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ON THE RECORD

Backpacks needed

Northville Civic Concern, whose office is located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza on Seven Mile Road just east of Northville Road, needs backpacks as well as school supplies immediately for children returning to school.

Marlene Kunz, director of the nonprofit charitable organization, is making a special appeal to area residents to donate backpacks for needy children by Aug. 17.

A drop box is also located at city hall at 215 W. Main Street or call Northville Civic Concern at (248) 344-1033.

First-Timers seminar

The Keller Williams office in Downtown Northville is conducting a First Time Home Buyer Seminar at 7 p.m. on Aug. 18 at the Senior Community Center to discuss the facts about the \$8,000 credit available to home buyers before Nov. 30.

For more information, call (248) 567-3860.

Garden excess

First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street, is partnering with Forgotten Harvest in developing Backyard Garden Gleaners, a program of collecting excess garden produce to feed the hungry.

Produce will be collected every Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon until Sept. 19 at the church's south parking lot on Cady Street.

Tax receipts are available. Call (734) 420-9039 for more information.

Health Clinic

Meijer Pharmacy, on 8 Mile Road at Haggerty, will be holding their monthly health screening clinic from 8 a.m.-noon on Thursday, Aug. 20. Cholesterol, diabetes, and liver function screening are available at a very affordable cost.

Appointments are required; please contact the pharmacy for details at (248) 449-5733.

Property bond proposal passes

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER



Christine Farrell casts her ballot Tuesday afternoon at Precinct 1 in Northville at Moraine Elementary over the bond proposal for the former state hospital property on Seven Mile Road. By noon there were more than 80 ballots cast at Precinct 1.

In one of the most contentious elections in the history of Northville Township, the yes votes won in a special election Tuesday on a bond proposal to purchase 232.5 acres from developer REIS for \$23.5 million.

The property is located at Seven Mile and Haggerty Roads on the western edge of the charter township.

REIS is a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company. Voter turnout was at 29.3 percent, with 5,971 votes cast out of 20,379 registered voters in the township.

Yes votes totaled 3,253 or 54.56 percent. No votes stood at 2,709 or 45.44 percent. These were unofficial election results with 17 of 17 precincts reporting, according to Sue Hillebrand, township clerk.

The township will now be able to go forward with its request for an approximately \$8 million grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund that was just submitted on Monday. If the grant is awarded, it would mean that the purchase price on the property could be reduced by about \$2 million, lessening the cost to taxpayers.

Township leaders won't have an idea how they stand on the grant request until perhaps December at the earliest, according to Mark Abbo, township supervisor.

Please see **BOND, A13**

Northville chef ready to grill in annual West Oakland Rib Cook Off

■ Event set this
Sunday at Novi's
Rock Financial

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville chef Terry Poster of Epoch Catering said the best judges of his cooking are his children, Devin, 8, and Dylan, 5.

"I figure if the kids like it, everybody will like it," Poster said. "They're picky, and they'll tell you what they think."

Poster will be one of the entrants in Sunday's West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

The competition is heating up, and hot and tasty summer family fun is on the menu for the first annual

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets to Sunday's West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest are \$5 at the door, with children under 5 admitted free. For a complete schedule of events, go to www.experiencewco.com.

event at 46100 Grand River Ave.

Presented in part by Labatt beer and Young Country WYCD 99.9 FM, the all-day event from noon-7 p.m. will feature as many as 20 BBQ Rib Teams, live music, local restaurant tastings, a mechanical bull, rock climbing wall and family activities, including inflatables for the kids and a furry creature petting zoo.

Chefs will be busy on Friday and Saturday getting ready for Sunday's contest.

"Over the past month, interest in the competition has really picked up," said Mary Jane Scott, director of



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sales for Rock Financial Showplace. "In the world of BBQ, a \$1,500-plus prize is a sizable first-place purse, and contestants are really fired up about it. We are also getting a lot of interest from area restaurateurs eager for the bragging rights, as well as first-time local competitors who want to test their skills against seasoned teams. It's going to be great fun for all." Teams will vie for a total of \$3,000 in prizes to be awarded to the top four. Winners will be

announced at 5:30 p.m.

"Experience West Oakland," a committee of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, was granted a sanction from the Memphis Barbecue Network for this inaugural event. A panel of about 20 professional and amateur judges will determine the contest results. The Grand Prize Winner will be invited to compete in the "Memphis in May" Barbecue

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Northville resident robbed at gunpoint

A Northville Township resident was robbed at gunpoint in his garage around 1 a.m. Sunday.

The resident stated that he had just returned home from an evening at the Motor City Casino and as he was walking through his garage to his residential door he was approached from behind by two men wearing ski masks.

One of the suspects who was armed with a handgun ordered the resident to stop. The suspects took several hundred dollars and a cell phone from the resident.

The resident was ordered to close the garage door and not open it, as the suspects fled

the scene. When the resident opened the garage door the suspects were nowhere in site and his cell phone was found a short distance away.

Northville Township Police arrived and attempted to track the suspect with a K-9 from the Novi Police Department but were unsuccessful.

The suspects were unknown males both wearing ski masks and gloves. One of the suspects was armed with a handgun and spoke with an eastern European accent. The other suspect did not speak.

The resident was unharmed.

This case is currently under investigation by the Northville Township Detective Bureau.

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Two for one
Annelise and Callista Polasek, residents of the Ravines in Northville, sell lemonade and hone their math skills. The girls are going into first and third grade at Silver Springs Elementary School.



PHOTO BY TRACY POLASEK

Township clerk Hillebrand earns Master Municipal Clerk honor

■ Took three years to achieve

Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand recently fulfilled the requirements to earn the Master Municipal Clerk designation.

To obtain this designation, a clerk must complete 168 hours of coursework through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Hillebrand was accepted into the International Institute of

Municipal Clerks Academy in July 2006 and has spent the last three years working toward the MMC designation.

"All of this was done while she maintained her obligations to colleagues, family and community," said Chip Snider, township manager.

To become a Master Municipal Clerk, candidates must hold a Certified Master Clerk designation in good standing. They must be an active member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, reaffirm the IIMC's Code of Ethics and com-

plete and submit an IIMC application for the MMC designation with required supporting documentation and fee.

They must attain 84 points in the Advanced Education category and 20 points in the Professional and Social Contributions category.

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks's 10,000-plus members represent municipalities of 250 to more than 10 million people in North America and 15 other countries. The institute, whose headquarters are in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., is governed by a 26-member Board of Directors with 22 directors from 11 regions.



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First Friday Walk to include Deneau exhibit

■ Artist's work well-known in area

Known for her colorful cityscapes, Novi artist Darcel Deneau will be the featured artist in tomorrow's First Friday Art & Fashion Walk in downtown Northville.

The Northville Arts Commission is proud to present her solo exhibit at the Northville Art House, "Perceived Image: The Work of Darcel Deneau."

An opening reception with complimentary refreshments will take place from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow in the gallery at 215 W. Cady Street. Her display will remain in the gallery through Aug. 22.

When you think of the city of Detroit, what comes to mind? Is it progress, beauty, or hope? Decline and decay? Painter Darcel Deneau wants to show you her Detroit through her eyes — a place to be celebrated and appreciated, filled with energy and a future constantly redefining itself. She remains enchanted by Detroit while acknowledging the city struggles with its reputation.

"For many, each painted image of the city is beautiful, yet the city itself is not held in the same regard," Deneau said. "The voices of the media echo into hearsay, opinions are formed, and we search for the truth which may lie somewhere in between."

Deneau is a native Detroit and graduate of the College of Creative Studies. This will be her 11th solo exhibition. Her work can be found in the collections of Ernst & Young, University of Michigan, Ameriprise Financial and Visteon Corporation.

Also this month in the Art House's lower gallery is the exhibit "Creative Passages," an artistic celebration of recovery in mental health brought to the Art House by Gateway Community Health.

Art House Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday except on First Fridays, when the gallery is open from 1-9 p.m. For more information, call (248) 344-0497, or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.

STARRING, THE GALLERY EVENT

Join the staff of Starring, The Gallery, located at 118 W. Main Street, from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow as well. "Our artist for the month broke his foot and won't be able to join us," said gallery owner Mary Ott. "So, instead we will simply celebrate the day with wine, appetizers, good company and a selection of inter-



IMAGE COURTESY DARCEL DENEAU

This 36-by-36-inch oil on canvas titled "Nightfall in the City," by Novi artist Darcel Deneau will be part of her solo exhibit opening tomorrow at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St. An opening reception will take place from 6-9 p.m. with complimentary refreshments as part of the First Friday Art & Fashion Walk.

esting piece."

Nancy Swearingen of Swearingen Fine Portraits, located next door to the gallery at 120 W. Main Street, Suite 301, will also have a show tomorrow evening. Established in 1992, John and Nancy Swearingen began their business in Dearborn, according to their Web site, www.swearingenportraits.com.

She is a classically trained painter and began taking photographs in college as an adjunct to her painting classes.

Over the years, she was always the "one with the camera" and finally started the couple's portrait business. The studio grew from a home-based business to a loft in Dearborn for many years. In 2006, they moved to their studio in downtown Northville.

The Swearingens specialize in outdoor family portraits and studio portraits of children. High school senior portraits are frequently a combination of outdoor and studio shots. The Swearingens share and express their joy and love of family in their work.

"Our clients become part of our studio family," Nancy Swearingen said. "We love it when a member of the studio family pops in to say hello, or to see what is new on the studio walls."

Other downtown galleries and clothing stores will keep their doors open until 9 p.m. tomorrow night for the First Friday Art & Fashion Walk. For more information about participating galleries and businesses, go to www.downtownnorthville.com.

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Bizarre Bazaar

Crafters and vendors are needed for the Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church, Northville. The event will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the corner of Eight Mile and Taft Road.

This is a great opportunity to showcase your talent or business to hundreds of local customers. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling up fast.

For details and to reserve a space e-mail Pat Breslin at: BizarreBazaar@care2.com

For more information regarding Village Banking: www.villagebanking.org.

Civic Concern sale

All the proceeds from the garage sale at 46709 Merion Circle (Northville Hills Golf Club subdivision) from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, will benefit Northville Civic Concern, a food pantry that serves the unfortunate Northville residents that have fallen on hard times. Items include snowblowers, antique dresser, excellent condition toys, brand new Halloween costumes and much more that many giving friends donated to this worthy cause.

Senior center offers crime prevention talk

Area residents are invited to a free presentation, "Crime Prevention for Your Home," at 1 p.m. Aug. 10 at the Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street.

Representatives from Crime Prevention Design in Milford will present the talk. Attendees will learn how to use professional crime prevention techniques and criminology theories to ensure their family's safety. The idea is to use a proactive approach and not be a victim. The firm specializes in minimizing the criminal appeal of homes, providing consulting and analysis of homes and the surrounding area. The goal is to stop crime before it happens. The presentation will take place in the senior center's banquet room. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

50 years for St. Mary Mercy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year with festivities on Sunday, Sept. 13. The facility will be hosting its 3rd Annual 5K run/walk for Cancer at 9 a.m. and Community Open House immediately following from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. with the theme, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

The 5K run/walk, sponsored by Bright House Networks, is for cancer awareness, a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to participate to honor or remember a loved one. It is a time and place to come together to support and strengthen each other. Any proceeds from this event go toward St. Mary Mercy's Cancer Services to assist patients in need.

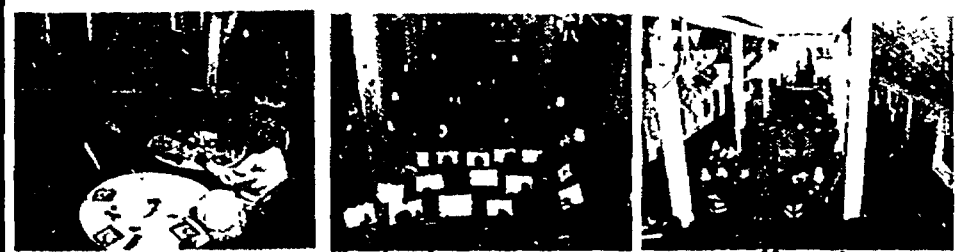
St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia (at the corner of Five Mile and Levan Roads). Register for the 5K on www.active.com. All activities at the Open House are free. Visit www.stmarymercy.org, or call 734-655-1590.

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Making music

Guy Louis brought his Chautauqua Express music to Northville's Tunes on Tuesday on July 21. Louis moved about the crowd and encouraged kids to dance as he played rock 'n roll, blues and folk tunes.

Hunger doesn't take a vacation

NORTHVILLE CIVIC CONCERN

If you don't know what Northville Civic Concern is, you should. This all-volunteer organization has been in existence since 1983. We are a licensed, not-for-profit organization with the primary purpose of providing temporary food assistance on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Who is eligible? Our clients must live in the Northville/Northville Township school district and meet low-income guidelines. They must provide a current ID, proof of residence, proof of income, Medicaid and/or insurance card, home/rent receipts and utility bills.

When is Civic Concern open? Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All food and monetary donations come from individuals, businesses, churches, schools and organizations such as Scouts, Rotary Interact, etc....and people like you! All donations are tax deductible

and can be dropped off during hours of operation. Genitti's Hole In The Wall, Cassel's Family Restaurant and The UPS Store (on Center Street) will take your food donations during business hours when we are not open.

Where can you find us? Practically in your own backyard! We are located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza, 42951 Seven Mile Road.

Why does Northville have an organization like Civic Concern? Many people are surprised that there are individuals and families that need our services. There are people in need in every community. People fall on hard times when least expected and we sure do see it now more than ever. The loss of jobs and the downturn in the economy has made us more aware of the tough situations people find themselves in

through no fault of their own. AS a caring community, each of us can help. There is continual need for non-expired canned goods (soup, stews, meats, vegetables, fruits, etc.), paper products, cereal, personal hygiene products, laundry and dish soap and baby products. If you like it and use it, so will our clients! Monetary donations and gift cards are accepted and used to purchase food and necessary items for our pantry.

There are often volunteer opportunities during the year at Civic Concern, or you may want to come by and meet or join our family. Look for future articles about Northville Civic Concern I the Northville Record.

Thanks to you, we can help others! This summer, remember - hunger doesn't take a vacation.

Jan Covert, volunteer
Northville Civic Concern

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Northville Sports Den caters to customers of all ages

■ Kids' crafts, movies offered once a month

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Phil Martinez of Novi and Ramona Bluestein of Milford are making the Northville Sports Den a family affair.

Bluestein, Martinez' sister, just joined forces in February with her brother and co-owner Adam Mason of Northville at the restaurant located on the lower level of Northville Square, 133 W. Main Street.

Formerly known as The Chase Bar & Grill, then Dino's Sports Lounge, then Dino's Sports Grill, the three owners decided to change the name again because they wanted to include the word Northville to reflect the community they serve.

"We also wanted to differentiate ourselves with Dino's Lounge in Ferndale," Martinez said.

And, they thought the word "den" reflected the more family-oriented type of restaurant they're trying to create.

"Ramona and I are from a family of six and grew up in Westland," he said.

They have getting ready to launch a new menu and have some innovative offerings to attract new customers.

"Phil seemed like he was having fun, so I said, 'I'd like to be part of this as well,'" Bluestein said. "So, that's kind of how I came in (to the business)."

Bluestein is a retired executive assistant with two children.

"She was retired and got tired of it," Martinez said. "It was a little boring," Bluestein said.

Martinez has big plans as a restaurateur, wanting to expand to at least five restaurants and perhaps as many as 10.

"I know it's something I can't do all myself," he said. "I need someone I can trust and rely upon."

"Technically, we are still in the process of buying The Chase Bar & Grill," Martinez said.

Chef Steve Paulson is making Mexican dishes on a regular basis now and more.

"We're expanding our burger and pizza selections," Martinez said. These include a Sink Burger, with everything and anything on it, and the Den's Special, a quarter-pound burger with lettuce, tomato and red onion, fries and a soda for \$4.95. Patrons can substitute the soda for a beer for only \$1 more. A specialty is Mina's Mediterranean Pizza, a vegetarian entree.

A Little League Menu is available for children.

DEN CUB CLUB STARTING

It was Bluestein's idea to start a Den Cub Club for children age 9 and under once a month from

THE DEN'S HOURS OF OPERATION

Northville Sports Den's kitchen hours are 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday; and 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m. on Sunday. The bar is open until 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 10 p.m. on Sunday and until 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

For more information, call the Northville Sports Den at (248) 347-5993.

2-4 p.m. on Sunday. "We'll do crafts or watch a movie," she said. The event will take place in the smoke-free banquet room. "We also have an air filtration system."

She hopes to have them participate in downtown parades and is currently developing a membership list.

"I currently have about six children signed up and would like to have 10 before I start offering programs," she said.

Children who sign up receive a welcome letter, membership card and a T-shirt. "We send them stuff in the mail, because kids love to get mail," Bluestein said.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

In the evenings, on Mondays, "My Life Trivia" and half-priced food is offered. Tuesdays is Open Mic Night with Greg Stryker and All-Day Happy Hour. Wednesdays is Karaoke Night with Chip. Thursdays will feature a Patio Party through the summer. Tonight, there's a pre-Jimmy Buffet concert patio party. (The Buffet concert is next week.) Tomorrow, the restaurant starts their All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry for \$11.95. Live entertainment is provided on Saturday nights.

Breakfast is served on Saturdays and Sundays only, and the Den also offers a church program. People can bring in their church program and receive 10 percent off on their meal, which then goes to their church.

"That's going extremely well," Martinez said. He said the restaurant is also reducing their prices to bring in more diners.

"We're striving for outstanding quality, service and price," Martinez said.

The restaurant participates in fund-raisers, giving 10 percent of food sales, and sponsors several local sports teams. The banquet room can be used for private parties as well.

"I'm determined to find ways to give back to the community," Martinez said.

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Phil Martinez, manager of Northville Sports Den has a number of new menu items at their Northville Square location including a pepper-rubbed ribeye steak and chicken enchiladas with beans and rice

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EDUCATION

Northville school district getting scanned

BY NATHAN MENOIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Nearly 30 file cabinets full of employee folders are taking up an awful lot of space in the school administrative office building.

Using funds from the 2004 bond issue for building upgrades, the district is preparing to electronically file all folders of former, current employees, and new employees, later this summer.

Julie Taylor, office manager for Administrative Services said the goal is to scan all contents of an employee's folder, and then put place it into a computer folder.

Once it is scanned and electronically filed, she said, the employee would receive back items they were personally required to provide to the district, such as teaching certificates. All other papers will be shredded.

Personnel from the custodial, food service, clerical, teachers, maintenance, administrative services employees, as well as substitutes make up dozens of employees.

"This is going to take a long time to complete," Taylor said. "I would imagine five years or more to finish all the scanning of every folder for every employee that has ever worked here."

The cost for this project with program software, four hi-speed scanners and about 30 hours of training for six administrative department personnel is under \$12,000.

CEO Image Systems, located in Plymouth, will provide the training and software. The company specializes in document imaging and storage.

Conrad Foster, CEO and president of the company, said that since 1994, they've been the largest provider of scanning, and paperless office system, for school districts in Michigan.

"Our storage of employee files is a big issue. These cabinets have been here from 30 years ago, and we've been adding and adding to them. I'm crammed for space. The cabinets are old and we don't want to purchase new storage equipment. We need to keep up with the times. Some of these folders are two inches thick and that just tells you how long some of these folders have been around."

JULIE TAYLOR, office manager, Northville Public Schools Administrative Services

"Helping offices become more paperless requires a lot of upfront preparation. We have a very organized framework for implementation. The biggest challenge is planning how the records are to be organized in an electronic filing system. The time consuming part is going through the paper files, putting them in order, removing staples, and removing documents that do not need to be kept."

Taylor said that the Plymouth, Novi, and Farmington school districts also utilize the same electronic storage program.

"This program allows for easier access to an employee's file," she said. "We'll be concentrating on the Human Resource Department, but this is expandable to attendance and payroll departments as well."

A few years back, Northville did consider hiring an outside company to handle scanning and electronic filing, but found the cost too expensive. That's when they made the decision to do it themselves.

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to purchase new storage equipment. We need to keep up with the times. Some of these folders are two inches thick and that just tells you how long some of these folders have been around."

The state requires many documents for school employees: proof of citizenship, evaluations, and even fingerprints cards which need to be kept in a separate folder.

Though it will take time to complete all of the scanning and create folders on the computer for each employee, Taylor says it will be well worth the effort.

"This will be a great time saver and much more efficient. The cost savings will be because of the time saved."

Looking for a specific file takes some time. Going to one of three rooms a cabinet is located in, finding the file, and then looking through several pieces of paper in that folder to find the particular document needed is not a quick task.

Taylor said new computer folders would be scanned using the employee's name. When that folder needs to be accessed, typing in the name will bring up the folder, and from there any document can be quickly found and viewed.

Sharing information with building principals and other authorized persons will be an additional time saver, as information can be sent via computer. In just seconds, file contents can be called up. Folder confidentiality will be strictly maintained.

"Overall we will be saving time, saving space, be able to share information quickly, and

have faster access to any information we need from a folder. This means we'll be saving money because of the overall efficiency of this program," Taylor said.

Nathan Menoian is a freelance writer living in Milford



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Northville School District Administrative Assistant Julie Taylor slides a document into her Fujitsu paper scanner. The school district, and Taylor with lots of folders and papers on her desk, hope that the scanner can eliminate tons of documents from the office and leave them in digital format.

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Age 86, August 2, 2009. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 4th at Hope Lutheran Church. Interment Fairview Cemetery, Brighton. Memorial donations to Fox Run Benevolent Fund. Online condolences www.obnensullivanfuneralhome.com



JANE ELLEN BRENNAN

Age 85, July 30, 2009. Funeral Mass was held at Holy Name Church Mon., Aug. 3. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial donations to Lourdes or IHM Retirement Fund. Online condolences www.obnensullivanfuneralhome.com

JOHN "JACK" EDELBROCK

Of Milford and previously of Stokes Bay, Ontario. (Age 79) July 22, 2009. Beloved husband and best friend of Elizabeth McCarthy Edelbrock. Dear father of John (Donna) Edelbrock and the late Susan (Larry) Cattell. Loving grandfather of Elizabeth and Amanda Cattell. Dear brother of Carol (Bob) Welsh preceded by his parents Florence & Raymond Edelbrock and his late brothers Ray and Bernie and sister Judi. Also leaves several nieces and nephews. Send condolences to www.charlesstepfuneralhome.com

BARBARA ANN LAUBSCHER

Age 73, passed away on Monday, August 3, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, William John Laubscher Jr.; sister, Carol Whitcomb. She is survived by her children, William John III and Kelli Laubscher, Celeste Hope and DuWayne Fulcher, Jr.; grandchildren, William John Laubscher IV, Dillon Alexander Fulcher, Courtney Paige Fulcher; sister, Jean Farrell and Don Moran; brother-in-law, Karl and Tina Laubscher; nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 8, 10:00 AM at Cherry Hill United Presbyterian Church, 24110 Cherry Hill Rd, Dearborn, MI 48124. Interment Parkview Memorial Gardens, Livonia, MI. Barto Funeral Home 616 454-9284

RICHARD R. REID, JR.

Age 73 of Milford, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Saturday, August 1, 2009. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Faye Reid (d. 2004). Survived by his loving daughters, Debra Reid of Milford, Brenda (Rick) North of Linden, Rachel (Jack) Reid-Turnblom of Fenton, son, Richard (Jennifer) Reid, III of Fenton; grandchildren, Ricky, Rhonda, Dillon, Rebekah, Reina, Beau, Ella, sisters Mary Markell of Whitmore Lake, Rose (John) Ingles of Louisiana, several nieces, nephews and dear friends. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford on Thursday, August 6 at 11AM with Pastor Richard Reid, III and Pastor Mark Fernandez officiating. Bunal St Mary's Cemetery, Milford. Memorials made to American Cancer Society or Feed The Children are appreciated. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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Juggling fun

Kids laugh at comedian and juggler Joel Tacey's Tuesday afternoon show at the Northville District Library on June 16. Tacey is just part of the line-up for the library's Youth Reading Program this summer. For more information on the reading program, call the library at (248) 349-3020.



Local young artist will attend Interlochen

Julie Piccone, 15, of Northville has been accepted and will attend Interlochen Arts Camp, a summer arts program for aspiring artists grades 3 through 12. Julie, the daughter of Alberto

and Kathy, will study All-State High School Choir at the Camp. In 2009, the Camp will mark its 82nd season at the forefront of arts education.

Julie has recently completed her freshman year at the Northville High School, where

she was a member of the Varsity and Select Choirs under the direction of Mary Kay Pryce and Mark Krempski. Julie is also an active singer at FUMC's Praise Choir and their annual Youth Musical under the direction of Stacey Becker. Julie's inter-

est and appreciation for choir developed during her Hillside middle school years while being a student of Vickie Kopistansky. Julie will be returning to Northville High School for her sophomore year this upcoming Fall.

NORTHVILLE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

Kettering University

Northville's Matthew Gaidica, who is pursuing a degree in electrical engineering, was named to the spring 2009 Dean's List. The Dean's List at Kettering University is an honor earned by students, who in a given term, have attained a minimum weighted grade average of 92.0 out of a possible 100, have received no grades below 85, and have earned a minimum of 16 credits.

Bowling Green State University

Northville's Michael V. Dow, a senior in the Education and Human Development College, was named to the spring 2009 Dean's List. To be chosen for the Dean's List, undergraduate students must carry no fewer than 12 letter-graded credit hours per semester and achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Grand Valley State University

Katie Scott of Northville was named to the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in group social studies.

American University

Lena Shareef, a junior from Northville majoring in visual media, was named to the spring 2009 Dean's List. A student must obtain a 3.5 grade point average or better on their semester courses to make the list.

Valparaiso University

Northville's Brian Havlisch, a junior computer science major, was named to the spring semester 2009 Dean's List. A student must obtain a 3.5 grade point average or better on their full-time semester courses to make the list.

Calvin College

Northville's Karlee J. Kage, social work, graduated from Calvin College during spring commencement ceremonies held at Van Noord Arena in May.

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Northville's Barbara Bennett was named to the spring quarter 2009 Dean's List. A student must earn at least a 3.3 grade point average to make the list.

Hillsdale College

Northville's Michael Yassay was named to the spring 2009 Dean's List.

DePaul University

The following Northville students graduated from DePaul University in Chicago in June: Lindsay J. Corcoran graduated with a master of education degree from the School of Education. Andrew S. Balazer graduated magna cum laude and order of with a juris doctor degree from the College of Law. Alexandria D. Murphy graduated with a bachelor of science degree from the College Liberal Arts & Sciences.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Tax incentives need strict oversight, transparency

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Nancy Cassis

Transparency provides accurate information for lawmakers to make decisions and allows the public access to review how their tax dollars are being spent. Having the correct data is vital to a system of checks and balances. Legislators need the information to perform their oversight duties. But citizens have the ultimate oversight over state government, and they need access to detailed information when evaluating a state program.

That is why I have worked so hard to add it into the tax incentive process.

At my request, Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) President Greg Main, his staff,

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WITH STATE SEN. NANCY CASSIS

and I recently met to discuss the state's Michigan Economic

Growth Authority (MEGA) tax incentive programs and the need for legislative oversight.

There is a tremendous disconnect between the MEDC's press release job announcements and the actual state of employment in Michigan. According to the nonpartisan Senate Fiscal Agency, less than half of the approved MEGA credits come to fruition.

Michigan taxpayers have the right to know how these credits are being awarded and what the results are. That is why transparency and oversight are so important.

As a result of that meeting, Mr. Main has agreed to support my efforts to add greater transparency to the MEGA credits.

My measure, Senate Bill 71, increases the reporting requirements for MEGA tax credits by requiring

inclusion of the actual number of jobs created and the actual value of the MEGA credits claimed. The bill was unanimously passed by the Senate on Feb. 12.

Recently, the House New Economy and Quality of Life Committee approved SB 71, after amending it at the request of the MEDC. Unfortunately, the panel's amended version of bill limits its effectiveness by reducing its disclosure requirements. The committee's action moved the process forward, but will require much effort to work out the differences between the House-amended draft and the original Senate version.

SB 71 is a cornerstone of transparency to build upon. And to help ensure accountability, I will soon be introducing similar legislation for the refundable film credits.

The film incentives and MEGA credits are not a credit to a company's tax liability. They are checks from the state at the expense of Michigan businesses who are being hit hard by the Michigan Business Tax

surcharge to pay for these credits.

It is vital to Senate Republicans that we address the cost of the refundable credits at a time of budget distress. We need to right-size the cost of the credits when businesses are closing and leaving Michigan under the weight of high taxes and residents are asked to make sacrifices to help balance a \$1.7 billion budget deficit.

As Michigan continues to have the nation's highest unemployment rate, we need transparency to ensure the state gets a better return on its investment.

We must make sure state programs are working as they were originally intended. In the case of the business tax incentives, that means spurring economic growth and creating jobs. Without real transparency, it is virtually impossible to truly evaluate these programs.

I will continue to work to reach an agreement that will allow the Michigan Film Office and the MEDC to help spur job creation while being transparent with the process, accountable to the public and fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars.

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Northville Art House part of online giving program

■ One of 75 nonprofits in community challenge

Arts and culture organizations have been hit particularly hard by the downturn in the economy. Donations are down, and many such entities are struggling.

Now, the Northville Art House will be one of 75 local organizations participating in an online giving program, "Community Foundation Challenge — Arts & Culture," to be launched at 10 a.m. Aug. 18.

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, in partnership with the Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan, announced the list last week.

The online giving challenge, announced July 16, hopes to generate \$3 million in operating funds for arts and cultural organizations in southeast Michigan. The challenge was developed to help arts and cultural organizations in the region raise operating funds, which are especially needed in the current economic climate.

The participating organizations are in Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw counties. For a brief description of the participating organizations, please visit www.cfsem.org.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on Aug. 18, potential donors can log in into the Community Foundation Web site at www.cfsem.org to contribute. Gifts for the Community Foundation Challenge made online to support participating Cultural Alliance members will be matched 50 percent by the Community Foundation.

"The Arts Commission is excited that the Northville Art House was selected to participate in the Community Foundation Challenge — Arts and Culture program," said Gerry Culpepper, Arts Commission treasurer. "This program, in partnership with the Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan, is a major enhancement to our current member-

ship donation drive and will increase community awareness and appreciation of the arts and cultural programs offered by the Northville Art House."

Nancy Darga, a member of the Northville City Council, said the Northville Art House staff members worked hard to become one of the 75 organizations included in the program.

"They had to get a 14-page application ready and were just at the Detroit Zoo last week to receive training on how to increase funding for the organization," Darga said. "I'm very excited for them. It's a great opportunity for us to support the cultural offerings here in Northville."

Darga said Nick Bateson, assistant city manager and finance director, assisted the Art House staff in submitting the program application. Kathleen Tabaczynski serves as chairperson of the Northville Arts Commission.

TIME LIMIT ON PROGRAM

For every \$2 contributed online by donors to support the arts and cultural organizations, the Community Foundation will match it with \$1. Gifts can be made by credit card or e-check and can range from \$25-\$10,000 per contributor, per organization.

Time, however, is of the essence. The "Community Foundation Challenge — Arts & Culture" will last only until the \$1 million in matching funds is exhausted or until Sept. 18 — whichever comes first.

"The idea of the challenge is not only to provide operating funds to the participating organizations but also to teach them how to reach out to their audiences on a regular basis," said Mariam Noland, president, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

"Arts and cultural organizations are essential to healthy communities and to the well-being of people of all ages," said Maud Lyon, executive director of the Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan. "We are thrilled that so many organizations will benefit from this challenge."

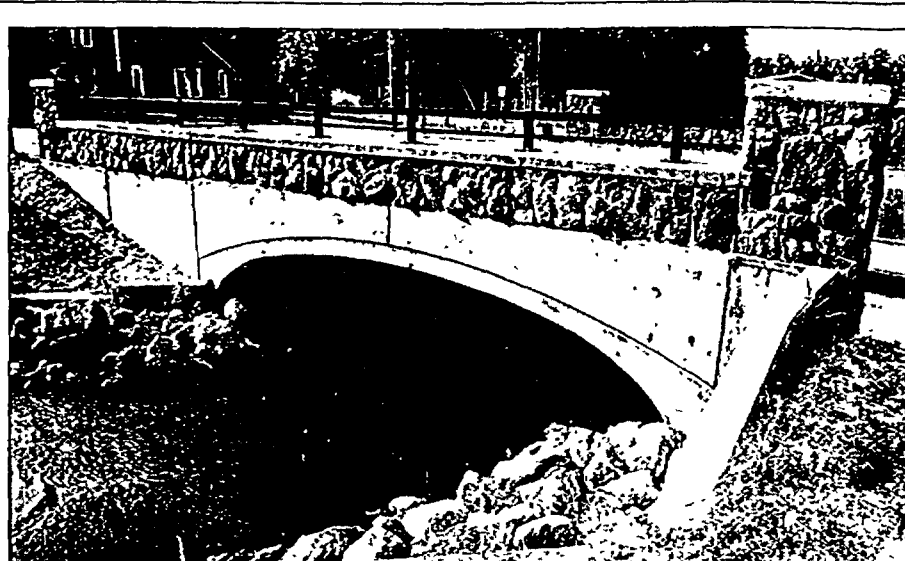
The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is a permanent community endowment built by gifts from thousands of individuals and organizations committed to the future of southeast Michigan. The foundation works to improve the region's quality of life by connecting those who care with causes. The foundation supports a wide variety of activities benefiting education, arts and culture, health, human services, community development and civic affairs.

Since its inception, the foundation has distributed more than \$360 million through more than 33,000 grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties.

The Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan is a professional association of nonprofit arts and cultural organizations with 89 member organizations that span every artistic discipline and serves communities across the seven counties of southeast Michigan.

The alliance facilitates collaborations and initiatives that enhance the ability of arts and cultural organizations to achieve their missions and to be sustainable community assets. It also serves as the collective voice of and advocate for arts and cultural organizations to ensure they are recognized, fully utilized, and supported by the general public, political and community leaders.

For more information, visit www.culturalalliancesemi.org.



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Bridge project



Northville benefitted from a \$100,000 value donation of fieldstone for its Beal Avenue bridge project from MasonPro. At left, Northville Department of Public Works director Jim Gallogly and MasonPro employee Tony DeCia stand on the bridge which was re-opened last fall after being closed for nearly a decade. Jeff Snyder and his wife, Terry, owners of MasonPro, a masonry supplier in Northville Township, recently donated some fieldstone to enhance the look of the new Beal Avenue Bridge just east of the Northville Downs race track parking lot in Northville. The Michigan split fieldstone used was designed to replicate stone used in foundations, chimneys and other areas of historic Northville and to connect the downtown area to Bealtown, where the Snyders live.

GRILL

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Network Finals next year. For more information on the sanctioning body, go to www.MENBBQ.com. Registration information for interested contestants can be found at www.experiencewo.com.

Western Oakland County restaurants are invited to participate in the fun by offering samples of their most popular dishes. Exhibitors featuring cooking and barbecue-related products are also welcome.

BARBECUE AND HOT RODS

Rock Financial Showplace will also welcome the Mustang Memories All-Ford Car Show on Sunday, featuring more than 500 Mustangs, and the Your Whip Midwest Showdown, a high-performance automotive show offering 150,000 square feet of hot-rod heaven.

Award-winning chef, Poster, of Livonia, grew up in Northville and graduated from Northville High School. Epoch Catering is a division of Epoch Restaurant Corporation, nationally renowned for its restaurants Forte in Birmingham and Tribute in Farmington Hills and as the exclusive caterer at Rock Financial Showplace.

Poster has worked in the restaurant industry since age 12, attending Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Program. His grandmother and grandfa-

ther, Ruth and the late Dick Crawford, owned Crawford's Restaurant in Northville in the space now occupied by Riffle's Homestyle Restaurant on East Main Street. He began as a dishwasher, became a bus boy, then moved on to prep work.

After high school, he ran the restaurant's morning shift.

"After they sold the restaurant in the early 1990s, I started working with the Epoch Restaurant Group in 1992," he said. Epoch used to own the Sheraton Hotel off Novi Road, now the Crowne Plaza Hotel, as well as Novi's former Too Chez Restaurant. Poster worked at Too Chez and Tribute, moving to the catering division about nine years ago.

Poster said Epoch's booth will include ribs and Cilantro Jerk Chicken.

THE LOWDOWN ON RIBS

Poster said it's important to use fresh, high-quality meat when making ribs.

"Baby back ribs are thicker and meatier," he said. "St. Louis cut ribs are fattier and greasier. Those are the ribs that come in big slabs."

Poster said he's been making ribs for at least 20 years.

"I like to change it up. Sometimes I'll do the classic dry rub and cook them slowly on the grill. Or you can marinate the ribs and baste them and cook them for a long time in a low-temperature oven — say 300 degrees for at least four hours."

He's won local chili competitions, which aren't too far from

a barbecued rib contest.

"Tomato-based barbecue sauce popular here," Poster said. He likes a vinegar-based sauce for his ribs that's a little spicy.

"You've got to cook long and slowly to really get the tender meat you're looking for in ribs," he said.

As for the sauce, Poster said the key is to experiment.

"Add some different ingredients to see what you like best," he said. "You can create your own barbecue sauce, and it may never taste the same twice."

If you're wondering what to serve with ribs, Poster suggests such side dishes as coleslaw, corn on the cob, potato salad, baked beans, sliced tomatoes, a green salad, French fries, baked potato, or potatoes roasted on the grill.

"My kids love those," he said. "I slice the potatoes, sprinkle them with salt, pepper and a little canola oil and cook them on a medium-hot grill until they're crispy."

Poster said he's been putting a lot of thought into his barbecue rib preparation for the contest.

"We've done a couple of test runs," he said. "We've had a couple of barbecues and invited friends over."

To make your own dry rub for ribs, Poster suggests a mixture of granulated garlic, cayenne pepper, brown sugar, dry mustard and paprika.

"That's a good starting point," he said.

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MARATHON BRIDGE

The following people were winners for the 2008-2009 season of Marathon Bridge, sponsored by The Northville Woman's Club.

Day Group 1: Mary Pohlod & Jane Traudt, first; Nancy Blay & Maureen Seibles, second; Bonnie Hyde & Judy Kohl, third.

Day Group 2: Deanne Nelsen & Anna Marie Ribick, first; Carolann Ayers & Sandra Walts, second;

Marie Murphy & Marge Rousseau, third.

Day Group 3: Ann Masson & Carol Munerance, first; Beth Kordt & Diann Korovin, second; Marie Murphy & Marge Rousseau, third.

Day Group 4: Marcia Booth & Carol Munerance, first; Marie Murphy & Mary Thomas, second; Bonnie Hyde & Vida Chirgwin, third.

Day Group 5: Sharon Carpenter & Rita Goscinski, first; Marie Murphy & Mary Thomas, second; Lynne Elipp & Amy Sullivan, third.

Evening Group 1: Betty Kaiser & Mary Pat Kaminski, first; Sharon Carpenter & Nan Oliver, second; Carole Lower & Margie Sievert, third.

Evening Group 2: Beth Kordt & Barb Sixt, first; Pat Howe & Judy Shattuck, second; Marcia Booth & Nancy Longo, third.

Couples Group: Marjorie & Chuck Manns, first; Rosemary & Bill Irwin, second; Carol & Dick Munerance, third.

Anyone interested in joining The Northville Woman's Club should contact President Judy Prain at (248) 348-2073. If you wish to participate in one of the above bridge groups in 2009-2010, please call Maureen Settles at (248) 348-9213 by Aug. 15 for more information.

ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY

Notice of Public Hearing - 2010 Budget WE WANT YOUR HELP

Your Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County wants you to help decide on the

2009-2010 BUDGET FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND 2009-2010 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County invites all interested citizens and elected officials to present comments prior to adoption of the 2009-2010 Budget and Road Improvement Program. For this purpose, we have scheduled a Public Hearing.

Date: Thursday, August 27, 2009
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Oakland County Auditorium
Oakland County Service Center
1200 North Telegraph
Pontiac, Michigan 48341

WHAT THE BUDGET IS

The proposed Budget sets forth the revenue anticipated to be available to the Road Commission and the sources of the revenue. The Budget also designates the proposed use of these funds, including the Operating Expenditures of the Road Commission and the proposed Road Improvement Program.

ADVANCE COPIES ARE AVAILABLE

Copies of the proposed 2009-2010 Budget and related information will be available one (1) week prior to the Public Hearing. They may be obtained by contacting the Finance Department of the Road Commission for Oakland County, 31001 Lahser Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan 48025 (Telephone (248) 645-2000, ext. 2237 or TDD (248) 645-9923).

Copies of the proposed 2009-2010 Road Improvement Program will be available one (1) week prior to the Public Hearing. They may be obtained by contacting the Engineering Department of the Road Commission for Oakland County, 31001 Lahser Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan 48025 (Telephone (248) 645-2000, ext. 2265 or TDD (248) 645-9923).

WE HOPE YOU WILL PRESENT COMMENTS

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing are held in accordance with the provisions of Act 2, P.A. 1968, as amended by Act 621, P.A. 1978, Act 43, P.A. 1963 (2nd executive session), and Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended.

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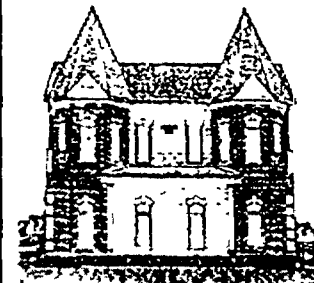
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NEIGHBORS

Tipping Point Theatre hires new producing artistic director

Tipping Point Theatre hired its new producing artistic director, James Kuhl, who holds an M.F.A. in acting from Wayne State University, a B.A. in theatre from Alma College, and is an alumni of the Apprentice Program of the Purple Rose Theatre Company.

Kuhl has numerous stage credits, including productions at the Hilberry Theatre, Purple Rose Theatre Company, Boarshead Theatre and Michigan Shakespeare Festival. His most recent acting credits include R.P. McMurphy in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," for

which he was nominated for a Best Actor Wilde Award, and the title role in Hamlet, both at the Hilberry Theatre. Kuhl is expected to begin in the position at the end of July. "I'm honored to take on these responsibilities, and it is my hope to invigorate the community by sharing my passion for this art as we work together to make inspiring theatre we can all believe in," said Kuhl.

In addition to his onstage work, Kuhl has also served as an instructor at multiple venues.

He has taught acting and theater at Alma College, the Purple Rose Theatre, Water Works Theatre and Wayne State University.

"We're so excited to welcome James into the Tipping Point Theatre family," said Board of Directors President Chuck Gaidica. "We look

forward to introducing him to our members, patrons and the community of Northville, and we are confident in his ability to lead Tipping Point in an exciting new direction."

The producing artistic director (PAD) position has been created to fulfill the duties of the vacated position of executive director. The PAD will act as the primary executive of Tipping Point Theatre, with a focus on artistic direction and fundraising.

The mission of Tipping Point Theatre is to foster human interactions and relations, creating a unifying, yet personal experience through affordable, professional theatre performances and community outreach.

The theatre is located at 361 E. Cady Street; visit tippingpointtheatre.com.

NORTHVILLE ANNIVERSARY

Nelson

Arthur and Margaret (Method) Nelson of Livonia will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a Detroit Tiger game on Saturday, Aug. 29 followed by mass at St. Aiden and a luncheon celebration at Walnut Creek Country Club on Sunday, Aug. 30.

The couple were married in Dearborn on Aug. 27, 1949. Arthur has been retired for 10 years from BEI Associates in Detroit; Margaret was a homemaker.

Their children are Mark & Jay Nelson, Northville; Ron &



Arthur and Margaret Nelson

They have 22 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

NORTHVILLE ANNIVERSARY

Banks

Vincent and Barbara (Barron) Banks of Tecumseh celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 20 at Weber's in Ann Arbor.

The couple were married June 6, 1959 at St. Mary's in Monroe with Father John Burke officiating.

Their children are Diane of Brighton; Karen of Garden City and Daniel (and Shauna) of Howell. Grandchildren are Andrew, Marcus and Rebecca. Vincent worked for Michigan Bell Telephone from 1956-



Vincent and Barbara Banks

1989. He served in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Yosemite as a machinist from 1953 through 1955 and at Great Lakes NTC in 1952.

Barbara worked at Steel Casting from 1955-1960 and worked at Buryl Hill, Inc. in Farmington from 1974 to 1987.

NOVI/NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Shusta & Anglin

Announcing the engagement of Alice Elizabeth Shusta and Douglas Anglin II. Alice and Doug were in the same graduating class from Novi High School in 1999. They did not meet again until approximately seven years later in 2006.

Alice, daughter of Mitchell Shusta of Dearborn Heights, is 27. She graduated from Western Michigan University in 2004 and immediately obtained a teach-

ing position at Rochester High School. She then went on to get her master's degree in 2007.

Doug, son of Sue Anglin of Novi and the late Douglas Anglin Sr., is 28. He graduated from Ferris State University in 2003 as a civil engineer. He is president of Anglin Construction Company of Novi.

Following their marriage on July 18, Doug and Alice will begin their life together at their new home in Northville.



NORTHVILLE BIRTH

Dominik S. Avery

Michael and Marta Avery of Northville announce the birth of their son, Dominik Stanislaw Avery, born July 14, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Grandparents are Lyle and Jeni Avery of South Lyon and Barbara Solak of Matopolskie, Poland. Great-grandparent is Aurilla Steele of Plymouth.

NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Stankowicz & Herrst

Rebekah Kay Stankowicz and Nicholas Aaron Herrst, both of Howell, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Judy Stankowicz and Tull Lassell of Howell.

She is a 2002 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is employed by WHMI radio.

The groom-elect is the son of Bonnie Herrst of Stockbridge. He is a Pinckney High School graduate and a member of IBEW Local 252.

The couple are planning a spring 2010 wedding at Waldenwoods.

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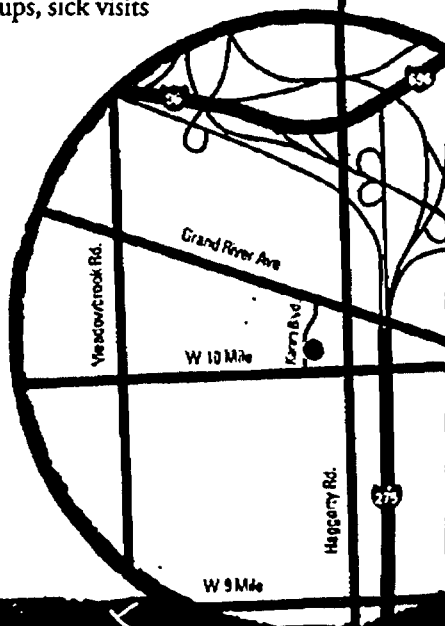
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

National health care plan calls for one more opinion — yours

Is there a groundswell of support, or not, for overhauling our country's health care system? And is the federal government the best for the job?

Feeling a bit queasy?

Nationalizing health care is tops on President Barack Obama's agenda. But is it on yours?

Based on comments from people out and about in Northville recently, yes.

When we've asked people if they are in favor of a national health care program, they are answering with a resounding "yes" ... or "no."

There is no denying that there is a large faction of people eagerly opposed to a government-controlled — and perhaps mandated — health care plan. But from what we are hearing, there are also a lot of people want a plan even if it would pile a trillion or more dollars on the shoulders of the employed, and those who employ them. They want health care out of the free market and into the hands of Washington, D.C.

Some ask, "Just what is fueling this (push for a national health care program)?"

Good question.

Let's build on that. If we want, or don't want, medicine to become easily available to every man, woman and child in this country, are we doing anything about it? Are we making our wants known to those whose job it is to set policy and enact laws and spend our tax dollars?

Or are we waiting for the other guy to do it?

Are we contacting those who have been elected to Congress, or do we consider it an exercise in futility?

Are we surrendering to cynicism, apathy, laziness?

We urge you to at least make the attempt of having your voice heard — beyond your back yard or front porch, beyond the office water cooler or local watering hole.

We can't promise it's going to make a difference. But at least for now, we trust that a phone call or e-mail to Congress is worth the effort.

Do nothing, and reform of health care might not materialize.

For Novi area residents, contact U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R, at (248) 685-9495, mccotter.house.gov, Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D, at (202) 224-4842, stabenow.senate.gov, or Sen. Carl Levin, D, at (202) 224-6221, levin.senate.gov.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, *In Your Voices, on the Web* at hometownlife.com.

■ Plan pushes alternative energy goals

It's really exciting to see that Michigan's state Congresspeople are in line with the national momentum. U.S. Rep. Gary Peters has also wisely supported changes to our energy sources that will support job growth and economic stability in Michigan, while limiting the negative effects of climate change. The American Clean Energy and Security Act implements similar kinds of economic incentives to increase the number of jobs in the clean energy industry. ACES puts a cap on carbon that will encourage growth for companies that supply clean energy services and products. Michigan already has over 1,900 such businesses, and as this article points out, jobs are growing in the clean energy sector even while the state is losing jobs overall. None of us will want to pay for the costs of climate change; this kind of legislation makes it easy and affordable for us to avoid bringing those costs upon us. Thanks to Corriveau as well as to Gary Peters and other MI leaders in clean energy growth.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you support a national health care program like the one the Obama administration is proposing?



Yes, because the health care program we have now is just not adequate. I am enlisted in the Veterans program, and if the feds copy the V.A. program, we've got a winner.

Lee Bleifeld



No. I just don't want the government running it. I don't trust them. I'm afraid in my old age I won't be taken care of.

Marilyn Eischen



No, they would screw up a one-car funeral. The federal government can't do anything right. I have no faith whatsoever.

Howard Daley



I have good health insurance, but I feel for people who don't. They could be helped a bit.

Mary Orlowski

LETTERS

Learn from tragedy

I'm sure most of your readers have read and heard about the recent and tragic kidnapping and murder of little Nevaeh Buchanan. You saw how all the many friends, neighbors and relatives flocked around Ms. Buchanan, crying and giving their support.

However, do any of you feel like I do? By this, I mean don't you wonder and say to yourself, "Where were all these so-called 'concerned' and 'caring' people when Nevaeh's mother was hanging out with convicted sex offenders?" These people all state that they were close friends and neighbors of both mother and daughter. If so, they had to know about the mother's dubious relationships with at least one of these men. Why didn't even one of them care enough to notify the police and/or the Social Services Child Welfare Department? Were they all to ignorant to know that sex offenders cannot be around children or have relationships with that child's mother? If just one person had called the authorities, that little girl would have been taken from her mother and would most likely be alive today.

Last year, a father mistakenly got his young son a bottle of hard lemonade, not

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knowing it contained alcohol. A person saw this and immediately called the police. That poor child spent a couple of weeks in limbo while the authorities treated the dad like a criminal when the whole incident was a mistake. And this child's life was never in danger. What I'm saying is that the police and Social Services Child Welfare really

need to get their priorities straight. And people, just like you and I, need to report things to the authorities when we see wrongdoing — even when it is questionable. So what if it turns out we were wrong. At least we can sleep at night.

Sharon Johnson
Northville

Concert kudos

We would like to thank all the members of the community who turned out for the Northville Summer Chorale concert Thursday night: musicians, audience, and even those who sent contributions if they couldn't make it. Attendance was far greater than hoped for and the outpouring from the community was thoroughly heartwarming.

The result of that outpouring is that Northville Civic Concern received several truckloads of canned and boxed goods plus more than \$2,000 in donations. While these are tough times for a lot of people, this community is most generous. We are proud to be part of it. Thank you!

Sue and Paul Hoernschmeyer
Novi

Here's an opportunity to save taxpayers cash

"Meet the new boss.
Same as the old boss"

These lyrics are from Peter Townsend, the lead singer for The Who, the 1960's British Rock band.

Are these words fitting as the anthem for the resistance to change in Detroit and the state of Michigan?



Tom Watkins

Recently, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans resigned to become the chief of police for the City of Detroit. Subsequently, the former chief of police of the city of Detroit, Benny Napoleon, was appointed to become the new sheriff by a majority of a panel comprised of three elected Wayne County officials. (Note: I was on the list of people considered for this appointment which prompted my thinking on the issue.)

So, meet the new boss, same as the old boss? Can these new bosses, along with Mayor Bing and Wayne County Executive Ficano, "think outside of the box" and begin discussions about the benefits of merging these two law enforcement agencies?

Can this be the beginning of a bold change where our elected and appointed leaders put efficiency, effectiveness and the taxpayers ahead of all else?

Both the City of Detroit and

Wayne County have lost significant population over the years and, like the state which is a billion or two in debt, are hundreds of millions in debt — and like the state, with no relief in sight.

Given these facts, it is logical to ask, "Why do we need two separate police functions or, for that matter, a separate city and county clerk, health, road and other duplicative departmental functions in our two largest city and county governments that are shrinking in Michigan?" Could these governmental functions be combined without losing vital services while saving significant resources for the taxpayers?

These are not just questions for Detroit and Wayne County, but all units of government across Michigan.

Never before has Michigan seen the continual contraction in employment that has lasted for nearly a decade. Detroit and Wayne County are leading the way.

Clearly, there has been some restructuring, downsizing, wage concessions and retirement cost reductions among the austerity measures at every level of government. Yet, what has been done to date to beat back the rising tide of economic decline has been anemic at best.

Duplicative and overlapping levels of government services exist throughout the state. Our

system of government, like the domestic auto industry, was built for an era that no longer exists and can no longer be afforded.

CHANGE WE CAN BELIEVE IN

Millions could be saved and redirected towards providing services if the political will ever catches up with our new reality and serious changes are not only contemplated, but acted upon.

The Townsend lyrics also offer:

"I'll tip my hat to the new constitution
Take a bow for the new revolution
Smile and grin at the change all around me
Pick up my guitar and play
Just like yesterday
And I'll get on my knees and pray
We don't get fooled again"

We can't be fooled into thinking we can simply cut or tax our way out of the problems before us. What is required is bold leadership and fresh ideas to reinvent government.

There is a natural inclination to want to sustain institutions once they have been built.

Leaders must meet the disruptive transformational change taking place in society with equal change in how we operate government. We have shed population and our tax base while we have resisted the transformational changes necessary in our system of gov-

ernment

"Change it had to come
We knew it all along...
But the world looks just the same..."

Then I'll get down on my knees and pray
We don't get fooled again
No, no!"

Change is always resisted until it can be resisted no longer. And when the time does come -- and make no mistake, the time is here -- great leaders seize the opportunity and make changes that add value and make a difference. Speaker Dillion has sparked discussion about change in the government health care benefits. Whether you agree with what is being proposed with health care reform in Lansing, at least the debate has begun. As the Chinese proverb says, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step."

Can Mayor Bing, Police Chief Evans, Executive Ficano and Sheriff Napoleon start the discussion and take action to bring about necessary change at the local level? Or will it be, "Meet the new boss -- same as the old boss?"

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Workers reminded of the 'small stuff' for job success

Some people will say, "Don't sweat the small stuff," but oftentimes in the workplace the small stuff can make a big difference.

The small stuff includes workplace manners and professional etiquette. Old stuff? Yes. Yet, especially in this economy, when there are more workers than jobs and more sales people after fewer buyers, the small stuff can set someone apart from the others.



Linda Hagan

Parents and teachers remind children to mind their manners and well-mannered children are rewarded and pleasant to be around. However, the notion of mind-manners should not be just for children. Adults should be mindful of displaying good manners in the workplace. Simple acts such as saying please and thank you are not just common courtesy and reflect one's upbringing and respect of others; they can trigger positive feedback.

Make it a point to be polite and gracious in all work situations, for example, in interactions with your coworkers. People welcome and usually respond more favorably to politeness and graciousness.

Try this: the next time you send an email request, begin your request with the word "please" and end it with a "thank you." Even though it might be part of your coworker's job, including "please" and "thank you" shows that you have respect for this individual, and you will be more likely to engage the person in your request. One helpful coworker, after receiving a simple thank you note via e-mail, replied saying, "Thank you! I don't hear many 'thank you's' and your note made my day."

People who treat others kindly and respectfully are more pleasant to be around and are valued by employers

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and coworkers. Being courteous to one another and showing respect for each other can lead to civil and happier workplaces.

Other common acts of civility, such as respecting others' time, addressing each other courteously, achieving eye contact when talking, and actually listening when others speak, show dignity and professionalism. Sadly, though, not all working professionals pride themselves in that way. However, that small stuff gets noticed.

Some other ways to stand out are when in the company of others, focus solely on them and the discussion at hand. Be personable, although avoid sharing too much personal information in workplace conversations. Refrain from using your phone or texting someone else when with others.

When differences arise, address the conflict and work with the person or people involved professionally and courteously. Sometimes you will need to take a deep breath and be empathetic to others. If you make a mistake, correct it quickly and apologize.

Despite trying times and others' rudeness, maintain a positive attitude. Positive attitudes, good manners, professional etiquette, and even sincere smiles are catchy and really can make a big difference in the workplace.

Don't sweat it, but it's the small stuff that will set you apart.

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Educational opportunities for unemployed

HIGH DEMAND OCCUPATIONS IN OAKLAND COUNTY

Mechanical engineers
• Accountants and auditors
• Mental health counselors
• Computer systems analysts
• Carpenters
• Preschool teachers, except special education
• Dental hygienists
• Registered nurses
• Automotive service technicians and mechanics
• Environmental science and protection technicians, including health
• Financial managers
• Executive secretaries and administrative assistants
• Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers
• Police and sheriff's patrol officers
• Retail salespersons
• Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer

HIGH DEMAND OCCUPATIONS IN WAYNE AND MONROE COUNTIES

• Commercial and industrial designers
• Public relations specialists
• Accountants and auditors
• Cost estimators
• Loan officers
• Management analysts
• Personal financial advisors
• Computer software engineers, applications
• Computer support specialists
• Computer systems analysts
• Network systems and data communications analysts
• Carpenters
• Electricians
• First-line supervisors/managers of construction trades and extraction

workers
• Plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters
• Structural iron and steel workers
• Preschool teachers, except special education
• Self-enrichment education teachers
• Cooks, restaurant
• Dental hygienists
• Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses
• Medical records and health information technicians
• Physical therapists
• Physician assistants
• Registered nurses
• Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants
• Automotive service technicians and mechanics
• Bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists
• First-line supervisors/managers of mechanics, installers, and repairers
• Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers
• Computer and information systems managers
• Financial managers
• General and operations managers
• Medical and health services managers
• Sales managers
• Fitness trainers and aerobics instructors
• Computer-controlled machine tool operators, metal and plastic
• First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers
• Machinists
• Fire fighters
• Police and sheriff's patrol officers
• First-line supervisors/managers of non-retail sales workers
• Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer

Both the Federal Government and the State of Michigan are offering tuition assistance to individuals currently receiving unemployment compensation to obtain job or career related education or training. If you are not already enrolled in school or training, you may be eligible.



Martha D. Adamson

The Federal program is offering Pell Grant scholarships up to \$5350 for educational or training programs at universities, colleges, community colleges and some trade and technical schools. To apply, you need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application at www.fafsa.gov. By completing this application, you may find that you are eligible for additional aid as well. You can also find information about student financial aid at www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid.

The State of Michigan began the No Worker Left Behind (NWL) program in August of 2007. This program is administered through the Michigan Works! offices. Specific training programs for selected high demand jobs and careers have been identified and approved for each county and funding is available for tuition and, once

YOUR NEXT JOB

enrolled, you can apply for a waiver to the requirement of seeking work while you are in school so you can continue unemployment benefits. More information is available at www.michiganworks.org and <http://www.michigan.gov/nwlb/>.

Interested? Start by applying at your local Michigan Works! office and attending an orientation program. There are family income, educational, and other eligibility requirements. There is also a very tightly controlled 8 step process to get approval for your program, but if you meet the requirements, you can get up to \$10,000 for a two year program. Check it out!

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LTU seminars offer networking, resume help to unemployed

Lawrence Technological University will host a free networking reception and panel discussion for displaced workers with college degrees from 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, on its campus at 21000 West 10 Mile Road in Southfield.

The networking reception and panel discussion are not restricted to Lawrence Tech alumni and students. Job-seekers will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from approximately 40 companies, according to Peg Pierce, director of Lawrence Tech's Office of Career Services.

A panel with representatives from several employment sectors will discuss what different employ-

ers are looking for from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and again from 7-8 p.m.

"This is a chance to talk to people in different sectors about the knowledge base and skill sets they are looking for," Pierce said. "Job seekers can get a better idea of how to prepare themselves for today's challenging job market."

Displaced workers with college degrees should register in advance at ltu.edu/recovery/receptions.asp. Questions can be sent to recovery@ltu.edu. There are no fees to participate.

To help displaced workers prepare for the networking reception, The Ayers Group of Southfield — a career transition management firm and a division of Kelly

Services Inc. of Troy — is teaming up with Lawrence Tech's Office of Career Services to offer a free workshop on networking from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, in the Science Building auditorium on the Lawrence Tech campus. Participants should register for these workshops in advance at ltu.edu/recovery/receptions.asp.

Ayers also will hold a workshop on using social media in a job search from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the same location. Additionally, from 1-4 p.m., Kelly recruiters representing specific industry sectors will review resumes with individual job applicants and provide feedback.

The networking reception and

workshops are part of Lawrence Tech's \$3 million "Recovery Starts Here" stimulus package for displaced workers. The initiative includes 400 "Recovery Grants" that provide 50 percent of tuition for eligible displaced workers or their dependent children through the completion of a degree program. These grants will enable displaced workers to take advantage of Lawrence Tech's expanded academic programs in areas such as sustainability, alternative energy and life sciences.

Students may also be eligible for further tuition assistance through the "No Worker Left Behind" program administered by Michigan Works!, essentially allowing them

to attend Lawrence Tech tuition-free.

"These workshops and the networking reception are an important part of our outreach and service to the community during these difficult times," said Lawrence Tech President Lewis N. Walker. "Our goal is to help match displaced workers with available jobs and help workers retool when necessary to take advantage of opportunities in emerging economic areas."

The Ayers Group, headquartered in New York City, operates five offices in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Michigan. Through its partnership with Career Partners International, The

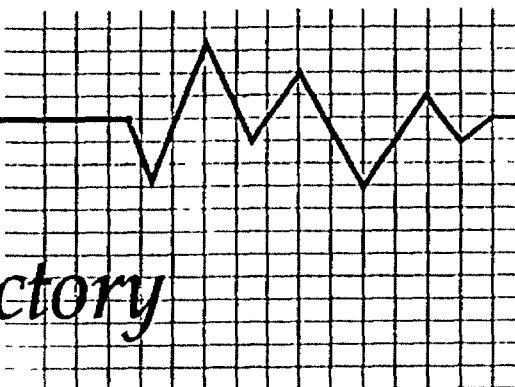
Ayers Group/CPI has offices in more than 175 locations throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, South America and the Pacific Rim.

Kelly Services Inc. is a world leader in workforce management services and human resources solutions with headquarters in Troy. Kelly offers temporary staffing services, outsourcing, vendor on-site and full-time placement to clients on a global basis.

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Local Events

GUITARIST BOY SCOUTZ

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday
LOCATION: Tiramì Su, 146 Centermain Street, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 735-0101

BIZARRE BAZAAR EVENT

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 26
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile Road
DETAILS: Two Dynamic Speakers: Curtis Bartz, a missionary who has traveled to Haiti 16 times, will share his experiences working with the people of Haiti. Rev. Lew Carlton, a Methodist minister, having served the United Methodist Church in Malawi, Africa has great insight into the trials of life in Africa. Last year FUMC of Northville was able to sponsor a bank in Haiti and Malawi through FINCA with the proceeds from Bizarre Bazaar. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion while enjoying light refreshments. This program is appropriate for all ages so bring the family.
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144

"RUMPLESTILTSKIN"

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday (Aug. 3-14); 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (Aug. 8-Sept. 20)
LOCATION: Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main, downtown Northville
DETAILS: Classic tale of a wily gnome who magically turns straw into gold for a very high price. Tickets are \$8.50; please, no children under 3 years old. Group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

BOND

FROM PAGE A1

"This is such a great opportunity for Northville," said resident Carol Poenisch, who organized numerous phone banks and had volunteers go door-to-door as part of the Protect Our Future grassroots effort supporting the proposal. "This will do wonders for what we stand for, which is beautiful development, parks and land. I'm so excited, because so many

people were involved in this decision. I hope Schoolcraft College, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other people use this land. There will be great opportunities for research."

"I'm very pleased," Abbo said. "Last year, the voters in Livonia spoke for us (by voting against the parcel being annexed to Livonia). This year, the voters of Northville Township spoke for themselves. We now control our destiny, and there will never be another annexation attempt

on that property. We will create an enormous opportunity for this community on that 332 acres of land." (REIS has already agreed to donate 100 acres to the township.)

Steve Lomske, one of the residents against the proposal, said Tuesday evening that those supporting the proposal destroyed some of the naysayers' signs at the polls, which led to the filing of two police reports on the incidents.

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Taking a swing

Noel Dyde, 8, takes a swing with his golf club at Northville's Ford Field on July 15. Dyde and friend Ryan Learned came to Ford Field because there wasn't enough room for golfing at home without hitting the house.

TUNES ON TUESDAYS

TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays
LOCATION: Town Square, downtown Northville (on Main Street, across from the Marquis Theatre)
DETAILS: Concert series for kids returns for the summer in downtown Northville every Tuesday morning through Aug. 18. Rain location will be at Geniti's Little Theatre (108 E. Main).
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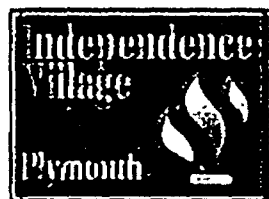
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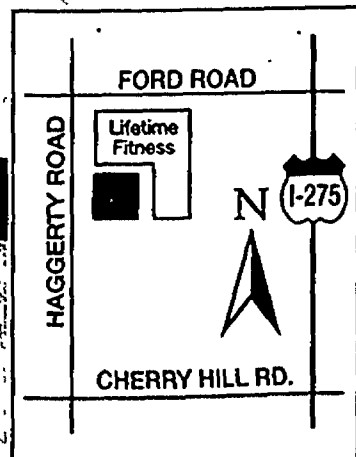
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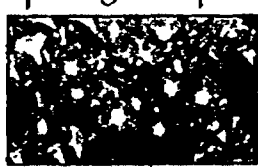
Why KNOT?

Northville Junior Girl Scout Helena Bryans displays her successful slip knot July 17 at the annual Girl Scout day camp at Maybury State Park. Helena, an incoming fifth grader at Ridge Wood Elementary School, was a member of one of the camp's two horseback riding units. This year's week-long camp, titled 'Why KNOT (Kids Need Outdoor Time)?' featured crafts, outdoor skills, flag ceremonies, hikes, Leave No Trace, outdoor cooking, horseback riding and an overnight for older Scouts.

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Modernizing Mel

Dear Mel,
Converting old photographs, home movies and even vinyl records into DVD or CD format is known as digitizing, and it's a smart move that will help protect and preserve your family memories as well as make them a lot easier to share. Here are some good resources and tips to help you get started.

PHOTOS

If you have hundreds of snap shots your easiest option is to send them to a bulk scanning service. Scanmyphotos.com (949-474-7654) is one of the quickest and least expensive costing \$50 (including shipping) for 1,000 photos, or 5 cents each. You'll get JPEG files on a DVD in a few days, along with your original pictures.

If, however, you have some old photos you'd like to

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upgrade, try Scancafe.com (866-745-0392) which offers a higher 600 dpi (dots per inch) resolution scan and will make color corrections for 27 cents per picture. These services can also convert old slides and film negatives too. Or, you can also do-it-yourself if you have a home computer and a scanner.

HOME MOVIES

The best way to convert your old home movies from film to DVD is to outsource it. Companies like Mymovietransfer.com (800-865-7172) and Moviestuff.tv (830-966-4664) digitize 8mm, 16mm, and super 8 film for around \$20 for a 50-foot reel of 8mm film, which is about 4 and a half minutes of running time. Or, if you have bunches of old film try Homemoviedepot.com (866-386-6843), which converts a box full for \$199.

If you'd like to do the conversion yourself, one option is to project your old movies on a screen or white wall and use a digital camcorder on a tripod to record the images as they play. The results won't be as good as the outsourced options but it will digitize your film.

VIDEOTAPES

If you have old video tapes you'd like to digitize, you

can use a video-conversion service like Digmypics.com which will transfer a two-hour VHS to DVD for \$15. Or, you can do it yourself if you have a DVD recorder and a VCR. If you don't have a recorder, consider Sony's compact DVDirect VRD-MC5 for around \$200. This nifty device lets you plug in your VCR, pop in a DVD, and record. It also lets you transfer high-definition home videos directly from a camcorder to a DVD, as well as record digital photos to a DVD as a slideshow or just for photo storage.

OLD RECORDS

A great way to convert your old vinyl albums is with the Ion iTTUSB (www.ionaudio.com; \$120), a specialized turntable that plugs directly into your PC or Mac via a USB port. To convert cassette tapes you'll need the Ion TAPE 2 PC (\$150). These devices let you easily transfer music from records or cassettes to your computer. Once it's on your computer, you can listen to your music, record it to CD, or transfer it to an iPod or MP3 player and take it with you.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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Sunday Worship
TIME: 8:30 and 10 a.m. through Labor Day
DETAILS: Pastors Rev. Dr. Steve Buck and Rev. Steve D'Angelo
Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.
Healing Service
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Radical Joy
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month.
DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women



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Artistic effort

Amanda Polydoros, 7, works on a drawing of a rainbow outside of Northville Square on July 28 during the "Buy Michigan" event in downtown Northville. There were plenty of activities for young and old alike and kids got the chance to draw with chalk on the sidewalk or create a masterpiece on paper that they could take home with them.

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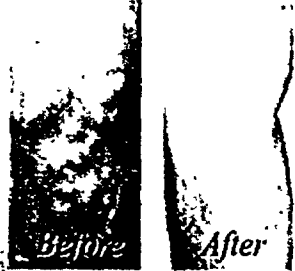
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Local triathlete club chases down important things in life

BY KATE SALVADORE
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever thought of running 100 miles? How about swimming, biking, and running 140 miles? How about a 5k race? How about learning to swim? Have you ever volunteered at an athletic event? Do you live in Michigan? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, or perhaps even no, Triathletes in Action could be for you.

The real question is are you interested in giving back and supporting your community?

Locals Mark Savedes and Doug Herriman Jr. from Plymouth asked all of these questions and have launched a new club called Triathletes in Action — TIA for short.

The two became training partners for triathlons and realized that the support they provided each other was contagious.

"Mark and I started training together at Island Lake and it just started to grow," Herriman said. "We were just an example, and people began helping people."

Although the initial group met through athletic interest, they soon began to realize that they had many other ideals in common like interest in their communities.

"Some athletic groups can be elitist. We're not like that," Herriman said.

The group began realizing that they could really have an impact. Everyone was already competing in events and support was growing. They decided to make it official in October.

"Our goal was to create a group that everyone can be a part of. You don't have to be an athlete. It doesn't matter whether you're a sponsor, a volunteer or a participant," Herriman said.

Savedes and Herriman started spreading the word and local sponsors jumped on board. The list now includes Billy Downs, founder of BD's Mongolian BBQ, Brian O'Hara, owner of the Novi Bonefish Grill, Randy Step, founder of Running Fit, Mike Rueter of American Cycle & Fitness in Novi/Walled Lake, UPS, Five Hour Energy, MissionTri, Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists, and NorthRidge Church got involved.



Triathletes in Action members (from left) Billy Downs, Brian O'Hara, Doug Herriman Jr., Rick Smith, and Dion Bourque stand in front of the Bonefish Grill, one of the group's sponsors.

With the sponsors in place, it was time to make an official membership. Through word of mouth more than 65 people from several locations signed up at the kickoff event at Bonefish Grill in Novi. Racing uniforms were made and people started networking and becoming active.

"Everybody that is on board wants to be part of something or have an impact," Herriman said.

Shortly after the event, Savedes and Herriman took their ideas and racing uniforms to South Africa in April. Savedes even temporarily closed his business, Aleko's Restaurant and Catering in South Lyon, to participate

in Ironman South Africa in Port Elizabeth and Herriman volunteered at the race. They both also participated in the Cape Town half marathon and did mission work while they were there.

"It was an eye opening experience. Here we chase, chase, chase and we miss certain things in life. All the distractions were eliminated while we were there," Herriman said. "It really left a mark on my life."

With confirmation of their beliefs and success on the trip, the two came home and began working with their club. The group now holds regular practices at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Island Lake State Recreation Area (starting at

the Kent Lake parking lot).

Their members have also begun representing them at local, state, national and even international events.

Rick Smith, a TIA member from Brighton, just raced Ironman Switzerland on July 12 and raced the New Orleans half Ironman in April. An Ironman is a long distance triathlon that involves a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike and a 26.2-mile marathon run. A half-ironman is just half all those distances.

Other members raced in Ironman Coeur d'Alene in June and some are training for Ironman Kentucky in August.

Please see **TRIATHLETES, B2**

CC's Hall triples up on All-State performances

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central made a run to third place at the State finals, and junior Spencer Hall was a big part of the success.

The junior speedster was on the State champion 4x800 relay, was on the 4x400 team that placed second and finished fourth in the 400 meters.

Hall is the 2009 Boys Track Athlete of the Year for his three All-State performances.

"He's a dynamic runner who would always put it all out to win," said CC assistant coach Eugene Grewe. "He had the speed to make up distance on the anchor legs of both 4x400 and 4x800 races."

The two relays were in top form at the State meet, setting new school records in both.

The 4x800 team finished in 7:47.57, shattering the old school record by seven seconds.

The 4x400 team placed second in 3:21.67, just a half second behind East Kentwood.

Hall added more points to the cause by finishing fourth in the open 400 (49.73).

Hall shared the team's top honors for sprinters.

FIRST TEAM

The All-Area First Team showcases some of the top talent in the State. Most of the athletes not only went to the State finals, but were able to crack the top eight and earn All-State honors.

Scott Sansovich
Catholic Central

The senior hurdler earned all kinds of honors this year, including Team MVP. He was Catholic League, regional and Oakland County champ before finishing fourth at State. He was also league champ in the 300 hurdles, third at the regional and Oakland County champ. Sansovich also helped the 4x400 team to a second-place finish at State.

He will continue his track and field career at Harvard.

Jake Spuller, Catholic Central

The sophomore broke out in a huge way, being part of the school-record 4x100 team (regional champs), the 4x200 (5th at State) and the 4x400 (2nd at State). He shared the team top sprinter honor with Hall. He also won the 100 meters at the River Rat Relays and was voted male track athlete of the meet.

Brandon Schneider
Catholic Central

The CC senior ran the lead leg of the State champion 4x800 team and qualified for State in the open 800 (1:58.2 at regional). He also filled in on the 4x400.

Ricardo Galindo

Catholic Central

The junior had a best time of 9:30.75 in the 3,200 meters to place third at the Oakland County meet. He ran 9:32.4 to place eighth at State. He also finished third at regionals, second in the league and first at the Ann Arbor Huron River Rat Relays.

Billy Riga

Catholic Central

The sophomore was part of the school-record holding 4x100 and 4x200 teams. The 4x200 team placed fifth at State (1:29.8). The 4x100 team won regionals (43.5).

Dylan Young

Catholic Central

The junior threw a season-best 153-2.75 at the Operation Friendship meet to claim first. He was second in the Catholic League and qualified for States with a throw of 145-9 at regionals. He was named the Outstanding Field Event Performer for the Shamrocks.

Mike Blaszczyk

Novi

His nickname is Blaze, and it's obvious why. The junior specializes in the 3,200, where he finished 10th at the State finals. He was the KLA Conference and regional champion. His personal best was a 9.33.4 this year.

Brett Kuhn

Novi

The Wildcat junior had his best day at regionals, flying 21-7.5 in the long jump to capture a title. He placed 22nd at the State finals.

Ali Arastu

Northville

The junior can usually be found at the front of the pack in the hurdle events. He finished State runner-up in the 300 hurdles (37.78) and had another All-State performance with a seventh-place finish in the 110 hurdles (14.52). He was also on the 4x400 team that won at the KLA Conference meet.

Jack Dalton

Northville

The senior was part of the KLA Conference champion 4x800 and 4x400 relays. He also finished fourth in the conference in the 800 meters (1:58). The 4x800 team qualified for State.

Kevin Mantay

Northville

The senior cleared 12-10 and qualified for State in the pole vault.

Al Myers

Northville

The Mustang sophomore cleared 6-3 in the high jump and qualified for State. He also placed third at the KLA Conference meet.

Robert Swain

South Lyon

The senior distance runner was a steady force for a team that struggled with inexperience. His top time of 9:55

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High school sports participation above 300K

For the fifth straight year in 2008-09, participation numbers for sports in which post-season tournaments are sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association topped the 300,000 mark, even as overall numbers dropped less than a percentage point.

The total for the 2008-09 school year was 304,343, a number that is down 0.9 percent from the 307,112 figure of a year

ago and is the fifth highest total in the Association's history. Girls participation was down 1.3 percent from a year ago with 126,366 — its lowest point since 2003-04; and the boys total of 177,977 was down 0.6 percent — its lowest point since 2004-05. The total counts students once for each sport in which he or she participates, meaning students who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more

than once.

For the second straight year, records for participation were set in five sports — three for girls and two for boys. Bowling and lacrosse each hit again a high-water mark for both boys and girls; and girls tennis also set a new mark.

Fall participation took the biggest sin-

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came at the Oakland County meet. He also competed in the 800, 1,600 and distance relays.

"He was a rock-solid performer for four years of high school," said South Lyon coach Scott Smith. "He was a scoring member of the distance team starting with his sophomore year."

Jake Thompson
Milford

The senior leaves the Mavericks as an extremely decorated thrower. He was the Oakland County champ in the shot put, a two-time State qualifier and a three-time conference champion. His throw of 52-11.75 placed him eighth at State.

"We've never had a thrower more accomplished than him," said coach Brian Salyers. "For four years he competed at a very elite level."

"He's more explosive than he is size wise. He doesn't beat people with brute force. He's very analytical, probably more so than most high school athletes. It makes him very coachable. He really does study what he does."

Kyle Podvin
Milford

The senior leaves Milford as its top leading point scorer of all time. He accomplished the feat with a seventh-place finish at State in the 300 hurdles (39.25). Podvin broke the old school record 25 times between the 110 and 300 hurdles during his career.

"Kyle is unbelievably strong and unbelievably tough," said Salyers. "When he is at practice, there is nobody that works harder. He's got a competitive drive that is pretty special. He is just fun to

ALL-AREA BOYS TRACK

Athlete of the Year
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Jake Thompson, Milford
Kyle Podvin, Milford
Nate Huff, Milford
Chris Sherlock, Lakeland

Justin Amara-Parent, Lakeland
Jake Rohde, Lakeland
Robert Swain, South Lyon

Second Team
Brandon Bell, Milford
Zac Adams, Lakeland

John-Paul Zebrowski, Catholic Central
Austin Zebrowski, Catholic Central
Alex Toloff, Catholic Central
Jeff Sherman, Catholic Central
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Nate Huff
Milford

The junior provided the Mavericks with a ton of versatility. He was Oakland County runner-up in the 800 and 1,600. He also competed on the 4x400 and 4x800 teams that went to State. He also qualified for State in the open 800.

"The 1,600 is probably his best event," said Salyers. "He's

a very versatile athlete.

Chris Sherlock
Lakeland

The four-year track and cross country runner won the divisional meet, placed fourth at the conference meet and fourth at the regional meet in the 800, with a best time of 1:57.0. He was voted Most Valuable Distance Runner for the Eagles. He will continue his running career at Oakland Community College.

Justin Amara-Parent
Lakeland
The senior placed sixth at State, clearing 14-4 in the pole vault.

Jake Rohde
Lakeland

The junior qualified for State with a 21-1.5 leap in the long jump for a second-place finish at regionals. He also set a personal best with 6-2 in the high jump.

SECOND TEAM

The All-Area Second Team features several athletes who went to State or put in top efforts in league or other meets throughout the year.

Brandon Bell
Milford

The sophomore just missed out on qualifying for State, finishing third in the regional 200 meters. He was the KLAA Lakes Conference runner-up.

Zac Adams
Lakeland

The senior scored in several events throughout the year for the Eagles, competing in the 400, 4x200 and 4x400. He had a personal best of 51.2 in the 400.

John-Paul Zebrowski
Catholic Central
The CC sophomore ran 4:25.4 to qualify for the State meet in the 1,600.

Austin Zebrowski
Catholic Central

The sophomore was on the State champion 4x800 relay team.

Alex Toloff
Catholic Central
The senior ran distance events and was part of the title-winning 4x800 relay.

Jeff Sherman
Catholic Central
The junior qualified for State with a throw of 50-3.5 for second place at regionals.

Brendan Curran, Catholic Central

The senior had a delayed start to the year due to an injury, but returned to win the 200 at the River Rat relay (22.8) and was second at the league meet. He also ran on the 4x200 and 4x400 relays.

Anthony Capatina
Catholic Central

The junior ran on the 4x100 relay that set a new school record of 43.5. The team won the league meet, finished first at regionals and placed fourth at Oakland County.

Josh Kyles
Catholic Central

The junior was part of two relays that set new school records. The 4x100 (43.5) and the 4x200 (1:29.8). The 4x200 placed fifth at State, first at regionals and first at Oakland County.

Garett Farley
Novi

The senior set a personal best 13-0 in the pole vault.

Dan Egner,
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The junior ran 1:59.7 in the 800.

TJ Butler
Novi
The senior set a personal best 4:36.13 in the 1,600.

Gautum Muthusamy
Novi
The senior had a top throw of 137-9 in the discus.

Joe Betro
Novi
The senior set a personal best of 136-8 in the discus.

David Brown
Northville
Brown finished second at the KLAA Conference meet by clearing 6-3.

Frank Griffiths
Northville
The junior had a personal best of 4-28 in the 1,600.

Noel Key
Northville
The senior was part of the 4x800 relay that won the con-

ference meet and qualified for State. He was also on the 4x400 team that won at the KLAA Conference meet.

Nick Dembicki
Northville

The sophomore was on the 4x800 relay that won the conference meet and qualified for State.

Ed Clifton
Northville

The freshman was a member of the 4x800 relay that won the conference meet and qualified for State.

Ryan Oliverio
South Lyon East

The junior had a personal best of 20-1 in the long jump. He was a finalist at the conference meet and at regionals.

Alex Lambi
South Lyon East

The sophomore reached the finals at the Oakland County meet in the 200.

Blake Yard
South Lyon

The sophomore had a personal best of 4:45 in the 1,600 and competed in distance events and relays.

Ian Herman, South Lyon

The sophomore sprinter ran the 100, 200 and 4x100 and 4x200. He had a best time of 11.3 in the 100.

HONORABLE MENTION

Receiving All-Area Honorable Mention are Milford's Shawn Shove, Patrick Niebauer, John Westfal, Sam Darish and Nick Shatney; Novi's Fumi Yonemura, Evan VanBuhler and Alex Minghine; Northville's Paul Gibson; South Lyon East's James Smith and Brent Parzuchowski; South Lyon's Jacob Mehr, Jake Sexton, Nick Dyer, Will Hannah, Jacob Uratchko and Ethan Fanning; and Catholic Central's Jerry Yono and Mike Shearon.

TRIATHLETES

FROM PAGE B1

Another member, Dion Bourque has a big 100-mile running event this September. His goal is to race and raise funds for the University of Michigan Children's Orthopedic and Prosthetics Department.

"I want to raise funds and

awareness for child amputees. I have been so blessed in my life and I want to give back. It is a good tie in for me-being able to use TIA as a spotlight and to begin raising money and awareness," he said.

The best part, according to Bourque, is the support of TIA members. Many who aren't racing in the event are going to cheer or take a volunteer shift in the 24-hour-plus event at Pinckney State Park.

"If I try to run 100 miles by myself it won't happen. But with all this support I know it will," Bourque assured.

Right now, members are just choosing charities and events and are using the support from the group to make it happen. In the future, some events might be more structured for TIA to support. However, one thing will stay the same.

"Everyone is welcome," Herriman said. "It's about

people helping people — giving back in sports which can be self-centered."

TIA is also partnered with MissionTri, founded by Billy Downs, a native of Northville.

"It's an organization involved in engaging athletes in mission work in and around athletic events," Downs said.

MissionTri is planning six major projects next year that involve charity and non-denominational Christian work.

"Everybody brings something different to the table. Food, supplies, support, accountability, just anything," Downs said. "Our focus isn't on ourselves, which can be rare for triathlon."

While MissionTri is a Christian network, TIA is not.

"Us founders happen to be two strong Christians. But we are open to everyone. We don't want to shove anything down anyone's throats. TIA is

simply about having a support network and for people to get involved in any way they can or want to," Herriman said.

"Our group takes the ego out of triathlon."

For more information, visit www.triathletesinaction.com or www.missiontri.com. Membership sign-up is still available — or just show up at the TIA workouts. TIA racing jerseys will be available again this winter.

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Lakers capture Metro title; Suburban Ice to take over reins

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

From beginning to end, the 2009 Metro Summer Hockey League at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills featured very competitive action from all seven teams. But the Lakers finished what they started, as the regular season winners also spanked the Wolverines, 9-3, in the playoff championship tilt July 26.

They (the Lakers) were the first place team most of the year, said league president Keith Pietila, who is stepping down after 16 seasons at the helm. "And it's probably been a few years since the best regular season team won the playoffs, too."

Wietila, a Brighton resident, said he is relinquishing league controls to Suburban (located near Halsted-10 Mile) and is confident the quality of the circuit will be maintained in 2010 and beyond.

"Suburban's going to run it," Pietila emphasized. "It's taking up too much time for me. But the league's going to be exactly the same as it's been through the years."

High-quality players from all over Wayne and Oakland counties lace them up for the summer league, including Wolverine Lake's A.J. Jenks, who plays for the Plymouth Whalers.

In the championship game, the Lakers broke out to a 4-0 lead after one period and

built up a 6-0 cushion, more than enough to withstand a second-period surge by the Wolverines.

For the victors, Livonia's John Mays had the hot hand. He scored three goals and set up another. Tallying two goals each were Novi's Ryan Timar (who also collected a helper) and Brighton's Thor Skalski. Other Lakers to score included James Dragescu (Dearborn Heights) and Brandon Contratto (West Bloomfield), who each drew assists as well.

Tallying a goal and an assist for the Wolverines was Farmington Hills' Adam Phillips.

In net for the championship victory was Josh Block, of Northville.



The Metro Summer Hockey League champion Lakers celebrate July 26 at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills. In the front row, from left are: James Dragescu, John May (Livonia), Josh Block (Northville) and Alfonso Kolis (Howell). In the back row, from left are: Brandon Fritz (West Bloomfield), Drew Sennhenn (Wixom), Houston Staub (Ann Arbor), Paul Arnett (Hotly), Thor Skalski (Brighton), Brandon Contratto (West Bloomfield), Andrew Kruczynski (Westland) and Ryan Timar (Novi).

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TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

The Great Eraser Rule

By Jeanne Myers

If you substitute a ball when you are not allowed to, or drop or place a ball in the wrong place or otherwise not in accordance with the Rules, and you haven't played it yet, you are allowed to lift it without penalty and correct your mistake. This is the Rule that officials call the Great Eraser Rule!

For example, if you take relief from a lateral water hazard and drop a ball within three club-lengths of where it last crossed the hazard margin (instead of within two club-lengths), you have dropped in a wrong place. If, before you play a stroke at that ball, you realize what you have done, you may lift the ball and drop in the correct place without penalty — you just "erase" your mistake.

Or, take the case of your ball lying on a cart path, and you decide to take relief. After you have determined where to drop the ball, you mistakenly drop a ball other than the original. You have substituted a new ball when you are not allowed to do so. If you notice it before you make a stroke at it, you may pick it up under the Eraser Rule and drop the original ball as required, and there is no penalty.

Many golfers like to use a "water ball" when they have a hard shot over water, or a "putting" ball because they believe that a brand-new ball is going to roll truer on the green. The Rules say that you must use the ball that you play from the tee throughout the entire hole, unless it becomes lost, is hit out of bounds or you substitute another ball under a Rule. There is no Rule that allows you to substitute a ball

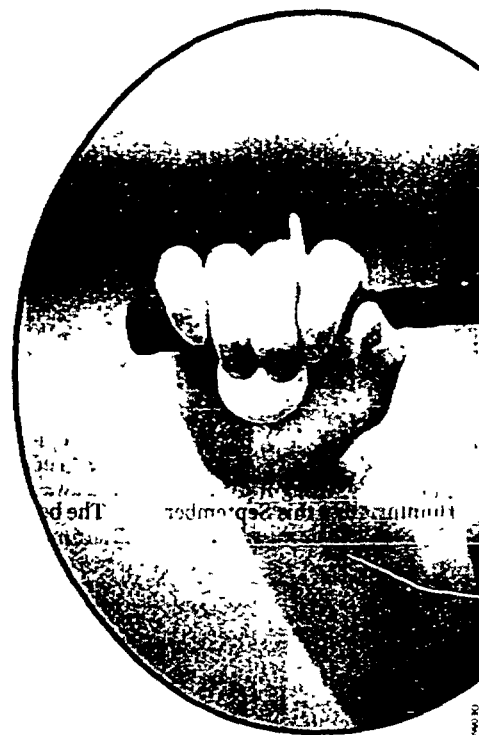
so that you don't lose a brand new ball in the water, or to substitute a new ball on the putting green just because you believe it will putt better. You can do it, but it will cost you a two stroke penalty. So, if you have substituted a new ball on the putting green, and someone lets you know you are not allowed to do that, as long as you haven't hit it, you may lift it and replace the original ball back in the correct spot without penalty. The player who lifted his ball in play in the fairway and replaced it with a "water ball" is not quite so lucky. As long as he hasn't hit the "water ball," under the Eraser Rule he can replace the original ball and avoid that penalty. However, he will still receive a one stroke penalty for lifting his ball in play when he had no right to do so.

If you drop a ball when you should have placed it, or placed a ball

when you should have dropped it, under this handy little Rule, you may lift the ball and correct your error without a penalty. If you mistakenly drop a ball a third time, instead of placing it on the spot where it hit the ground on the second drop, you can "erase" that under this Rule also.

You won't find this helpful Rule in the Rules of Golf listed as the Great Eraser Rule. It's just hiding out unobtrusively under Rule 20, Clause 6. This is one of those little gems that good golfers should know to help them get out of trouble. Not all the Rules of Golf are bad!

Jeanne Myers is the Golf Association of Michigan's Assistant Director of Rules & Competition.



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Broncos win two tourneys

The Northville Broncos 14U girls softball team accomplished two recent tournament championships. They took first place on June 28 in the Warren Fury Pony Qualifier Tournament with seven straight victories. This victory qualified the Broncos to go to the Pony Nationals in Cary North Carolina. On July 12 the Broncos took first place in the Millington tournament defeating every team at the tournament. The 14U Broncos will play in The Great Lakes National Championship in late July. The team includes (l to r, back) are Coach Marianne Nelson, Coach Henry Stewart, Coach Dino Silvestri; (second row) Jamie Bell, Marisa Hahn, Olivia Silvestri, Haley King; (first row) Suzanne Hasse, Laura Pond, Ellie Asher, Michelle Nelson, Micaela Petrucci; (down in front) Maggie Stewart, Rachel Brown; (not pictured) Rachel Deacon, Tess Bradley, Coach Tim Deacon and Head Coach LeRoy Asher.

MHSAA

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gle season dip at 2.7 percent, with football and girls swimming and diving each dropping over 1,100. The drop of 1,121 in swimming represented a 17 percent decrease, while the 1,102 slip in football was a 2.4 percent fall. Girls golf participation dropped 6.4 percent. The only fall sport on the plus side was boys tennis by eight players over the previous year.

Winter and spring numbers were relatively stable with a 0.5 percent increase in participation in the winter; and a 0.03 percent decrease in the spring. Girls gymnastics — one of the smallest sports in terms of participation — rebounded from a drop a year ago with a 156 increase in student-athletes — a 25 percent raise. Boys bowling was up 9.1 percent (309 increase), and girls

bowling was up 6.7 percent (170 increase). In the spring-time, girls tennis had the biggest jump percentage-wise and in raw numbers with an increase of 580 players — 6.1 percent. Between the two seasons, 11 sports saw increases and 9 sports had decreases in participation.

Also of note in this year's survey in other sports of interest:

- Basketball participation from 2007-08 to 2008-09 remained stable. Girls numbers were down 0.2 percent, and boys participation was up 0.3 percent; the girls figure of 18,187 the lowest since the Association began tracking the numbers in 1991-92, the boys total of 23,233 the second lowest in that same time span and the lowest in 10 seasons. Since the 2006-07 survey, girls participation is down 5 percent and the boys number is down 3.6 percent.
- Girls volleyball participa-

tion saw of 0.4 percent drop in 2008-09; the lowest it has been since the 1997-98 school year. Since the 2006-07 survey, volleyball participation has dropped 3.5 percent.

- Boys tennis, after a sharp decrease in players a year ago, had an increase of 0.4 percent this past school year. However, since the 2006-07 survey, the sport has had a 12.8 percent drop in participation. By comparison, girls tennis participation is up 2.4 percent in the same time period.

- Boys golf saw an increase of 238 players over a year ago (3.1 percent) and is on the positive side since the 2006-07 survey, up 0.19 percent. Girls golf numbers are off 1.8 percent since the 2006-07 survey.

- And to put these numbers in better perspective, enrollments at MHSAA member schools are down 1.44 percent since the 2006-07 participation survey, and overall participation is down 2.8 percent.

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7. How has the recent economy

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affected your business?

Again, because I am an insurance provider for most insurances, a lot of my patients are using their insurance.

8. Any advice for business owners?

Stick to the basics.

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

More Peek Performance workshops and community

Business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in offered by the Oakland County Business Center.

Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location specifics and pre-registration, call (248) 858-0783. The Web site address for Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services Workshops is www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar.

September 2009

10 - Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)

15 - FastTrac New Venture (thru November 17)

16 - How to Increase Your Sales & Grow Your Business

17 - How to Start a Business Workshop (AM)

18 - FastTrac Venture Forward Fall Session Begins (thru November 20)

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October 2009

01 - Team SBA Financing Roundtable

08 - Pre-Business Research Workshop (PM)

15 - How to Start a Business Workshop (PM)

20 - Legal & Financial Basics

22 - How to Write a Business Plan Workshop (PM)

28 - Listening to Your Business

29 - Marketing Your Business (a.m.) Morning Class 9 a.m. to noon/12:30 p.m. (p.m.) Evening Class 6-9/9:30 p.m.

Pletcher joins BrassCraft

Jim Pletcher has joined BrassCraft as senior director of wholesale sales.

"Jim Pletcher is widely respected both by customers and home building industry colleagues," said BrassCraft Sr. Vice President Jim Whiteherse. "Material suppliers and builders across the country know

Jim for his broad knowledge and strong customer service ethic."

Pletcher's previous position was for six years as Vice President of National Accounts for M/I Homes - one of the top 20 home builders in the U.S. Prior to that Pletcher spent 15 years with Weiser Lock. There he helped build Weiser's brand and market share as vice president of

Sales.

"Mr. Pletcher has a clear awareness of BrassCraft's unique position in the plumbing products community," continued Whiteherse. "It has always been BrassCraft's policy to select precisely the right person for any job, and Jim meets those criteria with insight, intellect, and the same dedication to customer service as

everyone at BrassCraft."

Pletcher will be spending significant time in the field with his staff, strengthening customer relationships and helping develop new products and resources to meet their needs.

He is a graduate of Elmhurst College, and lives in Northville with his wife and daughter.



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Buy Michigan

Brandon Steuer, 17, gives out a sample of Faygo's "Rip It" beverage to Jason Bowen, 12, inside Northville Square on July 28 during the Buy Michigan event in downtown Northville. Faygo was one of the many Michigan-based companies displaying their wares that day.

CHAMBER CHAT

Northville Grub Crawl was a hit!

The summer would not be complete without attending the annual Northville Grub Crawl on the last Tuesday of July. Thank you to all 350 participants for supporting your local restaurants. And for those who weren't lucky enough to get a ticket this year, check back with us mid-June 2010. Next year's Grub Crawl is July 27.

The Northville Chamber would also like to extend a thank you to our 2009 Participating restaurants: Brann's Steakhouse & Grill, Claggagh Irish Pub, Deadwood Bar and Grill, Five Restaurant, Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse, Genitti's, Little Italy Ristorante, Northville Sports Den, Poole's Tavern, Rusty Bucket Corner Tavern, The Turning Point Grill, and Wine Sync/Red Pepper Deli. Thank you for the great food, fun and cheerful staffs!

Congratulations to Jane Peterson for winning the new barbeque gas grill, courtesy of Home Depot.

The Northville Grub Crawl was proudly sponsored by: Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store, Home Depot, Northville Record, Remerica Hometown One—Patti Mullen & Associates, Residential Design Consulting. Shuttle transportation was generously provided by Millennium Limousines.

Mixer coming up August 19 at Gardenviews

Chamber Members - be sure to contact our office at (248) 349-7640 to register for the next mixer coming up Aug. 19 at Gardenviews. Cost

is \$10 pp. Hours are 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Not a Chamber Member yet? Learn the benefits of membership and try us out! Your first mixer is free! Call us at (248) 349-7640 today to register.

Your help is needed

The Northville Chamber is one of the most active providers of community events for our Northville residents. We manage such favorites as the Farmers' Market, Flower Sale, Fire and Ice, Business Showcase, Oktoberfest, Holiday Lighted Parade, and Christmas Walk.

We are asking our community for help. The Northville Victorian Festival is the premiere event of Northville happening for the 21st time Sept. 18-20, 2009. It celebrates our community spirit and recognizes our heritage. Each year, we ask our business community to send in donations to help support the Victorian Festival. Given the current economic times, it is necessary for us to cast our net wider. We hope you can help us keep this event a strong community asset.

Gardenviews and Good Time Party Store have offered to have a donation drop-off location within their stores to support the Victorian Festival. Donations are also being accepted at the Northville Chamber. We are open Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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Garage Sales

GARDEN CITY Multi-Family
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Garage Sales

MOVIE: Aug 7-9, 9-4 24977
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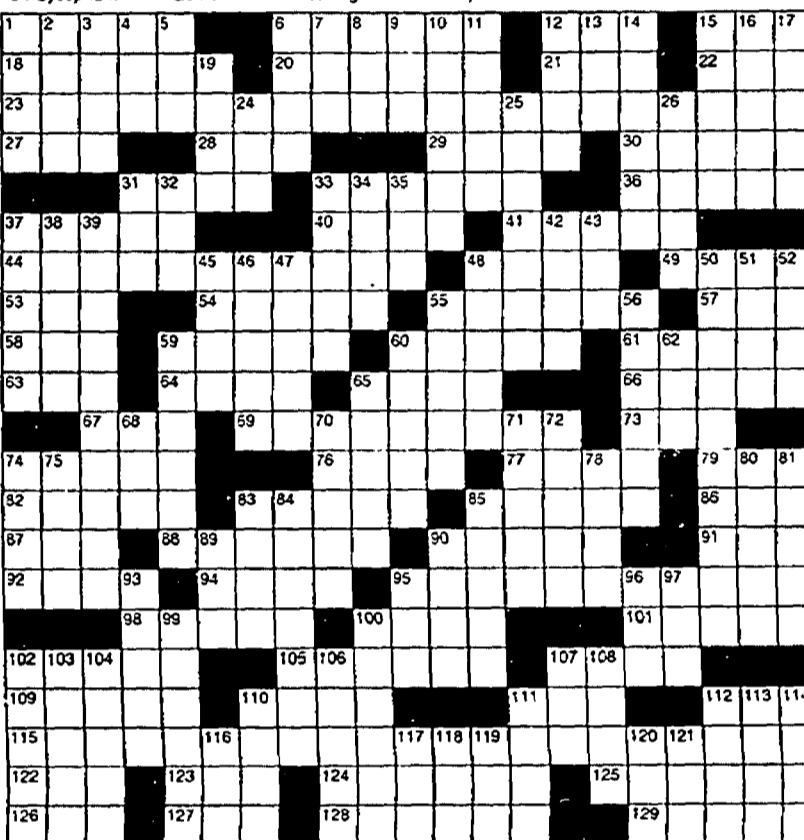
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6 Most adventurous
12 Samoyed's smile?
15 Solidify
18 Half the diameter
20 Actress Renee
21 Unwell
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23 Start of a remark by Billy Connolly
27 He's a doll
28 Maugham's "Cakes and
29 Rabon, with "out"
30 Shaggy ruminant
31 Eban of Israel
33 Maroon
36 Coeur d'Alene
37 The Jetsons' dog
40 Boxing blow
41 Tom of "Adam's Rib"
44 Part 2 of remark
48 Songwriter Jacques
49 Pierce
53 Corsage fastener
54 Sycophant

DOWN

55 Border - 57 Antipolition gip.
58 Squid's squirt
59 Undo an error
60 Rock's Pink
61 October Revolution name
63 Average grade
64 Slack role
65 Conspire
66 Narrow shelf
67 Vitamin bottle abbr.
69 Part 3 of remark
73 Presidential nickname
74 Philadel's need
76 Frank
77 "Man" (84 film)
79 Cleaning cloth
82 Castle campaign
83 Custom
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86 Viral illness
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90 Paraguayan title
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98 Humble
100 It may be
101 Hal's partner
102 - Dame
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107 Made cotton candy
109 The chosen few
110 WWI site
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115 End of remark
122 Zsa Zsa's sister
123 Actor Chaney
124 Virgilian epic
125 Vinner Gafo
126 Fled
127 Word with roll or cream
128 In
129 Architectural features
131 Estrada or Sabe
132 Church area
133 Genesis setting
14 "Cara -" (65 hit)
15 Brynner of "Taras Bulba"
16 Motown's Marvin
17 Patches
18 Tnm the turf
19 Baseball stat
20 Children's author
21 Rocky
22 Mountain range
23 Extensive
24 Cockpit fg
25 Worldwde
26 Gaggle gal
27 Singer John
28 "Hazel"
29 Clean the decks
30 In the manner of
31 Lake Mesior
32 Flounder features
33 - deco
34 Singer John
35 "Evening -"
36 With 103
37 Down, baseball's
38 Rooke of the Year
39 Poet
40 McKuen
41 "A Dandy in -" (68 film)
42 Put the metal to the metal
43 Biblical priest
45 To be, in Toulouse
46 Polo fun at the famous
47 Shirley of "Hazel"
48 Maurice
49 Extensive
50 Belle more
51 Circus performer
52 "Wama"
53 Cass
54 Kind of part
55 Armada
56 Cartoon cry
57 Charle-magne's dad
58 Excavated
59 Reserved
60 Where
61 Devils fight
62 High-toned
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73 Bankbook abbr.



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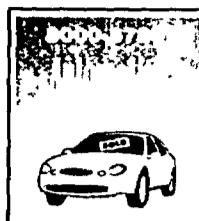
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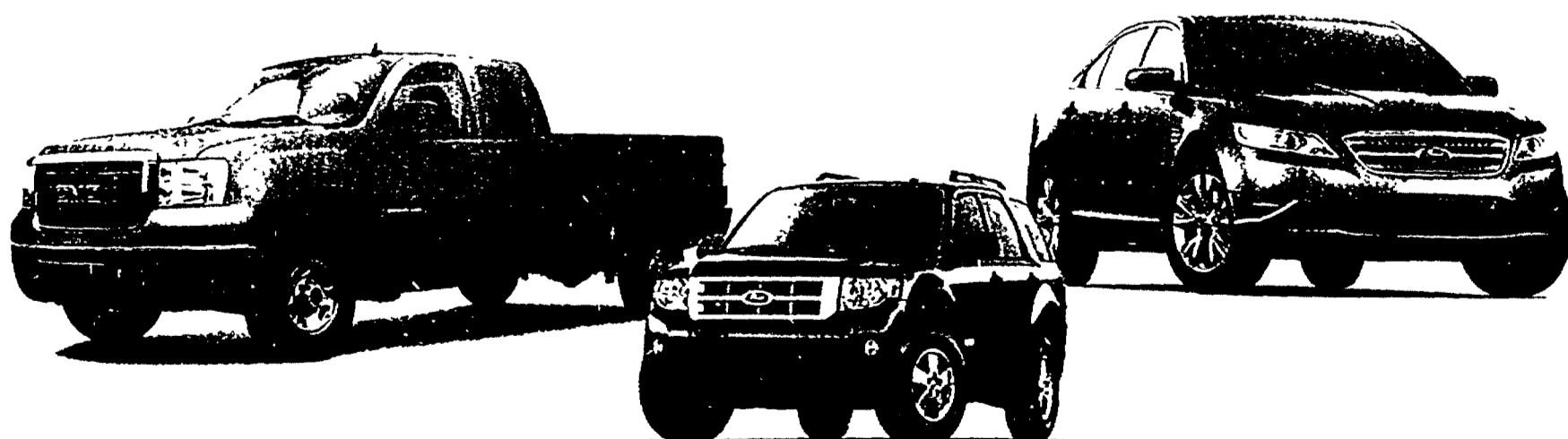
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Clunkers Program Delivers July Sales Spike - And Now What?

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The new Chevrolet Equinox -- along with the version it replaced -- has been very popular under the Cash-For-Clunkers program.



By Dale Buss

The crescendo of activity in American auto showrooms around the Cash-For-Clunkers program late last week produced a correspondingly huge surge in U.S. auto sales, and consumers kept scrounging through the weekend for fuel-efficient vehicles to buy under the generous government rebates.

Consequently, sales for all of July for the industry came up only 12 percent short of their level a year ago -- when \$4-a-gallon gasoline also was goosing shopper interest in fuel-efficient vehicles.

Total sales of 997,000 units in July represented a seasonally adjusted annual rate of about 11.3 million vehicles, making for the hottest U.S. market since last August. Sales rates have been only 9-million-plus for the last few months as consumers have battled rising unemployment and other bad economic news, and General Motors and Chrysler were struggling to survive.

Yet because the \$1-billion Car Allowance Rebate System (CARS) program spent itself in just one week, and Congressional funding of an expansion remained uncertain into this week, doubts already were arising about its long-term impact on auto sales -- and about whether consumers would have traded in all those clunkers anyway.

"There was a frenzy on the internet last week, with consumers counseling other consumers that the [CARS]

program was going to run out of money," said Jeremy Anwyl, chief executive officer of Edmunds.com. "So it should be understandable that you have what should be two to four months of clunker activity, occurring at dealerships all at once. That doesn't mean it's sustainable."

But nearly every OEM executive had nothing but good things to say about how the Cash-For-Clunkers program attracted both buyers and shoppers-only, energized dealership networks that had been looking for something to get excited about, and jump-started demand for a wide variety of relatively fuel-efficient vehicles that -- after all -- are going to be the future of the business.

"It's smoking hot, a home run, and we're not keeping any [vehicles] on the ground," said Mark LaNeve, GM's vice president of U.S. sales and marketing.

Peter Fong, Chrysler's new president and chief executive officer, said that the company doesn't expect the industry sales forecast "to change dramatically," but he saw in CARS' success "encouraging signs that consumer confidence is building, and more consumers are considering purchasing a new vehicle."

Jim Lentz, president of Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., enthused, "Beyond the tangible economic stimulus, the positive environmental benefits of the CARS program are clear to see."

Ford has taken advantage of the Cash-For-Clunkers program to sell thousands of fuel-efficient Fusion compacts.

Ford executives agreed. "It was the greatest one-week energy-conservation program that could have come out of Washington or anywhere else," said George Pipas, Ford's head of U.S. industry analysis, noting the big gains in the fuel efficiency of the national automotive "park" represented by the collective mileage deficit between the clunkers turned in and the new small sedans, crossovers and other models that were popular last week.

And using the \$4,200 that was the average amount of CARS vouchers last week, Ford calculated that the average buyer under the program would save about 300 gallons of gasoline a year with their new vehicle, or maybe \$1,000 annually. "Cars-for-clunkers is living up to its premise as a win-win-win for consumers, the economy and the environment," Pipas said.

In fact, GM estimated that CARS alone had boosted the seasonally adjusted sales rate by one million units for July. The automaker figured, on a rough basis, that the program boosted sales by about 118,000 units, with 85,000 of those sales coming from direct trade-ins of clunkers -- yet another 33,000 sales

coming from the extra traffic who showed up in dealerships without a trade-in that qualified for CARS.

The heady experience of last week, and automakers' dwindling inventories of many models, already are prompting them to consider when they might be able to increase production again after a disastrous year of bloodletting.

"If we can sustain this momentum in the industry, it will translate into having a very good ability -- for the first time in a long time -- to increase production," said Michael DiGiovanni, GM's executive director of global market analysis. "And that will help stem the rising tide of unemployment, and will feed on itself to revive the economy. Recoveries are usually fed by the auto sector."

But displaying appropriate caution, neither DiGiovanni nor any other OEM executive pledged immediately to boost production in the wake of CARS mania. LaNeve said that GM is "looking for ways to add production" during the third and fourth quarters, but he didn't make specific promises. And Ford's Pipas said that the company had "no announcement" about a production increase.

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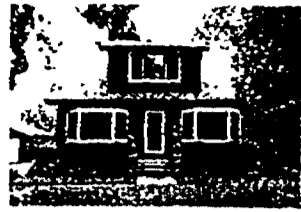
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