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City wants new water contract

■ Negotiations with Detroit seen as top budget priority for Northville

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Bad news: The city of Northville is currently looking at a 29.9-percent wholesale water rate increase come July.

Good news: City staff hope to be able to negotiate a lower rate with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department before then. "The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is agreeable to negotiations to reduce this rate as long as the city enters into a long-term agreement," said Jim Gallogly, public works director.

"They have a strong desire to extend the contract."

The city's current water service contract has expired, and negotiations on a new contract with Detroit may begin in March. A successful negotiation is viewed as a top priority with city leaders, since a new contract with a lower water rate increase means lower bills.

The city of Northville's proposed 2008-09 wholesale rates are \$20.96, compared to \$16.14 in

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fiscal year 2007-08, an increase of 29.9 percent. Rates are listed as the dollar amount per 1,000 cubic feet of water.

Reasons for the rate increases include costs to make improvements on an aging water system infrastructure and a change in the way Detroit determines rates. Plus, a greater emphasis has been placed regarding use of water during peak times.

After almost four years of hard work, a Technical Advisory

Committee — a long-term collaborative effort between Detroit and its wholesale water customers — produced a model water service contract.

Representatives from almost all of Detroit's 86 first-tier water customers were either involved in the contract's creation or offered feedback. The contract establishes a negotiated water rate based on a city's peak day/hour flow.

"I believe this model contract will usher in a new era of cooperation between DWSD and its cus-

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What you now pay for water

■ The city of Northville currently charges \$4.51 for 1,000 gallons of water and \$3.91 for 1,000 gallons of sewage, for a combined rate of \$8.42. Customers are billed bi-monthly, including a charge of \$5.93. The average customer uses 80-100 gallons of water per day.

■ The city allows the use of a second meter, which can be installed strictly for outdoor use. This can result in a decrease of about 60 percent in the sewer rate. Charges for this second meter are \$4.19 for each 1,000 gallons of water and only \$1.80 for each 1,000 of sewage, a combined rate of \$5.91.

■ The new water service contract that will hopefully be negotiated with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department determines wholesale water rates, which is what the city of Detroit charges Northville. Naturally, any increase in the wholesale water and sewage rates will mean higher bi-monthly bills for Northville customers.

Students feed on teamwork

■ Northville, Detroit schools team up to help feed hungry

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

"One thing we talk about in the community is pandemics, which is an epidemic that spreads through a large region," Don Burwell said. "People can talk about drugs and a number of other things, but every two seconds, a child dies of starvation. In a day, 40,000 kids will die because they didn't have anything to eat."

For 10 years, Burwell, the president and CEO of the Kids Against Hunger Great Lakes Coalition, has given this message to thousands of children across the state of Michigan. Burwell was a part of an event on Feb. 5 that brought students from Northville's Moraine Elementary School and Detroit's Roberto Clemente Academy together to pack thousands of meals to send to the hungry in places such as Liberia, Venezuela, Ukraine and Haiti.

Community-wide event

The groups of fifth-graders,

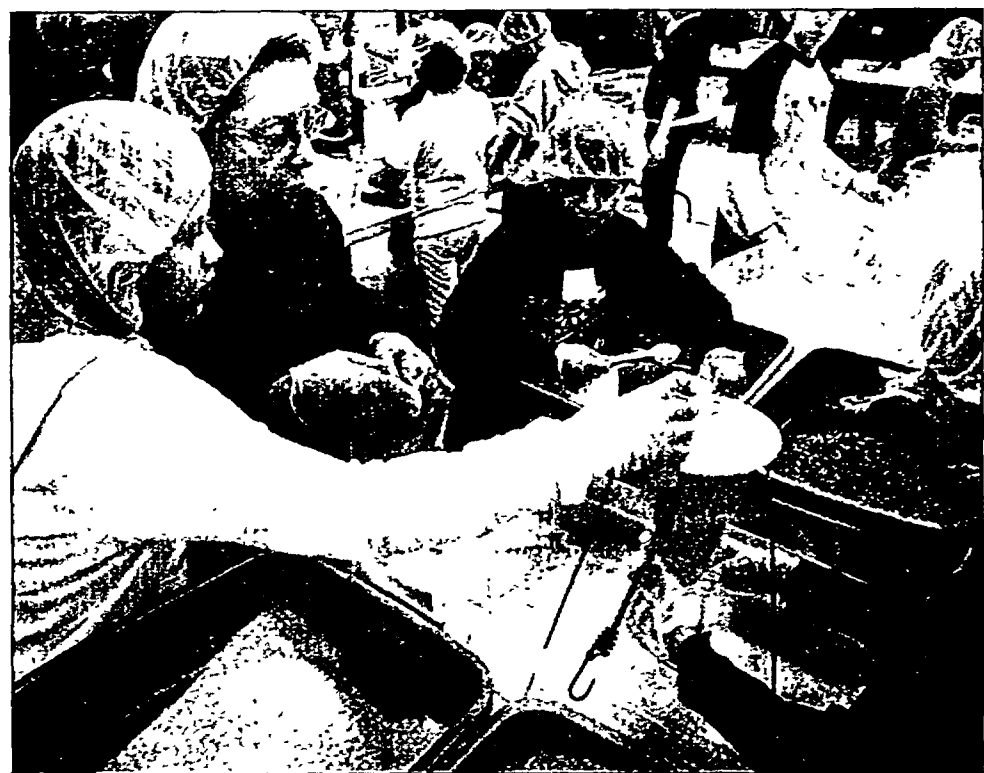


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Retired Moraine Elementary teacher Cheryl Rosinski, center, helps students Erica Gumkowski and Rishi Barad fill bags of food for the hungry during last Tuesday's effort at the Northville First Presbyterian Church. Students from Northville and Roberto Clemente Academy in Detroit got together to package rice, freeze dried vegetable and soy protein powder into packages that will be distributed worldwide to the hungry through Kids Against Hunger.

along with their teachers, converged on Northville's First Presbyterian Church. They were met by Northville Public School District Board of Education and Mothers' Club of Northville members, members of the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, members of Northville-based Bridgepointe and Northville High School National Honor Society

students. The group met for three hours to pack more than 20,000 meals that would be distributed to starving children and adults around the globe.

"We did this last year and the kids thought it was very beneficial so we came back," Moraine fifth-grade teacher Cindy Nickel said. "They liked the fact they were helping people in another part of

the world and that they had the chance to interact with kids from another school."

From 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Feb. 5, the group that met at First Presbyterian did everything from unpack boxes to measuring food to packing boxes that would be shipped overseas, to Central

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GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL

Rezmierski keeps a wait-and-see attitude

■ Schools could see an increase in per-pupil funding

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jennifer Granholm Feb. 7 released budget recommendations for the 2008-09 fiscal year that included a possible \$108-\$216 per-pupil increase for Michigan K-12 schools.

But after five years of being promised funding increases and seeing the additional funds just once, Northville Public School District Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said he'll continue to monitor the events leading up to the possible increase.

"We're going to watch the debates and make sure something's concrete before we go to (the board of education) with any budget recommendations," Rezmierski said. "But we know the state has been in economically horrible conditions recently, so it was a bit of a surprise when we heard the recommendations."

Granholm's budget proposes an overall 3.9-percent, or \$509.2-million, increase for



L. Rezmierski

Michigan's public schools that includes the \$108-\$216 per-pupil increase, which would raise the minimum foundation allowance to

\$7,420 per pupil. That would put Northville's per-pupil allowance, currently at \$8,483, at between \$8,591-\$8,699.

"We'd be pleased to get the \$108," Rezmierski said. "But we want to see how everything goes in the next few months."

Granholm has also proposed an increase of \$32 million for Great Start Early Childhood initiatives and local Great Start collaboratives to ensure that every child begins school prepared to succeed.

The 21st Century Schools Fund, outlined by Granholm in last month's State of the State address, will make \$300 million available to school districts to help replace large, impersonal high schools that have low academic achievement and high dropout rates with small high schools that use strong personal relationships, consistent disci-

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Public infrastructure can't be taxed, says court

■ Ruling will mean future funds lost for township

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled Feb. 5 that Northville Township and other municipali-

ties cannot tax property owners on improvements to the infrastructure in public rights-of-way.

"The township immediately complied with the orders of the (lower) court, so this most recent decision just added a level of finality to the issue," said Chip Snider, township manager. "There's no appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court."

Snider said the township contested lower court rulings to no avail.

"Certainly the township was



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Chip Snider
Northville Township manager

disappointed that the Supreme Court didn't see our point of view on this," Snider said, "which is that infrastructure improvements

add value to individual lots. The amount of tax dollars lost, however, will not be significant."

The ruling said the value of con-

dominiums and single-family homes in the Northville Hills subdi-

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■ Students feed on teamwork

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America and Africa. Everyone put on hair nets with no complaints. For their hard work, the elementary students were rewarded with lunch, which was funded through the efforts of the National Honor Society students, who raised more than \$300 at Hiller's Market on Super Bowl Sunday.

"Right now, they're in their own little world and something like this introduces them to different countries and kids from different schools," Northville High School senior Carly Goldberg said. "This helps these kids see how big the world really is."

Building bridges

While Burwell brought the goods to the party, Bridgepointe helped bring the students together.

Bridgepointe builds relationships between suburban communities and the city of Detroit. The organization creates opportunities for school children to learn from each other with special programs, activities and tutoring, according to Program Director Diane Powers. Bridgepointe also works to supply essentials for learning, such as clothing and food, and 100 percent of all donations go directly to the people and projects the group supports.

"This is all about teamwork," Powers said.

Gina Greco, another Northville High senior, said she thinks it's great that children from different places can come together for such a good cause.

"I think this helps prepare them for the real world when they get older because they'll constantly be working with people from different cultures and other communities," Greco said.

Plymouth Kiwanis Club member Rob Noel has been involved with the project for three years.

His group has taken on the task of funding the trip for the Detroit students, as it costs about \$5,000 for the students to take the outing. Of the more than 100 Kiwanis members, eight-10 take part in each event, Noel said. He added that, in the last four years, his group has aided in the packing of about 750,000 meals.

"You hear about how many kids die of starvation each day and you just have to help," Noel said.

Joan Wadsworth, president of the Northville school board, said the day-long event is an important one for her school district. She said it's special to see so many youngsters work together knowing they're helping another child in a different part of the world.

"They work so hard because they know what they're doing it for," Wadsworth said. "They take on an important task and go all out and you know it warms their hearts."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Storytime

Dorle Freebury reads a book to a group of kids during a Friday morning Little Me Story Time at the Northville District Library. The story times feature stories, games and song, and the next two will occur this Friday and March 14 at 10:30 a.m.

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pline and real-world relevance to help at-risk students achieve high academic goals.

This program has been funded by redirecting money previously dedicated to Durant lawsuit payments, which stems from a suit filed in 1980 by a man who said the state violated a section of the Headlee Agreement.

"A quality education for every child in Michigan is a critical component of our economic success," Granholm said. "By investing in our children — from preschool to college graduation — we can ensure that they have the tools they need to succeed."

Rezmierski said he hopes the issue is resolved by June, since his district's fiscal year ends June 30. That way, any increases, holds or funding decreases can be put into the Northville budget for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

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■ Michigan Supreme Court says public infrastructure can't be taxed

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sion, built by Toll Brothers and Biltmore Wineman in 2001 and 2002, should not have been inflated because improvements were made to public property.

During 2001 and 2002, the developers invested millions of dollars to install physical improvements, such as a primary access road, streetlights, sewer service, water service, electrical service, natural gas service, telephone service and sidewalks in Northville Township. The infrastructure development is required before Northville Township will approve a final plat for a subdivision.

The township increased the developers' property tax assessments for the two years based on the "enhanced value" from the public service improvements.

The developers challenged the assessments before the Michigan Tax Tribunal, claiming the assessments were unconstitutional.

At issue was whether public-service improvements, such as

water service, sewer service or utility service, constitute "additions" to property.

In Toll Northville Ltd v Township of Northville, the Michigan Supreme Court judges agreed with the Court of Appeals judgment that public service improvements consisting of public infrastructure located on utility easements or land that ultimately becomes public do not constitute "additions" to property.

The Circuit Court determined that developers could not be taxed on the basis of the public service improvements because the improvements were not attached to the separate lots and were either dedicated to the municipality or given to public utilities.

The Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's judgment, saying that the term "additions" refers to improvements that become part of the real property as structures or fixtures but not to public service improvements.

The appeal addressed legislation enacted after Michigan voters adopted Proposal A in 1994,

which amended the Michigan Constitution.

The purpose of Proposal A was to generally limit increases in property taxes on a parcel of property, as long as it is owned by the same party, by capping the amount that the "taxable value" of the property may increase each year, even if the "true cash value" or actual market value of the property rises at a greater rate.

The ruling last week will impact how municipalities across the state assess developments in the future.

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■ City wants new water contract with Detroit

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tomers," said Victor Mercado, director of the DWSD, in a letter to customers. Mercado believes the model will lead to better planning of the water supply, a more stable system and uniform treatment of all communities.

With council's approval, new state-of-the-art controls were designed, bought and installed in September 2007 at the city of Northville's pumping reservoir.

"The city of Northville can now monitor and control the maximum amount of water the city will obtain from Detroit at any given time," Gallogly said. "The city now has the ability to round off its water use spikes and significantly reduce its peak water demand."

Gallogly said with the new controls, Northville can realistically negotiate a lower water flow rate than what DWSD has calculated for the city based on historical data.

"If these negotiations can be successfully completed before July, it is not only possible to reduce the proposed 29.9 percent rate hike, but Northville could actually receive a rate decrease," Gallogly said.

City council recently authorized city staff, the city attorney and staff from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., the Livonia civil engineering firm that designed the new control system, to precede with the new water service contract negotiations.

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SING FOR HOPE

The Chase Bar & Grill event helps grief center

■ All invited to Wed. fundraiser

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Who doesn't like karaoke? Now area residents can sing along to their favorite pop song and help a local grief support center at a special fundraiser Wednesday.

"Sing For Hope," also billed as "Karaoke for Charity," will benefit the New Hope Center for Grief Support in downtown Northville.

The fundraiser will take place from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at The Chase Bar & Grill on the lower level of Northville Square at 133 W. Main St.

Patrons are encouraged to park in the lot behind the restaurant/bar off of Cady Street east of Wing Street.

The event is sponsored by Steve Williams and Scott Matthews of MetroAlive.com, a Web site that promotes area businesses; Dave Bastianelli, co-owner of The Chase Bar & Grill; and Chris Van Dam of Van Dam's Boutique at 111 E. Main St.

The idea for the fundraiser was Williams' and Van Dam's.

"I've known Chris for probably 40 years — since high school," Williams said.

"We've both suffered the loss of loved ones in our lives, and I said to her one day last summer that it would be nice if we could do something to help out a local charity. Scott (Matthews) and I have always thought it was impor-

tant to support local organizations."

Since Van Dam is currently on the board of directors of the grief support center, she recommended New Hope.

The two decided to take the bull by the horns and schedule an event.

The event follows the 5:30-7:30 p.m. Northville Chamber of Commerce mixer at The Chase Bar & Grill. The chamber event is separate from the New Hope Center for Grief Support event.

"We'll have a captive audience," Williams said.

"It should be a lot of fun," Matthews said.

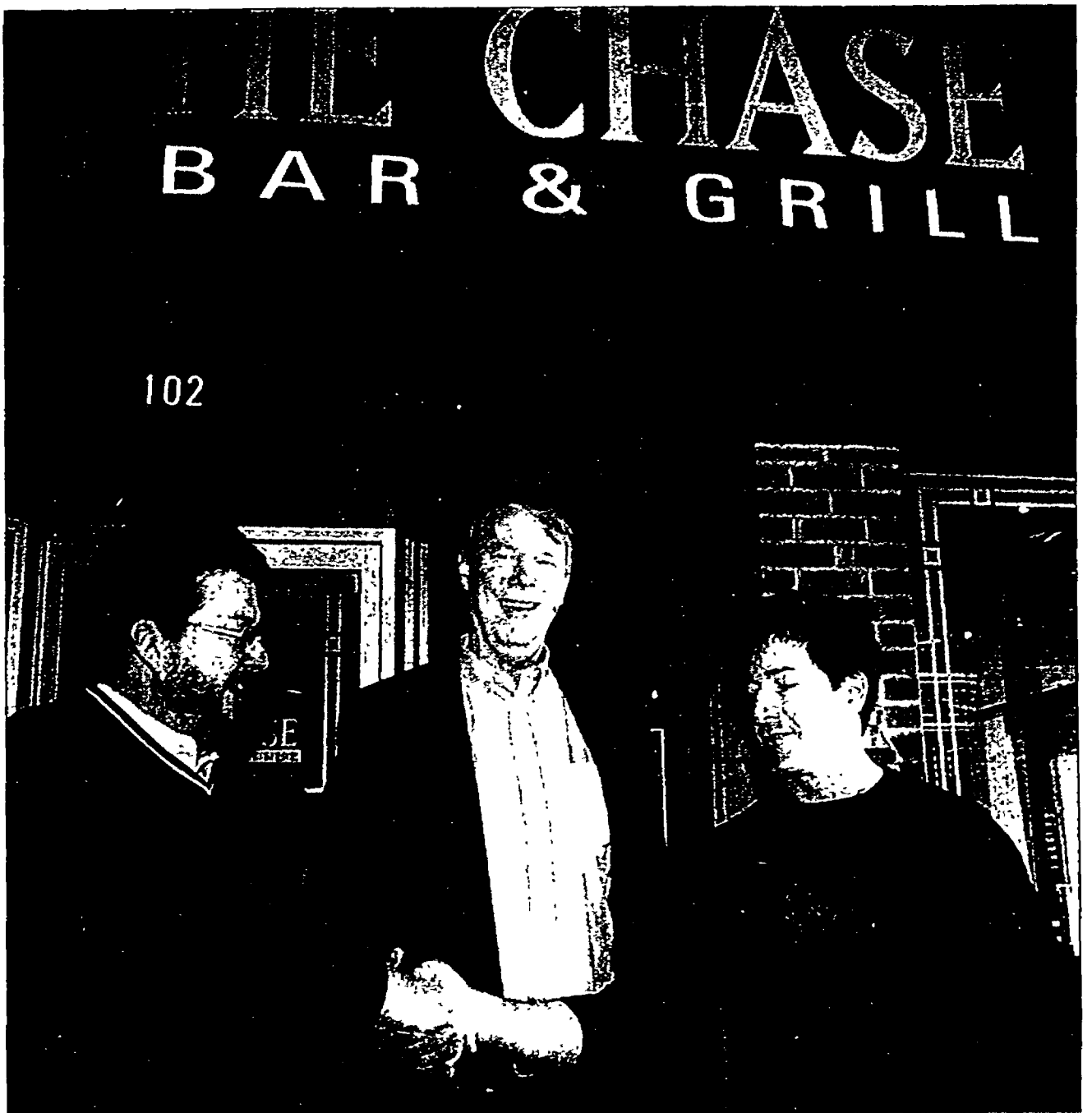
"Either make a donation to sing, or you can make a donation and nominate someone else to sing," Williams said. "We'd better not say that," he joked, "That might scare people away."

"I did go through New Hope's program and found it extremely helpful," Van Dam said. "They gave me a lot of tools to manage the grief. Losing a loved one is a huge life change. Anything you can do to develop some life tools to manage that is healthy. And the New Hope Center for Grief Support helps people do that."

All proceeds from the event will go to the grief support center at 113 E. Dunlap St. just east of Center Street.

"Even in rough times, our community is willing to come forward and support this worthy cause," Williams said.

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The Chase restaurant owner Dave Bastianelli, right, will welcome Steve Williams, left, Scott Matthews and others who are organizing a Feb. 20 fundraiser at the Northville Square grill to benefit the New Hope Center for Grief Support.

Hot topics: Annexation, coffee

■ Corriveau talks with constituents

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) held court Monday night at Cassel's Restaurant to see what's on constituents' minds.

The talk of the town still appears to be the possible annexation of the 414 acres of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital in Northville Township to Livonia.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township) and colleagues introduced six bills last week that would offer some protection for townships that might be annexed.

The Senate Natural Resources Committee, and possibly the entire Senate, will be taking up SBs 1078-83, which would make annexation much more difficult for cities and villages.

The same legislation that passed in 2001 and 2003 (but died at the end of both sessions), these bills

only address annexations in areas with less than 100 citizens. They would:

- Require that any proposed annexation be voted on by the citizens in the affected area, the entire city, and the entire township, taking the decision out of the hands of the Boundary Commission.
- Create new lengthy timelines that would greatly delay the annexation process.

For those keeping score, the Michigan Municipal League sent an e-mail blast late Tuesday afternoon protesting the proposed legislation.

"These bills would hurt city and village growth and stifle economic development needed by businesses who want to locate on our borders to use our services," according to the e-mail.

The league believes the legislation is an overly broad approach to solve one problem happening in one urban township (Northville Township).

The league has indicated a willingness to address the specific issue in a more targeted way.

"Time changes a lot of things, and there's been talk that these bills are not getting the support that they did in 2003," Corriveau said.

"Some townships want the ability to annex."

Testimony was taken in the Senate last week, with more expected this week.

"Then we'll see if Senator Michael Bishop (Senate Majority Leader) will take the package of bills to the Senate floor for a vote," Corriveau said.

"If it's voted out of committee this week, it could possibly come to a vote next week."

Michael Pizzoma and his wife, Julie Bisson, brought their 16-month-old daughter, Sarah-Anne, with them to the coffee hour to see what was on Corriveau's mind.

"We want to expose her to politics," Pizzoma said. "It's never too early."

The next Coffee with Corriveau is 6-7 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Empire Deli at 133 W. Main St., Suite 212, in Northville Square. The next regular office hour is 10-11 a.m. Monday at the Plymouth Library.

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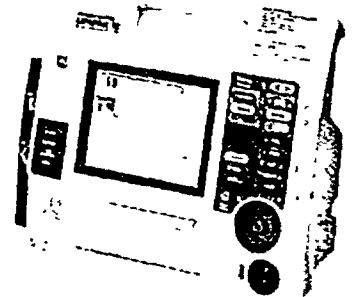
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LOCATION: Moraine Elementary School

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 (Feb. 19)
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 215 W. Main St.
CONTACT: downtown-northville.com
Planning Commission
DATE: First and third Tuesday 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 W. Six Mile Road
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.
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DATE: Third Monday of month
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BIZ BRIEFS

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Applications are now available for the annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase, to take place from noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, at Northville High School (45700 Six Mile Road). This exposition brings together Northville's premier businesses to highlight their products and services at a fun family-themed event. This year's theme is "Think Globally - Celebrate Locally."

The Showcase will feature more than 100 interactive exhibits from retail, service and professional businesses. A top draw to the event will be the several top-rated area restaurants providing samples from their menus. Excitement is high during the event, as attendees try their luck to win hundreds of dollars in free giveaways, raffles and promotional goodies.

Awards are presented for Best Restaurant and Best Business displays, as voted by the public. Bring the entire family to this fun event. Tickets are available at the door. Prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and over, and \$4 for children under 12.

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Joseph's Coney remodeling

The vintage look of Joseph's Coney Island, 113 W. Main St., will soon be a thing of the past. Owner Nick Berisaj is closing the doors Sunday until March 3 for a complete remodel of the eatery.

"New booths, new floor, new ceiling - everything," Berisaj said. "And our menu will be bigger, too, with more dinners and seafood. But everything will still be homemade."

Hours will remain 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7-4 Saturday, 8-3 Sunday. Call (248) 380-6111.

SCRIPT AND THE CITY: Offering latest in custom invitations and notecards

Business doing quite well in four months

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

You're getting married this summer, and it's time to start thinking about the invitations.

Area brides-to-be can now peruse the latest in custom invitations and notecards at a new store, Script and the City, which opened on Oct. 7, 2007, at 105 N. Center St.

Formerly occupied by American Spoon, a specialty food store, the approximately 1,100-square-foot retail space is now leased by Brighton native Tanya Rynicke.

Rynicke's mother, Linda Krause, owns the Images design store next door. Krause formerly had a store in Brighton and has been at the Center Street location just over a year after occupying a store on Main Street for at least a decade.

Rynicke said she loves having their stores side-by-side.

"I've always wanted to do this, and when this spot became available, I decided I might as well take it since it's next door to my mom's store," Rynicke said. "I still work with her, as well, so it's nice to be able to run back and forth."

Rynicke majored in interior design at the Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids. "I wanted to do this now before I started having kids," she said. "That's the plan."

The store has books of custom invitations to review, as well as notecards that can be custom-printed, stationary and a variety of

gifts for brides and grooms, bridesmaids and groomsmen, hosts and hostesses, babies and those celebrating birthdays.

"I do in-house printing, or people can order from a book," Rynicke said. "You can pick the script, the color, the font."

For weddings in '08, invitations with a Tiffany blue script (similar to aqua) are popular. "Brown or mocha is still big, too," Rynicke said, adding that accenting the invitations with silver is a trendy look now, as well.

Since she and her husband, Dennis, just married in September 2006, Rynicke had a chance to pick out her own invitations.

"I've always been into fonts and scripts and cards, and I did a lot of research," she said. "Every time I'd go into a card store, I'd look at the back of cards to see who they were made by and look them up."

She has two representatives who carry all the lines she offers, and she also attends events such as the National Stationery Show coming to New York in May.

Rynicke plans weddings and is working on two now. "I'm also working on a lot of graduation announcements."

Her husband suggested the name for her store.

"I love the show 'Sex and the City,' and I wanted to use the word 'script' in the name," Rynicke said. "I was actually Googling font names and told him I found one called City Script," and the name was born.

Capitalizing on the city theme

Rynicke took the city theme a step further and had a local artist, Kathy Lorenz, paint a mural of Northville's Main Street on the back wall. The mural even has a

Script and the City hours

Script and the City is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Tanya Rynicke, owner, does schedule evening appointments to accommodate those who work during the day. For more information, call (248) 349-3885.

drawing of her dog, Wally, a sharpei and basset hound mix called a mini Walrus. A streetlight completes the look.

Products include picture frames, Bluewick soy candles, cocktail napkins, christening items, dog gifts, personalized notecards and note pads, place-cards, menu cards, anniversary items and more. Other items include gift wrapping, travel clocks, key chains and wine bottle charms.

Rynicke advertises on www.theknot.com, the number-one wedding Web site, which lists the store's hours and monthly promotions. Her own Web site, www.scriptinthecity.com, is being developed.

"My goal is to have customers for a lifetime — to start out by helping them with their wedding and hopefully have them come back for baby showers, anniversary events and birthdays," Rynicke said. "I can help you from your invites for a party to the personalized thank-you notes."



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Tanya Rynicke, owner of downtown Northville's Script and the City, can custom print or order whatever stationary or invitations her customers need. The store is at 105 N. Center St. in Northville.

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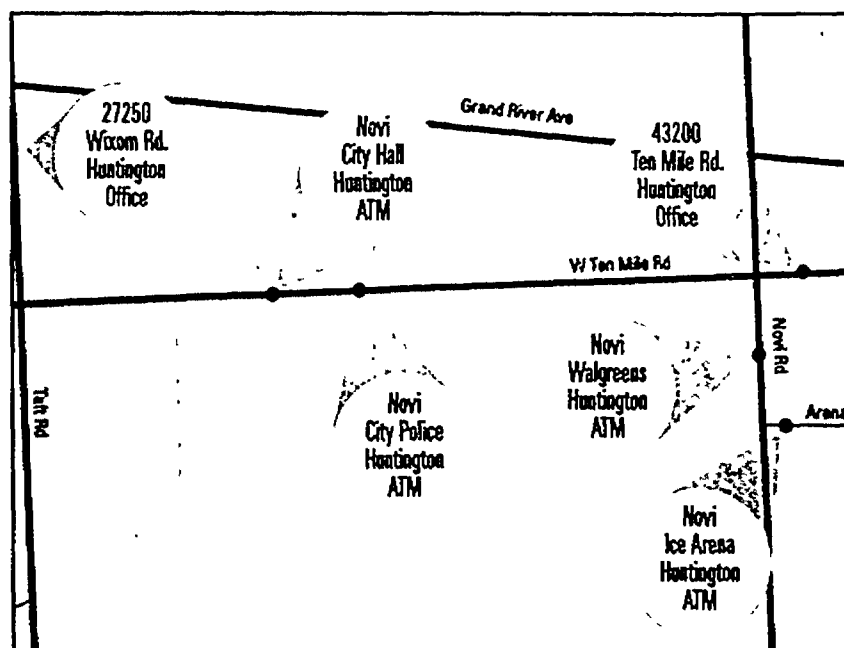
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HEALTH EVENTS

American Legion Hall

100 Dunlap St., corner of Center Street, Northville
Strength Training Classes
DATE: Mondays and Fridays
DETAILS: Diane DiVita is offering Strength Training classes (light weights with a little yoga stretching) for adults. For more information, call DiVita at (248) 344-0928 or visit trianglestx@sbcglobal.net.

Yoga Class

DATE: 5:30-6:45 p.m. Monday for all levels, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday for Yoga II through Mar. 17; and 5:20-6:45 p.m. Thursday for Yin Yoga, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday for all levels through Mar. 13
DETAILS: Diane DiVita teaches a yoga class that's well-suited for you. Start any time, no charge for first class. Monday sessions are \$80, Thursday sessions \$72.
CONTACT: (248) 344-0928.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

LOCATION: 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia
CONTACT: (734) 655-4800 or <http://www.stmarymercy.org>
Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

TIME/DATE: 3-4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month
LOCATION: Classroom 1
DETAILS: No fee or registration is required. For more information, contact Audra Frye, Alzheimer's Association (248) 426-7055.

Free Seminars-Michigan Bariatric Institute

DETAILS: MBI offers three laparoscopic surgical weight loss options. Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding and Sleeve Gastrectomy at a free, monthly seminar: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. To register, call (734) 655-2693, (877) Why-Weight or visit hospitalweb.site.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 25-Mar. 31; and 10-11 a.m. Fridays currently through Feb. 22; a second session Feb. 29-Apr. 25

LOCATION: Classroom 10, 4th floor Marian Professional Building
DETAILS: This ancient Chinese discipline combines agile steps, joint-friendly movement, relaxed breathing and mental challenge to promote mobility and well-being. There is a fee for this class and registration is required. Call (734) 655-8950 or (800) 494-1650.

Parenting with Love and Logic
DETAILS: There is a fee for the following classes. To register, call (734) 655-1100.

Elementary Age:

TIME/DATE: 6:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Preteen and Teenagers:

TIME/DATE: 6:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Special Needs:

TIME/DATE: 6:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12

Reiki I and II

TIME/DATE: 2-6 p.m. Saturday

and Sunday, March 8 and 9

DETAILS: Learn to administer Reiki, a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing; there is a fee; to register call (734) 655-1162.

Let's Talk: Building Mental Muscle

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5

DETAILS: This interactive presentation provides participants with exercises designed to stimulate brain cells, ideas to use the brain more effectively and an increased awareness to keep the brain healthier; Audra Frye, from

Arden Courts, is the speaker; presentation is part of the Senior Health Connection program for adults age 55 and over; no charge but registration is required by calling (734) 655-8950.

Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. every Monday, Feb. 18-March 17; or every Wednesday, Feb. 20-March 19

DETAILS: Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery; classes are based on the "Lamaze Method"; no cost but registration is required by contacting the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1162.

Nutrition for Life

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 20 — "Snack Smart: Think Outside of the Bag"; March 19 — "The Truth About Fad Diets"; and April 16 — "The Benefits of a Diet Rich in Fruits and Vegetables."

TIME: 7-8 p.m.

LOCATION: Classroom 11, Marian Professional Building

DETAILS: Classes are led by Tamara Lark, R.D.; cost is \$15 per class or \$25 for two; early registration is required by calling (734) 655-8950.

First Aid/CPR Classes

TIME: 6-10 p.m., monthly
LOCATION: Northville Township Fire Department, 45745 Six Mile Road

DETAILS: American Red Cross First Aid/CPR classes taught by trained firefighters. Call for further information and dates; \$20 fee for Township residents.

CONTACT: Northville Fire Department (248) 348-5807

Oakland Physical Therapy

LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, Providence Park Medical Center

DETAILS: Classes take place at 7 p.m. and are free of charge; however, registration is required as space is limited. Participants should wear loose, comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear. For more information, or to register, call the number below.

CONTACT: 248-380-3550

Managing Osteoarthritis and Osteoporosis

DATE: Wednesday

DETAILS: This class is a lecture and demonstration for those with arthritis in need of advice on starting an exercise program and/or those already involved with an exercise program; speaker is Elizabeth Uitti, DPT.

Dinner with a Doctor

DATE: Last Thursday of month
TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: St. John

Providence Park Hospital, Grand River and Beck roads (use Beck Road entrance), Conference Rooms A, B and C.

CONTACT: Free registration for lecture and dinner by calling (888) 440-7325

You "Heart" What You Eat

DETAILS: Feb. 28; presentation by cardiologist Dr. Zarghami followed by strolling dinner featuring heart healthy food; recipes and cookbooks distributed.

Red Cross Blood Drive

TIME/DATE: 2-8 p.m. Monday
LOCATION: St. John's

Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

DETAILS: Drop in or make an appointment by calling Carolyn at (734) 455-5395.

King's Mill community raises money for cancer fighter

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Three-year-old Alex Nunn has a rare form of cancer for someone her age.

She has a tumor near her vaginal wall that was discovered shortly after last Halloween. At first, there would be spots of blood in the little girl's underwear.

"(The doctors) just thought she was scratching in her sleep," said Alex's dad, Alan, "but after a while, we said she needed to go into the doctor's for testing and a biopsy, and that's when they found the cancer."

Since that discovery was made, Alex, her dad and mom, Brandi, have made countless trips to Detroit's Children's Hospital for rounds of chemotherapy. The most aggressive, and most frustrating for Alex, Alan said, come during overnight hospital stays. There's also outpatient chemotherapy, which is somewhat "easier." And whenever Alex comes down with a fever, the family stays at the hospital for 48 hours at a time. Alan also said Alex may have to continue to take tests as a teenager and that the cancer could hamper attempts to give birth as an adult, saying his daughter would need to have a C-section in order to have children.

"It's been a rough road," Alan said.

But the family has since received some good news following a scare.

After a recent trip to Children's Hospital for yet another biopsy, doctors told the Nunn family the tumor looked "good," but that it has spread to the toddler's rectal area.

"All we could think of was,



Submitted Photo

Just for Kids, Inc. co-founder Lisa Zimmer (left), Alex Nunn, 3, and her mother, Brandi, pose after Zimmer donated \$1,000 to a fund set up for Alex, who is battling cancer.

"Oh, that's great," Alan said, but the doctors later told the family that was a false alarm.

The family's rough road became a little smoother after the results of a Feb. 4 colonoscopy came back negative and a biopsy of Alex's tumor came back benign, Alan said. Alex now has eight more weeks of chemotherapy and a few other tests she must take before things become somewhat normal for the 3-year-old.

"That's the best news we've had in a while," Alan said. "We'll have a few trips to make for tests to see if (the tumors) come back, but we'll just pray they don't."

Community support

Alan has served as the supervisor of King's Mill Cooperative's maintenance department for the last five years.

During that time, he has developed a rapport with the residents of the community.

"We're all friends," Alan said. "Mostly everybody who lives there, except maybe a few people, knows who I am."

That camaraderie led one King's Mill resident to enlist the aid of his neighbors in helping

defer some of the costs of hospital visits and chemotherapy for the Nunn family.

Don Sherman took it upon himself to go door-to-door in the 455-home community seeking donations for the little girl. Everyone stepped up, Sherman said, and the community, with no outside resources, managed to conjure up \$9,000 for Alex. That money has been placed into a savings account at Northville's Community Federal Credit Union and is only available to Alan and his family.

"The outpouring of donations was nothing short of astounding," Sherman said.

Alan said he received a call from Sherman asking his permission to start the fundraiser and thought it was a great idea.

"It was a big relief for our situation," Alan said.

That wasn't the last of the support the Nunn family would receive, though.

Through a friend, Northville resident Lisa Zimmer, who has co-founded a non-profit group called Just for Kids, Inc., heard about Alex's ailment, contacted Zimmer and pledged a donation of \$1,000. Zimmer also offered

up toys and gift certificates to Alex and her two siblings, 9-year-old Tristyn and 6-year-old Trent, as she stopped by the King's Mill clubhouse Jan. 25 to meet with the Nunn family and a host of King's Mill residents.

"Our focus is to bring a little joy to these kids," said Zimmer, a retired nurse who now works closely with social workers at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. "We surprise the kids with gift baskets delivered to their hospital room or gift boxes mailed to their home. These packages say to them, 'Somebody cares about you and somebody thinks you're special.'"

Just for Kids has helped more than 700 children and their families, as about 20 social workers at Mott aid Zimmer in fulfilling the wishes of the ill children. The group receives its funds through donations brought in by an annual charity dinner and auction and 100 percent of the donations go directly to aid the children.

"In times like these," Sherman said, "thank goodness for people like Mrs. Zimmer and Just for Kids."

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WEDDINGS



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Flynn

Lindsay Ann Petrie and Andrew John Vance Flynn were married Nov. 10, 2007, at the Rattlesnake Club in Detroit, with the reception immediately following. Dr. Michael Meyer officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Lonna Petrie of Northville. She is a 1995 graduate of Northville High School, 1999 graduate of Michigan State University, and received a Master of Curriculum Teaching degree from MSU, along with a Master of Learning Disabilities degree from Madonna University. She is currently employed as a teacher at Thurston High School in Redford.

The groom is the son of Warren and Pauline Flynn of Port Huron. He is a 1997 graduate of Port Huron High School and received a bachelor's degree in biology from Wayne State University. He is currently employed as a laboratory technologist for the American Red Cross at the Detroit National Testing Laboratory.

The best man was Eric Flynn, twin brother of the groom. The attendants were Evan and Jason Petrie, brothers of the bride and Warren C. Flynn, brother of the groom.

The bride wore a Lazaro ivory hand-headed and embroidered tulle over silk satin organza strapless empire waist sheath gown with a chapel train and a finger-tip veil. She carried a hand-tied bouquet arranged with deep red celosia, roses and ivory winter berries.

The couple honeymooned in Tulum, Mexico, and reside in Lafayette Park, Detroit.

OBITUARY

GREG N. EWBANK

Age 51, of Milford, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2008. He was born on November 2, 1956 in Columbus, Ohio to Norman and DeEtte (Krueger) Ewbank. Greg was a 1974 graduate of Trenton High School. He worked in the Maintenance Department of the Northville Public Schools for many years. He was united in marriage to Lauren J. Savage on April 1, 1988, they would have celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary this April. He is survived by his beloved wife Laurie; his loving parents Norman and DeEtte Ewbank; his daughter April (Nate) Sassin; his step-children Rachelle (Tom) Keller and Jeffrey (Ramona) Kidd; his granddaughter Haley Sassin; his sister Tamara Howes; his brother Sean (Krista) Ewbank; and his niece Abby Ewbank. A Memorial Service was held Sunday February 10 at Salem Bible Church. Pastor Sean Ewbank officiated the service. Greg will be laid to rest in the memorial garden at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Contributions appreciated to the St. John Foundation (Hospice), 1471 Twelve Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071 or Immanuel Lutheran Church, 17125 Fordline Street, Riverview, MI 48193.

OBITUARY POLICY

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.

*Deadline for obituaries is Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for publication in Thursday's newspaper.

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

*Holiday deadlines are subject to change

ENGAGEMENTS



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen King

Becky Thomas and Stephen King were married Dec. 29, 2007, at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Midland, Mich.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Debbi Thomas of Rose City, Mich. She graduated from Ogemaw Heights High School in 1995, Western Michigan University in 1999 and Michigan State University in 2005. She is currently employed as a teacher at Midland High School.

The groom is the son of Mark and Ellen King of Northville. He graduated from Northville High School in 1998, the University of Michigan in 2002 and Michigan State University in 2007. He is currently employed as the director of the Downtown Development Authority for the city of Ithaca, Mich.

A reception was held at the Valley Plaza Resort in Midland. Bridesmaids were Amy Rankin of Midland, Theresa King of Williamston, Kara McCrimmon of Lubec, Maine, and Jessica Gardner of Cadillac.

Groomsmen were Brian Mount of Seattle, Stephen Traicoff of Ann Arbor, Andrew Uzzle of Lansing, and Neil Rankin of Midland. Ushers were Ryan Albright of Houston and Kurtis Pozsgay of Chicago.

The couple honeymooned in Montreal and reside in Midland.



Sarkisian-Morgan Bell

Dr. Edward and Anna Sarkisian of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara, to Morgan Bell of St. Charles, Ill.

Sara graduated from Northville High School in 2001. She received her bachelor's degree in the history of art and Armenian studies from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 2005 and is currently completing her master of architecture degree at UM.

Bell, son of Reagan and Linda Bell of St. Charles, Ill., is a graduate of St. Charles High School and received his bachelor's of education degree from Aurora University in 2000. He is currently completing his master of education in reading at St. Francis University and is a fifth grade teacher in Plainfield, Ill.

Sarkisian and Bell met while staff members at the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan family camp, Michiganiana, near Boyne City.

A July 2008 wedding is planned at St. John Armenian Church in Southfield. They will reside in the Chicago area.



Southwick-Malkowski

Darlene and Keith Southwick of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Lyn, to Bret Philip Malkowski, son of Roberta and Craig Malkowski of Northville.

of Northville.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School and received a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2007. She is currently employed as the director of planning for Straitgate Financial.

The groom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School and a 2007 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in communications. He is currently employed as traffic coordinator for Doner Advertising.

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12:30 2:45 5:00 7:35 9:45
FRISAT LS 11:50

• **DEFINITELY, MAYBE** (PG-13)
11:00 1:40 4:20 7:00 9:40

• **WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS** (PG-13)
11:20 1:55 4:40 7:15 9:50

• **THERE WILL BE BLOOD** (R)
12:00 3:15 6:30 9:45

• **THE EYE** (PG-13)
7:05 9:20

• **FRISAT LS 11:35**
27 DRESSES (PG-13)
11:45 2:10 4:35 7:00 9:25

• **FRISAT LS 11:50**
THE BUCKET LIST (PG-13)
4:55 7:10

• **JUNK** (PG-13)
12:25 2:40 9:30

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ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG)
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Northville Public Schools is soliciting sealed bids for the following:

- Purchase of Carpet at 501 West Main Street. Bids should be returned to the Business Office at 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, no later than Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Bid opening will be held at 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 10:05 a.m.

Bids should be in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Carpet Replacement Bid". Bid packets and Mandatory Pre-Bid Schedule are available for pick-up at 501 West Main Street, between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. A mandatory pre-bid walk-thru will be held Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd floor of 501 West Main Street, MI 48167. Please contact Chris Gears at (248) 344-8445 if you have any questions.

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- School Gymnasium Bleachers** - Sealed bids should be submitted to Administrative Services Office, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167 no later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2008. Requests for Proposal are available for pick up in Administrative Services Department at 501 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Please contact Administrative Services at 248-344-8441 if you have any questions.
- Contracted Cleaning Services** - Sealed bids should be submitted to Administrative Services Office, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167 no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2008. Requests for Proposal are available for pick up in Administrative Services Department at 501 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Please contact Administrative Services at 248-344-8441 if you have any questions.

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2008 BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Northville Township 2008 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2008 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. Beginning Monday, February 25th, 2008 you may call (248) 348-5810 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by March 17, 2008. Postmarks are not accepted.

Monday	March 04, 2008	4:00 pm	Organizational Meeting
Appointment Dates:			
Thursday	March 06, 2008	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments
		6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Appointments
Saturday	March 08, 2008	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Appointments
Monday	March 10, 2008	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Appointments
		1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments
Tuesday	March 11, 2008	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments
		6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Appointments
Thursday	March 13, 2008	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments
		6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Appointments
Saturday	March 15, 2008	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Appointments
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Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2008, the Wayne County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2008 Real and Personal Property Assessments: Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00. All Personal Property 1.00.

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Wayne County Training School lecture Feb. 27

The Northville Township Historic District Commission will present a repeat of a lecture given in October 2007 on the former Wayne County Training School.

The lecture, titled "A History of the Wayne County Training School," will be presented at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road at Sheldon Road. The facility was built in 1924 to house and educate feeble-minded children and closed in 1974. Five former students of the school are expected to attend the lecture.

RSVP by Feb. 20 to Joyce Carter at jcarter@twp.northville.mi.us or (248) 662-0494.

Fish Hatchery Park Workshop Feb. 23 at Senior Center

Members of the Northville community are invited to a special planning workshop for Fish Hatchery Park from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St.

The historic park, which actually used to be a fish hatchery in Northville's early days, is located at 799 Fairbrook St. between Sheldon and Beck Roads.

Fish Hatchery Park includes a baseball diamond, tennis courts and a gazebo that can be rented by residents or nonresidents. The baseball diamond is also used as a soccer field in the fall.

Goals of the workshop are to review the existing park's use and conditions, consider ways to provide universal access for all residents, develop methods to preserve and promote the history of the park and to improve awareness and the use of Johnson Creek.

Residents are encouraged to bring their ideas and creativity to discuss the future use of the park. Light refreshments will be served.

Contact Traci Sincoc at (248) 449-9941.

Being a big-time loser is a good thing

Northville woman drops 65 lbs. in less than 11 months

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Northville resident Nickey Durley is a big-time loser, but in a good way.

Durley, who has lived in Northville with her dog, Sheila, for about four years, recently dropped 65 pounds and six dress sizes in about 10-and-a-half months working out at the Curves for Women fitness facility in Northville Township, where she's now a part-time instructor.

"I am kind of proud of myself," she said. "It took a lot of hard work and dedication."

Durley started going to the Curves location at the Highland Lakes Shopping Center on Seven Mile Road in March 2007.

"I decided I would join a gym and start living a more healthy and fit life," she said.

She started a weight loss program on her own at the same time.

"I first learned about the food that I was putting in my body and the effects that it had," she said. "For example, I learned that there are no health benefits to eating white rice. Once it's metabolized, it turns into sugar. Brown rice is better."

No more sugary fruit drinks or pop for her, either.

"I learned that when you drink pop, the carbonation can possibly cause kidney stones," she said.

Now she drinks mostly water, except for an occasional all-juice beverage or herbal tea. She drinks both tap water and bottled water. "But, I prefer to drink tap water because it has fluoride, which is good for your teeth," Durley said.

She's currently taking health care administration classes at Phoenix University in Livonia.

"I want to get my associate's degree and work in that field," Durley said. "I'd love to teach kids, so that they can learn early on the benefits of being healthy."

Curves hours

Curves for Women at Highland Lakes Shopping Center on Seven Mile Road in Northville Township is open six days a week—from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Friday, closed from 1-3 p.m. and then open again from 3-7 p.m. The facility is open from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday and closed on Sunday. For more information, call (248) 344-4466.

Durley said she likes the way she feels after shedding those extra pounds.

"I feel good as far as my energy level," she said. "I haven't been sick in a long time, maybe because exercise and healthy eating habits help to build your immune system."

Enjoys Curves facility

Durley said she really enjoys the time she spends at the Curves facility, which is close to home.

"I like that it's for women only and that all of their machines offer hydraulic resistance, which means you don't have to add weights," she said. "You get a total body workout from head to toe, including strength training and cardio."

She also likes that Curves always has a circuit coach on duty and that members are encouraged to get weighed and measured monthly. "That lets you know where you are and where you want to be," she said.

"Curves also has music playing all the time, so you don't have to bring your own," she said.

Durley said she set monthly goals and believes it's important to set realistic goals.

"You have to remember that you will probably lose more the first month because you're doing something different with your body,"

Wendy MacLennon of Northville Township, who also works out at the Curves location at Highland Lakes Shopping Center, said Durley provides a lot of inspiration to the other



Left photo by PAM FLEMING/Northville Record, right photo submitted

Nickey Durley (before, right; after, left) of Northville lost 65 pounds in 10-and-a-half months with a combination of dieting and working out at the Curves for Women facility at the Highland Lakes Shopping Center in Northville Township. She hopes to teach young people about the importance of a healthy lifestyle in the future.

women at the facility.

"She's always smiling and cheerful," MacLennon said. "And she looks great. Everybody knows her at Curves."

Durley said the owners approached her about becoming an instructor after she had so much success with the program.

"They asked me if I would like to help out," she said. Fortunately, her work and class schedules have allowed her to work there part-time.

Durley hasn't purchased a new

wardrobe yet, but she's working on that.

"I'm so excited about buying some new clothes," she said.

She suggests not focusing on just the cost of joining a fitness facility, because, "In the long run, it's more expensive to be unhealthy than healthy," she said.

And she encourages area women to come try Curves for Women on for size.

As Durley says, "You've got nothing to lose but pounds and inches."

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'Almost, Maine' offers romance, comedy in series of vignettes

Performances through March 8

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

A perfect play for the month with Valentine's Day, the Tipping Point Theatre's current production of "Almost, Maine," provides a charming look at the joys and sorrows involved in matters of the heart.

The fast-moving performance, which features a series of eight two-person vignettes about romance in a place called, "Almost, Maine," takes a look at some of the pitfalls of being in a relationship — or wishing that you were in one.

The romantic comedy by John Ciarani is about the residents of this small northern town, who seem to fall in and out of love at an alarming rate. Love is discovered; hearts are broken and mended...almost...in this midwinter's night's dream.

The actors have to work closely together in the different scenarios, so it's important that they all get along. The play explores some issues inherent in relationships, such as the difficulty men may

have in understanding women at times to letting someone with a crush on you down easy.

It helps that two of the actors, Jeffery and Jennifer Lee-Steger, are married in real life. The two have their own love story, as they met the first day of class as theater students at the University of Michigan and are now husband and wife. This was the first time either of them have appeared onstage at the Tipping Point, although Jennifer currently serves as the theatre's director of marketing and development.

Other actors in "Almost, Maine" include Joseph Albright of Redford and Courtney Myers of Ann Arbor, who are also appearing at the Tipping Point for the first time.

The performance was directed by Christina Johnson, founder and executive director of the theater.

The actors present some interesting and unusual topics for romantic conversation, such as a vignette in which a girl comes to her boyfriend asking for her love back, a couple fighting on their anniversary, and a case involving an adult woman who has never been kissed.

The range of emotions move from flirtation to reconciliation, with humor and cleverness

throughout each story.

Some of the characters are kind of pathetic, but your heart goes out to them just the same. In the end, members of the audience learn that all people deserve to find love, no matter what.

One of the highlights of the performance is the between-vignette pantomime of the two members of the "running crew" — Mitchell A. Koory and Rakia Seaborn.

Koory is working with the theatre as part of his apprenticeship in theatre administration and management. He earned a bachelor's degree in English and history from Hillsdale College, where he starred in 14 productions.

Seaborn graduated last year from Oberlin College with a degree in dance and a concentration in choreography. This is her second show with the Tipping Point Theater.

Performances of "Almost, Maine" run through March 8. A matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. on Feb. 22. Tickets range from \$18-35. For more information, call (248) 347-0003.

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Race for Oakland County commissioner heats up

■ Former Novi Mayor Lou Csordas states candidacy

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

It's been two years, and former mayor Lou Csordas is already itching to get back into politics.

"Once you're in it and can positively contribute to the community ... Man, that's a rush," Csordas said. "It's in your blood."

A Novi resident for 30 years, Csordas, 60, announced his candidacy in the 2008 election for Oakland County Commissioner, representing the Republican Party.

Current Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford (R-Nowi), whose fourth term expires in 2008, will be running for state representative once Craig DeRoche's (R-Nowi) term expires.

"He's a good friend of mine, and he's doing a good job," said Csordas of Crawford. "I was always interested in the county level. It's very important to have open and good communication between the county and Novi."

If elected, Csordas would represent the 9th District, which includes most of Novi and the Oakland County-portion of Northville.

"I really look forward to serving on the Oakland County Commission, and the next thing is, I'm still serving the same community."

Politics

Csordas received his first taste of Novi politics when former police chief Doug Shaeffer convinced him to run for the planning commission. Csordas served one term before making the move to city council, and after one term on council he was elected mayor.

Even though he enjoyed being mayor, Csordas didn't want to overstay his welcome.

"My personal philosophy is politicians stick around too long," he said. "Do what you think is right



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Former Novi Mayor Lou Csordas talks about his plans for running for Oakland County Commissioner.

and don't worry about getting re-elected."

The same philosophy holds true when preparing for politics at the county level.

"Politics is very easy for me — you just make a decision," he said. "The nine years of experience with the city will prepare me for going into a commissioner-level position. I really see it as an extension of going from local government to county government."

With Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello also representing the Republican Party in the race for Oakland County commissioner, a primary election is slated for Aug. 5.

"There's no question that people who are incumbents have more exposure, but I've only been away from Novi for two years," Csordas said. "I think it will be more low key than running for city council and definitely more low key than running for mayor. I'm leaning more toward more intimate settings."

No matter the campaign style, Csordas is determined to have fun and maintain the integrity of the

kind of politician he would like to see.

An asset to the county

As vice president of corporate communications at US Health and Life Insurance Company, Csordas believes his professional experience would be an asset to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

"I happen to be very fiscally conservative," he said. "My budget experience, I think, is pretty valuable."

As Oakland County commissioner, Csordas anticipates dealing with budget issues, setting policy for county employees, setting millage rates and being the communication liaison between the county and the 9th District.

Csordas works with cities such as Warren, Birmingham and Sterling Heights in focusing on employee health care costs and benefits.

"I think I'd be an asset for the county for that reason," he said. "It's a big expense, and that's taxpayer's money."

"I'm a private sector guy trying to give back to the community."

■ Novi's Councilman Capello to run

Nearing his eighth year on Novi's city council, Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello is ready for a change.

Although his current term doesn't expire until 2009, Capello plans to run for Oakland County Commissioner, representing the Republican Party, in the 2008 election.

Current Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford (R-Nowi), whose fourth term expires in 2008, will be running for state representative once Craig DeRoche's (R-Nowi) term expires.

"When Hugh made the decision to run for State Rep., I made the decision to run for county commissioner," Capello said. "I wasn't going to run against him."

Race for commissioner

As Capello, 55, prepares for the Oakland County Commissioner race, he remains steadfast in his effort to run a clean campaign that will not negatively affect his wife, Jodi, and their three children.

"I don't think, in this campaign, it's going to get nasty and mean and as personal as the first council race I was in," he said, noting the biggest difference he foresees is the politics.

"Kim knows what he's doing," Crawford said. "The major difference (between city and county government) is it's a partisan position. Most of the stuff is not a partisan issue, but it does come into play."

If elected, Capello would represent the 9th District, which includes most of Novi and the Oakland County-portion of Northville.

"Right now, Novi is still the golden child of development," Capello said. "I'm looking forward to creating better communication between Novi and Oakland County — to bring some more of the county tax dollars to developments and improvements in Novi."

"A major concern in Novi is our roads and getting dollars to repair them."

Crawford's journey to Lansing

As Crawford's seventh year as Oakland County Commissioner comes to a close, he looks forward to the journey to Lansing.

"I think that moving into a different venue is something interesting," he said. "Needless to say, there's a lot of things that can be done at the state level."

"We need to get out of this economic situation we're in. Right now we have to make some tough cuts and some tough decisions and I don't see anyone in Lansing doing that."

Crawford believes more cuts should be made before anyone talks about raising taxes.

Even though the position of state representative is considered a part-time job, Crawford plans to be involved fulltime.

"It's a more time-consuming job," he said. "If you do the job the way you're supposed to do it, it's a full-time job."

If elected, Crawford would represent the 38th District, which includes Novi, the Oakland County-portion of Northville, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Wixom and Walled Lake.

The end is near

Capello first moved to Novi from Beverly Hills in 1992.

"When I moved to Novi, I knew I wanted to get involved," he said.

After a combined 15 years of serving on planning commission and city council, and experiencing Novi's extreme growth spurt firsthand, Capello feels it's time for something new.

"Seven and a half years on planning commission and eight years on



Kim Capello

council is enough," he said. "The timing is here, I wouldn't have run for council again."

"We're getting about to the end of where I can contribute. There's a lot that I'm proud that I was involved with."

Capello believes with the city running so smoothly, there aren't a lot of crazy issues that need fixing and would require him to stay.

"Hopefully, (the Novi city manager) will still answer my e-mails," he said jokingly. "The thing I'm going to miss the most is working with special developments to come up with unique plans of multi-use developments."

In any case of a seat opening up on Novi's city council before the term expires, councilmembers would interview and appoint, by a majority vote, a candidate to complete the remainder of the term.

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Perry Sinacola expands popular Perriez Milford House restaurant

By Aileen Wingblad
STAFF WRITER

It's a whole new scene for a key spot in downtown Milford.

Thanks to the vision, determination and major investment of restaurateur Perry Sinacola, the northeast corner of Main and Commerce streets has changed in a major way.

Downtown Milford welcomed the long-awaited expansion of Perriez Milford House Bar and Grill on Jan. 21, adding about 2,000 square feet and seating for 65 more to the popular eatery, as well as a park-like atmosphere outdoors.

"We felt we were a bit small for the strong customer base we've had since we first opened in 2004," Sinacola said. "It was time to expand, and we had the opportunity."

The adjoining building, which previously housed a cellular phone store, was purchased by Sinacola last year for his expansion plan. By taking over the corner parcel, the restaurant is more visible now, he said.

Sinacola also created a small fenced-in park area along the street, including benches, which will be open to the public during business hours.

Indoors, patrons can relax in a friendly, comfortable setting, with a large fieldstone fireplace as a focal point.

"We decided if we were going to do it, we would do it right — we wanted to make a statement," Perriez said. "I really like the change the Flat Iron building made to the village and wanted to follow through like that, too."

Perriez Milford House is open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-midnight, Friday and Saturday, and noon-9 p.m. Sunday

The addition incorporates an expanse of windows that bow outward toward Main Street. During the summer months, sliding doors will be retracted for open-air seating inside the restaurant. Jets of air will provide a "curtain" to keep insects out, and there will also be outdoor seating for up to 35, beneath the curved awning.

Sinacola also hopes to have musicians play on the outdoor patio in the summer, he said.

Two weeks after the expansion opened, Sinacola said he's quite pleased with the new look — and that plenty of others are saying the same.

"The staff is excited, the customers are excited and I'm excited," he said. "You can't beat that."

Along with the expanded restaurant, Perriez Milford House has a few new additions to its menu. Sinacola said he's adding a few pasta dishes and will have more steak and seafood specials.

"We have a wide variety to choose from, and we take care of our customers in a really nice setting," he said. "I'd like to continue that."

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Photos by HAL GOULD/Milford Times

ABOVE: Perry Sinacola said he's ecstatic with the new expansion of his restaurant, Perriez Milford House Bar and Grill.

BELOW: Perriez Milford House Bar and Grill has expanded into the corner parcel on Main and Commerce streets in downtown Milford.



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Annexation bills the answer?

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township) and several of his colleagues recently re-introduced a package of bills regarding the annexation of townships.

According to staff from the Michigan Municipal League, the Senate Natural Resources Committee (and possibly the entire Senate) will be taking up SBs 1078-83, which would make annexation much more difficult for cities and villages.

The package of bills, which is actually the same legislation that passed in 2001 and 2003, but died at the end of both sessions, only addresses annexations in areas with less than 100 citizens.

Patterson brought the legislation back to the table because there has been talk that Northville Township leaders — and residents — fear that REIS, owners of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile Road, may try to get the 414-acre parcel annexed by the city of Livonia.

The Michigan Municipal League believes that a) this is really a one-township issue, and b) if approved, this legislation would hamper the efforts of other townships across the state when they want to be annexed by neighboring communities.

We fully support Northville Township's stance to make sure REIS follows the ordinances — but we're not convinced approving new legislation that may thwart the goals of other Michigan municipalities is the answer.

State Rep. Marc Corniveau (D-Northville) would like the opportunity to meet with representatives from Northville Township and REIS, serving as a mediator to try to bring a resolution to the current dilemma between the two parties.

One of the stumbling blocks seems to be the density or number of dwelling units per parcel that the township and the developer want for the property. Even though the two parties are currently embroiled in a lawsuit over the plan the Northville Township Board of Trustees approved about a year ago, a compromise can be reached.

Although enacting new legislation regarding legislation would definitely help Northville Township's cause, is it right to impose such legislation on townships that may want their land to be annexed?

And, the city of Livonia needs to back the township and to tell REIS. "Don't use us to solve your problem."

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by JOHN HEIDER, Northville Record

No school, but hard work

Ian Rowan, 11, shovels out the driveway of his Randolph Street home Feb. 1. Area residents awoke that day to about five inches of snow and no classes for Northville School District students.

Is Barack Obama the change America needs?

Listening to Senator Barack Obama (D-Illinois) after his decisive primary victory in South Carolina, I closed my eyes and could imagine the voices of President John F. Kennedy, Sen. Robert Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. morphed into one.

Passion, hope and optimism; speaking from the heart with integrity; calling on Americans to reach deep into their souls and understand that our better days lie ahead and that, by coming together, we can triumph is the message I hear from Sen. Obama. He has inspired me and a new generation.

When Sen. John F. Kennedy was running for President in 1960, major issues of the day were how to get the economy moving again and how to compete with the Russians, whose space and missile programs had begun to surpass America's. We have similar challenges

today. Obama does not quiver but creates a sense among all Americans that we can and will prevail on the challenges ahead.

Kennedy inspired and challenged when he said, "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

Obama does not tell us that ending the war in Iraq or fixing Social Security, our schools, our economy or Medicare is going to be easy. He tells us the truth that it will be hard and will require a shared sacrifice for the common good. He is willing to speak the truth to the American people in a way that we have not heard for some time.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. held a mirror up for all the world to see how ugly racial discrimination is in America. King adhered to the philosophy of nonviolent civil disobedience and successfully used India's

Mahatma Gandhi nonviolent strategies to help force change in this country. While what we saw on our black-and-white televisions was ugly, King offered "hope" as he spelled out prescriptions for change — as does Obama.

Robert Kennedy to me, as a child growing up in the shadows of our nation's capitol in the mid-60s, was the conscience of our country. I saw the blatant racism from my home in suburban Maryland and from my grandmother's porch only blocks from the White House in southeast Washington, D.C. Robert Kennedy spoke out against the poverty and racism that I witnessed with my young eyes. I knew what I saw was wrong but Robert Kennedy gave my vision a voice. His contribution to the Civil Rights Movement has to be considered his greatest legacy. I feel the same passion and call for justice in Obama.

I have spent a good part of my

life in public service based on the lives and calling of the King and the two Kennedys. I hold the Kennedy Mass cards distributed after their untimely death and a copy of the "Letters From the Birmingham Jail" by King as reminders of the passion and call to give back and to make a difference in our world.

Obama, with his message of hope and change, is conjuring up the emotions I felt in the idealism of my youth that have been dormant for many years. To put it simply, Obama inspires with the combination of the two Kennedys and King — that is inspiration!

President Kennedy's daughter, Caroline Kennedy, captured it best in her recent endorsement of Obama when she said, "Sometimes it takes a while to recognize that someone has a special ability to get us to believe in ourselves, to tie that belief to our highest ideals and imagine that together



About Tom Watkins

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we can do great things. In those rare moments, when such a person comes along, we need to put aside our plans and reach for what we know is possible. We have that kind of opportunity with Senator Obama."

It is difficult to conjure up the values, integrity, leadership optimism and the call for change embodied in the likes of the Kennedy brothers and King, but as I listened to Obama, he does just that.

We need hope, optimism, real-

ism and change in this country. Time will tell if the message of Obama resonates with enough Americans to make him the Democratic nominee and eventually the next president of this great land. Yet, it is clear that his message is one that more and more people are willing to bet is the ticket to a better future for us all.

Senator Barack Obama is offering leadership and change with progress. That is inspirational.

You can't put a price tag on justice

What price justice?

That's a reasonable question, especially in light of the way we pick the judges who sit on the Michigan Supreme Court.

You wouldn't think campaign contributions should have anything to do with judges, but they do. State Supreme Court judges are nominated for office at partisan political conventions.

But in the November election they appear on the nonpartisan ballot, mysteriously shorn of their political party. Those who are already on the court get "incumbent" on the ballot along with their name, which almost always means certain re-election.

Non-incumbents slog forth on their own, with successful ones usually glorying in Irish names like Kelly or Cavanagh.

They are supposed to be above the battles. But like candidates for any other statewide office,

Supreme Court nominees have to raise money to pay for their campaigns, often quite a lot of money.

For example, Michigan Justice Robert Young told *George* magazine in July 2000, "My advisors tell me I'll have to raise \$1 million or more to run a Supreme Court race." This raises all kinds of conflict of interest problems, both apparent and real.

A couple of weeks ago, the New York Times ran a piece about a study conducted by Tulane law professor Vernon Palmer. He found that campaign contributions indeed seem to influence Louisiana Supreme Court justices' votes on cases before the court.

Louisiana picks its Supreme Court by a method much the same as Michigan's. Professor Palmer found that Louisiana justices vote in favor of their contributors 65 percent of the time, on average.

Even worse, it turns out that "The greater the size of the contribution, the greater the odds of favorable outcome."

We may want to inquire whether we've got the same problem in Michigan, because there is potential danger to democracy here.

As "Campaign Finance Talk," the newsletter of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, notes: "The winners of Michigan Supreme Court elections raise hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions and, more likely than not, somewhere among the litigants or counsel in the next case the Court hears there will be at least one contributor to at least one justice."

Indeed, the National Institute on Money in State Politics found that throughout the 1990s, 86 percent of the cases heard by the Michigan Supreme Court involved at least one campaign contributor to at least one of the justices. Some contributions were clearly large enough to create the appearance of a conflict of interest.

For example, since 2000, something like \$23 million has been spent on Supreme Court elections. Of that, around \$10 million was spent for "issue" ads that just somehow appeared to support one candidate or another. According to the Campaign Finance Network, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce spent \$6 million for ads benefiting the five Republican incumbents who now sit on the Court.

The Chamber isn't alone, however; groups aligned with the Democrats also have been deeply involved in the practice, if not quite as successfully. (Republicans now have a 5-2 majority on the court.)

Richard Studley, executive vice president of the Michigan Chamber, points out that there's nothing either illegal or inappropriate about business — or any other interest group — contributing to judicial elections. "You can



About Phil Power

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win in the Legislature or with the executive, but you can lose in a court decision," Studley says.

"So it's in our legitimate interest to make our point of view known here, just so long as it's legal and everybody plays by the same rules."

That sounds right. But it doesn't immunize our Supreme Court from the suspicion that campaign cash up front often yields favorable decisions downstream. And that's bad. Very bad.

To some extent, it's easily curable by justices declining to participate ("recuse themselves") in cases in which the parties or their lawyers have made substantial campaign contributions. But Rich Robinson, head of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, says it is "quite rare" for Michigan justices to do so.

The American Bar Association recently published a new code of judicial conduct, inviting states to consider what contribution amount should trigger a judge's decision to remove themselves from cases.

So far, Michigan has not followed through. Earlier this year, Sen. Deborah Cherry (D-Burton) introduced Senate Bill 128, which calls for public financing of campaigns for the Michigan Supreme Court. Candidates would be required to raise \$50,000 to show that they are serious and have a real base of support, but the money could only come in amounts less than \$500.

Once they qualify, candidates would receive in public funds the average amount raised by candidates in the two previous election

cycles. This bill may or may not get anywhere, probably not.

In the meantime, both sitting justices and this year's candidates should make an effort to come clean. (Only one seat is on the ballot this time, that of Chief Justice Cliff Taylor, a Republican who's been on the court for a decade. He's trying for a new eight-year term.)

The justices should set hard and fast rules about when they — and all other Michigan judges — should withdraw from cases that involve campaign contributions above a certain amount.

Our Supreme Court is responsible for the fair and impartial rule of law in Michigan and the administration of all the courts. That means they should promptly squash any hint that justice is for sale.



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LETTERS

Hunter fires back

When I saw the photo "First Deer," I thought - pretty cool. I know people who have hunted for decades and never harvested a deer. I read the letter from Jeanette V. Kovak attacking this accomplishment of a 12-year-old lad with disbelief. It "turned my stomach" to think anyone would be so eager to berate an activity by a young man that is 100-percent legal and is something that has been part of human history since the beginning of time. If you don't like hunting - don't hunt. If you don't like tennis - don't play tennis. Get the idea?

The young man passed a required hunter safety course, purchased a license to hunt deer, and had the patience and marksmanship to harvest a deer. Legally taking a deer is not about killing, but about the challenge of hunting. Unless Ms. Novak has never had a drop of so much as chicken broth pass by her lips, then she should keep her self righteous opinions to herself. Does she think the patties in her Big Mac came from the meat patty fairy? She just prefers to have someone else do her killing for her as she chows down on her Chicken McNuggets.

There are thousands of injuries and even deaths from car deer accidents each year, and the Department of Natural Resources

issues licenses by the size of the herd in an area based on the ability of that area to sustain and maintain a healthy herd, and reduce dangerous overpopulation. This is their job. Hunters follow these game regulations and help to manage these animals.

I can't speak for the young man who successfully hunted and harvested that deer, but if I could, I would say to Ms. Novak - "I love deer more than you do. They are DELICIOUS."

Steve Lawrence
Northville

Fire-fighters' thanks

On behalf of the Northville Township Professional Fire Fighters Local 3961, I would like to thank all those who helped to make our 6th Annual Fireman's Ball a success. Your hard work, contributions, and attendance were greatly appreciated.

The Northville Township Fire Fighters will continue to strive to make the Northville Community one of the safest places to reside and work in.

Brian A. Siriani, President
Northville Township Fire Fighters Local-3961Venetian
Carnivale Thanks

Grazie! To all of those who attended the exciting and successful Venetian Carnivale this past Saturday. This special fundraiser for the Northville Art House was only possible with the generous support of these many local businesses and individuals: Andiamo Livonia, Angela Carson Photography, Brookside Travel, Charles Step Funeral Home, Chase Bar & Grill, CV Media, Diamond Boutique, Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, Fine Threads Men's Apparel, Gardenviews, Genitti's Dinner Theatre, GG Resort Boutique, Good Time Party Store, Christa Grix, Heavner Canoe Rental, Henry Ford Museum, Kocian Excavating, Liedel, Grinnan & Liedel, P.C., Jäsen Magic, Dana Mahalik, Main Street Bank, Miss Harriet's Dance Studio, NOMI Restaurant, Orin Jewelers, Parmenter's Cider Mill, Pearaphernalia, Inc., Scottie's Kitchen, Serenity Day Spa, Sherrus Gallery, Simply Wine, Solid Grounds Coffee Shop. Starring the Gallery, Steve Fecht Photography, Tipping Point Theatre, Tom James Gallery of Fine Art, Van Dam's Boutique, Victorian Costumes by Renee, Iwona Wesolowski, Katherine Wickersham, William D. Ford

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We especially thank Dr. William Demray for being the most gracious and engaging host.

The Northville Art House

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LEGISLATIVE
UPDATE

Imagine working your whole life to build a comfortable retirement for yourself, only to have everything snatched away by the very person who is supposed to be looking out for your best interests.

This is the reality that thousands of Michigan seniors face every year after they've been financially exploited by their caregivers. Elder abuse is a serious problem plaguing our seniors. It ranges from abandonment and neglect to emotional and physical abuse to financial exploitation.

On Monday, I unveiled the Elder Financial Protection Act, which will strengthen protections for Michigan seniors and help stop elder abuse.

One part of the plan requires employees of banks, credit unions, savings and loans and savings banks to report suspected elder abuse. Financial institutions are an excellent line of defense for our seniors. The relationships that tellers develop with their regular customers position them to notice irregular financial activity. If an elderly customer suddenly changes his or her spending and saving habits, it could be a sign that someone is trying to steal their savings.

The National Center on Elder Abuse reported the sad tale of an elderly woman who was victim-

ized by her granddaughter: A 93-year-old woman with diabetes had lived in her home for 60 years. Under the guise of offering caregiver assistance in exchange for free housing, her granddaughter moved into the house with her boyfriend - neither one had a job.

The younger woman persuaded her grandmother to add her name to her checking account, telling her that it would make it easier for her to help out with the finances. A bank teller at the older woman's bank began to notice irregular account activity and reported it to Adult Protective Services.

As expected, an investigation showed that the younger woman was financially exploiting her grandmother. But it was worse than that - she also had become physically abusive. One night, when the younger woman had been drinking, she pushed her grandmother down a flight of stairs. The elderly woman was embarrassed about the situation, and did not want to report it.

If it hadn't been for that diligent bank teller, who knows what might have happened to that 93-year-old woman? By sounding the alarm, the teller helped save the woman from further victimization, and possibly even death.

Another part of my plan will require financial institutions to



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provide joint accountholders with a written summary of their rights. Seniors often are encouraged to add another person to their bank accounts, but don't always understand that doing so gives that person the right to withdraw all of their money. There are horror stories about joint accountholders draining all the funds from a senior's account and then disappearing, leaving the senior with nothing to live on. We must ensure that seniors fully understand what it means to add a person to their account, and that they know the risks. This plan will make sure that they do.

Another part of the plan will prohibit those convicted of elder abuse from inheriting from a victim's estate.

Right now in Michigan, a person can torture, abuse, neglect or steal from a senior and still inherit from that person's estate as long as the abuse isn't proven

to be directly responsible for the senior's death. Although an abuser's actions may not outright kill the victim, abuse takes a toll and can hasten a senior's death. It's unacceptable that anyone who abuses an elderly person can turn around and profit off that person's estate. This plan will ensure that no one who abuses a senior can inherit from their estate. The plan also creates an Elder Death Review Team at the county level, which will investigate suspicious deaths to make sure that no one gets away with murder.

Our seniors have worked hard all of their lives. They've been productive members of the workforce, they've contributed to our economy, and they've raised their families. They've earned the right to enjoy their golden years in peace and security. The Elder Financial Protection Act will help ensure that they get to do just that.

Farrell brings their work to life
in lecture series on Tuscan Art

Local art historian Michael Farrell said he's probably been coming to Northville to lecture for 20 years.

Those familiar with Farrell's lectures, and especially those who aren't, should try to attend one of his three remaining lectures in his series on "Tuscan Art" slated

Wednesdays, Feb. 20, March 19 and April 16 at the Art House at 215 W. Cady St.

I had the privilege of attending Farrell's first lecture in the series on Jan. 16, appropriately titled, "Tuscan Art." The other two lectures will be on Da Vinci, Michelangelo and Raphael, respectively.

Fasten your seat belts art lovers, for the man can lecture. Farrell has been a professor of art history and is the founder of the Honors Art History

Program at the University of Windsor for the past 30 years.

He also lectures for Central Michigan University and has served as adjunct curator at the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Historical Museum.

Farrell believes there is a profound difference between "looking" at art and actually "seeing" it.

In his entertaining and inspiring classroom format, this difference becomes apparent.

Not only is Farrell irreverent, he's also funny. A few times I thought I was at a comedy show rather than a lecture on art history. No topic is off limits - and his off-the-cuff comments run the gamut from religion to politics.

What's so interesting is that he provides his audiences with a look at the history and politics of Italy during the period while he is discussing its art.

At his Jan. 16 lecture, Farrell talked about artists of the Florentine school, who created works in Italy in the 1400s.

One of the Renaissance

artists he talked about was Sandro Botticelli, who lived until 1510. In one of his famous paintings, "Adoration of the Magi," there is an alleged self-portrait of Botticelli. Other well-known pieces of Botticelli are Primavera (1478) and The Birth of Venus (1485).

One of the things Farrell shared was that most paintings of this era were commissioned by wealthy and/or influential men. Artists of the 1400s and 1500s needed to have some money on the table before they picked up a paintbrush.

For example, recent scholars suggest that Primavera was painted for Lorenzo di Perfrancesco de Medici at Castello's townhouse in Florence, and The Birth of Venus was commissioned by someone else for a different site.

It was fascinating to have him explain not only how a painting might have been used but also the story it told.

Farrell shares with his audiences the symbolism used in

many paintings of the Florentine artists and seems to understand it almost as well as the painter himself.

He talked at length about the grandeur of the newly-redone Detroit Institute of Arts toward the end of his presentation, marveling at the way the museum's works have been reorganized. Farrell is also available to lead groups through the DIA.

Cost of the Northville Art House lectures are \$10 each, payable at the door. All proceeds from the Art House help support the Northville Arts Commission.

For those who want to take a break from their television viewing schedule some Wednesday evening, I would say coming to Farrell's lectures is well worth one's time.

For more information, call the Art House at (248) 344-0497.

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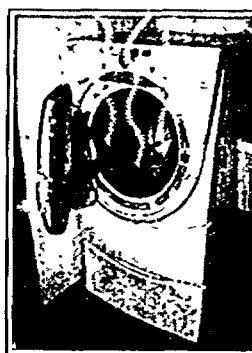
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CALL IN THE MARINE GEMSTONE

If you are particularly fond of the ocean and would like to keep a reminder of its beauty with you at all times, you will certainly want to take a look at aquamarine. This gorgeous blue-green gemstone, the birthstone for March, is a member of the same family (beryl) as emerald. Unlike its green sister stone, however, aquamarine is remarkably clear. This sea blue gemstone is also less brittle and more durable than its green counterpart. Aquamarine stones in larger sizes are real eye-catchers and usually display color intensity that smaller stones may find difficult to match. These water-clear crystals are most often mined in Brazil, Russia, Africa, and the United States. High-quality aquamarine pieces are worthy of heirloom status.

The pride of possessing a rare and beautiful gemstone is as great as ever, however, what was once the privilege of royalty is now available to all who recognize the value of owning a truly precious offering of nature. If you are thinking about purchasing an aquamarine or other fine gemstone,

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Rehabilitation Update

by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

GOING TO GREATER LENGTHS

By some estimates, up to four people in five have one leg that is longer than the other. In most cases, this leg-length discrepancy is not sufficiently pronounced to cause a problem. In others, it can cause the pelvis to tilt, which leads to twisting of the spine and associated problems. Leg-length discrepancy can result from an anatomical or structural shortening due to a fracture or an inherited abnormality. It may also involve a functional difference in which leg lengths may be equal but a condition such as pronation (inward turning of the foot) causes one leg to strike first. With diagnosis and appropriate treatment, either cause may be addressed so that it will cause no further strain and pain.

Left untreated, leg-length discrepancy can lead to a variety of symptoms, such as functional scoliosis, hip, knee and ankle problems. If you would like to learn more about today's topic, or would like information about physical therapy treatments, call NORTHVILLE PHYSICAL REHABILITATION P.C. We are located at 215 East Main, Suite B and can be reached by calling 248.349.9339. New patients are welcome.

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CALENDAR

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Local Events

Sing for Hope

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Wednesday
LOCATION: The Chase Bar and Grill, Northville
DETAILS: MetroAlive.com, Van Dam's Boutique and The Chase Bar and Grill are hosting an evening of karaoke to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support.
CONTACT: For more information, call Steve Williams at (248) 231-7636 or Chris Van Dam at (248) 449-4282

Northville Cooperative Preschool

LOCATION: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
DETAILS: Now enrolling for 2008-09; openings in 2-, 3- and 4-year-old programs; science enrichment classes also available; all are welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 348-1791

Northville Township Fire Station Tour and Safety/Emergency Presentation

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.
Wednesday
LOCATION: Northville Township Fire Station
DETAILS: Hosted by the Northville Newcomers and Neighbors Club. No cost.

AAUW Daytime Book Group

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.
Wednesday
DETAILS: Reading "Thunderstruck" by Erik Larson. This is an interest group of the Northville/Novi Branch of the AAUW. Please contact Carol Popp for location or to join the group at (734) 464-1947 or e-mail northvillenoviaauw@yahoo.com.

Northville/Novi AAUW Great Decisions

TIME/DATE: 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 21
DETAILS: New members welcome. Great Decisions is an Interest Group of the AAUW; discussion will focus on the concept of foreign aid and its transformation with new forms of assistance, new donors and new ways of measuring success. To attend, e-mail Karen Bunting at buntingk@comcast.net.

Northville Democrats Town Hall Speakers Series

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21
LOCATION: Hillside Middle School Forum, southwest corner of Center Street and Eight Mile Road
DETAILS: Speaker is Dr. Marshall Blundy, Pediatrician, who will speak on "Single Payer Health Insurance? ... If Your Grandchildren are Lucky"; no admission charge but donations appreciated.
CONTACT (248) 465-1995 or visit sraig27@comcast.net

Fish Hatchery Park Planning Workshop

TIME/DATE: 9-11 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 23
LOCATION: Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: The goals of the workshop are to review the existing park use and conditions, provide universal access for all residents, preserve and promote the history of the park and improve awareness and use of Johnson Creek. Bring your ideas and creativity. Refreshments will be served.
CONTACT: For more information, contact Traci Sincok at (248) 449-9941 or tsincok@ci.northville.mi.us

Saturday Night at the Races

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23
DETAILS: Northville Newcomers and Neighbors Club is hosting this event, cost is \$25/person, includes a buffet and cash bar; for information and reservations, call Cheri Fant at (734) 667-2984 by Friday.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St.
DETAILS: Call (248) 347-1063 for appointments; walk-ins the day of drive are also welcome.

Caribbean Night

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 26
LOCATION: Brookside Travel, 1045 Novi Road, Northville
DETAILS: Come learn about a Caribbean vacation, discounts and special pricing available for those who attend; seating is limited.
CONTACT: RSVP to (248) 344-4747 or travel@jebrookside.com

CPR Certification Class

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 27
DETAILS: Hosted by the Northville Newcomers and Neighbors Club and presented by the American Red Cross; free to members and their guests; for information or to RSVP, call Ann Thompson at (248) 449-5006.

"The Purple Gang" Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29
LOCATION: Genitti's Hole in the Wall
DETAILS: Fundraiser to erect the General Store at Mill Race Village; the Purple Gang controlled the bootleg liquor business in Detroit during prohibition; interactive murder mystery takes place in a 1931 speakeasy and is based on some of the actual gang members; a Dore production; tickets \$35 per person and are available at Northville Candle and Gifts, Tuscan Cafe and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village.
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

A Painters' Play - Act III

TIME/DATE: Exhibit runs through Friday, Feb. 29
LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art 133 W. Main St., Suite 210, Northville
DETAILS: Third annual Art Exhibit and Sale starring three artists who painted new works live and in real time at the gallery; regular gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday and Monday by appointment

Voices of Maybury Farm Meeting

TIME/DATE: 3:30-5 p.m.
Sunday, March 2
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: All are welcome to attend this regular, open meeting

Citizens for Northville Public Forum

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6
LOCATION: Highland Lakes Clubhouse, 20301 Silver Springs Dr., between Seven and Eight Mile roads

DETAILS: Meeting will discuss the REIS development of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property.
CONTACT: For more information, call Laurie Marrs at (734) 348-5933

Taste of Northville Business Showcase

TIME/DATE: Noon-3 p.m.
Saturday, March 8
DETAILS: This exposition brings together Northville's premier businesses to highlight their products and services at a fun family-themed event; more than 100 interactive exhibits from retail, service and professional businesses will be on display; top draw will be the area restaurants providing samples from their menus. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and over and \$4 for children under 12 and are available at the door. This year's theme is "Think Globally - Celebrate Locally." See the entry below under Northville Chamber of Commerce for information on being an exhibitor.
CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-7640 or www.northville.org

Mother's Club of Northville 2008 Dinner Auction

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 8
LOCATION: The Inn at St. John's, Five Mile Road, just east of Sheldon Road in Plymouth
DETAILS: This annual event is a great way to enjoy a night out and support the school children of Northville; evening includes a strolling buffet, a silent auction, live auction items and music by The Shawn Riley Band; tickets are \$75 per person and are available through any Mother's Club member or call Susan at (248) 596-1629.

Barnes & Noble Book Signing

TIME/DATE: Noon Saturday, March 8
LOCATION: 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville
DETAILS: Meet famed local authors David Anthony and Charles David, authors of the "Knightscares" children's series. They have just released their new series, "Heroes A2Z." Both series are aimed at readers ages 8-12. The series offer fast-paced stories with an educational message.
CONTACT: (248) 348-1274 or visit www.barnesandnobleinc.com.

Linda A. Transou Melanoma March

DATE: Sunday, May 18
LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Northville
DETAILS: The executive Committee invites you to be a sponsor of our 4th Annual Linda A. Transou Melanoma March. All proceeds from this event will be given directly to the Melanoma Research Foundation. Your sponsorship will help ensure its success and help make a difference in our community.
CONTACT: Beverly Behrend (248) 921-4828 or at bev@qualitymetalcraft.com

As the Page Turns

LOCATION: 149 N. Center St., Suite 102, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or visit www.asthepageturns.biz
DETAILS: Bring in gently-used books during February and receive 10 percent off the purchase of a new book; donated books will be donated to area shelters and an area reading program.

Marquis Theatre

135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or northvillamarquistheatre.com
Movies at the Marquis
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DATE: Saturday, "Rear Window," sponsored by Margo's of Northville; Feb. 23, "Sabrina," sponsored by Swearingen Fine Portraits; March 1, "To Catch A Thief," sponsored by Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art; March 8, "Some Like It Hot," sponsored by Loria's; March 15, "Rebel Without a Cause," sponsored by Poole's Tavern; and March 29, "Casablanca," sponsored by Starring: The Gallery.
DETAILS: Tickets are free and available only at the business sponsoring each movie. The sponsoring business will be open until 7:30 p.m. on the evening that their movie plays.

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 Stage 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

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.

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 Dinner Theater: 7 p.m. Today; 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 and March 1; 7 p.m. Friday, March 14.

TIME/DATE: Interactive Lunch Theater: 11:30 a.m. Thursday March 13 and Saturday, April 5
DETAILS: Dinner tickets \$45, lunch tickets \$35; reservations only; we will open any date for 20 or more.

"Toy Chest" Children's Lunch Theater

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$14.95 for children and \$16.95 for adults, not including tax and gratuity; call for reservations.
Tribute to Elvis
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday.
DETAILS: A tribute to Elvis starring Sherman Arnold.
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.

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
Mark Armlinski — A Rogue's Gallery
TIME/DATE: Exhibit continues through Sunday, Feb. 24
DETAILS: Exhibit presents latest works of this native Detroit who, over his 25-year career, has explored a wide range of media and is considered one of the leading rock concert poster artists of the 90s.

Tuscan Art with Michael Farrell

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 20 - DaVinci; March 19 - Michelangelo; April 16 - Raphael
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
DETAILS: This art appreciation lecture series featuring Michael Farrell, professor of art history at the University of Windsor, is both educating and entertaining; tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Family Art Appreciation Nights

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m.
fourth Wednesday of the month, Feb. 27 and March 26
DETAILS: Bring the whole family to these interactive art lectures and discover the three big genres of art: realistic, expressionistic and abstract. Expose yourself to the great art geniuses and discover a few obscure artists. Cost is \$5 per person.

Maybury State Park

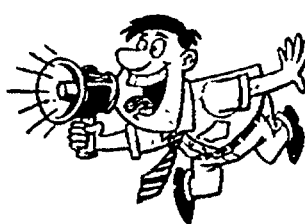
LOCATION: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads.) State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually (\$6 annually for seniors 65 and older.) 2008 permits now available at park office, 20145 Beck Road.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390; Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or www.FriendsofMaybury.org.

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. Brownies
Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open
Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 4:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
Monday: 6 p.m. Cub Scouts
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts; 7:30 p.m. Mill Race Weavers
Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church
* Grounds closed to public

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Northville Chamber of Commerce

LOCATION: 195 S. Main St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org
After Hours Mixer
TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
LOCATION: The Chase Bar and Grill
TGIF
TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22
LOCATION: Chamber Office

Regional Events

Daughters of the American Revolution

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.
Monday
LOCATION: Plymouth District Library, Main Street, Plymouth
DETAILS: Good citizen reception; speaker is Marc R. Corriveau, State Representative.
CONTACT: (734) 45-4764

Mad Hatter Tea Party Art Show

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday until Feb. 29
LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Park Hospital, Novi
DETAILS: Art show of original artwork featuring playful and imaginative teapots created by a variety of local artists and Novi high school students; part of the partnership between Providence Park Hospital and the Novi Community School District.

"Chapter Two" a play by Neil Simon

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15-17, 21-24, 28-29, March 1-2, 6-8
LOCATION: Farmington Player's Barn Theater, 32332 West 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills
DETAILS: A romantic comedy about two people starting over; tickets are \$13-15 and can be purchased online at www.farmingtonplayers.org or by calling the box office at (248) 553-2955; student and group discounts available.

Suburban Republican Women's Club

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 21
LOCATION: Pic-A-Bone Restaurant, 39325 Six Mile Road, Livonia
DETAILS: Fred Sietz will speak about the 400th anniversary of Jamestown; cost for the dinner is \$18; visitors and guests are welcome; for reservations, call (248) 320-5473.

Money Management Seminar

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 26
LOCATION: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth
DETAILS: Community Financial, GreenPath Debt Solutions and Plymouth Community United Way are teaming up to educate homeowners about how to protect their money and their mortgages in this free seminar; attendees are not required to share personal financial information; after the seminar, free personal appointments may be arranged; reservations are recommended by calling Betty Nolan at (734) 453-6879, ext. 2.

Novi Theatres Present "Father Bingo"

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 7 and 14; 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 8 and 15; 2 p.m.. Saturday and Sunday, March 8, 9 and 15

LOCATION: Novi Middle School Auditorium, 49000 11 Mile Road, Novi

DETAILS: This is the community theatre world premier of this musical comedy; everyone is looking for salvation and the stakes are raised with the introduction of bingo to the parish church; tickets are on sale now at the Novi Parks office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road; tickets are \$18 and all seats are reserved.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

Orchestra Canton

DETAILS: Music Director and Conductor Nan Harrison Washburn; tickets available at Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, by phone at (734) 394-5460, ext. 0, online at www.orchestracanton.org or at the Village Theater box office one hour before each performance.

Fusion Festival "Inspirations from India"

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29
LOCATION: Village Theater at Cherry Hill

DETAILS: Orchestra Canton performs with featured sitar artist, composer and teacher, Hasu Patel; leading American composer Henry Cowell; works by Hidayat Inayat-Khan; and sitar artist Hasu Patel; tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for children.

Sitar Workshop

TIME/DATE: 6-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 29
DETAILS: Prior to the concert, Canton sitar artist Manjula Lall and Hasu Patel will demonstrate sitar composition, playing and technique.

Dance Workshop

TIME/DATE: 4-6 p.m. Sunday, March 30
DETAILS: Local Indian dance instructor Sailaja Pullila presents Indian classical dance forms,

Rock Financial Showplace

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

42nd Annual Detroit Camper and RV Show

TIME/DATE: 2-9 p.m. weekdays, Feb. 13-15; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: New recreational vehicles on display; admission \$9, 12 and under are free, seniors are \$5 on Wednesday and Thursday only; \$5 parking.

Great Train Expo

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23-24
DETAILS: Largest traveling show in the U.S.; admission is \$7 for ages 12 and older, under 12 free; \$5 parking.

Great Motorcycle Swap

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24
DETAILS: Admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for kids; parking \$5.

Emergency Response and Preparedness Skywarn Class

TIME/DATE: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 18
LOCATION: Novi Police Department

DETAILS: Skywarn is an effort to save lives during severe weather emergencies by expanding networks of spotters and by encouraging the widest possible participation in tornado warning programs. We offer one class, with both basic and advanced with updated material. The class will last approximately two hours plus some time for questions and answers. Reservations required by calling (248) 858-5300.

CONTACT: Bethany Kenney (248) 858-1805

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SENIOR CITIZENS



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Realty program moves local retirees to Fox Run

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

There comes a time in life when moving to a retired living community comes to mind and the issue of what to do with your home becomes a problem.

Fox Run of Novi and Maryland-based Erickson Retirement Communities are here to help.

Starting with Fox Run in 2005 and spreading to Dearborn's Henry Ford Village and the 18 other nationwide retirement campuses, Erickson has implemented the Erickson Realty and Moving Services program, which helps retirees ages 62 and older sell their homes, pack and move to a nearby Erickson community while planning every detail along the way.

"We're responding to the ongoing challenge of people who just don't know where to begin. When someone's trying to go from their door to our door, what are the issues?" asked Tom Neubauer, senior vice president of sales for Erickson. "The people who reserved an apartment in our community meet with a personal moving consultant who goes over everything and gets them in touch with the top Realtor in their neighborhood. They even help set up the floor plan for the new home."

"The personal move consultant's job is to address any challenges the residents are experiencing and help them through."

Neubauer said the program was utilized by about 126 people last year.

Clark Reid, 82, and his wife, Barbara, 80, moved to Fox Run last June from their condominium in West Bloomfield. They had lived at Locklin Pines for 12 years before they moved.

"We decided to move to Fox Run because we were getting older and there will come a time when one of us goes. Rather than wait to adjust our lifestyles, we decided to move," Reid said. "We sold the condo within 30 days to the third person who looked at the house. The condo on one side was on sale for over two years and the one on the other side was on sale for more than one year."

Reid, who retired from industrial show business in 1991, said the move went smoothly less than a month after they contacted Fox Run.

"The physical move was about 36 hours. The packing service packed 77 boxes and, the next morning, the movers came and took them, and

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Contact Mary Wolfe or the Sales and Marketing Office at (248) 962-5200. Fox Run is located at 41000 13 Mile Road east of Meadowbrook Road.

the packers were at Fox Run to help unpack," he said. "We've moved seven times over the 57 years we've been married. This was the quickest, slickest, easiest move we've ever done. They knew what they were doing and they did it, and they did it with affection."

Seven months after making their move, Reid said they are enjoying their new lifestyle, which saves them much of the maintenance burdens they had at their old home.

"Moving from 3,000 square feet to 1,000 square feet was intimidating, but we're settling in like a robin in springtime," he said. "It's kind of a small world feeling. Lots of common interests. You must be 62 to come here, so we don't get any hippies or baby boomers because they're not old enough to move in."

Joy Dunn, 70, of Northville and her husband, Bill, 84, are in the process of selling their Country Club Village home and moving to Fox Run. They have lived there for 10-and-a-half years and are impressed with the effort their Realtor is putting into selling their home since it hit the market in early October.

"We're getting close to selling. I hope," Dunn said. "The Realtor has been very receptive with the things she's come up with. She's been wonderful as far as getting us exposure."

According to a release from Erickson Retirement Communities, the program continues to be successful, already moving more than 100 people since the turn of the new year.

"We're getting great feedback from the residents. I get letters from people every month saying how successful their move was," Neubauer said. "The goal is to provide resources that help them move now. This is really, we think, a natural program consistent with the values of the company."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Bill and Joy Dunn stand outside their Northville Township townhouse. They've put it on the market, with the assistance of the ERMS program, in hopes of moving to Novi's Fox Run Village.

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center

LOCATION: 303 W. Main St.

Thursday

Massage by appointment

Taxes by AARP by appt.

9 a.m.: TOPS

9:30 a.m.: Yoga

10 a.m.: Bowling

Noon: Valentine's Day Story

and Luncheon

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle, Bunco

1 p.m.: Computer II

Friday

10 a.m.: Body Flow

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Computer III

1 p.m.: Movie "Two Weeks

Notice"

Monday

Closed for President's Day

Tuesday

10 a.m.: Landscape Painting

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

1 p.m.: Computer I

6:30 p.m.: Mama Mia at the

Fisher

Wednesday

8:30 a.m.: Blood Pressure

Check

10 a.m.: Oxygise

Noon: Bridge

1 p.m.: Computer I

7 p.m.: Bridge

First Aid for Elder Caregivers

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

LOCATION: Northville

Community Senior Center

DETAILS: Elder Care

Professional Marge Wisniewski,

BSHE, MBA, will provide informa-

tion on Alzheimer's and dementia

care, legal resources, long-term

care options and other resources.

CONTACT: Cathy Cardinal

(248) 349-0432

Co-ed Adult 50+ Open

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

Adult 50+ Fun Co-ed

Volleyball

TIME/DAYS: 1-3 p.m. every

Tuesday

LOCATION: Recreation Center

at Hillside

DETAILS: Games scored to

15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome.

CONTACT: Northville Parks

and Recreation (248) 449-9947

Co-ed Adult 50+ Open

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. sec-

ond Thursday of each month

DETAILS: Call Senior

Community Center 24 hours in

advance to register; \$1 per per-

son.

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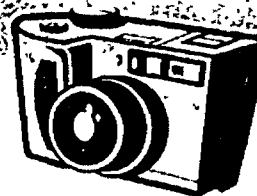
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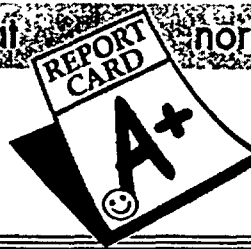
Dancin' the night away!

Weather may have delayed it a week, but the turnout was 260 for the annual Daddy Daughter Dance at Silver Springs Elementary Friday night. Photos by Shawn Clanin



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EDUCATION

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Sense of self

■ High school students deal with daily peer pressure

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

The upperclassmen at Northville High School are well aware of the fact that the majority of the school's freshmen and sophomores look up to them.

The younger Mustangs emulate almost everything they see — from walk to talk and dress.

While the eldest Mustangs realize they're role models, they understand the importance of being one's self, too.

"Some kids don't have a sense of self," Northville High senior Lindsay Hagan said. "They just try to be like everybody else, and that's not necessarily a good thing."

One aspect of that lack of individuality is that some students feel the need to make fun of classmates for a variety of reasons — whether it be their clothes, shoes or something else, Northville High senior Jackie Blasius said.

Fellow senior Annie Tassie said that ridicule even extends into the classroom.

"I just had a class where somebody was giving a presentation and the people were laughing all the way through it," Tassie said. "They think it's cool, but all it really is is a distraction."

"Sometimes, it'll just be one person or a small group of people (laughing at someone)," senior Spencer Clanin said. "Then, more and more people start to do it and it just gets awkward."

Trying to fit in

Freshman year of high school is said to be the most difficult to adjust to.

It's even harder when you don't know anyone or when you're unsure of what clique you belong to.

Mustang junior Sam Mackie said freshman year is tough for all students. But, he said, high school life becomes

students do to fit in are ridiculous. Blasius said seeing those exploits have become commonplace not just at Northville High, but at high schools everywhere.

Tassie said one reason why people try so diligently to fit in is because Northville is seen as an affluent community. She said she thinks some students feel a certain pressure to keep up with fashion trends.

"Some people are affected by what they see on TV, too," Tassie said. "Some of the kids try to act like their favorite rapper or something like that."

"Some of the things people do isn't even for them," Blasius said. "It's something they do to please the people around them."

The party life

Each of the five students said house parties are commonplace during high school.

They all acknowledge the fact that teens everywhere participate in underage drinking at the parties.

Tassie said students find ways to get their hands on the beverages, and Clanin said he knows the statistics are high for Minor in Possession arrests and accidents caused due to those minors drinking. He did say, though, that he hasn't seen any of those incidents take place.

"(Drinking's) more of a social activity," Clanin said.

But, Mackie said, some teens who drink don't have a grasp on what alcohol's effects are, and Tassie said some students take part in an attempt to "look cool."

Looking cool is one thing, but some students get so out of control, Clanin said, that some unfortunate incidents take place.

"Some people think it's cool but see a

HIGH SCHOOL LIFE

This is the third in a series of reports focusing on high school students and the things they face on a day-to-day basis. This piece focuses on the affects of peer pressure. — Editor

there is a need for leaders in their high school and suggested more students learn to lead by example, while Tassie and Hagan said teens should hold on to their originality.

"People should figure out what's important to them instead of worrying about what someone else is going to say about them," Blasius said.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

NHS Class of 2008 Senior All Night Party

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

DETAILS: Senior All Night Party tickets are \$70; 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.

CLASS REUNIONS

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion to be held July 19, in Livonia. For more information, contact Janet (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to phs40threunion@charter.net.

South Lyon High School Class of 1963

DETAILS: The Class of 1963 is hosting a 45 year reunion on Aug. 10, at Baker's of Milford. For more information, call Barb Cook at (248) 349-5982.

Northville High School Class of 1968

DETAILS: Anyone interested in a 40th reunion for the Class of 1968, please contact Ron Barnum at (248) 347-8808.

Northville High School Class of 1988

DETAILS: The Class of 1988 is planning a 20th reunion for the weekend of July 26, 2008. For further information, please contact Jennifer Clarkson at jclarkson2004@yahoo.com.

ON CAMPUS

Northern Michigan University

Ashley L. Susick of Northville was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2007 semester at Northern Michigan University.

Samford University

Several Michigan residents were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Samford University: Whitney A. Brownlee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brownlee of Northville, Jonathan A. Slevin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis G. Slevin of Taylor, Sarah E. Mallanik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mallanik of Zeeland.

Adrian College

Northville High School graduates Bret Asher, a

junior, and Emily Rose Karr, a senior, were named to the Dean's List at Adrian College for the fall 2007 semester.

University of Notre Dame

Michael Yassay, son of Mark and Cindy Yassay of Northville, was named to the Dean's List in the University of Notre Dame's First Year of Studies during the fall 2007 semester.

Spring Arbor University

The following students from Northville were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester 2007 at Spring Arbor University: Emily Dixon, daughter of Leonard and Mary Dixon of Northville, who is a senior majoring in language arts-elementary; and Jeremy Einem, son of Mark and Jane Einem, who is a freshman majoring in pastoral ministry.

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lot of the younger girls getting taken advantage of," he said. "If you're going to do something you already know you probably shouldn't be doing, the least you could do is take care of yourself."

Branching out

So many people go through so many things to fit in, but, in actuality,

no one really cares about what someone else does, Clanin said.

"What happens most of the time is people get in with a group of people and see that their real friends don't care about what they wear or any of that type of thing," Clanin said.

Along those same lines, Blasius said most people stop caring what other people think and begin to focus solely on the task at hand: getting a good education.

Having witnessed countless classmates succumb to peer pressure, each of the students offered bits of advice on how teens can maintain their individuality.

Both Clanin and Mackie said

smoother as students become acclimated to their surroundings.

"Everything's easier as you go," Mackie said. "It gets a little easier for people to open up to other people."

Blasius said some students don't even need to be pressured into doing things they normally wouldn't. She said the desire to be a part of a group makes some students act out.

"You'll see some kids who want to hang out with (seniors), and they'll hurt someone else thinking that will help them," Tassie said. "That usually doesn't go over so well."

Clanin said some of the things

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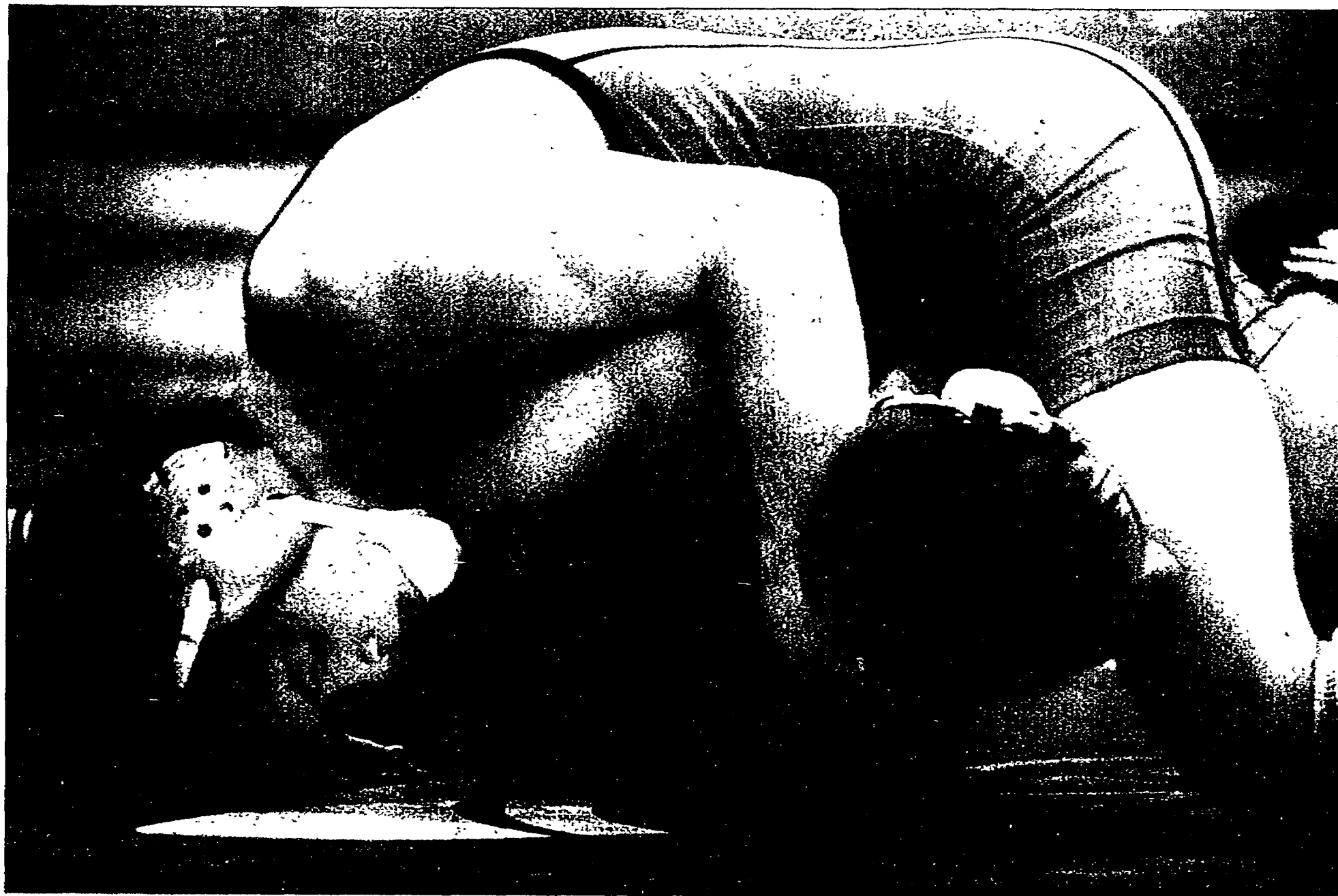


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Evan Bentley has his Plymouth Wildcat opponent moments away from a pin.

Northville begins district wrestling tonight

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville wrestling head coach Jeff Balagna took one wrestler to the state finals during his first year with the Mustangs.

This year, he is hoping to take a bunch of wrestlers along for the final tournament of the year.

Jonny D'Anna was the lone representative for the Mustangs last year, but Balagna hopes to take a whole group of kids to the final meet.

"I have a lot of seniors that are having exceptional seasons," Balagna said. "I want them to go out on top and achieve what

Team districts

Where: Northville
When: 5:30 p.m. tonight
Who: Northville vs. Stevenson; Novi vs. N. Farmington. Winners meet 10 minutes after first match is over.

they've worked hard for.

"They see what Johnny did last year and they want that. They want to be there with him and not just in the stands cheering him on."

But Balagna is a realist. He knows things could go well, or they could go bad in a real hurry.

"Individually, we have the potential to send five or six kids to the Palace for the individual state finals," Balagna said. "At the same time, we could send nobody if they are having a bad day, if they are sick or get a bad draw."

Individual districts begin Saturday at Groves.

The Mustangs host team districts tonight. They face Stevenson at 5:30 p.m. and with a win, could face their rivals, Novi in the match to follow.

The Mustangs and Wildcats

battled to last-match decides all that Novi won early in the year.

Regardless of who the Mustangs wrestle, Balagna hopes to put on a show for the home fans.

"I would definitely want to win a district title because we are hosting it," he said. "If we wrestle our best, my expectations and my goals are to win a district title and a regional title and advance to battle creek."

Advancing from team districts requires winning the district. To get to state, the team has to also win the regional

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Mustangs 3rd at WLAA Tourney

The Northville wrestling team placed third at the WLAA tournament, with Jonny D'Anna (119 pounds) and Brian Bagian (145) capturing titles.

"I was impressed with Jonny D'Anna," Northville head coach Jeff Balagna said. "He has been battling some injuries and this was his first tournament in three weeks. To come out and defend his title like he did was outstanding."

"This was one of the best tournaments I have seen out of Bagian. It was nice to see him avenge an early season loss to the Franklin wrestler in the semi-finals."

Other Mustang highlights included Evan Bentley (130) with a second-place finish, Matt Hagan (152) placed third, and Matt Ladhoff (135) and Aaron Towne (140) each placed fourth.

"Having 10 out of our 13 wrestlers place in the top six was an outstanding accomplishment," Balagna said. "I can't put into words how happy I am for all my wrestlers this year. Their hard work and effort is starting to pay off."

Canton won the meet with Franklin placing second.

'Stangs cheer hitting stride

■ Northville girls hope to reach top five at regional

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville competitive cheer coach Mindy Gentz can't pinpoint exactly why the Mustangs have turned their season around. She's just happy that it's happened.

"We got off to a slow start, but things have come together for us in the last couple of weeks," she said. "I can't really put my finger on it, just confidence, I think. I don't really know."

"In the beginning, we struggled a lot with getting the right kids in the right spots, pulling together our round three and then once that

happened, we started to go with it and things came together."

The Mustangs showcase a variety of ages on the team of 19. Just five seniors are on the squad, and only three of them have previous competitive cheer experience. A large group of juniors and returning sophomores carry the team. Four freshmen are also on the team.

"In general, we have maybe the right group of experience and new people on the team that are willing to listen and learn from other's experiences," Gentz said.

The postseason isn't far off. The Mustangs compete at the WLAA conference meet Feb. 23 and then it's off to regionals March 1.

The Mustangs hope to place as high as possible in the league meet and get into the top five at the regional meet.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Mustangs Kelly Logan, left, and Morgan Jones leap into the air with a "thumbs-up."

NORTHVILLE ROUNDUP: Hoop upset missed

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville boys basketball team just missed knocking off John Glenn, losing 56-55 last Thursday at home. The Mustangs did beat Salem 56-50 earlier in the week.

Against John Glenn, an apparent go-ahead bucket by Steve Anderson was waived off in the final minute, and instead called for a charge. The Rockets pushed the lead to three, and held off the Mustangs in the final moments for the win.

Northville had erased a 48-39 deficit going into the fourth quarter to set up the dramatics.

Dan Kirkpatrick led all scorers with 20. Mike Rogers and Anderson each chipped in nine points.

Against Salem, Greg Hasse scored all of his 16 points in the second half to lead the Mustangs. Kirkpatrick played the opposite roll, hitting for 12 of

his 14 points in the first half. Anderson racked up 13 points during the win.

The Mustangs held leads after each quarter, 17-11 after one, 25-24 at the half and 41-33 after three quarters of play.

Hockey

The Mustang hockey team thrashed Canton before heading to the prestigious Trenton Showcase tournament, earning a split in two games.

Northville had no trouble getting past the Chiefs, mowing them down 7-1 behind goals from Kevin Uetz, Alec Arthur, Ross Rehl, TJ Hohl, Wes Gates, Joey Castelli and Alex Belanger. At the showcase, The Mustangs ran into a buzzsaw, dropping a 5-0 decision to Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

The Mustangs (14-3-1) didn't stay down long, thumping Grand

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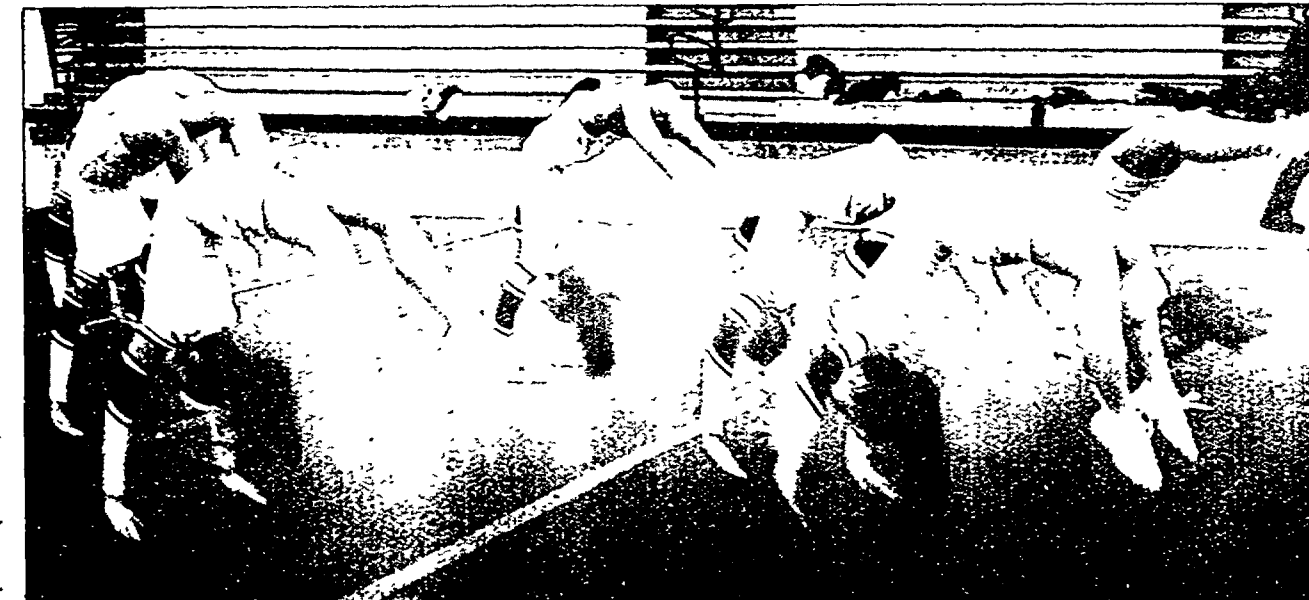
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Cheer-ific!



Mustang Joline Smith is twirled back to the arms of her teammates during a cheerleading stunt team warmup before Northville's meet against the Wayne Memorial Zebras.



Above: The Northville High School varsity cheerleading competitive squad goes through a warm up routine before a recent home meet.



Right: The Mustangs' varsity cheerleading team stands for the National Anthem before their home meet against Wayne Memorial.



A member of the Northville High School varsity cheer stunt team warms up before a dual meet with Wayne Memorial on Feb. 5.

CHEER: Mustangs hitting stride

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Northville recently went to a tournament in Southgate that featured several teams the Mustangs will face at the regional, and they came out in fourth place.

"What we really need to do over the next couple of weeks is

keep the momentum up, keep improving on the things we can improve on and keep maintaining the things that are at the level we want them at," she said.

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Members of the Northville High School junior varsity cheerleading team take their positions during a home meet against Wayne Memorial.

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WRESTLING

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Advancing from individual districts or regionals requires finishing in the top four of each weight.

One major difference between team wrestling and individual wrestling could be a weight

change for a wrestler. A wrestler might move out of his normal weight to help the team and move back to the normal weight for the individual tournament.

The postseason is here. For Balagna, it's more about desire and the ability to stay mentally strong from here on out.

"They've busted their tails all year, going five, six days a week,

three-hour practices for this," Balagna said. "It's survival of the fittest now. Sometimes it's not necessarily the best wrestler wins, but the person that wants it the most."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record
Mustang Jonny D'Anna, wrestling in an away meet at Plymouth High, has his opponent moments away from a pin.

MUSTANG SIGNING DAY



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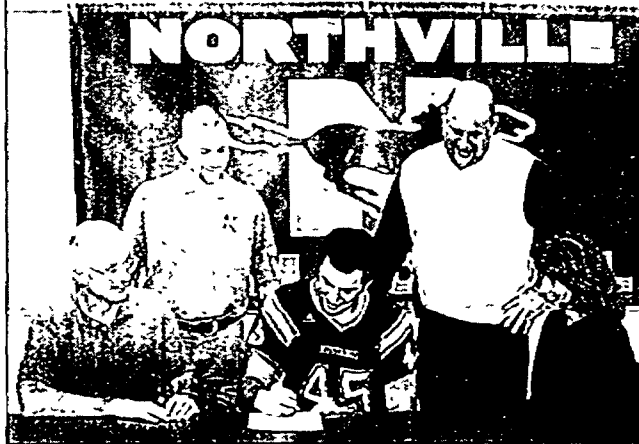
Football player Max Bojovic, middle, signs a letter of intent to attend Central Michigan University. Watching over the signing is coach Matt Ladach, Novo and Lynn Boyovic.



Northville soccer players Sarah Stern, left and Theresa Yankovich sign letters of intent. Stern will attend Michigan State. Yankovich is heading to Penn. Former coach Ron Meteyer watches over them.



Northville soccer player Jeff Cheslik signs a National Letter of Intent to play at Oakland University. Cheslik's mom is sitting next to him with Athletic Director Bryan Masi watching over.



Greg Hasse signs a letter of intent with Wayne State University to play football. Hasse's father and mother sit with him as coach Matt Ladach, top left, and Athletic Director Bryan Masi watch over the signing.



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Stately 'Stangs

The Northville High School Varsity Pom Pon Team competed in Mid-American 29th Annual State Wide Pom Pon Championship on Feb. 10 at Eastern Michigan University. Sixty-one teams from the state participated in the competition, and Northville qualified for Division 1 Class A.

The State Final participants include Senior Captains: Laura Catalano, Amanda Cook, Bri Diegel and Abby Presley. Team members include: Grace Ackerman, Marissa D'Agostino, Hilarie Denomme, Sam Evasic, Sarah Forsthoefel, Barbie Gutmann, Kristin Juenemann, Lauren Kerr, Kelly Lysaght, Sarah Marker, Brittany McDermott, Nikki Metrusias, Amy Mnich, Christie Potter, Chelsea Przekop, Kendra Rays, Abbie Saltz, Sam Sorenson, Erica Turner, Kelsey Wiska, Marisa Woloszyn and Lauren Wysocki. Coach: Christie Wilson.



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JV fourth at state

The Northville Junior Varsity Pom Pon team placed 4th in the state at the 29th Annual Mid American Pom Pon State Championship on Feb. 10 at Eastern Michigan University. Team members include: Rachael Ambler, Elizabeth Allen, Shelby Canon, Emily DeBear, Katy Evans, Lauren Evasic, Madde Evasic, Haley Goldberg, Jillian Grey, Haley Johnson, Madison Jones, Rachel Lutz, Eilyn Marmaduke, Jenna Pearson, Julianne Pitcher, Becky Pokrandt, Tess Sheldy, Molly Stuart, Julie Wells, Danielle Wesolowicz and Katy Williams. The team is coached by Kelli Hay.

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Girls Basketball 2/20 Districts vs. winner of Ladywood/Canton at Ladywood, 6 p.m.	Gymnastics 2/21 WLAA meet, TBA
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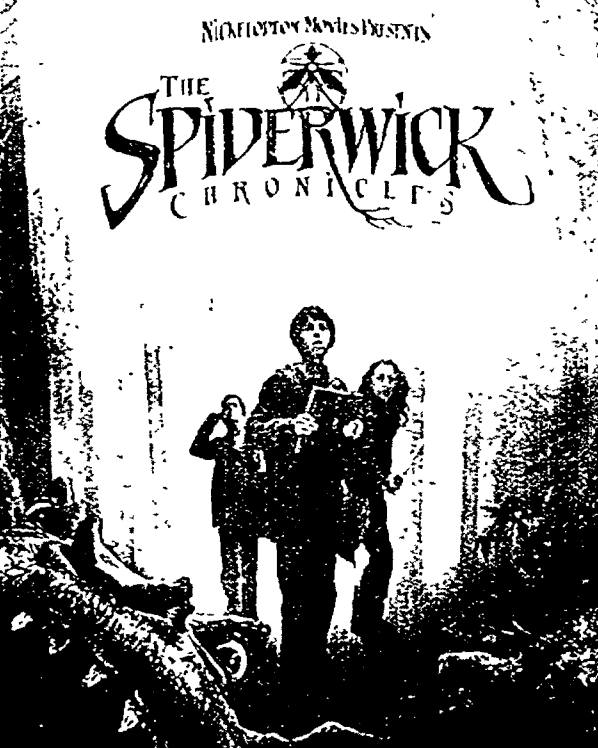
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Health

The balancing act with weight loss and exercise

Usually, when the discussion is about the best exercises for a weight loss program, the most common recommendation regarding physical activity will be cardiovascular exercise. Regardless of the exercise type, the main factor for weight loss is related to the perfect combination between diet and exercise.



Benito Olmos

Both resistance training and cardiovascular training raise caloric expenditure with the diet causing a caloric deficit (less calories than the calories burned)

The net result from this situation is fat loss.

But the first question still remains. What is the best exercise for fat loss?

The most accurate and scientific answer is BOTH Cardiovascular exercise and resistance training burn calories. If the diet is not putting back these calories, the fat burning process will start generating weight loss.

Resistance training and cardiovascular exercise have shown, in some research, to provide the same results in fat loss and the combination of both is the best way to achieve the best results possible.

The main benefit in the fat loss process generated by resistance training is related to the maintenance or increase in the metabolic rate. A consequence of the increase in lean body mass is the increase in the calories burned.

The energy used by the body to maintain bodily functions in a daily bases is known as Rest Metabolic Rate (RMR).

RMR represents the majority of daily energy expenditure, been responsible for at least 60-75 percent of the calories burnt every day.

Bodily functions engaging the RMR include nervous system activity, pulmonary function, cellular respiration and cardiovascular function. RMR is highly correlated to fat-free mass (muscle, bone, cartilage), and may be affected by body composition, gender, age and genetic factors. A decrease in RMR of 2 percent to 3 percent per decade with advancing age is primarily attributable to a loss in fat-free mass. Additionally, it appears that males tend to have higher RMR than females, due mostly to the larger body size. This explains partially why males can lose body fat easier than females. One of the most important relationships is the effect that resistance training may encompass on RMR.

Improvements in fat free mass should increase RMR impacting daily energy expenditure. The main component of the fat free mass are the muscles and resistance training is well known by the ability to increase the muscle mass. Some research have showed that the RMR increases after 12 weeks doing resistance training in an average of 6 percent whereas doing only endurance training is expected a decrease of 2 percent in the RMR. Mainly these results are related to the changes in the muscle mass that both kind of training generates. Normally in a typical cardiovascular training without any type of concurrent resistance training is expected a small loss in the lean body mass and this is responsible by the fall of the RMR.

In other hand the improvement in the lean body mass generated by the resistance training when combined with a proper diet will result in diminution in the body fat

But, the cardiovascular exercise is still very important inside this scenario, because besides the health benefits this kind of training provides, it will help the fat loss process by the improvements in the amount of calories burnt every day and making the body more efficient as a fat burning machine, specially the muscles

Essentially, when the goal is weight loss the most important factors are: resistance training, diet and cardiovascular exercise since they are combined in the right amount for your fitness level and goals

Have a nice day and stay active!

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NORTHVILLE ROUNDUP: Swim and dive wraps up division

continued from front

Rapids Forrest Hills 6-1 the following day. Scoring for the Mustangs were Castelli, Hohl, Case Moreman, Jon Barry, Neil Arthur and Belanger. Goalie Teddy Keranen turned aside 28 of 29 shots, improving to 12-3-1.

Gymnastics

The Northville gymnastics team completed a busy week by beating two Walled Lake schools and finishing fifth at a weather-delayed Canton Invitational.

The Mustangs scored 142.1 points to beat Walled Lake Northern/Western with 139.35 and Walled Lake Central with 129.4.

MaKenna Pohl finished on top with an all-around score of 37.0. She racked up a 9.6 on the floor, 9.3 on vault, 9.1 on beam and 9.0 on bars.

Cassidy Winter had a strong meet with a 35.45 all-around, including a 9.1 on beam and 9.0 on floor. Allison Kemp recorded a 9.0 on floor.

At the 17-team Canton Invite, Pohl placed third on bars with a 9.25, eighth on floor with a 9.45 and 10th on vault with a 9.15. Winter scored a 9.15 on floor and 9.05 on vault.

Highlights of Division II scores included Kemp with the sixth best all-around score at 35.775. She was fifth on vault with a 9.2 and third on bars with an 8.825. Amy Reynolds was third on beam with a 9.325 and 10th on bars with an 8.3.

Swim and Dive

The Northville swim and dive team improved to 11-0 in duals this year with a 130-56 victory against Plymouth. The win also



Photo submitted

Sarah Stern dishes out a pass during a recent game.

sealed the WLAA Western Divisional title for the Mustangs.

Winning events for Northville were Jon Bardsley in the 200 freestyle, Kyle Adams in the 50 and 100 freestyle, Kevin Bain in diving, Clay Malloure in the 100 butterfly, Anthony Adamowicz

in the 500 free, Brody Blickle in the 100 backstroke, and Greg Sheppard in the 100 breaststroke.

Northville will host Franklin 7 p.m. tonight for Mustang senior night.

Girls basketball

The Northville girls had an up and down week, losing in the first round of the WLAA tournament 50-36 to Walled Lake Northern before rebounding to beat Churchill 50-30 Friday.



Submitted photo

Rising to the top

The Northville freshmen basketball team completed a 13-2 season, winning the conference. The picture includes: (top row) coach Chuck Fox, coach Teryn Chrzanowski, Sarah Tuohy, Rachel Beger, Ally Weaver and Amy Drake. Second row: Kelsey DeRidder, Ally Manor, Nicole Cornelius, Beth Roach and Karly Fisher. Bottom row: Kaitlin Girsch and Mallory Wolfgram.



Submitted photo

Cougars take district crown

The Novi Cougars of the Novi Youth Hockey League Squirt House Division defeated the Kensington Valley Federals 4-3 this past Sunday to win the District 4 Championship and become one of eight teams in the State to advance to the State Championship Tournament to be played in Southfield later this month.

The District Tournament, the largest of all districts with 170 teams competing for the crown, featured a great match up in semifinal action between the Cougars and the undefeated Novi Bobcats. The Cougars won a close battle, 2-1.

In the championship game against Kensington Valley, Ty Kilar put the Cougars on the board at the 6:50 mark and Alec Melucci put the Cougars ahead 2-0 by the end of the first period. Patrick Murray assisted on both goals.

The solid defense of Ryan Rabinowitz, Joe Nell, Nick Strom, Dylan Manning and Melucci, made it difficult for the Federals to mount a comeback as the Cougars maintained a 3-1 lead heading into third period action. Melucci scored his second goal of the game. In the final period, Austin Cohen's goal proved to be the game winner as the Cougars were victorious 4-3. Cougars goaltender Andrew Belanger, made several huge saves in the closing minutes including a save inches from the goal line.

Cooper Hamway, Kyle Condino, Zach Babich, Steven Bloxson, Sergey Arnold, Alec Bageris and Patrick Henry round out the champions roster.

The Cougars, who were a perfect 15-0 in Little Caesar's Divisional play advance to Caesar's quarterfinal action later this month as well as the State Championship Tournament.

Sports Shorts

Youth Lacrosse Teams

Travel team lacrosse will be offered for boys at all skill levels in grades 5-8. Northville lacrosse will play the top teams and participate in the Cranbrook Jamboree.

The season runs March 17-June 1, practice is M-W-F. The cost is \$195 for Northville residents

Girls lacrosse will learn the fundamentals and play 4-6 games. Season runs April 14-May 30. Cost is \$120 for Northville residents.

New teams are forming now for the spring. For more information please contact Kathy at (248) 305-9776.

Shamrock lacrosse fundraiser

CC lacrosse fundraiser at BD's Mongolian BBQ on Thursday, March 6th. Seatings at 7 and 8 p.m. for walk-ins.

Questions or donations can go to coachdwilson@yahoo.com.

Novi Youth Baseball Registration

The 2008 Novi Youth Baseball season is almost here! League registration began Feb. 1 and will run through March 15th. The NYBL is open to all children from ages 7-18.

See noviouthbaseball.org for more information and registration.

Send sports submission to sports writer Jeff Theisen at jtheisen@gannett.com. See more sports online at www.northvillerecord.com.

Postseason tournaments

District Girls Basketball			
Hosted by: Ladywood High School			
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1 Northville			
2 Ladywood	Wed. Feb. 20 6:00 PM		
Mon. Feb. 18 6:00 PM			
3 Canton			
4 Salem		Fri. Feb 22 7:00 PM	
Mon. Feb. 18 7:30 PM			
5 Plymouth			
6 Novi	Wed. Feb. 20 7:30 PM		
bye			District 25 Champion

Hockey Pre-Region	
Located at: Novi Ice Arena	
WL Western (H)	
2/25 @ 5:30 PM	
Farmington (A)	
	2/27 @ 7:00 PM
Novi (A)	
2/25 @ 7:00 PM	
Brother Rice (H)	

Wrestling Team Districts	
Hosted by: Northville High School	
When: Feb. 14	
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5:30 PM on mat 1	
Novi	
	After 10 Minutes Break Mat 1
Northville	
5:30 PM on mat 2	
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Impress your
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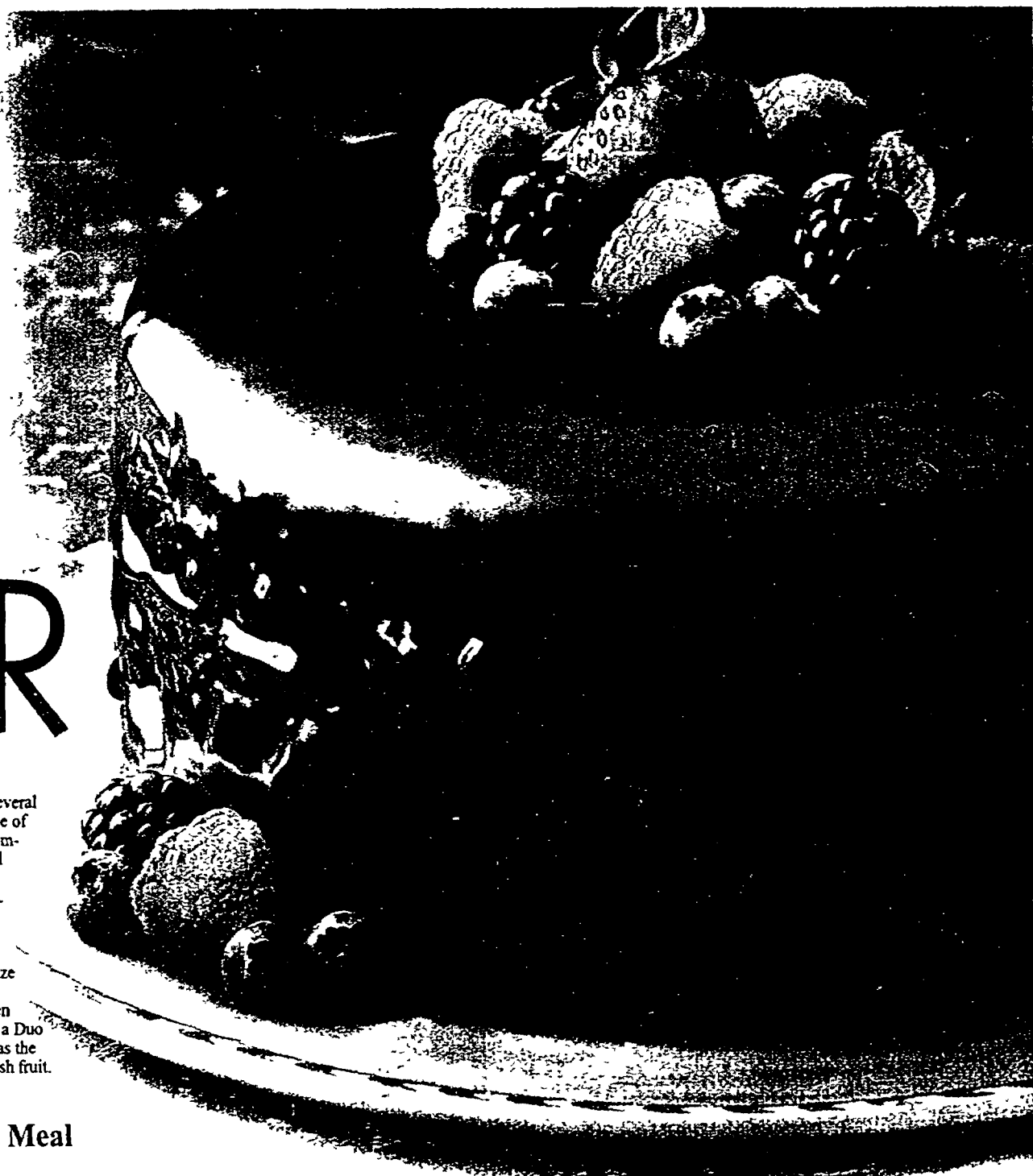
Win Her With DINNER

FAMILY FEATURES

Whether its football, basketball or baseball, most guys dedicate several days of the week to watching sports. As a celebrity host and one of *People* magazine's 50 Hottest Bachelors, Dave Lieberman recommends making up for too much guy time by preparing a special date-night menu for two.

"Any guy can take a woman to a restaurant and slap down his credit card. If you really want to impress a date, you should cook for her," says Dave. "My secrets to creating a romantic meal include pulling in recipes that use the flavors of the season and having the right tools for a laid-back kitchen that cooks. I also recommend streamlining kitchen tasks to not only maximize time with your special someone, but also be more energy efficient."

The chill in the air makes now the perfect time to get back into the kitchen and make some heart-warming dishes for your lucky lady. Try starting with a Duo of Bruschettas and serving a Warm Griddle Salad that's light, but romantic as the main course. Top off dinner with a decadent chocolate cake crowned with fresh fruit.



Three Essentials to Planning a Romantic Meal

■ **Don't Stress to Impress:** To avoid food catastrophes while entertaining, stick to what you know and don't try to over do it with unfamiliar recipes. If you want to try something new, have a "rehearsal dinner" the week before.

■ **Top-Notch Tools:** When cooking and entertaining, it's always nice to have tools that make the job easier. With the Frigidaire® Precision Set™ Surface Controls, which enable precise and accurate temperature control, and the Frigidaire® Favorite & Keep Warm Settings, which will digitally recall baking settings and hold the oven temperature at 170°F so you can keep your food warm until your guest arrives, entertaining is a breeze. Both appliance features are available at Lowe's.

■ **Planet Friendly Pointer:** To save time and energy in the kitchen, take out all of your refrigerated ingredients at the same time. Spread them out in an organized fashion, which helps to make the cooking process more streamlined. Plus, it minimizes the number of times you open your refrigerator door. Every time the door opens, refrigerator energy consumption increases by 10 percent.

To view more of Dave's entertaining tips and delicious recipes, visit www.newkingofthekitchen.com



Duo of Bruschettas Toasty Tomato, Mozzarella and Olive Spinach, Pine Nuts and Raisins

Serves: 4 for appetizers
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Bruschetta

- 1 large loaf French bread
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup olive oil

Preheat oven to 450°F. Slice bread into small slices — no more than a 1/2 inch thick. Place on two baking sheets.

In small bowl, combine garlic and olive oil. Place in microwave 30 seconds to meld flavors.

Brush garlic and olive oil mixture onto top of each bread slice. Heat in oven 6 to 8 minutes, or until bread begins to brown and toast. Meanwhile make toppings.

Toasty Tomato, Mozzarella and Olive Topping

- 15 cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 3/4 cup fresh mozzarella, cut into small cubes
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 3/4 cup diced pitted black or pitted kalamata olives
- 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine and mix all ingredients in bowl and set aside. Top half of bread slices (one sheet pan) with mixture and return to 450°F oven about 4 minutes or until cheese begins to melt. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Spinach, Pine Nuts and Raisins Topping

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons pine nuts
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1 6-ounce package baby spinach leaves, stems removed
- 1/3 cup grated provolone cheese

In large skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Toss in pine nuts and toast about 3 minutes. Add raisins and spinach leaves; cook until spinach leaves wilt, about 4 minutes. Top half of bread slices (one sheet pan) with spinach mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Heat in 450°F oven about 4 minutes or until cheese begins to melt.

Warm Griddle Salad With Chicken and Apples

Note: Frigidaire has a new feature called the XtraZone™ oval burner, which makes this salad extra fun to prepare. The unique shape of this oval burner is perfect for preparing food on a griddle — like the sliced apple and onion mixture and marinated chicken that goes into this recipe. The burner, which can be found on certain gas Frigidaire cooktops at Lowe's, even comes with its own griddle.

Makes: 4
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 pound raw chicken breast tenders
- 1 granny smith apple, cored and cut into small wedges
- 1 cup sliced onion
- 2 heads romaine lettuce
- Olive oil for grilling lettuce
- 1/2 cup grated sharp provolone cheese (optional)

Dressing

- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon Balsamic vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste

In large bowl or plastic bag make marinade for chicken by combining 2 tablespoons olive oil, soy sauce, red wine vinegar, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper. Add chicken tenders and marinate in refrigerator at least 1/2 hour up to overnight.

In separate bowl, toss apple wedges and onion slices with 1 tablespoon olive oil. Heat griddle on stovetop on medium. Remove chicken from marinade and dispose of remaining marinade.

Grill apples and onions at one end of griddle and chicken at other. To prevent apples from burning, flip often and cook until golden brown and tender; about 5 minutes.

Grill chicken about 4 minutes on each side or until chicken is tender and cooked all the way through. Cut into 1-inch pieces. Place chicken, apples and onions in large bowl.

Mix and blend dressing ingredients in small bowl, or use your favorite store-bought dressing.

Cut romaine heads in half lengthwise and cut off about 1 inch of green leafy end. Salt and pepper lettuce; then drizzle with olive oil. With the lengthwise cut side down, grill on griddle until starts to brown and wilt, about 3 minutes.

Serve by placing 1/2 head of romaine lettuce on each plate and topping with chicken, apples, and onions. Drizzle with dressing. Top with grated cheese if desired and serve warm.

Three-Tiered Chocolate Cake With Fresh Berries

Serves: 12
Prep time: 1 hour and 15 minutes
Bake time: 25 to 35 minutes
Cooling and setting: 2 to 3 hours

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 3/4 cups cake flour
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup cocoa powder
- 1 cup coffee, cooled to room temperature
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 4 egg whites
- 14 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2/3 cup strawberry preserves

Ganache

- 8 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon liqueur (like Kirsch or Grand Marnier)

Topping

- 1/2 pint raspberries
- 1/2 pint blueberries or blackberries
- 1 pint strawberries, tops removed and quartered

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cut 3 pieces parchment paper to fit bottom of 3 8-inch cake pans. Grease each pan and add parchment rounds.

Combine sugar, cake flour, cornstarch, baking soda and salt in large bowl. In separate bowl, combine cocoa powder and coffee. Add yogurt and combine well.

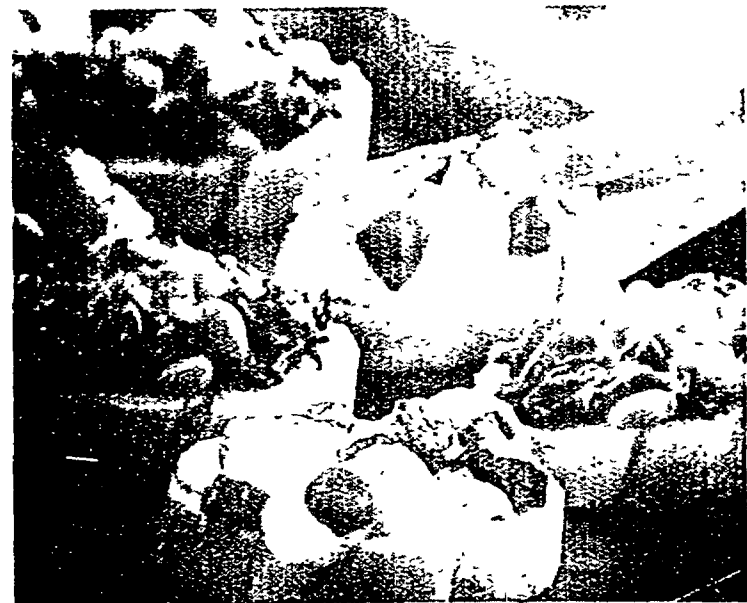
In another bowl, with hand mixer, whip egg whites into soft peaks. With same hand mixer, mix melted butter into dry mixture and then add cocoa mixture until batter is smooth. Fold in egg whites.

Pour batter evenly into prepared 8-inch cake pans. Bake 25 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in middle of each cake comes out clean. Remove cakes from oven and place on cooling rack 10 minutes. Remove cake from cake pans and place on cooling rack allowing them to continue cooling additional 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat strawberry preserves in microwave 30 seconds. Place first cake layer on small cooling rack on baking sheet lined with wax paper or foil to catch ganache drippings. Spread 1/3 cup strawberry preserves over first layer of cake, and then top with another cake layer and spread remaining preserves over it. Top with remaining cake layer.

For ganache, place chocolate chips in bowl. Heat cream and pour over chocolate chips. Add liqueur and allow to melt, about 2 minutes. Stir until all chocolate has melted and mixture is smooth. Allow to sit about 10 minutes before liberally pouring over cake and allowing to run down sides. Allow ganache topped cake to sit several hours or at least 1/2 hour in refrigerator. Carefully transfer completed cake to serving plate using 2 spatulas.

Top with fruit when ready to serve.



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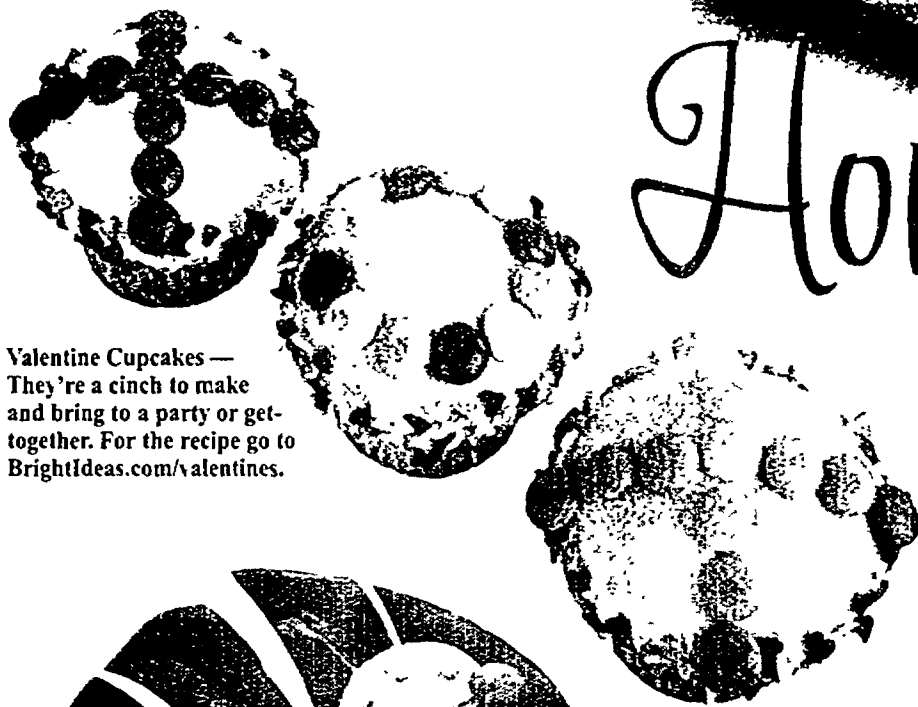
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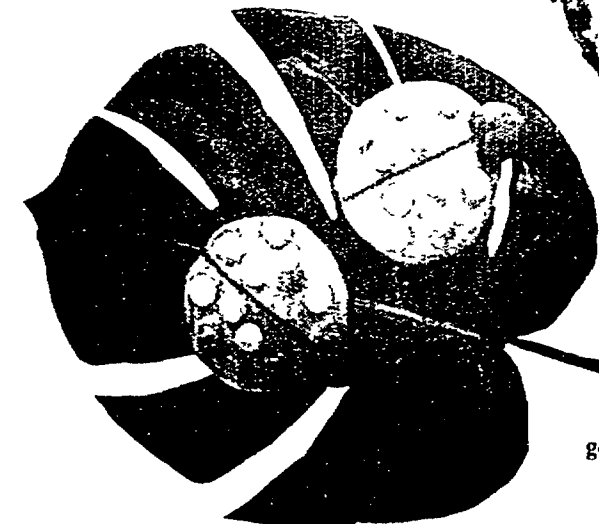
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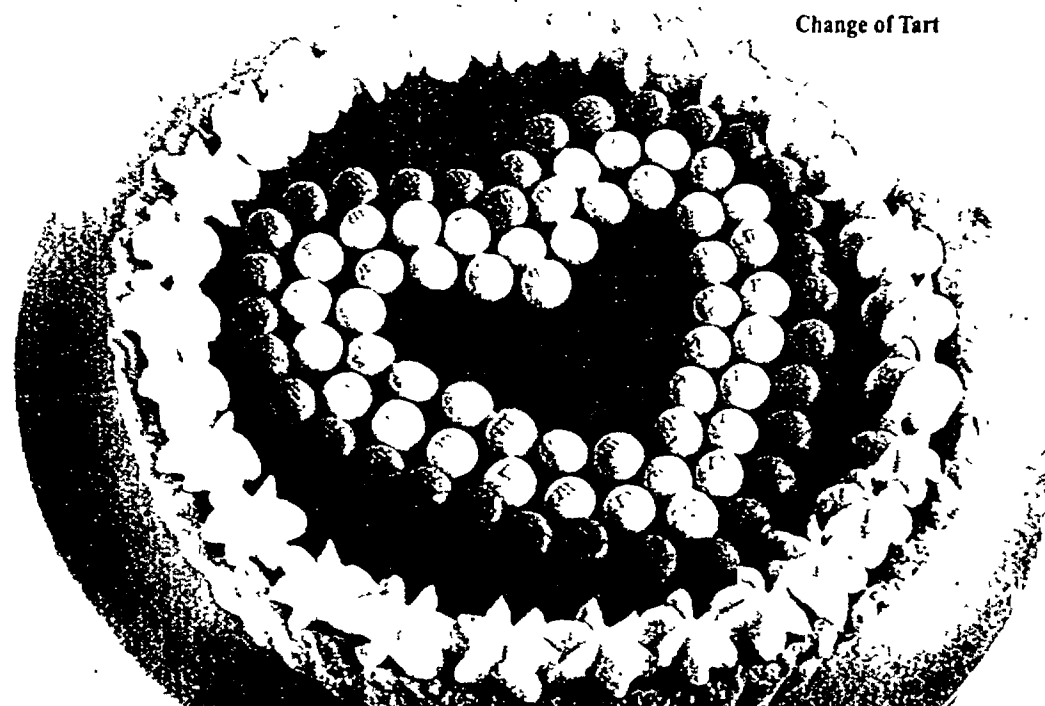


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Lovely Ladybugs — For these spectacularly speckled cookies, covered with cuteness, go to BrightIdeas.com/valentines.

Change of Tart



FAMILY FEATURES

Send Cupid's arrow this Valentine's Day! Gather in the kitchen for some quality time and make treats the whole family can share. Homemade chocolate treats from your kitchen are sure to warm anyone's heart.

These special, heartfelt desserts are fun to make and stunning to serve: They'll say "I care" to everyone you cherish — friends, neighbors, pals and that special someone.

Make the day sweeter for all the special people in your life with these from-the-heart treats. Look for more festive, from-the-heart ideas at www.BrightIdeas.com

Change of Tart

Bake a tart for your sweetheart on the most romantic day of the year!

Prep time: 15 minutes
Baking time: 30 to 35 minutes
Decorating time: 15 minutes
Difficulty: Moderate

- 1 bag DOVE® Brand Dark Chocolate Miniatures
- 1 bag M&M'S® Milk Chocolate Candies for Valentine's Day
- 1 refrigerated pie crust (15-ounce), at room temperature
- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 cup whipped cream

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Press pie crust into 9-inch tart pan and prick bottom with fork. Place sheet of foil on top, and bake 15 minutes. Remove foil, and continue baking another 5 minutes, or until golden brown.
3. While pie is baking, melt butter and 18 DOVE® Brand Dark Chocolate Miniatures over a double boiler.
4. Whisk together eggs, heavy cream and salt. Stir mixture into warm chocolate, and pour chocolate mixture into hot pie crust.
5. Reduce heat to 350°F, and bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until filling is just set.
6. Remove from oven, and let cool to room temperature. Fill resealable plastic bag with whipped cream, snip corner, attach star tip (optional) and pipe rosettes around outside of tart.
7. Separate M&M'S® Brand Milk Chocolate Candies for Valentine's Day by color, and arrange them into concentric hearts in center of tart.

Makes 1 tart.

Heart Tarts

Tasty tarts straight from the heart!

Prep time: 10 minutes
Baking time: 7 to 10 minutes
Decorating time: 5 minutes
Difficulty: Easy

For Crust

- 1 box (9-ounce) thin chocolate wafers, finely ground
- 8 tablespoons butter, melted
- 4 tablespoons sugar

For Filling

- 1 bag DOVE® Brand Rich Dark Chocolate Hearts
- 2 boxes (3.9-ounce each) instant chocolate pudding
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream, whipped or whipped topping
- 1 pint raspberries

1. Combine ground chocolate wafers with butter and sugar. Press mixture into sides and bottom of 12 small (4 1/2-inch each) greased tart pans.
2. Place tart pans on cookie sheet(s) and bake in a preheated 350°F oven approximately 7 to 10 minutes. Remove and cool completely.
3. Melt DOVE® Brand Rich Dark Chocolate Hearts in microwave, stirring every 15 seconds until smooth. Prepare pudding according to instructions on package. Whisk melted chocolate into pudding and refrigerate until set.
4. Before serving, fold 3/4 cup whipped cream into chocolate pudding mixture and fill tart shells. Spoon remaining whipped cream into resealable bag with snipped corner and pipe heart design on top. Cover with raspberries.

Makes 12 servings.

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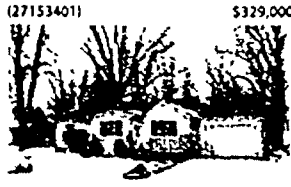
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UPDATED INDEPENDENCE COMMONS COLONIAL! Fantastic BR sizes & closet space. Oak flrs. Updates include roof, lav, dishwasher, HDO heater, range, sliding door. Sub has 45+ acres of commons w/ parks, tennis, paths.



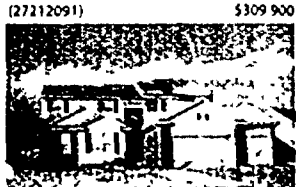
Garden City 734-326-2000
JUST MOVE RIGHT IN! Clean, well kept 3 br ranch. Remodeled kitchen w/ good counter & workspace. Newer furnace & C/A. Updated electrical breaker box. Newer windows, & roof/tearoff.



Garden City 734-326-2000
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Hartland 248-684-1065
Beautifully decorated 4 BDRM, 2.5 BA on over 1/2 acre hilltop lot. FP opens to brfst rm & kit w/ cherry cabs. Huge deck & yard. HDWD flrs. Ceramic BA.



Hartland 248-684-1065
Dramatic entry of HDWD, stone FP & vaulted ceiling. Kit w/ eating area. 1/2 bath. Hand kit w/ maple cabs, down to paver patio. French doors to ch ceilings.



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Milford 248-684-1065
Great fir plan! 2 story entry w/ oak flrs, foyer, den w/ french drs, granite kit, nook. LR w/ fp. Lg mstr w/ WC. Fin bonus rm over gar. \$25K in upgrades free.



Milford 248-684-1065
Beautiful 2-story on wooded 1.5 acres w/ gorgeous views from every window. HDWD flrs, foyer & hall, DR w/ bay, Oak cabs in KIT, Fin LL, MBR w/ WC. Large deck.



Milford 248-684-1065
Open fir plan. Cathedral ceilings in GR & mstr br. 3 WCs, 2 doorways to deck. Kit has ceramic flrs. New gar door. Plenty of storage. Close to village.



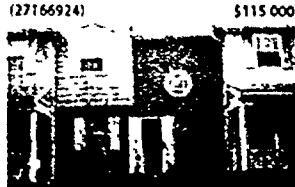
Novi 248-348-6430
Beautifully Landscaped Lot! Mature trees dot the beautiful lot. W/ walking distance to schools. Formal LR & DR, den, spacious FR, nice find rec room & wonderful deck for your enjoyment.



Novi 248-348-6430
UNPACK AND MOVE IN! Spotless 2 br, 3 ba condo deep in complex, new ceramic tile, most rooms freshly painted, new carpet and roof. Seller to pay 1st year assoc fee.



Novi 248-348-6430
Great Location & Great Price! Very well maintained condo that is tastefully decorated in neutrals, newer flooring, windows, roof & more. Basement is partially finished, private patio.



Novi 248-348-6430
Great Price on This Novi 3 BR Condo! Open floor plan, nice sized rooms, unfinished LL. All apps stay. Assn fee includes gas & water. Sewer, pool, tennis courts and clubhouse. Great value!



Ortonville 248-684-1065
Beautiful wood-log home on nearly 5 private acres! Huge GR w/ stone FP, vaulted ceilings, FR w/ door to deck/pool. Spacious kitchen, MBR w/ HDWD flrs.



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Perfect House in Downtown Plymouth! Enjoy the heart of Plymouth in this 2 BR, 2 BA home. Inside redo on '04 in granite, ceramic & wood. Newer siding windows, & roof. Great upside potential!



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Beautiful & Comfortable Ranch! Economical starter home. Great field born, lovely lot, nice FR, LR, 3 BRs, 1.5 BA, patio, porch, fenced yard. Newer furn, A/C, roof, driveway, sidewalks in sub.



Redford 734-591-9200
Look no Further! Gorgeous 3BDRM Brk home with remodeled Open Kitchen w/ maple cabs and stone blsplsh, shiny HRWD floors, 2 car gar, hug finished look basement, A/C!



Redford 248-348-6430
Picture Perfect Home! Hard to beat the price of this beautifully updated brk ranch, new KIT, fully remodeled bath, new interior & exterior doors, freshly painted!



Redford 248-437-3800
What a find! This brick 3 bedroom home has curb appeal, a garage, full basement, hardwood floors in a quiet neighborhood. Motivated seller!



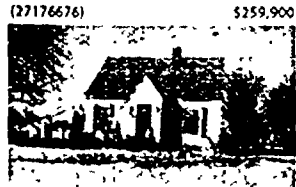
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Private Lakefront Retreat! All sports private chain of lakes, home has many windows with a beautiful view out of every one. Hardwood floors, granite countertops, fieldstone fireplace.



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Finish It Yourself! List price is for finished product. Large lot, wide open spaces. Home is drywalled - make an offer! You can choose to finish and save. Make an offer!



South Lyon 248-851-1900
EXCITING CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL! Backs to wetlands. MBR ste w/ cathedral ceiling & attached bonus room w/ french doors. Master BA w/ 2 sinks, WC, tub, shower. HWT. Huge island kitchen w/ downst.



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Darling Bungalow! Newly painted, hardwood floors thru out. Stained woodwork, new windows & vinyl siding. Plaster walls w/ oval archways. Formal dining & liv room.



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Two BR condo in great location! Beautiful 2 story condo features large living room, condo backs up to open area w/ gorgeous views. Partially finished basement. 1 car garage.



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Sharp Ranch on Nice Sized Lot! Close to downtown this home features living room, country kitchen with eating area, 3 bedrooms and first floor laundry. Kitchen and bath have been updated.



South Lyon 248-348-6430
Adult Co-op 55+ Community! Ceramic tile in foyer and LR eat-in kit. Formal DR, 12x9 4-season un porch, Fin LL w/ FR, office, BR, full ba and laundry 1-car gar Comm w/ clubhouse and beach.



South Lyon 248-348-6430
COLONIAL ACRES FINEST 2 BR/2 BA adult coop. Cul-de-sac location. Full fin bsmt (walkout) w/ Fla room. Central air. Meticulously maintained. Community pool & club house. Planned activities.



Southfield 248-437-3800
Unit in Colonial Industrial Park 2400 sq. ft. unit at a reasonable price. Office space, warehouse space, 16' overhead door, 3 phase electricity. Lease includes assoc. dues and property tax.



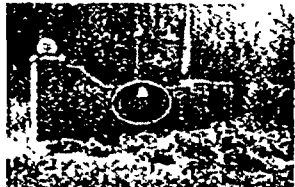
Southfield 248-348-6430
NEW CONSTRUCTION IN SOUTHFIELD! Two elegant 4 br, 2.5 ba homes in beautiful neighborhood. Sunny gourmet kit, sumptuous master and elegant dining room. Not too late to pick surfaces.



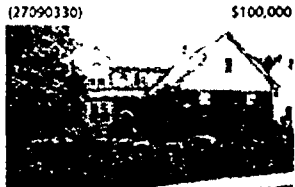
Southfield 248-437-3800
Enjoy up North Living Here in Southfield! Ranch home with spectacular hardwood floors. Do you need a home office? Home features beautiful french doors that lead into a very large room. Large living room.



Southfield 248-437-3800
Birmingham Schools! Clean brk ranch featuring hardwood floors. Kitchen is spectacular. Lower level features suana for you to relax in after a hard day's work. Mr. Clean lives here!



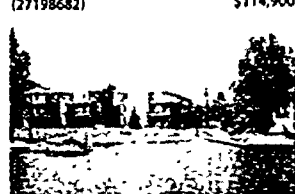
Southfield 248-348-6430
Nature Has Provided 3 lots left in this great location in a beautiful neighborhood of fine homes and large lots. Mature trees in the back provide privacy. Build your dream estate.



Van Buren Twp 734-455-7000
GORGEOUS SETTING! 4 bedrms/2 full baths/2 half baths. Colonial on a cul-de-sac. Backing to pond. Prof. fin basement. Home Warranty. Immed. Occup.



Walled Lake 248-348-6430
Perfect Starter Home! Charming 3 BR ranch on large lot. Updates include: kitchen, bath, and roof. 2 car garage, Walled Lake Schools. Home Warranty!



Walled Lake 734-455-7000
LIVE ON THE LAKE! CHEAP 1BR/1BA, 1 car det. All sports lake. Lake front boat launch & boat wells avail. Beach & picnic area. Lake view from lg deck. Updated with remodeled bath & more.



Wayne 248-348-6430
AWESOME CURB APPEAL! Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch. Centrally located on a lovely street. Updates inc. roof, windows, baths, kitchen, carpet, 2+ car garage, home warranty.



West Bloomfield 248-684-1065
Enjoy 79' of canal frontage on premier lake. Charming Cape Cod has been extensively remodeled. Oak cabinets, carpet, wainscoting, etc. Wooded lot & lake view.



West Bloomfield 248-684-1065
Ready to move in bungalow w/ contemporary art deco decor. Remodeled inside and out. HDWD floors, paver patio, ceramic tile, appl. included, lot. Lake priv.



Westland 734-326-2000
VERY CLEAN, NICELY MAINTAINED & DECORATE. Vanity in all baths, newer pergo flooring in kit, din rm, & family rm. Neutral carpeting thru out. Great storage. Sky's the limit. Deck. New roof. Home Warranty.



Westland 734-455-7000
TODAY'S BUY-TOMORROW'S SECURITY! Nicely updated, including roof, windows, kitchen, bath & new half bath nearly completed, carpet, flooring, siding & gar door & newer furn & A/C. The work is done!



Westland 734-591-9200
Just Listed, Livonia Schools! Fantastic house w/ fantastic price! Totally updated 3BR brk ranch w/ 2 car gar and Livonia schools. Everything is new inc. \$15,000 maple kitchen! A must see!



Westland 734-455-7000
DON'T RENT! BUY THIS 2 BR, 1BA duplex w/ yard and full basement. Like new! Totally redone inside. Very affordable living!



Westland 734-591-9200
True ranch living. NO STAIRS! Come home to peace, tranquility for under \$50K! Lower level unit, assigned parking space at fine dr ample storage space in unit and laundry room just steps away.

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