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# Downs joins lawsuit

## Horse racing track owners claim law violates rights

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Northville Downs race track owners joined other state horse

racing interests in a federal lawsuit filed last week that claims state law violates their constitutional rights.

The suit against Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Michigan Attorney General Michael Cox was filed May 1 by attorneys representing Northville Downs, Mt. Pleasant Meadows and the Great Lakes Quarterhorse Association.

The complaint alleges that state lotteries and casinos are

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killing the horse racing industry in Michigan. It also alleges that state restrictions on the installation of video lottery terminals and other forms of gambling at Michigan horse tracks violate the U.S. Constitution.

The lawsuit claims that current Michigan law violates the due process clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments, the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, the Commerce Clause and Right to Petition in the First Amendment.

Liz Boyd, the governor's press secretary, confirmed Tuesday morning that the governor had received the complaint and has forwarded it to Cox's office.

## Casinos enter the picture

In late 1996, voters passed a statewide referendum, Proposal E, which permitted casino gaming in Detroit. In 2003, the horse racing industry sought a legislative remedy to halt its decline.

Bills were passed in 2004 in the state House and Senate that would have permitted account wagering, off-track racing the-

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# Mother's Day becomes day of remembrance

## New Hope Center for Grief Support gave her strength, support to cope

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Denise Talbot will be watching baseball on Mother's Day.

"And, she'll be dealing with her grief."

A homemaker, she moved here seven years ago because of her husband Todd's job. He's worked for Masco for 20 years and recently took a position in California. The couple raised two boys - Cory, 20, and Kyle, who died on March 3, 2006, at 21. Just three years apart, the brothers were very close.

Although she preferred not to share the details, she said Kyle's death was sudden and unexpected. "We were taken aback - just shocked," she said. "Kyle was a great kid."

He graduated with honors from Northville High School in 2003, played trumpet and guitar, was in the band, and was gifted athletically, playing baseball, football and rugby for the Northville Knights. He was a student at a college in Reno, Nev., at the time of his death.

Suddenly, Talbot was preparing for a funeral she never planned to attend.

She first heard about New Hope Center for Grief Support in downtown Northville through her Bible study group. A member who had suffered a loss of her own gave her a copy of the center's newsletter. "She said, 'I know this will help you,'" Talbot said.

She placed the newsletter on her bedside table, along with her sympathy cards. Then a friend who attends church with Cathy Clough, center director,

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Denise Talbot holds photos of her two sons: Cory, at left, and Kyle, who died in 2006 and the Talbots were helped through that time by the Northville New Hope Center for Grief Support.

# FLOODPLAIN

## Residents request city's aid for study of area

## Changes affect property values in city

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

The moving van was in the driveway when Northville residents John and Mary Street learned their home's buyers were backing out of the deal.

"It was kind of traumatic for us," John Street told members of the Northville City Council on Monday night. The Streets want to sell their house and move to a piece of lakefront property they own. "It's been a dream of ours," he said.

So, why did the buyers change their minds?

They learned that the home at 1056 Allen Drive north of Eight Mile Road and west of Novi Road was now in a floodplain

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# BACKBEAT: Boys make state's top 12

## NHS singers to perform at fest tomorrow

By Alea Hibbeln  
SPECIAL WRITER

Northville High School's BackBeat has outdone themselves. The nine-member, all-

male ensemble dazzled judges at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival in April, making them among the top 12 vocal groups in the state of Michigan.

And now, for the first time in history, BackBeat will perform tomorrow at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival. Organized by the founder of Interlochen Center for the Arts, Dr. Joseph Maddy,

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Photo by Steve Fecht

Mary Kay Pryce, choir director at Northville High School, rehearses with BackBeat, an all-male vocal ensemble.

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## ■ BACKBEAT: Boys make state's top 12

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MYAF is a prestigious non-profit that searches every year for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high school's. More than 250,000 students across the state participate in festivals each year, but only 1,000 are selected to perform in the three-day event.

The Michigan Youth Arts Festival will be held at Western Michigan University today through Saturday. BackBeat is scheduled to perform in a concert at Dalton Recital Hall at 1 p.m. tomorrow. The festival will feature extraordinarily talented high school students not only in the field of music, but also in drama, writing, dance and the visual arts.

NHS Choir Director Mary Kay Pryce said that she wasn't surprised when she got the call. "I was just so pleased," said Pryce, noting that Chamber choir had been selected twice in past years to perform at MYAF. "I'm so proud of how much work they've put in, but I'm mostly proud of their enthusiasm. They really want to go."

Pryce said they are also excited to see the other performers.

"You don't go the states thinking about going to the event; you just do your best," she said.

BackBeat has been busy nearly every weekend performing at different prominent venues around town. But, perhaps the most notable is the Detroit Yacht Club, where they performed two weeks ago. Normally, Pryce doesn't follow the boys to their gigs, but this time she couldn't help it.

"The club was so beautiful and the food was unbelievable," Pryce said.

Though Pryce will be accompanying her star performers to the elite festival, she will not be conducting and will instead sit quietly in the audience.

"They get the glory on that stage," said Pryce. "They get to shine."

BackBeat singer Ken Sioff said that after three years in the ensemble, he'll be leaving his senior year in style.

"We've worked real hard and had some difficult pieces, and really had to buckle down," he said. "I'm very proud of all the guys."

Sioff has been under the influence of Pryce's teaching style, as he plans to be a choir director himself.

"I've learned so much from her.

### Choir Concert

The NHS Spring Choir Concert will feature the Coronation Mass of Mozart with orchestra. A mix of NHS Brass players and professional string players will make up the 20-piece orchestra. The Mozart Coronation Mass is a major work that has six movements, five of which will be performed. All choirs will be singing at NHS auditorium at 7 p.m. on May 13-14. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased on arrival or in advance by calling (248) 344-8420.

She kind of has been like a second mother to me," said Sioff. "We have a great time talking."

Sioff will attend the University of Michigan, School of Music in the fall. There he will be studying choral music education, and has received a \$6,000 scholarship.

"The way Mrs. Pryce has brought up the program from the ground to what it is now is amazing," said Sioff. "Choir is as cool to do as sports."



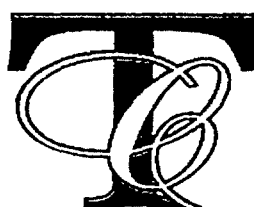
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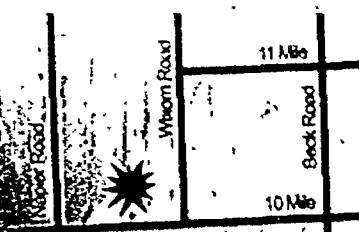
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suggested New Hope to Talbot. It took a third person who mentioned the center before she acted.

"I thought, 'This is a place to turn to,'" Talbot said.

On her first night of the center's eight-week seminar, the room was full of people, grieving all types of losses. "Cathy said, 'Whatever you feel after you leave here tonight, I want you to force yourself to come back the second

night,'" Talbot said. "She put grief in a whole new perspective for me. She told us, 'Dealing with your grief is going to be a lot of work.'"

After the first night, the people were divided into loss-specific groups. "Grieving the loss of my mom, my dad and my grandparents was so much different than grieving the loss of my child. It doesn't ever cross your mind that you will outlive one of your children," Talbot said.

She wanted to learn what she would be going through.

The meetings verified that her emotions were right-on and prepared her for what she could expect — what she might feel on holidays such as Mother's Day.

"Cathy calls them 'grief bursts,' when all of sudden you think everything's in control and your grief takes hold of you," Talbot said. These can occur months or even years later.

For Talbot, it was a family anniversary party that opened the floodgates.

Obviously, Mother's Day is one of the most difficult holidays for her.

"I'd rather that everyone not make a big deal about Mother's Day," she said. "I don't want to put any pressure on Cory," especially since he always planned the gift he would give her with his brother.

"He doesn't have to be the perfect child."

## Dealing with holidays

At the New Hope Center for Grief Support seminars, Talbot said leaders offer suggestions on how to deal with holidays. "Look at the holiday ahead of time and plan the day," she said.

If the team was in town, the Talbots always went to see the Detroit Tigers play on Mother's Day.

"Having two sons, they thought it would be a drag to go shopping or to a movie," she said.

If the Tigers weren't in town, they'd go to the Oasis Golf Center and spend a day at the batting cages, miniature golf course and driving range.

Since Talbot and her husband grew up in northern California, he's a big Giants fan, and they'll be at one of their games this Sunday.

On June 16, the day after Father's Day, the Tigers play the Giants in California. "I'll be wearing my Tigers' cap, and my husband will be wearing his Giants' cap," Talbot said.

## The process continues

Talbot said New Hope Center for Grief Support staff members continue to help people even after they attend the eight-week seminar.

She became a member of Parents of Hope that meets twice

monthly. Talbot will seek out a new grief support group in California and will keep in contact with families she's met here.

One of the things they talked about before she left was what she would tell people in her new community about her family.

"We decided I should say, 'I raised two boys, and one of them passed away,' she said. I can't say I have one child. Kyle still exists. He passed from this world into another, I do have hope I will see him again, and I look forward to that day."

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## ... and the Best Mom award goes to ...

Suzanne Sable will enjoy a special day at Envy Salon & Day Spa, thanks to her son's winning letter describing why she deserves to be Best Mom. Her prize includes a massage, pedicure, manicure, facial, makeup application, haircut and style and a light lunch as well as a gift certificate to Claddagh Irish Pub. Congratulations, Suzanne!

When you hear the word mother, what do you think of? Do you think of a caring person? A loving person? Someone who cleans? Or even someone who keeps schedules organized? Well, my mom is all that and more. She is a great cook and takes all of her kids where they need to be on time, and usually early. She puts all of us up when we are down and keeps us level-headed when we are getting cocky. She goes forth with her 24-hour job of being a mom and does it well. She also does all of the little things like make us lunch in the morning or take us to the doctor when we are feeling bed. She is the perfect mom.

My mom does all of these wonderful things while still being plagued with tragedy. She is a single parent raising three kids since 2004 when my dad died. She has dealt with this very well even though none of her family members live within a six-hour drive. She essentially is not only my mom, but my hero.

Every day my mom will take me to baseball, drive me home from track, or drop me off at basketball. Since I play out-of-community baseball, practices often will be up to 30 minutes away, but she still will drive me. She is involved with fundraisers and actively participates in school functions. She is a great mom and is very friendly with the other moms. She also will go to my sister's gymnastics meets every single time, and for her to be able to do all of these things by herself is phenomenal.

You would think that since in our family there is a one-to-three parent child ratio that at least two children would be left out, but my mom creates time for each and every one of us. She has raised us to be good citizens, earn good grades, and to participate in extra-curricular activities. My mom is the best.

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# MILL RACE: Amateur archaeologists find minor items at dig

■ Window glass, old buttons, pipe

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Joe Brodzik might not have uncovered any dinosaur bones at historic Mill Race Village, but he wasn't disappointed.

The amateur archaeologist from Northville, led a dig on Sunday, April 20, in an area of the village where the General Store is to be erected.

The dig took place because workers had to remove some ground for the store's basement.

"They did dig down into the historical layer called the fill layer," Brodzik said.

"It wasn't a very successful dig, but we did find some window glass, bottle glass, buttons, a piece of clay pipe used for smoking, and structural material, such as bricks and concrete from the late 19th century."

About 10 area residents participated in the dig, and Brodzik, a

member of the Northville Genealogical Society, has been doing digs since the early 1990s.

"We found a piece of bone, too, which looked like an ankle bone from a horse or cow," he said. Brodzik noted that digs come to screeching halt when a human bone is found, as forensic scientists must then be called to the scene.

The Northville Historical Society is attempting to reassemble the General Store, that until recently, had been disassembled and in storage. The society is also seeking donations for the project. Those who would like to contribute to the effort whether with work or with dollars can contact the staff at the Mill Race Village office at (248) 348-1845. Incidentally, the phone number reflects the year the village's church was built. "It's not the oldest building we have, but it's the first one we acquired," said Barbara Davies, Northville Historical Society board member.

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Volunteers Linda Last, Pat Allen and Jennifer Brodzik sort through diggings in search for treasure, as Richard Allen looks on.

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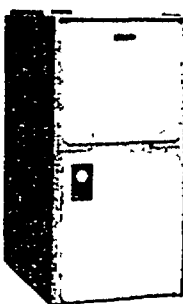
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# Council OKs water contract

## City will avoid huge increase

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Jim Gallogly says with the city's new flow controls firmly in place, residents of Northville won't be getting hosed when it comes to water rates.

After months of negotiations with staff from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and work on the city's water control system, city council finally approved a water contract at Monday night's meeting.

Gallogly, director of public works, said several years ago, many of the water contracts between Metro Detroit communities and the city of Detroit expired. The city of Northville's contract expired in 2004.

Since then, the DWSD and municipalities' staffs have spent about five years created a new long-term water supply contract which all parties find acceptable. The effort has produced a con-

tract that is the same for all communities, treating all water customers equally. It has also been designed to reduce water rate changes from year to year, which has been a particular problem for the city of Northville over the past several years.

Before the new contract was established, the city was looking at an increase of about 29 percent in its water rates due to peak flow measurements.

Gallogly said under the contract, the city will use existing water storage tanks to not exceed 1.59 million gallons per day for a maximum day flow. And, the city's peak hour flow will not exceed 2.2 million gallons per day. "These are important limits that the city must make every effort not to exceed," he said.

For the past two years, the city's staff has also been upgrading its controls to Northville's water reservoir and can now manage the city's water intake to meet the contract's requirements.

Currently, the city's water department is installing a backup metering system, which should be in place before July 1.

The contract features a 30-year term with 10-year extensions, and the commitments can be reviewed at designated yearly intervals.

"The city commits to flows, and Detroit commits to pressures, which is important," Gallogly said.

The contract also has an exemption window during which the city can draw all the water it needs from 11 p.m.-5 a.m. without impacting negotiated flows.

Gallogly noted that because of the city's introduction of the new peak flow regulating system, developed by the Livonia engineering firm Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, he will travel to Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire this month to accept a state award to be presented to the city by the American Public Works Association.

The controls have been in place since last September, Gallogly noted.

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## Civic Concern Food Drive set

Northville postal carriers are ready for this Saturday's food drive for Northville Civic Concern during which residents are encouraged to place nonperishable food items by their mailbox. Pictured with some early food dropoffs are, from left, Tanya Robinson, postal carrier; Marlene Kunz of Northville Civic Concern; and Jennifer Curtis, carrier.

## Horse racing track owners claim law violates rights

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atres and video lottery terminal at horse tracks.

Casino interests responded, however, by sponsoring a statewide ballot proposal in the 2004 general election, Proposal 04-1, which erected a barrier to the legislation, requiring a statewide and local referendum for the state's gaming

licenses.

"We know that Proposal E was heavily financed and supported by casinos," said Mike Carlo, general manager and director of operations at Northville Downs. "In fact, the proposal was 98 percent financed by the Detroit casinos and tribal casinos in the state."

He added: "We're not asking for video lottery terminals or account wagering. We're just asking to be able to address our government directly for the redress of grievances."

"If I wanted to have online wagering on horse racing, which a lot of other states do, in order to do that I would have to have a statewide referendum," Carlo said.

Casinos, however, are exempted from the referendum.

## Business declining

Business has been on a steady decline at the Northville race track since 2000, according to Carlo. "Having casino gambling in the state of Michigan has heavily contributed to our decline," he said.

Betting on horse racing decreased 45 percent from about \$474.6 million in 1997 before the Detroit casinos opened, to about \$261 million in 2007, according to the lawsuit.

The complaint also mentions the closure of a harness racing track in Saginaw in 2005; the closure of the

state's last thoroughbred track, Great Lakes Downs in Fruitport, in 2007; and Magna Entertainment Corporation's decision to drop its plans for a new thoroughbred race track in Romulus as evidence of an industry in distress.

Magna, however, is going ahead with its plans for a new Pinnacle Race Course, a thoroughbred track in Huron Township, near Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

In 2000, before the three downtown casinos opened, Northville Downs had \$128 million a year in bets, according to Carlo.

In contrast, the Northville track handled approximately \$90 million last year. "We feel the downtown casinos have taken about a third of

our business," Carlo said.

Carlo added that race tracks are not like casinos in that patrons don't bet against the house.

"They bet against other bettors, and our money is made on commission," he explained. "We earn a percentage of the overall bets. We actually want people to win more, because we know they'll bet more."

Northville Downs receives a commission of about 9 percent from overall wagers. But, Carlo said when other race tracks start charging higher commission rates for simulcasting, such as Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., charging about 8 percent for last Saturday's Kentucky Derby, that cuts into the local track's bottom line.

"If business continues in this respect, we can only stay open so long," Carlo said.

Most of Northville Downs' business is derived from simulcast betting or wagering on races at other tracks across the country.

Carlo said he told a young man visiting Northville Downs to experience the Kentucky Derby for the first time Saturday that he fears the track may have to close if business continues to decline.

The man expressed his sympathy for the plight of the track, saying it was a Northville landmark.

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## Floodplain aid requested

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determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

As such, flood insurance will be required of the home's new owner.

When the Streets bought their house 11 years ago, flood insurance was not required.

Now, they have learned that the annual cost to purchase such insurance for the home will run about \$2,000, which is a detriment to them selling the house.

Unfortunately, the cost of flood insurance has affected the sale of their home twice in a year.

Homes located in Zone A of the flood maps require flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program, if a mortgage is funded through one of the government-sponsored enterprises, Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, which fund 95 percent of the residential mortgages.

## Seven letters to city hall

The Streets have discussed this issue with many of their neighbors, and the city recently received letters from seven property owners along Allen Drive.

The residents are asking the city to study the stream flow of Ingersoll Creek, which is part of the Middle Rouge River.

"We need council's help in protecting our property values," the Streets said.

FEMA updated the flood insurance rate maps in Oakland County in 2006 with advanced computer modeling technology in an effort to make the flood maps more accurate. The update took some properties out of the floodplain and placed others into it.

The agency will review and consider requests to modify their floodplain determinations, and either the city or an individual homeowner can make such a request.

The city wouldn't study the flow of the creek, but it could have a study performed to determine if the

houses on the southeast side of Allen Drive are in or out of the floodplain.

The new flood maps show a very erratic line along the drive, almost like it was drawn around the houses.

A surveyor could measure elevations of each of the homes on the south side of the drive to determine if they are in or out of the floodplain.

If the homes are found to be out of the floodplain, a request can be filed with FEMA to modify its floodplain determinations.

Jim Gallogly, director of public works for the city, said the cost of the study for the 16 homes affected is about \$13,000 or about \$800 for each piece of property. If an individual wanted to pay for the study themselves, the cost would increase to \$1,000-\$1,500.

The city does not have funding for the study in its current or proposed budget for 2008-09.

The Streets have reviewed and compiled 30 years of data and statistics from FEMA. They found that in 2006, the state had 26,175

flood insurance policies in effect totaling \$5 billion of coverage. Premiums collected totaled \$12.9 million, and only 72 claims were filed in the entire state for a total payout of only \$374,000. Northville had had only two claims since 1978, and the property owners receive no payout.

"Since FEMA began collecting data in 1978, there have been no significant floods in Michigan," according to the Streets. "In fact, Michigan is classified as being in an extended drought by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the federal weather agency."

The Streets noted that plenty of floods, however, have hit southern and northeastern states. "Someone has to pay for the people living in paradise," the Streets wrote the city. "And guess what, it's the people on Allen (Drive)."

After discussing the issue Monday night, Mayor Chris Johnson suggested that city staff obtain some quotes on a local engineering study to measure the elevations of the homes. This would

determine which ones are in and are not in the newly designated floodplain area. He also proposed that the city pay for 25 percent of the cost of the study, with the homeowners being billed for the remaining cost. Gallogly noted that one homeowner paid for the study and got taken out of the floodplain

area.

Gallogly will be asking the residents involved if they would be interested and then obtain some quotes from engineering firms.

"We can contribute 25 percent of the cost," Johnson said. "We just can't guarantee what the results will be."

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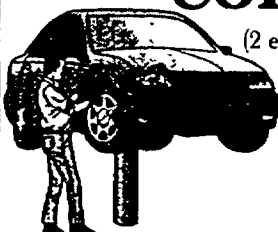


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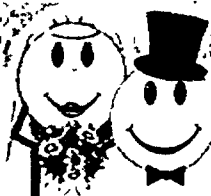
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# PEOPLE OF NORTHVILLE



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## NEWSMAKERS

Charlotte Beaudoin received an Honorable Mention in Metro Parent magazine's annual Young Authors and Illustrators contest for her book entitled "Around the World." There was a reception on April 27, where she received recognition and a certificate. Charlotte is a second-grader at Winchester Elementary School. Her parents are Lisa and Craig Beaudoin.



Michigan Junior Classical League, an organization which promotes the study of Latin, Greek, classical mythology and the ancient classics in secondary schools in Michigan.



Charlotte is a second year Latin student at Mercy and a member of Mercy's JCL Club. She was also awarded a \$200 scholarship to attend the Junior Classical League's National Convention, which will be held on the campus of Miami of Ohio University this summer.

On May 1, Mary DuFour Morrow of Northville Township, a Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor, was named Advocate of the Year by the Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health,



a Lansing-based maternal and child advocacy group. Mary was honored for her work in prosecuting landlords who rent lead-contaminated properties to families with children who become lead-poisoned. Currently, under Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's initiative, Mary is the only prosecutor in the state of Michigan to prosecute these types of cases under Michigan's Landlord Penalty Law.

On April 18, Charlotte Morrow of Northville Township, a tenth grade student at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, was elected Historian of the

Northville resident Joseph Tasse, president of St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, has been elected Michigan's regent to the American College of Healthcare Executives for a three-year term. Tasse will represent the entire state as part of ACHE's national governance structure. He is a past president of the local ACHE Chapter, the Michigan Healthcare Executive Group and Associates, and has served as a member of the Regent's Advisory Council for the past several years. In 2005, Tasse received the Regent's Award for Excellence in Healthcare Leadership at the annual meeting of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.



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### National Dance Week

Students at Center Stage Dance Company invited their parents to take class with them recently to celebrate National Dance Week, April 25-May 4. Moms and dads joined their children at the ballet barre and across the jazz floor. Bending, stretching, piling and tenduling, parents were treated to a little taste of what it takes to be a dancer. Summer classes for all levels & ages begin July 7. Visit their Web site at [dancingcenterstage.com](http://dancingcenterstage.com) or call (248) 380-1666 for more information. Shown (l to r) are Ava Burrows, Cindy Burrows, and Izabella Guleff.

## OBITUARY



### EDWARD A. BUNDOFF

Of Commerce Twp. passed away on April 27, 2008. Arrangements by Swansons Funeral Home of Flint. Memorial service to be held in June at Ford UAW, Local 182 in Livonia, and the Veteran's Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

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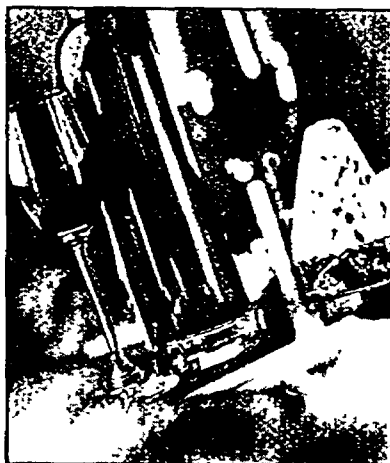
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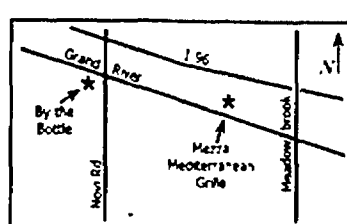
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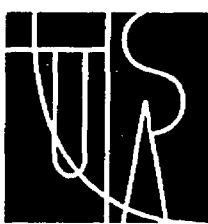
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# HEALTH

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## Northville teenager supports research on Crohn's

### ■ May 17 walk slated in Milford

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Seventeen-year-old Neil Pichan wondered what was wrong with him about a year ago when he felt tired and started losing weight.

"I didn't know what was going on," he said. Finally diagnosed with Crohn's disease, a condition that affects the gastrointestinal tract, the Northville Township resident and junior at Catholic Central High School in Novi is now committed to increasing awareness about the ailment.

He's collecting money now for the May 17 "Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis Walk" at Camp Dearborn in Milford.

This is the second year he's raised money through his team, "Neil's People," and he's already collected \$1,575 for this year's event.

When this chronic digestive disorder periodically flares up, he will lose tremendous amounts of weight. At 5-foot 9 inches, he went down to 112 pounds at one point and acquired sores in his mouth. He can't eat corn, popcorn, and sometimes lettuce, but he can still eat tacos. He also misses lots of school and sees Dr. Jeremy Adler at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Currently, however, he appears to be in remission from its symptoms and is back up to about 140 pounds. There's no cure for the disease, and he'll have to take medication to treat the disease the rest of his life.

Pichan doesn't hide the fact that he has this illness, as he believes it's important for other people to learn about it. He has become involved with the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter (CCFA).

Because he knows how important it is to set a good example, he will also be in Leadership in Training for CCFA's Camp Oasis this year.

He will serve as a volunteer at the camp, which will be held at Camp Copconic in Fenton, so that he can be a role model for children to show them they can deal with their illnesses and still strive for success. He himself has been inspired by a famous football player, his physician and other sports figures who suffer from Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis (known collectively as IBD or inflammatory bowel disease).

When not in school, Pichan, who loves history, enjoys football and playing golf and even works at the St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth Township.

Although he won't be able to participate in the walk at Camp Dearborn this year because his family has a prior commitment, Pichan has been encouraging peo-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Central Catholic High School student Neil Pichan has been helping to raise money for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America and its Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis Walk on May 17. Pichan was diagnosed with Crohn's about a year ago, but is now in remission.

ple to donate to the cause.

Known collectively as inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD), Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are chronic digestive disorders that affect as many as a million Americans. Crohn's disease most commonly affects the small intestine and/or colon.

However, it can affect any part of the digestive tract.

There are a variety of symptoms of gastrointestinal distress. The three classic (though not specific) symptoms of inflammatory bowel disease are:

- abdominal pain and
- fever.

Crohn's and colitis patients report missing an average of 25 days per year from school or work due to their illness.

The typical Crohn's or colitis patient reports spending 38 days in the hospital per year.

### Want to help out?

Those who want to donate to Neil Pichan's team at the "Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis Walk" on May 17 at Camp Dearborn in Milford can visit the Web site, [www.active.com/donate/takestepsdetroit07/NPichan](http://www.active.com/donate/takestepsdetroit07/NPichan).

Donors don't have to participate in the walk to donate to the cause.

Once at the site they just click on the drop down menu where it says "View Team fundraising Page" and click on Neil's People.

For more information about the camp for children this summer, people can go to: [www.ccfa.org/kidsteens/about\\_camp](http://www.ccfa.org/kidsteens/about_camp).

For more information about Crohn's people can go to [www.ccfa.org](http://www.ccfa.org).

But, despite the fact that he is recovering from this serious illness, Pichan is a member of the National Honor Society.

"So, despite missing school, he really works hard, and his teachers are very committed to helping him so that he can keep his grades up," said his mother, Barbara.

## Health Advisory Board approves high school sex-ed curriculum

By Nathan Menolan  
SPECIAL WRITER

With some dissent, and little time for additional discussion, Northville's 22-member Health Advisory Board (HAB) voted to recommend to the school district an abstinence-based sex-education high school curriculum.

Mary Kay Gallagher, assistant superintendent for instructional services, facilitated and led the meetings that began early last year. The HAB is comprised of staff educators, Northville parents, medical professionals and one clergy.

The new graduation requirements from the Michigan Merit Curriculum Credit Guidelines deals with health education overall and includes seven different components ranging from nutrition and physical activity, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, social and emotional health, personal health and wellness, to HIV prevention and sexual education.

If this curriculum is approved by the Board of Education, freshman students for the Class of 2011 will be required to take the 20-week health class during high school. The sex-ed portion takes up about

■ Two public hearings on the proposed sex-education curriculum will be held at Hillside Middle School from 9-10 a.m. on Thursday, May 22 and 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 29.

■ Prior to the public hearings, parents and residents can review the materials from 8-10:30 a.m. and 1:15-3:45 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 4-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21; 8-10:30 a.m. and 4-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27; and 1:15-3:45 p.m. on Thursday, May 29.

■ To register for review opportunities, held in the Curriculum Resource Center room 104, in the Board of Education office at 501 West Main Street call (248) 344-8467, or send an email message to [committeemail@northville.k12.mi.us](mailto:committeemail@northville.k12.mi.us).

three weeks of the entire class.

Parents have the legal right to opt their child out of the sex-ed portion of the class. Gallagher said that parents could review the material before it is presented and then make their decision.

The curriculum next goes to the District Council of Curriculum on June 17. According to Gallagher, if approved, it will go to the school board for a final vote at their June 24 meeting.

In approving the curriculum, three HAB committee members voiced mild to strong concern about what they saw as inaccura-

cies in the curriculum - believing that some students could interpret those inaccuracies wrongly. There also were comments about there not being enough discussion in one specific video about the serious health risks of birth control.

Some of the material will focus on sexually-transmitted infection

and disease, the usage of male and female birth control and abstinence.

Gallagher said that researchers have noted that comprehensive sexuality education programs can be effective in reducing high-risk behavior and do not increase sexual activity, while at the same time noting that there is insufficient evidence to support abstinence-only-until-marriage programs.

In addition to Northville's curriculum and teacher's notes, four videos are also being recommended. They are Sex Smart for Teens (covering sexually transmitted infections or diseases); Abstinence (deciding to wait); The Teen Files (the truth about sex); It's Your Choice (birth control for teens).

Liz Vallespir, a Northville parent at the meeting, said she would like to have seen more discussion on alternatives to the curriculum.

"I feel this subject matter should be taught by the parents, not the

school," Vallespir said. "This curriculum intrudes upon a person's natural modesty, and when I think of myself at that age, it would have been offensive to me and scary."

Vallespir said that every child has the right to have their personal dignity protected in terms of modesty and confidence. "Self-control is a lost virtue," she said.

Gallagher said that part of the goal for the HAB was to reflect community norms.

"I believe we've done that, and I understand that there are many perspectives on this issue, and we've done our best to reflect that in the curriculum."

Barbara Soyster, MD, has a senior in the high school and another starting as a freshman this fall.

"Until I review the materials, I don't know if I'll be opting my

child out," she said.

Soyster was dismayed that the HAB spent months preparing to look at a curriculum and then would not allow a full two hours to discuss that curriculum in Monday's meeting.

Her biggest concern was that those who voiced criticism were considered extremists and not seriously listened to.

"Dr. Nancy Nowak brought up the question of how do we empower kids to say no to sex, but no one on the committee took time to address that. And co-chair Cheryl Jones asked if the class will convey that sexual behavior doesn't heal emotional wounds? And that concern vanished into thin air. To me, these are valid concerns, yet much of the time was spent arguing about their voting formula," Soyster said.

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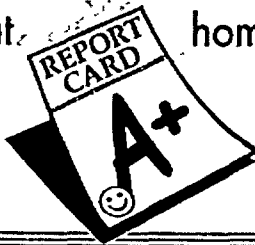
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## Medieval times

LEFT: Lords, ladies, court jesters, knights and townspeople stroll through the Medieval-themed hallways of Meads Mill Middle School during its annual festival. Students got to learn about those ancient times by dressing in the appropriate garb, playing some of its games, and listening to the Blue Dragons – a pair of gentlemen with who showed off some of that eras weapons of combat.



Photo by Tracy Bins

## Paint the Town Green

ABOVE: Ridge Wood Girl Scouts Trishika Gupta and Elizabeth Truplano weed the elementary school's property on April 27. The girls were participating in Paint the Town Green, an annual Northville Girl Scout beautification program. More than 400 Northville Girl Scouts will participate in Paint the Town Green this spring – cleaning, weeding and/or planting flowers at their schools, neighborhoods or other Northville-area locations.



Photo by Tracy Bins

## Fill those buckets!

Members of the Northville High School Pep Band performed at Ridge Wood Elementary School on April 9. The band – along with several members of the Northville High School cheerleading squad – was on hand to help Ridge Wood students celebrate a major milestone in the school's Bucketfillers program. As of April 9, Ridge Wood students had earned 1,787 paper stars (essentially 'caught being good' certificates), filling a bucket in the school office. Bucketfillers is a character education program aimed at decreasing conflict and bullying.



Photo by Tracy Bins

## Gift of Caring

Rachel Skelton, Maria Gutowski, Catherine LoSchlavo and Emma Yakima deliver donated boxes of Girl Scout cookies to Northville Civic Concern director Marlene Kunz. The girls, sixth graders at Meads Mill Middle School in Northville and members of Cadette Troop 438, participated in Gift of Caring. This pilot program offered area residents the opportunity to purchase Girl Scout cookies at cookie booths for donation to Northville Civic Concern or Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor. As a result, 240 boxes of Girl Scout cookies were donated to local organizations.



Photo by Diana Birdsall

## Funds for Habitat

As part of their spirit week activities, the students at Northville High School raised money through the sale of tickets for their Spring Fling dance. This year, the students raised over \$8,000, which they presented to representatives of Habitat for Humanity at the recent pep assembly. Pictured in the photo from left to right are NHS Student Congress Officers (all seniors) and representatives from Habitat for Humanity: Jordyn Bell (NHS), Wendy Brantley (Habitat Homeowner and volunteer), Lori Zalut (Habitat Corporate Relations), Julia Petty (NHS), Robyn Baldas (NHS), and Andy Mills (NHS). For more information on how to volunteer or donate to Habitat for Humanity, please call (313) 521-6691.

# ROBOTICS: Team competes in Atlanta

■ Northville High sends 39 members to FIRST National Championships

By Alea Hibbeln  
STAFF WRITER

Robostangs had a blast matching metal with intellect at the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) regional and state competitions.

The Northville High School Robotics Team, led by teachers Jim Conzelman and Mary Stack, snagged the Driving Tomorrow Technology Award at the FIRST regional competition at Purdue University in March. The team earned the award because judges were impressed with their robot's transmission that sported both four wheel drive and four wheel steer.

But it was the FIRST National Championship, held at Georgia Dome in Atlanta on April 17-19, that rivaled the amount of adrenalin surging around a Super Bowl Sunday. Only this game was all about the brain, not the brawn.

Thirty-nine Robostangs team members who specialize in fields of electrical, mechanical, programming, animation, and strategy used their skills to design, build, and test a robot in a mere six weeks, according to competition rules.

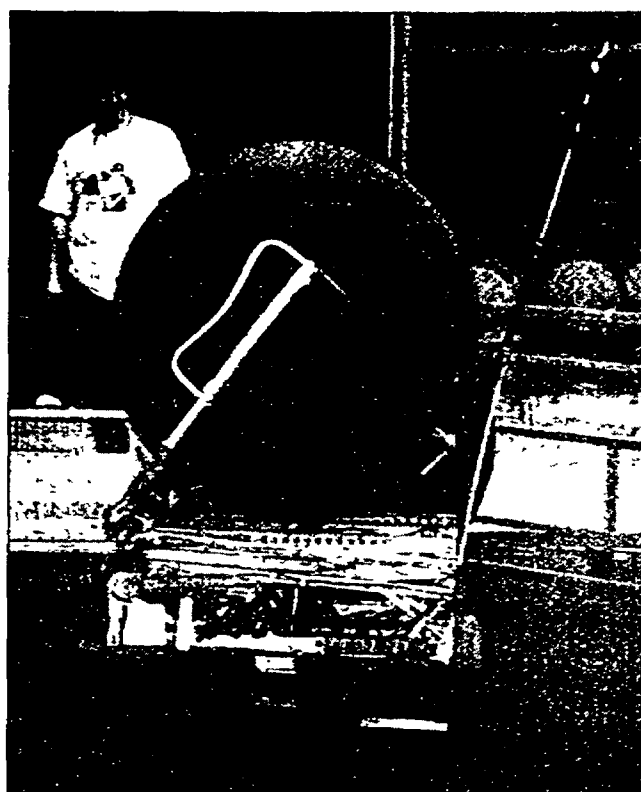
## Test driving technology

Conzelman, who teaches CAD (computer aided drafting), said that Dean Kamen, founder of FIRST, realizes the importance of getting kids interested in technology.

"We're trying to get as many girls as boys in it," said Conzelman. "We want the same enthusiasm as a Friday night football game."

Students work with teachers, parents and mentors in the field's of business and technology to design, build, and program their robot while learning skills in science, math, engineering, business and communication.

Junior classman Billy Pritchard, who worked on the robot's animation system, found his passion from working on the team and plans to study animation and computer



Courtesy photo

Northville High's Robotics team competed at Purdue University and in Atlanta. Six robots, at any given time, are required to race around a track picking up giant inflated balls and tossing them over a 6-foot, 6-inch overpass.

design. Pritchard said that his experience will give him a leg up in his field when he enters college.

But Conzelman said that not all the kids on the team share Pritchard's enthusiasm.

"A lot of kids find they don't want any part of being an engineer," he said.

"It's like an internship," said Stack, who teaches business and computer programming

## The Big Game

When the clock strikes five at the end of six weeks, the robot is boxed and shipped by Federal Express to a storage unit until the regional and national competitions begin. Four hundred high school robotics teams from all over the world flew into Atlanta for the big game. Once inside the Georgia Dome, the teams are given a pit, just like a NASCAR race, to work on their robots when they inevitably break down during races.

Teams of three are chosen randomly by computers to work in alliance against three other teams. Six robots, at any given time, are required to race around a track picking up giant inflated balls and tossing them over a 6-foot, 6-inch overpass.

"The obstacle course is that there are five other robots in your way," said Conzelman. And that's just where the hair-raising excitement begins...until the robot breaks down and team members have to frantically wheel it into the pit to put Humpty back together again. "The robot didn't work the way we wanted it to," said Conzelman. "We placed somewhere in the middle."

But like any team sport, winning and losing is only part of the game. "You learn not only how to build stuff, you learn about cooperation and how to have fun," said Pritchard. "We're like a family; we work together all the time."

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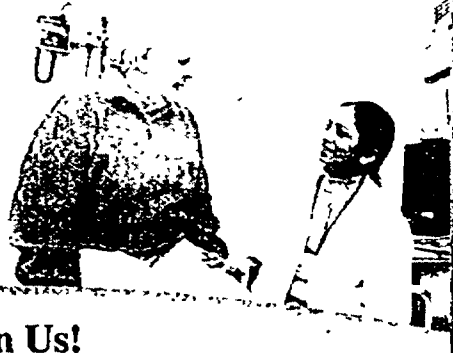
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# 10-year teacher

## Janine Bauchat celebrates decade at co-op preschool

By Alea Hibbeln  
SPECIAL WRITER

Enter the Northville Cooperative Preschool (NCP) on Haggerty Road and just listen as laughter and singing fill the hallway. Those cheerful sounds will be coming from Janine Bauchat's classroom where she and her 2-year-old students dance, sing and clap to popular children's songs.

On this particular day, the kids transformed a large cardboard box into a doghouse, which they decided cats were allowed to frequent. Crawling around on hands and knees meowing and barking, the kids pretend to be cats and dogs. Bauchat, along with two helping parents, are teaching the kids the similarities and differences among dogs and humans.

As part of NCP rules, parents of preschoolers are required to participate in the classrooms twice a month, invited to be on the board of directors, and are members of the co-op. In essence, they are Bauchat's employers.

Bauchat said one of the greatest aspects of the co-op is that parents get to see their child in the developmental range of the other kids. Another advantage of the co-op is that parents become friends and remain friends all the way to high school.

"The co-op provides kids and parents with a sense of community that they haven't been able to get in many of our neighborhoods," said Bauchat.

"Sharing is a hard concept to learn — but taking turns is easier to learn," Bauchat said. "The parents

are modeling that concept when they take turns helping out in the class."

Bauchat joined the co-op 15 years ago when she brought her 2-year-old daughter into the program. "I was a single parent, and it was important for me to get involved," she said. "I established a community here."

The experience prompted Bauchat to get her teaching certificate in early childhood education and she now celebrates 10 years teaching at the school.

Miriam Leopoldsburger, mother to 3-year old Joshua, said Bauchat is the reason she enrolled her son in the 2's program last year.

"I wasn't sure I wanted him in a school setting yet, but in a few sentences Janine changed my mind," said Leopoldsburger. "I talked to her and she has so much love for the program — she makes it fun for them, and they learn a lot through play," she said.

Leopoldsburger said that Bauchat has an answer to every parent's question and has learned that her son's aggressive behavior is nothing more than over-stimulation.

"She gives parents ideas on how to work with the kids in evenings and on weekends."

Jason Case, father to 2-year-old Madeline, said that the only complaint he has about his daughter's teacher is that she doesn't live with them.

"Janine has added structure [in the classroom] that has carried over into my house," Case said.

When Bauchat isn't leading the 2's class, she is teaching the 3's enrichment science class.

"It's a crazy class," she said, laughing hard. "and every one is always very happy."

Earlier this week, 3-year-olds experimented with making two bubble solutions to see which one makes the biggest bubbles.

Sporting goggles and smocks, the kids measured, poured and mixed two batches of solution. Then they scoured the classroom for toys and utensils possessing a hole in which to make bubbles. The creative tots found slotted spoons, spatulas, a colander and even a tennis racket.

"Each worked to one degree or another," said Bauchat. "They had bubbles in their hair and bubbles everywhere," she said, laughing again.

Christa Ishino learned about the program last year.

"I had never heard of a school for 2-year-olds," said Ishino, whose son is now in Bauchat's 3's enrichment class. "I was really impressed by the immediate rapport she established with my son, Simon."

Ishino said "Miss B" got down

on her knees to be at his eye-level and began asking him about his favorite toys. "I knew at that moment we had to send our son to that school."

Ishino now sits on the board and is responsible for marketing and advertising for the school.

"People ask me how I can teach 2-year olds, and I say I'm the luckiest person because I get to play with the most fun people on the planet," said Bauchat.

Submitted photo

**Janine Bauchat was honored for her 10 years as a 2s teacher at Northville Cooperative Preschool at NCP's spring general membership meeting April 24. Parents spoke about her service, she cut a delicious sheet cake, and she was given a hand-made, stained glass birdhouse that was made for her by an NCP grandparent.**



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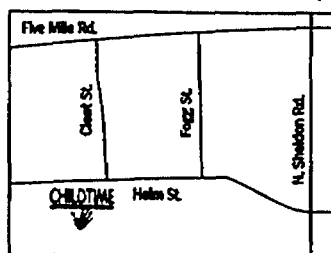
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

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## Northville schools prepared for any unexpected events

### Security measures taken to ensure safety

By Jason Carmel Davis  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Feb. 14 shooting at Northern Illinois University, coupled with last April's shooting at Virginia Tech University and other school shootings have put colleges, universities and K-12 districts on notice that unexpected incidents can happen.

But how can a district, such as the Northville Public School District, which has more than 7,200 students, prepare for something as catastrophic as a school shooting?

"We have major programs in place to ensure the safety of students, faculty and our community," said Dave Bolitho, Northville Public School District assistant superintendent for administrative services.

### Complex plans

A daily routine employed by Northville schools is limited access. Once school is in session at any of the district's 12 buildings, all but one or two doors at each building are locked. Anyone who wishes to enter a Northville school must report to the school's main office and state the reason for their visit.

"We have to keep the majority of the doors closed and locked because people can leave them propped open," Bolitho said. "Or a student might see someone standing outside and think, because they look nice or it's cold, that it's OK to let them in."

Northville has also implemented plans for lockdown and shelter in case of a natural disaster.

The district has worked with Clawson-based Patriot Services Corp., which provides disaster and emergency preparation services to municipal governments, school districts and businesses. Northville schools also have security cameras, which are all accessible through a computer in Bolitho's office, that show each

Northville school from a number of different vantage points.

Police in the city of Northville, Northville Township and Novi also have access to the security cameras, Bolitho said, and the Western Wayne County S.W.A.T. Team's Mobil Tactical Unit is available to the district in the event of an emergency. Each principal, bus driver and Northville central office personnel also utilize a walkie-talkie system, which aids response time, Bolitho added.

The district obtained the \$500,000 camera system through a matching funds program with the federal government, Bolitho said. It was implemented in spring 2007.

### Columbine revisited

Northville High School, which has a trained police officer on duty, recently hosted two student assemblies and a community-wide event that centered around a young woman who was killed in the 1999 Columbine High School tragedy.

Rachel Scott was the first casualty in the April 20, 1999, Columbine High School tragedy.

But a challenge she set for herself lives on: Treat others with kindness and compassion and you just may change the world you live in.

Scott's message was heard at Northville High School through a program sponsored by school Parent Teacher Student Association titled, "Rachel's Challenge."

Scott's friends and family remember her best for her acts of kindness and compassion. Those acts, coupled with the contents of her six diaries, have become the foundation of a countrywide school program that includes audio and video footage of Rachel's Challenge, while motivating audiences to make a positive change in the way they treat others.

Scott's story has been heard abroad, too, and this year the number of students to hear her tale will reach one million. The school program, founded by Scott's father, Darrell, is said to have prevented several suicides, drastically reduced bullying and, in three known instances, prevented a planned school shoot-

ing. Northville High School Principal Rob Watson said the school conducts two drills each school year in an attempt to prepare students and staff for the unexpected. He said the school has hosted discussion groups, as well, and that he took part in a U.S. Department of Defense training session in Pennsylvania as a way to combat possible violence.

"Let's say we have one student tell another, 'I'm gonna kill you,'" Watson said. "We'll talk to the student first, because some of the things students say, you can't take to heart. But we have to talk to them because if you let anything slide, it can bite you."

In March 2007, a message that said, "Columbine can happen" was found in a Northville High School bathroom. The message prompted school officials to shut down the building and police to search it with bomb-sniffing dogs. The school re-opened the next day.

### Difficult to be proactive

Bolitho said response time is key when unexpected incidents happen.

Police in Dekalb, Ill., where Northern Illinois University is located, responded to that incident in three minutes. When last April's shooting at Virginia Tech occurred, where 33 people were killed in two separate shootings, it took investigators from the school and Blacksburg, Va., 15 minutes to respond.

"I thought (Northern Illinois officials) did a great job," Bolitho said. "They didn't waste any time."

Since the Northern Illinois shooting, where six people, including the 27-year-old gunman, were killed, numerous people have been looking for ways to stop violence at schools.

Bolitho said it's tough to be proactive, because you can't keep buildings, or universities, on lockdown all the time.

"We have to focus on mitigating casualties," Bolitho said. "Yes, we do several things to try to combat violence, but I don't think any of them are fail safe. But we have to do our best to ensure safety within our district."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

### Up the creek without a driver

A 21-year-old Redford Township man who survived an accident Monday that left his car upside down in 3 feet of water was ticketed for leaving the scene of an injury accident and arrested because he had an outstanding warrant in Livingston County. According to John Werth, township public safety director, the man's late-model Ford Taurus plunged into Johnson Creek about 2 a.m. For a while, it was a mystery as to what happened to the driver, with the car first reported to police at 11:47 a.m. in the creek on the west side of Ridge Road between Five Mile and Six Mile roads. Police searched the creek for a possible victim, then later tracked down the man through his license plate. Werth said the man admitted he had been drinking with friends in Canton and was driving home drunk at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred. He told police he managed to kick out a window and escape. The man, who had cuts on his face and hands, faces up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine if convicted of the misdemeanor charge of leaving the scene of a personal injury accident. - Gannett News Service

## NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

### Intoxicated driving arrest

A 49-year-old Redford Township woman was arrested for operating under the influence at 12:57 p.m. April 30 at Eight Mile and Beck roads.

Police were dispatched to the area when another motorist called about a possible drunk driver traveling westbound on Eight Mile Road driving through the city of Northville.

The man told dispatch the suspect vehicle was driving erratically, striking the curb numerous times.

The driver of the gold 2002 Pontiac Grand Am eventually pulled into a driveway on Eight Mile Road and went into a home. When police talked to the woman at the house, she said she had been driving fine, she didn't do anything wrong and that she was there to get her hair cut. The woman said she had had nothing to drink, but her speech was heavily slurred, her eyes were watery, and she was unsteady on her feet.

A preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol level in the woman of .20 percent.

### Breaking and entering

Police responded to a call from some residents on Fry Avenue the morning of April 30 to take a report on a burglary the residents believed took place between midnight April 20 and noon April 23.

Stolen property included a Sony PlayStation gaming system valued at about \$200, a Motorola cellular phone valued at about \$500, a Cingular cellular phone valued at about \$200, a laptop computer valued at about \$1,500, a computer docking/charging station of unknown value and \$150

in cash.

There were no signs of forced entry as the home's doors were not locked.

The 43-year-old woman who talked to police said the cash had been taken from the kitchen, and the rest of the property had been stolen from the master bedroom. She also told police she usually did not lock her doors.

She believes some teenagers in the area may have been responsible for the theft, as she has had problems with juveniles in the area before.

The case was closed due to no investigative leads.

### Larceny from auto

A 31-year-old Northville Township resident called police to a home on Aldea Drive to report that her 2005 silver Envoy had been broken into between 6 p.m. April 28 and 5:20 p.m. April 29.

She said she parked the vehicle in her driveway about 6 p.m. and realized the next day that two DVD screens had been taken behind the headrests on the vehicle and that center console items were in disarray. Nothing else was stolen from the car, however.

The woman said she didn't hear anything unusual or suspicious prior to the incident. The case is closed due to no suspect information or investigative leads. The DVD screens were valued at about \$200.

In another case, a 42-year-old Northville Township resident told police his wife had parked their 2008 Honda Passport outside their home on Maple Hill Drive about 7:30 p.m. on April 28, and when he returned at 4:45 p.m. April 29 he noticed that items

had been taken from the vehicle. Since the man drove the SUV before calling police, all physical evidence was destroyed.

Stolen items included a Passport radar detector valued at about \$300, \$40 in cash and about \$10 in change.

The vehicle had been left unlocked, and the case has been closed.

### Woman steals man's car

A 58-year-old Northville Township man who lives on Savoy Court called police on April 29 to report that someone had taken his car.

The victim said he had met a woman at a bar, picked her up the following day at her house on Hazelton Street in Detroit, noticing that the windows were boarded up on the house.

He drove the woman to his home, and when he went to take a shower, the woman took his keys and drove away in his 2002 white Chevrolet Cavalier.

He did not have her phone number and was not sure exactly where her house was, but thought it was blue. He said he would press charges on the woman if police were able to locate her.

Police sent a be-on-the-lookout report to area police departments, reported the vehicle as stolen, searched for the house at the address given by the man, but could not locate the home.

The suspect was described as a white female, about 5-foot, 8-inches tall, 180 pounds, with brown hair and an Old English D tattooed on her left forearm.

The case was closed due to lack of investigative leads

Compiled by Pam Fleming



Photo by PAM FLEMING/Northville Record

### Eye Fight Back

Retired Michigan State Police Officer Monte Oswald of Eye Fight Back demonstrates how to defend yourself during a knife attack during an April 30 program at the Northville Community Senior Center. Portraying the attacker is Judy Rybski of Commerce Township with her sister, Karen Kochis of Brighton, acting as the victim. About 45 women attended the two-hour seminar that covered home security, vehicle safety, stalking, date rape, physical defense tactics and confrontation avoidance skills. For more information, go to [eyefightback.com](http://eyefightback.com).

## CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

### Gas station drive-off

Police responded to a complaint of stolen gas at the Mobile station at 710 W. Eight Mile Rd. that occurred about 3:45 p.m. May 2.

The gas station attendant said a white female driving an older-model Pontiac pumped gas and then left the lot without paying. The attendant obtained the license plate number, but it

came back as "no record" through the Secretary of State. The woman pumped 6.77 gallons valued at \$3.69 a gallon.

### Property destruction

A 27-year-old Farmington man contacted police on April 20 to report that his car had been keyed between 7:20 and 8:30 p.m. while he was inside the Wagon Wheel Saloon at

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The car owner told police his maroon, four-door 2008 Mazda CX-7 had been scratched from the front quarter panel to the rear quarter panel on the driver's side. The car was parked in the rear parking lot of the bar two parking spaces from the building.

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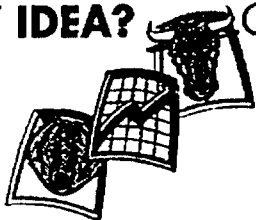
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# PAWS TOTAL PET STUDIO: New store offers host of 'creature' comforts

■ Owners are  
doggone friendly

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Northville has literally gone to the dogs...and the cats...with the opening of Paws Total Pet Studio last Saturday in downtown Northville.

The family-owned business at 102 E. Main St. at Center Street is run by newlyweds Bob and Lindsey Champine, and Bob's mother, Carol Ann Champine.

"We got into the business because we had such bad experiences with other pet stores in the area," Lindsey said. "We were tired of seeing animals that we felt were being mistreated. Plus, it's hard to find the best treats, food, clothes, and other items for your pets these days."

Bob and Lindsey, who just married last October, obviously love animals and have a British short-haired cat, Princess; an English bulldog, Mambo, and a Pekinese puppy, Gizmo.

The two, who met through mutual friends, are Michigan natives and grew up in the area. Lindsey studied business administration at Eastern Michigan University, and Bob graduated from Novi High School.

Before deciding to open a pet store, Lindsey was a corporate trainer for a cosmetic company and Bob worked in construction.

"We're looking forward to getting to know the community and hopefully will become Northville homeowners some day," Lindsey said.

The Champines acquired the space from Alexandra Papisifakis and Nicole Jaskulka, former owners of Duetto, a women's clothing store that closed recently.

"We literally walked in and talked to Nikki and Alex," Lindsey said. "They said that their space was for rent and that they would be happy to sublease it to us."

The 1,380-square-foot ground level space houses retail and a grooming salon and the 280-square-foot basement is reserved for a pet day care service.

The Champines wanted a family-oriented, inviting store, where the owners are knowledgeable and take a personal interest in the pets.

The store carries such premier brands as Sojos, an organic, completely natural line of foods and treats, and Royal Canin.

"We cater to animals with allergies and special dietary needs," Lindsey said.

"Today's veterinarians suggest feeding pets a variety of different foods in order to treat and prevent many allergies," she added.

She noted that recently read online about a study that showed in America, people spend more on their pet's health than their own health.

Clothing from Downtown Doggie, handmade in Australia, and Ruff Ruff Couture of Beverly Hills is also available.

The store also features a dog walking service.

The Champines have attended many trade shows and visit local breeders to glean ideas about the latest pet products.

"We stay on the cutting edge of today's pet industry," Lindsey said.

The store has a special section for cats, as well as pet-themed greeting cards.

Another special feature of the store is Jerry Mike of Novi, owner of Dog's Best Friend dog training and obedience, who is a dog consultant, trainer, handler and former breeder.

Mike offers an eight-week series that allows owners to overcome tough dog training issues. The series includes both indoor and outdoor sessions.

## Reputable puppies

The Champines are quick to dispel rumors that their dogs come from puppy mills.

"We have a very thorough

screening process involved with every animal we take aboard," Lindsey said.

"In fact, we like to say that we adopt out our puppies, because every puppy is mine and my husband's. All of our puppies are raised with the best of care, we are with them nearly 24 hours a day, and we visit all of the kennels where they come from."

Bob said he and Lindsey just watched the recent "Oprah" episode about puppy mills last weekend online.

"We were just shocked," he said. "In some states, puppies are treated like livestock. We understand that a lot of people associate all pet stores with these operations, but that's just not the case."

The store also doesn't focus only on obtaining expensive American Kennel Club breeds.

"We're looking at offering animals from rescue groups, too," Lindsey said.

## People love their pets

The Champines understand why that even in a down economy people don't mind spending money on their pets.

"They often receive more unconditional love from their pets than they do their own family members," Lindsey said. "With this being such a scary world, I think our pets offer comfort. It's a proven fact that owning a pet helps lower blood pressure and can alleviate depression, stress and anxiety."

The family originally planned to open a pet store in the Saxton building in Plymouth but decided not to when the building's owner wasn't interested in them making a lot of renovations to the structure. Now they're excited about their Northville location.

"This is definitely a very pet-friendly community," Bob said. "We see how many people interact with their dogs in the downtown area."

Shoppers are even encouraged to bring their pets into the store.



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The family-owned Paws Total Pet Studio opened at 201 E. Main St. in downtown Northville last Saturday. Pictured with the store's trainer, Jerry Mike, front, holding a Clumber spaniel, are owners, from left, Lindsey Champine, holding their Pekinese Gizmo; her husband, Bob Champine; and his mother, Carol Ann Champine. The Champines' English bulldog and store mascot, Mambo, is pictured by Mike.

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2008-09 City Budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

**PROPOSED 2008 MILLAGE RATES** The following statements are provided, as required by State statute, concerning the 2008 proposed millage levies for the City of Northville.

The 2008 tax levy for the City Operating Millage is proposed to be 13.30 mills, compared to 13.30 mills in 2007, reflecting no increase or decrease. The City Council has authority under the City Charter to set the Operating Millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 14.1824 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee roll-back formula.

The 2008 levy for the Improvement Program for Streets, Drainage and Sidewalks, approved by the voters on March 4, 1997, is proposed to be 1.7670 mills, compared to 1.7670 mills in 2007, resulting in no increase or decrease.

The 2008 levy for the 2000 Public Safety Debt, which involves a bond issue approved by the voters in 2000 is proposed to be 0.1378 mill, compared to 0.1374 mills in 2007, resulting in an increase of 0.29%.

The total City millage for operating, debt, and improvements is proposed to be 15.2048 mills in 2008. Compared to the 15.2044 mills levied in 2007, the increase is 0.0004 mills, or 0.003%.

**ANTICIPATED EQUALIZATION FACTORS** The 2008 equalization factors for both Wayne and Oakland County are expected to be 1.00 for all classes of property.

(5-8-08 NR 412660)

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## INVITATION TO BID HUTTON ALLEY SANITARY SEWER RELOCATION PROJECT CITY OF NORTHVILLE

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The Contract will consist of the following principal items of work and miscellaneous related items as shown in the Contract Documents:

Remove Asphalt Pavement	950 SY
Install 8" Dia. Sanitary Sewer	252 LF
Install 6" Dia. Sanitary Service	466 LF
Install Sanitary Sewer Manhole	2 EA
Connect to Existing Sanitary Service	5 EA
Reroute Internal Building Waste Plumbing	1 LS
Place 12" Aggregate Base Course	950 SY
Restore Asphalt Pavement	75 SY

And various related items of work.

Contract Documents will be on file and may be examined beginning May 2, 2008 at the following locations: Office of the City Clerk, Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300 or McNeely & Lincoln Associates, Inc., 37741 Pembroke, Livonia, Michigan, 48152, 734-432-9777.

Contract Documents, including the Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms for the Hutton Alley Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project may be obtained after May 2, 2008 from McNeely & Lincoln Associates, Inc., at 37741 Pembroke, Livonia, Michigan 48152. A non-refundable payment in the amount of \$30 is required for each set of Contract Documents. Payment for Contract Documents must be made by check. Checks for Contract Documents shall be payable to McNeely & Lincoln Associates, Inc. Contract Documents can be shipped for an additional charge of \$15 for shipping and handling. Plans will not be shipped after May 16, 2008.

Each Bid shall be submitted in duplicate on the Bid forms provided and shall be accompanied by a Bid security. Bidders must provide Bid security in the form of a Bid Bond, certified check, or cashier's check for a sum not less than 5 percent of the Bid Price. Refer to other bidding requirements described in Instructions to Bidders. Submit your offer on the Bid Form provided. Bidders are required to complete two copies of the Bid Form. Your offer will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in bidding and to make the award in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the City. The successful Bidder shall furnish satisfactory performance, labor, maintenance and material bonds, and insurance policies.

JAMES P. GALLOGLY  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
(5-8-08 NR 412017)

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CITY CLERK

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE Coldwater Springs Nature Area - Linear Park Development

Sealed proposals for the Coldwater Springs Nature Area - Linear Park Development in the Charter Township of Northville, Michigan will be received at the office of Ms. Sue Hillebrand, Township Clerk, Charter Township of Northville, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, 48168 until 10:00 a.m. local time, Thursday, May 29, 2008, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work generally involves, boardwalk construction, earthwork, concrete paving, bituminous paving, drinking fountain installation, benches and kiosk construction.

Bid documents will be available for distribution only at Atwell-Hicks, LLC 7927 Nemco Way, Suite 100 Brighton, MI 48116 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. A non-refundable charge of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) will be required for each bid set picked up at Atwell-Hicks, LLC. An additional non-refundable charge of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) will be charged for bid sets requiring shipping and handling or a charge of \$20.00 will be charged for bid sets requiring overnight shipping.

Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check, bank draft of bid bond of an approved surety company doing business in Michigan in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount proposed. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the Information for Bidders of the bid documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any parts of the same, waive any irregularities, and to accept any bid in their own best interest.

Bid documents will be available Thursday, May 8, 2008. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Northville Township Hall 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. A site visit will follow the meeting.

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by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

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# New restaurant owners find South Lyon 'comfortable'

By Jessie Ellis  
STAFF WRITER

Kostas and Victoria Mantzopoulos, the new owners of Fiore — formerly Riffles — really enjoy getting to know the South Lyon area after owning a restaurant in West Bloomfield.

"You say good bye and they hug you," Victoria said of her patrons. "When we first started here it was like 'Wow! This is a culture shock.'"

At a busy lunchtime last week, Kostas stopped to talk with his customers, shaking hands, inquiring about the food and greeting new and returning customers.

"People know his name," Victoria said with a smile. She hesitates to say anything against West Bloomfield — where the couple and their children still live — but South Lyon is very different.

"A little town. There's a connection with each other," Victoria said. Kostas agreed.

"I'm very, very comfortable here and with the people," Kostas said.

Kostas and Victoria bought out Riffles last year, but in January they made some big changes. They changed the name to Fiore in honor of Kostas' grandfather.

"It means flower," Kostas said. "It was my grandfather's nickname. In the old days he worked as a gardener. He worked with flowers."

In addition to the name change, Fiore became an Italian restaurant with some American

cuisine, as well.

"Changing the menu was a big thing. It was really key," Victoria said.

The couple kept some of the old dishes that were popular with the Riffles customers. They put ballots on the tables and patrons could vote for their favorite dishes.

The change chased some long-time customers away, while others decided to try something new. Victoria said she's seeing lots of new people and younger people coming through their doors. Better yet, they are seeing some of the old regulars return.

Plans are in the works for other aspects of the restaurant. In a couple of weeks the Friday and Saturday night hours will be lengthened from closing at 9 p.m. to closing at 11 p.m.

"We'll give it a try," Kostas said. "I want people to stay here with us instead of going to Novi or Brighton."

Kostas said they have implemented a new senior discount of 15 percent off from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"They support me and I support them," Kostas said.

The couple is even investigating setting up an outdoor patio for the summer.

The economy has been rough all around for Michigan and Fiore's has felt the impact as well.

"It is better to have the competition," Kostas said of other restaurants in the area that have closed. "I hope they find a way to bring more business down



Photo by HAL GOULD

Kostas and Victoria Mantzopoulos, the new owners of Fiore Restaurant, formerly Riffles on Pontiac Trail have changed the name and menu, but are keeping the hometown atmosphere they have come to love.

here. This is the goal."

Kostas and Victoria said they intend to be around for a while. They hire local staff and support the community as much as possible.

"We bought the building. We're going to stay for a long

time," Kostas said.

Apparently the community is all for that. Fiore recently won four People's Choice Awards for Best Family Restaurant, Best Quality, Best Soup and Most Romantic.

"I'm here 14 hours a day and

when I'm not here for an hour, my wife is," Kostas said. "It's a small town everybody knows everyone else. They treat me very good."

Fiore is located on Pontiac Trail between Nine Mile and Ten Mile roads. The hours for

the restaurant will be changing soon with later hours on Friday and Saturday. For hours or information about catering and events, call (248) 486-1511.

Contact Jessie Ellis at (248) 437-2011 or [jellis@gannett.com](mailto:jellis@gannett.com).

# Resident could have a shining moment on 'American Idol'

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Kurt Schreitmüller got together with David Barrett and Dan Yessian and wrote a song called "You Believe in Me" a decade ago. The song is now one of 20 finalists in the American Idol Songwriter contest.

"The song is 10 years old. It's interesting because we did it 10 years ago at Dan's studio," Schreitmüller said. "Dan's son and staff prodded him and we just sent it in."

The winning song, out of a pool of thousands, will be sung by the season seven "American Idol" winner during the final show next month.

Votes were tallied at song-writer.americanidol.com, where anyone on the Web could register, listen to the 20 songs and rate each song through April 23. "You Believe in Me," co-written by Schreitmüller and sung by Chicago vocalist Helen Darling, should not be confused with another song titled "You Believed in Me."

"The chances of winning are so astronomical," Schreitmüller said. "I've never been in something like this. It's a big surprise to me, to see your name on the 'American Idol' Web site."

The additional publicity may be new to Schreitmüller, but the industry isn't. He's been in bands in the past, gives piano lessons and is the director of music ministries at Oak Pointe Church in Novi.

"I've been doing music for decades and songwriting since the '80s," he said. "I put together the bands and scheduling, and help to pick the music (at Oak Pointe)."

He's also composes songs for television and radio commercials in his private studio, similar to "You Believe in Me" co-writers Barrett and Yessian. Barrett was also the writer of the NCAA men's basketball tournament's anthem, "One Shining Moment."

Schreitmüller thinks the other songs in the top 20 are good enough where any of them really have a shot to win.



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Oak Pointe Church director of music ministries Kurt Schreitmüller is the co-author of a song that is one of the top 20 finalists in the American Idol songwriter contest.



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"The nice thing about being a writer is that you're not in the public eye. You can still go to Hiller's (grocery store). As a songwriter, you're more behind the scenes."

Kurt Schreitmüller  
Novi songwriter

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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.*

## Get beyond m.p.g. rules

With the national average price for a gallon of gasoline busting \$3.50 for the first time, Earth Day was ideal for the U.S. Department of Transportation to announce a more aggressive schedule for the auto industry to improve fuel economy.

The new rules will save money and oil, but putting an onus on Detroit to stretch gasoline can hardly be the end of Washington's efforts to alter the nation's energy consumption and improve the environment. Motor vehicles are just part of a much larger debate that will, in the next administration, have to include the possibility of a tax on the carbon content of the fossil fuels such as oil and coal and even "congestion charges" such as now being assessed to drive in crowded London.

To get each manufacturer to the 35 m.p.g. fleet average mandated by Congress for 2020, Transportation Secretary Mary Peters called for goals of 31.2 m.p.g. for passenger cars and 25 m.p.g. for trucks, SUVs and vans by 2011, for an average of 27.8 m.p.g. That step will be followed in 2015 by a 35.7 m.p.g. standard for cars and 28.6 m.p.g. for trucks, or a fleet average of 31.6 m.p.g.

The fleet average is now 25 m.p.g. — 27.5 m.p.g. for cars, 22.5 for pickups, SUVs and vans.

Here's the tradeoff for consumers: Getting where Peters wants to go will likely add \$650-\$1,000 to the cost of a new vehicle, but the annual savings on gasoline will be in the same range. And the challenge for the auto companies will not be just meeting the tougher standards, but doing so with the kinds of vehicles that people want to buy.

In other words, Detroit will have to focus more of its innovation firepower on mileage, but not at the expense of the style, safety and utility changes needed to stay in the game with foreign competitors.

Part of the problem here is that the simplistic answer is to build more small vehicles, but the average American keeps getting bigger, and even if gasoline hits \$5 a gallon, there's a group of drivers out there who will just not go small. Instead, they are likely to hang on to their older, larger vehicles, which would not bode well for sales of new, smaller models.

The new rules underscore the urgency of doing something about America's addiction to oil. But incrementally changing the motor vehicle mix over a decade is hardly a full solution.

### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

### Prelude

The trumpet section of the Hillside Middle School band plays a tune for visiting fifth graders who were at the school to get an orientation for their upcoming fall semester.

## Wright or wrong? I've seen the light

The "controversial" preaching by the Reverend Jeremiah Wright and the howls of protests in response brought the following thoughts to mind:

- 1) The book "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus."
- 2) The story of the blind men and the elephant.
- 3) The difference between "preaching to the choir" versus attempting to "convert the nonbeliever."

Let me elaborate.

First, in John Gray's book "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus," he theorizes that men and women have different emotional needs. Hence, their communication styles are completely different, often leading to conflict between the sexes. Men and women are so different, asserts the author, they may as well be from different planets.

It would stand to reason, using this same logic and the clear and undeniable life experiences

between many African Americans and their white counterparts, that it should not be totally surprising that many in the black community hear the Reverend Wright's words differently than their white counterparts. This is not to say Reverend Wright speaks for all African Americans. There is no single voice for a monolithic, black America; nor a white one.

Second, the tale of blind men holding onto an elephant demonstrates that one's absolute reality may be influenced by one's limited perspective, as illustrated: A group of blind men each grab onto a different part, but just that part, of an elephant (e.g., the trunk, tusk or tail). They come together and compare thoughts about what type of animal they were touching. Obviously, given their individual experiences, each describes something quite different from the others.

The men become angry as they

defend their perspective of reality. A wise man helps resolve the dispute by explaining each man's reality is only part of the larger picture.

The moral of the story demonstrates we must learn to live in harmony with those who have different life experiences and, hence, realities. Depending on our perspective, we see life differently.

Third, preaching to the choir is quite different from attempting to convert the nonbeliever. Clearly, words need context and a cultural perspective to have meaning. It is quite different to speak to your "flock" who you have known for years and get an "amen" than it is to have the same words rebroadcast in the public square — where people listen and hear with different ears and respond accordingly. Having a shared cultural history and experience with an individual influences what one hears.

Finally, the controversy surrounding Reverend Wright ought to give all Americans great pause. How is it that a man of Reverend Dr. Wright's stature (he gave up his student deferment, left college and joined the United States Marine Corps), brilliance, longevity, preaching social justice and, some say, hate from the pulpit be invisible to so many in white America?

It has been said there is nothing more segregated than our churches on a Sunday morning.

Clearly, the ascendancy of Senator Barack Obama has amplified Reverend Wright's words. Does America today remain "separate while perhaps slightly more equal" as Senator Obama's rise and that of other African Americans may indicate?

Words do have power. Some of Reverend Wright's recent words at the National Press Club were perceived as vile by many. A few words uttered by an individual



### About Tom Watkins

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over the course of their life should not define him and the people who have voluntarily associate with him any more than our history, as a country of slavery, bigotry and other indignities we have visited on our fellow men and women, should solely define America.

Our forefathers sought to form a more perfect union. As this latest saga has demonstrated, we have not perfected it yet. Like the blind men and the well-known

Christian and civil rights anthem, "Amazing Grace," remind us, "I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see."

This debate is larger than Reverend Wright or Senator Obama — it is about America.

Let's hope this debate allows us all to open our minds and hearts and truly work to form a more perfect union. God Bless America

## Business success seen in Kalamazoo

It was a huge economic development announcement a couple weeks ago. Thirty-three hundred new, good-paying jobs, coupled with \$330 million in investment, including renovation of 500,000 square feet in downtown buildings.

That is expected to create a ripple effect that will be followed by as many as 3,000 more new jobs in related industries. Was this happening in Texas? Massachusetts? Silicon Valley? No, it's going on in Kalamazoo and Mattawan, a small town southwest of there. And it looks like it may be the Michigan economy's biggest leap forward in years.

MPI Research, a privately held and very rapidly growing company in the pre-toxicology life sciences business, is headquartered in Mattawan. And it has decided to expand enormously right here in Michigan, instead of China or Pennsylvania.

The net result, after several years, is expected to entirely make up all the jobs lost when Pfizer decided a decade ago to close its research and manufac-

turing operations in Kalamazoo.

It's a big announcement, but the real significance comes in the back story. According to William Johnston, the Chairman of Southwest Michigan First, the local economic development outfit and a key local mover and shaker, the key events had to do with how the community rallied after Pfizer shocked the town.

"We didn't whine, we didn't cry. We just sat down, thought hard about our assets and how to bring them together. Basically, we applied local capital to a storehouse of good ideas."

This story should stand as a textbook case about how Michigan communities need to work together to bring us back from our current time of troubles. Consider what went into this Michigan success story:

- Southwest Michigan First was organized as a privately funded economic development agency. It set up the \$50 million Southwest Michigan Life Sciences Fund, which offers seed funding to companies in the life sciences — but only if they agree to locate in Kalamazoo.

- Pfizer agreed to contribute two downtown buildings to the City of Kalamazoo. The city leased the buildings to MPI on favorable terms. Once MPI generates 400 new jobs, their title passes to MPI.

- State government, too often criticized for inertia or worse, stepped up. The state legislature approved a new tax-free Renaissance Zone for downtown Kalamazoo. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation pitched in tax breaks and incentives. The Department of Transportation agreed to spend \$500 million to improve an off-ramp on I-94 to accommodate increased traffic. Gov. Jennifer Granholm sat with MPI Chairman William Parfet, pitched the project, shook hands and sealed the deal.

Something like this could have never happened in the business climate of the "old" Michigan, whose culture featured conflict over collaboration, assignment of blame over working together, reliance on one or two giant companies over entrepreneurial risk, and deep pessimism or dis-



### About Phil Power

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belief that things can actually get better.

Southwest Michigan First's Johnson told me that work leading up to the announcement has been going on locally for years:

"We realized that we had a legacy of skilled and talented people here going back to the days of the Upjohn Co. And we realized we had to have an entire community-wide effort. There was a danger of too much concentration on one company and one industry."

"So we worked with Western Michigan University's new research and technology park, Parkview Campus, and set up an Innovation Center, an incubator

for life science companies."

Ron Kitchens, the deceptively intense but superficially low-key head of Southwest Michigan First, says Kalamazoo's progress isn't confined to the MPI deal. "We've had 11 new companies here in the last seven months," he says, "including an automobile supplier firm and Kaiser Aluminum. We're building a diversified economic base."

But it might be that the most satisfied of all is Bill Parfet, the high-energy, low-profile head of MPI. The land that the old Pfizer buildings are on was originally bought by his great-grandfather, Dr. John Upjohn. The patriarch built the Upjohn Company into a

giant corporation, and his father managed it for years. Now his own company is going back to the old family farm to make yet another contribution to his community. Parfet won't talk about it, but his heart has got to be swelling with pride these days.

What is clear is that this whole episode is a perfect illustration of what will make Michigan prosperous again: Energy and vision. Collaboration and inventiveness. Willingness to take risk, coupled with concern for community. We have the DNA of greatness in our bones. It's up to us all to find ways to express it.



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# LETTERS

## Farm flourishes

I was at Maybury Farm last Saturday for its spring opening and it was great. The antique tractor teams were plowing the fields for spring planting. The huge variety of animals were showing off to the excited children and their parents. The peacocks, ducks and swans were especially colorful. They were not to be outdone, however, by the cows, horses, pigs or baby lambs. The school-aged children were dancing, the band was playing and the news media were there in full force.

Everywhere I looked there were improvements which represented thousands of hours of volunteer work and hundred of thousands of dollars worth of donations. From the manicured grounds and new fountain, to the barns, fields, pastures, stalls and animals, Maybury Farm shined.

Having lived through the closing of the Farm by the DNR, the fire, and then the rebuilding and reopening of the Farm by the Northville Community Foundation, I realized the value of Maybury Farm. I have also realized that none of this would have happened without the vision and leadership of Shari Peters. It is amazing that she has been able - with the help of her volunteers, donors and family - to take Maybury Farm from the ashes to what it is today.

Kudos and thanks to Shari Peters, her farm crew and all who participated Saturday and in the rebuilding of Maybury Farm.

**Eric Colthurst**  
Board Member

Northville Community Foundation

## Another Farm perspective

I am writing in response to Marie Muehlenbein. Marie states that she has the opportunity to work with wonderful people at the Maybury Farm, and "the critics and whiners are a dime a dozen". I was once like Marie, volunteering and feeling positive about all the fundraisers that were being done. I helped with two dinner dances, three golf outings, one home tour, and donated product for two auctions. I also got my family members and friends to give of their time and items for auction. My neighbor even opened her home for the home tour. However, it became obvious that the lady in charge was not willing to share the answer to the most asked question: "How much did the event make?"

I tried to explain that people want to know and they will keep helping because everyone likes to contribute to a winning team. The answer was always the same: "The numbers aren't in yet."

I stopped helping. When the Northville Community Foundation got the lease for Maybury Farm, there were others that had similar experiences to mine, and a new group, Voices for Maybury Farm, was formed separate from the NCF. We thought we could raise money and purchase items that the farm needed. Our first fundraiser was a T-shirt sale. We went to the schools and followed all the proper channels to get the information sent home with the students. Then Ms. Shari Peters sent a letter to many of the districts implying that we were not a viable group, and the sale was stopped in the Northville district. I could not understand. The motive for the fundraising was the same - help rebuild the farm. We did raise some, but nothing close to what it could have been had that letter not gone out. We have offered to fund several items for the farm, but every time we were refused or ignored. Some of these items were a tractor, restore the windmill, a sugar shack, a sleigh, just to name a few. To date, we have bought two boards, a gift certificate for feed, and paid for lightning rods for the barns for a total of \$3,600.

Marie invited us out to see how the farm is being run and how the animals are cared for. I have been to visit the farm, and I have a suggestion for the one who cares for the horse. He really needs someone to care for his hooves. They are vastly overgrown, cracked and chipped. This is not comfortable for him and a danger to his health. He could also use a good brushing. Also, when are the caretakers going to take care of the old wood with the nails sticking out? I know you can find it, it is sitting next to the dumpster. It looked a bit dangerous to me. Yes, the pens were clean, so was the barn. I was looking for the antique machinery. The only things I found were some laminated pictures stuck on one of the barn walls. Maybe I'm wrong, but I thought a historic farm would have pieces of equipment that represented the era. Yes, there

was one horse, two cows, two pigs, two mini donkeys, two mini horses, lots of goats and sheep, turkeys, chickens, a peacock, and some ducks. Our visit was pleasant, but it could have been so much more.

Marie states "we should thank the NCF for Maybury Farm". I think the thanks should go to Ken Brock as he was the one to orchestrate the barn move. Maybury Farm would not exist as it does now without his expertise. Also, let us not forget Toll Brothers for the barn donation and the funds that were given towards the move.

I wish Marie the best with her association with the wonderful team. I am truly happy for her that it is working out; however, please do not look down your nose at the critics unless you have walked in our shoes.

**Joyce Stowell**  
Northville

## Paws Total Pet Studio replies

I was appalled to see the letter from last week that insinuated that my family business would ever be compared to a puppy mill.

First, let me say, that our business did not even open until this past weekend. We'd like to thank the community for visiting us. It was a great success and we look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Now, concerning this rumor. Let me say it is simply untrue and slanderous. I was very surprised to see that no one contacted us personally to take a tour of our facility nor take any time to find out more about us. Those that have taken the time to get to know us know that these remarks are simply untrue.

All of our puppies are raised under foot in our home. We have great relationships with all of the breeders that we get our puppies from. We are not afraid to let anyone know this. We do not hide any information from our customers.

Our puppies receive excellent care from our entire family. They are never left alone. They do not sit in cold, dark cages. They receive veterinary care constantly, when needed. They are exercised frequently. Puppy mills do everything that we do not. Also, puppy mills include shelters, rescues, etc., not just pet stores.

Though PAWS is in business to make a profit, we care about exactly where our pets are going as well as to whom. We care about where they've been, and, when possible, someone in our family traces the lineage of the puppies. Also, the reason we primarily carry AKC registered dogs is due to the fact that AKC is extremely strict about the standards of the dogs, and actually swabs for DNA, etc.

Next, let me ask this question: Does your typical pet store allow the dogs to sleep with them in their bed at home? Does your typical pet store allow the dogs out to exercise the entire day? Do your typical pet store owners rescue dogs off the street and find them good homes? These gross accusations offend me very personally. Our family loves animals and would never knowingly associate with anyone like these puppy mills. Our very well known trainer, Jerry Mike, would never associate with puppy mills. He is very well known in the show dog world. Lastly, let me say our neighbors on Main Street and here in Northville would never associate with this type of riff raff either.

We are simply in business to cater to animals and animal lovers. We carry items that our own pets at home love. We carry items you cannot find anywhere else.

We simply urge these narrow-minded folks to keep an open mind and to visit our store. Meet us. Meet our puppies. Meet our family. Give us a chance. We look forward to being in this community for years to come. We are the exception, and I urge people to give small businesses a chance.

**Bob & Carolann Champine**  
Paws Total Pet Studio

## Restore Healthy Michigan Fund

Most people don't realize that chronic diseases are the most common, costly and preventable forms of illness. According to the Center for Disease Control, chronic diseases affect almost half of our population and consume 75 percent of our health care dollars. Given these sobering statistics, I am troubled that the Michigan Senate voted to cut the Healthy Michigan Fund, which serves as the main source for almost all state sponsored disease

prevention programs, by almost 50 percent.

As someone providing health care to people with diabetes, I am passionate about restoring the Healthy Michigan Fund and maintaining state funded diabetes and kidney disease prevention and management programs. These programs are evidence-based and provide positive outcomes in communities and health care systems. Programs focus on diabetes prevention through lifestyle changes and provide self-management training to those with diabetes, which can reduce the complications of blindness, amputation, kidney disease/failure, heart attack and stroke.

In Michigan in 2006, the leading causes of kidney failure were diabetes (42 percent) and high blood pressure (29 percent). Healthy Michigan Fund programs target diabetes and high blood pressure management because kidney failure caused by diabetes and high blood pressure can be prevented or delayed! If the Healthy Michigan Fund is not restored, these programs along with many others, will be lost.

Chronic disease prevention is cost effective and a worthwhile use of state funds. We must convince our legislators to restore the Healthy Michigan Fund and maintain disease prevention and kidney disease programs. I am going to contact my state representative and state senator and encourage them to restore the Healthy Michigan Fund and maintain diabetes and kidney disease programs. I hope you will do the same.

**Cary Pianin**  
Northville

## The bigger picture

The prior Letter to the Editor, opinion submitted April 10, brought up the issue of all taxpayers having to subsidize the 414-acre former hospital site during the course of the brownfield cleanup repayment loan period. However, as I pointed out in my Guest Column article, the township property tax bill currently being paid for this parcel is \$776,321 per year, and would continue to be so, even if the brownfield development request had been approved or not. The former hospital never paid taxes, and we still provided police and fire protection services since the 1970's, and continue to do so. Is not \$776,321 per year better than \$0?

Brownfield developments have served many communities in their efforts to clean up polluted sites and change them from liabilities, and eyesores, back into productive, revenue-producing assets to the community. This is not a new concept.

The prior opinion letter also mentioned that the township would have to provide "up-front cost of additional services - things like additional police cars and a fire truck larger than anything presently owned (to possibly fight a fire in the proposed seven-story building)". However, the township, for over 30 years has provided fire and police protection to the current hospital buildings, some of which are over 10 stories tall. We must currently have the proper equipment, and training, or had been placing the former hospital patients and staff in harm's way for many years - which I do NOT feel was the case.

The fact of the matter is that tall structures must meet stringent building and fire codes. They are constructed of fireproof materials, have fire doors, fireproof floors and walls, sprinkler systems, alarms, multiple fire exits, and fire hoses throughout each floor of the building. Fires within tall buildings are not only fought from ladders but also floor to floor with fire hoses and connections designed and strategically located within the building. Many of these buildings have on-site water storage capabilities in order to fight a fire, such as the hospital's current water tower. If this was the case then buildings in Detroit, Chicago and New York City would be limited in height by the length of the ladders, equipment, and water pressure, the local fire department's trucks possessed. Also, if fire and police protection should only be provided to those who directly fund it, or as the prior writer states: "He ignores the fact that all of those additional residents and businesses will require township services, and if the tax revenue is used for the clean-up, the cost of those services will have to be borne by those of us already living here."

Then, by the same logic, we should not provide fire or police protection to Maybury Farm Park, Northville Public Schools, Ward Presbyterian Church, Miles Christi Religious Order, the 20-plus acre ROC International Church complex, Scott

Correctional Facility, any business that has received a tax abatement, all churches, charities, tax exempt or non-profit entities, any property owner behind on their taxes, or any state or county property, because they do not contribute totally to the local tax base and therefore do not 100-percent financially support the services they receive. Also, the prior writer is negating the fact that the township is still collecting the tax of \$776,321 per year.

Two-and-a-half story buildings, which the developer is being limited to, are probably the most dangerous buildings, because they can be constructed of wood and other combustible materials. This type of structure was the site of the recent Hechtman Federation Apartment fire in West Bloomfield, where five fire departments responded to evacuate 200 senior citizens off of wooden balconies, with ladders, as the light frame wood structure was partially engulfed in flames behind them. Compare this to a four-story structure constructed of fire-proof materials, similar to Allen Terrace in Northville. In short, we should not restrict building heights based on what we perceive to be the limits of fire equipment, but instead ensure that the taller structures are properly designed and equipped with automatic fire suppression systems to meet current fire and safety codes. Taller buildings are more environmentally friendly because they use less land per square foot of building space, and energy to heat and cool. They are also more suitable for large, better paying, and financially viable multi-national corporate tenants that require an identifiable landmark structure that projects status, stability, and the capacity for growth, which a two-story structure cannot provide.

The prior writer also dispels commercial tax abatements as "irrelevant". Our school district in 2006 received \$8,745,744 and in 2007 \$9,620,318 from non-homestead/commercial property tax, and tax abatements can have an effect on these revenues. This tax money goes directly to our local schools. The money our school district receives each year from commercial development is the equivalent of more than 100 new students, with the state per pupil grant of approximately \$8,000 per student. However, with the non-homestead tax revenue from commercial properties, there is no associated expenses, such as hiring new teachers, new class space, supplies, transportation, etc. required to teach new students. This is why communities such as Dearborn enjoyed well-financed schools while receiving large non-homestead property tax revenue from businesses such as Ford Motor Company. Communities that rely primarily on residential property for revenue will always be dependent on Lansing in order to properly fund their local schools. The township is finally seeing many former tax-exempt parcels - owned by State of Michigan, Wayne County, and the City of Detroit - returning to the tax rolls, through development efforts. The developer, according to The Northville Journal, April 26, 2007, originally proposed "60 acres for a lifestyle center", and it was reduced down to 25 acres, thus reducing the tax revenue. We should welcome new commercial developments and the yearly tax revenue growth they can generate for our local schools. Non-homestead tax revenue increases each year, while the trend in per pupil grant money from Lansing is going down. If we could further maximize our commercial tax base, we may be able to avoid discussions on the lack of textbooks in our classrooms or the need to privatize the school workforce.

**Steve Lomske**  
Northville Township

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## Local Events

### A Parent's Guide to Internet Safety

**TIME/DATE:** 7-8:30 p.m. today  
**LOCATION:** Northville High School, Forum  
**DETAILS:** The U.S. Secret Service, in a partnership with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force present this event. The topics will include: General Internet Safety; MySpace, Yahoo, Second Life, Xbox; Warning Signs/Kids at Risk; Available Resources; and Relevant Cases. This is a parent only event and not intended for children.

### Mother's Day Crafts for Kids

**TIME/DATE:** 4 p.m. today  
**LOCATION:** Northville District Library  
**DETAILS:** Make a lovely beaded necklace or a special Mother's Day gift. All ages welcome. No registration required.

### Downtown Northville 2nd Annual Shopping Scramble

**TIME/DATE:** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday  
**DETAILS:** This two-, three- or four-person shopping event is modeled after a golf outing. Shoppers create a foursome of their best shopping buddies and compete against other foursomes at an all-day outing in downtown Northville. Enjoy a day of pampering, great food, entertainment, prizes and a unique shopping experience. Cost is \$55 per person which includes meals, fun activities, wine tasting and great prizes. Registration forms are available at participating downtown merchants. Fifty percent of each ticket sale will be donated to the Northville Mother's Club.  
**CONTACT:** For more information or to register, call Starring: the Gallery at (248) 347-1642 or VanDam's at (248) 449-4282.

### S. U. N. Spruce Up Northville

**TIME/DATE:** 8-11 a.m. Saturday  
**LOCATION:** Town Square  
**DETAILS:** Volunteer to help clean up downtown Northville. We'll be sweeping, hosing down sidewalks, picking up litter, etc. Bring brooms, water hoses, plastic garbage bags and gloves.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-0345

### Bond and Bake Mother's Day Cooking Sessions

**TIME/DATE:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday  
**LOCATION:** Entree Vous of Northville, 43223 Seven Mile Road  
**DETAILS:** Entree Vous, a meal preparation kitchen founded by a Le Cordon Bleu-trained chef, is hosting these sessions to give hard-working women a night off. Guests will make an entree of their choice while sampling delicious menu selections. The guest of honor will receive a flower and take home a Fresh Take and Bake "Breakfast in Bed" entree. Guests will also make Mother's Day cards to accompany their entree gifts. One guest will win a gift certificate to a local spa. Due to limited space, reservations are requested.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 344-1545

### VFW Live Country Music

**TIME/DATE:** 8 p.m. Saturday  
**LOCATION:** VFW Hall, 438 S Main  
**DETAILS:** The public is welcome to come and hear the live country music.  
**CONTACT:** Dan Cook at (313) 920-1996

### Northville Garden Club Plant Auction

**TIME/DATE:** Noon Tuesday  
**LOCATION:** Cady Inn, Mill Race Village  
**DETAILS:** Members are having the Annual Plant Auction. They will be auctioning off plants from their gardens or garden related items. Guests are welcome.  
**CONTACT:** For more information, call Kate Uberti at (248) 34-9947

### Michigan Engineers and Their Civil War

**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. Tuesday  
**LOCATION:** Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.  
**DETAILS:** Mark Hoffman, author of the award winning "My

Brave Mechanics: The first Michigan engineers and their Civil War" will discuss this special regiment whose work was critical in support of the Union Army. Join us for this unique historical insight with a connection to Northville. Hoffman is deputy director Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries. Refreshments served and books available for purchase.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org

### Novi/Northville Newcomers Annual Spring Banquet

**TIME/DATE:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday  
**LOCATION:** Northville Hills Golf Club, Banquet Room  
**DETAILS:** Join us to celebrate "Summer Fun." There will be a fashion show filled with lovely selections of casual and sports wear from GG's Boutique in Northville. Door prizes, favors, dinner buffet and cash bar. Cost is \$31 for members and \$38 for guests.  
**CONTACT:** Karla Ninivaggi (248) 449-6442

### Kids Club for Grades 1-3

**TIME/DATE:** 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15  
**LOCATION:** Northville District Library  
**DETAILS:** Join this fun program featuring stories, games and crafts about Mexico. Register at the Information Desk or by calling the library at (248) 349-3020.

### Author Mary Soliel signing

**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. (reading at 8 p.m.) Thursday, May 15  
**LOCATION:** Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville  
**DETAILS:** Mary Soliel returns to Michigan to read and sign copies of her debut non-fiction: "I Can See Clearly Now: How Synchronicity Illuminates Our Lives".  
**CONTACT:** Barnes and Noble (248) 348-0696. Visit Mary Soliel online at www.marysoliel.com.

### Northville Democratic Club Town Hall Meeting on Immigration

**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. Thursday, May 15  
**LOCATION:** The Forum, Hillside Middle School, Center Street and Eight Mile Road  
**DETAILS:** Guest speakers will be Immigration Attorney Edward Walters and an immigration amnesty representative.

### Relay for Life

**DATE:** Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18  
**LOCATION:** Ford Field  
**CONTACT:** Northville Recreation Dept. at (248) 349-0203

### Providence Park Job Fair

**TIME/DATE:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 17  
**LOCATION:** Providence Park Medical Building, Conference Rooms A, B and C, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi  
**DETAILS:** The Job Fair is to recruit new employees for its hospital that is currently under construction. There will be on-site interviews. Bring your resume. Presentations about the hospital and small tour groups also available. For a complete listing of open positions, visit stjoh.org/jobopenings.  
**CONTACT:** For more information on the Job Fair, call Work Life Services at (248) 465-4570.

### Living Clutter Free with Feng Shui

**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17  
**LOCATION:** Northville District Library  
**DETAILS:** Anna Rae Foster, a professional Feng Shui consultant for the past eight years, will provide the tools and knowledge to make immediate positive changes in your home and office. Create harmony and balance in any environment. Seating is limited. Pre-register early. Cost is \$45.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 982-5971

### Northville Montessori Center Open House

**TIME/DATE:** 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 18  
**LOCATION:** 15709 Haggerty Road, just north of Five Mile Road

**DETAILS:** Learn more about the Montessori Philosophy of Education. For ages 3-12 years. Full day kindergarten. School open daily from 7 a.m.-6 p.m.  
**CONTACT:** (734) 420-0924

### Linda A. Transou Melanoma March

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

### Foreign Film Series

**TIME/DATE:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 19  
**LOCATION:** Northville District Library  
**DETAILS:** This month's film is "Letters from Iwo Jima", in Japanese with English subtitles. Refreshments served and discussion follows the viewing.

### Teens: Meet the Author!

**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 20  
**LOCATION:** Northville District Library  
**DETAILS:** Michael Spradlin, author of the Spy Goddess fiction series and manga novels, will talk about his new novel, "Live and Let Shop." Copies will be available for signing. Call the library at (248) 349-3020 to register.

### 21st Annual Flower Sale

**TIME/DATE:** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, May 23; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 24  
**LOCATION:** Downtown Northville, on Main Street between Wing and Hutton streets.  
**DETAILS:** Over 20 top-rated greenhouses and garden shops will be selling perennials, annuals, roses, shrubs, exotic plants and trees. Garden art and accessories will also be available. The event is presented by the Northville Central Business Association and the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

### 16th Annual Plant Swap

**DATE:** Saturday, May 24  
**LOCATION:** Mill Race Village  
**DETAILS:** Bring your own shovel and containers and spend the morning swapping a variety of plants, tools, books and magazines and sharing gardening tips with others.  
**CONTACT:** For more information, contact the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845.

### Downtown Planters Planted

**DATE:** Thursday, May 29  
**DETAILS:** The Northville Garden Club and Northville Beautification together will prepare and plant almost 70 planters along the streets of downtown Northville.

### Moraine Elementary School Annual Fun Fair

**TIME/DATE:** 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, May 30  
**DETAILS:** Games, food and fun for the whole family

### Mill Race Village Docents Needed - Luncheon

**TIME/DATE:** 1:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31  
**DETAILS:** Docents are needed for Mill Race Village. Friendly, outgoing volunteers dress in period-reminiscent costumes to inform visitors about the history of Northville and the village buildings. Costume assistance is available and training materials are provided. Work as many or few dates as you wish, serving 1-4 p.m. Sunday afternoons from mid-June to mid-October, or for special events. Drop in or sign up for the Docent Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 31 at the Cady Inn.  
**CONTACT:** Judy Davis, Docent Chairman at (248) 347-4871.

### NHS Class of 2008 Senior All Night Party

**TIME/DATE:** 10:30 p.m.-4:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31  
**DETAILS:** Senior All Night Party



Photo by Michael Shuster

### Rock alternative

**Lead Singer Mark Ordus performs with As Others Were on Friday night at First Presbyterian in Northville.** Ordus is co-youth pastor with Jeff Weickel and sees the concerts as a safe, drug-free environment for kids and a chance for them to see a different side to the church than they're used to. Four local bands played, including Brandenburg, As Others Were, Tiger!Tiger! and The Newfangled Sequence.

tickets are \$70. Unpainted wooden horses are available to purchase for \$40 and can be personalized by parents for their senior. They will be displayed at the All Night Party; order a horse now and it will be available in the spring; contact Mary Jo Blasius at (248) 349-0101. Order forms for tickets and horses are available online at northville.k12.mi.us and checks should be made payable to Northville Senior Class Party; mail to Janet Goldberg, 18833 Oak Leaf Lane, Northville 48168.  
**CONTACT:** Shirley Rogers at (248) 348-7295 for more information.

### Northville Historical Annual Garage Sale

**TIME/DATE:** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 5-7  
**LOCATION:** Home of Bill and Carol Jean Stockhausen, 218 W. Dunlap, (corner of High St.), Northville  
**DETAILS:** Donated items can be dropped off at the Stockhausen's home or at Mill Race village. Furniture is especially needed. All types of items accepted. Pick up is available. Sponsored by the Northville Historical Society of Mill Race Village and the Girl Scouts.  
**CONTACT:** Bill or Carole Jean at (248) 349-2833.

### Amerman Ice Cream Social

**TIME/DATE:** 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday, June 6  
**LOCATION:** Amerman Elementary School, 847 North Center Street  
**DETAILS:** Everyone is welcome to join the fun at the annual Amerman Ice Cream Social. Come enjoy the live music, play carnival games, try your luck at the raffle, bounce on inflatables, and of course, eat ice cream. Entrance is free. Tickets are available for purchase at the event for games and food.

### Sherus Gallery of Fine Art

**LOCATION:** 133 W. Main Street, Suite 210, Northville  
**First Friday Opening Reception with Danna Harvey**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 6  
**DETAILS:** Wine and cheese opening reception during First Friday Art Walk. Guests will have an opportunity to meet the artist and view and purchase her works.

### Artaissance with Danna Harvey Exhibit

**DATE:** Exhibit runs Friday, June 6 - Monday, June 30  
**TIME:** Gallery is open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and Noon-4 p.m. Sunday  
**DETAILS:** Artaissance-sherus ArtMyStyle.com is a new concept in fine art shopping. The works of Danna Harvey will be in the gallery and online at sherus ArtMyStyle.com. This online gallery is a whole new world for art lovers and features more than 100 artists, 18 genres and over 2,000 works of art. When ordering online, the art is

shipped directly to the purchaser.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 380-0470

### Old Village School Fundraiser

**TIME/DATE:** Saturday, June 7  
**LOCATION:** Empire Deli, 133 W. Main Street  
**DETAILS:** Old Village School in Northville serves the needs of severely-impaired children ages 3 to 14. Detroit Lions' quarterback, Drew Stanton, has teamed up with the Empire Deli and it's owners, John Colombani and Tim Walsh, to create a special fundraiser for the school. The event and auction will feature appearances by over a dozen sports professionals. Support is needed in the form of donations for the auction, such as memorabilia, tickets, services, cash donations, etc.  
**CONTACT:** Contact the Empire Deli if you are able to help at (810) 772-8460.

### I Gave My Sole for Parkinson's Walkathon and 5K Run

**DATE:** Sunday, June 8  
**LOCATION:** Maybury State Park, Eight Mile Road  
**DETAILS:** 9:30-10:30 a.m. registration, 10:45 a.m. Opening Ceremonies, 11 a.m. walk/run start. For early registration, visit www.parkinsonsmi.org. MPF is sponsoring the \$6 park entry fee.  
**CONTACT:** (800) 852-9781 or www.parkinsonsmi.org.

### 20th Annual Art In the Sun Jury First Round Jury

**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 21 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 22  
**LOCATION:** Downtown Northville  
**DETAILS:** Calling all artists. The Northville Art in the Sun invites you to be a part of this juried fine arts festival, featuring all mediums of art, lively music and concessions. A highlight will be murals that festival goers can paint which will be donated to St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Prizes are awarded for Best in Show and Runner Up. Applications are available online at www.northville.org.  
**CONTACT:** Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or www.northville.org.

### 15th Annual Northville Garden Walk

**TIME/DATE:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 9  
**DETAILS:** Visit six exceptional gardens rain or shine. Special events at Mill Race Village: garden vendors, music, historical buildings open, and homemade refreshments. Tickets \$10 each, available June 1st at Gardenviews, 202 West Main, Northville. Mail order tickets available until June 30 at www.cgcny.org.  
**CONTACT:** www.cgcny.org or (248) 348-3263

### SHOWcamp Featuring Disney's 101 Dalmatians

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

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

**DETAILS:** An educational and fun summer camp for children entering grades 3-8. Students will audition for roles in the musical and train with a choreographer, musical director and director. They will also be an integral part of building the set, creating costumes and will learn valuable tricks of the trade. At the end of 2 weeks, they will perform a full musical production of Disney's 101 Dalmatians. Cost is \$350, registration ends July 1. Before and after daycare available for a small fee.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 347-0003 or www.tippingpointtheatre.org

### Farmer's Market

**TIME/DATE:** 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday, May through Oct.  
**LOCATION:** Northville Downs Parking Lot at the corner of Seven Mile and Center Street (Sheldon).  
**DETAILS:** As always, fresh produce, baked goods, juried crafters, etc. From 8:30-9:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month, the staff from Providence Park Hospital will be promoting healthy recipes and lifestyles. The "Chefs at the Market" program every third Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m. will feature local chefs and free recipes and cooking demonstrations. New for 2008: Recycle your planting pots and flats at the Pot-Recycling Station.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-7640 or www.northville.org

### Friday Night Summer Concert Series

**TIME:** 7 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Northville Town Square on Main St. across from the Marquis Theatre  
**DATE:** May 30 - Northville High School Jazz Band (jazz)  
**DETAILS:** Early arrival is suggested for these free concerts and guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Presented by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Parks and Recreation Department.  
**CONTACT:** Northville Chamber (248) 349-7640 or Parks and Rec. (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northville.org or www.northvilleparksandrec.org

### Northville Eclipse Base Ball Club

**TIME/DATE/LOCATION:** 1 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at home vs. Royal Oak Wahoos  
**DETAILS:** The Eclipse Base Ball Club plays other vintage ball clubs by the rules of the 1860s. Home games are played at Ford Field in Northville. For a complete schedule, visit www.eclipsebbc.com.

### 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, May 17, 24 and 31; Thursday, June 19; Friday June 6;



Saturday, June 7, 14 and 28; and Monday July 7. Also, 7 p.m. Friday, June 20. Also 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 12; Saturday, June 21 and Monday, June 30.

**DETAILS:** Interactive Comedy Dinner Theater spoofing the popular Wholesale Warehouse. 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.

**Toy Chest, Children's Lunch Theater**

**TIME/DATE:** 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9. 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10; Thursday, July 8; Monday, July 21 and August 18.

**DETAILS:** Tickets are \$14.95 for children and \$16.95 for adult, not including tax or gratuity.

**Legends of the Past and Present**

**TIME/DATE:** 8 p.m. Saturday. **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.

**Geniti'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 each.

**Tippling Point Theatre**

**LOCATION:** 361 E. Cady St. **CONTACT:** (248) 347-0003 or visit [www.tipplingpointtheatre.org](http://www.tipplingpointtheatre.org)

**"Manuscript"** **DATE:** Show runs through 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

**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

**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](http://www.northvillearts.org)

**"Osmosis" Adnan Charara Solo Exhibition**

**TIME/DATE:** 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.

**Kevin VanHooser Solo Exhibition**

**TIME/DATE:** Opening Reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday June 6. Exhibit

continues through Sunday, June 22.

**DETAILS:** Just in time for Father's Day, Kevin VanHooser is influenced by sporting events and traditional artists like Bart Forbes and Norman Rockwell. He is a Detroit native and a graduate of the College for Creative Studies.

**Maybury State Park**

**LOCATION:** Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads.)

State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$5 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](http://www.FriendsofMaybury.org).

**Mill Race Historical Village**

**LOCATION:** 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field

**DETAILS:** Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**CONTACT:** (248) 348-1845

**Thursday:** 9 a.m. Archives open; 6 p.m. rehearsal; 6:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts

**Friday:** 9 a.m. Archives open; 10 a.m. school tour; 4 p.m. Brownie Scouts; 4:15-6:15 p.m. Wedding\*

**Saturday:** 10:30 a.m. Private Party

**Sunday:** 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 7 p.m. Private Party

**Monday:** 9:30 a.m. School Tour; 11 a.m. Northville Garden Club; 7 p.m. Lions Club

**Tuesday:** 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 10 a.m. School Tour; 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts

**Wednesday:** 10 a.m. School Tour; 11:45 a.m. School Tour; 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](http://www.northville.org)

**TGIF**

**TIME/DATE:** 8-9 a.m. Friday, May 23

**LOCATION:** Chamber Office

**After Hours Mixer** **TIME/DATE:** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21

**LOCATION:** Scottie's Kitchen, 149 N. Center St., Suite 201

**DETAILS:** Cost is \$10 for members.

**Chamber Golf Outing Fundraiser**

**TIME/DATE:** 8:30 a.m. registration; 9:30 a.m. Shotgun start; 11 a.m. lunch; 3-4:30 p.m. dinner, awards and raffle

**LOCATION:** Tanglewood Golf Course, South Lyon

**DETAILS:** Four person scramble format. First place prizes awarded. Men's, women's and co-ed teams. Cost is \$150 for members and \$175 for non-members. Registration deadline is May 1.

**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.

**Regional Events**

**Farmington Players**

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"

**TIME/DATE:** 8 p.m. May 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17; 2 p.m. May 11

**LOCATION:** Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

**DETAILS:** Tickets are \$18, \$16 on Thursdays, and \$16 for students. Discounted rates are available for groups of 10 or more.

Tickets are available at the box office by calling (248) 553-2955 or online at [farmingtonplayers.org](http://farmingtonplayers.org)

**The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill**

Stephen Sondheim's musical "Company"

**TIME/DATE:** 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday

**LOCATION:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton Township

**DETAILS:** Starring Northville resident Allison Soriano, the theatre presents the musical comedy, "Company". Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and children under 18.

**CONTACT:** (734) 394-5460 or (734) 394-5300 or online at [spotlightplayers.net](http://spotlightplayers.net).

**Women Remembering Women 2nd Annual Tea**

**TIME/DATE:** 7-8 30 p.m. today

**LOCATION:** Italian-American Banquet Hall, 39200 W. Five Mile Road, Livonia

**DETAILS:** The Tea is provided by Heartland Hospice. R.S.V.P. is required by Friday, April 25.

**CONTACT:** Diana, (248) 915-8221 or Sherri, (248) 798-0635 or e-mail [4627officestaff7@hcr-manorcare.com](mailto:4627officestaff7@hcr-manorcare.com).

**Open House for Lawrence Tech Degrees at Schoolcraft**

**TIME/DATE:** 5-7 p.m. today

**LOCATION:** VisiTech Center, Schoolcraft College

**DETAILS:** A Master's Degree in business administration can be earned from Lawrence

Technological University in just two years in classes held on the campus of Schoolcraft College.

Prospective students are invited to attend one of the open houses and can bring their unofficial transcripts and resumes for a credential review. The application fee will be waived on the open house

dates. To R.S.V.P. or receive more information about Lawrence Tech degree programs at Schoolcraft, contact (248) 204-3160 or go to [admissions.ltu.edu](http://admissions.ltu.edu)

**Barbershop Harmony Society**

**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. Saturday

**LOCATION:** Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church,

Activities Center, 29125 West Six Mile Rd. (east of Middlebelt Rd.)

**DETAILS:** The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society presents The Renaissance Chorus "Showtunes & More".

Special guest performance by the 2007 Pioneer District Quartet Champions, Chordiology. Tickets:

Adult - \$16, Senior/Student - \$14. Afterglow Party, same location following the show, with pizza, salad, drinks and more entertainment:

\$6 pre-purchased or \$8 at the door on night of show.

**CONTACTS:** Bob Schuessler (734) 453-0574 or Frank (248) 477-2782 or on-line at [www.wesingbarbershop.com](http://www.wesingbarbershop.com)

**Plymouth Community Arts Council**

**Brown Bag Lecture Series**

**TIME/DATE:** Noon Tuesday

**LOCATION:** PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**DETAILS:** A speaker from the Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers Bureau will present "Games Played at the DIA."

**Evening Lecture Series** **TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. Monday,

May 19

**LOCATION:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street

**DETAILS:** The Detroit Institute

of Arts Speakers Bureau will present "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan Artists Brush with Leisure 1895-1925" depicting works from the current DIA exhibition.

**Free Car Show**

**TIME/DATE:** 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, May 17 (Swap set up at 7 a.m. Cruise-in registration 10 a.m.-noon. Trophies at 4 p.m.)

**LOCATION:** Varsity Ford, 3480 Jackson Road, at Wagner Road,

use ext 172 from I-94, Ann Arbor

**DETAILS:** Varsity Ford of Ann Arbor, sister dealership to Varsity Lincoln-Mercury in Novi/Wixom, is hosting its First Annual free Swap Meet/Car Cruise-in. See hot rods, customs, new models, new special Fords like "Flex" and others. Engine raffle tickets, 50/50, Rockin Ronnie, great food concessions by the "Hot Rod" Parts Department crew. Dash plaques to the first 100 visitors. Five Big Best of Cruise and 20 Big Outstanding At Cruise trophies. Swap spaces inside with plenty of room.

Fundraiser donations benefit the University of Michigan C. S. Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor.

**CONTACT:** Call Joe Sabo at (734) 996-2300 for more information.

**Rock Financial Showplace**

46100 Grand River Ave., Novi

**CONTACT:** Call (248) 348-5600 or visit <http://rockfinancialshowplace.com> for more information.

**Scrapbook Mega Meet**

**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday

**DETAILS:** The ultimate cropping, shopping, learning experience. \$10 at door. Umbrella strollers only permitted. \$5 parking. Visit [www.megameet.com](http://www.megameet.com).

**Mother's Day Brunch**

**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday May 11

**DETAILS:** An assortment of food will delight everyone as well as a complimentary flower for moms. Cost is \$27 per adult, \$25 per senior (55 and up), \$12 for ages 4-12, free for 3 and under. Parking is free. Reservations required

**CONTACT:** (248) 348-5600, ext. 200

Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167.

Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper



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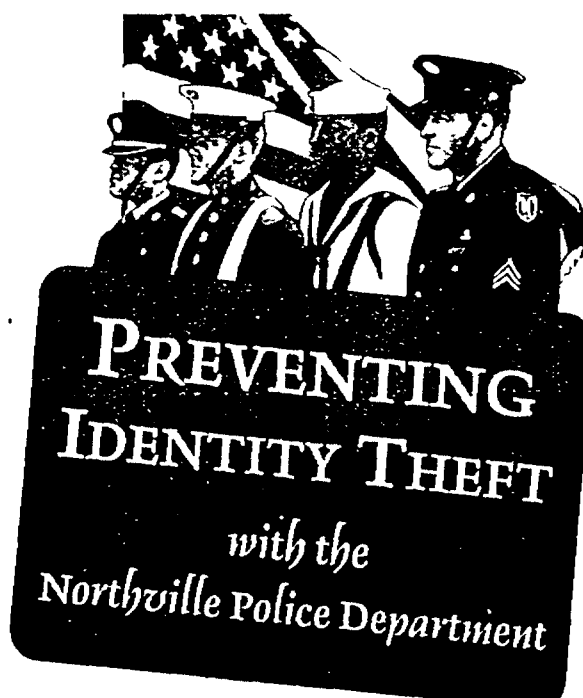
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# 'Manuscript': Oh what a tangled web they weave

## ■ Plot has twists and turns

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Just when you think you've got it all figured out, the plot thickens.

Without giving away too much, it's safe to say that theatergoers will enjoy the intricacies of the play "Manuscript," now showing at Northville's Tipping Point Theater.

Written by 27-year-old playwright Paul Grellong,

"Manuscript" was originally produced and performed off-Broadway at the Daryl Roth Theater in 2005. It ran for 13 previews and 72 performances.

Grellong currently works as a writer for the television show "Law & Order: SUV." His ability to develop an involved, complicated plot is evident, both in "Manuscript" and the popular crime drama.

The play features only three characters — college students Chris, played by Brian Thibault, David, played by Patrick O'Connor Cronin, and budding author Elizabeth Hawkins, played by Aphrodite Nikolovski, who also plays Chris' girlfriend in the story.

What starts out as an innocuous gathering between the three turns into a situation that places them in a tangle.

The play is rather adult in nature, as its dialogue and story line are fairly cerebral. Much like "Law & Order: SUV," Grellong's work really can't be described as "family" entertainment.

What seems to the audience as a bit of a love triangle leads to some interesting revelations along the way. Pay attention during this performance, or you might just miss an important nuance.

The dark comedy features such themes as deceit, revenge, ethical behavior and more. Be prepared to

ask yourself, "What would I do?"

### A look at the cast, crew

The beautiful Nikolovski of Birmingham gives a wonderful performance as the crafty writer desperately seeking fame and fortune. The Birmingham resident's recent theater credits include "The Clean House," "Amadeus" and "Language Lessons" at the Performance Network. She received Wilde Award Nominations for her performances in Joe Zettelmayer's "Night Blooming" and "Language Lessons" as well as a Best Actress Award from the Ann Arbor News for her performances in "The Clean House" and "Language Lessons."

Her recent film credits include "Cut. Print!" by Orlando Entertainment and "Born of Earth" by The Skeleton Factory, both slated for release in 2008.

She also appeared in "Ocean of Pearls" by Lighthouse Pictures and "Beyond the Pale" by Spleen.

She earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Cronin also gives a solid performance as the student and would-be author seemingly mesmerized by his roommate's beautiful and talented girlfriend, Elizabeth.

A graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy, he received a bachelor of fine arts degree in theatre and has worked all throughout Metro Detroit in such theatres as Planet Ant, Meadowbrook, JET and the Zentgeist.

He received a Most Valuable Performer nomination from the Oakland Press for his work in college. He received another nomination for Best Male Performer in an Original Production for "Last Call" at Planet Ant and received a Wilde Award in the 2006-07 season.

Thibault, who's excellent as the more naive of the two roommates, has been seen on a number of sages

in the Detroit area, including Performance Network, Jewish Ensemble Theatre, Williamston Theatre, Blackbird Theatre and others.

"Manuscript" is directed by Aaron T. Moore, a native of Lincoln, Neb., who earned his bachelor's degree in theatre from Briar Cliff University in Sioux City and his master of fine arts degree in acting from the Hilberly Repertory Theatre.

He played the character George in the Tipping Point Theatre's first production of "Don't Dress for Dinner," which will return to the theatre from June 12-29. All tickets are \$25 for this special repeat performance, with tickets going on sale May 20.

Brian Dambacher provided the scenic design for "Manuscript." He served as technical director for the Meadow Brook Theatre for the past five seasons.

During this time, he designed the scenery for "Rabbit Hole" and "Macbeth," which was nominated for a Wilde Award by the weekly Between the Lines.

Eluco Productions staff was also part of scenic design and construction for the play, and Jennifer Steger, director of marketing and development for the Tipping Point, served as costume designer.

Other members of the "Manuscript" team include Rita Girardi, lighting designer; Kevin Young, sound designer/composer; Tracy Spada, resident stage manager; Mitchell Koory, assistant stage manager; and Samantha Lowry, running crew.

"Manuscript" performances run through Saturday, May 24. For more information about the schedule and ticket prices, call the theatre at (248) 347-0003 or visit [tippingpointtheatre.org](http://tippingpointtheatre.org).

Northville Record staff writer Pam Fleming can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or [pfleming@gannett.com](mailto:pfleming@gannett.com).



Courtesy photo

### Performance just for mom

Brian Thibault and Patrick O'Connor (and Elizabeth Hawkins) have just the ticket if you're looking for a unique Mother's Day gift. Why not take mom to see "Manuscript"? The Tipping Point Theatre staff is offering a special 2 p.m. performance this Sunday for Mother's Day, with tickets costing only \$12.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The County of Wayne will hold a public hearing on an application for the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley (NHVRV) sanitary sewer system to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the funding assistance through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The County is proposing improvements to the NHVRV interceptor system. The Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on June 10, 2008 at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, Michigan 48135-1709.

The proposed project consists of short term corrective action plan improvements that will reduce infiltration and inflow into the interceptor system and correct structural deficiencies visually identified during sewer televising. Improvements include rehabilitation of portions of the interceptors, overflow regulator structures and upgrades to the manhole structures.

If the SRF application is successful, the County plans to begin construction of the above noted improvements in 2009. Sanitary sewer service for customers will be unaffected by the proposed improvements. Construction activities will be localized to the subject facilities, with little or no impact to traffic.

The estimated annual cost per household, for residents of the service area, is presented below.

Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	Annual Cost per Household
Canton	\$1.57	Dearborn Hgts	\$2.97	Garden City	\$4.08
Inkster	\$5.06	Livonia	\$6.14	Northville	\$5.83
Northville Twp	\$2.08	Plymouth	\$5.12	Plymouth Twp	\$1.70
Redford Twp	\$5.28	Romulus	\$0.66	Van Buren Twp	\$1.06
Wayne	\$7.83	Westland	\$4.35	Oakland City (Novi)	\$3.05

Executive summaries of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the Clerk's Office for the following communities: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Romulus, Van Buren Township, Wayne, Westland and Novi. The complete project plan is available for inspection at OHM - 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI and Wayne County Department of Environment - 415 Clifford, 7th Floor, Detroit, MI, beginning on May 9, 2008.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on June 10, 2008 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written questions should be sent to:

North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley SRF Project Plan  
c/o Wayne County Department of Environment  
415 Clifford, 7th Floor  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Attention: Sue Ann Hanson

May 8 & 15, 2008

0208-1154

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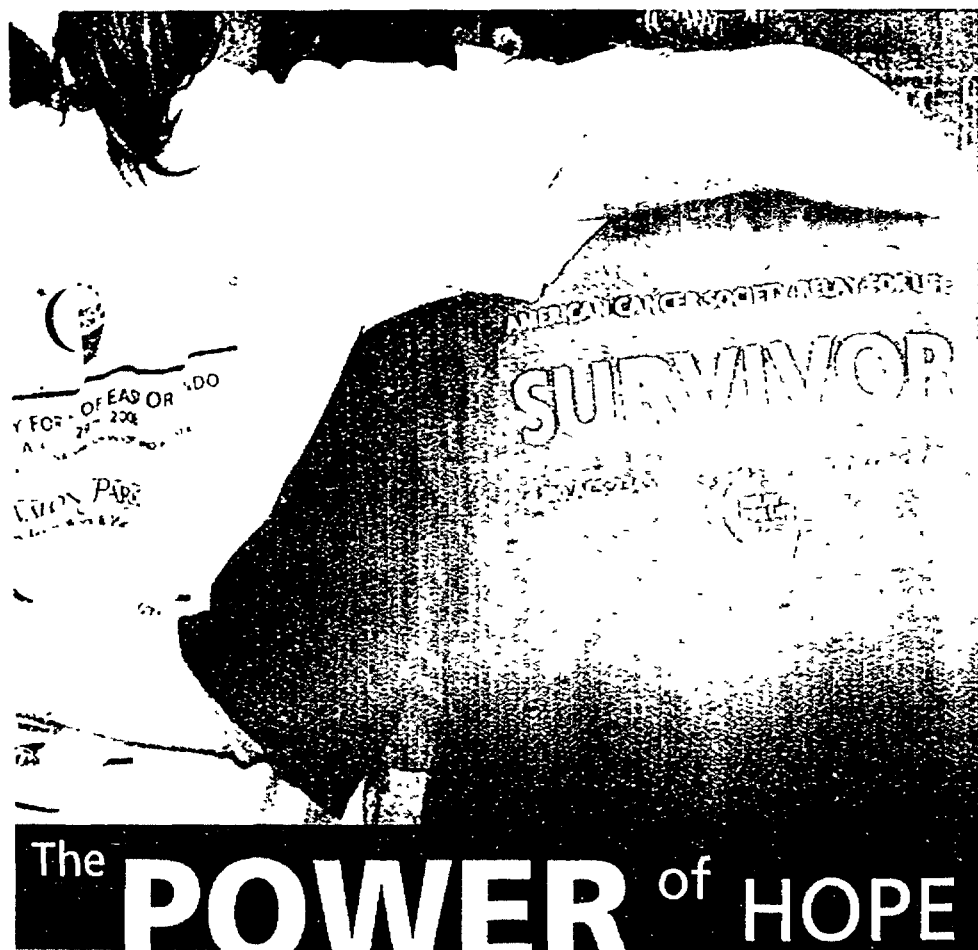
who the other guests will be or why they have been invited.

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Northville Record

### CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BUDGET

FY 2009 CITY BUDGET The budget for the various Funds of the City of Northville are proposed for the year ended June 30, 2009 as follows:

GENERAL FUND		Revenues	Expenditures
Property Taxes	\$4,818,013		1,162,231
Licenses, Fees and Permits	273,856		480,275
Grants	4,100		2,497,286
Racetrack Breakage/Police & Fire Service	186,120		365,015
State Shared Revenue	589,352		270,560
Fees and Services	88,169		646,745
Fines and Forfeitures	78,000		
Other Revenues	341,985		258,465
Interfund Transfers	169,860		306,248
			277,902
			52,440
			232,288
			\$6,549,455
General Fund Total		\$6,549,455	
STREET, DRAINAGE, AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT FUND			
Property Taxes	\$623,552		\$641,802
Other	18,250		
Major Street Fund Total	\$641,802		\$641,802
MAJOR STREET FUND			
Gas and Weight Taxes	\$241,022		\$526,602
Local Contributions	285,580		
Major Street Fund Total	\$526,602		\$526,602
LOCAL STREET FUND			
Gas and Weight Taxes	\$102,417		\$266,612
Local Contributions	164,195		
Local Street Fund Total	\$266,612		\$266,612
OTHER FUNDS			
PARKING FUND	\$355,162		\$355,162
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION FUND	\$7,670		\$7,670
ARTS COMMISSION FUND	\$86,117		\$86,117
DOWNTOWN			
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	\$3,616,891		\$3,616,891
DDA DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$401,320		\$401,320
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$434,642		\$434,642
FIRE EQUIPMENT			
REPLACEMENT FUND	\$90,360		\$90,360
POLICE EQUIPMENT			
REPLACEMENT FUND	\$105,206		\$105,206
HOUSING COMMISSION FUND	\$833,132		\$833,132
GENERAL OBLIGATION			
DEBT RETIREMENT FUND	\$101,596		\$101,596

**PUBLIC HEARING** A public hearing will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008, at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2008-09 City Budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

**TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS** As provided in State statute, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund and up to ten percent (10%) of the total salary and fringe appropriations for distributed Public Works Labor and Equipment Rental between the General, Major Street, Local Street, Equipment, Refuse and Recycling and Water and Sewer Funds. All other interfund transfers require approval of the City Council.

**BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND** As provided in State statute, the City Council has established a Budget Stabilization Fund to receive surplus operating funds which may occur from time to time, as a reserve against unanticipated or emergency expenses or revenue shortfalls in the future. No contribution is anticipated from the 2008-09 operating year due to the current financial position of the City.

**COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE** A complete copy of the 2008-09 City Budget Document will be available for public inspection beginning May 8, 2008 at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours. In addition, a limited number of copies are available to be signed out for review by City residents at home. In addition, the proposed budget is available on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

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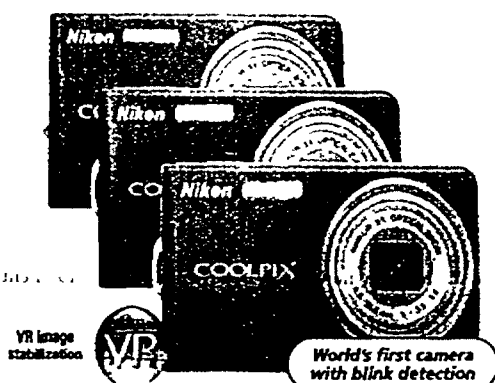
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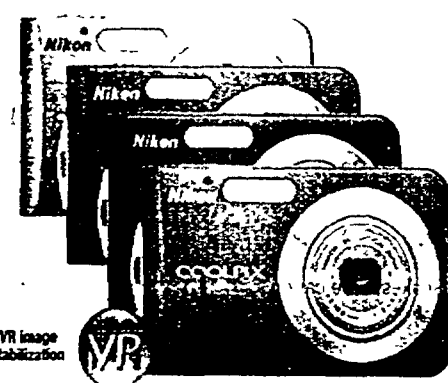
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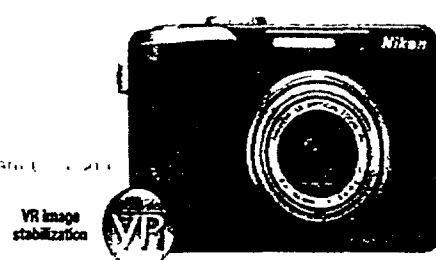
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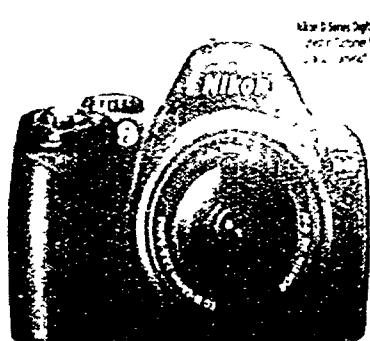
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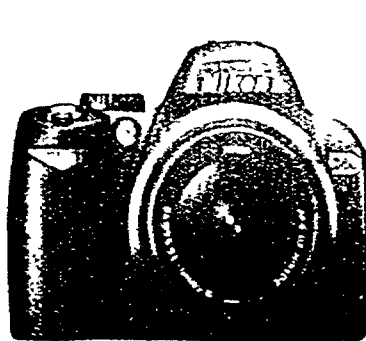
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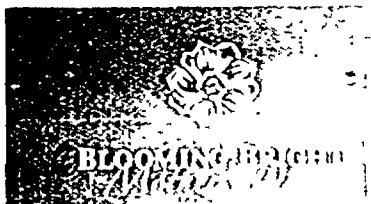
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# Tipping Point Theatre plans May 17 Stardust fundraiser

## Reservations by tomorrow

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Do you still get chills listening to Frank Sinatra? Then plan to attend the Tipping Point Theatre's May 17 fundraiser, Stardust — an Evening of High Rollers, Smooth Crooners and Lady Luck.

The event, sponsored by Rocky's of Northville at the home of Dr. William Demray at 800 Griswold, will whisk attendees back to Las Vegas' Rat Pack-era, when "The Chairman" was a frequent headliner.

The theme of Northville's professional theatre's second annual fundraising gala will remind guests of the glitz and glamour of mid-century Vegas.

Current Table Sponsors include Global Valet Security Services, Inc., Graphic Visions, the businesses of Northville Square, Signature Audio, Greko Printing, Productivity Team, Steve Fecht Photography and Vistal Homes.

strolling dinner prepared by the Rocky's of Northville chefs.

The menu will consist of:

- a Seafood Station, with oysters on the half-shell, shrimp cocktail, mussels Diablo and more;

- a Pasta Station, with penne, orecchiette, bow tie pasta and Alfredo, meat and marinara sauces; a Meat and Vegetable Station with freshly-carved roast sirloin of beef, grilled vegetables, rolls and condiments; and
- a Dessert Station, with a chocolate fountain, fruit, mini cream puffs, lemon fruit tarts and more.

The evening will also feature games of chance, including blackjack, craps, poker and roulette; live music; dancing; and a wedding chapel complete with Elvis.

All gaming, food and entertainment are included in the ticket price of \$150 per person.

A cash bar will be available. To add to the spirit of the evening, guests are encouraged to dress in dinner jackets, long gloves and other vintage Vegas attire.

Items available for bidding include:

- a piece of fine jewelry courtesy of Orin Jewelers,
- two round-trip airline tickets to any U.S. destination, courtesy of Southwest Airlines and
- a personal red carpet evening at the Tipping Point Theatre.

A full list, including descriptions, of silent auctions items will be available on Tipping Point Theatre Web site, [www.tippingpointtheatre.org](http://www.tippingpointtheatre.org).

The event is open to the public, but reservations are required by tomorrow by calling the Tipping Point Theatre Box Office at (248) 347-0003.

The Tipping Point Theatre's staff offers area businesses and organizations the opportunity to support the theatre by becoming a Table Sponsor at Stardust.

For \$1,000, the theatre's staff will provide numerous marketing avenues at the fundraiser. Each of the 12 gaming stations will be named after a corporate sponsor. Businesses can create a theme around their sponsored game of chance.

All donors will be acknowledged in the event program and invitations, on the theatre's Web site, monthly electronic newsletter, annual report and event signage. Businesses and organizations interested in becoming a



Courtesy photo  
Dr. William Demray's home at 800 Griswold will be the site of the Tipping Point Theatre's May 17 fundraiser, Stardust — an evening of High Rollers, Smooth Crooners and Lady Luck. (That's Demray's classic VW Beetle, too.)

Table Sponsor can contact Christina Johnson, executive director, or Jennifer Steger, marketing and development director, at (248) 347-0003.

Proceeds from the benefit will support the Tipping Point Theatre and its programming, helping to

keep ticket prices affordable while still maintaining high-quality theatrical productions and educational opportunities.

The mission of Tipping Point Theatre is to foster human interactions and relations, creating a unifying, yet personal, experi-

ence through affordable, professional-level theatre performances and community outreach.

Northville Record staff writer Pam Fleming can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or [pfleming@gannett.com](mailto:pfleming@gannett.com).

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# Swinging Success

## Johnston climbs from No. 3 to No. 1 singles

By Jeff Theisen  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville tennis player Haley Johnston knows success. As a No. 3 singles player, she made it to the state semifinals last year.

Her sister, Chelsea, captured a state title at No. 2 singles last year.

But graduation took Chelsea and former No. 1 player Christina Ruiz (also a state champ) from the Mustangs.

Haley Johnston makes the jump to No. 1 singles player at Northville, and she wouldn't want it any other way.

"I love it. This tennis season has been awesome," she said. "My team is great, and it's just been so much fun."

Johnston isn't exactly struggling at the spot either, going 12-4 so far.

"It's a big transition from No. 3 to No. 1, for sure," Northville head coach Sandy Woolfall said. "She's got another year to keep

working at it. She'll only get better."

### Tougher competition

When Johnston played No. 3 singles, she wasn't always guaranteed a tough match. The better teams had the depth to provide a good player, but the weaker teams would not.

Now, she sees a quality opponent every time out.

"This year, there are a lot of powerhouse teams in singles," Woolfall said. "There's a lot of excellent No. 1s. I feel as if on any given day, she can hang in there with most of them."

The tougher the opponent, the more Johnston knows she has to stay under control. The mental game becomes just as important as the physical part of the game.

"It's definitely nerve-racking," Johnston said. "I do put pressure on myself going out on the court because I'm the team captain and I play No. 1 singles. I want to kind of set the pace for the rest of

my team.

"It's definitely a lot more mental. It's harder to keep your composure."

### Improvement

Playing good or better competition only makes an athlete or a team stronger. Playing a completely inferior opponent doesn't do much but pad the stats.

With Johnston getting the opposing team's best player each match, she is looking to improve her game every time out.

"I've had a lot of good matches," Johnston said. "I think I've improved this season more because I've had the opportunity to play so many great players."

Woolfall has seen improvement from Johnston each year.

"She's hitting the ball harder," Woolfall said. "She seems really focused and does not get down. She's matured, and I think she's playing really well."

"The next level is she just has to take those shots that she's hitting so hard and put them away."

### Chelsea the coach

Woolfall is getting coaching help from her former player and state champion, Chelsea Johnston.

Chelsea helped coach her sister during a recent tournament where Haley was struggling and losing 5-1. She focused her help on Haley who turned the set around and won in a tie-breaker.

Don't worry about sisterly fights between these two. Haley is thrilled to have her sister around to help coach.

"I love having her as a coach," Haley Johnston said. "I know her so well, and she knows exactly how to coach me and how I play."

It's a relief for Woolfall also, as some tournaments have players competing at multiple sites.

While Haley enjoys having her sister around to coach, she can only hope that her career ends the same — with a state title.

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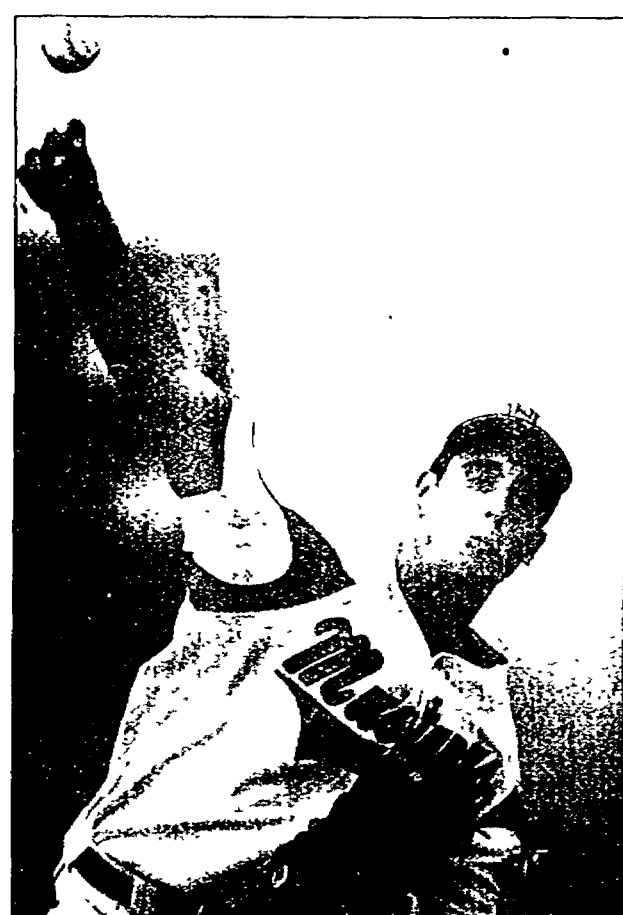


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Mustang pitcher Joe Mitchell goes to work against Wayne.

# WINNING ATTITUDES

## ■ Northville baseball 47-2 in last 49 games

By Jeff Theisen  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Since getting swept in a doubleheader early on the schedule last year, Northville baseball is 47-2. That's not a typo, but it is a 959 winning percentage.

To put that in perspective, the 1984 Tigers started their championship year 35-5, or an .875 winning percentage.

This year's Mustangs started 17-0 before Walled Lake Western tripped them up 7-5 April 28.

Since then, Northville beat Churchill and swept a doubleheader from Trenton to get to 20-1.

Mustang head coach John Kostorzewski's ultimate goal when taking over Northville baseball was to put the Mustangs on the map.

Mission accomplished. "We've had two hiccups in the last 40-sum-odd games," he said. "To be that consistent over that long of a stretch is a compliment."

Kostorzewski said winning becomes contagious.

"We don't sit and talk about what we accomplished," he said. "We talk about some of things we did right each game and some of the things we need

### By the Numbers

Record: 20-1  
Top Pitchers:  
Damarii Saunderson, 6-0, 4.50 ERA  
Mike Collins, 5-0, 2.49 ERA  
Joe Mitchell, 5-0, 2.47 ERA  
Kevin Uetz, 5 saves, 0.40 ERA  
Top Hitters:  
Matt Deacon, 30-57, .526  
Steve Anderson, 32-61, .525  
Joe Mitchell, 30-67, .448  
David Uberti, 17-38, .447  
Anthony Sergi, 23-53, .434  
Dan Mills, 21-55, .418  
Damarii Saunderson, 20-49, .408  
Other Leaders:  
RBI: Mills, 30  
Runs: Deacon, 37  
HR: Five tied with two

to improve upon. But we never get caught up in the win aspect. "Before you know it, when you do things right consistently for a period of time, you can rattle off a number of wins in a short amount of time because it's such a short season. "When things are going well and you are hitting, it's so contagious."

### Fundamentals

Kostorzewski doesn't have a secret formula or anything like

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Mustang Haley Johnston in action against Novi's Amanda Border.

# Mustangs Roundup: Soccer takes command of final league race with 1-0 win vs. Canton

## ■ Northville softball third at prestigious tournament

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

The Mustangs (10-0-2) took command of the Western Divisional lead with a 1-0 win against Canton on April 30.

Sam Mustonen put a shot on net that hit bounced off a defender's heel, went off the left upright and into the net during the first half. Kathleen Keiffer assisted on the goal.

Elana Ryznar kept the Chiefs

scoreless, picking up her fifth shutout.

Standing out on defense were Sarah Aquinto, Kelsey Baskins, Jeanette Dolmetsch, and Toni Wright, working together to allow only one shot by Canton.

### Softball

The Mustangs (20-3 and 6-0) finished third at the Michigan Stars Tournament that featured several ranked teams in the state. Northville finished 3-2.

The day started with a 3-0 win against Flint Powers Catholic. Allison Holmes struck out 12, walked none and allowed four hits for the win.

Julia Ramey homered and knocked in two runs to lead the offense.

In the second game, the Mustangs beat Anchor Bay (No. 4 in Div. 1) 7-4.

Allison Holmes earned the win, allowing three earned runs on five hits and a walk with nine strikeouts.

Samantha Doud provided three hits and scored two runs, and Sarah Rounsifer had two hits, a walk and one run batted in to help lead the offense.

Fenton (No. 9 in Div. 1) ended the run with a 1-0 victory. Holmes took the loss despite not allowing an earned run on two hits and a walk with 10 strikeouts.

Brittany Birdsall was the lone Mustang with two hits.

Fenton scored the lone run in the top of the seventh.

Northville rebounded with a 5-0 win against Sterling Heights

Stevenson (No. 5 Div. 1).

Holmes allowed just three hits and struck out 12 for the win. Jenna Dumbleton and Sarah Rounsifer each smashed three hits to get the offense going. Marni Wilson, Birdsall and Mary Rounsifer had two hits each.

Tecumseh (No. 2 in Div. 2, last year's state champs) ended Northville's run with a 3-0 win. Tecumseh wound up beating Fenton to win the tournament.

Holmes suffered the loss, giving up five hits, three walks and three earned runs with five strikeouts.

"Allison pitched great all tournament," Northville head coach Teryn Chrzanowski said. "She was a work horse, going all five



Photo submitted by Diana Birdsall

continued on 2 Sarah Stern fights for the ball with a Plymouth opponent

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# Mustang Roundup

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games. She slowed down against Tecumseh, but they are a great team and we didn't provide the offense to back her up.

"I'm very proud of the way the girls played this weekend. They showed that they can play with any team in the state."

The Mustangs returned to league play and merited Wayne 10-0 in five innings Monday.

Dumbleton and Doud combined for the shutout. Dumbleton gave up two hits and struck out seven. Doud pitched two perfect innings.

Dumbleton and Doud also got it done at the plate. Dumbleton had two hits, scored three runs and had two RBI. Doud had three hits, scored a run and batted in two.

Sarah Rounsifer had two doubles, a walk, scored two runs and batted in three.

Last week, Northville scratched by Churchill 3-2 April 30.

Jenna Dumbleton earned the win, going five innings and allowing six hits, a walk and two earned runs with three strikeouts.

Allison Holmes picked up the save, getting five strikeouts in the six batters she faced.

The Mustangs started the game with two runs in the first. Megan Hofmeister singled and scored off a Dumbleton triple. Brittany Birdsall later scored Dumbleton with a double.

Northville's final run came in the fifth with Hofmeister leading off with a triple. Dumbleton scored her with a groundout for the game-winning RBI.

"Megan Hofmeister crushed the ball today, and Jenna Dumbleton came through with the bat when we needed it," Chrzanowski said. "It was a hard fought game and it was great to see our girls focused and come



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News/Northville Record

## Mustang Kelsey Baskins battles with a Novi player for control of the ball.

out on top."

Friday's game was rained out.

## Baseball

The Mustangs improved to 20-1 with three wins last week. Northville started with a 7-4 win against Churchill on April 30 and ended with a doubleheader sweep, 10-2, 9-2, against Trenton on Saturday.

## Golf

On April 28, Northville defeated Churchill, 156-164.

Wes Gates shot a 37, Dan Kozerski shot a 38, Trevor Grigg shot a 40, and Tim Kelly shot a 41. The Mustangs improve to 3-0 overall and 3-0 in the WLAA.

## Girls Track

The Mustangs clobbered Wayne 122-10 May 1. Wins came from Jaelyn Konopska in the 100 hurdles (15.9), Lindsay Hagan in the 1,600 meters

(5:25), Beth Roach in the 400 (1:01), O'Malley King in the 300 hurdles (48.8), Markea Dickinson in the 800 (2:27.5), Brianna Jenkins in the 200 meters (27.89), Kristen Stutrud in the 3,200 (12:20), Amy Reynolds in the pole vault (10-6), Chelsea Ciampa in the long jump (14-11), Megan Sklut in the discus (81-7) and Jenkins in the high jump (5-1).

## Boys Track

The Mustangs finished second at the Observerland Relays on Saturday.

Stevenson took the title with 91 points. Northville was next with 71, beating out Catholic Central with 67.

Highlights of the meet included a win from the high jump team of Eric Franceschi, David Reid and David Brown (18-0), a second-place finish by the pole-vaulting team of Johnny D'Anna, Kevin Mantay and Franceschi (34-06), a second-place finish by the 6-400 relay team of Nick



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Northville's Sarah Rounsifer follows through on a swing.

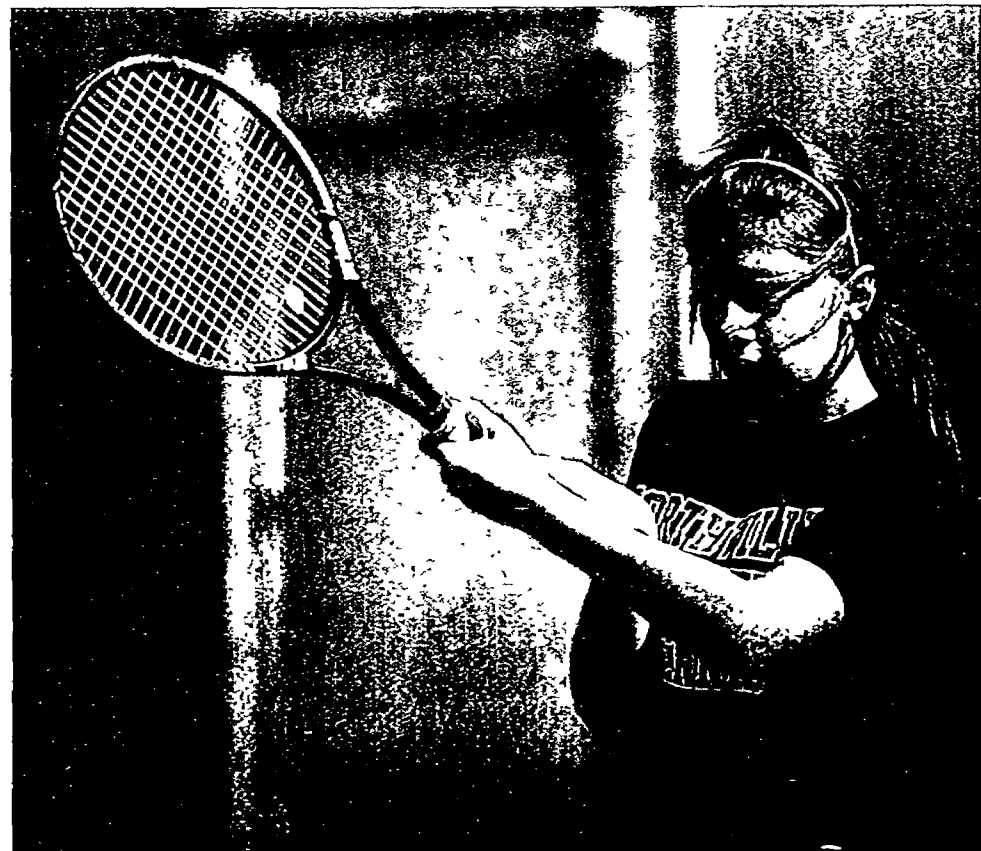


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Mustang Ursula Cauffiel plays Novi's Sara Carlson in April.

Kolbow, Frank Griffiths, Jon Zurek and Eric Peterson (18:51), a second-place finish by Cavan Corcoran in the 110 hurdles (13.90), a win by the distance medley team of Habib Khan, Ali Arastu, Kolbow and Nitin Jacob (11:06.10), a win by the shuttle

hurdle relay team of Arastu, Franceschi, Evan Gerish and Corcoran (59.90), and a win by the 1,600 relay team of Khan, Arastu, Aaron Chew and Corcoran (3:28.20).

Corcoran's finish in the 110 hurdles broke the old school

record of 14.2 set in 1977 by Dennis Singleton.

The shuttle hurdle team broke the meet record.

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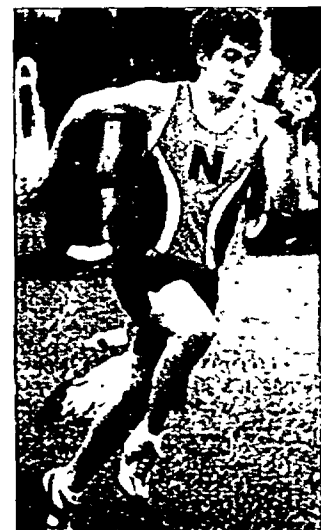


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Mustang Noel Koy takes off on the first leg of a 4x400 meter relay race.



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## A trio of undefeateds

Above, the Northville Girls 2008 JV Tennis team has successfully swept their conference this year, posting victories against all opponents and winning two Invitationals. The Novi Invitational (April 26th) yielded gold medals for all eight doubles teams and the Ann Arbor Huron Invitational (May 3rd) yielded six gold medals, one silver and one bronze. Although the weather made both Invitationals difficult to play, all the doubles teams were able to adjust and play to their opponent's weaknesses. This year's team, coached by Linda Jones (and assistant Dan Jones) was comprised of six Juniors, four Sophomores and six Freshmen. Team members are Amy Bernstein, Jenna Grezlik, Ally Weaver, Lauren Starr, Ria Barad, Jackie Kjoihede, Aarti Kamat, Christy Murphy, Alissa Bailey, Emily Toupin, Chelsea Weber, Megan Foland, Cena Larsen, Lauren Ripper, Joy Chen and Janet Rhee.

The Hillside Middle School seventh (top right) and eighth (bottom right) grade basketball teams went undefeated this year.

Right: Seventh grade, from left, back row: Rebecca Martin, Kristen Palushaj, Kendra Brenner, Kiki Hilmer, Logan VanRipper, Katie Owen and coach Angie Watts. Middle row: Tenley Mustonen, Erica MacDonald, Alexis Mencotti, Claire Courney and Holly Robinson.

Front row: Sarah Johnson, Gabbie Guibord, Nicole Khamis and Grace DeRidder.

Eighth grade, from left, back row: Mallory Weber, Alex Moynes, Aly Bates, Laura Pond, Allison Coppock, Shelby Minick and coach Brad O'Neill. Middle row: Elaina Weber, Michelle Nelson, Emily Foland, Suzanne Hasse and Emily Rachelson.

Front row: Jennifer Buckingham, Meredith Williams, Kim Heinonen and Tamara Jayasuria.



# BASEBALL: Winning attitudes

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that His approach to winning the game is quite simple. Make the opposition work for everything it gets, and put yourself in the best position to make things happen and limit mistakes. If those things happen, wins will follow.

While hitting and pitching have combined to make the Mustangs a powerful team the ball has been the most consistent of the two, but not by a wide margin.

On through nine, we've been pretty consistent in staying in the zone and drawing a lot of walks. Koztrewa said. When they do come in the zone, we've got some talented hitters that put the barrel on the ball. That's how we create big innings — hitting balls hard on the ground and putting pressure on the defense.

Matt Deacon (30-37, 526 avg.) and Steve Anderson (32-61, 525) lead an offense that boasts five others with averages over .400 (Joe Mitchell .448, David Ukert .447, Anthony Sergi .434, Dan Mills .418 and Damani Sanderson .408).

While the Mustangs have brought their A game on most nights, Koztrewa wants his team to bring the same intensity to each game, regardless of the opponent.

Koztrewa thinks his team should vs. the Wallad Lake Western, but the loss proved that teams are going to bring their best in an effort to knock off one of Michigan's top dogs.

If you don't come to play on any given day, somebody can beat you, he said. We were lethargic during the game. It was a really windy day and for what ever reason we didn't come out with the same kind of passion and enthusiasm we had been all year. It was a good learning experience.

There's four aspects to the game: basically, that's offense, defense, pitching and baserunning. We were horrible in all four of them.

## New faces, same results

Bryce Jenny and Brent Spencer were the big horses on the mound last year. But graduation took several more arms from the rotation.

This year, former JV players or spot varsity players had to step into much larger roles and have flourished.

Pitching, we don't walk a lot of guys, Koztrewa said. "Most of our pitchers throw strikes and they put balls in play against us but we make plays."

Michael Collins (5-0) Sanderson (6-0) and Mitchell (5-0) have been responsible for 16 wins in between them. Relief specialist Kevin Uetz has five saves and a 0-0 earned run average. The Mustangs boost an impress-



Photo by JOHN HEDGER/Northville Record

Northville's Matt Deacon is congratulated by Damani Sanderson, rear, and other teammates after he smacked a grand slam against Wayne High School on Monday.

over 2.37 ERA as a staff. Big bats and a heavy emphasis on pitch counts have allowed the Mustangs to keep their arms fresh. Only Collins and Sanderson have thrown more than 20 innings this year, and they have both thrown 25 1/3 innings going into Monday's game.

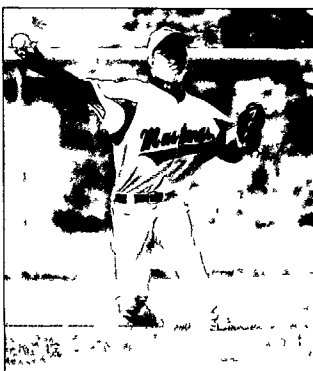
It seems that every guy that I've put out there has done a good job, Koztrewa said. We've had one complete game and that was Saturday (against Trinton).

## Program pride

The Mustangs are heading toward the end of the regular season and will obviously hope to make a long run into the state playoffs.

But Koztrewa is starting to notice the rewards of the hard work that the kids and the coaches have put in. He's noticing players from past years are coming to games and calling him to find out how this year's team is doing. But a recent game showed him the ultimate payoff.

Kids get the opportunity to be seen if they wanted to do that at the next level," Koztrewa said. One day, a couple of weeks ago we had four major league scouts and four Division I scouts at a game.



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Dan Mills drops down to make the throw to first.

"It's really become a program where even if you graduate, you still feel a part of it. I think that's probably the most gratifying (part)."

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Steve Anderson starts his swing as the ball nears

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The Meow	1	1	Nv Pils Rehab	0	1
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5/12 Franklin Away 4 p.m.  
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### Track

5/8 Plymouth Away 3:30 p.m.  
5/9 S. Lyon East Away 4 p.m.

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5/9 Canton Away 8 p.m.  
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5/12 Franklin Home 7 p.m.  
5/14 W.L. Western Away 7 p.m.

### Tennis

5/10 WLA (Plymouth) Away TBA

## Sports Shorts

### Boys Basketball Camp

The Northville boys basketball camp will run July 7-11 at the high school gym.

Kids entering grades 4-6 next school year are from 9-11:30 a.m.

Kids entering grades 7-9 are from noon-2:30 p.m.

Cost of the camp is \$100. Checks should be made to Northville High School Basketball, Attn: Boys Basketball, Northville High School, 45700 W. Six Mile Rd., Northville, 48168.

E-mail questions to basketball@baldwin-capital.com

for further information.

### Girls Basketball Camp

The girls basketball camp for kids currently in grades 3-8 will take place June 16-20.

The camp runs 9-11:30 a.m. daily.

The cost of the camp is \$100. Checks should be made to Northville High School Basketball, Attn: Todd Gudwin, Northville High School, 45700 W. Six Mile Rd., Northville, 48168.

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### Spring Roundup

It's time for NHS football spring round up!

All Northville High School students interested in playing football, fall 2008 incoming fresh men through seniors, and their parents should plan to attend the meeting on Monday May 19 at 7:00 pm in the NHS cafeteria.

Come at 6:30 if you'd like to complete paperwork before we begin rather than staying at the end.

Football specific spirit wear will be for sale purposes will have the opportunity to choose where they volunteer.

Details for summer camp and practices will be reviewed, and most importantly all will have the opportunity to meet and hear from coaches! Please visit our web site at www.northvilleniustants.com

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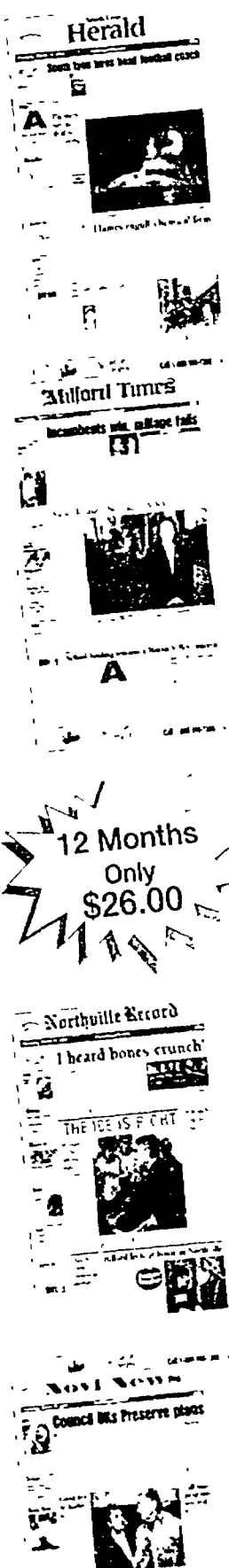
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## Garden Gorgeously

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By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

More and more Michiganders will be "turning inward" this year to spruce up their outdoor living areas and spend time at home, rather than hitting the road during this shaky economy. And what better way to beautify the backyard or patio than with colorful flowers and landscaping products?

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### ORGANICS AVAILABLE

This year, the buzzword is "expanded." "We have expanded our organic product lines as well as our other vegetable lines," said owner Mike Raney, who runs the retail side of the business. "This coincides with the economy. People are staying home and will probably plant a lot more veggies, too. That way, they save money on their grocery bills. We will also offer special sales throughout the year, too."

What Raney's customers like is that they can choose just how much work they want to put into their gardens. They can purchase seeds or they can buy a plant that is ready to go on a trellis. "We make it easy for the consumer," said Mike. "We know time is important to them so we sell a lot of plants right in the planters — ready to go."

### OUTDOOR ENJOYMENT

The other trend — outdoor living areas — will also be very big this year. Mike said these spaces allow homeowners to bring their creative spaces outside and his business can help with planters, garden art, and décor specifically designed for outdoor rooms.

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### RANEY'S GARDENS

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months of great weather," he said. "We should enjoy the outdoors as much as we can."

No outdoor landscape would be complete without a beautiful variety of flowering plants. The most popular flowers at Raney's Gardens continue to be impatiens and petunias. Tony Raney, who runs the growing side of the business, said there are 54 varieties of impatiens and the more brighter the colors, the more popular the flower. He noted that petunias are very popular in the "plush" and "wave" categories.

"The plush are more upright and "mounding,"" he said. "They can spread two feet in any direction and people don't have to plant as many of them."

Tony noted that mixed containers are always popular, offering a good variety of colors and styles and added,

"We are always looking for new colors. We have a huge collection of rare and unusual coleus, too."

Raney's Gardens is on the lookout for products that customers can get the most bang for their buck, too. Tony said that new hybrid seeds produce more vegetables out of a single plant.

### GIFTS FOR MOM

One of the busiest times of the year, outside of spring planting, is Mother's Day. Raney's Gardens has a lot of experience selling just the right gifts for Moms. This year is no exception and Mike said a very popular product is the potted Jackson & Perkins roses — flowers that can last a long time and be a constant reminder of this special day.

Making the shopping experience at Raney's Gardens even more special is the experienced and caring staff and the local flavor

"We offer a quality product that people



Joan and Mike Raney spend a lot of time in the retail side of the business at Raney's Gardens, where there is a lot to see when it comes to home gardening.

don't have to drive all over for," he said. "We grow almost all of our products right here, under the guidance of a very knowledgeable staff."

"My vision is for people to come and have an "experience" here. They can take a break from their hectic lifestyles and enjoy the surroundings."

Mike is an avid supporter of local charitable events and hosts a lot of field trips

for young children in school or preschool. He knows that community outreach is important.

"We are excited about this year," he said. "It has been a long winter and people are ready to get outside."

Raney's Gardens is located at 57707 Ten Mile Road, west of Milford Road. For more information call them at 248-437-2856.

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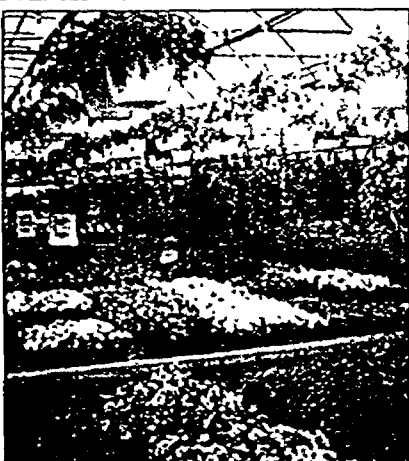
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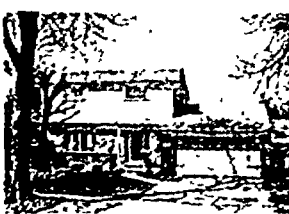
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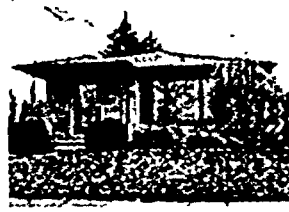
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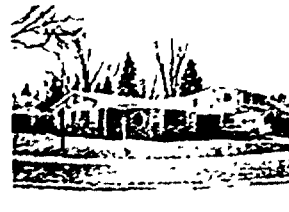
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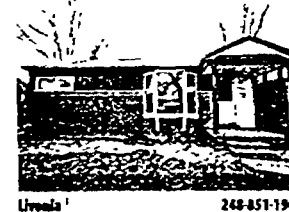
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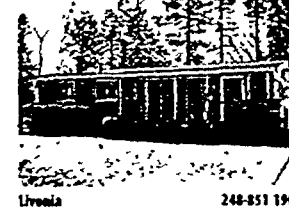
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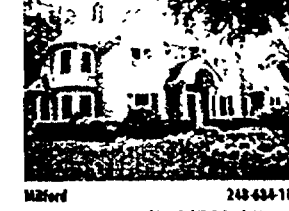
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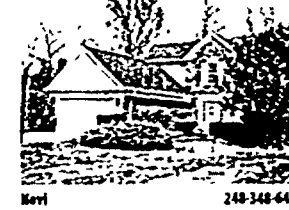
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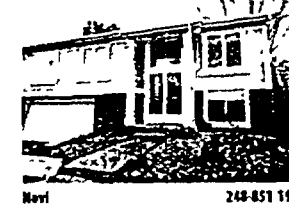
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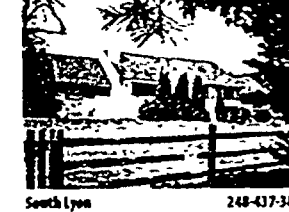
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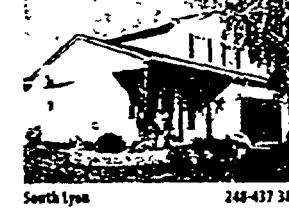
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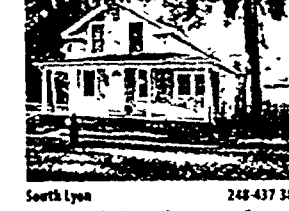
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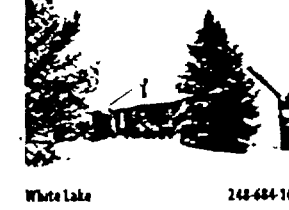
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plan extensive crown molding 10' x 8' ft  
solid doors & 9' ft ceilings on 1st flr  
gourmet kitchen w/ 12' maple cabinets  
& granite stone backsplash  
curved steel apron sink cooling & huge  
walk in pantry & fireplace part finished  
walkout. 4.5 car garage backs to  
private wooded \$1,000,000 (gcrs)

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Bath new windows new main free  
vinyl siding 5 skylights remodeled main  
bath wood laminate floors 1/2 shed 2  
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basement w family room & laundry also  
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**BEAUTIFUL UPOUNDED CUPE COVE!**  
Bed/4.1 Bath 1st floor master suite  
gourmet kitchen with heart room & 2  
was fireplace custom built in cherry  
office upstairs media room can be  
converted back to 1st floor master  
suite & walkout to landscaped  
backyard \$600,000 (gcrs)



**RALE FIND! NEVER RANCH IN NOV!** 4  
Bed/2.5 Bath 25x12 sq ft hardwood on  
most of 1st flr study w/custom glass  
doors Jack/Jill bath dining rm w/tan  
ceiling cathedral ceiling & up in great  
rm 1st floor master kitchen w/granite  
counters cabinets in sub (cane to  
balled Lake \$495,000 (gcrs)

**LIGHT BRIGHT & AIRY!** 1 Bed/2.5 Bath  
picks updated & neutral updated  
lighting & fixtures new floor in kitchen  
& 1st floor laundry room newer furnace  
& central air new dan Roof shingles  
part 1st floor level w/recreation room  
inground pool in private backyard w/  
stamped concrete finish room with  
natural tile & cathedral ceiling  
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#### MAIL TECH WANTED

for busy full service salon. \* Scappi's \* Call for interview 248-437-1112

#### New Career? Experienced?

Quality inspectors/automotive, paid on the job training & timely performance reviews. \$9.25/hr. 810-225-4421

#### OUTGOING PEOPLE NEEDED

to work PT @ Home Depot generating leads \$9 + bonus. Hrs: Fri thru Sun only. Background ch. req. Ask for Deb. 810-742-6666

### Help Wanted-General 5000

#### MAIL HOUSE

Commercial printing company seeking production associate w/full mail house knowledge. Send resume to P.O. Box 930593 Wixom, MI 48393

#### MAINTENANCE HANDYMAN

Salem Twp is accepting applications for temporary part-time Maintenance Personnel. Applications may be submitted along w/resumes in person at the Salem Twp Hall, 9600 Six Mile Rd., Salem, MI btwn 9am & 4:30pm

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## Help Wanted-Office

**Administrative Assistant**  
Full-time for Computer Tech Consulting Group. Must be proficient in MS Office, communication and organizational skills. Required benefits available.  
Email resume with wage requirements with subject line as "Admin. Position" to dphal@msa.com

**BRIGHTON INS. AGENCY**  
Part time inside sales assistant. Hourly plus incentives. Opp for growth. 810-225-8555

## CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Emerging biotech co. is looking for an energetic, enthusiastic individual with good communication skills to fill our full-time customer service rep position. Responsibilities include answering of telephones, placing orders, suppliers, packaging of materials & product start-up. \$12 to \$14/hr depending on exp. All interested candidates should email their resume to sales@innov-research.com or call (248) 996-0145 ext. 5

## LEGAL SECRETARY

Farmington Hills FT Benefits. Fax resume to 248-406-8001

## OFFICE HELP NEEDED

Part time Exp in Word, Excel, QuickBooks, Multi line phone system and some sales exp is a must. Some light warehouse duties are required. Fax resumes to 248-624-0601. Position available immediately.

## PT Exp. Legal Secretary

Needed. 401K and generous pay. Send resume 515 E Grand River Howell, MI 48843 or Fax 517-548-0102

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## CHAIRSIDE DENTAL ASST.

Good opportunity to join a fun, but professional & fast-paced family practice in Brighton. Part-time. Exp required. Please fax resume to 810-227-7166

## DENTAL ASSISTANT, EXP.

needed for a family oriented general practice in Brighton. Please email resume to assistantneeded8609@yahoo.com for an interview

## HYGIENE POSITION

Part-time desired for a high quality patient centered dental office. Huszti Dental Care of Midland. Tour the practice. Please send resume to mfordendental.com or fax (248) 684-8578

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## Clinical Manager

Full-time RN with dynamic leadership abilities needed to manage daily operations for our progressive pain management practice in Royal Oak. The successful candidate will have demonstrated supervisory skills and a positive team approach. No weekends or holidays. Apply online at http://www.trendytypical.com or send fax and cover letter stating which location and position you are interested in to Attn: Deanna TPC, 844 South Washington, Suite 100, Holland, MI 49423, fax to 616-546-2678, or email Employment@tpcprocasystems.com

## CAREGIVERS

Agency seeking in-home companions/caregivers for elderly P/T, Reg hrs. In-home. 248-865-8111

## CHECK OUT PERSON

For Busy medical office in Novi. Knowledge of insurance verification Exp in Web. Dennis helpful. Fax resume 248-626-9533

## CNAS P/T &amp; P/T. Afternoons

& Mornings - Apply at West Hickory Haven, 3310 W Commerce Rd., Milford

## MEDICAL BILLER

Full-time for physical therapy clinic in Plymouth. Experience preferred. Fax resume to Cindy (734) 416-3903 or email cindy@bignet.net

## MEDICAL OFFICE

In Novi looking for front or back help. Entry level, good hrs., benefits. Fax resume to Sara 248-477-2440 or email c28100@gmail.com

## MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

needed in Highland & Howell physicians office. Must have strong current medical exp. Full time no weekends or evenings. Call 248-563-0575 or email resume to misally@comcast.net

## NURSE - PART TIME

For home care. Good pay (248) 437-2284

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## VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

FT exp d Plymouth Veterinary Hospital. Call 734-453-0485

## Help Wanted-Food/Beverage

**PANERA BREAD Opening Soon**  
Now Hiring  
**Hourly Associates And Bakers**

Panera Bread, one of America's fastest growing restaurant chains has bakery opportunities at our bakery-cafe opening soon in Livonia on 8 Mile and Haggerty Rd. We offer premium pay for full and part time shifts. FT associates receive excellent benefits, 401k and more. Apply on line at www.panerabread.com, dig-nov-livonia EOE. Manager Candidates Only e-mail resumes to janahenbeck@panerabread.com

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Must have good knowledge of kitchen equipment to operate and maintain properly. Food quality and presentation, safety and sanitation. Must be positive and friendly. Now hiring for all shifts days, nights and weekends. No calls please. Stop by, Mail or Fax to Tanglewood Restaurant 53503 W. Ten Mile Road South Lyon, MI 48178 Fax: (248) 486-4982

## BURN CHUBB &amp; CURRIE ROAD

South on Country Club Drive in the neighborhood

## FULL TIME EXP. Prep Person

needed days. Contact Larry at Chris McGinnis Irish Pub 810-632-3400

## BUS HELP NEEDED

Must be 16 years old. Apply within at

## Pepino's Restaurant

118 Walled Lake Rd. Walled Lake, After 3:30pm

## CHEEBURGER CHEEBURGER ASSISTANT MANAGERS

6 Day Work Week. Please apply online at www.cheeburger.com or in person

17398 Haggerty Rd., Livonia 755 Maple Rd., Birmingham

## IHOP IS NOW HIRING

FOR ALL POSITIONS at its New Brighton Location

## INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE of Plymouth

is hiring for

Activity Assistant CDL necessary

Contingent receptionist (7 days/week)

Please apply in person at 14707 Northville Rd Plymouth, MI 48170

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Non kitchen. Experienced only. Call 248-345-0962 for an interview appt. or e-mail resume to djbistro@aol.com

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## Help Wanted-Sales

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DODGE & JEEP are looking for Salespeople. Due to our increased growth in both Dodge & Jeep we need 2-3 self motivated Salespeople, training avail. Must work well within a team environment. We are a family owned organization with a 25+ year commitment to customer satisfaction. Excellent income potential & many opportunities to grow in our organization. We offer healthcare, dental vision & a 401K program. If you are interested in a fast paced career w/excellent income & enjoy people then please fax your confidential resume to 734-424-0778 Attn: Shadreck

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## REAL ESTATE CAREER

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Do you like working with new people & new situations?

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If you said "Yes", Call me so we can talk.

Kathy Solan (248) 348-6430

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## Help Wanted-Sales

**SALESPERSON**  
Become a certified lighting consultant while enjoying a rewarding career in sales. 3 days/week. Tues, Fri & Sat. Will train. Call 586-843-2303

## SALESPERSON

With 5 yrs exp wanted for janitorial company. Base + commission. Fax resume 734-421-8994, call 734-421-2788

## Help Wanted-Part-Time

**BOOKKEEPER NEEDED**  
Small business 3-4 hrs/week. Must know QuickBooks. Send resume to CCG, P.O. Box 94, S. Lyon, MI 48178

## NOW HIRING SUMMER HELP

P/T 25-35 hrs per week. Yard and counter help. Apply at Chet's Rental, 10461 E Grand River Brighton

## Students

**BROTHER and SISTER 5 yrs**  
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## Position Wanted

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## MILFORD VILLAGE MOM

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## Childcare/Baby-Sitting Services

**Childcare Needed** (5380)

## IDEAL FOR STUDENT!

In-home care for 9 yr old boy. June 16-Aug 8 \$10 per hr. min 30 hrs per week. Must have car, be active, friendly & responsible. References required. Call Mary Milgrom (248) 477-8695

## Childcare Needed

**FOUND - Goods** (6399)

## FOUND - Little Girls Wallet

at garage sale. Lost Fri. May 2nd (248) 437-0211

## 7000-7780 MERCHANDISE

Absolutely Free (7600)

## ATTENTION: PET LOVERS

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## FREE KITTENS

Call 248-242-3612 leave message.

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## PLASTIC 55 GAL. BARRELS

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## POP-UP CAMPER 1972

Canvas needs to be replaced. Call after 7pm. 248-685-3285

## RED LAVA ROCK &amp; LANDSCAPING TIMBERS.

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## Sofa 84" floral + curtains

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## UPRIGHT PIANO

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## Rummage Sale/ Flea Market

**NOV FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE** May 8 & 9 9am-6pm May 10, bag day, 9am-Noon 44400 W Ten Mile Rd. b/wm Novi and Tait Rd

## RUMMAGE SALE

St. Paul's Lutheran School Gym at 201 Elm Street, downtown Northville, behind Hiller's. Thurs. May 8, 25, 9am-4pm. Fri. May 9, 9-1pm

## 7100 Estate Sales

**WOLVERINE LAKE** May 8-10 10am-6pm 2318 Indiana Street off S Commerce Between Glenary & Pontiac Tr. Antiques, furniture, appliances & household misc.

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Furniture, appliance, antiques, books, tapes, CD's, tools, electronics, sporting goods, plus office & pet supplies, musician accessories, XXXL men's clothing, and ALL other household items

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## HOMETOWN NOVI COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE

May 16th, 17th & 18th 9am-4pm 13 Mile Rd. east of Novi Rd.

## HOWELL - Thurs &amp; Fri 9-3

Sat 9-12 Kids & adult clothes, furniture toys, crib & bedding much more 1078 Braemar Ct., M-59 & Oakcrest

## HAMBURG-PINCONEY May 8-10

8-6pm. Big Sale! Clothes, toys, household, perennials, houseplants, lots of misc 7280 Bayberry off Swarthout, 1/2 mile W of Pethysville

## HOWELL - Fri, May 9th only 9-4

814 W Grand River. Baby items, baby clothes (0-12 mo), toys, household, furniture, etc.

## HIGHLAND Hot tub, jewelry &amp; household misc

May 8, 9 & 10, 9am 3354 Harvey Ln. Rd

## 6000-6780 ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NOTICE is hereby given

that on 05/23/08 at 2:00 pm the following will be sold by competitive bidding at The National Storage Center, 1574 Alloy Parkway Highland, MI 48356 Brent Hether Unit #220 - recreational items, household items, misc goods, Stacie Renee Glyn Unit #246-249 - misc goods; Theodore McCreary Unit #325 - recreational items, household items, misc goods, Edward Drake Unit #109 - household items, misc goods, Teresa A. Franco Unit #20 - household items, misc goods, Sharalyn King Unit #21 - household items, misc goods; Craig D. Allen Unit #97 - misc goods

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on May 23rd at 11am, the following will be sold by competitive bidding at Country Storage, 58000 W 8 Mile Rd. Northville, MI Ryan Murray, Unit 179 Bike, Golf Clubs, 2 Beds, Chair, Dishwasher, 2 Fans, Computer Cheryl Clark, Unit 60-Table Saw Household Items Tools Kamal Shakeri, Unit 152 Wood, Door, Glasses, Shelves Jett Saladaski, Unit 98-Clothes, Pictures, Books Purses Richard Verrill, Unit 90 Air Comp, Household Items, Dresser, Clothes, Elec Motor, Tools, Wiring Wood Stove Thomas Kern, Unit 210-Toys, Household Items

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## FOUND - Goods

**BRIGHTON - 3819 Aberdeen** La., off Bono. Huge Multi Family! Salesman samples, exercise equip, John Deere riding mower 30 light weight camper 8' x 10 8am-6pm

## BRIGHTON-MOVING SALE

May 9 & 10, 9-3, 10467 Overhill Dr Off Culver b/wm Burt Furniture, antiques oak bunk beds. VHS tapes Etc

## BRIGHTON, MAY 8, 9, 10, 8am to 5pm

8899 Corrigan, West Ridge Sub, off Lee. Grs size 2 & 3 boys size 4 & 5 shoes toys, light fixtures, hardware household tools, more

## BRIGHTON MOVING SALE

May 9 10am to 7pm 10289 Carnegie Dr Spencer & Bono Rds. Auto manuals car parts household, misc

## Brighton/Howell - May 8 - 10

Sam Multi-family Hunting, fishing tools, home decor, furniture, no junk, 1177 Richman Farms Dr. 48843

## CANTON - Clothing toys, bedroom furniture misc

Thurs-Sat, May 8-10, 9-3pm 6625 Whitehurst, off Hartford b/wm Canton Center & Beck

## CANTON 8247 Orhan, Joy &amp; E of 275 area

May 8-9 8am-10 9am-4pm Furniture appliances clothes kids items & more.

## CANTON - May 9-13 Fri-Sat, 9-5 pm

39936 Warren Rd., Corner of Warren at Lotz Antiques furniture, crystal, misc 50 years accumulation

## CANTON - FOX MEADOW SUB-WIDE SALE

Thurs-Sat, May 15-17, 9am-5pm Canton Center, b/wm Warren & Ford Road

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## FARMINGTON HILLS - Dual Sub Sale

Farmington Ridge/Glen & Country Ridge Sub wide MEGA Garage Sale w/13 Mile, b/wm Haggerty & Halsted May 8-10, 9am-3pm Something for everyone

## GARDEN CITY 30944 Florence

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## GARDEN CITY

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**Basement Waterproofing**

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**Basement Waterproofing**

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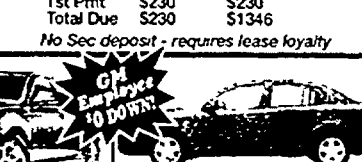
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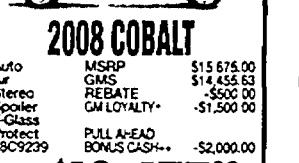
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