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# End of an era in Englewood

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PHOTO BY LAURA JOHNSTON

Englewood Mayor Michael Wildes celebrates his 45th birthday and retirement at Nisi Estiario Restaurant with his family, Josh, Amy, Norma, Rachel and Jaclin.

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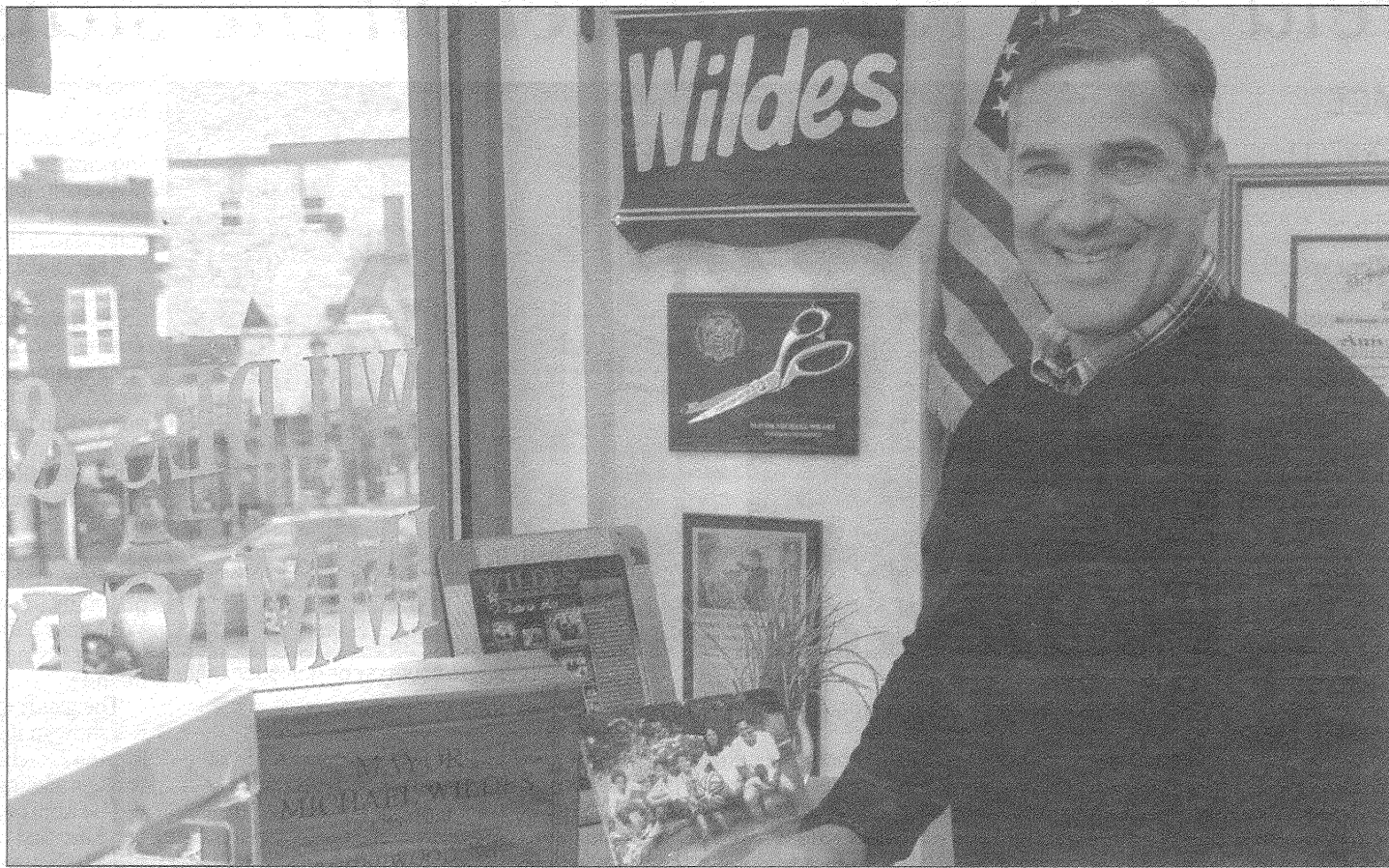
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My husband loves to get a massage. He is an equal-opportunity massage-hound: He loves a professional massage, a massage from me... he's even happy if the dog walks on his back. SEE PAGE 30



## LIFESTYLES



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Wildes looks out the window at his law office. The sign of his name on the wall was taken from his grandfather's dry good store in Olyphant, PA, which he owned for 80 years.

## ENGLEWOOD

## Wildes looks back on 11 years in public office

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Former Englewood Mayor Michael Wildes has been one of the most recognizable faces in the city's political realm for the past 11 years. Six of those years he dedicated to the mayoral post in which he juggled his job as a high profile immigration attorney and his role as a father of four and husband to wife, Amy, all on a mere three to four hours of sleep.

Wildes' eloquent speeches and social energy fueled a uniting of the four wards of Englewood, which according to Amy, didn't exist before Michael. She has been there for all the weddings, formalities and controversies, but says this community bonding was one of the

former mayor's most important legacies.

"He really bridged the gap between races, religions and socioeconomic groups," said Amy. "Before him, people stuck to their ward." Wildes felt it imperative to bring public venues for citizens to meet each other in a city that was divided in many ways. His Resident's Days, 9/11 memorials and July 4 barbeques all provided an opportunity to do so.

Anita Sniderman has been Wildes' personal assistant for eight years.

She joined his forces at a difficult time in her life — her husband was sick and has since passed — but the new job offered her a new beginning.

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