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Art House faces \$3,000 cuts

■ City staff cites need to contain costs as one-third of budget slashed

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Although the city's contribution will remain the same for the 2008-09 fiscal year, the Northville Arts Commission will lose a third of its funding in the years to come.

Northville Arts Commissioners were scheduled to appear at the April 21 city budget meeting, but had their own meeting instead to discuss resetting current priorities due to the fact that classes are being cut, and two programmers have resigned.

Suzanne Poulton, the former

part-time programmer paid by the city, recently resigned to take a full-time position with benefits.

Nickie Bateson, city finance director, told the group that the city had another person lined up to take her place, but then two weeks ago that person found a full-time job with benefits.

"They're in a bit of state of flux in terms of whether they will even operate classes this spring, so their budget is somewhat on hold."

Bateson said. The city will continue to provide \$9,000 in the 2008-09 budget but will cut back the commission's budget to \$6,000 a year in future years as a cost-saving

measure. Nancy Darga noted that \$3,000 of the \$6,000 goes to the Northville Chamber of Commerce for promotion Victorian Festival.

The Arts Commission will also not be responsible for Art in the Sun in June, this year, which the

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HOMESCHOOLED

Classes offer an alternative to public schools

By Alea Hibbeln
SPECIAL WRITER

When the owner of Awakening the Artist Inside, Sherri Mewha, noticed that art classes didn't exist in Northville for homeschoolers, she created a learning arts program specifically for them. This was back in 2004, when the store first opened. Ever since then, parents have been bringing their students to Awakenings for extracurricular enrichment in fine art.

Katra Stubblefield, who studied fine art at Eastern Michigan University, has been teaching art to home-schoolers at Awakenings since the beginning. But these are not your ordinary art classes. Stubblefield incorporates the sciences into every project.

For instance, in the home-school class, Module IV Earth at Large, children ages 6 through 12 learned how to paint macroscopic landscapes of the earth from the view of outer space, sculpt cityscapes that look like mountains, and design a stained glass aerial image of the earth. In another class, she has guided home-schoolers in a three-dimensional painting on Plexiglas, incorporating the earth's core.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Awakening the Artist Inside instructor Katra Stubblefield helps student Jessica Accardo, 17, in the Northville art studio on a recent Wednesday afternoon. Accardo is one of the home-schooled students that goes to Awakening for art instruction.

Manager of Highland Lakes runs for township trustee seat

■ Jon Sabo has served city, township

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER



J. Sabo

Jon D. Sabo, community manager of Highland Lakes, will run for a seat on the Northville Township Board of Trustees in November.

A native of Royal Oak, Sabo has lived in the township since 1997. He formerly served on the city of Northville's fire department as a fire inspector/fire fighter for about six years.

He has been the manager of the local condominium association since 2003. He and his wife, Tracy, have been married for 20 years, and have two children, Sean, 17, and Allison, 14. Sean attends Northville High School, and Allison is enrolled at Meads Mill Middle School.

Sabo attended Grand Valley State University in Allendale and graduated from Shearson Lehman Institute in Manhattan, N.Y., becoming a Certified Financial Consultant with a minor in business management.

He is a certified manager of community associations and is

SABO:
McCotter, Cox work to obtain funds for road

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Jon Sabo, community manager of the Highland Lakes Condominium Association in Northville Township, said last week that Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) is working to obtain federal funding to help reconstruct Silver Springs Drive. Sabo added his comments after reading an article in last week's Record.

Sabo has also met with Laura Cox (R-Livonia) a Wayne County commissioner, who has committed to working on the county match dollars. The federal government covers 80 percent of road construction, with the county being responsible for the remaining 20 percent.

Members of the condominium association built the road, then decided it to Wayne County, according to Sabo.

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an association management specialist. He earned these credentials from the Community Associations Institute in Alexandria, Va.

In the city of Northville, he served as a trustee of the Police and Fire Benevolent Fund. He was a member of the Oral Review Board, the Public Safety Bond Committee, was the Federal Property and Grant Officer.

For the township, he served on the Public Safety Millage Committee, was a member of

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Families try to move on after trial

■ Teen gets life in prison for beheading

By Brad Kadrich
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They faithfully wore their Detroit Red Wing jackets as the Wings began the hockey play-offs. They followed the progress of American Idol, including one of their picks, crowd favorite David Archuleta.

But for Jim and Kim Sorensen of Westland, nothing took the trial of Jean Pierre Orlewicz very far from their consciousness.

Orlewicz, 18, of Plymouth Township was convicted last Wednesday of killing the Sorensens' 26-year-old son, Daniel. By Michigan law, he'll spend the rest of his life in prison following his May 12 sentencing.

But there is no Michigan law for how the Sorensens move on, though they know they have to. But it isn't easy.

"From the moment I wake up until I kiss Dan's picture when I

go to bed, this has been the focus," Kimberly Sorensen said. "(The trial) has been the total focus."

In addition to providing justice for the victim, Orlewicz's trial was also a way for friends of Sorensen to start to close the wound.

Jennifer Palmer of Livonia was away taking care of personal business when she got the word Sorensen had been killed. She said the trial was cathartic.

"When Dan died ... I wasn't around," Palmer said. "It means a lot to everyone in his whole fami-



J.P. Orlewicz



D. Sorensen



A. Letkemann

ly that he gets some kind of justice. This is my personal closure."

Kim and Jim Sorensen were quick to point out in the immediate aftermath of the trial they weren't the only family in pain following the conclusion of the trial. Pete and Diane Letkemann of Westland will watch their son,

Alexander, be sentenced to 20-30 years in prison for his role in Sorensen's killing, and William and Charlotte Orlewicz will see Jean Pierre be remanded to the state's custody for the rest of his life May 12

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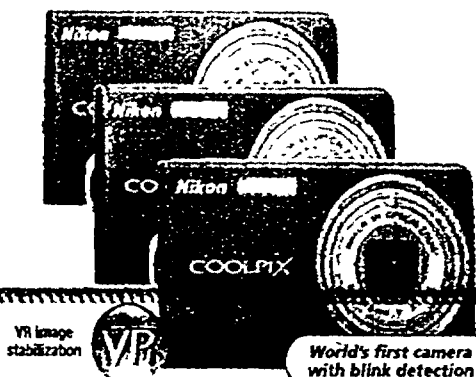
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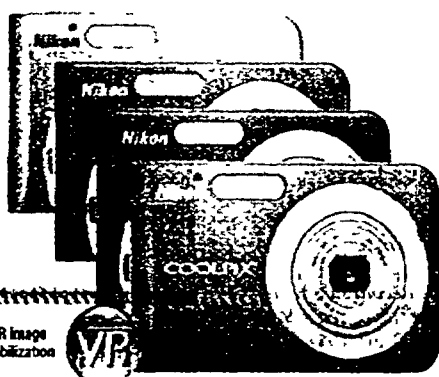
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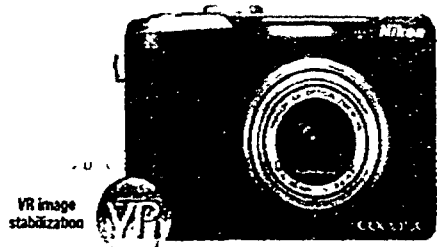
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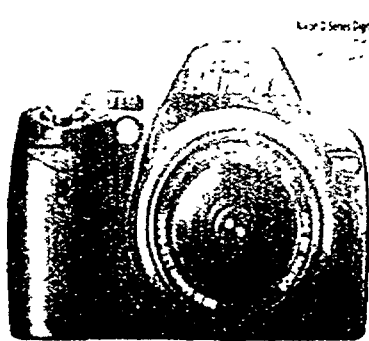
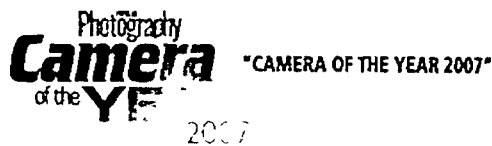


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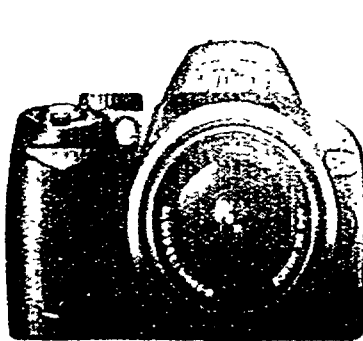
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EARLY CHILDHOOD EXHIBIT: Proceeds go to Civic Concern

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

When the children created the artwork for the Northville Public Schools' Early Childhood Center's Children's Exhibit, they only cared about having fun.

But, their creations will soon help feed local needy residents. Proceeds of \$1,047 from the display's raffle on April 11 at the Northville Community Senior Center will benefit Northville Civic Concern, an all-volunteer local organization whose purpose is to help those in need with food. The organization assists about 100 families in the city of Northville and Northville Township and is funded primarily by the contributions of Northville residents.

Most of the items at the benefit were purchased by the children's parents or other family members. Organizers of the fund-raiser requested that money raised be used to support children's causes. Those who were interested in a particular item placed their name and phone number on a ticket and placed it in a bag next to the item. The winners were contacted later.

Featured each April, Month of the Young Child, the exhibit is made up of unique displays of art that students worked on for months.

"As advocates for the rights of children and their many ways of expressing themselves, we found this event an ideal way to put the community focus on children," said Eileen Freeman, program coordinator, Early Childhood Center. A special presentation that explained the work that went into some of the displays took place at the end of the April 8 Board of Education meeting at Old Village School.

"We celebrate those who fill our world with wonder, innocence, discovery and magical moments," Freeman said. "This exhibit is a part of the celebration."

"The Fountain" project

One of the displays titled "The

Fountain" has been an ongoing project over the last two school years by children in the Moraine Elementary School's Kids Club. The idea sprouted last year when students came across a tall shoe rack. After discussing with the children what they wanted to use it for, a fountain became their favorite idea. Sheets of metal were attached to the rack with copper wire to make the foundation. Then students painted a sunset on the metal sheets.

"The main problem we had was painting everything twice and matching colors that had already been painted," said Elizabeth Hartmann-Krygier, one of the teachers who helped the children with the project. Other teachers involved were Stephen Gabon and Heather Mauch.

Next, the students sprayed several applications of a clear coat to protect the paint from the flowing water.

The work was completed by students Ethan Oiler and Scott Granzotto. "Ethan and Scott were dedicated to the project 110 percent," said the narrative next to the fountain.

The Kids Club consists of before-school and after-school programs for students in grades first-five. The Wondergarten program is for kindergarteners. A preschool program consists of either half-day or all-day child care or a parent-child class for children ages 18 months-3, according to Nancy Schuerman, who mentors other teachers in the district's art studios. Freeman and Schuerman were responsible for setting up the Children's Exhibit.

One of the most emotionally-moving pieces at the exhibit, titled "Operation Quiet Comfort," featured a special quilt made for wounded soldiers in the Middle East by students in Ridge Wood Elementary School's Child Care and Kids Club programs. The idea came from the fact that one of the students' mothers belongs to the Michigan Military Moms, an organization whose members get

together to make up care packages with various items for soldiers overseas, including the quilts for wounded brothers in arms.

The organization provided all the materials for the quilt that features messages of encouragement, and the students put it together for the organization's Operation Quiet Comfort effort.

Next to the quilt at the exhibit was a photo of and letter written by a LCpl. Robert S. Lynn, a U. S. Marine, to a couple of mothers who had sent him another such quilt.

The soldier, who suffered from respiratory problems, had a collapsed left lung. In his letter, he wrote that he passed out, was airlifted to a U. S. medical facility in Iraq, and when he woke up, he was on a ventilator and was wrapped in one of the quilts.

He had a severe case of bronchitis, laryngitis and asthma triggered by all of the dust soldiers in Iraq breathe daily.

"Thank you both for your gift of time, effort and love," he wrote. "I will bring it with me whether I stay here or go home as a reminder of what we've been fighting for."

Wear a purple ribbon

The Children's Exhibit: Learning Through Interaction & Collaboration is the highlight of the district's annual Month of the Young Child celebration. At the opening of the exhibit on April 8, a letter describing the month included a purple ribbon attached to it. District staff and Board of Education members were asked to show their passion for children's issues by wearing or displaying the ribbon on their car antennae, purse or desk drawer handle at school during the rest of the month.

"Our children are our most valuable resource," Freeman said.

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Submitted photo
Ethan Oiler and Scott Granzotto work on their project titled "The Fountain." The item started out as a shoe rack, with the students adding sheet metal and painting a sunset on the metal, protecting it with several layers of clear-coat paint.

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Manager of Highland Lakes to run for township trustee seat

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the School Design Committee and is on the steering committee of the grass-roots organization, Citizens for Northville.

Sabo said he has decided to run for township trustee because, "I want to bring new ideas and processes to the board. The other component is I'd like to see a better balance in the future direction of the township."

In his spare time, Sabo and his entire family enjoys skeet and trap shooting. He's a coach for the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Shooting Teams, and his son, Sean, won the individual skeet championship and the teams won the overall skeet, trap and sporting plays.

The teams will travel to south-east Illinois for the national competitions in July.

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SABO: McCotter, Cox work to obtain funds for road

But because Wayne County doesn't have enough money to care for all of the roadways in the county, "The reality is that our community continues to plow, salt and street sweep Silver Springs Drive," Sabo said.

He said the residents of the condo association won't agree to fund road repairs themselves, or pay to have the road redone through by creating a Special Assessment District because the roadway is actually used by drivers throughout the western suburbs of Metro Detroit.

"It's not only the Highland Lakes community that uses Silver Springs Drive," Sabo said.

"Essentially, residents from Novi, Plymouth, Northville, Salem Township, Livonia and other surrounding communities use this road as a cut-through between Seven Mile and Eight Mile roads. We're so emphatically against a Special Assessment District because the entire area depends on the road, and those expenses should be borne by the entire county versus just 2,500 residents of Highland Lakes."

Sabo said, however, that he's been working since the beginning of March on solutions for the road.

"We've approached our congressman, Thaddeus McCotter, for what is called a federal earmark for federal funds to repair Silver Springs Drive," he said. He also believes Don Weaver, director of public services for the township, deserves a lot of credit for his efforts in trying to alleviate the problem.

"We need to compliment Don Weaver for his efforts in making the road eligible for federal funds," Sabo said.

Sabo noted that Silver Springs Drive is 36 years old.

He added that Oakland County has a road commission, but the counterpart for Wayne County is simply known as Wayne County Roads, not a commission.

While Jean Pierre Orlewicz Alexander Letkemenn wouldn't know his for a few more days

When a Wayne County Circuit Court jury found Orlewicz, 18, of Plymouth Township guilty of first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a corpse, it meant a mandatory life sentence without the possibility of parole when he's sentenced May 12.

Letkemenn, on the other hand, had to wait out Judge Annette Berry's decision. The 18-year-old from Westland, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen, got a deal from the Wayne County prosecutor, who agreed to a sentence recommendation of 20-30 years.

And that's what Letkemenn was sentenced to yesterday in Berry's courtroom in Wayne County Circuit Court. The deal came in exchange for Letkemenn's testimony against Orlewicz.

"I talked to Alex (Thursday), and he's doing well," said Raymond Cassar, Letkemenn's attorney. "He told me right from the beginning he wanted to make this right, and that's what he did."

Letkemenn's father, Pete, and James Sorensen, the father of the victim, both had praise for Letkemenn's testimony.

"We love Alex and we believe, as does Alex, that his testimony

was the right thing to do," Pete Letkemenn said. "I don't mean the right thing to do for Alex, but the right thing to do, period."

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Art House budget cut by one-third to \$6k annually

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also not be running the Art Market during the Victorian Festival this year. The Chamber will make a donation to the Arts Commission this year instead, since that has been one of the commission's largest fund-raisers, producing about \$12,000 a year for the commission.

The city-owned Northville Art House was originally built by local Boy Scouts for scout meetings, but they couldn't afford to run it, so the scouts decided it to the city.

The building was also used as the Northville Senior Center for several years before it became the Northville Art House.

Mayor Chris Johnson said he was somewhat concerned about any plans to make major improvements to the building in the future as the property may be needed for an expansion of the post office in the future. Such an expansion could also affect the Cady Street Dog Park.

Allen Terrace budget

As far as the Housing Commission's budget, director Sherry Necelis said she found a carpet company that was able to replace carpeting in individual



Photo by Bob Taylor
The best Joy Lerner won Best of Show at last Friday's Student Art Show at the Northville Art House, earning her a \$100 gift certificate of Northville bucks from Michelle Kelly, KC

units for less and was able to hire someone to take care of the compressor at Allen Terrace and to serve as a groundskeeper at Allen Terrace. The cost to replace carpeting was \$1,318 per unit. The new company charges only \$835 per unit.

Refrigerators were also purchased in 1994, so they could need to be replaced at some point. "To replace all of them would cost about \$50,000," Necelis said, "but you usually get a better price if they're all replaced at once."

A rent increase of 1.97 percent was decided upon to help with costs to maintain the building and help pay for a bond issued on the complex. The rent increase will bring in \$14,592 a year to Allen

Terrace. "This rent increase is important to help pay for some of these costs, and this is still below the 2.3 percent increase in Social Security income for 2008," Necelis said. Rental rates at Allen Terrace will increase from \$610 to \$622 for a one-bedroom apartment and from \$1,015 to \$1,035 for a two-bedroom apartment.

Allen Terrace, which was constructed in the 1970s, is now a self-supporting facility, according to Bateson. "It's now paying for itself, and, in the government world, that's a good thing," Bateson said. Pat Sullivan, city manager, also complimented Necelis for her cost-saving measures on the senior housing complex.

Homeschool: Classes offer an alternative to public schools

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mantel and crust.

And in another class, students learned about plants by dissecting and drawing the insides of various flowers. In yet another class, students learned about photosynthesis and the importance of gardens from around the world when they drew, in watercolor garden, a picture of their favorite garden.

"The learning is endless," said Stubbfield, who believes art is connected to everything, especially science.

After leaving college, Stubbfield was a nanny for three children before she began teaching at Awakening the Artist Inside. It was then that she began combining art with science.

"I used to test my arts and science skills on these kids," she said. "They loved the projects and when the parents came home, they couldn't believe what they had done."

Stubbfield also teaches Portfolio Preparation to all students ages 14-18 after school.

"It's a great combination - kids who are home-schooled and kids who aren't get together and learn from each other," said Stubbfield.

Awakening the Artist Inside is located at 133 W. Main Street (inside Northville Square). Call (248) 347-0807 for a complete home school class schedule, or visit the Web site at www.awakeningtheartistinside.com.

the building was empty for several hours during the day. Sleep thought it would be a great place to teach athletic classes.

He designed his athletic league specifically for home-schooled kids because he felt there were enough support groups for academics and the arts, but nothing in the form of athletics.

"I realized mom and dad weren't athletic, so I wanted to give the kids a physical outlet," Sleep said.

Sleep then developed a viable business plan, leading him to believe that 50 students would sign up for the first class. Instead, the entrepreneur who has been coaching sports for 30 years, received calls from 150 eager home-school parents.

Today, HAL's professional coaches to teach more than 20 different sports classes to home-schooled kids ages 5-18 in Northville, Novi, Ann Arbor and Southfield. Each class is offered in 10-week sessions and runs \$8 an hour.

HAL will shut down in June for the summer and start classes again in September. This past year, Northville home-school students have taken soccer, tennis, basketball and tumbling at the Hillside Recreation Facility. Next week, a tennis class will start up at the Fish Hatchery Park on Seven Mile.

Northville home-school parent Cheri Pelic has her two kids, ages 8 and 11, currently enrolled in HAL basketball at Novi Christian School. She said she likes HAL because her kids are able to learn the skills of each sport and find out what they like without committing to a team for the whole season.

So far, Pelic's homeschooled have taken figure skating, baseball, soccer and bowling.

"I've bowled before but I don't know how to teach it," she said.

What's new on the horizon? Sleep will be putting together a few competing teams this summer. And for the first time, HAL will have organized sporting events beginning in the fall.

Visit HAL online for a complete class schedule at www.imhal.com.

Home-school Athletic League

Jim Sleep, owner of HAL (Home-school Athletic League), is celebrating three years in business.

The 44-year-old sports enthusiast was an assistant manager at the Southfield Center Ice Arena when he had an "ah-ha" moment that led to a booming business almost overnight. Noticing that

After trial, families try to move on

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"We lost a son, but for the rest of his life, the Orlewicz have lost the companionship of their son, too," said Kim Sorensen. "We hope the community remembers them in their prayers, too."

The Orlewicz family has declined to comment throughout the case. Orlewicz's attorney, James Thomas, said following the trial his client would appeal.

There will be no such appeal for Alexander Letkemenn, the 18-year-old former Livonia Churchill High School student, following his April 1 guilty plea to second-degree murder. It was Letkemenn's chilling description of the murder that ultimately convinced jurors to convict Orlewicz.

Letkemenn's role in the trial drew praise from a surprising

source: the victim's father.

"Please understand that I have anger toward Alex," James Sorensen said. "That being said, I'm very proud of Alex. He stood up like a man and took responsibility for his actions."

For Letkemenn, the trial was but a subplot on the rest of his life. His parents said they paid some attention to the trial, but remain focused on their own son, Pete Letkemenn, who called the Sorensens "amazing people," said his son always wanted to "love the truth."

"We love Alex and we believe, as does Alex, that his testimony was the right thing to do," Pete Letkemenn said. "I don't mean the right thing to do for Alex, but the right thing to do, period."

The elder Letkemenn said his son is anxious to get Wednesday's sentencing hearing behind him so he can move on and rebuild his life from prison. Alex Letkemenn, who amused observers during his testimony by describing himself as a "beatnik," has an interest in music.

"This is his chance for redemption," Pete Letkemenn said. "He wants a second chance."

Appealing the verdict

James Thomas, the lawyer for convicted killer Jean Pierre Orlewicz, said he'll appeal Wednesday's guilty verdict.

Orlewicz, 18, was convicted of first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a corpse. He faces a life sentence without possibility of parole when he's sentenced May 12.

Thomas said he'll appeal based on Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry's decision to keep out evidence of victim Daniel Sorensen's criminal past, including personal protection orders taken out against him by four individuals.

Thomas spent much of the trial trying to paint Sorensen as a violent bully, and said those PPOs would have substantiated that claim.

Home-school Athletic League

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Accomplice gets 20 to 30 years

By Brad Kadrach
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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While Jean Pierre Orlewicz Alexander Letkemenn wouldn't know his for a few more days

When a Wayne County Circuit Court jury found Orlewicz, 18, of Plymouth Township guilty of first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a corpse, it meant a mandatory life sentence without the possibility of parole when he's sentenced May 12.

Letkemenn, on the other hand, had to wait out Judge Annette Berry's decision. The 18-year-old from Westland, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen, got a deal from the Wayne County prosecutor, who agreed to a sentence recommendation of 20-30 years.

And that's what Letkemenn was sentenced to yesterday in Berry's courtroom in Wayne County Circuit Court. The deal came in exchange for Letkemenn's testimony against Orlewicz.

"I talked to Alex (Thursday), and he's doing well," said Raymond Cassar, Letkemenn's attorney. "He told me right from the beginning he wanted to make this right, and that's what he did."

Letkemenn's father, Pete, and James Sorensen, the father of the victim, both had praise for Letkemenn's testimony.

"We love Alex and we believe, as does Alex, that his testimony

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Filing Deadline for Township Offices and Precinct Delegates

A candidate who wishes to seek a position on the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees must file a nominating petition and an Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. A candidate who seeks a township office must file the petition at the township clerk's office (168 551), 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 16, 2008.

Candidates who wish to run for Precinct Delegate and have their name placed on the Primary Election ballot, must complete and file an Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 and may file at the township clerk's office OR the Wayne County Clerk's Office located at 207 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 16, 2008 (168 624).

Affidavits for Precinct Delegates are accepted up to the close of the polls (8:00 p.m.) on Election Day at the elector's precinct.

Petition and affidavit forms are available at the Clerk's office during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A notice will be published and posted in the Clerk's office of the candidates, for township offices and precinct delegates, who have filed nominating petitions as they will appear on the official primary election ballot (MCL 168 554) and the same shall become records open to public inspection (MCL 168 555)

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WEDDINGS



Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Pack

Victoria Jean Stephens and Jonathan Duren Pack were married August 3, 2007, at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. Dr. Larry Pack and the Rev. Kent Chise officiated. A reception followed at the Northville Senior Community Center.

The bride is the daughter of Carl D. and Karen J. Stephens of Northville. She is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of music

degree in music education. She is an elementary general music teacher for the Kingsley area schools in Kingsley, Michigan.

The groom is the son of Jon and Karen Pack of Kingsley. He is a 2002 graduate of Kingsley High School and 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in political science. He is the front desk manager at the Cherry Tree Condo Hotel in Traverse City.

Bridesmaids were Caitlin Bumford, Allison Cole, Kari Mark, Brittany Pack and Tanya

Stephens. The best man was Dr. Bryan Pack. Groomsmen were Nick Mark, Darren Pack, Ryan Pack, Sean Pack and Peter Stephens. The bride's cousins, Lauren and Melissa Crowley, helped during the ceremony.

The bride wore an off-white, V-neck gown with fitted bodice and glass beading. She carried a bouquet of summer wildflowers mixed with white roses.

The couple honeymooned in Maine and live in Traverse City.



Dr. and Mrs. George Pappas

Kathryn Anne Richardson and George Michael Pappas, M.D. were married March 1 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. The Hon. Sean F. Cox officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Alan and Janet Richardson of Livonia. She graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 1991, and from Central Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in child development and a bachelor of science degree in therapeutic recreation in 1996. She is a senior child life specialist at

Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The groom is the son of Carole Pappas and the late Dr. George J. Pappas of Northville. He graduated as valedictorian from Northville High School in 1990, from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in history in 1994, from Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1996 with a master's degree in basic medical science, and in 2000 with an medical doctorate. In 2005, he completed a diagnostic radiology residency and in 2006 completed a magnetic resonance imaging fellowship. He is a staff radiologist at St. Joseph

Mercy Oakland Hospital in Pontiac.

A reception was held at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. Ari Richardson, niece of the bride, and Alexis Pappas, niece of the groom, served as flower girls. Max Richardson, nephew of the bride, and Benjamin Pappas, nephew of the groom served as ring-bearers.

The bride wore a Carolina Herrera silk sheath gown with accent beading. She carried a black baccara rose bouquet.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico and live in Northville.

OBITUARIES

SELMA SCHNUTE

Age 92, of Northville, died 4/21/08. Funeral Service today, 4/24/08 11 a.m. with visitation beginning 10 a.m. at Good Sheppard Lutheran Church, 41415 9 Mile Rd., Novi. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

HERBERT

RORABACHER, JR.

Age 82 of Plymouth, formerly of Northville, died Apr. 15, 2008. Funeral held last Sat at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc of Northville. Donations to Dept. of Veteran Affairs

DONNA MIRIAM LEE (BAUM) JACKSON

Passed away April 14, 2008 in Bradenton, Florida after a lengthy illness of Alzheimer's. She was born in Indianapolis, Indiana April 27, 1916. Donna lived her early years in Ohio then Michigan where she raised her five children with her husband Clarence Baum. Retired from Kroger's Food in Northville, Michigan she came to Bradenton, Florida in 1975. Donna is predeceased by husbands Clarence Baum and Archie Jackson. She is survived by daughters, Leannah (Stanley) Gurney, Ginny (Wayne) Bray, Donna (Doug) Bevins, Teena Baum, son, Donald Baum and 23 grandchildren. Services were private.



DOROTHY MAE MYERS

Age 91, of Northville, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2008. She was born on May 12, 1916 in Detroit, Michigan to George and Maude (Sims) Price. She was united in marriage to Cloyce Myers on January 7, 1942; they spent 57 loving years together until his death on March 25, 1999. Dorothy, a devoted homemaker, had been a resident of Northville since the late 1930's. She enjoyed bowling and traveling with her husband. She was a member and past President of the Northville VFW Post 4012 Ladies Auxiliary. She is survived by her loving children, George (Sue) Myers, Rick (Diane) Myers, Debi (Matt) Jarvi, and David Myers; her dearest sisters, Peggy Heiney and Ginny Lester, 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her sisters Muriel, Lucille, and Shirley. A Funeral Service was held last Monday at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Rev. Kent Chise officiated the service. Dorothy was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Donations are suggested to the Pam Kracht Adult Foster Care, 6027 Pine Oaks Trail, Brighton, MI 48116. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

GLADYS F. BARNUM

Gladys F. Barnum, age 86, of Novi, formerly of Northville and Kalkaska, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2008. She was born on August 20, 1921 in Saginaw, MI to William and Lillian (Barnkow) DeLude. She was united in marriage to Harold E. Barnum on March 6, 1943. They spent 44 loving years together until his death on April 17, 1987. Gladys, a homemaker, enjoyed playing bridge and gardening. She was an avid reader. She is survived by her beloved children, Ronald (Kathy) Barnum and Joy (Bruce) Mach; her dear brother, Jack (Eleanor) DeLude and sister, Ruth (Marvyn) Simonson; her adored grandchildren, Gregory Barnum, Melissa Barnum, Jason (Alaina Schroeder) Mach and Randy (Jerrri) Mach; and her cherished great grandchildren, Tyler and Logan Mach. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brother Douglas DeLude. A Time of Gathering will be held Sunday, May 4, 2008 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 3 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Pastor Terry Nelson from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in South Lyon will be officiating the service. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to Marywood Nursing Care Center, 36975 5 Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154 or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.

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Cavicchioli-Durow

James and Kim Cavicchioli of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Diane Elizabeth Cavicchioli to Jeffrey Ross Durow, son of Arthur and Paula Durow of Farmington.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School, earned a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University and a master's in social work from the University of Michigan. She is employed by the University of Michigan, School of Social

work, Technical Assistance Center for the Skillman Foundation's Good Neighborhood Initiative.

The groom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Farmington High School and earned a bachelor of science in psychology from Michigan State University. He is a youth ministry intern at Oak Pointe Church and employed at Martin and Osa.

A May 2008 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

BIRTH



Mattis/Deacon

Andrew and Christine Deacon of Seattle, Wash., formerly of Northville, announce the birth of their son, Daniel James, at 10:31 p.m. on March 5, 2008, weighing a 9 lbs., 14 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

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Petition proposes part-time politicians, no term limits

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Following the crisis surrounding last year's state budget, recall campaigns and discussions about the Legislature have been common, recently encouraging discussion on switching to part-time legislation and removing term limits.

Reform Michigan Government and Turn Michigan Around are two programs working toward the effort, and petitions are circulating throughout the state to get these issues on the November ballot.

Novi resident Patrick Downey, a retired high school government teacher, has been promoting discussion in the community and hosted a discussion at his home Monday with Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford, former Novi Police inspector Dick Faulkner and Commerce resident Dick Stopienski.

"Economically, we'd save money. It's on the ballot to not only make part-time, but eliminate term limits. It's just musical chairs. First term, they learn. Second term, they bicker. Third term, they're looking for another job, preferring elected. They get health care for life and, at a certain number of years, pension," Downey said. "California is the only state that pays its legislators more than Michigan."

The potential of part-time legislation is fully supported by the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce, although Crawford said the state chamber isn't as enthusiastic. He said there are a lot of angles to look at regarding the proposal.

"I've got some reservations about it, but I'd like to see some

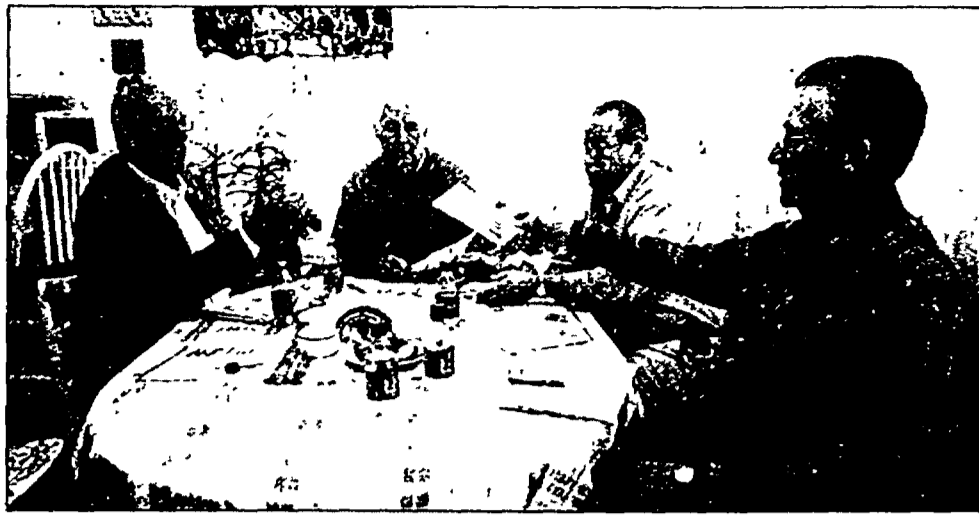


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Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford, left, talks with Patrick Downey, Dick Stopienski and Dick Faulkner during a political discussion Monday at Downey's home.

resolutions," Crawford said. "The time has come to talk about it and see how it all shakes out. I know we've got to change the way we're doing things and this may be one way."

Crawford, who is a candidate for state representative this November, said the 100-day limitation proposal needs to be evaluated, whether it would be lumped into the first half of the year or spread out throughout the entire year.

"If you're there January through May, and someone calls in September, what do you do then? I have concern with the first 100 days, but what are you going to do with the rest of the year," he said. "I think people expect service year-round."

Downey said the need for a different legislative arrangement stems from its ability to perform.

"I've been disappointed with what our state legislation has been doing for years. There are enough people in this state, we should be able to put a good group in there. I think we need more efficiency and less partisanship. We need a reform and this is one step in that direction," he said.

Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) is concerned with who would be filling the seats in the Capitol Building if a part-time legislature is adopted, as many people would have to work full-time jobs and may not run for office.

"It would increase the likelihood of an individual seeking other remuneration. Would they seek remuneration through lobbyists or others through a conflict of interest? It raises ethical questions of seeking alternate forms of remuneration," she said

Cassis is the second longest standing legislator in Lansing, having served as a state senator for six years since serving as a representative for the term-maximum of 12 years. Without immediate changes, she would be forced to leave office in two years because of term limits.

"I did vote for term limits, but I do not think it turned out the way we hoped," she said. "We're learning from the lessons of term limits and (might want to) apply it to part-time legislation."

Crawford, who said he was not in favor of term limits or recalls, said term limits have resulted in the partisanship that has caused recalls recently.

"It's hard to get away from it. Both sides play games. It gets to be a terrible cycle. This partisanship is the real result of term limits," he said. "I wish we could run the state in the way we run Oakland County. We're always passing a rolling two-year budget. The state seems like it's looking two weeks ahead."

Downey believes a part-time legislature would help cut back on partisanship.

"They'd be forced to take action instead of political posturing. It's no to advantage of the voters. Having a part-time legislature, they will be compelled to move things along," he said, adding, "We have term limits. We call them elections."

Changes

As for the current legislature, Downey said they can partially redeem themselves by helping to move the process along.

"Their existence as the state legislature is limited anyway. They just need to initiate change because they'll have to leave anyway (because of term limits). It wouldn't affect them," he said.

Downey is no stranger to politics, as a former government teacher at Holy Redeemer High School in Detroit, he also ran for state representative in 1968, but lost. Now, he is helping to spearhead the local petition to institute part-time legislators and remove term limits.

"I believed in getting involved and threw my name in the hat," he said of his run for the legislature. "If you're not going to do anything about it, quit bitching about it. I'm just a soldier. I don't believe in change for the sake of change. I'm so afraid they'll end up with a caucus system I lose sleep."

To sign a petition or get involved with the program in Novi, contact Patrick Downey at (248) 349-4108 or John Taschner at (313) 310-8058.

Novi News staff writer Chris Jackett can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 122 or cjackett@gannett.com.

Annexation legislation fails to pass in Senate

■ Patterson's six-bill package shot down, 20-18

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township leaders were disappointed when a bill designed to thwart the annexation of townships by neighboring communities failed to pass in the Michigan Senate on Tuesday.

This is the latest blow to those trying to stop the possible annexation of the township to Livonia, an action initiated by developer REIS, a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company. After the township board failed to approve REIS' plan for its proposed Highwood project on the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property, the developer sued the township and moved some renters onto the property in an effort to establish them as voters and

start an annexation process. Sen. Bruce Patterson's (R-Canton Township) bill would give the township the ability to stop the annexation. The legislation failed in a 20-18 vote.

The legislation is part of a package of six bills, SB 1078-1083, similar but more comprehensive than HB 5779, introduced by Rep. Marc Coriveau (D-Northville), that passed 101-8 in the Michigan House last month.

However, Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said Sen. Alan Cropsey (R-DeWitt), Senate Majority Floor Leader, did make a motion for the bill to be reconsidered in a future session.

"I'm very disappointed by the vote but am hopeful that the Senate will evaluate this legislation on its merit and follow the lead of the House," Abbo said.

Abbo complimented Patterson on his efforts to get the legislation passed in the Senate.

"Senator Patterson has gone the extra mile and has worked diligently on this issue," Abbo

said. "I can't say enough about the efforts he has put forth on behalf of Northville Township."

Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) said she supported Patterson's legislation, which was actually a reintroduction of a package of six bills that passed in the Senate in 2003 but then died in the House.

"I think it speaks for itself that I have voted twice in favor of this legislation," Cassis said. "As senator of the 15th district, I represent a diverse group of communities that includes villages, townships and cities."

Sen. Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) was the only Democrat in the Senate to vote in favor of the legislation.

Coriveau was also disappointed that the Senate legislation did not pass this week.

"I'm still very hopeful, however, that we can still work together on a bipartisan solution to this very serious problem," he said.

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Term limits

Eliminating term limits, which is another part of the proposal, seems more feasible to Crawford, Downey and Cassis.

"I really think the unintended consequences of a term-limited legislature is becoming more apparent," Cassis said. "You're here for a short time, looking ahead to where you'll go next. It affects how you perform legislatively and the bills you try to get passed. You're kind of short-circuited here."

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Township Fire Fighters contribute to MDA

Northville Township Professional Fire Fighters Local 3961 donated a check for \$2,500 March 25 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association from proceeds from the Feb. 9 Fireman's Ball. The check was delivered to the MDA clinic in Farmington Hills. Pictured at the clinic, from left, are Thomas Hughes, fire fighter; David Simpson, D.O., neurologist; and Rob McAllister, fire fighter. Hughes and McAllister toured the clinic and talked to members of a local family that deals with the challenges of the degenerative disease. The union is also donating \$1,000 to Northville Civic Concern, \$1,000 to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, \$1,000 to the Michigan Trauma Burn Center and \$1,000 to the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association.



Photo courtesy Northville Township Public Safety

Climbing the ladder

John Werth, director of public safety for Northville Township, announced promotions in the Northville Township Fire Department during the 20th Northville Township Board of Trustees meeting. "This is the team that will now lead our department," Werth said. Pictured at township hall after the announcement are (l to r) Lt. Dan Dipple, Lt. Brian Siriani, Capt. Guy Balok, Werth, Lt. Brad Neuhart, Lt. Phil Sutherland and Lt. Chris Koth.

POLICE REPORT - CITY OF NORTHVILLE

Wallet stolen at Ford Field

A 15-year-old Garden City boy told police that his wallet was stolen between 1 and 3 p.m. April 5 while he was in Ford Field Park.

The boy was playing football with a group of friends. He placed the wallet on a bench while playing the game along with items other people had placed there. When he returned, the wallet was gone.

He had \$23, a Michigan learner's permit and a Dearborn Credit Union membership card in the wallet. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

Drunk driving arrest

A 56-year-old Novi man was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated at North Center and Randolph streets at 12:51 a.m. April 5.

While performing stationary radar from a driveway on the south side of Eight Mile Road at Carpenter Avenue, an officer saw a dark-colored vehicle westbound on Eight Mile Road that had its left turn signal on for about two blocks.

The driver also stopped at the flashing yellow light at the intersection of Eight Mile Road and Center Street, and the vehicle remained stopped at the light for several seconds before turning southbound onto Center Street.

After observing the vehicle weaving slightly within its lane, turning eastbound on Dunlap, then westbound on Main Street, the driver proceeded back to Center Street, turning northbound through a red light at the "No Turn on Red" intersection.

After initiating a traffic stop, the officer followed the vehicle for about two blocks to the intersection of Randolph and Center streets, where the driver pulled over onto the sidewalk.

The officer could smell intoxicants coming from the passenger side of the car and noted that the driver's eyes were glassy and constricted. He could also detect a distinct slur in his speech.

The man said he had been at the Pistons game, that he did

have too much to drink and that he was "probably drunk."

When asked if he knew where he was, he said he was in Northville on Novi Road. The man was very unsteady on his feet and appeared to have urinated on himself.

A preliminary breath test showed a blood alcohol level in the driver of .19 percent.

Theft from vehicle

A 46-year-old Canton man reported to police that the license plate was stolen from a company truck at 10:20 a.m. April 8 near 190 E. Main Street.

The man, who works for Long Mechanical Company, said the firm has 27 trucks, so it took him a few days to check each one and make sure that the license plate hadn't been placed improperly on another vehicle.

He wasn't sure how long the plate had been missing or from where it was stolen.

Bicycle taken at friend's

A 37-year-old Northville Township man had his bicycle stolen while visiting a friend at Millstream Apartments at 430 E. Main Street between 11 a.m.

April 2 and 2 a.m. April 3.

The man told police he left the bike leaning against the front porch and discovered it was missing as he was leaving. The bike was not locked, and he and his friend did not hear or see anything suspicious.

The victim added that he is a runner and has been all over the area looking for the bike but has not found it.

The men's red and black Trek mountain bike was valued at approximately \$700.

Theft at Hiller's Market

A 54-year-old Northville Township woman had her purse stolen from a shopping cart at Hiller's Market at 425 N. Center Street about 3 p.m. on April 1.

After paying for her groceries, she went to her car, put the groceries in the car and drove home.

Once home, she did not have her purse and remembered that it was in the shopping cart she had been using.

She drove back to the market, explained to the manager what had happened and was told that no one had turned in the purse.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

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Radisson aims to be your 'gathering place'

Renovations cost \$12.5M

By Cal Stone
RECORD EDITOR

The transformation that has taken place at the Radisson in the Laurel Park Mall complex in Livonia is nothing short of stunning. Nearly \$12.5 million was spent, and it's easy to see where the money went.

While remaining open for business, all 226 of the hotel rooms were taken down to the studs and totally redone to include top-of-the-line adjustable beds, work spaces and even granite countertops to make what general manager Lennie Williams calls "just a nice, comfortable room."

Some folks may remember Williams from his stint as manager of the Hotel Baronette in Novi a few years ago. He moved on to several other hotels before coming back home.

"This is a very exciting project," said Williams. "I've done hotel renovations before, but never at the same time."

For 25 years, the hotel was a Holiday Inn, and the name change took place a little over a year ago. The new Radisson Hotel Detroit Livonia and Conference Center is part of Carlson Companies, which also owns the Country Inn & Suites and TGI Friday chains.

"The company put a lot of money back into the community. Even in a down economy," said Williams. "That makes a statement."

One realizes things are a little different at a Radisson because once you check in, the clerk comes from behind the counter to hand over the keys and get a bellman to assist with baggage.

The lobby is just one of many areas designed for folks to just hang out and relax.

"The whole feel that we're looking for is that of a gathering place," said Williams.

From seating areas with comfy armchairs and couches that accommodate 15 people with a

fireplace, to others with flat-screen televisions and pool tables, most of the ground floor has the feel of a spread out lounge.

"We like to call it our 'virtual library,'" said Williams.

A good portion of that level is dedicated to a large in-ground pool and Jacuzzi, but advanced air handlers above eliminate the smell of chlorine that is almost a tradition at hotels. Many of the second-floor rooms have patios overlooking the pool and two room entrances.

Six suites come with microwave, refrigerator, wet bar, living room, large bedroom with full closets and a large bathroom with double sinks.

A small enclosed game room is next to the free-standing fitness center that includes free weights, elliptical machines, treadmills, bike machines, weight machines and a TV.

But don't get the idea that the hotel is strictly for leisure. There's a business center for getting work done and the entire hotel is WiFi compatible.

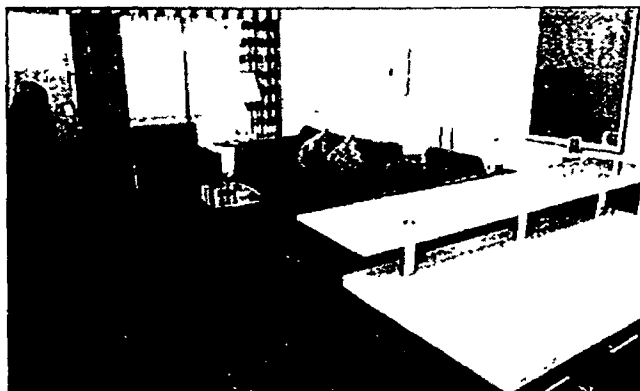
There are hospitality, meeting and banquet rooms that can handle just about any business group's needs. The Radisson has over 15,000 square feet of banquet space. One ballroom can handle 350 people and can be subdivided into thirds. A second ballroom can accommodate up to 750 people and can also be sectioned into different sizes.

And if you're hungry or thirsty, there are several options. In the main lobby, there's the Marketplace Cafe for sandwiches, muffins, salads, coffee, etc. Right next to it is the new SIX Lounge with its soft chairs and bar stools, high-back sofas and an overall retro look and feel.

But if you wind your way through the lobby area, you'll find the Traveling Fork restaurant. Some of it is recognizable from when it was Shanahan's, like the multi-level seating, fireplace and curvy bar.

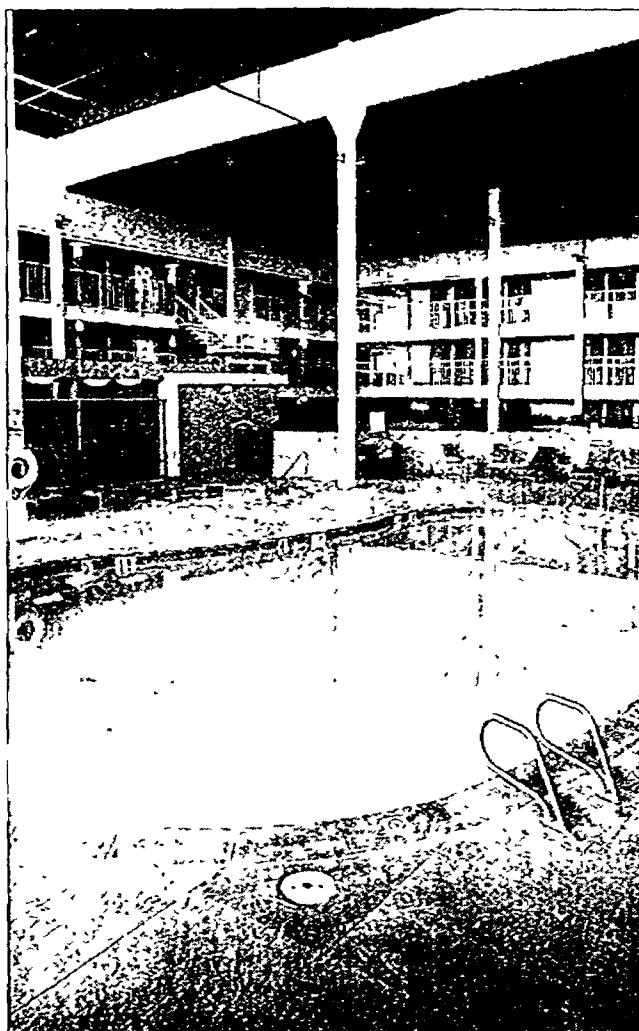
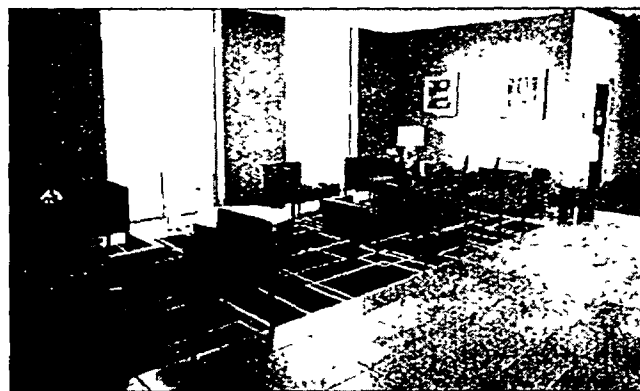
"The bar is great," said Williams. "It doesn't get any better than this."

But it's the food that's going to grab attention, pulling notable



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Newly-renovated Radisson features suite rooms (above) with granite bar countertops; an indoor pool (right), Jacuzzi and fitness center; and a lobby area (below) that expands throughout the first floor.



dishes from around the country: Chicken wings from the Anchor Bar in Buffalo, NY; crab cakes from Phillips in Baltimore; ribs from Rendezvous in Memphis; deli-style sandwiches from Carnegie, NY; and a few home-grown specialties like Michigan cherry salad, Better Made potato chips and Saunder's sundaes.

The Traveling Fork hours will be 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; till midnight Friday and Saturday.

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Outlook for jobs brighter in 2009

Oakland County seen as key spot in Michigan

By John Wisely
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Oakland County will lose another 4,400 jobs this year before adding about 1,200 jobs in 2009, and 5,600 jobs in 2010, according to two University of Michigan economists.

George Fulton and Donald Grimes presented the 23rd annual Oakland County Economic Forecast on Thursday to about 750 business and government leaders in Novi.

The forecast was welcome news on two fronts: The county lost 23,000 jobs in 2006-07. And as one of the most affluent counties in the nation, Oakland is expected to lead the state out of

its economic downturn. So, any sign of job growth in the county is a key indicator that Michigan's recession may be ending, economists have said.

Since 1986, the forecast has had an average margin of error of only 1.5%, Fulton said.

The county can expect job gains in health care, business services and technology, with continued losses in manufacturing, real estate and leisure sectors, the forecast said.

"The economy of Oakland County has improved pretty appreciably in a tough environment," Fulton said. "Oakland has consistently scored a significant number of job gains."

If the prediction plays out, it would mark the first time since 1999-2000 that the county posted consecutive years of job gains.

"I'm confident that we will offer a glimmer of hope," said County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. "It's important to see the glass as half full." Patterson pointed to his

Emerging Sectors initiative, which recruits growing industries to the county, as an example of attracting the jobs of the future.

Last week, Patterson announced the initiative passed the \$1-billion milestone for new investment in the county.

Some of the businesspeople who gathered at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi to hear the presentation said the assessment tracks with what they are seeing.

"It's not too rosy, which is realistic," said Don Clayton, a partner in the Southfield accounting firm of Clayton & McKervey PC.

Kent Pederson of Charter One Bank said he already sees some small- to medium-size businesses that are surviving and even growing.

"Not everybody is struggling," Pederson said. "We still have a pulse."

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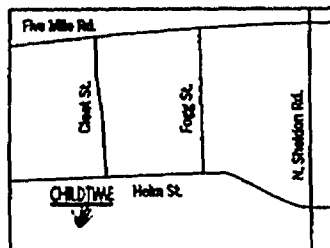
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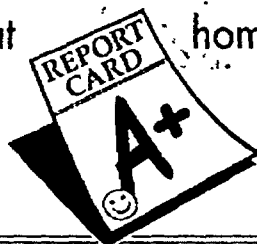
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Hillside eighth-grader captures top spot at state geography bee

■ His next stop: nation's capital

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Jimmy Tian knows his geography.

In fact, the Hillside Middle School eighth-grader recently took first place at the state-level in the National Geographic Bee.

Tian (who's first name is actually Yunchen) was one of about 100 students who competed in the event at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Since 1989, millions of students have competed each year for a \$25,000 U.S. college scholarship and the honor of being the national champion U.S. schools participate in the bee, using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society.

The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their lessons, spark student interest in the subject and increase public awareness about geography. Schools with students in grades four-eight are eligible to compete.

The son of James and Yun Pu Tian of Novi, this was the third time he had entered the bee but only the first time he made it to the state bee.

Tian said the moderator at the state contest was a clue crew member from the nationally televised game show, "Jeopardy."

The local student won \$100, a globe, world atlas, gift certificates, "Jeopardy" game show hat and a bag and a trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the National Geographic Bee May 20-21.

Alex Trebek, host of the national show, will serve as the moderator at the nationals. "He always does it," Tian said.

How they got to state contest

Middle school social studies students across the state took a 40-question geography test at their respective schools in which questions were given orally, and they wrote down their answers.

"The questions include historical geography as well as cultural, physical and political geography," Tian said.

The question that won him the state bee was about the northern lights. The question was: "In the Northern Hemisphere, the northern lights occur when charged particles collide in the upper atmosphere. What is the other name of the northern lights?"

And the winning answer? "Aurora borealis," Tian said. "I actually remember learning that in science class."

Another question he answered correctly in the state bee was: "In October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the first Malaysian in space, blasting off from the Barkanur Cosmodrome. In what country is the Cosmodrome?"

"It's Kazakhstan," Tian said. The state competition featured a double elimination format, meaning students could answer one question wrong and still stay in the game.

"There were eight questions in the preliminary round and four questions in the tie-breaker round," Tian said. In the finals, it was whittled down to 10 students, then down to two.

Second place went to Michael Aviyonah, a seventh-grader from Cranbrook Kingswood Boys Middle School in Bloomfield Hills.

Cameron Shabahang a seventh-grader from Forest Hills Eastern Middle School in Ada, captured third.

In the state championship round, the final two both

answered all the questions right, which pushed them into a tie-breaker round. They answered those questions right, too, so, the moderator had to ask another question.

He was surprised he won

Tian said he was surprised that he won since this was the first time he had made it to the state bee.

"I expected to get kicked out in the preliminary round," he said.

He admitted there was one question about a city in north-east Oklahoma (Tulsa) that he out-and-out guessed the answer and was right.

The only question he answered incorrectly asked him for the name of a major land form in North and South Dakota. "The answer was Badlands, and I said Scrublands," Tian said. "I had no idea." Students had only 15 seconds to answer each question.

Tian doesn't watch "Jeopardy," but he did read parts of the World Almanac and spent time on Web sites with geography quizzes to prepare for the state bee.

"I was very surprised that I won," he said.

Tian will actually travel to the nation's capital twice next month, as his eighth grade class trip is to Washington, D.C., over Memorial Day Weekend.

Tian likes school, stamp collecting and spending time on the computer and with friends, Michael and Andrew.

His career choices at this point are "something to do with computers or possibly becoming a historian," he said.

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Hillside Middle School student Jimmy Tian has the whole world in his hands after he recently won the state Geography Bee held in Kalamazoo.

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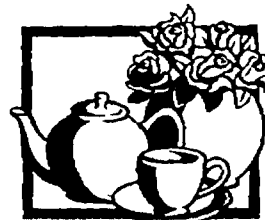
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Network keeps students informed

Broadcasting curriculum a hit

By Alea Hibbeln
SPECIAL WRITER

You won't find the last name of Gorvis in the Northville School District's directory of teachers, but all the students know the name.

Carolyn Davis and Maureen Gorshak combine their talents to co-teach a broadcasting curriculum at Northville High School. The Northville News Network, which began in 2000, owes its success to the merging of these two teachers. In fact, they are so merged that students call them "Gorvis," a combination of both names.

Davis' background as an English teacher prepared her for teaching broadcast students how to write scripts and storyboards, and how to conduct interviews. Gorshak, with a background in business and computer programming, teaches broadcasting's technology side, like how to run the equipment.

Each day, junior and senior broadcast students produce and air Morning Mustang, a comprehensive show that reports NHS news, teacher announcements, events and even the local weather, which airs in every classroom, every day, for all the students to watch. Some of the highlights on Mustang Morning include birthdays of NHS students and special things students are doing, whether school related or not.

The show's format is modeled after local news programs, with one weather person, two news anchors and field reporters. But this morning show varies in duration from five to 20 minutes, depending on the number of announcements. Graduate students, who do internships in broadcasting, say that the school's equipment rivals that of network television. Even Northville resident and Channel 4 weatherman Chuck Gaiduka, who has visited the school, is impressed with the quality of equipment and the show's setup.

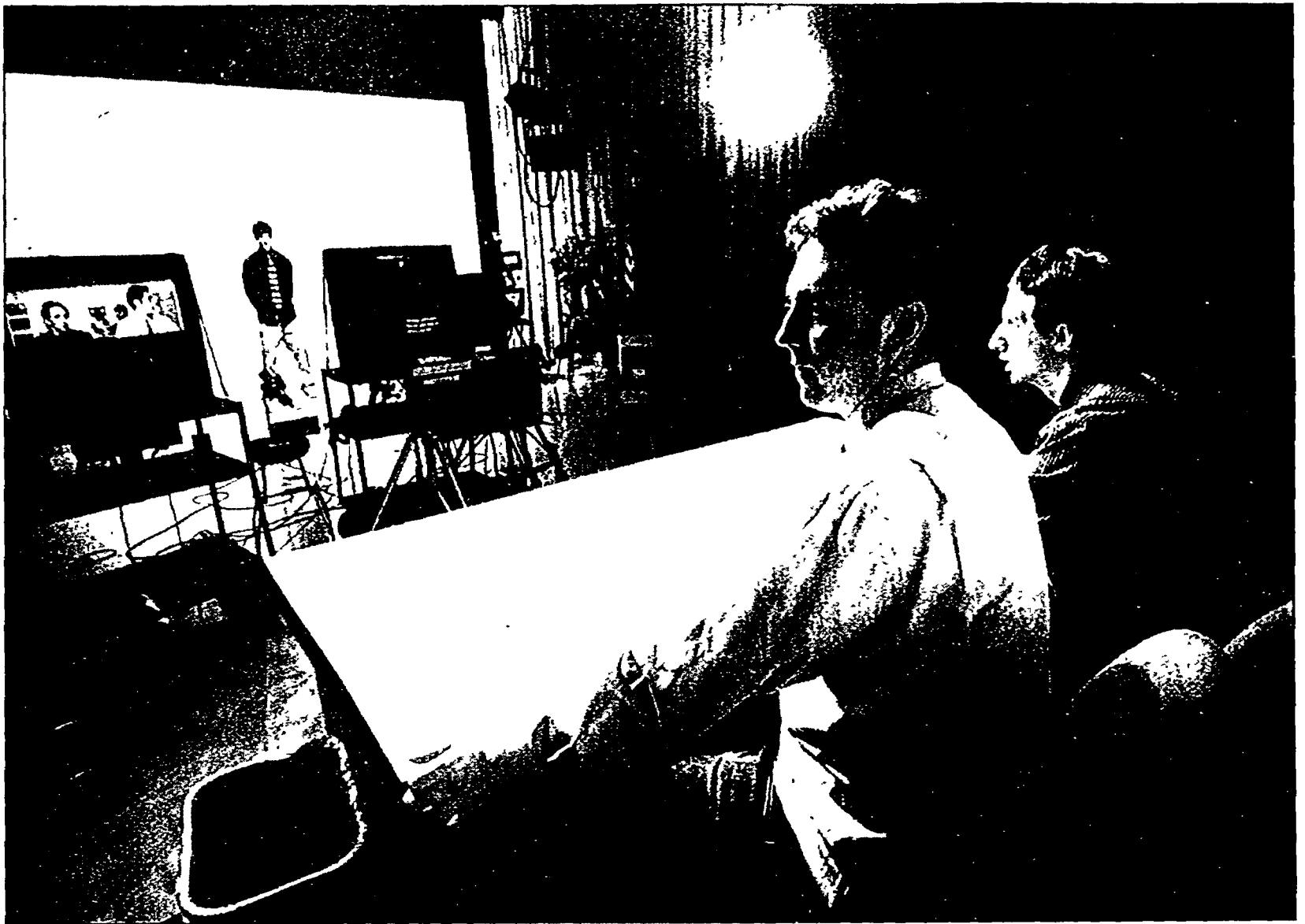
On this day, senior classman Julie Gotberg is responsible for putting all of the show's clips together. She's busy in the control room transferring the feed from the cameras onto a computer screen. Tomorrow, another student will have her assignment and Gotberg will be responsible for a different area of the show's production.

"The students rotate jobs every day," said Gorshak. "One day you could be the news anchor and the next day you could be the camera person."

Any student can apply for the class, but they must have a recommendation from another teacher. If a student isn't reliable and on time and doesn't work well with others, then the quality of the show will suffer. Confidence, however, is not a prerequisite.

"We work with the [shy] kids, and when they see the popularity that the other kids get when they go on camera, they want to do it, too," said Davis.

Before airing the first show,



Photos by Mike Shuster

ABOVE: Scott Waldo records the weather forecast while James Gletzen, and Jay Zawrotny sit at the anchor desk at Northville High's Broadcast II class.



FAR LEFT: Hillary Jordan, Jackie Degiorgio, Justin Ulrich and Josh Heinz.



LEFT: In Northville's Broadcasting class, students learn the technical aspects of a production.

Gorshak and Davis visited other schools in the area with broadcast departments and borrowed many ideas. However, their program differs from the others in that the show is student-directed instead of teacher-directed.

"We wanted the kids to feel like they have a say in their program and to be proud of what they have accomplished here," said Davis.

"Our program provides good background and good training for video and editing jobs after high school," said Gorshak.

One graduate student went on to do an internship with Fox. Another grad did an internship at a TV station in Grand Valley, and others currently have careers in TV broadcasting.

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Opening Day May 1st

Northville Farmers' Market

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May - October
Thursdays, 8:00-3:00 pm

Kick off Spring with a visit to the Northville Farmers' Market. Enjoy over 100 stalls of Michigan Made and Michigan Grown finds.

Every 3rd Thursday is "Chefs at the Market". See local chefs select from the market and create great dishes to sample

Chef Series sponsored by: Schoolcraft College

Northville Farmers' Market is located on the parking corner of Sheldon and 7 Mile Rd (Northville Downs northwest lot)

For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit us at www.northville.org

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Time to clean it up

It's time for spring cleaning, and once you've got your house in order, we've got four more worthy opportunities for you to pitch in and help make the Northville area as sharp as can be.

Thayer's Nature Area Cleanup Day – Saturday

Area residents are encouraged to come to Thayer's Corner Nature Area on the east side of Napier Road north of Six Mile Road for a half day Cleanup Day on Saturday. Volunteers are asked to wear old clothes, gloves and bring rakes, shovels, trimming shears and any other gardening or yard cleanup tools to the event. The cleanup will run from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the nature area will take place at 9 a.m. A hot-dog lunch will also be provided at noon. No registration is necessary. A sign-up sheet will be provided on site.

Northville High School Spring Cleanup – Sunday

Parents and students are welcome to help weed and mulch. This is an excellent opportunity for students to obtain volunteer hours for college applications. The work will be broken up in shifts of 1-3 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. Bring labeled garden tools and work gloves.

Hines Park Cleanup at Benton Arboretum – Saturday, May 3

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia) is calling on Western Wayne County residents to pitch in for her fourth annual park cleanup day at the Bennett Arboretum in Northville. The outing will take place from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, May 3, in the Cass Benton Park Picnic Area of Hines Park. Volunteers will remove invasive species and pick up debris. The first 50 volunteers to sign up will receive free tickets to a Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park.

S.U.N. – Spruce Up Northville – Saturday, May 10

This is a totally volunteer project using no city funds to get downtown looking great. A device will be attached to city fire hydrants to attach water hoses to clean sidewalks. Volunteers are asked to meet at Town Square in the morning and to bring a broom, water hose, garbage bags and gloves. Be ready to spend one to three hours cleaning the town.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Strollin'

Noah Lazzarotti, 1, strolls down Main Street last Thursday afternoon with the help of his mom Candace, right, and Beverly Schornhorst. Thursday was the first of two lovely early spring days in Northville with temps in the mid 70s.

Michigan is hurting, but fear makes it worse

Fear. It is an emotion that can spur action or cause paralysis.

Fear is defined in the Cambridge Dictionary as "an unpleasant emotion or thought that you have when you are frightened or worried by something dangerous, painful or bad that is happening or might happen."

Fear is a survival mechanism. There is a tremendous amount of fear driven by the economic uncertainty in Michigan and America today. A good part of the apprehension and fear people are feeling today is not without merit.

There is a great need for this state and country to address the economic security issues including the mortgage crisis, unwieldy credit card debt, college education being priced out of reach for working families, retraining of workers displaced by technology's productivity improvement and globalization, and the lack of savings as millions of baby boomers enter retirement financially unprepared.

There is a national angst building that stems from the economic uncertainty that is rumbling across America and has boiled

over here in Michigan

Can Michigan working families catch a break?

As 2008 unfolds how can these fears be tapped in ways that will motivate productive action? What government, business, philanthropic and individual actions can be put in place to reduce fear and produce results that will build off the new reality? How will politicians exploit workers/voters fears to further their own careers without a corresponding benefit for impacted parties? And how will we hold them accountable?

We have a history in Michigan and America of blaming others when the majority's economic security is threatened. The "blame" has been placed on the Italians, Germans, African Americans, Arabs, Jews, Japanese, Mexicans, Polish and, most recently, the Chinese. The focus on blaming others is never more pervasive than during periods of economic downturn.

Clearly there are actions that our government at the national

level should be doing to assure fair as well as free trade. We must continue to push our government leaders to address issues that give other countries unfair advantage and hurt American workers in the fierce global competition.

However, we must not allow politicians at any level to exploit the fear created by economic uncertainty. Period.

We must hold them accountable to clearly spell out their plan, not simply to point fingers and blame others, but to level the playing field by investing in the American worker. Building fences and economic walls may help demagogues get elected but they are not sensible policies that will help American workers.

The Detroit Free Press reported that U.S. Senator John McCain "wants to draft the nation's community colleges to retrain displaced workers... for careers in growing fields and to tap federal resources to help maintain the incomes of those who take lower paying jobs while learning." McCain understands that blaming the laid off

worker, technology, the global economy, immigration and even "unfair trade" does little to help pay the mortgage or place food on the table. Education, training and investment in human potential do add value and can make a difference. Yet, we all know, rhetoric from Washington or Lansing has every helped a single person. The working people of this state and nation need action.

The only thing we have to fear is fear itself

Fear is driving away talent. So wrote Craig Barrett, chairman of Intel Corp., in a recent op-ed in the Washington Post. He asserted that, while it is nearly universally acknowledged that talent will rule in the 21st century, the U.S. immigration policies are creating a barrier that keeps the world's brightest minds from entering America. He further asserts that we not only do not have a welcome mat for these talented people as we have had in the past but actually have been "intent on driving them away." Barrett argues that America



About Tom Watkins

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needs sensible immigration policies that protect our national security while enabling business to secure the foreign talent necessary to propel the 21st century knowledge economy. He points out that more than half of U.S. engineering master's students and Ph.D. recipients are international students and "America shuts the door on many of these highly educated graduates, forcing them to look abroad for opportunities and our competitors are capitalizing on our failed policies."

We should pay heed to Barrett's comments. If we want to be relevant in the global economy we must make Michigan

and America the brain bank of the world where the best and brightest come for deposits and withdrawals.

It is important to Michigan and America that we tap the anxiety and fear that massive disruptive economic changes generate and channel them in ways that will help prepare us for the hyper-competitive global economy.

This is an election year. We need to challenge our leaders or those seeking leadership positions not to exploit fear for short-term political gain that will hurt workers, Michigan and America. We need plans and action, not fear and paralysis.

Company discovers power of 'e'

Just off the Walter Reuther expressway in Pleasant Ridge, a tidy little suburb near the Detroit Zoo, Michigan's rust belt past sits cheek by jowl with the beginnings of our knowledge economy future.

Welcome to ePrize, a small firm with a big ambition: To be the Google of the interactive marketing and promotion industry. Location is key, and ePrize is just a jammed parking lot away from the Walker Wire Company. Walker makes heavy-duty industrial strength wire for industrial uses. ePrize manages customer marketing and affiliation programs for a bewildering range of Fortune 500 companies and hundreds of thousands of their customers.

The contrast could not be more abrupt.

Inside ePrize — at \$60 million in sales and growing at a 40 percent annual rate, according to founder and CEO Josh Linkner — hundreds of staffers sit at the 21st century version of the assembly line. But instead of a

dimly lit factory floor with automobile chassis muscled into place by burly assembly workers, ePrize is filled with bright colors, ergonomic chairs, high-powered computers and free pop and bottled water in every room.

Employees are in their late 20s to early 30s, dressed in dazzling variety and "questioning everything," Linkner says.

Henry Ford's great innovation was to invent the way to assemble perfectly machined parts into an automobile — countless identical steps, repeated endlessly during the day with no room for innovation or variation. Old photographs of the assembly line of that era mostly show seemingly middle-aged men, all dressed alike, all performing their assigned functions with no variation.

By contrast, ePrize's employee handbook runs like this: "Many companies use words like 'passion' and 'creativity.' But when we use those words, it's different. These are not merely buzzwords, they are core philosophies that

embody who we are. We take things to the edge... to extremes... to the ultimate level.

"To the power of 'e'."

Josh Linkner, the man behind the virtual curtain, earned a BS in advertising from the University of Florida, then served as Senior Vice President for Rare Medium Group, a web-consulting and venture capital firm before founding ePrize in 1999.

After two rounds of financing — and a total of \$43 million in investment — ePrize now has offices in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Dallas and London.

Linkner's ePrize relies on the Internet, which can be everywhere and anywhere. That means he could locate it anywhere on earth.

So why is ePrize in Pleasant Ridge? Linkner explains. He was born in Southfield and now lives in Bloomfield Hills, so it's near home. But there's much more.

"There are great opportunities to build a technology company here," Linkner explains. "There is a rich talent base in Michigan,



About Phil Power

Former newspaper publisher and University of Michigan Regent Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics and economics. He is also the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a centrist think-and-do tank. The opinions expressed here are Power's own and do not represent the official views of The Center. Power welcomes your comments at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.

a great work ethic and deep and solid entrepreneurial roots. The cost structure, if anything, is lower than elsewhere." ePrize got some help, as well, from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's job creation program. In fact, the firm is featured in one of the MEDC's TV ads promoting the advantages of locating in Michigan.

Ilya Snider, one of the firm's 350 employees, puts it this way: "I like it here. Why leave if you have it all? Climate, family, lots of things to do, downtown Detroit. Everything I want is right here."

Linkner says his biggest management problem is keeping a firm hold on galloping growth.

"We're a lot like what the great car companies were like," a century ago, he explains. "We're just entering our greatest period of growth."

That's exactly the attitude a lot more of us need. Among our other ailments, Michigan is suffering from a bad case of low self-esteem. We can't seem to get it through our collective heads that we have — right here at home — a set of distinctive, world-competitive assets: A hard-driving work force with boundless skills and talents. Great

research universities. A wonderful quality of life at an affordable cost. Driven and capable entrepreneurs.

Walking through the subdued hum of ePrize's 21st century assembly line, I was struck by the thought that here before my eyes was today's version of the Ford Motor Company, of the Dow Chemical Company, of Kellogg's and Upjohn.

Entrepreneurship runs deep in our collective DNA. Linkner and his colleagues at ePrize recognize it; they are the latest generation.

The task at hand for our state is to help others do so, too.

(248) 349-0203 or visit www.northville.org or www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

As the Page Turns

LOCATION: 149 N. Center St., Suite 102, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or visit www.asthepageturns.biz
Author Meet and Greet
TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 3
DETAILS: Meet and visit with local author Justin Ferriman, a 2003 Northville High School, Albion College and Case Western University graduate. His book "The G Word" arms readers with understandable historic and contemporary arguments proving the reality of God without one specific tool: the Bible. The book will be for sale for \$8.99.

Marquis Theatre

135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or northvillemarquistheatre.com
Velveteen Rabbit
TIME/DATES: 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 27
DETAILS: Tickets are \$8.50. Group rates available and reserved seating for 20 or more. No children under the age of three.
2008 Summer Theatre Day Camp
TIME/DATE: Session 1 - 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. June 16-June 27; Session 2 - 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. July 7-July 18; Sessions 3 - 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. July 21-Aug. 1; Session 4 - 12:30 -6 p.m. Aug. 4-Aug. 15; and Session 5 - 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 18-Aug. 29.
DETAILS: For children 8-14 years old. Have fun and learn a range of theatre skills and be part of a big musical theatre production using Broadway and movie tunes from the past and present. Cost is \$385 per two week session.

Ducky Camp
TIME/DATE: 3-8 p.m. July 7-18
DETAILS: For children 6 and 7 years old.

Friday Fun at Center Stage Dance Company

TIME/DATE: 4:30-5:45 p.m. Hip Hop Friday is the second Friday of each month; Tap Jam Friday is the third Friday of each month.
LOCATION: Center Stage Dance Company, 43334 W. Seven Mile Road, Suite 250, Northville
DETAILS: Ages 6 and up are invited to free-style their hip hop and tap moves, dance with friends and help kids in their community; \$1 cover charge goes toward purchasing holiday gifts for the children at Hawthorn Center.

CONTACT: (248) 380-1666

Baseline Folk Society Open Mic

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

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com
Surviving Samco
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26; Tuesday, April 29; Saturday, May 3, 17, 24 and 31; Thursday, June 19; Friday June 6; and Saturday, June 7, 14 and 21. 7 p.m. Friday, May 2 and June 20.
DETAILS: Interactive Comedy Dinner Theater spoofing the popular Wholesale Warehouses. See a day in the life of underpaid sales associates and their high maintenance customers. Buying in bulk never felt so good. The show will run through the summer.

Legends of the Past and Present
TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 10
DETAILS: Featuring Elvis, Toby Keith, Kenny Rogers, Buddy Holly and Neil Diamond. Tickets are \$45 per person.
Tribute to Elvis Starring Sherman Arnold
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21
DETAILS: Dinner and show tickets are \$45 per person.
Shades of Blue (Oh How Happy)
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19
DETAILS: Dinner and show tickets are \$45 per person.

Genitti's Acting Workshops
DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.
DETAILS: Enjoy our famous family-style lunch or dinner, then practice voice and body movement with one of our actors on stage. Play theater games; take backstage tour; \$16.95 per person.

Tiping Point Theatre
LOCATION: 361 E. Cady St.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or visit www.tipingpointtheatre.org
"Manuscript"
DATE: Previews are April 23-25.

Show runs April 26-May 24

DETAILS: When a manuscript is discovered that can guarantee success, three college freshmen begin a quest for vengeance and fame in this dark comedy thriller. Tickets now on sale.
Improv at the Point
TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month
DETAILS: Hilarious night of comedy in the style of the TV show "Whose Line is it Anyway". Features rotating cast of the best improv talent in the metro area. No two show alike. General seating tickets are available 7 p.m. at the door on the night of the performance, \$8.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003
General Auditions for 2008-09 Season
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, April 28; 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 29
LOCATION: 361 E. Cady St.
DETAILS: Auditions are by appointment only and can be scheduled by calling the box office 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, (248) 347-0003, or by e-mailing Executive Director Christina Johnson at christina@tipingpointtheatre.org. Auditioners are asked to prepare one contemporary monologue, no longer than three minutes in length. To be considered for a musical, auditioners should prepare 16 measures of a song. Piano accompanist will be provided. Bring two copies of a head shot and resume.

CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or go to www.tipingpointtheatre.org
Fundraising Gala, Stardust-an Evening of High Rollers, Smooth Crooners and Lady Luck
DATE: Saturday, May 17
DETAILS: This is the second annual fundraiser gala to support the non-profit theatre. The theme will be reminiscent of the glitz and glamour of mid-century Las Vegas and will feature a gourmet strolling dinner, games of chance, a silent auction, Vegas wedding chapel and more. The event is sponsored by Rocky's of Northville. There are opportunities for businesses and organizations to sponsor tables and donate items for the auction. Contact Jennifer Steger at (248) 347-0003 if interested. For more information about the event, call (248) 347-0003 or go to www.tipingpointtheatre.org.

The Art House
 Open 1-5 p.m. every Thursday-Sunday; 1-9 p.m. on "First Fridays" of the month.
LOCATION: 215 Cady St.
CONTACT: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org

Get in the Record

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

learts.org "Osmosis" Adnan Charara Solo Exhibition

TIME/DATE: Opening Reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 2, during the First Friday Art Walk. Exhibit continues through Sunday, May 25
DETAILS: The Art House welcomes back Adnan Charara for this new solo exhibit. Free.
Art Detroit Now
DATE: Thursday, May 8-Saturday, May 10
DETAILS: Northville Art House is a proud participant of Art Detroit Now, which includes exhibitions, demonstrations and festivals showcasing the great art and talented artists in our area. One hundred galleries and museums, located in 16 cities throughout metro Detroit are involved. Free.

Maybury State Park

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

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

Maybury State Park Trail Riders
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Bring your own horse and meet at the Staging Area. Prizes at 1 p.m., lunch at 1:30 p.m.

The cost is \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members and lunch is included. A state park sticker is required.
CONTACT: Heidi-Drmier@Charter.net or Sandr-Sowright@aol.com

Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field
DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday.
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845
 Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 6:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts
 Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open
 Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church and Kings 8th; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scouts
 Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 7 p.m. Lions Club
 Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 9:30 a.m. School Tour; 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
 Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church
 * Grounds closed to public

Northville Chamber of Commerce

LOCATION: 195 S. Main St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org
TGIF
TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Friday, LOCATION: Chamber Office

Solid Grounds CoffeeHouse

LOCATION: 133 W. Main St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 348-9737
Open Mic Nite
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday
Carol Smallwood, classical guitarist
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday,
Dell Smith, contemporary folk singer
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. tonight
Darwin and Friends, soft Rock to country
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Friday

Tracy Kash Thomas, Jazz singer/musician
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 2
Soo Mee Lee promoting her artwork on display
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 2

Barnes & Noble
LOCATION: 17111 Haggerty Road, corner of Six Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 348-1274
Robbie Timmons Book Signing
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. Saturday
DETAILS: Channel 7 WXYZ news anchor Timmons signs copies of her new children's chapter book, "Twoey and the Goat," the story of a racehorse named Twoey and its friendship with a goat named Kidd. This event kicks off Educator Appreciation Week when educators receive 25 percent off eligible book purchases and 10 percent off music and DVDs.

Event for Educators
TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: Reception for Media Specialists, Librarians and Learning Consultants, featuring a raffle drawing for a \$500 Barnes & Noble gift card or a gift basket worth \$100, information on new releases for school libraries and the chance to meet local artist and children's book illustrator John Megahan. Please call the store in advance to reserve a place. Part of Educator Appreciation Week.

NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that on 5/21/08 at 4:00pm the following will be sold by competitive bidding at Storage Unlimited, 15176 Beck Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.

UNIT #E7,
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HERE'S TO THE CLASS OF 2008

ATTENTION Parents, Grandparents, Friends! Share your pride and joy with the entire city! It seems like only yesterday you were sending them off to kindergarten...Now, they're off to embrace the future! Be sure to include your favorite graduates childhood or graduation picture in this special tribute to...
The Class of 2008!

Spotlight Your Grad in this photo tribute to the Class of 2008. Place your graduates photo along with fellow classmates in the special keepsake edition of the Milford Times, Northville Record, and Novi News on Thursday, June 5th. Deadline is May 27th. Limited space available. Don't wait to show how proud you are.

Spotlight Your Grad!

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Mail picture along with payment of \$25 check or credit card to:
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 202 W. Main Street, Brighton MI 48116
 If you have any questions please call 517-548-7074.

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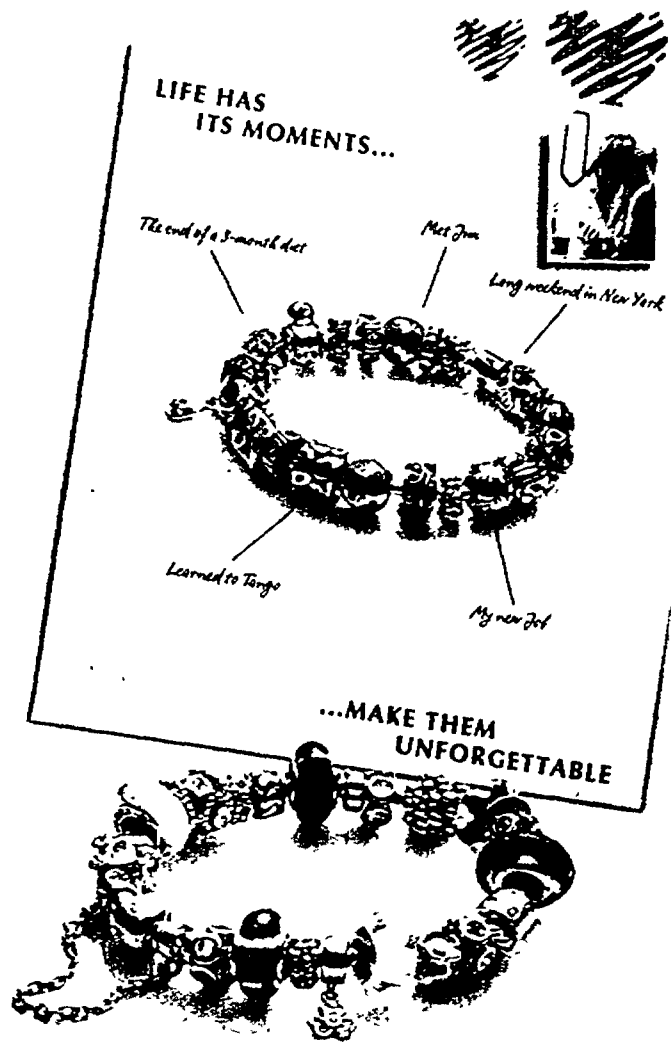
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New Asian diner offers Mandarin-style wok cooking

■ Pei Wei open in Novi Town Center

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Asian food lovers have a new place to dine in town. The sister of P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Pei Wei Asian Diner, opened its fourth Michigan location in Novi two months ago. Located on the edge of the Novi Town Center, the restaurant prepares traditional dishes from China, Japan, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam in a Mandarin-style wok. "I don't think there's other restaurants like that, it's a good niche," said Ara Topouzian, economic development manager for the City of Novi. "It adds to the quality of unique businesses we have in Novi."

As guests enter the casual diner with its signature red floors, they are greeted with a smile before approaching the counter to place an order.

Whether dining-in or carrying-out, the exhibition-style kitchen provides onlookers a firsthand look at the technique of wok cooking.

With every item on the menu being cooked in a wok which reaches temperatures of 500-600 degrees, Pei Wei guests will be surprised how quickly their food reaches the table.

"We try to cook everybody's food in five to six minutes," said Matt McGrail, general manager of the Novi eatery.

According to McGrail, 37-47 percent of Pei Wei's daily business is for carry-out.

"It seems to be very efficient the way they operate it," Topouzian said. "It's a fast food atmosphere for cuisine."

Pei Wei's quick and convenient cuisine also provides lunch-goers a variety of options on a tight schedule.

For lunches especially, it gives people another option, a nice hearty



meal," Topouzian said. "It gives you an alternative to the soup and sandwich. You get good cooked food, fairly quickly."

The menu includes some traditional favorites, as well as items unique to Pei Wei.

"You get the best of the P.F. Chang's food in a short time," Topouzian said. "My favorite is the (Mandarin) Kung Pao chicken and the Lettuce Wraps."

Another favorite item among guests are the fortune cookies they are welcome to help themselves to.

"We go through a crazy amount of fortune cookies a day," McGrail said, noting they go through 700-1,000 cookies every day.

Pei Wei Asian Diner is open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



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ABOVE: The interior of Novi Town Center's Pei Wei restaurant. The Asian food restaurant's name comes from the name of a famous Chinese chef who lived hundreds of years ago.

LEFT: Novi's Pei Wei restaurant general manager Matthew McGrail fires up a wok and begins to prepare one of their stir-fried, Asian delicacies.

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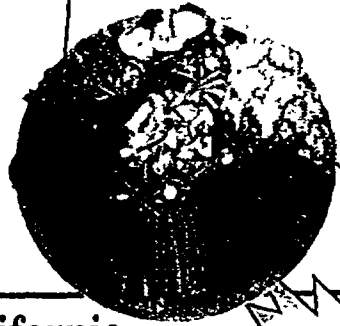
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PLAYING THE FIELD



Mustang Eric Franceschi lines up his run for the pole vault during practice.

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Franceschi jumps, runs, throws and vaults

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It's one thing to want to try to do a lot of events for a track team. It's another to be good at it.

Northville's Eric Franceschi is both.

"All he wants to do is achieve," Northville first-year head coach Scott Szukaitis said. "He's big, tall, strong, quick and athletic. Competition brings out a different side of Eric."

Szukaitis knows Franceschi was blessed with a lot of natural talent, but it's his hard work that sets him apart from the others.

"Eric is a self-made individ-

ual," Szukaitis said. "Eric is a workout freak."

But it's the points that Franceschi has been putting up for the Mustangs have really been working out.

The senior has placed in several events this year, including field events pole vault, long jump, high jump and shot put, as well as on the track in hurdles.

On Friday, he set a personal best by clearing 6-5 to win the high jump against Canton. He went on to place second in the shot put (39-5), second in the pole vault (12-6) and third in the long jump (19-7).

His 12 points accounted for

15.6 percent of the Mustangs' total points of 77.

On Saturday, he helped the hurdlers win and set a new meet record in the shuttle relay at the Ypsilanti Invite.

While Franceschi competes well at the high school level, Szukaitis thinks he will be even better at the collegiate level where decathlons are part of the competition.

"He'll find a school that will let him compete in the decathlon. He'll be a force," Szukaitis said. "He's competitive at a high school level in all of those events. He's a competitive long jumper, a competitive shot putter. He's our

No. 2 in both of those, but we have a solid No. 1 in both of those.

"He has not been recruited. Some school is going to find an absolute gem."

Put me in coach

Szukaitis told a story of Franceschi's willingness to help out. The Mustangs were down a runner in a hurdle race, and Franceschi volunteered for the spot.

He pulled his hamstring while trying to get the footwork down

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Theresa Yankovich, center, splits two defenders on her way to kicking the only goal of Friday night's game.

Yankovich back on the attack

■ Midfielder making senior year count after missing junior season

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS REPORTER

Coaches can't teach hunger. An athlete either has it or they don't.

Northville senior soccer player Theresa Yankovich was starving to get back on the field, and she is making the most of her opportunities.

Yankovich missed her junior year after suffering a leg injury. She worked hard to get back and is currently leading the No. 1 ranked team in the state in assists.

Yankovich stamped her return with the lone goal in a 1-0 win against Novi on Friday night. It was the first win for Northville against Novi since she has been in high school.

Meteyer knows Yankovich can bury the goals when given the chance, but she is equally good at passing the ball.

"She's a dream in the middle of the field," Northville head coach Ron Meteyer said. "She has very few passes that are non-productive. She's just a leader out there."

"She's one of the most even-tempered kids I've ever coached. A kid that's focused. There's

nothing flashy about her. She's just so steady and so reliable."

More options

Most teams will go out of their way to make sure forward Sarah Stern doesn't beat them. While she may get double and sometimes triple teamed by the defense, it only opens the field for others.

Meteyer said Yankovich knows how to play the ball to the open player better than anyone else.

"She's going to find that person that shagged off their mark to go to Stern," he said.

As a midfielder, Yankovich cannot just be a one-way player. She also has to help out on defense.

"She does real well dropping back into the slot," Meteyer said.

She is also the first option for the defense to get the ball to once they acquire possession. And once she gets possession, she rarely makes a bad decision with it.

"When she has the ball ... players are reluctant to come in and over-commit on her because she's going to make you look like a fool," Meteyer said.

Leadership

Meteyer admitted he didn't know how Yankovich was going to handle leadership duties after missing a full season. But she has handled it far better than he

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Mustang Roundup: Baseball, softball stay perfect



Photo submitted by Diana Birdsall

Brittany Birdsall sets for a throw against Novi.

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Mustangs (9-0, 5-0) shutout Walled Lake Northern 13-0 April 16. Sarah Rounsifer had five RBI, and Megan Hoffmeister hit a home run.

Northville went on to mercy Wayne 10-0 in five innings Friday. Samantha Dodd earned the shutout, allowing just one hit with seven strikeouts.

Brittany Birdsall had three hits (two doubles), scored two runs and batted one in to pace the offense. Marel Wilson and Jenna Dumbleton had two hits each.

The big innings came in the third (three runs) and fifth (four runs).

"Sam pitched a great game, only allowing one hit," head coach Teryn Chrzanowski said. "The defense backed her up when the ball was put in play. Everyone hit well today."

"It's wonderful to see players stepping up and performing well when given the opportunity."

On Monday, Northville blanked Plymouth 8-0. Allison Holmes threw the shutout, allowing two hits with 11 strikeouts.

Dumbleton led the offense with three hits, scored a run and knocked one in. Alex Kaszuba hit a three-run homer and a dou-

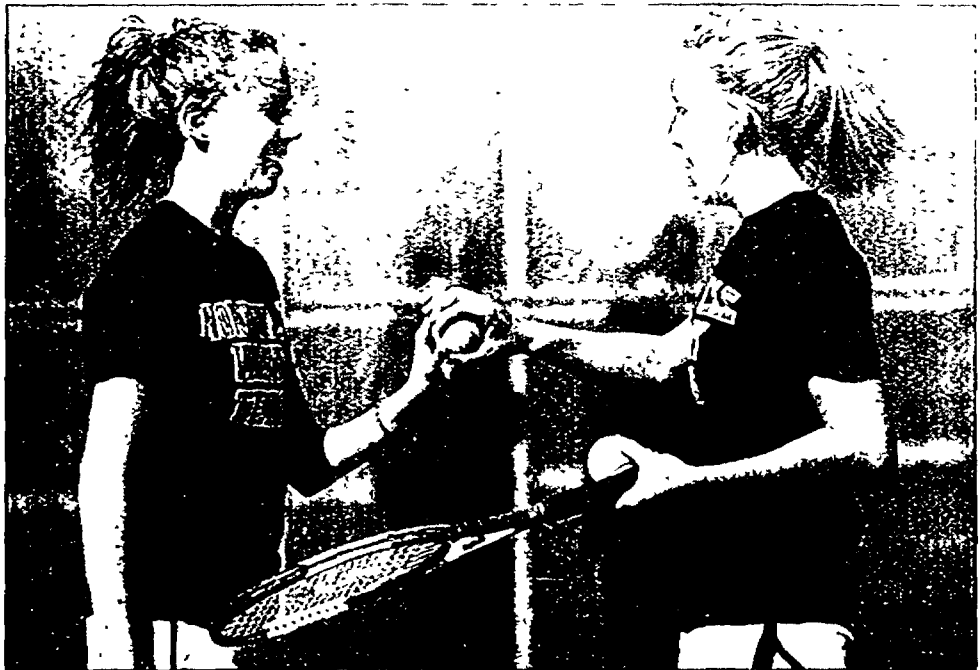


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Mustang #1 doubles partners Kristin Randall and Laura Taylor celebrate a point.

ble. "Allison pitched amazingly," Chrzanowski said. "She was throwing heat and hitting her spots. Literally, everyone was hitting today. They were all disciplined at the plate and they were

aggressive."

Baseball

The Mustangs (12-0) stayed perfect with a bunch of wins last week, started by mercying Canton

13-3 April 14.

Northville battered Walled Lake Northern 17-7 April 16. Steve Anderson slammed a three-run homer for the Mustangs.

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FRIDAY NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

Northville knocks off rival Novi 1-0 behind Yankovich goal

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Don't tell Northville head coach Ron Meteyer it was just another game. The last success the Mustangs had against Novi was as late as in the first meeting of the year against the Wildcats. Since then it's been all Novi.

That all changed Friday night. Theresa Yankovich's 16th in the second half stood as the lone goal in a 1-0 shutout on the Wildcat's home turf.

"That was a huge monkey off our back," Meteyer said. "Yankovich brought the ball up on a long rush, passed off just shy of the penalty area and regained space and go before, soaring to the upper right corner of the net."

"I just got a lot of energy, went to the net and shot it," Yankovich said. "It felt good. There was a lot of built-up energy over the past three years of just getting beaten by them. It kind of all came together."

Meteyer had no problem recalling Yankovich's goal after the game.

"She dribbled the ball 60 yards, three challenges and dished off to (Laurin) Lokey, who played the ball back to her," Meteyer said. "She beat that challenge, and then put it past the goalkeeper."

"That was Theresa wanting it more than anyone else."

Novi put on a furious rally, but a timely save and a heads-down defense kept the ball out of the net.

Sophomore Elana Ryznar made four saves for the shutout.

It was just so nerve-racking, said Ryznar, with her hands still shaking moments after the game.

There's a lot of pressure, to go good and everything, but the girls are always giving me support and everything. It's really nice.

Ryznar's best save came early. Novi's Jenna Caroson received a breakaway pass, but Ryznar came out to make a sliding save, just as Caroson was catching up with the pass less than seven minutes in.

The defense helped out on a couple of occasions.

Sophomore defender Teri Wright cleared a sure goal with 13:45 remaining. A Novi free kick was headed on and got by Ryznar, who came out to challenge, but Wright cleared the ball just before it went in.

Another free kick just outside the Northville box was stopped cold by the wall and cleared.

The Wildcats never seriously threatened after the Mustangs were counting down the seconds before the bench raced out to celebrate with the rest of their team. Meteyer was obviously relieved



Northville's Kelsey Fiscus, left, and Novi's Kelsey Laux fight for the ball during Friday's game.

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with the win, but watching two of the top teams in the area is something he can appreciate. "There's a lot of good soccer here," Meteyer said. "A lot of great talent. Either one of our JV teams could probably beat most of the other teams in their varsity leagues. That shows you the kind of culture that's leading into it."

Northville 8, Wayne 0
The Mustangs (5-0-2, 3-0-2) clobbered Wayne 8-0 April 16. Sarah Stern and Theresa Yankovich scored two goals each to lead the offense.
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Northville netminder Elana Ryznar makes a save before Novi's Nikki Greenhalgh can get to the ball.



Mustang Kelsey Fiscus, left, goes up for a header against Novi's Katio Chaklos.

YANKOVICH: Senior scores game-winner vs. Novi

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could've hoped.

She commands respect out there not because she's bossy or screams at kids," Meteyer said. "She commands respect because of what her production is and because of her work ethic."

Play on

Yankovich and company will

hope for a long run into the playoffs, but the success with ends he will be playing next year for Penn State. She lives in athletic and academic scholarship thanks to a 3.9 grade point average.

She knows what she wants to do in life. Her goal is medicine," Meteyer said. "I know she got a real nice scholarship there. She got her dream thing there."

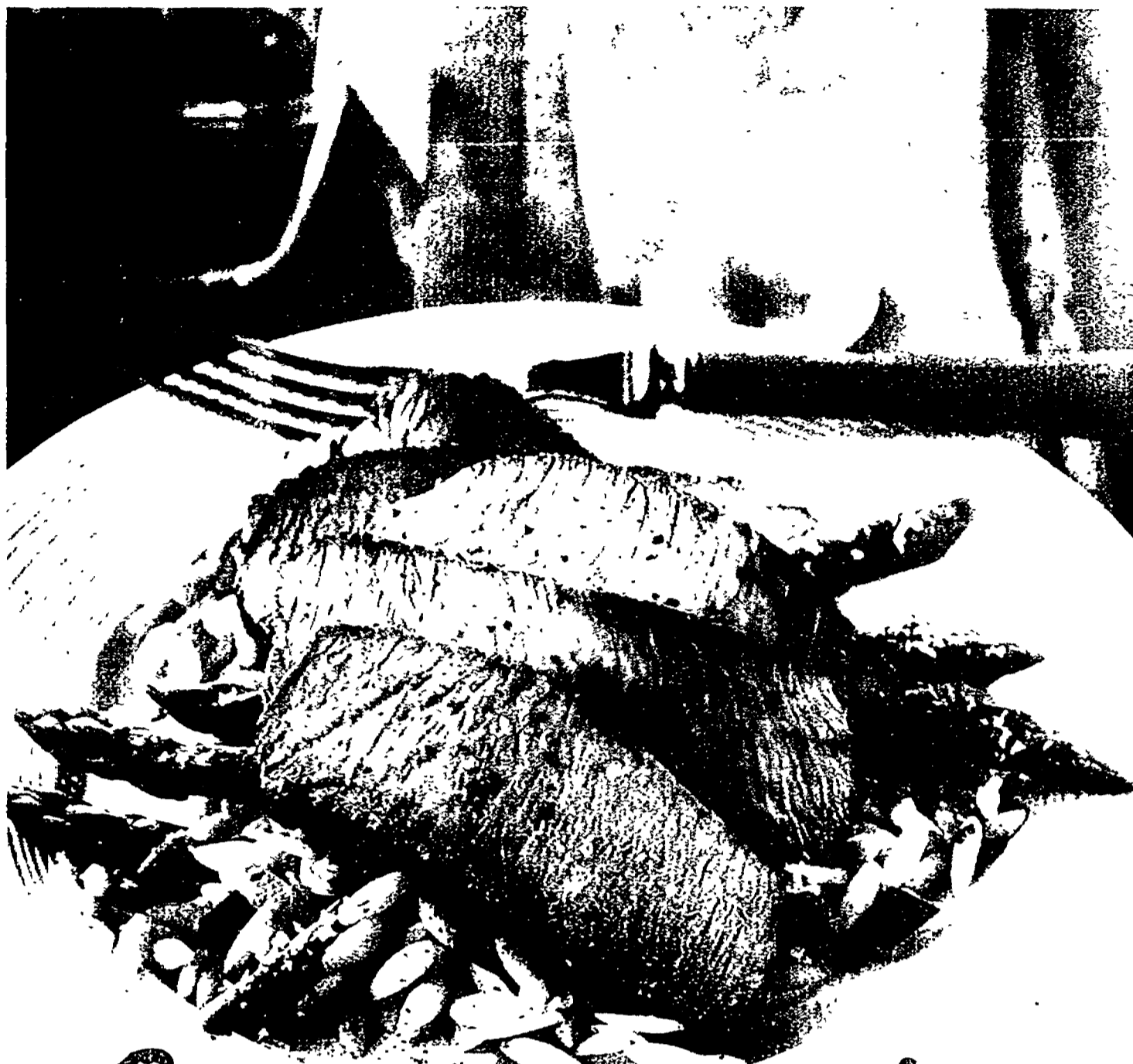
Meteyer said he would drive through a subdivision during the off-season and see Yankovich running and getting ready for the season, no matter what the weather was trying to throw at her.

"She's a tough kid," he said. "That's going to go a long way not only in the soccer world but in the academic world and in the professional world too."

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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fax. (248) 349-9832**Grilled Peppery Top Round Steak
With Parmesan Asparagus**Total preparation and cooking time:
30 to 40 minutes
Marinating time: 6 hours or overnight
Makes 4 servings

- 1 beef top round steak, cut 3/4 inch thick (about 1 pound)
- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 3 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese
- Salt

Marinade:

- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons steak seasoning blend
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper

1. Combine marinade ingredients in medium bowl. Place beef steak and marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn steak to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally.
2. Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Toss asparagus with oil. Place steak in center of grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange asparagus around steak. Grill steak, uncovered, 8 to 9 minutes for medium rare (145°F) doneness, turning occasionally. (Do not overcook.) Grill asparagus 6 to 10 minutes or until crisp-tender, turning occasionally. (Over medium heat on preheated gas grill, covered, steak 10 to 11 minutes, asparagus 8 to 12 minutes.)
3. Immediately sprinkle cheese over asparagus. Carve steak into thin slices. Season with salt, as desired. Serve with asparagus.

Nutrition information per serving: 238 calories; 10 g fat (3 g saturated fat; 6 g monounsaturated fat); 64 mg cholesterol; 272 mg sodium; 5 g carbohydrate; 2.5 g fiber; 31 g protein; 6.0 mg niacin; 0.5 mg vitamin B₁₂; 1.5 mcg vitamin B₆; 4.9 mg iron; 34.6 mcg selenium; 5.5 mg zinc.

This recipe is an excellent source of protein, niacin, vitamin B₆, vitamin B₁₂, iron, selenium and zinc; and a good source of fiber.

Beef on the Grill

- Grill beef over medium heat. Too high heat can cause the exterior to char before the interior reaches the desired doneness. Charring or overcooking beef is not recommended.
- Always cook burgers to 160°F, turning occasionally with a spatula — no pressing, please! Insert an instant-read thermometer directly from the side into the center of the burger to accurately determine the temperature. The color of cooked ground beef is not a reliable indicator of doneness.
- Turn steaks occasionally with tongs. Forks pierce the meat, and flavorful juices are lost. Use an instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally from the side into the center of steaks to determine doneness. The thermometer will register 145°F for medium rare, 160°F for medium steak doneness.

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Bruschetta BurgersTotal preparation and cooking time: 30 to 35 minutes
Makes 4 servings

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons minced green onions
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 4 slices rustic crusty bread, cut 1/2 inch thick
- Olive oil

Bruschetta Topping:

- 3/4 cup chopped red tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped yellow tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon thinly sliced fresh basil
- 1/4 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Pepper

1. Combine Bruschetta Topping ingredients in medium bowl, set aside.
2. Combine ground beef, cheese, green onions and garlic in medium bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 1/2-inch thick patties.
3. Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 11 to 13 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, covered, 7 to 8 minutes), turning occasionally, until instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center registers 160°F.
4. Meanwhile brush both sides of bread slices with oil. About 3 minutes before burgers are done, place bread on grid. Grill until lightly toasted, turning once.
5. Season burgers with salt and pepper, as desired. Place 1 burger on each bread slice, top each with 1/4 cup Bruschetta Topping. Serve open-faced.

Cook's Tip: If using 95% lean ground beef, combine ground beef with 1/4 cup soft bread crumbs, 1 egg white and ingredients as directed above.

Nutrition information per serving using 95% lean ground beef: 285 calories; 8 g fat (4 g saturated fat, 3 g monounsaturated fat); 69 mg cholesterol; 653 mg sodium; 23 g carbohydrate; 1.4 g fiber; 29 g protein; 6.9 mg niacin; 0.4 mg vitamin B₁₂; 2.2 mcg vitamin B₆; 3.7 mg iron; 21.7 mcg selenium; 5.8 mg zinc.

Nutrition information per serving using 80% lean ground beef: 359 calories; 18 g fat (7 g saturated fat, 7 g monounsaturated fat); 82 mg cholesterol; 629 mg sodium; 21 g carbohydrate; 1.3 g fiber; 28 g protein; 6.1 mg niacin; 0.4 mg vitamin B₁₂; 2.4 mcg vitamin B₆; 3.3 mg iron; 19.4 mcg selenium; 5.6 mg zinc.

This recipe is an excellent source of protein, niacin, vitamin B₆, vitamin B₁₂, iron, selenium and zinc, and a good source of iron.

Classic Beef KabobsTotal preparation and cooking time:
30 to 35 minutes
Makes 4 servings

- 1 pound well-trimmed boneless beef top sirloin or beef tenderloin steaks, cut 1 inch thick
- 8 ounces medium mushrooms
- 2 medium red, yellow or green bell peppers, cut into 1-inch pieces
- Salt

Seasoning:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano or 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Cucumber-Yogurt Sauce:

- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 1/3 cup finely chopped seeded cucumber
- 2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

1. Cut beef steak into 1-1/4-inch pieces. Combine seasoning ingredients in large bowl. Add beef, mushrooms and bell pepper pieces; toss to coat.
2. Alternately thread beef and vegetable pieces evenly onto eight 12-inch metal skewers, leaving small spaces between pieces.
3. Place kabobs on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill kabobs, covered, 7 to 9 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, covered, 9 to 11 minutes) for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning once. Season kabobs with salt, as desired.
4. Meanwhile combine sauce ingredients in small bowl. Serve with kabobs.

Cook's Tip: Eight 12-inch bamboo skewers may be substituted for metal skewers. Soak bamboo skewers in water 10 minutes before using, drain.

Nutrition information per serving using top sirloin: 280 calories; 13 g fat (4 g saturated fat, 7 g monounsaturated fat); 55 mg cholesterol; 200 mg sodium; 9 g carbohydrate; 1.7 g fiber; 31 g protein; 10.1 mg niacin; 0.8 mg vitamin B₁₂; 1.6 mcg vitamin B₆; 2.4 mg iron; 36.9 mcg selenium; 5.5 mg zinc.

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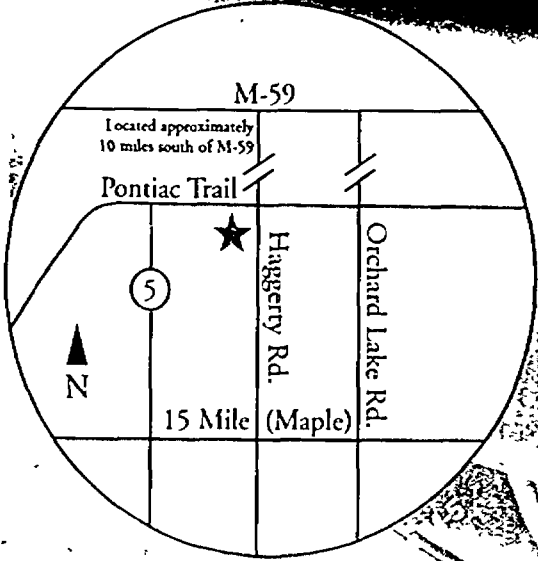
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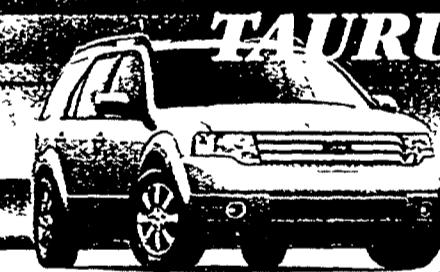
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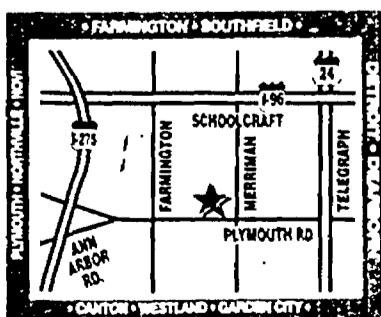
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