

Northville Township officials support annexation resolution

Members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees unanimously adopted a resolution on annexation at their Feb. 21 meeting.

The resolution states that:

■ Local units of government may adopt ordinances to determine if commercial, industrial and residential developments fit within their approved master plans.

■ Municipalities may also adopt ordinances to preserve property values, quality of services and provide stability to the community.

■ The annexation process is extremely hostile, and townships do not have comparable annexation protection that city and village forms of government enjoy, causing the breakdown of relationships between municipalities.

■ Any effort to use the threat of annexation and pit one community against another to alter a local community's ordinances for financial gain should be condemned, and all Michigan townships should have equal protection and rights to cities and villages.

■ Northville Township supports state legislation to create a legal framework for encouraging and requiring good faith negotiations in annexation issues, permit township voters a voice in annexation issues where a substantial level of concern exists, to provide city voters an independent role in detachment proceedings, and prohibiting all petitions for annexation during Planned Unit Development negotiations, and/or legal action.

■ The Northville Township Board of Trustees encourages local and state policy makers to take the necessary steps to preserve and protect property values, quality of services and act quickly to enact legislation supporting the rights of local governments.

Annexation could be in hands of city of Livonia's voters

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auction. If the company gets its way, it will put up a mixed-use development that will include commercial retail and office space as well as homes, condominiums and apartments. The development, as they conceive it, could run higher than \$800 million.

But no matter how much REIS wants to spend, the township holds that the developer wants too much. REIS believes they've offered more than enough concessions.

"REIS met with the township on 25 or 30 occasions and made a number of concessions to get more retail," Mitchell said. "They wouldn't. Bottom line: REIS felt that there was no other alternative (than to go to court)."

The township's Zoning Board of Appeals declined to hear REIS' case and the company filed a \$100 million suit in Wayne County Circuit Court against the town-

ship. Eastern District Judge Sean Cox appointed a facilitator last week to settle the dispute. Snider said the judge wants to hear there's been a meeting between the two before May.

Since the development was stalled over variances and the developer is suing the township, there have been rumors that the property could be annexed to Livonia. To annex the property, 20 percent of the people living on the property would have to sign a petition that Livonia voters would have to endorse by ballot.

Before the end of last year, REIS moved eight people onto the property in four manufactured homes to serve as 24-hour security. The people have certificates of occupancy from the township and are for all purposes, residents of the township.

Where does Livonia stand?

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said, theoretically, a majority vote of the residents on the property to annex could put the issue in the hands of Livonia voters. Right now, he's not willing to discuss the issue beyond the limits of theory.

"We're interested observers,"

Kirksey said. "There's nothing before us, there is no annexation, there is nothing to discuss. All of the action is between the township and the developer."

The mayor wanted to stay away from crystal ball-gazing in the row between REIS and Northville Township, but was optimistic that cooler heads would eventually prevail.

"My personal opinion is that I hope the developer and Northville resolve their differences," Kirksey said. "I don't think it will come to annexation."

Annexation is a lopsided process because cities can annex parts of townships but not the other way around. And the township doesn't get a say.

A group of bills has been introduced into the Senate that would correct some of that disparity by making the process longer and putting more of the affected township's residents into the process.

State Rep. John Pastor, R-Livonia, said he wasn't completely up to speed on the annexation bills making their way through the legislature because they haven't come up in the House. Still, he said the state can't really afford to turn its nose up at a major project like this right now.

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Jack Kirksey
Mayor, Livonia

"It doesn't make sense that a billion-dollar development gets hung up by anything," he said. "That's roads, infrastructure and buildings... It'd be a huge shot in the arm for the economy."

He said communities and the state have to do more to welcome corporate America and encourage developments like this project. Construction projects, large ones especially, benefit everyone.

"The automobile jobs are going away, this will spur the economy," Pastor said. "We shouldn't worry about annexation. We should worry about making deals. The economy is not going to grow by things staying the way they are."

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DNR 'dismisses' Voices' concerns

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However, there is no available list of committee members, when and where they meet or minutes from any meetings.

"The letter did say, however, that the DNR found it to be less than satisfactory that the NCF does not seem to be meeting the goal of communicating appropriately with the community," Greenlee said.

Voices members had also objected earlier to NCF's lack of a business plan for the farm.

"There is a plan now, but there wasn't one at the end of 2005, which was in violation of the lease," Greenlee said.

She added that the current four-page plan is very general.

"This letter was a dismissal," said Greenlee, who has since written another letter informing DNR staff that communications with the NCF have broken down.

"We contest their (the NCF Board's) contention that they have a satisfactory advisory committee," Greenlee said. "And, we still have a lot of unanswered questions from our meeting last December."

Greenlee wants to schedule a meeting with DNR staff, telling them, "Let us come talk to you about what we'd like to see at the farm."

Greenlee also read a letter at Sunday's meeting from Barbara Lucas of Westview Drive, who said she and her husband have disassociated themselves with the farm

after Shari Peters, executive director of the NCF, refused to accept their donation of one or more sheep for the farm.

"She said Peters told her that they received many offers from people who want to donate animals, and that they don't need any more."

In the meantime, John Beemer, former farm manager fired by the NCF board last September, is still awaiting a hearing with an administrative judge on the Michigan Employment Security Commission's denial of his unemployment compensation. A hearing scheduled Jan. 31 was postponed.

Greenlee said Beemer was supposedly fired because he was late to work on two occasions and was deemed by NCF board members as "not operating in the best interests of the farm."

However, on one of the two occasions he was said to be late, Peters had reportedly decided to not open the farm that day due to inclement weather.

Greenlee said Peters was subpoenaed to appear at the Michigan Employment Security Commission hearing, and the NCF Board requested the postponement. Greenlee, also said Rep. Marc Coriveau (D-Northville) has expressed interest in learning the outcome of the hearing.

Beemer is receiving assistance in paying his legal fees from a fund started for him by community members.

Hillside M.S. animal room attracts more than students

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Room) in second grade when my brother was at Hillside and he gave me a tour," eighth-grader Eric Johnson said. "I thought it was so much fun. It's really cool to take the kids in and see their reaction to all the animals."

Sixth-grader Jordan Schmidt said her love of young children — she babysits — made her want to become a docent. Getting to learn about animals was just the icing on the cake.

"(The docents) run good tours and do a good job all around," said Polydoros, who sometimes teaches life science from the Animal Room. "It's more so a job than an activity to the students, and they're really responsible."

Hillside students also serve as animal caretakers. Their job is to make sure the animals are properly nourished. If an animal becomes ill, Polydoros said, it is taken to an area veterinarian. To make life easier on the animals, the room is equipped with special lighting and ventilation



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Hillside Middle School teacher Colleen Polydoros watches as students Brian Carlson, Eric Johnson, Sarah Woerck and Jordan Schmidt take a look at an American hedgehog in the school's animal room.

The list of animals includes macaws, iguanas, chinchillas, a gecko, a tortoise, lizards and a couple of small alligators. Students are able to interact with all the critters — including the gators, Capraro said safety measures are taken into account when it comes to the animals and the students. A handler picks up the gator by its mouth and hind parts

and students can pet the scaly animals if they wish. After playtime is over, students wash their hands in a sanitation station.

"We haven't had any bad incidents where anyone was hurt," Capraro said.

Capraro said having the room at the school has been great. She said although students learn valuable things in classes such as

biology, the animal room shows them "real-life" science.

"We've been fortunate to have the support of the district," Capraro said. "The payoff for the students is immeasurable."

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As The Page Turns to feature children's author, producer

Nicole Jackson, owner of As The Page Turns Bookstore & Gallery at 149 N. Center Street, Suite 102, in Old Church Square, will also participate in tomorrow's First Friday Art & Fashion Walk by featuring Sandra Epps, founder of Sandy's Land, a Publishing House and Children's Entertainment Service whose mission is to empower young people.

An award-winning artist, Epps has created various products and apparel with the signature themes of hope, love and faith. A book sale and face painting will take place.

Epps is a survivor of lupus, an autoimmune disease that causes the immune system to attack the body's own tissue and organs. This health challenge inspired her first children's book, "Imani Has The Most Exciting Dream!" which aims to help children deal with a parent's serious illness.

For more than three years Epps has served as associate producer of "Wake Up Detroit!" a popular radio/television program on WHPR TV 33/88.1 FM. A native Detroit, Epps works with the Detroit City Council and has a bachelor's degree in fiber arts from Wayne State University.

First Friday features variety of activities for all ages

■ Lions, tigers, bears — Oh my!

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Art is not only timeless — it appeals to all ages.

Tomorrow's First Friday Art & Fashion Walk has something to offer young and old.

The walk, which includes apparel stores in downtown Northville, runs from 6-9 p.m.

At the Sherris Gallery, 133 W. Main Street, Suite 210, the "Best Friends Forever" Grownup Exhibit and Sale will include a wine-and-cheese opening reception.

"Best Friends Forever," is a unique and whimsical collection of animal character paintings by acrylic artist and Sherris Gallery owner Sherri Mewha.

What began as a fun, lazy-day activity with her grandchildren — drawing animal characters for one-of-a-kind coloring sheets — has become a passion for Mewha.

Bright colors, clean lines and simple composition combine to create this exhibit and sale featuring 26 paintings that present an alphabetical collection of characters from "Anthony Antelope" to "Zipporah Zebra."

In addition to the original paintings of each creature, several large original paintings depict various combinations of "best friends." The exhibit is a heart-warming collection that will delight children and adults alike.

An added component of the exhibit's opening is the debut of the newly-published "Best Friends Forever" coloring book featuring

each animal in the collection.

"Children will love to colorize their own collection of 'best friends,'" Mewha said.

Each "Best Friend Forever" — whether it's "Bartholomew Bear," "Ginger Rose Giraffe," or "Utarra Unicorn" — comes with their personal story that includes their birthday, parents' names, favorite food and song and other personal preferences.

Reflections of memory

Across the street, Starring: The Gallery (188 W. Main Street) will welcome Windsor artist Munazza Naeem.

A native of Pakistan, Naeem blends figurative and abstract elements to create works that reflect memories as they truly exist — with sharp-edged features emerging from the depth of their surroundings.

"I combine images in my paintings and paint from my personal memory as well as borrowing from family and friends," she said.

Each haunting and beautiful recollection is recognizable and evokes the emotion which keeps it alive.

A native of Pakistan, Naeem earned her bachelor's degree in fine art from the National College of Arts in Pakistan.

She then came to Toronto, where she studied at the Ontario College of Art & Design. She eventually earned a master's degree in fine arts from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Naeem is interested in how the mind works and has studied Sigmund Freud and other famous psychiatrists such as Carl Jung and Daniel Schneider. She also paints memories of her own and others'



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Sherri Mewha, owner of Northville Square's Sherris Gallery of Fine Art, displays some of her series of "Best Friends Forever" paintings of animals. The gallery will have a special Children's Reception from 1-3 p.m. Saturday. The event will include cookies and juice, a mini petting zoo, balloons and a free gift for every child.

dreams.

Naeem's works will be on display through the end of March. To learn more about Naeem's work, go to www.munazzaarts.com

Small works show at Art House

The Art House, at 215 W. Cady Street, will open an all-media, juried fine art and craft exhibition of small works during the First Friday event.

The exhibit will feature works smaller than 12 inches in any direction.

Although small, the 2D and 3D

works include art that is humorous, contemplative, beautiful and thought-provoking.

Featured artists include Paul Adanick, Dale Alcocer, John Boychuk, Cheryl Brooks, Izzi Buikus, Mark Gervasi, William A. Griffith, Veronica Heide, Ray Katz, Candace Law, Eric Law, Angela Lipa, Judy Lipson, Linda Logan, Kathleen Montgomery, Barbara Eko Murphy, Lisa Nicol, Dee Overly, Cheryl M. Phillips, Barbara Gage Rex, Sonia Roy, Lauren Scheer, Juliane Shabata, Charles R. Shanahan, Mary Step, Ellen Stern, William M. Tarnowski, Desiree C.

Thompson and Reka Zoltan.

The juror for the show was Tessa Rickard, a nationally- and internationally-exhibited artist who currently teaches at Oakland Community College.

The show will open with a reception from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow and will continue through March 30 during the Art House Gallery hours: 1-5 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays and 1-9 p.m. on First Fridays only.

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Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children age 10 and under for "Ciao" Down, the March 16 fund-raiser for the Northville Historical Society at Tiramì Su Restaurant in downtown Northville. Prices include tax and gratuity.

Tickets are available at The UPS Store or Mill Race Village. For more information, call (248) 348-1325.



Penne pasta will be featured in the Northville Historical Society's March 16 fundraiser at the Main Centre restaurant.

'Purple Gang' fund-raiser to be repeated

A sold-out event tomorrow night at Genitti's Hole in the Wall Dinner Theater in Northville benefiting the General Store for Mill Race Village will feature the story of the notorious Purple Gang who controlled the bootleg liquor business in Detroit during Prohibition in the 1920s and 1930s.

The repeat performance will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, March 28 with a cash bar and continue with a seven-course Italian dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The fund-raiser, which is \$35 per person, will feature an interactive murder mystery dinner. Tickets are available at Northville Candle & Gifts at 124 N. Center Street or at Mill Race Village.

Historical Society wants you to 'Ciao' Down

■ Proceeds to go to reuse the General Store

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Italian food lovers, here's your chance to eat some pasta and make a difference in the community, too.

Members of the Northville Historical Society invite area residents to attend "Ciao" Down, a family pasta feast, beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, at Tiramì Su Restaurant, 146 Main Centre Building.

Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children age 10 and under. Prices include tax and gratuity.

The event will benefit efforts to reuse the former General Store from 166 E. Main St. at Mill Race Village.

In January 2005, the Historical Society members were asked if they were interested in a downtown building about to be razed for a new commercial structure. Research showed the building, built between 1830 and 1850, was the last wooden-frame constructed commercial building in the downtown Northville Historic District.

"It was the oldest wooden building in downtown," said Barbara Davies, historical society member.

A general store in the 1850s, it was the site of the first library in Northville in 1889, a bakery in 1931, a hay and feed store in 1943, a sweet shop in 1957, a restaurant in 1961, a pizzeria in 1972 and a hair salon in 1986.

In February 2005, society members approved funding to disassemble, move, store and reconstruct the building as part of Mill Race Village.

The General Store will be erected across from the Cady Inn. But more funding is needed to complete the project. That's where the March 16 benefit comes into play.

To date, \$36,600 has been raised for the project. An additional \$100,000-\$120,000 is needed to complete the project, depending on how much of the original wood can be reused and if materials and labor are donated.



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Members of the Northville Historical Society join Tiramì Su chef Frank Grippi inside the Main Centre restaurant to preview a dish featured at their Ciao Down fund-raiser: penne pasta with meat sauce. From left is Heidi Neilson, Melissa Cooper, Grippi and Pat Allen.

Dine in or carry out

Guests can eat in or carry out at the fundraiser.

Entrees include a choice of penne with meat sauce or cheese ravioli with marinara sauce. The meal also comes with salad, bread and a refillable beverage.

A cash bar will also be available, with dessert à la carte.

Tickets are available at The UPS Store, 143 Cady Centre St., from 8:30 a.m.-6:45 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Saturday or at the Mill Race Village Office on

Griswold Street north of Main Street from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Davies came up with the name for the event, and Tiramì Su owners Frank Grippi and his fiancée, Megan Abrams, stepped up to the plate, providing the location for the Italian-themed benefit. Others involved include Davies, Heidi Nielsen, Beverlee Lindeen and Pat Allen. "They were very willing to do

this to help us raise some money for the General Store," said Allen.

Excavation can take place now

The society has raised enough money to excavate the site and lay a new foundation for the General Store.

"We're just waiting for the right weather," Allen said. A couple of signs at Mill

Race Village with a large thermometer drawn on shows the fund-raising effort's progress to date.

"We do have a small store at Mill Race Village that's open in the summer," Davies said. "That store has a mixture of merchandise for sale and historic objects on display."

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Northville community mourns loss of Long Plumbing founder

Family started business in '49

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Locals are mourning the death this week of longtime resident and businesswoman Lois E. Long, who along with her late husband founded Long Plumbing.

Born Lois E. Hopkins on Oct. 10, 1920, she died Sunday, March 2, at the age of 86.

She grew up in Wixom, marrying Glenn Long in 1941. In 1946, they moved to Northville and started Long Plumbing Co. out of their house at the corner of Horton and Baseline in 1949.

In 1954, they constructed a new facility on Seven Mile Road just east of the railroad tracks where the current Mason Pro building is located. In 1964 they built a new building on Dunlap Street, which most recently was the former home of Edward's Cafe & Caterers.

In 1973, the building at 190 E. Main Street that currently houses the company operations was constructed. For many years, her husband made sure the work was completed, and Long made sure the numbers worked. She was active in the business until 2005 when declining health forced her to



Lois (Hopkins) Long

retire at the age of 84.

"She was a fixture in this town for many years," said her son, Jim, who now runs the family business.

Long was an active member of the Northville First United Methodist Church, and the church was an important part of her life, said Jim, adding she will be remembered for her devoted love for her family, her kindness, her well-known ability for baking delicious pies, and her strong will and character.

She did it all

"She was a trailblazer and a pretty astute businessperson," said her son, Jim. "She and my

dad started the company, and together they made it grow."

Long said his mother served as the company's bookkeeper, paid the bills, collected the money, waited on customers and answered the phone — all while raising a family.

"She was a full partner," he said. "She made us breakfast in the morning and had dinner ready at night after working a full day. This was their life."

Long said his parents grew up in the Depression and had values associated with that era — hard work, honesty and trustworthiness.

Plus, she was in the construction business, too, since Long Plumbing was a plumbing, heating and piping company," Jim Long said.

Her granddaughter, Allison, now works in the family business.

"She was always proud of me and everyone in the family for everything that we did," she said. "I will never forget her and my grandfather coming to every one of my tennis matches and softball games when I was in high school. Family was the most important thing to her, and she loved each of us unconditionally."

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OBITUARIES



LOLA L. ALEXANDER

Lola L. Alexander, age 98 of Northville, passed away December 24, 2007. She was born on July 4, 1909 in Sweden to David and Dena (Sanger) Love. She has been a resident of Northville since 1950, she was previously of Redford and New York City. Lola was a dance instructor who taught "Interpretive Dance" to many people in retirement and senior citizen communities through the parks and recreation system. She was a member of Northville Mothers Club, Women's Club, Garden Club, and the Book Club. She was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church and always treasured that association with many friends there. Lola loved the outdoors, flowers, gardening, reading, and had a passion for golf. Lola is survived by her dearest friends and caretakers, Naomi Atchinson, Roger Atchinson, and Shaleen Atchinson. Lola passed away peacefully at "her home", Star Manor of Northville. She leaves many friends there, residents and staff. Her closest and dearest companion, Chris Lee, Social Director at Star Manor, brought many bright days to Lola's life, she loved you Chris, and we thank you dearly. Lola is also survived by a son, John Alexander and four grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Star Manor of Northville on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 2pm. Pastor James Russell with the First Presbyterian Church will officiate the service along with Chris Lee of Star Manor. Lola will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions appreciated to Star Manor of Northville, Hospice of Michigan, or to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

LOIS E. LONG

Longtime resident of Northville passed away on Sunday March 2nd. Lois and her late husband Glenn, were the founders of Long Plumbing Co. in 1949. Lois E. Hopkins was born on October 20th 1920. She grew up in Wixom, Michigan. In 1941, she married Glenn Long and in 1946 they moved to Northville. In 1949 Lois and Glenn started Long Plumbing Co. out of their house at the corner of Horton and Baseline. In 1954 they constructed a new facility on Seven Mile Rd just east of the railroad tracks where the current Masonpro building is located. In 1964 they built a new building on Dunlap, which as of late was the home of Edwards. In 1973 the building on Main Street that currently houses the company operations was constructed. For many years Glenn made sure the work was completed and Lois made sure the numbers worked. They were a hardworking team. Lois was active in the business until 2005 when at age 84 declining health issues forced her to retire. Lois was an active member of the Northville First United Methodist Church. The Methodist Church was an important part of her life. Lois will be remembered for her devoted love for her family, her kindness, her well known ability for baking delicious pies, and her strong will and character. Lois was predeceased by her husband of 62 years Glenn in 2003, she is survived by her daughter Mary E. McLeod of Livonia, sons Thomas E. (Karen) Long of Scottsdale, Arizona, and James R. (Virginia) Long of Northville. She is also survived by many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. Visitation will be at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville, on Thursday March 6 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and on Friday March 7 from 3:00pm to 8:00 pm. Memorial service will be on Saturday March 8th at 2:00 pm at the Northville First United Methodist Church, 777 W. 8 Mile Road, Northville. Rev. William Ritter will conduct the services. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Northville First United Methodist Church Parish Nurse's fund or the Church's Music Fund

JOAN L. HOWE (NEE LEMON)

Age 64, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away March 1, 2008. Private services will be held. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. (248)349-0611.

NANCY LACHANCE

Age 55, of Northville, passed away March 1st, 2007. A funeral service was held on March 5 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice.

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 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.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Abigail Piper Brumwell

Robert and Angela Brumwell of Northville are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Piper Brumwell, on January 11, 2008, in Royal Oak. Abigail weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. She joins her brother, Matthew David Brumwell, 12.

Grandparents are Rick and Renee Nelson of Midland; James and Loraine Carnes of Trenton; and Dave Brumwell of Novi. Great-grandparents are Ann Nelson of Midland and Roger and Mary Hansen of Crossville, Tenn.



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All Entries Must Be Received By March 7th

Breeder racks up honors at Detroit Kennel Club Shows

Female takes top Cobo award

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Jeanne Ohrnberger's favorite color is purple — at least when it comes to dog shows.

"The purple ribbon is the one you always want — it's the winner's ribbon," explained the local breeder, owner and handler.

Last weekend, Ohrnberger showed a Rhodesian Ridgeback named Daisy, who won a major award at the 100th and 101st Detroit Kennel Club Dog Shows in Detroit. The dog's full name is Kacela's Driving Miss Daisy.

Daisy took Winner's Bitch at last Saturday's show and Best of Breed in the nine-12-month class Sunday.

"That's very unusual," said Bonnie Ous of Northville, who has three older Ridgebacks that no longer compete.

Ohrnberger bred Daisy at her and husband, Klaus', kennel, Kacela Ridgebacks, in Salem Township. The family lives in the township but has a Northville mailing address. Kacela, pronounced kah-chay-la, is a Tongo word meaning hunter.

The Ridgeback is an African dog that can hold a lion at bay until the hunter comes.

"They hunt in packs," said Otis, who added that it's unusual for an owner/handler to win at the Cobo Conference & Exhibition shows. "Professional handlers usually win in these big shows," she said.

On Sunday, not enough females showed up, so Daisy earned only two points in the competition. In Saturday's show she earned three points.

"To win five points in her very first showing ever is really good," Ohrnberger said. To become an American Kennel Club champion, Daisy needs 15 points and one more major, which is a three-, four- or five-point award.

"She has to win the class she's in and then be named Winner's Bitch," Ohrnberger explained. To win Winner's Bitch, judges count

Want to learn more about this breed?

To learn more about the Rhodesian Ridgeback, contact Jeanne and Klaus Ohrnberger, owner of Kacela Ridgebacks kennels at 7686 Angle Rd., Northville, MI, 48168, (248) 446-3241, kacelarr@kacelaridgebacks.com or visit their Web site, www.kacelaridgebacks.com.

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the number of dogs who compete in a particular day; that's how points are determined.

Ohrnberger showed three other dogs as well: Cooper, Daisy's brother, who won his nine-to-12-month class; Rudy, Daisy's uncle, a Bred-By-Exhibitor entrant who won his class; and Inja, Daisy's sister, who took second in the Bred-by-Exhibitor class.

The Ohrnbergers own Inja, who lives with Betsy Brock from the Muskegon area. Paul and Judy Konye of Redford own the other three Ridgebacks Jeanne showed at Cobo.

The Ohrnbergers discovered Ridgebacks about 14 years ago when they came to the Detroit shows in search of a breed.

"We walked up and down the aisles," Jeanne said. "I didn't want a dog that had too much hair, and I didn't want a run-of-the-mill breed. There's an aspect of higher activity in the Ridgeback, and we kept coming back to them."

History of the Ridgeback

Klaus said the first European settlers in South Africa had their borders shut for more than 100 years, so they couldn't refresh the stock of European dog breeds they had brought with them. So, they started mixing breeds and introduced a wild, African dog



Photo by PAM FLEMING/Northville Record

Local breeder, owner and handler Jeanne Ohrnberger is pictured with judge Eric White from Colorado and Rhodesian Ridgeback Daisy in the Best of Breed ring Sunday at Cobo Conference & Exhibition Center in Detroit. Daisy took Winner's Bitch at the Detroit Kennel Club Dog Shows. Jeanne and her husband, Klaus, own Kacela Ridgebacks in Salem Township.

"That's where the ridge came from," he said.

Ridgebacks are good with children, but aren't overly protective. "They're just there," Klaus said.

In the late 1880s, Von Rooyen, a big game hunter, came to Rhodesia, and a reverend gave him two Ridgebacks he took hunting.

"He found in a pack they could be trained to track down lions and keep them at bay," Klaus said. "The ones who had the ridge did better, so he started breeding toward the ridge."

In 1925, South Africans wrote the first standard for a Ridgeback, and African park rangers still use them.

"The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club in the U.S. has a DVD of a pair of Ridgebacks stopping a charging bull elephant," Jeanne said.

So, what was Daisy's reward for doing so well at the Cobo shows?

"She got to snuggle under the covers with us last night," Jeanne said last Sunday. "She likes to sleep in the bed."

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Due to declining property values, the city and township have decided to use a 12-month sales study which allows for the use of sales from Oct. 1, 2006, through Sept. 30, 2007, for the basis of 2008 assessments. Property for 2008 is assessed on its value on Dec. 31, 2007.

"It's more representative of

the market today," said Jennifer Shephardson, city of Northville assessor.

The State Equalized Value (SEV) is the assessed value adjusted following county and state equalization. The County Board of Commissioners and State Tax Commission must review local assessments and adjust them if they are above or below the constitutional 50 percent level of assessment.

Capped value is the value established when the prior year's taxable value, with adjustments for additions or losses, is multiplied by the rate of inflation, which is capped and can't be greater than 1.05 (1 plus 5 percent). For 2008, the state has

determined the rate of inflation to be 2.3 percent (1.023). This represents the change in the rate of inflation during the previous year.

How are property taxes calculated? Property taxes equal the taxable value times the local millage rate.

The city began its Board of Review process Tuesday; appointments were requested to have been made by March 4. City residents with questions can call the assessing department at (248) 449-9901. Northville Township Board of Review appointments began today. To schedule an appointment in the township, call (248) 348-5800. Ext 10131; appeal letters must

be received, not postmarked, by March 17.

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There is an old wives' tale that links how early a baby begins to teethe with mental development. The truth of the matter, of course, is that no such relationship has been proven to exist.

Parents will typically notice that their child's first tooth pushes through the gumline between the ages of four and seven months. The first teeth to appear are usually the two bottom front teeth (central incisors). About one month later, the two teeth flanking the bottom front teeth (lower lateral incisors) make their appearance.

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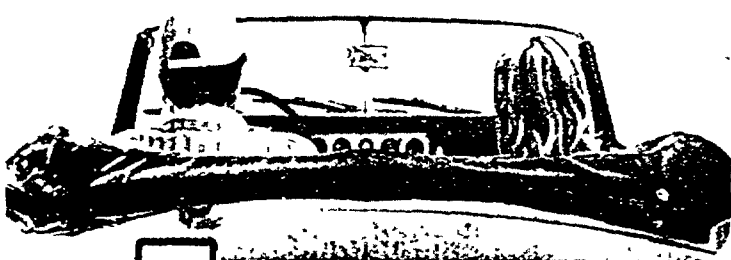
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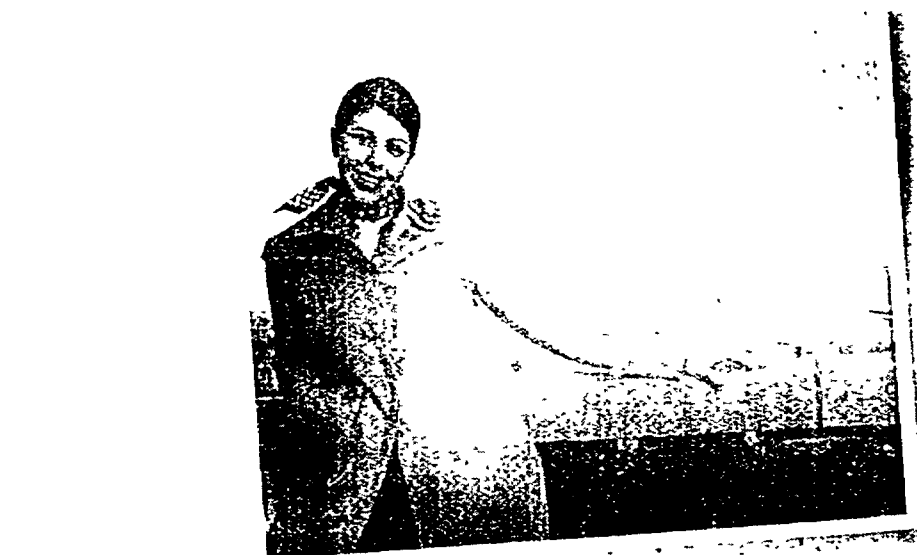
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FATHER BINGO: Community theater world premier in Novi

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

The production of "Father Bingo" is coming to the Novi Theatres before making its way to the Big Apple.

The play, written by William G. Nilsson of Dearborn Heights, debuted at Detroit's Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in February 2006 and is currently in negotiations to be taken to New York City.

During its four-performance run at the music hall, the musical comedy brought in 4,000 people.

"That's huge for an unknown show," said Debbie Lannen, director and performing arts coordinator. "(Nilsson) had never written anything before."

Based in Detroit, "Father Bingo" is reminiscent of the struggles faced during the proposal to bring casinos to the motor city.

Lannen said the overall message of the play is that everything happens for a reason.

"It's trust that things are going to work out the way they're supposed to," she said. "It's just a feel good kind of musical."

About 30 cast members of the Novi Theatres will be debuting the community theater premier of "Father Bingo" next week.

"This is the first time any community theater has done it," said

Lannen, who was also the director of the original production. "I've been working as the director since its inception. It's a huge deal that we got to do it."

But Lannen is not the only similarity to the play's original production.

Lannen's husband, Joe Lannen, who played the role of Father Bingo during the debut at the music hall, will be playing the role of the mayor.

"He's been a professional actor for 30 years," Lannen said of her husband, who is also the drama teacher at Walled Lake Northern High School.

Their son Tony Lannen, 15, is also participating in the production.

Tony, who is a student at Walled Lake Central and member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Ensemble wrote the bass guitar part into the original production and will be playing in the pit.

"It's a fun musical," Lannen said. "The songs are really good, I guarantee you'll walk out singing them."

The production will be held at Novi Middle School because of the size of the set, which was donated by the original producer of the play.

"What the audience is going to see in Novi, is what they would have seen at the Detroit Music

Father Bingo

- Friday, 7:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
 - Sunday, 2 p.m.
 - Friday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, March 15, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
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Hall, just with a different cast," Lannen said. "It's like we brought the Detroit professional to Novi, with a local cast."

"People paid \$35 to see it downtown, it's \$18 here. It's the best deal in town."

The cast is made up of mostly adults from Novi, Northville, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Wixom, Walled Lake, Novi and Milford.

Although Lannen said it is appropriate for all ages, there are some swear words used throughout the production.

"It's based on the mayor of Detroit at the time and his language was pretty colorful," she said.

The middle school auditorium seats 450 and Lannen is expecting



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Actors Julie Landry (Novi), Larry Kallie (Plymouth) and Kyle Coykendall (Walled Lake), rehearse for the upcoming Novi Theatres presentation of "Father Bingo."

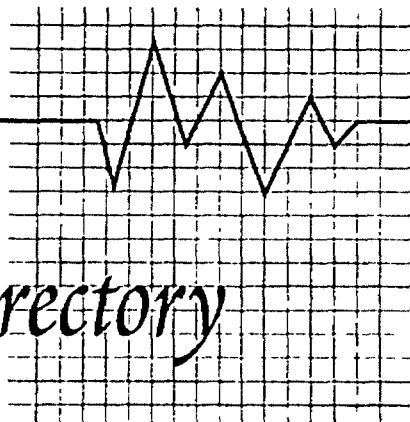
large turnouts, especially opening night.

"Opening night is going to be exciting because a lot of original cast members are coming," she

said, including two of the original Vandellas, Rosalind Holmes and Annette Helton, who played the Bingo Mamas in the original production.

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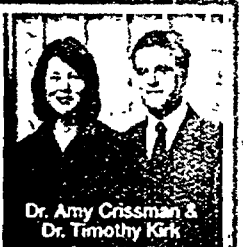
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CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Auto incidents at Oscars party

An officer was dispatched to a residence on Clement Court following a report of an attempted theft from a vehicle that the caller believed occurred between 7 and 10:45 p.m. on Feb. 24.

The caller, a 56-year-old Northville woman, told police she had come to a home for an Oscars Award party, arriving at about 7 p.m. and parking her white 2007 Mercury Mariner in the driveway off Clement Road.

Upon returning to her vehicle, she could tell someone had tampered with it. The driver's door was slightly ajar, the interior light was on, and the glove box and center console were open.

There was nothing missing

from the vehicle, however, including the woman's cell phone that was in plain sight.

A McDonald's plastic spoon was left on the driver's seat. The vehicle had not been locked.

Another woman reported an incident she believed occurred during the same party on Clement Court.

A 61-year-old Northville woman told police she arrived at the party about 7 p.m. and parked her 2007 black Ford Escape in the driveway.

The next day, she noticed two pairs of earrings valued at \$200, which needed to be taken in for repairs, were missing. The doors were not locked on the car.

There have been several larcenies from autos and home invasions in this area recently,

according to police.

Laptop stolen from vehicle

An officer was dispatched to a residence on Dunlap Street on a theft complaint, which the caller believed occurred between 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24 and 8:30 a.m. Feb. 25.

The 44-year-old Northville woman told police her son got something out of her 2007 black Jeep Liberty about 6:30 p.m., and she believes the car was left unlocked.

The next morning, she noticed the driver's side front and rear doors were ajar.

She then noticed that her laptop computer was missing from the vehicle and that someone had gone through some bags she had

left in the car. The computer was valued at \$1,800.

There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

Snowballs thrown at cars

An officer responded to a malicious destruction of property

complaint at 8 p.m. on Feb. 29 at Eight Mile and Novi roads about juveniles throwing snowballs at passing traffic. A woman said she was eastbound on Eight Mile Road and that the snowballs had come from her right.

A 35-year-old Northville man came up to the patrol car at the

scene and told police the windshield of his 2003 red Kia Sedona had been struck by a snowball, cracking it. The man did not see who had thrown the snowball.

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE BRIEFS

Drunk driving arrests one...

A 22-year-old Northville Township man was arrested for drunk driving at 9:55 p.m. Jan. 1 at Mill Street and Franklin Road.

Police were notified that a dark-colored Taurus had just driven by a woman's home with a red, flashing light in the grill.

The driver told police he had consumed about five beers and had stopped drinking about an hour and a half ago.

A breath test showed a blood alcohol level of .18 percent.

...and two

A 47-year-old Milford woman was arrested for drunk driving at 6:03 p.m. Jan. 2 on Pickford Street.

A man called police to say that while driving eastbound on Seven Mile Road behind a white Mercury Mountaineer, he saw the vehicle stop on the roadway just east of Edenderry. The man also stopped his vehicle and watched

as the Mountaineer reversed itself into his Dodge Durango, smashing the front end.

The driver did not attempt to exchange information.

The man followed the Mountaineer, honking his horn. The driver finally stopped, got out of the vehicle, and said she would do anything about the accident.

The man told police the woman's words were very slurred.

The woman then got back in the Mountaineer, drove to Pickford and entered a residence.

The woman refused a breath test and was transported to St. Mary Mercy Hospital for a blood test.

Prescription drug case

A man tried to arrest a man for the fraudulent procurement of narcotics at 8:30 p.m. Jan. 3 at the CVS Pharmacy at 16855 Haggerty Road, but the man left the store before police arrived.

Police were notified about the man attempting to pass a fraudulent prescription. The prescription was for 120 capsules of Vicodin from a Livonia doctor.

The pharmacist told police the man had passed several fraudulent prescriptions in the past, which were all reported to police.

The doctor had written the pharmacy saying that the man was not a patient under his care and that his office was aware of several incidents in which falsified scripts for controlled substances had been obtained with his name.

The prescription was not filled.

Embezzlement at Meijer

An 18-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for embezzlement at 9 p.m. Jan. 7 at Meijer on Haggerty Road at Eight Mile Road.

A loss prevention agent told police the woman was a cashier

for Meijer and that her cash drawer kept coming up short at the end of the night. On Jan. 5, the drawer was short \$93, and on Jan. 6, the drawer was short \$142. The agent watched as the woman skimmed money from the drawer and threw receipts away.

The woman confessed to taking the money and gave the agent the \$170 she had stolen that night.

Retail fraud at Meijer

A man eluded police after stealing a "Dave Chappell's Block Party" DVD and an iPod docking station at 2:20 a.m. Jan. 5 at the Meijer store on Haggerty Road at Eight Mile Road.

The man was in custody for the theft, and then took off on foot.

The recovered DVD was valued at \$9.99, and the docking station was valued at \$69.99.

Police advised the man's girlfriend that if the suspect did not

turn himself into police that a warrant would be issued for his arrest.

Thieves hit Ink Stop store

An employee of the Ink Stop store at 20460 Haggerty Road told police that three suspects entered the store while she was working by herself and stole a camcorder, printer and mp3 player.

The employee told police the oldest female started talking real loud and directed her attention to the back of the store and was talking about shredders. The other two suspects stayed toward

the front of the store. Every time the employee looked to the front of the store, the woman would point to items at the back of the store.

The employee heard the door chime activate, watching two suspects leave the store, but she could not see if they were carrying anything.

A few minutes later, the older female took a call on her cell phone, saying she would return to buy a shredder with a pro plan and left the store. The clerk noticed the items missing a short time later.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SUMMER 2008 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Northville Parks and Recreation is soliciting bids for round trip transportation services from June 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008 for Northville Parks and Recreation programs.

Northville Parks and Recreation will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. local time on March 17, 2008, at Northville City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, at which time all proposals received shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid specifications and proposal forms may be obtained from Northville Parks and Recreation. For further details contact Nichole Passmore, Recreation Supervisor at 248-349-0203 x1408.

The City of Northville reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids which is the best interest of the Northville Parks and Recreation program.

(3-6-08 NR 402804)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notification is given that JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 1111 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, Ohio 43271 has filed an application with the Comptroller of the Currency on or about 3/6/2008, as specified in 12 CFR 5 for permission to establish a domestic branch at 17447 Haggerty Road, Wayne County, Northville, MI, 48168-9542.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Licensing Manager, Large Banks Licensing Operations, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Mail Stop 7-13, Washington, D.C. 20219 within 30 days of the date of this publication.

(3-6-08 NR 403021)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS A SPECIAL LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a Special Land Use request for a 19,500 square foot market and an outdoor patio area. The proposed market is located on the east side of Haggerty Road, north of 5 Mile Road. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

The public is invited to attend this hearing and provide their comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the development proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168

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(3-6/20-08 NR 403034)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS A SPECIAL LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a Special Land Use request for a day care facility at the northwest corner of 6 Mile and Ridge Roads in Northville. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

The public is invited to attend this hearing and provide their comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the development proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168

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(3-6/20-08 NR 403032)

Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Update



by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS A CONDITIONAL REZONING PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan. The Planning Commission will consider a conditional rezoning request for approximately 6.5 acres of land at the northeast corner of Beck and Five Mile Roads. The request is to rezone the property from ORT (Office, Research and Technology) to B-3 (General Business), with conditions proposed by the applicant. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and provide comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the proposal will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 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
Thursday	March 06, 2008	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
Tuesday	March 18, 2008	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Appointments
		6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Appointments

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.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, C.M.C.
CLERK

(2-14/21/28 & 3-6-08 NR 398226)

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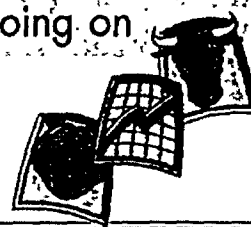
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BUSINESS



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Submitted photo

Participating in Community Financial's donation to the Northville Educational Foundation are student credit union volunteers from Meaghan Monk's sixth grade enrichment class at Hillside Middle School and adult representatives (standing left to right) Meaghan Monk; Kim Schoenknecht, seventh grade student teacher; Eric Barritt, Northville Educational Foundation representative; Tania Elonzae, assistant branch manager of Community Financial's Northville office; Jennifer Lawson (kneeling), seventh grade teacher; Dr. Leonard Rezmlerski, Northville Public Schools superintendent; Heidi Capraro, Hillside assistant principal; and James Cracraft, Hillside principal.

Community Financial donates to Northville Educational Foundation

Community Financial recently presented a check to the Northville Educational Foundation in support of its endowment fund.

The donation was made possible by Community Financial's positive financial performance during 2007. The Northville Educational Foundation is among seven recipients to be given a total of \$5,300 from the credit union's annual Community Shares program.

"We began this program eight years ago to benefit a variety of educational programs in the communities we serve," said credit union CEO Bill Lawton. "Our stu-

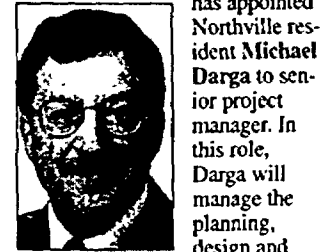
dent-run credit unions keep us very connected to the needs of our local schools."

"We greatly appreciate Community Financial's ongoing support and generosity that helps us strengthen academic programs and expand educational opportunities in the Northville Public Schools," said Eric Barritt, representative of the Northville Educational Foundation.

Tania Elonzae, assistant manager of Community Financial's Northville office, made the presentation to school officials at Hillside Middle School's student-run credit union operated by sixth grade volunteers.

NEWSMAKERS

Civil engineering and surveying firm Giffels-Webster Engineers



has appointed Northville resident Michael Darga to senior project manager. In this role, Darga will manage the planning, design and construction of municipal projects. Darga comes to Giffels-Webster with more than 20 years of engineering, administration, planning, grant writing and construction experience. His past positions include division design engineer and director of transportation.

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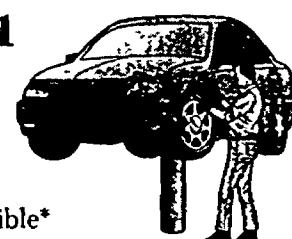


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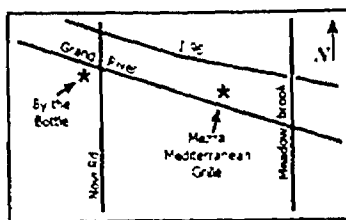
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CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2008 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2008 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008:
FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008:
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008:
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008:
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008:
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008:

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Administrative Meeting
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. until finished for Deliberations
5:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2007, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2007 Real and Personal Property Assessments: WAYNE COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. OAKLAND COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. It is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 4, 2008. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2008 taxable or assessed value.

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My Problem Is Your Opportunity

I've decided to give up trying to make a profit during the "killer" months. If I can only minimize my losses during February and March, I will come out ahead of the other ten months. Here's how this (admittedly daring) offer came about: Every year, the big manufacturers of air conditioners have to guess how many to build to meet the demand. Of course, they're never exactly right. So, they always have some inventory they must hold over until the next summer season. I went to Lennox and contracted for the purchase of 48 premium air conditioners and furnaces in the four most popular sizes used in this Area. And, because of the quantity and time of year, I was able to buy them at drastically reduced, dirt cheap, out-of-season prices. They are brand new 2008 models. And they are NOT the seconds or "blemis" or standard "builder" models. They are factory-fresh, premium Lennox air conditioners and furnaces and have a full factory warranty.

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Here's How

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The Concept Is Simple Really

By letting you win big now, I will win at the end of the year. I'm betting that if I make you an offer that is "irresistible" (at least it should be if your furnace or air conditioner is over 8 years old) and I barely mark it up above the price I paid, I will accomplish two things:

1. I will cover my rent, utilities, insurance and taxes in the "killer" months.
 2. I can pay my professional staff of 12 technicians to work instead of paying them to sit at home.
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You must act before March 31st. Here are two reasons why:
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2. If I have any of the 48 systems left on March 31 (although I doubt I will), this offer still ends.
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

This community deserves a solid foundation

When this newspaper asked the Northville Community Foundation to provide a list of organizations that it gave money to, we were ignored. Simple information that should have been a positive piece of news for the Foundation was not given.

Why? Why wouldn't a foundation that was formed for the betterment of Northville openly publicize what it is giving back to the community?

Because it's embarrassing, that's why.

To take in more than \$330,000 in 2006, and then give back less than \$2,500 — while the organization's president, Shari Peters, takes home a salary of nearly \$59,000 — should not only be embarrassing to the NCFoundation's board of directors, it should be an outrage to everyone in this community (and to the DNR, which leases Maybury Farm to the NCF).

You should think twice when you pull out your hard-earned cash to go on the Foundation's annual holiday home tour.

Think again where your money is going before you go visit Maybury Farm.

When the fall corn maze is up and running, know that there are lots of other mazes in the area that would love your business.

And when you're sitting on Main Street downtown this summer watching the Fourth of July parade go by, think about the organization that is profiting from it. (Unless, of course, the Northville City Council decides enough is enough and refuses to grant the NCF permission to operate the parade this year.)

Maybe the state can ignore what's happening here, but we shouldn't.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

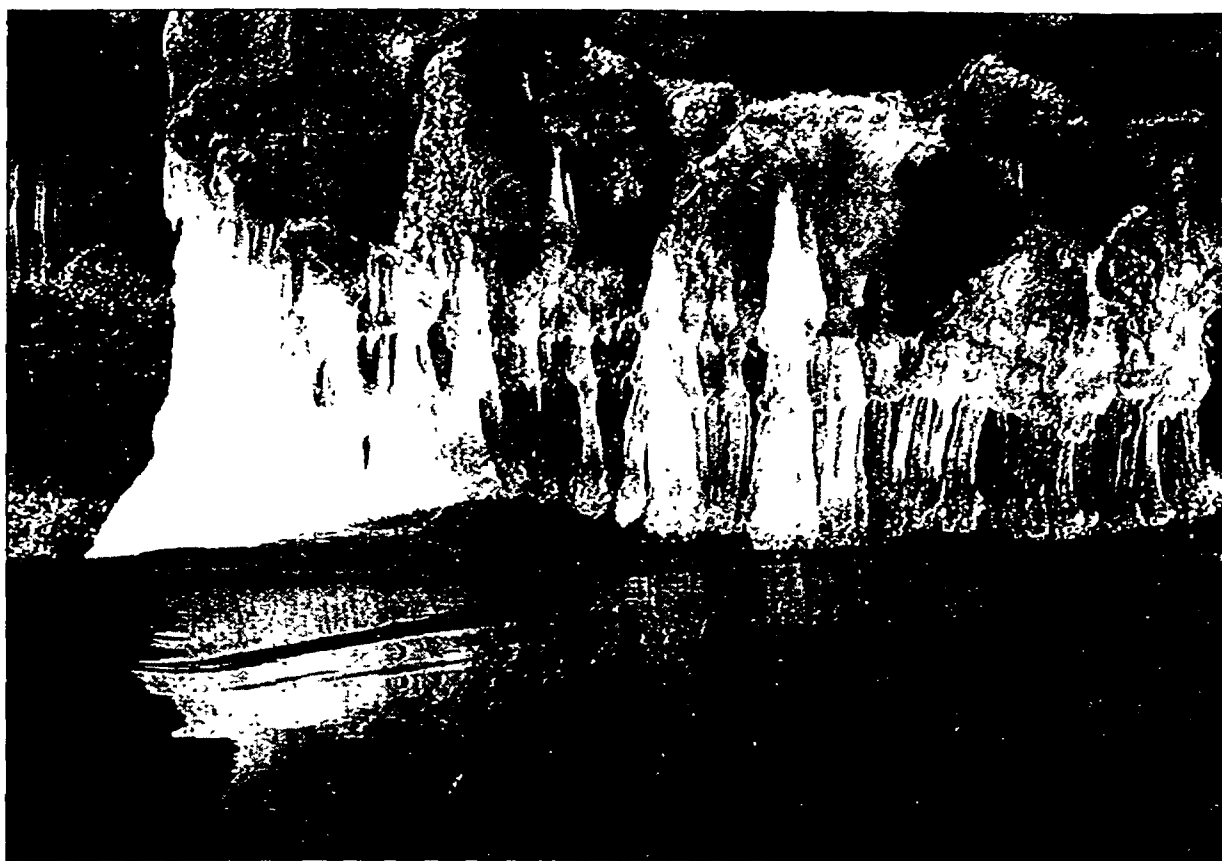


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Frozen moment

A stone bridge abutment on the Rouge River shows its interesting icicles that formed after a recent runoff along Northville Township's Cass Benton Park.

Corrections

■ In an article on page 5-A of last week's issue, "NOMI must cancel benefit due to lack of entertainment permit," it was stated that Al Irish is owner Rachel Stern's partner. Irish is not a partner but rather a co-founder of the Main Street restaurant.

■ In an article on page 2-A of the Jan. 31, 2007, issue about winners of the Fire & Ice Festival's Polar Bear Plunge, second place winner Thelma Kubiskey was identified as Northville Township assistant manager and treasurer. She is the assistant township manager and finance director. Dick Henningsen is the treasurer.

Michigan — pretend and spend, or reform and transform?

Happy days are here again in Lansing. There seems to be a "can't we all just get along?" refrain coming from both sides of the political aisle.

Clearly, this attitude adjustment is an improvement after the fiasco of 2007, where partisan bickering made Michigan look like a circus on steroids.

The governor's recent State of the State speech and the Republican reaction seemed like the makings of election year stew with a dash of kumbaya to make everyone feel better.

The Governor received numerous standing ovations as she called for investment in more state police, K-12 education, community colleges and our state universities. All with no new taxes or increased fees. While solid proposals, the question remains — are they realistic?

Déjà vu all over again?

What if all this happy talk is election year rhetoric that once again pulls the wool over unsuspecting taxpayers? It happened in

the 2006 gubernatorial election. There were calls for these same investments and, lo and behold, after the election we discovered that several state departments of government grossly overspent their budgets. The state had a billion dollar deficit.

We have an economic melt down in this state and the nation is racing to catch up with us. Both sides of the political aisles at the state and national levels seem content to play election year economic make believe. Who gets rewarded for predicting doom and gloom in an election year?

Michigan's manufacturing base continues to shed jobs, devastating Michigan's communities and families. There is a national housing crisis and heightened consumer pessimism. The housing and mortgage mess continues its meltdown, causing massive home foreclosures. It has yet to hit bottom, producing a credit crunch that strangles anyone bold enough to want to expand their business.

Foreclosures account for 9.3

percent of Michigan's home sales — up from 4.9 percent in the 3rd quarter of 2007. Prices of homes are plummeting as a result of the high foreclosure rate, causing local taxes collected by municipalities to plunge as well.

The collapse of housing values is devastating families and communities. People are trapped in their homes because they would take financial baths if they sold their homes — and most can't even find buyers at bargain basement prices.

There is also a collapse of people able to repay their car loans. Estimates are that 7.1 percent of auto loans nationally are in trouble and that the "repo" car business is booming!

The latest job growth numbers show the U.S. economy deteriorating more rapidly than expected and is exacerbating fears that we have entered a national recession. The national unemployment rate has jumped from 4.7 to 5.0 percent, higher than expected, although it has not caught up with Michigan's unemployment rate of 7.6 percent.

Most Michiganians and Americans are carrying significant debt and are tottering on collapse, if not ruin, if caught in the slightest negative financial breeze. Many experts are predicting economic gale winds in the coming months.

The Governor and Legislature increased taxes in 2007 dodging the tough, bold structural changes called for by the bi-partisan Emergency Financial Advisory Panel. Following the panel's recommendations would have positioned our state for the new realities of a global economy.

Making sensible structural government reforms in corrections, K-12 and municipal governments is needed to bring Michigan's spending in line with the new realities and to truly invest in education and retraining of workers.

It appears there is a conspiracy of clinging to the past, protecting the status quo in Lansing. There is a need for reform-minded leadership that understands you can't steal second base with your feet



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firmly planted on first.

Once again, the rhetoric is that we are investing in education. The facts demonstrate that the money pledged by the Governor and legislature for K-12 education will not cover rising pension, health care and other legacy costs, leaving no resources to invest in preparing our children for the hypercompetitive global economy.

Optimism and pretending sells

In the face of these realities, Michigan is going on a "spend

and pretend" spree when it should be on a reform and transform campaign.

The only thing worse than not investing in things that will help make us stronger is continuing to pretend we are — only to pull the rug from under our schools, colleges, universities, cities and families when the economic fairy tale turns out to be make believe.

We will undoubtedly spend the election year money. But the question remains — are we willing to make the changes that will truly transform our state or are we content to keep pretending?

Focus next state budget on real priorities

The good news is that it doesn't look like we are going to have a knock-down, dragged-out, controversial fight over this year's state budget. But in a way, that's bad news too.

I'll explain in a minute. But first of all — have you noticed a monotonous "hum" coming from Lansing? That sound is the legislature chewing on the budget Gov. Jennifer Granholm sent them a few weeks ago. It covers the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1.

That's a way off, true, but it would be nice for once not to have to put off finishing the budget until the last possible moment. Unlike the previous budgets the governor has sent to our divided legislature, this one was greeted by mild approval. Most experts praised it for avoiding partisan conflict by being "rational" and "structurally sound."

What the legislature's priorities are was best expressed by State Sen. Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks, chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee: "We like no new fees and no new taxes."

The total budget, including federal aid and non-discretionary spending, comes to \$44.8 billion. That's up about \$1.1 billion, or 2.5 percent, from

last year. It relies on \$1.4 billion increased tax revenue, the product of the new Michigan Business Tax and income tax hikes that were passed last year after months of fierce partisan warfare.

That's how much money the system will produce, in theory, anyway. (If there is a shortfall, look for more cuts to come.) Budgets are much more than totting up expenses and income, they are statements of our government's priorities.

Ideally, these should arise from an overall vision of the future. And true enough, there are some things to like about Granholm's budget. But as a shaped and disciplined expression of a vision for Michigan's future, it falls sadly short.

Michiganers are increasingly realizing that much of our future depends on our willingness to invest in human capital, whether in our schools or our colleges and universities. The budget calls for increased spending on education, including a 3 percent increase in spending for higher education.

That's fine, as far as it goes. But Michigan has been leading the nation in the dismal and counterproductive exercise of cutting support for higher educa-

tion.

Even after the governor's proposed increases this year for our 15 public colleges and universities, we still are spending \$120 million less than we did in 2001, the year before she was elected.

Her fiscal 2009 budget proposes a \$50 million reduction in spending for state prisons, to be achieved by "reforms and efficiencies," though it isn't clear what those might be.

Corrections spending has gobbled up ever-increasing slices of state spending. This budget ought to focus our attention on one of our tragic disconnects in priorities: We are spending more these days on putting felons in the slammer than on educating young minds.

Indeed, Michigan spends nearly 40 percent more on prisons than our neighboring states, even though our crime rate is just about the same. Isn't it time for a series of public hearings on corrections costs and results, complete with testimony from other states?

I'd bet we have a lot to learn.

Most of us who understand this state also believe strongly in the distinctive competitive advantages Michigan has. We are, in fact, the country's "North



About Phil Power

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Coast," a place of wondrous natural resources and a magnificent (and affordable) quality of life.

For the first time in years, Granholm's budget proposes to increase funding for the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality. That's OK, especially given that the DEQ is virtually out of money, but it's hardly the compelling or bold step we need to assure our future.

But perhaps the worst consequence of this "non-controversial" budget is that it puts off serious action on the kinds of far-reaching structural reforms that were proposed by the Emergency Financial Advisory Panel the governor convened more than a year ago.

That panel included some of Michigan's most distinguished

citizens, including two previous governors. Their report was among the best of its kind. It pointed to a long-term financial crisis facing state and local government. It called for reforms in the tax system, but concluded that we should not just tax our way to responsible state spending.

It urged structural reforms in the ways government is organized. That included changes in the fringe benefits of public employees, and suggested benchmarking what we spend — and what the state raises — against what happens in other states.

This report was disgracefully ignored while the governor and legislature faced a budget crisis last fall. Serious reforms usually require a crisis to concentrate political will. We didn't have that will last year; in ducking

the crisis then, our political leaders in Lansing missed a once-in-a-generation opportunity for big-time reform.

The Emergency Advisory panel's conclusions are still a valid recipe for financial survival: We need serious reforms in the ways we manage our state. Without these, we'll face a steady stream of enormous, long-term structural deficits.

Yet financial survival, important as it might be, is not enough. We still need a compelling common vision for Michigan's future that can shape and discipline the workings of our state. This year's budget may offer a few baby steps in the right direction. But we need to see a big picture.

And this budget doesn't even pretend to offer that.

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LETTERS

Town Square pedestrian safety

For more than a year, I and a few others, have raised concerns about pedestrian safety at the new town square. I have submitted two letters to the City Council on this topic, one on 2/5/07, pre-construction, and most recently on 2/4/08 citing as-built conditions. These letters presented examples of conditions that may increase risk of injury to pedestrians.

My request to Council is to retain a qualified pedestrian safety specialist to review the square and put this issue to rest. The outcome could be a blessing on the existing condition or identification of issues, possibly modified with minimal physical effort (signs, paint, etc.).

Last night (3/3) I returned to Council to ask about specific plans to address these concerns. It appears that there are none and the Council did not indicate plans to pursue the matter further.

Giving Council the benefit of the doubt, I went on to explain differences between physical design (architecture) and usability (human factors or ergonomics). Human Factors specialists are trained in Psychology and understand people in relation to physical environments, such as streetscapes. Architecture and Ergonomics are complementary but distinctly separate disciplines. You can Google "Forensic Human Factors" or "Pedestrian Safety" for more information.

Based on my 30 years in Safety and Ergonomics at Ford, I believe that there are safety issues at the town square that need to be addressed. As I stated to Council, however, I would be pleased to defer to the opinion of a qualified professional. Spring weather will bring more people and activities to the downtown. Rapid resolution is important.

While I hope Council will soon see merit in my request, though it appears unlikely without significant public encouragement.

As always, I am available for discussion over coffee.

Tom Swigart
Northville

NCF money doesn't add up

Any 501(c)3 organization, such as the Northville Community Foundation, is required by the IRS (under section 301.6104) to provide to ANYONE making an in-person request a copy of the organization's 990 forms with all schedules and attachments for up to the past three years, within the same business day. On Jan. 14,

at approximately 3 p.m., an in-person and in-writing request was made for the NCF's 990's of 2004-2006. A full seven days later, via the post, a copy of just the 2006 990 arrived, and it was missing one critical schedule. For comparison, a complete copy of the NCF's 990 was obtained from the State via a FOIA request.

On the one page that the NCF neglected to provide was information the NCF might not want you to know. Namely, that although the NCF reported that it took in \$333,006 in 2006, the NCF gave a sum total of \$2,469 to the Northville community in the form of grants and other allocations that year. Thus it gave 0.7 percent back to the community. In a December 2007 letter sent to a former NCF donor Ms. Peters states that the NCF has given money to D.A.R.E., SADD, Prescription Drugs for Seniors, Civic Concern, Arts Commission; anti-smoking programs at Meads Mill, Hillside and OLV; equipment for special needs students-Old Village School; Northville Library; Northville Schools for books; Northville High School Band; Northville Nite; Tipping Point Theatre; the Genealogical Society; and others, plus high school seniors' scholarships. According to the 990, in 2006 they did not give any scholarships, but gave only: \$200 to Mothers Club \$500 to Northville High School \$500 to Genealogy Society \$500 to Meads Mill \$769 to St. George Ministries That same year, Ms. Peters, president of the NCF, received a raise of 3.4 percent over the previous year to \$58,962. In the previous year, the NCF gave the community \$8,579. Why the drop in giving? Why the raise for Ms. Peters? Why retain such a high proportion of the revenue in these difficult economic times? Why the non-compliance with IRS regulations? These are intriguing questions.

Charitable organizations are often criticized if their administrative overhead is high. What is the administrative percentage of the NCF? On the NCF Web site it states "administrative expenses continue to be well under 10 percent, which is considered excellent." What if not evident on the Web site is that none of Ms. Peters' salary is counted as "administrative." All of it was reported to the IRS in 2006 as a "programming expense."

In 2000, the Council on Foundations issued the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. These include as one of the standards: "A community foundation is accountable to the community it serves and regularly disseminates information on its programs and finances." Another is: "A community foundation communicates openly and welcomes pub-

lic scrutiny." Hundreds of community foundations have received the Seal of Approval of the Council on Foundations. A list of Approved community foundations is available at www.cof.org. The NCF is not among them.

Incidentally, the president of the Livonia Community Foundation, Mr. Robert Bennett, takes no salary at all. In contrast to the NCF, when I asked Mr. Bennett for a copy of their bylaws, one arrived in the mail three days later. On their Web site, financial information is provided for not just three years, but a decade. See it at http://livonia-communityfoundation.org/fund_growth.htm.

I invite each of you to draw your own conclusions.

Susan Greenlee
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Where have all our priorities gone?

A simple glance through any local newspaper is a good reflection of the area's opinions and values. Included are usually local sports teams, new restaurants and most importantly new developments. As I read through last week's Northville Record (week of Feb. 29), I noticed a similarity in both priority and developmental issues in the area. The front page with headlines both in reference to the development of the hospital property on Seven Mile Road, and the refuted lighting proposal for the costly roundabout on Taft.

Each of these causes were then taken up by a group of people, whether it be city officials or concerned community members, and made into an issue. The individuals on these committees have done a very good job of facilitating meetings regarding these "important" Northville

issues. Much time and money has been spent to make sure everyone's opinion is heard, and that our area doesn't stay "too Victorian."

Coincidentally, after reading these articles I was talking to a fellow community member about her student at Northville High School, and how she didn't receive a chemistry textbook at the beginning of the fall semester. Much of the first few weeks of class were done without any form or guidance from a text that should've been provided. No questions asked. I then remembered my high school years in Northville, and I also never received a text book for a human biology class I was enrolled in. We instead were dependent upon Xeroxed pages and grainy diagrams. Why aren't these stories making front page news? We most definitely have the tax dollars in this community to give our students all of the amenities and tools possible for success. Where are they?

These stories did not make front page news because we are using our time ineffectively. Bickering about the color and stature of fluorescent lights and how a plot of extinct hospital land should be used. We need to be focusing on the future of our city. The current students and future graduates that we want to stay in our area and facilitate commerce.

Communities need to be formed and our time and money need to be allocated to the education of our children. What good is an area with a generous tax base if our students are going without the proper educational tools? As a community, we need to band together and prioritize. Light the lamps of education, not of Taft.

Natalie Pilarz
Northville

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WITH GARY S. WEINSTEIN GEMOLOGIST

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.

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Economic Growth Package

We in Michigan have too long suffered through our one state depression. While we have toiled to survive and transcend our economic straits, above us loomed the prospect of the growing national economy might soon and crash down upon us. Earlier this year, this grim possibility drew nearer.

This January 2008, economic projections indicated the housing downturn and resultant financial turmoil would reduce economic growth and increase the likelihood of an economic recession. Later that month, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke reviewed the bleak, near-term national economic prospects; and commented upon a potential Congressional growth package to protect families and all Americans by bolstering our economy.

Not known of late for bi-partisan co-operation, Congress was spurred to constructively co-operate on behalf of the American people.

Working closely with Minority

Leader John Boehner (R-OH), by January 28th Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) introduced H.R. 5140, the Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act of 2008; and, after overwhelming House and Senate approval, this legislation was enacted into law by the President on February 13, 2008.

Under this law, tax rebates are to be provided to taxpayers who earn at least \$3,000 but no more than \$75,000 per person or \$150,000 per couple. The tax rebates of \$600 will go to individual taxpayers and \$1,200 to taxpayers filing joint returns. Further, eligible taxpayers will receive additional tax rebates of \$300 for each of their children.

Aware tax relief is essential to alleviating families' high costs of living, this law directs the Secretary of the Treasury to pay tax rebates as rapidly as possible and continue them until December 31, 2008. Importantly, too, Social Security benefits and disabled veterans benefits will count as earned



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income to satisfy the \$3,000 income requirement, so seniors and disabled veterans will qualify for a modified rebate of \$300 per individual taxpayer or \$600 per jointly filed return.

Of course, this important bipartisan tax rebate is but a first step in promoting our national economic prosperity; and more must be done, especially here in Michigan, itself, to ensure economic opportunities and stronger family budgets. But the key principles inherent in this new law should be the basis for future helpful measures to do so. The key principles are

these:

Americans have a sovereign right to keep their hard-earned money to provide for themselves and their families; and

America's prosperity is produced by free citizens engaged in free enterprise - not by the growth of government.

True, these principles of our prosperity have been ignored by state government with disastrous results for us; still, the new bipartisan tax rebate does offer hope the federal government is finally realizing you do not work for Washington; Washington must work for you.

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Local Events

Citizens for Northville Public Forum

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. tonight
LOCATION: Highland Lakes Clubhouse, 20301 Silver Springs Drive, 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

Addiction Seminar

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. tonight
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville
DETAILS: Speaker is Dr. Paul J. Melrose, Director of Clinical Services and Executive Director of Samaritan Counseling Center. Presented by The Stephen Ministry. No cost but please call the church office at (248) 349-0911 by March 2 to register.

First Friday at Northville Candle and Gifts & More

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday
LOCATION: 124 N. Center Street
DETAILS: Live music, refreshments and wine celebrating the new section of our store called "A More."

"The Purple Gang" Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Friday (sold out), and Friday March 28
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

Taste of Northville Business Showcase

TIME/DATE: Noon-3 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: This exposition brings together Northville's premier businesses to highlight their products and services at a fun family-themed event; over one hundred interactive exhibits from retail, service and professional businesses are on display; top draw are the area restaurants providing samples from their menus; give-aways, prizes and raffle items. 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."
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
LOCATION: The Inn At St. John's, Five Mile Road, just east of Sheldon Road
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
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 barnesandnobleinc.com.

"Researching There When You're Here"

TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady
DETAILS: Northville Genealogical Society presents speaker Karen Krugman, a professional genealogist. Discover how to do research and obtain vital records from all over the world without traveling there. A computer genealogy class on "Message Boards" will be held at 1:15 p.m. prior to the speaker. Public welcome at both, no charge.

Handcrafter's Craft Show

DATE: Friday-Sunday, March 14-16
LOCATION: Northville Recreation Center at Hillside
CONTACT: (734) 459-0050

"Ciao Down" Benefit for Historical Society

TIME/DATE: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16
LOCATION: Tiramisu Restaurant, Northville
DETAILS: Come Ciao Down at this Italian pasta feast to benefit the Northville Historical Society. Diners will enjoy penne with meat sauce, cheese ravioli with marinara sauce, house salad and refillable beverages. Cash bar and a la carte desserts also available. Carry-out service also offered. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids ages 10 and under. Purchase tickets at the UPS store across the street from the restaurant or at Mill Race Village from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays. Seating is limited. A portion of the price benefits the Historical Society and Mill Race Village.
CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 348-1325

Daughter of the American Revolution

TIME/DATE: Noon Monday, March 19
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: The Northville/Plymouth DAR American Indians Committee and Indians of Southeast Michigan will meet for a sandwich luncheon.
CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

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@qualtymetalcraft.com

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.

SHOWcamp featuring Disney's 101 Dalmatians

DATE: July 21 - August 1, performance Aug. 2
LOCATION: Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St.
DETAILS: An educational and fun summer camp for children entering grades 3-8. Students will audition for roles in the musical and train with a choreographer, musical director and director. They will also be an integral part of building the set, creating cos-

tumes and will learn valuable tricks of the trade. At the end of 2 weeks, they will perform a full musical production of Disney's 101 Dalmatians. Cost is \$350, registration ends July 1. Before and after daycare available for a small fee.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or www.tippingpointtheatre.org

As the Page Turns

LOCATION: 149 N. Center St., Suite 102, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or visit www.asthepageturns.biz
Book Signing
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 15

DETAILS: We will have teen author Lauren Parent at our store. Her book is entitled, "I'm Different But I'm Special." All the illustrations were done by Lauren as well.

Marquis Theatre

135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or northvillamarquistheatre.com
Movies at the Marquis
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

DATE: Saturday, "Some Like It Hot," sponsored by Loria's; Mar. 15, "Rebel Without a Cause," sponsored by Poole's Tavern; and Mar. 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.

Baseline Folk Society

DATE: Third Saturday of each month, Sept.-June
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 Cady
DETAILS: Enjoy traditional, folk and acoustic music in a casual setting. Five open mic spots available on first to sign up basis beginning at 6:15 p.m. Tickets \$5 at the door.
CONTACT: (248) 344-0954

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. 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.
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
Tuscan Art with Michael Farrell
DATE: Wednesday, 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. 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.

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; 10 a.m. MOMS Club; 4 p.m. Brownie Scout meeting; 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout meeting
Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 4 p.m. Brownie Scout meeting
Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 1 p.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 4:30 p.m. Cub Scout meeting; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scout meeting
Monday: 11 a.m. Northville Garden Club; 7 p.m. Lions Club
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang
Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church
* Grounds closed to public

Northville Chamber of Commerce

LOCATION: 195 S. Main St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org
New Member Coffee
TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Friday
LOCATION: Independence Village of Plymouth TGIF
TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Friday, March 14
LOCATION: Chamber Office
After Hours Mixer
TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. March 19
LOCATION: Northville Ridge at the Reserves (Uniland Corp.)

Regional Events

"Chapter Two" a play by Neil Simon

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday
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.

Laughter Lifts You Up

TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13
LOCATION: Laurel Manor, Livonia
DETAILS: Humor heals is the idea behind this women's event sponsored by Angela Hospice of Livonia. Event includes serenading by a barbershop quartet and dinner followed by guest speaker Maureen Burns, author of the book "Run With Your Dreams". Tickets are \$40 per person and reservations can be made by calling Barbara Paul at (734) 953-6014. Proceeds benefit ALS patients at Angela Hospice.
CONTACT: www.angelahospice.org

Alumni of MSU Child Development Laboratories

TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 15
LOCATION: 325 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
DETAILS: Former and current families, staff and students of the Michigan State University Child Development Laboratories (CDL) are invited to an 80th Birthday Party for the CDL. Entertainment, children's activities and birthday cake will be offered. Bring photos from your time at CDL. Please RSVP to (517) 355-1900.

Easter Egg Hunt

TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. Saturday, March 15



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Teamwork

Kelly Berry sits with her son Christian, 10, at the Northville District Public Library on a recent Wednesday afternoon. They were both looking at a book that Christian was borrowing to do a report for Black History Month.

LOCATION: The Sports Club of Novi, 42500 Arena Dr.

DETAILS: Everyone is welcome at the 1st Annual Egg Hunt. Children 12 and under are invited to participate in the egg hunt in the gymnastics center, followed by a Free Open Gym play. A special visit by the Easter Bunny will also occur for pictures and fun.
CONTACT: (248) 735-8850

Pot Of Gold Fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 16
LOCATION: The Gallery Cafe, 101 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, corner of 10 Mile Road and Pontiac Trail
DETAILS: This is a unique fundraiser. You bring the gold and you'll be paid cash. No strings attached. The gold can be broken, twisted, bad memories, etc. At the end of the day, a percentage of total sales will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Nothing comes out of your sale. Irish Coffee, scones and Celtic music provided. No appointment necessary, just drop in.
CONTACT: Sue at (248) 437-3304

Winter Master Gardener Class

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

Metro Detroit National College Fair

TIME/DATE: 9-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17
LOCATION: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia
DETAILS: Presented by the National Association for College Admission Counseling and the Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling. Free admission and free parking.

Farmington Artists Club Spring Exhibit and Sale

DATE: April 23-27
TIME: Noon-8:30 p.m. Wednesday; 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday; Noon-6:30 p.m. Saturday; and Noon-5 p.m. Sunday.
LOCATION: Costick Activities Center, 48660 Eleven Mile Road, Gate 4, Farmington Hills
DETAILS: Exhibit showcases outstanding works of Farmington Artists Club's members; juror for the show is Robert Wilbert,

Professor Emeritus of the Art Department at Wayne State University; free admission.
CONTACT: (248) 455-9885

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

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

American Romance

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 8
LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville
DETAILS: Composer and string bass virtuoso Clark Suttle is featured in the world premiere of his Concerto for Electric Bass and Orchestra and music by George Gershwin, Leroy Anderson John Knowles Paine.

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.

Rock Financial Showplace

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

The Michigan Golf Show

TIME/DATE: 2-9 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Nation's largest golf show. Admission is \$10 for adults, ages 12 and under are free. \$5 to park.

Spring Boating Expo

TIME/DATE: 2-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 13-14; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, March 15; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 16
DETAILS: Display of current 2008 boats and trailers. Admission is \$10 for adults, 11 and younger are free. \$5 to park.

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Pfizer donations aids Northville High's science department

■ Drug company donates glassware to school

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

The closing of pharmaceutical giant Pfizer's research facility in Ann Arbor made it possible for the Northville High School Science Department to receive some much-needed equipment.

Pfizer, which is set to close its Ann Arbor office later this year, has donated between \$2,000-\$3,000 worth of glass equipment to Northville High School. The Pfizer donation comes more than a decade after Northville Laboratories gave the school three vans full of glassware, as well.

The equipment is heavy duty, according to Science Department Chair Ron Meteyer, and, Meteyer said, will allow the school science department to expand its curriculum and conduct experiments it hasn't done in the past.

Northville High received 10 boxes filled with bubble-wrapped glassware from Pfizer. The school has ample science equipment, but cleaning and long-term use has been an issue, according to Meteyer.

"We'll be able to use the things

we got from Pfizer for a long time," he said. "These pieces will last 2-3 times longer."

When it was announced last year that Pfizer's Ann Arbor lab was closing, a representative of the company called a number of schools offering up equipment. The tools Northville High received include graduated cylinders, beakers, flasks and funnels. Meteyer said the quality of the donated equipment is high and helps the school, since it had to cut back on purchases due to school funding issues in recent years.

"The science teachers used to have to describe what was going on in an organic chemistry lab before," Meteyer said. "That was a problem, now we can open up new ideas and issues that we couldn't before."

Pfizer Director of Worldwide Communications Rick Chambers said his company supports science education, as it helps to train the researchers of tomorrow.

"We hope this donation of lab equipment encourages future growth of science careers, especially in Michigan," Chambers said.

But Meteyer said the closing of the Ann Arbor lab makes it difficult to steer students in that direction. He also said a number of his students' parents, who had been employed by Pfizer, are now looking for jobs.

"I'm sad to see (the lab) go away," Meteyer said



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Northville High School chemistry teacher Ron Meteyer checks out some of the beakers donated to the school by Pfizer along with student Theresa Yankovich. The lab equipment came from Pfizer's facilities that closed in Ann Arbor.

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Wayne County adopts five-year common calendar for schools

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Five-Year Common Calendar was adopted by the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) Board of Education Feb. 20 in accordance with Public Act 101. The vote was unanimous, according to RESA Special Projects Coordinator Tracey Wright.

Local districts may add additional days to the calendar — through the collective bargaining process — but must observe the dates adopted within the Wayne County common calendar, which takes affect beginning with the 2008-09 school year. By law, the first day of school must be after Labor Day. Local districts, again subject to the collective bargaining process, establish the last day of school.

"It's pretty direct legislation," said Leonard Rezmierski, Northville Public School District superintendent. "We can add things to the calendar, but we can't renege from it."

Rezmierski added the proposed calendar is similar to what Northville has adopted with the exception of extended holiday vacations.

The common calendar was developed in cooperation with the 34 Wayne County school districts, including Northville, and with input from the 82 public school academies in Wayne County. In addition to the two legislated winter and spring breaks, Wayne County districts

requested the identification of two common professional development dates and mid-winter break time. Districts with bargaining agreements in place prior to Oct. 1, 2007, are not required to follow the common calendar until the bargained calendars expire. Districts and public school academies that have unique circumstances may apply for a waiver from the State Superintendent of Instruction.

A fact sheet presented to RESA board members at the Feb. 20 meeting said the common calendar dates represent very little change for most Wayne County districts and are fairly consistent with their existing calendars. Labor contracts that include additional calendar dates are bargained between the local units and their districts.

Legislation signed into law by Gov. Jennifer Granholm last October calls for Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) and RESAs across the state and their constituent school districts to adopt a common school calendar that includes starting and ending dates, as well as winter and spring holiday breaks for at least five years out. The measure must be adopted no later than July 1 of this year.

The common calendar recommendations were developed through a RESA Common Calendar Committee that met in November and December. While RESA officials acknowledge that it is almost impossible to develop a calendar that would meet the needs and wants of all

of the districts and public school academies in Wayne County, the hope is that the proposed five-year calendar is a reasonable and common sense solution for Wayne County that meets both the letter and intent of the new legislation.

Wright said Wayne County superintendents have been discussing the measure during meetings and said that, if approved, implementing the measure would be a cooperative effort between RESA personnel and each of Wayne County's public school districts. She also said approving the legislation could mean a cost savings for districts across Wayne County as it relates to countywide programs and transportation.

A disadvantage of having one common calendar, Wright said, is that individual districts lose control over their own schedules for the most part. However, individual school districts, subject to the collective bargaining process, will determine the length of some breaks, such as mid-winter break, additional professional development days and the last day of school in June.

Additional information regarding the Wayne County Five-Year Common Calendar can be obtained on the Wayne RESA Web site at http://www.resa.net/common_calendar/index.htm.

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Out for blood

Northville High School senior BreAnna Montgomery donates blood during last Friday's Nov/Northville blood drive competition. The school's were seeing who could donate more that day for the Red Cross.

BRIEFS

League of Women Voters looks for scholarship applicants

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is seeking applicants for a \$1,500 scholarship to be awarded in June.

Those eligible are undergraduates who are U.S. citizens. Applicants must also meet the following criteria:

- Live in Canton, Garden City, Livonia,

Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne or Westland;
• attend a Michigan college or university;
• Major in government, political science or public policy; and

• be entering the third year of undergraduate studies.

For more additional information or to download the application from the Web site, www.lwvnmw.org, click on 2008 Scholarship Application.

Applications must be postmarked by April 18.

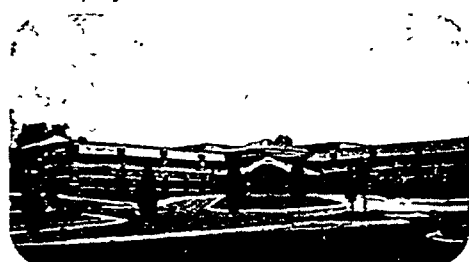
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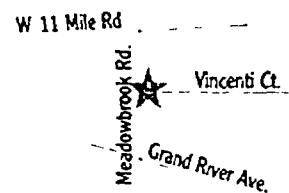
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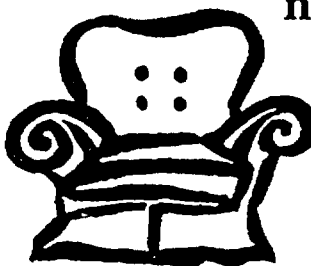
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Brian Bagian, left, and Jonny D'Anna spar during a recent practice. Bagian qualified for state at 145 pounds, D'Anna at 119. State finals begin tonight at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

RUMBLE READY

D'Anna makes return to state; Bagian making first trip

By Jeff Thelsen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville wrestlers Jonny D'Anna and Brian Bagian are headed to the state meet tonight through Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

D'Anna got a taste of the state meet last year, and he's ready to feast.

Last year he said he would celebrate placing at state with a big plate of fettucini Alfredo.

After finishing with one win and two losses, he finished shy of his goal.

State finals

Who: All high schools
Where: Palace of Auburn Hills
When: Thursday through Saturday
Mustangs: Jonny D'Anna at 119 pounds, Brian Bagian at 145 pounds

D'Anna hopes to enjoy his celebratory meal after standing on one of the top four steps of the championship podium.

With this being his senior year, D'Anna knows this is his last chance to

get it done.

"It's a little more nerve-racking knowing that I don't have another opportunity," he said. "I can't just, 'Oh, next year.'"

D'Anna said the experience gained from last year can only help this year.

"I think it's going to be a lot better this time," he said. "I know what to expect. Last time it was like, 'Geez,' Palace of Auburn Hills, tons of people. It was a whole-new experience."

D'Anna captured the WLAA and district titles the last two years. He has wrestled varsity at 119 pounds all four years

and carries a 36-7 record this year into the state meet.

Brian Bagian is going for his first time, but hopes to make a big impression on the grandest stage of the year.

"It's exciting. I'm looking forward to it," Bagian said. "Since I was a freshman, I wanted to place at state."

"Now that I'm there, I'm in no way satisfied."

Bagian earned a 40-6 record at 145 pounds this year. He won the WLAA and district titles and placed third at regionals. Bagian has been a varsity wrestler since

his sophomore year.

Second-year head coach Jeff Balagna enjoyed going to the state meet with D'Anna last year. He's even more pumped up to take a second wrestler this year.

"It's always good when you have more than one at the state finals," Balagna said. "Both of those guys are very deserving of that honor of going there and representing Northville at the state finals."

Balagna hopes both wrestlers pull off

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'Stangs beat CC, fall in regional finale

By Jeff Thelsen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville hockey team is going to remember 17 seconds for a long time.

It's how far the Mustangs were from winning the regional title and advancing before Orchard Lake St. Mary's tie the game up and went on to win 3-2 in overtime.

Northville head coach Clint Robert emerged from the locker-room with a look of pure disbelief on his face.

"I'm still a little bit in shock right now," he said. "When we got the powerplay... and had the face-off coming, we just thought, all we need to do is win this faceoff and put it deep and we're moving on."

Northville led 2-0 after the first period and looked well on its way to winning with a man advantage and just 50 seconds left on the clock.

The Eaglets were forced to pull their goalie just to get to 5-on-5

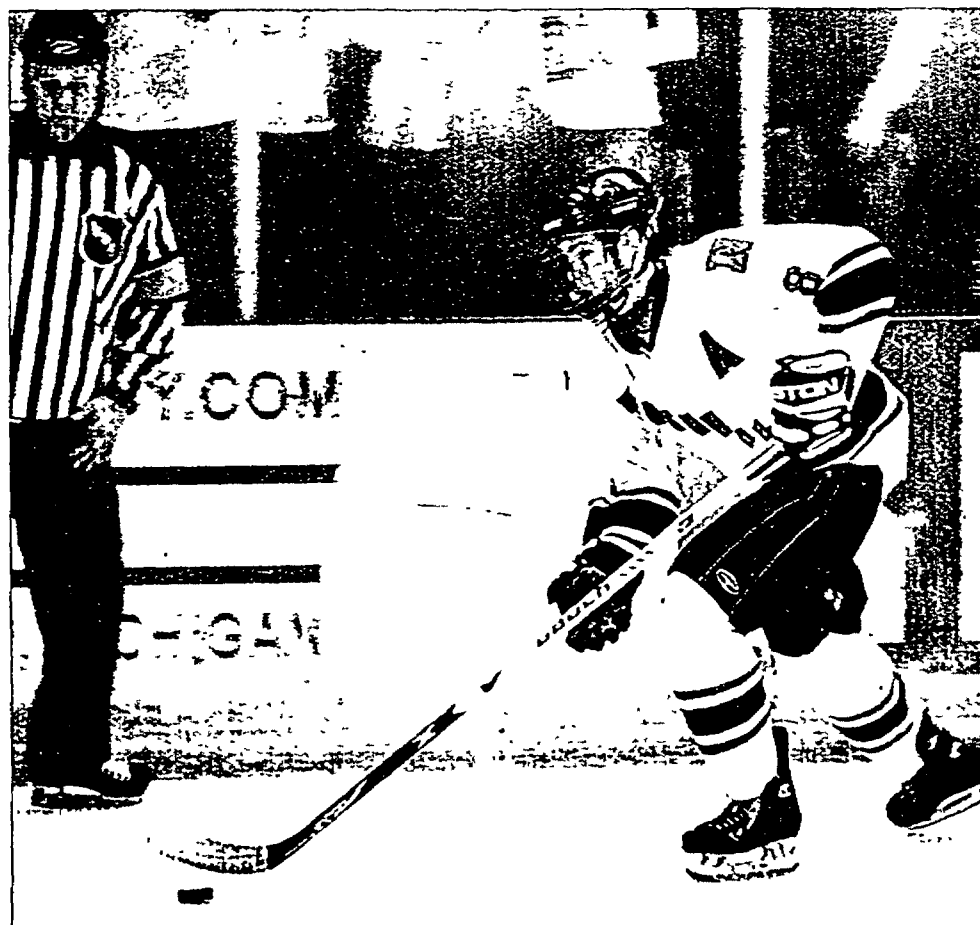


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Mustang Kevin Uetz skates up ice during Northville's game against Novi Central Catholic.

hockey. St. Mary's forced a face-off in the Mustang zone, and everything changed in a few seconds.

The Eaglets won the faceoff and the puck wound up in front in the Northville net, and Matt Uhrin slammed home the equalizer with 16.7 left in the third.

"It just took a funny bounce off the faceoff, right out in front of the net," Robert said. "They were able to jump in and grab it."

"My heart is broken for all those boys right now."

Momentum had clearly swung over to the Eaglets.

Northville came within inches

of winning in overtime when TJ Hohl's tip-in shot 30 seconds into overtime was stopped by Ryan Moreley-Stockton.

Less than two-minutes later, the Eaglets worked a 2-on-1 perfectly, with Thaddeus McConkey

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Mustang swim and dive hunt for trophy

■ Top-four finishers bring home hardware

By Jeff Thelsen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville swimmers are looking to keep a string of state trophies going.

The Mustangs placed fourth two years ago and third last year at the state meet. It takes a top-four finish to come away with a trophy, something head coach Rich Bennetts said is possible.

Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron come in as the favorites, with Brother Rice also high on the list. But after that, Bennetts sees a fight for the following places.

"Four through eight, there are probably five or six teams that can fall in any order," he said. "We're hoping to swim better than those five teams and get into fourth and get a trophy."

"It's going to be up to the boys to swim well. If we swim up to our capabilities, a fourth-place finish isn't out of the possibility."

Livonia Stevenson's win at the league meet it still sitting harshly with the Mustangs.

"We'd love to come home with a trophy, but we'd love to finish ahead of Stevenson," Bennetts said. "We need to shake off the disappointment of the league meet and go out and

State swimming

Northville qualifiers

Brody Blickle - 200 individual medley, 100 butterfly

Jon Bardsley - 200 freestyle, 500 freestyle

Greg Sheppard - 200 individual medley, 100 backstroke

Kyle Adams - 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle

Joe Kargula - 100 butterfly

Nate Lunn - 100 butterfly

John Labisco - 100 backstroke

Relays - 200 individual medley, 200 freestyle, 400 freestyle

Divers - Kevin Bain, Kevin Courtney

swim hard."

The Mustangs are lead by Brody Blickle. He will swim in the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly, along with two relays yet to be determined.

"We're hoping Brody can win both of his events," Bennetts said. "We got him in the events he's most confident in. A double state champs would be very nice."

Another headliner for the Mustangs is Jon Bardsley. He will be competing in the 200 and 500 freestyle and will also be part of two relays.

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Northville fans celebrate a second-period goal by the Mustangs against Catholic Central.

NORTHVILLE'S BEST



Mustang co-captain Jordan Duff tries to get position against Shamrock Michael Bourgon.

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Northville celebrates a first-period goal against Central Catholic.

■ HOCKEY: Northville beats CC, falls to OLSM

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knocking in the crossing pass from in close passed Ted Keranen.

The stunned Northville players headed back to the lockerroom, knowing they were just 17 seconds from moving on.

Robert knows his team will hurt from the loss, but he also knows they have accomplished more wins (22-4-1) than any other team and picked up the school's first league title.

"I think once everyone has a little bit of time to really reflect on the season, 22 wins and a conference championship, beating

Catholic Central, I think everyone will really look back at the season as a real success," Robert said.

The Northville goals came just seconds apart, late in the first period. Matt Kreager started the scoring with 2:08 left in the first with Wes Gates picking up an assist.

Just 19 seconds later, Matt Dembicki put the Mustangs up 2-0, assisted by Mike Piotrowski and Alex Belanger.

"We came out real strong," Robert said. "We played a fabulous game."

"Orchard Lake is the defending state champs, so we knew they weren't going to give up."

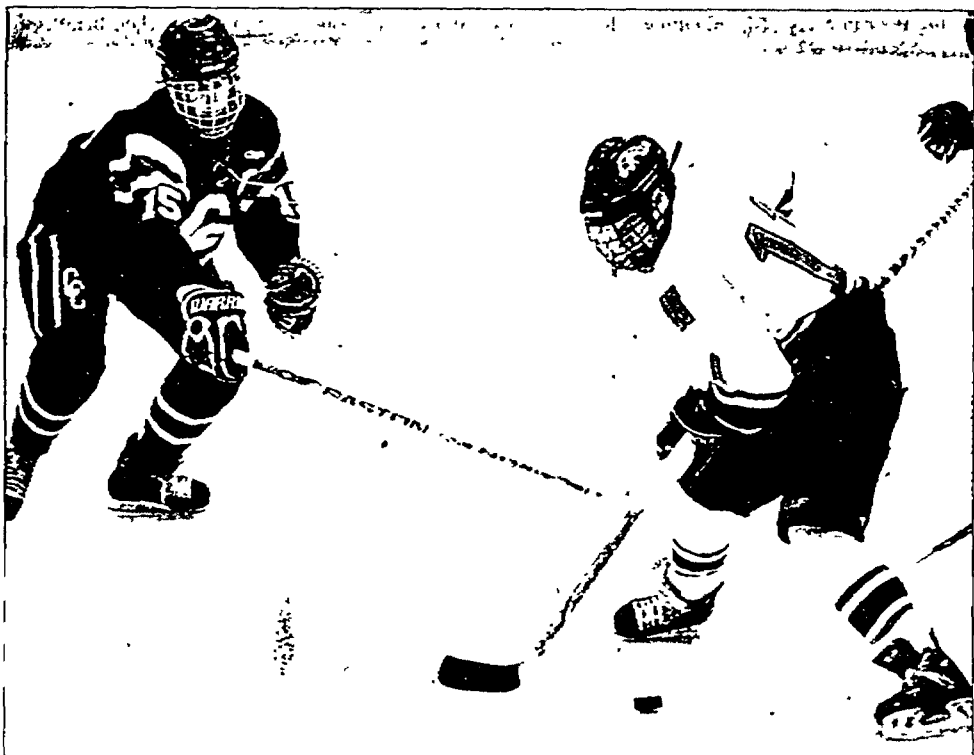
Robert was especially thankful to his seniors for setting the bar high for future Northville players.

"I love each and every one of them," he said. "They've made this season amazing for me."

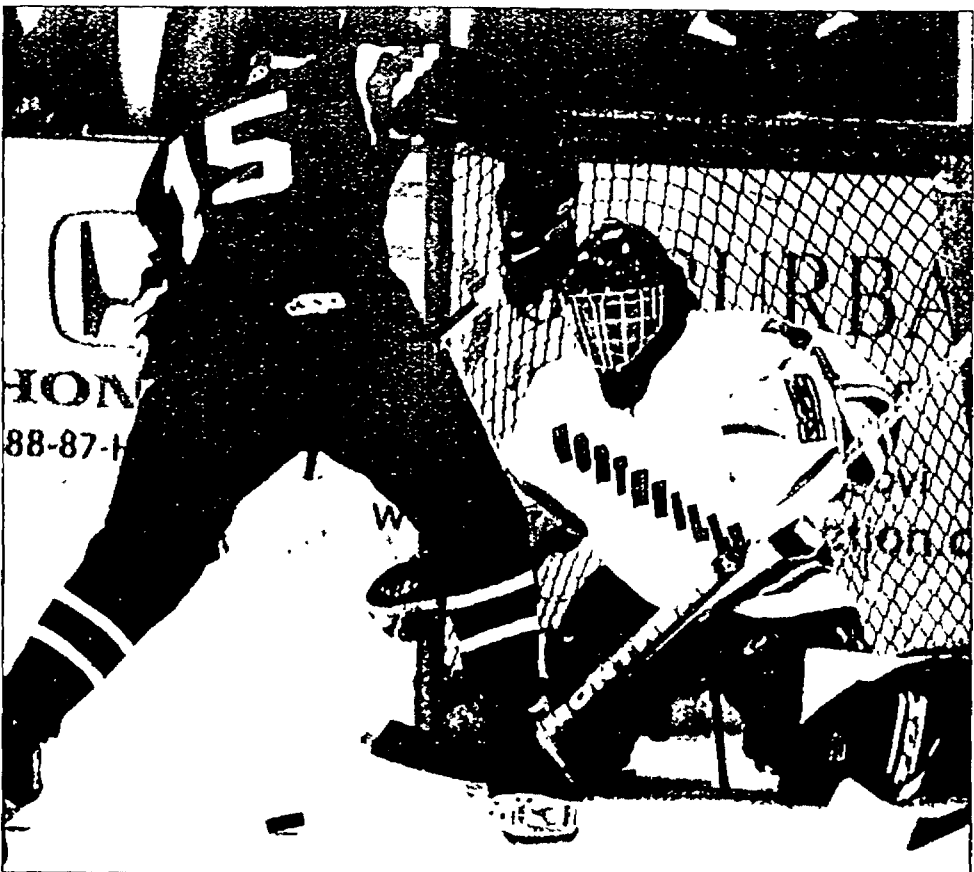
Pre-regional

Northville got to the regional finals with thrilling double overtime 5-4 win against Catholic Central and a 5-0 shutout against Farmington Hills-North Farmington.

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Mustang Alex Brewin brings the puck into the Shamrock zone during last Tuesday's playoff game at the Novi Ice Arena.



Mustang goalie Ted Keranen faces Central Catholic Shamrock Michael Bourgon with the puck just a few feet from his net during last Tuesday night's pre-regional playoff. Keranen and Northville won a hard-fought overtime game 5-4 and advanced to face Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Saturday, falling 3-2 in overtime.

'Stangs make quarterfinals

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Girls hockey team advanced to the state Quarterfinals for the sixth year straight year in a row, lead by goalie Megan Brennan who turned back 41 shots in a 4-3 Northville victory. The Mustangs fell behind 2-0 in the first period as Port Huron came out blazing. The Mustangs defeated Port Huron 5-2 earlier in the week to close out the regular season and may have taken the Rebels for granted.

The Mustangs got back into the groove late in the first when Becca Champagne skated behind the Port Huron goal and scored the first Mustang goal with a wrap-around. Minutes later, Krysten Ruzilo tied the score with a point-blank shot from the left face off circle, tying the game at two.

The second period was dominated by Port Huron, until Katelyn Meek's 60-foot shot caught the lower corner to the Rebels goal, giving the Mustangs their first lead of the night.

Both teams came out flying in the third period with both goalies playing magnificent. Halfway through the period, the Rebels tied the game at three. But a minute later, Kristen Ruzilo scored her second and winning goal after the Rebel goalie made back-to-back saves on shots from Alex Davis and Carrie Pichan.

"Megan Brennan played the best game of her Northville career and it couldn't have occurred at a better time," said assistant coach Jason Engelland.

Gymnastics

The Northville gymnastics team qualified for the state meet by placing third at Saturday's regional meet at Plymouth-Canton.

Livonia Blue won the meet



Northville's Megan Brennan takes a break in the closing minutes of the game.

with 145.625 points. Canton was next at 143.7, and Northville advanced with 141.975. Livonia Red also moved on as the wild card (the highest scoring team from all four regional not in the top three) with 141.150.

The state finals are March 7-8 at Plymouth-Canton.

Cheer

After an impressive perform-

ance at the WLAA meet, the Mustangs season came to a close at the regional meet.

Northville Varsity Competitive Cheer won the Western Division Championship at the WLAA Cheer Finals on Feb. 23, posting a score of 674.492. They finished 2nd overall in the Conference, missing out on the the conference championship by only 4.15 points.

At the regional meet, Northville

scored 718.048 to finish seventh. Southgate Anderson won the regional with 791.212. Wyandotte also advanced with 768.150.

The JV and Freshman competitive cheer teams finished their seasons on Feb. 23. Both teams placed seventh in their divisions.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Mustangs Jonny D'Anna, left, and Brian Bagian are headed to the state finals this weekend.

WRESTLING: State bound

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their best wrestling during the three-day meet.

"I think both of them have the capability of finishing in the top eight," he said. "You got to get past that first round on Thursday night. If you win, you're halfway there. If you lose, you

got to battle through the loser's bracket.

"But it's all a mental game right now. It's all just staying sharp, having a mental edge and staying on top of things."

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SWIMMING: Trophy hunting

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Bennetts is hoping to get a couple of top-three finishes out of Bardsley to rack up the points.

Another heavy source of points will come from all three relay teams qualified, and all with a chance to finish very high according to Bennetts.

Other state finalists include Greg Sheppard in the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke, Kyle Adams in the 50 and 100 freestyle, Joe Kargula in the 100 butterfly, Nate Lunn in the 100 butterfly and John Labisco in the 100 backstroke.

Lunn and Labisco qualified through the last-chance meet.

Though they got in late, Bennetts said Kargula made it in through the last-chance meet and ended up scoring points at the state meet.

"You've got to scratch and claw for any point you can," Bennetts said. "The kids are fired up and ready to go."

"I feel pretty good about it as far as what were going to be able to do as far as scoring points."

Divers Kevin Bain and Kevin Courtney also qualified for the state meet. Diving took place Tuesday.

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Northville season ends in district semis

By Jeff Theisen
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Northville's basketball season came to a close with a 53-36 loss to Novi in the district semifinals.

The Mustangs struggled from the floor in every fashion, hitting just seven of 22 free throws, 14-for-41 from the floor and just one of eight three-pointers.

"We normally can score fairly easy. Tonight, we just couldn't get the easy things to work for us," Northville head coach Darrel Schumacher said. "You throw in the free throws, and that makes it

rough."

The Mustangs never led, falling behind 15-7 to end the first, 26-14 at the half and 40-22 going into the final quarter.

"You don't want to give a good shooting team a lead and then hope you can shoot your way back into it," Schumacher said. "We hope for turnovers. The turnovers that we did get, we didn't always convert."

Novi struggled one from the charity stripe. They hit 20 of 43 shots and went 6-for-18 from three, but hit just seven of 15 free throws

Steve Anderson led the Mustangs with 10 points. Kyle Asher was next with eight.

Caleb Dean led the Novi attack with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Chris Bellamy hit four three-pointers on his way to 16 points.

Schumacher laid blame on the coaching staff for the team's 12-9 season.

"As a coach you have to find a way to make a team better," he said. "I think, somehow we failed make them better. We need to re-evaluate ourselves and find a way."

The end of the season also

closed the Northville careers of a team had more than half the roster as seniors.

"I'm extremely proud of their character," Schumacher said. "I think they're winners."

"I want them to have a happy, healthy and in their eyes, successful life. Out of our senior class, there is not one kid under a 3.0 (grade point average)."

Novi fell in the district final 38-34 to Catholic Central.

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Sports Shorts

Colts, Stallions registration

The Northville Youth Football & Cheer Association (NYFA) is starting registration for the Northville Colts and Stallions for the 2008 season. This is an great opportunity for Northville Youth ages 8-14 to learn the game of football or to become cheerleaders in our community. They are looking to fill football and cheerleading positions for the Stallions and Colts Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity teams.

The NYFA has been in existence for almost 40 years and has fielded top football and cheerleading squads. The Colts have won league championships in three of the last four years. Both football programs feature excellent coaching, including teaching the fundamentals of the game, top of the line equipment and facilities and excellent competition.

The Cheer program will teach basic cheer motions, jumps and skills, pom routines and perform during all games. The freshman and JV teams will work on basic stunting while the varsity team will step it up a notch to prepare them for High School cheerleading and pom. This includes learning more advanced stunting and how to work as a team to complete extensions and dismounts.

The 2008 season will begin on or about Aug. 18 and end in late October or early November. Space is limited.

For more information, visit the Northville Youth Football & Cheer Association Web site at: northvilleyouthfootball.com

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.

For more information, go to coachdwilson@yahoo.com.



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Going to the Joe

The Novi Bobcats have had a 2008 season for the Michigan record books. This 9- and 10-year old squirt team, coached by Jim Zabinski has now played 46 games with only a single loss, and will now proudly represent the Northville/Novi community at Joe Lewis Arena on March 14 for the Little Caesars Youth Hockey Title.

This past weekend the team battled in the semi-final match at the Trenton IceBox to advance to this prestigious championship game. The teams season's accomplishments have included Holland, Michigan Tournament Champions (5-0-0), Novi Turkey Tournament Champions (4-0-0), Little Caesars League Champions (15-0-1) and a Joe Lewis Arena showcase victory against the undefeated Flint Predators. Photo: Alex Putman, Paul Steffes, Brandyn Belevender, Rishi Barad, Brandon Makowski, Justin Woolhiser, Lee Moore, Luke Skillman, Brendan Murnen, Robert Kennedy, Jake Skillman, Brandon Kour, Alex Cal, Evan Thomas, Daniel Suszek, Justin Zabinski, head coach Jim Zabinski, asst. coach Chris Steffes, asst. coach Lee Kour, asst. coach Scott Makowski, manager Jeannine Makowski.

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Team	W	L
Team Roach	16	2

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Team	W	L
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Starting Gate	4	14
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Dazzling Flavor

Nourish your heart with fresh fruit and healthy oil

FAMILY FEATURES

Beat the cold-weather doldrums with sweet, wholesome fresh fruit. It's easy to bring back the light, juicy flavors you enjoyed a few months ago by selecting from the wealth of fruit from Chile — where it's fun in the summer sun right now.

Do your family and guests a favor by adding fresh fruit to entrees, sauces, salads and dressings, and desserts to make up for the lower amount of fruit most of us consume in the colder months. Chile comes to the winter rescue with more than 70 varieties of tasty, healthy fruit.

For another light and healthy boost, combine your favorite fruit with heart-healthy canola oil. It's the oil lowest in saturated fat with no trans fat. By using canola oil in your baking, you can bake more with less fat. When a baking recipe calls for a solid fat, you can substitute canola oil, using 20 to 25 percent less than what the recipe calls for. It lowers the calories, eliminates trans fats and reduces saturated fats. Canola oil's clarity allows marinades and vinaigrettes to remain clear and liquid when refrigerated, and its mild essence allows the delicious flavor of your food to shine through.

Chilean fruit facts

- Fruit picked in Chile is on its way to the U.S. within 24 hours of harvest.
- Apricots, peaches, plums, nectarines, pears and kiwifruit are ripe and ready to eat when they give to gentle pressure.
- Although you can refrigerate fully ripened fruit, for best flavor, serve it at room temperature.
- Refrigerate grapes and berries immediately and wait to wash them until just before serving.
- The Chilean fruit industry follows strict safety and quality procedures, often surpassing U.S. government standards.

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Canola oil facts

- Canola oil is high in vitamin E and heart-healthy monounsaturated fat, is cholesterol free and is one of the best plant sources of Omega-3 fats
- Canola oil is trans fat free.
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- Canola oil's high smoke point (468°F) makes it ideal for sautés and stir-fry, two nutritious cooking methods

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Winter Fresh Fruit Salad With Warm Vinaigrette

- 6 cups mixed greens
- 2-1/2 cups mixed fresh Chilean fruit (such as grapes, nectarines, peaches and plums) in bite-sized pieces
- 1/4 cup walnuts, toasted
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1/4 cup sliced shallots or chopped onion
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper

In large bowl, toss greens with fruit and walnuts. In small skillet, heat canola oil over medium heat. Add shallots, cook and stir just until tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper; cool slightly. Spoon mixture over fruit and greens; toss gently. Serve immediately.

YIELD: 4 portions

Per portion: 267 calories, 25 g carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 19 g total fat (1.5 g saturated fat)

Fresh Fruit Tarts

- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 2/3 cup canola oil, chilled in freezer 2 hours*
- 1 egg, beaten slightly
- 1/4 cup ice water
- 1/4 cup 1 percent milk
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- Sugar
- 2 cups mixed fresh Chilean raspberries, blueberries, and halved strawberries and grapes
- 2 tablespoons apricot preserves, melted in microwave

Preheat oven to 400°F. In food processor, pulse almonds to coarsely ground consistency. Add flour, salt and baking powder; pulse once or twice to combine ingredients. Add chilled canola oil. Pulse again once or twice. In small bowl, combine egg, water, milk and vinegar. With food processor running, pour liquid ingredients through feed tube; turn off processor as soon as ingredients are mixed, about 10 seconds. Divide dough in half. Securely wrap one of the halves; freeze or refrigerate for another use.

On floured surface, roll out remaining dough into an 8-inch square. Cut into four 4-inch squares. Place pastry squares on parchment lined baking sheet. Lightly sprinkle each square with sugar. Bake until golden, 10 to 12 minutes; cool on rack. In bowl, toss fruit with apricot preserves. Spoon an equal amount of fruit on each of the pastry squares.

YIELD: 4 portions

*Canola oil can be frozen in measured amounts and used immediately in the pastry recipe. This recipe will make two 9-inch pie crusts, eight 4-inch pastry squares or twenty four 3-inch pastry rounds

Per portion: 410 calories, 47 g carbohydrate, 7 g protein, 23 g total fat (2 g saturated fat)

Southwestern Pork and Fresh Chilean Fruit With Spicy Sauce

- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons chipotle chili pepper
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1-1/2 pounds pork tenderloin
- 2 pounds fresh Chilean fruit including peaches, nectarines and plums, peeled if desired*

To prepare Spicy Sauce: In small skillet, combine canola oil, chili powder and chipotle chili pepper. Heat over high heat, just until hot, about 30 seconds. transfer to small bowl. With wire whisk, stir in lime juice, sugar and mustard. cool. In plastic bag, coat tenderloin with 1/4 cup Spicy Sauce, close bag and set aside 30 minutes. Pit and quarter fruit. place in bowl. Brush fruit on all sides with about 3 tablespoons Spicy Sauce; reserve remaining sauce for later use.

To cook: Preheat broiler to high. Place tenderloin on rack in broiler pan; broil 8 minutes. Turn and broil until still slightly pink in center (160°F), 8 to 10 minutes longer. Remove to cutting board; cover loosely with aluminum foil. Place fruit on broiler rack, broil 4 minutes; turn and broil until barely tender, 2 to 4 minutes longer. Cut tenderloin into 1.2-inch-thick slices; serve with fruit and remaining Spicy Sauce. Garnish with greens, if desired

YIELD: 4 portions

*To peel: Plunge fruit in boiling water just until skin loosens slightly; remove skin with a knife.

Per portion: 543 calories, 32 g carbohydrate, 47 g protein, 28 g total fat (3.5 g saturated fat)

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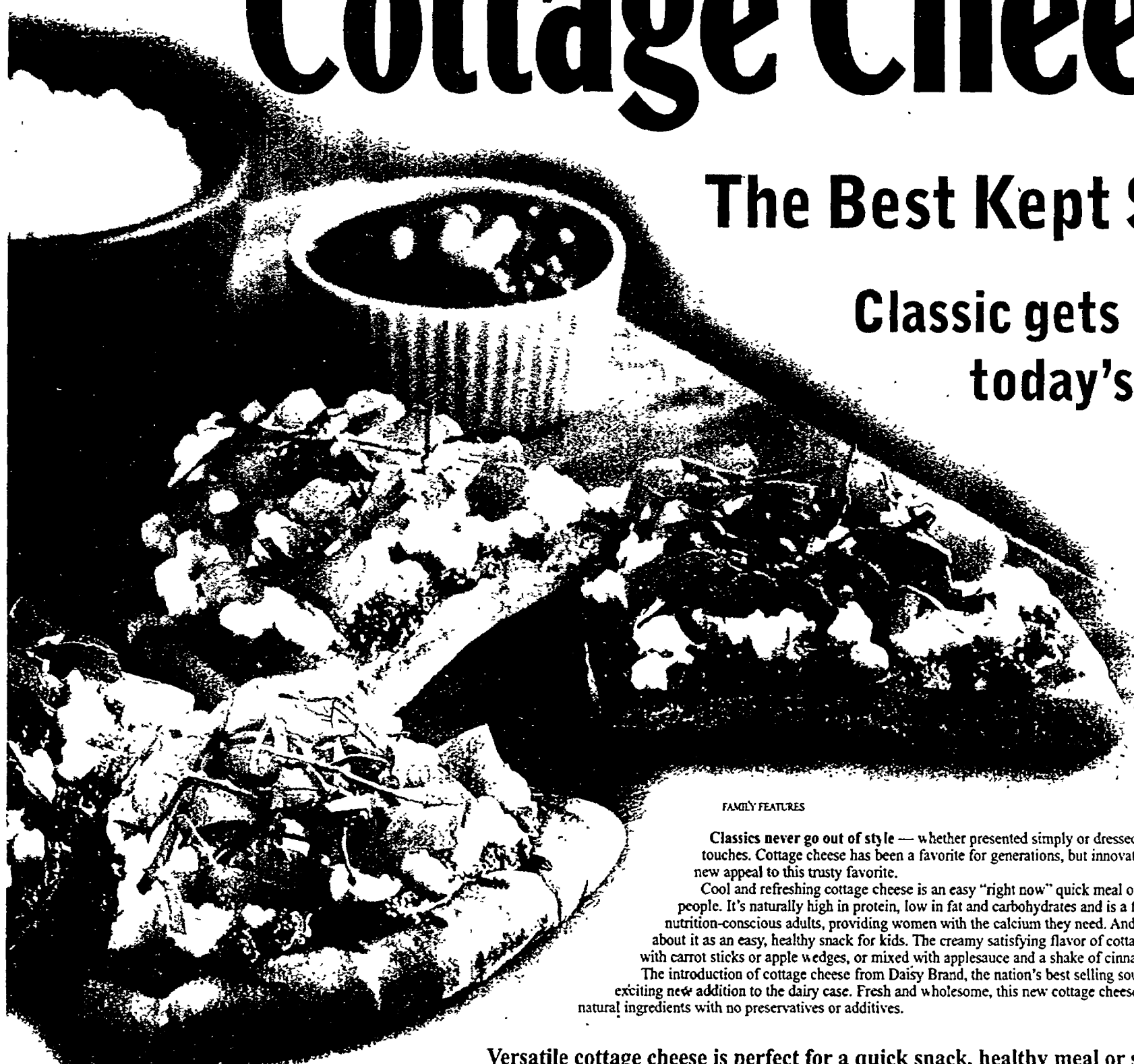
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Cottage Cheese

The Best Kept Secret

Classic gets hip with today's recipes



FAMILY FEATURES

Classics never go out of style — whether presented simply or dressed up with trendy new touches. Cottage cheese has been a favorite for generations, but innovative serving ideas give new appeal to this trusty favorite.

Cool and refreshing cottage cheese is an easy "right now" quick meal or snack for on-the-go people. It's naturally high in protein, low in fat and carbohydrates and is a favorite among active, nutrition-conscious adults, providing women with the calcium they need. And, parents can feel good about it as an easy, healthy snack for kids. The creamy satisfying flavor of cottage cheese is great paired with carrot sticks or apple wedges, or mixed with applesauce and a shake of cinnamon. The introduction of cottage cheese from Daisy Brand, the nation's best selling sour cream brand, is an exciting new addition to the dairy case. Fresh and wholesome, this new cottage cheese contains only 100% natural ingredients with no preservatives or additives.

Versatile cottage cheese is perfect for a quick snack, healthy meal or satisfying dessert:

- Break into breakfast: Serve cottage cheese alongside fresh fruit, mixed with yogurt or topped with cereal. Its creamy consistency is perfect stirred into eggs, pancakes, omelets or quiche.
- Satisfy snack attacks: Enjoy cottage cheese with fresh fruit, raw veggies or crackers.
- Mute the munchies with a thin spread of peanut butter on crackers topped with creamy cottage cheese.
- Savor smart lunch choices: Combine cottage cheese with fresh vegetables or fruit for a healthful, satisfying lunch.
- Make mid-day hearty and delicious by mixing cottage cheese into flaked tuna
- Feature family-pleasing dinners: Count on cottage cheese to round out a salad or as a side dish, or use as a central ingredient in quiches or pasta dishes such as lasagna and ravioli.
- Dig into sweet endings: Scene-stealing desserts with cottage cheese include cheesecake, blintzes, turnovers and more.

Delight your palate with a cool, satisfying classic. Discover surprising, innovative ways to enjoy fresh and delicious cottage cheese by visiting www.daisybrand.com. Recipe ideas for quick snacks, simple meals and flavorful entertaining will help you put this all-natural, low-carb source of protein and calcium on your table for healthy family menus.



Cinnamon-Peach Cottage Cheese Swirl

Serves 2

- 1 cup Daisy Brand Cottage Cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 large fresh peach, unpeeled, sliced into wedges or cubed
- Ground cinnamon to sprinkle
- 2 sprigs fresh mint

1. Gently stir together cottage cheese, cinnamon and vanilla.
2. Place one quarter of peach pieces into each of two dessert glasses.
3. Top peach layer with half of cottage cheese mixture.
4. Garnish with remaining peach pieces, a sprinkle of cinnamon and a sprig of fresh mint.

Pita Pesto Pizza Snackers

Serves 2

- 2 pieces pita bread
- 2 tablespoons basil pesto
- 1 cup Daisy Brand Cottage Cheese
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic bread seasoning (or garlic powder)
- 2 tablespoons chopped Roma tomatoes
- Chopped fresh basil, to taste
- 2 teaspoons grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

1. Toast pita bread until crispy and firm, about 1 minute in a toaster oven.
2. Spread pesto on each pita bread, lightly covering entire surface.
3. Combine cottage cheese with garlic bread seasoning and spread evenly over each pita.
4. Top with chopped tomato and fresh basil.
5. If desired, sprinkle each pita with Parmesan.
6. Slice each pita into 4 wedges and serve immediately.

Apple-Cinnamon Pancake Stackers

Serves 2

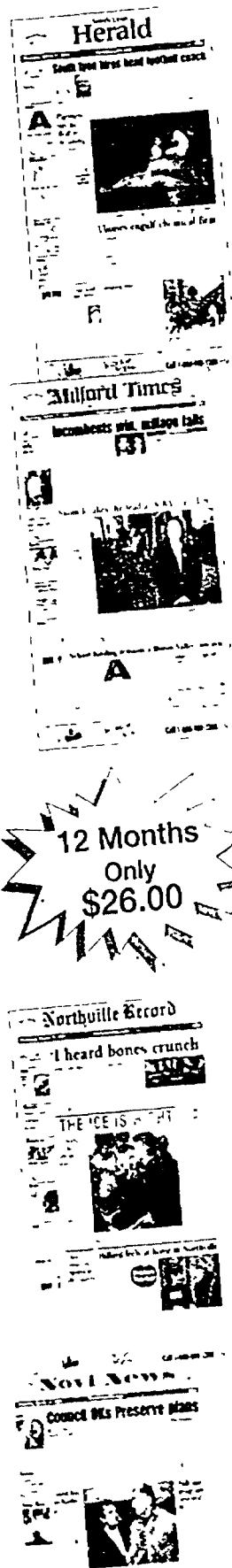
- 1 medium apple, Fuji or Gala, peeled, cored and cubed
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons Splenda® or other low calorie sweetener
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons lite maple syrup
- 1 cup Daisy Brand Cottage Cheese
- 6 3 1/2-inch whole wheat pancakes, frozen
- 2 fresh mint sprigs

1. Combine apple, cinnamon and sweetener. In small pan, heat oil and sauté apple mixture over medium heat 2 minutes. Add maple syrup and cook additional minute.
2. Fold mixture into cottage cheese, being careful not to over mix.
3. Heat pancakes per package instructions.
4. To serve, place 1 hot pancake on plate and layer cottage cheese mixture between pancakes evenly, 3 pancakes per serving. Top with cottage cheese mixture, a drizzle of maple syrup and a fresh mint sprig.

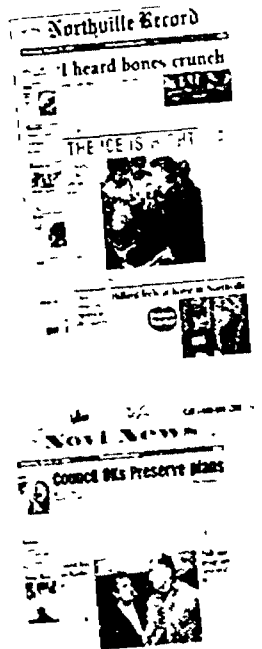


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Sam (left) and Alexander Hamka spend a great deal of their time working on custom tailoring – ensuring that every customer's garment fits and feels just right.

Quality is customary

CEOs look to Northville for custom business attire

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

If you look up the word quality in the dictionary you might see a picture of Alexander Hamka, the owner of Alexander's Custom Clothing in historic downtown Northville. That's because Alex has made quality part of the vocabulary whenever the topic of Alexander's Custom Clothing is discussed.

INVESTMENT CLOTHING

In today's uncertain economy where many people are watching what they spend and why, Alex is offering the best quality garments with built-in investment power. His custom tailored suits, slacks,

and shirts give the look of professionalism and feel of comfort — values that are very important to today's discretionary professionals.

Although the general economy may have slowed down the walk-in traffic a bit, Alex continues to grow his business through his corporate client list, people who expect the best and who want to deal directly with Alex.

"I'm now working with CEOs and CFOs, people who call me and ask to set up appointments for their custom tailoring needs," Alex said. "I go the extra mile to make sure all of their custom shirts and suits are perfect."

His attention to detail includes the records he keeps of his customer's purchases. Alex attaches a swatch of the fabric he uses to each invoice he keeps on



When Alex talks, manufacturers listen

Alexander Hamka does much more than run a successful custom tailored clothing store. He also spends a lot of time giving his expert opinions on what his customer want to Jhane Barnes, the manufacturer whose clothing is sold through Alexander's Clothing.

Alex is a consultant who frequently meets with members of the Jhane Barnes' production department at their offices in New York to discuss fabrics for the upcoming season and clothing construction issues.

"My input is very important to them because they know that as a retailer, I

have direct contact with the buyers and I know what their needs are," said Alex. "They take care of my concerns and make appropriate changes right away. They respect my opinion and know that young people like me are the future of custom tailoring. A lot of the older craftspeople like my dad, Sam, are retiring and taking their expertise with them."

Alex is responsible for the look and feel of many of the custom garments that people find in Alexander's Clothing. That's something that very few retailers can say.

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The first thing many customers see when they enter Alexander's Clothing in historic downtown Northville are the friendly faces of Sam, left, and Alexander Hamka.

file. This is his way of remembering his customer's preferences and also serves as an easy way to fill custom orders.

"Once I have established a relationship with each customer, it takes no time to give them what they need on subsequent orders. I know all of their exact measurements and what they like."

LIKE NOWHERE ELSE

Customers who visit Alex know that the clothing they buy is unlike any they can find the metro Detroit area or even in the entire Midwest. That's because of the custom work that is part of the business model at Alexander's Custom Clothing.

"We offer custom because we are dealing with people who want to take their personal and professional life to the next level," Alex added. "Customers know they will look good every time they put on a custom tailored suit or shirt — and the clothing will fit just right, too."

He knows that people have many choices when it comes to shopping for clothes and that many choose to buy items like shirts in large quantities for lower prices. But Alex noted that many of these shirts will just sit in a drawer or closet because the buyers don't have a good feeling about them.

"Instead of buying several shirts, take the money you would spend and buy one or two custom tailored shirts," he said. "You will feel and look so much better. And as time goes on, you can add more custom tailored shirts to your collection. I'll be very happy to help your collection grow because I want you to feel good about what you wear."

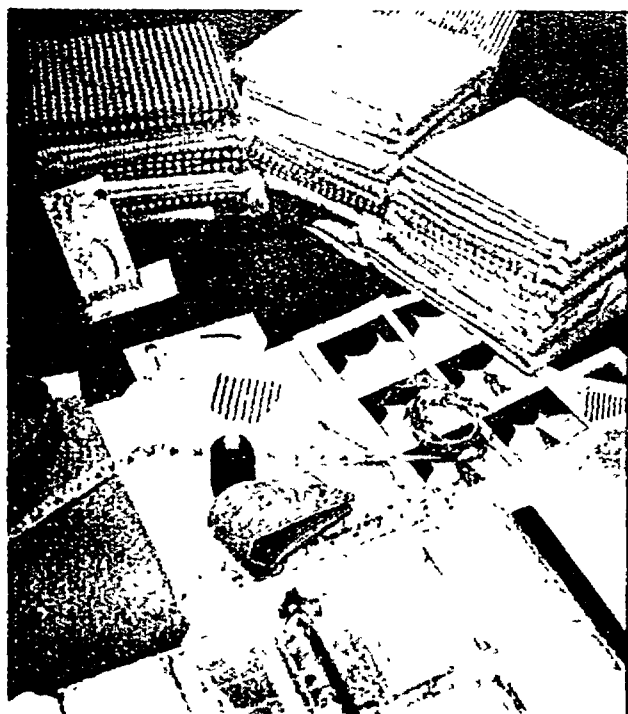
SPRING INVENTORY

As the community of Northville thaws out from its winter season, Alexander's Custom Clothing is preparing to unveil its new spring inventory. Alex is inviting everyone to stop by and see what people will be wearing in 2008. His complete collection will be available April 1.

And speaking of Northville, Alex is very humble when it comes to how he feels about his customers and the community.

"My success has come from the word-of-mouth advertising that people have given me," he said. "There is no way I would have enjoyed my success without my customer's support for me and for the many merchants in downtown Northville. I want to thank all of them."

Alexander's Custom Clothing is located at 124 W. Main Street, just a block west of Center Street. For more information call Alex at (248) 349-6080.



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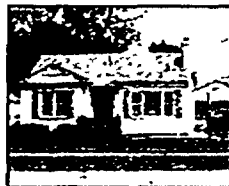
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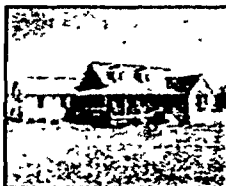
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Newer custom built ranch feat 4 bd, 3 baths on 2 acres. Excellent storage in the 3 car Gar & 54x30 Pole Barn. Big open rooms w/ vaulted ceilings, finished w/out w/ 8ft ceilings. Add 5 acres avail.
\$350,000 (C-449RA)



INCOME PROPERTY
Great investment on this 2 story brick home. 3 units total - 2 in main house & 1 in rear house. Some updates must see.
\$68,000 (P-753RU)



PLYMOUTH CHARMER
Walk to downtown from this beautiful home! Hard floors, marble bathroom, new appl's, stay, huge fenced yard, marble tile in Kit, & more.
\$190,000 (C-609HA)



CHARMING COLONIAL
Make this your home! 3 bd, all brick colonial w/natural flpl in LR, updated Kit, new porches, brick paver patio, Garage, bsmt, updated windows & all appl's stay.
\$129,900 (C-515RO)



NOT YOUR ORDINARY FLOOR PLAN
This unique floor plan has a formal LR/DR, large island kit, spacious fam rm w/tpl, master w/volume ceiling & spa bath.
\$318,900 (C-757CE)



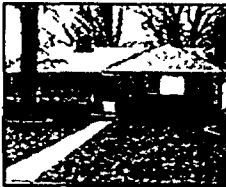
ABSOLUTELY STUNNING
Glenary colonial w/huge lot & in-ground pool. Fabulous decorating t/o, finished bsmt w/full Kit, great location, & a 1 yr home warranty.
\$340,000 (P-415HA)



COME ENJOY NATURE
Located on a wooded 1.5+ acre lot. Huge Great Rm w/gas flpl, gourmet Kit w/ceramic & large island, finished w/out bsmt w/ Fam Rm, & too much more to list.
\$400,000 (C-520NA)



IT'S A GEM!
This 2 bd, 1.5 bath ranch condo in popular Bradbury Park is a must see. Newer carpet, oak Kit, Master w/WC, appl's stay. Carport, C/A, & short walk to pool & clubhouse.
\$129,900 (P-403NE)



WHY RENT?
Own this lovely ranch on a corner lot. 1480 sq ft, huge new Fam Rm addition, Liv Rm w/tpl, appl's stay, excellent location, Garage, updated Kit, & more. A must see!
\$138,000 (P-754RE)



PRESTIGIOUS LAKE PROPERTY
Spacious lake front living on all sports Rush Lake. Bring your own boat. Poss. walkout site, nature trails, common grounds w/Gazebo, picnic tables, playgrounds & more.
\$220,000 (P-113SA)



COMMERCE LAKE RANCH
Brick ranch w/3 bd, 2 full baths, large updated Kit, appl's stay. 2 car Garage, great Deck for relaxing w/pool view, & privileges to all sports lake.
\$152,500 (C-722SU)



PRIME RESIDENTIAL LOTS
Fabulous building sites in Wash County & Salem Twp. Wooded walkouts w/ravines & stream, gated communities, underground utilities, more. Builders plans avail or bring your own.
Call For Prices (P-000VA)



GREAT INVESTMENT
This multi family unit is priced to sell! Separate entrances, furnaces, hwh's, & more. Updated bathrooms, newer roof, & can be converted back to a single family home.
\$49,900 (C-132CH)



IN A CLASS BY ITSELF!
Stately home backing to woods in desirable Green Oak Twp. 2 story Foyer, gourmet cherry Kit, formal DR, crown molding, French doors leading to Deck, & too much more to list.
\$330,000 (C-460CL)



COUNTRY IN THE CITY
Great setting for this 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch w/1950 sq ft, island Kit, hwd flrs, remod Bath w/Jacuzzi tub, 2 Garages, appl's stay, & 1 yr Home Warranty!
\$209,000 (C-145CO)



MOVE IN READY
3 bd brick home w/large eat in Kit, patio door, huge backyard. 2 full baths. LR/DR combo. custom window treatments. Huge fenced yard & convenient location.
\$189,900 (P-1200U)



WESTLAND COLONIAL
Fabulous 3 bdrm home w/ gorgeous remodeled oak Kit w/ appl's, 19x11 Fam Rm w/nat flpl, remod baths, fiberglass windows t/o, 2 car garage, large fenced yard & close to schools.
\$169,000 (P-515FA)



WOW
If you desire privacy & a beautiful yard, this is it. Huge mechanic's dream Garage, newer roof & windows, 3 bedrooms, oversized lot, & convenient location.
\$139,900 (C-453FL)



NEW COLONIAL
Transfer forces sale of home w/ over 65k in upgrades. Cherry Kit w/granite, plasma tv, new sod & sprinks. You can't build a new home here for less than this price, let's make a deal!
\$355,000 (C-488LA)



HUGE HOME FOR SMALL PRICE
2730 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 ba Cape Cod w/walkout bsmt, dramatic 2 story foyer, oak kit, 1st fl laund, fam rm w/built-ins, 1/2 acre fenced lot w/ pool & gazebo & full length covered porch.
\$189,900 (C-160MD)



55+ COMMUNITY
2 bd, 1 bath ranch condo w/many updates. Private adult community offers clubhouse w/activities & a pool. Private entry carport, C/A, nice Kit, & great Plymouth location.
\$122,500 (P-352NE)



MOVE IN CONDITION
Check out this Belleville beauty w/ dramatic entrance, 2 story Great Rm w/tpl, king size maple Kit w/ nook, spacious bdrms, full bsmt, 2 car Garage, & seller is motivated!
\$278,900 (P-797SA)



AFFORDABLE DREAM
Enjoy the comfort of your own home w/this very affordable condo in Farm Hills. You'll love the large Liv Rm, bsmt storage area, carport, clubhouse w/pool & picnic area, & fabulous location.
\$59,500 (P-739SH)



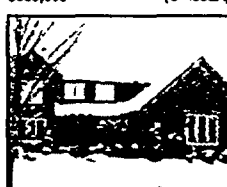
CANTON WELCOMES YOU
Lovely 4 bd colonial w/neutral decor open floor plan, hwd flrs, formal LR/DR, large Fam Rm w/ flpl brick paver patio close to xways & Summit Park. A must see!
\$269,900 (C-701SH)



CENTRAL PARK BEAUTY
You won't be disappointed here! Gourmet island Kit w/hard floors, spacious Fam Rm w/tpl, formal LR/DR, large Master w/WC & fashion bath, 3 car Garage, & paver patio.
\$334,900 (C-366SP)



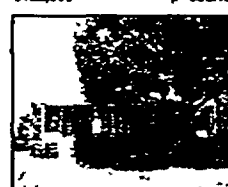
WONDERFUL RANCH
Fabulous 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in sought after Ridgmont Sub. Updated inc siding, A/C, gutters, roof, furnace, & elec. Full bsmt, neutral decor t/o, updated Kit, & nice yard.
\$135,000 (C-851TE)



GREAT LOCATION
Ready to move in to, located on a quiet cul de sac lot. Over 30k in upgrades, beautiful 4 bd home, 3 car Garage, Fam Rm w/tpl, formal LR/DR, bsmt, & motivated Seller!
\$279,000 (C-331WO)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY
Brick ranch in Westland w/Livonia Schools. 3 bd, 2 ba, part finished bsmt, hwd flrs, newer roof, fresh paint, Garage, & appliances stay. Price to sell!
\$122,000 (C-570AL)



BRICK RANCH W/FLORIDA ROOM
Sweet little ranch needs some help to make a special. Already has 3 bds, bsmt is ready to be finished, Garage, hwd floors, & large Florida Rm. Just bring some ideas & make it yours.
\$70,000 (C-136BR)



COUNTRY LIVING
Lovely 4 bd home situated on 5+ acres. Open floor plan, large Master w/balcony, oversized Garage, many updates t.o, gorgeous views, & Huron Schools.
\$225,000 (C-765CA)



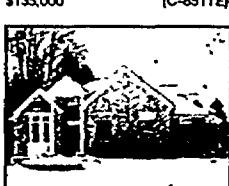
OUTSTANDING
Stunning 4 bd, 3.5 bath colonial featuring a 2 story Great Rm w/tpl, Kit w/granite & butler's pantry, Master w/2 WIC's & glamour bath, 3 car Garage, brick patio, & Trex Deck.
\$365,000 (C-335CO)



AFFORDABLE REDFORD RANCH
2 bd ranch in Redford waiting for you, opportunity awaits! Bank approval required needs to sell quickly make an aggressive offer.
\$64,900 (C-301FA)



A MUST SEE!
Cute Westland bungalow w/ updated furnace, C/A, hwh, finished bsmt w/bdrm & rec area, HUGE Garage, tiered covered ceilings, vinyls in windows, & extra deep lot.
\$125,500 (C-725FA)



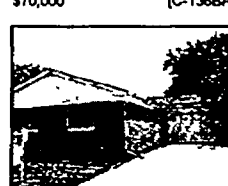
CUSTOM CAPE COD
Beautiful wooded location on this 4 bd, 4 bath Plymouth home w/1st fl Master, guest suite or in-law quarters, fin bsmt w/Fam Rm & 2nd Kit, beautiful details t/o, & Plymouth Schools.
\$419,900 (C-899LE)



NO PLACE LIKE HOME...
Spacious 3 bd colonial in desirable Canton Sub. Newer floor to ceiling windows in Great Rm, Kit w/an abundance of cab's & counter space, large lot, new roof, home want, & more.
\$190,000 (C-202LO)



WELCOME HOME!
Beautiful 3 bd, 2.5 bath home w/ oak Kit & brkt bar, Fam Rm w/tpl, Master w/vaulted ceiling & jetted tub, oasis-like yard w/stamped concrete patio, & finished bsmt.
\$224,900 (C-562MA)



COME FALL IN LOVE!
Totally updated brick ranch within walking distance to Flood Park. Ceramic Foyer, updated Kit, LR w/tpl, Master w/bath, neutral decor t/o, updated baths, fresh landscaping, & Deck.
\$190,000 (C-388MO)



POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE
Spacious colonial w/over 2300 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, new lead glass entry door, updated maple Kit w/ Corian, nook w/new drwl, Fam Rm w/tpl, & 1st fl laundry.
\$224,900 (P-556OA)



TOP SHELF!
This ultimate condo is waiting for you! Brand new vinyl windows, prof decorated, finished bsmt, vaulted ceilings, impressive Master Suite, & great location.
\$180,799 (C-409PL)



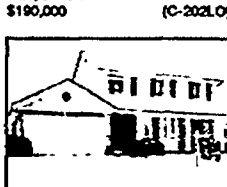
CONDO LIVING AT ITS BEST
Stunning 2 bd, 2 bath end unit w/ views of woods from every room, 1st fl laun, private study w/French doors gas flpl Master w/soaking tub full bsmt, & 2 car Garage.
\$270,000 (P-865WE)



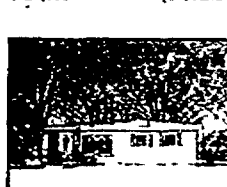
POPULAR NANTUCKET TOWNHOMES
Spacious unit overlooks beautiful courtyard offering pool, clubhouse, & fitness center. Convenient location dual Master's w/baths, 1st fl laun & appl's stay. Also avail w/lease option.
\$109,999 (P-289AT)



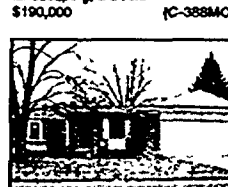
LIVONIA GEM
Don't miss this one! \$30k gourmet Kit w/custom cabinets, stain steel appl's, & granite. Sunroom overlooking huge fenced yard, hwd flrs, & covered ceilings. Hurry on this one!
\$200,000 (P-325BE)



NEWER CANTON COLONIAL
Spacious 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/ open floor plan, fresh paint, newer roof. 1st fl laun, Master w/bath, cathedral ceilings formal Dining large Kit, & good location.
\$220,000 (P-233BR)



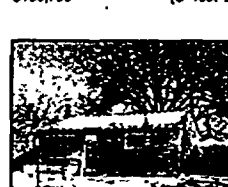
UPDATED PLYMOUTH RANCH
Great price & move in quality. Neutral decor, hwd flrs, updated windows, siding, bath, 2.5 car Garage w/workshop, double lot w/ beautiful trees & home warranty.
\$159,900 (P-207BR)



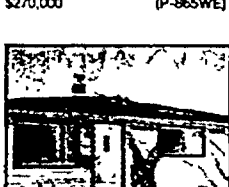
SPACIOUS CANTON RANCH
Great floor plan offering 4 bdrms, 2 baths, updated Kit, Fam Rm w/tpl, formal LR/DR, 6 panel doors, updated windows & roof. Full bsmt w/ample storage, & motivated seller!
\$199,000 (P-962BU)



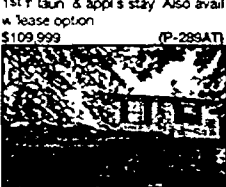
MOTIVATED SELLER
Bungalow in incredible condition. Excellent location, newer roof, siding, carpet, hwd flrs, tons of storage space, appl's stay, finished bsmt, & more.
\$185,000 (C-185CO)



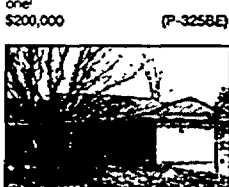
ULTRA CLEAN & WELL PRICED
Appointed & updated broad front ranch. Updated oak Kit, nook w/ custom benches & table, finished bsmt w/bath, some hwd flrs, & 1 yr home warranty.
\$129,500 (C-245DE)



PICTURE PERFECT
3 bd ranch offers new vinyl siding & trim, elec service, 2.5 car Garage, newer roof windows, furnace & C/A. Add to this a new privacy fence, super Deck & home warranty.
\$88,900 (P-216DE)



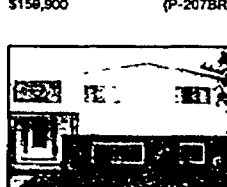
PREMIUM COURT LOT
2115 sq ft 4 bd 2.5 bath colonial w/great location in quiet sub. Fam Rm w/tpl & drwl to Deck w/ hub, part finished bsmt newer CA, glass block, updated flooring & more.
\$249,900 (P-061EL)



GREAT BRICK RANCH
Great find on this home w/full finished bsmt, large yard, hwd flrs, new windows roof, 6 panel doors, Master w/bath, & Plymouth Schools.
\$190,000 (P-649EM)



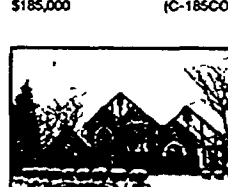
WHY RENT?
Move right in to this very well maintained Dear Heights home. Newer tiled floors, loads of storage, deep private yard, neutral decor, & nice neighborhood.
\$79,900 (P-306FE)



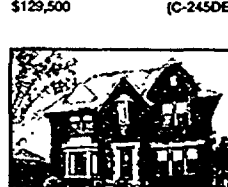
LOADS OF LIVING SPACE!
Spacious 3 bd, 2 ba home w/ Library/Den, Fam Rm, large Kit, huge fenced yard w/oversized 2 car Garage, newer windows, furnace, A/C, & siding. Quick occup avail, call today.
\$139,900 (P-174FL)



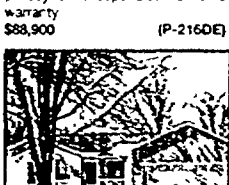
EXTRA LARGE LOT
1337 sq ft home w/3bd, 1.5 baths, spacious Kit w/appl's, hwd flrs t/o, large Master w/vaulted ceiling, unique arch entryways, part finished bsmt, & updated roof.
\$85,000 (P-301FO)



EXECUTIVE CAPE COD
Premium brick exterior elevation backing to wooded preserve. Open floor plan, 5 generous sized bdrms, 4.5 baths, finished w/out bsmt w/tpl & sauna, & so much more.
\$349,900 (P-116FO)



HISTORIC ROSEDALE PARK
Immaculate 5 bdrm, 3 bath Tudor w/newer roof, leaded windows, leaded beveled French doors, updated Kit, 3 car Garage part fin bsmt, & new cement Tors more, call today.
\$198,900 (P-320GL)



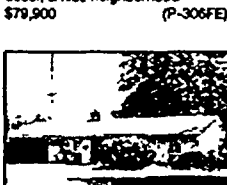
BREATHTAKING LAKE VIEWS!
You must see this one! Gorgeous views of lake from finished w/out bsmt w/bath & drl to Deck. Vaulted LR w/tpl & drwl to Deck, Master w/private bath & too much more to list.
\$190,000 (P-517GL)



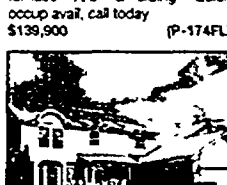
STOP, LOOK, BUY!
Beautiful 3 bd, 1 bath bungalow feat, updated Kit, formal DR, large Master w/WC, finished bsmt w/ glass block, newer custom blinds etc. CA, & more.
\$89,900 (C-298HA)



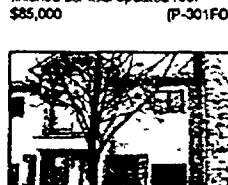
WAITING FOR YOU!
Lovely 4 bd bungalow feat LR w/tpl, formal DR, nice Kit, part finished bsmt, detached Garage, manicured landscaping & immed occupancy.
\$98,000 (C-130KE)



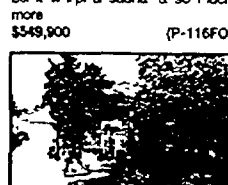
AMAZING VALUE
Unique ranch w/ground pool & cabana, 3 bd, 2 baths, 1860 sq ft, office area, excellent location close to everything, & priced below market for quick sale.
\$189,900 (C-130K)



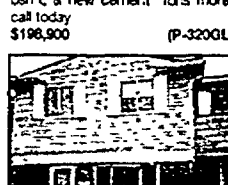
BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED COLONIAL
Great price on this 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/updated windows, roof, finished oak Kit w/extra large nook, 1st fl laun, beautiful Master Suite, & Plymouth Schools.
\$219,900 (P-822LE)



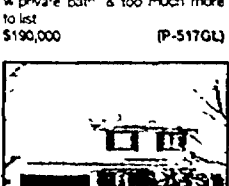
ENTRY LEVEL CONDO
This home features a Master w/ WIC, Kit w/dining area, spacious Liv Rm w/drwl to lovely yard, & lots of updates.
\$114,500 (C-538LE)



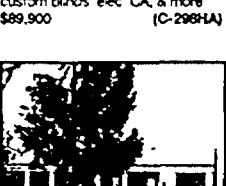
MRS. CLEAN LIVES HERE!
3 bd, 1.5 bath brick ranch offers a stunning finished bsmt w/2nd Kit & bath. Dream backyard, thermal windows, C/A, 2.5 car Garage, quick occupancy & home warranty.
\$149,900 (P-111LU)



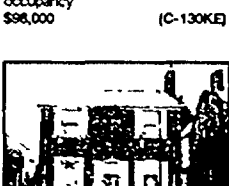
LIVONIA SCHOOLS
Why rent when you can own this fantastic condo offering 4 bd, spacious floor plan w/large LR, eat in Kit w/drwl to patio, updated roof & siding, full bsmt, & appl's stay.
\$79,900 (P-172MA)



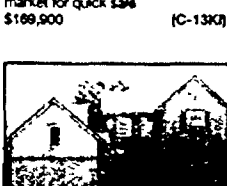
PERFECT LOCATION
Open Kit w/oak cab's & all appl's. Large Fam Rm w/tpl & new drwl to beautiful Florida Rm. 1st fl laundry, updated roof & light fixtures. Come check this one out!
\$180,000 (P-645MO)



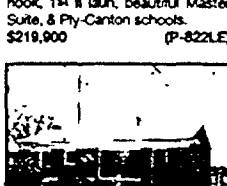
TERRIFIC BUY
1219 sq ft ranch w/3 bds, updated roof, hwh, furnace, C/A, court location w/a large lot.
\$64,900 (C-441MU)



MOVE IN READY
This well maintained colonial has an updated Kit w/nook & snack bar, updated thermal windows, updated baths, hwd flrs t/o, finished bsmt w/glass block, & nice location.
\$129,900 (P-901NO)



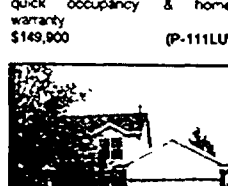
IDEAL CANTON COLONIAL
In walking distance to parks & the Summit, 2 story Foyer hwd entry, 2 story Great Rm, huge Kit, 1st fl laundry, gas marble flpl new paint, 1st fl Master, & large bsmt.
\$280,000 (C-634NO)



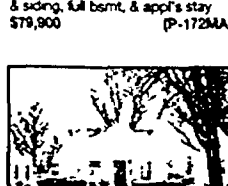
UPDATED LIVONIA RANCH
Great price & move in ready! Prof finished bsmt w/4th bdrm, large rec room, Fam Rm, & bath. Hwd flrs, updated windows, 2.5 car Garage w/workshop, convenient location, & home warranty.
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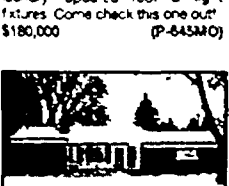
CHARMING
Cute as can be w/designer paint & brushed nickel fixtures. This upper end unit condo offers a Great Rm w/news of nature, spacious Kit w/ dining area, Master w/bath, & Garage.
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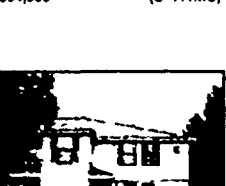
CLEAN & SHARP
3 bd, 2.5 baths, 1613 sq ft w/open floor plan, Kit w/all appl's & pantry, Nook w/drwl to paver patio. Master w/WIC & updated bath, finished bsmt, fenced yard, & 1st fl laun.
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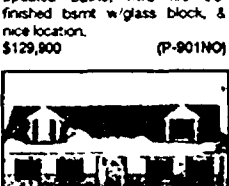
SOUTH REDFORD BUNGALOW
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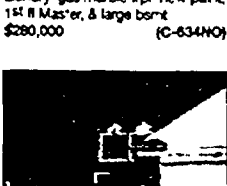
SUPER CLEAN & HEAT!
Oversized Kit w/all appl's. LR w/nat flpl & cove cell formal DR hwd flrs t/o updated, balcony Master w/crown mold, finished bsmt w/warrior & tons of storage.
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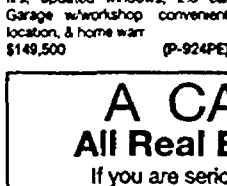
LET'S MAKE A DEAL!
1275 sq ft condo w/2 bd, 2 baths, large LR & DR, Master w/WIC & bath private entrance, balcony, appl's stay carport, & immed occupancy.
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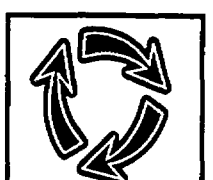
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(27126507) \$375,000



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CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION! Over 2000 sq. ft. w/3.5 baths. Walk to Summit, park & golf! Prof. Fin. LL, french ste w/ fashion BA, Crown mldgs, hrdwd flrs, mstr doors. It's all here for you!
(28003754) \$289,000



Canton 248-348-6430
Instantly Appealing w/540k in Brand New upgrades! Kitchen has granite island w/ built in range, 2 ceramic BAS w/ jacuzzi, new 2 tiered deck, fin drywalled bsmt, HDW Flrs, new win, crown molding & more!
(28027914) \$200,000



Canton 734-455-7000
UPTOWN CANTON VILLAGE! 46 upscale brownstone condo w/5 flr plans, 2-3 bedrooms, 2-car garage, fireplace, balcony, and GeoThermal heating & cooling. Call for a reservation!
(27054660) \$193,900



Canton 248-348-6430
Wonderful Condo Ready to Move Right In! Elec FP in LR, Contemporary w/picked oak cab and lam wood flrs. BRs have WIC. Great bsmt for rent, finishing, storage. Att'd garage. Close to Summit and X-ways.
(27219336) \$146,900



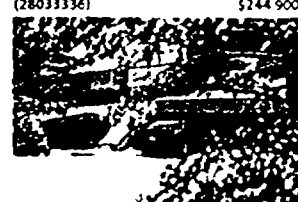
Canton 734-455-7000
ONE OF A KIND! Great buy on this 2BR, 1.5BA, Canton Condo w/ 1st flr. Needs work but has great potential. Two-story townhouse style, end unit.
(27205334) \$99,500



Canton Twp 734-455-7000
OUTSTANDING CUSTOM CAPE! Elegant 5BR on almost 1/2 acre backs to woods. 2 way FP from Great Room nook. Dual staircase. 1st flr master w/ jacuzzi. Beaut fully appointed!
(28007580) \$395,000



Canton Twp 734-455-7000
AWESOME LOCATION! 3BR, 2.5BA, huge mstr ste, skylites and loft overlooking TR w/ beautiful oak FP. Huge updated kitchen w/ double pantry opens to FR w/ doorwalk to priv yd. Must See!
(28033336) \$244,900



Commerce 248-684-1065
Home w/ 254' of frontage Lake Sherwood. Soaring GR off entry foyer. FR w/ 2 fps open to patio. New cedar roof. 2 fms & A/C units. Auto nat gas backup power.
(27092536) \$599,000



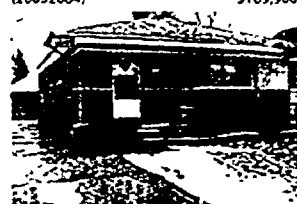
Commerce 248-684-1065
Immaculate builder's home on 1.67 acres. Wood windows/trim, GR w/ cath. ceiling, FP in den, FR w/ daylight windows, MBR w/ WIC. Great view from covered patio.
(28011365) \$290,000



Commerce 248-684-1065
Well maintained ranch on Lg lot features open FR w/ fp & doorwalk to priv deck & pond. 3 bd, 1.5 ba & master w/ separate entry and ba.
(27211654) \$207,900



Dearborn 734-591-9200
An Absolute Must See! This Immaculate Spacious Tudor Style Home Has Hardw Flrs, T-o, Stainless Drs, Newer Kit, Appis, Newer Roof, Newer A/C, 2nd Flr Bcny, 2.5 Car Gat, Home Wntry.
(28032084) \$189,900



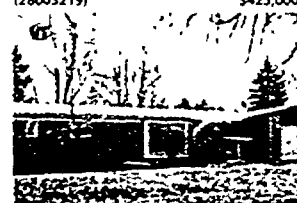
Dearborn Heights 734-591-9200
3 bedroom brick ranch in Crestwood Schools. Updates throughout. New kit, cabinets & countertops, hardwood flrs, jacuzzi in flr off mstr. bdrm. Great buy!
(28009073) \$119,900



Farmington 248-348-6430
In the Heart of Downtown Farmington! Neat bungalow w/ updates that incl. HWHL gutters, roof to boards '06, electrical, garage door, newer windows, 2 car detached garage, double lot.
(28026062) \$169,900



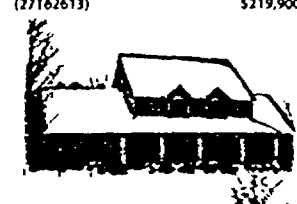
Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
DESIRABLE COPPER CREEK, 5 BR, FINISHED LL, 5 BR, 3.5 bath home features granite kitchen, finished lower level w/ BR & bath. Great rm w/ marble FP 1st flr master w/ glam bath. Private wooded lot. Also for lease.
(28003219) \$425,000



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
2521 SF EXPANDED & REMODELED BRICK FARM! Very open floor plan. Spacious kitchen w/ doorwalk to new cedar deck. Soaring ceilings, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Great home for entertaining! North Farmington H.S.
(28034260) \$235,000



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
SOFT CONTEMPORARY Open floor plan & soaring ceilings. Spacious eat in kitchen w/ doorwalk to large deck. Master suite w/ WIC. Finished basement, 1st floor laundry. Walked lake schools.
(27162613) \$219,900



Fenton 248-684-1065
Custom home on 10 acres! Gourmet kit, granite T/O, 1st flr mstr, dbl-sided stone FP. Fin. LL w/ bar. Den/exercise RM, Tile stone flrs. Deck/ gazebo. 2nd garage.
(28010834) \$530,000



Hamburg 248-437-3800
Great First Time Home Buyer! Three bedroom family home with immoed, occupancy Deeded access on All Sports Lake and Huron River Access. Double lot allows plenty of room for future growth.
(27217491) \$165,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Custom built 3dr home, 1.7 acres. Maple cabs & granite I/O 2 kts & baths. 2 story GR w/ gas fp. 1st flr mstr w/ ba & 2 WICs. Fin W/O, prof landscaping.
(28004735) \$599,900



Highland 248-684-1065
Lots of space for work and play! Remod in 2001. Huge 54x37 barn. Andersen windows, River rock FP. 1930's oak mantle FP, update kit, new cabs, wood flrs.
(28012840) \$229,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Pristine Dunham Lake privileges. Immaculate ranch boasts Andersen windows, california closets, oak kitchen, wired for surround sound. Inground pool w/ solar heat.
(27160580) \$200,000



Livonia 248-851-1900
MAGNIFICENT 4 BR BRICK & STONE RANCH. Gorgeous granite kitchen w/ decorative island. Granite, marble mosaic in baths. Master bath w/ shower & jacuzzi. Unbelievable landscape w/ waterfalls, fountains, bridges.
(28023155) \$374,900



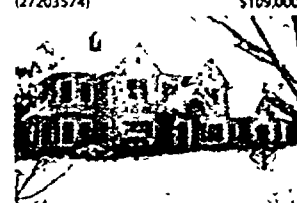
Livonia 734-591-9200
Search no more this is it! 3 bdrm brick ranch. Open concept from living rm to kit and fam rm. New kitchen cabinets and counter with a large dining area. Exceptionally large family room.
(27194937) \$224,500



Livonia 734-591-9200
Act Fast Popular 5 & Newburgh 3 br brick ranch w/ all the extras & updated from top to bottom. 2 car att garage, prof fin bsmt, famy rm, sun rm, fenced yd, and more!
(28006991) \$189,900



Livonia 248-348-6430
Short Sale Subject to 3rd Party Review. 4 bedroom brick ranch. Finished basement, all appliances stay. 1 car detached garage, Livonia schools. Bring all offers!
(27203574) \$109,000



Millford 248-684-1065
Impressive Custom Bld 4 Bd/3.3 Bath Home on 3+ Acres w/ 3 Car Garage Plus Additional 4.6 Car Garage w/ Water & Elec. 2 way staircase, 1st flr Master Ste. Fin LL.
(28011519) \$499,900



Millford 248-684-1065
Custom cedar/stone paradise tucked among pine trees on 3+ acres w/ up-north feel! Gourmet kit w/ stone cnter Isl. opens to GR. Wrap around cedar deck. Fin W/O.
(28015745) \$464,900



Millford 248-684-1065
On 2.5 wooded acres. Hdwd flrs. Designer Thomasville hickory, granite & slate kit. 22x16 cedar deck. Covered front porch, new SS appls. 27x20 mstr Lg WIC. W/O.
(28002971) \$349,800



Northville 248-348-6430
Reduced \$30K! Elegant custom home w/ gourmet kitchen, fam rm w/ 2 story fp, master w/ huge bonus closet, lower level w/ home theater area, fp, 5th bdrm, full bath.
(27185765) \$569,900



Northville 248-684-1065
Beautiful Historical Home in Charming Northville. 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Bths, Hdwd Flrs & Crown Molding T/O, Cherry Kit w/ Tin Cdl, Master Ste, Lib, 2 Car Gar.
(28011442) \$460,000



Northville 248-348-6430
THIS IS A Winner! Open, Bright & Neutral Updates. Paint, Kit, Roof, Hwh, Sump, Ceramic Flrs, Kt, Pwdr Rm, Finshd LL, Walk 2 Schools, Common Areas W/ playground & Tennis. Close Shopping & X way.
(27190372) \$309,000



Northville 248-348-6430
Private Entry Condo w/ Garage and 2BR, 2BA, 1 yr lease with custom KIT. Immediate occp. Pool, exercise rm & club house. Close to X-ways, schools, shopping & parks. No pets/smoking. Owner agent.
(28027561) \$1,100



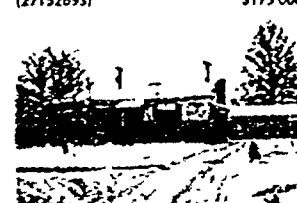
Northville 248-348-6430
Sharp Condo For Sale or Lease! Ground unit, 2 BR, 2 full BAS. Master has BA & WIC. Newer furnace, KIT, FL & sink, windows! Enclosed frnt porch. Neutral. Assoc has pool! Northville schools.
(27220918) \$1,100



Novi 248-851-1900
POPULAR NEIGHBORHOOD, WONDERFUL AMENITIES Neighborhood elementary school, parks, playgrounds, convenient! Updates include window treatments, paint, dbl oven, indcpg, furnace, dishwasher, more! 4 BR, 2 BA.
(27208461) \$239,000



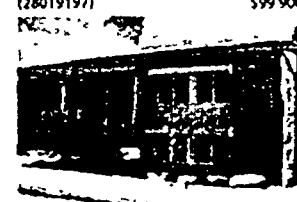
Plymouth 248-348-6430
Desirable Plymouth Location Quality ranch home w/ covered ceilings, LR w/ natural FP kit & DR. 3 BR w/ big closets, Fin bsmt w/ tile, fenced yard, det 2 car gar, new carpet, fresh paint.
(27152693) \$175,000



Plymouth 734-591-9200
Looking to steal a house? Plymouth best buy- 3 br brick ranch w/ fin bsmt, 2 car garage, sep liv and fam rms, updated roof, windows, elect, & more! A must see!
(28009773) \$139,900



Plymouth 248-348-6430
2 Bedroom Ground Level Condo in Plymouth. Short run or bike ride to EH Park! Updates incl. HDWD laminate fl in KIT living RM, dining area & entry bathroom features, carpet & p. nL. Patio & storage rm.
(28019197) \$99,900



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Ment Condition Ranch unit, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, private basement includes storage & laundry area. Walking distance to grocery & pharmacy stores. Immediate occupancy.
(27225528) \$64,900



Redford 734-284-5400
SPACIOUS RANCH w/ LOTS OF POTENTIAL! Nice family rm w/ natural fireplace, oak kitchen cabinetry, glass blk windows. Hardwood flrs, custom kit w/ s/s appliances, 2 pantries, formal DR w/ french drs.
(27187471) \$136,900



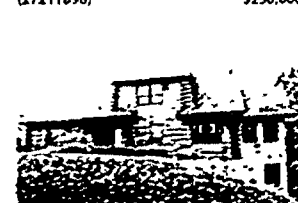
Romulus 734-284-5400
GOOD VALUE 4 THE MONEY is this 3 BD brick ranch w/ a full partially fin basement, updated kit w/ snack bar, formal dining rm, newer vinyl windows, 1 1/2 baths and a 2 1/2 car garage.
(28024703) \$119,900



Romulus 248-348-6430
3 Bed Ranch Great Price Great location! Close to Van Buren Twp. New dimensional roof, wic, furnace, Hwh, copper plumb, hwd floors, ceramic bath. Hurry!
(27154871) \$89,000



Royal Oak 248-348-6430
Fantastic Home with Updates! Wonderful quad, many updates! KIT has island & lots of cabinets w/ plenty of counter space! Newer siding/gutters, furnace 06. Fresh paint! U/O. FR w/ gas brick FP.
(27211898) \$250,000



Salem 248-437-3800
Gorgeous Log Home on 11 Acres! Custom built white cedar log home. Sunroom with stone exterior, winding 3 story staircase. Finished walkout lower level, custom landscaping, horse barn and more.
(27195630) \$625,000



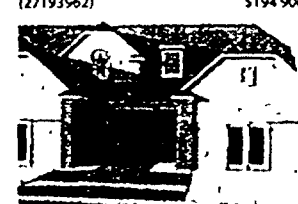
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Reduced! Wide open floor plan with 3 car garage and daylight basement. Home is drywalled and you choose the rest. Make an offer!
(27212000) \$295,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
STUNNING! This home has a very functional floor plan, finished basement, enormous room sizes and feels like it was just built. Don't let this one get by.
(27028337) \$209,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Sharp colonial in Eagle Heights! Home offers a large kitchen, spacious great room with soaring ceilings, finished sun room with skylights, large deck, sidewalks and more.
(27193562) \$194,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Luxury Condos New Construction! 2 BR, 2 BA ranches starting at \$174,900! 2 BR, 2 1/2 BA cape cods starting at \$184,000. Std features include hickory cabs w/ 42" uppers, granite cnttps, much more.
(26015094) \$174,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Lots of Square Footage Updated 2 story home with nice sized yard features great room w/ bay window. Kitchen has snack bar, large bedroom on entry level. Two large upstairs bedrooms!
(28030724) \$154,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
This is a great starter home Home is in a quiet neighborhood. Newly painted, spacious ranch. All appliances included. Also deck, fenced yard, 2 car garage and central air.
(28014207) \$129,900



West Bloomfield 248-684-1065
82' of frontage on Upper Struts Lake. Open fr plan & hwd flrs in kit, den & LR. Mstr ste w/ priv ba, jet tub, shower & WIC. 2nd flr br/ den w/ gas fp.
(28005241) \$299,000



Westland 734-591-9200
Excellent condition home! Home offers e/l kit, w/ exit to back & 10x20 cov patio. Newer furn, carpet, roof & drway. Ext offers fer d yd, 2.5 car gar w/ opener, sprink sys. Appl incl.
(27080354) \$129,900



Westland 734-284-5400
LIKE NEW PRIVATE ENTRANCE CONDO. Professionally painted, all new flooring, newer roof, private deck. Beautiful well cared for complex. Close to but far enough away from everything!
(27180776) \$114,900



Westland 734-284-5400
PLENTY OF SPACE AT AN EXCELLENT PRICE is yours in this 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo w/ newer Pergo type kitchen and dining room, large living room & master suite w/ walk-in closet & full bath w/ shower.
(28000085) \$69,900



Westland 734-455-7000
NIFTY FOR THE THRIFTY! Why rent! This duplex condo is remodeled already. Great investment, partially fin bsmt. Newer kitchen, carpet, windows, furn, A/C, plumbing. It's all right here!
(28004999) \$38,000



Wixom 248-684-1065
Meticulously maintained. Pergo floors throughout entry level & new carpet. Spacious kitchen & dining area. Open floor plan. Master suite 2 showers.
(28009382) \$210,000



Wixom 248-348-6430
Huge Private Lot 2 story chn in quiet neighborhood! Spacious rooms w/ newer Berber, new items, high efficiency furnace. C/A, HWH, water softner, garage, wndws, light fixtures.
(28027392) \$149,000



Wolverine Lake 248-437-3800
Sharp starter ranch! Fully updated and decorated. Updates include kitchen, bathroom, copper plumbing and roof. Top that off with your new 21x35 garage.
(27165653) \$149,800



Ypsilanti 248-348-6430
Meticulous Home is Move-In Ready Neutral 4 BR, 2.5 BA w/ LR, DR, FR/gas FP, Kt/oak cab and breakfast rm. 2nd flr laundry. Mstr ste has full BA. Full bsmt w/ glass block wndws, rough in plumb.
(28015691) \$155,000