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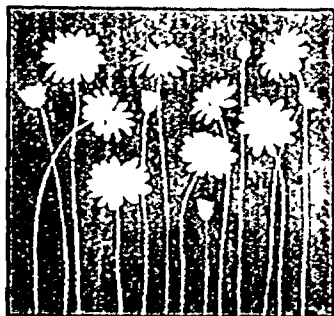
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Flower sale

Bring your wagon and load up on great finds from over 20 top-rated greenhouses and garden shops at Northville's 22nd Annual Flower Sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in downtown Northville. In addition to the many spring and summer blossoms for sale, this "colorful" event also brings quality garden art and accessories for those final touches in your garden. Enjoy live blues music in Town Square from 1-3 p.m.



Memorial Day parade

The annual Memorial Day parade will start at 10 a.m. on Monday in downtown Northville. Contact the VFW at (248) 348-1490 for more information.

Tribute bands

Four tribute bands will play at a free concert at Northville Downs from noon-10 p.m. on Monday. The bands include Zooropa (U2); the Backbeats (the Beatles); Moma Kin (Aerosmith) and Rumors (Fleetwood Mac). Music lovers can bring lawn chairs and blankets. The race track is located on the northeast corner of Center Street and Seven Mile Road.

Outdoor cafes

Spring is here and restaurants throughout Metro Detroit are opening umbrellas and moving tables to the great outdoors. We want to let our readers know where they can dine alfresco, but we need your help. If you own a restaurant and you've recently opened or re-opened your patio, or if you plan to introduce outdoor dining for the first time this year, send a quick e-mail to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. We plan to feature outdoor cafes in an upcoming edition. Bon appetit!

Open Meetings Act case dismissed

CPARD plans to appeal decision

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

A Wayne County Circuit Court judge dismissed an Opening Meetings Act lawsuit filed against Northville Township trustees on May 13, saying

the officials did not violate the law. In the case of Citizens for Public Accountability and Responsible Development vs. Northville Township, Judge John Gillis ruled postings for special meetings about a consent judgment between developer REIS

and Northville Township on a 414-acre parcel were done properly and legally under the requirements of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, according to Ernie Essad Jr., attorney for the township.

The consent judgment was concerning the former Northville Regional

"He (Judge John Gillis) treated a nine-month Open Meetings Act lawsuit concerning an \$800-million-development as if it was a simple traffic ticket."

STEVE EMSLEY, spokesman for CPARD

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KEEPIN' IT LOCAL



David Marino, left, of Northville, picks up his tuxedo from Alexander Hamka of Alexander's of Northville a few hours before his wedding last Friday evening. Marino and his bride, the former Linda Langston, had a "Northville wedding," using almost exclusively Northville businesses for the event.

Couple plans an all-Northville wedding

Support went to neighborhood

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

David and Linda Marino decided to keep it in the 'hood when they planned their spring wedding this year. The Northville couple, who exchanged vows last Friday evening at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in downtown Northville, made a concerted effort to use Northville-based or

Northville-related businesses in planning their wedding.

David Marino met the former Linda Langston at a party less than a year ago.

He said it was love at first sight for him.

"There was an instant connection," Linda Marino said.

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"I think we all have to make conscious decisions how we're going to improve the economy. All of us can make a difference in what's going to happen over the next couple of years. I truly believe one of the activities that will help us out is if we start spending our money locally. If everybody does it, I think it will have an effect on our local economy. It can grow from there."

DAVID MARINO

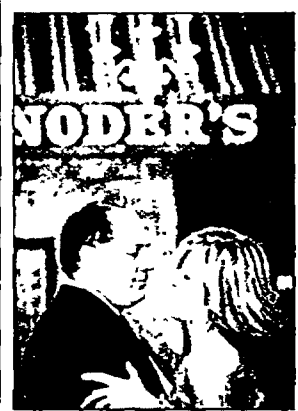


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David and Linda Marino danced the night away at their wedding reception last Friday night at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant in downtown Northville. The Northville couple used many Northville-based or Northville-related businesses in planning their wedding in an effort to support the local economy.

WEDDING, A LA NORTHVILLE

Here are the businesses or individuals that helped make David and Linda Marino's May 15 wedding special:

- Alexander's of Northville, 124 W. Main St.
- Sue Baker, caterer, of Northville
- Elizabeth's Bridal, 402 S. Main St.
- Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant, 108 E. Main St.
- Northville Nail Boutique, 103 E. Main St.
- Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main St.
- Kara Purcell Photography, formerly of Northville
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Elm St., Northville
- Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main St.
- Mary Toriglia, floral designer (who does Genitti's flowers)
- Utopia Spa & Salon, 170 E. Main St.

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Northville grants tavern license to Simply Wine

Decision supports established business

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Wine tastings and private parties will soon become a reality at a downtown Northville wine shop after the city council approved a tavern license for Simply Wine Monday night.

The topic was the talk of the town, as supporters of the business at 109 N. Center St., appeared at city hall to speak to the local Michigan Liquor Control Commission Review Board prior to the council meeting.

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Simply Wine owners Maria Vasseliou, left, and Laura McQueen, are all smiles now that they have received local approval on their application for a tavern license.

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Area residents invited to tonight's Art Dash

■ Proceeds go to Arbor Hospice

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

So, you may not be ready to run a marathon, but you're in good enough shape to come to Art Dash this week.

The annual event to raise money for Arbor Hospice, with offices in Northville, Ann Arbor and Trenton, begins at 7 p.m. today at The Inn at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth Township.

Each spring, local art patrons make a mad dash for a good cause at The Arbor Hospice Foundation's Art Dash.

Art Dash invites art aficionados and community members to an evening of art, wine, food and fun to benefit the nonprofit hospice care and grief support services organization.

This year's event is especially meaningful as Arbor Hospice is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Artist Janisse Lahti Larsson of Plymouth has created a limited number of signed posters that will be available at Art Dash featuring yellow flowers with the "Celebrating Life"

theme for the 25th anniversary. The poster was designed from one of her original oil paintings.

"Terri Denhof, co-chair of the Art Dash event, wanted something that was happy," Larsson said. "I call it (the painting) 'Golden Day.' Everybody even in the worst of times has a good day. I tried to pick a happy and painful something moment and point."

THIRTY YEARS OF ART

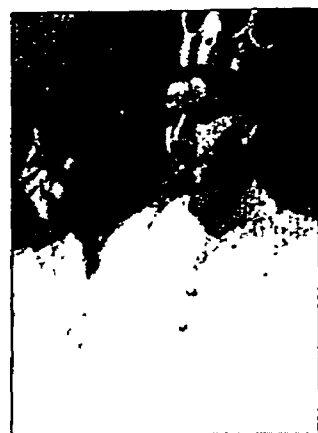
Larsson, who used to live in Northville, has been an artist for more than 30 years. She was educated at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and the University of Uppsala in Sweden. Having traveled throughout Europe and the United States, she has extensive knowledge of art history, design and aesthetics.

Besides mural work and trompe l'oeil, she enjoys using her color consulting and design experience to help bring the same beauty and unique atmosphere her homes have had to others' homes, restaurants and establishments.

Her most recent work includes the design and art of



Plymouth artist Janisse Lahti Larsson by the Arbor Hospice poster commemorating the local nonprofit hospice and grief support organization's 25th anniversary. The poster, which reads "Celebrating life after 25 years" at the bottom, features Larsson's painting titled "Golden Day."



The Art Dash fund-raiser is today.

dash for art, plus recognition at the event. A table of eight at \$1,600 will reserve a table and allow four people to "dash." A limited number of individual tickets are also available.

For more information, call (734) 794-5152.

Sponsors of this week's Art Dash are Bortz Health Care of Ypsilanti, Community Financial, HOUR Media, Jim Forbes of the Gem Theatre, John and Ellie Mulder, TFC Bank, The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James & Associates, Inc., and Xuereb Snow, PC, law firm.

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Nico & Vali restaurant and deli at 744 Wing St. in downtown Plymouth, which features her distinctive murals. To contact her, call (734) 755-0234 or e-mail her at janisselahti@gmail.com.

RUN FOR THE ART

Tickets are available at the door for Thursday's Art Dash. Patron tickets are \$275, which

allows two people to attend the dinner and one person to dash for a piece of art valued at \$250 or more. Benefactor tickets are \$500, which entitles two people to attend the dinner, one to

'Capturing The Craft' exhibit opens

■ Theater serves as inspiration

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Art is art, whether it be on canvas or the stage.

And now a unique art show is on display in downtown Northville that sort of combines the two.

"Capturing The Craft - Theatre Portrayed Through the Artist's Brush," a collaboration between the Northville Art House and the Tipping Point Theatre, is currently being shown at the theatre, 361 E. Cady St., through May 31. The work can be viewed during box

office hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The show will move to the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St., from June 5-20.

Viewers can experience the behind-the-scenes artistry of live theater as captured by the artists of the Northville Art House and inspired by the professional actors and designers of Northville's Tipping Point Theatre.

Art lovers can see and own one or more of these one-of-a-kind pieces that are truly "Northville originals." Prices

range from \$100 to \$850. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the artwork will go to the organization displaying the piece at the time of the purchase.

Featured artists include Linda Logan of Huntington Woods, Daria Fileta of Novi, Peggy Kerwan of Novi, Barbara Eko Murphy of Northville, Candace Brancik of Milford, Jeff Cancelosi of Northville and Mary Step of Novi.

Some of the titles are "Faire Maiden" and "King for a Moment" by Brancik, "A Comedy Tonight" by Cancelosi, "Intermission" and "Dost Thou Love Me?" by Kerwan and "At the Rehearsal" by Step.

Some of the pieces are photo directly inspired by plots the artists took during the current Tipping Point Theatre production, "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)."

The artists are part of an independent group called "The Muses" who meet every Tuesday at one of the artist's home to paint from live models.

"We work in a variety of media - oil, watercolor, acrylic, ink, pastel, charcoal and even rubber stamps," Kerwan said.

An artist's reception will take place during the First Friday Art & Fashion Walk from 6-9 p.m. on June 5 at the Northville Art House. Summer gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. The Art House is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to shows is always free and open to the public. For more information, call



"Intermission," an acrylic by artist Peggy Kerwan of Novi is just one of pieces in the exhibit "Capturing The Craft - Theatre Portrayed Through the Artist's Brush," on display at the Tipping Point Theatre through the end of May. The show, a collaboration between the theatre and the Northville Art House, moves to the art house on June 5. A portion of the sale of each piece will go to the organization that has the item on display at the time of purchase. Prices range from \$100-\$850.

the Northville Art House at (248) 344-0479 or the Tipping Point Theatre at (248) 347-0003.

To visit the two organizations' Web sites, go to www.northvillearts.org and www.tippingpointtheatre.org.

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Permanent makeup artist comes to town

He says practice gaining popularity

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Want a beauty mark like famous model Cindy Crawford?

Jim Burgess can set you up. A permanent makeup artist for 15 years, Burgess, of Northville, is now offering the service at Main Street Massage in the Highland Lakes Plaza on Seven Mile Road east of Northville Road.

A native of Grosse Ile in the Downriver area, he and the massage therapy business owner, Nicole Salesky, grew up together, and they recently met up again.

"She actually graduated with one of my sisters," Burgess said.

Burgess had been in Los Angeles, learning the permanent makeup business, which his family has been involved in for about 25 years, and had returned to Northville.

"It was weird how we found each other," Salesky said. "He found me online and was actually working right around the block from where I was living. I had seen him a couple of times, and he looked familiar, but I didn't know it was him. We finally saw each other and started talking. He eventually came in to look at my shop. It was fate. I'm very excited to have him here."

Salesky also recently had Burgess do permanent makeup on her eyebrows.

Burgess became certified to become a permanent makeup instructor about 18 months ago and wants to start offering classes at Main Street Massage.

"I've done (permanent makeup) work in L.A., and we've traveled all over the country doing trade shows," he said. "I'm looking to be a little more rooted here in Michigan, and there seems to be a demand for a place to get trained in the Midwest."

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His sister, Vanessa Plante (pronounced "plon tay"), who is based in Los Angeles, will fly in to help him teach the classes.

The family actually manufactures the permanent makeup equipment as well.

FORMER POLICE OFFICER

Burgess studied criminal justice in Michigan and was a patrolman for about 12 years for the Detroit Police Department. He did permanent makeup on the side, however, and has always been interested in art.

"All through school, I was in art classes, and I remember winning an art contest through Hallmark when I was about 6 or 7," he said. "As a matter of fact, it was a Mother's Day thing."

"I've always been real artistic. I've always had the drive to have my own business."

As a former law enforcement worker, one of his goals has always been to help people, which he can also do through the application of permanent makeup.

He can do corrective work, such as applying eyebrows on someone who has lost them due to chemotherapy. He's also worked on burn patients and can camouflage scars.

"I can get real creative and have the makeup look like hair strokes," he said.

"This does wonders for people's self-esteem. It's not



A permanent makeup artist for 15 years, Jim Burgess, of Northville, is now offering the service at Main Street Massage in the Highland Lakes Plaza on Seven Mile Road east of Northville Road.

just about beauty."

LIPS, EYES AND MORE

He can do permanent eyebrows, eyeliner, lip liner, fill in lips and those beauty marks.

Burgess is also certified in eyelash extension. "Those last four-six weeks," he said, "and eliminates the need to wear mascara."

As for the cost, a beauty mark costs only about \$75. Eyeliner for upper and lower lids is about \$450. Touch-ups are required about every two-three years. Burgess says the procedure is safe. If a client has sensitive skin, a patch test can be done along the hairline. He uses a numbing

gel, says there's a little discomfort, but nothing unbearable.

Burgess said permanent makeup, also referred to as micropigmentation, is attractive to athletes (who are working up a sweat frequently) and those with busy lifestyles.

He will offer both morning and evening classes and wants to instruct four-five students at a time, with the classes lasting four-five days.

"I'm excited about the school," he said. "A lot of people are taking buyouts and looking for a new trade to get into."

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Gaidica speaks

Detroit television personality Chuck Gaidica will be the special guest speaker at Oak Pointe Church this Father's Day. Gaidica is well known around Michigan for his contagious smile, his weather reports and his hosting of special events. He will be speaking about the importance that faith plays in his



Gaidica

life and, particularly, how the Bible makes a difference in his daily life.

Oak Pointe Church will have Father's Day services on Saturday, June 20 (5:15 p.m.) and Sunday, June 21 (9:15 and 11:15 a.m.). The church is located on the northwest corner of Wixom and Ten Mile roads.

Art In Bloom

Take part in the growing cultural scene downtown as The Northville Art House presents an all-media juried Floral Arts Show. Visitors will enjoy a unique

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For more information, contact Ellen Bennett at info@northvillearts.org or (248) 344-0497.

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PTA Reflections: 2 Northville students earn special honors

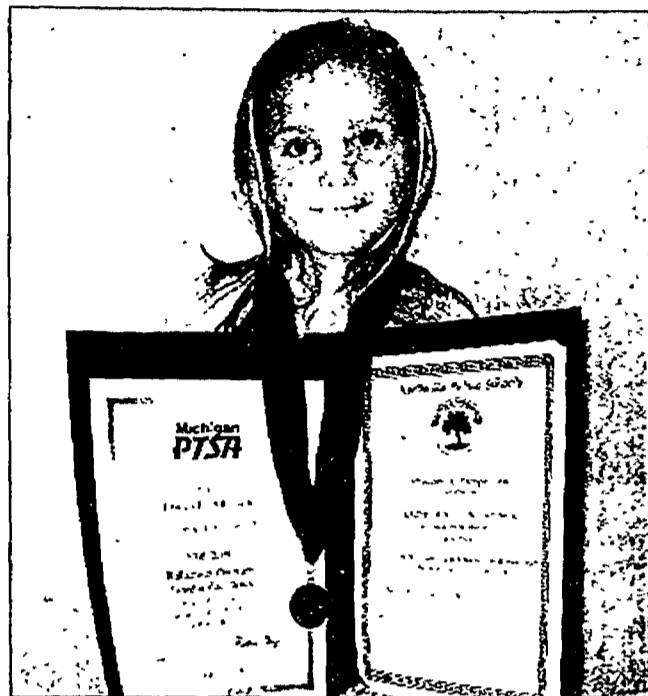
■ Girls from Silver Springs, Amerman recognized

Lauren Atkinson, kindergarten, from Silver Springs Elementary, was selected to receive a National PTA Reflections Program Award of Merit in film/video production. PTA's Reflections Program has encouraged millions of students across the country to explore their artistic talents for fun and recognition for nearly 10 years.

Atkinson will receive a letter and a certificate of participation from the national PTA organization. Her piece, "My Wow Dad" will join other notable awarded pieces in a virtual gallery on PTA's Web site in July.

"As education budgets are being cut and art education along with it, it's important that children still have a way to express themselves," said Jan Harp Domene, National PTA president. "That's why we're proud that PTA's across the country participate in this program to provide an arts education to millions of students. We're excited for Lauren and the prestigious recognition she will receive."

The National PTA will recognize a total of 71 students with Awards of Excellence and 119 students with Awards of Merit across four grade divisions—primary, intermediate, middle/junior, and senior—and six arts categories—dance choreography, film/video production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts. This year's entries



Lauren Atkinson



Maria Kuznetsova

was chosen to receive Michigan's Best of Theme award for her music composition, "Russian Soul." Of all 24 state winners in the music category, Maria's entry was chosen as the one that best

reflected the theme of "Wow!"

Northville Council of PTAs learned that one of Amerman's fifth graders, Maria Kuznetsova, was chosen to receive Michigan's Best of Theme award for her music composition, "Russian Soul." Of all 24 state winners in the music category, Maria's entry was chosen as the one that best

reflected this year's theme of "Wow!" Maria has received a special PTA for this award.

"A very special congratulations to both of these students for each achieving one of the Reflections program's highest honors," comments Sue Laabs, the Northville district Reflections chair. "We are so proud to have a national winner, as well as a state Best of Theme award winner. These students are young and have many years ahead of them to continue to develop their talent."

Please be sure to visit us on the Web at hometownlife.com for more school briefs.

Hillside Middle School

Parents and students of incoming sixth graders should meet in the auditorium for orientation on May 20 at 7 p.m. We will take time to review a typical student day, the alternate day elective schedule, clubs and sports available for sixth graders and areas of the building to be occupied by 6th graders next year. Letters were sent home to 5th grade parents in December which outline important dates.

Winchester Elementary

Congratulations Winchester families! Together, we exceeded our goal of raising \$7,500 for continued improvements to our playground. So far, we have raised over \$8,100.

Meads Mill

Congratulations to all of the Meads Mill Forensic team members who competed in the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association (MIFA) Spring Tournament at Wayne State University on April 25. Our team of 17 competed against more than 600 other contestants from 35 Michigan middle schools.

Special kudos to the following students:

Steven Collareno (8th grade) — won the coveted FIRST PLACE blue ribbon trophy in poetry interpretation.

Halle Bins (7th grade) — won the prized overall 2nd placed trophy in dramatic interpretation.

Chloe Kiple (7th grade) — won a semi-finalist plaque in poetry interpretation.

Sonali Reddy (7th grade) — won a semi-finalist plaque in impromptu.

Other members of the team included 8th graders Maria Siddiqui (duo), Alex Sheremeta

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(duo), Megan Ye (duo), Michelle Song (duo), Deepti Ohri (duo), Christine Joseph (duo), Clare Townsend (impromptu), Lily Chen (impromptu) and Ambareesh Gorle (oratory); 7th graders Erica Halverson (storytelling) and Reema Bzeih (storytelling); and 6th graders Simran Reddy (impromptu) and Patrick Murray (oratory).

Athletic physicals

The Northville High School Athletic Department is working in conjunction with Beaumont Hospital for athletic training services. Along with these services, Beaumont doctors will be doing athletic physicals on June 4 for the 2009-2010 school year. Physicals will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Athletic wing. The cost will be \$20 per physical.

Physicals need to be done on the MHSAA physical form and can be downloaded from the district Web site. Please make sure all information, especially needed signatures by parents and students are filled out.

Senior All Night Party

The Northville High School Class of 2009 Senior All Night Party will be held on Saturday, May 30, from 10:30 p.m. until 4:30 a.m.

• Not sure if you've already bought a Senior All Night ticket? Call Randy Buoy at (248) 344-2240 or e-mail him at buoy761@gmail.com to find out.

• If you haven't bought your ticket, they're still on sale for \$75. Make your check payable to Northville Senior Class Party, put your child's name and T-shirt size in the memo section and drop off the check in the Senior All Night Party mailbox in the NHS office or mail it to Randy Buoy, 16400 Sutters Lane Court, Northville, MI 48168.

• These are tough times for

many of us. If you can't afford a ticket but your child would like to attend the party, please contact NHS Assistant Principal Monty Shambleau at (248) 344-8420. The information will be kept strictly confidential.

• Donations are needed! Due to the economy, donations from businesses are down. Parents, all donations are welcome — cash, gift cards, services, merchandise — get creative! Call Ann Pritchard at 248-449-3014 or Robin Porreca at (248) 465-0237. Names of all donors will be printed in the Northville Record and you'll get a certificate of thanks.

• Permission and Liability Waiver Forms and the Prescription Medication Forms (if needed) MUST be turned in to the NHS office or to Randy Buoy (see address above) or your child CANNOT attend the party.

Forms are available on the NHS Web site at www.northville.k12.mi.us.

• For further Senior All Night Party updates, please sign up for the NHS listserv. Go to the District Web site at www.northville.k12.mi.us then click on District Listserv, then click on the link for available e-mail lists. Fill in your info and then subscribe to both the NHS and NHS Seniors listservs.

Summer Connections

Brochures for Summer Connections are now available for review online at <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/instruction/summerschool.asp>. Copies will also be available at each building by the end of this week. This expanded summer school program is offered at three levels through Elementary Summer Connections, Middle School Summer Connections and High School Summer Connections. Registration began May 11, at which time PaySchools was activated as well.

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Amerman students study Rouge River

Last week, nearly 3,000 students from over 50 Southeast Michigan schools, including Amerman Elementary, conducted chemical tests, examined aquatic life, and surveyed the Rouge River. Every year thousands of students in the Detroit area assess the health of their local streams and rivers through the Rouge Education Project, coordinated by the nonprofit organization Friends of the Rouge. This year's spring monitoring event was one of the largest ever.

Teacher Wendy LaValle's students from Amerman met at Ford Field on May 6.

Students could monitor up to nine different chemical parameters of the river, including pH, dissolved oxygen, phosphorus, nitrates, and fecal coliform bacteria. They collected and identified benthic macroinvertebrates, such as insect larvae that live in the bottom of the river, crayfish and snails. They also completed a physical stream survey, which includes documenting the erosion of stream banks and measuring the velocity of the water.

"The Rouge Education Project provides K-12th grade students with an exceptional opportunity to gain hands on experience in real-world science, learn about their local ecosystem, and form lasting respect for the community in which they live," said Rouge Education Project Program Manager, Emily R. Hughes.

The Rouge Education Project began in 1987. Its mission is to promote awareness and stewardship of the Rouge River watershed through school-based water quality monitoring, investigation and problem solving. In addition to water quality monitoring, students in the project are encouraged to take action to improve the health of the river based on their findings, and to consider how their everyday actions impact their environment.

The data that the students collect are made available to the public on the Friends of the Rouge web site (www.therouge.org) and are provided to communities in the watershed.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEICER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amerman Elementary School student fifth grader Chase Haller takes some notes on the Rouge River at Northville's Ford Field last week. Many local schools visited the Rouge last week to gauge its health and diversity of plants, animals, macroinvertebrates and fish. Amerman's kids were studying the amount of oxygen present in the water and how that affected the quality of insects in the Rouge.

ROUGE RIVER WATERSHED

- The Rouge watershed is approximately 466 square miles in area. (A watershed is the area of land that drains into a river system or network of rivers.)

- All or part of 48 communities is located in the Rouge watershed, which includes parts of Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties. These 48 communities have a combined population of nearly 2.5 million people.

- The Rouge River has a total of 126 river miles and consists of four major branches (the Main, Upper, Middle & Lower) and the Main Stem.

- The Rouge empties into the Detroit River, which is a major source of drinking water for many southeastern Michigan residents.



Amerman Elementary School principal Steven Anderson wades the Rouge River at Northville's Ford Field last week as he helps his students measure the river's depth and velocity. Many local schools visited the Rouge last week to gauge its health and diversity of plants, animals, macroinvertebrates and fish. Amerman's kids were studying the amount of oxygen present in the water and how that affected the quality of insects in the Rouge.



PHOTO BY TRACY BAS

Staff appreciated

Ridge Wood fourth-grade teacher Morgen Salah enjoys a relaxing chair massage, compliments of Nicole Salesky and Kat Djuric from Northville's Main Street Massage. The Ridge Wood PTA capped off the annual Staff Appreciation Week by bringing in massage therapists to pamper the school's teachers and staff members. During the week, staff members also received notes of appreciation and flowers from the students, a Cinco de Mayo-themed luncheon provided by parent volunteers, and heart-shaped bagels from the Ridge Wood PTA.

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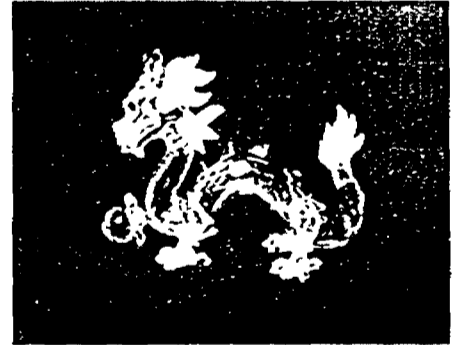
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Attorney cites judge's error in beheading case

The verdict-form blunder by Wayne County Circuit Judge Annette Berry that overturned a manslaughter conviction last month also may affect the murder conviction against Jean Pierre Orlewicz, who was convicted of killing and decapitating a man.

In April, the Michigan Court of Appeals granted a man a new trial after the panel of judges found Berry incorrectly failed to include the words "not guilty" as a choice for a jury verdict in the 2007 trial of Michael Wade.

Now an appellate lawyer

for Orlewicz, who already was fighting for a new trial, contends the judge made the same mistake in the 2008 trial in which the Plymouth Township teen was convicted of first-degree murder.

Attorney Elizabeth Jacobs filed a motion in Wayne County Circuit Court alleging Berry used the same defective verdict form in the Orlewicz case.

Judge Bruce Morrow is to hear the motion on June 19.

Berry could not be reached for comment Monday. Maria Miller, a spokeswoman for the

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, declined comment.

Last year, jurors convicted 18-year-old Orlewicz of luring Daniel Sorensen, 26, to a Canton home on Nov. 7, 2007. Once there, authorities said Orlewicz slit Sorensen's throat and stabbed him 12 times.

Jacobs contends Berry denied trial lawyers the right to fully investigate Orlewicz's mental state. Morrow is to hear those arguments on June 19.

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Indicted Northville lawyer with Bing ties on leave from firm

BY BEN SCHMITT
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

A Detroit attorney, Northville resident and former member of Mayor Dave Bing's crisis turnaround management team who was indicted last week as part of a racketeering indictment against the Highwaymen Motorcycle club is on administrative leave from his law firm.

Tim Attalla, 49, of counsel at the Miller Canfield law firm in Detroit, is on paid leave, Michael Hartmann, the firm's chief executive officer, said today.

Attalla is a defendant in a 35-count racketeering indictment against 74 members or associates of the Highwaymen Motorcycle Club unsealed Thursday by U.S. Attorney Terrence Berg.

Attalla pleaded not guilty Friday in U.S. District Court in Detroit to one count of



Attalla

conspiracy to possess and distribute illegal drugs. His lawyer Thomas Cranmer said he is innocent.

A federal indictment alleges that Attalla assisted defendant Aref (Scarface) Nagi of Sterling Heights by "advising arrested individuals to keep silent regarding Nagi's involvement in the drug conspiracy, by supplying Nagi with a variety of different pills, and by acting as general counsel for the enterprise."

He is charged with one count of conspiracy to possess and distribute illegal drugs.

Attalla is well connected politically. He was just named to Bing's transition team last week and he's served on boards for the state, Dearborn and Wayne County.

Bing released a statement late Thursday, after the indictment, saying Attalla had resigned from the crisis management team.

A member of the Arab American Republican Club, he was appointed by then Gov. John Engler to two four-year terms on the state Civil Rights Commission from 1991 to 1998.

In 2004 he was appointed to the Wayne County Mental Health Board. He has been a trustee of the Children's Hospital of Michigan.

He was appointed to the Dearborn Development Authority in 1999 and served on the city's zoning board of appeals.

As an attorney, he specializes in commercial and international matters, according to the law firm's online profile.

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OBITUARIES

BESSIE M. "BECKY" BAER

Age 94, of Northville, formerly of Ypsilanti, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2009. She was born August 24, 1914 to Ralph Lincoln and Edith Anderson. After her mother's death, Becky, who was age 3, was raised by her Aunt Maude and Uncle Fred Parker. She was united in marriage to Bernard "Bud" Baer on May 10, 1935 and they spent 45 loving years together until his death in 1980. Becky, a 4th cousin of Abraham Lincoln, was a homemaker and also worked doing window dressings for different retail stores in the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor area. A resident of Northville since 2001, she enjoyed her friendships and living at Allen Terrace. She was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Northville and First United Methodist Church of Ypsilanti. Becky loved her family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed needlework and sewing. She was a member of Beyer Hospital Auxiliary and the Women's Study Club in Ypsilanti. Becky leaves to cherish her memory her children; Dennis (Anne) Baer and Debbie (Bill) Lokey, her grandchildren Lauren Lokey, Mikey Lokey, Tina Nadha, Mandy Fisher, Jenny Norviel, Michelle Baer, Cynthia Baer, and Patrick McConnell, and 5 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and 7 brothers and sisters. A Funeral Service was held last Friday at First United Methodist Church of Northville. Dr. Rev. Steven Buck officiated the service. Becky was laid to rest at Washtenaw Memorial Park in Ann Arbor. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to St. John's Hospice, 37650 Garfield, Clinton Twp., MI 48036. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.



HELEN Z. MONDRUSH

Age 101, of Mesa, AZ. Passed away May 16th, 2009 at her sons home in Milford. She was born March 1st, 1908 in Camden, NJ. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Gustave of 61 years, three sisters and two brothers. She is survived by her three children: Doris Jane Kutch, Gustave Jr., and Ronald, nine grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. After obtaining her B.N. degree from Cooper Hospital in Camden, NJ, she moved to West Dearborn to raise her family in 1939. Her nursing was another love, she was Supervisor of nursing personnel at Oakwood Hospital, active in the Red Cross and President of the Dearborn Organization of Registered Nurses. Upon retirement in 1974, she and her husband moved to Mesa, AZ. She was a loving person and actively enjoyed participation in many Nursing Organizations in Arizona. She will be laid to rest at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Philadelphia, PA next to her late husband.

MARK ALLEN SMITH II

Age 31, May 16, 2009. Beloved son of Mark and Debra Smith. Loving brother of Tammy (Dan) Baird and Angela Smith. Dearest uncle of Bryce, Jayden, and Rylan. Dear grandson of Lois Betts (the late Ronald) and the late Otis and Dorothy Smith. Will also be missed by his aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends. Visitation Wednesday 1-6 and 7-9 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Funeral Service Thursday 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Parkview Cemetery.

GRAZIA "GRACE" STRIZACK

Age 86, passed away May 18, 2009. She was born on October 11, 1922 to Cosimo and Adele Fanelli. On August 31, 1955, she married Joseph Strizack in Mexico. She has lived in the Whitmore Lake/Northfield Township area since 1977. Grace is survived by her daughters; Lola Cesini, Luciana (Frank) Lima; grandchildren: Rhea (Mark) Drefts, Donna, Jo Lynn, Alvin, Keith; and great-grandchildren: Allan and Brandon Fletcher, Ladia, Jessica, Jamie, Jason, Megan, Abby; and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph in 1999. Memorial contributions may be made to Livingston Hospice St. Joseph Mercy Home Care, 907 Fowler St., Howell, MI 48843. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

JUANITA TAYLOR

Age 81, of Milford. Passed away at her home in the care of her family on 5-13-09. Funeral Services were held at the Milford Presbyterian Church on 5-16-09, with burial in Roseland Park Cemetery. For further info. visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



MILDRED O. SIBLEY

Age 98, of Milford. Died on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at home after a short illness. Preceded in death by late husbands, Leslie Kunkel (1952) and Arthur "Frank" Sibley (1972); sister, Ethel Frisk and brothers, Cyril (her twin), Gilbert and Robert; son, Richard Kunkel (Milford) Survived by daughter, Dolores Kunkel Castiglione (Milford), granddaughters, Kay (George) Lee of Walled Lake, Kathy (Ron) Collins of Bullhead City, Arizona, Connie (Harry) Lowery of Pontiac, Carla Castiglione of Boca Raton, Florida, Lezley (Brian) Wells of Ashburn, Virginia; great granddaughters, Lynne Lowery of Pontiac and Angela Rodriguez of Boca Raton, Florida, and great great granddaughter, Grace Marker of Pontiac; several nieces and nephews. Mildred was born May 8, 1911 in Redford, Michigan. She married Leslie Kunkel in 1929 and in 1931 they moved to Milford, Michigan where she belonged to several womens and church groups. She married Frank Sibley in 1952 and together they owned Van's Diner on the south side of Milford until it was sold in 1969. Throughout her life she enjoyed gardening, sewing, knitting, crocheting, doing anything with her granddaughters, and cheering on the Red Wings and Tigers. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m. Friends may visit one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made in her name to the Oak Grove Cemetery Fund. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

JAMES E. THIMMES

Age 73, of South Lyon, passed away May 12, 2009. Survived by wife JoAnn. A private family service was held. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Deadlines: 12:00 a.m. for Thursday. Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

City

Attempted larceny

1-Northville police were dispatched to a residence on Dorisa Court on April 30 about an attempted larceny from auto that occurred between 3:30 and 6:30 a.m. April 30.

A 28-year-old woman said that someone had gone into her vehicle sometime overnight and gone through the vehicle's contents, but that nothing was missing.

She said that the vehicle had been parked in the driveway since about 2:30 p.m. the day before and that her husband had come home from his second job at about 3:30 a.m. the next morning and noticed that the driver's side door was cracked open, at which time he noticed that someone had gone through the vehicle.

The vehicle's battery was dead, most likely due to the interior lights being on overnight because the door had been left open.

The woman had left the car keys in the ignition, but they were still in the vehicle. Whoever got into the vehicle also did not take a gold colored ring lying on the passenger seat.

Neighbor's vehicle disturbed

2-While the officer was speaking to the woman on Dorisa Court at 7:44 a.m. on April 30, another resident on the same street came over to tell the officer that when her husband had left for work that morning that he had also noticed that someone had gone into his vehicle and rifled through property, but nothing was missing. The officer advised the neighbor to have her husband contact dispatch when he returned home so that an officer could come out and take the report from him.

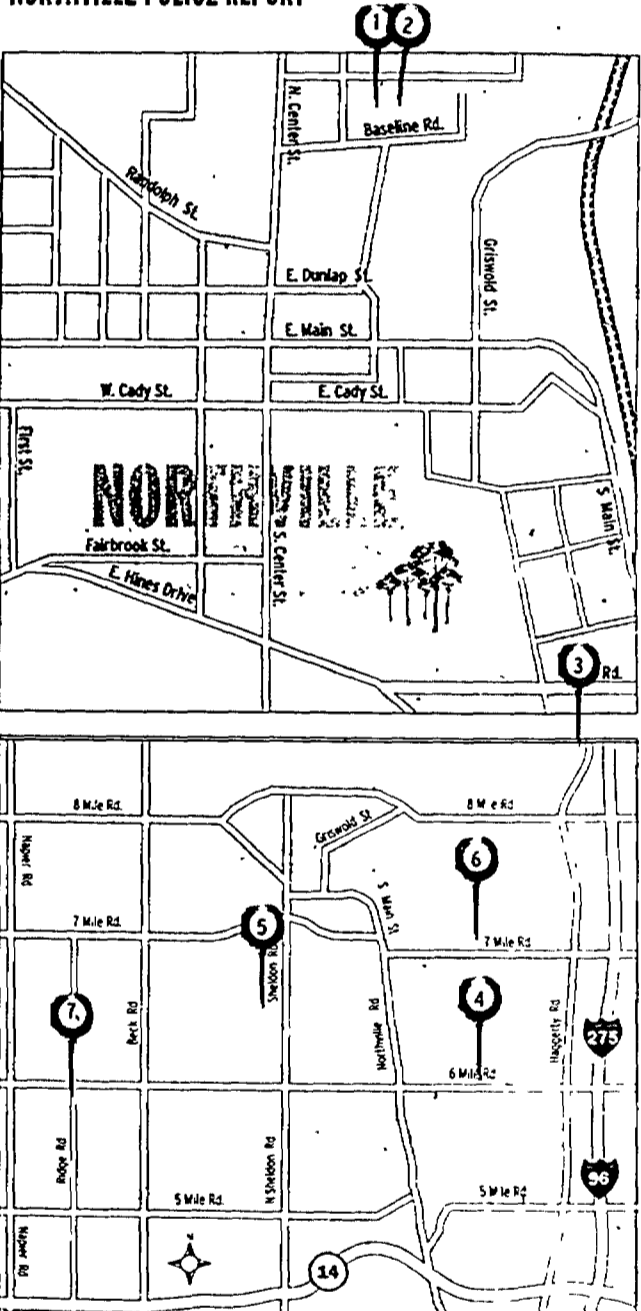
Township

3-Northville Township police arrested at 58-year-old Northville Township man for shoplifting a package of Starbucks coffee at 5:25 p.m. April 28 at Hiller's Market at 15455 Haggerty Road.

A loss prevention agent for the grocery store said he observed the suspect carrying the package of coffee go between two displays, and he could tell he was hiding something.

When the man came out from the displays, he was no

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longer carrying the coffee.

The Breakfast Blend coffee was valued at \$10.99.

Sprinkler device stolen
4-A 69-year-old resident of Appleby Lane reported that someone stole a sprinkler control device with two valves from Northville Colony subdivision between noon Feb. 1 and 4 p.m. April 29.

The device was located at the entrance to subdivision off of Six Mile Road and White Haven.

The complainant, vice president of Northville Colony Association, said the device was valued at \$300.

Malicious destruction
5-A 64-year-old resident of Thornapple Lane reported that between 9 a.m. April 23 and 8:30 p.m. April 30 someone knocked down his wooden mailbox.

The wooden mailbox was valued at \$150.

Theft from vehicle
6-Police responded to a complaint from a 30-year-old resident of Northridge Drive, who reported that all four wheels had been stolen from her vehicle between 7:30 p.m. April 30 and 9 a.m. May 1.

The vehicle had been parked under her carport, and she found her vehicle up on blocks.

The wheels, rims and tires were valued at \$2,000.

Strip mall hit twice
7-Three stores at the Ridge Wood Plaza at the southwest corner of Six Mile and Ridge roads have been hit with break-ins in the last few weeks. The break-ins occurred on April 24 and May 6, with an undisclosed amount of cash being taken from Royal Nails at 16951 Ridge Road, Fantastic Sam's at 16959 Ridge Road and Best Cleaner at 16967 Ridge Road.

Northville Township police said thieves pried the doors open in the break-ins.



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Vernors history comes to life at Northville library

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

For about 30 years, Keith Wunderlich has been on the lookout for Vernors memorabilia.

"I call it a hobby," the Troy resident said during a May 13 program at the Northville District Library. "My wife calls it an obsession."

Wunderlich, an administrator for the L'Anse Creuse schools, told about 75 listeners he doesn't own the Miss Vernors hydroplane: "Again, I tell my wife I don't have this."

He founded a club for Vernors collectors and wrote a book, "Vernors Ginger Ale," published in 2008 as part of Arcadia Publishing's "Image of America" series.

The author and historian kept his audience paying close attention and asking questions at his Wednesday presentation, bringing items from his basement collection including signs, buttons, a plate, bottle openers and more. The evening ended with Boston coolers.

"I just like it," Wunderlich said of his interest. "I like Detroit history."

He's interested in companies like Faygo and Better Made chips, although most of his collection is Vernors. He started collecting when he found Vernors deposit bottles in his parents' garage.

"They couldn't throw them out, of course, because they were worth money."

His oldest item is a business card from 1875-80. The company's roots go back to the Civil War.

James Vernor was a delivery boy for a Detroit drugstore who experimented with ginger ale.

"Everything he developed was so powerful no one would want to drink it," Wunderlich said.

Vernor was in the Union Army in a medical unit in the Civil War. After the war, he opened his own pharmacy and florist shop at 235 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

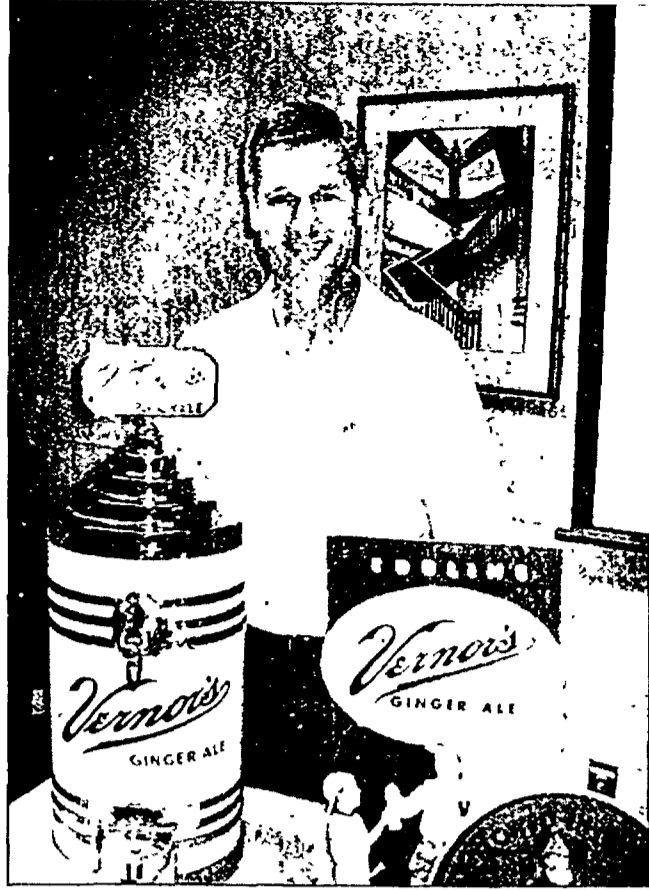
"There are lots of other things to buy, too," he said of a photo of the store, much like modern drugstores.

Vernor's store was in the Grand Circus Park area, then considered too far north of downtown for a good business. He formed the Michigan Board of Pharmacy, out of concern for better druggist standards, and held license No. 1.

Vernor opened an oak barrel of ginger ale he'd created before the war.

"It was perfect," said Wunderlich. "It was still a strong drink."

The druggist expanded his business by selling extract; the cost seemed a bit high for the time, but Wunderlich said a gal-



Keith Wunderlich spoke recently at the Northville District Library on the history of Vernors, bringing part of his collection of memorabilia.

lon would make 355 cases of the pop.

Soda jerks, a term of endearment, served pop then, with Vernors among those that didn't start as a medicine. It's the oldest continuously produced pop in the U.S.

"It's a great history and a great product out of Detroit," said Wunderlich, showing a slide of early Detroit from the Canadian side with the Vernors factory and sign dominating.

In 1896, a heavy bottle was developed to hold Vernors with a wired-on cap. Son James Vernor II came into the business, which moved downtown on Woodward south of Jefferson.

Wunderlich recalled his parents going out for Vernors in the 1940s.

"From the looks of it, it must have been a great night out," he said.

The original had a cork to keep carbonation in. "It's a secret formula," the speaker said, noting it includes ginger from Jamaica. "There are 19 ingredients." James Vernor V has the

formula, but doesn't share it.

The product was advertised as "Detroit's Drink," and earlier ads weren't all the yellow and green of today. The plant had grown to a city block by the time of World War II.

James Sr. died in 1927. "He worked until the day he died and he was president until he died," Wunderlich said. His son experimented with mixers which were only on the market a few years.

"About 1920, the gnome began," replacing a delivery boy in Vernors ads. "If you notice, the gnome really changes quite a bit. He was all over the place."

There were even live gnomes featured in the Detroit Thanksgiving parade with a log-type float. Wunderlich showed buildings specializing in serving Vernors (the apostrophe in the original name disappeared in the late 1950s). "Not really as spectacular as Detroit, this is Toledo." The drink was also popular in Buffalo, N.Y.

The company was a leader in integration of its workforce, he said, and was good to employ-

ees, many staying for decades. Heir James Vernor IV didn't become company president. The city asked the company to move to accommodate riverfront plans, with the new plant costing \$5 million.

In 1954, a recently remarried James II died. "His new wife took the company to the cleaners," Wunderlich said.

In 1957, James III died at age 39, beset by personal problems. "The company is bleeding money by the late 1950s." Stock was sold, and the business eventually left family hands; it's had a series of owners since.

Wunderlich said the change to corn syrup from sugar, along with inferior containers, means Vernors doesn't taste as many remember. Early ads for Vernors emphasized it as healthful, and customers were admonished not to use ice.

LOCALS REMEMBER

"We have fond memories of Detroit and Vernors," said Julie Herrin, Northville's library director, who introduced the speaker. She remembers getting Vernors as a girl.

"They gave it to me every time I was sick," Herrin said.

Listening attentively was Mary Long of South Lyon, whose 840-square-foot home includes Vernors memorabilia.

"I decided to decorate my bathroom" with a Vernors theme, she said. She's got bottles, a soda jerk hat, a gnome, and a long-handled ice cream spoon. There's a crate with wheels from Vernors, and Long has a set of mugs.

"I remember just being so fascinated watching it being bottled," said Long, who grew up in what's now Farmington Hills. She liked the "tickle in my nose."

"We'd heat it in the winter and drink it hot and make Boston coolers in the summer," said Long, among those who had Wunderlich's book autographed that evening.

Wunderlich formed a club, which includes a quarterly newsletter. You can Google "Vernor's Club" or send e-mail to vernorsclub@yahoo.com.



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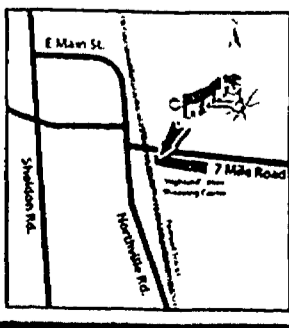
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NEIGHBORS



Northville's newest Eagle Scouts (l to r): Brandon Stapp, Ryan Obarzanek, Ryan Gage and Patrick Buckley.

Four Scouts earn their wings

Boy Scouts of America Troop 777 announced Boy Scouts Patrick Buckley, Ryan Gage, Ryan Obarzanek and Brandon Stapp all received the rank of Eagle Scout in a ceremony at Our Lady of Victory church in Northville on May 16.

"Our troop is very proud of all four boys achieving their Eagle Scout rank," said Troop 777 Scoutmaster Dave Rabahy. "They have all shown great tenacity and leadership in achieving this goal during their senior year of High School."

The four will join the other Eagle Scouts from Troop 777, and other leaders who have earned the rank of Eagle such as Astronauts John Glenn, Jim Lovell and Frank Borman, and President Gerald R. Ford.

To achieve the rank of Eagle,

each Scout must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, and lead a civic minded project known as the Eagle Project. Each project involves a minimum of 120 hours of work and is conceived, led and organized by the Scout.

The Eagle Projects led by these young men benefited students, hospital patients, homeless in Detroit, and needy senior citizens.

Patrick Buckley - Refurbished Courtyard at St. Mary's: Patrick, now 19 and attending University of Michigan, raised money to pay for, and led a team of adult and young volunteers, to refurbish a courtyard at the student dormitory area at St. Mary's Preparatory High School complete with new trees, shrub-

bery, and statue of Mary.

Ryan Gage - Winter Coats for the Homeless: Ryan, now 18 and attending Southern Methodist University in Dallas, collected 330 new and gently used winter coats for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Detroit where the coats were distributed to the poor and homeless of southeastern Michigan.

Ryan Obarzanek - Ryan, now 18 and attending Michigan State University, organized 16 volunteers to collect and distribute nonperishable foods for the needy seniors of the St. Aloysius Church and Outreach Center. This project took over 131 hours including planning, collecting and packaging the food, and delivering it to the needy seniors.

Brandon Stapp - Blankets for Children's Hospital:

Brandon, now 19 and attending Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, benefited the Children's Hospital of Detroit Clothes Closet by raising money and organizing over 30 volunteers to purchase material and create 120 fleece blankets of various sizes which were given to young patients at the hospital. "The blankets are an enormous comfort to kids in the hospital, and makes their stay a little less stressful by having a soft blanket as a keep-sake," said Brandon.

About BSA Troop 777: Troop 777 chartered to the First United Methodist Church of Northville and meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. during the school calendar.

NORTHVILLE BIRTH

Jack T. Langan
Brian and Emily Langan, currently of West Chester, Ohio, announce the birth of their son Jack Thomas, born April 10, 2009.

Jack joins his brother Mike. Grandparents are Dick and Vicki Gibson of Northville, and Dan and Nancy Langan of Louisville, Kentucky.



NORTHVILLE NAMES IN THE NEWS

Volunteers honored for Girl Scouts work

Natalie Anderson-Theisen received the Thanks Badge, the highest adult recognition in Girl Scouting, for outstanding service benefiting the entire council.

Tracy Bins and Lindell Juergens received the Honor Pin for their outstanding service. Kim Eberhart, Chris Kowalezyk and Ann Schneider received the Appreciation Pin for outstanding service. All are from Northville, except Anderson-Theisen (Plymouth) and Juergens (South Lyon).

Natalie Anderson-Theisen created the Cadette Connection, a way for girls entering middle school to be linked into Girl Scout Cadette troops. Her efforts have produced more than 20 troops serving 240 girls in the Plymouth/Canton Cadette/Senior Service Unit. She is also active with the "Stepping Out for a New Beginning" Walk and with educating new leaders for elementary school troops.

Tracy Bins organized the Northville Health and Fitness Expo as well as game nights and school beautification projects for Ridge Wood Cluster in Northville. She also championed the "Inchworm of Service" project, in which Girl Scouts from all age levels participate in community service.

Lindell (Lindy) Juergens took

the initiative to open a Girl Scout Cookie Cupboard in South Lyon four years ago. Her leadership as cookie cupboard manager has made the cookie sale run more smoothly for 56 troops and 650 girls in the South Lyon Service Unit.

Kim Eberhart organized special events for Girl Scouts in Northville, including the Juliette Low Birthday Party, Girl Scout Thinking Day and the Leader Mixer. She was also instrumental in the Girl Scout Honor Troop program and with Girl Scout displays at the Northville District Library.

Chris Kowalezyk has been integral to the Northville Service Unit's participation in the Northville's Holiday Light Parade, the Silver Spring Mother/Daughter Banquet, the Girl Scout Thinking Day event and the all-Northville Campout, involving 300 girls. She also maintains the cluster's web site.

Ann Schneider was honored for her work as Northville Girl Scout Cookie Manager for the past two years, as well as troop leader, troop services director and service unit manager. She also maintains Northville's Cadette/Senior camping trailer.

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan was formed October 1, 2009, as a merger of five Girl Scout councils in Ann Arbor, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Saginaw.

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OUR VIEWS

A toast to council's liquor license vote

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. It's a cliché for a reason — it's true. Thankfully, at least six of the seven Northville City Council members eventually realized that Monday night when they voted to approve a tavern license for Simply Wine.

The on-premise license became available when MacKinnon's restaurant closed and is the city's only one left (one license per every 1,500 people is the quota). Maria Vasseliou and Laura McQueen applied for it as a tavern license, allowing them to serve wine in their shop at 109 N. Center. It's not a bar, and they don't intend to operate as one. It's to be able to offer customers a sample.

We had heard through the grapevine that council might not approve the license for Simply Wine because some members wanted to save it to possibly attract a future business downtown.

Retention, at this point, is more important than attraction.

"Once it's gone, it's gone," Police Chief Gary Goss said, referring to the city's last available on-premise liquor license.

We could say the same thing about Simply Wine if the owners aren't given every opportunity to succeed.

Now it's up to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to give final approval; we're pleased that our city council members gave theirs. And we're equally impressed at the support Simply Wine customers showed.

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Do you think the Red Wings will win the Stanley Cup again this year?



"I definitely hope so. They're our hometown team, and they've come this far."

- Tim O'Callaghan



"Absolutely! They just have better talent, and the experience, than whoever they're playing against."

- Pete Talbot



"Yes, of course! I don't even watch hockey, but I know they've been doing well all along."

- Andrea Burch



"How can a guy say anything but 'yes' to that one? Once they got by the Ducks, I'm feeling a lot better about things."

- Ken Roth

LETTERS

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Cheers for watchdog

Three cheers to the one-person fiscal responsibility crew, Nancy Darga. In the May 7 Northville Record, Ms. Darga questioned the fairness in imposing a 1-percent administration fee on taxpayers this next fiscal year. Then she showed concern over the amount in the proposed budget for downtown flowers (\$30,000 for petunias, as she described it). Lastly she was concerned about using taxpayer money for redos to the Town Square project.

It seems to me that Ms. Darga looks at these expenditures like she would if she were spending her own money on the projects, not like if someone else was spending her money. For that watchdog approach to the public coffers, I think she deserves three cheers. Thanks, Nancy.

Mike Ladwig
owner, Northville UPS Store

Schools' budget info

As you are most likely aware, school districts across the state of Michigan are experiencing extraordinary budgetary challenges, and the state budget picture is not expected to improve. The predominant source of revenue (90+ percent) for the Northville Public Schools is the per pupil foundation amount established by the state each year. At best, the state will provide school districts with the same foundation allowance in 2009-10 that they received in 2008-09.

At the same time, our rate of growth in enrollment has slowed considerably over the past several years. We are fortunate to be one of the few districts in Michigan experiencing any growth in student enrollment, our projected increase in enrollment for 2009-10 is just 25 to 50 students compared to an increase of 90 students in 2008-09.

Taking these factors into account, Northville Public Schools has a projected shortfall of approximately \$1 million for the 2009-10 budget. This budget projection is based on the same number of employees, adjusted for retirees and estimated salary and benefit increases, and totals about \$2 million in increased expenses over the 2008-09 budget. These increased expenses are partially offset by the anticipated increase in enrollment, assuming no new teachers are added to accommodate the additional students.

Over the past several years of strategic budgetary planning — targeted away from the classroom to the extent possible — we have saved money through shared purchasing and implementation of energy conservation measures. We have benefited from the support of local PTAs and the Northville Mothers' Club who have provided funding for needed materials. Additionally, custodial staff has been reduced, supply budgets cut, and reductions in support staff have been made over time.

We know that the ability to use ARRA (federal stimulus) funds to save positions or provide general education funding for the school district is highly unlikely. Instead, federal stimulus monies must be expended within very specific guidelines (i.e. at-risk funding, special education funding, closing achievement gaps, etc.) This funding, for example, cannot be used to purchase textbooks or instructional materials for general education or to offset general budget shortfalls.

Accordingly, the Northville Board of Education and district officials have begun the very difficult task of considering potential areas for budget reduction and evaluating the feasibility and impact of potential reductions for the 2009-10 school year. Given the budgetary concerns and the unpredictable nature of growth in student enrollment, we are proceeding very cautiously with staffing levels, while at the same time exploring other areas for potential reduction to achieve a balanced budget. Yet, even with this more conservative approach to staffing, we are fortunate that average class size in Northville will

likely continue to be lower than in the vast majority of districts in our state.

As required by state law, the school district must adopt a balanced 2009-10 budget by June 30, 2009. The timeline for the budget planning process is as follows:

- Tuesday, May 26, 2009, General Budget Overview/Presentation, during Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Amerman Elementary School

- Tuesday, June 2, 2009, Board of Education — Finance Subcommittee Meeting, 7 p.m. in Room 302, Board of Education Offices, 501 W. Main St.

- Tuesday, June 9, 2009, Public Hearing — Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Old Village School

- Tuesday, June 23, 2009, Budget Adoption during Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Old Village School

Please know that I understand the level of concern that this unpredictability causes for staff, students, parents and community members. I hope that you will join us as we move forward to consider the input from various stakeholders.

I welcome your comments and suggestions. I appreciate your patience during this difficult process and your trust that the Northville Public Schools' Board of Education and administration will maintain our priority to provide the best possible learning environment for students.

Leonard R. Rezmierski, Ph.D.
superintendent

Tipping Point's a jewel

I write to send kudos to Northville's Tipping Point Theatre for consistently bringing outstanding live theater, at an affordable price, to our community.

Its current production, "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged," is again a superb professional effort by its three cast members, Aral Gribble, Kevin Young and Keith Kalinowski. Their comedic timing and body language, while deftly executing a brilliantly funny script, gives new meaning to the word "hilarious." Thank you, Tipping Point, for bringing terrific plays and terrific actors to our community.

Indeed, our community needs to be aware of this jewel in our midst and support it to ensure its survival.

Mary Anne Heinrich
Livonia

What happens in Lansing impacts us locally

The time for change is now. As Michigan's "who's who" of political, government, civic, business and philanthropic leaders gather for the annual soiree on Mackinac Island (also known as the Detroit Regional Chamber Mackinac Policy Conference), they should steal a page from President Obama and push to take the state government into the equivalent of a "quick rinse bankruptcy." There is a clear need for bold, decisive, imaginative action that has been lacking to date.

THREE TRUTHS

What we once had in Michigan is gone.

This is our new reality.

What we make of this new reality is up to us.

Michigan needs to realign, reorganize and restructure every aspect of government functions from local municipalities to schools and universities, as well as the state, to meet this new reality.

The foundation of our state, which has been the domestic auto industry, its suppliers and other businesses



Tom Watkins

dependent on their operations, provides the base tax support for government at all levels. This foundation has deteriorated as badly as our roads.

While some domestic car companies and suppliers will survive and rebuild, they will only be a shadow of their former selves and anemic in regard to jobs created and tax revenue paid. The results of the cascading auto decline has resulted in the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs, created holes in local and state tax bases, and will eliminate local community icons — our auto dealers. This is sending an economic shock wave across the state and country.

But let's be real clear — our state's economic woes were here long before the domestic auto decline was forced into high gear.

PAST TIME TO ACCEPT REALITY

Our state leaders have been bobbing and weaving like Muhammad

COMMENTARY

Ali for several years in an attempt to deny this new reality. Well, to paraphrase the champ, "We used to float like a butterfly, and now we have been stung like a bee."

The irony is the state has used its powers, appropriately so, to swoop in and take over the finances of cities such as Flint, Pontiac and Highland Park, as well as the Inkster and Detroit Public Schools. All have had an Emergency Financial Manager appointed by governors so they will make the tough, short- and long-term financial decisions to "fix" broken systems. Excuse me, but this sounds like the same problems we have at the state level.

Typically, local politics immobilize elected officials from making necessary, albeit hard, choices. After all, there is no constituency for change in the public sector. Yet there is an all powerful constituency to protect the status quo.

This same phenomenon is exponentially compounded by the rarified

air in our state capitol.

Sure, like the auto industry, it would have been better if our term-limited, elected leaders had made wiser, more strategic and different decisions years ago to address the structural budget problems. They did not and, as a result, this is our new reality.

Michigan is now forced to deal with the financial mess lapping at our shores.

RESULTS MATTER

So, Mackinac policy attendees, between the networking and golf, put these three topics on your agenda:

- 1 — The concept of a quick rinse bankruptcy for state government. Dump "toxic assets," saving the essential basic government services as a foundation to build a better future.

- 2 — Find a way, figuratively or literally, to appoint an "Emergency Financial Manager" to make the anguishing but necessary changes for the state.

- 3 — Create an entrepreneurial government, intent on designing new workable solutions, as they challenge the old ones and create social value.

The people of Michigan are fed up with partisanship that has stood in the way of progress. We expect action, change and progress.

Now is the time, not simply to cut government, but to reimagine and restructure our state in ways that are not just about surviving but thriving in the hyper-competitive, disruptive, global, knowledge economy. The massive and necessary budget cuts will actually be easy in comparison.

As the Mackinac conference comes to an end, let's hope the leaders and participants will check the bottom of their shoes and not bring any "souvenirs" back — but rather an action plan, or better yet, action to address the crisis in our state.

We need to imagine the "Next Michigan" and displace the status quo — and we need to do so with a great sense of urgency!

Tom Watkins served the citizens of Michigan as state superintendent of schools, 2001-05, state mental health director, 1986-90, and as an elected member of the Wayne County Charter Commission, 1980-82. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

How to achieve your goals



Martha D. Adamson

It is important to set short and long range goals while you are conducting your job search, and later on, for your life planning. Without goals, your decisions and actions can be aimless, counterproductive or insufficient to reach your goals.

LONG-RANGE GOALS

Begin with your long-range goals. Create a timeline on a large piece of paper - for example, an 18" by 24" sheet of blank newsprint (you can get this at an art or office supply store) and record your goals opposite the time period within which you wish to achieve each one. For example, if you wish to buy your first house within five years from today, record that goal opposite the Five Year mark. Record all of your long-range goals on the timeline.

SHORT-TERM GOALS

Next, on the timeline, identify the long-range goals which you wish to achieve within the next five years. Prioritize them in terms of importance and when you wish to achieve them. Number them in priority order. Go to the goals within the next five year period and do the same. Continue through all your goals.

SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES

Beginning with your first prioritized goal, brainstorm steps you think you can take to achieve that goal. Don't worry about timing, resources, or other practical matters yet. Just do a "brain dump" to create a huge list of possible ways you can achieve that goal. This is a good exercise to share with other important people in your life to get different ideas and perspectives. Record your ideas on a separate piece of paper. You might want to use another sheet of blank newsprint paper that is large enough to hold all of your ideas in one spot.

After you have recorded all the possibilities, go over your list and circle or highlight the steps which

YOUR NEXT JOB

you realistically can accomplish. Then, transfer those steps in time order to your original timeline. These are your objectives.

Do this activity for each of your first five long-term goals. Add their short-term steps to the same timeline in order to see where they overlap in time and importance. You might like to record each group of short term goals in a different color to keep the long term perspective in mind.

STEP BY STEP EXECUTION

Now, the most important part of the process is to BEGIN! "Just do it!" as Nike ads tell us. In other words, transfer your short-term goals to your personal planning system. Then take action on them. Start the process.

PERIODIC CHECKPOINTS

Review your short term goals and objectives weekly. Make adjustments to your activities as necessary to stay on track and overcome obstacle. At least twice a year, review your goals and objectives to monitor how you are doing in achieving them. Make adjustments to your plans as necessary to account for life changes.

You can reach your goals if you hold yourself accountable and keep them in focus.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Some obstacles will inevitably obstruct your march toward your goals. Some will be expected, some unexpected, and some will be self-imposed. For those that come from outside of you, use the brainstorming approach to find ways over, around or through the obstacles. Employ the creativity of others to help you think of solutions.

Self-imposed obstacles require different tactics. Some common self-generated obstacles that can impede your progress are:

FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN

Ask yourself - what is the worst that can happen if I take this step? Write down your answers. Usually, once you see the worst possibilities on paper, you can

begin to find solutions, or realize that the consequence is not very important.

PROCRASTINATION

Ask yourself - why am I procrastinating? If there is a legitimate negative outcome that could result from your taking action, pay attention to it and delay the action until you can come up with a different approach which has a better chance of success. If, however, you find you are procrastinating due to unwarranted fears, or simply out of laziness, JUST DO IT! Action will take care of the problem.

FEAR OF FAILURE, SELF-DOUBT

This is really a "Fear of the Unknown" issue. Ask yourself "What is the worst that can happen if I take this step? If you fear that you will fail, ask yourself, "What can I learn about myself and this issue if I try it? What will happen to me if I fail?" If you have an unrealistic attitude about yourself that will not allow you to fail, you will not be able to move forward in life. We often learn more from our failures than from our successes. Unfortunately, we are often rewarded for success and punished for failure. You will reach greater heights and achievements if you take risks and reach high for your dreams. Remember the old adage, "If you fail and don't succeed, try, try, again."

SECOND GUESSING

Do you feel that you don't deserve success, or that your successes do not compare with those of others? Keep your eye on your mission. Let that be your compass. Don't fall into the trap of being envious of others. They are on a different path, heading on a different journey on which you may not wish to venture.

INERTIA

Sometimes, the comfortable sameness and reliability of our current situation makes it difficult to interject change. Tell yourself "In five years, if I take this first step, I will have accomplished this goal. If I do not take this first step, I will be stuck right where I am now." Time will pass

regardless of whether you take action on your goals. You are choosing to move forward or to remain in the same rut.

TIME & FINANCES

Good time and financial management means setting priorities and making choices. You must make your objectives rise in importance in your daily life to achieve your objectives.

LIFE'S DETOURS, SURPRISES

Don't make the mistake of focusing so intently on your short term goals that you lose sight of your long term goals and mission. When life delivers it's detours and surprises, examine what is occurring in terms of your overall mission and long range goals, and adjust your short-term activity if necessary.

Stephen Covey refers to this in his book "First Things First" as being "governed by your internal compass, not a clock." He gives the example of his daughter, whose new baby was consuming her time and attention, while she was concerned about accomplishing her other responsibilities and goals. Covey advised her to take care of her baby and herself for a few weeks, and focus her attention on the present, in spite of its current feeling of unbalance.

Sometimes you will be thrown off course by expected or unexpected events in your life. When this happens, if you return to your values and your mission, they will give you a framework within which to re-order your priorities. A short-term distraction or detour will not cause you to lose your way to your goals. In fact, it may present you with a new opportunity or path that you hadn't anticipated before.

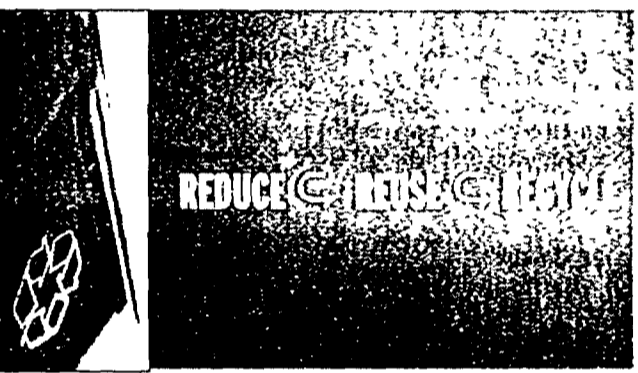
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Every Thursday

Pat Devulder begins to haul in her flowering plants after last week's Northville Farmers' Market wraps up around 3 p.m. The market will be in operation every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through October. Devulders owns a farm in Grass Lake, Mich.



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Although the late, great playwright may be rolling over in his grave after each performance, "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" offers audience members a wild ride.

REVIEW

Written by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess

Winfield and directed by Tony Caselli, the play is a comedy performed at breakneck speed by three actors who are definitely up for the challenge.

With daredevil speed and precision, Aral Gribble, Kevin T. Young and Keith Kalinowski bring the entire Shakespeare canon to the stage - yes, all 37 plays in 97 minutes!

Audience members should be prepared to laugh until everything hurts as the three zoom forwards, backwards (literally) and upside down through some of the greatest plays ever written in the English language.

"The Complete Works..." ran for 10 years on London's West End and was called "witty and wonderful" by the Chicago Tribune.

Due to an unforeseen circumstance, Kalinowski took over the role originally slated to be played by Laurel Hufano.

Kalinowski, a Wayne State University graduate who lives in Ann Arbor, is excited to be making this Tipping Point Theatre debut with this performance.

Some of his recent credits include Jumbo in "Panache" at the Williamston Theatre; "Dr. Seward's Dracula" at Planet Ant; "The Lah-Dee-Dah Revue," at The Henry Ford; "Porgy & Bess" at the Detroit Opera House; and, most recently, "All Childish Things," at the Boars Head Theatre.

I have never seen three actors work so hard in any performance to the point that they were literally dripping wet. No wonder the air conditioning had to be cranked during the performances. I would suggest attendees dress warm and bring a sweater or jacket.

Although funny and well-performed by the three, the performance is SO fast-paced that it's a little disconcerting at times, or at the very least exhausting.

But, what can you do when you have less than two hours to perform at least the basic plots of 37 Shakespearean plays?

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How the three remembered all of the lines is beyond me. They have the most amazing memories.



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EXTENSION

Downtown Northville's Tipping Point Theatre's current production of the comedy "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" has been extended through June 7. The additional performances on the expanded showing will be at 8 p.m. on June 4, 5 and 6, plus a 2 p.m. on June 7. The play was to end by the end of May.

Tickets for this co-production between Tipping Point and Williamston theatres are available by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003. Box office hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday - Friday, noon - 5 p.m. Saturday and 90 minutes prior to all performances. Ticket prices range from \$18 to \$28.

The play is also quite physical, with lots of jumping, rolling on the stage, climbing and costume changes.

Can you see why they were sweating so much? It takes an energetic and dedicated cast to want to commit such a script. I can't even imagine how much fun they must have had during rehearsals.

My hat's off to Gribble, Young and Kalinowski for rising to the occasion in this raucous romp of a play.

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WEDDING

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"Marie, the daughter of Richard Ambler, my very best friend from high school, who calls me 'Uncle Dave' and Linda 'Momma Langston,' knew Linda was throwing a singles party and insisted that she invite me," David Marino said.

"I had heard about Linda through Marie and Sarah Ambler, so I was very interested in going to her party, meeting her and getting to know her. It was, for me, love at first sight. I walked in and said, 'I think this woman's in trouble.' I stayed until 3 a.m. to help her clean up after the party. We've practically been together ever since."

RINGS AND THINGS

Her engagement ring and his wedding band came from Orin Jewelers in Northville; her bridal dress came from Elizabeth's Bridal. Kara Purtell, who grew up in Northville and started her business in Northville, did the photography. Her business is now based in Grand Rapids.

Their engagement party and reception both took place at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant on Main Street.

They had their hair done at Utopia Salon & Spa, and Linda had her nails done at Northville Nail Boutique, also both on Main Street.

Mary Toriglia, who does a lot of work for Genitti's, did the flowers for the wedding.

"Everything went really well," Linda said.

Starring "The Gallery," on

Main Street, had a Northville artist make Linda a beautiful necklace for the wedding.

The rehearsal dinner was at their home, but they used a local caterer, Sue Baker, who lives in Northville.

"I've lived in Northville for so long that I always try to use Northville businesses," Linda Marino said. "It's our community, and that's what I like to try to do anytime I can do it. It worked out certainly well for us. That's always the first place I look, and if I can do it here, I do it here. We were just lucky that all of the services we needed were perfect."

Linda said the merchants all did a great job on their wedding.

"They were all great people to work with, and they really went above and beyond," she said.

The Marinos don't have any honeymoon plans just yet, but Linda's son, Northville High School graduate and football standout Brandon Langston, is a professional football player in Germany, so they will be traveling to Germany to visit him in September.

GROOM'S COMMENTS

David Marino, co-owner of Vision Computer Solutions on North Center Street in downtown Northville, has lived in Northville since 1964. He loved his custom tuxedo from Alexander's on West Main Street.

"It was nice of them to support the local townspeople and to shop Northville first," said owner Alexander Hamka. Marino's tuxedo was a black,

European-style, two-button design with side vents and satin lapels. "It's something that will be in style forever."

"It is very classic and very nice," David Marino said.

Why did he think it was important to "shop Northville"?

"I think we all have to make conscious decisions how we're going to improve the economy. All of us can make a difference in what's going to happen over the next couple of years. I truly believe one of the activities that will help us out is if we start spending our money locally," he said.

"If everybody does it, I think it will have an effect on our local economy. It can grow from there."

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LICENSE

FROM PAGE A1

More than 25 people came to voice their opinion on the matter, which council members approved in a 6-1 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Allen voted no on the issue.

The business, which opened in November 2007, is co-owned by Maria Vasselou and Laura McQueen. The two paid \$250 for a tavern license, an on-premise liquor license, which obviously allows the women to serve wine at the shop, not just sell it.

The problem, explained by Northville Chief of Police Gary Goss, was that the city of Northville had only one on-premise liquor license available after MacKinnon's Restaurant went out of business more than a year ago.

Since there was no activity on that Class C liquor license, the license was terminated, giving the city an additional quota license. Cities are allowed one on-premise liquor license per every 1,500 people.

Whether it's used as a tavern license, which allows the business to only serve wine or beer, or a full Class C liquor license, which means liquor can be served and a dance permit can be applied for, doesn't matter. The city still only had one on-premise license left as far as the Michigan Liquor Control Commission is concerned, after the MacKinnon's license was terminated.

Several council members argued that the on-premise license should be reserved for future economic development — for a new restaurant or bar that might want to come into town.

"Once it's gone, it's gone," Goss said, referring to the city's last available on-premise liquor license.

But, Vasselou made the point that when she checked the Wayne County Web site, about 350 Class C liquor licenses are currently available for purchase. The problem with purchasing a Class C license, however, is that the cost can range from \$10,000-\$18,000 or more, depending on the seller's asking price. Some Class C licenses can go as high as \$26,000 or more.

Mayor Chris Johnson said in talking with Northville Downtown Development Authority staff members in the past, they have made the comment that it's always better to keep a current business healthy than to try to look for new businesses.

He said this philosophy entered into his decision to vote yes on the tavern license for Simply Wine.

OWNERS' REACTIONS

"I'm thrilled," Vasselou said about council's decision to approve the tavern license for Simply Wine. "We've worked so hard to try to make this work. This will open up a lot of opportunities for us to grow our business."

"My first reaction was 'Unbelievable,'" McQueen said. "I just know that we could have never done this without the support of the loyal customers that we have and also the downtown businesses. The city really showed that they are committed to us and our business."

"Both Maria and I have worked very hard to try to be an asset to the city, be a team player and increase the foot traffic in the downtown area. I still feel numb from last night," McQueen said on Tuesday.

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FRI/SAT LS 12:00

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11:15, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

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Local Events

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TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, May 22 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 23
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: Bring your wagon and load up on great finds from over 20 top-rated greenhouses and garden shops at Northville's 22nd Annual Flower Sale.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m., Monday, May 25
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
CONTACT: For more information, contact the VFW at 248-348-1490.

THE CONCERT THAT NEVER WAS
TIME/DATE: Noon to 10 p.m., Monday, May 25
LOCATION: Northville Downs
DETAILS: To be announced soon.

PARTICIPATE IN "WALK MICHIGAN" EVENTS
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 27
LOCATION: Community Senior Center



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

For mom

Jaime Brown helps her daughter Alina, 4, make a Mothers' Day gift at the Northville District Library May 7. The crafts event allowed kids to make bracelets with nice glass beads for their mothers.

WALK MICHIGAN
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m., Sunday, May 31
LOCATION: Millennium Park
Walk Michigan is a free walking program held in many Michigan communities to promote healthy activities and lifestyles.

NORTHVILLE DEMOCRATIC CLUB
Membership Meeting, 2009 -- Club Officer Elections
TIME/DATE: 7:00 PM to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 26
LOCATION: The Cady Inn at Mill Race Village on Griswold in downtown Northville.

LONG PLUMBING COMPANY 60 YEARS CELEBRATION
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m., Friday, June 5
LOCATION: 190 E. Main, Northville
DETAILS: To celebrate their Big 6-0 Long Plumbing Co. is having an Open House and would like customers to join them!

ROUGE RESCUE 2009
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 6
LOCATION: Fish Hatchery Park
DETAILS: Please save the date for the 2009 Rouge Rescue Event.

2009 Rouge Rescue Event
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TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m., Sunday, June 14
LOCATION: Mill Race Village
DETAILS: Just like the old song says, "The Teddy Bears are having a picnic."

CPARD REACTS
Steve Emsley, spokesperson for CPARD, who was in the courtroom Wednesday morning, said Gillis awarded the township their motion for summary judgment rather abruptly.
Emsley said the ruling ignores the rights given to the citizens of Michigan under the Open Meetings Act.

MEETINGS

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Psychiatric Hospital property, owned by REIS, a partnership between developers Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company.

The citizens' group, known by the acronym CPARD, alleged that township officials committed a criminal act by intentionally holding meetings without properly notifying the public.

The group wanted trustees to actually rehold the meetings.

Township trustees, however, would not rehold the meetings because they said proper postings of all meetings had taken place.

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said, "I am very pleased with the judge's ruling."

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"It was very apparent that this judge had not read the briefs and filings in their entirety," Emsley said, "simply saying that they (township trustees) complied with the Open Meetings Act."

According to Emsley, the posting for the final meeting early on the morning on July 29, 2008, during which trustees passed a resolution on the consent judgment, was available for only about three hours for public viewing prior to the July 29, 2008, meeting.

The posting was made about 1:30 p.m. on July 28 for the early morning meeting on July 29. The Open Meetings Acts says posting must occur 18 hours before a special or closed session.

"The judge said that (the three-hour posting) was fine," Emsley said.

CPARD members plan to appeal the case.

"He (Gillis) treated a nine-month Open Meetings Act lawsuit concerning an \$800-million-development as if it was a simple traffic ticket," Emsley said.

Emsley said the ruling ignores

the rights given to the citizens of Michigan under the Open Meetings Act. He also said the Michigan Attorney General has given an opinion that if access to such notices is denied to the public for any part of the 18 hours, the Open Meetings Act requirement has not been met.

"In essence, what the judge said today is that such notices can be thumb-tacked to a bulletin board while the building is locked for 18 hours, and the requirement would have been met. That flies in the face of the intent of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. We will be appealing this decision as quickly and as vigorously as possible."

"In 30 years of practicing law, I've never seen such a miscarriage of justice," said Roland Jersevic, attorney for CPARD.

"The problem with it (the ruling) is simply this: We knew what the board was trying to do. The board was trying to hide what they were going to do with the consent judgment on the former hospital property, and they got caught. It's that simple. It was an emotionally charged issue. They were taking a federal case and trying to settle it. But, they have to follow the Open Meetings Act."

Emsley said the judge's ruling indicates that denying public access to meeting notices is acceptable under the Open Meetings Act.

Diane Carlsen, a member of CPARD, was also in the courtroom on Wednesday.

"What I witnessed in a court of law this morning was disturbing," Carlsen said.

"It was a travesty of justice being played out right before my eyes. The judge asked the opposing counsel what the consequences of his ruling would be if he ruled in CPARD's favor. They replied that the consent judgment between Northville Township and REIS would go back to federal court. The judge acted like it would be horrible if the letter of the law was followed.

"He made the ruling in minutes," she said. "He didn't even hear the entire merits of our case. We never even got to our third point."

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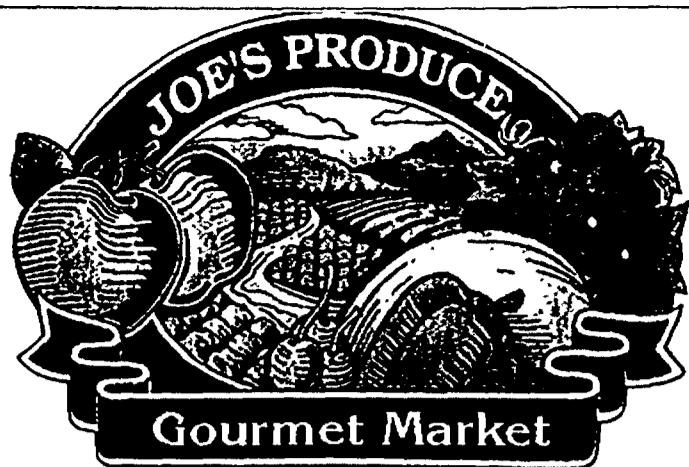
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A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT

Perfect shootout lifts Mustangs to Kensington Conference title

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With roughly 10 minutes left in the second overtime of Monday's KLAAs Kensington Conference title game against visiting Canton, Northville girls soccer coach Ron Meteyer approached each of his potential shootout participants, looked them square in the eye and asked a straightforward question. "I asked them, 'How do you feel about this tonight?'" Meteyer said. "They'll either say, 'Coach, I can't do this tonight' or 'I'm ready.'"

Judging by the final outcome, the five chosen Mustangs were more than ready. Northville buried all five of its shootout attempts to earn a drama-packed 3-2 victory over the Chiefs, who misfired on one. Canton had wiped out a 2-0 deficit with two goals in the final 11:07 of regulation.

The victory vaulted Northville into Wednesday's KLAAs Association championship contest against Brighton, which edged Walled Lake Northern, 1-0, in the KLAAs

DISTRICT PAIRINGS

Northville High School will serve as the host for the District 6-1 girls soccer tournament set for May 26-30. Following are the pairings for the tourney: **Tuesday, May 26:** (Game A) Farmington at Livonia Stevenson; (Game B) Salem at Redford Union; (Game C) Plymouth at Northville; **Thursday, May 28 (all games at Northville):** Winner of Game A will play winner of Game B; winner of Game C will play Canton. **Saturday, May 30:** Championship game, noon, at Northville High School.

Lakes title matchup.

Meteyer said his team's five-for-five effort in the shootout was at least partly the result of extra time spent at practice dedicated to penalty kicks.

"Last year we lost in the regional final in a shootout to Ann Arbor Huron, so we know how important it is to practice those shots," he said. "It's also

Please see SHOOTOUT, B3



Northville's Nicole Miller uses her head to advance a ball during Monday's KLAAs Kensington Conference title game against Canton.

GAME WRAPS

NHS baseball team mercies Stevenson

Apparently a 28-1 record can't impress the statewide Division 1 pollsters as the unranked Mustangs improved Monday to 14-1 in the KLAAs Central with a five-inning 10-0 mercy-role victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

The loss dropped the Spartans to 10-17.

Winning pitcher Ryan Mullen helped his own cause, going 2-for-3 with a homer and three RBI, while Joe Hirka and Kyle Breault each knocked in two runs for Northville.

Mullen allowed just three hits, walked five and struck out three.

Losing pitcher Mike Tuttle allowed 10 runs (six earned) on eight hits. He walked three and struck out two.

Dan Lopez doubled in the setback.

MU softball team eliminated, 8-1

Madonna University started its winningest women's softball season with a 1-0 victory back in February over Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.).

But it was a different story Sunday as the No. 13-ranked Crusaders suffered an 8-1 setback to the No. 4-ranked Sea Lions to wrap up pool play at the 2009 NAIA Softball National Championship held at the Wilson Morgan Complex in Decatur, Ala.

The Crusaders end the year at 53-11, champions of both the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season and tournament and by making the second ever appearance in the NAIA tourney in program history.

Before heavy rains came in Saturday, Point Loma had put up a pair of runs in the top of the second on Jill Schaeffer's two-run single. The Sea Lions tacked on another Sunday before MU worked out of the jam.

Point Loma added two more in the third to go in front 5-0 before the Crusaders could scratch a run across in the bottom of the inning.

Senior center fielder Kathleen Smiley led the inning off with a double and moved up on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore third baseman Kelly Lesko. A groundout by junior second baseman Brittney Scero (Canton) scored Smiley to cut the deficit to 5-1.

That was as close as MU could get as Point Loma added three more in the top of the seventh on a Jill Schaeffer three-run homer for the 8-1 final.

MU sophomore right-hander Jess Irwin (33-9) took the loss. She was roughed up for six earned runs on 14 hits. The Monroe native struck out 423 hitters on for the year, breaking her own single-season record and becoming just the fourth pitcher in NAIA history to pass 400 strikeouts.

Mustang girls third at track and field regional

BY ED WRIGHT
RECORD STAFF WRITER

If you wanted to watch the standouts for Northville's girls track and field team during Friday's Division 1 regional at Milford High School, you had to look to the sky.

The Mustangs placed third overall in the highly competitive meet thanks in large part to the high-flying efforts of sophomore Elizabeth Roach and senior pole vaulter Amy Reynolds, both of whom earned berths in the May 30 D-1 state finals thanks to impressive performance in their respective field events.

Roach captured the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 1 inch. The 10th-grader set a school record in the event earlier this month in a dual meet against Novi.

Reynolds took gold in the pole vault by clearing the bar at 10 feet, 8 inches to outdistance runner-up Katlyn Shelar of Novi by half a foot.

Several other Mustangs also turned in stellar efforts Friday. Jaclyn Konopka placed third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.88 seconds.

Roach proved her versatility by placing third in the 400 dash in 1:00.02.

Mustang middle-distance standout Gina McNamara was third in the 800-meter run, crossing in a time of 2:21.71.

Other field-event highlights included Alexander Moynes' fourth-place tie in the high jump with a 4-9 effort; and Michelle Steslicki's fourth-place showing in the pole vault. Steslicki cleared 9 feet, 8 inches.

Novi won the regional with 110 points, 39 more than runner-up Brighton. The Mustangs placed third with 69.5. Filling out the top five spots were Waterford Mott (69.5) and Pinckney (62.5).

The top two placers in each event qualified for the state meet. Third-place finishers could also qualify if they eclipsed a designated qualifying time or height.

2009 MHSAA GIRLS REGIONAL 8-1 AT MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL

TEAM SCORING - Nov 110; Brighton 71; Northville 69.5; Waterford Mott 69.5; Pinckney 62.5; Walled Lake Western 61; Walled Lake Central 42; Hartland 39; Howell 35; South Lyon 28; Milford 24.5; Lakeland 20; Walled Lake Northern 19.5; Waterford Kettering 10.5

3200 METER RELAY - 1 Waterford Mott, 9:29.17; 2 Brighton, 9:34.16; 3 Pinckney, 9:37.92; 4 Milford, 9:42.62

100M HURDLES - 1 Megan Clifford, Brighton, 15.31; 2 Nicole Prokes, Milford, 15.88; 3 Jaclyn Konopka, Northville, 15.88; 4 Camille Akemann, Pinckney, 16.30

100 METER DASH - 1 Jasmine Ward, Novi, 12.59; 2 Megan Morad, South Lyon, 12.82; 3 Marissa Salo, Howell, 12.86; 4 D'maya Davis, Novi, 13.02

800 METER RELAY - 1 Pinckney 1:45.48; 2 Novi, 1:47.86; 3 Brighton, 1:49.78; 4 Northville 1:50.41

1600 METER RUN - 1 Shannon Osika, Waterford Mott, 4:54.06 (NEW MEET RECORD); 2 Lindsay Clark, Walled Lake Western, 5:07.74; 3 Elory Green, Brighton, 5:09.78; 4 Erika Jensen, Pinckney, 5:09.98

400 METER RELAY - 1 Novi, 50.48; 2 Howell, 50.99; 3 Walled Lake Northern 50.99; 4 Pinckney 51.71

400 METER DASH - 1 Asia Rawls, Waterford Mott, 57.11 (NEW MEET RECORD); 2 Michelle Jones, Hartland, 59.09; 3 Elizabeth Roach, Northville, 1:00.02; 4 Juha Vandekerckhove, Pinckney, 1:00.33

300M LOW HURD - 1 Kelly McCloskey, Novi, 47.27; 2 Akilah Berry, Waterford Kettering, 47.76; 3 Madeline Verbeke, Walled Lake Central, 48.47; 4 Bethany Dazvelita, Brighton, 48.69

800 METER RUN - 1 Lindsay Clark, Walled Lake Western, 2:19.02; 2 Emily Hall, Novi, 2:19.85; 3 Gina McNamara, Northville, 2:21.71; 4 Kayla Boyes, Pinckney, 2:21.76

200 METER DASH - 1 Katlyn Cender, Howell, 26.39; 2

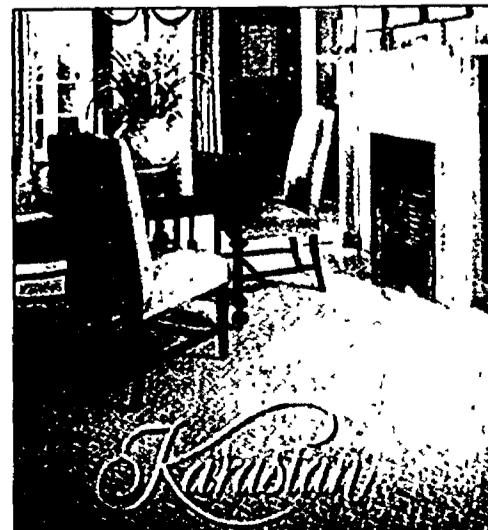
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Mustang uprising

The Northville varsity softball team improved its record to 16-12 last week with a 15-2 victory over South Lyon East. Senior pitcher Samantha Doud (pictured during a game earlier this season against Novi) collected four RBI and sophomore shortstop Carly Fisher registered three ribbies in the win.



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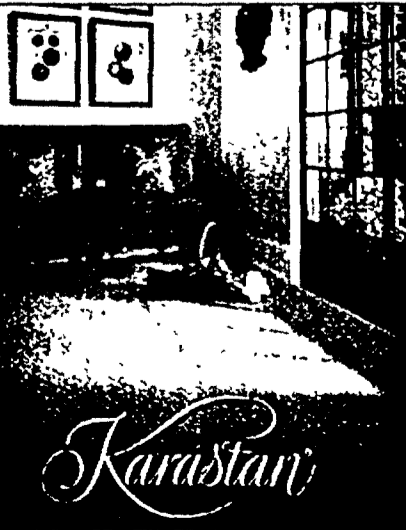
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A pair of Northville High School track-and-field athletes set school records during the May 5 dual meet against Novi. Sophomore Beth Roach (left) established a new high jump mark when she cleared 5 feet, 5 inches. Senior Amy Reynolds bested her own pole vault record when she cleared 11-7.

REGIONAL
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Brittany Davis, Novi, 26.61; Megan Morad, South Lyon, 26.81; 4. Brianna Pieprzak, Novi, 26.97.

3200 METER RUN - 1. Shannon Osika, Waterford Mott, 10:45.14; 2. Ellen Robinson, Novi, 11:22.34; 3. Elizabeth Kingsholl, Brighton, 11:25.22; 4. Julia Valencia, Walled Lake Western, 11:28.49.

1600 METER RELAY - 1. Waterford Mott (A), 4:01.78; 2. Pinckney, 4:03.86; 3. Northville, 4:11.25; 4. Brighton, 4:11.35.

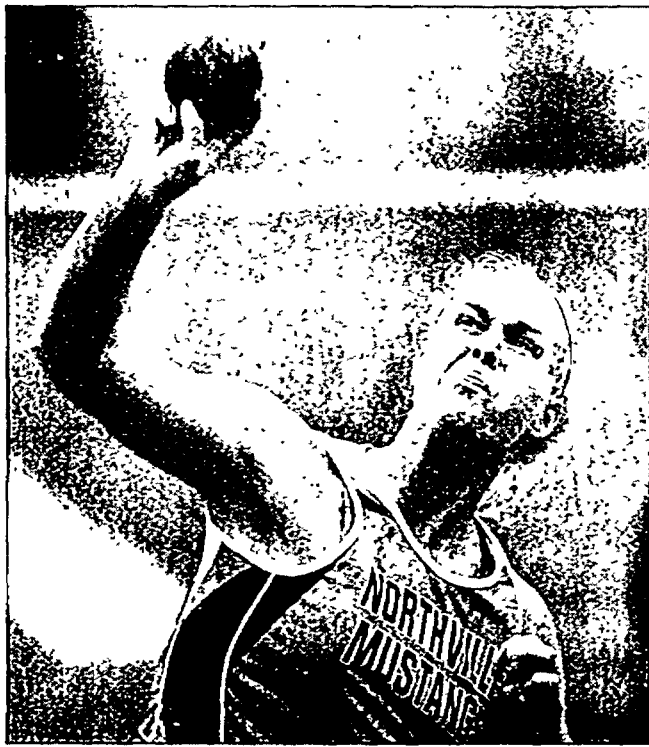
DISCUS - 1. Kelsey Prena, Walled Lake Central, 134.3 (NEW MEET RECORD); 2. Kari Prena, Walled Lake Central, 132.3; 3. Alysha Johnson, Walled Lake Western, 113.7; 4. Keliyanne Zayan, Hartland, 105.6.

HIGH JUMP - 1. Elizabeth Roach, Northville, 5'11"; 2. Heather Armiak, Novi, 5'1"; 3. Jennifer Lane, Brighton, 5'0"; 4. Jordan Brisson, Waterford Kettering, 4'9"; 5. Alexandra Moynes, Northville, 4'9"; 6. T. Erika Hagglund, Pinckney, 4'9"; 7. Griffin Godlewski, Milford, 4'9"; 8. Lauren Davis, Waterford Mott, 4'9"; 9. Alyssa Sherman, Walled Lake Western, 4'9"; 10. Alysha Johnson, Walled Lake Central, 4'9"; 11. Kari Prena, Walled Lake Central, 3'7"; 12. Keliyanne Zayan, Hartland, 3'9".

LONG JUMP - 1. Asia Rawls, Waterford Mott, 15-10.75; 2. Katie Liebig, South Lyon, 16.4; 3. Brianna Allen, Walled Lake Western, 15.95; 4. Katiya Shelar, Novi, 15.9.

POLE VAULT - 1. Amy Reynolds, Northville, 10'8"; 2. Katiya Shelar, Novi, 10'2"; 3. Kiley Tobel, Walled Lake Western, 10'2"; 4. Michelle Steslicki, Northville, 9'8".

SHOT PUT - 1. Alysha Johnson, Walled Lake Western, 40.0; 2. Kelsey Prena, Walled Lake Central, 38.1; 3. Kari Prena, Walled Lake Central, 37.0; 4. Keliyanne Zayan, Hartland, 32.9.



Northville's Sarah Rounsifer unleashes the shot during the finals of Friday's Division I Regional meet at Milford High School.

Northville boys fourth at track and field regional

Northville's boys track-and-field team placed fourth at Friday's Division I Regional at Milford High School after compiling 50 points. Novi Catholic Central won the meet with 130.50 points, 10.5 more than runner-up Pinckney. Milford placed third with 62.

Pacing the Mustangs' strong effort were Al Myers, who won the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 2 inches, and 300-meter intermediate hurdler Ali Arastu, who won his event in a meet-record time of 37.85 seconds. Both Myers and Arastu qualified for the D1 state meet set for May 30 in Rockford.

Arastu placed third in the 110-meter high hurdles. Northville's Kevin Mantay placed third in the pole vault with a leap of 12 feet, 10 inches.

Northville 50; Walled Lake Central 48; Walled Lake Western 45; Brighton 44; Lakeland 34.50; Novi 32; Waterford Mott 27; Waterford Kettering 23; Howell 22; Hartland 19; Walled Lake Northern 6.

300 METER RELAY - 1. Catholic Central, 8:00.56; 2. Walled Lake Western, 8:05.84; 3. Milford, 8:07.74; 4. Northville, 8:07.87.

110M HURDLES - 1. Scott Sansovich, Catholic Central, 14.36; 2. Kyle Podvin, Milford, 14.63; 3. Aliasgar Arastu, Northville, 14.75; 4. Nolan Boyda, Waterford Kettering, 15.18.

100 METER DASH - 1. Austin Probst, Walled Lake Western, 11.19; 2. Jake Spuller, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 11.30; 3. Jajuan Marks, Waterford Mott, 11.31; 4. Ricardo Lopez, Pinckney, 11.45.

800 METER RELAY - 1. Catholic Central, 1:30.20; 2. Brighton, 1:31.08; 3. Walled Lake Central, 1:31.88; 4. Waterford Mott, 1:32.63.

1600 METER RUN - 1. Matt Wines, Pinckney, 4:18.62; 2. Chris Lotz, Pinckney, 4:23.19; 3. Joe Graves, Hartland, 4:23.89; 4. Ryan Chute, Waterford Mott, 4:24.57.

400 METER RELAY - 1. Catholic Central, 43.57; 2. Pinckney, 43.75; 3. Walled Lake Central, 44.23; 4. Novi, 44.60.

400 METER DASH - 1. Spencer Hall, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 49.12; 2. Ryan Parson, Brighton, 50.35; 3. Connor Smith, Howell, 50.57; 4. John Alonzo, Walled Lake Central, 50.88.

300M INTERM HURDLES - 1. Aliasgar Arastu, Northville, 37.85 (NEW MEET RECORD); 2. Kyle Podvin, Milford, 38.65; 3. Scott Sansovich, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 39.42; 4. Tyler Grob, Pinckney, 39.71.

600 METER RUN - 1. Kyle Roche, Walled Lake Central, 1:55.20; 2. Jack Schnable, Walled Lake Western, 1:57.38; 3. John Childers, Brighton, 1:57.70; 4. Chris Sherlock, Lakeland, 1:57.97.

200 METER DASH - 1. Shawn O'Dwyer, Pinckney, 22.42; 2. Ryan Parson, Brighton, 22.75; 3. Brandon Bell, Milford, 22.76; 4. Joshua Kyles, Catholic Central, 23.45.

3200 METER RUN - 1. Mike Blaszczyk, Novi, 9:33.44; 2. Matt Wines, Pinckney, 9:34.62; 3. Ricardo Gabndo, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 9:37.70; 4. Tanner Pesonen, Pinckney, 9:39.42.

1600 METER RELAY - 1. Catholic Central, 3:22.29; 2. Milford, 3:23.83; 3. Pinckney, 3:25.25; 4. Northville, 3:25.48.

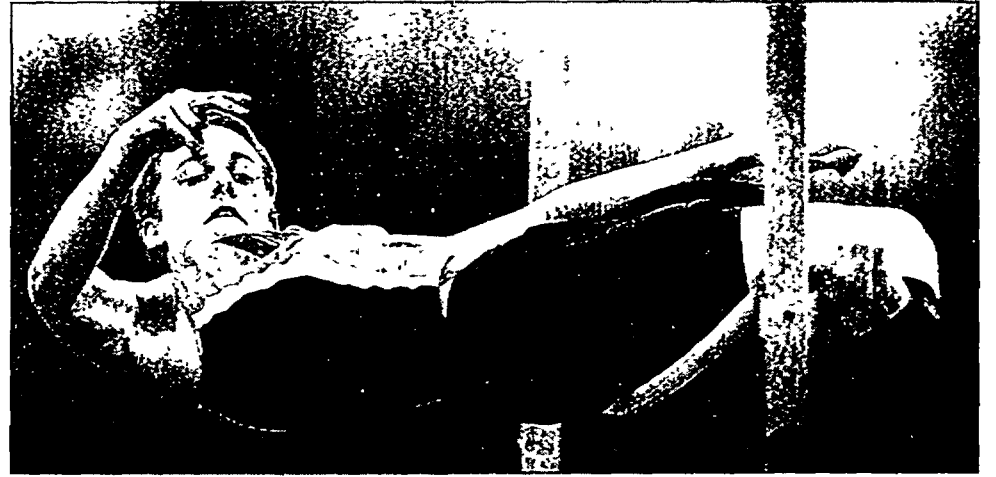
DISCUS - 1. Ryan Paul, Walled Lake Central, 151.11; 2. Jake Thompson, Milford, 151.13; 3. Dylan Young, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 145.9; 4. Sean Mackey, Howell, 143.10.

HIGH JUMP - 1. Al Myers, Northville, 6-2; 2. Shane Bright, Pinckney, 6-3; 3. Forrest Johnson, Pinckney, 6-1; 4. Keegan Wright, Waterford Kettering, 6-1.

LONG JUMP - 1. Brett Kuhn, Novi, 21-7.25; 2. Jake Rohde, Lakeland, 21-2.25; 3. Brendan Selfridge, Hartland, 20-11.25; 4. Keegan Wright, Waterford Kettering, 20-8.

POLE VAULT - 1. Tyler Grob, Pinckney, 14-7 (NEW MEET RECORD); 2. Justin Amarapant, Lakeland, 12-10; 3. Kevin Mantay, Northville, 12-10; 4. Alan Chusoin, Walled Lake Western, 11-10.

SHOT PUT - 1. Jake Thompson, Milford, 53-1.25; 2. Jeff Sherman, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 50-3.50; 3. Edison Yushaj, Walled Lake Western, 50-3.4; 4. Jake Adams, Pinckney, 49-9.25.



Northville high jumper Al Myers is headed to the D-1 state meet after placing first in the regional with an effort of 6 feet, 2 inches.

Whalers sign top draft choice

Plymouth Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci announced the signing of 16-year-old center Garrett Meurs, who was selected in the first round (13th overall) of the 2009 Ontario Hockey League Draft, held May 2.

Meurs - from Ripley, ON - is a skilled centerman who scored 52 goals with 43 assists for 95 points in 67 games last season for the Huron-Perth Lakers. Meurs showed his skill during the Whalers Rookie Orientation Camp held this past Saturday and Sunday.

"This is great," Meurs said. "Plymouth seems like such a great place. I've met all the coaches, trainers and everyone else. I'm looking forward to having a good year."

"I thought Garrett played well this weekend," Vellucci said at the Orientation Camp. "He showed the skill and tenacity our scouts talked about when they watched him last year. He's

also a mature young man, and that's a credit to his parents (Jack and Tracy). Garrett should fit in well with our program."

"He's the kind of kid who can take everything on his shoulders in a pressure situation," Huron-Perth coach Kevin Meriam told the Lucknow (ON) Sentinel. "And it's something he'll bring to the OHL with him."

Meurs is expected to join a Plymouth team on the rise next year after finishing 37-26-5-0 last season. Although the Whalers will miss graduates Chris Terry, Matt Caria, Scott Fletcher and Brett Bellemore, the bulk of last year's team returns, including centers Tyler Seguin and AJ Jenks (Wolverine Lake), forward Jamie Devane, goaltender Matt Hackett and defensemen Michal Jordan and Beau Schmitz (Howell).

Meanwhile, Vellucci remains in conversation with other Plymouth draft picks and may be announcing more signings over the next couple of weeks.

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June 19	Shawn Riley Band <i>Sponsored by Edward Jones (DJ Boyd, Dan DeLano, Brian Hanley, Chris Willker) and Varsity Lincoln Mercury</i>	Top 40 Hits from Yesterday & Today
June 26	Gia Warner <i>Sponsored by Northville DDA</i>	Motown/Rock and Roll
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Aug 28	Steve King and the Dittillies <i>Sponsored by Monroe Bank & Trust and Varsity Lincoln Mercury</i>	Top 40 Hits

SHOOTOUT

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important to identify in practice which kids were the best at making their penalty kicks."

The valiant Chiefs, who suffered their first loss since a season-opening setback to Novi back in March, slipped to 11-2-1.

"The girls showed a lot of character to come back from a two-goal deficit like they did," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "I thought they played with every ounce of heart and every ounce of emotion to make up for what they did in the first half. They made a few mistakes in the first half, but I'll forget those mistakes after the way they performed in the second half and in the overtimes."

Both teams nearly found the back of the net in the first five minutes of the contest. The Chiefs' Lisa Pierce banged a shot off the crossbar two minutes in. Less than three minutes later, Canton goalkeeper Samantha McPartlin made a diving, one-handed effort to deny Stacy Clough.

The Mustangs threatened again at the 3:40 mark, when Camille Unca blasted a high, rising rope that McPartlin was able to one-hand into the crossbar.

The hosts broke the scoring ice with 7:40 left in the first half, when Mallory Weber secured a pass 12 yards in front of the net and right-footed a ground-skimmer into the lower-left corner of the net.

Lauren Lokey provided Northville with a seemingly untouchable cushion with 74



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Northville's Kelsey Baskins (3) played a key role in the Mustangs' thrilling 3-2 win over Canton Monday night.

seconds left in the half when she lofted a high shot that eluded McPartlin's reach and found a seam just under the bar.

Northville keeper Elana Ryznar stepped up big time during the opening moments of the second half when she pounced on the ball just before Canton's Tracey Rymph could cock her right leg.

Eight minutes later, Ryznar made a spectacular stop on a rebound shot off the foot of Canton's Megan Trapp.

The Chiefs' comeback kicked in with 11:07 left, when Lisa Pierce converted a rebound shot. Less than two minutes later, Megan Staub completed the remarkable rally when her shot from 16 yards out glanced off the hip of a Mustangs defender and past Ryznar.

"It seemed like we got a little complacent in the second half," Meteyer said. "And when the first overtime started, we didn't have the look of a confident team. But I think our depth wore them down a little bit in the overtimes."

Converting shots in the shootout for Northville were Jeanette Dolmetsch, Kelsey Fiscus and Tori Wright.

Meteyer praised the play of central defenders Dolmetsch and Kelsey Baskins.

NORTHVILLE 3, STEVENSON 0: On Friday, Northville won the KLA Central Division championship with a resounding 3-0 triumph over the Spartans. The Mustangs edged second-place Novi by compiling a superior goal differential.

Novi had defeated Stevenson by a 1-0 score earlier in the week.

Northville got on the board in the first half with a header goal by Clough off a cross by Caroline Castelli. The Mustangs padded their lead thanks to goals by Weber (assisted by Clough) and an unassisted goal with 3:37 remaining by Lokey. Goalie Katherine Jansen recorded the shutout.

NORTHVILLE 8, SOUTH LYON EAST 0: Northville's varsity girls soccer team merced South Lyon East by a score of 8-0 May 11. Tuesday was Senior Night with the Mustang seniors getting special recognition before the game. This year's seniors are Amy Sweetapple, Kelsey Baskins, Camille Junca, Nicole Miller, Karen Mayhall, Sam Mustonen, Jill Alumbaugh, Kathleen Keiffer and Jeanette Dolmetsch.

SPORTS BRIEFS

NHS summer sports camps

Several Northville High School athletics teams and coaches will host youth camps this summer. Following are the camps being offered:

- Football — June 15-17 for kids in grades 3rd through 8th;
- Volleyball — June 22-25 (indoor) and July 13-16 (sand) for kids in grades 7th through 12th; Aug. 31 through Sept. 3 for kids in grades 5th through 8th;
- Tennis — July 27-30 for kids in grades 7th through 12th;
- Girls lacrosse — June 22-24 for kids in grades 2nd through 9th;
- Girls basketball — June 15-19 for kids in grades 2nd through 8th;
- Cheerleading — June 16-18 for kids in grades 1st through 8th; and
- Boys basketball — June 29-July 2 and July 6-9 for kids in grades 4th through 9th.

For more information and to print specific camp registration forms, see the Northville Athletic web site at northville.k12.mi.us/nhs and hit the link to athletics.

NHS sports physicals

The Northville High School Athletic Department is pleased to announce that we are working in conjunction with Beaumont Hospital for our Athletic training services. Along with these services, Beaumont Doctors will be doing Athletic Physicals on June 4, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year. Physicals will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Athletic wing.

The cost will be \$20.00 per physical. Please have your student-athlete join us on that date for their physical.

Reminder: Physicals need to be done on the attached MHSAA physical form and/or can be downloaded from our website. Please make sure all information, especially needed signatures by parents and students are filled out.

Detroit Lions youth camp

A Detroit Lions Summer Youth Football Camp will be held at Central Middle School in Plymouth July 6-9 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

This will be the fifth consecutive summer the camp will be held in Plymouth.

The Lions will conduct a minimum of 14 youth football camps in Michigan and Canada during the summer of 2009.

"We truly enjoy coming to Plymouth and working with the area's youth," said Chris Fritzsing, the Lions director of youth football. "It's going to be an exciting camp; a camp that allows us to help develop young athletes to become more

educated and skilled football players, while emphasizing some of the life skills the game of football teaches: hard work, discipline, teamwork, communication and perseverance."

Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp is open to boys & girls ages 6-14, is non-contact and fundamental, and designed to improve a child's beginning, intermediate, or advanced skill level. Participants are grouped based on age and skill level. Camp is limited to the first 100 participants to register and is conducted by Chris Fritzsing, Director of Detroit Lions Youth Football, and the Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp Coaching Staff, who are professional educators from the collegiate and high school ranks.

During Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp, participants will spend two days learning offensive fundamentals (quarterback, running back, wide receiver and offensive line) and two days learning defensive fundamentals (defensive line, linebacker, defensive back and tackling) in addition to learning special teams fundamentals (kicking, punting, and kick and punt returning). During camp, each participant will rotate to each one of the above mentioned positions to allow the participant to gain a better understanding of each of the positions and how they work together. Providing the fundamentals at every position will allow a participant to become much more knowledgeable about the game and will allow participants a better opportunity to earn "playing time" when it comes to playing organized football in the fall.

Interested participants may register by phone, fax, mail or online at www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, call (313) 262-2218, e-mail youthfootballcamps@detroitlions.com or visit www.DetroitLions.com/youthfootball.



Rolling thunder

The Northville junior varsity roller hockey team earned second place in the Silver Division at the state championship tournament held May 1-3. Pictured are (standing from left) Joey Ukrop, Zack Gears, Ryan Trotter, Cory Reitman, Jason Huges, Nicco Bufone, Brian Laidlaw, Coach Joe Mudar, (kneeling from left) Max Mudar, Neal Vatecha and goalie Kyle Buran.



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The GAM Marker: What does it mean to a golfer?

By Jim Evanoff

A Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) Marker signifies that a course has official United States Golf Association (USGA) course ratings and slopes and has been measured accurately, all completed by your state golf association. For many golfers, the terms, "course rating," and "slope," shown on golf course scorecards are mysteries.

Golfers want to know what the terms mean and why they are important to the golfing experience. In order to answer these questions, the objectives of the USGA, the developer of the rating system, and of GAM, licensed by the USGA to determine the ratings of Michigan courses, must be understood.

In a nutshell, the rating and slope values result in a USGA handicap system intended to make golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis. The system provides a

fair, course-handicap for players, regardless of ability and can be adjusted as a player's skill level changes. Golf course rating is a complex process based upon data gathered by the USGA while observing real golfers on real courses and is periodically revised as new data is obtained. More than 100 authorized golf associations and several thousand golf clubs utilize the system. Courses must be re-rated at least every 10 years, or after significant course changes, to maintain a certified USGA rating.

The two basic premises that underlie the system are that players will try to make the best scores at every hole in accordance with USGA's Rules of Golf and will post every acceptable round score on all courses that have been rated in accordance with USGA's procedures.

The goal is for the golfer to obtain a USGA Handicap Index, which compares any golfer's scoring ability to that of a scratch golfer on a course of standard difficulty, defined by the USGA as having a slope rating of 113. The index

is portable from course to course. The golfer can convert this index to a specific course handicap based on the USGA Slope Rating Chart. The USGA course rating represents the course's playing difficulty for a scratch player under normal playing conditions and is based on hole yardage and course obstacles that affect scoring ability. The slope rating is an indicator of the relative difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch golfers. Courses are rated from each set of tees for both scratch and bogey golfers and the number of handicap strokes received in a match is determined from the slope rating.

At this point, a few more USGA definitions are required before briefly describing the rating procedure.

A "scratch" golfer can play to a course handicap of zero on any USGA rated course. A male scratch golfer, for rating purposes, can hit tee shots 250 yards and reach 470-yard holes in two shots. A female scratch golfer hits tee shots an average of 210 yards and can reach 400-

yard holes in two shots. A male "bogey" golfer has a course handicap of approximately 20 on a course of standard difficulty (slope of 113), can hit tee shots an average of 200 yards and reach a 370-yard hole in two shots at sea level. A female bogey golfer has a handicap of approximately 24, can hit tee shots on average of 150 yards and reach a 280-yard hole in two shots.

These scratch and bogey yardage capabilities are important since the GAM rating teams evaluate the effects of golf course obstacles in proximity to the shot landing areas. The obstacles include landing area topography, fairway widths, green target size and surface, recoverability and rough, bunkers, out of bounds/extreme rough, water hazards, trees and psychological shot effects. Factors such as roll on soft or hard fairways, tee pad elevation, doglegs and prevailing winds can also affect the actual course playing length. When the rating process has been completed, the obstacle values, which are on a 0 to 10

scale of difficulty, are totaled and multiplied by relative weight factors and converted to strokes that affect the final USGA Course Rating and Slope.

Obtaining accurate USGA course yardages is the first and key step in the above process. Each hole must be measured from all tee positions as defined by USGA procedures. Measurements are made from permanently placed GAM markers to the center of the green, utilizing electronic measuring devices. Measurements are made along the male scratch golfer's line of play as intended and designed by the course architect.

Hopefully this description of the rating process clears up some of the mystery and results in increased enjoyment of the game for golfers of all abilities.

Full details on course rating are contained in the "USGA Course Rating System Guide" and "The USGA Course Rating System," available only to authorized golf associations, such as GAM.

Jim Evanoff is the GAM Chairman of the Course Rating Department.

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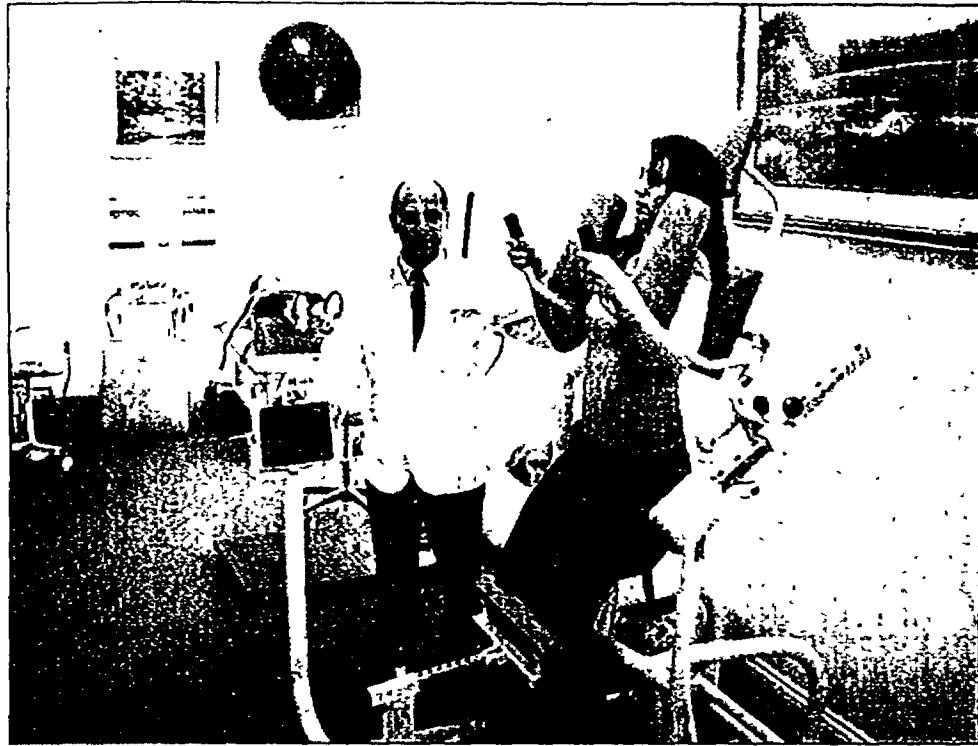
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small business owner to share with our readers?

I really like working with the seniors that have grown up in Northville and how they can describe all the changes that they've seen in their 70, 80, or 90 years living here. You can tell when someone really is a senior person in Northville when they can recall seeing the tennis-playing Indian chief and his daughter, who used to live in Northville and

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What you think = what you do

Shifts in mindset have often been at the root of major economic, social and technological breakthroughs. The way we travel, communicate and function



Lee Meadows

in work settings can be traced to an individual's unwavering belief that there is another, often times better, way of getting something accomplished. The triggering event for the breakthrough can be, both, internal and external. When forced to choose between the two, more often than not we align our choice around an external event.

I have observed and experienced the impact of the current economic downturn. There are days when it seems as if our great state has been singularly identified as the catalyst and culprit for the economic woes within the global marketplace. While the issues we are experiencing are new to us, the process of blaming the 'victim' is not complete until one individual has been identified as the peddler who promised a cure for all of our woes and, instead, sold us tainted elixir. So, we wallow in the blame, and yearning to negotiate the void, and yearning for what we have lost. Meantime, minutes move forward and each

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day represents one more opportunity to align our mindset to cope with and manage the current reality. The often used, clinical quote, "There's nothing wrong with you, it's all in your head," has a direct application to the thousands who find themselves outside the gate of a downsized business. There is nothing WRONG with you! It's all in your head! The knowledge you have accumulated, the skills you have mastered, and the experiences you have generated are all in your head, waiting to be reformatted into a useable software program to facilitate your new success.

How you think is directly related to what you do. Individual and collective transition starts with a willingness to look within your own resources and ask, 'Now, what do I have within me that will allow me to move forward?' It is a thoughtful, self-examining process of understanding HOW you think about WHAT you think about. Smokestack thinking is out of sync with a 'green' movement, contempt for education does not sit well in a knowledge economy and building buggy whips does not stimulate mass employment. The barrier restricting your current movement is not a brick wall, but a mirror! There you stand, pushing

yourself back while trying to step forward. Pulling a horse-drawn wagon through a mud-soaked river bed seems a lot easier than getting out of the way of your own restrictions.

Once you reconcile that simple fact, you have to ask, 'Now, what do I have available that will allow me to move forward?' It is a thoughtful examination of resources you can access to support your shift in mindset. Higher education institutions, job fairs, the Department of Human Services, Career placement centers and Michigan Works, are just a few of the many resources available to anyone trying to navigate from the past to the future. What makes a darkened road difficult to travel is the lack of focus on the points of light. There is much to support individual effort within a changing landscape. While there is a great deal that needs to be addressed in facilitating an economic turnaround, quite frankly, business won't get better unless we do.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Goodwill wins Pacesetter award

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"Especially in these challenging times, Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit constantly seeks new ways to engage supporters, whether in fundraising, volunteering or through other partnerships" said Mark Lane, Director of Public Relations. "In New Media, we've found a creative way to reach those potential supporters and enhance our ability to help Metro Detroiters overcome employment barriers."

New Media has seen significant growth in recent years. With the Michigan Nonprofit 2009 SuperConference held May 5-6 at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency, Mike Mnich, president and CEO of CVMedia and Michigan Nonprofit member, addressed the need for increased

New Media throughout all industries.

"We've seen New Media being used in nearly all areas of business, and the spectrum for creative uses is seemingly endless" said Mnich. "We felt an award to honor a Nonprofit organization to be fitting in these most difficult times. Since Nonprofits depend so much on donor and sponsor participation, Social Media is an affordable way to potentially bridge a funding shortfall."

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Pickups Remain Vital Segment for Chevrolet and Nissan

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By Dale Buss

There's a reason that General Motors, Nissan, and other pickup-truck makers continue to advertise their brands so heavily.

"Pickup-truck sales tend to lead the country out of recessions," said John Schwegman, group manager of Chevrolet truck and product marketing. "And we think that market recovers quickly."

All the manufacturers hope to tap into an expected deluge of demand once the federal government releases substantial chunks of the hundreds of billions of dollars of construction funds included in the economic-stimulus package. Some already are making blatant appeals in that direction. A recent TV ad for GMC's Sierra line, for example, puts it: "Sierra: Because America can't rebuild itself."

In the meantime, of course, the pickup-truck market is a mere fraction of its former self, populated by financially squeezed and ever-more demanding core buyers. They are construction contractors, farmers, ranchers and other small-business owners as well as "mixed-use" buyers who might also utilize their trucks for recreational purposes such as hunting, fishing and jaunts to a vacation home.

Because of these characteristics, there are some strong commonalities in how leading players in the market are marketing their pickups now:

- Feats of mechanical derring-do are less important but still glorified, most prominently in the TV-advertising

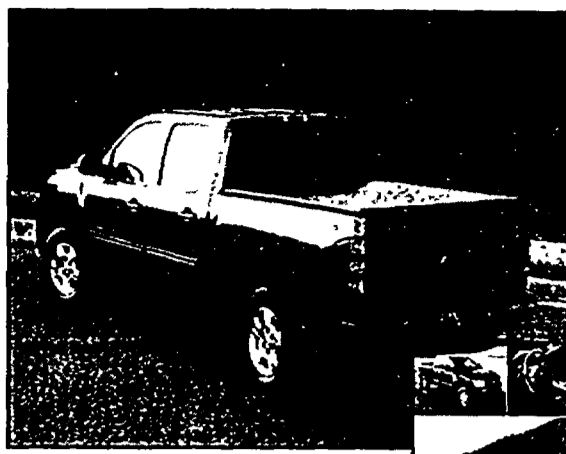
launch campaign for the new Ram. The centerpiece was the Dodge Ram Challenge, a "real-life, high-range product attribute demonstration pitting American icons against one another on an obstacle course built in the rough California terrain," as Chrysler put it.

- Most OEMs continue to slather thousands of dollars of incentives on the hood of each new truck that they want to sell - simply because in this economy, lush incentives amount to mere table stakes. "With the tough economic climate, everyone's looking at every penny they're spending and factoring that into the purchase consideration more than they ever have been," said Schwegman said.
- And more truck marketing now concentrates on features such as enhanced fuel economy, hauling utility, and reduced cost of ownership.

First-quarter sales for the Silverado line, GM's largest truck nameplate, plunged by more than 45 percent, according to Edmunds.com data, and are projected to come out at only about 270,000 units for all of 2009, down more than 60 percent from their 2005 peak of 706,000 units.

And, of course, GM is the only one of the Detroit Three that hasn't freshened its product line in the last several months.

So in Silverado advertising, Schwegman is focusing on what he described as the long-term attributes of the line: "power, pulling and payload." He also is



The XFE version of the Chevrolet Silverado provides a fuel-economy burst.



Nissan's Titan has been freshened for 2010; here's the 2009 model

emphasizing what he described as the products' segment-leading costs of ownership and resale value.

"Our 100,000-mile power train warranty, for one thing, is a key to cost of ownership - and Ford doesn't have it," Schwegman noted. "Dodge has a version but it isn't as comprehensive."

GM also is touting the XFE (for "extra fuel economy") versions of Silverado and Sierra. Utilizing lighter-weight materials, a slightly different axle ratio, and a tonneau cover as standard, GM engineers were able to squeeze out an extra half-mile per gallon on the highway and the city. "In the current environment," Schwegman said, "every half-mile counts."

Nissan has always brought up the rear in this segment with its Titan line, a position on which it seems to be solidifying its hold. Edmunds.com projects that Titan will sell only 18,000 units for all of 2009, which would represent an 80-percent fall from its 2005 sales peak.

But Vinay Shahani, director of truck

marketing for Nissan USA, said that "there's no way we can sit this out; we have to play the game." So Nissan is taking what he called "a very pragmatic approach to marketing [Titan] in this environment."

Among other things, that means Nissan is focusing on the inherent value of Titan. For example, it is launching the 2010 Heavy Metal edition of the vehicle, which features a chrome billet grille, side rails, rear-view mirror's and wheels for a package price of about \$1,200 - on separately valued components that would total about \$2,500.

"That speaks value to the customer and allows the dealers to have a very strong message," Shahani said.

In advertising, he said, Titan's new theme is "Look closer." "It allows us to focus on ours versus competitive models, and consumers will find that our value proposition is outstanding," Shahani explained. "It underscores the much more pragmatic approach we need to take in this kind of economy."

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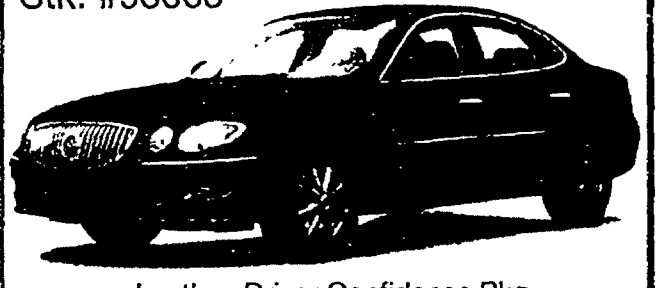
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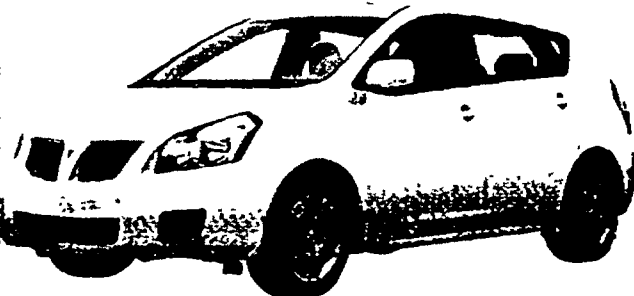
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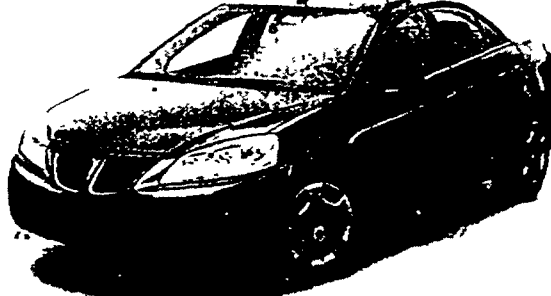
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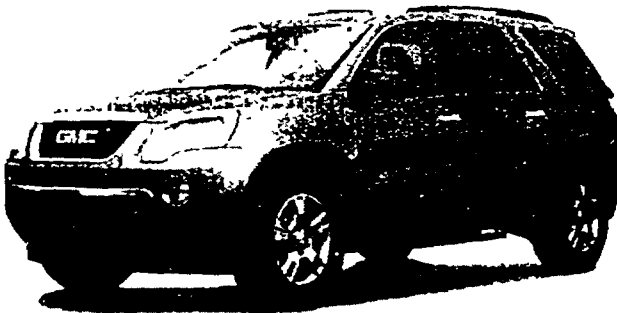
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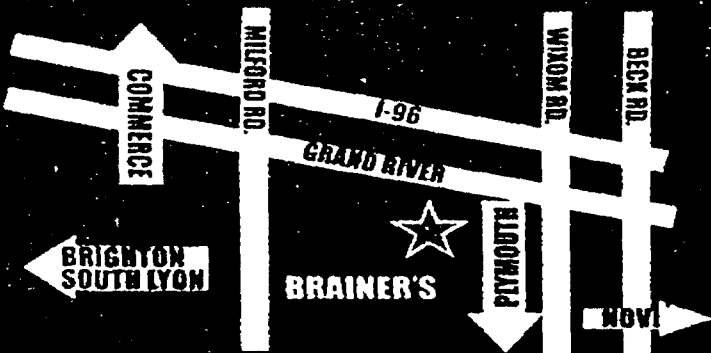
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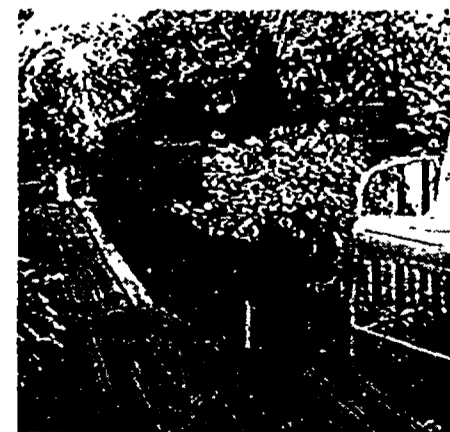
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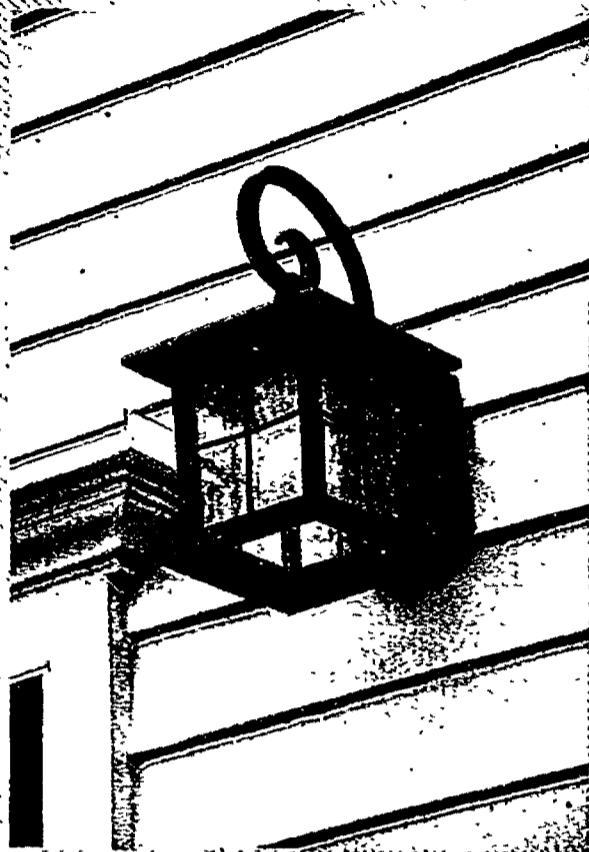
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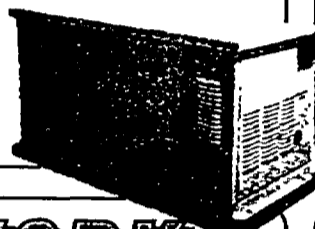
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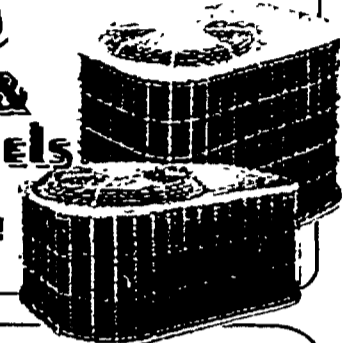
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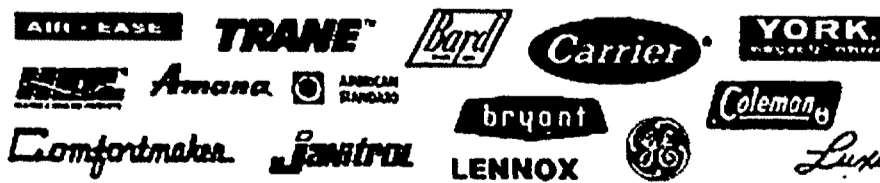
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A Gardener's Calendar

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ADVICE, REFLECTIONS, FACTS AND FOLKLORE FOR THE YEAR

From the All-Seasons Garden Guide 2009 annual edition, used with permission from the Old Farmer's Almanac. www.Almanac.com.

May

1 • May Day

Transplant perennials and move shrubs early this month.

5 • Cinco de Mayo

One California avocado tree produces 150 fruit (60 pounds) on average, per year.

9

Full Flower Moon

10 • Mother's Day
In the middle of May comes the tail of winter.

24 • New Moon

Dandelion greens contain vitamins A, B and C, plus protein and calcium.

25 • Memorial Day (observed)

Geranium (Pelargonium) blooms improve if the plant is slightly pot-bound.

June

5 • World Environment Day

We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children. — Native American proverb

7 • Full Strawberry Moon

21 • Father's Day; Summer Solstice

Protect your home from evil spirits with a garland of ivy, plantain, St. John's wort and yarrow.

22 • New Moon

Plant aboveground crops when the Moon is waxing (from today until July 7).

24 Midsummer Day

A woman who washes her face with the dew of Midsummer Day becomes more beautiful in the coming year.

July

3 • Dog Days Begin

Keep the weeds from going to seed by snipping off their heads.

4

Independence Day

Small cheer and great welcome make a merry feast. — William Shakespeare, English playwright (1564-1616)

7 • Full Buck Moon

Check for small spuds two to three weeks after potato plants flower.

15 • St. Swithin

St. Swithin's Day, if thou dost rain, For forty days it will remain.

21 • New Moon

Plant spinach, chard and lettuce in shade now for a full harvest.

August

1 • Lammas Day

After Lammas, corn ripens as much by night as by day.

5

Full Sturgeon Moon

Fish meal is excellent fertilizer. The nitrogen-phosphate-potassium (N-P-K) ratio is 10-2-2.

10 • St. Lawrence

Fine weather today indicates a fair autumn and good wine.

17 • Cat Nights Commence

20 • New Moon

To dry marigolds, strip

leaves from perfect blossoms and hang them upside down in a dry place.

September

4 • Full Corn Moon

7 • Labor day

Without labor, nothing prospers. — Socrates, Greek playwright (c. 496-406 B.C.)

13

Grandparents Day

If I hadn't starting painting, I would have raised chickens. — Grandma Moses, American folk artist (1860-1961)

18 • New Moon

For long-blooming chrysanthemums, choose plants with many buds in different stages of growth.

21 • St. Matthew

St. Matthew makes the days and nights equal.

22

Autumnal Equinox

A heavy acorn crop foretells a snowy winter.

October

4

Full Harvest Moon

When a storm threatens, aboveground crops move their sugars from stems and leaves to roots. Don't harvest now.

12 • Columbus Day; Thanksgiving Day (Canada)

Harvest pumpkins when they are orange and their skin is hard.

18 • New Moon

In October dung your field, and you land its wealth shall yield.

19 • St. Luke

On St. Luke's Day, the oxen had leave to play. — English folklore

31 • Halloween

Water trees and shrubs generously before the ground freezes.

November

2

Full Beaver Moon

Apply lime to your lawn as long as snow doesn't stop you from pushing the spreader.

3 • Election Day

In a poll to select American's National Tree, the top five trees were oak, redwood, dog wood, maple and pine.

11 • St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

At St. Martin's Day, winter is on his way.

16 • New Moon

Plant paperwhite narcissi now to have flowers by Christmas.

26

Thanksgiving Day
The Mayflower bean is believed to have been brought by the Pilgrims to American in 1620.

December

2 • Full Cold Moon

Winter either bites with its teeth or lashes with its tail.

16 • New Moon

Gather holly greens for festive decorations.

21 • Winter Solstice

If you have snow cover burn your brush pile now.

25 • Christmas Day

If at Christmas ice hangs on the willow, clover may be cut at Easter.

31 • Full Long Nights Moon

May this month's second full Moon (a "blue Moon") guide you into a prosperous new year!

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MAINTAIN YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM TO SAVE MONEY AND LANDSCAPING LONG-TERM

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Even the most serene of backyards can turn into a swamp overnight if you're not maintaining your home septic system.

In Oakland County along, there are 80,000 onsite sewage disposal systems on resident and commercial properties.

If and when a septic system fails, untreated domestic waste can spread all over your yard — and wreak havoc on your perfectly pruned landscaping.

Not only will this be a disappointment, it can be a hazard to your health. Bacteria and viruses from human waste can cause dysentery, hepatitis and typhoid fever. Many serious outbreaks of these diseases have been attributed to contaminated drinking water.

If you're planning to put time and effort into your garden or landscaping this summer, it's important to keep up with routine maintenance on your septic system to avoid destroying your scenery and hard work.

For the long haul

Proper septic maintenance and operation have a huge impact on how well a system works and how long it will last.

And for many homeowners, it is their sole responsibility to keep on the maintenance.

Oakland County recommends that homeowners have their septic tanks pumped every two to three years. Jim Carothers of Al Pearson's Septic Cleaning & Repair suggests two years is ideal.

"If you feel that you're using your tank a lot, then I suggest pumping it every year," Carothers said. "With the economy the way it is, everyone is pulling back somewhere. A lot of my work lately is people having problems because they haven't been maintaining their systems. This ends of being a costly service if you don't take care of it. Eventually, you'll be paying thousands of dollars for repairs if you go without maintenance."

Replacing an entire septic system can cost anywhere from \$3,000 to \$10,000 compared to \$100 to \$300 to have your tank routinely pumped.

Dan Rose, owner of Rose Excavating in South Lyon, said there are simple warning signs to watch for when a septic problem is on the rise.

"The first sign is your drain is going slow or water is coming up in your yard," Rose said. "If the septic field is lower than the tank, then you'll start getting wet spots in your yard, and that means sewage isn't going down anymore."

Rose said many homeowners in the South Lyon area operate septic systems on their property.

"In South Lyon, just about everybody past Dixboro Road going into Brighton have septic fields," he said. "Going south,

just about everyone from 8 Mile Road toward Ann Arbor has septic fields. Only the South Lyon city limits are hooked up to sewers, but there are still a lot of subdivisions in nearby areas that aren't hooked up."

How it works

A septic system consists of two parts: a tank and a drainfield. Household wastewater flows into the tank where it will stay for at least one day. The tank is designed to retain waste and heavy solids that will settle at the bottom. The scum is broken down over time, but the tank can't break down all of it on its own. For this reason, tanks need to be pumped routinely. As more wastewater enters the tank, water is pushed out into the drainfield. If too much water is pushed into the tank at a time, this can result in untreated wastewater flowing into the field.

What not to flush

There are other measures homeowners can take to maintain their septic systems besides a routine pumping.

What you put into your septic system will greatly impact how it operates. The National Environmental Services Center (NESC) recommends avoiding putting solids into your tank, whether that be by flushing them or putting them down your kitchen and bathroom sinks. Avoid allowing food scraps, grease and cooking oils to go down your kitchen sink, too.

In the bathroom, the toilet should not be used to dispose of plastics, paper towels, facial tissues, tampons, sanitary napkins, cigarette butts, dental floss, condoms, kitty litter, etc. Try to stick to wastewater and toilet paper that breaks down easily and quickly.

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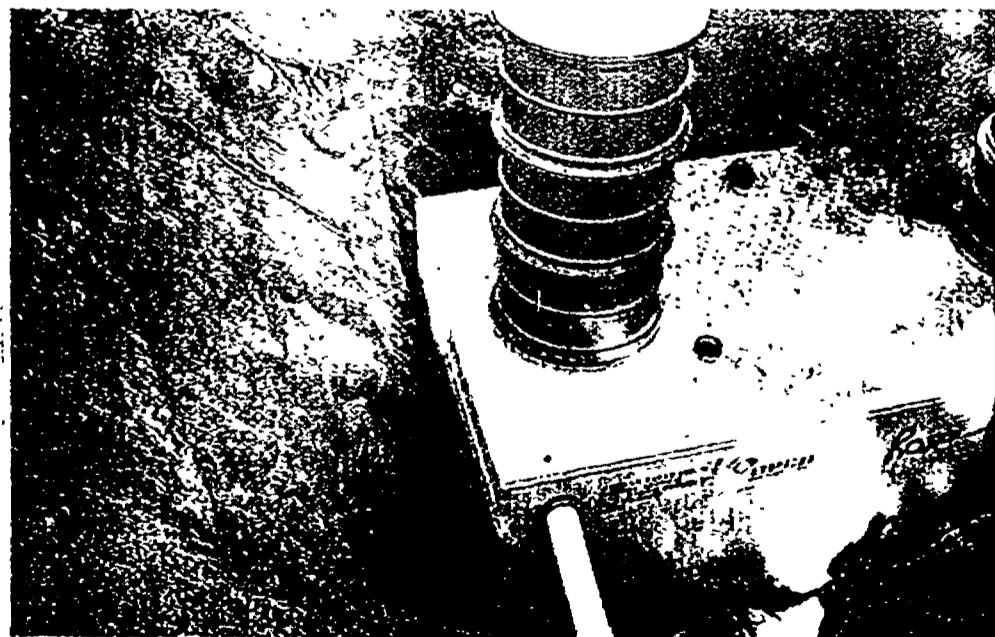
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The NESC also recommends using household cleaners in moderation, as it makes sense to keep all toxic and hazardous chemicals out of your septic tank system. Even small amounts of paints, varnishes, paint thinners, waste oil, anti-freeze, photographic solutions, pharmaceuticals, antibacterial soaps, gasoline, oil, pesticides and other organic chemicals can destroy helpful bacteria and the biological digestion taking place within your system.



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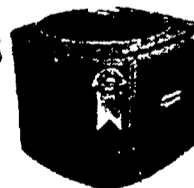
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Garden Superstars for Spring 2009

From picture-perfect roses to containers that are works of art, spring 2009 promises wonderful color and exciting new products for garden lovers everywhere.

"People want shrubs and plants that look great, are easy to grow, are good for the environment and perform well in their gardens," says Susan McCoy, garden writer and trend spotter. "That's just what the new products this spring promise to deliver."

McCoy reveals a few of her favorite garden superstars for spring 2009 to help scratch that itch to get out in the garden after a long winter.

Let the Sun Shine

McCoy loves "Sunny Knock Out," the newest addition to the Knock Out Family of Roses (www.TheKnockOutRose.com). It lives up to the Knock Out reputation for blooming continuously with little to no effort, and is naturally resistant to rust, mildew, blackspot, Japanese beetles and rose midge, making it easy to avoid harsh

chemicals. It is bright yellow, the latest trendy color, and has a mild, sweet fragrance. From Canada to the Gulf states, you can expect the same profusion of sunny blooms on this compact shrub that grows up to 4.5 feet tall, making it perfect to mix in flower beds, for mass plantings or as a specimen plant.

Tropicals Sizzle in Your Garden

Add lots of color right up until fall's first frost with the new Sun Parasol Crimson mandevilla. This easy tropical from Costa Farms (www.SunParasol.net) has huge crimson red, bell-shaped velvety blooms that cover the 12- to 15-foot vines, making it perfect for hanging baskets, containers, climbing up a trellis or in a landscape. Available in "Pretty" and "Giant" sizes, Sun Parasol Crimson comes in a 10-inch hanging basket or a 6-inch pot with or without a trellis. Either way, the saucer-sized blooms will add some tropical zest to



The saucer-sized blooms of Sun Parasol Crimson mandevilla add tropical zest to your garden.

your garden landscape, decks, patios and apartment balconies. Plant these beauties in six to eight hours of sun each day.

Pot up Some History

For instant garden style, McCoy loves the latest "designer" containers and accessories from Campania International (www.CampaniaInternational.com). The 2009 Chicago Collection reflects the city's prairie style and art deco traditions with clean lines and minimal design. If you appreciate historical craftsmanship, the 18th century Colonial Williamsburg collection contains an array of garden containers, including cast-stone replicas of urns that blend a refined look with a contemporary feel. From window boxes to birdbaths, their accents will add an elegant touch inside or outside your home.

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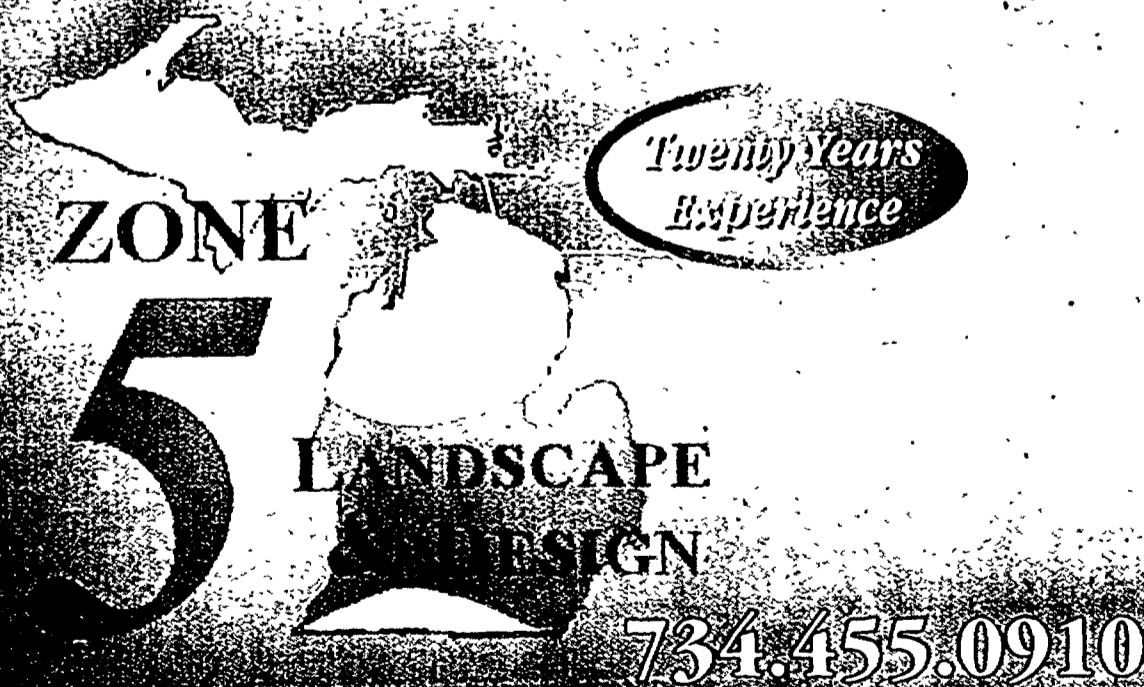
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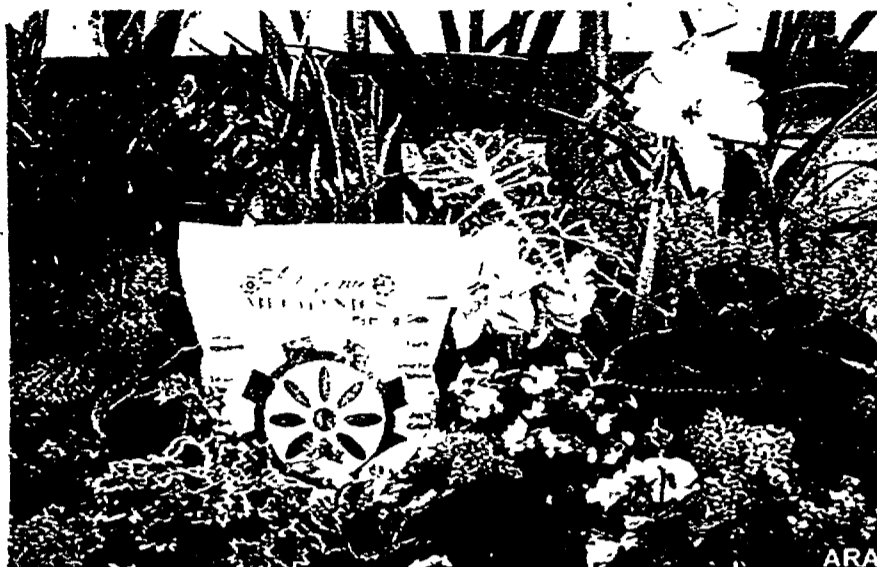
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Tickled Pink

This first-ever pink blueberry — "Pink Lemonade" — is a sweet new introduction from Briggs Nursery (www.BriggsNursery.com), and one of the most exciting new plants McCoy has seen in years. The pink blueberry bush provides delicious fruit rich in antioxidants plus four seasons of color —

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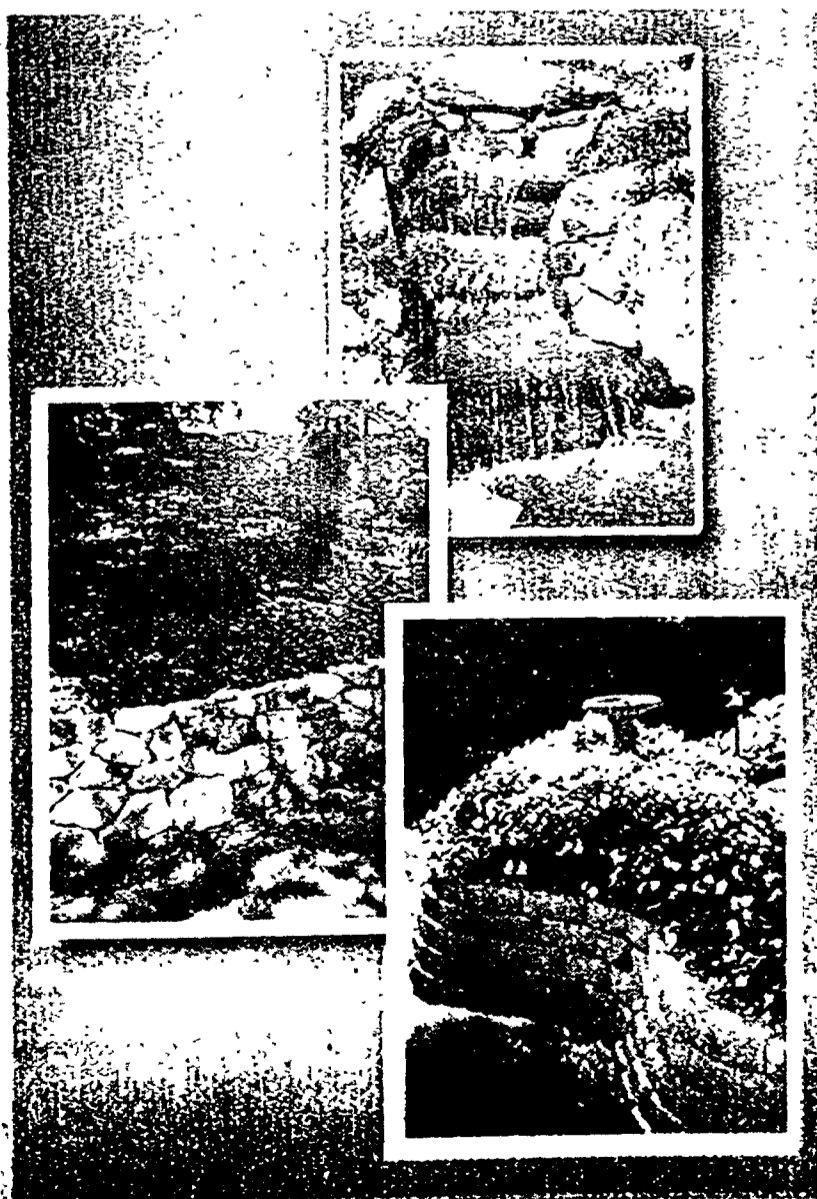


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Gardens with Color Combos and Foliage Factor

Lawns and gardens that are eye-catching have harmonious colorful plants in bloom and dramatic foliage varieties patterned in a way that appeals to the senses.

Unifying blooming and foliage plants in gardens has become a popular trend because it allows homeowners to think outside the box of traditional flower beds. If planted with care, a garden space can result in a heightened presence of sight, smell, movement and even touch. However, starting from scratch without proper knowledge can be tricky. From bold plant selection contrasts to color continuity, understanding bloom and foliage combinations will lead to an alluring escape in any backyard.

Ambiance Matters

Foliage plants bring as much interest to the garden and provide as many options as blooming plants. However, these combinations often exist in the form of variegated textures and non-traditional color contrasts. It is impor-

tant to keep in mind the differences between a flower bed and foliage design. Foliage is all about leaf shape, vein coloration, outlines and textures.

Some foliage selections are tall, dramatic and vast; others are soft, petite and simple. Arrangements are often subtle and focus on creating a mood,

drawing the eye outward or upward and creating dimension.

Because common foliage colors include variations of blues, silvers, greens and deep reds, a soothing design concept is often a favorite among homeowners. To achieve this delicate ambiance, it is best to use strong textural contrasts to insight supplemental interest instead of bright colors alone. A mix of matte and velvet-like foliage may be best for this style, with groupings of smooth and serrated edges. The blue-green summer leaves of Heucherella 'Tapestry' are accented with deep-red veins which complement dark foliage plants such as the deep purple of Heuchera 'Plum Royale.' These two plants from Terra Nova Nurseries, a world leader in plant breeding and genetics in Portland, Ore., work well together to infuse drama and fullness to beds or containers.

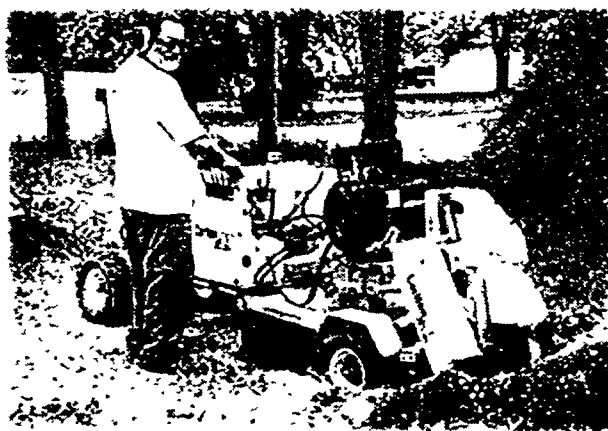
Introducing soft hues blended with striking color contrasts adds range and seems to extend the space. Plant colors such as silver, auburn, russet and deep green will also add a



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calming effect and develop a sense of assortment without over-complicating the layout of the garden.

By choosing colors such as yellow, chartreuse, bright reds and greens, a foliage garden will take on a more vibrant energy. While vivid hues were once less common in foliage plants, many are now cultivated with high-level color power to tackle the need. When trying to make an impact, pair several bright- and true-green foliage varieties of different textures in an area with one or two unusual foliage colors. Complementing a heavy green palette with plants of crimson or wine will become an instant focal point. For example, the shiny, lacy leaves of Tiarella 'Sugar and Spice,' from Terra Nova Nurseries, have heavily marked reddish centers in summer. When used with Tiarella 'Mystic Mist,' showcasing bright green leaves with white-speckled variegation and red veins, the combo is breath-taking.

Two other garden-worthy options from the growers of Garden Splendor varieties include Sedum 'Angelina' with evergreen needle-like, yellow foliage that makes a stunning ground

cover or container plant and Sorbaria 'Sem' boasting a spectacular chartreuse leaf accented with softer bronze-red young tips that turn green in summer.

Color Congeals

When planning the colors for a landscape, especially spring or summer gardens, it is wise to think in terms of diversity. When placed together, flowering blooms in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes creates a medley with enticing appearance. Professional growers like Terra Nova Nurseries and Garden Splendor make great strides each year to cultivate a wide range of colorful bloomers. Planting unexpected combinations like Terra Nova Nurseries' Echinacea 'Pink Poodle' and Echinacea 'Mac 'n' Cheese' will stop garden visitors in their tracks with a bold and beautiful



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Echinacea "Mac 'n' Cheese" and Echinacea "Poodle" from Terra Nova Nurseries provide striking color when planted solo and bold color contrast when planted as a pair.

surprise. The names alone are enough to draw attention.

The alternating-stripe blooms of Phlox 'Peppermint Twist' are a stunning choice for beds, borders and mass plantings. True to its name, pink and white blooms appear as if peppermint

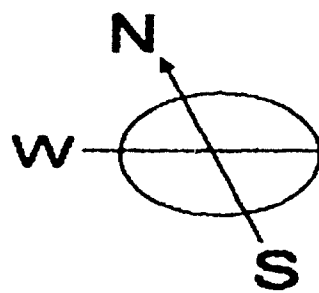
candy atop this compact grower. The Garden Splendor brand horticulturists say it is a mainstay of summer garden color.

Following the home-gardener trend of developing a collection or menagerie of color in the landscape, the Terra Nova Nurseries team introduced Echinacea 'Tomato Soup,' a coneflower with tomato-red blooms that can grow up to 3 feet tall. It follows Echinacea 'Tiki Torch,' now well known for its broad florets and burnished-copper seed cones. When creating beds, borders, containers, and other gardens, blooming color and attractive foliage will unify the areas by

their sheer visual appeal. Learn more about these plants and gardening tips at www.terravanurseries.com and www.gardensplendor.com.

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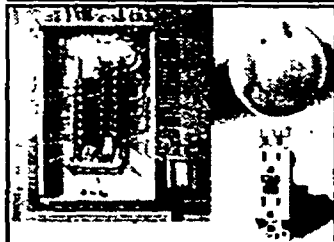
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Safe and Natural Ways to Fight Four-legged Foes in Your Gardens

You love the great outdoors, especially gardening. But sometimes wildlife can be just a bit too wild, with rabbits munching prized plants to the ground, deer devouring petals of roses and azaleas, and cats rolling over seedlings and leaving their "calling cards" throughout your landscaping.

Unfortunately, these critters are a common, perpetual annoyance to home gardeners. Learning a little more about their habits and identifying the culprits is your first step to critter control. First, you'll need to recognize your four-legged foraging foe. Here are some tips to help you determine the critters you'll need to thwart:

Rabbits

Bunnies don't just dine on clover and grass, they'll also wreak havoc on your vegetable plants and can even damage woody plants in your landscape. Tell-tale signs that bunnies are bountiful include damage that is usually no higher than 2 1/2 feet above the ground, and sharp cuts at 45-degree angles on plants.

Deer

A lovely sight almost anywhere other than in your backyard. Deer can, and do, cause major damage to plants, landscapes and vegetable gardens, consuming about 12 pounds of foliage

in a single day. To determine if your flowers and vegetables are disappearing due to deer damage, look closely at the half-eaten plants. If you see a jagged, rough edge, you can be sure the damage was done by deer as they have no incisor teeth and tear at the food source, leaving proof of their presence.

Squirrels

These furry, funny, cute creatures can be quite destructive when it comes to your gardens and landscapes. Squirrels are burrowing animals; they usually feed on bulbs and green leafy material during the spring and summer, switching to seeds and grains during the fall and winter. They love wild bird feeders and have a reputation for driving away the very birds you put the feeder out to attract. You have squirrel damage if you see gnawing marks on tree bark and outside wiring, and signs of digging and burrowing. You'll also see them in the light of day sitting atop your bird-feeder.

Cats

Cats love to dig in soft already-tilled soil, making gardens just perfect for their digging desires. Most cats think the outdoors is their litter box, and a patch of dirt is an invitation to come do their business. It also makes a great place to play or roll. They'll roll over



Rabbits wreaking havoc on your prized plants? Natural products use taste and smell aversions to keep critters away.

your plants, breaking new shoots and foliage. A sure sign you have a cantankerous cat frolicking in your flowerbeds is cat droppings.

These critters don't have to be the enemy of your gardens, and trapping them won't solve the problem. The arrival of warm weather means the arrival of new foliage, green grass and pesky critters in our backyards and gardens. As spring is sprung, we're suddenly faced with long gardening to-do lists and a wide variety of unwanted animals in our garden beds. As a rule of thumb, it's far better to prevent animal damage than to wait until it occurs and try to combat it.

There are a number of less-than-ideal approaches for dealing with these frustrating problems. Messy, dangerous chemicals pose unacceptable risks for most homeowners, considering pets and children. Sealing off entire areas of your landscape would be impractical, inconvenient and potentially very costly. Trapping is a lot of effort, and again, it would be a perpetual labor as trapping does nothing to prevent new pests.

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For most animals scent and taste are the primary senses that attract them

to food sources. If you disrupt the animal's sense of smell and taste, you have won the battle against the constant parade of pesky critters in your landscapes. Visit Messinawildlife.com for more information on natural, safe, effective pest repellents.

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How to attract hummingbirds to your garden

BY LESLIE DIETSCHY

Visualize watching a bright green hummingbird in your garden moving from flower to flower in search of the tasty nectar within. These beautiful and tiny birds weigh about 2 to 20 grams and are found in a wide variety of environments from the high Andes to lowlands, and from dry desert areas to rainforests. They have slender beaks, extensible tongues, ten primary feathers, and tiny feet suitable for perching but not walking. Hummingbirds can fly straight up, straight down, backwards, left, right, and even upside down. While most birds obtain their flight strength only from the down stroke, hummingbirds have power on the up stroke as well.

Most hummingbirds flap their wings about fifty times a second and have a

very fast heartbeat and high body temperature. They feed every ten minutes or so throughout the day and typically consume two-thirds of their body weight in a single day. Their source of nutrition is primarily nectar from flowers, as well as sources of protein from insects and tiny spiders.

The key to attracting hummingbirds to your garden mainly consists of the right type of flowers and places where they can perch and rest during the day, such as trees or large plants. Hummingbirds are guided by visual means and are particularly attracted to certain shades of red. According to The Hummingbird Society, there are several possible explanations for their preference of red blossoms. Given that insects also see nectar, they can be regarded as competitors. Nearly all insects see well in the visible and

near-ultraviolet light but poorly in the red end of the spectrum. Also, a red blossom may appear nearly black and unattractive to a number of insects, but not to the hummingbird, which can see the full visible spectrum but also some in the ultraviolet. This makes it less likely that an insect has taken nectar from a red flower. Another likely explanation is that during migration, red blossoms effectively contrast with a green environment more than other colored flowers do.

Hummingbirds are welcomed guests to nearly all gardens. By planting flowering shrubs and plants that are their favored food source, we can easily attract them to become regular visitors to our gardens. Below is a short list of their preferred flowering plants by common name, separated by region:

Southeastern United States:

Butterfly Bush
Cardinal Flower
Coral or Trumpet Honeysuckle
Cypress Vine
Native Trumpet Creeper
Texas Sage

Southwest United States:

Indian Paintbrush
Lantana
Lily of the Nile
Mexican Honeysuckle
Texas Sage
Western Coral Bean

West Coast United States:

Beebalm
Bottle Brush
Cape Fuchsia
Colombine
Salmonberry
Woodland Orchard

Northeastern United States:

Blue Lobelia
Cardinal Flower
Hollyhock
Red Morning Glory
Salvia
Scarlet Sage

Midwest United States:

Coral Bells
Coral Honeysuckle
Foxglove
Hosta
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Anna's hummingbird.

Even though flowers are the natural means to attract hummingbirds to your garden, man-made feeders filled with a mixture of water and sugar (sucrose) are an essential alternative. Sugar, whether from a flower or a feeder, is a necessary nutrient in a hummingbird's diet. Tests have shown that hummingbirds favor sucrose in flower nectar more than other sugars such as fructose and glucose. Therefore, with the proper ratio of ingredients, your feeder becomes a good substitute to the flowers that hummingbirds like best.

The formula for the mixture used in hummingbird feeders is 4 parts water (not distilled) to 1 part table sugar. Boil the mixture for one to two minutes, then cool and store in refrigerator. The mixture can be stored in the refrigerator for up to one week. Do not use red food coloring, honey, or artificial sweeteners in your mixture, as this could be harmful to the hummingbirds.

If one of your goals is to attract hummingbirds to your garden, a visit to your local nursery is a great starting point. Find an experienced employee who can tell you which species of plants grow well in your area and have a history of successfully attracting hummingbirds. Most importantly, be imaginative and have fun planting and growing your garden to attract beautiful hummingbirds.

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Archilochus colubris, ruby-throated hummingbird.

Marinate your grilled fare for taste and safety

Literally soaked in flavor, marinated foods are undeniably delicious. But did you know that marinating also makes your grilled foods safer?

Anyone who loves the delectable flavor of hot-off-the-grill foods has probably heard that cancer-causing substances — such as heterocyclic aromatic amines (HAAs or HCAs) — form when the proteins in red meat, pork, poultry and fish react to the high heat of grilling and when fat drips off the meat and produces smoke.

But the researchers aren't just pouring water on our coals; they're coming up with solutions, too. Chemists at Kansas State University found that marinating meat for an hour in spice blends can reduce the formation of HCAs by 80 percent or more. They credit the antioxidant properties of spices with this change. Other researchers suggest that marinades may buffer the heat that causes the

problematic chemical reaction, or that a combination of sugar, oil, and acidic ingredients decreases the carcinogenic compounds.

Not that you need a scientific reason to marinate. Savvy grillers know marinating improves flavor and the process isn't labor-intensive. You can make your own signature marinades, or rely on

Savvy grillers know marinating improves flavor and the process isn't labor-intensive.

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For safe and delicious grilling with marinades:

- Choose lean cuts of meat, which will drip less and produce less smoke. Trim excess fat.
- Prick the surfaces of meats with a fork before marinating to allow flavors to penetrate.
- Marinate foods in the refrigerator — not on the counter — in a glass, plastic, or stainless steel pan.
- Keep in mind that marinades that have been used for raw meat, poultry or seafood need to be cooked thoroughly before eating. So don't baste with them during the last few minutes, don't dip your finger in the pan

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to taste and don't use the leftover marinade for sauce without cooking it first.

- Consider cooking meats in the microwave for a minute or so before placing them on the grill. Discard any juice that's produced during microwaving. Use tongs or a spatula, rather than forks, to reduce drips when turning foods on the grill.

- Cook over medium (rather than high) heat to avoid charring foods. Let flames settle down before cooking over coals or wood, and turn the temperature down to medium on a gas grill. If you do char a portion of the food, cut off that section before serving.

- Flip those burgers. Again. They'll cook faster (and produce fewer HCAs) if you turn them often.

- Consider other options, too, like soy burgers and soy hot dogs, portobello mushrooms and other vegetables. These foods don't have the same potential to produce harmful substances that can result from unsafe cooking procedures — but they're delicious when marinated nonetheless!

Staying with the same marinade for the complete meal, Chef Kendall

also has this tasty recipe (see below).

For an online Summer Grilling Guide with many more useful tips and delectable grilling recipes, go to www.frontiercoop.com/grillingtips.

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Serve with sliced fresh tomatoes as a garnish.

Here's a favorite recipe so simple, yet so delicious, from the kitchen of Chef Kendall McFarland, research and development manager at Simply Organic:

MEDITERRANEAN PASTA SALAD

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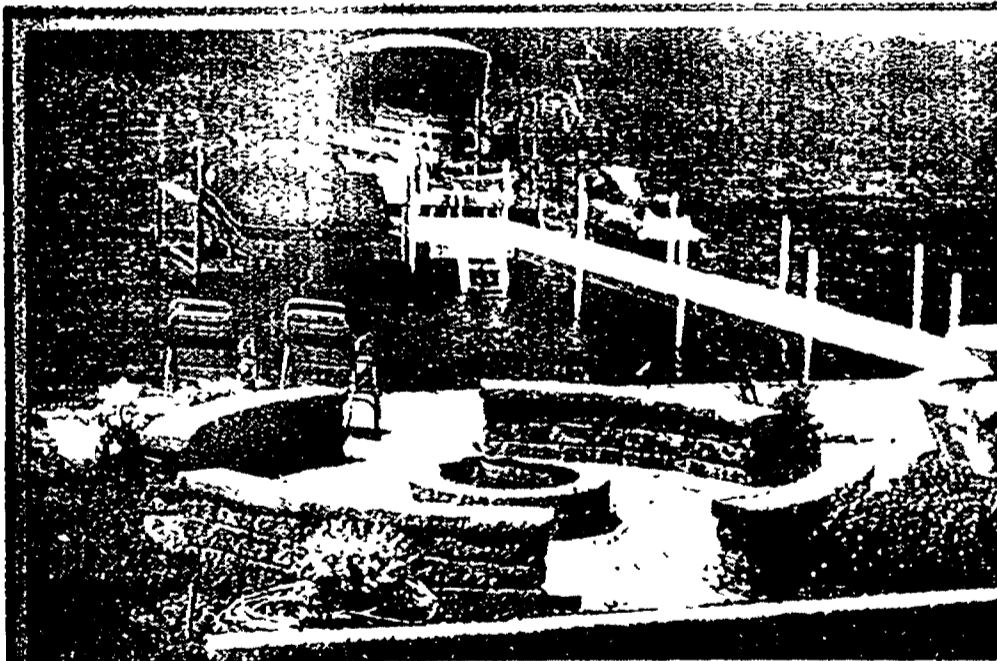
4 cups cooked pasta
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 package of Simply Organic
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Directions:

In a large bowl, toss the pasta with the olive oil and the Steak Marinade Mix. Serve as a warm or cold side dish.

Add olives, cheese or other vegetables if desired.

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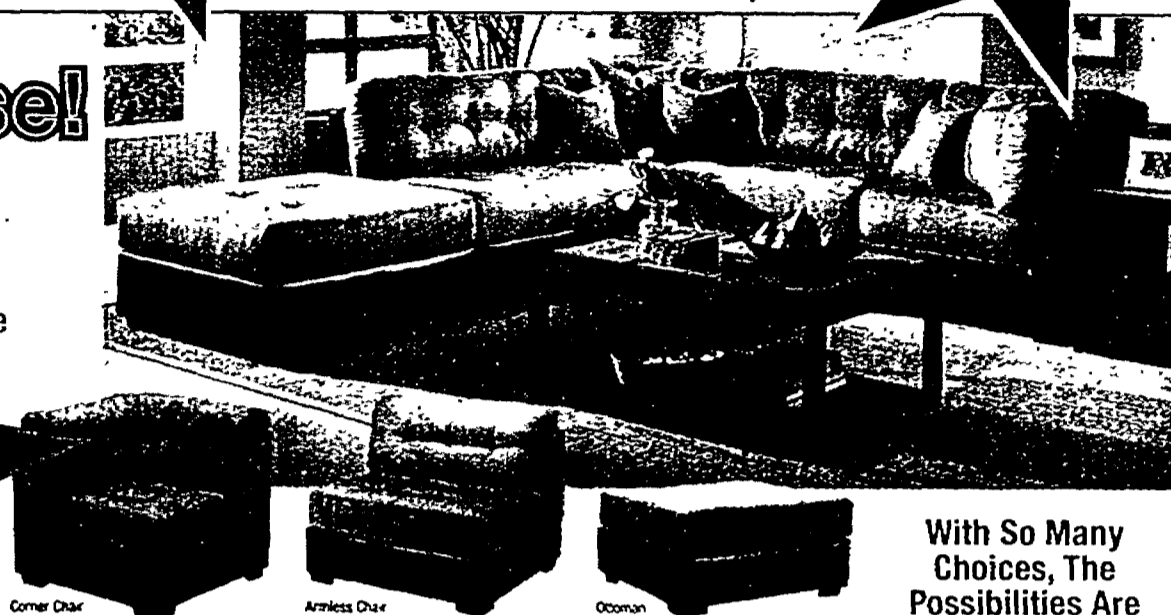
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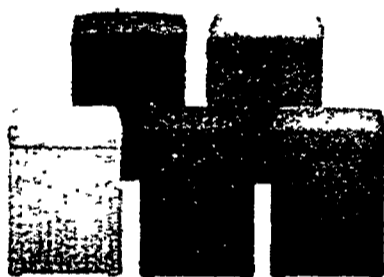


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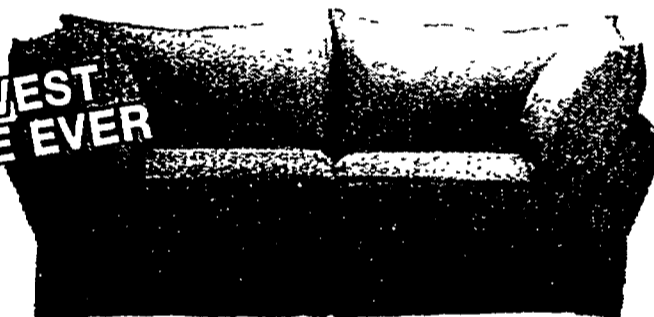
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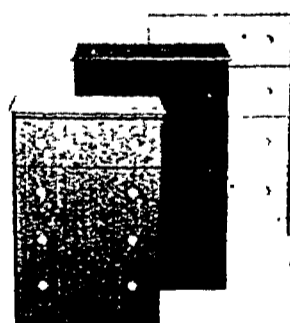
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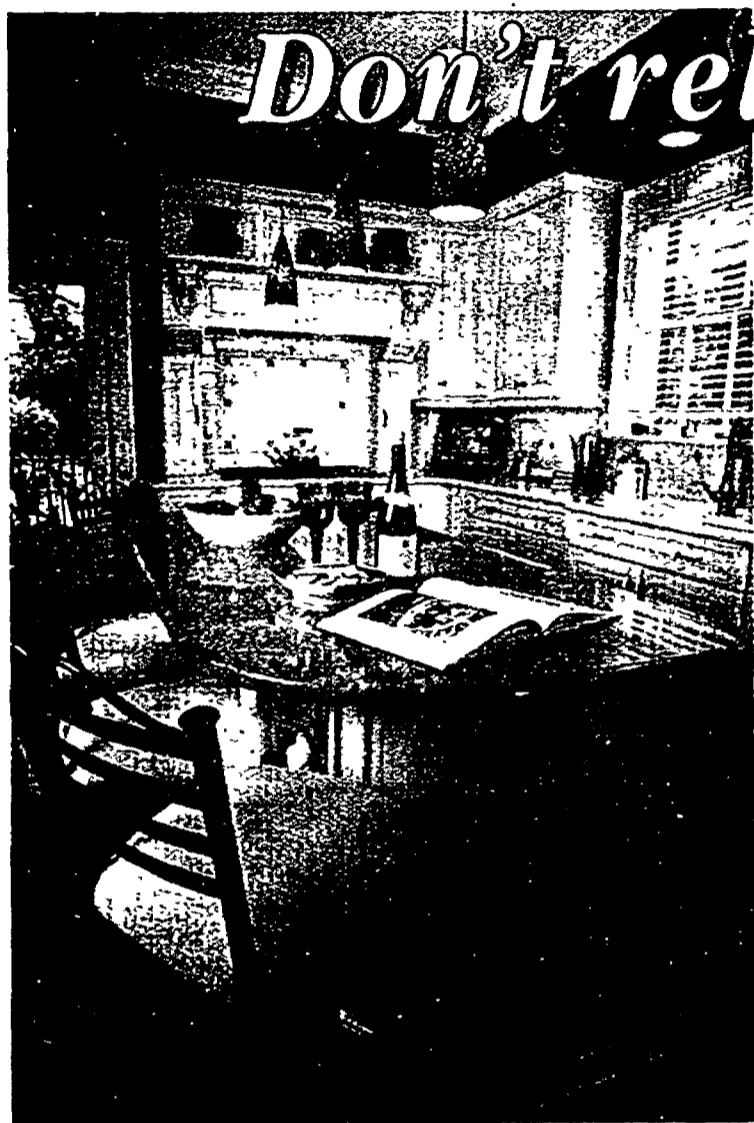
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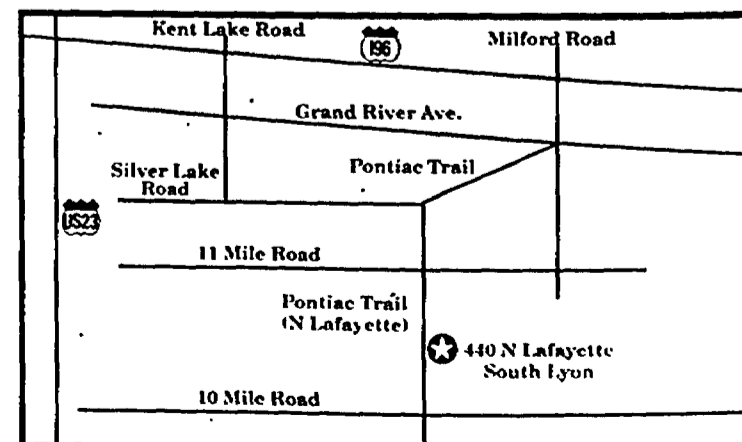
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