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House passes Corriveau's bill to help township fend off developer

By Pam Fleming & Alex Lundberg STAFF WRITERS

Annexation has been the buzzword in Northville Township and

Livonia lately. But, it may soon fade out of the picture, if legislation is approved that would prevent 414 acres of property owned by developer REIS from being annexed from the township to the city of

Residents on the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital filed a Petition for Annexation on March 11 that could eventually send an annexation vote to residents of Livonia.

But, legislation will head to the Michigan Senate at some point after a bill introduced by Rep Marc Corriveau (D-Northville)



with populations of 20,000 or more currently provid-

ing a full range of services to their community, Corriveau said. "Ultimately, it took me some

effort, but I knew from a public policy standpoint that this is legislation that is fixing a hole present in annexation law as it relates to townships," Corriveau said last

'Cities have different protections," he said, "But, when it comes to townships, it's become obvious here locally, and it's happened in different parts of the states, that this loophole was causing hostile annexations"

Corriveau argues the proposed law is good policy.

"When the Michigan Municipal

League and Michigan Township Association agreed that legislation was worthwhile, that was key, as they don't often see things the same way," he said. "This is an issue that needs to be fixed"

The law, if passed, will not affect cities' and townships' ability to enter into friendly annexation plans where services might be better provided to a community with an annexation, Corriveau

"With the threat of annexation hopefully behind us, I would hope that the interested parties can work together on a development we can all be proud of and that the restdents of Northville and Livonia

can both enjoy," Corriveau said. REIS has sued the township for \$100 million when the board of trustees did not approve the devel-

oper's original plan When the annexation legislation will be introduced into the Senate is up to Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, Corriveau said. The Michigan Senate is in session this

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REINVESTING IN DOWNTOWN

Coney owner serves up new design

Larger booths; now smoke-free

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

While several businesses have recently closed their doors, entrepreneur Nik Berisaj is reinvesting in down town Northville.

After being closed for about three and a half weeks, regulars who haven't been in for a while will hardly recognize the newly remodeled Joseph's Coney Island Restaurant at 113 W. Main St.

Berisaj (pronounced bear eh shy) has owned the restaurant. which has become a Northville tradition, for almost 11 years, opening in September 1997.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Nik and Vicki Berisaj stand in their newly-renovated Joseph's Coney Island in downtown Northville. The couple's restaurant was closed almost for a month and underwent extensive decor change with new lighting, flooring, booths and counter installed.

Hinkle's gift to college its largest scholarship fund

■ Schoolcraft will begin awarding scholarships for the 2008 term

By Linda Ann Chomin **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Christine Hinkle lives simply. but comfortably in an apartment surrounded by cuddly stuffed bears, crafts and her cat, Casper. Her frugal lifestyle is one of the reasons the 86-year-old Northville woman was able to present a sizable estate gift to the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

The endowed scholarship fund was announced March 18, during a spaghetti dinner and wine glow to raise money for the college's Women's Resource Center which provides help to men and women preparing to enter or re-enter the

Hinkle first learned about the center through Dorothy Gay, a friend who volunteered there. WRC offers support programs and scholarships for those in financial need.

The college will begin award-ing the Hinkle-funded scholarships to students enrolling in classes for the fall 2008 semester. After it's fully funded, the Hinkle estate gift will be the largest scholarship fund in the college's history and one day could provide 30 full tuition scholarships each academic year.

The Schoolcraft College district includes the public school districts of Clarenceville, Garden



C. Hinkle

City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton, and part of Novi but draws students from all

"I would like to inspire people if they're able financially to inspire these young people so good minds don't go to waste," said Hinkle. "Being local, they can stay at home and find out what they want to do."

Hinkle says her late husband. Lawrence, was a firm believer in education. He was an attorney who graduated from Wayne State University. She worked her way up to management during a 40year career with an insurance company. Hinkle said they lived on his salary and she put her money in the bank and bought bonds. She retired from the Wausau office in Southfield in

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How long will it be called the 'senior' center?

Advisory chairman says leave it be

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

What's in a name? A lot, according to some members of the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission, who batted around the idea of changing the name of Northville

Community Senior Center at their March 12 meeting.

Commissioner Jim Allen suggested that the name of the building at 303 W. Main St. in downtown Northville be changed to the Northville Community Center or another name to increase its marketability for community events.

It was suggested the word "senior" in the building's name deters from the booking of such events as weddings, bridal and baby showers, birthday parties and other special occasions for

"It is absolutely crazy to remotely consider taking the name senior off the building."

Jim Nield

Chairman Senior Advisory Committee

Commissioner Sue Hillebrand said she had suggested the center as a possible site for her future daughter-in-law's bridal shower.

but she refused because of the

"I think we should reopen the discussion (of a name change)," Hillebrand said. "I'd like to see what other communities call this

type of building."

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, also brought up the idea of the possible name change at the March

20 township board meeting. But, Jim Nield, chair of the Senior Advisory Commission. said the name should not be changed because when the center

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"We learned an important and expensive lesson in Novi. It's not the government's land. It's the owner's land."

> Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) State Representative

House passes Corriveau's bill; it's now up to Senate

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"It's completely out of my hands now," Cornveau said "Bishop is the gatekeeper, and he could assign it to a committee or take it directly to the floor for a vote

Corriveau said previous annexation legislation introduced by Sen Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) is out of committee, but Bishop still has to decide when it will come to the floor for a vote of the chamber.

They're familiar with the issue of annexation in both the House and the Senate now, and Sen. Patterson and I have been working together not only for our township in Northville but townships all over the state," Corriveau said. "The current situation in Northville made it clear that this was needed."

Those who voted 'no'

House Minority Leader Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) was one of eight representatives (all Republicans - John Garfield. Kevin Green, Neal Nitz. Paul Opsommer, John Pastor, Phil Payloy, John Proos) who voted against Corriveau's bill

"I don't think it was a very well-worded bill." DeRoche said "I took it as more of a publicity stunt for Cornveau to take attention away from his tax increase vote. That's what he's been wrestling with. He's not been very popular, and he's looking at getting involved in local politics to distract people's attention away from his tax increase vote. He thought this would make him more popular in his district.'

DeRoche said he expressed this concern with Democrats in Lansing, and that if they want to take the issue of annexation more seriously that the House Republicans would be open to discussing it.

But, after his experience in Novi - when the city settled a lawsuit by giving 95 acres of parkland and \$7.7 million to developer Sandstone Associates over a property dispute - he's a little gun shy about dueling with developer's rights

DeRoche was on the Novi City

Council in 2002 when the judgment was handed down against the city.

"We learned an important and expensive lesson in Novi." DeRoche said "It's not the govemment's land. It's the owner's land. You have to be careful whether you're writing a bill or an ordinance if it takes away rights of the property owner. The courts of this country were founded on the principle of private property rights. It's what makes us different from other

Corriveau's response

"I wasn't really surprised by his comments," Corriveau said. "Craig has put politics ahead of good public policy for the six years that he's represented his district. He did the same thing in the recent budget crisis.'

Corriveau said DeRoche received resolutions from both the city of Northville and Northville township supporting the bipartisan annexation legislation. Corriveau also noted that 43 out of 52 Republican caucus members crossed over to support his legislation.

"My district is smart enough to realize his comments were made solely to create political divide, which people have told me again and again they re tired of, Corriveau said "I will continue to reach across the aisle to make good public policy, and I won't be deterred by gamesmanship."

Livonia's position

Rep. John Pastor (R-Livonia) said he voted against Corriveau's bill because he believes the current laws are sufficient and have worked for years. He said the laws should not be changed for one particular community. If they were changed, they would be too restrictive on a city's ability to execute an annexation plan.

Pastor has said cities and townships are not in a state, economically, to turn their noses up at a near-billion dollar development like the one REIS is proposing Construction workers, he said, will replace automotive workers as the source of purchasing

power in the economy.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said, hypothetically, the REIS development would be subjected to the same set of hoops and hurdles as any other project suggested for the city.

When and if (REIS) came to Livonia they're not going to just get the green light to do what they want," he said. "Everything comes before the council, the zoning board and the mayor."

He said the REIS development would have to get through the city's regular, objective process where the proposal would be evaluated for its impact on the city - same as any other planned project. He said there were no guarantees no matter how big the player or project was.

We would apply our standards and we take a hard look at anything over three stories. Kirksey said. "This is not a case of passing go and collecting \$200, you have to prove the value and quality to Livonia"

May 13 trial date set

In the meantime, the township is still fighting the legality of the eight people living on the former

psychiatric hospital property. Wayne County Chief Judge William Giovan has set at trial date of May 13 in the township's lawsuit against REIS in the matter.

The township is asking for removal of the residents based on its belief that the permits were fraudulously obtained by REIS." said Chip Snider, township man-

ager.
The facts are that the permits were obtained fraudulently, therefore, the residents are there illegally. Those are the facts, and they're not in dispute. The evidence we will provide at trial will bear this out."

The township thought the residences were going to be security trailers only, not homes for new residents and voters, Snider said.

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■ How long will it be called the 'Senior Center'?

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was constructed in 2003 and dedicated on July 4, 2004, the entire project was based on the creation of a new senior center.

The tri-level building that currently houses the Northville Art House at 215 W. Cady St. used to the Northville Senior Center.

Nield said 25 percent of the city's and township's citizens are over age 55, and they need

a center dedicated for their use. They have contributed a lot to our community over their lifetimes," Nield said.

He went on to say that the city has built a new library and city hall, and the township has built a new township hall, fire station and high school.

"We also constructed an addition to the high school and have renovated every grade school," Nield said. "Now we finally got something for the seniors. We need to honor, respect and thank our senior residents by giving them a place of their own."

As far as the name not being attractive for weddings and showers, "There are always going to be a few potential renters who don't like the name of the building, or maybe they don't like the facility itself," Nield said.

He believes the building isn't conducive to showers and weddings because it doesn't have linens, a menu, a full kitchen or a liquor license.

Renters who want to serve alcohol must obtain a permit from the city as well as provide their own liability insurance.

"It's too complicated of a market for us to rent the senior center for weddings," Nield

"It is absolutely crazy to remotely consider taking the name senior off the building," he added. "The seniors were the last to get recognized in this community. Let's be proud of what we have done for them and continue to recognize them and thank them.

Fund balance questioned

Abbo also asked if the approximately \$123,000 left in the Senior Adult Capital Outlay Fund the senior center has from past fundraising efforts could be applied to the loan balance the city owes the township.

"That money was specifically donated for the special needs of the seniors," Nield said. "The money was not donated to help taxpayers pay down a debt."

Nield said this is clearly spelled out in minutes of many meetings and approved and understood by Traci Sincock, director of Northville Parks and Recreation.

Nickie Bateson, city finance director, and Nield have also seen that each senior center expenditure is voted on and well

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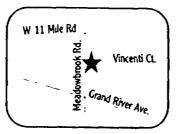


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Administrative assistant retires after serving 15 years with city

■ She's getting married, starting a whole new life

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Retirement is often seen as the beginning of the end.

But, in the case of longtime city of Northville employee Carol Kasprowicz, it represents an excit-

ing new chapter in her life. Kasprowicz, 64, has served as administrative assistant to the city manager for 15 years. She will go to work at city hall for the last time tomorrow. But, in just a few months she will be getting remarried and moving to a new city. She's looking forward to becoming part of a new family.

Kasprowicz has worked for city manager, Pat Sullivan, since he assumed the post in April 2006. Before that, she worked under city manager Gary Word for 13 years.

Women's education in the 1950s

A native of Buffalo, N.Y.,

Kasprowicz was the oldest of four children and attended one of two business-oriented high schools.

"In the 1950s, when I went to school, women who attended college became either a nurse, teacher or had a religious life," she said. "Since I wasn't interested in any of those fields, I decided to become a secretary, marry and have chil-

dren.' She said during her lifetime, more women were forced into the workplace in order to produce the desired standard of living.

Kasprowicz married Mel, whom she met while attending night classes at Canisius College in Buffalo. They had three children - Mary Beth, Matthew and Jennifer. Mel, a management consultant, died in January 2001.

But now she's preparing to marry Thomas Murray in September, a man she met at a widows' and widowers' retreat at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth Township. She plans to sell her home in Farmington Hills and move to his home in Fraser.

Her daytime family

"Working for the city of Northville has been a blessing." Kasprowicz said. "This has been my daytime family. We are small enough to know each other and be

helpful to each other.' Kasprowicz talked about some of the major life events she has

experienced while a city employee the death of her father, Frank Taberski and her husband; the marriage of her son; the births of her two grandchildren, Brian, 7, and Lindsay, 5, who belong to Matthew and his wife, Khristin; and her engagement. She's had a few health concerns over the years

as well. "Everyone here is very supportive and caring," she said. "The staff here is professional and dedicated, and I'm proud to be associated with them professional and personally.

Kasprowicz said she saw the ad for the city's administrative assistant in the newspaper and landed the job over more than 300 appli-

Before coming to the city, she worked for labor negotiators in a father-son firm in West Bloomfield for six years. She also worked for a secretarial service in Farmington Hills for six years. Prior to that, she and her husband lived in New Jersey for 10 years before moving

Kasprowicz has witnessed many changes at city hall in 15 years, such as a new telephone system and the move from a mainframe computer system to personal computers. Computer programs in finance, the evolution of e-mail and word processing revolutionized her job.

She also was present during the renovation of city hall in the late 1990s, the creation of city's Web site, and has watched how the Downtown Development Authority has expanded its influence.

"It has grown from focusing on bricks-and-mortar to working more directly with the merchants and assisting them in their marketing efforts," Kasprowicz said.

Now, she'll get to use her secretarial skills to plan her second wedding in the coming months.

"I think Tom and I will be traveling as long as our health holds out," Kasprowicz said, "We both feel very blessed with finding each other. He's a wonderful man.'

Since her fiance has six married children and 19 grandchildren, "There's a new world waiting for me," she said. "More people to

So, what does she think is the



Prioto by Michael Shuster

After 15 years of service to the city of Northville, Carol Kasprowicz is retiring from her position as administrative assistant to the city manager.

most important aspect of being a good administrative assistant to the city manager?

You want to help make a good transition between the staff and the city manager and the citizens and the city manager," Kasprowicz said. "You want to assist in all the parties getting together and communicating with each other. "I think it's the best job in the city. I get to be a 'Girl Friday' as well as interact with the public."

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Christine Hinkle gives endowed scholarship fund to Schoolcraft

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1986 Since then she's stayed active by keeping her hands busy with crafts, basket making and painting, and volunteering with the Northville Historical Society and Northville Library They had no children

Value of education

"He was very interested in investing. I'm doing this on his behalf also. Education was very important to him," said Hinkle of her husband who died in 1996. She moved to Independence Village in Northville not long after losing her partner of nearly 49 years.

The Hinkles' longtime C.P.A. and financial adviser, Richard Gillikan, suggested the Schoolcraft College Foundation about eight months ago when



been working with the Foundation to create the Hinkle endowed scholarship fund.

Kwasnik's been helping Hinkle ever since she encountered problems applying for Social Security. Hinkle was turned down because she wasn't a citizen. She never knew that her family immigrated to America from Scotland when Hinkle was 9 months old. Her mother died. when she was 14 and never told her. She had to wait five years before she was able to take the test to become a citizen

I became close with her (Christine), took her shopping She got to know my girls," said Kwasnik, an accountant who lives in Livonia. "I think the estate gift is wonderful, the whole idea of it helping people who wouldn't otherwise go to college I think it's amazing especially since I have two girls. age 16 and 12 My oldest is thinking of Schooleraft for the first year because it's local and inexpensive.

"The Foundation created a plan and worked with her (Hinkle's) estate attorney. You can have it just tuition but hers is all inclusive, it includes the recipient's children.

More info

Anyone Interested in learning more about this and other scholarships should contact the Schoolcraft College Foundation at (734) 462-4455, or the Schoolcraft College Financial Aid Office at (734) 462-4433.

To learn more about the Women's Resource Center, call (734) 462-4443

Giving ways

According to John Walsh, executive director of development and governmental relations and Foundation board member, Hinkle is typical of the donors who support the college for years before deciding to develop an estate plan.

She started with small gifts and attending different events which is the traditional path for our donors. They start by coming to a culinary extravaganza or taking a communi-ty ed course," said Walsh of Hinkle, who's taken classes at the college as a serior citizen. 'The story is great because she is an ordinary person, not born to great wealth. She and her husband worked hard and saved their money. She's trying to give it away in a way that's meaningful for the future. She wants everyone to know anyone can do this. This type of gift permuts us to help students to attend school Very often it makes a difference between whether or not a student can even attend here.

We have a \$10 million endowed balance in the Foundation. Her estate plan allows us to grant more scholarships to more needy students only on interest earned. That means it will be perpetual."

Walsh suggests anyone considering leaving their estate to the foundation consult an attorney or financial adviser "so they're not jeopardizing their future.

Nationally, the trend is people are doing more estate planning gifts because the federal government had made it worth their while," said Walsh "There's a great deal of wealth accumulated by baby boomers who are now thinking about their estate and tax advantageous rulings.

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Battle over art classes persists

City wants feedback tomorrow for Monday meeting

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Pat Sullivan, city manager, is recommending nine of 27 classes not be offered in the Northville Art House's Spring/Summer 2008 schedule because they compete

with a local business' classes. In a letter to Kathleen Tabaczynski, Northville Arts Commission president, Sullivan said he asked Traci Sincock, director of Northville Parks and Recreation, to analyze commission classes and those offered by

"Awakening...The Artist Inside." "I concur with her findings," Sullivan said. The other 18 classes may be advertised in the next Parks and Recreation brochure.

The process for class review stipulates that Sullivan's findings, along with written comments from an interested party, will be presented as an informational item to the City Council. Comments must be received by tomorrow.

Classes that may be dropped are: Sculpture and Clay Play, Introduction to Painting-Acrylics for ages 6-13, Clay Creations. Ceramics-Hand Building & Sculpture, Drawing and Illustration for Beginners, Clay Play Afternoons, Painting & Drawing. Watercolor-Basic & More and Creative Campers.

The last class was deemed to be potentially in conflict with Awakenings' summer camps because no information was provided to the city on the medium. age group and content - criteria used to compare classes.

Sullivan added that after reviewing art classes availabile throughout the city, several subjects have been identified that no business or organization currently offers. "Our hope is that someone will explore these opportunities for new classes in the future," he said.

Sherri Mewha, Awakenings owner, said the Northville Arts Commission's original business plan in 2004 said it would not offer programs that competed with downtown businesses. She said Ken Naigus, former NAC president, met with her and said, "We'll work together and not offer conflicting classes."

"He was very sensitive to the downtown businesses," Mewha continued. "He wanted to offer programs that enhanced and complimented local businesses' offerings. But, since Ken's departure, the NAC has taken a different approach."

Mewha said she offered to meet with NAC members to discuss class schedules, but it never hap-

She also said NAC members said several art classes the Parks and Recreation Department offered conflicted with their classes, and those were taken off the schedule.

"I come out of the corporate world, and I support a competitive market," Mewha said, adding her classes represent about 60 percent of her business. "I just want everyone to get along and support the arts in Northville. They can be vital to our economic survival. There's room for everyone if we work together."

Arts programmer resigns

While classes are being reviewed, Suzanne Poulton, the arts programmer the city hired in July 2007 to enhance art programming. has resigned.

This whole process has been pretty much a nightmare," she said.

Poulton said the commission was paying rent on the Art House to the Parks and Recreation Department until December 2007, when commissioners approached council and asked to end the agreement and go it alone.

The Parks and Recreation Department has been very supportive of our programs, and it was a partnership," Poulton said. "But, we felt we could stand on our own financially and personnel-wise."

But, problems started in December once the NAC submitted its class schedule for January, published in the Parks and Recreation Department's Winter Brochure.

Up to that point, the city has been supporting us," she said. What is most frustrating to me is that I didn't really create new classes for the spring schedule."
Poulton said. "I just took what we had approved in January and extended the dates. Now several are on the recommendation list to be canceled. I think the biggest injus-

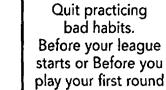
be canceled." Contrary to what Mewha said, Poulton said Mewha did not ask to meet with NAC members but instead took her complaints directly to the city council.

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ly approved by the city may now

Dominique Moroz said commission members are willing to work cooperatively with any for-profit business or nonprofit organization interested in providing diverse and high-quality cultural experiences and opportunities for the communi-

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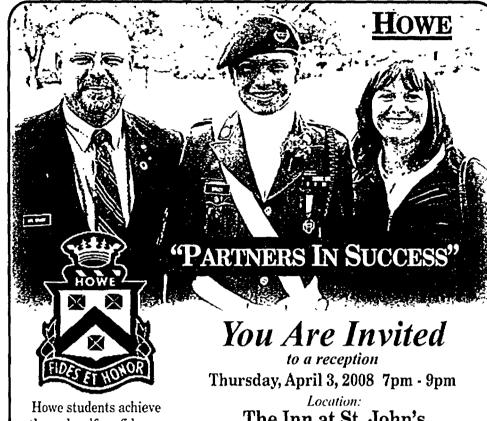
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The interior of the renovated Joseph's Coney Island restaurant on W. Main Street.

Coney owner reinvests in downtown restaurant

continued from front page

When he started, his wife, Vicky, was a waitress, and he was a cook. The two now have three children: Amanda, 5. Sandra, 4, and 3-month-old Christian, born the day after Christmas 2007.

"I worked here for my wife's uncle for about three and a half years. Then, then I buy the place," he said.

Berisaj is a native of Montenegro, a country about 30 minutes from Albania that seceded from Serbia in 2006.

Now 41, he was 27 when he became involved with the restau-

The place is one of the most popular spots downtown 'We try," he said.

The renovation was long overdue, Berisaj said, as the seating and cooking area was about 20 years old.

The new booths are larger, and the tables are higher. The restaurant also features new chairs. ceiling, paint, lighting fixtures, pictures, double door at the entrance, grill and two fryers. flooring, two flat-screen televisions and clock.

"All my cousins did the job, so I got a lot of help." Berisaj said. He and his wife came up with the design that features a warm and sunny color scheme with various shades of browns, yel-

lows and golds. The new artwork has a cosmopolitan feel, with pictures of New York, Paris, Rome and other international cities.

Berisaj said customers have complimented him on the new design, and the fact that the restaurant is now smoke free.

"I thought a long time about whether to do this or not, but I used to see people moving from table to table to get away from smokers," he said.

Hours are 7 a m -8 p m. Monday-Friday, 7 a m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 8 a m.-3 p m. Sunday.

Naturally, Coneys are the specialties of the house. The Coney Special features a hot dog topped with ground beef, chili, mustard and onions.

The New York Hot Dog has sauerkraut and mustard. The Coney Taco includes spiced ground beef topped with chili, mustard, chopped lettuce, tomatoes and onions. The Loose Coney Burger includes seasoned ground beef with chili, mustard and onions on a bun. The regular Coney Hot Dog is served with chili, mustard and onions.

The menu also features a variety of pita sandwiches, regular sandwiches, salads, homemade

soups and pies, seafood dinners and a new style of fish and chips featuring five-star cod.

The grilled, marinated chicken pita with green peppers and onions is one of our biggest sellers," Berisaj said.

"We've added a few things to the menu, such as a chicken kabob, more hot sandwiches, blueberry pancakes, strawberry pancakes, more ornelettes, and we brought back biscuits and gravy."

So, what makes a successful restaurant owner in Berisaj's

"I honestly try to work hard," he said. "I'm responsible never late for work. I'm pretty much here all the time, checking on what's going on. Always I try to make customers happy. If they're happy, I'm happy."

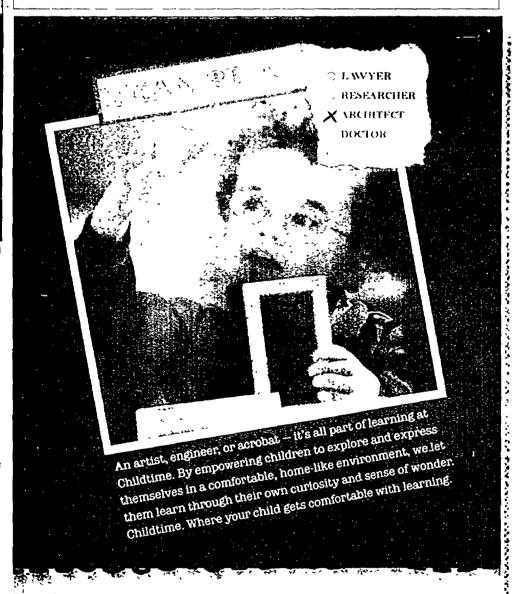
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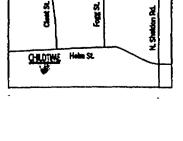
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Downtown clothing store site of Milford resident's proposal

Try on jeans; get a diamond

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Kristin Barber of Holly thought she was going to Rock on Main clothing store in downtown Northville last Friday to just buy a pair of jeans.

But, she left with the jeans and a diamond engagement ring. Her boyfriend of almost two years, Daniel Nowhan, 28, of Milford, decided to pop the question at the local clothing store at 134 E. Main St. when

she came out of the fitting room. He first met Barber. 25, at his cousin Ray's house in White

"She was baby-sitting," he said. "I came over to paint and

Later, he called his cousin to learn more about the attractive baby-sitter. After calling her first, he

asked for a date the next time he saw her Why didn't he ask her out

when he first met her? "Because his cousin has eight

kids," Barber said. "She had a baby in each arm.

so it was kind of difficult to ask her out," Nowhan said. "They caught us kissing one time after that, and they won't

keep quiet about it." Barber said

"They're still talking about it"

Why Rock on Main?

So, why did he select Rock on Main for the proposal site? His friend, Vicki Leone, of Northville, who lives down the street from the store, helped him set up the surprise.

"I told her we had to go to Vicki's house to pick up some things, and then I brought her here," he said. "And, she had told me she wanted to go look at rings today."

Nowhan was also able to sneak in a bouquet of red roses to go with the ring.

And, he did go down on one knee during the proposal.
"It's a good thing you did, or I

might have said no," Barber joked.

"I was definitely surprised," she said. "I didn't know what he was doing. I heard him whispering outside the fitting room, and I assumed he was talking about jeans. I thought maybe he was going to buy me a pair."

Rock on Main owner Colleen Pozzuoli, who was happy to accommodate the young man's plan, said it was the first proposal in her store.

"This is the first proposal I've witnessed period." she said.

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Kristin Barber got a big surprise last week when Daniel Nowhan proposed to her at the clothing store Rock on Main in downtown Northville.

OBITUARIES

RICHARD L. HINES

Age 53, of Westland, passed away March 16, 2008. Memorial Service, March 29, 2008, 11a m , First Baptist Church of Northville. Contributions to the Family of Richard L. Hines, c/o Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

WARNA M. ROBERTS

Age 88, died March 22, 2008 in Newbury, Ohio. She was a long time resident of Highland Lakes. Warna was a retired inspector with the Detroit Police Department and was the first woman in the history of the department to reach that rank. She was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served during WWII. Visitation will be Thursday 4 to 9 pm. at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville followed by services Friday at 10 am. Pastor Jon Wilkes from the First Baptist Church of Northville will officiate. Interment will be in South Lyon Cemetery with full military and Detroit Police Department honors. Warna is survived by three sisters, Wilma Mitchell, Kay Hess and Wanda Hardy and pieces and genheus. In lieu of and nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to the First Baptist Church of Northville or the Susan G Komen For The Cure Foundation would be appreciated

the bonds of her earthly existence on March 20, 2008. She now knows her Creator, Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as she is known. Ruth was

RUTH EVANGELINE HOOD

Hamburg Twp, MI, age 89, slipped

born in Argyle, Wisconsin on March 25, 1918. She married James Riley Hood Jr. in October of 1944 in Madison, Wisconsin. Together they raised four children: James III, of Old Hickory, Tennessee; Thomas (Nancy) of Holly; Sarah Burg (Roger) of Pinckney and Glen (Jeannie) also of Pinckney. In addition, she will be greatly missed by 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Ruth and Jim Irved in Ypsilanti from 1958 until the time of his home-going in 2001. Ruth was an educator for most of her life. She was most recently employed by the Northville Public School District, where she retired at the age of 70 in 1989, as the head Media Specialist of the High School Media Center. Previously, she taught Business and English at Cleary College in Ypsilanti. A Healing Farewell was held March 24, 2008 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Joseph Livingston Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Ruth's family at 877-231-7900 or visit her guestbook at www borekjennings.com.

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Northville resident Mark LaNeve, vice president of Vehicle Sales. Service and Marketing for General Molors. was selected by Judson Center as this year's Great Ambassador for his dedication and leadership to Judson Center and the com-

"One only needs to be with Mark, this unassuming man, a short time before you realize that he is a 'giant' with a huge heart for kids. We are most honored to have Mark as our ambassador," said Marn Myers, president &

CEO. Since joining the board in 2002. LaNeve has served as the chairperson for Judson Center at the North American

International Auto Show Charity Preview and has increased the levels of corporate support. He has also contributed to the success of the annual auction, "A Night to Embrace," and "Fore the Kids" Corporate Golf Outing LaNeve's passion for autism inspired him to become an advocate for the creation of Judson Center's Autism Connections program. His efforts continue today as the program expands to offer more services and locations in the community.

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Mark LaNeve

Center will host a celebration to honor LaNeve. Presented by General Motors, the event will be held at The Inn at St. John's. Agency supporters, colleagues, friends and family will share the evening with Mark and his wife. Paula, and enjoy a reception, strolling dinner and program Former NFL quarterback Boomer Esiason will serve as master of ceremonies for the

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The proposed Special Use Permit will be considered by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on April 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, 248-349-1300. The purpose of this public hearing will be to receive public input on the Special Use Permit. The complete application can be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8 00 a m until 4 30 p m, Monday Through Friday Written comments will also be received at the above address during business hours

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Wixom Road interchange work underway

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

Novi and Wixom residents have a more capable interchange at Interstate-96 and Beck Road as a result of renovations in 2005. Starting last week, the Wixom Road interchange will receive an identical overhaul.

Wixom city officials and the Michigan Department of Transportation held a four-hour informational session March 13 at Wixom City Hall to enlighten residents and local businesses about the project, the phases of change and how it will benefit every one in the end by accommodating projected growth for 2020.

"It should improve the flow. People will be able to get in and out quicker," said Bryan Turczynski, an MDOT assistant engineer. "The biggest thing is the project is going, but the impact to 96 will be minimal."

The \$20-million project will close all ramps connecting Wixom Road and I-96 from March 17 until late November, Turczynski said. He said the result will be a mirror image of the Beck Road interchange

"As of now, looking at it on paper, it looks like it'll be a little bit of work, but not as bad as it could be," said Tony Mosconi of Total Sports Complex, located on Wixom Road about one mile north of the interchange. "Using Beck Road as a model, I think it'll be

big It'll be a learning curve, like roundabouts."

While browsing the site plans. Mosconi said the summer construction time will help keep the affects on the business at a minimum, as most soccer leagues play outdoors from mid-April through October. He worries the project could linger later into the winter when indoor soccer leagues at Total Soccer are at their busiest.

Overdue

Greg Grubbs of Total Sports Complex, also in attendance at the public session, said an update is

"When Ford was there, certainly. It's overdue. The bridge is somewhat obsolete," he said, referencing the automotive assembly plant on Wixom Road that closed in 2006.

The 51-year-old interchange will get a full overhaul in three phases this year. This first phase will focus on completing the east side of the interchange by late

Grubbs said a lot of the soccer players coming to Total Soccer travel westbound from Novi, Livonia and other Detroit suburbs. making the eastern portion of the project the most ideal for the first round of completion

The second phase of the project will run from July to late November or early December as the western portion of the interchange is constructed. The final phase will take place April through June 2009 as lighting. final restoration and construction of a Park-n-Ride lot at 12 Mile and Beck roads are installed.

All three lanes in each direction will remain open on 1-96. One lane in each direction on Wixom Road will also remain open to all for the purpose of allowing fire and medical respondents to reach the senior center on Grand River Avenue, west of Wixom Road, as quickly as possible.

During the first two phases of construction, motorists will have to enter and exit I-96 east at Beck Road or west at Milford Road by traveling down detours along West Road and Grand River Avenue.

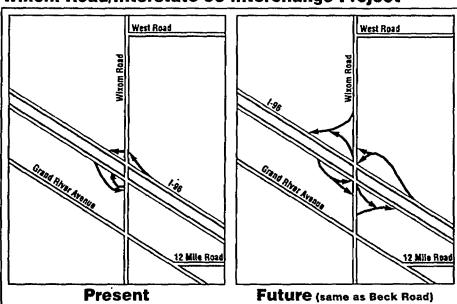
Long-term aid

Skip Boilore, a Highland resident and 19-year owner of Wixom Dry Cleaners, said construction at Old Wixom Road, Wixom Road and Pontiac Trail helped ease his customers' driving problems.

"I was losing customers like crazy because they couldn't get to Old Wixom Road," he said.

In a similar fashion, Wixom Road will be widened between I-96 and Grand River Avenue, easing congestion traffic for customers turning out of businesses. The project will also add a rightturn lane for northbound drivers on Grand River Avenue and a "rounding off" of all four corners

Wixom Road/Interstate-96 Interchange Project



at Wixom Road and Grand River Avenue to prevent trucks and buses from riding up on the curb as they turn.

"People are going to be able to get in and out of here more," said Boilore at the informational session while pointing to a diagram of businesses along Wixom Road. south of I-96.

Boilore, who also chairs Wixom's Downtown Development Authority, said he doesn't anticipate heavy congestion along Wixom Road during the project.

"Ninety percent of traffic gets on the freeway. The other 10 percent goes through. It's a matter of a week, two weeks, and people will find out the best detour for them. I think a lot of people will come down Milford Road," he said. "I just don't like the time frame. It takes forever to build things.

Also affected by the project will be Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi. Located one mile south of the interchange, many staff and students use the Wixom

Road exit as they travel from Plymouth, Northville, Livonia and Novi. The school's location is expected to force staff and students to use the Beck Road interchange and take 11 Mile Road to Wixom Road and wrap around the "back door" to avoid a mess of construction cones during the spring and fall.

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Lawyer: polygraph casts doubt on identification

Accused killer passed test about presence in hardware store

By Brad Kadrich **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Accused killer Alexander Letkemann took and passed a polygraph test the results of which his attorney believes proves he was never in a Canton hardware store two days before the murder of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen.

Letkemann, 18, of Westland and 17-year-old Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township are accused of luring Sorensen. an acquaintance of theirs from River Rouge, to a Canton Township garage and killing him Nov. 7. Prosecutors say the pair then beheaded Sorensen and burned his body and dumped it in Northville Township in an attempt to impede identification.

Orlewicz, a Canton High School student, and Letkemann,



Alexander Letkemann

a former Livonia Churchill student, face an April 7 trial date on charges of first-degree murder, mutilation of a corpse and felony murder. The latter charge, originally dismissed by 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou at the preliminary hearing, was reinstated by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry, who called it a "matter for the jury to decide."

At their preliminary hearing in 35th District Court in November, Lucy Heenan, the store manager

at a Canton ACO Hardware store. identified Letkemann as someone she saw in the aisle containing hatchets and torches.

According to police reports, Heenan told Canton police she "couldn't be 100 percent sure" it was Letkemann she saw in the store, and later admitted she may have recognized him from media accounts of the crime.

At the preliminary exam. Heenan denied making those

In a motion asking Berry to suppress Heenan's testimony, Raymond Cassar, Letkemann's attorney, called Heenan's identification "suspect" and asked Berry to suppress it, based on Heenan's statements and the results of the private polygraph test administered by Leonard West of West Polygraph and Consulting in

Farmington. During that test, West asked Letkemann if he had driven Orlewicz to the ACO and whether he had himself gone into the store. Letkemann, according to Cassar, answered "no" to all

questions. In a letter to Cassar, West wrote, "It is the opinion of this examiner, based upon the examination given, that the subject told

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the TRUTH to the above relevant questions."

Cassar wouldn't comment on the test because of the gag order continued by Berry on attorneys and law enforcement officials.

However, in his brief to support the motion. Cassar wrote. 'Ms. Heenan's identification of (Letkemann) was suspect at best due to the statements she made during her identification.

Prosecutors reportedly declined to administer a poly-





Presented by Andrea S. Vivian, D.D.S.

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effect, researchers have been investigating a way to target only the pain-sensing nerve cells white avoiding the neurons responsible for muscle movement and touch sensations. According to this research, injections of the active ingredient found in chili peppers (capsaicin), which is derivative of the common local anesthetic lidocaine, solety torget the pain-sensing neurons. This finding could lead to improved future pain-blocking techniques.

There are many methods available in dentistry today to help reduce a patient's anxiety and enhance comfort during treatment. Having confidence and trust in your dentist is also an important aspect of feeling at ease at dental visits. If it has been awhite since your lost checkup, we are welcoming new patients and invite you to coll us at 734-453-9413 for an appointment Orstop by 496 W. Ann Arber Trail, Ste. 201, Ptymouth, and say helo, and make your appointment in person. We always enjoy meeting new patients

graph of their own to Letkemann, and Berry denied the motion to suppress Heenan's identification While the polygraph does

nothing to determine Letkemann's guilt in the murder, it could be used, sources say, to

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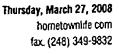
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OUR NEIGHBORS



Go with the flow

■ Maple sugaring program ends soon at Kensington Metropark

By Aileen Wingblad STAFF WRITER

Spring is a time of sweet surrender for maple trees at Kensington Metropark.

Sap from the park's trees has been flowing for the past couple weeks, and folks are invited to come to Kensington through the end of the month and learn all about tapping trees and transforming sap into pure maple

Maple's Sweet Story is presented at the farm center every Saturday and Sunday in March from noon to 3 p m School groups visit throughout the week

Visitors will be led on a free. guided tour through the park's "sugar bush," where about 20 trees have been tapped so far. They can then follow a path in the woods to a sugar camp. which has a replica wigwam, and learn how Native Americans colfected sap in hollow logs and burned it down to sugar over a stone-filled fire. Park guides will also take visitors to the sugar shack, where sap is stored and boiled down to make maple sugar, which is used for syrup

and other products Besides the sugar bush. Kensington has about 20 other tapped maples elsewhere in the park. Park staff will tap more trees as needed, depending on the number of people who come out for the program. By the end of a typical season, about 100 trees are tapped in the park, according to Angelina Conway, interpretive

guide for Kensington Metropark.

"We are 'show and tell' type tappers," Conway explained "We tap as we have people to teach it's all about history and Michigan and teaching.

Kensington began offering the maple sugaring program in the 1980s. Conway said. This year's winter weather has caused the maple trees to be slow to flow sap — which requires warmer days and below-freezing temper-atures at night. 'The (tapping) season started a little bit later." Conway said, noting the taps began to flow less than two weeks ago.

Tapping doesn't harm the trees if small taps are used, which is the common practice at Kensington, Conway said. In proneer days, the maples were sometimes gashed in order to collect sap — which came out in large quantities — but that usually killed the trees within four or five years, she explained.

"Using smaller holes, a tree can easily heal itself and have their typical lifespan of over 100 years." Conway said

Pure maple syrup is available for purchase at Kensington and is also used for the pancake breakfasts served at the park restaurant. Conway said a few years ago she switched to pure maple syrup because it has no preservatives or other additives. It took some getting used to, she said, but now can't imagine going back to the other syrups sold in stores

"It's thinner and has a huskier flavor," she said. "And it's better



Chris Williams drills Into a maple tree in search of the lone ingredient needed for pure maple syrup. Williams will demonstrate the art of maple syruping at **Kensington Metropark** through March.

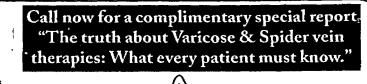
for you. It has natural vitamins and minerals, and has only one ingredient - maple. All the other syrups have like nine ingredients, and they add maple fla-

Maple's Sweet Story continues this weekend and next weekend

"Come on out and experience the wonder of seeing the first harvest of the year." Conway said, "You can watch how it's made, smell it and taste it, as well

There's no cost to attend the program, but visitors must pay a \$4 daily fee or buy a \$20 annual sticker to enter the park. For more information, call (800) 47-PARKS

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'Sunshine' laws exist for citizens to check officials

Are you a citizen who fears that those in government regularly take actions without reference to the common good? Do you fear that politicians spend more time doing favors for the wealthy or well-connected than working for the little guy or gal?

If so, you should love the state's Freedom of Information and Open Meetings acts. And you should fear any legislative or judicial attempts to restrict those so-called "sunshine" laws.

The weaker those laws become, the less control you, as a voter, have over politicians and government.

This vital principle, unfortunately, has been forgotten, or deemed less important, by too many in Michigan in the three decades since FOIA and the OMA put the state at the forefront of government reform.

Again and again, politicians have acted to curtail your right to know. A little more than a year ago, for example, the Legislature and governor moved to seal statements made by police officers in internal investigations. The politicians don't want you to know if one police officer reports concerns about another police officer.

Just months ago, lawmakers enacted a presidential primary that collected voter lists that political parties, but not the public, could see. Michigan courts signed off on this attack on public access.

This month, Michigan State University sent its lawyers to the state Supreme Court to argue it has the right to withhold police incident reports, in their entirety, from the public.

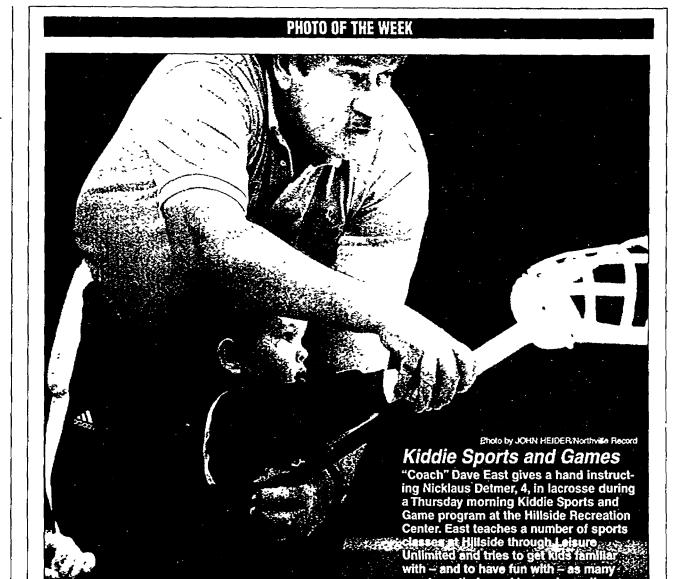
These actions - gussied up by the politicians as acts of protection, not secrecy - exemplify the perilous state of the political culture. A poll recently found three in four Americans see the federal government as too secretive

The poll was done in conjunction with Sunshine Week, March 16-22, an annual focus on open-government principles backed by media organizations and others.

When challenges come to open government, they too often get cast as battles between public officials and the media. And in many of those cases. the media end up being seen as the enemy, the instigator.

Media certainly have their issues, but when it comes to open government, to freedom of information, what curtails the media curtails you. The media have no special rights to government documents or meetings; only the same access guaranteed you, the citizen.

If the media can be locked out, so can you. If the politicians can hide their activities, their mistakes, from the media, they can hide from you. It's your government. You are entitled to know what it does



Correction

In an article in the March 13 issue about fundraising efforts at Meads Mill Middle School it said items were being made and sold to benefit the Michigan Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Proceeds went to Christoph's A L L. Stars, a nonprofit organization co-founded by sixthgrader and acute lymphoblastic leukemia patient Christoph Bartschat of Northville.

History in the making – yes, we can!

This column is part one of a two-part series. It provides a snapshot of how Sen. Barack Obama is poised to become the next president of the United States of America. Come back to this same space next week and read about how the 19th Amendment has helped women and how Sen. Hillary Clinton is standing on the shoulders of women who fought for the right to vote and may be poised to leap to the presidency. -

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution March 30, 1870

What a difference 138 years make. On March 30,1870 - 83 years after the adoption of the U.S. Constitution - the 15th Amendment to the US

Constitution was adopted. Fast forward 138 years and it is possible that an African American may become the 44th President of the United States.

How time flies when you are being denied.

The irony of the ratification of the 15th Amendment to the Constitution during 1869 is that it was enacted along party lines but not as the racial politics break down in the 21st century. turing the majority of the Black vote. No, in 1869, Republicans primarily supported the amendment and Democrats mostly opposed it. What a difference 138 years make.

If it were not for the black vote in 1868, Republican presidential candidate Ulysses S. Grant would have lost the popular vote To put it succinctly, without the black vote, General Grant might have lost the election. The Republicans were not going to leave future elections to chance they were going to give the for-

mer slaves the right to vote as a means of maintaining their control. They were the Karl Rove's of their day - doing whatever was necessary in order to hold on to power.

While there was some idealism and sense of justice from Democrats and Republicans for equal rights that prompted this amendment, it was equally, if not more so, done as a counterweight against a Democratic Party that across the South. Many believe that the main impetus behind the 15th Amendment was the Republican goal to entrench its political power in both the North and the South. Black votes would help accomplish that end

Let's remember that passing laws are only part of any battle. While the 15th Amendment was passed, there were still tremendous efforts to deny black people the right to vote in this country for nearly another hundred years. There were efforts of voter intimidation, poll taxes, the establish-

ment of grandfather clauses, (1 e., you could vote if your grandfather did), property ownership clauses and literacy tests to try to circumvent the law and prevent the "Negro" the right to vote. thereby disenfranchising blacks.

Republicans regarded the 15th Amendment as the crowning achievement of Reconstruction after the Civil War.

Today, we can see the result of providing all the tools that our they wrote the Constitution of the United States of America that was adopted on September 17,

The Founding Fathers were far from perfect. They were unable to find an acceptable compromise on the issue of slavery which divided the Colonies and was thwarting an agreement on the remainder of the Constitution. Accordingly, they made the decision to keep the status quo, leaving people enslaved and kicking the tough issue down the road for future generations to solve. It

About Tom Watkins

sports as their weekly sessions allow.

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Voting Rights Act of 1965, 178 years after the adoption of the Constitution, before the majority of African Americans in the South were registered to vote

Today, an African-American, Sen. Barack Obama, is poised to become our next president. We have reason to stand tall as Americans as we continue to act out our forefathers' dream - of a country where all men and women are created equal.

It has taken many years, a Civil War, countless struggles, sacrifices, lost lives, political

Constitution being amended seventeen times, besides the ten included in the Bill of Rights, to get to this point today.

Today, Senator Barrack Obama is the exclamation point on a great experiment of self government: the United States of America:

Regardless of your political affiliation or what happens on election day, it is a proud day for us all. We have come along way. As Sen Obama likes to remind us, "Yes We Can"

Survey rates Michigan with neighbors

IBM has an old motto that still makes as much sense as ever: "You can't manage what

you can't measure.' Now we all know that Michigan needs a big-time transformation to get through today's tough times and on to a prosperous future. We need something that will give us a vihrant, diversified economy and make this a state where talented people are welcomed. We need Michigan to again become a wonderful place to live, where you can bring up a family in revitalized towns that are surrounded by world-class natural resources.

The big issue, of course, is ... how do we get there?

Whatever the path, getting there is bound to require an economic compass - a way to measure where we are and check to determine how much progress we have made. We need a set of benchmarks and metrics to measure - and manage - our progress.

So let me offer one. The Center for Michigan has just published a first-ever comprehensive benchmarking study, "Michigan Scorecard: Benchmarks for Michigan's

Transformation.'

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The Michigan Scorecard sets out 36 measuring sticks for us to compare where we are against other states, as we move forward to develop and put in place a new common ground vision for Michigan.

The news isn't all bad: Ten out of the 36 metrics show Michigan's doing pretty well. We give them a "thumbs up." Sadly however, another 19 indicate we're falling behind ("thumbs down") while seven say we're about even with our competitors.

One yardstick much in the news lately has to do with our prison policies and practices Here's how the Michigan Scorecard reads:

With a per-capita incarceration rate of approximately 1/2 of one percent in 2005, Michigan was very slightly below the nation's average." Yet, "Michigan's incarceration rate is about 40 percent higher than the average rates of its Great Lakes neighbors."

And the cost of all this has shot through the roof: "The number of Corrections employees has more than tripled since 1980, to the point that today over 30 percent of all state Civil Service employees are in

the Department of Corrections. With an appropriation of over \$1.8 million in 2006, the Department of Corrections spent over 20 percent of Michigan's General Fund budg-

To put this in perspective: Michigan spends more today to hold criminals in jail than we do to educate our kids in public colleges and universities. According to the Pew Center for the States, we share that very unhappy distinction with only three other states.

Moreover, according to the non-partisan, non-profit Citizens Research Council, we spend around 30 percent more per inmate per year than our neighboring states. CRC also estimates that if our spending on prisons just matched that of our neighbors, we'd save around \$500 million each year.

For a state that's financially challenged, that's a big number And, not surprisingly, it's provoked fierce partisan disagreement about how to find that half-billion dollars.

Republicans generally talk about privatizing various aspects of the corrections system, going so far as to advocate turning entire prisons over to



About Phil Power

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the private sector. Democrats talk about reforming the prison sentencing laws to reduce the number of people in the slam

Looking at how many inmates are either drug users or dealers, some lawyers and law enforcement experts are urging a system of "drug courts" that sentence people convicted of drug-related crimes to a strict treatment regime and tethers. rather than far more expensive time behind bars. Lawyers and advocates for youth oppose Michigan's juvenile lifer law. which forces judges to sentence kids as young as 14 to life in prison without parole for first

degree murder. Sen. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, Lansing's leading advocate of tough treatment for criminals, disagrees. He says

that the real benchmark is Michigan's high violent crime rate, arguing that "if we adopt other states' practices, we'll arrest less offenders" and see our violent crime rate go up even further.

There are two ways to solve this argument.

One is to get impartial, independent advice. That's coming from the Council of State Governments' Justice Center, which is currently doing a study on finding efficiencies in Michigan's prison system.

Noting how much prisons cost us, the Justice Center's Michael Thompson says, "If you're going to spend that kind of money, you'd hope for better outcomes." Their report is supposed to be released in time for the 2009 legislative session.

The other is for all sensible men and women of good will to stop being boxed in by ideologues of both right and left. If privatization could save money, we should look for proof from other states. If that comes, why not exper-

iment? And if changing Michigan's "lock 'em in jail and throw away the key" sentencing guidelines will save lots of money at little risk to the public, why not try it?

Either way, the stakes are too big and the costs too enormous not to benchmark our prisons against other states and measure our progress (or lack of it.) The Michigan Scorecard is bound to help ... if people are sensible enough to make use of

Many options besides NCF

Although I live in Novi, I have supported the NCF through many of its fundraising events. Thave been following the coverage of the Northville Community Foundation (NCF) with interest and growing concern. After reading Susan Greenlee's recent letter to the editor, I decided to look into the issues that have been raised.

As an accountant, I share Mrs Greenlee's concern at NCF's reluctance to provide copies of their full 990 upon request. After reviewing their Form 990 I agree with Mrs. Greenlee's observations that the community needs to know where their donations are going. It appears that they either have a disregard for or lack of knowledge of IRS regulations This could indicate either poor management or weak internal financial controls. What ever the reason, it seems that the NCF places a low priority on accountability to the community it was founded to serve.

Due to Michigan's extended economic downturn most of us are not able to donate as generously as we did in the past. We need limit our donations to where they can be effectively used. We need to become informed donors

There are many sources of information on non-profit organizations including: The Foundations Collection at the Henry Ford Centennial Library in Dearborn has in-depth information on many charitable organizations Additionally, resources for potential donors are available through the internet including on sites like Guidestar com. Guidestar has financial information available on a wide variety of charitable organizations. including NCF. You can view parts of an organization's Form 990 for free, or for a small fee you can get more detailed infor-

I would encourage everyone to carefully check out organizations before donating through one of the many on-or-off-line sources Being an informed donor is the only assurance we have that our money is being used for the charitable purposes we intend and not for excessive administrative salaries and expenses.

Mary McGough, CPA

Annexation reform needed

Michigan's areane annexation laws are in need of reform. The present situation, where developer REIS (Real Estate Interests and Schostak Brothers) is pitting Northville Township against the City of Livonia, is a loophole big enough to drive a bulldozer through Township land abutting a city can be taken away from that township without a vote of the township's population. When REIS moved eight "security personnel" into modular homes on the former state hospital property, and took them to register to vote, they enabled the first step that would be required in an annexation - a petition to annex. signed by 20 percent of the property's registered voters. Now they have filed the petition to annex the property to Livonia a mere two working days after Citizens For Northville hosted its town hall on this development

Annexation reform has been introduced in both houses in Lansing. The Michigan Municipal League, which mostly represents cities, and the Michigan Township Association

are working to compromise on a bill similar to Northville Representative Marc Corriveau's bill, HB 5779 Developers are strongly opposed to the reforms. because they would lose a very powerful bargaining chip in some circumstances REIS, the company which owns the former state hospital property, has said they don't want to have the property annexed to Livonia, yet they hired law firm Butzel Long to

testify against the Senate bills. Livonia's Representative John Pastor (R), a developer, has a particularly fine line to walk. He owns a development company which has built a strip mall in Northville Township, right on the boundary with Livonia. As he contemplates annexation reform legislation, he must look beyond a simple developer's view and consider the needs and desires of the entire constituency. Working against the legislation would beg charges of conflict of interest

I do not oppose the development of the 414-acre Northville hospital property project. I do want it developed in accordance with the township's ordinances and the approved Planned Unit Development The spectre of annexation to another municipality under flawed state laws could result in a development that only the developer would like. Our state's leaders must work responsibly for annexation reform

Fred Shadko Northvalle Township

Poor decision, *REIS?*

I have just finished reading your article on the petition filed by REIS to annex the property on Seven Mile. I am a resident of Northville and have watched this property from a far for years. What is so upsetting to me as a resident and business owner is that REIS seems to think that they should not be held accountable for there poor decision to purchase this property. They purchased the property knowing the guidelines that the Township had in regards to density. Now, they have decided to throw what I call a "political tantrum!"

Call the Lawyers! Call the lawyers! We are NOT getting what we want!"

I want what is best for my family and this community, period! Their proposal to build more commercial space and more restdential housing than allowed by the township is unacceptable. I would love REIS to simply take responsibility for their actions. They made a poor business decision! It is as simple as that!

Jason Stanecki Northyr"e Township

To the Northville Arts Commission

Someone shared with me the views of the Northville City Council at their March meeting, I cannot believe the City Council's archaic look at education. I feel like we have returned to segregation - now of the arts!

I appreciate all the hard work that is done by the NAC I wish the Northville City Council would visit Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and see what has become of a donation from the city to the arts. I take art classes there and multiple teachers teach the same classes. VAAL in Livonia, at Dickenson School, also teaches multiple watercolor classes, etc. What very narrow minds we have on the City Council! They are destroying Northville's economy Art businesses should stick together and

support each other. We live in a free country. I take classes because I prefer certain teachers, not because they are at a certain place. The more opportunities that Northville residents are provided, the better for them

I hope Northville residents will recognize the damage that Sherrie Mewha from Awakening and Sherrus Gallery and the Northville City Council are doing to the art opportunities provided by the Northville Art House. Sherrie is demanding classes not be taught if they are the same as hers (i e. watercolor classes). This has got to be so discouraging to all those volunteer workers at the Northville Art House, as well as students. I am so sorry to hear that the Council continues on this destructive path. I would like to see all Northville art galleries, including Awakening and Sherrus Gallery, and the Northville Art House work together, along with the theatres and develop Northville into a connected art community. The Northville Arts Council should be proud, supportive and praise the efforts of the Northville Arts Commission. If visitors come to see the arts and classes, they visit other businesses such as restaurants, etc.

I am glad to live in America, where I, as a Northville resident, can pursue my art classes and art purchases in a variety of venues. The Northville City Council and Sherrie Mewha cannot tell me where I can take my art classes and purchase art supplies. I hope Northville residents will support the efforts of the Northville Arts Council and Northville Art House, located across from the Northville Library on Cady

Barbara Eko Murphy Resident artist

Common ground

What a wonderful country we live in. We can write letters in the newspaper when we want to celebrate special events in our lives or just to vent frustration. Sometimes when we vent out of pure anger and misunderstanding we forget that words can hurt. Words can damage individuals, groups or even whole towns.

When I get really angry I throw all reason and sensibility out the window. I just want my way and to be heard. If I am able to convince others that my anger is justified, then all the better. Further, if I get to see my anger that is supported by others, published in the newspaper, then I'm really empowered. The problem is that often when I cool down, it becomes evident that, with roses in my cheeks from embarrassment, I don't want to admit I may have over reacted. Then before I am able to take back what I have started, it's too late.

When I was a young man, a student at Schoolcraft College, a professor told a story about a priest. The priest took a feather pillow up to the bell tower on a windy day. There he tore open the pillow. As you can imagine the feathers went everywhere Then my professor said this is how gossip works. You can never collect all the feathers and get them back in the pillow. The damage is done. In seconds gossip can destroy lives, individuals. or businesses that have taken

years to develop and build. Our city of Northville is in a very fragile place right now. The economy has not been especially good to us lately. But as business people we get up each morning. screw a smile on our face and quietly go about the job of keeping our spirits up and projecting a positive attitude. We sometimes ask ourselves why we do this I can tell you why Margene

and I do this. We deeply and passionately care about our little city. It has happened slowly over the past 25 years getting involved with many special groups. We feel secure because we have support from friends, civic groups, and our church. Our faith has taken us so much further than we ever expected to go. Perhaps it helps to be living in an old church, with positive energy, I sense, because of these difficult times, we all need to stand sideby-side in support of each other, rather than nose-to-nose.

There are forces at work in our town that need to take a deep breath, pause and recognize what is best for the whole town and not just for one. Support for every volunteer group comes from so many. Some work directly to achieve these goals. Some donate money whether through the taxes we pay or direct donations willingly given. We must all recognize it takes strong businesses to expect them to be able to offer that support

At the end of the day reason needs to prevail. We need to remember our city of Northville is much like a puzzle of a beautiful painting. When pieces of that puzzle are removed the picture is incomplete and could become unrecognizable. We have already lost many pieces due to the economy. We cannot afford to lose anymore due to negatives within our community. What a wonderful country we live in Let's continue to write about our strengths and be positive. We may have to look a little closer but they are

Bob Buckhave Northville

Interact Club thanks

On Feb. 22, the Rotary Interact Club hosted its ever first Charity Fashion Show The show featured Northville High students modeling dresses from local stores. The club raised over \$1,000, which it plans to donate to the Make-A-Wish Foundation

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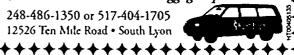
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by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

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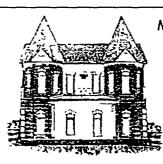
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GUEST COLUMEN Enjoy an egg-cellent time for all Sunday

Every year, our next door neighbor Christine Flaviani stages an egg hunt at Denton Park in memory of her late husband, lattere

This Sunday, March 30th will mark the fourth year for Ettore's Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza Our son is almost three, and the

event has become one of many

reasons we love raising him in Northville Chris starts getting ready for the egg hunt well in advance. She keeps her eye out for cool prizes all year long, from water guns and

sticker books to stuffed animals and travel games Right after Valentine's Day, she stocks up on tons of sale candy Then, she begins to hake and freeze Rice Krispic treats and chocolate mint brownie bars, which she serves with iced tea and

lemonade the day of the event It takes a couple weeks to stuff all 1,000 eggs. About 800 are filled with candy, while the rest get

fuzzy yellow chicks that children turn in for prizes. This year Chris recruited neighbors to help, and the Rosses, Malpedes and Carol Rathbum each readied a plastic bin full of eggs

The day of the hunt, Chris' friends and coworkers from the Farmington Post Office gather at her home to help set up. From our couch, we peek out the window with anticipation as they scatter the colorful eggs in the park. Then, we watch as families pour down the street and gather for the hunt Chris estimates about 75 children come each year

Finally, it's time to emerge from our house and join the fun-

Although Chris invests months of preparation, the kids only need about 10 minutes to find every last plastic egg. Once the whistle blows, they tear off on mad dash through the park, homing in on every flash of neon pink, yellow

After they collect all the eggs. children camp out on the grass eating candy and trading prizes. Meanwhile, us parents get to min-

Chris and her husband moved to their home on Spring Street in Northville in 1980. At the time, Chris said, they were among the youngest people in the neighborhood and they kept mostly to themselves. These days, the streets are full of children, and Chris said the egg hunt has helped her make friends.

Now Chris is known not only for taking impeccable care of her yard, and going off on frequent adventure bike rides and hikes, but for throwing Extore's Egg Hunt every year.

The kids say 'hi' whenever I go by, and I've gotten to know the moms and dads too," she says.

Chris asks for a dollar donation per child, but the event still ends up costing money. Still, it's worth

had children of their own, but the egg hunt is something he would have loved It brings people together to cele-

it, she says. Chris and Extore never

brate Easter, family and the start of After a long winter's hibernation, it's great get out, eatch up with old friends and make new

Isn't that what 'neighborhood' is all about?

Extore's Fgg Hunt Eggstravaganza (for ages 2 to 9) is usually held on Palm Sunday, but this year, due to the weather, it's set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Denton Park (Eaton Drive and Spring). rain or shine. R.S V.P.s are required, as space is limited BYO basket and call Christine Flaviani at (248) 349-8862

Wensdy Von Buskirk is a staff writer with the Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers

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Local Events

"The Purple Gang" **Interactive Murder Mystery** Dinner

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Friday 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

Steak Grill Out

TIME/DATE: 5-7:30 p.m. LOCATION: VFW Post, 438 S. Main St.

DETAILS: Come grill with the Marines and support your local veterans and veteran organizations. Two sizes of steaks will be available, \$10 or a 10 ounce, and \$14 for a 14 ounce.

CONTACT: (248) 477-6377 or go to www.semperfi162.org

Northville Democratic Club 11th Congressional District Convention

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. Saturday

LOCATION: UAW Local 182, 35603 Plymouth Road, Livonia DETAILS: Delegates to the National Democratic Convention will be elected.

General Membership Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday,

LOCATION: Cady Inn, Mill Race Fund-raiser at Northville Downs

TIME/DATE: 6 p m. Friday, April

LOCATION: Starting Gate Saloon and Northville Downs

DETAILS: Evening will start at Starting Gate then proceed to Northville Downs for 6:40 p.m. post-time. Suggested donation is

Jefferson-Jackson Dinner TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. Sunday,

April 6 V: Cobo Hall, Detroit DETAILS: The cost is \$150 per

CONTACT: Scott Craig, (248) 465-1995

First Friday Art Walk TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday,

Aoril 4 LOCATION: Downtown

Northville DETAILS: Enjoy the arts in

Northville during this monthly event. Many businesses offer demonstrations, hors d'oeuvres and beverages for guests. Participating businesses include: The Art House, 215 W. Cady St.; Northville Gallery, 147 E. Main St.; Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 133 W. Main St.; Starring: The Gallery, 118 W. Main St.; and The Tom James Gallery of Fine Art, 117 E. Main St.

The Lion King, A Ballet

TIME: 1:30 p.m. DATE: Saturday, April 5 LOCATION: Northville High School Auditorium

DETAILS: Center Stage Dance Company's in-house ballet company of dancers ages 9-18 present a ballet to music of "The Lion King." Tickets are \$8 each and are available at the Center Stage studio, by mail, e-mail or fax. Group rates are available for groups of 10 or more.

CONTACT: Center Stage Dance Company, 43334 W. Seven Mile Road, Suite 250, Northville, (248) 380-1666, fax (248) 380-1597, email: csdc5678@sbcglobal net

Eye Fight Back

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p m. Wednesday, April 2; and 7-9 p m. Wednesday, April 30

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

DETAILS: This is a family oriented self protection program for teens to seniors. Don't be a victim. Learn how to protect yourself.

Women are urged to attend. Covers personal safety, vehicle safety, physical defense tactics, attack deterrent behaviors and home security. Presented by a Michigan State trooper. Cost is \$5 and advanced registration is required. Refreshments served. CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Unlocking the History of Your Historic Northville House

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10 LOCATION: New School Church, Mill Race Village

DETAILS: Learn how to research the history of your home. Local genealogist, history buff and computer whiz Linda Last will present information on using such resources as government records, the internet and the Northville Historical Society Archives. Material presented concentrates on Northville, but techniques involved can be used in other applications. Refreshments will be served. Program is free but donations greatly appreciated. Seating is limited so reserve early by calling (248) 345-1845. Presented by

Bob Seeley Concert

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday,

the Northville Historical Society.

LOCATION: The sanctuary at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main St.

DETAILS: Bob Seeley is a local and international legend in the world of Boogie Woogie piano music. He was "Captain of the Keys" for 32 years at the piano bar at Charley's Crab in Troy. He has also been a regular performer in the jazz circuit of Ann Arbor, performed multiple times at Carnegie Hall, at the Chicago Blues Festival and the Tex Hotel Jazz Bistro in Toronto. He has been inducted into the Boogie Woogie Hall of Fame in Cincinnati. The concert features the Yamaha grand piano. Afterglow following concert allows the audience a chance to meet Mr. Seeley. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students. Ages 11 and under are free.

CONTACT: Call the church office for tickets at (248) 349-0911

Gallery Walk/Student Art Show

DATE: Friday, April 17-27 LOCATION: Downtown Northville

DETAILS: This annual juried show promotes art appreciation among youth and features art work by local elementary through high school students. The show is open to the public. For more information, contact the Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950.

Daughters of the American Revolution

TIME/DATE: Noon Monday, April 21

LOCATION: Cady Inn at Mill Race Village

DETAILS: Annual meeting of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Northville/Plymouth. CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

Mill Race Village Docents Needed

DETAILS: Docents are needed for Mill Race Village. Friendly, outgoing volunteers dress in periodreminiscent costumes to inform visitors about the history of Northville and the village buildings. Costume assistance is available and training materials are provided. Work as many or few dates as you wish, serving 1-4 p.m. Sunday afternoons from mid-June to mid-October, or for special events. Drop in or sign up for the Docent Luncheon at 11:30 a m. on Saturday, May 31 at the Cady Inn. Can't attend? Have questions? Call Judy Davis, Docent Chairman at (248) 347-4871.

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 sponsoship will help ensure its success and help make a difference in our

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Night Party

a.m. Saturday, May 31, 2008

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 perior. They will be displayed at the and it will be available in the (248) 349-0101. Order forms for tickets and horses are available and checks should be made Party; mail to Janet Goldberg, 18833 Oak Leaf Lane, Northville

SHOWcamp Featuring

LOCATION: Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St.

DETAILS: An educational and fun summer camp for children 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 costumes and will learn valuable 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

135 E. Main St. northvillemarquistheatre.com Velveleen Rabbit

TIME/DATES: 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday, March 24-28 DETAILS: Tickets are \$8.50. Group rates available and reserved seating for 20 or more. No chil-

dren under the age of three. Movies at the Marquis TIME: 7:30 p.m.

DATE: Saturday, "Casablanca," sponsored by Starring: The

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. Starring: The Gallery is hosting a pre-show party on March 29 for ticket holders, complete with door prizes, champagne and hors d'oeuvres from 5-7 p.m.

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.

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 chil-

dren at Hawthorn Center. CONTACT: (248) 380-1666

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. first and

third Tuesday of the month LOCATION: Tipping Point

comedy in the style of the TV improv talent in the metro area. formance, \$8.

CONTACT: (248) 347-0003

Baseline Folk Society Open

DATE: Third Saturday of each month, Sept-June (April 19) TIME: 7-9 p.m.

NHS Class of 2008 Senior All

TIME/DATE: 10:30 p.m.-4:30

DETAILS: Senior All Night Party sonalized by parents for their sen-All Night Party; order a horse now spring; contact Mary Jo Blasius at online at www.northviile.k12.mi us payable to Northville Senior Class

Disney's 101 Dalmatians

DATE: July 21 - August 1, performance Aug. 2

entering grades 3-8. Students will tricks of the trade. At the end of 2

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Marquis Theatre

CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or

Gallery.

LOCATION: Center Stage Dance Company, 43334 W. Seven Mile

Improv at the Point

Theatre, 361 E. Cady St.

DETAILS: Hilarious night of show "Whose Line is it Anyway". Features rotating cast of the best No two show alike. General seating tickets are available 7 p.m. at the door on the night of the per-

LOCATION: Northville Art

Shown are store owner Chris Van Dam (left) and event chairperson Diane DeVincent. Tickets are \$13 for adults; \$6 for 10 and under; and are available at the church office from 9-5 Monday-Friday or by calling (248) 349-0911.

Baby Bliss, will appeal to all age groups with clothing for babies to adults.

Family women looking for an event to strengthen bonds and enjoy an afternoon

together, look no further. The Mother Daughter Luncheon will be held from 11:30

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TIME/DATE: Interactive Lunch

DETAILS: Lunch tickets \$35;

reservations only; we will open

DATE: Saturday, April 5

ater. Tickets are \$14.95 for chil-

dren and \$16.95 for adults, not

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday,

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TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday,

DETAILS: Featuring Elvis, Toby

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and Neil Diamond. Tickets are \$45

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CONTACT: Northville Art House

(248) 344-0497 or www.northvil-

DATE: Wednesday, April 16 -

DETAILS: This art appreciation

lecture series featuring Michael

Farrell, professor of Art History at

the University of Windsor, is both

educating and entertaining; tick-

ets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for

Sunday; 1-9 p.m. on "First

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Saturday, April 19

Toy Chest

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7 p.m. Friday, April 4; 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12; and 7 p.m.

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CONTACT: Call for reservations

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3858 ог www.FriendsofMaybury.org.

Wildflower Walks TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday, May 2-3 LOCATION: Use Eight Mile

Road entrance, meet at **Concession Building** DETAILS: Join the Friends of Maybury for a gentle stroll on open paths lined with native wildflowers. No cost but paid park entrance permit required.

Donations gratefully accepted. Suitable for all ages. CONTACT: (248) 347-0899 or www.friendsofmaybury.org

Mill Race Historical Village LOCATION: 215 Griswold Ave.,

north of Main Street near Ford

DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday. CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 4 p.m. Brownie Scout meeting

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scout

meeting Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers: 7 p.m. Lions Club Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gano: 11 a.m. Country Garden Club;

6:30 p.m. Northville Democratic

Wednesday: 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket Guild; 4:15 p.m. Daisy

All About Jazz Cafe TIME/DATE: 8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 12

LOCATION: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

DETAILS: Features the Tony Ruda Quartet. He studied saxophone with Ernie Anderson and Larry Teal, Sr., formed a big band called Buddy Bruce and co-founded the Jazz in Detroit Theater at the Alvin Theater. There will be an open mike session for all the "cool cats who got chops." Bring your axe, pipes and dancin' shoes. Tickets are \$12 for singles or \$20 for couples and will be available at the door. Refreshments will be

CONTACT: For more information, contact Tony at acruda@comcast.net or Edwin at (734) 394-0148

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.

Photo by Tricia Tompson

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

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 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. **Back Yard Pool and Spa Show** TIME/DATE: 3-9:30 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday; and

11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday DETAILS: Show focuses on swimming pools, spas and outdoor entertaining. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-14 and 5 and under are free. Parking \$5.

American Baby Faire TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 5-6

DETAILS: Nation's largest expo for expectant and new families. \$8 for adults, ages 12 and under and grandparents are free. Parking \$5.

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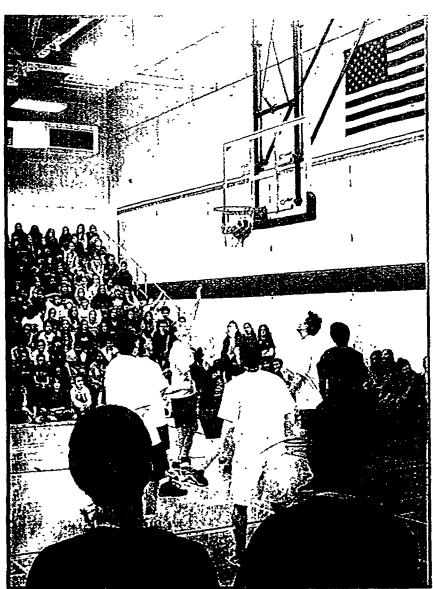


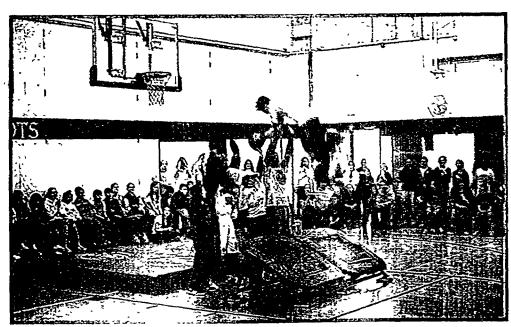
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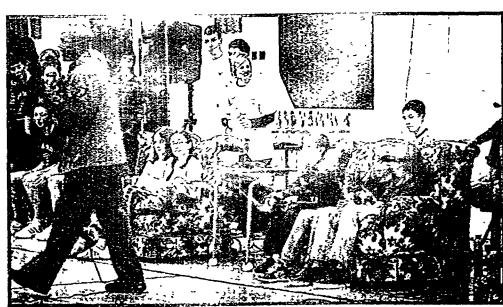


THEY'RE ALL STARS AT MEADS MILL

Meads Mill Middle School's annual student/staff basketball game was held last Thursday. The student team was made up of members of the girl's and boy's teams while the staff consisted of volunteers. Halftime activities included a relay race between grade levels, which the seventh-graders won. Detroit Pistons Hooper and the Flight Crew gave a surprise performance at the school when they learned of the students' charity event. This was the culminating event of the Meads Mill Middle School ALL Stars Week. Students raised \$1,800 for CHRISTOPH'S ALL STARS, the non-profit organization co-founded by sixth grade leukemia patient Christoph Bartschat (top photo, center). CHRISTOPH'S ALL STARS is dedicated to promoting awareness of childhood leukemia; making the treatment experience more comfortable for patients; and funding research to find the cause and the cure for cancer. All photos submitted.





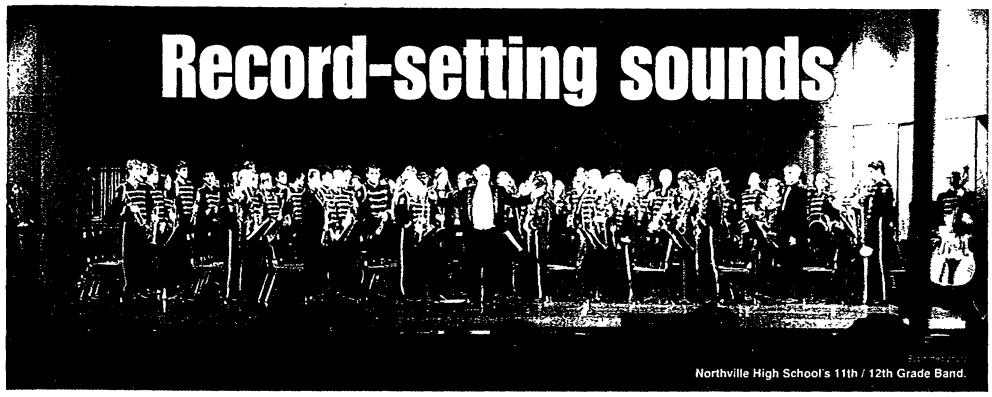




EDUCATION



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■ Northville HS musicians turn it up at districts

By Aleea Hibbeln SPECIAL WRITER

Northville High School Band Director Mike Rumbell and Choir Director Mary Kay Pryce have much to be proud of this year. Students from both music programs scored major points with judges while setting records at district festivals.

Rumbell took three symphonic bands to the regional festival March 1. His ninth grade and upper classman bands received the highest ranking in all four categories, while the sophomore bands scored "superior" in three of the four categories.

Rumbell said that though NHS is used to receiving high scores - the symphonic band 11 and 12 earned 10 A's and 10 A+'s - they have never quite gotten such high praise.

One judge said it was the finest he's heard in years, and another said it was the finest he has ever heard," said Rumbell, "And judges don't normally talk like that."

His musicians put out a highly concentrated effort in rehearsals and achieved a tremendously high level of scoring at the festival, Rumbell said

"The kids were sky high after hearing all the compliments from the judges," said the director.

Rumbell, who is looking forward to scoring even higher in May at the State Festival, said "we don't sound like the DSO yet, but we're getting there."

Choir's "superior"

Pryce set a precedent when she took all seven of her choirs, more than any other school from the state of Michigan, to the district festival March 6-7.

"It's just unheard of to take seven choirs to festival," said Pryce. And all seven choirs - 540 students - scored "superior" in sight reading and six out of seven scored

the same in performance. Pryce said the best part of going to festival is the preparation, the work that it takes to get there. And once they get there, the kids enjoy hearing and watching other schools perform because they notice the good and the bad in the other

choirs, which helps them learn and

"We don't want to be at the bottom of the heap," said Pryce, "We all want to feel like we sing better than someone else, but then it's also good to be challenged by someone else."

Pryce, who is often a judge at other district festivals, knows that the most valuable part of the festivals is the judges' feedback. After each choir performs, they go into clinics where the judges work with the kids and give suggestions. For instance, the judge may ask them to sing in a different tone or offer advice on how to change out the weakest part of their performance.

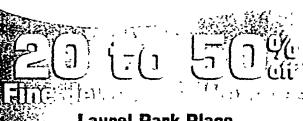
After the clinic, the kids get judged on their ability to site read. The students are given sheet music that they have never seen before and are judged on how well they interpret the music.

"Whenever I judge, I hope that I will be a good clinic judge - to offer something to a group that will be meaningful to them."

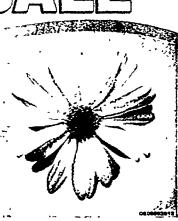
Both directors will take their troops to the State Festival, with band competing sometime in May and choir competing April 28-29.

For Northville High School's complete results, please see this story on the Web at www.hometownlife.com.





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TWO-WAY THREAT

■ Northville's TJ Hohl leads Mustangs to regional finals

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville senior TJ Hohl knows what it takes to put the puck in the net.

But last year, Hohl had trouble with taking penalties, something that obviously hurt his offensive chances.

Mustang head coach Clint Robert said things changed dramatically this year, and it helped the Mustangs roll to the regional finals before losing a heartbreaker to eventual co-champion Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

"We had a rule on the team that if you get your second penalty of the game, I enforced a 10- to 15minute benching," Robert said. That happened once early in the season, and after that, I would imagine TJ averaged only a penalty every third game or so.

"He cut down dramatically from last season the penalties he

was taking."
Hohl led the Mustangs with 21 goals, 21 assists and 42 points.

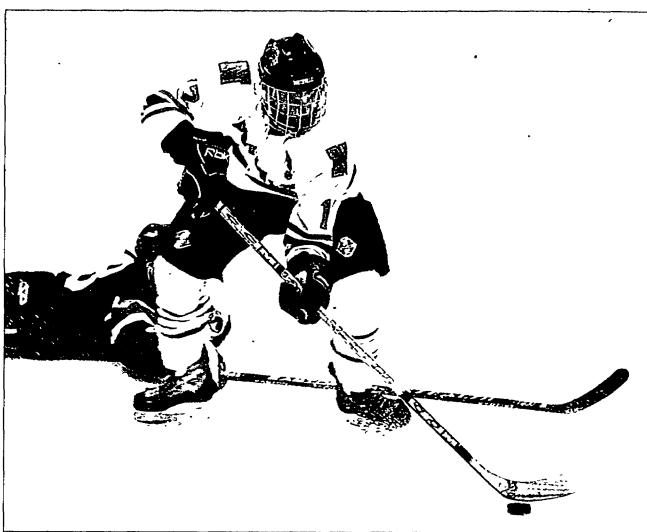
"IJ did whatever it takes to win, on and off the ice," Robert said. "He really became an allaround player, both in our offensive zone, which he always excelled at, but especially in the defensive zone.

"He had a knack for scoring goals, but especially big goals. He's just a natural-born goal scor-

Robert explains what he means with a story about Hohl dropping down to block a shot in practice, something that resulted in him getting multiple stitches around his eye. But that type of determination is something the other players see every day in practice

and bring to the games. "That's exactly what you want in a captain," Robert said. "I think the guys really followed by example to what he was doing.

Robert said junior teams were



Mustang TJ Hohl tries to get around a Catholic Central defender during the playoffs.

scouting Hohl at different times throughout the season, and expects his playing days will continue.

"I think anything he wants to do, he will accomplish." Robert said. "I don't think he's anywhere near being done playing."

First Team

Northville teammates Ted Keranen and Jordan Duff receive All-Area First Team honors.

Keranen was the steady rock in net, recording 19 wins with just four losses and one tie. He maintained a 1.91 goals against average.

"He's a huge reason we had the success that we had," Robert said. "He played out of his mind in the second half of the season.

"I'm really looking forward to watching him grow next year."

Duff provided strength as a defenseman, both offensively and defensively. He lit the lamp six times while handing out 13

"I couldn't be any happier having him as a captain of my team," Robert said. "He brought that stability to the blue line. He was an offensive-minded defenseman as well as an offensive-minded defenseman.

Second Team

The All-Area Second Team includes two more Mustangs: Junior defensemen Wes Gates and Matt Kreager.

Gates provided a ton of offense despite playing defense. He scored 11 goals and passed out 17

assists for 28 points. Kreager wasn't far behind in points with eight goals and 16

The rest of the Second Team includes Jayson Cronk, Michael Denston and David Hench from Lakeland; Mike Adler from Milford; Mike Hoy from South Lyon, Brad Higgens, Jeff LeRoy

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and CJ Pobur from Catholic Central; and Mark Bernier and Adam Szajner from Novi.

Honorable Mention

The All-Area Honorable Mention team includes Northville's Kevin Uetz, Alex Brewin, Alec Arthur, Joey Castelli, Ross-Richl and Case Moreman; Lakeland's Neil Graf, Andrew Connelly and Sean Staples; Milford's Will Saley; South Lyon's Nathaniel Johnson, Jake Green and James Stratton; and Catholic Central's Steven Hensely, Tyler Marble and Tony Thomas.

All-Area Hockey Player of the Year -TJ Hohl, Northville sr.

First Team

Matt Busterna, Lakeland sr. Trevor Lloyd, Lakeland jr. Mike Whiteman, Milford sr. Chris Eckler, South Lyon ir. Mike Bourgon, CC sr. Brent Darnell, CC so. Greg Merrill, CC sr. Ted Keranen, Northville jr. Jordan Duff, Northville sr. Kevin Michalzuk, Novi sr.

Second Team

Jayson Cronk, Lakeland ir. Michael Denston, Lakeland jr. David Hench, Lakeland jr. Mike Adler, Milford sr. Mike Hoy, South Lyon so. Wes Gates, Northville jr. Matt Kreager, Northville jr. Brad Higgins, CC sr. Jeff LeRoy, CC sr. CJ Pobur, CC sr. Mark Bernier, Novi sr. Adam Szajner, Novi sr.

Honorable Mention Neil Graf, Lakeland sr. Andrew Connelly, Lakeland sr. Sean Staples, Lakeland sr. Will Saley, Milford jr. Nathaniel Johnson, South Lyon sr. Jake Green, South Lyon jr. James Stratton, S. Lyon ir. Steven Hensely, CC so. Tyler Marble, CC so. Tony Thomas, CC jr. Kevin Uetz, Northville sr. Alex Brewin, Northville jr. Alec Arthur, Northville jr. Joey Castelli, Northville sr.

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Ross Riehl, Northville sr.

Case Moreman, Northville sr.

CC's Martin Wrestler of Year again

Mustangs D'Anna, Bagian on First Team

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

Simply put, Catholic Central wrestler Mike Martin was on a mission to win his second-straight state title.

Mission accomplished.

Martin (42-1) didn't allow a single takedown, and head coach Mitch Hancock could only remember one reversal that led to Martin's only loss of the year to be scored against him. All other points allowed were escape points, several of which were on purpose so Martin could try to gain a major decision or technical fall.

"His year this year was just dominant," Hancock said. "It was pretty impressive. There were only about four or five (wrestlers) that went the distance with him."

After Martin's final match, he was asked if that was the end of his wrestling days, and he said. "Who knows," with a smile.

Now, Hancock thinks it might not be the end either.

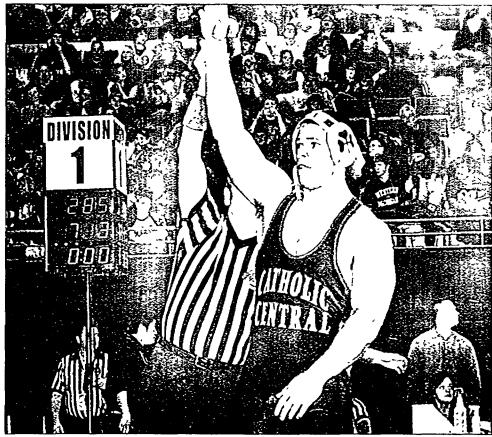
"The University of Michigan is pretty interested in having him come out at heavyweight," Hancock said. "If he wishes to continue, there's not doubt in my mind he can be a collegiate All-American."

Martin's strength, athleticism and size combined to create a monster on the mat for heavyweights.

"You get your great athletes, but I don't know if you're going to see as good an athlete as Mike. Martin," Hancock said. "It's pretty impressive how quick, how fast and how strong he is.

Hancock would love to have Martin for at least a couple of more years, but there is one things

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Catholic Central's Mike Martin has his hand raised after winning the 2008 state title.

All-Area Wrestling Wrestler of the Year - 1

Mike Martin, CC sr.

First Team

Jonny D'Anna, Northville sr. Brian Bagian, Northville sr. Ryan Thomas, Novi sr. Ryan Ridenour, Novi sr. Stefan Gatt, CC sr. Shea Hasenauer, CC jr. Joe Kinville, CC sr. Doug Eldrige, CC jr. Trevor O'Connor, CC so.

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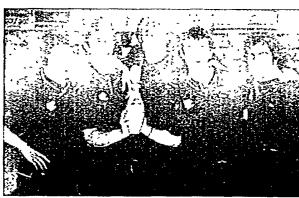
Second Team

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Matt Thomas, Lakeland Max Hill, Lakeland Joe Powell, South Lyon

Honorable Mention Mike Bagian, Northville

Aaron Towne, Northville Nick Burt, Milford Keith Hartley, Milford Jake DeGrendal, Lakeland Jeremy Sherman, Lakeland Nick Fiebke, Lakeland Chris Emery, South Lyon Brook O'Brien, South Lyon Justin Giacobbi, South Lyon Robb Alverson, South Lyon



The Catholic Central bowlers proudly show off their 300 pin earned after bowling a perfect baker game. From left, Scott Kujawa, Kerry Kirsch, Mike Erlingis, Brian Graham and Mike Clemente.

CC's Erlingis anchors area's top bowlers

'Stangs Dwyer on 1st Team

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The hardest thing for Catholic Central bowling coach Al Bridges was knowing that Mike Erlingis was in his senior year

The two-time Second Team All-State member will be off to Michigan State, with hopes of competing on the Spartan bowling team included.

"I wish he could bowl for a couple more years for me."
Bridges said. "The kid is just a great bowler. He's very reliable.

"It takes hard work and dedication. Mike bowled year around. He got a lot of tips and lessons from pros. It doesn't come by itself. You've got to work at it to get where he's at."

Erlingis carried a 217 average throughout the year, as well as recording an outstanding 4,4 grade point average, two things that weighed heavily in gaining the All-State honor.

"For the All-State team, they look at league average, seasonal average, high game, high series and academic average," Bridges said "A 4.4 GPA at CC, that's iust unbelievable. He's got a lot of honors this year, and he's deserved all of them."

One of the highlights of the year came when the Shamrocks rolled a perfect 300 in Baker format (Baker format is five teammates throw two frames each for one combined score.) Erlingis

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Two-time state champ

■ Lakeland's Pointer wins as freshman, senior

By Patrick Pinter SPORTS WRITER

Winning an individual state title as a freshman was a huge deal for Lakeland's Addi Pointer, but with the title came huge expectations.

Pointer did nothing but meet those expectations during her four years on the Lakeland bowling team She capped off her career this season by winning her second individual state bowling title, and she is the 2008 All-Area Girls Bowler of the Year.

"When she started out expectations were high, and people expected a lot out of her," said Lakeland girls head coach Vaughn Richmond, "After winning that first state title she followed through on all those expectations.

During the regular season Pointer finished first in the Kensington Valley Conference with a 206 37 average, and she helped lead the Eagles to a third place team finish. This season she was also selected to the All-State First Team. Pointer will continue her bowling career at Alabama A&M.

This year Pointer became the first bowlers to win two individual titles. She added the 2008 title to go along with her 2005 title.

"I have not seen someone more determined to win as her this year," said Richmond. "At states this year she was in her own little world. Seeing her bowl so good at the start of the season. I told her if she kept it up she would make another run at a title. She is the most consistent bowler I have seen."

First Team



Submitted photo

All-Area Bowler of the Year, Addi Pointer (middle) is flanked by Milford's Jessica Guertin and Tori Brown, who are on the All-Area First Team.

All-Area Girls Bowling

Player of the Year -Addi Pointer, Lakeland sr.

First Team Leslie Brown, Novi Angie Ramsey, Northville Tori Brown, Milford Jenna Law, Milford

orees include Northville's Angie Ramsey; Novi's Leslie Brown: South Lyon's Chelsea Allen and Brittany Henry; and Milford's Tori Brown, Jenna Law and Jessica Guertin. Milford.

Honorable Mention

Bowlers receiving Honorable The All-Area First Team hon- Mention are Northville's Sarah

Jessica Guertin, Milford Chelsea Allen, South Lyon Brittany Henry, South Lyon

Honorable Mention Sarah Marilley, Northville Jessica Crunk, Milford Jessica Dart, Mılford Samm Buth, Lakeland Olivia Weak, Lakeland Lindsay Heikkinen, South Lyon Lindsey Thomas, South Lyon

Marilley?Milford's Jessica Crunk and Jessica Dart; Lakeland's Samm Buth and Olivia Weak; and South Lyon's Lindsay Heikkinen and Lindsey Thomas.

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The Waza FC U13 Boys Team won the Elite Division 5 national tournament) in Richmond, Va., March 15-16. In the preliminary games, they beat a team from Maryland 4-0, a team from North Carolina 3-1, lost to a team from Virginia 3-2, but made it into the playoffs as the wildcard team. In the semifinals, they beat a very talented team from Connecticut 3-2 in overtime. In the finals, they beat a team from Maryland, 4-1. Waza FC was led by Northville's Colin Warner (2 goals) and Tommy O'Connor (1 goal). Front row, from left: Ronnie Basin (Farm, Hills), Aleksandar Isaevski (Westland), Nick Yang (Sterling Heights), Aaron Krupa (Ann Arbor), Matt Wilson (Novi), Colin Warner (Northville), Tommy O'Connor (Northville). Back row: Trevor Nessel (Novi), Matt McAuliffe (Livonia), Dominique Hajdu (Brownstown), Connaugh McLaughlin (Bloomfield), Justin Cohen (Ann Arbor),

Sports Shorts

Rickie Carter (Commerce),

Brent Winkler (Farm. Hills),

Donald Payne (Ypsilanti), Alex Arlin (Farm. Hills) and

coach Dan Diac with son,

Ohlgren stars at NCAA Swim and Dive Championships

Former Northville swimming star Ava Ohlgren earnd All-American status seven times at the NCAA swim and dive championships.

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■ BOWLING: Northville's Dwyer makes First Team

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threw the fifth and 10th frames.

"When we shot the 300 baker game, he went up and just hammered three strikes in a row," Bridges said. "To be the anchor man, you have to be solid as a rock ... if your team is going to win. Mike made very few mistakes over the whole year."

Bridges knows replacing Erlingis isn't going to be easy, but it's sure been fun penciling him in the lineup during his time at Catholic Central.

"He was a very good leader, very consistent," Bridges said. "I never had any issues with him. I couldn't say a bad word about him. He's like your dream player."

First Team

Northville's Dan Dwyer makes the All-Area First Team that includes Novi's Bryan Bivens; Catholic Central's Kerry Kirsch

All-Area Bowling

Bowler of the Year ---Mike Erlingis, CC sr

First Team Bryan Bivens, Novi Kerry Kirsch, CC Mike Clemente, CC Dan Dwyer, Northville Matt Aumann, Milford Justin Pelc, Lakeland

Honorable Mention

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Doug Farmer, Lakeland Josh Harper, South Lyon

Honorable Mention

Mike Jacoboni, Northville Jeff Klegon, Lakeland Matt Harrison, Lakeland Chase Siburt, Lakeland Craig Reid, Lakeland Trey Brown, Milford Freddie Ringrose, S. Lyon

Lyon's Freddie Ringrose and Jeff and Mike Clemente, Milford's Klegon, Matt Harrison, Chase Matt Aumann, South Lyon's Josh Siburt and Craig Reid from Harper; and Justin Pelc and Doug Farmer from Lakeland. Lakeland

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The All-Area Honorable

Northville's Mike Jacoboni,

Milford's Trey Brown, South

includes

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he isn't going to miss about the two-time state champ.

"I definitely won't miss wrestling him in practice, but it was fun," Hancock said. "I haven't that had that much of a challenge since college. I would get in on his leg and it was like hugging a tree. It's amazıng."

First Team

The All-Area First Team is filled with players that qualified for the state meet.

Northville's Jonny D'Anna and Brian Bagian made the trek to the final meet. D'Anna made his way through

the brackets to sixth place, finishing the year 39-10. He was a two-time state qualifier and twotime league and district champi-"What an outstanding finish to

outstanding career." Northville head coach Jeff Balagna said "Jonny really stepped it up at the end of the season when it mattered the

"Guys like D'Anna only come around once in a while. We haven't had to worry about the 119 weight class in four years because Jonny has held the spot since his Freshman year'

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Bagian went over 40 wins on the year in making the state finals at 145 pounds. He finished 41-8 and won the league and district

Bagian was voted the Most Valuable Wrestler for the Mustangs.

"I could always count on him to give 100 percent regardless of the opponent," Balagna said. "I was so happy for him this year. his goal was to qualify and place at States. He was one match away. That is simply outstand-

The rest of the First Team includes Novi's Ryan Thomas and Ryan Ridenour: Catholic Central's Stefan Gatt, Shea Hasenauer, Joe Kinville, Doug Eldrige, Trevor O'Connor and Matt Aubrey; Milford's Devin Boria, South Lyon's Shea Butler and Northville's Jonny D'Anna and Brian Bagian

Second Team

The Mustangs land four wrestlers on the All-Area Second Team in Evan Bentley, Matt Hagan, John Hebert and Nick Bentley (35-9) just missed out

on making the state tournament, but he made the finals in every other tournament throughout the

Hagan won 37 matches with

only 12 defeats, finished third in the WLAA and third at districts. He was voted Most Improved Wrestler for the Mustangs.

Hebert also won 37 matches with 14 defeats. He placed fourth in the league and third at dis-

Mudar finished 36-13, placed fifth in the league and third at districts.

Joining Yusko on the Second Team are Jimmy Schroader, Billy Curry, Kyle Liddell, Scott Oerther and Rocky Mikulec from Milford; Matt Thomas and Max Hill from Lakeland; Joe Powell from South Lyon; and Robbie Yusko from Novi.

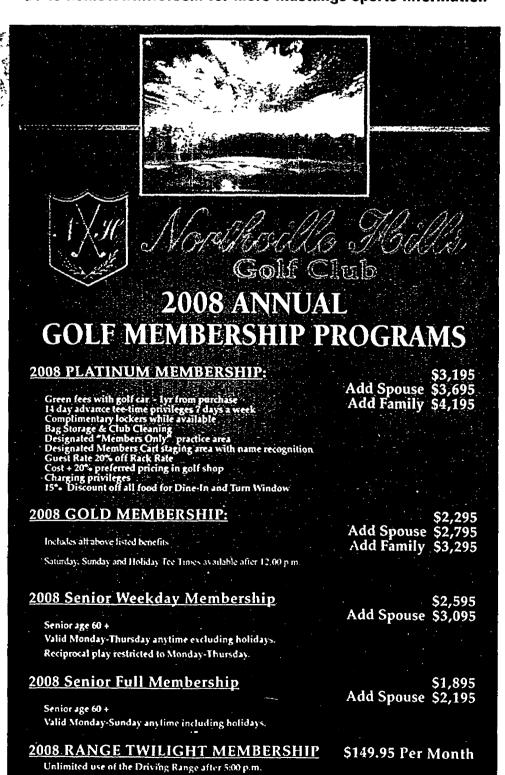
Honorable Mention

The All-Area Honorable Mention Team includes Northville's Mike Bagian' and Aaron Towne; Milford's Nick Burt and Keith Hartley; Lakeland's Jake DeGrendal. Jeremy Sherman and Nick Fiebke: South Lyon's Chris Emery, Brook O'Brien, Justin Giacobbi and Robb Alverson.

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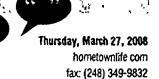
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Baseball great Ozzie Smith and champion pitmaster Chris Lilly offer home run tips and recipes

FAMILY FEATURES

aseball players aren't the only ones who benefit from spring training — grilling enthusiasts can, too. Many people neglect their grills during the winter. But, as the days begin to get longer again and daylight saving time allows for more fun in the sun, it's time to swing into grilling season. In fact, the extra hour of daylight means more practice time for baseball players and grilling gurus alike. It's never too early to light up some charcoal and share game-

winning moments with friends and family while enjoying great food.

World champion shortstop Ozzie Smith believes that even seasoned players need a little pre-season warm-up. Nearly as passionate about charcoal grilling as he is about baseball, Smith said, "I tend to grill year round, but when the teams head to camp, I know it's time to step up my game. Many people wait until summer to grill, which is a shame because, as in all sports, practice makes perfect."

While nationally renowned pitmaster Chris Lilly hardly needs more practice behind a grill, he holds a special fondness for springtime grilling

"Nothing signals the coming of warm weather and says 'slow down and grill' quite like the unmistakable aroma of the ballpark or the first charcoal cookout of the season," said Lilly. "If you can combine the two experiences - whether tailgating at the stadium or firing up the grill and inviting friends over to watch the game - that's even better."

These tips and recipes from Smith and Lilly will help grilling enthusiasts hit their next gathering out of the park.



Practice Makes Perfect: Your grill may be a little rusty from the off-season, so before you begin grilling, make sure it's in good shape. Scrub the grate with a longhandled, stiff wire grill brush to remove any residual food. Always discard any residual ashes from the grill before cooking. A thick layer of ashes will act as insulation, affecting the distribution of heat and air circulation.

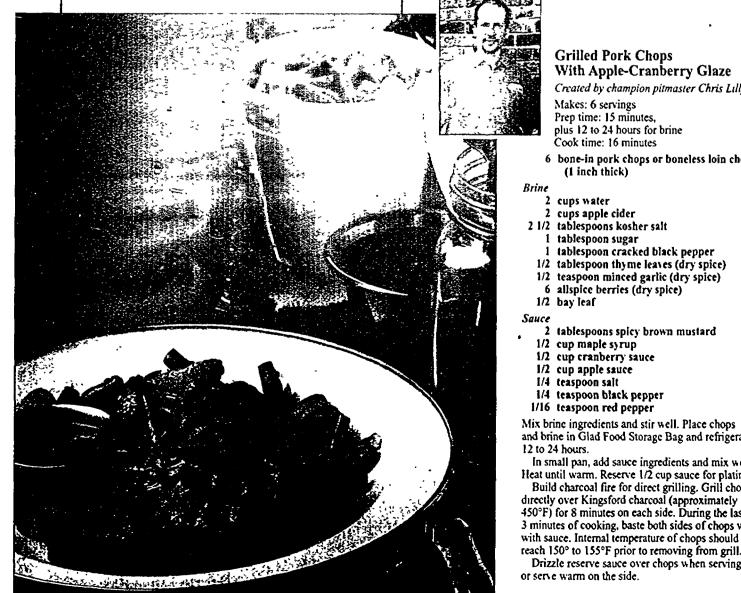
Score a Double Play: Amp up the flavor of your grilling experience by using new Kingsford charcoal with Hickory. The flavors add just the right touch of sweet and hearty flavor to all types of food, adding a new element to the delicious smells that are part of the stadium experience.

Don't Interfere: Turning food too often during grilling forces moisture out of it. Instead, let food brown before turning it to develop a flavorful crust, the signature of great grilling. When it's time to flip, use tongs or a spatula in place of forks that pierce food and release juices.

Strike 'em Out: Marinate your meat before grilling to fight sudden flare-ups and apply sauces, such as KC Masterpiece Barbecue Sauce, to meats once they have cooked a while on the grill rather than before you start. You'll still taste the delicious flavor without risking a burst of flames.

True fans can take baseball tailgating to the next level by creating a game-day menu featuring recipes that incorporate the flavors and ingredients of your team's hometown For more grilling tips and recipes, visit www MealsTogethercom





Grilled Pork Chops With Apple-Cranberry Glaze

Created by champion pitmaster Chris Lılly: Makes: 6 servings

Prep time: 15 minutes, plus 12 to 24 hours for brine Cook time: 16 minutes

6 bone-in pork chops or boneless loin chops (1 inch thick)

Brine 2 cups water

2 cups apple cider 2 1/2 tablespoons kosher salt

tablespoon sugar

tablespoon cracked black pepper 1/2 tablespoon thyme leaves (dry spice)

1/2 teaspoon minced garlic (dry spice) 6 allspice berries (dry spice)

1/2 bay leaf

2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard

1/2 cup maple syrup

1/2 cup cranberry sauce

1/2 cup apple sauce 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon black pepper 1/16 teaspoon red pepper

Mix brine ingredients and stir well. Place chops and brine in Glad Food Storage Bag and refrigerate 12 to 24 hours.

In small pan, add sauce ingredients and mix well. Heat until warm. Reserve 1/2 cup sauce for plating. Build charcoal fire for direct grilling. Grill chops directly over Kingsford charcoal (approximately 450°F) for 8 minutes on each side. During the last 3 minutes of cooking, baste both sides of chops well

reach 150° to 155°F prior to removing from grill. Drizzle reserve sauce over chops when serving

or serve warm on the side.

Shortstop Shrimp Stack

Created by world champion shortstop Ozzie Smith.

Makes: 4 servings Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 3 to 6 minutes per skewer

1 pound extra large shrimp

(21 to 25), peeled and deveined

Marinade

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil 1/4 cup lime juice

1/4 cup chopped cilantro (about half

of a bunch) 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

teaspoon minced garlic 8 bamboo or metal skewers

Assemble marinade ingredients in large Glad Food Storage Bag, seal and toss to mix. Add shrimp and toss to coat. Marinate shrimp 30 minutes.

If using bamboo skewers, soak them in water while shrimp is marinating to prevent them from burning on the grill. When shrimp are finished marinating, spear three shrimp per skewer. Discard remaining marinade.

Grill shrimp on outer edges of the grill over Kingsford charcoal (approximately 400°F) for 2 to 3 minutes on one side and 1 to 2 minutes on other side. Serve on the skewer or remove shrimp from skewer and serve a on platter.

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WHAT CAUSES SICK HOUSE SYNDROME?

Sick House Syndrome occurs when a house can't "breathe". A home needs to breath in order to rid itself of indoor pollutants. These pollutants result in poor indoor air quality - a "sick house." Inadequate ventilation allows pollutants to build up. causing potential health risks to the home's occupants. Young children, the elderly, and some chronically ill persons are most susceptible to the effects of Sick House Syndrome.

Common sources of indoor pollution include tobacco smoke, certain carpeting materials, furnaces which are operating with a dirty burn cycle, using fireplaces which are not properly vented. candles, pressed wood cabinets and household cleaning products. Moisture build-up, although not a pollutant itself, can also be harmful in a house as it can cause mildew and/or mold growth inside walls, crawlspaces, and other areas. The spores from the mold will be circulated through the air in the home by operating the furnace, air conditioner and

HOW CAN INDOOR POLLUTION BE REDUCED?

Source control is usually the most effective way to improve indoor air quality. In some cases, eliminating the specific sources of indoor pollution - for example, removing older carpets, and repairing or maintaining furnaces - may be all that is necessary.

For offending substances such as tobacco smoke, cleaning products, and moisture buildup, improving ventilation is a key means of decreasing indoor pollution. Many newer homes are so well insulated and sealed that only a very limited amount of fresh air can get in. Recommended and effective ventilation requires the home should have a complete air change every three hours. In this situation, using attic or window fans and opening windows (when weather permits) are easy and inexpensive ways to improve and increase ventilation.

More hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead do not normally cause problems if they are undisturbed, but these and other dangerous substances should be analyzed by having Samples of the materials collected by a qualified technician, and have analysis by a Certified Lab to identify the type of material if unknown or to verify any health concerns. This will also help to identify if any action is required such as encapsulation, abatement or removal is



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it's a colorful garden you want, n's a colorful garden you'll get, thanks to Advanced Master Gardener Jodi Slankard, owner of Everything Grows in South Lyon. "I am into big showy flowers like peonies, roses and hydrangeas," she

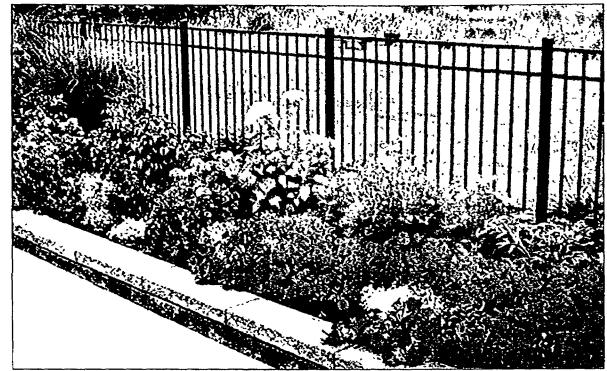
That color can be transformed into gardens of all shapes and sizes. Jodi is happy to work with homeowners with large gardens or those who just need some touch-up work on their landscapes. She has been a familiar face among many neighborhoods in South Lyon, Brighton, Milford, Novi. and Northville since 2001, working with homeowners to customize their gardens and landscaping.

Jodi's expertise is even more important today because of the Michigan economy. She knows that many homeowners are choosing to invest in upgrading their - to increase the value and enhance the look of their outdoor spaces. Having a healthy and colorful garden will enhance any home. She also knows that many business owners are looking to revitalize the look of their businesses, too, in order to attract customers and give their commercial buildings a more professional

"I have been specializing in custom gardens for homes and businesses, and I also take care of several subdivision entrances and common spaces," she said.

Each customer, whether they hire Jodi to clean up and design their gardens or ask her to maintain gardens on a regular basis. will know what to expect the moment they meet with Jodi. They know that Jodi's specialty is flower gardens, in which she uses a combination of bulbs, perennials, and annuals that will flower through the spring. summer, and early fall.

And they know that each garden will be uniquely designed for them.



Jodi Slankard creates beautiful gardens for her customers using her vast experience and knowledge of what types of flowers to plant and in what conditions to plant them.

THE GARDEN AS AN **EXTENSION OF YOU**

Like any artist who signs his or her canvas, Jodi puts a unique stamp on her own work. Likewise, she knows the importance of each customer who wants to make their garden an extension o' their own personality and taste.

Jodi sits down with each customer to determine their color and flower preferences She considers color schemes that range from monochromatic (shades of the same color) or polychromatic (opposite sides of the color wheel). "Your garden is like a watercolor painting, with nature painting the outdoors," Jodi said.

Having colorful blooms through all seasons is a signature of Jodi and Everything Grows. She views flower gardens as a constantly evolving work of art, with new shapes and colors as it matures. That's the beauty of using annuals to accent the perennials — providing all season color.

Jodi reminds customers that there is more to a beautiful garden than just color. She considers the unique features of the yard, too, such as shade, sunny areas, or

"The location of your garden and its soil base are really the most important factors." she added. Even the most colorful garden will not thrive unless the location is cor-

"Most plants need six hours of sunshine to bloom and thrive," Jodi said. "Shade gardens can be difficult, with fewer planting options. However, shade gardens can be made incredibly beautiful with good planning."

EXPERIENCE + MICHIGAN LIVING = BEAUTIFUL GARDENS

Jodi combines her experience as a master gardener and her Michigan roots to put a valuable stamp on every garden she creiles. Not only can she renovate an bed that is overgrown or planted haphazardly, she can also change the soil composition to make it the most ideal for growing annuals and perennials.

That's why she starts at the very beginning, cultivating good soil that will produce positive results throughout the year. "I'd rather do it right the first time instead of having to rip out dead plants after a year of struggling poor soil." Jodi added. "It's important that the plants get the nutrients they need from the soil."

Developing the right soil has been made much easier by the compost provided to Everything Grows by local business, Tuthill's Farm. "They have the best com-

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'I love growing roses in Michigan," she said. 'They're not as tricky as you think, although they are heavy feeders and need regular water. They're one of the few plants that bloom in most cases from June until November.'

FLEXIBLE, TOO

Jodi's customers have found that she is very adaptable to whatever they need. She said that many of her customers hire her to clean up their yard and plant a new garden once a year while other customers "have me come back every two weeks to weed"

Customers can pick and choose from an array of services, even the ones like to work their own gardens with "a little help.

Some people want immediate results so we use larger plants sizes. Or I can use smaller plant sizes to help them stay within their budget.'

Speaking of budgets, Jodi said when she founded Everything Grows most of her work was with higher income homeowners, who had a lot of discretionary money to spend on their gardens. Today she is working with people who have all kinds of homes or businesses. "I am willing to work rithin any budget," Jodi added.

And that work can begin as soon as the ground thaws. If an early spring is around the corner, you'd better call Jodi right away at (248) 259-1363 or e-mail her at jaslankard@cablespeed.com.

JODI'S QUICK GARDENING TIPS

- Start with a good soil base
- Choose anchor plants, i.e. flowering shrubs that bloom in different seasons Carpet the ground with wave petunias and add annuals to provide all season
- Preen and mulch (shredded pinebark) to keep weeds down
- Water regularly



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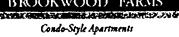
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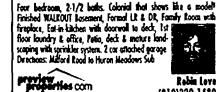
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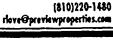




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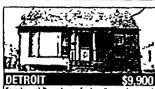
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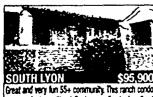
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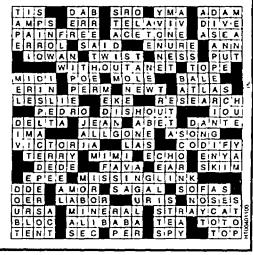
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Brighton 248-437-3800 DESIRABLE LOCATION Near downtown Brighton & within walking distance to nearby shopping. Newer furnace & A.C. New kitchen, bath, flooring, carpet, and paint. Move in

(28042564)

1500 Вутов Adorable Downtown Byron Ranch Move right in, home clean and updated. Spacious eat in kitchen w/ new counter tops, updated ba, part fin bsmt, and much much more



734-455-7000 CUL DE SACLOCATION! Over 2900 sq. ft. w'3.5 baths. Walk to Summit, parks & golf Prof. fin.l.L.



#34-591-9200

Impry the best unit in complex! 3 BR end unit condo in Morgan Creek w'open fir plan, unique howd firs, Stry foyer cath clings Huge MSTR STEW 1g WK 8 pvt ba Open Sun 1 4pm March 30 2008

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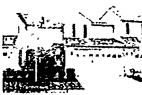


734-455-7000 ABSOLUTELY TURN KEY! Immaculate upper level 2BR/2BA ranch condo in Lilley Pointe Mstriste wipriv bath. Lg GR widoorwall to deck. Beautiful during rm. Spacious kitchen



Canton Two 734-455-7000 OUTSTANDING CUSTOM CAPE (Begant SBR on almost 1/2 acre, backs to woods 2-way FP from Great Room-nook, Dual staircase 1st fir master wijacuzzi. Beautifully appointed!

(28007580) \$395,000

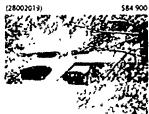


734-455-7000 THIS BEAUTIFUL CONDO HAS IT ALL! Everything is done! Each of the 3 bedrins has its own bath + 1/2 bath on main, 1st firmstr upgrades to 1g loft area prof fin LL w bar & dayline windws.

(28011648) \$239 900



Canton Two 734-455-7000 WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN O MN? Establish equity & get a write off Currently getting freshly painted and recarpeted. Brick exterior Plymouth Canton Schools. Quiet community!



248-684-1065 Home w' 254 of frontage Lake Sherwood Soanng GR off entry foyer FR w/ 2 fps open to patios. New cedar roof: 2 fums & A.C. units Auto natigas backup power



248-684-1065 Sharp 4 br home on Ig lot. Newer kit, furn, CA, concrete drive. Lg fenced rear yard w/ shed. Screened in porch. Quiet street in great neighborhood WL schools.



248-208-2900 Commerce Twp 4090 Forest Edge Dr. Open Floor Plan For Entertaining Parties Stone Fireplace That Matches The Two tier Boulders In Back Yard Full Basement With Plenty Of Storage



248-348-6430 Charming Brick Ranch 3 BD, 2.5 BA, 2 car Full BSMT Flowing floor plan. Warm wood floors: CA updated eat-in kitchen Master suite wifots of closets & bath. Private fenced backyard. All \$169,900



EVERYTHING'S NEW JUST 4 Uf & A reduced price too' In this 3 bedroom vinyl. bungalow w/ full bismit & garage. Newer windows, furnace & AC, siding carpeting, electrical, kit fir & shighs.



248-348-6430 Farmington CLASSC VINTAGE VICTORIAN 3 BR.2 BA.What a gemi Original hdwd firs refinished, updid electrical, windows. HWH formal DR & LR, carriage barn/garage w/900 sq ft, spacious fenced yard. \$239,900



Farmington 248-348-6430 Furnished Condo In Farmington Walk to downtown Farmington from this furnished condo including all kitchen appl. & washer & dryer New paint, new carpet - Move right into

(27222285)



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430 Attractive & Beautiful Updated Home Home on cul-de-sac. Den wilholume ceiling. Stunning 2 sty GP, state of the art updated KIT & bridt area Luxurious mistr wijet tub & shower. Find WiO,



Farmington Hills STUNNING TUDOR Contemporary 4 bdrm 2 full+2 half baths Bright lutchen Epic Fin bsmt

(28021185) \$258 800

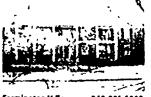


Farmington Hills UPDATED INDEPENDENCE COMMONS COLONAL Fantastic BR sizes & closet space Oak firs. Updates include roof, lav., dishwasher, H2O hearer range sliding door Sub has 45-acres of commons wiparks tennis paths. {28000002} \$249,888



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 "POTTERY BARN" PERFECT Fabulous custom kitchen in this tainless appliances. Hardwood floors thru out. Huge backyard. Farmington Hills schools.

\$198 000



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 IT 5 A 10+1 COMPLETELY REDONE Neutral extremely clean Endless updates include gournet inchen wicherry grante, tile estanniess steel New grante baths. Assoc fee includes water, heat ar



2BR. 2BA. CONDOW PRIVATE BALCONY & BSAT Perfect for first time buyers. Pool in complex. Great location.



Custom home on 10 acres! Gourmet lot, grante T/O, 1st fir mstr, dbl-sided stone FP, Fin. LL, w/ bar, Den/exercise RM, Tile/stone Firs, Deck/



Fowlerville 734-591-9200 Can't Beat This Dealth Very Clean 3 Bdrm Home, Shows Very Well, Has An Over Sized Gar, Fenced Bk Yd With Lrg Deck That Is Great for Entertaining Large Kitchen And 1st Fir Metr Rdim (28032061)



Highland 248-684-1065 Custom built likfit home; 1.7 acres. Maple cabs-& granite t/o.2 luts & baths, 2 story GR w/ gas fp. 1st fir mstr w/ ba & 2 WKCs. Fin W/O; prof



248-348-6430 Spotless Home in Northwest Livonial Professionally fin dry walled base, ceramic baths, 1st FLR laundry, how Firs, new Berber carpet, gas freplace, bock paver, lg deck w/att Pergola & newer roof



248-437-3800 Livonia WOW MOVE IN CONDITION Brick ranch with so many updates it feels brand new** Full basement, A MUST SEE, 3 bedrooms.



248-684-1065 On 2.5 wooded acres. Hdwd firs. Designer Thomasville hickory grante & slate lut. 22x16 cedar deck. Covered front porch. New SS appls. 27x20 mstr. Lg WIC. W/O

\$329,800 4117



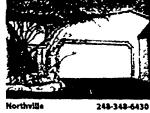
3 BDPM condo close to downtown. Open floor main level. Finish the walkout LL to add sq. ft. Best price in area



Milford 248-684-1065 Completely renovated 2br w/2 full baths. New kitchen w/Crafsmaid cabinets, wood floors, new carpet, painted thru out. Daylight basement, Great location.



Wooded Valley in town Northville Granite, cherry hardwood Finished walkout basement. Call regarding renovation opportunity. Plus 2 bonus rooms!



Must see Condo 3 Bedroom Wonderful condo w'in wallung distance to dwntwn area. Open flir plan, new windows & furnace. Updated cab, Sots of storage. 1st fir laundry. Backs to \$171,900



248-348-6430 Open Floor Plan with high ceilings in LR & DR, spacious kitchen w/built in desk, large master with California closet, bath w/Jacuzzi & shower, nice backyard with patio.

\$465,000



Serene Setting With View Of Pond & Nature Prsnr Cherry Firs & Cabinets. Gr W/gas Fp & PrivFr Deck Lg Lndry & Office/storage Master W/deep Tub & Sep Shower Deck Off Master (27213604)



Novi 248-437-3800 STUNNING, ...MOVE IN CONDITION Condo w/many updates including brand new stainless type appliances & a front load W/D. LG multi-story bwn house offers Ig mrs, 2nd story FR, full have feet and the start fe story twn hous bsmt & garage (28044812) \$110,000



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



Plymouth 734-455-7000 GREAT OPPORTUNITY | This 2BR/T 1BA condo offers an open floor plan. Lg living rm leads to priv pabo. Light & airy galley-style littchen opens to dining rm. 1st fir lindry & more



734-455-7000 Redford LOVELY BUNGALOW W/TONS OF UPDATES! Extremely well maintained bungalow on a tree-lined street. 3 bedrins, 2 full baths newly finished basement, fully fenced backyard, thorus base of the



South Lyon 734-591-9200 CUSTOM HOME 2 stry foyer, 5 bdrms loft area, 3.5 baths, grml luthrdwd, fr w/fp, hot tub, mstr ste w/bath jel tub, hvr M had fr w/full bath &

(28039953) \$332,900

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South Lyon Enjoy This Large Cape Cod This Home Offers A Gas Fp In The Lt, Huge Misti Bath W. Jetted Tub, A Dr. Wall That Leads To Ling Deck, A 25x19 Bonus Rm & A Crawl Space That Has 5 Ft Ceilings.

(28032154)



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Two BR condo an great location! Beautiful 2 story condo features large living room, condo backs up to open area w/gorgeous views. Partially finished basement. I car garage (27044815)

\$174,900



South Lyon 248-348-6430 SUPER Pice & FRST TIMER/DOWNSIZER RANCH Nice 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch w/a sunroom w/skylight & hot tub. Basement, 2 car att gar subdivision has sidewalls, municipal warer and sewer Fenced yard w/shed.



South Lyon 248-437-3800 CLOSE TO SOUTH LYON. WELL MAINTAINED Over 55 Condo. 3 Bed Rooms, 2 Baths. Walkout backs to wooded area/close to take. All



South Lyon 734-591-9200 Stunning End unit is Flawless Throughout 2 Bdrm 1 1/2 baths. Kit w/ all appls, spacious deck, priv side yd. Newer crpt & paint, Erg Mstr w/ w4 Closets. Brand new C/A. End Unit w/ priv ent. Att Gar \$121,900 (28038455)



South Lyon 248-437-3800 New Carpet & Paint 08 Whole house fan. Fully insulated sunroom with benches, bright and clean ready to move in! No smoking unit. Sellers understand 50% less.



248-437-3800
Birmingham Schools** Clean brick ranch featuring hardwood floors. Kitchen is spectacular Lower level features suana for you to relax in after a hard days work. Mr clean lives here \$165,000 (28019621)

13253 County Walk Just Call It Home. This Roomy 3488 Sq. Ft. 5 Bedroom Colonial Is The Dream Home You've Been Dreaming Of Ig Great Room With A Natural Ep, Large Home Ref.

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

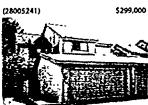
248-348-6430



AWESOME CURB APPEAL Nice 3 bedroom,2 bath ranch. Centrally located on a lovely street, updates inc. roof, windows, baths, kitchen, carpet, 2+ car garage, home warranty.



248-684-1065 **West Bloomfield** 82' of frontage on Upper Straits Lake Open fir plan & howd firs in kit, den & LR. Mstr ste w/ prry ba, jet tub shower & WIC. 2nd fir br/den



West Bloomfield 248-348-6430 Rare Four Bedroom Condol W. Bloomfeld.
Open plan w/1900+ sq ft. Freshly painted interior, new HDWD fl in KIT, new roof add to the appeal. MRR w/RA newly finished LL are some of homes great features.

(27157543)

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

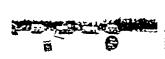
(28024651)

Westland 734-455-7000 TODAYS BLY-TOMORROWS SECURITY Nicely updated, including roof windws, litchen, bath + new half bath nearly completed, carpet, flooring siding 8 gar door & newer furn & A/C. The work is done!



White Lake 248-684-1065 Lg kit w/ vault ceil, recessed lights & oak cabs. DR w/ D/W to deck. GR w/ vault ceil & gas fp. Fin W O LL w/ full ba, bar, FR & BR office

(27168751) \$198,995



WhiteLake 248-684-1065 Beautrfut, huge lot in a country club sub on private Wingate Lake Build your own Dream Home in this Fabulous Neighborhood!



White Lake Twp 248-684-1065 Best deal in area Detailed w/ built-in shelves & cabs, coffered ceiling, judges paneled walls in LR Maple cabs, SS, ceramic fir in KIT Priv patio huge yard

(27221654) \$199,900



Super colonial willake privileges Oustanding features include oversized study, kitchen wispacious counters and built in appliances. Fully finished basement w/wet bar Master



248-348-6430 Ypsilanti Meticulous Home is Move in Ready Neutral 4 BR, 2.5 BA w/ LR, DR, FR/gas FP Kr/oak cab and brealdast rm, 2nd fir laundry. Mistr ste has full BA. Full bismnt w/ glass block windws.

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\$159,500 (28045544) \$109,900 (28003158) \$114,900 www.OurForeclosureHomes.com

South Lyon

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South Lyon

Spectacular Family Home Open floor plan, great room w/soaring ceilings, stone natural fireplace and built in entertainment center Beautiful corner lot! A must see!!

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