addy's family must run away if they hope to be free. When Poppa and her brother, Sam, are sold away, Addy and her mother make the wrenching decision to escape to Philadelphia — to freedom — on their own.

Samantha Parkington (1904)

Samantha Parkington is trying to find her own path between old-fashioned ideas and brave new ones. As an orphan being raised by her wealthy grandmother, Samantha is exploring what "a proper young lady" should be as America begins the 20th century. She's excited by the new ideas and inventions that are changing everyone's lives.

Kit Kittredge (1934)

Kit Kittredge is determined to help her family through America's Great Depression. As a girl growing up in 1934, Kit sees her dad lose his business overnight. Now her days are filled with worry about whether her family can save their house.

Molly McIntire (1944)

Molly McIntire must count on her own resourcefulness to rally hope on the home front during World War II. As a girl growing up in 1944, Molly wishes the war had never happened. Worst of all is missing Dad, who's far away helping wounded soldiers overseas.

Julie Albright (1974)

For Julie Albright, life after her parents' divorce holds as many ups and downs as the hilly streets of San Francisco. Julie misses her old bedroom, her pet rabbit, her best friend, Ivy - and most of all, having her whole family together.

— Source: www.americangirl.com

Parents: Can they hear you now?

Choose the right cell phone for a youngster's stocking

Parents have a plethora of options when deciding on what kind of mobile phone to buy for their kids.

Sophisticated phones now allow parents complete control over their children's conversations. They can limit hours of day and days of the week the phone can be used and set a monthly allowance for minutes, downloadable content, and picture and text messages.

Other phones even include GPS technology so parents can track (via their own handset or computer) where their child is physically. So if their child travels outside a certain area (or vanishes from a soccer game) the parent receives a text message alerting them.

Here are some of the phones that are covered in Livingston County. Prices and plans for all phones vary. Check your local cell phone provider for details:

Firefly

On the market for two years, this phone — aimed at kids 5 through 12 — has photos on its buttons that allow for easy dialing. Parents can program quick-dial keys and up to 20 phone numbers. They can also screen their children's calls using a pin number. There's no keypad. Children can pick their own on-screen animations and choose from nearly a dozen ring tones. Visit www.fireflymobile.com.

TicTalk

Made for children 6 and up, this phone also has five LeapFrog games that teach spelling, social studies, math and science. It doesn't have buttons, rather a switch that allows kids to scroll through numbers in a phonebook and push to dial. Parents can go online and adjust the phone's settings for approved phone numbers and call times. Visit www.mytictalk.com/LeapFrog/.

Verizon Migo

Designed for children ages 5 through 9, this phone has five speed-dial buttons - one for emergencies. The others allows children to call their home or parents by simply pushing a button. The service does not support voice mail, texting, or GetItNow Web browsing. Visit www.verizonwireless.com.

The Migo phone/LG

Using the Verizon plan, Migo allows parents to track their kids, has limits on outgoing and incoming calls and minutes usage. www.verizonwireless.com. The Verizon Chaparone service, available on many popular Verizon phones, allows parents to track their child's phone from their Verizon phone or computer. See details at www.verizonwireless.com.

Wherifone

Billed as "the world's smallest GPS cell phone for children," Wherifone also allows parents to monitor their children's calls and use the Web to see the phone's location on a street map or aerial photo. Parents can also get periodic updates from the device and see where it's been throughout the day — including buildings, cars and dense foliage. In addition to a phone book and single touch dial buttons, there's an SOS panic button that can be used in an emergency. It doesn't come with text messaging or downloadable features so parents can avoid surprise increases in phone bills. www.wherify.com/wherifone/kids.html.

kajeet

Aimed at 'tweens and their parents, kajeet offers real phones with popular features, capabilities and specialized content for users. Use of this pay-as-you-go phone can be customized by parents, such as limiting when calls can be made/taken and amount of money spent to which numbers can be accessed as well as when then can be accessed. Unlimited Mobile American Online IM is available. www.kajeet.com.

— Source MSNBC.com, GNS Internet research

Important notice for Disney Mobile users

As of December 31, 2007 Disney Mobile will cease operations as a mobile service provider.

Verizon Wireless is offering a special transfer package to Disney Mobile account users. It is important to not close the Disney Mobile account until the new carrier successfully transfers the Disney Mobile phone number onto their service.

Log onto http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/NumberPortability/ to learn more about porting the number to a new carrier.

For more information, visit http://disneymobile.go.com.

Hot high-tech bargains under $50 for shoppers

By Marc Saltzman
SPECIAL WRITER

Good news for those whose hearts are bigger than their wallets: You can buy great gadgets and gizmos for friends and family this holiday season — without breaking the bank.

Writer Marc Saltzman looks at tech stocking stuffers under $50:

This stone doesn't skip

Available in black, blue, pink, green, red or white, the aptly named Creative Zen Stone ($39.99 at www.us.creative.com) is a teeny, 1-gigabyte MP3 player that can store roughly 250 songs.

Connect this device to your PC via a USB cord (included), drag and drop your favorite MP3s or WMAs (Windows Media Audio), unplug and go. The bundled earbuds are also surprisingly good.

While it doesn't have a built-in clamp to secure it to clothing, the Windows-based Zen Stone is $40 cheaper than the similar-sized iPod Shuffle and holds more songs.

Travel companion

Stop me if this sounds familiar: You're on vacation, taking many pictures, until you realize your digital camera's memory card is almost full. How are you going to remove them so you can take more photos?

A product like the Kingston DataTraveler Reader ($23 at www.kingston.com) can help. It's a 1-gigabyte USB flash drive with an added bonus: an expansion slot to read SD, SDHC and MMC cards, so you can dump your pics onto a computer and then delete the images on the card to start again.

A 2GB model is $35.

Rock or talk

Keep your mobile phone tucked away in your jeans, backpack or purse, and enjoy your favorite music wirelessly with the Jabra BT620 ($29.99 at www.tigerdirect.com), a pair of behind-the-neck stereo Bluetooth headphones (with microphone).

When a call comes in that you want to take, press a small button on the right earphone and the music will pause.

The Jabra BT620 offers up to 16 hours of talk time or up to 14 hours of wireless music streaming.

Note: Your phone must be Bluetooth stereo-compatible to hear music through these wireless headphones.

Wireless widget

If you're still plugging your laptop into a router to access the Internet, it's time to untether yourself from the wall and kick back anywhere in the home, porch or back patio.

The Linksys Wireless-G Router ($49.99 at www.linksys.com) gives your laptop wireless speeds up to 54 megabits per second (802.11g technology) so you can log on up to 150 feet away to download tunes, chat via webcam or play online games.

While not the latest Wi-Fi speeds — that would be up to 300 Mbps with "802.11n" — this Linksys model is reliable and affordable.

Affordable all-in-one

Computer users on a budget can now afford a multifunction printer/scanner/copier, such as the Lexmark X1270 Color Inkjet All-in-One ($49.99 at www.lexmark.com), which offers an impressive 4,800-by-1,200 dots-per-inch color resolution for printing photos, copy enlargements up to 400 percent and a 100-paper input tray. Black-and-white print speeds top 17 pages per minute or nine pages per minute for color prints.

Musical gifts for beginners and pros

A guitar lover may have this guitar on their wish list — an Oscar Schmidt by Washburn for $109.99 with a lifetime warranty.

By Cynthia Grochowski
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

There are gifts in every price range for musicians, both accomplished and aspiring, to find under the tree this year.

"One of the greatest things a musician can receive for under $100 is a tuner," said Mike Grass, owner of The Music Man in Brighton. "One tuner can be used for any string instrument and some can be used for wind instruments." He pointed out that there are also tuners that have an input jack for tuning electric instruments.

"Be aware of very cheap tuners where the needle will jump around continuously," Grass warned.

Guitar straps are another gift idea that won't break the bank. Music Man carries a variety that are made in Michigan, from tooled leather to leopard print and snakeskin, thick and thin, heavy and light, in many colors.

Guitar pics, from 35 cents to $1 each are always a good stocking stuffer.

Harmonicas range in price from $5 to $30 and fit nicely in a stocking also.

Drummers may appreciate an extra set of drumsticks for under $10.

Check out symbols made by Zildjian. The famous brand made by generations of one family in Turkey has been around for more than 375 years.

Electric guitar players may like effects pedals for that certain sound they've been striving for.

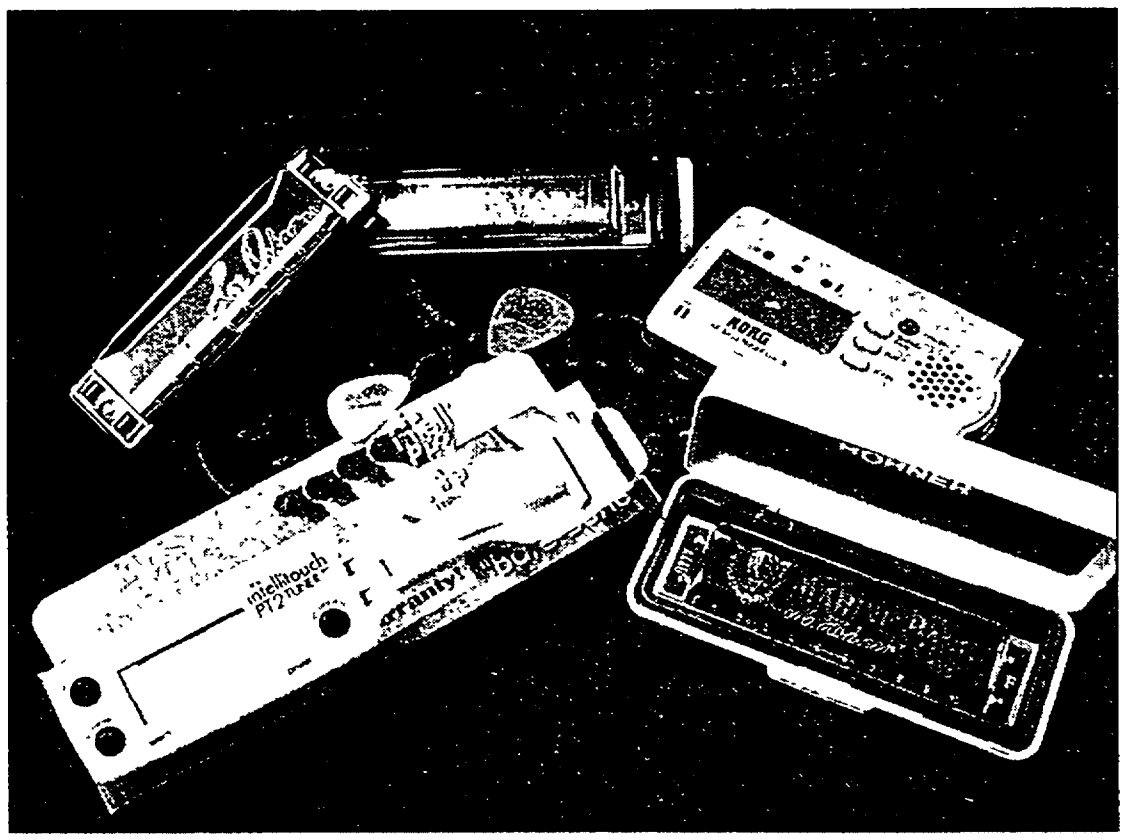
An acoustic Ibanez guitar package at The Music Man can be had for $169, and includes guitar, case, tuner strap, pics and a lifetime warranty.

Other packages are available, including guitars for kids.

A smaller acoustic guitar for kids under 11 years of age is $109, discounted from $159. The ¾ size guitar has a fully adjustable neck, comes in different colors and includes a lifetime warranty. "It's the nicest little guitar I've ever seen in that price range," Grass said.

For $200 and up, The Music Man carries guitars by Fender, Martin and Taylor, among others, plus drum sets.

If a gift still can't be decided upon, a gift certificate is always a great option.



There are plenty of items to pick up at the last minute for a music lover. At The Music Man in Brighton, last minute shoppers can find items like a Lee Oskar harmonica for $34.40, a Blues Harp harmonica for $30.40; a Marine Band harmonica for $24; an Intellectual Tuner that clips onto an instrument to measure vibration for $39.99; a Krug tuner with both mic and input jack for $25; and guitar pics from 35 cents to $1 a piece.

I want a pony: A shopper's guide to the inevitable holiday request

Let's face it — for as long as most can remember, when a parent asks a child what she wants for the holidays, a pony usually makes the top of the list. While this request may seem like more of a fantasy than a practical gift these days, this dream is increasingly becoming a reality. This can in part be attributed to the fact that in the last decade, the Internet has helped make selling and purchasing virtually anything under the sun faster and easier — and horses are no exception.

Aaron Bromagem, founder of Equine.com, one of the largest online horse marketplaces on the Internet, has seen the online buying and selling of horses skyrocket in the past two years alone.

"A search for a new horse is begun every second on Equine.com, and approximately one horse is sold every 29 minutes, and the holidays are no exception," said Bromagem. "With more than 55,000 horses available for sale, stud or lease every day, there is a massive global network of buyers and sellers looking to connect, making Equine.com a great resource for parents looking to do some serious, educated holiday shopping."

Today, consumers have instant access to numerous Web sites that offer hundreds of thousands of horses in all breeds and disciplines, from miniature ponies to thoroughbred stallions. If cost is an inhibitor, Web sites such as Equine.com offer many horses free to a good home.

"Armed with the proper knowledge, families worldwide can safely and conveniently search, purchase and provide a new home for their favorite animal just in time for the holidays," said Bromagem. "We can easily help parents make their child's dream of owning a pony come true."

But how does one go about shopping for such an important gift during the most hectic time of the year? Bromagem, who has witnessed the industry grow since he founded the company more than a decade ago and has helped ensure online horse brokering keeps pace with today's technology, notes that there are several smart and time-saving tips shoppers should keep in mind this season when exploring buying a horse.

1). Look to technology to showcase the horse's abilities: While visiting an animal in person is always ideal, it is not always practical, especially as the weather cools and schedules fill with all the goings-on associated with the holidays. Online advertisements featuring videos and photos allow buyers to make more informed choices. By searching ads with action-filled clips of a horse trotting, galloping or jumping, consumers can see for themselves a horse's conformation and abilities, right from their own computer.

2). Connect with fellow buyers: Connecting with horse owners who have been through, or are going through, the buying or selling process can be helpful given the tips and "inside" information they can share. Consumers should communicate with other users via online forums, message centers or blogs, whenever possible — this instant communication can make life a little easier as the autumn bustle kicks into high gear.

3). Beware of scams: The online shopping industry often is targeted for scams, particularly around the holidays when more people are buying online, so consumers should be cautious when completing equine sales, just as they are when purchasing other goods over the Internet. While the online horse industry works to protect users from scammers, consumers always should be cautious by using secure methods of payment and keeping detailed records when conducting transactions. Additionally, consumers should perform thorough research on transportation companies, as many that promote their businesses to online horse brokers do not specialize in equine hauling, raising concerns about the safety of the animals they carry.

4). Gear up: Once a horse has found a good home, he will need equipment and a few holiday gifts of his own. Shoppers should explore what they and their new animal may need to get comfortable in their new relationship — including trailers and trucks, tacks, saddles, feed, books and informational DVDs, as well as apparel and grooming materials. Horse products and accessories can be found online at Equine.com and the newly launched shopping site, http://shopping.equisearch.com.

While each family may have their own unique needs, with the right know-how, they can easily find the perfect present at their fingertips. By following these guidelines, families seeking a horse this season can practically and promptly grant the ultimate wish to their family, while also protecting their animals and their investments. For more information, or to post or browse for a horse, visit www.equine.com.

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