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Town hall meeting

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, invites residents to a town hall meeting in Northville.



ing Michiganmade products and services provided by local businesses as a way of supporting Michigan's workers and strengthening

to discuss buy-

our state's economy. The event will be held on Monday, April 13, from 6-7 p.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., in Northville.

Buying products that are produced here in Michigan by our own workers is an excellent way to support our community and state," Corriveau said. "Local shops are the heart and soul of our business community, and it's important that consumers support them in order to help get our economy and our state back on track."

Corriveau will be joined by Lisa Diggs, founder of BuyMichiganNow.com, a Web site dedicated to building a strong, vibrant and diverse Michigan economy. Individuals and organizations are invited to use this platform to take an active role in helping turn around Michigan's economy.

Buying Michigan products first will bolster our local economy and help our neighbors. Visit buymichfirst.com to find Michigan-made products and businesses that seil them.

If you're a business owner, you also can add your business to the list.

In addition to the town hall, Corriveau will host a followup seminar on Monday, May 11, for businesses interested in doing business with the state and competing for government contracts

The seminar will take place from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall, 108 E. Main St., in Northville.

For more information, please contact Corriveau's office toll-free at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737), or by e-mail at MarcCorriveau@house. mi.gov.



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Arbor Hospice President and CEO Gloria Brooks, left, and clinical supervisor Julie Welch are looking forward to the hospice's May 9 25th anniversary and Celebration of Life event at Northville Community Park on Beck Road. Those attending will be encouraged to plant a flower, bush or tree in

Arbor Hospice celebrates 25 years of caring

Community Park site of May 9 garden event

STAFF WRITER

Gloria Brooks said most families don't know that hospice is actually a six-mouth benefit under Medicare.

"But, our average length of stay is 48 days, and our median is 15 days, so we don't see too many people who are able to take advantage of the sixmonth benefit," said Brooks, president and CEO of Arbor Hospice Care.

'Find out about hospice before you're in crisis and need to know," she advised.

Arbor Hospice uses a booklet called "Five Wishes," that has people answer questions about end of life decisions. People then carry a card in their wallet that outlines these decisions.

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ART DASH

Arbor Hospice's annual fund-raising event. Art Dash, is slated for 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, at St. John's Golf & Conference Center on Five Mile Road east of Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township. This event offers art lovers an opportunity to "dash" for a variety of artwork, with the proceeds going to a worthy cause. Tickets are \$275 for two people, with special sponsorship opportunities and corresponding ticket prices also being available. For more information, go to www arborhospice.org, call (888) 992-2273, Ext. 152, or send an e-mail to specialevents@ arborhospice org

REIS land buy up to voters

Township board agrees to purchase former hospital property

> BY PAIN FLENING STAFF WRITER

After several weeks meeting in closed session, the Northville Township Board of Trustees passed a measure last Thursday night that will allow officials to sign a purchase agreement to acquire a majority of the 414 acres of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property from developer

However, voters will still have to approve a ballot initiative to complete the transaction.

The township board, by its actions rather than its words, reminds us that choice is at the heart of success for Northville Township residents," said Chip Snider, township manager. "The residents of this community will decide for themselves, as responsible taxpayers, what direction to go regarding the hospital property. The board will now begin to focus on results using the basic fundamentals of collaboration and accountability."

REIS-Northville is a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company. The property is located on the south side of Seven Mile Road east of Northville Road and west of Haggerty Road.

"Over the last six years, residents had been asking the board to find a way to purchase and preserve the property," said Mark Abbo, township supervisor. "Earlier this year, the township finally had the opporwhen REIS expressed an interest in selling a large portion of the property. By signing this purchase agreement, the township board will be providing the residents of Northville Township a long-awaited opportunity to own the property."

REIS TO KEEP 82 ACRES

As part of the agreement, REIS would keep 68 acres of property, plus an additional 14 acres designated as setbacks and for rights-of-way use along Seven Mile Road.

Also, the area now zoned for commercial development would be cut by 50 percent, the old-growth trees would remain standing, and the cleanup of the contamination on the site would still be funded by the development of the REIS portion of the property through a brownfield redevelopment program.

If votes approve the ballot initia-

"... the board strongly felt that with some economic indicators



finally starting to show signs of improvement, we needed to provide the voters the opportunity to let their voices be heard on this issue."

MARK ABBO. Northville Township supervisor

tive in August, the township would own 332 of the 414 acres.

DENSITY TO BE LIMITED

"This agreement will limit the density on the property and preserve the green space," said Sue Hillebrand, township Clerk, "This proposal would create a low-impact, natural environment that takes advantage of existing pathways, the natural rolling terrain and provides residents with the opportunity to enjoy the historic trees and natural wildlife," said Margie Banner, trustee.

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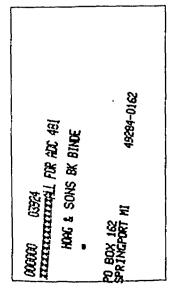
To fund the purchase of the property voters would have to pass a age that would cost the a homeowner \$150 per year, or \$12.50 per month. The millage would not be needed to fund the cleanup of the

"I know that these are tough times for everyone and asking voters to shoulder any additional burden is difficult," Abbo said. "However, the board strongly felt that with some economic indicators finally starting to show signs of improvement, we needed to provide the voters the opportunity to let their voices be heard on this issue."

"It's an opportunity to reduce the commercial from the consent judgment by about half, to conserve the two woodlots and to make sure that the property is not overdeveloped," said Mary Gans, trustee. "It's also an opportunity for our residents to decide whether they're interested in purchasing the property or not. It's really the citizens' decision."

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City facing lean times

■ Proposed budget may mean less staff, capital improvements

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

It's crying time again for the

city of Northville. With state shared revenues down and a shortfall calculated at about \$639,000 for fiscal year 2010, officials are considering cutting staff from 54 to 46, or the equivalent of 8.5 full-time

employees. This, however, is planned to be done through attrition (not replacing employees scheduled to retire) rather than laying off current staffers.

The city may delay some capital improvements as well until

the economy improves.

In his budget message Monday night to city council, Pat Sullivan, city manager, said this next fiscal year begins the most uncertain financial time period for the city of Northville since

*Economic conditions of both the State of Michigan and the nation have decreased the city's revenue sources and increased costs," Sullivan said.

Knowing that hard times are upon the city, officials paid for an organizational review by a consultant. The report, which

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LOCAL NEWS

Sisters unite to fight cancer

Events to fund team walk effort

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Sisterhood is about more than just sharing the same parent or parents.

It's a bond that carries one through life, and one that four local women are using to help fight cancer.

Sisters Jan and Judi Connelly of Northville; Joan Connelly of West Bloomfield; and Joyce Fennell of White Lake will walk in this year's 60-mile Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk in Southeast Michigan Aug. 14-16.

They're affectionately known as the Board of Directors in their family.

And that's the name they have selected for their team

They have planned three

local fund-raisers that will help provide breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment through the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund.

The sisters also have four brothers: John of Milford; Jeff of Houston; Jay, who is deceased; and Jamie of Dearborn. The eight children grew up in Milford. Their father died of bone cancer in 1971, and their mother died shortly afterwards.

"Cancer has hit many of our loved ones," Jan said.

NEPHEW HAD MELANOMA

Two years ago, their nephew, Jason, 33, of Houston, learned he had stage four

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HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Local businesses or individuals who would like to make a contribution to the sisters' walk to fight breast cancer can go to the Web site www.the3day. org/site/PageServer, click on "Donate," and search for the Board of Directors page, or send a check made out to Breast Cancer 3 Day to Jan Connelly at 42654 Waterford, Northville, Ni 48167. If one sister has already achieved the \$2,300 goal set by each, donate to another as money can't be transferred from one person to another.

melanoma that had metastasized to his abdominal

"He was given a very bleak outlook, but after one year of extensive chemotherapy at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center (in Houston), Jason's cancer is now in remission, and he has actually become somewhat of a spokesperson for the center, helping with fund-raising efforts," Jan said.

He went on to complete his MBA at Rice University and was featured as television newscaster Charlie Gibson's Person of the Week last year.

Judi also had a melanoma on her face but has since made a full recovery.

"Cancer is something we want to fight, and we felt that participating in the Breast Cancer 3 Day would be a bold move, and one for us to share," Jan said.

UPCOMING EVENTS .

The sisters are planning the following events to help them raise money for their team prior to the walk:

■ May 3 - a wine tasting and auction from 2-5 p.m. at Wine Sync on W. Main

Street in Northville; ■ May 16 - a "Day of

Caring" at the Mobil gas station at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty roads, where donations will be accepted;

■ May 30 – a bottle and can drive in various subdivisions throughout Northville, White Lake and West Bloomfield; and

■ June 14 - a bowling fund-raiser at 2 p.m. at Novi Bowl on Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

In addition, since three of the four sisters have had foot surgeries performed by Dr. Harvey Lefkowitz, a podiatric surgeon with an office in Milford, he has agreed to sponsor the team with a significant donation. The four will wear T-shirts that read "These Feet Were Fixed for Walking by Dr. Lefkowitz."

Judi, who works for DTE Energy in Ann Arbor, has

been busy selling snacks and candy and had a March Madness 50/50 raffle.

From left: Joan Connelly; Jan Connelly; Alan Yerstraete, owner of Wine Sync; Judi Connelly; and Joyce Fennell

discuss the May 3 wine tasting and auction at Wine Sync that will serve as a fund-raiser for the four local sisters'

walk in the Breast Cancer 3 Day in Southeast Michigan Aug. 14-16. The event will take place from 2-5 p.m. May 3 at

the wine shop on West Main Street in downtown Northville. The women hope to each raise \$2,300 to fight cancer.

Joyce reached out to people in her entire address book for possible contributions, is peddling breast cancer bracelets and has her daughter and partner (who is a cancer survivor) helping with that effort.

Joan, the oldest of the eight children, has also contacted her network of friends. And, Jan is selling T-shirts to family members for an upcoming family reunion, with this money going toward the walk.

The Northville community has been very generous as well toward the cause, according to Jan.

Alan Verstraete, owner of Wine Sync, welcomed the wine tasting event in May and gave the sisters some great advice about auction items. Staff at the Tipping Point Theatre, Table 5

Restaurant, the Whalers hockey team in Plymouth Township and others have been eager to participate in the sisters' crusade against

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breast cancer. The four women are still soliciting auction items for the cause.

DTE Energy donated four tickets and parking passes to see the Detroit Tigers play. Pine Knob and The Links at Whitmore Lake golf shops have donated gift certificates for green fees.

"We have such a strong bond, and we feel this is something we can do," Judi said. "It's a way for us to contribute to the fight against cancer and do something together."

"Right now, we're all healthy and feeling privileged," Jan said. "We want to relish the union that we have as sisters.'

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Ruzyski & Birmingham

Donald and Patricia Ruzyski of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Ann Ruzyski to Steve James Birmingham, son of James and Christine Birmingham of Dexter.

Elizabeth is a 1992 graduate of Novi High School and is currently attending Central Michigan Universities offcampus business program. She is a professional nanny in Bloomfield Hills.

Steve is a 1993 graduate of Dexter High School and



a 1998 graduate of Central Michigan University in logistics. He is employed by Ryder Corporation as a continuous improvement manager.

The couple plan a August 21 wedding in Northville.

NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Brune & Ellis

Sarah Esther Brune and James Ryan Ellis announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kenneth and Susan Brune of Northville, formerly of Rochester Hills, is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School and a 2007 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in communication. She works in supply chain at Whirlpool Corporation in Saint Joseph.

Her fiancé, son of Randall and Nancy Ellis of Galsburg, is a 2003 graduate of Gull Lake High School. He graduated from



Michigan State in 2007 with a degree in electrical engineering. He is an engineer at Palisades

Nuclear Power Plant in Covert. A July wedding is planned in East Lansing.

NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Lang & Sokloski

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lang, of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Frances Lang, to Derek Matthew Sokloski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sokloski of Northville.

Nicole is a graduate from Northern Michigan University in Entrepreneurship. She is a banquet sales director and bridal consultant in Southeast Michigan.

Derek is a graduate from Michigan State University in electrical engineering. He is a product design engineer for a Ford Motor Company supplier.



A fall wedding in Plymouth is planned.

NORTHVILLE NAMES IN THE NEWS

Kathleen Egan, 2005 graduate of Northville High School, and currently a senior at Albion College (graduating this May with a dual major in Interpersonal Speech Communications and Theater), has the lead role in the school's spring production of FIVE WOMEN WEARING THE SAME DRESS', a 1993 by Alan Ball. The play is a comedy set at a wedding reception in Knowille. Tennessee where five bridesmaids have found refuge in the room of Meredith, the sister of the bride. The women come to realize, among other things, that they are closer friends with each

other than they are with the bride. Kathleen was also featured as Gwendolen in Albion's fall performance of Oscar Wildes "The

Importance of being Earnest". Performances of "Five Women" will be at 8 p.m. April 15-18 in the Dow Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets can be obtained by contacting the College at (517) 629-

Northville's Kristin Heitmeier

is Susan in the Barefoot Productions' "Prescription: Murder", a clever cat-and-mouse murder mystery starring one of the genre's most beloved character detectives, Lieutenant Columbo, opening April 30 and kicks off the mystery with a much-anticipated murder mystery dinner fund-raiser on April 23. The Columbo mystery will also highlight the stage debut of prominent Plymouth community leaders in guest star roles and offer patrons dinner/theatre

Performances are April 30, May 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. and May 3 and May 10 at 2 p.m. Senior and student tickets are \$10 and general admission tickets are \$15. Group rates are available for 10 or more, offering a \$2 per ticket discount. All performances are held in the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 North Main Street, Plymouth. To purchase individual or group tickets for the show or the fund-raiser, please call (734) 560-1493; or visit www.justgobarefoot.com or www.

NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Merritt & Templeton

Jill Merritt of Garden City and Joel Green of Rapid City announce the engagement of their daughter Meghan Rose Merritt of Northville to Lance CPL Brandon Thomas Templeton of Camp Lejeune, N.C., son of Randy and Debra Templeton of Garden City.

Meghan attended Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia and is employed as an accounts manager at internet 123, Inc. in Southfield.

Brandon is a Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corp.

The wedding is planned for April 24 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Meghan will be attended by Heather Krehibel, as maid



of honor, and Lydia Austin, Pamela Burke and Megan Kreger as bridesmaids.

Lance CPL Sean Templeton will serve as best man, with Randy Templeton, Lance CPL **Emmanual Llanos and Aaron** Waddell as groomsmen and ushers.

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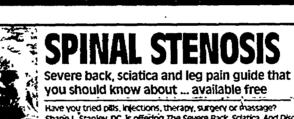
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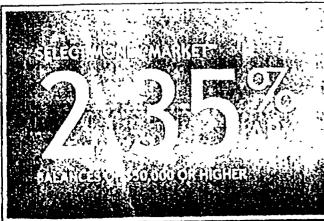
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TIME/DATE 945 am first Sunday of every month Peace Vigil

TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month LOCATION In front of the church **DETAILS** Members of the congregation

and the community will stand united in prayer for peace **Advent Service** TIME/DATE: 9:45 a m. Sunday

Spring into Summer TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday.

DETAILS: Annual Juried Art/Craft Show Go to www.umcnovi.com to view.some Jast years vendor booths. All hand made crafts including but not limited to painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, needlework, lawn art, doll clothing, photography. glass, stained glass, wood carving and scrolling, sewn items, stone work, candles, wine lamps, children's books, face painting, frames, mud mats and UNIN bake sale.

CONTACT For an application to this juried show, e-mail your request to Pam Davis Church Yard Sale - Open to The Public TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, May 1-Saturday, May 2

DETAILS: Saturday Noon - \$2 Bag Sale. Furniture, appliances, clothing, toys, and TONS more!

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LOCATION 40000 Six Mile Road CONTACT (248) 374 7400 or (248) 374-5978 Sunday Worship

TIME 8 a m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:0 a m. Traditional, 9:30 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9.30 a.m. and II a.m. services.

Service Broadcast DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station. Single Point Ministries - 45 and older TIME/DATE 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship

and Bible study Single Focus Ministries - 35-50 years TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ Single Purpose ConneXions - 20-30

years TIME/DATE: 11 a m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship **DETAILS** For single adults Active ministry offering various Bible study classes. volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group. support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for

more information. CONTACT. (248) 374-5920 Bible Studies and Prayer Nights Learner's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101 Men's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6.30 a m. Wednesday Single **Adult Ministries office** Single's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

Good Friday TIME/DATE: Noon to 3 p.m., April 10, **LOCATION** Sanctuary

DETAILS: Come when you can, feave when you must Easter Sunday

TIME/DATE: Traditional Worship Services at 8 a m. - Hess Chapet, 9:30 and 11 a m. - Sanctuary: Contemporary Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m. - Knox Hall, April 12 Relationship 101 Class

TIME/DATE 7 p.m., May 8, June 12 LOCATION Knox Hall **DETAILS** Biblical guidelines on building relationships along with light refreshments and lively conversations CONTACT For more information, contact the Single Adult Ministries office at (248) 374 5920. Singles Book Club Discussion Group.

TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m., June 7 **DETAILS**: Discussions from a single adult, Christian perspective. Currently reading "At Home In Mitford" by Jan Karon. Lighthouse Café.

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., May 22, June 26 DETAILS: Also known as game night. This is a great way to end your work week. Guest musicians provide background music, snacks provided, free child care. Tickets \$5 at the door. CONTACT. For more information contact. Ward Church (248) 374-5920. Euchre Game Night.

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., May 9, CONTACT For more information contact

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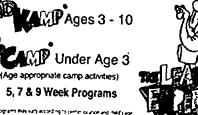
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Shooting suspect in jail .

Shooting suspect Larry Brown, 29, of Northville Township, was arraigned March 27 on a fivecount felony by Judge James Plakas at the 35th District Court in Plymouth Township.

The suspect entered a not-guilty plea. Bail was denied, and the suspect was remanded to the Wayne County Jail.

Brown was arrested at approximately 10:30 p.m. on March 26 when neighbors heard shots fired at his residence on Springwater. The suspect was arrested for shooting his father, and his mother was also injured in the domestic incident.

Camera catches hit-and-run

A gas station surveillance camera caught a hit-andrun accident at Haggerty and Five Mile Road just after 7 p.m. on March 31.

A 63-year-old Novi resident was traveling north on Haggerty through a steady green signal at Five Mile. A vehicle traveling south on Haggerty turned left into the driver's side of the Novi resident's vehicle, causing it to roll over three times and eject the driver.

The Novi man was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor with severe injuries.

The hit-and-run vehicle continued east on Five Mile Road and did not stop.

Police arrested a 21-year-old Livonia man for operating while intoxicated at 2:29 a.m. March 26 at Seven Mile Road and Innsbrook Drive.

Drunk driving arrest

An officer on patrol saw a vehicle cross over the fog line twice while watching traffic in his rear-view mirror. He also paced the vehicle, which was traveling over the posted 45 mph speed limit.

While talking to the driver, the officer noticed the smell of intoxicants coming from inside the vehicle and that the man had glossy eyes, slow movements and slurred speech.

The driver stated that he was "a little buzzed" and that he had consumed five-seven beers throughout the course of the evening at the Wagon Wheel bar in Northville.

A preliminary breath test showed that his blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit.

Early Easter presents

2 Police responded to a com-plaint from a resident who lives on Northville Place Drive about his vehicle having shaving cream, Easter grass and condoms on it.

The 27-year-old man told police he thought the prank had been executed by a female friend of his. The night before the reported incident they talked about how they would put these items on cars as a joke when they were in high school.

Drugs, alcohol arrest

Police arrested a 22-year-old → Brighton man for operating under the influence of drugs and alcohol at 1:50 a.m. on March 28 at Northville and Six Mile roads. arrest in Wayne County.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

The driver was pulled over after a fellow driver notified dispatch that it looked like the driver in front of him was intoxicated, as he was driving recklessly and almost caused a collision

An officer saw the man swerving, crossing the fog line twice and the center line once.

Police could smell intoxicants coming from the vehicle and noticed that the man's speech was slurred, his eyes were glassy and that he was having difficulty gathering necessary paperwork.

The man said he was coming from the Post Bar in Novi.

While searching the man's vehicle, police found a glass marijuana pipe, marijuana grinder and glass jar lid with marijuana

He was also cited for possessing narcotics paraphernalia and refusing to submit to a preliminary breath test.

Operating while intoxicated

4A 38-year-old Livonia man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 7:11 a.m. on March 29 at Ridge and Seven Mile roads.

Police were dispatched to the scene after someone called to say that there was a red convertible in a ditch on Ridge Road just south of Seven Mile Road.

When police arrived, they noticed that the vehicle's front, passenger-side tire and wheel were missing, leaving the brake disc resting on the roadway.

The man said his tire blew out and that when he tried to change the tire the spare tire fell off of the vehicle.

Police learned that there was also a warrant out for the man's

While patting the man down for weapons, police could smell alcohol on his breath. He said he had consumed five beers that night. His eyes were also watery and bloodshot.

Retail fraud at Meijer

5Police arrested a 28-year-old Northville woman for retail fraud at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road for a shoplifting incident that occurred between 5:11 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. on March 29.

Loss prevention agents recognized the woman from a previous retail fraud arrest at the Wixom Meijer store. They watched her select several items of clothing and place them over other items in her shopping cart.

The woman then paid for some chips and a soda at the U-Scan, leaving the store without paying for \$340.78 worth of items. The stolen items, which she placed in a green cloth bag. were recovered and returned to the store.

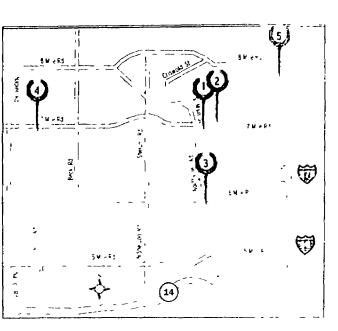
More theft at Meijer

5Police arrested a 50-year-old Livonia man for stealing a knife and package of men's socks at 11:12 p.m. on March 30 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty

The items were valued at \$21,99. The man told police he stole the items because he thought it would be fun. The items were concealed in an empty Meijer bag and then in an empty Tommy Hilfiger bag.

During booking, police discovered that the man's blood alcohol level was also more than three times the level allowed for driving.

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Thayer's Corner Cleanup Day Last Saturday's Thayer's Corner Nature

Area Cleanup Day in Northville Township attracted 27 volunteers, including 13 students from Phi Beta Kappa, the honor society at Schoolcraft College under the direction of Neil Sachs, society president. Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant in downtown Northville provided submarine sandwiches for the volunteers at the end of the work day.



LOCAL NEWS

GERALD D. BOLLINGER

A resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, and a former resident of Milford, Michigan, passed away on April 5, 2009 at the age of 81. He is survived by Sally, his beloved wife of over 58 years; son, Stephen (Linda) of Commerce Twp.; daughter, Debra McDermott (Todd) of Highland, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews as well as a brother, William. He was preceded in death by loving daughter Mary Kay. Jerry was a long time member of the Milford Presbyterian Church, the Milford American Legion Post # 216, Vorture 40/8 and the Milford Masonic Lodge. Gerald was retired from General Telephone Company. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Saturday, April 11th, at 11 a m. Friends may visit Friday 2-9 p.m. American Legion Memorial Service, Friday at 7 p.m., followed by Masonic Services. Memorials may be made in his name to Community Living Centers or The Diabetics Foundation. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

OLIVER C. COLLINS

Age 95, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away April 2, 2009 Funeral Service was held last Monday at the First United Methodist Church of Northyile. Contributions to the First United Methodist Church or The Gideons International. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

MARION JOSEPHINE DEKIERE

Age 85, passed away April 6, 2009. She was born on April 29, 1923, in Detroit, to the late Edward and Mary (Schockaert) Zimmer, Marion is survived by her children: James (Phyllis) DeKiere of Plymouth, and Janice (form) Neal of South Lyon; grandchildren: Jon, Jaime and Christine; and great grandchildren: Ella and Nicholas. Marion was preceded in death by her husband Henry DeKiere and her brother Lawrence Zimmer. A Funeral Service was held Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



GARY MICHAEL LATHAM

Age 42. April 4, 2009. Beloved husband of Tammy. Dear father of Craig, Hannah and Scott. Son of Pete & Betty Latham, Brother of B J. (Jay) Mandelstam and Patti (Kelly) Elsensohn Son-in-law of Richard & Barbara Kahl. Also survived by a half dozen nephews. The funeral service was held at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington. Donations in Gary's memory can be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society 1421 E. 12 Mile, Madison Hts. Ml. 48071. On line sympathy message at

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Peadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday Obstuaries received after these deadline will be placed in the next available issue

ARLENE JOY LEAR former resident of Highland. passed away on April 1, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles in 1996, and is survived by her sister, Shirley (Roy) Vomastek; brother, Joseph (Trudy) Brenner; seven nephews, a niece, five great-nieces and many dear friends from her church. A Funeral Liturgy was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland, on Saturday, April 4th, 2009. Memorials may be made in her name to the Am. Diabetes Assoc. or to the American Cancer Society For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit

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MAGDALENE MCLEAN

Age 90, a resident of Northylle

for 50 years, passed away peacefully on April 5, 2009 surrounded by her loving family. She was born November 26, 1918 in Hague, North Dakota to Joachim and Barbara Schelf. Magdalene was united in marriage to Joseph Orrison Warren McLean on May 16, 1940, and they spent 23 loving years together until his death in 1963. Magdalene, a domestic worker, was an active member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church for 50 years. She was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Post 4012 of Northville. She truly loved her family and enjoyed when they would all get together. Magdalene leaves to cherish her memory her children; Louis (Beverly) McLean, Vaunnie (William) Westfall, James (Carole) McLean, Elaine Hawkins, and David (Lisa) McLean; 13 grandchildren, and 17 greatgrandchildren. She was also loved by many other family and was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, six brothers and sisters and her grandson Michael McLean. The family would like to thank the caregivers of Ashley Court for their wonderful care and support. A Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, April 8, 2009. at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church of Northville. Father Denis Theroux officiated the service. Mrs. McLean was laid to rest at Hoh Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Odyssey Hospice. 25925 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 102, Southfield, MI 48033 or Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 133 Orchard, Northville, MI 48167. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northylle.

AUDREY ORTWINE Long time Novi resident of 59 years, Audrey Ortwine passed away on Friday, April 3, 2009. Known for her great sense of humor, and a compassionate soul, she loved being surrounded by her family and friends. Audrey's health had steadily declined after a stroke in 2007 which left her unable to walk. She was 78. Born April 24, 1930 in Royal Oak her family then moved to Wixom, MI where she grew up and met her hus-band, Harold Ortwine while working as an usherette at the Walled Lake Movie Theater. The couple then built their home in Novi and spent the next 61 years together in that house. She raised a family and began her "career" as a bookkeeper with Wilkens Parts & Equip. and then the City Clerks Office in Novi. She was an active member in the United Methodist Church, the Rebecca's and the Eastern Star Society. She volunteered at several nursing homes and every election counting absentee ballots. "Everyone she met was touched by her and loved her", Mr. Ortwine said. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Ortwine is survived by her sons, Delbert and Mark, daughter, Cindy, and several grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. A memorial service is scheduled for Sal., April 11, with visitation from 9-11 a.m. at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Rd, Novi, MI 48375. In lieu of flowdonations to the United Methodist Church, MS Society or the Alzheimer's Society are appreciated.

CATHERINE MARY POWELL

1954 - 2009. Age 55, of North-

ville, died Friday, April 3, 2009.
Born in Star Lake, New York in 1954, the daughter of William and Mary (McEvoy) Grab, Cathie was the beloved wife of Robert, whom she married on October 9, 1932 at St. Mary's Church in Clayton, New York and mother of Julia and Gerard, who graduated from Northville High chool in 2003 and 2007, respectrvely. She is also survived by her father William G. Grab, of Lowville, New York; two brothers, William D. Grab of Pittsburgh and John R. Grab of Fort Mill. South Carolina; and three sisters, Barbara J. Cushing of Lowville, New York, Margaret E. Brown of Clinton, New York and Manlyn J. Grab, also of Clinton, New York Catherine is a 1972 graduate of Immaculate Heart Central High hool of Watertown, New York and 1976 graduate of St. Francis ollege, Loretto, Pennsytvania. She also earned a Master of Arts degree from Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and then worked for many years as a primary school teacher and early childhood coordinator in the Boston Metropolitan area Living in Northville since 1995, Cathie served the community as a den leader of Cub Scout Pack 721, as a ment badge counselor for Boy Scout Troop 755 and as a volunteer worker on many Northwile Public Schools parent committees. A private gathering is being planned Memorial contributions may be made to University of Michigan Cancel Center in care of infusion bift fund, 301 E. Liberty suite 130, Ann Arbor Michigan 48104.

ISABEL SELLON

Age 84, a former resident of Rochester, passed away at Penny Lane in White Lake on April 1, 2009. She is survived by her sister, Mary Reader, nieces, and nephew, Robin Barnes, Tige (Colleen) Reader, Martha (Wayne) Field, Susan (David) Dieck, Mary (Ric) Lazar, Anne (Kerry McClean) Reader, Georgia Reader, Kathy (Rich) Dinges and many great and great-great-nieces and nephews. A private service will be held for family and friends. Memorials may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Association. For further information please call Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



ROBERT MERRILLE TAYLOR

Age 81, of Hartland and a former long time resident of Milford, passed away April 3, 2009. Survived by his loving wife Alta Lee Taylor, his children Ron Taylor of South Lyon, Laura Taylor-Oprisiu of Hartland, and Karen (Edward) Ridalls of Highland; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; brother of Richard Taylor, Sidney Taylor and Evelyn Bruce; also many extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by a son, Robert A. Taylor, Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, April 7th, 2009 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, with burial and Full Military Honors at Highland Cemetery. Memorials may be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Association. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Paying Tribute Life of Your Loved One

"We're seeing a lot of sandwich-generation women who are still dealing with their own kids and are then faced with dealing with health care decisions regarding their parents," Brooks said.

FOUNDED IN ANN ARBOR

This year, the nonprofit organization, founded by Mary Lindquist on June 11, 1974. celebrates a quarter century of helping families deal with endof-life issues. It started with the name Personalized Nurses Services Inc. at a time when the word "hospice" was not yet a part of our vocabulary. The founders ran the small organization from a private home.

The Northville office, located on north Center Street, opened in 2000.

In observance of this special anniversary, the organization has planned a five-month community gardening project at area parks.

With the theme "Celebrating Life," five communities will be part of the program, which will take place at each location from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The locations represent where the organization's patients live. Dates and locations are:

■ April 18: Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road, Ann Arbor;

■ May 9: Community Park,

15801 Beck Road, Northville;

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Frank Cultural Center, 2427 West Road, Trenton;

■ July 18: The University of Michigan-Dearborn Interpretive Center, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; and

■ Aug. 15: Baldwin Park, corner of Byron Road and Spring Street, Howell.

PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND

Previous and current Arbor Hospice clients have been encouraged to attend, and the public is invited to join in the community celebrations and celebrate life's journey by helping plant a shrub or flower during the gardening projects. All of the flowers planted will be perennials. To RSVP, call (734) 794-5454 or send an email to info@arborhospice.

org.
Members of the Northville Parks and Recreation Department are assisting with the Community Park event.

"Folks can just drop in," Brooks said. "They don't have to stay the whole four hours."

"With the help of the communities and the generous support of our area community partners, Arbor Hospice plans to provide each of these cities with a lasting memorial that will be enjoyed for years to come," Brooks said.

ABOUT ARBOR HOSPICE

Arbor Hospice, with offices in Ann Arbor, Northville and Trenton, provides hospice ■ June 6: The Emily Bridge, Juservices, a residential hospice

facility, grief support services and community education programs. There are also many opportunities for volunteers to assist with the programs and

services provided to more than 7,000 people.

"Just in this office and in western Wayne County, we served 280 patients over an 18month period," Brooks said. In addition, usually two to three family members per patient receive help during their loved one's end-of-life process. "So, we touch a lot of lives," she said.

The comprehensive care includes nursing support, social support, spiritual support, anticipatory bereavement and grief support for more than a year after a death.

"A lot of families say they wish they had come on board sooner so they could participate in the social work and clergy piece of the program," said Julie Welch, clinical supervisor, Arbor Hospice.

The service isn't just for the patient," Brooks said. "It's for the whole family, and it really does help the family unit. Hospice is not about the end. It's really about celebrating life every day that we can."

Arbor Hospice staff members are available to talk about the program to area groups. Offices are

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would yield \$500,000, included some aggressive measures, including staff cuts and significant labor contract changes.

GENERAL FUND DECREASE

The proposed general fund reflects a 7.3-percent decrease, but the most significant decline was in the top income-producing source for the city, property tax revenue, with a shortfall of \$350,000.

"It appears that the property tax revenue decline will have a long-term impact on the city's finances," Sullivan said.

STATE SHARED REVENUE

The second largest source of income in the general fund is state shared revenue. The funding level depends on the state's legislative process, and currently the state has to deal with a \$1.4 billion shortfall for fiscal year 2010.

Mayor Chris Johnson said he's considering voting yes on state ballot initiative in 2010 that would lead to a constitutional convention at which leaders would look at long-term issues concerning Michigan.

"I think the state needs

some fundamental change," Johnson said.

He's tired of the state trying to balance its budget by cutting revenue sharing.

You can see, obviously, how this hurts a community the size of Northville."

The city's third largest revenue, investment income, is projected to decrease by \$125,000, or 60 percent, from last year. Sullivan said this is clearly driven by the national economy and the decline of the banking industry.

Finally, other sources of revenue, such as building permits, have also decreased significantly due to the failing economy.

The city continues to maintain financial stability, however, and had a fund balance of more than \$2 million as of June 30, 2008.

"We're going to stay as close to a balanced budget as is humanly possible, and do it on an ongoing basis," Johnson said.

The proposed budget includes adding a 1-percent administration fee to the summer tax bill beginning in July which would generate about \$135,000.

But, for the first time in 15 years the proposed budget

CITY BUDGET REVIEW DATES

City council members and city staff will meet at the following times to review the next budget for the community: 7 p.m. on April 22 (review session); 7 p.m. on April 30 (review session); and 7:30 p.m. on May 18 (regular city council meeting).

A public hearing on the proposed budget will take place at this final meeting, during which the budget will be adopted and the operating millage rate will be established.

All meetings are open to the public and will be in council chambers at city hall, 215 W. Main Street.

For more information, contact Nickie Bateson, assistant city manager and city finance director, at (248) 449-9909 or nbateson@ci.northville.mi.us.

reflects a decrease to the fund balance.

The proposed budget can be viewed on the city's Web site, www.ci.northville.mi.us. Budget talks began yesterday and will continue until the budget is adopted the second Monday of May.

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Gardening tips

The Northville Country Club Estates' Foxy Ladies meet at their clubhouse April 2 to hear about woodland gardening by a fellow neighbor and gardener Judie Braun. The group heard about how to get plants growing in mostly shaded areas and what some of the best shrubs and plants and flowers to put in the soil.

Long-term care aid for veterans and surviving spouses

Does the VA provide any financial assistance to help veterans or their spouses pay for longterm care? My father, who served in the army many years ago, receives some in-home care right now, but will eventually need to move into an assisted living facility because his health is deteriorating. Can the VA help? Searching Son

Dear Searching,

That's a great question. There's actually a little-known veterans' benefit that helps wartime veterans and their surviving spouses pay for a variety of medical and long-term care costs. Here's what you should know.

The VA benefit that may help your dad is called "Aid and Attendance," a special pension benefit established in 1952 that provides a tax-

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free monthly income up to \$1,644 for a veteran; \$1,056 for a surviving spouse; or \$1,949 for a veteran and one dependent. The money can be used to pay for in-home care, assisted living and nursing home care as well medical expenses,

prescription drugs and more.
Today, around 150,000 veterans and surviving spouses receive this benefit, but hundreds of thousands more are eligible and either don't know about it, or don't think they can qualify

To qualify, your dad must have served at least 90 days of active military service with at least one day of service during a period of war (stateside or overseas), and was not dishonorably discharged. (Single surviving spouses of war time vets are also eligible if their marriage ended due to death.) Your dad will also have to meet certain physical and financial requirements to be eligible.

To qualify physically, he must be at least age 65 and need help with basic everyday living tasks such as eating, dressing and undressing, bathing or going to the bathroom. Being blind or in a nursing home or assisted living facility for mental incapacity also qualifies. Or if he is under age 65, he must be completely disabled. (Single surviving spouses have no age restrictions, but they must require help with basic everyday living tasks to be eligible.)

To qualify financially, your dad must have limited assets (usually under \$80,000) excluding his home and vehicle. And his annual income (minus medical and long-term care expenses) cannot exceed the Maximum Allowable Pension Rate (MAPR), which in 2009 is \$19,736 for a single veteran; \$12,681 for a surviving spouse; or \$23,396 for a veteran and

To calculate your dad's income qualifications, add up his income over the past year (including Social Security, pensions, interest income from investments, annuities, etc.), minus any out-ofpocket medical expenses and long-term care costs over that same period of time. If the final tally is under the MAPR, and he meets the other requirements, he's eligible for aid.

To learn more, check to see if your dad is eligible, or to apply for Aid and Attendance, contact your state or local veteran's service organization. They can walk you through the process and help you with the paper work. To find your nearby office call the Department of Veterans Affairs at 800-827-1000 or visit www.va.gov. You can also apply online at http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/ vonapp/main.asp.

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Northville Public Schools' students across all grade levels performed well on the

2008 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test, according to results released by the Michigan Department of Education.

"We are pleased that our students have continued their strong performance on this important state assessment," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "It is a demonstration of the hard work our students, teachers and families do everyday, that even during these challenging economic times for our state, and for public schools in Michigan, our students continue to succeed."

"As we do each year, administrators and educators across the school district will carefully study these MEAP results and use the data - along with other assessments of student learning - to modify our curriculum and enhance student intervention and support programs with the goal of ensuring success for every student.'

In October 2008, third through eighth grade students across the district were assessed under the MEAP in math and English language arts (which includes reading and writing) to comply with federal mandates

In addition, fifth and

Northville students continue strong on MEAP

FALL 2008 MEAP SCORES COMPARISON TO STATE AVERAGES*							
	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
READING Northville: State:	96% 86%	96% 83%	96% 82%	97% 81%	94% 80%	92% 76%	- -
WRITING Northville: State:	86% 61%	75% 44%	87% 63%	93% 76%	92% 78%	91% 74%	-
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SCIENCE Northville: State:	-	-	97% 83%	 -	<u>-</u> -	93% 76%	- -
SOCIAL STUDIES Northville: State:	-	-	-	94% 74%	-	-	91% 72%

NORTHYILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

* These numbers represent the percentage of students who performed at the "proficient" or "advanced" levels on the MEAP tests.

eighth grade students were assessed in science and sixth graders took the MEAP social studies test. Northville High School ninth grade students were assessed in social studies only. (See chart for

Northville 2008 MEAP score comparisons with state averages by grade

The MEAP is one of the criteria used by the State of Michigan in assessing public schools under the fed-

eral No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. Michigan's accreditation system for schools - called Education, Yes! - issues annual report cards for individual public schools across the state.

Each school is graded on a

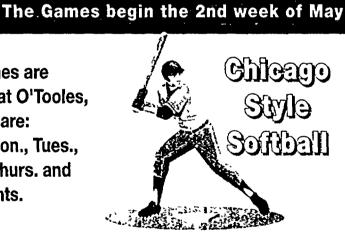
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NORTHVILLE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

Washington University .The followingstudents were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester

· Kyle VanHemert of Northville is a graduate of Greenhills School in Ann Arbor, and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

 Qi Xiao of Northville (48167) is a graduate of Ladue Horton Watkins High School in Saint Louis, Mo., and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

Albion College

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

· Lynne Darga is a sophomore majoring in economics and management and math/physics and minoring in English and communication studies. She is the daughter of Leon and Sharon Darga of Northville and a graduate of Ladywood High School.

· James Gates was named An Albion College Fellow, an honor awarded to students who maintain a 3.7 GPA for three consecutive semesters.

Gates is a senior majoring in mathematics. He is the son of Jonathan and Mary Gates of Novi and a graduate of Northville High School.

· Jenna Dumbleton is a first-year majoring in chemistry. She is the daughter of Richard and Yeo-Ok Dumbleton of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School.

 Evonna Karchon is a senior majoring in speech communication. She is the daughter of Mark and Connie Karchon of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School.

• Daniel Klarr is a first-year logy. He is son of John and Patricia Klarr of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School. · Jon Kuznicki is a first-year

majoring in economics and management. He is the son of David and Jill Kuznicki of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School.

 Brittany Myers is a junior majoring in geology. She is the daughter of John and Teresa Myers of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School.

· Lisa Shanks is a senior majoring in music education, and is completing the K-12 education program. She is the daughter of Stephen and Mary Shanks of Northville

and a graduate of Mercy High School.

• Laura Snearly is a senior majoring in communication studies. She is the daughter of Charles and Vicki Snearly of Novi and a graduate of Northville High School.

· Susan Snyder is a sophomore at Albion College. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Theresa Snyder of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School.

Local student Jon Kuznicki has been accepted this fall into the Albion College Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute for Professional Aanagement. Student chosen annually for the Gerstacker Institute through a highly selective process based on academic achievement and demonstrated leadership

abilities. Gerstacker members must complete degree requirements in economics and management, along with courses in ethics, writing, speaking and management, and fulfill at least two internships in a wide range of business settings.

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Meads Mill rocks reading month

Floating guitars and glittering stars in the Media Center, staff wearing READ T-shirts that mimic the AC/DC logo and reading rock star posters throughout the building - Meads Mill Middle School celebrated reading month in true rock star fashion with a

READ Like a Rock Star theme. "This year I wanted to have a reading month theme that engaged the students and high-lighted the idea that reading is fun," said Shannon Torres, media specialist at Meads Mill.

To kick-off the month, students and staff participated in a Loose Change competition that raised approximately \$2,000 for several charities. Christoph's All-Stars, a charity founded by Meads Mill student Christoph Bartschat, donates books and activities to children receiving treatment at local

hospitals including Children's Hospital of Michigan. One for Books is a Scholastic program that matches school generated donations and gives books to non-profit organizations such as Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. Other charities included National Center for Family Literacy and the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

"This was a great opportunity for everyone to understand the meaning of reading and how things like books and money can help people in need," said Mira Sangrivi, sixth grade student at Meads Mill. I felt exceptionally good about how my class worked together and won second place in the loose change drive."

To celebrate and encourage reading at school winning classes were given gift



Blaine Fowler from 96.3 WDYD's morning show had Meads Mill Middle School students rolling with laughter as he included his own personal insight into the reading of Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the Last Straw by Jeff Kinney.

certificates to be used at the Scholastic Book Fair so they could purchase their own books and were encouraged to share their prizes with friends.

"The idea that their donations purchased books for Children's Hospital was popular. I think this is a very successful approach to encourage reading. The students are enjoying the activities," said Dr. Sue Meyer, school principal.

To continue the rock star theme, radio personalities from

encourage reading to the students. Blaine Fowler from 96.3 WDVD's morning show had the kids rolling with laughter as he included his own personal insight into the reading of Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the Last Straw by Jeff Kinney.

Reading is so important. You have to read, even if it's the back of a cereal box, because reading will help you wherever you go in life," Fowler told the

"He (Fowler) was having so two local stations stopped by to much fun when he was reading

to us he inspired me to read more and to enjoy what I read," said Neej Patel, Meads Mill student.

On March 24, Dr. Don (Carpenter) from 99.5 Young Country came to the school and inspired a class of seventh grade students to follow their dreams and practice, practice,

practice their writing.
"Writing is an art that needs development," said Dr. Don. The more you practice the better you become, and before you know it... you're doing it for a

"The kids really enjoyed it and many of them want to write a story to send him, said Maura Jay, seventh grade ELA teacher.

"It was a great inspiration," she said. "He even talked about the importance of subject/verb agreement!"

"Reading Like a Rock Star was something that made reading fun. It also brought a lot of good things to Meads Mill," said Joni Shaska, sixth grade student.

Teens develop leadership strategies

Conference provides framework for nation's future

This year, outstanding students from across the nation are taking part in a unique leadership development program being held in 35 cities across the country. Themed Courageous Leadership, the National Youth Leaders State Conference (NYLSC) helps young scholars take an introspective and highly-personalized assessment of their leadership skills and abilities.

Northville schools had four students participate in the Michigan conference in Ypsilanti March 5-8. From NHS, freshmen Emily Zimmer and Dawson Laabs were grateful to be nominated to attend by their former eighth grade Hillside teachers Mrs. Donich and Jayne Tuite, respectively. From Hillside eighthigrade,

Liz Maier and Nolan Waldeck also had the opportunity to attend, thanks to nominations by their seventh grade English teacher, Alissa Lowman.

"I really want to thank Mrs. Lowman for nominating me," said Waldeck. "I thought it was a great experience for everybody who went. We got to meet new people from all around the state! Also, I thought that the staffing was awesome and the projects we did were very enriching and informational.

Throughout the four-day program, scholars build a working "toolkit" of strategies to help them successfully dream, create and implement plans that will change how they view their role as leaders in their communities.

"I enjoyed learning the fun-damentals of leadership, and liked communicating with other kids my age from all around the state," said Laabs. "It was a great experience, and I wish that every student could have the opportunity I had."

The NYLSC curriculum focuses on an introspec-tive and highly personalized assessment of each student's leadership skills and abilities. The scholars are challenged to step forward in a manner that is decisive and confident, to grasp the concepts of leadership that will be taught and to act upon their dreams of making a difference in the world while maintaining the courage of their convictions.

All four Northville students were extremely impressed .

DETAILS

The Congressional Youth Leadership Council is a nonpartisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, CYLC is committed to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. To date, members of the U.S. Congress have joined this commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. In addition, more than 50 embassies participate in the CYLC's Honorary Board of Embassies.

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throughout their weekend conference. Although the four really didn't know each other very well going in, or any of the 120 participants, they all made new friends very quickly, and by the end of the four days, felt like they knew the other students there for years.









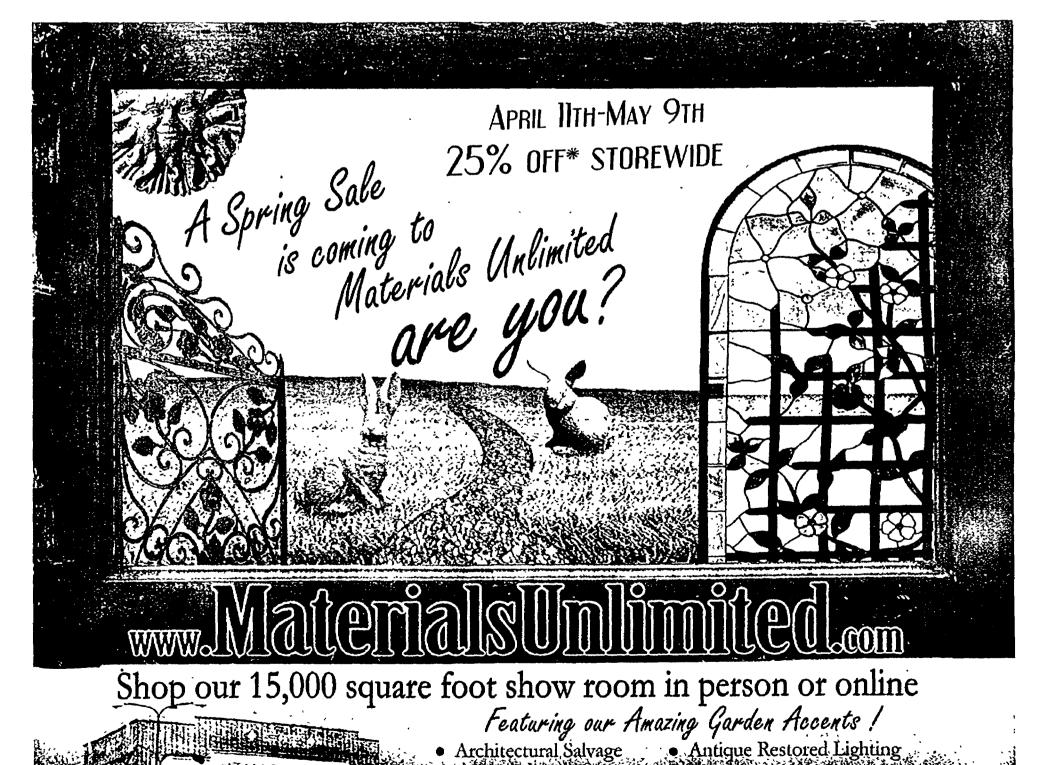
"My favorite experiences were meeting other kids from around the state and learning different styles of leadership," said Maier. "It was an incredible weekend!" One highlight they enjoyed

was putting together a Saturday Night Live type of variety show, and could choose whether to come up with an act and participate in the performance or assist with publicity or organizational roles.

"NYLSC was an amazing experience and I am very grateful that my eighth grade math teacher, Mrs. Donich, nominated me for the conference," said Zimmer. "I learned so many leadership skills

including: how to perfect my public speaking skills, how to deal with a group conflict, and how to make a difficult decision. NYLSC also gave me more confidence about myself, and I made so many new friends. NYLSC was a life-changing experience and I can't wait to go back to

Now that the students are alumni of this program, they are free to enroll in their choice of future CYLC events throughout high school and college. These range from activities in D.C., to the United Nations in NY, or even to international programs such as China and Africa.



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Vote yes on property buy

Northville Township came one step closer to owning the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property that is bordered by Seven Mile Road to the north and Haggerty Road to the east.

A lawsuit between the township and developer REIS (which owns the 414-acre site) over the amount of proposed commercial development, among other things, led to a failed but ugly annexation attempt by the City of Livonia this past November.

Our state's economy, in the meantime, has continued to tank and no doubt has led the developer to realize that sinking money into its Highwood project at this time is a loselose situation. But that's a good thing for the township, whose Board of Trustees just passed a measure allowing officials to sign a purchase agreement on most of the land.

That's something, according to Mark Abbo, township supervisor, that residents had been wanting to do for a number of years.

Well, Northville Township voters will soon have that opportunity in August by voting yes on an upcoming ballot initiative - and we encourage them to do so.

Yes, REIS will hang on to 82 acres, but the area zoned for commercial will be cut in half and green space will be preserved for all to enjoy. But, just as important, contamination cleanup of the property would be funded by the development of REIS' portion of the land.

That means no millage funds would be used for cleanup. And the cost to the average township homeowner would be about \$12.50 a month. That's less than 45 cents a day. To us, that's a small price to pay for prime real estate that will benefit many future generations.

Now, it's just up to the township voters to decide if they're willing to spend it.

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- Mary Starring



"I would invest in Ford. I'm an engineer in Livonia. Their future seems the most promising. You'd like to help the others out, but ..."

- Marybeth Boyea

LETTERS

Gratitude to Northville

On Saturday, March 29, our beloved family pet, a Portuguese water dog named Diego, ran away from my mother's house in Northville. After hours of desperate searching, we were running out of ideas. That afternoon we called the Northville police and began walking the streets of Northville with fliers. We got calls from people at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and school, Allen Terrace and Amerman Elementary. Police cars were watching for him, mail carriers and school buses had his photo and were watching for him.

Five long days went by, and while we were worried, we also felt he was surrounded by a "doggie fence" of love and concern from people in Northville. Finally, on Wednesday night, April 1, our phone rang. It was a family at Beck and Territorial Road in Plymouth. They had managed to coax him into their garage, they read his tags and called us. He's home safe and sound. Thank you to everyone who kept an eye out for him, called us with sightings and simply prayed. It all worked.

Jennifer Thomas Vanadia. the Vanadia family and, of course, Diego Waterford

Big sometimes better

Much has been said about those of us who have great gas-guzzlers, perhaps by those who feel there is no need for any (vehicle) but a perky little two-seater for use after the company limousine has dropped them home.

There are those of us who took to family rather than office, who might even have child or two (of all things), perhaps more.

How is one to take a child and instrument to band; the choral group to a gig; some of the team to one of the sports; all in an environmentally-safe "teeny-tiny"? My six children were raised and transported and vacationed in a van.

Personally, I need room for oxygen equipment, bottles, tubes, a wheelchair -- a paraplegic can drive with assistance but has need for transportation from car to elsewhere.

Are there nay who cry for our plight? Who will remember the plea for extra gasoline cost to cut back on its usage?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- John Cauffiel

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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E-mail: cstone@gannett.com Deadline: Letters must be received by noon

on Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Don't drive, use the bus. But then, we don't have one, do we?

R. W. Krueger Northville

Reading their socks off!

With each loop representing one hour spent reading outside of school, students built paper chains as they pursued a goal to Read Your Socks Off at Winchester Elementary. If laid end to end, the chains would have stretched almost 3/4 of a mile. Each classroom's chain was draped over rafters in the gym to decorate for a March 31 Sock Hop, a 1950's celebration run by Lisa Shapiro and her Center Street Dance Company. The Sock Hop was a celebration for all those who met their reading goals. In addition to this hand-jivin' fu visiting authors to meet through the month of March as well as 'mystery readers,' and a book exchange followed up by a donation to Detroit's 'One-Book-Per-Child' delivered by Girl Scouts. There were 131 pairs of white tube socks collected for Sweet Dreamz, a group dedicated to helping underprivileged children develop good sleep habits. Ribbons and dog tags along with special Fridays also contributed to a spectacular reading month.

We'd like to thank the following businesses and individuals to whom we are so indebted for their contributions and help: Jim DeLano and Pizza Cutter for providing over 11 years of support through pizza coupon donations; Lisa Shapiro and her Centre Street Dance Company for running our Sock Hop; Chris Kelly, regional sales director of Home Depot; The Winchester PTA; Liz Borzym, Vicki Webster, Jeannine Makowski, Mary Clark Darnell, Kate Knight, Kim Dunn, Brenda McMahon, Louise Seluk, Carole Gecowets, Catherine Weir, Becky Hicks, Amanda Webster, Jessie Stadnika, Erin Sattler, Erin Goldsworthy, Christa Howley, Karen Alameddine, Kim Vaitkevicius, Sue Wixon, Jen & Mike Garliauskas, Victoria Egan, Jamie Vos, Ellen Potocki, Cheryl Greig, Cheryl Choe, Maureen Ziparo, Sue Engler, Debbie Obsniuk, Sherri Earle, Gretchen Schlicker, Barb Woodrich and Mary Wilson.

Pat Messing, Principal Jay Hillard. Learning Consultant

Review sex-ed materials

Parents (and all community members) have an opportunity to review the proposed "abstinence-only" high school health curriculum.

The term is in quotes, because in my personal opinion, the materials are very weak compared to dedicated abstinence curricula used in other communities.

Visit our district's website (www.northville.k12.mi.us) to see info about the review and feedback opportunities.

Other public schools have used tools like a video found at http://www.youtube. com/watch?v=_pMVrRhOt7g&feature= channel_page, part of Free Teens, a curin public schools in i Jersey; and On FIRE - a program used in public schools in Fenton, Hartland, Howell, Pinckney, Brighton and others, as well as some DVDs like The Rules Have Changed www.megmeekermd.com.

If parent would like to see Dr. Meeker's DVD and perhaps some other dedicated abstinence education materials, join me at the Northville Library on the evening of Monday, April 27.

For more information, send me an email at drnancycouch@pol.net or call (248) 347-

Nancy Couch Nowak Northville

GUEST COLUMN

A smattering of comments on a variety of matters, large and small

pring is in the air. The legislature is in recess. Taking advantage of school vacations, many families are traveling. The bulbs are just starting to flower. Easter arrives on

STIMULUS SPENDING WATCHDOG NEEDED

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has appointed an inspector general to sniff out fraud and incompetence in the ways our largest state will be spending stimulus funds. California will get something like \$50 billion in stimulus money from the feds. Accordingly, the "Ahrnaald" has asked Laura Chick, the retiring state controller, to take the position.

Governor Jenniser Granholm ought to follow suit. Michigan will be getting around \$7 billion in stimulus funds from Washington, and the chances of ineptitude, if not outright skullduggery, are just as great here as on the Pacific Coast.

After all, if our governor can create a council to advise on privacy issues and best practices to protect privacy, she



certainly can appoint someone to look over the shoulders of folks who are handling and forking out all the dough coming from Unde Sam.

Budget crisis? Ho Hum. According to last week's revenue estimating conference,

Michigan's tax revenues will come in around \$1 billion less than originally forecast. That's on top of a state general fund budget with another billion in built-in, or structural, deficit.

So, how to balance the books? Republicans want an across-theboard 5-percent cut in state spending, which at least has the advantage of not requiring anybody to distinguish between more and less important things to cut.

Democrats admit spending needs to be cut, but are having trouble figuring out where. Various research groups - the Citizens Research Council, Detroit Chamber of Commerce, Detroit Renaissance and The Center for Michigan - have previously issued

compilations of targeted cuts that total more than \$1.5 billion.

Topping the list is prisons. Michigan is one of five states that spends more on warehousing felons than on educating people in public colleges and universities. And the Department of Corrections budget, now north of \$2 billion, has grown faster than any other area of state spending. A coalition of groups, including business, education, municipal government, not-forprofits and Realtors, has called for hundreds of millions of dollars in reduced spending."

The governor has called for \$120 million in cuts, which is a good step, but only a first one. Much more needs to be done.

But everybody's left Lansing for a couple of weeks, presumably to think more deeply (ha!) about the impending crisis.

WE'RE NOT SO BAD OFF, AFTER ALL The Chicago Federal Reserve Bank has issued a report showing nearly all the Great Lakes states are in financial trouble, many of them worse off

Illinois is facing a budget deficit ranging from \$9 to \$11 billion, with another \$4.5 billion in unpaid bills. according to the state comptroller. Wisconsin is looking at a \$5.9 billion deficit over a couple of years

Iowa looks better, but legislators there are hacking away at the \$6.2 billion budget suggested by Democratic Gov. Chet Culver. And Indiana says it has a \$1.5 billion surplus, but unemployment there is edging toward 10 percent. And Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels is proposing an 8-percent cut in the two-year, \$28 billion budget.

TWO BRIGHT SPOTS

Along with the spring flowers, we got two pieces of good news last week

Robert Bobb, the Detroit Public Schools' emergency financial manager, has bitten the bullet and actually proposed attacking the district's estimated \$300 million-plus deficit. He is suggesting thousands of layoffs and closing more than 50 schools. I knew him years ago when he was a very

capable city manager at Kalamazoo. He's a perfect example of the right man in the right place at the right time.

And Michigan students are showing gains in math, according to recently released MEAP test results. Sadly, language and reading scores didn't show much improvement.

Much of the progress has to do with gradual phasing-in of the state's tough new school curriculum that requires advanced algebra, among other things. Now if school district officials could actually find ways to get kids in class for the old required standard of 180 days ...

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

5 common mistakes can be ticking time-bombs for business owners

somewhat unrealistic demands and a down



overlook a "minor" detail and find this oversight can have substantial consequences. The following are Daniel S. Hoops some of issues

economy, busi-

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that may not appear to be substantial at first glance, but they can be ticking time-bombs.

1. FAILING TO FILE ANNUAL REPORTS

Businesses that are under state charter in Michigan (e.g. limited liability companies, corporations) are required to file with the State of Michigan an annual report. These reports are simple status reports that require a nominal filing fee and are due every year. The failure to file an annual report for two consecutive years will result in the State of Michigan revoking the entity's charter and administratively dissolve the company. Dissolution of a corporation or limited liability company means that the company no longer exists and the business owners (e.g. the shareholders and members) are now personally liable for the debts and obligations of their business. So, when the State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth mails your company the annual report at the end of the year, be sure NOT to discard this simple, one-page piece of paper. It could result in dire consequences.

2. EMPLOYEE VERIFICATION

With the number of recent layoffs in all sectors of the economy, the potential employee job-pool is rich with many qualified individuals seeking work. Before making a firm offer of employment to anyone, be sure to properly screen the candidate, which may include the candidate's criminal and credit history, to assure yourself that you have not hired someone that

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

becomes an immediate liability to your business. Simple phone calls to job references and prior employers may be sufficient to discover potential problems; more in-depth investigation may be necessary depending upon the position being filled.

3. SUPPLY + DEMAND

Decreases in manufacturing and the cuts in the costs of goods sold are resulting in numerous strains on manufacturers and overall business owners. Although many internal cost-saving mechanisms may be viable (overhead and employee costs), some business agreements may not be so flexible with these economic realities. It is important to review all current and future agreements with any business partners, landlords, lenders, suppliers, customers and employees to be sure that a sudden revenue down-turn cannot be staved off due to prior contractual arrangements. Most parties realize that flexibility in contracts is necessary to their long-term health; however, it is always better to be safe today than sorry tomorrow. Nothing could be worse than a business with its hands tied because one important business partner is unable to meet an obligation and a decision must be made: collapse or prepare for litigation (breach of contract).

4. EMPLOYEE MORALE

Desperate people make desperate decisions. This is true with employees who may feel the strains and stresses of the economy both at home and at work. An unhappy worker is an unproductive worker. It is important to understand that everyone has their problems in life, but a business owner should go to some lengths to assure the employees that their problems do not begin and end with their employer. Simple acts of gratitude, congratolan tion, unexpected acts of kindness and recognition can go a long way with most workers. Knowing that they are appreciated for their commitment.

an employee's happiness will

are unhappy, not only will their work product suffer, but they can become vengeful, speaking ill of the business to customers and clients, to coworkers and cause more harm than may not be measured or ever repaired. Every employee should want to be at work and should want their employer to thrive.

5. E-MAIL AND VERIFICATION

There are two schools of thought when it comes to electronic mail and when it should be used by business owners. Some individuals refuse to use e-mail because it results in a written record of their conversations. Others believe it is important to provide a writing to verify their intent and actions. While I believe both schools of thought have their own validity, my recommenda-tion to people is "it depends". What type of communications are you making? With whom are these conversations being sent? Are these communications that could be made on the telephone or in a formal business letter? Electronic mail can be tracked, stored, saved, archived and printed very good evidence if a company ever needed to support its actions or inactions. Alas, it is also very good evidence in the event it is needed to contradict a company's statements, actions or inactions. The casual and informal tone of electronic mail may streamline business communications, but it can also be misinterpreted, misused and misunderstood by the recipient. A clear and concise policy concerning electronic mail, text messaging devices and instant messaging should be a priority of all business owners

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Cover letters for job prospecting

oes job prospecting really work? Sometimes, yes. It is always more effective to combine prospecting with background



Martha D. Adamson

but occasionally you may uncover an employer of interest and simply not be able to find another way to get

your foot

in the door. Your prospecting cover letter might generate enough interest to make the employer stop and examine your resume in more detail and be open to talking with you

further. Your cover letter is the letter you send accompanying your resume in response to a job posting or when you are prospecting for a job with an employer of interest. Your cover letter should use the same heading as your resume, and should be written in a business style, with the internal address of the recipient and the date writ-

A prospecting letter should always be sent to the hiring manager in the department or area where your expertise

Even if there is no current opening in that area, the hiring manager may be impressed enough with you to keep your resume on hand in the event an opening occurs. They may also be able to serve as an additional network contact to refer you on to other departments or employers.

Be sure to double check that you have the recipient's name spelled correctly and that you have their current title. You can always double check by contacting the receptionist at the employer

YOUR NEXT JOB

or and administrative assistant in the appropriate department.

Usually, a three paragraph format on one page works well. Your first paragraph should spark interest. Why are you writing? What about the job or employer interests you? Why are you a good candidate for the position? For example, this prospecting letter begins:

I am interested in exploring any opportunities your organization might have in distribution services, warehouse operations, or logistics. As a logistics supervisor with over five years' combined experience in these areas, the last two in a supervisory role, I have repeatedly demonstrated my ability to operate an efficient and innovative department and have been responsible for significant cost savings.

The job seeker has established credibility by mentioning a connection to the organization and alluding to his being a good fit.

The second paragraph should focus on what you have been able to do for your past employers and selected accomplishments:

One of the primary areas of cost savings in a high-volume sales organization such as Microcomputers Worldwide is constant attention to small details in logistics. As you can see in the enclosed resume. I have been able to visualize areas of opportunity and implement new programs and services to improve operations and realize savings. Because of my drive to constantly improve myself and my operation, I have had outstanding performance reviews in all of my positions. I enjoy working as part of a team, setting mutually beneficial goals, and I

am also able to work effectively as a leader or supervi-

The final paragraph focuses on what the next steps will

I am currently interested in relocating to the Seattle area and have contacted you because of the fine reputation of your organization. I believe that I can make significant contributions to your department and your firm. I will contact you soon to discuss your current needs and opportunities.

Since you are reaching out to the employer, it is your responsibility to follow up. Allow a few days to pass from when you mail or e-mail the letter, then call the recipient. Your goal should be at least to have a telephone discussion or their needs in your area of interest. Even better is to set up a face to face meeting. Even if they tell you that they do not currently have an opening, try to convince them to set aside 20 or 30 minutes to have a networking meeting with you in case of a future opening or to help you connect with other employers who might be able to use your skills and experience.

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FROM PAGE A4

Ward Church (248) 374-5920. Ballroom Dance Lessons. TIME/DATE. 5 p.m. - 6.30 p.m., May 9,

LOCATION Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road. DETAILS. Wear comfortable, non-stick shoes. Minimal admission fee CONTACT: For questions, contact Monica at mgmc?7@yahoo com or the Single Adult Ministries office at (248) 374-5920 Softball League Sign-up.

TIME/DATE: 615-7:30 p.m., Thursday evenings, May 7-August 6 DETAILS: For single guys and gals; all skill levels welcome. \$30 due at sign up CONTACT Sign up at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville (248) 374-5920.

Memorial Day Picnics TIME/DATE: 11 a m., May 25 LOCATION Hines Park Northylle, East Pavilion

TIME/DATE: noon to 5 p.m., May 25 **LOCATION** Cass Benton Park off Northville Road, between 6 and 7 Mile

DETAILS Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks provided. Cost, \$5 at the picnic and your favorite dish to share. Children and grandchildren are welcomed \$3 for ages 12 and under.

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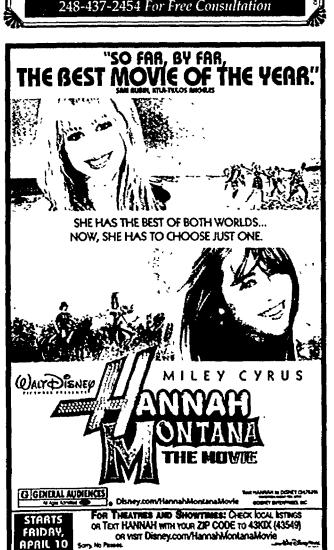
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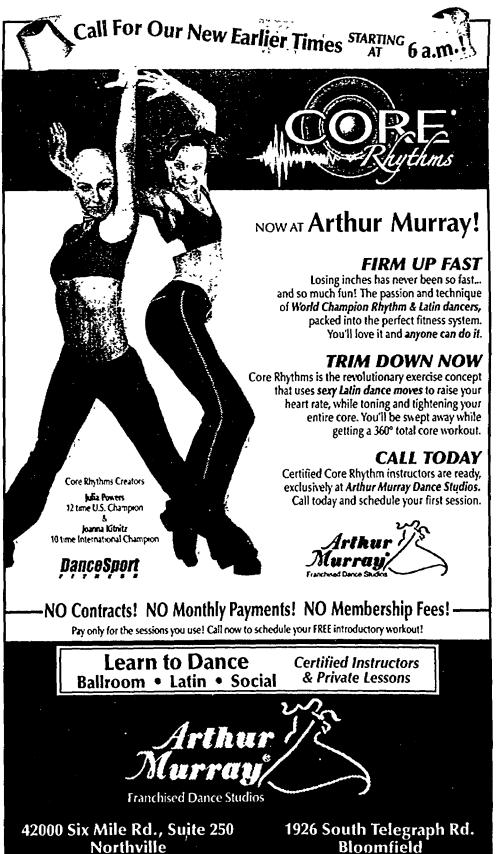
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Saturday Holy Days 9 a.m., 5.30 and 7.30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment **Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting** TIME/DATE: 10-11 a m. last Wednesday of

each month **DETAILS**: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County, Child care is available. Registration is required.







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Expo Center expects thousands for Novi juried art fair

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

Despite the current recession, Blair Bowman, owner of Rock Financial Showplace, said the Novi exposition center has seen comparable, if not record, turnouts at recent events.

"The attendance is there," he said. "People are wanting to stay closer to home to enjoy events.

And Bowman has similar expectations for the first Great Lakes Art Fair, April 17-19.

"I personally consider this to be one of the most anticipated events in our schedule. For this particular event, I'm hoping to do something north of 10,000 (people)," he said. "I think people still enjoy art and want to spend where quality exists."

The Great Lakes Art Fair will replace the Sugarloaf Art Fair, which Bowman said is concentrating on east coast events.

"If people liked the Sugarloaf Art Fair, I believe they are going to love the Great Lakes Art Fair," he said. "They had a traveling show and a lot of the artists came from faraway

GREAT LAKES ART FAIR

Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue Admission: Adults \$7, Children 12 and younger free Parking: Free Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 17-18; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 19 For more information and discount ticket prices, visit www. greatlakesartfair.com

places, so it was difficult for local artists to get involved. We are trying to showcase the Great Lakes region artists."

Artists are not required to be from the Great Lakes area, but Bowman said the majority of participants are from Midwestern states such as Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana.

The juried component of the fair will feature more than 100 artists, representing various forms of art including painting, ceramics, glass, jewelry, photography, wood work and sculptures, among others.

"Each artist was required to submit examples of their work and a range of their prices,"

Bowman said. They have to adapt (to the economy) as well and understand people may change their habits.

There is a good representation of the low-price range, and it is hand-made quality

The event will also include artist demonstrations, the Marketplace Cafe, children's activities, spa services by Visions Spa Salon and an 8,000-square-foot garden gallery with local student art displays.

This is the first time we've actually been featured in an art fair," said Gary Boyer, art teacher at Novi High School.

Boyer and fellow art department teachers selected work from about a dozen students, grades 9-12, to be displayed at the Great Lakes Art Fair.

"We took some of the advanced student work, and a few key pieces," art teacher Erin Harbar said. "It is a really diverse mix of work."

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION

The grand opening night reception of the Great Lakes Art Fair at Rock Financial

A number of Novi High School students will have their creations on display at the upcoming Great Lakes Art Fair at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace. From left are Emily Paterson, Natalie Krick, Nunyun Park, Grace Hong and Jennifer Choi.

Showplace will benefit Wixom-based Detroit Public Television and ArtServe Michigan in Novi, a non-profit organization seeking to promote, celebrate and strengthen arts and culture in Michigan.

Participating artists will present selected works juried for cash and prizes at the reception, 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 17.

Tickets are \$50 for the event, which will feature hors d'oeuvres and live entertain-

For more information visit www.greatlakesartfair.com.

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NORTHVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northylle Calendar online at www hometownlife

Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett com, by fax to (248) 349-9832, or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, Mi 49178 Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Local Events

LITTLE MERNAUD

TIME/DATE 230 p.m., Saturdays April 18, 25, Sundays, April 19, 26, Weekdays April 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 LOCATION Northville Marquis Theatre **DETAILS** Swim deep into the ocean and meet the Little Mermaid who loves to hear about the world above the waves. Don't miss one of the

characters fly safely across the stage! Tickets \$8 50 Please no children under 3 years old Group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more. CONTACT: For more information on please call (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

EASTER EGG HUNT AT MAYBURY STATE PARK

DETAILS Sponsored by Maybury State Park in partnership with the Friends of Maybury, Event is free with a Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit. There will be 3,000 candy filled eggs and 1,000 toy filled eggs plus prizes and

TIME/DATE: 11 30 a m., Saturday, April

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that of the Charter Township of Northville will hold a public hearing on the proposed water system improvements project for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons

The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2009 at the following location Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northyille, MI 48168, in the Community Room

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide the Township's water system customers with a more dependable water distribution system through implementing improvements, repairs, and/or replacement of aging water system infrastructure

The project will be spanned over one phase of construction. The water system improvements will involve approximately 7,750 feet of water main construction along Thornapple Drive, Valencia Street, Seven Mile Road and Pickford Avenue Along with the water main improvements, upgrades to the existing Beck Road Booster Station will be implemented

Impacts of the proposed project include those experienced by typical construction projects including, dust, noise, and minor disruptions in local road usage. The impacts are expected to be temporary in nature and, after construction, the affected areas will be restored to normal conditions

The estimated cost to users for the proposed project is estimated to be approximately \$0.10 per 1000 gallons. This results in a total monthly increase of approximately \$1.06 for the average residential

Copies of the project plan detailing the proposed project will be available for public review at the Township Hall between the hours of 8 00 am and 5 00 pm, Monday through Friday, beginning on Friday, March 27, 2009 until Monday, April 27, 2009 and at our website www twp northville mi us

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on Monday, April 27, 2009 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to the Township Clerk, See A. Hillebrand at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

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Primal scream

Parents, community officials troubled by club's message to teens

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Primal the Club, the new teen dance club in South Lyon, has parents and community leaders concerned about the message the owners are sending to teenagers.

Much of the community outcry started last week when the club advertised its bikini contest and foam party via e-mail and on its Web site. The bikini contest took place on Saturday, and was scheduled to run every Saturday until April 25, but the owners have decided against continuing it because of complaints. The foam party, scheduled for April 8, is still expected to take place.

"We didn't really want to create any type of derogatory situation like it has become, we weren't looking for that," said Chris Cortis, one of the business partners that runs the club. "We were just looking for a fun environment to provide spring break for kids who couldn't afford to go anywhere.

The bikini contest, which was advertised on an Internet flier with three women bending over and one of them with her hands on the other two women's backsides, had only three female teenagers participate on Saturday. Contestants were required to be 16 or older, but kids as young as 14 were allowed in. South Lyon Police Sgt. Chris Sovik was at the club and said there were no issues or contro-

'These are kids. I'm not sure what (the owners) think (they are) doing. But this is not what South Lyon is."

- JOHN DOYLE, Mayor of South Lyon

Jeff LaFave, another business partner, said having teenagers in bikinis at the club is no different . than them walking around Kensington Metropark or watching athletes on television wearing bikinis to play beach volleyball. He said the club is providing a much safer alternative to a real spring break.

'It's a spring break simulation," he said. "If it is something parents don't agree with, they don't have to let their kids come.'

South Lyon Mayor John Doyle said what had him 'very disappointed" was that he felt the club is operating much differently than what it was initially portrayed as.

"These are kids," he said. "I'm not sure what (the owners) think (they are) doing. But this is not what South Lyon is.'

Laurel Hillard, a parent of a South Lyon High School student, said she was "shocked" when she heard about the contest and said her son, who went once to

Primal, is never going back. "I would like the city to close this place down," she said.

A Facebook group called "South Lyon Michigan Issues" also has had several residents weigh-in on the club. One user, Kelly Tratechaud, said "it is the

bar but they don't serve alcohol- just energy drink shots, energy drink Jell-O shots. pop, etc." She continued in another

post to say "The police are doing everything they can.

this stuff isn't illegal. It's just irresponsible that this guy is encouraging this type of thing for really young kids. It looks just like MTV." Another user, Richard Perry, said, "recently when

this business was the pizza place, the owner spoke of his dedication to the community and how he loved operating a family-oriented business. I'll easily take an empty store front over this type of business thriving.

Cortis said he has heard some complaints about the club but stresses that it is a safe place for teens to hang out. South Lyon Police Lt. Steve Sharpe also said they have had very few issues at the business, which always has security and a uniformed officer on the prem-

"If parents have concerns about allowing their kids to go there, they probably shouldn't send them. It's that simple," Sharpe said.

The club has an age range of 14 to 19, but 14 and 15 vear olds do not have driver's licenses to prove their age. On the Facebook site for "Primal the Club," a user by the name of Jeffrey Earl LaFave posted on Feb. 6, "it's 14-19 now ... but who's checking ID's that close?"

When asked what that means and if that was him, LaFave said "it just means what it is" and "I'd have to

same as an adult dance club/ look, I don't know." He later went on to say that he knows not all students have ID's and that they have to have a birth certificate or have their parent check them in. The comment has since been removed from the site.

Eric Belavy, a student at South Lyon High School, said he went to the club a couple times when it first opened because it "seemed like good, wholesome fun," but has since changed his

"I don't think parents would approve of the kids doing the things they are doing," he said. "It's not an issue of safety as much as it is inappropriate behavior."

Parents are invited to visit the club from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the days the club is open, but not during operating hours because the owners said allowing adults would compromise the teens'

"We are trying to give a place for teens to come and be themselves and not having parents lording over them, and at the same time provide a place where they can be safe," LaFave said.

The club regularly hosts about 400 teenagers per night on Friday and Saturday.

The owners said only about 15 percent of their clientele is from South Lyon with the remaining 85 percent from surrounding areas such as Novi, Milford, Northville, Howell, Brighton, Ann Arbor and more.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that of the Charter Township of Northville will hold a public hearing on the proposed water system improvements project for the purpose of receiving comments from interested

The hearing will be held at 7 30 pm. on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at the following location Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, in the Community Room

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide the Township's water system customers with a more dependable water distribution system through implementing improvements, repairs, and/or replacement of aging water system infrastructure.

The project will be spanned over one phase of construction. The water system improvements will involve approximately 7,750 feet of water main construction along Thornapple Drive, Valencia Street, Seven Mile Road and Pickford Avenue. Along with the water main improvements, upgrades to the existing Beck Road Booster Station will be implemented

Impacts of the proposed project include those experienced by typical construction projects including, dust, noise, and minor disruptions in local road usage. The impacts are expected to be temporary in nature and, after construction, the affected areas will be restored to normal conditions.

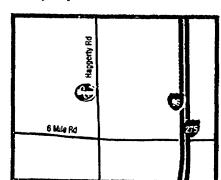
The estimated cost to users for the proposed project is estimated to be approximately \$0.10 per 1000 gallons This results in a total monthly increase of approximately \$1.06 for the average residential user.

Copies of the project plan detailing the proposed project will be available for public review at the Township Hall between the hours of 8 00 am and 5 00 pm, Monday through Friday, beginning on Monday, March 23, 2009 until Thursday, April 23, 2009 and at our website www.twp.northville.mi.us.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on Thursday, April 23, 2009 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to the Township Clerk, Sue A. Hillebrand at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.



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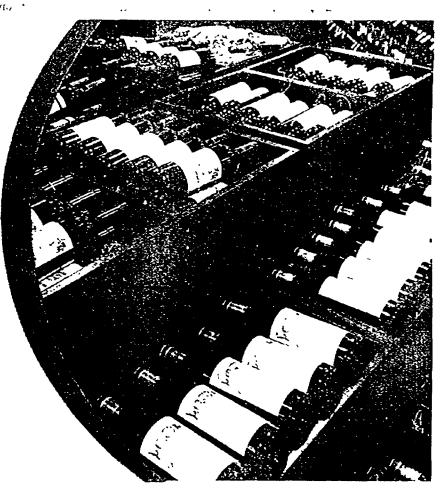
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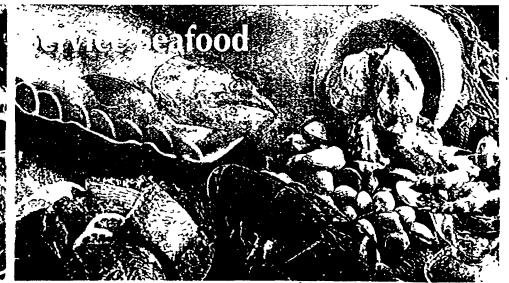




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Meetings

HORTHYMLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education DATE Second and fourth Tuesday of the month

TIME 730 pm. LOCATION O'd Village School

CITY OF HORTHYILLE

City Council DATE First and third Monday of the

TIME 7.30 p.m. LOCATION City Hall, 215 W Main St **Downtown Development Authority** Meeting

DATE. Third Tuesday of each month TIME 8 am. LOCATION City Half Meeting Room A, on lower level 215 W Main St

CONTACT downlownnorthylle.com Planning Commission DATE First and third Tuesday of month

LOCATION City Hall **Housing Commission**

TIME 7.30 pm.

ETC.

DATE Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 8 a.m. TIME 3 p.m. LOCATION Aften Terrace 401 High St **Historic District Commission** DATE: Third Wednesday of month TIME: 7 p.m. **LOCATION** City Hati

Arts Commission DATE Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 730 pm. LOCATION Art House, 215 W Cady St

Beautification Commission DATE. First Monday of every month TIME 8am. **DETAILS**: Individuals and organizations

invited to attend LOCATION Northwire City Hall Meeting

HORTHYELLE TOWNSHIP

Planning Commission DATE: Last Tuesday of month TIME. 730 pm LOCATION Township Ha'l 44405 West Six Mile **Board of Trustees** DATE: Third Thursday of month TIME: 730 p.m LOCATION: Township Hall Zoning Board of Appeals DATE: Third Wednesday of month TIME. 7.30 p.m. LOCATION Township Hall **Beautification Commission** DATE. Third Monday of month TIME. 730 p.m. **LOCATION** Township Hall Youth Assistance **DATE** Second Tuesday of every month **LOCATION** Northwile Township Hall, 44405 Sox Mile Road **CONTACT** Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

Senior Events

SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

LOCATION 303 W Main St. CONTACT (248) 349-4140 Thursday 8 a.m. Walking Club 9 a.m. TOPS; Massage by appt. 10 30 a.m.: Yoga 11 a.m. Cribbage Noon, Warking Club 12.30 p.m.. Pinochle

8 a.m.: Walking Club 11 a.m. Poker 1130 am.: Walkung Club Noon, Walking Club 1 p.m. Movie Monday

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8 a.m.: Walking Club 9:30 a.m. Mah Jongg 10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance, Oxycise 11 a.m., Adv Line Dance Noon, Walking Club 12.30 p.m.: Prnochle/Euchre

715 p.m., Tar Chi Tuesday 8 a.m.: Walking Club . 10:30 a m.: Yoga 11:30 a.m., Walking Club Noon, Walking Club 12:30 p.m. Pinoch!e Wednesday

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1 p.m. Cribbage 7 p.m.: Bridge Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Volleyball TIME/DAYS 10 a.m.-noon Monday Wednesday, Friday

LOCATION Recreation Center at Hillside **DETAILS** All levels of play welcome, bring your friends; \$1 CONTACT Northwile Parks and

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Celebrity judges join talent search cast

■ Talent for the Title deadline this Wednesday

The excitement is building as performers from across the state submit their applications and audition tapes for the 1st Annual Talent for the Title Music and Dance Competition. A limited number of applications are still available for vocalists, singer/songwriters, instrumentalists, bands, solo dancers, duo/trio dancers and group dancers. All interested competitors need to submit an application and audition tape no later than Wednesday, April

Judges for the event are local celebrities, honored performers, business leaders and interested members of the performing arts community, including Vincent York, Leslie Rice, Angela Corsi Leon and Marge Wisniewski.

VINCENT YORK

Vincent was born into a family of musicians and a life of music. He became Southern University's first jazz studies major under Alvin Batiste, a master of the clarinet. After graduate study in saxophone at the University of Michigan, he was invited to join the Duke Ellington Orchestra, led by Mercer Ellington, trumpeter and son of the legendary Duke Ellington. York has recorded or played with some of the most noteworthy jazz artists, including Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughn as well as Motown names such as The Temptations, The Four Tops, Aretha Franklin and Martha Reeves. York is a 2008 recipient of a Guvvy Award for the visionary program called "Jazzistry"

LESLIE RICE

Leslie Rice, vice president of Special Events & Entertainment for Gail & Rice, grew up in Detroit and has always been surrounded by the entertainment, music' and production industry; her specialty is creating memorable custom events for corporate clients. While the majority of her clients are located in the tri-county Detroit area, she goes where her clients host their events, both region-









ally and nationally. Corporate event clients include a variety of business sectors including automotive, technical, banking, national accounting firms, private clubs and organizations. Leslie also has had the privilege of assisting multiple Detroit area philanthropic organizations with their fund-raising efforts. Non-profit clients include AIDS Partnership of Michigan, Detroit Medical Center, The Parade Company, Goodwill Industries, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan and Sparrow Hospital Foundation. Community involvement is important as well. She is a member of Executive Women International, Detroit **Executives Association, Detroit** Chamber of Commerce, and Metro Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau.

ANGELA CORSI LEON

Angela Corsi Leon, Miss Michigan 2006, represented the state of Michigan in the 2007 Miss America Pageant. She was awarded more than \$10,000 in scholarship awards as Miss Michigan and was named a Quality of Life Award finalist for her work with the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Angela received additional honors and scholarship money for her talent. She drew on her 20 years of dance training to perform "Sway", a unique contemporary dance en' pointe incorporating jazz, salsa and classical ballet technique. Angela is currently on staff at AirFoil Public Relations.

MARGE WISNIEWSKI

Marge Wisniewski, a Northville resident and board member of York's Jazzistry, is an avid supporter of the arts. While she has taken a few

DETAILS The first round of judging will qualify applicants to compete in the semi-final performances to be held throughout the historic city of Northville. The semi-finals will be held May 28-29. The final showcase will take place on the first Friday of June (5th) in Northville's Town Square, located on Main Street in downtown Northville between Center Street and Griswold. The most exciting element to the evening will be the opportunity for audience members to participate in selecting the junior and senior Talent for the Title. The titles bring with them a cash prize, photo shoot, performance opportunity and an artisan designed trophy. Details (including rules) are available at the participating sponsors or by contacting the Talent for the Title hotline at (248) 349-1114, Broughton Music at (248) 374-5596 or visiting the Web site

music lessons and has given ballroom a try, she prefers to be on the sidelines, supporting those who have the real talent.

talentforthetitle com.

She places a high value on the promotion of arts education. Over the years Marge has worked with the Northville High School Concert Choirs as a wardrobe mistress, helping outfit hundreds of youth for performances throughout the state and the country. She also helped to assemble the first concert series for the Detroit Yacht Club, which included classical, jazz and contempo-rary artistry. Wisnewski truly believes music and art keep people connected and give them a reason to enjoy life.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

First Gentleman promotes leadership

As The Page Turns Bookstore & Gallery will host a book signing with Daniel G. Mulhern, First Gentleman of the State of Michigan, from 4-6 p.m. on April 25.

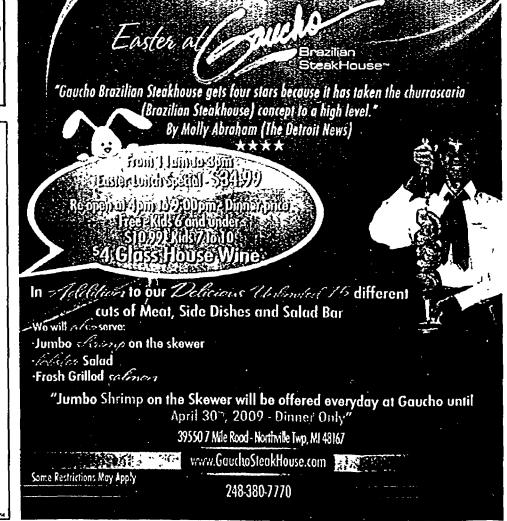
Mulhern's book is titled Everyday Leadership: Getting Results in Business, Politics, and Life. Mulhern is a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School; Yale, where he received a BA in religious studies with magna cum laude distinction; and Harvard. with a JD degree with a cum laude distinction.

He will be at As The Page Turns bookstore at 149 N. Center Street. Suite 102, in downtown Northville, Call (248) 912-0085 for more information

ReLeaf fund-raiser

Global ReLeaf of Michigan, a 501 c 3 nonprofit tree planting organization, is selling 4' 6' tall (depending on species) bare root trees and shrubs for spring planting. The shrubs and evergreens are approximately 2' tall.

Spring is a great time to plant trees and shrubs. Orders will be accepted through April 9. The trees are \$30 each or \$28 each for three or more. The shrubs and evergreens are \$18 each or \$15 each for three or more. Specialty trees are \$50 each. All orders must be picked up April 25 in Redford Township. For additional information, an order form and map to the pick up location, call 1-800-642-7353 or go to www globalreleaf org



NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Book sale benefits local non-profits

Book collectors and art lovers enjoyed a special treat the weekend of March 28-29 as the Northville Art House hosted a book sale co-sponsored by the Friends of the Northville District Library. Scores of volumes from the collection of art books donated by Eugenie and Jim Beall were displayed for the community's consideration. Over \$1,000 was raised in the two-day sale as folks enriched their personal collections with books that had been acquired throughout the United States and Europe.

*When Eugenie and Jim donated these fine books to the Friends of the Library I began looking for a unique way to offer them to the community," said Paul Snyder, president of the Friends of the Northville District Library. "My wife, Tricia mentioned that the Art House might be a good venue for this."

Art House volunteer Sue Taylor added, "It was such a natural fit for both of our organizations we only had to recruit volunteers to work and set a date."

The remaining volumes will be offered at the May 1, First Friday Art Walk at the Art House. Proceeds from the sale will continue to benefit the Northville Arts Commission and the Friends of the Northville District Library

"Jim and I are both gratified that the Art House Sale was such a success," said Eugenie. "Nothing could please us more than to think that others are enjoying the books and that they have been a way to link two outstanding community organizations."

Letter carriers food drive

The National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, will be collecting non-perishable food items like canned meats and fish, fruit, soup, juice, pasta, vegetables, cereal, rice and side dish items on Saturday, May 9. This will help families in need in the local community.

Northville residents can help by placing their food donations at their mailbox before 10 a.m. on May 9, The donations will be delivered to Northville Civic Concern for distribution in the Northville community.

Please be sure to check the expiration dates on the cans or packages as expired food items cannot be distributed by Civic Concern.

Talent for the Title

For all the aspiring singers and dancers, downtown Northville is hosting Northville's Talent for the Title - a talent competition that will allow performers to reach for the stars.

Hosted by Broughton Music Center, Miss Harriet's Dance Studio and Starring the Gallery, submissions are now being accepted for Solo, duo, trio and group dance, vocal/instrumental solo, singer/songwriter, instrumental, solo, duo and trio, and band (three-piece and larger). The Title prize is valued at over \$1,500.

Submissions and applications must be received by April 15. Applications are available at: Broughton Music Center, Miss Harriet's Dance Studio and Starring the Gallery.

Preliminaries will be held May 28-29 with the

finals being held June 5.

For more information on "Northville's Talent for the Title," including contest rules and performance categories, call Broughton Music Center (248-374-5596), Miss Harriet's Dance Studio (248-349-1114) or Starring the Gallery (248-347-1642).

Spend the summer onstage

Don't miss out on your students' opportunity to spend the summer learning all about theatre from Tipping Point's professionals. Registrations now being accepted for Fairy and Troll Camp; SHOWcamp; and Teen Musical Company.

More information is available by calling or visiting the Tipping Point Theatre Box Office at (248) 347-0003. Box Office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, Information and registration forms are also available at www.tippingpointtheatre.

City budget review dates

City council members and city staff will meet at the following times to review the next budget for the community: 7 p.m. on April 22 (review session); 7 p.m. on April 30 (review session); and 7:30 p.m. on May 18 (regular city council

A public hearing on the proposed budget will take place at this final meeting, during which the budget will be adopted and the operating millage rate will be established.

All meetings are open to the public and will be in council chambers at city hall, 215 W. Main

For more information, contact Nickie Bateson, assistant city manager and city finance director, at (248) 449-9909 or nbateson@ ci.northville.mi.us.

Guernsey open house to benefit pantries

Guernsey Farms Dairy will open its doors to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, for a tour of its dairy products produc-

The tour is free, and guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item or make a monetary donation to the Novi Food Pantries. The business is located on the east side of Novi Road, between Nine and Eight Mile roads.

Bring the whole family for a tour of this 28,000 square foot milk, ice cream and other

dairy products production facility. Each month 1.2 million pounds of milk (140,000 gallons) and 10,000 gallons of ice cream are produced.

For more information please call Guernsev at 248-349-1466 or visit www.guernseyfarms-

Prosecutor speaking

Jessica Cooper, recently elected prosecutor



Spring Fest

Over 400 goody bags were handed out at Millennium Park during Sunday's Spring Fest, which included music from the Shawn Riley Band (above). "It was a great success and we couldn't have done it without the help from the Township Police and Fire, Center Stage Dance Co., Northville Rotary Club, Northville Township Command and Officers Associations and Rangel Orthodontics," said Joanna Harris. About 1,000



residents attended the event in Northville Township, presented by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department and Northville Township Fire & Rescue and Northville Township Police. Pictured to the left are Larry Demeter, D.A.R.E. officer; Harris, special events coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department; Lt. Dan Dipple and Lt. Brad Newhart from the Northville Township Fire Department; and Mike Burrough, community liaison officer.

for Oakland County, will speak at a free town hall meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 9 at Hillside Middle School (Center Street and Eight Mile Road).

Prior to winning, she served as a judge in Michigan for over 25 years. She will address her priorities and policies for keeping citizens safe during these difficult economic times.

For more information, contact Scott Craig, president of the Northville Democratic Club, at (248) 259-3534.

Seedling give-away

The Beautification Commissions of the township and the city of Northville will sponsor the annual Arbor Day Seedling Give-away & Shred-It event from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 25 at the township hall, 44405 Six Mile Road (southwest corner of Six Mile & Sheldon Roads). Arbor Day Seedlings are available at no charge to city, township and Northville School District residents; bring proof of residency. You must attend in person to pick up your seedlings. Requests by phone or mail cannot be accommodated, nor large requests from groups or schools. Bring your paper documents for on-site shredding; up to six small grocery type bags, per household.

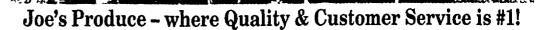
Free health program

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is hosting a free health workshop in Northville until May 11. The Personal Action Toward Health (PATH) class will meet on Mondays from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Northville Senior Center on 303 W. Main Street.

The PATH workshop provides information and skills to adults with ongoing health conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, bronchitis, asthma and

Registration for the PATH Workshop is necessary and enrollment is limited. Contact Dennis Smith at (248) 349-4140 or call the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at 500-452-





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Northville's Andrea Stark (right) plays the ball through Novi's Megan Burns and Taylor Pyden during the Mustangs' 2-0 victory March 30. In the photo at left, Northville's Jeanette Dolmetsch controls the ball. The Mustangs were 1-0-1 heading into yesterday's match against KLAA Central rival Salem.

Kick start

Mustang kickers open season with victory, draw

RECORD STAFF WRITER

There were no first-game varsity jitters for Northville soccer player Mallory Weber March 30.

The freshman forward scored both the Mustangs' goals in their season-opening 2-1 victory over KLAA rival Novi. The loss dropped the Wildcats to

Weber's first goal came on a two-onone breakaway with 5:18 left in the first half. Kelsey Fiscus earned the assist with a perfect centering pass to Weber, who was streaking up the middle of the pitch.

WHERE'S GLOBAL WARMING WHEN YOU NEED IT? -

How does Al Gore explain this? Like all spring sports teams, the Northylle girls soccer team's early-season schedule has been buildozed by global cooling. The Mustangs' Friday match against Plymouth was postponed due to inclement weather, while Tuesday's muchanticipated match against Salem was moved back to Wednesday - but that contest will only be played if the early-April snow melts in time. Next week's Spring Break couldn't come at a better time, right Al?

Novi knotted the game at 1-1 three minutes into the second half, but Weber struck again with 16:03 to play after Ali Hawkford secured a corner kick from the left side and Jeanette Dolmetsch prevented a Wildcat clearing pass before feeding Weber, who

was stationed inside the penalty box. Northville keeper Elana Ryznar earned the win thanks to stellar defense fro Dolmetsch, Kelsey Baskins,

NORTHVILLE 1, W.L. WESTERN 1: On April 1. Northville dominated play against

Tori Wright and Nicole Miller.

the Warriors, yet the Mustangs were only able to salvage a draw as their one error resulted in a Western goal.

Northville bounced three shots off the crossbar and peppered the Western goal with seven shots on goal and eight corner kicks. Camille Junca's shot from 6 yards out was Northville's only goal.

Friday's match against Plymouth was postponed due to inclement weather.

Weather permitting, Northville played Salem on Wednesday. For results, visit www.hometownlife.com.

The Mustangs' first post-Spring Break action is set for April 20, when they host South Lyon.

The opening kick is set for 7 p.m.



Former Northville High School baseball standout Charlie Thomas is currently leading Saginaw Yalley State University in nine offensive categories. Through Sunday, the junior was hitting at a .392 clip with three home runs

Hitting machine

Thomas scripting outstanding career at SVSU

BY ED WRIGHT RECORD STAFF WRITER

Judging by his major at Saginaw Valley State University - technical writing Charlie Thomas has a way with the written word.

The way he's swinging the bat for the Cardinals' baseball program, the former Northville standout may want to consider writing a book on the technical aspects of hit-

Through Sunday, the junior right fielder/designated hitter led his team in nine offensive categories, including batting average (.392) and runs batted in (30). He had also clouted three home runs and registered a solid .974 fielding percentage.

"I've been working hard on my swing pretty much yearround since I've been in college," Thomas said when asked for the key to his success. "I'm playing in the summer and we practice throughout the fall, too, which allows me to see a lot of pitching and work on my swing. This winter, a lot of my teammates and myself got together at seven in the morning before classes and worked out, which has made me stron-

PROUD TO BE A CARDINAL

After building up an impressive athletic and academic resume at Northville, Thomas didn't decide which college route to take until the summer

after his senior year. "I was looking at a few junior colleges and Madonna (University), but when I visited Saginaw Valley the summer after my senior year, I liked it

right away," he said. "I loved the campus and it offered the programs that I wanted to

pursue academically. The biggest adjustment I had to make (while transitioning from high school to college baseball) was getting used to the level of pitching up here. On average, pitchers we face throw in the high 80s, which is a lot faster than most high school pitchers throw. The overall game is a lot faster,

PROVEN COMMODITY

Thomas is far from a oneyear wonder at SVSU. As a sophomore, he hit .339 - the second-highest average on the team to All-American Reed Welker — to help the Cardinals finish 17-9 in the

Please see THOMAS, B3

GAME WRAPS

NHS girls track team dominates

The Northville girls track and field team posted an emphatic 116-21 season-opening victory over Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division rival South Lyon on March

The Mustangs placed first in all but one of the 17 events to rack up the one-sided dual-meet triumph.

Among the Mustangs' first-place finishers were 100-meter hurdler Jaclyn Konopka (16.05 seconds); sprinter Julie Xu, who won the 100-meter dash in 14.25; thrower Sarah Rounsifer, who won the shot put with a heave of 23 feet, 8.25 inches; Beth Roach, who broke the tape first in the 400-meter run (1:02.11) and outleapt the competition in the high jump (5 feet, 1 inch); and Amy Baditol, who crossed first in the 800-meter run (2:39.49).

Spits edge Whalers

Windsor grabbed the upper hand in its bestof-seven Ontario Hockey League Western Conference semifinal series with Plymouth by overwhelming the Whalers, 8-1, Sunday before 6,358 at the Windsor Federal Credit Union Centre.

The Spitfires carried a two-games-to-one lead into Tuesday night's Game 4 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

Following a scoreless first period, the hosts exploded for four goals during the second 20minute stanza. Adam Henrique broke the scoring ice 1:46 into the period off assists from Justin Shugg and Lane MacDermid.

Andre Loktionov netted back-to-back goals midway through the second before Windsor's Dale Mitchell made it 4-0 with 3:06 to go in period.

Windsor withstood any third-period momentum shifts by extending its lead to 5-0 6:51 in when Greg Nemisz tallied a power-play goal from Rob Kwiet and Ryan Ellis.

Plymouth's Beau Schmitz narrowed his team's deficit to 5-1 with a manadvantage goal from Ryan Hayes and Vern Cooper with 10:10 to play, but the Spits answered with three more lamp-lighters from Taylor Hall, Mitchell and Henrique.

Windsor outshot the Whalers, 50-30.

Spitfire goalie Andrew Engelage made 29 saves for the winners. Plymouth starting netminder Matt Hackett allowed seven goals before being pulled with just over six minutes in the

Plymouth was whistled for 17 penalties. Windsor committed 11 infrac-

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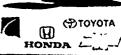




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Boys LAX team primed for major improvement

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BY ED WRIGHT RECORD STAFF ARITER

Northville's boys lacrosse team may not have won a lot of games last season, but it learned a lot of lessons.

And the Mustangs who have returned from the 2008 squad that went 6-13 are proving to be good students.

Through its first four games, coach Greg Durham's contingent is 2-2, including a thrilling 7-6 comeback victory over Plymouth on April 2. We have everybody back

on defense, so that will probably be our strength this season," said Durham. 'We're looking good so far. Last year was a tough year, but I think we'll be much improved. We've revamped our coaching staff with the addition of Stan Zajdel, who used to be the head coach at Novi, so that's helped."

The backbone of the Mustangs will be a solid group of captains consisting of senior attackman Nick Diegel, senior defender Alec Stirton, senior midfielder Drew Lamoureux

and junior mid-fielder lan Meador.

"Our captains supply us with great leadership, said Durham. They're not only very enthusiastic kids, they're good lacrosse players. They want to make sure what happened last year doesn't happen again."

Anchoring the Mustangs' defense will be first-year sophomore goalie David Ketelhut, who has been superb during the early going. Among the returning defenders who will make Ketelhut's job easier are Stirton, Tommy Storch and Steve Ciranna.

The Mustangs' deep and talented mid-field is led by junior Myles Baker, junior Bobby Kruse, Lamoureux. Meador and Jon Nelson. who is coming off a standout season with the Northville wrestling team.

Catalysts of the Mustangs' attack will be Diegel, Dylan Gelven and Sean Larabell.

"I'm excited about this season," said Durham. "It's a good group of players who have shown they're willing to work hard."

NHS boys lacrosse team rallies for 7-6 OT victory

Northville's boys lacrosse team saved its best for the stretch run during its April 2 match against Plymouth.

The Mustangs overcame a 5-3 halftime deficit to win 7-6 in overtime.

The victory improved coach Greg Durham's squad

'We scored the first two goals and then got a little too relaxed on defense," said Durham. It was a huge wake-up call when they took the lead."

Northville's Ian Meador sparked his team's rally by shoring three of his four game, said Dushain,

goals in the second half. including his overtime game-winning shot that hit the Wildcats' goalie before trickling over the goal line.

"Ian dominated on faceoffs, winning nine of 12," said Durham. "He is a huge asset to our team this season and he continues to impress me and the other coaches every day."

Drew Lamoureux contributed a pair of goals while David Ketlehut stopped 12 of 18 shots.

"David made some huge saves just to keep us in the

Mustang baseball team opens year with a bang

BY ED WRIGHT RECORD STAFF WRITER

Science suggests baseballs are supposed to have a difficult time traveling through cold air.

Northville's baseball team proved that theory may need re-examining after blasting eight home runs in its first four games Friday and Saturday — both double-header sweeps for the Mustangs.

Northville opened its 2009 season rocking Wayne Memorial, 11-1 and 11-9, Senior captain David Uberti earned the victory in the opening game, stifling the Zebras' bats over the first four innings before reliever Kevin Fisher was equally effective over the final two frames in the sixinning contest.

Senior first baseman Bobby Thomas blasted a pair of home runs in the twinbill and Kyle Breault added a solo shot.

Ryan Leining carned the second-game mound win with relief help from Fisher, who earned a save.

The second game was limited to five innings due to dark.

On Saturday, the Mustang hitters punished Milford, 16-1 and 16-4 as Thomas added two more taters. Breault also remained hot, clubbin a pair of fence-clearing rockets that knocked in five runs.

Dan Mills (3-for-4, two RBI) and Matt Deacon, 2-for-3, home run) were the hitting stars in the second game for the winners.

SALEM 19, NORTHVILLE 4: On

April 1 at Northville, the Rocks earned a key early-season win in the race for the inaugural KLAA Central Division title when they racked up 18 hits, including three home

runs: one each from Drew Grabowski, Dave Hales and

Joe Posler.

"Hitting is contagious," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger, referring to his squad's batting barrage. "Before the game, I asked the team to get good atbats and not to throw the ball away on defense, and they did exactly that. We beat a very good pitcher in (David) Uberti, too.

Salem surged to 4-0 firstinning lead before plating six runs in the second. The host Mustangs scored a pair in their half of the second, but the Rocks answered with five more runs in the third and four in the fourth. Uberti was pulled in the sec-

ond inning. Hales registered a four-inning complete game, striking out six without walking a batter. The senior fire-baller scattered eight

"We hit well in our first game against Plymouth last week, but we couldn't get the big hits with runners on like we did today," said Rumberger.

Same Ott (3-for-3, four runs, three RBI), Posler (3-for-4, two RBI) and Hales (3-for-4, five RBI) accounted for half of the winners' hits. Also contributing to the plate explosion were Heath Parling (2-for-3, three runs), Justin Baschi (1-for-2, three runs) and Chris Kordick, who laced two hits and knocked in a pair of runs.

Cool weather can't cool down red-hot tennis team

Northville's girls tennis team is picking up where it left off last season.

The Mustangs enjoyed a productive week by winning Saturday's Grosse Pointe South Quad Tournament a few days after blanking South Lyon, 9-0.

This was a great win for us," said Mustang coach Sandra Woolfall, referring to Saturday's first-place showing. "It was a tough day with the cold temperatures and fierce wind. It was a great confidence booster for the team this early in the season.

We're looking forward to

some warm weather after spring break and we hope to keep the momentum going."

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Mustang boys track team routs South Lyon

Northville's boys trackand-field team zipped out of the 2009 starting blocks like a bolt of lightning March 31 when it galloped past South Lyon, 117-20.

The Mustangs placed first in 15 of the 17 events and crossed = the line first in all four relays. .

"I was happy with our performance for this time of year with the cold and wind," ways to go though to be competitive with our team from the past few years."

The rout of the Lions was paced by junior Ali Arastu, who notched 12.5 points. Arastu won the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.86 seconds and

the 300 intermediate hurdle race in 42.85. Arastu was also a key member of the Mustangs' first-place 3,200- and 1,600excelled, winning the 1,600

(4:48) and 3,200 (10:28).

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With a berth in the league's postseason tournament at stake, Thomas rose to the occasion, going 4-for-7 with six RBI in a late-season doubleheader with rival Northwood.

The Cardinals missed the playoffs by percentage points, but it didn't diminish the ex-Mustang's productive effort.

PROPS TO HIS COACHES

Thomas credits a pair of former coaches for his enhanced diamond skills: Jim Holloway, his youth coach when he played for the Northville Broncos; and current Northville baseball coach John Kostrzewa.

"Coach Holloway helped create the foundation for my swing when I first started getting serious about baseball," Thomas said. "He taught me the little basic things that

make a good swing.
"Coach Kostrzewa played college baseball, so he gave me a lot of helpful tips about hitting and what to expect at the next level."

Thomas said he'd love the opportunity to play professionally one day, but admitted he knows the odds are stacked



RICHARD GOUTHRO

Northville High School graduate Charlie Thomas tries to gun down a runner from right field during a recent Saginaw Valley State University game.

against him.

"I saw a statistic somewhere that said only 1 percent of all college baseball players get drafted," he said. "While it's not something I spend a lot of time thinking about, it's definitely still a dream of mine."

Thomas, who is minoring in philosophy, eventually wants to attend law school or graduate school. But first, he has a few more

chapters to write on the Saginaw Valley State baseball field.

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By Jeanne Myers

In order to apply the rules of golf, or even to find the answer to a rules problem in the rules of golf, you have to know the definitions. There are only 51 of them, but there is a huge amount of information in them.

More than one golfer has given himself a stroke penalty for causing his ball to oscillate. The rules-savvy golfer, however, knows that oscillating, according to the United States Golf Association, is not moving. For a ball to have "moved," it has to leave its position and come to rest in another spot. So, even if you accidentally nudge a ball forward, as long as it returns to its original position, you are safe from penalty — because it hasn't come to rest in another spot.

Under the definition of "equipment," you will find that when you are sharing a golf cart, when your ball is involved. that cart and everything in it belongs to you - unless the cart is being driven by the other person. And, that "everything in it" includes the other person when the cart is stationary. Therefore, assume another player in your group who is sharing a cart with you, drives the cart and parks it near the green and stays in the cart. You then proceed to play, and your shot hits the person sitting in the stationary cart. You have hit your equipment and will get a one stroke penalty. Hopefully, he will only get a sore arm.

A "stroke" is the forward movement of

the club with the intention of hitting the ball. So, if you check your downswing voluntarily or alter your swing path so that you intentionally miss the ball, you have not made a stroke. But, don't use this to try to disguise a "whiff." We all know what a whiff looks like.

Why You Must Know the Definitions

in the Rules of Golf

"Through the green" is the whole area of the golf course except the teeing ground and putting green of the hole you are playing and all hazards. Therefore, through the green includes fairways and rough. When you look up relief options, you will need to know that term.

A "rub of the green" is not bad luck. It is when your ball in motion is accidentally stopped or deflected by any outside agency. Therefore, it is a rub of the green if your shot is deflected out of bounds by a piece of mowing equipment, but it is also a rub of the green if it is deflected into the hole by that equipment.

There are no sand traps or pins on golf courses, so you'll have trouble looking up a rule involving either. Instead, there are "bunkers" and "flagsticks," and you will have no problem finding the proper entries in the index to the Rules of Golf to find the answer you need using those

An "obstruction" is anything artificial except: 1) objects defining out of bounds, such as walls, fences and stakes, 2) immovable artificial objects located out of bounds; and 3) integral parts of the course. If you know this definition,

you will know that if retaining walls in a water hazard have been declared to be integral parts of the course, you will not get free relief from them even if your ball lies outside the hazard.

A *provisional ball* is one played for an original ball that may be out of bounds or may be lost outside of a water hazard.

The rest of those definitions are up to you!



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IT'S YOUR NORTHVILLE BUSINESS: Q&A WITH BABY BABY



Lourdes Weidl is the owner of Baby Baby Plus More in Northville.

Baby Baby offers clothes plus more on consignment

including types of services and/or products you feature.

This is a consignment store for children's, teen's and maternity clothes, baby equipment and furniture, books, toys and other childrenrelated items. We accept items Monday through Friday from 10 to 5. We check the consignors items right away, no appointment necessary. After items are accepted, we keep them for 60 days and the consignor receives 50 percent of the sale price. The consignor may pick up money owed to them any time.

How did you first decide to open your business?

I worked for Diane at Baby Baby for several years and enjoyed this kind of work so much that when I found out the store was for sale last October,

Why did you choose Northville?

Northville is a beautiful, safe place to have a business. It is also great to live only a couple

of miles away from work.

What makes your business unique? What makes it unique is that people can make extra money selling here items they do not need any more and save money by purchasing name-brand clothes (Gap, Abercrombie, Janie & Jack, Gymboree, Baby Lulu, Oilily, and many more) and baby equipment for a fraction of the retail price. Consignors enjoy making purchases and instead of having to pay, getting money back. Because we never know what will come in every day, it is fun to improvise with what we have to decorate the windows, to change around the different sizes.

DETAILS

Name of the business: BABY BABY PLUS MORE, INC. Address: 153 E. Main, Northville Name/Title: Lourdes Weidl,

Hometown: Novi

Business opened when: Baby Baby has been in business for almost 20 years. Diane Wise started it and owned it for many years. She sold it a couple of years ago, and I purchased it last October.

Number of employees: 6 Hours of operation: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday; open noon-5 p.m. most Sundays (call first to make sure we are open) **Business Specialty.**

Consignment of children's, teens, and maternity clothes, baby equipment, furniture, toys and books

Phone: (248) 347-2229 (BABY) Website: babybabymi com

How has it changed since you opened?

We have made a few changes to benefit the consignor; one of them is that we raised the consignor's part to 50 percent. We let them know right away what we have accepted and will go under their account. We keep a wish list and call the consignors when we receive an item they are looking for.

We also expanded our maternity section. In the basement we have most of the baby equipment, maternity clothes and lowerpriced children's clothes.

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Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?

We have so many children every day at the store and they are always saying or doing something funny.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

The recent economy has affected our business in a positive way. We are getting more new consignors. People that had not thought of selling their kid's clothes and toys are now realizing that they can make extra money by just bringing their items in; they do not have to bother with a garage sale. Most of them mention that they will donate the items that we could not accept.

Also more people are coming to purchase. They save on name-brand clothes that are in excellent condition. We have many items that are brand new, still with the tags. Most cribs, joggers, bike trailers, high chairs, etc. are like new.

Any advice for business owners?

I do not have much advice for business owners, since I am one of the newest ones downtown Northville. One of the main points is to have good people working for you. I am lucky to have a wonderful staff -- they work hard, are constantly offering great ideas, love helping people.

What's in store for the future of your business?

There are several future plans for the store, from getting new carpet and a new software program, to redoing the play room where we have toys for the children to have fun while their moms shop.

CHAMBER CHAT

State of the Community Luncheon

The annual State of the Community Luncheon presented by the Northville Chamber of Commerce is coming up April 22. This is your chance as a resident or business in Northville to hear all the happenings in the Northville area. Speakers will be presenting current projects and information on all things Northville.

The State of the Community Luncheon is proudly sponsored by Residential Design Consulting.
Pre-registration is required by April 17. Tickets are \$40 per person.

To register, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640.

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The Next Chapter, bookstore and café coming soon

Looking for a good book, a new place to meet up with friends over a cup of coffee or a light meal? The Northville Downtown Development Authority announces the tar-geted June arrival of The Next Chapter at 141/143 E. Main Street. The building will soon be under new own-

ership and plans are underway for a head-totoe, front-to-back renovation of the building that formerly housed Northville Gallery and The Bee's Knees. Both of these businesses have relocated on E. Main Street. The interior of this historic building will be opened up to accommodate the new book store/café which will feature floor to ceiling retractable front windows lined with high-top tables on

the inside as well as proposed outdoor seating allowing you to enjoy fresh air during the spring, summer, and fall months. The Next Chapter owners are Dan and

Century 21 opens new office

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A new real estate office, Century 21 Hartford South, recently opened at 15474 N. Haggerty Road in Northville Township.

The office is located on the northeast corner of Five Mile and Haggerty roads in the Haggerty Five Gateway Center.

Office hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The real estate broker in the office is Stephen J. Karoub. Currently, the office has 25 agents working to serve the real estate needs of Northville area residents.

The office will have a grand opening from 3-7 p.m. on Friday, April 3. The realty office will also be a new member of the Northvillle Chamber of Commerce.

For more information or to set an appointment to meet with an agent, call (734) 464-6400 or go to www.cent21.biz.

Business workshops offered

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location specifics and pre-registration, call (248) 858-0783.

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- 23: How to Start a Business Workshop
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(AM) Class 9 a.m.-12/12:30 p.m. (PM) Class 6-9/9:30 p.m.

The Web site address for Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services Workshops is www.oakgov.com/peds/calen-

Botsford Hospital starts Tweeting

Botsford Hospital sent out its first tweet on' the social media Web site, Twitter, was about a community open house at Botsford's new cancer center on Saturday, April 25.

How can you follow Botsford Hospital? Sign on to the site, www.twitter.com, establish an account (if you don't already have one) and you can start following Botsford Hospital. If you don't have an account, don't worry; you can still see Botsford's tweets at www.twitter.com/BotsfordNews.

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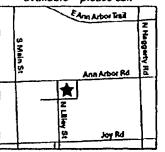
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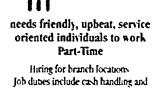
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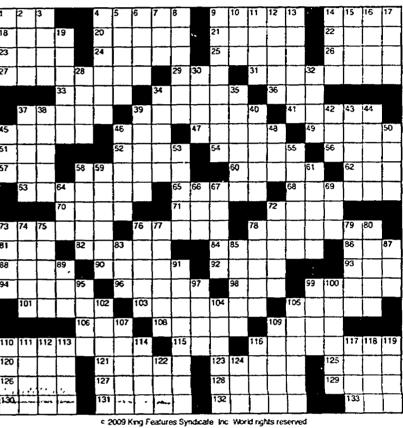
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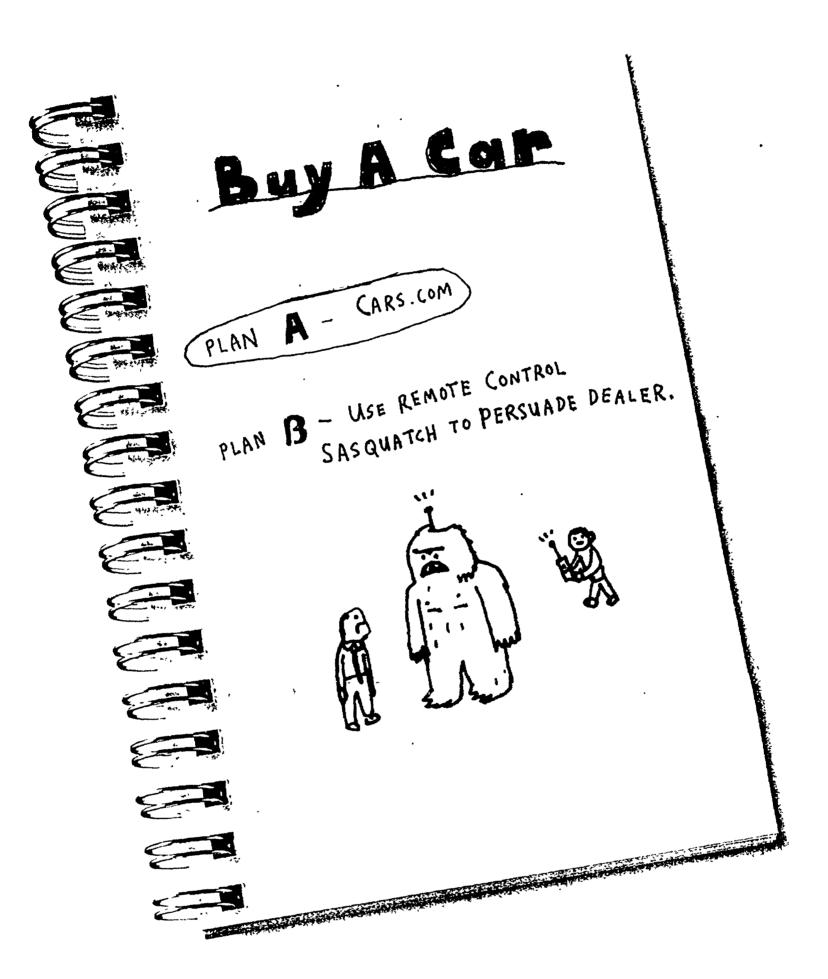
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