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### The girl behind the suit

Nicolette Pearce's name means a lot of things to a lot of people. We took some time to get to know the teenager who has taken her case for religious freedom before U.S. District Court, and found out what makes her do what she's doing. We found out a lot about the Northville High School student. We think you might be interested, too. Read about her and her case for her Christian Club's presence in school. — Page 12A

### Down on the Farm

If it seems like Northville Township is alone in its problem of an empty Farmer Jack location, think again. Nearby Plymouth encountered a similar situation with the grocery giant and apparently came up with similar empty results, a Plymouth city commissioner told us. Find out about the plight of a community trying to find a buyer for a big, empty store. — Page 3A

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Charity begins at home. This weekend, charity takes the form of the Northville Goodfellows newspaper sale, which we hope readers embrace. — Page 18A

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### Clean sweep

Chimney sweeping is far from a lost craft. In fact, it's something homes with fireplaces should have done regularly. Read more inside. — Page 1AA



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Now that cross country season is history, we thought we'd make our selections for our All-Area Cross Country teams. Meet the Mustang members. — Page 1B



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# An accident in waiting?



Traffic begins to back up as cars try to merge onto Six Mile Road when Northville High School students end their day and look to drive home.

## Six Mile safety falls under question

A typical day at Northville High school consists of students, staff and visitors clamoring for places to park in the lots. By the end of the day, there are more than 1,000 people fighting to get out of them.

District administrators are aware of the ever-increasing traffic on Six Mile Road and are working with local and regional government to solve the problem.

Administrative services assistant superintendent Dave Bolitho as well as Northville school board president Joan Wadsworth said though they were starting to look at several options, it was a long process and would take research to find a good solution.

"We have been considering asking for a speed limit reduction, as well as the possibility of asking for a traffic light near the school. But ultimately the decision is a county thing," she said. "We are all looking at a way to fix the problem."

Bolitho said he was in the

process of meeting with Northville Township manager Chip Snider and Wayne County officials. Bolitho said the traffic seems to only be a problem at the end of the school day when everyone is leaving at one time. He said it is not a problem in the morning because students and staff seem to arrive in 20-minute intervals, leaving enough time for traffic to flow fairly freely.

But at the end of the day, everyone is using the road, including buses trying to leave from the same exit. Bolitho said the district most likely would not add another exit to the parking lot. The configuration of the parking lot, with only one entrance for entering and

exiting, was done on purpose, he said. It was done because when the school was in the planning stages, administrators decided it was easier for the school to be able to monitor who was leaving the school premises with only one road access point.

"For building management and security, we had only the one exit put in," he said. "Also, in case of an emergency, there is only one checkpoint for people to go through. This way we pretty well could have control over any emergency situation and know what is going on."

The school district is waiting for traffic studies from the county, as well as recommendations from the township as to what the

district should do, Wadsworth said.

However, Bolitho said since waiting for those parties to complete their work could be a long process, the school has implemented a temporary plan of action.

He said as a stop-gap measure, police liaison officer Mike Wildt, as well as a parking lot attendant, are stationed at the exit during dismissal in order to control the flow of traffic and to ensure students' safety. During that time, Bolitho said, Wildt stops traffic on Six Mile in order to allow all of the buses to leave at one time. Though that is not always convenient to impatient students and staff, it is necessary to the safety of everyone, he said.

Bolitho said as far as pedestrian traffic walking to and from school was concerned, the school's design is optimum. He said a subcommittee of the

Joan Wadsworth  
president, Northville school board

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Defendant William Goff appears with his attorney Greg Demopoulos in 35th District Court on an OUIL charge Friday.

## Crossing its fingers, city looks for guards

BY MELANIE PLEND A  
Staff Writer

Middle school students might not be chicken to cross the road, but there's no one there to help them get to the other side.

Northville mayor Chris Johnson said the city cannot find people to fill the crossing guard position for students going to Hillside Middle School.

The city — and specifically the Northville city police department — is responsible for the hiring of

the school district's crossing guards.

He said the city has not been able to attract any help, given the job's hours and the rate of pay for the position. The job requires a crossing guard to help students safely cross the street for one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon Monday through Friday. The position pays \$6.26 per half hour.

"They're not exactly volun-

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## Convicted drunk drivers given chance to face victims

By ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

It isn't necessarily the way Jenny Lovano tells her story that turns "tough guys" into softies with tears as much as it's what she says.

The story Lovano, chapter administrator for Mothers Against Drunk Driving Wayne County chapter, tells is about her 18-year-old son, Alex Stewart, who was killed by a drunken driver in 1988 near the Interstate Highway 94 and Interstate Highway 275 interchange.

The people — including some

"tough guys" she tells the story about her son to are other drunken drivers convicted of the crime as part of a program sponsored by MADD and local courts. The Victims Impact Panel program puts convicted drunk drivers face-to-face with victims and families of victims. Last week, the 35th District Court started including participation in the program as part of the sentence for first-time drunk drivers.

"We don't point fingers and the panel isn't conducted in an accusatory manner," Lovano said. "All we ask is that if people

drink, they make smart choices."

The program will be conducted monthly in the 35th District Courthouse, which handled 764 alcohol-related driving offenses in 1999.

"We are using this primarily in cases where we may be able to influence those convicted," said Judge Ron Lowe, 35th district. "This is a rehabilitation step — not a punishment."

Lovano, who has been a volunteer with the VIP program in other communities, said she can watch the body language and

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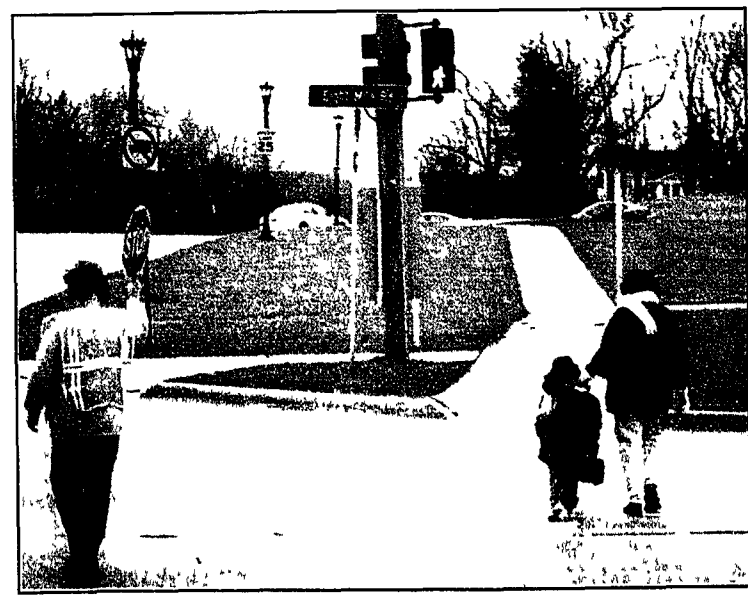


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After leaving Amerman Elementary School and with the assistance of a crossing guard, a child and her parent cross the busy intersection of Eight Mile Road and Center Street.

## Police Reports

### INNSBROOK APARTMENT BROKEN INTO NOV. 28

A computer, a handgun and a videocassette recorder were taken from an Innsbrook apartment.

The incident happened between 6:15 a.m. and 7:20 p.m. Nov. 28.

According to a Northville Township police report, the woman left her apartment in the morning and returned in the evening to find her apartment had been broken into and numerous items had been taken. Items stolen included the computer, the handgun and several other miscellaneous items.

Police investigation determined the point of entry was either the sliding glass doors or the main doorway to the apartment. The exit point was the main door because all of the doors and windows were locked from the inside.

### PERSONNEL RESPOND ON ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Northville Township emergency officials responded on an attempted suicide call for a woman who had taken a large amount of sleeping pills.

The incident happened Nov. 29 at 8 p.m.

According to a Northville Township police report, police were called by the woman who had taken 15 sleeping pills. The 30-year-old said she was depressed over her divorce and other problems and that she intended to take her life. However, after they responded she told them she no longer wished to do this.

The woman was taken to the hospital.

### CAR RAMMED BY ANOTHER DRIVEN BY UNALERT DRIVER

A 2001 Saturn being driven by a 45-year-old Berkley woman was hit from behind by a car driven by a 36-year-old Plymouth woman.

The incident happened Nov. 20 at 8 p.m.

According to a city of Northville police report, the woman driving the Saturn was waiting to turn left into an apartment complex near the intersection of Seven Mile Road and Eaton. The driver of a 1998 Toyota said she took her eyes off of the road to find something in her car and hit the other car from behind.

Both escaped without injury and the driver of the Toyota was given a ticket for failure to stop in an assured clear distance.

### VEHICLES CHANGING LANES GET INTO EIGHT MILE ACCIDENT

Two vehicles that attempted to drive around a line of cars making a left turn near the intersection of Eight Mile Road and Lexington were involved in an accident.

The incident happened Nov. 29 at about 2:10 p.m.

According to a city of Northville police report, both cars were driving around a line of cars making a left turn near Lexington and Eight Mile Road. The driver of the lead car, a 1988 Chrysler New Yorker, told police she thought someone in the line of cars turning left was going to

drive in front of her so she slammed on the brakes. The car behind her, a 1999 Chevy Suburban, then struck the vehicle. None of the drivers were injured.

The driver of the Suburban was given a ticket for failure to stop in an assured clear distance.

### TIRES SLASHED ON TWO VEHICLES AT MCDONALD FORD

Tires were slashed on a 1999 Mercury Mystique and 1999 Ford Ranger parked in the used car lot of McDonald Ford Used Cars, 550 Seven Mile Road.

The incident happened sometime between 6:30 p.m. Nov. 28 and 8 a.m. Nov. 29.

According to a city of Northville police report, unknown person(s) slashed tires on the sidewalls of the two vehicles. Police suspect a blade of two to three inches was used to cut the tires. Both were parked in the first aisle of cars adjacent to Seven Mile Road.

### ACCIDENT AT MAIN STREET AND GRISWOLD

A 60-year-old Canton woman received a ticket for failure to yield after she turned in front of another car causing an accident.

The incident happened Nov. 21 at 1:43 p.m.

According to a city police report, the woman turned her 1995 Chrysler in front of a 1997 Mercury heading west on Main Street at Griswold Ave.

## New township supervisor looks beyond next four years

By ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

Northville Township's new supervisor isn't necessarily as concerned with what happens during his first four-year term as much as for when he's out of office, he said.

That's why much of what Mark Abbo, who took over officially Nov. 20 as township supervisor, hopes the board accomplishes during the next four years centers on the future.



Mark Abbo

"What I want to do, with the assistance of the other board members, is look at everything the township has, including facilities and services, and determine where we want them to be," Abbo said. "After that I would expect us to develop short and long-term goals for how we're going to get there."

The first step will be at a Dec. 14 study session during which board members will discuss and prioritize goals. Abbo said he plans to have regular study sessions quarterly or as needed.

Abbo, who has served as a board trustee since 1992 and as interim treasurer since February, said the board needs to think 30 to 40 years into the

"We need to plan for a community that is double the size of what we have now."

Mark Abbo  
Northville Township supervisor

future.

"We need to be guaranteed that we'll be able to provide the same level of service 30 or 40 years from now by establishing the infrastructure now," he said. The reason is simple, Abbo said.

"We need to plan for a community that is double the size of what we have now," he said. The first step in the process will be to get the board collectively working toward the same goals, Abbo said.

Items likely to be discussed, he said, include a variety of goals, such as what to do with the more than 250 acres of land acquired by the township in the last four years and how much land will be acquired in the future. Other goals likely to be discussed, Abbo said, include: working to keep taxes low, establishing some "pay as you go" services; and developing a plan that is "fluid and dynamic."

"These are the kinds of things we need to think about now because the variables may be different 10 years from today."

Abbo said. For example, the township faces heavy competition from private developers and businesses to soak up available land.

"We need to quantify each goal and determine if each is a short or long-term goal and a high or low-status project," Abbo said.

Abbo said a solid infrastructure already exists with the excellent department heads, members of existing governmental bodies like the planning commission and zoning board of appeals, and township employees.

Additionally, good relations with the Northville School District and city of Northville will aid in maintaining a solid infrastructure.

"I've always used the cliché that any organization is only as strong as its weakest link," Abbo said. "And I believe that's true."

Abbo sits on the board of trustees with Richard Henningsen, treasurer, Sue Hillebrand, clerk, Marv Gans, trustee, Bill Pomeroy, trustee, Shirley Klokenga, trustee, and Brad Werner, trustee.

Abbo said he plans to have regular office hours of 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Wednesday. He may be reached at the Northville Township Hall by calling (248) 348-5800.

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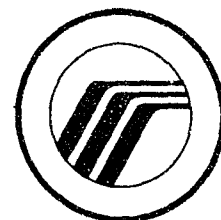
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# Plymouth official: Get used to vacant Farmer Jack in town

By ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

When Farmer Jack moved out of its Plymouth location in 1988 for a bigger and more fancy location one mile south, people eagerly waited to see what would take its place.

But the eagerness evolved into angry frustration over a 10 year period as Farmer Jack sat on its lease and the 17,000-square-foot storefront soaked up prime real estate in the city.

Bill Graham, then finance director for the city of Plymouth and now city commission member, said the circumstances surrounding the Plymouth Farmer Jack store sound just like those concerning the vacant Farmer Jack storefront on Seven Mile Road in the Northville Plaza strip mall.

And he said Northville residents should probably just get used to having the shell of a building in the community - even if township officials are working toward settling the problem.

"Quite frankly, [Farmer Jack doesn't] give a damn about the strip mall, what surrounds it, or anything else," he said "They are only concerned about the bottom line. Nothing else."

The Farmer Jack in Northville Plaza closed about three years ago. A new Farmer Jack opened about a mile away on Haggerty Road near Six Mile Road.

However, Farmer Jack continues to pay the lease for the Seven Mile Road location. The move, which Graham said is an "inexpensive way to keep competition out," has local offi-

"Quite frankly, they don't give a damn about the strip mall, what surrounds it, or anything else."

Bill Grahamian  
City of Plymouth city commission

cials and other business owners angry. Laurie Marrs, Northville Chamber of Commerce director, said she goes so far as to tell everyone, "don't go to Farmer Jack."

Bruce McKenzie, owner of Knightsbridge Antique Mall, 42305 Seven Mile Road, in the same mall, said he's learned Farmer Jack plans to renew its lease for five years in February.

He's turning to the township for help.

"Any help we can would be great," he said "I would just like to see something move into the other end of the mall."

Chip Snider, Northville Township manager, said he's been working as a facilitator between a uniform vending company interested in moving into the store and Farmer Jack.

"Maureen Osiecki, the township planner, and I discussed the situation and were both mutually disenchanted with the condition of the building and mall," Snider said. "That condition is being contributed to significantly by the vacancy of the Farmer Jack."

Snider said he hopes the landlord, tenant, township, and Northville

Chamber of Commerce can work toward getting the storefront filled.

However, Graham said the role of facilitator was one the city commission in Plymouth tried to play - unsuccessfully.

"It really was a difficult situation because the city was trying to tactically work with the owners of the property and Farmer Jack," he said. "Nothing worked."

Graham said Farmer Jack had a lease of \$2 per square foot on the 17,000 square foot building that went back to the 1950s.

Farmer Jack officials were extremely difficult when it came to subleasing the property, he said. For example, when one prospective sub-leaser was going to lease the property for \$10 a square foot, Farmer Jack wanted a cut of the \$8 difference.

"We even went to the corporate board in New Jersey and all they would tell us is how good of a corporate citizen they were," Graham said. "But the bottom line is nothing happened."

The only solution in Plymouth, he said, was time. When Farmer Jack's lease ran out in 1998, the owners of the building and property were able to raze the outdated structure and construct a new one.

"If their lease hadn't run out, though, you can be rest assured we would still be looking at a vacant storefront there," Graham said.

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## It only hurts for a second...

Pam Prezioso is prepped by resident nurse Lynn Gagin during a Dec. 1 Red Cross blood drive at Ward Presbyterian Church. A Red Cross official said Ward is one of the most dependable drives each year and expected to gather more than 130 pints of blood for the most recent drive. More information on upcoming blood drives may be obtained by calling (800) 448-3543.

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## Correction

A photograph in last week's Northville Record and Novi News misidentified All-Area soccer team member Jon McClory. The player in the photograph was teammate Jeremy Herndon.

In the Nov. 16 edition of the Record, Northville city council appointee Chris Bachelder's age should have been listed at 43.

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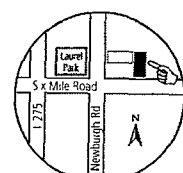
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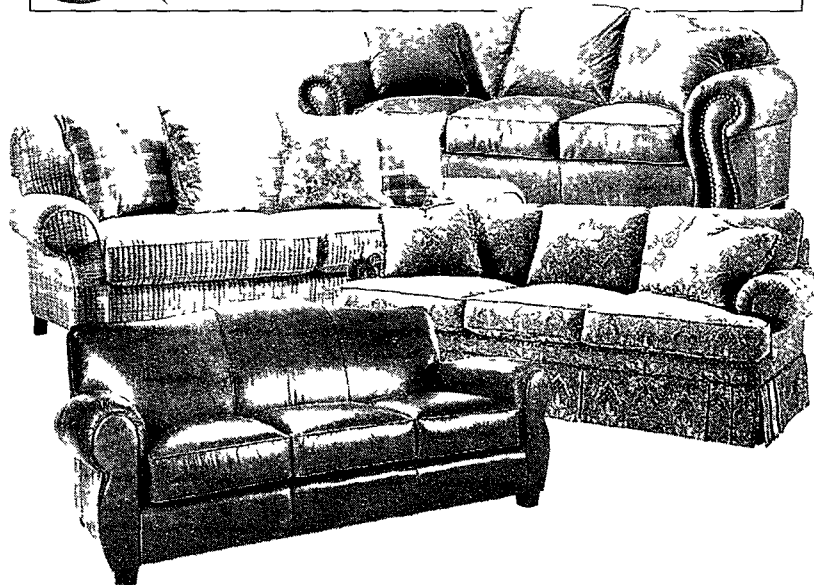
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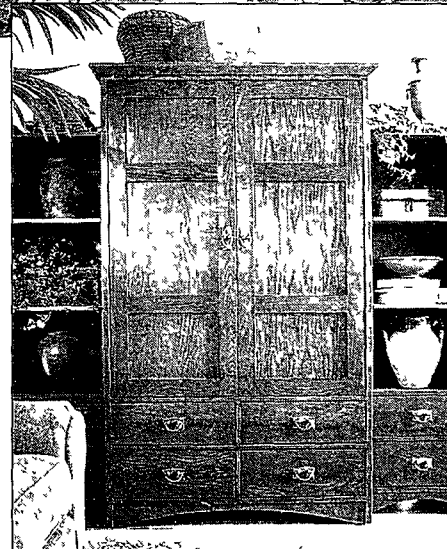
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dren are welcome to attend. Join us on Thursday, Dec. 14, from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

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Children of all ages are invited to make fun holiday crafts in the library's meeting room on Dec. 18, from 4:15 to 5 p.m. No registration is necessary but all children under age 4 should be accompanied by a caregiver.

### WINTER STORYTIMES

A new season of a wonderful storytime program begins in January 2001. Please call the library for information on Storytimes for Tots or Preschoolers, the Little Me Club for the very young, Kids Club for first and second graders, and the monthly evening drop-in storytimes.

### TEEN AND JUNIOR BOOKS, CHAT AND CHOW

These two popular book groups for kids will join forces this month on Dec. 27 at 4:15 p.m. Kids in grades four and up are welcome to attend. Please call the library to register.

### MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us on Monday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. to discuss *Rethinking Life and Death* by Pete Singer. Drawing on current medical, ethical and legal scholarship, Singer proposes a new set of ethics for the 21st century. All are welcome to join in for this thought-provoking discussion.

### RESULTS OF LIBRARY BOARD ELECTION

Two members of the library board of trustees Barbara Glover and Carolyn Blanchard, were reelected to four-year terms beginning January 2001. Write-in candidate Gail Barget will become the latest member of the board, replacing outgoing trustee, Judyth Johnson.

### LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday.

# A warm gesture for area seniors

## Furnace repairs provided for elderly, courtesy of NWHCDA

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

To help keep seniors safe and warm this winter, Day & Night Heating & Cooling and other members of the Northwest Heating & Cooling Dealers Association offered free furnace inspections and repairs on Dec. 2.

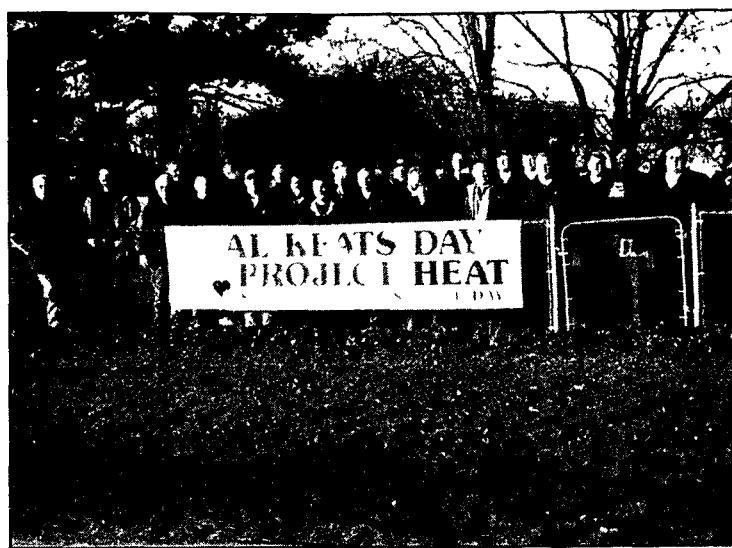
Since 1986, Seniors Citizens Day, organized by NWHCDA, has provided needy seniors throughout the metro area with furnace inspections.

Owner of Day & Night Heating & Cooling Craig McCourt said many times senior citizens get "ripped off" by contractors and that this kind of public service helps build back trust.

"Often you see these news exposures on contractors taking advantage of seniors. So we frequently get painted with the same brush," he said. "So this is a good way for us to encounter some of that negative publicity."

On Saturday 25 business and 40 volunteers of the NWHCDA examined 50 furnaces to seniors who could otherwise not afford it.

In most cases they do a furnace inspection and routine maintenance, but in past years have installed new or upgraded



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Members of the Northwest Heating and Cooling Dealers Association line up before heading out to provide courtesy repairs for seniors in the Northville area and beyond.

furnaces at no charge. Parts are donated by the associate members of the NWHCDA.

Volunteers are even stationed by the phones in case any emergency parts are needed.

Seniors' names are supplied by the various senior programs and centers in the area. The senior programs who supply the names understand that the optimum word is "needy." They include seniors that are handicapped, shut-ins, poor, or seniors who have serious health problems.

McCraig recalled one touching story where the husband had his leg amputated and the wife was suffering severe health problems.

He said their medical bills were piling up and it turned out that they needed a new furnace.

"We put in a call to okay the installation, and we got them a new furnace," he said. "They were so overjoyed, everyone was crying. It felt great, being able to help them."

NWHCDA Director Ernie Ziroll said Senior Citizens Service Day is designed to help provide a positive image and help create good will.

"It is an enjoyable day for all who participate and helps the NWHCDA with the message that there are many excellent Heating & Cooling contractors who care

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deeply about the plight of many seniors," he said.

In 1988, the NWHCDA was granted the prestigious C-Flag Award by President Ronald Reagan for private sector initiative.

Ziroll said that Senior Citizens Service Day is a rewarding event and a very worthwhile cause.

"It is truly a wonderful feeling to help those less fortunate than us," he said.

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# Northville School Briefs

## SWEET DREAMS FOR DETROIT STUDENTS

Amerman Elementary School is once again collecting gifts for students in Detroit for Christmas.

They have gathered stuffed animals (new and gently used), winter headbands and money donations for Logan Elementary and Beard elementary in Detroit.

The sweet dreams committee has also asked Amerman to help with Maybury School in Detroit as well. Amerman will be collecting anything they can for the school including but not limited to books, toys, school supplies and especially children's clothing (gently used and winter items.)

These items will be collected in the drop off cans in the lobby of Amerman through Dec 15.

More information may be obtained by calling (248) 344-8405.

## SILVER SPRINGS JOINS IN THE GIVING SEASON

The first of two Silver Springs student council sponsored service projects proved profitable for Focus Hope of Detroit.

The elementary's food drive provided for donations of both canned and boxed food products. The drive was held Nov. 28- Dec 5 and

produced nearly 600 items for the charity which exceeded the goal set by the school.

Student council members decorated boxes which were available in every classroom for donations. They also made daily advertisements and announcements to motivate the student body. Further, they spent their lunch and recess time counting and sorting the items.

## NORTHVILLE'S NIGHT TO SHINE

Northville's annual New Year's Eve family activity night is scheduled for Dec. 31 from 5-9 p.m.

"Northville Night," sponsored by Northville Parks and Recreation Department promises food, entertainment, crafts, magic, music and carnival atmosphere and activities.

Tickets will be available in advance at the Parks and Rec. Department.

## HILLSIDE TOURS FOR NEW STUDENTS

Hillside Middle School Principal Jeff Radwanski will conduct small group tours in January for parents of next year's incoming sixth graders.

The tours last about two hours

and begin at 9:15 a.m.

Dates for the tours are as follows:

Jan. 9, Jan. 16, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13, Feb. 20, March 6, March 13, March 20, April 3, April 10, April 24, May 1, and May 8.

## NURSES TIPS ARE NOTHING TO SNEEZE AT THIS SEASON

Registered nurses Eileen Asteriou and Pat Alexander of Cooke School recently gave parents some information on how to protect their kids against the flu season.

With the cold and influenza season approaching, there are a few precautions parents can take to help avoid the onset of these seasonal discomforts according to a letter from the nurses to parents at Cooke.

This begins with the proper hand washing procedures. Soap should be lathered on the hands for no less than 10 seconds. The hands should be scrubbed using friction and the areas under the finger nails should not be forgotten, they said. Hands should be dried on a disposable towel. This same towel they said should be used to turn the handle on the water faucet. They added lotion should be applied frequently

throughout the day as well. The nurses said frequent hand washing can lead to dry skin. Dry cracked hands makes people vulnerable to germs getting into the body, turning into a cold or virus.

Additionally, they said toothbrushes can be another source of germs that can cause colds and flu. Toothbrushes should be discarded and new ones purchased every month or two to decrease the buildup of germs on the brush.

## YOU'RE A BETTER PARENT THAN YOU THINK

To celebrate Respect Week in Northville, the Northville council of PTAs parent awareness committee will sponsor a presentation by Dr. Ray Guarendi entitled "You're a Better Parent Than You Think." He will be speaking in the Northville High School Auditorium on Jan. 18 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Guarendi is a parent and clinical psychologist specializing in parenting. He comes from a background that teaches children the basics of living which includes character, morals, responsibility and respect.

He is a professional speaker and has been a regular guest on radio and television including Oprah and CBS This Morning. He is also

an award-winning syndicated parenting columnist and the author of several books.

With humor and real-life examples, Guarendi will offer common sense solutions and practical ideas to handling some of the most frustrating problems of parenting. He will address topics from tantrums to curfews, mealtime to bedtime, whining and tough talking teens, family rules to truth and consequences, homework to household chores and "time out" to "room time."

More information about Guarendi may be obtained by logging onto his Web site at [www.kidbrat.com](http://www.kidbrat.com).

More information about the event may be obtained by calling Cathy Ponder, Northville Council of PTAs Parent Awareness Chair at (248) 348-4238.

Childcare will be available at the event.

## COOKE WORKERS HIT NORTHVILLE

Many area businesses have gained some capable new employees from Northville's Cooke School Cooke, formerly the Bryant Center, has successfully resumed its vocational program in Northville since its move from Livonia.

Though Cooke was always a

Northville Public School, the facilities for the program were located in Livonia until this fall.

The Cooke program is for individuals from 13 Western Wayne County school districts, Cooke's students range from ages 13-26. Their primary focus at the school is to prepare their students to be productive workers and participants in the community. To do this, they run an in-school workshop to assist in this focus. The student workers of Cooke produce items sold to the public and many of their students also obtain internships at various businesses in the community.

The following is a list of local participating businesses:

ACO, Candies by Renee, Chansma Hair Salon, First Care Day Care, Good Time Party Store, J.C. Penney's, Little Caesar's Restaurant, Lord and Taylor, Marywood Nursing Home, McDonald's Restaurant, Northville Public Library, Olga's Restaurant, Rent-a-Flick Video Store, Rio Bravo Restaurant, Sbarro's Restaurant, Town Peddler Craft Mall, Wendy's Restaurant, CVS, Costco, Kohl's Department Store, K-Mart, Krogers, Laurel Park Mall, Meijer's, Novi Bowl, Our Lady of Providence, Target, Twelve Oaks Mall and West Oaks Shopping Center

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# Hillside rec conversion decision nears

BY MELANIE PLENDIA  
Staff Writer

The financing of Northville's lun and frolic will be decided by mid-December, a parks and recreation official said this week.

The Northville Parks and Recreation commission will make its recommendation on how the space at Hillside Middle School should be used Dec. 13, parks and recreation director Tracy Sincok said.

Northville Public Schools agreed to lease the excess space at the middle school, formerly Northville High School, to Parks and rec when it began building the new high school in 1998. The district offered the rec department the pool, two auxiliary gyms, two small classrooms, the former weight room, the former wrestling space athletic offices and the use of the varsity gym after school events.

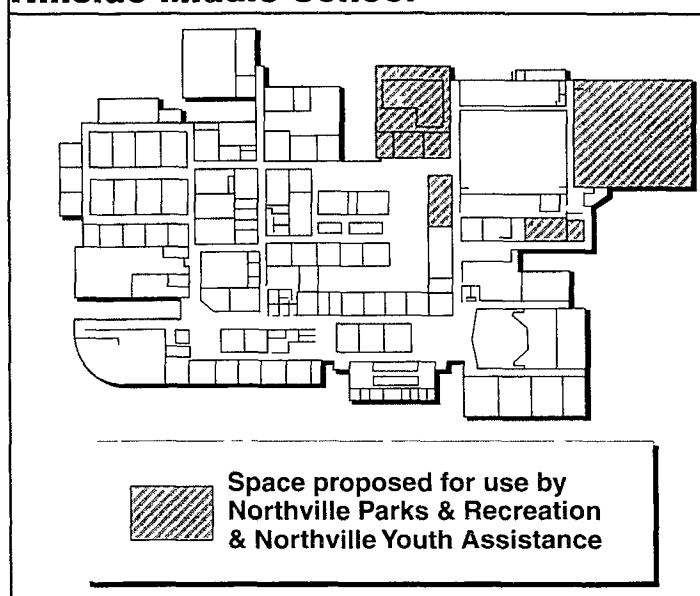
Though the rec department doesn't know the exact cost to renovate the space, Sincok said, the department has begun using the space for a variety of activities beginning in January.

"We are already starting to plan programming for the activity center at Hillside. We hope to start using it by early January," Sincok said. "There is a lot of space that doesn't need work and we can start using right away."

In October, the parks commission met with officials from the city of Northville, Northville Township and the school district. The commission presented the parties with four proposals for how the space could be used. The plans ranged from using the space "as is," all the way to converting the pool area into a themed water park of sorts and creating two separate gyms with permanent walls.

All of the interested parties at the meeting voiced their support for the project but wanted to see how much

## Hillside Middle School



it would cost. Since then, the municipalities and school district have declared their support to use the space for the rec department's needs.

Sincok said at the Dec. 13 meeting she plans to give the city, township and district an idea of what kind of financing is available for the project. But by the end of the meeting, she said the rec commission would be able to give its final recommendation for the most viable proposal.

In November, township trustee Marv Gans said the township was also encouraged by the project and thought proposal "A" or "B" could be viable options.

According to the proposal from the commission, "A" includes basic projects to make the space usable by parks and rec. That would mean installing a hydraulic lift and reno-

vating the pool locker rooms to make them handicap accessible. Further, construction of a main desk for parks staff would be necessary. The estimated cost of that plan stood at \$551,700.

"We want to determine what our immediate need is," Gans said. "There are some things in proposal 'B' we may not be sure we want to buy into. But we are still meeting on it and discussing the possibilities."

City of Northville mayor Chris Johnson said the city was leaning towards plan "B," but added that there were some unnecessary parts of the plan.

Plan "B" is nearly the same as "A," with the exception of the conversion of the weight room into administra-

tive offices, instead of using it as storage. The former wrestling room would become a weight and fitness center and dance studio. A cinder block corridor would also be constructed around the rec center. That plan carried an estimated price of \$1.36 million.

"It appeared to me there were some things that could be cut out without jeopardizing the intent of the plan," Johnson said. "For instance, instead of building walls around the gym, they could use the partitions already in place."

Sincok said she thought the rec department would be able to use what was the high school auxiliary gym for youth basketball and to expand the department's after-school program to four days a week. Further, she said, the department would use the activity center for badminton, drop-in basketball, private youth organizations as well as for community groups to rent out for events.

She said the department may use the pool, but that it probably would be March before the department could get in there. She said the rec department was waiting to get the pool's heater repaired, which depended on the availability of money to accomplish.

Johnson said he was hopeful about the project and was glad parks and rec could get started using the space.

"We are really encouraged by the proposals," he said. "We are just waiting for some numbers and for some of the details to be ironed out."

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# Handcrafters' show features local artisans

By ERIN KING  
Special Writer

Handcrafters Unlimited will sponsor its 19th annual Christmas arts and crafts show on Dec. 8, 9, and 10. The Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St., will display the work of more than 70 juried artisans.

Such work will include florals, stained glass and water colors, along with seasonal decorations, jewelry, wood work and clothing.

An array of styles will be displayed at this year's show, from traditional and contemporary to country and fine arts. Personalized crafts will also be available with such items as clothing and wood work.

"Unique artists from all over the Midwest will be at the show," said Handcrafters owner Sue Smith.

Local artisans will include Judy Berlinski of Northville, Kathy Eaton of Farmington, Judy Moore

of Plymouth, Roberta Baraszu of Plymouth, Lisa Lewis of Livonia, Kay Kaelhoe of Northville, and Sue Hathcock of Livonia.

The show got its start 2 years after Smith and sixteen others formed Handcrafters twenty-one years ago. After a series of changes, Smith and partner Molly Pemberton decided on leaving Handcrafters to sponsor craft shows.

Handcrafters sponsors three shows a year — one each in spring, fall and winter.

The show will run Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Dec. 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults while children 12 and under are free. Baby strollers are not allowed. Lunch at the Sundowner Cafe will be available.

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## Obituaries

### JOAN M. ALLEN

Joan M. Allen, 82, died Dec. 2 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. She was born Aug. 23, 1918, in Ennismore, Ontario, Canada, to Alexander and Theresa Anne (Guiry) Geary.

Mrs. Allen retired in 1982 from Henry Ford Hospital as a medical secretary.

She is survived by a son, Richard (Patricia) of Northville; and two grandsons, James C. of Northville and Steven (Renata) of Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Allen was preceded in death by her husband, Russell in 1979, and a brother, David Geary.

Services and burial for Mrs. Allen were held at Mount Kelly Cemetery in Dearborn, with the Rev. Lawrence Kaiser officiating.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville.

### ALICE H. POOLEY

Alice H. Pooley, 75, died Dec. 2 in Star Manor of Northville. She was born Jan. 26, 1925, in Detroit to Edward C. and Helen M. (Garvey) Kelly.

Mrs. Pooley was a resident of Northville for 22 years. She was an active member of Mill Race Village, being a member of the Questers and director of the village docents. Her memberships also include the Northville Newcomers and the Northville Garden Club.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur T. of Northville; sons, Thomas (Elizabeth) of Spillmacheen, British Columbia, Mark (Caroline) of Johnstone, R.I., Robert (Alexis) of Northville, and David (Kathy) of Fort Collins, Colo.

daughter, Nancy (David) Osterman of Bloomfield Hills, two brothers, Edward and John Kelly; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7 in Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. The Rev. Ernest Porcari will officiate. Interment will be in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville.

Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated by the family.

### DOROTHY J. WHEELER

Dorothy J. Wheeler, 52, died Dec. 2 in the IHS of Michigan at

Howell Home in Howell. She was born Feb. 6, 1948, in Detroit to Casimir and Helen (Darmofal) Oleszkowicz.

Ms. Wheeler taught in the Anchor Bay Public School system in New Baltimore for eight years. She took a medical leave of absence several years ago from her teaching position.

She is survived by a sister, Lorri (Larry) Gantley of Northville and two nieces.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. The Rev. Ernest Porcari was the officiant.

Interment was in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville.

Memorial contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society would be appreciated.

### JOSEPH B. BOYNTON

Joseph Brooks Boynton died Nov. 20 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, where he was a resident since 1998. He was born Aug. 3, 1915, in Salem, Ill.

Mr. Boynton moved to Michigan from his home near Akron, Ohio, where he had lived since 1950. He made his career in the trucking industry. Mr. Boynton was president and owner of A.J. Weigand Inc., a chemical transporter based in Dover, Ohio. A 32nd Degree Mason, he had been a member of Tadmor Temple Shrine of North

America in Akron since 1954.

Mr. Boynton is survived by daughters, Marla (Karl) Wizinsky of Novi and Judy (Frank) Wylie of Santa Cruz, Calif.; son, John (Courtney) of Atwood Lake, Ohio; and grandchildren, Tamara (Jeff) Boynton-Romine of Denver, Colo., Jay Boynton of Seattle, Wash., and Sarah and Paul Wizinsky of Novi.

Mr. Boynton was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Louise (Morgan) in 1997.

A private service was held for the family.

Arrangements were made by Muehling Funeral Chapel of Ann Arbor.

Memorial contributions to Turner Geriatric Center at the University of Michigan would be appreciated by the family.

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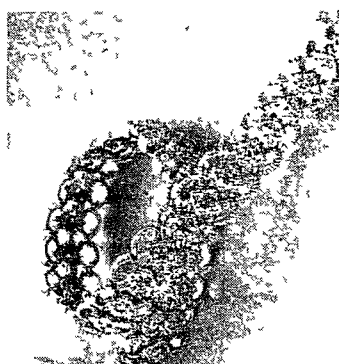
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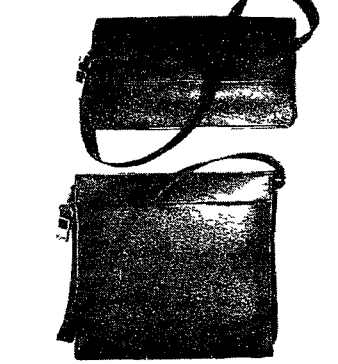
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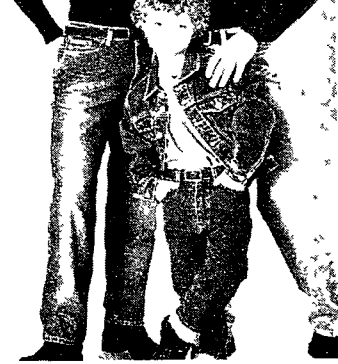
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# Country Epicure to remain in Novi for now, owners say

By RANDAL YAKY  
Staff Writer

There is a twist in the tale when it comes to a long time favorite Novi eatery, Country Epicure.

Apparently, the business will stay open as is, after buyers for the restaurant were unable to come up with financing to complete the deal.

The owners of the Post Bar group, which owns three bars in the metro Detroit area, pulled out of a deal to purchase the Country Epicure when they were unable to secure financing after months of

negotiations, according to Karen Angelosante, Epicure owner said.

It was a done deal," Epicure owner Karen Angelosante said. They apparently have some problems with financing and there was something with the Liquor Control Commission.

Angelosante said that she had been waiting for months for the Post Bar group to finalize the deal but they kept putting her off.

"We told them to quit messing around," Angelosante said. Then all of the sudden, they pulled out. Angelosante said that the Grand

"[Country Epicure adds] an element of class and a menu that is excellent."

Richard Clark  
mayor, city of Novi

River Avenue eatery would be remaining open as the Epicure but wasn't sure how long the popular dining spot would remain open or under current management.

"We'll just keep doing what we do," Angelosante said.

According to Angelosante, there have been Novi residents that have made comments to the effect they were disheartened that Epicure was closing.

"I'm glad they're staying but I wish they'd stay a lot longer," Novi Mayor Richard Clark said. "They add an element of class and a menu that is excellent."

Angelosante said that she has been on an emotional roller coaster since the purchase was first proposed. In September

Angelosante told the Novi News that the Post Bar representatives called her up on the phone and asked if the restaurant was for sale.

Representatives for both sides supposedly had a deal until the Post Bar group "suddenly" pulled out of the deal, Angelosante said.

"It's been hard," Angelosante said. "When you've been building a business for fifteen years and then thinking about selling it. Well, it's just been hard on everybody."

The Country Epicure had been

having trouble keeping a full staff but Angelosante said with the upcoming holiday season, the staff has been secured.

The Country Epicure has been in business for 15 years.

The Post Bar Group has three locations in Ferndale, Mt. Clemens and downtown Detroit. Representatives at the Post Group were unavailable for comment at press time.

Randal Yaky is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail is ryaky@homecomm.net

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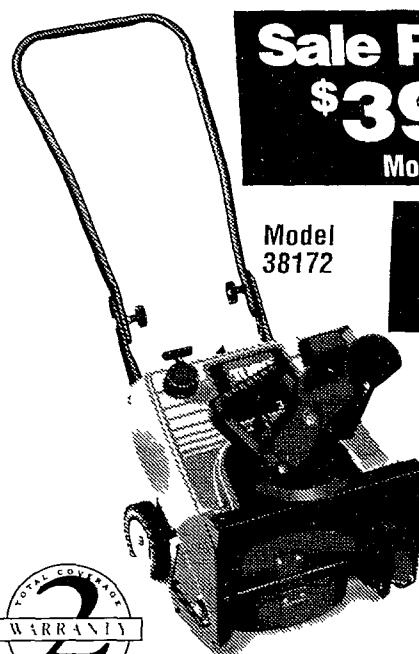
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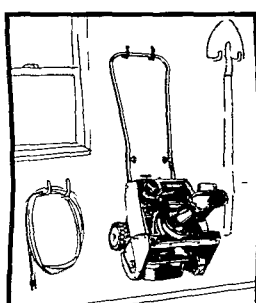
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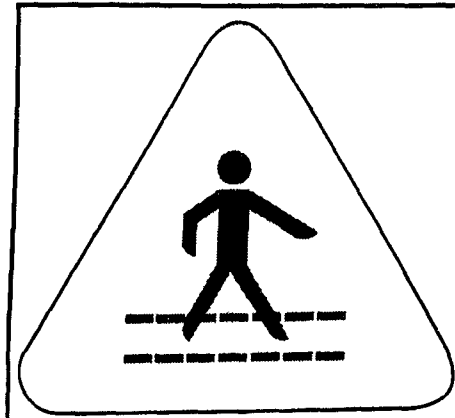
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# Northville Area Briefs

## BID FOR BOND PASSES FOR PUMPER

The Northville City Council approved a bid proposal from Comerica Securities for the \$400,000 bond which it will use to purchase a new pumper truck and rescue vehicle for the fire department.

The truck will replace a 45-year-old pumper truck the department was using while the rescue vehicle will replace a van which was more than 20 years old.

Voters in Northville approved the bond issue by 77 percent during the November 2000 election.

The city anticipates paying off the bond in 10 years at an interest rate of 4.98 percent.

## CITY WILL BEAR PARTIAL COST OF REPAVING PROJECT

Wayne County is proposing to resurface a segment of N Hines Drive between Rogers Street and Wing Street.

The city council not only approved a resolution of its support for the project but also agreed to pay \$17,280 of a local match for the project.

In November, the city received a letter from Wayne County informing the city that the county was proposing to resurface a segment of the road. The county planned to do the job with its own work force under their Internal Resurfacing Program.

Under the Wayne County Program, cities are required to contribute about 1/3 of the total cost of the proposed resurfacing projects.

In the case of Hines drive the city of Northville was expected to contribute \$17,280 of the total estimated cost of \$51,840.

In recent years, according to a council communication from public works director Jim Gallogly, Northville has partnered with Wayne County in sharing the cost of two street resurfacing projects. One project undertaken in 1998 was Northville Road from Griswold Street to Beal Street. The second project, performed in 1999, was Eight Mile Road from Taft Road to Center Street. Both projects were successfully undertaken, Gallogly said, through the county's paving program. Gallogly said the city staff believed the resurfacing project would be a worthwhile project for the city to participate in.

The local match money would come from the street improvement millage money, according to Gallogly. When developing the city's long term street improvement plan, it was anticipated that the improvements on county primary roads would have to be undertaken from time to time and that the city would have to share in the cost of these projects, he said. Local street projects in the city would fall back in priority to allow the city the ability to take advantage of shared funding with Wayne and Oakland counties on primary roads, he said. If funding for the project was required in fiscal year 2001, Gallogly said, he would propose that available monies from the Cady Street project be reallocated the Hines Drive project, since Cady will not be constructed this year.

If the funding was not required by the county until after July 2001, funding will be budgeted in the next budget year.

## GARDEN VARIETY DOWNS

The Northville City Council approved a request for a temporary greenhouse/garden center at Northville Downs from April to August of next year.

Troy and Fred Goethe, proprietors of the new "Northville Greenhouse," will use the northwest corner of the Downs parking lot for their greenhouse. They said they will use the greenhouse to sell flats of flowers and plants. The greenhouse would be open between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The city council showed general concern for the conflict it could present with the Farmers Market, which would be located across the street.

Councilman Kevin Hartshorn said he would rather have the Farmers Market stay and see the Northville Greenhouse go. However, he said ultimately he hoped the competition would be good for both businesses.

The Goethe father and son team said they wanted to provide a service to Northville and intentionally chose a spot for their greenhouse which would not conflict with the traffic and business of the Farmers Market.

In early November, the city received a request from the Goethes for the greenhouse. The city's charter provides for short-term uses and events at the racetrack, and that upon application and approval, are forwarded to the city council.

Troy Goethe said the 100-foot by 30-foot greenhouse is completely removable and will be gone by the end of August when the live racing season starts at Northville Downs.

According to a council communication from city manager Gary Word, general uses in those areas must be engaged during the non-live racing portion of the year which is between April and October.

## COMCAST COMES TO NORTHVILLE

The city of Northville adopted a resolution consenting to the change of ownership transfer of the MediaOne cable TV franchise to Comcast Cable Television of the South.

The city council adopted the resolution at its Dec. 4 regular meeting.

One of the city's cable TV service providers, MediaOne Inc. previously acquired by AT&T, is being sold to Comcast Cablevision of the South Inc. companies changing ownership must apply to franchise in order to officially change ownership.

According to a council communication from city manager Gary Word, the city attorney reviewed the request and found there was no compelling reason to oppose the ownership transfer. Comcast is the nation's fourth-largest cable television company and has the financial capability to assume the obligations of the existing franchise.

# Police investigate alleged assault on escort in hotel

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During initial interviews with the woman in the lobby of the Hampton, she pointed to the man working behind the counter as the man who allegedly assaulted her.

"We were interviewing her in the lobby and she looked at an employee behind the counter and identified him as the subject who had allegedly assaulted her," said Detective Paul Sumner, Northville Township Police Department.

Additionally, DNA evidence collected in the room and at the hospital linked the man to the scene.

"As a result of her identifying the subject and evidence collected in the room and at the hospital, the male subject was taken into custody," Sumner said. Subsequent investigation with

the male included him admitting to using an unoccupied room of the Hampton and taking money from the hotel's cash register to pay for the service, which he replaced after he left her in the room.

Bias said the high number of inconsistencies in the stories told by the female and male caused the prosecutor's office not to seek charges against the man. However, the man had outstanding warrants in other jurisdictions on nonsexual charges and was turned over to the authorities.

The manager of the Hampton Inn said he had no comment on the situation.

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# Torn between her faith and her freedom

Nicolette Pearce looks to religion to take on district

BY MELANIE PLEND

Staff Writer

Nicolette Pearce hates court-rooms.

But even she realizes the irony of her disdain as she sues the Northville public school district, she said this week.

Pearce, a senior at Northville High School, recently filed suit with her brother Matt, against the district claiming it violated her First Amendment rights when administrators canceled her Christian club, Connect for Christ.

But Pearce is more than a name on a lawsuit. She said she is an atypical 17-year-old girl who is caught in an atypical situation. Spurred by her strong religious beliefs, Pearce said she believes she is doing as God would have her do by fighting the District in court.

[Jesus] hung naked on a cross for me," Pearce said. "If I didn't stand up for him it would be like piercing him with another spear. Even though I didn't want this to go to court, I can't quit no matter what is said or done to me."

Pearce said she tried everything she could to settle the matter with the school district out of court. Her only demand was that the district allow her to continue her Christian club during seminar period as it had allowed other non-curricular clubs to do, she said. Pearce said she kept hoping the district would change their minds "or keep the promises" school administrators made to her.

She said she never wanted to be one of those people who ran to court overtime if she didn't get her way. She also said she originally believed suing the district was actually contrary to her faith as a

Christian. She reconciled that condition, she said, through discussions with her family and by consulting the Bible.

"We looked up going to court and sung people in the Bible and we prayed," she said. "And I realized God knows my heart and knows what I am thinking. And because I am doing it for him, I am not doing it alone."

Pearce said ultimately she knew going to court was her only choice and had to sue to protect her rights as a Christian.

Pearce said she believed her case, along with some of the ridicule and stress which has come with it, is a way of God allowing her to spread his message and "his light" to more people, she said.

Though she had a stress-related hospital stay due to the lawsuit, Pearce said she didn't regret her choice to move forward with it, although it took a lot of soul-searching to get her to sign the papers and accept the attention from the media and her peers.

"If you know me, I am actually a very shy person," she said. "And when if we first talked to the media, I thought it was the biggest mistake we could have ever made."

Though Pearce has managed to reconcile the ethical dilemma in which she has found herself, her mother, Janis Pearce, said the decision wasn't as easy for her as a parent. It was difficult, she said, to watch her child go through the legal wrangling, but knew Nicole's mind was made up.

"It's been a roller coaster ride," said Janis Pearce. "You know you ask your child 'Are you sure you want to go through with this?' because you see the stress she's

under. And you don't know what could happen or what might be. But she was in it for the long haul. And would have never let us make her stop."

Pearce said she believes there is a bigger meaning and purpose to her crusade. She said she wants other people — Christian and non-Christian alike — to take away from her story the feeling they can stand up for their rights as well as she has.

She said she has been most surprised from the support she has received from the community she said.

"I wasn't sure how people would react after I filed," Pearce said. "But I have gotten so much support from everyone. Christians and non-Christians have told me they may not share my beliefs but they appreciate that I'm standing up for my rights."

Pearce said she would follow through with the litigation until the end, even if the end was a long way off. She said she hoped it would be over by the completion of the year so her club could be reinstated before she graduated. However, she said she is prepared to put off going out of state to see the case to its conclusion.

In the meantime, Pearce said she is staying busy with her school and volunteer work, and after-school job and her artwork. She said she just tries to keep everything in balance day by day.

"I just know that as long as God is with me, no one can come against me," she said.

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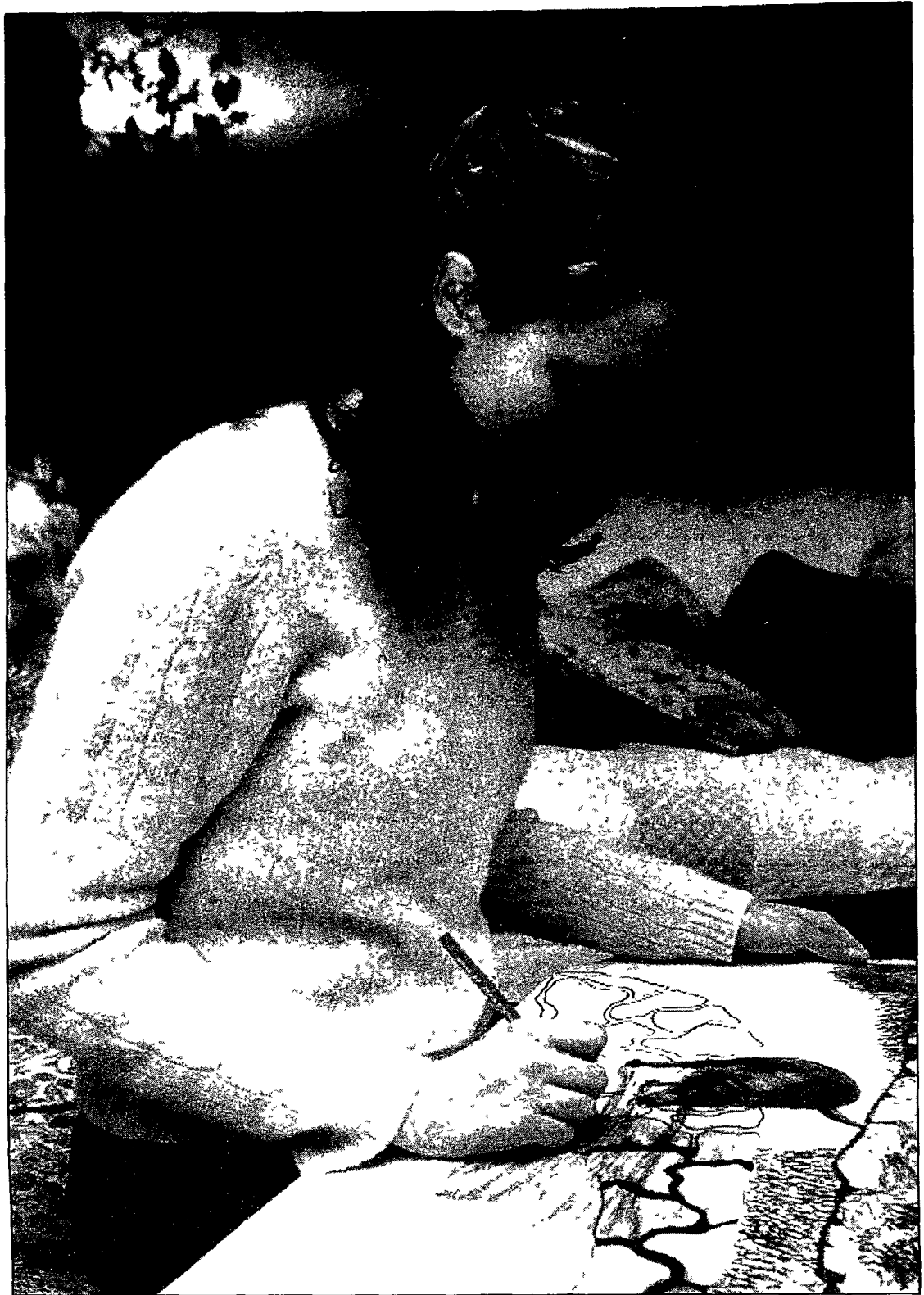


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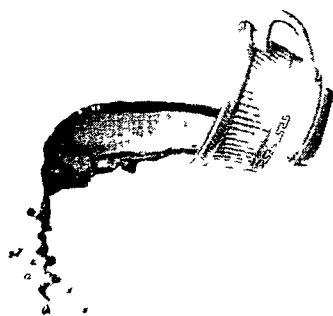
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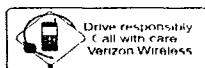
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# Woods' homes brighten season

By ERIN KING  
Special Writer

Sometimes great ideas can come out of nowhere.

That is exactly what happened to Laura and Greg Kloiber as they drove through Canton two years ago. They saw one neighborhood's Christmas decorations and got an idea for Christmas in their neighborhood.

For the second year, The Woods of Edenderry will add their own special touch to Christmas. The houses on Stonebrook Drive, Stonebrook Court, Cranbrook Drive and Cranbrook Court will decorate the trees that line their boulevard in a unique way. They will have white lights all around the branches with green and red lights on the trunks.

Laura and Greg talked to a few neighbors about the idea. They all thought it was a wonderful suggestion, so Laura sent out flyers asking if the neighborhood

would like to participate.

"It looks so pretty to see all the trees lit up", Laura said. "Everyone loved it last year and they want to make it a tradition."

New houses have been finished in the sub since last Christmas, so the light show will be even bigger this year.

Laura and her husband Greg moved to the subdivision from Livonia two and a half years ago. She said they have always put up very extravagant decorations for Christmas.

Laura also said that her husband has always been a fanatic when it comes to putting up Christmas decorations. Their three children, 7-year-old Collin, 9-year-old Stefanie and 14-year-old Allison, also like to help with the family decorating. They helped put up the lights on their tree for everyone to enjoy.

The lights will be on for all to see starting this week at 6 p.m.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Laura and Greg Kloiber and their Woods of Edenderry neighbors plan an all-out Christmas lights display on their homes and trees for the upcoming holiday season.

# House looks to shoot down local 'living wage' rules

By MIKE MALOTT  
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Although voters rejected a proposed constitutional amendment last month that would have made it tougher for state lawmakers to overrule local government, Proposal 2, many saw it as a shot across the Legislature's bow, warning it to be more sensitive to issues of local control and home rule.

Not so the state House. Representatives voted last week for legislation to overrule local governments that set so-called "living wage" ordinances.

"Voters have spoken and they rejected it (Proposal 2) by a margin of three to one," Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, said.

Whether lawmakers need to be more sensitive to questions of local control "all depends on the issue. Zoning, police and fire protection, trash pick up and issues like that

all come from local government. Minimum wage does not," he said.

Gosselin's Employment Relations Committee had recommended passage of House Bill 4766, sponsored by Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park, on Wednesday, Nov. 29. The full House voted the bill out by the slimmest of margins, 55-46, the following day.

"Living wage ordinances would have created a Bosnia effect, a patchwork of minimum wage laws and local wage regulations throughout the state," Gosselin said. The representative says such ordinances would damage the state's economic growth.

Municipalities that had adopted living wage ordinances included Madison Heights, Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, Ann Arbor, Warren and Kalamazoo. Detroit also had adopted a similar law. The Oakland County Board of Commissioner recently rejected such a

"Was this another attack on local control? Yes. Should the legislature sit up and start paying attention to issues of local control? Absolutely."

Don Stypula  
Michigan Municipal League

proposal

Living wage ordinances require that companies which contract with the city pay wages at 125 percent of the poverty level. Pay rates in Detroit would have been \$8.23 if the company provided benefits, \$10.29 per hour if it did not.

The current minimum wage in Michigan is \$5.15 per hour.

Despite the Legislature's quick move to override local government on the issue, Don Stypula, of the Michigan Municipal League and a primary mover behind Proposal 2 was neither surprised nor upset by

the vote. He said he'd expected action on the issue by the Legislature regardless of the outcome of Proposal 2. He said living wage ordinances are an issue only in a few communities, so the question "had not reached a critical mass within our membership."

"Was this another attack on local control? Yes," Stypula said. "Was the language in the Proposal 2 the right language? No. But should the Legislature sit up and start paying attention to issues of local control? Absolutely."

Gosselin on the other hand countered that the entire living

wage issue is a backdoor attempt by the AFL-CIO to get wage increases that it has not been able to win at the bargaining table.

"It's the union's way of furthering its agenda in the larger cities," he said.

The bill was sent to the state Senate for consideration.

Reps. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia, voted yes.

Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, and Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, voted no.

Reps. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, and Judie Scranton, R-Brighton, voted yes.

Reps. Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti, and Patricia Lockwood, D-Fenton, voted no.

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# Crossing guards hard to come by, city says

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teers," Johnson said. "But we're not talking about a full-time job here, either. We need people in the community who are willing to help out during this time. They could be considered paid on-call."

In a city council communication, city police chief Jim Petres said for the past few years, the city has employed two crossing guards and has advertised for substitutes with no success. The city, along with Northville schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski, recently joined

together to develop a new plan for the crossing guard situation and to assess its needs. Among other things, the plan took into account likely attendance and student walking routes for crossing locations.

They identified several locations as high traffic areas: Taft Road in front of Cooke School, Eight Mile Road and Center Street and Baseline Road and Center Street.

The city approved the plan to staff the areas Nov. 20 as part of a traffic control order during a regular city council meeting.

However, since only two

crossing guards were available, the city made the decision to staff the crossings at Cooke and at Baseline and Center, leaving students to cross at the light on Eight Mile and Center. Petres said in the communication.

Petres said that while the city needed someone at the Eight and Center crossing, it would not be wise to abandon the other two high-traffic locations.

Another pedestrian issue at the middle school dealt with the students crossing the pedestrian bridge, which included walkers from Morgan Circle — the subdivision west of Taft Road and all

bussed students. Hillside principal Jeff Radwanski said the school has developed a traffic pattern which limited the amount of possible contact students have with traffic coming in and going out of the school parking lot.

Radwanski said the school has designed the parking lot so parents dropping students off come in the main driveway, loop around to drop off or pick up and then exit the way they came. Radwanski said that pattern eliminates cars crossing the path of the pedestrian bridge.

Radwanski also said the

school had the school hall monitor serving as traffic cop to ensure parents were following the traffic patterns.

Johnson said the district needed to fill the position for crossing guards and was willing to work with interested people to fit it in with their schedules, including having more than one person sharing the job.

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AN ACCIDENT IN WAITING? A Special Northville Record Report

# Traffic signal a possibility near high school entrance

By ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

Township officials are investigating the possibility of putting a new traffic signal on Six Mile Road near the new Northville High School.

Chip Snider, Northville Township manager, said the township and school district are examining traffic patterns for the first three months of the school year. The information will be used to determine if a request for a new signal is necessary.

"We have some frustrated parents concerned about traffic congestion, particularly in the morning," Snider said. "That doesn't necessarily indicate a hazardous situation, but we are investigating the possibility of additional signalization."

According to Northville Township police records, there have been two accidents near the high school since it opened in August — one near the high school entrance and one west of Six Mile Road and Sheldon Road which may or may not be related to high school traffic.

Lt. Gary Batzloff, Northville Township Police Department acting chief, said traffic around the high school isn't a problem.

"We expected a larger volume of traffic, but you would expect that from any new development," he

"Although signalization can coordinate traffic progress and interrupt traffic flows, they can contribute to an increase in traffic accidents."

Chip Snider  
Northville Township manager

said. "We haven't seen anything that hasn't been anticipated."

The police department has stepped up its presence in the area, Snider said, to help control speeds. Still, he said, some people have complained about the traffic in the area.

Snider said the Northville school board can request a new signal, but he isn't convinced yet that a new light is the answer.

"Although signalization can coordinate traffic progress and interrupt traffic flows, they can contribute to an increase in traffic accidents," Snider said.

Drivers often fail to comply with a red light, which will increase the opportunity for accidents, he said.

"Sometimes people think a traffic signal will be a cure all and that just isn't always the case,"

Snider said.

Michael Wildt, Northville Township Police Department liaison to Northville High School, said there were problems with traffic control earlier in the year, but they've been ironed out.

"I would say the drivers are more courteous now than they've ever been toward each other," Wildt said.

Many drivers are still driving fast in the area, he said, but that's to be expected.

"You are always going to have those who want to get someplace quicker than everybody else," Wildt said.

Wildt said he has received some complaints about a backup of eastbound traffic on Six Mile Road near the entrance.

Snider said adequate traffic lanes also will be considered as part of the traffic study for the area.

"The planning process left some room — at no risk to the public safety — so we could take a look at what improvements could be done," he said.

Snider said he expects to meet with school officials within the next two weeks.

Andrew Dietderich is a staff writer for the Northville Record. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 extension 109.

# Six Mile Road traffic woes force district to seek solution

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design team created sidewalks in its design which kept students from getting near traffic. Even those who do have to cross near busy Six Mile are buffered by a substantial easement, he said.

But Bolitho said there needs to be a more permanent solution to the problem. He said he didn't anticipate finding a solution before the start of inclement weather when the traffic may get worse because of hazardous road conditions.

Wadsworth said she noticed there to be a problem when school

lets out and mixes with the already-heavy traffic on Six Mile Road. She said the district would be gathering data to see what is the best remedy. She said the district would look at everything from requesting a flashing traffic light to requesting a lower speed limit in the area.

Bolitho said once the district received a recommendation from the county and Northville Township, the cost of the remedy would be another serious factor in the process. Though the road is county-owned and a new traffic light would need the approval of the county, the school district would

have to pay for the light. Bolitho said one traffic light could cost the district an estimated \$30,000. He said though the district would try to find other means of controlling traffic effectively, but would foot the bill if it meant keeping students safe.

Bolitho said he hoped to meet with Snider in the next week to get input on what the district's options might be.

Melanie Plenda is a staff writer for the Northville Record and Novi News. Her e-mail address is mplenda@ht.homecomm.net.



Photo by CHRIS C. DAVIS

## The quest

Members of the Waterford Bend Questers donated two restored pieces of furniture — a Windsor chair and plant stand — to the Northville District Library last week. Pictured at left are Quester members (standing, left) Lenore Garner (standing, left) Patti Harbourn, president Alva Holk, Marianne Heaton. Seated on the bench are Questers member Betty Greenlee and District Library director Julie Herron.

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# Tax abatement at heart of Novi Expo Center debate

By RANDAL YAKE  
Staff Writer

Novi Expo Center President Blair Bowman brought his argument for a tax abatement to city hall Monday and came away with positive feedback.

Bowman explained that the tax abatement was essential to the project going forward and to take the Expo Center Project to the next level.

There are certain limitations on the property and those limitations impede our growth. Bowman told council "As a part of the relocation and enhancement the critical component is the tax abatement."

Last winter Bowman announced that the Expo Center would be considering a tax abatement to help the project along.

"We're going to be dealing with 30,000 feet of exposition space," Bowman said. "We will provide good banquet facility that is lacking in this area."

Bowman said that his project was a catalyst of the \$5 million that the city was able to secure for the Grand River improvement projects. Bowman said he expects an additional \$250,000 or more

annual impact on the southwestern Oakland County and approximately \$94,000 on the economy of Novi if the abatement is approved.

A number of business associates and local residents came out to support the new Novi Expo Center. Novi resident Pete Hoadley said he thought the new Expo Center could be a boost for the entire area along Grand River.

The bottom line is that this (Expo Center) will produce more sales tax for the community, more gasoline tax as people come in from outside the area," Hoadley said. "Convention centers are an asset to the type of business that we hope to attract. I am definitely for tax abatement in this particular business."

Though the majority of speakers came to support Bowman, there were detractors in the crowd as well. Novi Planning Commissioner Andrew Mutch said he had several concerns over allowing the project to go forward.

"Bowman has made significant contributions to the community," Mutch said. "But this is a public policy issue. This city has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars

"As a part of the relocation and enhancement, the critical component is the tax abatement."

Blair Bowman  
president, Novi Expo Center

"This city has spent thousands of dollars on Novi Road and to the Expo Center. My concern is establishing a district at this time is premature."

Andrew Mutch  
planning commissioner, city of Novi

on Novi Road and to the Expo Center. My concern is establishing a district at this time is premature. There is no Expo Center zoning in place at this location. Our master plan does not speak of the Expo Center at this location. And do we understand the impact of this development at this location?"

Mutch told council that the area where Bowman wishes to construct the new Expo Center, along Grand River northeast of Taft Road, should be put under review for other options on the

property. Mutch said that he was concerned with the traffic that would be traveling along Grand River and potentially impact local neighborhoods in the area.

"Before we approve of a tax abatement for that area, I think we should understand the land uses," Mutch said. "I think there should be a long term analysis of the potential development of this area."

Mutch, who had previously questioned how a tax abatement would effect the schools, had some questions answered when

Novi Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operation Jim Koster told city council that the tax abatement would have "virtually no effect" on the district.

"I'll have to check on that," Mutch said outside council chambers. "The information I received told me different."

Local Resident Paul Sherbeck has been an outspoken opponent of increased taxes in Novi and tax abatements.

"Our liberties are being eroded methodically by those who use the government to get what they want at the expense of the taxpayers," Sherbeck said. "Our freedoms are being taken away in the name of economic development."

Still, there were many more there to support Bowman. Ron Mays, who owns a Livonia floor covering business, said that Bowman had helped him by providing work for him and his employees.

"I think he's a great asset," Mays said. "He represents the trickle down effect (Expo Center) has on the area."

Bowman quieted some who

said that the old Expo center may be left without a tenant after the new center is constructed.

"This facility will not be vacant," Bowman said of the old Expo Center. "We have a long term lease in place but once we determine a re-use, the current landlord has the right to buy us out."

The exposition ordinance, if the current facility is vacated, would revert back to industrial uses, Bowman said.

State Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi), a supporter of Bowman, said she sees the new Novi Expo Center as a catalyst for new growth along Grand River.

"As goes Grand River, so goes Novi," Cassis said. "And it would be a shame if Novi lost the Expo Center."

Bowman has said that if he was not able to secure a tax abatement from the city of Novi that he would consider moving the project to another city.

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ryakey@ht.homecomm.net

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF FIRST AND SECOND READING AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE ORDINANCE 94

### ARTICLE 20 SECTION 20.1 OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT

A first and second reading of the Ordinance revision will be held at the Board of Trustee meeting on December 21, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. A complete copy of the revision is available at the Township Hall Office.

The public is invited to attend and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Clerk's Office, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND,  
CLERK1016822

(12-7/14-00 NR 1016822)

## NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND MODIFIED PROJECT COST CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO BE BENEFITED BY THE EUBANK STREET WATER MAIN

The construction of approximately 1,400 feet of 8" water main in Section 3, within the Idemere Park Subdivision, beginning at South Lake Drive then proceeding south along Eubank Street to a point approximately 230 feet south of LeMay Street, LeMay Street between Eubank and Maudlin, and Maudlin from LeMay to South Lake Drive.

TAKE NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of defraying the special assessment district's share of the cost of the following described public improvement:

50-22-03-379-005	50-22-03-379-011	50-22-03-380-006
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50-22-03-379-012	50-22-03-381-006	50-22-03-379-009
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50-22-03-453-011	50-22-03-453-023	50-22-03-453-014
50-22-03-453-015		

The said special assessment roll is on file for public examination in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Novi, and any objections to the special assessment roll, or to the amended project cost (formerly \$180,000.00, now proposed to be \$119,002.80) may be made in writing prior to the close of the hearing scheduled at the date, time, and place set forth below.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council and the City Assessor will meet on **December 18, 2000, at 7:30 o'clock p.m.** at the Novi City Hall, in the Council Chambers, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, in the City of Novi for the purpose of reviewing and receiving objections to the modified project cost and modified special assessment roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at the scheduled hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal, and that appearance and protest may be made either by an appearance at the hearing for such purpose, or by filing an appearance and protest in writing.

THIS NOTICE is given by order of the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK  
(248-347-0456)

(12-7-00 NR/NN 1016369)

## CITY OF NORTHVILLE MEETING NOTICE HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given for the City of Northville Housing Board of Appeals Meeting to be held on Thursday, December 14, 2000, 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan. This meeting is open to the public.  
(12-7-00 NR 1016824)

## NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE OFFICE CLOSING

The following Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, December 15, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. for an employee appreciation luncheon. **The Department of Public Safety and the Fire Department will remain open.**

Township Civic Center 41600 Six Mile Road  
Township Financial Center 41600 Six Mile Road  
Township Public Services Water & Sewer 16225 Beck Road  
The offices will reopen on Monday, December 18, 2000 at 8:00 a.m.  
SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK  
(12-7/14-00 NR 1016821) CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

## NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND MODIFIED PROJECT COST CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO BE BENEFITED BY THE AUSTIN DRIVE WATER MAIN

The construction of approximately 1,650 feet of 8" WATER MAIN in SECTION 10 beginning at Old Novi Road and the vacated Iva Street Right-of-Way then proceeding west along the utility easement (in the vacated Iva Street right of way) to Austin Drive, then proceeding south along Austin Drive to Old Novi Road.

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50-22-10-229-005	50-22-10-227-024	50-22-10-230-009	50-22-10-231-019
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50-22-10-227-023	50-22-10-278-010	50-22-10-231-008	50-22-10-229-001

The said special assessment roll is on file for public examination in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Novi, and any objections to the special assessment roll, or to the amended project cost (formerly \$304,100.02, now proposed to be \$213,003.00) may be made in writing prior to the close of the hearing scheduled at the date, time, and place set forth below.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council and the City Assessor will meet on **December 18, 2000, at 7:30 o'clock p.m.** at the Novi City Hall, in the Council Chambers, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, in the City of Novi for the purpose of reviewing and receiving objections to the modified project cost and modified special assessment roll.

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MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK  
(248-347-0456)

(12-7-00 NR/NN 1016362)

## NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of an anticipated vacancy on the City Council. If you are interested in appointment for the term ending November 2001, an application may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road or at [www.ci.novi.mi.us](http://www.ci.novi.mi.us) or by calling (248) 347-0456 until December 18, 2000. Council interviews will be held at a **Special Meeting on Monday, December 18, 2000** beginning at 6:00 p.m. at City of Novi, Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.  
MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CMC/AAC,  
CITY CLERK  
(11-30 & 12-7/14-00 NR, NN 1015266)

## CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 18, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public input regarding proposed Ordinance No. 12-4-00 — AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A LIMITED NON-EXCLUSIVE, REVOCABLE ELECTRIC FRANCHISE TO DTE ENERGY MARKETING, INC.

In accordance with Chapter 13, Section 13.2 of the City Charter, complete copies of the ordinance are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public inspection during normal business hours.

DIANNE MASSA,  
CITY CLERK

(12-7-00 NR 1016825)

## CITY OF NOVI VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, December 11, 2000 beginning at 7:30 p.m. for appointment to the Board of Review, Beautification Commission, Cable Access Committee, Housing & Community Development Committee, Historical Commission, Library Board, Novi Ice Arena Committee, Planning Commission, Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

If you are interested in serving on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax, or at [www.ci.novi.mi.us](http://www.ci.novi.mi.us). Please submit your application by Thursday, December 7, 2000 to allow time for scheduling appointments.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK  
(11-30-00 NR 1013325)

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF SECOND READING AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 100 CHAPTER 80 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

A second reading of the Ordinance revision will be held at the Board of Trustee meeting on December 21, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. A complete copy of the revision is available at the Township Hall Office.

The public is invited to attend and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Clerk's Office, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND,  
CLERK

(12-7/14-00 NR 1016823)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT MAPLE HILLS SUBDIVISION

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan, and other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose area constitutes more than 51% of the total area of the hereinafter described Street Lighting for the Maple Hills Subdivision Special Assessment Districts, Capital Installation and Energy Costs and the Township Board believes the project to be in the best interests of the Subdivision and the Township and to create a special assessment for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

Maple Hills Subdivision — Lots 1 through 173

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received costs for the improvements and energy costs in the approximate amount of \$62.00 per parcel per year, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District and has further tentatively found the Petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

That the Supervisor has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

FURTHER, that the Township Board will meet at the Township Civic Center, located at 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan on **Thursday, December 21, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.** for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner, or party of interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance of protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK  
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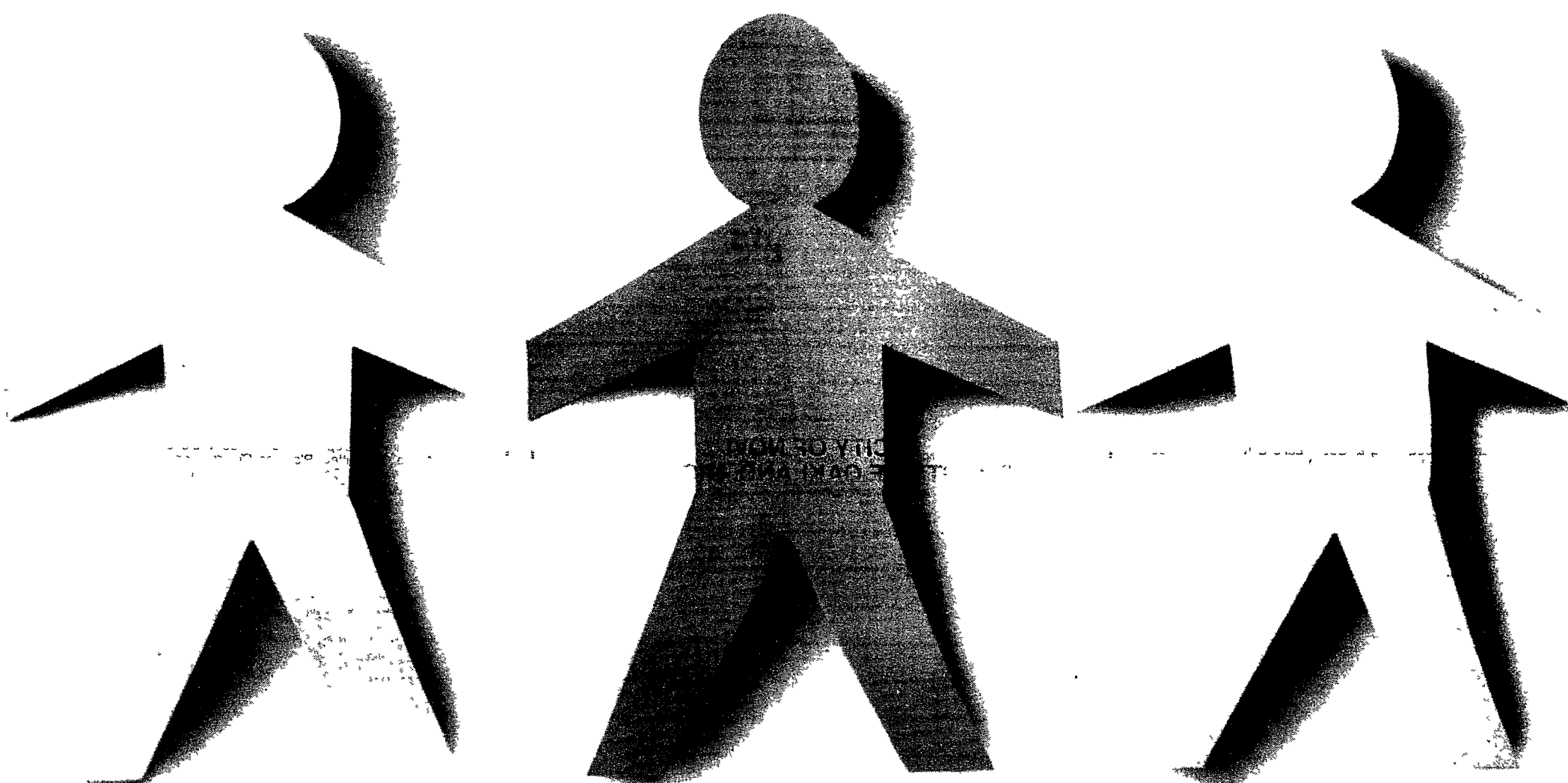
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## High school traffic warrants dialogue

During most of the day, Six Mile Road near the new Northville High School is a fairly tame western Wayne County thoroughfare. It's a far cry from any of the major interstate highways, or even some of the other 'Mile' roads in the area.

But around 2:15 p.m., watch out. The otherwise quiet back-country-turned-upscale-suburban road becomes a logjam near the high school and at the two nearest intersections. Beck Road and Sheldon Road.

Not only that, the roads are being occupied by younger drivers (dare we say, somewhat inexperienced?) who are no doubt in a rush to get home, to work or to a friend's house. After eight hours in a classroom, the distractions of the school day can interfere with concentration behind the wheel. And on top of everything else, these same tired, anxious, youthful drivers are driving vehicles onto a two-lane road without a traffic signal to assist.

We talked with school and Northville Township officials this week, many of whom suggested that traffic wasn't an overwhelming problem in the high school area. We concur. At the same time, others indicated that they recognized that growth along the Six Mile corridor in the years to come would only add to the num-

ber of cars traversing the road, and as such, some type of accident-preventing measure seemed like a prudent thing to explore.

We concur again.

Much forethought and planning went into the design of the high school's parking lots and limited access to roadways, which school administrators said was geared toward more careful monitoring of persons entering and exiting the school campus.

That's a smart idea.

We hope, however, that the next step is taken, and that an active dialogue between the township, school district and Wayne County takes place to explore additional safety measures for the school's drivers.

One such idea involved the installation of a new traffic signal near school's entrance. The item isn't cheap, at a cost of greater than \$30,000. We think that's a small price, though, when we're talking about the safety of NHS students, faculty, parents and visitors.

We encourage open, frank, and honest dialogue between the parties. At the same time, we remind high school drivers to do their part by focusing on defensive driving and not to get caught up in the antics of the moment when operating a car.

It only takes a second of bad judgment to create a lifetime of bad memories.

## Goodfellows' sale helps community

As the holiday carol says, it's the season to be jolly. It's also the season to be giving.

The calls for charity throughout the community are many. Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army, food pantries, religious institutions, and on and on. They all seek a common goal, to lend a hand to someone who's fallen on hard times. For the moment, though, we're going to put in a plug for an organization near and dear to the newspaper business: the Goodfellows.

Residents will have a chance to help contribute to the lives of those less fortunate this weekend by purchasing special Goodfellows editions of the Northville Record. You may be holding one in your hands right now. If you are, thank you. You've done a noble thing and can feel good in knowing you've helped someone else.

If you haven't, there's still time. Goodfellows newspaper salespeople will be working all around Northville this Saturday. The proceeds from the sale will benefit Northville's Civic Concern program — a grass-roots

organization devoted to attending to Northville families in need.

(Yes — in a land of half-million-dollar homes and three-car garages, there are people who have trouble putting food on the table and paying the heating bills.)

The Goodfellows and the Record have had a solid relationship for years. We're honored at the opportunity to produce the special Goodfellows edition of the Record, and hope readers everywhere will be sure to save a few coins in their cars as they head out to the stores this weekend.

The loose change you have in pocket, car or wallet can make a big difference in someone's life. It can put clothes on a child, keep a home from being foreclosed, provide a hot meal or pay for pillows and a blanket for someone to sleep. They're things most of us take for granted, but for others are always a source of anxiety.

Do something good for your fellow Northville neighbor. Buy a Goodfellows newspaper. You never know when it may be you whose life has suddenly taken a turn south.

## FOR THE RECORD

### Should religious clubs be allowed at school?

We ask Northville residents about Nicolette Pearce's lawsuit



Jennifer Perski  
Northville

"There is a lot to take into consideration."



Dana Letarte  
Northville Township

"She should be able to [study religion] anytime she wants. Other clubs are allowed to express their opinions and meet. Why not hers?"



Tabitha Hans  
Northville Township

"Yes, I think everyone has a right to what they believe in. She should be aloud to express her beliefs during school or after."



Bob Townsend  
Northville

"She should be able to do it any time she wants."

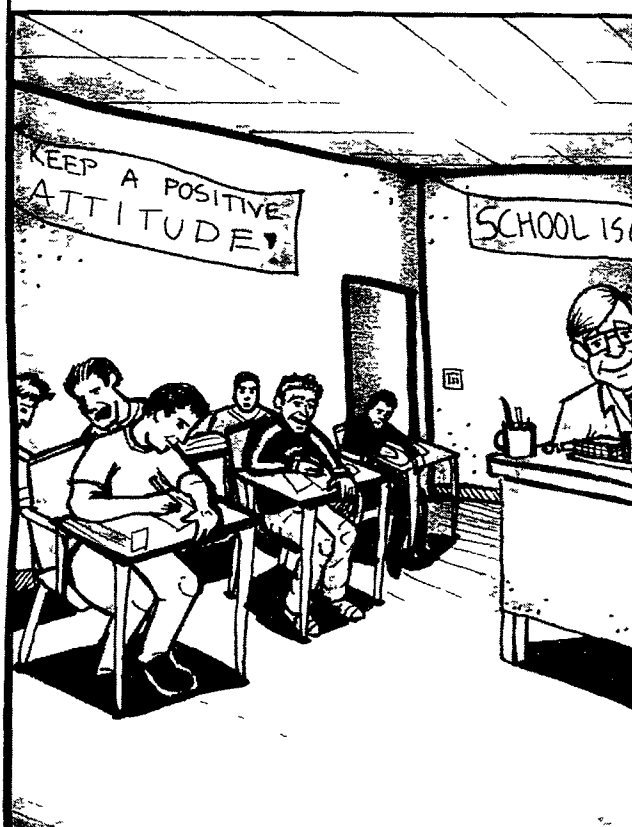


Katie O'Connell  
Northville

"I think that [Nicolette Pearce] should be allowed to do whatever she wants during seminar."

By Erin King and Melissa Leggiero

### A PERFECT SEMINAR PERIOD AT NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



### AND IN REALITY...



## LETTERS

### ■ Church and state need to be separate

I mean no disrespect for Nicolette Pearce's desire to have her group, Connect for Christ, hold meetings during school hours in our Northville public schools. I most firmly believe that one's religious belief is to be respected and not, in any way, be subject to disunion or disparagement.

But, I sincerely believe that religion should be discussed, or taught, in the privacy of one's home, the church, the synagogue, or the mosque, not in our public schools where many sectarian beliefs, or non-beliefs, are represented by the student body of a public school.

James Madison, one of the memorable founders of the U.S. Constitution, voiced his strong conviction in favor of complete separation of church and state.

Religion, through the ages, has been responsible for many instances of mayhem and other harm to people, e.g., the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition and,

most recently, the internecine strife we are witnessing in the Sudan, Serbia, Middle East, Ireland, etc., all proof positive that where religion and state confront one another, people are bound to be hurt.

The 'Separation of Church' (read Religion) and state has served our nation well for over 200 years. Let us not mess with that concept. Let us be vigilant and continue to safe-guard that precious phrase, the 'Separation of Church and State.'

Alfred P. Galli

### ■ Theater group's fees are too steep

My family has been active in community theater in Southeastern Michigan for more than 25 years. We have found it to be a rewarding and enriching experience for the entire family, something in which all ages can participate and enjoy.

We have belonged to and supported community theaters in Flint, Ann Arbor, Dearborn, Garden City, and Royal Oak, to name a few. We have attended the performances of many other groups.

When we moved to Novi, we were excited that we would have a group in our own community. But in all those years, and in all those communities, we had never had the experience of being required to pony up \$125 for the privilege of participating. We have found equally rewarding to travel outside our own city to participate in other theaters that have more modest membership requirements. I didn't realize the Novi Theaters were having trouble attracting people. I was under the impression they had hundreds of children lined up to pay \$125 for a walk-on or to be in the chorus.

Mark Barsamian

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# OTHER OPINIONS

Thursday, December 7, 2000

## Feeling the fallout of elections

On Monday, they started recounting the votes in Michigan's Eighth Congressional District, where State Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, squeaked out a 160-vote victory over State Sen. Diane Byrum, D-Onondaga, in the November election. Does anybody expect a Florida-style recount, replete with chads dimpling, lawsuits and counter suits dueling and harsh accusations flying?



Phil Power

Nope. How come?

It's partly because both candidates are sane, sensible people who both ran a vigorous but civilized campaign. Class shows, and both Rogers and Byrum are classy people. They both deserve a lot of credit for the way they've conducted themselves after such a close election (a 160-vote margin out of 297,533 votes cast amounts to less than one-tenth of 1 percent).

It's also partly because Michigan law is very clear on the subject of recounts and punch card ballots, which are used in 95 percent of the precincts in the Eighth District.

The law specifies that if the ballot is punched enough to produce a chad with two corners attached (a "swinging chad") or with one corner attached (a "hanging chad"), the vote counts. But chads with three corners attached don't count, nor do "dimpled" or "pregnant" chads (i.e. those with an indentation showing but not punched out).

The squadrons of lawyers now arguing about voter intent in Florida wouldn't make much of a

living in Michigan. "Michigan law is more advanced than Florida's," retired elections attorney Tom Downs, of East Lansing, told Mike Malott, head of this newspaper's Lansing news service. "Florida is like we were in 1950."

Former Governor G. Mennen Williams won two very close races in 1950 and 1952, both on recounts. Much of the procedural administration of recounting ballots got settled back then and enacted into law, according to Downs. Most importantly, the relatively civil recount in the Eighth District is the outcome of a political culture in Michigan that has been relatively honest and intolerant of vote stealing for many years.

I remember some fairly suspicious goings-on during the 1964 gubernatorial election, when Democrat Neil Staeble got badly beaten by Republican George Romney.

Detroit City Clerk George Edwards, Jr., the son of a well-known judge, had staked his political career on installing the newly developed punch card system in the city. It didn't go well. Election night, some people were spotted running down a windy Woodward Avenue, chasing down a bunch of punch cards that had spilled out of a ballot box. Who knows which cards — and whose votes — wound up being counted?

I figure some vote stealing went on that night, but Romney's margin was so enormous it didn't make any difference.

The biggest continuing opportunity for election fraud in Michigan, of course, is in absentee ballots. The system involves getting your election workers into nursing homes and other areas where senior citizens, in particular, often find it convenient to vote absentee. You "assist" the seniors in filing out applications for absentee ballots and then you come back to "help" fill out the ballots.

But this stuff pales when compared with the long tradition of vote stealing in the South and in northern big cities like Chicago. The late President Lyndon Johnson — who bore the

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nickname "Landslide Lyndon" after winning a recounted election to the U.S. Senate in 1948 by 87 votes — once told me how they did it down in Texas. In those days, absentee voting was done on paper ballots, using ballpoint pens. If you wanted to spoil a ballot during the recount, you simply ran your thumbnail over the "X" mark on the ballot, smearing the ink outside the box and disqualifying the vote.

That's what's so sad about the current mess situation in Florida. The almost certain result will be to persuade many, many people that elections are intrinsically fraudulent and that the central act of our democracy — citizens freely casting their vote — will be rendered illegitimate.

The bad consequences of all this for our democracy cannot be overstated, and both presidential candidates, their advisors, their lawyers and the entire Florida political class fully deserve the contemptuous judgment of history that they surely will receive.

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## An end to Oakland, the Donor?

Marc Shulman is likely to be win a choice position — chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee — when assignments are handed out later this month by speaker-elect Rick Johnson.

State Rep. Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, won't confirm word that he'll get that post, saying that it is up to Johnson, R-LeRoy, to make such announcements.

However, Shulman does admit he's "meeting with the House Fiscal Agency, already started meeting with people, and looking at budget issues."



Mike Malott

Johnson is expected to announce committee assignments for the coming year shortly after the conclusion of the state Legislature's lame duck session, scheduled to wrap up Dec. 7.

But for now, it's the worst-kept secret in Lansing.

Those committee assignments, when they come, will likely constitute the "dropping of the other shoe" in what had appeared to be a disappointing leadership election for southeast Michigan in the House Republican caucus last month. The GOP caucus had elected to leadership only a few lawmakers from the region, and none from Oakland or Livingston counties.

Wayne County's Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, was picked for Majority Floor Leader; Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, also from Wayne, was named Majority Caucus Chair; and Rep. Larry Julian, R-Lennon, won an Associate

Speaker Pro Tem position. Julian's district includes Shiawassee County and parts of Clinton County.

The remainder of the top jobs went to out-state Republicans.

It also might have looked like a disappointment for southeast Michigan when Republicans tapped Johnson for the role of Speaker of the House. In doing so, the caucus rejected bids by Reps. Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, for that key post. Johnson's hails from the 102nd House district, based in Osceola County in central northern Michigan.

But in doing so, they also rejected a bid by Rep. Mark Jansen, R-Grand Rapids. His name, too, was in the ring for the speaker's job and he had been considered the front runner by many.

After all, western Michigan — the Grand Rapids, Kent County area — is the traditional power base of the GOP in this state.

It took a north-east coalition within the party to overcome the strength of western lawmakers.

Indeed, according to House staffers, Johnson's victory turns out to be good news for southeast Michigan. That will become clearer when committee assignments come our later this month, according to staffers.

"I expect that Oakland County will be well represented when those assignments are made," Shulman said.

Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nov, too believes the leadership line up will be good for the region. Cassis is expected to retain her current post as chair of the House Tax Policy Committee, the number two committee post and considered to be a leadership slot.

"I expect Marc Shulman and Rick Johnson will bring together a coalition that will be very effective for Oakland County in the next two years," she said.

It all goes back to the status of Oakland County, and now Livingston County too, as a

**Until recently, Oakland was the only county in the state that fell into the donor category. In 1997, Livingston County joined Oakland as a donor. The trend in taxation and spending will likely keep it in that category for the future.**

"donor county." Lawmakers label Oakland as a "donor county" because it sends off to Lansing more in tax dollars than it receives back in services. And the amount of the donation has been growing each year. Until recently, Oakland was the only county in the state that fell into the donor category. In 1997, the latest year for which complete figures are available, Livingston County joined Oakland as a donor. The trend in taxation and spending will likely keep it in that category for the foreseeable future.

Staff and lawmakers alike believe the size of the region's donations have to do with the fact it typically has not done well in leadership elections.

While no one envisions the region will suddenly become a recipient of state tax money rather than a donor, they are hoping to pare back or slow the rate of donation.

"The proof will be in the pudding, whether we can get some dollars from the state to fulfill some of these unmet needs," Cassis said. "We'd like to be able to do more for the growing areas."

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## This thing's got me in a Funk(y)

As the son of an educator, I regularly heard my dad referencing the latest installment of "Funky Winkerbean," the comic strip that detailed the exploits at Westview High School.



Chris C. Davis

I was told time and time again how the caricatures drawn by Tom Baltiuk so closely mirrored the real-life public education system.

The prince of them all was the phys-ed teacher. In nearly every strip, the gruff and muscular coach of the routinely winless Westview Scapegoats would show movies in class to get around having to teach anything.

(I take that back.)

There was one year where Westview went undefeated, courtesy of a string of bizarre circumstances that forced forfeits on the part of all of the "Goats opponents."

Closer to home and out of the comic pages, we're now catching wind of allegations made by attorneys for NIS student Nicolette Pearce, who have suggested that seminar periods at the high school, well...ain't too seminar-ish.

It bears saying right upfront that this is what Pearce's attorneys are saying. This is one side of the story. I'm sure there's more out there. But I digress...

If you believe Pearce's attorneys' claims, there

have been more than a couple of instances where students were seen playing cards and watching cartoons at a time that was supposed to be used for bona fide academic purposes. The use of that time was up to the student, but suffice it to say that euche and "South Park" weren't supposed to be part of the equation.

Oh, well. According to Pearce's lawyers, they were.

And that brings me back to Funky Winkerbean and the phys-ed teacher. In a comic strip satirizing public education, it's hilarious to see the stereotypes drawn out. (The enthusiastic band director, the nerdy wimp, the guidance counselor with the sleeves rolled up and steaming coffee mug, etc.)

In real life, it's not quite as funny, particularly when you consider the fundamental purpose of schools, which is to educate youth. Certainly, there's something to be said for learning about the "Screw the Dealer" rule and knowing precisely at what point Kenny gets run over by the oncoming locomotive, but in the grand scheme of things, I don't think it's necessarily that important.

Don't think for a second that I didn't goof off at certain points in my high school or college career. I passed my share of notes, lobbed a few spitwads, chatted with friends about weekend plans and may have even caught a few winks once in a great while.

But they weren't by any means regular occurrences. Watching some bluff "National Lampoon's Vacation"-type movie was something reserved for the day before a week-long break. It was light-years from being anywhere near a recurring experience.

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Who's kidding who? I don't expect schools to be run like boot camps where it's hardcore academics from first bell to last, but I also don't expect the classic "study hall" period to be converted into recess for 11th graders. That's a waste, and everyone knows it.

Should it turn out that indeed, Northville students were pulling a Funky Winkerbean on a regular basis, watch out — things are going to get awfully messy, awfully quickly (the operative word here being "awful.")

If seminar period at Northville High is truly as non-academic as Pearce's attorneys are making it out to be, then I'd be very interested to know how it could be classified as "instructional time."

I'm sure I won't be the only one.

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# Impact of drunk driving registers in court program

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attitude of those in the class change over the two to three hour period.

During the panel, Lovano said she gives the details about how the car her son was driving on his way to work was rammed from behind near the busy intersection by a drunken driver.

He was killed.

"Usually people go in there real foul. Oftentimes they have to take off work and they have to pay for the class - to them it's a real inconvenience," she said. "When they first come in, their arms will be crossed and they be slumped back and be like 'yeah-yeah.' But by the end some of them, like the men who seem so tough, have tears in their eyes."

Additionally, she said, it isn't uncommon for many of the VIP participants to approach her afterwards and give her a hug and say that they are sorry for her loss.

Hopefully they'll see or hear something that makes them really think the next time they consume alcohol and are about to get into a vehicle," Lovano said. Hopefully they'll remember.

Although participation in the

program is part of the sentence for drunken driving, Lowe said he wanted to stress it's not a form of punishment.

"This is for first time offenders who may not be set on any particular course," Lowe said. "A lot of times they will be people who made a mistake, but if they hear eyewitness accounts of the ramifications, they may think twice about whether or not they are sober enough to drive home."

The real punishment for drunk driving, Lowe said, is with the fines, jail time and any license restrictions the Secretary of State puts on a convicted drunk driver.

On average, Lowe said, the fines can total more than \$2,000 for a first-time offender.

"I call it the \$2,000 mistake because when it's all said and done, that's typically what they'll have to pay," Lowe said. The figure includes attorney fees, fines, court costs and victim rights costs.

Lowe and Lovano said there are cases where the VIP program and accompanying punishment have no effect on drunk drivers.

"There are some people who are totally under the control of alcohol," Lowe said. The VIP

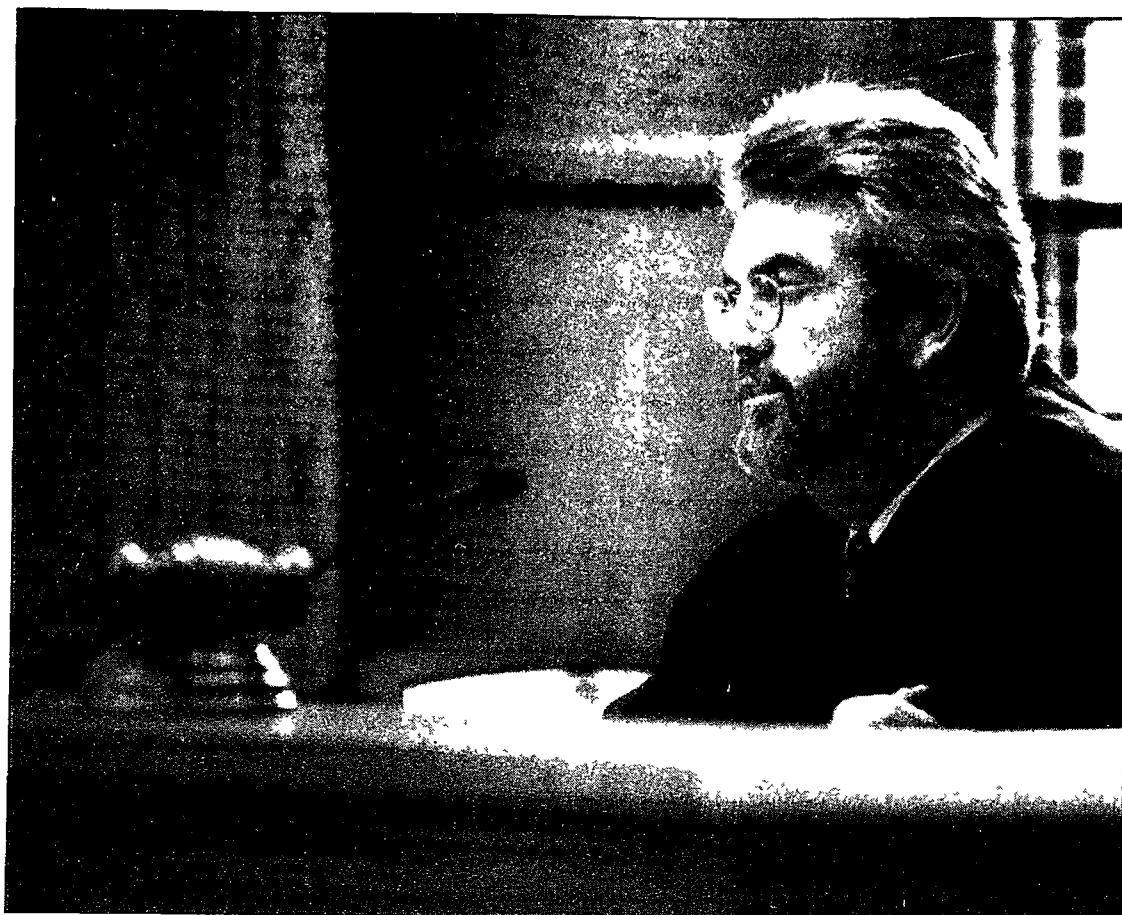


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35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe talks to an OUIL defendant in his courtroom on a Friday morning.

program is not very productive at that point.

But Lovano said she believes the majority of participants leave the program with a different attitude.

"By having the defendant step into the shoes of the victim and walk away with how the trauma can affect individuals and families, we receive unbelievable results," she said.

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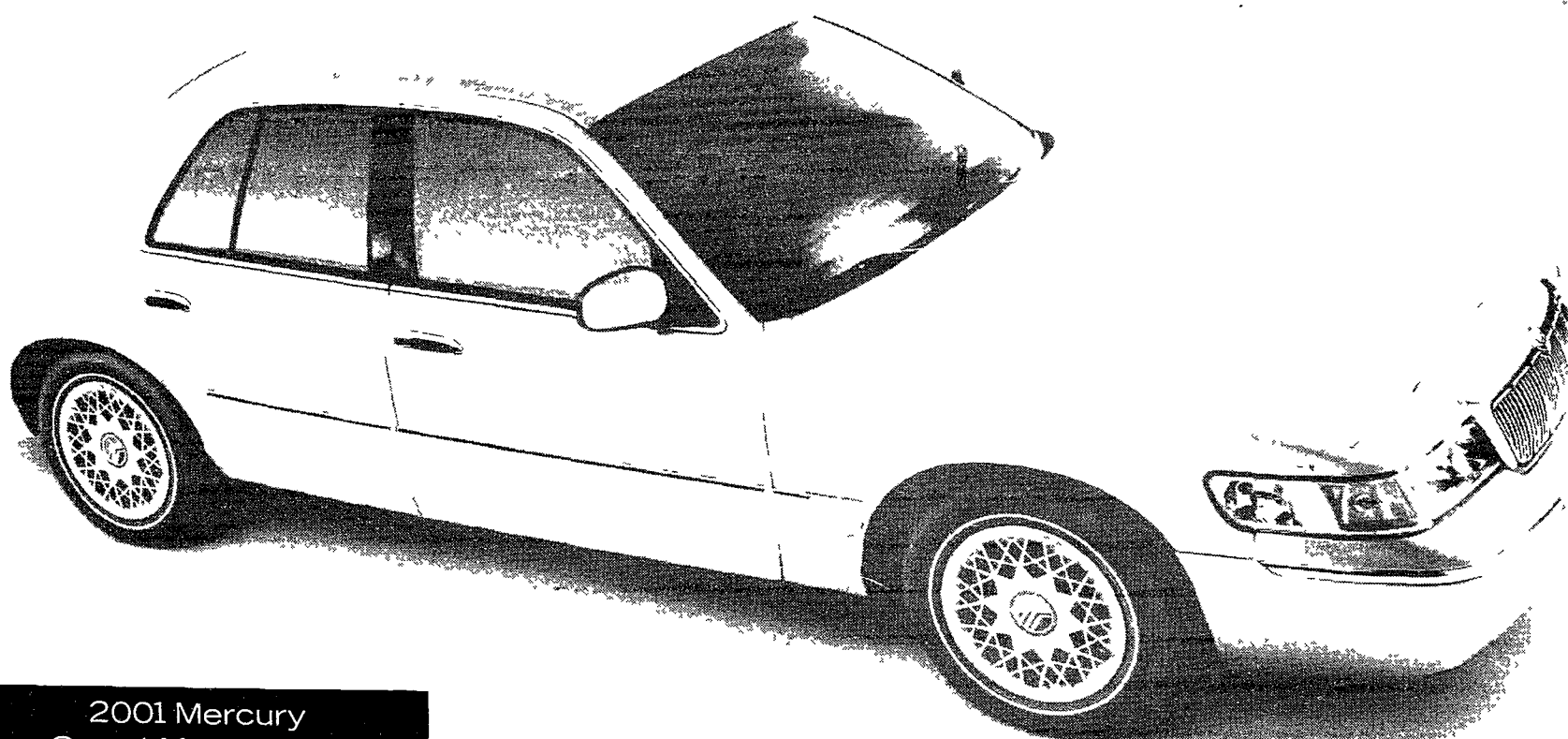
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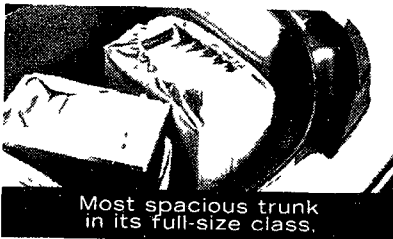
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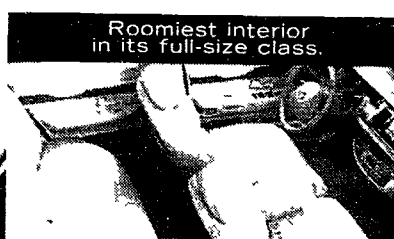
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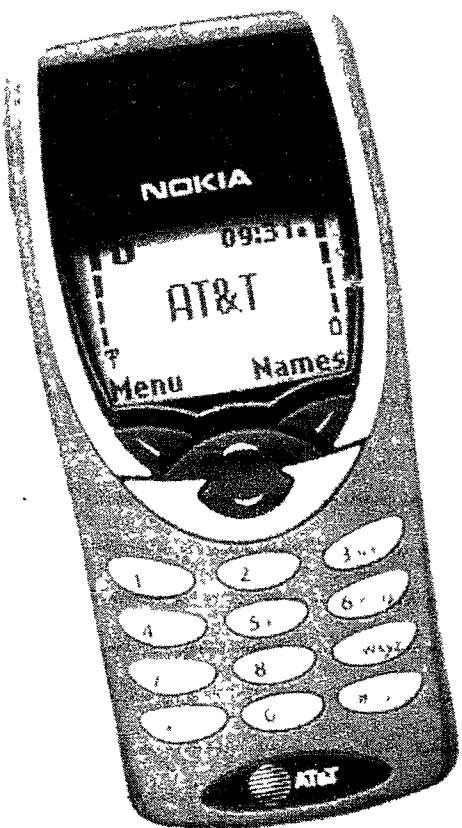
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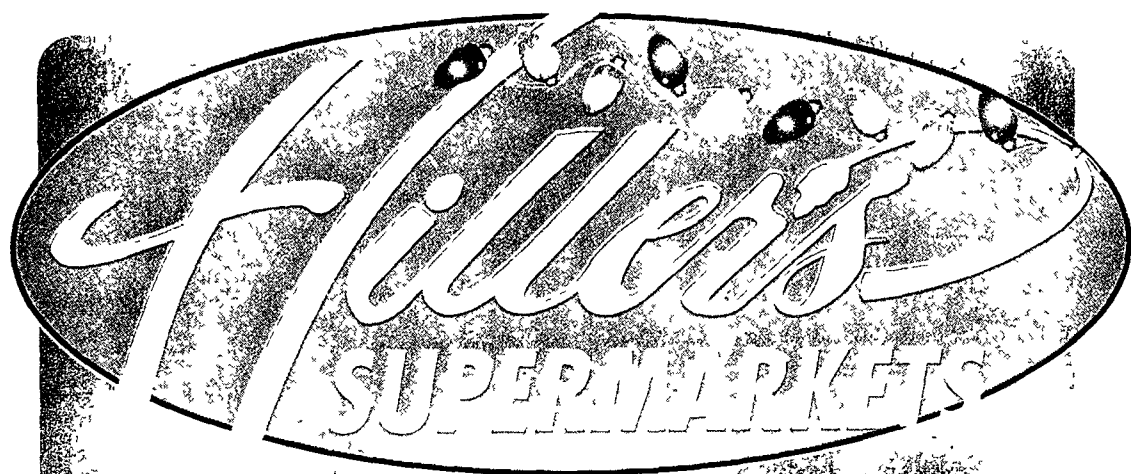
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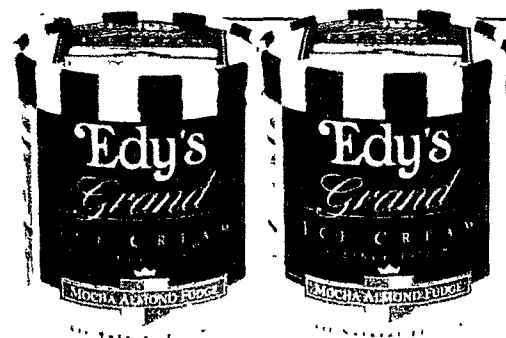
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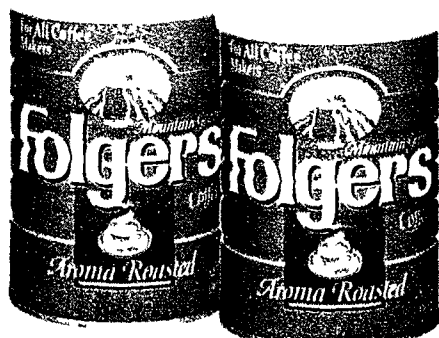
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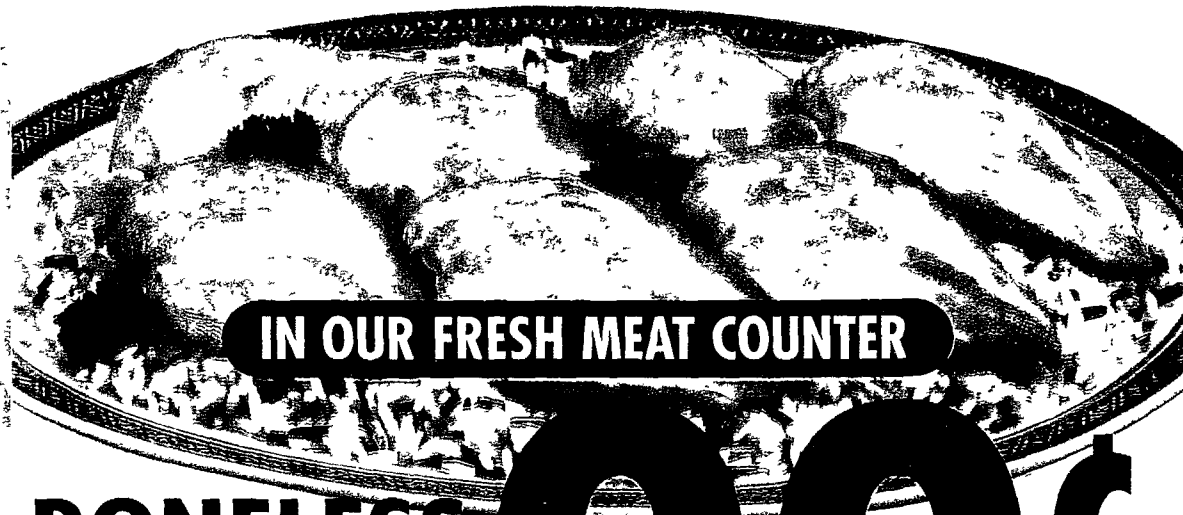
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Craig Wroblewski, top, and Cindy Van de Sande head up to a roof to properly clean a chimney in Plymouth Township.

## SWEEPING UP

Routine chimney cleanings key to avoiding fires

(Above) Alpha and Omega Chimney Sweeps employee Cindy Van de Sande stands atop a chimney in Plymouth.  
(Left) Craig Wroblewski prepares to sweep the chimney of a Plymouth Township residence.

### CHECK OUT THESE SITES

The Chimney Safety Institute of America and Chimneys.com have both put together Web sites explaining how chimneys and fireplaces work and when to clean them. Check out the sites at [www.csa.org/](http://www.csa.org/) and [www.chimneys.com](http://www.chimneys.com).  
[www.inspectorusa.com/html/links.html](http://www.inspectorusa.com/html/links.html) and [www.rumford.com/code/code.html](http://www.rumford.com/code/code.html) have Websites that explain building codes and standards for national fireplace and chimney models for those of you building your own fireplaces.

Cold winter nights easily transform into warm, fuzzy memories – or hellish nightmares – because of fireplaces.

You can rest assured knowing you will have nothing but fuzzy memories, though, if a little preventative maintenance is performed before and during the winter season.

Bill Zhmendak, Northville Township Fire Department chief, said there are two key steps to having a healthy hearth – inspection and cleaning.

"With more people using fireplaces now as a common heat source and with the size of some of these houses, the chimney is one of the most important things to inspect and maintain," he said.

Owning and operating a safe fireplace goes well-beyond making sure the fire is out when you go to sleep, Zhmendak said.

For example, Zhmendak said he recommends having short, hot fires rather than long, smoldering

fires. The hotter the fire, the longer it will take for creosote to build up.

Creosote, a tar-like substance that coats the inner chimney over time due to smoke and fire, eventually will build up. Zhmendak said there is only one way to clean it out – have it done professionally. "I've seen pellets advertised that are supposed to eliminate any build up but they don't work," he said. "I think it's just somebody trying to make some money."

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Bill Zhmendak  
Northville Twp. Fire Dept. chief

According to Plymouth-based Alpha and Omega Chimney Sweeps, the soot lining the chimney flue is saturated with creosote, which is highly flammable. Creosote easily catches fire and can be ignited by something as simple as a lit piece of newspaper.

In a matter of seconds the fire spreads up through the flue creating a draft that helps the fire burn. As the fire builds and the heat intensifies, the mortar between the brick melts and the red-hot mortar drops into the chimney but is shot out the top of the chimney by the strong draft created by the fire.

"People will know when their chimney catches on fire because it will sound like a locomotive in your house," Zhmendak said.

Then the chimney will either collapse and/or the house will catch on fire from the fireballs or fallen chimney. The best thing to do if your chimney catches on fire is shut the damper and shut the glass doors or screen if possible, Zhmendak said.

A professionally cleaned and inspected chimney will not only prevent such fires from happening in the first place, but also will find any cracks in the chimney. Cracks can be escape routes for deadly carbon monoxide poisons or fire.

Zhmendak said one of the worst fires he saw started by a fireplace was when the fire was trapped between the firebox and wall and spread up into the attic.

Rick Starling, chief building inspector in the city of Northville, said problems may exist not visible to the "naked eye."

"Visual inspection of the chimney passageway is very limited," he said. "We recommend that a

### SAFETY TIPS

Fireplaces, furnaces, and space heaters are sources of comfort during cold winter months, but also could be the sources of tragedy.

Here are some tips on how to keep warm – and safe.

#### Furnace safety

- Have your furnace checked and cleaned regularly by a qualified repair person.
- Be sure all furnace automatic controls and emergency shutoffs are in good condition.
- Leave furnace work to the experts.

- Have a repair person check the wall and ceiling near the furnace and flue. If they are hot, additional insulation or clearance may be needed.

- Check to ensure the flue pipes are well supported, free of holes and clean.

- Make sure the chimney is solid with no cracks or loose bricks. All unused flue openings should be sealed with solid masonry.

- Keep trash and combustible storage away from the heating system.

#### Fireplace safety

- Have your chimney inspected annually for damage and obstructions.

- Clean the chimney regularly to avoid buildup, or creosote, that could ignite your roof.

- Be sure to use a screen in front of your fireplace large enough to catch rolling logs or sparks.

- Don't use flammable liquids to start the fire.

- Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build a fire. It's possible to ignite soot in the chimney by over-building the fire.

- Never burn charcoal in your fireplace. Burning charcoal gives off deadly amounts of carbon monoxide.

- Be sure no flammable materials hang down from or decorate your mantel. A spark could ignite them.

- Never close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper can help hot ashes build up heat, causing the fire to flare up and ignite the room.

- Store cool ashes in a tightly sealed metal container.

#### Electric space heaters

- The heater should be listed by UL (underwriter's laboratory). It should be equipped with a safety light, loud alarm, a switch that automatically shuts the heat off if it tips and a cut-off device in case of overheating.

- Space heaters must have space. Keep all objects, pets, and people at least three feet away from the heater at all times.

- Don't use space heaters in your bathrooms. Don't touch a space heater if you are wet.

- Never try to repair the heater yourself.

Source: American Red Cross

licensed and insured contractor clean then perform a video inspection of the entire chimney passage area, smoke chamber and damper assembly."

Additionally, a visual inspection to determine the condition of the firebox, lintel, hearth, interior wall veneer and the exterior of the chimney should be performed, Starling said.

If the inspection indicates a problem such as loose joints or cracked flues and tiles, a smoke test should be performed to locate any leakage within the chimney.

"If a chimney is found to be unsafe and unsuitable for use, it would be required to be rebuilt or repaired to conform to the current model building code or have the opening permanently closed," Starling said.

Municipalities typically don't conduct fireplace inspections with the exception of new houses. However, phone books contain the names of many privately-owned chimney sweeps.

"I recommend cleaning and inspection of fireplaces every year," Zhmendak said.

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## Christmas

### HomeTown Authors

By Isabella Guida

Christmas is the time of year. That you should be filled with joy and cheer. Oh the fun and celebration! Let it spread throughout the nation!

Chanukah or Kwanzaa you may do. But you will have fun and celebrate, too.

As the day draws upon us, Being happy is a MUST. Put up the star, string the lights,

Then wrap up for cold winter nights.

The day has finally come! It's sure to be fun! It is time to give your gifts,



Isabella Guida

For all the clothes make sure it fits!

We have waited for this day And it's sad, in a way,

Because it won't come again for one more year.

And that's a true statement I do fear!

Isabella Guida is a fifth grader at Moraine Elementary in Northville.

### Want to be a HomeTown Author?

We're looking for kids ages 8-18 who want to become HomeTown Authors.

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- 3.) Stories should be between 300 and 500 words

long (about one or two pages typed and three and five pages written by hand).

- 4.) Every piece submitted must have this form stapled to the front.

- 5.) We also need your photo to accompany your story. A school photo is perfect.

- 6.) We'd also like a parent or guardian to sign your form.

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Parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (includes street, city and zip code): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

## Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street coordinates the following services and activities for seniors age 50 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, call (248) 349-4140.

### SERVICES

**• Newsletter**  
The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips, and services. You can pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center or receive it monthly by mail for an annual contribution of \$7.

### • Telephone Reassurance (Telecare)

Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call or an occasional call to check on their well being or to talk to someone free of charge. Please call the Senior Center to register.

### • Blood Pressure Screening

Come get your blood pressure checked free of charge. Held at the Senior Center on the second Monday of the month from 1:30-3 p.m. by Westland Convalescence Center and the fourth Monday of the month, noon to 2 p.m. by St. Mary's Hospital. An appointment is not necessary.

### • Focus: HOPE

Food distribution is usually the fourth Friday of every month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior

Center. December distribution will be on Dec. 22.

### • Senior Services Directory

The Northville Senior Center has created a directory of services available to senior citizens. The directory includes information on support programs, health and medical services, available housing, organizations providing financial assistance and much more. Please stop by the Senior Center to pick up your free copy today. (Funding for this directory was provided by the Oakland County Community Development Block Grant Program.)

### TRANSPORTATION

### • Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips

Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks.  
Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hiller's or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays).

Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Call the Senior Center for reservations 24 hours in advance.

### • Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month

The senior bus goes to AMC 20 and Laurel Park Mall for an afternoon (noon to 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled are the second and fourth Monday of each month. Pick-up will begin from your home after 12 p.m. or the MAGS parking

lot at noon. Cost is \$2. Please call to make reservations.

### ONGOING ACTIVITIES

#### • Card Playing

Join us for cards at the Senior Center. Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The schedule is as follows: Bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15 to 3:30 p.m.; Pinochle, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; beginning Pinochle on Tuesdays, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

#### • Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Tickets to Classical Coffee Concerts are \$28 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. Upcoming classical concerts include: The Titan and Moby-Dick, June 5; The Fantastic Symphony, Feb. 2; and Beethoven's Eroica, Feb. 23. Future Pops Concerts include: Fielder's Favorite, Feb. 8; and Debbie Reynolds, March 8. (Cost for Debbie Reynolds is \$38 for residents, \$45 for non-residents, departure time is 7 p.m. from MAGS.) Tickets to Pops Concerts are \$34 for residents, \$41 for non-residents. Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS for all concerts unless otherwise indicated. Registration is necessary.

### SENIOR FITNESS

#### • Senior Drop-in Morning Volleyball (for co-ed adults 50 and up)

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#### • Senior Water Aerobics

Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m. Next seven-week session begins Jan. 8. Cost is \$55 for residents. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

### SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND DAY TRIPS

#### • Pot Luck Luncheon

Held at the Senior Center on the third Monday of every month, from noon to 1 p.m. Bring your own table service, a dish to pass, and \$1. The Christmas potluck will be Dec. 18. The center will provide the main entree. Bring a \$5 gift if you wish to be included in the gift exchange.

#### • Northville High School Holiday Concert and Dinner

Join us Wednesday, Dec. 13 for the Northville High School Holiday Concert. Dinner on your own prior to the concert is at the Deadwood Inn. Depart MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Concert begins at 7 p.m. The cost per person is \$7, which includes bus ride and concert ticket. Please stop by the Senior Center to register.

### • Meadowbrook Christmas Walk

Come along Thursday, Dec. 14 for the Meadowbrook Christmas Walk. Visit Meadowbrook, a 100-room 1920s era Tudor mansion located on the eastern campus of Oakland University, adorned for its traditional holiday walk. Shopping at Old World Canterbury Village. Lunch at the "Kings Court Castle" is on your own. Depart MAGS at 9 a.m. The cost per person is \$17. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

### • Christmas Party at Crystal Gardens

Celebrate the season at our Christmas party at Crystal Gardens in Southgate on Tuesday, Dec. 19 featuring Duane Malinowski and ballroom music. Supreme sit-down dinner (family style). Gifts for all. Numerous door prizes. Depart MAGS at 4:30 p.m. The cost per person is \$21. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

### • Domino Farms Christmas Light Tour

Domino Farms Christmas Light Tour on Thursday, Dec. 21. Depart MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Dinner on your own at the Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor. The cost per person is \$6. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

### • Dinner at Baker's in

### Milford

Join us for dinner at Baker's in Milford on Thursday, Dec. 28. Bus will leave from MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Cost for transportation is \$4 payable to the driver. Please call the Senior Center to register.

### SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

• **Dec. 8-9**, Johnny Mathis in Chicago. Cost is \$239 per person, double occupancy.

• **Dec. 12-13**, Christmas Time in Oglebay. Cost is \$199 per person, double occupancy.

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• **Jan. 15-25**, Marco Island. Cost is \$969 per person, double occupancy.

• **Jan. 25**, "A Sentimental Journey" at Kalloway's in Oxford. Depart at 8:15 a.m., return at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$49 for residents.

• **Jan. 26-Feb. 5**, Fort Myers Beach. Cost is \$999 per person, double occupancy.

• **Jan. 30**, Greektown Casino. Cost, \$16 for residents.

• **March 18-23**, Spring Training with "The Tigers." Cost is \$929 per person, double occupancy.

## Novi Highlights

### Novi Camera Club

Novi Camera meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Novi Civic Center and is open to anyone interested in photography. It was originally formed about 1990, with Hugh Crawford as president.

The evening proves to be interesting with discussions about photography and special guest speakers. Monte Nagler appeared and spoke about certain aspects of photography. Nagler is a well known writer, lecturer and teacher of photography. Not only does he do speaking engagements, but has authored several books on the subject.

The club recently hosted the 29th annual Trade Show for the Michigan Photographic Historical Society at the Novi Civic Center. The Novi Club plus members of other photography groups attended bringing cameras, photographs and hard to find useable equipment and photo collectibles for display. Arrangements were made for the Novi Goodfellows to sell refreshments at the all-day event.

The club's newspaper gives information about other shows in the nearby areas.

George and Gene O'Neal attended a recent club meeting and spoke on the correct composition of pictures. Everyone attending was asked to bring their vacation shots for all to enjoy and discuss.

The next meeting will be a pre-Christmas celebration and will be held Tuesday, Dec. 12. Topic of the

evening will be "The Wizard of Photography," a video biography of George Eastman and his youth and lifelong achievements.

Title of the program at the Jan. 9 meeting will be "Down Under," a view of the country that hosted the Olympics. Co-host and hostess will be Stan and Delores Caarnik.

### Cub Scout Pack No. 50

This active community-minded pack is led by Scoutmaster Chris Pence with Tom Purley as committee chairman. The Scouts collected over 3,600 cans of food at their recently-held project. Wayne Jacob assisted by David Keipert, Steven Jacobs, and Stephen Cook organized and stacked the cans which were delivered to the Novi Food Bank located at Faith Presbyterian Church.

Also thanks to Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Blayck and Mrs. Babinchak for their hard work, to American Self Storage, and the Jacobs family for the use of their truck.

There are over 100 boys in this troop: first-year Webelos, second-year Webelos, Bear Den, Wolf Den and also a Tiger Cub Den.

They recently held a popcorn sale where they sold over \$13,000 of popcorn, proceeds from which will go toward projects for the coming year.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18 at Parkview School. At that time, new books brought in by members and their families will be donated to the

Novi Public Library. Last year's book donation was 120; they are aiming for 200 this year. A special challenge to reach that goal has been presented by the leaders.

Cub Scout Pack No. 50 is sponsored by St. James Catholic Church and involves boys not only from Parkview, but also Deerfield and fifth grade boys from Novi Woods.

Some future dates include: a sleepover on a submarine March 10 for the Wolf Cubs. A parent or guardian must accompany their Scout. The annual Pinewood Derby will be held March 30-31.

### Sixth Gate Cloggers

This senior citizen dance group is sponsored by Novi Parks and Recreation and was formed in 1988. They provide entertainment for clubs throughout the Novi area, such as the former Michigan '50s Festival and the Festival of Trees at Cobo Hall.

Several other locations invited the Cloggers to perform: Grand Court in Westland; Normandy Seniors in Dearborn for a birthday celebration; Redford Presbyterian Village senior housing and nursing care unit; and the Waldenwoods Resort in Hartland.

At the end of August, a busload of seniors from the Novi Center went to the Michigan State Fair, along with state Rep. Nancy Cassis. Caroline and George Giese accompanied the group and were honored "senior volunteers of the year."

Later in the fall they appeared at

Burton Manor for senior celebration, over 1,000 people attended. Also appearing as guest speaker was Sen. Joe Knollenberg. Also providing entertainment that day was the Churchill Choral and the Redford School Choral groups.

Market Festival of the World in Southfield was also on their dancing agenda in October. Finishing out the month of October, the Cloggers performed at the Dorvin Nursing Care, wearing cut-out pumpkins, ghost and leaves on their skirts. They finished their performance dancing to the tune of "Howlin' at the Moon."

Their November performances included the Fraternal Eagles in Redford, where approximately 120 were in attendance. The Festival of Trees at Cobo Hall finished out the month.

### Novi United Methodist Church

Several musical programs under the direction of Michael Miller, director of music and

Elaine Wroe, choral director are in the making. Rehearsals on Wednesday nights are for those participating in the Christmas Cantata. Also, special rehearsals will be held on Saturday, concluding with a dress rehearsal on Dec. 16 for their Dec. 17 performance.

Musical groups participating in the cantata are: Chancel Choir, the Joy Singers, the Bell Choir, and the Faith Singers. The program will start at 6 p.m. and all are welcome.

Christmas Eve service will be at 7 p.m. with a candlelight service. The Communion service will be held at 11 p.m.

Despite a busy schedule, the church family will serve lunch at the Cass Avenue United Methodist Church in Detroit's Cass Corridor for the poor and homeless on Saturday, Dec. 16. This is a continuing outreach ministry of the church held quarterly each year. The congregation

will provide monetary resources for the groceries needed to serve 300-400 meals. The estimated cost for serving a full meal is \$2.50. Twelve volunteers are needed to serve the meal. For more information, please call the church office at 349-2652.

Another Christmas church project is the Christmas Gift Giving Program. This year, the Methodist Children's Home has been chosen as the facility in need of gifts. This facility houses 60 boys who have been removed from their homes due to emotional and physical abuse. Needed are the following items: Clothing, personal items, educational items, and also gift certificates.

If you wish to help with this project, please call the church office at 349-2652.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.

## IT'S BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

A baby's first Christmas is a big deal to parents, friends and family, so this year we are going to give you a chance to tell your little ones how special they are. This feature will run on December 21<sup>st</sup>!

If you would like your baby featured in this special, send a picture along with a brief message (20 words or less) & a \$18 processing fee to:

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Alyssa Renee

Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We all love you very much. Love, Mommy, Daddy & your big brother Andrew



Alyssa Irene

This special will run in The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus, South Lyon Herald, Northville Record, Novi News, Milford Times on Thursday, December 21, 2000. We must receive your entries by Friday December 15, 2000

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## Weddings



**Gilberg-Lopez**



**Lane-Petrie**



**Trinka-Wilhelm**

Megan Christine Gilberg and Richard Eric Lopez were united in marriage Oct. 21 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi. The Rev. John Budde officiated the double-ring ceremony. A reception followed at the Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, where guests were entertained by a pianist during cocktails, a strolling string trio during dinner, and a seven-piece orchestra for the remainder of the evening. Guests attending the wedding included friends and family from North Carolina, Texas, Ohio, and Washington D.C.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy P. Gilberg of Novi. She is a 1996 graduate of Novi High School. Megan graduated this year from the University of Michigan with a cum laude degree in industrial and operations engineering. She is currently employed as a project engineer.

Attending as maid of honor was April Fife of Novi. Serving as bridesmaids were Michelle Thrasher of East Lansing, Michele Klocke of Mount Pleasant, Darci Gilberg of Taylor, and Sonia Lopez of Houston, Texas. Madison and Elizabeth Peterson, both of Laredo, Texas, were flowergirls.

The bridegroom was of satin and organza embellished with Venetian lace, sequins and seed pearls, and a full skirt that flowed into a nine-foot train. The bride's bouquet was of red American Beauty roses accented with seeded eucalyptus. The bride's attendants wore deep red gowns and carried coordinating bouquets of red roses. The flowergirls in their white dresses and wearing crowns of baby's breath and white roses, carried baskets of sweetheart roses.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufino E. Lopez Jr. of Laredo, Texas. He graduated this year with a degree in biology from the University of Michigan, and is currently employed as a research biologist at Texas A&M University.

Raymond E. Lopez of North Carolina was best man. Groomsmen included David Schoenherr of East Lansing, Josiah Silverstein of Ann Arbor, Matthew Gilberg of Wayne, and Rufino E. Lopez III of Houston, Texas.

The couple went to the Mayan Sun Coast on the Caribbean for their honeymoon. They reside in the Dallas, Texas, area.

Renee Lane and Evan Petrie were married July 1 in the Garden Chapel of the Flamingo Hilton Hotel. The bride was given in marriage by her parents. A reception for 40 guests followed at the Four Seasons Hotel in Mandalay Bay Resort.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Cindy Lane of Austin, Texas. She received her bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Texas, and her master of science degree in journalism from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Attending the bride and groom were Jason Petrie, best man and Lindsay Petrie and Brett Lane.

The groom is the son of Jim and Lonna Petrie of Northville, and a 1992 graduate of Northville High School. Evan attended the University of Michigan and is currently attending Northwestern University. He is a former photographer for the *Northville Record* and *The Michigan Daily* at the University of Michigan. Both Renee and Evan are employed at the Chicago Tribune newspaper.

The couple went to Paris and London for their honeymoon.

Carrie Trinkka and Todd Wilhelm exchanged marriage vows June 3 at Bay Harbor Yacht Club located on Lake Michigan, with the Rev. David L. Behling officiating the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Following the wedding, the reception continued at the Yacht Club.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Angeline Trinkka of Salem Township, formerly of Novi. A 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, she is currently employed with the South Lyon Community Schools.

Attending as maid of honor was Melissa Howard. Serving as bridesmaids were Ragan Wilson, Sherri Fisher, Jennifer Wilhelm, Heather Spurling, and Jessica Spurling, as junior bridesmaids, Amanda Trinkka and Brittany Spurling, and flower girl, Samantha Spurling. The bridesmaids wore dresses of lavender color.

The silk organza bridal gown was designed with a heavily beaded bodice of bugle beads and pearls, a sweetheart neckline, and a basque waistline with covered buttons down the back. Three organza bows with dangling pearls plus three pink-centered rosette flowers and green leaves centered the back of the waistline. The hemline of the detachable cathedral train was edged in Venetian applique.

The bride's headpiece was of matching applique with bugle beads and pearls, the bride's bouquet was of white roses, white Freesia, lavender Freesia, hydrangea, and Stephanotis.

The groom is the son of Francis and Wendy Wilhelm of Brighton. He attended Washtenaw Community College and is currently employed at Champion Chevrolet.

Scott Wilhelm served as best man. Groomsmen were Kevin Coffman, Ian Sinclair, Adam Warring, Michael Marr, and Matthew Carpenter. Attending as ringbearer was Danny Trinkka.

The couple went to Hawaii for their honeymoon and now reside in South Lyon.

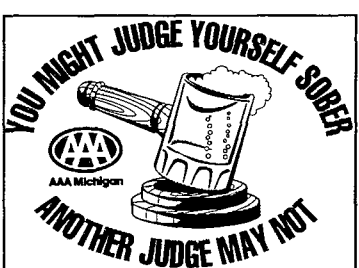
## Engagement

Daniel and Marilyn Wegienka of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Craig Allan, to Kari Lynn Kopinski, daughter of Barbara and Scott Stacey of Canton.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University and is currently employed at J.R. Thompson Co.

The groom-elect is a 1991 Churchill High School in Livonia and a 1996 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed at Adept Technologies.

A December wedding is planned.



## Births



**Emma Schlagheck**

Larry and Kristen Schlagheck of Northville announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Jane, born at 4:11 p.m. Nov. 9 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches in length.

Baby Emma has a big brother, William, age 2.

Her grandparents are Jack and Jane Martin of Northville and Bill and Mary Schlagheck of Toledo, Ohio. Mrs. John Martin of South Pasadena, Fla., is great-grandmother.



**Laine Fenchel**

Kenneth and Lisa (Lutz) Fenchel of Novi announce the birth of their daughter, Laine Elizabeth, born July 25 at 3:50 p.m. in Providence Hospital, Southfield. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Mike and Kathy Fenchel of Novi. Baby Laine also has two great-grandmothers, Ruth Fenchel of West Bloomfield and Sarah Burns of Livonia.

She is also the granddaughter of the late William and Elizabeth Lutz, who were from Northville.



**Jared Burke**

Stacy and Michael Burke of New Hudson announce the birth of their son, Jared Michael, born Sept. 20 at 12:59 a.m. in Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce Township. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 3/4 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches in length.

His grandparents are Allen and Ruthann Knarr of Northville and Ted and Shirley Cuda of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Ted and June Bourne of Onsted and Julie Cuda of Dearborn.

## Donation will put gloves on needy hands

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The Warm Hands Warm Hearts program allows customers and staff of Comerica to make \$1 contributions to help purchase gloves and mittens for needy children and adults. The gloves and mittens are distributed through human service agencies in each community. As individuals make contributions, they can put their names on paper hearts that are displayed on the walls in the branches or offices where the gifts are made.

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<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL</b> 10 Mile between Taft & Beck, Novi Phone 349 1175 Sunday 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery The Rev. Leslie F. Harding	<b>FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 21260 Haggerty Northville 348 7600 (between 8 & 9 Mile Rds. near Novi Hilton) Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Discipleship Service 6:00 pm (nursery provided) Dr. Carl M. Leth Pastor
<b>FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 44400 W 10 Mile Novi Novi 349 5666 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd Richard J. Henderson Pastor Jennifer M. Szabo Associate Pastor & J. Cyrus Smith Parish Associate Worship & Church School 9:00 and 10:30am Sunday	<b>SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A.</b> Ten Mile between Haggerty and Meadowbrook Worship Sat 5:30 p.m. Sun 10:30 a.m. "A Friendly Church" Pastor Matthew M. McMahon - 248/477-6296
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<b>CHURCH DIRECTORY</b> For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record or Novi News (248)349-1700	<b>UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON</b> 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills 248-478-7272 www.uufarmington.org An historic church house in the woods north of Grand River, celebrating progressive religion for over 150 years Services & Sunday School 9am & 11am

## Community Events

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Novi United Methodist Church, located on Ten Mile Road west of Meadowbrook Road, will be presenting its annual Christmas Cantata, "The Majesty of Christmas," written and arranged by David Clydesdale.

This Cantata and pageant captures the beauty and power of some of our most beloved traditional carols, woven together with some inspiring original music. Christmas carols such as "O Holy Night," "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly," "What Child Is This," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and "Silent Night" are presented in such a way that they will for sure brighten your Christmas spirit. Come and join the Chancel Choir, the Bell Choir, the children, the youth and many church members as we celebrate the birth of our Lord on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church.

### ART VAN FURNITURE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Art Van Furniture store in Novi 27775 Novi Road, is offering the following activities:

#### Holiday Food Drive

Now through Sunday Dec 17 residents are asked to help the hungry by bringing in non-perishable food items, boxed and canned meals, canned vegetables, canned fruits, powdered milk, canned soup and boxed cereal. All donations will go to local food banks in the community of each store location. All Art Van stores are participating.

#### Santa Claus Visits

Santa Claus will be visiting Art Van's Kids Castle to greet children and pass out special treats at the Novi location Dec. 23, from 2-4 p.m. Parents are invited to bring

their cameras.

### "First Home Together" Bridal Show

Art Van Furniture introduced a "First Home Together" Wedding Registry program in 1999. The program was introduced to assist couples with their new furniture purchases. It is a gift certificate-based program that offers friends and family members the opportunity to help couples receive the home furnishings they have selected by presenting them with a special gift certificate. For more information, visit their booth at the Novi Expo Center during the bridal show at noon, Jan. 13 and 14, 2001. For more information, please call Art Van Furniture at (248) 348-8922.

### CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The youth of Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi are presenting the Christmas musical, "Waiting for a Miracle," for one showing only, Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. This musical/drama is a charming story about children who learn the true meaning of Christmas while getting ready for a Christmas pageant.

All ages will enjoy and learn from the message given in this Christmas presentation.

Refreshments will be served following the presentation. For more information call the church office at (248) 349-5666.

### HELP OUT POLICE OFFICERS

The Novi Police Officers Association is now conducting phone solicitations for their fund raising basketball game between Novi Police Officers and Detroit Lions players. The game will be played Feb. 22, 2001, at 7:30 p.m.

at the Novi High School gym. The association has hired Community Events to handle the solicitation. If you wish to inquire about tickets and prices, please call 347-3430. If you have any problems, contact officer Diane MacGregor or Det. John Nelson.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Novi Chorales and the Talacoda Handbell Quartet will present "Tis the Season" Christmas concert at three different locations.

- Dec. 1, Farmington Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 2, Faith Presbyterian, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 3, Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$7, \$6 for seniors and children under 13. They can be purchased at the door. Local Novi charities will share in the proceeds from this fund-raising event.

### ART LECTURE SERIES

The Northville Arts Commission presents the 2000-2001 Art Lecture Series featuring Michael Farrell: all lectures will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Hillside Middle School Forum, formerly Northville High School.

- Dec. 7, St. Petersburg: Jan. 18, 2001. Paris of the 1900s, Feb. 15, Vienna of the 1900s, March 13, Barcelona, Raphael, April 5, and Bruegel, May 24.

For more information please call the Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449-9945, ext. 9950.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY

### CHORUS ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The Plymouth Community Chorus is raising funds by selling the Entertainment Ultimate Book. Each book contains hundreds of two-for-one and 50 percent discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events, sports, and more. The books are just \$40, with a portion of the proceeds going to help fund its charitable and educational activities.

To order, contact Stan Kovacheff at (734) 459-6829. Books are available through Jan. 5, 2001 and can be delivered to your home.

### HONOR A LOVED ONE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Arbor Hospice is offering members of the community a unique opportunity to honor or remember a loved one this holiday season through the Tree of Remembrance program. By supporting the program, you receive a hand-crafted heart-shaped ornament and help Arbor Hospice ensure that no person in our community faces the end of life alone.

For more information about the "Tree of Remembrance" program call Arbor Hospice at (734) 662-5999 or visit their Website at [www.arborshospice.org](http://www.arborshospice.org).

### NORTHVILLE CHOIR TO PERFORM AT ART VAN

Guests are invited to visit Novi's Art Van Furniture store to enjoy holiday caroling performed by the Northville High School choir on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 1-3 p.m.

For information, call the Novi location at (248) 348-8922.

### KINDERMUSIK

There will be a Snowman Sing-

a-Long on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 4:15 p.m. at the Great Harvest Bread Co. 136 E. Main, Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-3934.

Also, a Snowman Sing-a-Long will be held Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. at Baby Baby Resale, 153 E. Main, Northville.

Jingling bells, floating scarves, seasonal stories and little feet moving in time to music - these are just a few of the sights and sounds parents and children will experience at Storytime with Miss Karen. Imaginative songs and chants highlight favorite children's books in these free 30-40 minute interactive programs. Karen Onkka Schanerberger is a licensed Kindermusik instructor at Evola Music of Canton. Registrations are suggested. Please call (248) 347-2229 to register.

### NORTHVILLE CANDLELIGHT WALK

On Friday, Dec. 8, the NCBA welcomes the handcrafters and all holiday shoppers downtown for the annual Candlelight Walk. The downtown streets will again glow with the light of luminaries flickering in the night.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., music will again fill the streets and carriage rides will be free. Santa will be at his house, and many stores will be open until 11 p.m. for those wishing to cross a few items off their holiday lists.

Join us in downtown Northville for unique shops, specialized services, terrific dining, and very special Christmas delights during the NCBA's Hometown Holidays.

### MARQUIS ACTORS TO PERFORM PINOCCHIO

The remaining dates of "Pinocchio" at Northville's Marquis Theater are: Saturdays, Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6 and 13 at 2:30 p.m.; Sundays, Dec. 10, 17, 31, Jan. 7 and 14 at 2:30 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 26, 27, 28 and 29, also at 2:30 p.m. Tickets to all performances are \$7.50.

For special school dates and times, birthdays, group rates and reservations, call the Marquis Theater at (248) 349-8110. Please, no children under the age of 3.

### ROCKY'S OF NORTHVILLE TO OFFER ENTERTAINMENT

Larry Nozero, renowned as one of the finest mainstream jazz alto saxophonists, along with the musicianship of pianist Terry Lower, bassist Ray Tini, and drummer Jim Ryan will be performing at Rocky's of Northville the following Fridays and Saturdays from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.

Fridays, Dec. 15, 22, and 29. Saturdays, Dec. 16, 23, and 30.

Larry Nozero has performed, toured and recorded with many of the major names in jazz and pop music, including Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, Dizzy Gillespie, Stan Getz, Sergio Mendez, Stan Kenton, and Henry Mancini. He has recorded several albums, including "Sphere," "Time Island," "Fever," "Grand Hotel," "Kaleidoscope," "Street of Dreams," and "Warm." Nozero received special recognition for his outstanding quality and entertaining musical performances when he was inducted into the Legends of Jazz International Hall of Fame. He has also received the "Spirit of Detroit Award" in recognition of exceptional achievement, outstanding leadership, and dedication to improving the quality of life.

## Checklist will help prepare to decorate your home in safety

Decorating your home and entertaining family and friends can help brighten the holiday season, but misusing or using damaged decorations and other electrical products may lead to dangerous situations - including injury from shock or fire.

The safety professionals at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. and the National Fire Protection Association encourage you to refer to this handy checklist when decorating and entertaining in your home this holiday season.

- **Does your live tree or greenery have fresh, green needles?** If the greenery isn't fresh, it can lead to a

greater fire risk. When you put your live tree in the base holder, remember to keep it filled with water at all times.

- **Is your tree a safe distance (at least three feet) from fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, heating vents and other sources of heat?** Is it blocking an exit? These safety tips are important for both fresh and artificial trees.

- **Do you use light strings that bear the UL Mark?** The familiar UL Mark on a product means that UL engineers have tested samples of the product for risk of fire, electric shock and other hazards. But you also have to remember to follow the manufacturer's

instructions when using light strings and other electrical decorations.

- **Before plugging in newly purchased electrical decorations, or those you've used during previous seasons, do you carefully inspect each decoration?** Cracked sockets, frayed, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause serious electric shock or start a fire. Replace damaged items with new decorations that bear the UL Mark.

- **Do you keep light strings and other electrical decorations away from children's reach?** Electrical decorations aren't toys and could produce a deadly electric shock or start a fire if

misused. Make sure you keep light strings away from curious pets as well.

- **Do you check for red or green UL Marks on your light strings?** The green holographic UL Mark means the light strings should be used only indoors. The red holographic UL Mark indicates the light strings can be used both inside and out - and can withstand conditions related to outdoor use.

- **Do you turn off all electrical light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed?** Never leave light strings and other electrical decorations operating unattended.

- **Do you buy age-appropriate toys**

for children? Pay close attention to the recommended age designation marked on the toy or its packaging. Always make sure the child's age matches or exceeds the manufacturer's recommended age specification.

- **Have you made sure your home is equipped with working smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and fire extinguishers that bear the UL Mark?** Don't forget to install, test and maintain these devices in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

- **Have you developed a fire escape plan for your household?** Every member should know at least two

ways out of each room. Designate a well-lit place, a safe distance from your home, where everyone can meet in the event of a fire. Remember, never return to a burning building for any reason.

\*\*\*If you answered "yes" to all of these questions, congratulations! If you answered "no" to any of these questions, you owe it to yourself and your loved ones to correct the hazards in your home. By putting Operation Decoration into effect in your home you'll be on your way toward a happier and safer holiday season.

For more safety information, visit UL's Website at [www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com) or the NFPA's Website at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).



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# HOLIDAY RAFFLE

Huron Valley Educational Foundation

**Ticket sales will fund educational enrichment programs**

Thanks to the following Huron Valley School District merchants for generously donating gift certificates for our Holiday Raffle. The raffle winners will be drawn and announced December 17th at Milford High School's Performing Arts Center during the Rita Coolidge performance. The Irish Rover concert is scheduled for February 28th at the MHS Performing Arts Center. Any questions regarding the raffle should be directed to the Huron Valley Educational Foundation telephone (248) 685-0143.

**Appetizer**

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Dinner  
2 Irish Rover Tickets

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**Arms Brothers Men's Wear, Balducci's Market Place, Huron Valley School Credit Union, LaFontaine Pontiac Cadillac GMC, Read Between the Lines or by calling (248) 685-0143**





## Santa's elves

Photo by TOM HIBBELN  
Seven year old Anna Guider (left) and Meredith Njus, 8, learn how to make a "pop gun" at the children's workshop, held at Mill Race Village on Saturday.

## Religion

Northville Christian Assembly presents "Christmas Eve at Cafe Java," a dramatic musical with orchestra, cast and choir on Friday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3 and 7 p.m.; and Dec. 10 at 3 and 7 p.m.

This is not the storybook Christmas Eve that Susan Freeman (played by Kellie Williams from Farmington Hills) was hoping for. Her perfect plans for a romantic evening at home with her husband, Mark (portrayed by Greg Kunze of Southfield) are ruined when she finds herself, at the cafe she owns, listening to him host his talk radio show from the station across town.

When Mark tries to give Susan an early Christmas gift, his best intentions backfire and things heat up at Cafe Java with mixed signals, holiday crowds, fun music, and an unexpected announcement.

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## Hohl named 2nd runner-up in pageant

By MELISSA LEGGIERO  
Special Writer

Annette Hohl had the chance of a lifetime to be part of something that is every girl's dream — a pageant.

Hohl, a Northville resident, was the second runner-up of the Miss Michigan Pageant last month. Hohl, like any other girl competing for the title, had been in previous pageants, as well. Hohl started out in dance at the age of eight. Hohl was in the Miss Teen USA for two years and while doing she came up in the top ten the first time she entered the pageant and third runner up the second time around.

"I never thought that I would end up at the Miss USA pageant and become the second runner-up," Hohl said.

Hohl attended Michigan State University, where she earned a degree in journalism. She then began working for Junior Achievement of Southeast Michigan and continued competing in pageants.

In becoming a part of the Junior Achievement program, Hohl said she never thought that she would end up at one of the largest companies that helps school districts of metro Detroit make time for students in after-school involvement.

"I really enjoy working with Junior Achievement," Hohl said.

Hohl assigned the title of Miss Northville. Hohl said the prerequisite for Miss USA competition is in winning pageants at the community level first.

Once into the Miss USA competition, Hohl was judged in several categories, including interviewing, talent, and eveningwear-wearing, and swimwear-wearing. The categories were judged collectively based on each presentation of the categories selected. What else could go through someones mind but the sheer excitement that she was competing in the pageant and it also gave her the opportunity to a voice and represent Northville as a city. "I was very pleased and happy for myself."

In addition to the second-runner-up honor, Hohl also received the Shannon Grace Clark Award for her community work.

Hohl has held four local titles before moving on to the bigger pageants such as the Miss USA or Miss America pageants, both of which she has competed in over the last seven years. Hohl said that contrary to popular belief, the judging criteria between the two is completely different. The Miss America pageant has four categories in which contestants need to show their talents. For Hohl, that meant dancing.

In the Miss USA pageant, contestants compete in only three categories.

Hohl said she preferred competing in Miss America pageants instead of Miss USA, largely because Miss America competitions allowed her to speak about her platform of family involvement.

"I brought my platform from

"She is in heaven and is always either on the road or working diligently working in the office to make decisions of working with teens and area communities."

Donna Hohl  
Mother of Miss Michigan pageant contestant

the pageants to work and have continued to work on it and make the community a better place," Hohl said.

As far as the community involvement goes, Hohl is heavily involved with teens in the Farmington Hills school district. The platform that her interview was based on was called "Unlocking Youth Potential: Discovering Keys to Success." Some key issues that were involved in the platform consisted of interactive family involvement, perseverance and education, and productive after-school activities.

Hohl brought that platform to Junior Achievement. Hohl has been speaking to middle school-age students about her platform for some time.

Hohl commented that the whole experience of talking to the middle school students was wonderful. "They have an appetite of what they want to do when they

grow up."

Although Hohl has never been a first-place winner, that didn't matter to her. Her involvement in work and continuing her project kept her mind off pageants and other contests. That was just as well, because Hohl — who turned 24 earlier this year — is now ineligible for many pageants because of her age.

With or without pageants, Hohl continues to work on the community project as part of her career. She also helped raise money for the Junior Achievement program to ensure that teens have a chance to be part of the community and to be a helping hand.

Hohl said she has always been about the community and serving others before doing something for herself. Her mother, Donna Hohl said that she has always been involved in the aspect of community life and that the Junior Achievement position suited her well.

"She is in heaven and is always either on the road or working diligently working in the office to make decisions of working with teens and area communities," Donna Hohl said.

Hohl said she planned on sticking with her job and continuing her "Youth Potential" project.

"I have a great respect for the pageant Association and having the opportunity to compete."

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## On Campus

Jessica Doinidis of Northville, a senior at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor is attending her fall semester classes in Moscow, Russia. She was awarded an undergraduate scholarship for study under the auspices of the National Security Education Program under the Department of Defense. One of only 147 scholarship recipients for 1999, Doinidis was selected based on her outstanding academic achievement and interest in national security.



Jessica Doinidis

Doinidis chose to study in Moscow through the Institute of International Education because of her double major — Eastern European and Russian Studies, and political science.

Through European University in Moscow, she has traveled by train to Estonia and Finland, and later to Prague, The Czech Republic.

Doinidis plans include law school next year. With her unique study experience and double majors, she would like to be involved in interna-

tional relations around the world.

Marcella Marino of Northville has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and was honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Boston University.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization.

The Society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service.

"NSCS provides the opportunity for students to be recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments early in their college experience," said Steve Loflin, NSCS Executive Director. "Marino will also have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility."



Marcella Marino

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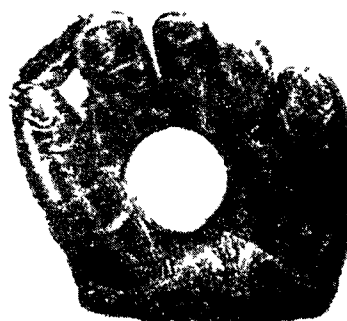
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# A fleet of fleet feet

Moehle tops the list of Lady harriers

**Heather Moehle**  
Northville sophomore

This runner got better on sheer determination alone. She was a good athlete coming into the season, but she improved through her hard work and dedication to the sport.

Moehle quickly emerged as Northville's best runner and only got better. She was fourth at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet in a shade over 20 minutes (at Kensington). She was 17th at the Midland regional, finishing two spots away from qualifying from the state meet. Her best time of the season came against Churchill, where she finished first in a time of 19:54.

"She believes in what she does," her coach Rob Watson said. "She gives 100 percent. She knows that if she doesn't give her all, she won't be at her best."

**Margo Wolowicz**  
Novi sophomore

When fellow sophomore Nina Schmitt went down to injuries and sickness, Wolowicz stepped it up and made tremendous strides in just her second year running.

Wolowicz was 19th at the KVC meet, 21st at the Oakland County meet, 12th at the Shamrock Invite and ninth at the Walled Lake Western Invite. She ran her best race at the regional meet, where she finished 15th (19:52) and qualified for the state meet as an individual. He was off her race in Brooklyn, where she finished 193rd in 21:14.

**Nina Schmitt**  
Novi sophomore

If her season were reversed, she would have been the most-improved runner in the area. Instead, leg injuries hindered her late in the season and she missed out on the league meet.

She finished 31st at the regional and 35th at the county meet, but her early-season feats earned her a spot on the all-area squad. She won the Shamrock and University of Detroit invitations, both of which ran at Cass Benton. She was second at the Walled Lake Western Invite, 10 seconds behind Lisa Canty of Milford. She won dual meets with South Lyon, Northville and was second in the Lakeland meet (to Kristyn Kern).

**Tae Kono**  
Novi sophomore

Schmitt was hot early and Wolowicz peaked near the end. Kono may have been the most consistent runner Novi had en route to its third-place finish in the league.

The sophomore was 12th at the KVC meet, earning second-team honors. She finished 26th at the regional meet and 46th at Oakland County. She was 14th at the Shamrock Invite and took eighth at the Walled Lake Western Invitational.

## HONORABLE MENTION

**Northville** Alyson Flohr, Allison Loeffler

**Novi:** Bethany Kittle, Brittany Albright, Vidya Mahadevan



Photo by LOUIS POULOS

Heather Moehle charges ahead towards the finish line and an eventual first-place finish at a meet earlier this year. Moehle placed fourth at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

# Lady tankers bring home 7th at state

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Editor

With one heat of the first event completed in the girls' state swimming meet, Northville High School had first place in its grasp. Coach Bill Dicks was hoping the meet could end right then and there.

No such luck, but no matter. The team finished seventh overall — the best any Northville swim team, boys' or girls' had in nearly 20 years. It was also the highest position taken by any Western Lakes team at the meet.

Ann Arbor Pioneer took first place.

Northville's finish made Dicks a happy man.

"Overall, it was a good season by any stretch," said Dicks. "No matter how you gauge things, I think we were very successful."

The meet, held the weekend of Nov. 17 at Eastern Michigan University, saw the team take advantage of having state qual-

ifiers in nearly every event, including the first — the 200 medley relay. The team of Christina Mocerri, Deirdre Schwirring, Jenny Carr and Shannon Hogan took a time of 1:51.61. In the process, the quartet took down the school record of 1:52.0, which had stood for more than two decades. The time was good enough for an overall seventh place in the first heat of the finals.

"That old record had been set by four girls who went on to be All-Americans," Dicks said. Moreover, the team had actually beaten the school record in the prelim rounds, and went on to beat the short-lived broken record later in the meet.

Mocerri was next up for the Mustangs, taking a time of 2:16.13 in the 200 individual medley, good for a 22nd place.

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# On paper, boys' hoops team solid

By STEPHEN BELL  
Sports

If they played with a pencil rather than a ball, the Northville Mustangs would be set. Because on paper, this is one of the best teams in the Western Lakes.

Northville has 11 players returning from last year, among them nine seniors, last year's leading scorer, last year's leading rebounder and a 7-0 center.

The only position where there isn't a returning starter is point guard. Here, Northville can go in two different directions. If coach Scott Baldwin wants quickness and explosiveness, he can go with senior Brandon Langston. If he wants a traditional playmaker, he has junior Andrew Herpich.

Joining either Baldwin or Langston at guard will be junior Tim Fernig. This is his third year on the varsity. Baldwin calls him an outstanding shooter and a fine defender.

At the small forward is Aaron Redden, who led the Mustangs in scoring last year and is a team co-captain. He can get you every

which way. "He's a very strong kid," Baldwin said. "He can go inside and post you up or he can go outside where's he's a really improved shooter."

At power forward is 6'6" senior David Gregor, the other team captain and one of the best players in the WLAA.

"He's our top rebounder and our emotional leader," Baldwin said. "He's an incredible competitor."

If Gregor is relatively tall for a high school player, then what would that make junior center Thomas Knapp? Baldwin said the seven-footer is twice as good as he was last year.

"He'll really help our offense," Baldwin said. "He'll be a primary option this year. Last year, he was a secondary option. He still has a lot of development left, but he's only a junior. He has a great work ethic, which is rare among kids that big."

There are two seniors backing up Gregor and Knapp — 6'6" Ben Jacobs and 6'5" Kale Leftwich, who is in his first season on the Northville varsity.

Scott Baldwin  
head coach  
Northville boys' basketball team

Bilyk named to our All-Area CC team

**Brian Bilyk**  
Northville senior

He led his team to its first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association championship this year, finishing fourth at the league meet in 17:03 at Kensington.

He was 56th overall at the state finals, finishing in a time of 16:17. Stacked up against the Kensington Valley Conference's best, he finished seventh at the Midland regional. In all, he was a two-time all-Western Lakes first teamer, all-division once and was an academic all-state selection twice.

**Chris Toloff**  
Novi senior

Leaving no doubt that he's the best runner ever to cross a finish line in a Wildcat uniform, Toloff cruised to a runnerup finish at the state finals to medal for the third-consecutive year.

Toloff shattered course records at Kensington Metropark, Wilks Park and at Lakeland High School, each time bettering the record in impressive fashion. His time of 15:05 at Michigan International Speedway was among the top-five times ever in Division I (Class A). He won the regional title, along with the league and Oakland County

championships. He was also first at the Gabriel Richard and DCC Shamrock invites. Because of his feats, he is ranked in the top 25, nationally.

"He developed an awesome kick to go with his tremendous leg speed during the

race," his coach, Bob Smith said. "He has become one of the most feared cross country athletes in the country."

The Novi senior co-captain was a part of two-straight state team titles (1998-1999), as well as a runnerup finish this year. He finished 29th at the state meet as a sophomore before taking seventh last season.

He's signed a letter of intent to attend Michigan State University next fall.

**Tim Moore**  
Novi junior

Novi faced a lot of pressure to three-peat this season after two-straight team titles. Next season, Moore will have to deal with that pressure as an individual.

The junior placed third at the state finals for the second-consecutive year and was the only underclassmen to finish in the top 12 in the championship race. He'll undoubtedly be the No. 1-ranked runner next season.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Chris Toloff hugs a teammate after the KVC Championship meet earlier this season.

# Youth at core of Northville wrestling

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Editor

Santa had better have a steel-lined sack this year, because Garnett Potter is asking for a heavyweight wrestler.

"I could really use a heavy," said Potter, Northville High School's wrestling coach. "That's one of the holes we've got to fill."

Potter said inexperience and youth were the toughest elements the Mustangs were going to face during the 2000-2001 campaign — never mind a schedule that pitted Northville against Novi early in the season.

Before that key matchup, however, Potter said he was counting on his team laden with junior and sophomore talent — as well as plenty of freshman faces — to get mentally prepared for what was shaping up to be a challenging season on the mats.

"We're inexperienced, but these kids can do well for us," Potter

said. "I can almost guarantee that by the end of the season, you'll be looking at a completely different team. Over time, we'll build a program that succeeds."

Success hasn't been that much of a problem for Northville for the last four years. Seniors on this year's team saw the Stangs advance to the state final four on two occasions. Three wrestlers from last year's team made it to state competition as individuals, giving Northville a tough reputation.

But reputation won't be enough to see that kind of success this year, Potter said. Victories would need to be earned one by one, and without much senior leadership to speak of.

Potter said his lower weight class wrestlers represented the core of the talent to this year's team,

including:

• Ravi Saran (junior, 103) — Finished with more than 30 wins as a sophomore, and should have placed at the state meet, Potter said. "He's tough. He came from a family of 13 brothers and sisters. They're a family of wrestlers."

• Mike Carter (sophomore, 112) and Josh Danna (sophomore, 119) — Both inexperienced wrestlers, Potter said, but have the potential to develop. "I'm confident they can become producers for us quickly," he said.

• Jason Danna (senior, 119) — A returning varsity wrestler, Potter said Danna performed well as a junior. "He's obviously much stronger and faster than he was a year ago. He's worked hard in the off-season," Potter said.

• Matt Doyle (junior, 125) — Also wrestled in the 125 weight class as

a sophomore. Potter said Doyle was probably the most improved member of the team.

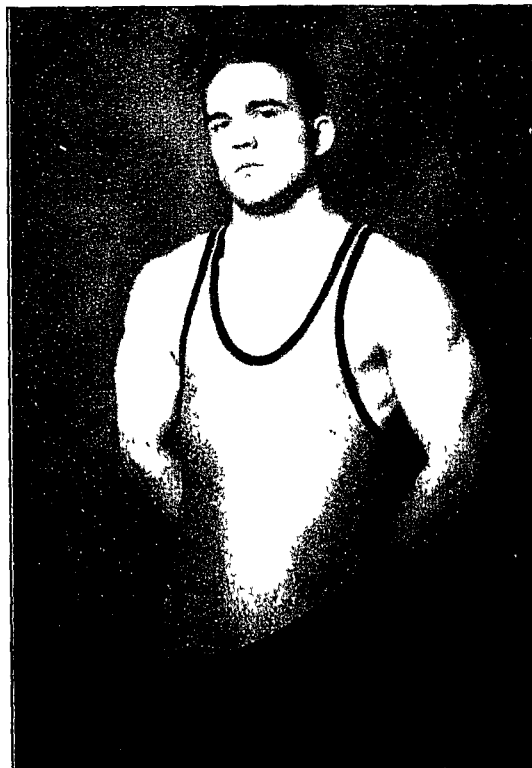
• Luke Pokorny (junior, 130) — A solid member of the team, Potter said. Pokorny did the right things during the off-season to stay within his weight class.

And Potter was quick not to forget 189-pound-classer Joe Rumbley, whose skills got him one match away from state competition.

Potter said he'd have better knowledge of his team's direction once he got over the Christmas holiday season. Between fattening foods at the dinner table and temptations not to stay in shape during the down time, Potter said getting past New Year's Day was a major mental hurdle to overcome.

"You may have a kid who starts out 1-4 and decides he's had enough. Holiday break is the time

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Though senior leadership is small in number for the Northville wrestling team this season, Joe Rumbley is expected to be one of the veterans to lead the Mustangs through the 2000-2001 campaign.

# Tankers 7th at state meet

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but no points

"That said a lot about how quick the pool was at this meet," Dicks said.

In the 50 freestyle, Carr and Hogan both represented the Stangs. Carr's 25.41 seconds netted a 22nd place while Hogan's time of 24.22 seconds was good enough for a third place.

Carr's time of 1:00.99 in the 100 butterfly was a personal best but didn't quite measure up in the points department, as it netted a 23rd place at the meet.

"There was some fast fast butterfly going on at this meet," Dicks said.

Amy Black may not have had her best time with a 5:15.21 500 freestyle but it took 16th at the meet.

Then it was time for another school record to come down as Hogan Mocer, Schwirring and Carr teamed up for a 1:39.46 in the 200 free relay — a seventh

place finish.

Dicks in the 100 backstroke were earned by Amy Black and Hogan. Black finished with a 26th-place time of 1:03.02. Hogan fared better, coming in third at 58.82 seconds.

Schwirring represented the Mustangs in the 100 backstroke, and clocked in at 1:11.56 — 33rd in the pool.

That left the meet to the 400 free relay team of Erin Schubert, Michelle Longway, Jessica Hrivnak and Schwirring. Their time of 3:51.33 placed 31st in the pool.

More impressive than the overall finish was the fact that the Mustangs' medley relay team, 200 free relay team, and Hogan's performances in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke were good enough for consideration for All-American status themselves. Dicks said the times were submitted for consideration, and while they didn't beat the cutoff time for automatic designation, they were well within the param-

eters to be considered.

An announcement of the status is expected this spring, Dicks said.

Dicks said the debut of a new swimming pool — the most well illuminated of any the team was likely to see — helped spread out the training regimen throughout the pool. More important, he said, was the camaraderie of the team members.

"The season was a really good one for us," Dicks said. "The girls had a lot of fun. They were relaxed out there. They certainly felt the pressure, but it was a good kind of pressure."

Dicks said only a handful of girls on the team would be lost to graduation, leaving a bumper crop of up-and-coming swimmers to return next season.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

State meet qualifier Kristina Mocer pushes ahead in one of her races earlier this year. Mocer competed in the 200 IM and a leg of the 200 free relay.

## Mustang cagers look to use size

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Giving depth on the wings are seniors Joe Rohloff and Steve Shackelford and junior Robbie Harmer who is currently injured.

The reserve guards are both seniors Justin Messer and Tim Kelleher.

Given the depth and range of talent on the roster, Northville can give opponents a number of looks.

"When Gregor and Knapp are on the floor, we'll be a halfcourt team looking to dump the ball into the post," Baldwin said. "When they're not out there we can use our speed and play a more uptempo game. We can adapt our style to the competition."

Baldwin said this team could realistically finish in the top third of the Western Lakes. Right now he said Walled Lake Central looks like the favorite — on paper.

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## Sidelines

Team and individual registrations are now being accepted at the Livonia YMCA for first annual **Snowy Day Shootout Boys Basketball Tournament** for boys in grades 6 through 8. The tournament is going to be held on Dec. 28. Team registration deadline is Dec. 22 and individual registrations will be accepted until house teams are filled. Prizes will be given to winners and everyone will get pizza, pop and a T-shirt for participation. Questions? Call (734) 261-2161.

The Huron Valley Family YMCA is currently accepting applications for the following positions. For more information please call the Huron Valley Family YMCA at (248) 685-3020.

### Referees

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work well with kids and knowledge of the sports.

**Novi "Storm" girls AAU basketball tryouts** for the 2000-2001 season will be held Saturday, Dec. 16 at Northville Community Center gym, 303 W. Main Street Northville, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

To be a member of "Storm," you must be age 12 and under, and born on or after Jan. 1, 1988.

For more information, contact coach Lou Folino at (248) 380-6884.

**The University of Michigan Women's Club Soccer Team** completed its season with a 21-1-3 record including a National Championship title. Former Northville resident **Lyndsay Huot**, a member of the 1997 graduating class, contributed to the effort.

The team traveled to the University of Texas at Austin, Texas from Nov. 15-19 to compete for the second year in a row for the

National Club Soccer Championship.

Last year, the U-M women's club team played to a double overtime scoreless tie and Colorado State prevailed in the shoot-out to take the title. The team was eager to avenge that loss.

This year, they faced Delaware, Florida State University, Utah Valley State, Colorado University (quarter final), Virginia Tech (semi-final), and Ohio State University in the final. It looked as though the game might again end in a double overtime tie when U-M scored on a sliding touch on a goal line crossing pass with 1:20 remaining in the second overtime to secure a 1-0 win and the National Championship.

"This is for the seniors," said coach Chris Coleman. "When they came in as freshmen, this was something they would never have imagined."

Huot was a team starter and served a leadership role on the team, Coleman said.

## Northville Rec Briefs

• **Women's Winter Basketball League**, Tuesdays, Jan. 23-April 3.

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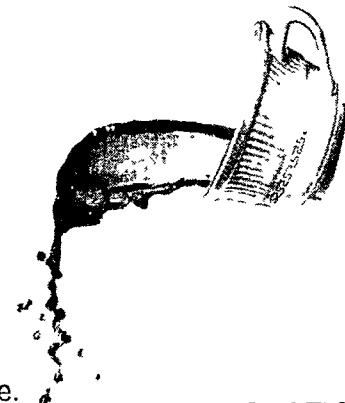
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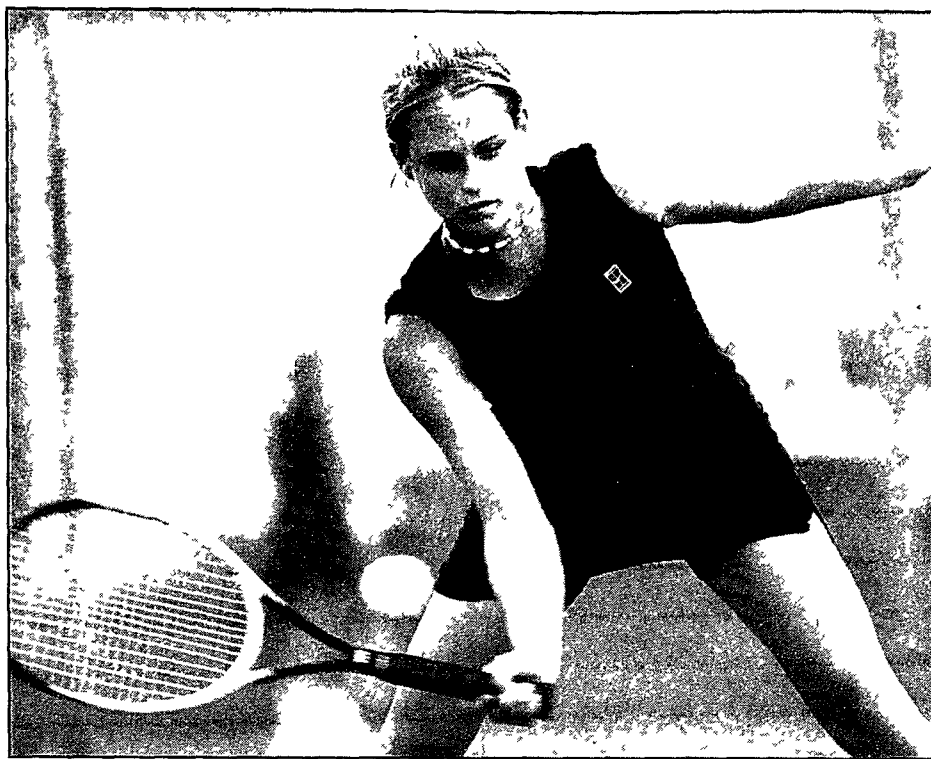
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# Photographic memories of Mustangs' sports

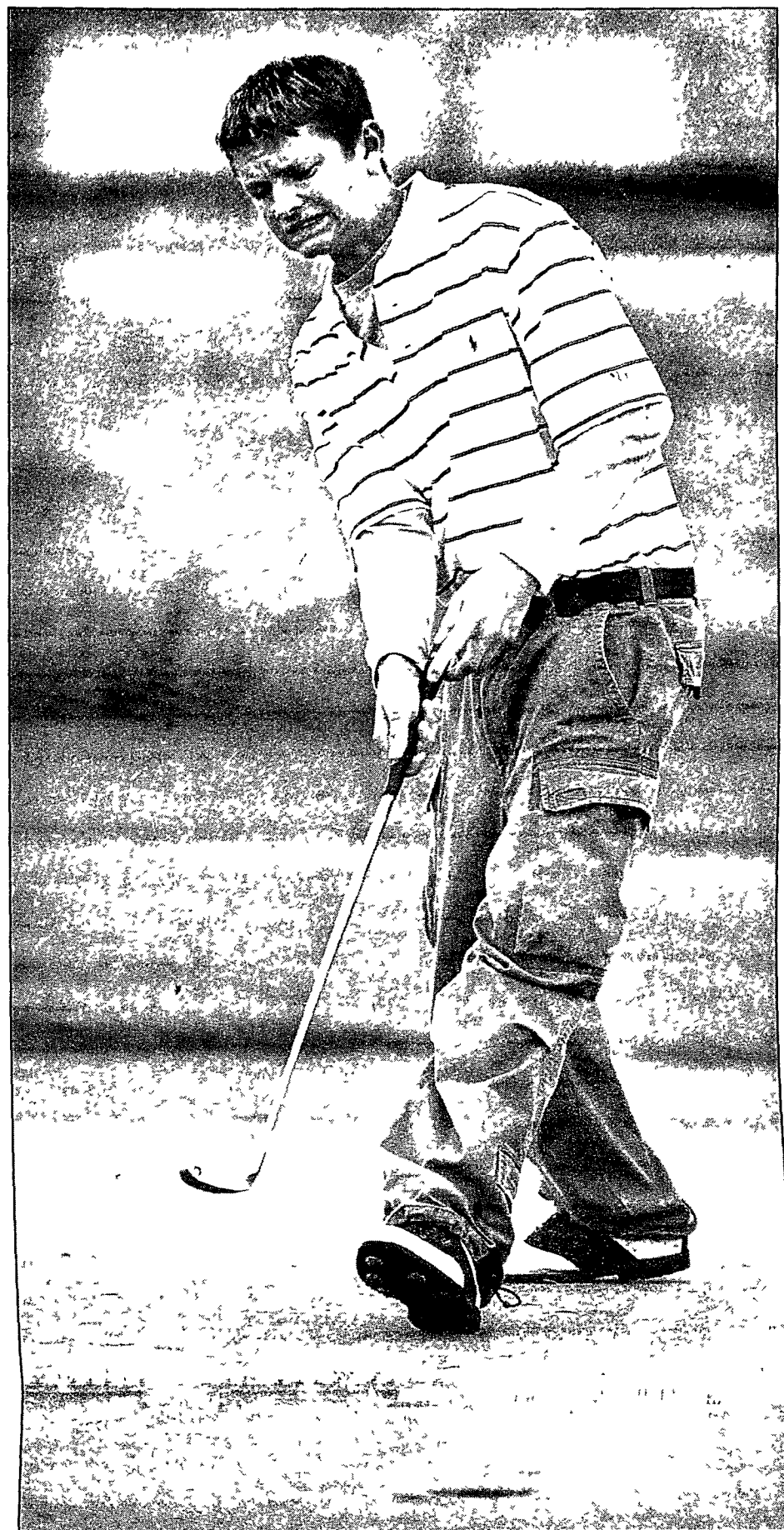


Junior Lauren West made HomeTown's All-area Tennis Team: First team, second singles player. Here she forehands a shot during a match at Farmington High.

Northville High School varsity teams saw a lot of success in their fall 2000 campaigns. Here, the Northville Record takes a look back at a few of their visual highlights from the recently-concluded season.



Varsity basketball team co-captain Emily Carbott looks to put up a shot against Brighton in an early-season game at home.



Northville golfer Steve Mills grimaces after missing a short putt on the seventh green of the Links of Novi during a late-season meet.



Mustang midfielder Adam Weiss brings the ball upfield during a game at South Lyon High School in September.



Listed at 5'8" and 155 lbs, senior runningback Brandon Langston used every ounce of himself for the Mustangs in setting records in yards attained and touchdowns scored.



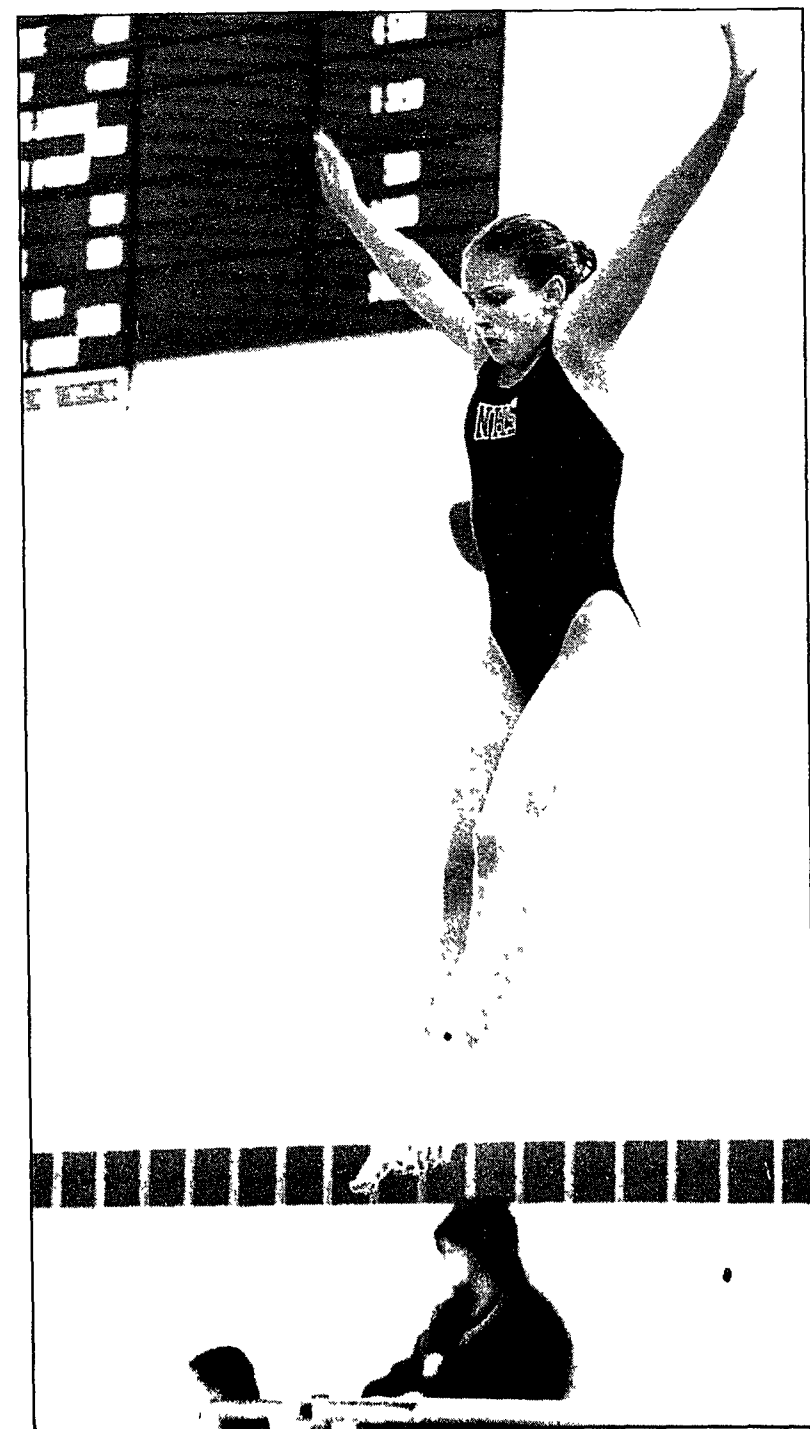
Varsity football coach Darrel Schumacher lead his Mustangs to two victories against Novi and the state quarter-finals, where Northville lost to eventual finals' runnerup, Hudsonville.



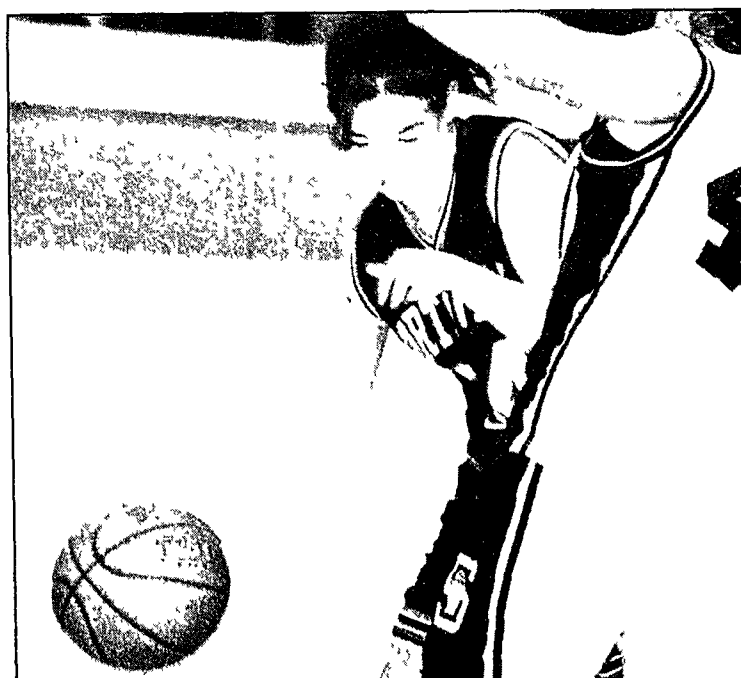
Varsity soccer player Rafe Petty launches a shot towards goal during an early-season game against South Lyon High School.



Above: Linebacker Joe Rumbley takes on a couple of Walled Lake Western players. At right: Varsity tennis player Kerry Woolfall made first team HomeTown All-Area, first singles for 2000.



At left: Northville's Kim Veres springs off the board during the diving portion of a swim meet at Northville High School. At right: Mustang Emily Ott tries to get around a Livonia Stevenson defender during their October 17th game at Livonia.



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John Heider

# 'Stangs make showing for CC picks

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He made tremendous strides over the last few weeks of the season, continually closing the gap between himself and the top two runners in the state. Duffin Ritten in of Rockland and Moore's teammate, Chris Jodell, were second and third in the state at the National race (top 12 runners in the country) this Saturday in Orlando.

Moore had a stellar regular season finish, running up to T. Joff at the regional county conference. C. Jodell, Richard and Shumack were the top three runners in the state, with Moore's time of 15:55 as just three seconds off the former Rockland record (15:52).

Jodell (16:00) is a three-time state individual and was the third-ranked runner in the entire state.

He has a dedicated training plan, has been focused, Smith said. He is also ranked among the top 25 nationally.

**Mark Avenue**  
Novi senior  
His run's improved drastically from last year, in which he was an all-state runner (17th).  
He is a 1500 m athlete.  
Avenue made marks in a junior but repud the records of the 1500 m. He was the 1500 m runner at the state meet, and fourth overall at the KVC regional (15:52) and Grand Rapids invitation. He took 10th at the Shumack Invitational. At the state meet, Avenue ran 15:51 to take 22nd overall. His season's best was 15:51, a personal best and a state record.

Four times this year, Avenue finished under 16 minutes.

He's a bit, most runner for Smith said. The bigger the mile, the better he does. He

understands running, and training. In other terms, would have Mark as their number one runner.

## SECOND TEAM

**Tim Kawa**  
Novi sophomore  
Novi produced some great runners over the past three seasons and has five into that mold. He's on par to be mentioned among Novi's best as was witnessed this season.

He finished 48th at the state meet after taking 10th at the Midland regional.

Among four Novi runners vying for a spot on the state final roster, he won the final varsity race meet and would have finished among the top 20 in the varsity race with his time of 17:24.

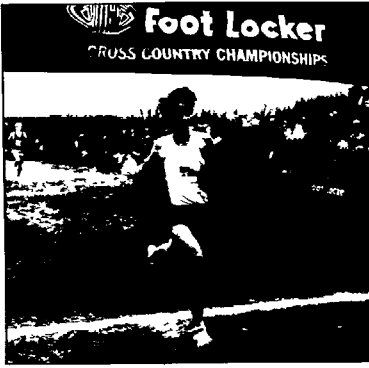
Lake (Tim) Moore, he is also a bit, most runner, his coach Bob Smith said. He proved that at county, regional and states.

**Eric Wallie**  
Novi senior  
If not for a foot injury early in the season, who knows what Wallie could have accomplished. He's a senior season's Wallie was an all-state selection a year ago (22nd) but ended for a top 50 finish this season (49th).

His times improved drastically as he made his way back into the starting seven. He finished 21st at the KVC regional (17:31) and 19th at the Midland regional (16:15).

Novi athletes would have given up hope had they had the type of injury that Eric had. Smith said. Instead of Eric kept his desire, burning, and fought his way back into the starting line-up. He has been living back to the program all year long.

**Todd Foren**  
Novi junior  
He is a bit, most runner for Smith said. The bigger the mile, the better he does. He



Novi's Timothy Moore hurdles across the finish line at the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships last month.

Foren was a steady force for Novi the entire year, securing a starting spot on one of the state's best teams.

The junior stepped it up at the league meet, where he took second and team honors after placing 13th overall. He came back to finish 16th at the Midland regional a week later. He finished 86th at the state meet at MIS.

He'll be one of the keys to Novi's success next season.

"Todd has the capability to be an all-star next year, his coach said. I believe he will take that next step with his training. He has already given me his word that he will triple his summer mileage. If he does he will be running with [Tim] Moore next year in practices and meets."

**Mitch Erickson**  
Novi junior  
He competed at the state meet in the second straight season, joining Tim Moore as the only Wildcat underclassman to do so.

He ran well when it counted most, earning second team all-KVC honors in finishing 14th overall (17:07). He was a regional medalist as well, crossing the line in the 13th position. Taking out just the KVC runners in that race, Erickson was 10th among those athletes, bettering his KVC finish by four positions.

Mitch is a student of the sport. He will do everything possible to improve his performance running. CC Smith said. He makes sacrifices on his diet, social life and other activities in order to run his absolute best.

# Mustang grapplers look to build on team's rich history

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when it's easier for those negative attitudes to come up," Potter said. "I think we got a group of kids who have been with the system long enough to know it's their program and their problem now. They're the ones responsible for its success."

Success may come to Northville but it won't come easy. Each meet includes an invitational with the likes of Holt Lake Orion and Bellefonte High Schools and runner once matchups against Canton and Walled Lake Western. Potter said Northville's long-standing reputation as one of the top wrestling programs in the Western Lakes Conference was making the Mustangs a target for opponents.

"It's nice being on top of the mountain," Potter said. "We accept the challenge in this one. We've got

some tough tournaments sure but I believe we can win every match."

Winning every match means preparing the night away. Potter said a good number of his wrestlers did their part in attending sports camps and continuing conditioning throughout the year.

"Wrestling isn't the most glamorous sport in the world," he said. "Kids are either going to do it or they aren't. A lot of them made a conscious effort in the off season to improve. If you like wrestling, it's just adding and you do everything you can to improve."

The team will be in action Saturday at 10 a.m. for the Garden City Invitational.

Chris C. Davis is the editor of the Northville Record. He can be reached at ccdavis@home.com.net.

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Answer the following questions based on the last 2 weeks or more.

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## 2000 ALL-AREA BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

### First Team

Name	School	Grade
Chris Toiff	Novi	Senior
Tim Moore	Novi	Junior
Mark Avenue	Novi	Senior
Rick Kopycz	Novi	Junior
Adam Kowalczyk	Novi	Junior
Pat Klein	Lakeland	Senior
Brian Theut	Lakeland	Junior
Brian Blyk	Northville	Senior

### Second Team

Name	School	Grade
Brian Lee	South Lyon	Junior
Pat Miller	Novi	Sophomore
Dan DeRusha	Novi	Freshman
Tim Kawa	Novi	Sophomore
Eric Walie	Novi	Senior
Todd Foren	Novi	Junior
Mark Erickson	Novi	Junior

### Honorable mention

South Lyon: Andrew Lapham, Nick Pearce, Nate Pedersen  
Milford: Tyler VanDer, Dan Hunt, Casey Barnes  
Novi: Eric Sauer, Dan Stevens, Steve Swand  
Northville: Bill Dalton, Ben Flood, Clark Placorek  
Lakeland: C.J. Hadd, Chris Welch

## 2000 ALL-AREA GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

### First Team

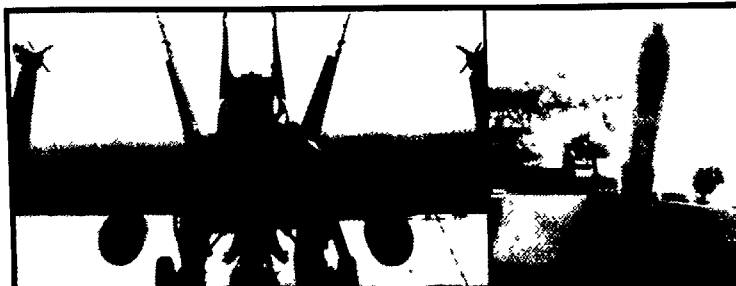
Name	School	Grade
Kristyn Kern	Lakeland	Senior
Katie Kramer	Milford	Sophomore
Lisa Gandy	Milford	Freshman
Tiffany Kild	Milford	Freshman
Colleen Johnson	Milford	Junior
Abby Shepherd	Milford	Senior
Kristin Grantham	Milford	Freshman

### Second Team

Name	School	Grade
Margo Waligowicz	Novi	Sophomore
Nana Schmitt	Novi	Sophomore
Tina Kono	Novi	Sophomore
Stephanie Morrison	Milford	Senior
Martha Smith	Milford	Senior
Katie Martillo	Milford	Senior
Tiffany Viese	Milford	Senior
Heather Mochie	Northville	Sophomore

### Honorable mention

South Lyon: Kiersten Isgrig, Trisa Cannon  
Milford: Bethany Coggins  
Novi: Bethany Kelle, Brittany Abright, Vicky Mahadevan  
Northville: Alyson Flohr, Alison Loeffler  
Lakeland: Kate Maxwell



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# South Lyon's Very Own Santa

Couple celebrate the season  
through their creativity

By Annette Jaworski  
SPECIAL WRITER

Don't look now, but isn't that one of Santa's reindeer peeking out of the bushes? And not far away, jolly old St. Nicholas is climbing up the roof, being followed by some frolicking snowmen. You might think it's a scene from the North Pole, but it's actually downtown South Lyon. This host of this outdoor holiday decor is the home of Arlan and Julie Stone, who manage the Lake Street apartments.

Stone, who seems to have all the spirit of Santa, except for the long white beard, makes all the large wooden pieces patiently by hand.

"I really enjoy making them," he said. "I've got patterns ready for next year."

From cutting to painting, many of the patterns are worked on throughout the year. And, Arlan's wife, Julie, is just as enthusiastic about celebrating the season.

"We get a kick out of it, we enjoy decorating. Now, the people are used to seeing it," she commented.

Julie Stone is partial to snowmen, so you'll find plenty

ty of them in the outdoor scenery. The flowerbeds in front of the house are growing poinsettias as tall as a man. Smaller blooms fill the flower boxes and are dotted with holly berry lights. To the far west part of their lawn you'll see a manger with nearly life size Three Wise Men.

Years of building and collecting have made the Stone's yard one of the easiest to recognize in South Lyon, and the highlight of many on a "Christmas light ride." Strangers will sometimes approach him to ask about his holiday decorations, he said.

Although Arlan Stone builds all year long, the actual set up begins several days before Thanksgiving. By Thanksgiving evening, he can flip the switch. He and wife Julie are old fashioned when it comes to that. They don't believe in rushing the season, like the retailers do. It's simple, he officially lights it for the first time on Thanksgiving evening and takes it down on January 1.

It's down to a science at the South Lyon home, where many of the lights are set on timers. They go on at 5 p.m. and off at 10 to 10 p.m. The manger and sleigh scene are all on sensors, although many of the outlying trees in the apartment complex stay on all night.



Arlan Stone adjust lights while his wife, Julie, watches. Along with traditional decorations Arlan makes a new wooden lawn ornament each year, including this poinsettia.

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# Poinsettias are the Christmas flower

By Jeff Rugg  
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If you are the typical once per year floral shopper your purchase will be a poinsettia. Eighty percent of poinsettias purchased are bought by women. Most are college educated and have moderate incomes. The more money they make the more poinsettias they will buy.

The poinsettia's popularity is growing with senior citizens at the expense of the younger age groups. Slightly less than half are purchased for gifts. Florists do a lot of research on their products and their customers.

A survey of growers shows they produce about 80 percent red ones, but a survey of purchases found the red ones go home at about a 50 percent rate. There are many red cultivars of poinsettia, but the consumer sees little difference in them. Since the small six-inch potted plant is seen as a lost leader by many retailers, they will not spend much money on them. For this reason many growers are not growing poinsettias any more.

Thirty-four years ago Franz Freuwirth of the Paul Ecke Ranch in San Diego County began working with poinsettias that had curled red flower bracts. It took until last year to develop and produce enough of the Winter Rose to be able to start selling them. The flower cluster is a large ball shape.

The plants are more compact than traditional poinsettias. The Goldstar Pink has nice pastel pink bracts but the leaves also give some color. They are dark green with a bright gold-yellow center. It looks a lot like some of the variegated holly plants. It will even look good after the flowers are gone.

The variety Peterstar Orange is working poinsettias to a true orange flower bract. When that happens you will have a nice Halloween plant for indoor decorating.

The variety called Future has red and green variegated bracts. They look even more Christmassy than the normal poinsettia.

If you want high quality new varieties or different sizes of plants, you will have to shop at a florist, greenhouse or nursery, not at the grocery store or hardware store.

Poinsettias provide a bright focal point indoors when the landscape is so drab outdoors. The colorful part of a poinsettia is specialized leaf called the bract. The real flowers are found in yellow and red clusters at the end of the branch.

When choosing a plant, here is what to look for:

Good quality plants have dark green leaves all the way to the bottom, no dead spots on the leaves and true flowers that are just starting to bloom. If the yellow powder-like pollen is dispersed and dried up or the true flowers are dried up, skip that plant. If any of the bracts have dried and there are dead edges, skip that plant, too. If the lower leaves are turning yellow or fall off green with just a slight tug, go to the next plant.

If you turn over a leaf and it is covered with small white insects, do not buy it.

Another problem with many new poinsettia cultivars and how they were raised in the greenhouse is that they are brittle and loose branches easily. Look for plants with vertical stems and few horizontal ones, especially if it is going to be taken home in a paper sleeve. Some growers install a plastic ring on the pot that supports the branches about 5 inches above the pot rim.

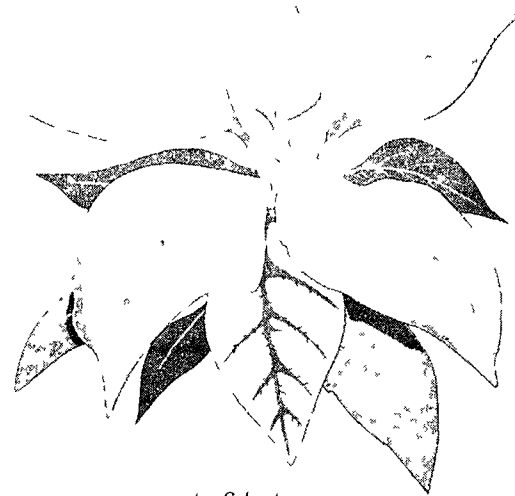
Plan for the right day to buy your plant. Do not expose the plant to near freezing temperatures while taking the plant from the store or leave it in the car while doing more shopping. Once home, don't expose the plant to drafts of any kind (especially plants on the floor) or direct sunlight. Keep the soil evenly damp all the time. Check the plant daily at first, until you determine how much water it will need - big plants use a lot of water. They prefer temperatures from 65 to 75 and the cooler temperature makes the flowers last longer. Putting it near a heat-generating appliance (TV, photocopier, etc.) will shorten its flowering lifetime.

If it dries out, it will begin losing leaves. If it is over-watered or left to sit in water, the roots will die and then the whole plant will die.

Poinsettias are members of the spurge family. They contain a milky sap that can cause a rash, but the flowers and bracts are not poisonous, as many people believe. They are native to Mexico and Central America, where they grow as shrubs to more than 6 feet tall. The Aztecs cultivated them hundreds of years ago. In the 1800s the United States' first ambassador to Mexico was Joel Poinsett. He was also a botanist and he brought the plants that now bear his name to his greenhouse in South Carolina.

Until recently poinsettias were finicky. They would lose their bracts at the slightest change in temperature or watering. Taking them home on a cold day could do them in. The new ones have much longer lasting bracts, sometimes even lasting until spring.

Poinsettias are beautiful plants that come in many shades of red and pink. Some newer varieties are mottled or even come in yellow. There is also a wide selection of sizes available, from a 4-inch plant that can be



worn as a corsage to 6-foot trees.

Although poinsettias are easy to grow, they can have problems. Any crop that is grown in large quantities can have insect or disease outbreaks. The worst insects to control in your home are white fly and spider mites. Both are pests on poinsettias and you should look for them before you buy the plant.

Do not use insecticidal soaps on poinsettias, it is more likely to kill the plant than the pests. Spider mites can be washed off with water from the shower. White flies can be controlled with a pyrethrum-based insecticide or malathion.

Several other plants make great indoor decorations in the winter. Try cyclamen, azaleas, hydrangea, miniature rose, orchids, African violets, anthurium and any others that your florist recommends.

There should be no reason you do not enjoy fresh flowers all winter long.

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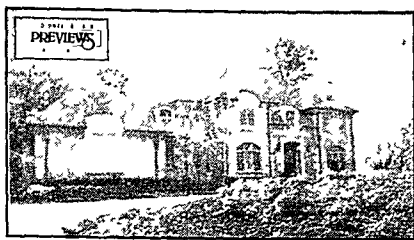
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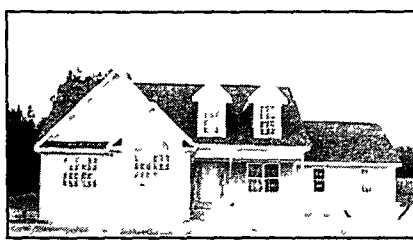
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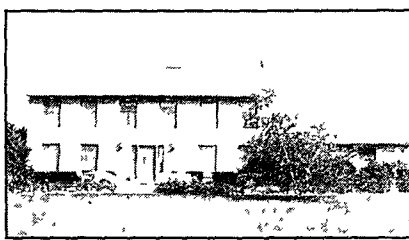
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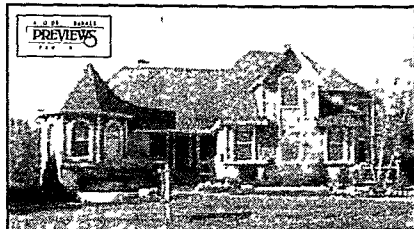
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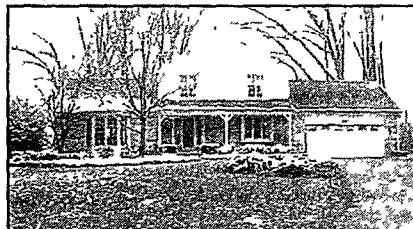
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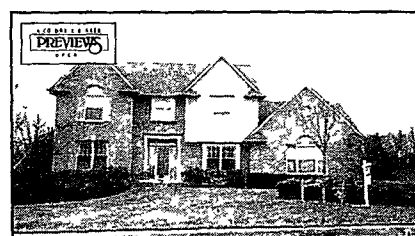
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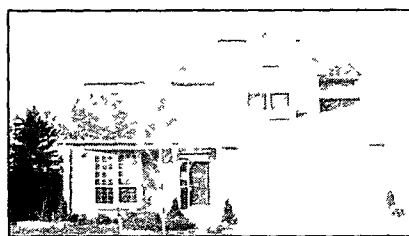
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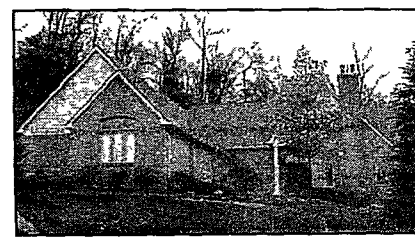
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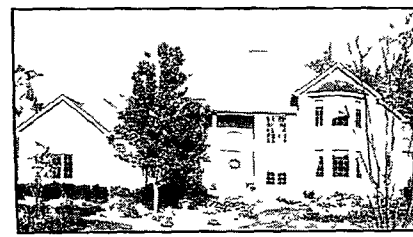
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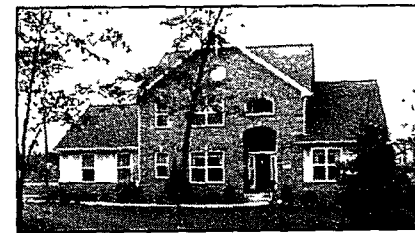
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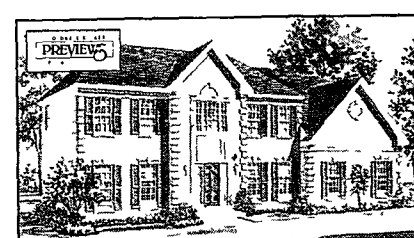
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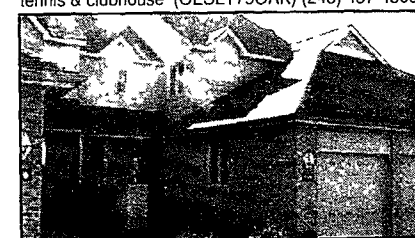
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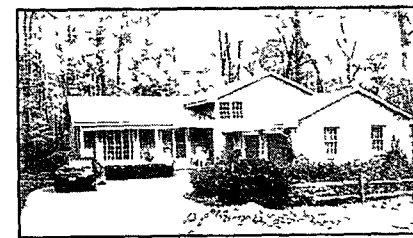
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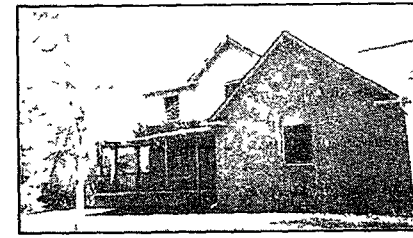
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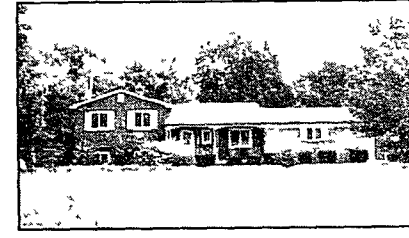
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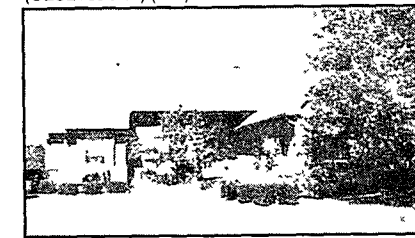
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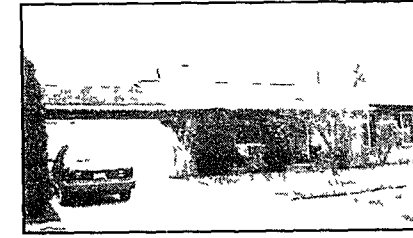
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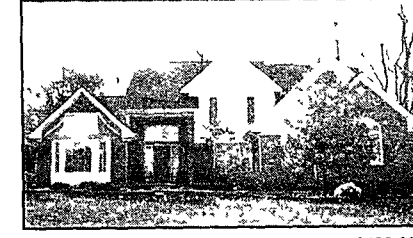
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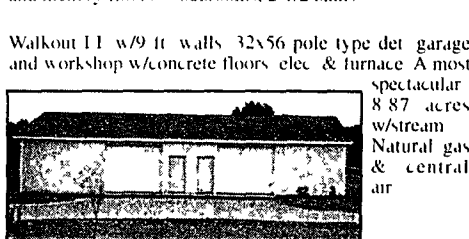
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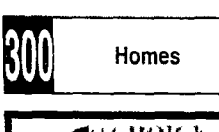
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**268** South Old Woodward  
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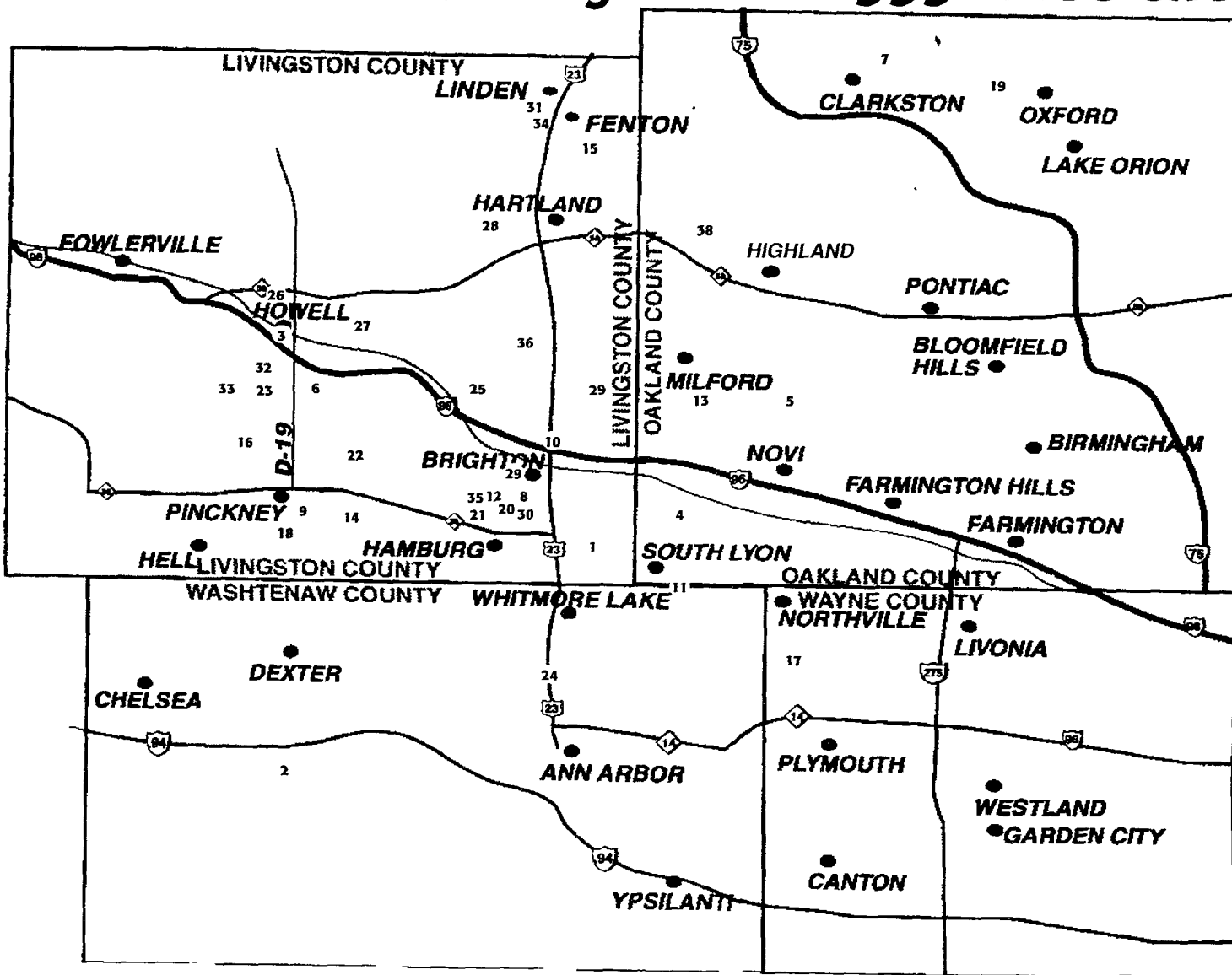


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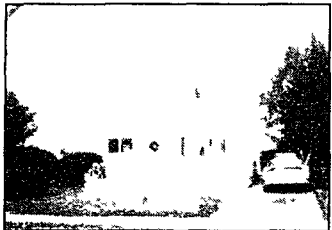
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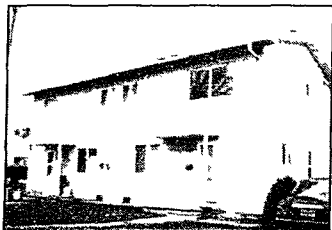
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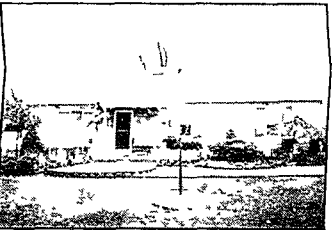
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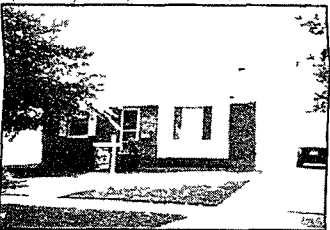
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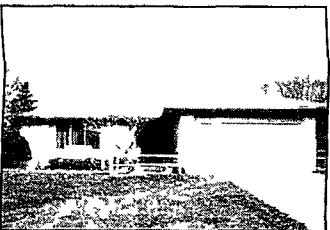
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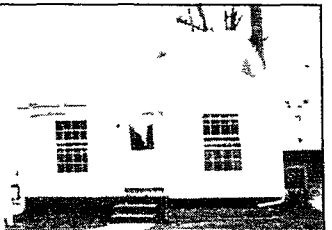
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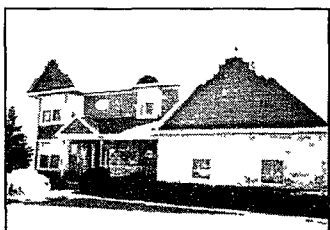
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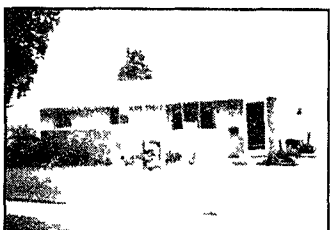
**BROOKLAND FARMS RANCH** 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living room w/fireplace, family room w/bow window, dining room, 1st floor laundry, large kitchen. Beautiful setting on large lot. 2 car side entry garage. Northville schools (64CHE) \$229,000 248-349-5600



**CHARMING 3 bedroom ranch** in downtown Plymouth. Newer kitchen, family room with fireplace, hardwood floors throughout, newer windows, basement & central air (83ROS) \$199,900 248-349-5600



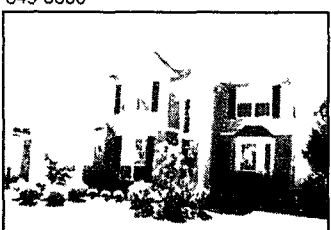
**NICE LARGE ROOMS!** Soaring vaulted ceilings in great room w/fireplace. 3 bedroom Cape Cod w/over 2,000 sq ft. 2 car attached garage. C/A. Huge rear deck, nicely landscaped. 1st floor laundry & mstr BR. \$2,500 carpet allowance at closing! (12GLE) \$214,900 734-455-5600



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Dr. Bill Koppin dispenses these Clayton-Franklin eyeglasses at his West Main Street office in the Main Centre building in downtown Northville. Shades Optical is a new business that opened in the heart of the city.

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## Shades Optical dresses up eyes in Northville

By ANNETTE JAWORSKI

Special Writer

You don't have to be a star to look like one. Wearing the latest styles in eyewear is one way you can set yourself apart from the crowd. Dr. William Koppin at Shades Optical in Northville believes the style of your frames is the one thing that can change your looks more than anything else.

"We treat eyewear as fashion," said Koppin. What people used to see as a medical necessity, Koppin views as an opportunity to express your style and change your looks. That same strength and strategy brought about their expansion from Birmingham into the Northville location.

And although it's an optometrist's office, it's trendy décor and music is a far cry from the sterile atmosphere that's usually associated with medical facilities. The upbeat and casual ambiance makes it a fun place to visit.

You'll find commissioned art pieces on the wall, and the eyeglass display cases are custom cabinetry with antique influence.

"It's all about music, about fashion, about environment," said Koppin. "From a product standpoint, it's really exciting, it's the hottest accessory in fashion not only for normal eyewear but it's evolved into something more non-prescription."

He can't help but be excited about the great lineup and the products that he believes adds glamour to eyewear. Some collections include Prada, Chanel, Matsuda, Lunor, Freudenhaus, Persol and Oakley. Shades Optical is also the only location in the United States to offer the exclusive Helmut Lang collection, a favorite of Koppin's.

You only have to look as far as films such as "Charlie's Angels" and TV's "Sex in the City" to see their influence, he said. People want to have those same looks.

"They want the fashion. They want the styles they see in Vogue and Elle. We carry the frames you see in fashion magazines, not an off brand — the brand," said Koppin.

Shades Optical continually strives to offer an extraordinary choice of an everyday item. In fact, their goal is to offer so many designer styles that it's like the potato chip commercial — you can't have just one. Koppin is a big fan of glass wardrobing, or having many styles to suit the customer's needs. Admitting to over 50 styles of glasses himself, he enjoys playing with a variety of looks. He travels around the world to provide the very latest up-to-the-minute frames.

Fashion doesn't have to be that loud "over the top" look, Koppin said. Good style can be classic, timeless and sophisticated as well. Quality never goes out of style, he said.

Lisa Fry, president of Publicity Works, Inc., is a faithful customer of Shades and enjoys the choice of designer frames.

"I like the idea that he embraces eye care and fashion. I can count on him to take care of the health of my eyes. I'm a really fashion conscious person, so I like being able to choose the Prada, Chanel and Helmut Lang. It's nice, I don't have to sacrifice one for the other," she said.

Shades Optical offers the latest in technology. For example, the office has special equipment to test eyes if you spend a lot of time on the computer.

With one location already in Birmingham, Northville was an obvious place for expansion.

"It's an upscale, affluent area where people enjoy nice things," Koppin said.

Another location is scheduled to open in Royal Oak in 2001. Koppin doesn't plan to erect a Shades Optical on every corner, however his goals are to create a small national boutique with locations in other cosmopolitan areas, such as Chicago and New York.

If you've got to have those glasses you saw in Vogue or other high fashion magazines, call Shades Optical, located at 105 Main Centre in downtown Northville, call (248) 347-9058. In Birmingham, they're located at 205 E. Maple Road, (248) 645-0075.

## Making sense of the bond market

Troubled by Wall Street's latest bout of market volatility, many investors have turned to the bond market for added stability. But what exactly is a bond, why does it offer increased security and how does it make money?

A bond is a long-term promise by an issuer to pay a bondholder a fixed amount of interest over a fixed amount of time. At the end of that period, the bond reaches maturity, at which time the issuer must repay the principal amount of the bond. The interest rate, also known as the coupon, coupon rate or nominal yield, coupled with any appreciation or depreciation of the bond, determines the overall return investors realize. This return is known as its yield-to-maturity, or yield.

Thanks to a redeemable face value and fixed interest rate, bonds are considered safer than stocks, whose value can dip below the principal amount invested. However, bonds are not always guaranteed and carry certain risks that stocks do not.

Although there are many different types, bonds come in three basic categories differentiated by issuer.

• **Government bonds** are issued by either the U.S. Government, government agencies or government-sponsored enterprises. These bonds offer investors the highest level of security because they carry the least amount of credit risk thanks to either direct or implied guarantees from the U.S. Government. In addition, earnings on some types of government bonds, such as Treasuries, are exempt from state and local taxes. However, these advantages come at a price — government bonds tend to have relatively lower coupon rates than other taxable fixed-income investments.

• **Municipal bonds** are issued by states, cities, counties and other governmental entities to raise money for projects that benefit the public. Like government bonds, municipals offer a relatively high level of credit security.



Paul J. Vandenheede

Personal Finance

Municipal bonds are exempt from federal income tax and may even be exempt from state and local taxes. As a result, a tax-exempt municipal bond's taxable equivalent yield may be higher than that of a taxable bond, even if the taxable bond pays a higher coupon rate. This tax advantage is especially attractive to investors in high tax brackets. For example, excluding any state tax consequences, an investor in a 36 percent tax bracket needs a yield of 8.5 percent on a fully taxable bond to equal the tax-exempt yield on a 5.5 percent municipal.

• **Corporate bonds** are issued by corporations that wish to borrow or to finance their long-term capital. These bonds typically offer investors higher coupon rates, since they are subject to all taxes and typically carry more credit risk.

In addition to credit risk, investors who sell their bonds before maturity assume interest-rate risk. If the federal government raises interest rates, existing bonds will be worth less because a buyer will pay less for a bond that has a lower coupon rate than that of a newly issued bond. However, holding a bond to maturity can eliminate this risk.

Although bonds do not offer as much growth potential as stocks, they do constitute an integral component of any diversified portfolio. Unlike the volatile nature of stocks, bonds provide increased stability and a consistent, predictable flow of income.

As a large portion of the American population nears retirement, the rules of Social Security are changing. The normal retirement age is being increased, and Social Security recipients will no longer be penalized for working beyond normal retirement age.

### • Normal Retirement Age on the Increase

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the normal retirement age will be 67. The effect of this change is twofold.

First, as you cannot receive full benefits until you reach normal retirement age, you may want to continue working until then. Secondly, this change will effect individuals seeking early retirement. If you choose, you may begin receiving reduced Social Security benefits at age 62. However, the longer the period between when you begin receiving early retirement benefits and your normal retirement age, the more your annual benefit is reduced. This will become an even greater factor as the normal retirement age increases. If you begin collecting Social Security at age 62 and your normal retirement age is 65, your annual benefit will be reduced by nearly 20 percent. If you begin collecting benefits at age 62 and your normal retirement age is 67, your annual benefit will be reduced by 30 percent. This loss of future benefits due to early retirement underscores the advantage of staying in the working world as long as possible.

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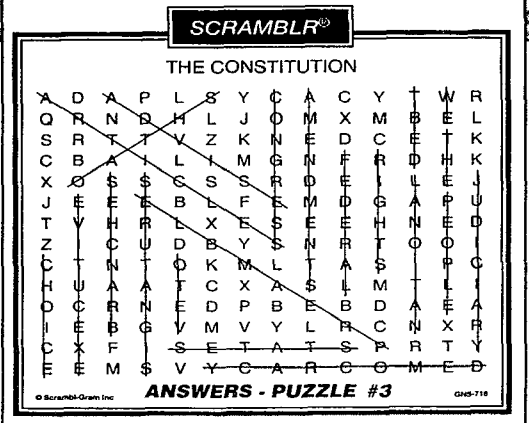
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### PUZZLE #4

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#### Rules:

Each Thursday's SCRAMBLER® contains a number of words reading from left, right, diagonally up or down. Some words begin with letters you've already used in other words. Words from the list that appear as two words (e.g., New Brunswick) could appear in the puzzle in separate places. AT LEAST 10 WORDS MUST BE CIRCLED TO MAKE AN ENTRY VALID.

1. Clip the complete puzzle and include your name, address and telephone number. Mail your entry to SCRAMBLER® in care of South Lyon Herald, P.O. Box 251, South Lyon, MI 48178. Entries must be in an envelope marked on the lower left corner with the puzzle number. Envelopes that are not marked will not be accepted.
2. You must use the puzzle that appears in this newspaper or a reasonably accurate hand-drawn facsimile. It is not necessary to buy this newspaper in order to enter the contest. Copies of your Observer or Eccentric newspaper may be examined at one of our offices. Machine duplicated entry forms will NOT be accepted.
3. Contestants may submit as many entries as they wish but mail each in a separate envelope. Registered mail will not be accepted.
4. All entries must be received at our office by noon on Tuesday in the week following publication of SCRAMBLER®.
5. Each weekly winner will be determined by a random drawing from valid entries received by the Tuesday deadline above.
6. The weekly winner will be announced within 10 days after publication of each puzzle. Names of the winner and photos (when possible) will be appear in your hometown newspaper and prize money will be awarded in person or mailed within 10 days of the Tuesday deadline.
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8. Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are not eligible to win prizes in this contest.

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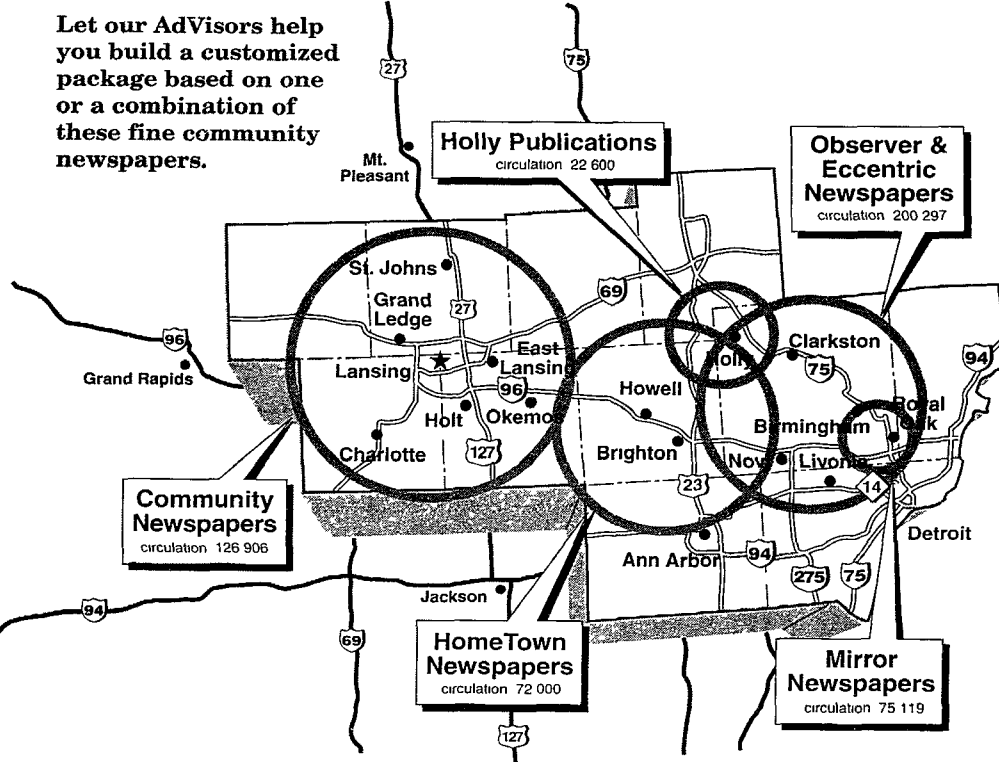
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Ms. Lisa Dranginis  
Northville Record  
104 W Main  
Northville, MI 48167  
Fax (248)349-9832

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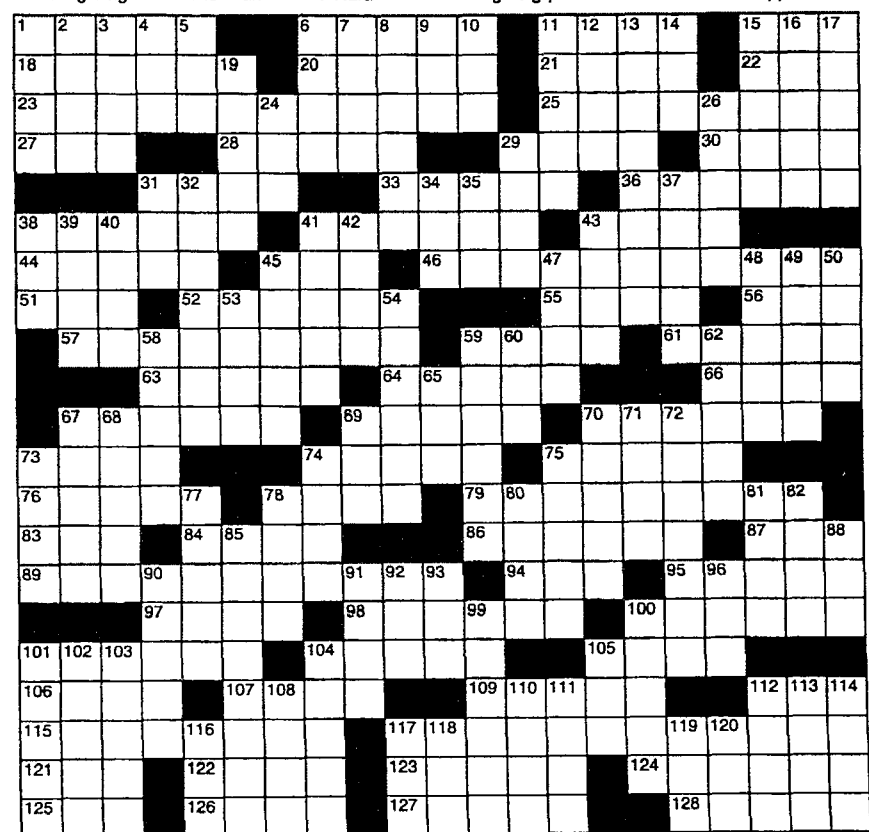
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23 Start of a remark  
25 Earmark  
27 Asian holiday  
28 Annual award?  
29 Shake — (hurry)  
30 Hurries  
31 Depraved  
33 Pile up  
36 Squirrel's stash  
38 Snake-charmer's crew  
41 Outcast  
43 Globule  
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46 Part 2 of remark  
51 Neighbor of Fla  
52 Rice dish  
55 Waikiki wing-ding

56 Salute for Caesar  
57 Unaware  
59 Wee serving  
61 Poe crow  
63 Ain't right?  
64 Type of cabbage  
66 Part of NIB  
67 High-rise building?  
69 Part 3 of remark  
70 Know-it-all  
73 Semester  
74 Prickly  
75 Hellman's "The Little"  
76 Marsh sight  
78 It should be square  
79 Put an end to  
83 Carnival site  
84 Dentist's directive  
86 "The — Kid" ('84 film)  
87 Meyers of "Katie & Allie"  
89 Part 4 of remark  
94 Corn portion  
95 Broadcast in July  
97 Bates or Rickman

98 Cheerless  
100 One of the Waughts  
101 Elegant  
104 — terrier  
105 Salchow kin  
106 Sludge  
107 Bloomsbury buggy  
109 Bookstore section  
112 Actress Cassidy  
115 Managers  
117 End of remark  
121 Be human  
122 MD's area  
123 Riser's relative  
124 Home on the range?  
125 "So there!"  
126 Man, for one  
127 At daybreak  
128 Gushes

**DOWN**

1 "Miss Lonelyhearts" writer  
2 Dull pain  
3 Atkins or Huntley  
4 Holyfield stats  
5 "Definitely!"  
6 He's abominable  
7 Rara —  
8 One-dimensional  
9 Label  
10 Whichever  
11 Iridescent  
12 Hamlet or Herman Munster  
13 Where to spend leva  
14 Smash letters  
15 Flight segment  
16 Consumed  
17 Lock  
19 Name of a Day  
24 "My Gal —" (1905 tune)  
26 Butcher-shop display  
29 '75 Wimbledon winner  
31 Age  
32 Garlic hater  
34 Bad start  
35 Contented sigh  
37 — d'Alene, ID  
38 Spy org.  
39 '52 Winter Olympics  
40 Spill the beans  
41 Navigate  
42 Bill of Rights grp  
43 — major  
45 Like some leaves  
47 Chew out  
48 Sheltered spot  
49 Happening  
50 Russo of "Gettysburg"  
53 Maintain  
54 Besel  
58 Delibes opera  
59 "Rusalka" composer  
60 Ely or Darling  
62 Disconcert  
65 "Stroker —" ('83 film)  
67 Get cracking  
68 It's kept in a quiver  
69 Bikini part  
70 Opposite  
71 Way out  
72 Merit  
73 Hatcher of "L.A. Law"  
74 Crooked  
75 Raid  
77 Aid and awl  
78 Chow — Parley  
80 Actor  
81 Viscount's better  
82 Cart  
85 Nursery items  
88 Hotel  
90 Desert refugees  
91 Dutch town  
92 — Lanka  
93 — the fields we go ...  
96 Smoked delicacy  
99 Response  
100 Be  
101 Sheep sheds  
102 "M" man  
103 Blue hue  
104 Social group  
105 Sternward  
108 TV's — "People"  
111 The — 500  
112 Mature  
113 From the top  
114 Gets by (with "out")  
116 Mail —  
117 Ideologue's suffix  
118 Singer's syllable  
119 Cock and bull  
120 Dem.'s opponent



## ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

BIPOD KAYAK CAP SEW  
ARARAT CELERY OWE ANA  
CARD CABINET FOLDER MRI  
HEE HULA TOAST TOOL  
MATA PASTOR ORAL  
OMAR SHEILA EBONY  
VICTIM ARDOR LAB RNA  
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### 512 Help Wanted Sales

**REAL ESTATE CAREER OPPORTUNITY**  
Looking for dynamic individuals to join our team licensed or unlicensed. If you're thinking about starting a career in real estate? Or have a license & need a place to call home? Call Scott Griffith at ERA Griffith Realty, (810)227-1016 for a private interview

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**520 Help Wanted Part-Time**

**GROWING HIGHLAND** Church needs worship coordinator, administrative assistant & Sunday morning childcare. Send resume to Highland United Methodist Church, 680 W Livingston Rd, Highland MI 48357 (248)887-1311

**PART-TIME BARTENDER**  
wanted for private club in Ham burg area. Call after 2 pm. (810)231-1811

### 524 Help Wanted Domestic

**LIBRARY**  
Lyon Township Public Library is looking for energetic, motivated individuals to work 20-25 hours/weekdays, 15-20 hours/week. No experience is necessary, high school diploma or equivalent required. General computer/internet skills are a plus, as is an interest in reading and literature. Must be able to work in a moderately busy environment with patrons of all ages. Very flexible time off, in a pleasant workplace. \$7/hour. Send resume to Todd Krueger, Director PO Box 326, New Hudson MI 48165 or fax to (248)437-4621 or email lyonlibrary@yahoo.com

**REAL ESTATE BROKER**  
desires Assistant for Sunday Open Houses. Call Kristy at RE/MAX 100 (248) 348 3000

**530 Entertainment**

**D.J. MUSIC** for all occasions, all types available. Dorn J (517)223-8572 after 6 pm weekdays

**534 Jobs Wanted-Female/Male**

**ACCOUNTANT/CPA** SEKS part-time accounting position w/flexible hours. Reply to P.O. Box 930376 Wixom MI 48393

**536 Childcare Services - Licensed**

**A TREE House Daycare** Full-time openings 5 yrs exp. Milford, S. Lyon & Wixom area (248)466-1354

**LICENSED IN-HOME Daycare**  
CPR certified. Individual attention. Lots of TLC. Beautiful setting. Please call (248)960-7285

**538 Childcare Needed**

### 537 Babysitting/Childcare Services

**PROVIDE THE BEST** for your child! State-of-the-art daycare established 10 yrs in Milford area. We offer:  
\* Preschool Program  
\* All home-cooked meals  
\* Formula for infants  
\* Pottery training program  
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\* Family daycare home parties  
\* Sign language taught  
\* Bus service to area schools  
Exp. Caregivers ALL trained in CPR & First Aid. Limited space available. Call (248)685-7889

**SOUTH LYON** Pre-school seeks teacher for infant room. Experience preferred. (248) 466-0492

**537 Babysitting/Childcare Services**

**A-1 MOTHER/DAUGHTER** day care 6am to 6pm Full time only. Great rates. Call (248)437-7371

**537 Babysitting/Childcare Services**

**DEPENDABLE CHILDCARE** - City of Howell full or part-time. (517)546-4783

**MOTHER HAS** full & part-time openings. Small group of children. Planned activities, nutritious meals. Large outdoor play structure. A loving & nurturing environment. Let this be your child's home away from home. Old Milford Farms. Exc. ref. Bethanie, (248)685-9032

**VERY LOVING** mom would like to care for infant in Novi area. (248)344-1087

**8 MO.** old in need of a caregiver in our Northville home. January-May, 2-3 days/wk \$8/hr. Call now (248)349-4148

**BABYSITTER NEEDED** part time for 3 children. Great pay & kids. South Lyon (248)437-2732

### 537 Babysitting/Childcare Services

**CAREGIVER NEEDED** in our home for 2 active boys. Ages 5 & 2 1/2. Occasional evenings, weekends & days. Flexible schedule. Mature, responsible person. Background check required. Highland/M-59 area. Call (248)857-3890

**CAREGIVER NEEDED** in my home, part-time days for 10 mo old baby. Flexible schedule. (248)466-5543

**CHILD CARE** needed in my home 2-3 days, Tues-Thurs or Fri from 9:30am-3pm. Flexible 1 baby girl. (248) 684-8571

**FULL-TIME** for 11 mo old twins & 7 yr old after school, exp. Commerce. (248) 684-9317

**FULL-PART-TIME CAREGIVER** needed in our Salem Twp home. Responsible, caring, non-smoker. Eves (734)254-9194

**LOVING PERSON** to care for a 1 year old & a 4 1/2 year old in Novi/Northville. (248)348-9019 & (313)665-6088

**NANNIES NEEDED** by local families. Good pay. Fax resume to 734-769 1676, Or call (248)258-6330

**NANNY NEEDED** - 2 or 3 days/wk 7am-6pm. References required. Northville area. Call for more information. (248) 348-9817

**NANNY NEEDED** for 2 children ages 3 & 5 in my Milford home. Full time, Mon-Fri. References required. Call (248) 231-5269

**560 Education/ Instruction**

**"GET LEGAL"**  
Building License Seminar by Jim Klausmeyer. Prepare for the State 1 Examination Sponsored by Community Education.

**Multiple Locations** Novi, Pinckney, Howell, Highland, Livonia & Brighton  
**1-800-666-3034**  
www.getlegalbuilders.com

### 562 Business & Prof. Services

**ALL ADS TO APPEAR UNDER THIS CLASSIFICATION MUST BE PREPAID**

### 574 Business Opportunities

**"MAKE \$500 per day** working from home" Work at home jobs available. No experience required. Free information. Rush S A S E to Smith & Associates, P.O. Box 1201, Novi, MI 48376-1201

**\$1,500/MO. Part Time - \$4,500-\$7,200 Full Time.** WORK IN HOME. International co. needs supervisors & assistants. Training Free booklet. www.seekoutyourdreams.com (800)998-5274

**ATTN: GROWING** company needs help. Work at home \$450/mo part-time - \$5000/mo full time. Free booklet 1-800-627-9975 www.uccanbusiness.com

**COMPUTER / INTERNET PEOPLE WANTED!** Work-From-Home Mail-order/E-Commerce \$1,500-\$5,000/mo part-time, \$3,000-\$7,200/mo full time. Free Information (414)290-9508 www.4araire.com

**EASY WORK!** Excellent Pay! Assemble Products at home. Call Toll Free 1-800-467-5566 Ext. 610

**ESTABLISHED Cabinet Shop,** Now \$25,000/best. This is a steal! Serious Buyers! (248) 349 7007

**HOME BASED BUSINESS** International Herbal Health & Nutrition company seeks motivated individuals that are tired of being bossed around & are ready to get serious & make some money! 1-800-580-7558

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**600-678 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### 620 Announcements/ Notices

**BEST SELF** Storage of Hartland 700 N Old US 23, Brighton, will hold a lien sale on misc. items in units occupied by Leanna Lucas & David Hinch on Dec 27, 2000 at 12 noon

**BEST SELF** Storage 1481 Grand Oaks Dr., Howell, MI will hold a lien sale on misc. household items in unit(s) occupied by C. Dobek Unit #330, D. O'Ras Unit #331, Country Time Painting #506 to be held on January 28, 2001 at 12 noon

### 630 Cards of Thanks

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### 636 Lost & Found

**LOST 2 watches**, in plastic bag in Commerce Twp area. Call for reward, (248)363 6114

### 642 Health, Nutrition, Weight Loss

**LOSE WEIGHT** for the holidays! Doctor recommended all natural, guaranteed. (810)227 9216

### 648 Wedding Chapel

**WEDDING CHAPELS** celebrating year round in the Greensheet. Call our Classified Department at 1-888-999 1288

**700-778 MERCHANDISE**

### 700 Absolutely Free

All items offered in this "Absolutely Free" column must be exactly that, free to those responding. This newspaper makes no charge for these listings, but restricts use to resident of HomeTown Newspapers. No responsibility for actions between individuals regarding "Absolutely Free" ads. (Non-commercial Accounts only.) Please cooperate by placing your "Absolutely Free" ad not later than 3:30 pm Monday for this week's publication

**2 MALE** very tame guinea pigs, have aquarium will need larger cage. (810)229-0660

**ADORABLE KITTENS!** Fowlerville area. (517)223-1770

**ADORABLE KITTENS,** 6 wks long hair, great for Christmas. (248)887-7465

**ALMOND REFRIGERATOR.** Very good cond. Electric dryer fair cond. (248) 449-6492

**BEAGLE MALE,** 5 years old, to good home. (248) 437-8496

**CAST IRON fireplace** You haul (248) 889-5069

### ATTENTION PET LOVERS

HomeTown Newspapers discourages ads which offer pets for free. HomeTown Newspapers suggests you charge a nominal price for your pets. If offered for free the ads may draw responses from individuals who might use your animal for research, breeding or other purposes. Please be sure to screen respondents carefully. Your pet will thank you!

**DALMATIAN,** male thoroughbred. Orange male cat, neutered. Pinckney, (734)426-0851

**FREE BROKEN** wood pallets for firewood. You pick up. 7262 Kensington Rd

**FUEL OIL** Tank (248) 486-3734

**FURNITURE, DINING** extended table & large metal desk. Livonia area. (734)427-7949

**GERMAN SHEPHERD** puppy, 5 mo old, male. Housebroken. Good home only. (517)223-7951

**PIANO, YOU** haul (248) 684-9012

**PUPPIES!** 8 wks old 1/2 Lab/Beagle, black. Great w/kids. (248) 486-6976

### 702 Antiques/Collectibles

**ANTIQUE 3/4 size** Jenny Lind bed. Antique vanity dresser w/3 mirrors. (517) 548-1510

**ANTIQUES BOUGHT!** Post cards, china cups/saucers, paper dolls, floral dishes, perfume bottles, jewelry, fiesta dishes. (248) 624-3385

**KINCAID VICTORIAN** Christmas, framed, unique hand signed w/notation. Placerville CA, 1991. (517)487-6408

**WANTED QUALITY** antique oak furniture or 100 mo old item. Cash paid for 1 piece or an entire estate. (517)548 7104

### 706 Auction Sales

**BRAUN & HELMER AUCTION SERVICE** Farm, Household, Antique, Real Estate, Miscellaneous. Lloyd R. Braun (734) 665-9446 Jerry L. Helmer (734) 994-6309

### NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, a sale will be held at **National Self Storage of Highland** 1574 Alloy Parkway, Highland on 1/26/01 at 12:30 p.m.

The following goods will be sold **Space #10 George Kulds** bags file cabinet fish tank bed headboard, desk sofa boxes, dresser, suitcases other misc. items

**Space #82 Susanne Hayes** bedframe, end table bed headboard weight bench sofa, heater

**Space #95 Wendy Closey** 10 boxes

**Space #73-74 Christopher Hay** bed box spring, picture, bed frame, sofa bed mattress

**Sat., Dec 9th - 6:00 p.m.** (new starting time) OLE GRAY NASH AUCTION HALL 202 S. Michigan Ave. downtown Howell (corner of Michigan & Sibley)

Over 20 classic cars by the time makers of ERTL, Buarga, Mario Revell & Tonka and Spider Cabs, Mitsu Viper Jaguar, 67 Beetle, much more, many Barbie and Star Trek, Barbie & Ken, Radiant Rose, Yuletide Romance, Hallmark, Quoniam and 1st in class, NIB Swarovski, Knives (newer) matchbox hot wheels, comics, postcards, Radio Flyer cookie jar, older scouting memorabilia, glassware, etc. Christmas sports cards incl. 90-91 Topps, beautiful porcelain dolls, MIB, numerous toy dolls, and walkers that were very loved. Bunnies, Gwendolyn All That Glitters, Goats, Ramsey, Chickens, King Me and others. 2 beautiful oil paintings of clowns by SARIDI will be up kicking.

**Gary T. Gray Auctioneer** Ole Gray Nash Auctioneer 517-546-2005

### 710 Estate Sales

**HOWELL DEC 8 & 9** 9am-5pm Furniture dishes paintings antiques Christmas decor VCRs TVs tractor golf cart 3311 Morrow Lane off Dorr & Crooked Lake Rd

### 713 Garage Sales/Moving Sales

**ALL ADS TO APPEAR UNDER THIS CLASSIFICATION MUST BE PREPAID**

**DO YOU HAVE LEFT OVER GARAGE SALE ITEMS AFTER YOUR SALE???** Let us place an ad for you under the Household goods section and we will charge you 1/4 off the ad cost.

**What a Deal!!! GIVE US A CALL**

**NORTHVILLE - Moving Sale** Fri, Sat, & Sun, 11-11 pm 123 N. Elm, N of 8 Mile, W of Sheldon. Everything goes!

**SOUTH LYON - Moving Sale!** Couches, table/4 chairs, antique china cabinet, Sony stereo, more! N of 9 Mile W of Pontiac 1/2 264 University Fri/Sat 9-4 (248)437 6889

### 714 Clothing

**LONG DENIM** coat trimmed in Tibetan lamb. Long mink tails. Natural color coat. Both medium size. (248)477-5840

### 716 Household Goods

**5 PIECE** Ashley bedroom set, \$1100/best, exc. cond. (248)685-3545

**8' SOFA,** very good condition, tan with leather design, asking \$500. (248) 685-9693, Milford

**ALL NEW** Top Grain Leather Sectional Contemporary overstuffed. Worth \$2500. Sacrifice \$1250. (248)358 9118

**AMISH WHITE** cedar log daybed, w/mattress and link spring. Cost \$1,100. must sell \$450. Also queen size cedar log bed w/rails with queen. Royalty supreme mattress set \$400. (517)521-1814

**BEAUTIFUL MATTRESS** sets New, in package with warranty. Queen \$169. King \$269. Pillow Top available. (734)604-8946 or (810)306-1999

**BEAUTIFUL WHITE** Cloud daybed with new twin mattress and link spring. Cost \$540. sell for \$150. Brand New! (517)521-1814

**BEDROOM SET,** girls, Broyhill, piece, maple, dresser, mirror 3 drawer chest, hutch, desk chair & white metal day bed, great cond. \$500. (248) 685-9700

**BEDROOM SET - 9 pc** solid Cherry hand carved 4 poster, nightstand, triple dresser w/iron fold mirror chest. Unused in-box. Cost \$7000. sell \$1800. (248)350 8864

**BEDROOM SET,** new 9 piece. Mason Phillip cherry sleigh bed, dresser, mirror 2 nightstand, armchair, still boxed. Cost \$8500. sacrifice \$2750. (248)350-8538

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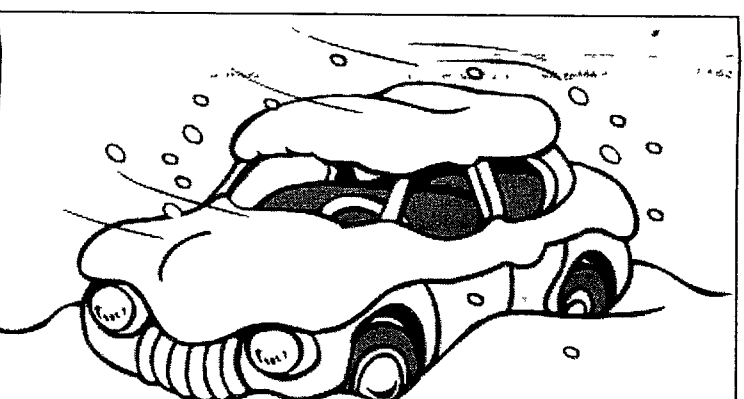
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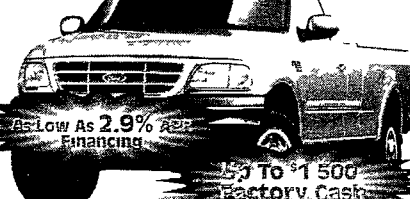
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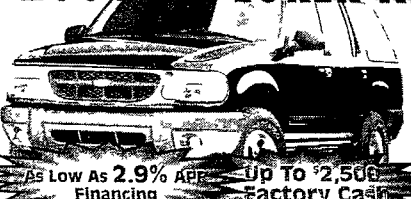
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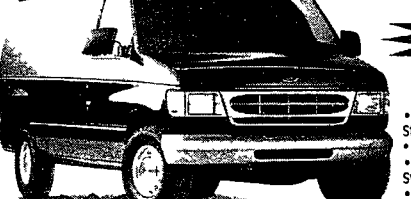
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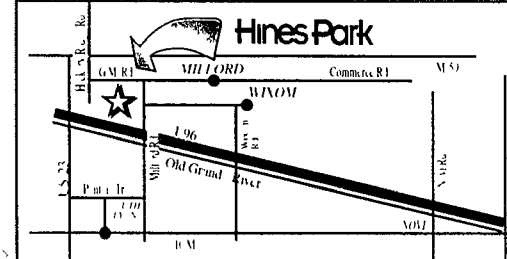
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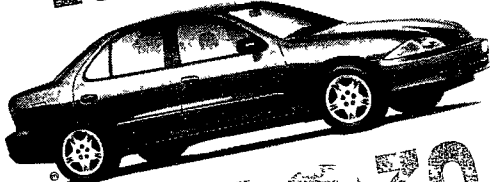


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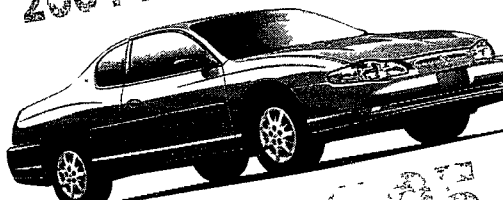
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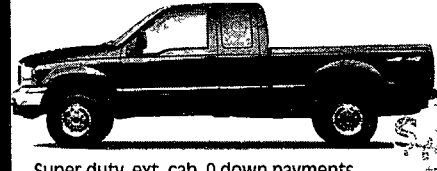


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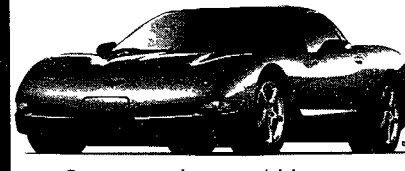
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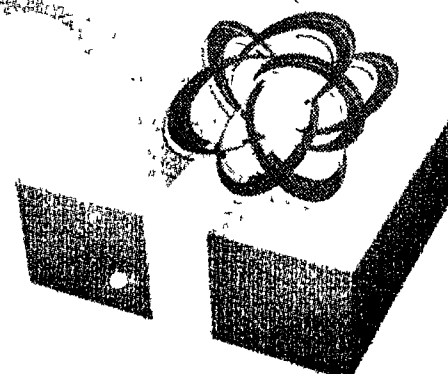
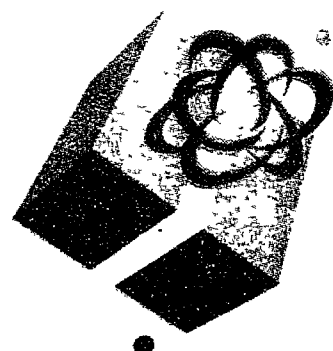
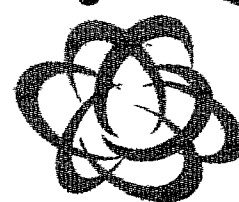
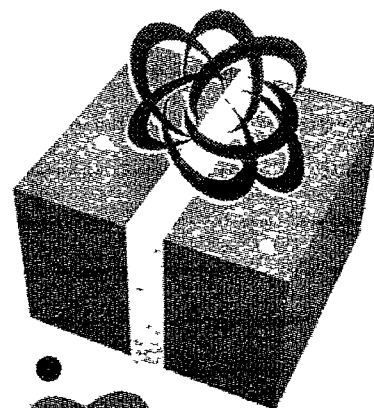
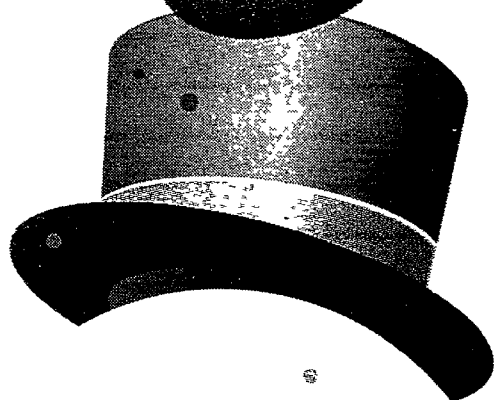
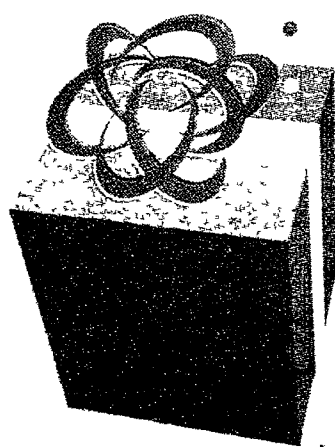
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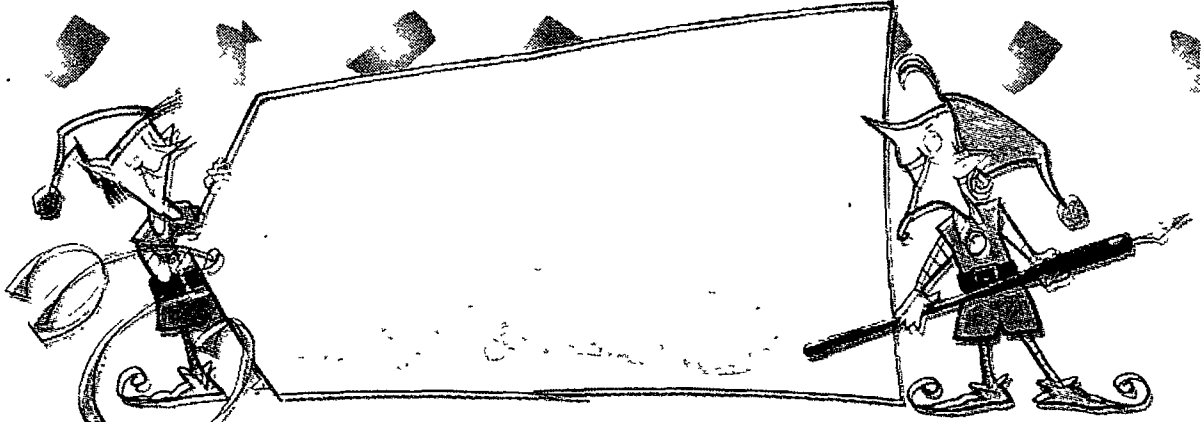


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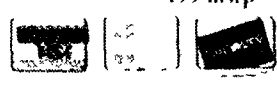


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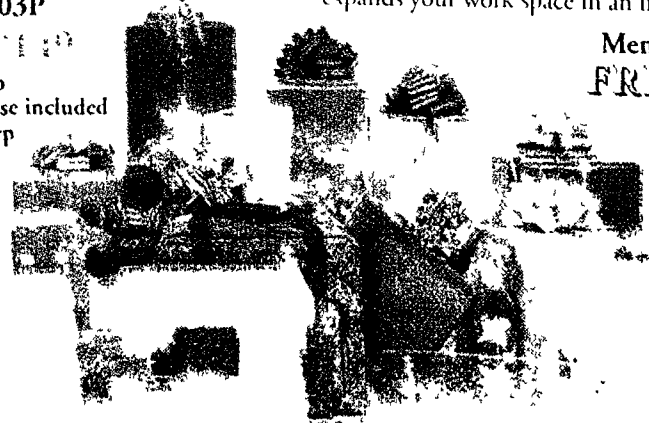
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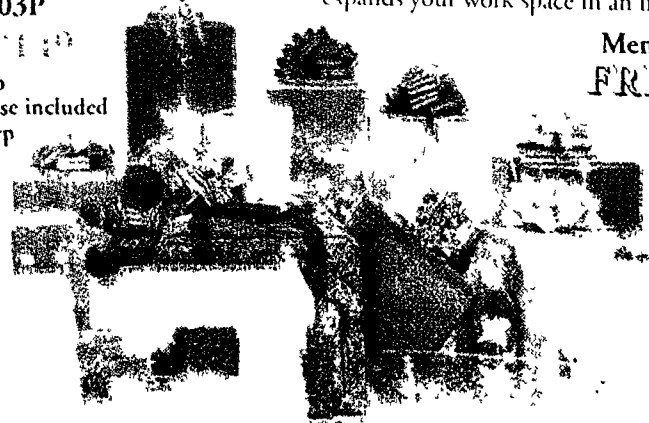
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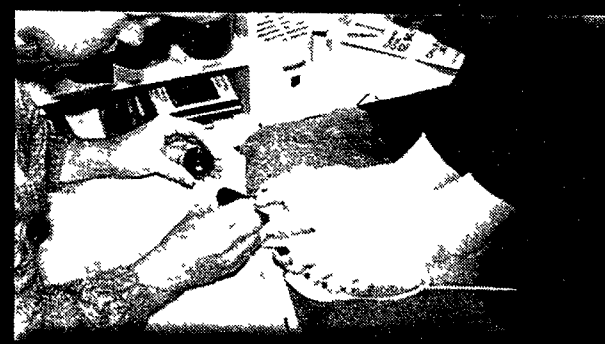
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# The Christmas Story

## Clergy tell how they keep an old tale sounding new

By Steven Spearie

Copley News Service

For most churches, Christmas means robed choirs singing of the coming of Christ, candles piercing the darkness. Gospel passages about the Nativity and filled pews.

So, when the spotlight hits the pastor for the sermon, what is left to be said?

"I think Christmas is the easiest sermon I ever have to give," said the Rev. Warren Raasch, dean of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Springfield, Ill. "There's such a sense of overpowerful-

ness that it almost preaches itself."

The Christmas sermon may not be the most theologically challenging - that is reserved for Easter - but ministers are increasingly turning to secular texts to further bring the familiar Christmas story to some sort of profundity. They also are connecting familiar images surrounding the Nativity - Joseph and Mary's being shut out from the inn, the light of the Star of the East and the gifts of the three kings, for instance - to modern-day events.

For the Rev. Tom Holinga of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Petersburg,

Ill., the Christmas sermon means reading a children's story, such as Richard Paul Evans' "The Christmas Candle."

The story is read after the Gospel lesson, with the church lights turned down and soft background music.

"You want to keep it simple," said Holinga. "Children's stories are filled with profound wisdom."

Holinga's Christmas sermons have become so popular that parishioners ask weeks in advance if he has the story picked out.

Raasch found a Christmas pageant story about an innkeeper so moved by

the plight of Mary and Joseph that he directs them to another inn after turning them away. The message, said Raasch, is "coming home." Just as families come home for Christmas, he explained, Mary, Joseph and Jesus found a home at an inn, albeit in a manger.

Just before the sermon, Raasch will read the Christmas account of the Apostle Luke. During the gospel, children will bring the creche figures into the manger.

"Some of the kids want to crawl into the manger, and let me tell you, it's touching," he said.

Beverly Wilkes, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Springfield, said she always tries to put Mary and Joseph in a historical context.

Mary was a young mother and unwed and "endured a lot of shame," said Wilkes. "There are people who still endure shame."

For Dan Roseberry, pastor of Springfield's New Life Church, "There is a time to preach, a time to teach and a time to read." During the Christmas Eve service, Roseberry said he'll simply read the Christmas narrative from the Gospel of Luke.

And Roseberry reminds his congregation to guard against Christmas becoming nothing more than a major shopping event.

"I encouraged people to keep the reason for Christmas in focus," he said. "It's difficult to do. There's a lot of pressure on us to perform."

For the Rev. Milton Bost at Pasfield Southern Baptist Church, the Christmas message is the capstone of a sequence of sermons that begin the first Sunday in December, though the planning takes place months in advance.

The Rev. Pat Cahill, pastor of St. Jude Catholic Church in Rochester, Ill., also said his sermons aren't extemporaneous products.

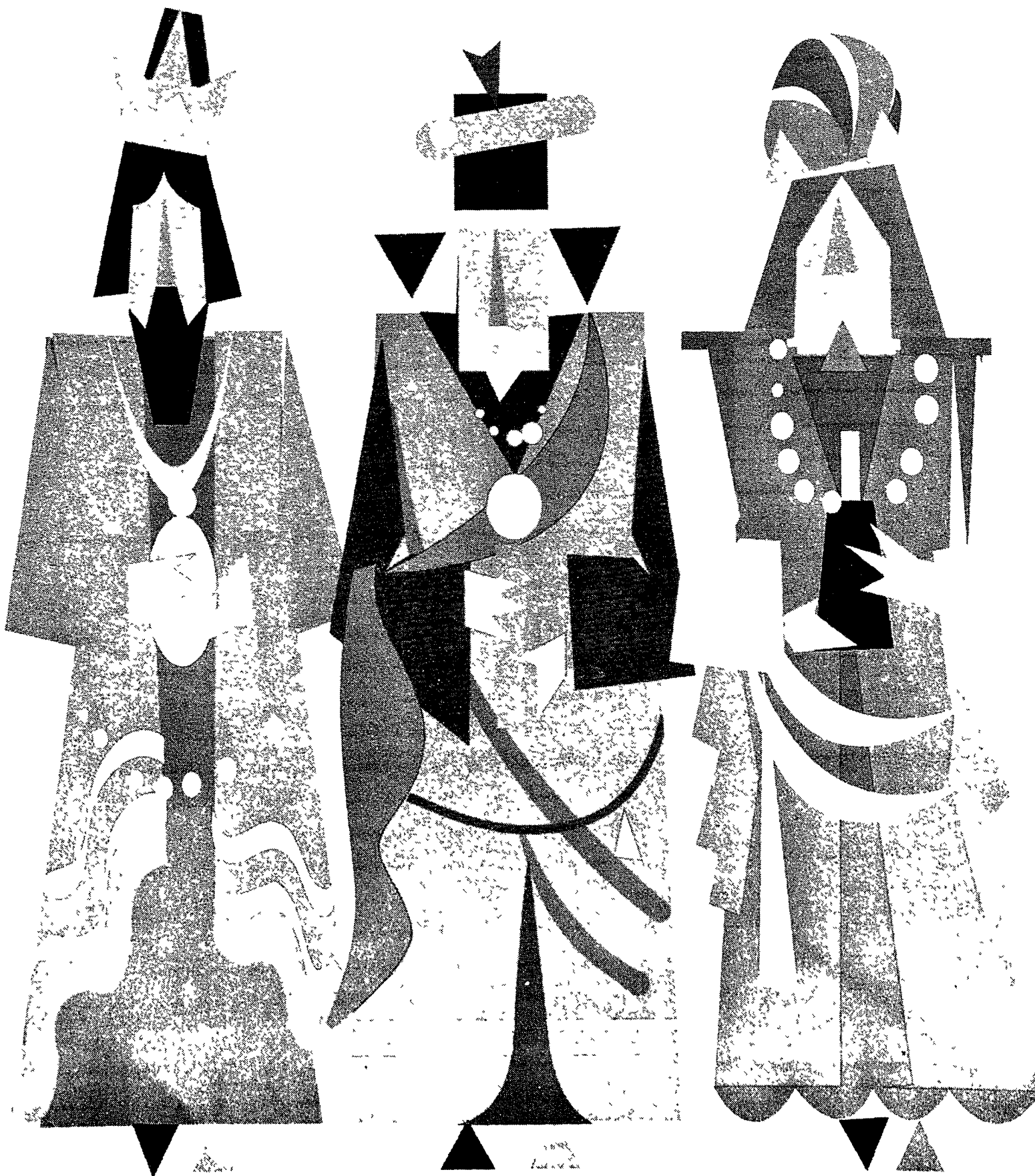
"I begin thinking about it the Sunday before," he said. "I read the text, think about it, type it out in my own mind and then rework it."

Parishioners expect something special for Christmas, according to Raasch.

"There's a desire by church members and those who they bring to hear a good sermon," he said. "It's not any undue pressure, but you always want to do the best you can."

Christmas services often mean plenty of new faces, and ministers see the season as a particularly inviting time.

"Christmas is a time for religious organizations to reach out to those people on the fringes, those searching for meaning, those hoping to reconnect," said Wilkes. "Christmas is a leverage opportunity for communities of faith to those hurting and in need of community."





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# Easy Entertaining

Turn your holiday season into a catered affair

**By Sharon Mosley**  
Copley News Service

This holiday season, give yourself a gift and have your holiday festivities served up by elves who are in the business of making your life easier - and catering to you.

"Nowadays, we entertain because it allows us to invest quality time and show one another that we care. This doesn't mean you have to spend a day or two planning a dinner," says Colin Cowie, one of the West Coast's pre-eminent specialists in entertaining, and author of several lifestyle books.

"Many rules and rituals of yesteryear no longer apply today, and we have had to adapt our lives differently," adds Cowie in his book, "Effortless Elegance" (HarperStyle). "And you don't have to prepare everything you serve," he says. "You get no medals for that. Besides, if the baker down the road bakes a better lemon tart than you, you should buy it. Your guests should always have the best.

"The only thing that has not changed is the reason why we entertain. It's to bring people together and create an opportunity to treat everyone around us like royalty."

So, if you've decided you're going to treat yourself and your friends to a royal holiday treat - whether it's an intimate dinner for six or a holiday buffet for 100 - there are a few secrets to finding the best caterer for your event, according to Robin Loucks and Karol Zoeller, co-authors of "The Designing Women Cookbook" (Morris Press), and two premier caterers in Little Rock, Ark.

"The secret to finding a great caterer lies in the questions you ask," says Loucks, who has owned her

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# Try Catering for Easy Entertaining

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own restaurant and written numerous food columns.

Here are the questions she and Zoeller suggest asking during the planning process of any caterer.

- Who have you used? In order to find a great caterer in your area, ask around and check with friends and business associates to see who they've used in the past.

"Word of mouth is the best recommendation," says Zoeller. "Get a reference from someone whose taste you trust."

Many catering businesses also have Web sites on the Internet and have referrals listed or will be happy to provide a potential client with references.

- Who is the person in charge? It seems like a simple question, yet it helps to deal with one contact person throughout the whole planning process so there are no misunderstandings.

- How is the food prepared? Another simple question that many clients never seem to remember to ask, says Loucks.

"Many people don't think to ask if the caterers prepare the food themselves or if they purchase it pre-prepared."

It can make a big difference, she says, in whether your fresh fruit salad is really "fresh" or a little on the soggy side because it was made with frozen bagged fruit from the local wholesale store.

Both Loucks and Zoeller prepare all their breads, sauces, etc., from scratch, using only the freshest ingredients available.

"A good caterer doesn't mind telling you exactly how the food is prepared," Loucks says. "Even the kind of olive oil they use can make a huge difference."

- Do you have menus I can review? This is a preliminary question that should give you a good idea of what kind of food the caterer specializes in. Ask about the "chef's specials" - items that the caterer is known for. Ask if you can mix and match from various menus. Then, you can tell the caterer your own preferences, whether it's for an outdoor brunch or a formal sit-down dinner. You may want to order a few things for your party, filling in the rest with a few of your own specialties of the house.

- What are the costs? Another seemingly simple question, but one that may not be easily answered, since some caterers charge a fee per person, while others price each "dish" separately.

"Some caterers charge so much per casserole, salads, etc., which will serve X number of people," says Zoeller. "This usually makes the cost higher."

It's a good idea to also inquire about portion sizes. The cake that serves eight of your dearest girlfriends, may not serve four at your husband's cigar club dinner.

- What does the price include? Does the price quoted include food only? Does it also include providing a staff who will serve the food? What about setup and cleanup.

"Most caterers charge a serving fee," says Zoeller, since servers are usually paid by the hour. There may be other charges also involved for bartenders, wait-staff, cooks, coat checkers, etc. Delivery charges are also often included. Be sure to ask these questions in

advance of your caterer.

Ask when the final payment is due, and if they take credit cards or personal checks. Also inquire about sales tax and gratuity policies. There's nothing that can dampen party spirits more than a quick dash to the ATM machine for tip money after midnight.

- Who will be responsible for serving pieces? This one can really get you into trouble, if you don't watch out. If you rather not spend time setting the scene or dragging out your grandmother's china and silver, then be prepared to talk to the caterer about appropriate linens, flatware, dishes and serving pieces. If you're renting a space, ask about options for tables, chairs, decorations, etc. Think about the overall impression of your guests - using paper plates and plastic wineglasses when you've gone to the trouble of hiring a caterer may not be the best idea.

- How will the staff be attired? It may be one question that is rarely asked, but it can make a big difference. Wait staff in black suits and white starched shirts circling with drinks vs. T-shirts and jeans - well, you don't have to ask about that one, now do you?

- Can I get a written proposal? And when? These questions are critical, and will allow you to sit down and think about all those other details that will make your holiday party a raving success for your friends and family. Don't forget to check on deposits and cancellations. After all, if Santa isn't feeling up to his or her jolly ol' self this time around, you may decide to wait until next year to throw a party.

For a copy of the official "Designing Women Cookbook," or for more information, call Landmarks Trust (formerly the Quapaw Quarter Association) at (501) 371-0075. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook benefit the Villa Marre restoration endowment fund - the Villa Marre is the historic Little Rock, Ark., home featured as the "Sugarbaker" design studio in the popular "Designing Women" TV series produced by Harry Thomason and Linda Bloodworth Thomason.

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# Professional Help

**Hire a cleaner to make things merry and bright**

**By Darcy L. Himes**  
Copley News Service

In the pell-mell holiday season, there's always a bevy of presents to buy and wrap, a tree to trim, decorations to put up, entertaining to plan, cookies to make - it's exhausting just to think about. Who has time left to clean the house?

"We get a lot of one-timer business during the holidays," says Theresa Happy, owner of Amaculate Housekeeping Service and Immaculate Janitorial in Spokane, Wash. "With Christmas parties and company coming over, they have so much to do, they don't have time to take care of the house."

Residential housecleaning services can be your ticket to less stress and a sparkling holiday-ready house.

The following suggestions offer ways to make the cleaning experience hassle-free, so you'll be able to fully participate in the holiday festivities.

## PROFESSIONAL CARE

Time will only be your friend this Christmas if you plan early - many housecleaning services are booked weeks or months in advance. Before the holiday crunch time sets in, take time to inquire about local housecleaning services in your area.

"The smart consumer is going to make some calls and base (the service decision) on the information they receive," says Lynne Denlinger, nine-year owner of suburban Philadelphia, Pa.-based Maid Brigade, a residential housecleaning service in West Chester.

Denlinger suggests looking in the local yellow pages

under "housecleaning" or "housekeeping" services.

Look for services that are licensed, bonded and insured. Services can provide both employee and client references for you to check.

Happy, who began Amaculate 15 years ago, currently coordinates 32 employees and says she's careful about who she hires and does background checks. She provides employee references upon request.

Bonded means an "honesty bond." For example, Happy explains, if something were to be stolen from a home, the insurance will pay if an employee is convicted or admits to the theft. Other types of insurances cover accidents that might happen to workers in the home and vary from state to state.

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When making calls to local housecleaning services, don't be shy - ask questions.

- Does the service have a business license? That makes it more legitimate, Happy says.
- How long have they been in business? If it's a new business, get recent client references.
- Are workers actual employees or subcontractors? Company employees often are held to a higher quality standard. Subcontracting, depending on state, can have complicated tax issues.
- Is the service part of a national chain or locally owned? Different services operate in different ways, according to private or corporate rules. Denlinger's Maid Brigade service, for example, is an independently owned local franchise of the national Maid Brigade company, based in Atlanta, Ga. They have more than 200 franchises spread throughout 26 states and Canada.
- Is the service a member of the Better Business Bureau? You can call your local BBB to check on the status of the service, and whether complaints have been filed.

Contact your local Chamber of Commerce, which will be a good source of information about both good and bad local housecleaning services, especially if you are just moving into town. Or, enlist recommendations from friends, neighbors or co-workers.

"Word of mouth is great," Happy says. "That's the best way to go."

## THE NITTY-GRITTY

Once you've chosen a service, you can get down to business deciding what exactly you need to have cleaned. The type of cleaning and chores done by professional services varies considerably. Charges can incur by the hour, room or square footage.

Denlinger, who operates Maid Brigade along with her husband, George, and daughter, Karen Longenecker, says, "People are very vague. They totally don't know what they want. They say, 'Come clean my house,' and they don't know what they need."

It behooves a potential client to make a list of top cleaning priorities, especially with holiday guests traipsing in and out of the house. Will Aunt Martha check your draperies for dust? Will Cousin Jane discreetly peek behind the couch for litter? Address those needs with the service. Chores such as cleaning light fixtures, blinds and indoor windows often are requested during the holidays.

Denlinger goes through an activity list with clients. She says it helps the client focus on what needs to be done and acts as a guide for the workers. Clients usually want a deep housecleaning in early December, right before they decorate. Other special needs might be requested, such as: silver polishing, extra kitchen cleaning (inside oven or refrigerator), and basement or guest bedrooms and baths.

Nearly 90 percent of Happy's business is residential cleaning - between 300 and 400 homes a week, she estimates, in Spokane and surrounding small towns. To her, communication is key when discussing cleaning expectations.

"I talk to them to see what they are looking for. I talk about what they can afford and what they want." She also asks customers if they want "quality" or "quantity" cleaning. Know your own personal style and be able to convey that to the service.

And, finally, confusion can arise about cleaning supplies. Some services charge more to bring their own cleaning supplies, some don't. Always ask about the ser-

vice's policy and agree on a system. Happy says some clients choose to provide their own supplies, due to allergies or certain brand preference.

## RESERVE THE DATE

Avoid more stress by making your cleaning appointment well in advance and be sure to tell the service if the cleaning will be done for a party or event.

"Don't wait until the day of the party to clean the house," Happy warns. She suggests a minimum of the day before if you are in a pinch, but the optimal time is two to three days in advance of your event. Unforeseen illness, underestimated work time by the service or last-minute service cancellations can and do happen. With a few days' leeway, the chances of rescheduling are higher.

"Give yourself a few days grace," Happy says.

## EXPECT PERKS AND MORE

You should get what you pay for when hiring a service.

"(Clients) should definitely expect the person to be honest and not steal from them, to arrive on time, to be there the length of time expected, and to be busy and do a good job," Happy says.

Dawn Burpee, computer science student and mother of two children, ages 10 and 16, has had her home cleaned in early December by Amaculate for the past three years and will "definitely" have it done again this year.

"I just don't have the time," says Burpee, a Spokane resident who plans large family gatherings each Christmas. "The stress factor was just too much for me."

She says the cleaning takes "four hours, a crew of three people and it's done." After the cleaning, she decorates her home.

The hands-down benefits of hiring a professional cleaning service during the holidays is less stress and more time to do other things you need to do, Happy says.

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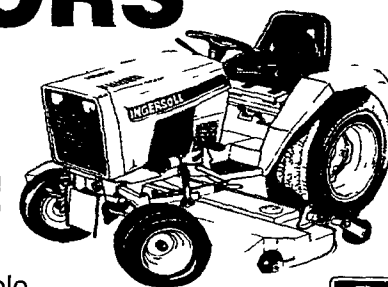
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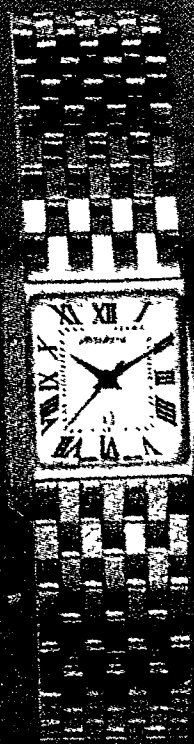
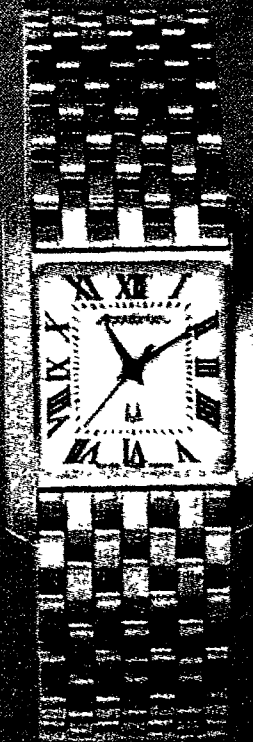
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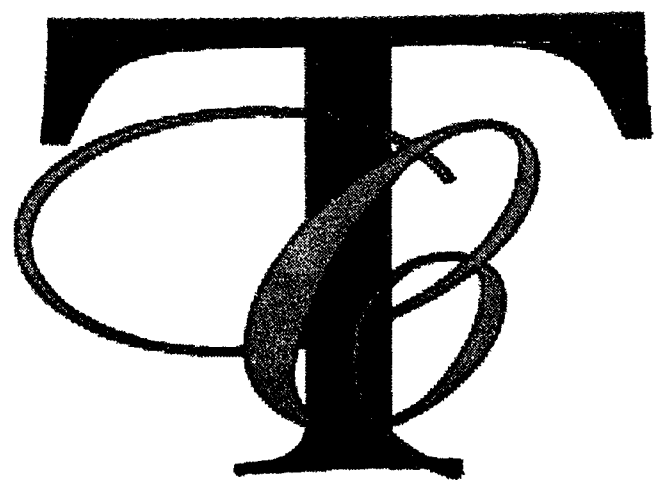
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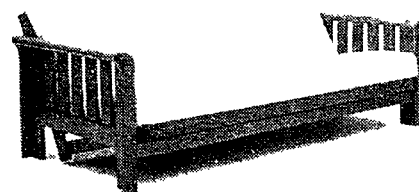
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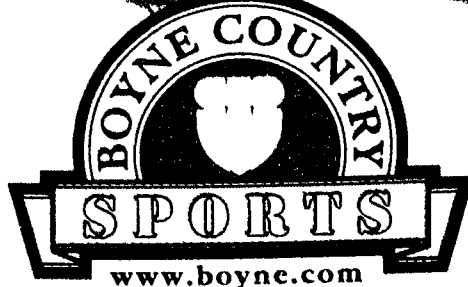
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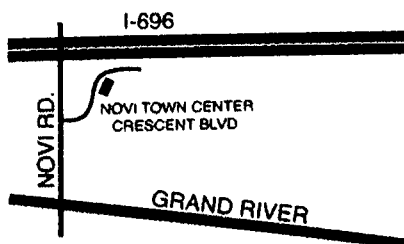
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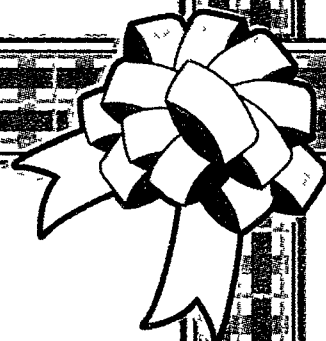
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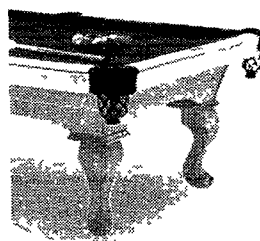
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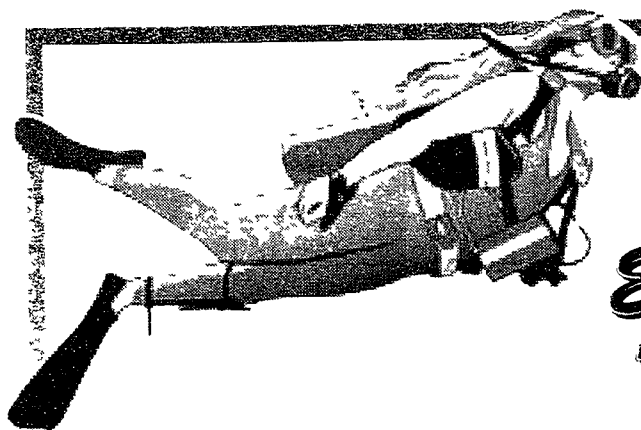


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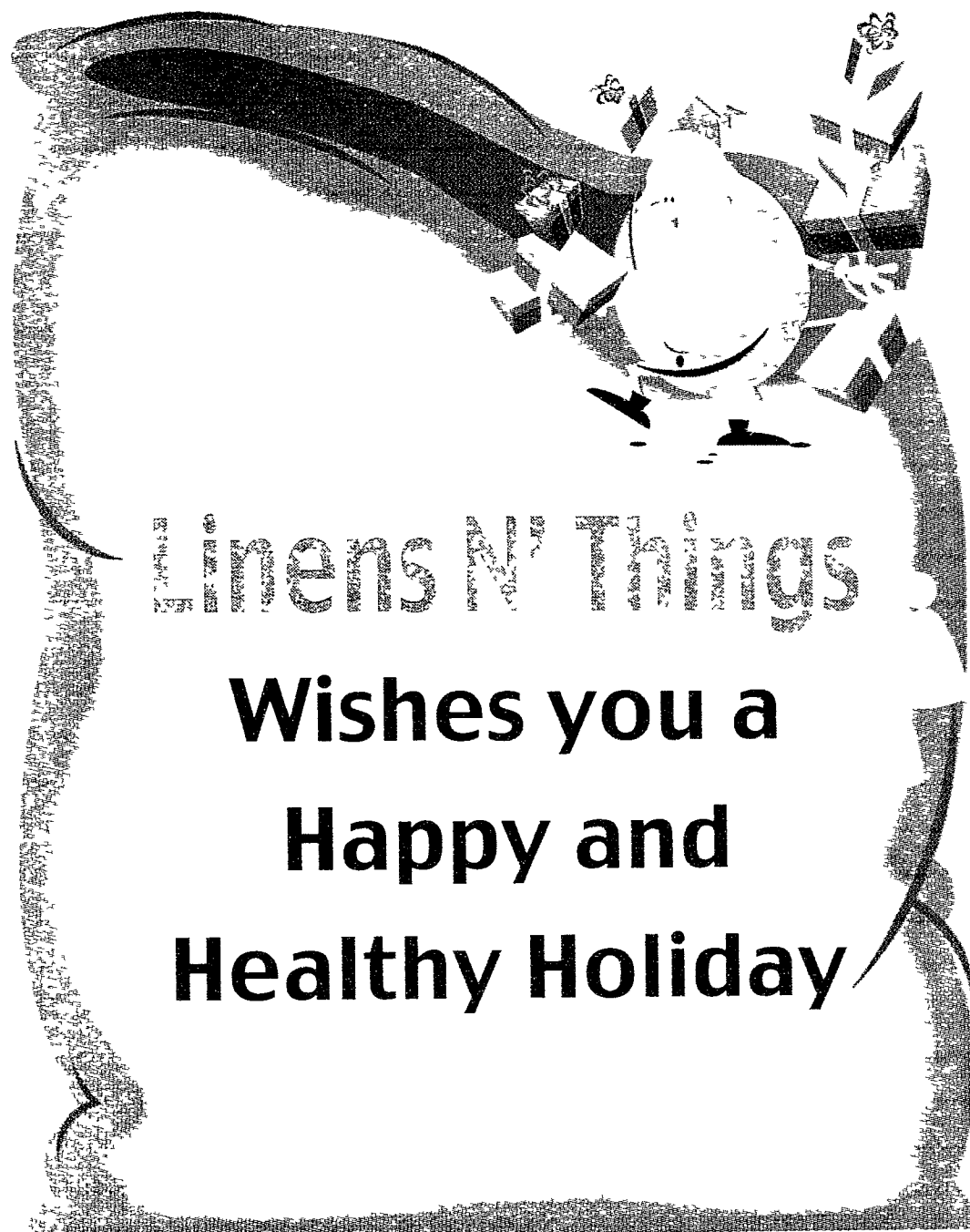
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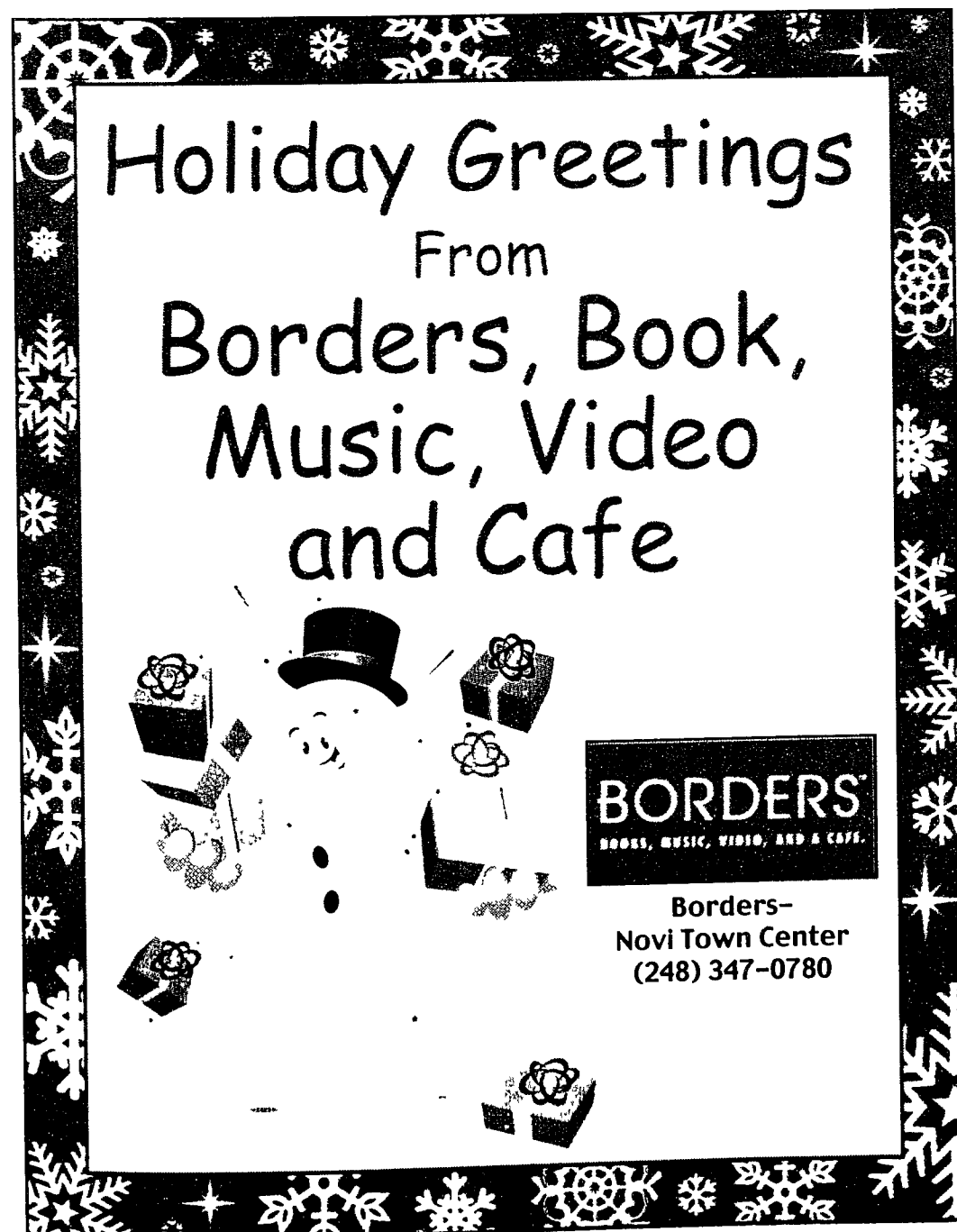
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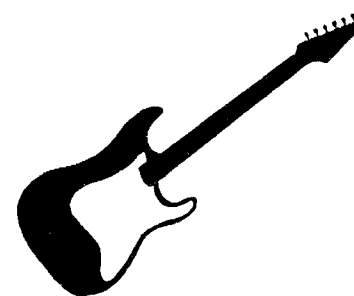
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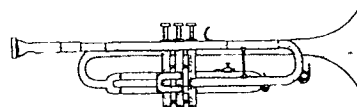
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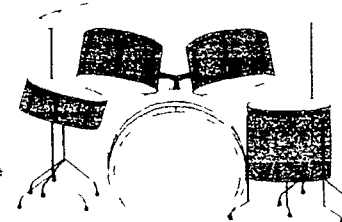


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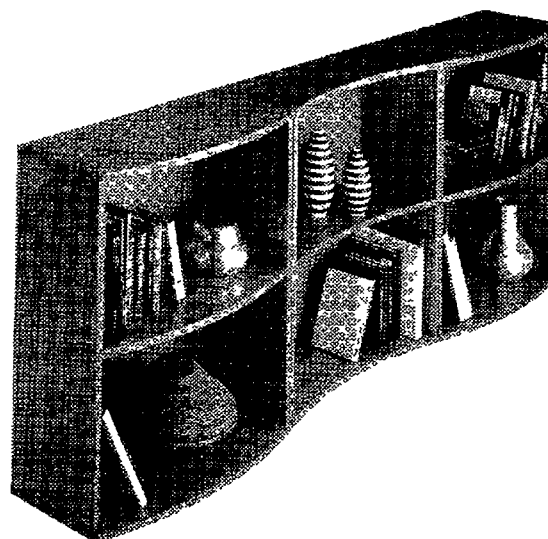
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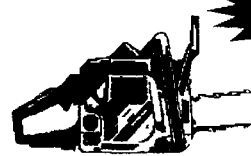
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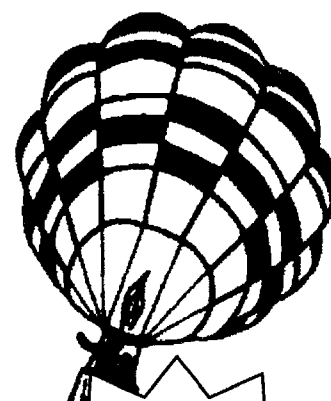
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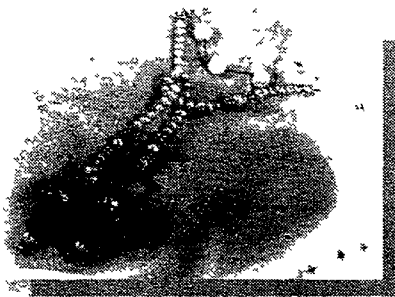
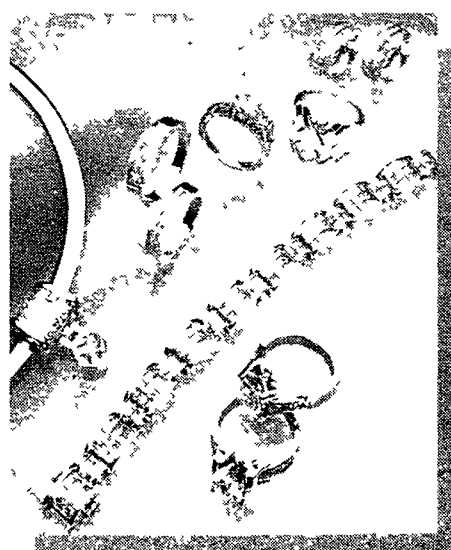
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# It's Just a Snap

A candid photo captures the moment with Santa

By Sharon Mosley  
Copley News Service

It's a holiday tradition in many families with small children - photos with Santa. Pictures that create fond memories for years to come hung by the chimney with care. But how do you make sure this treasured experience doesn't turn your toddler into a terror of tears?

One veteran of the holiday photo scene thinks she may have a few answers for parents who want their children to remember the joy and wonder of sitting on Santa's lap, not the fear and apprehension. When Santa comes to Macy's each year and the flashbulbs start popping, everybody smiles, according to Jean McFaddin, senior vice president for Macy's, who has overseen the store's famous Thanksgiving Day Parade and Santa Land Christmas event for the past 24 years.

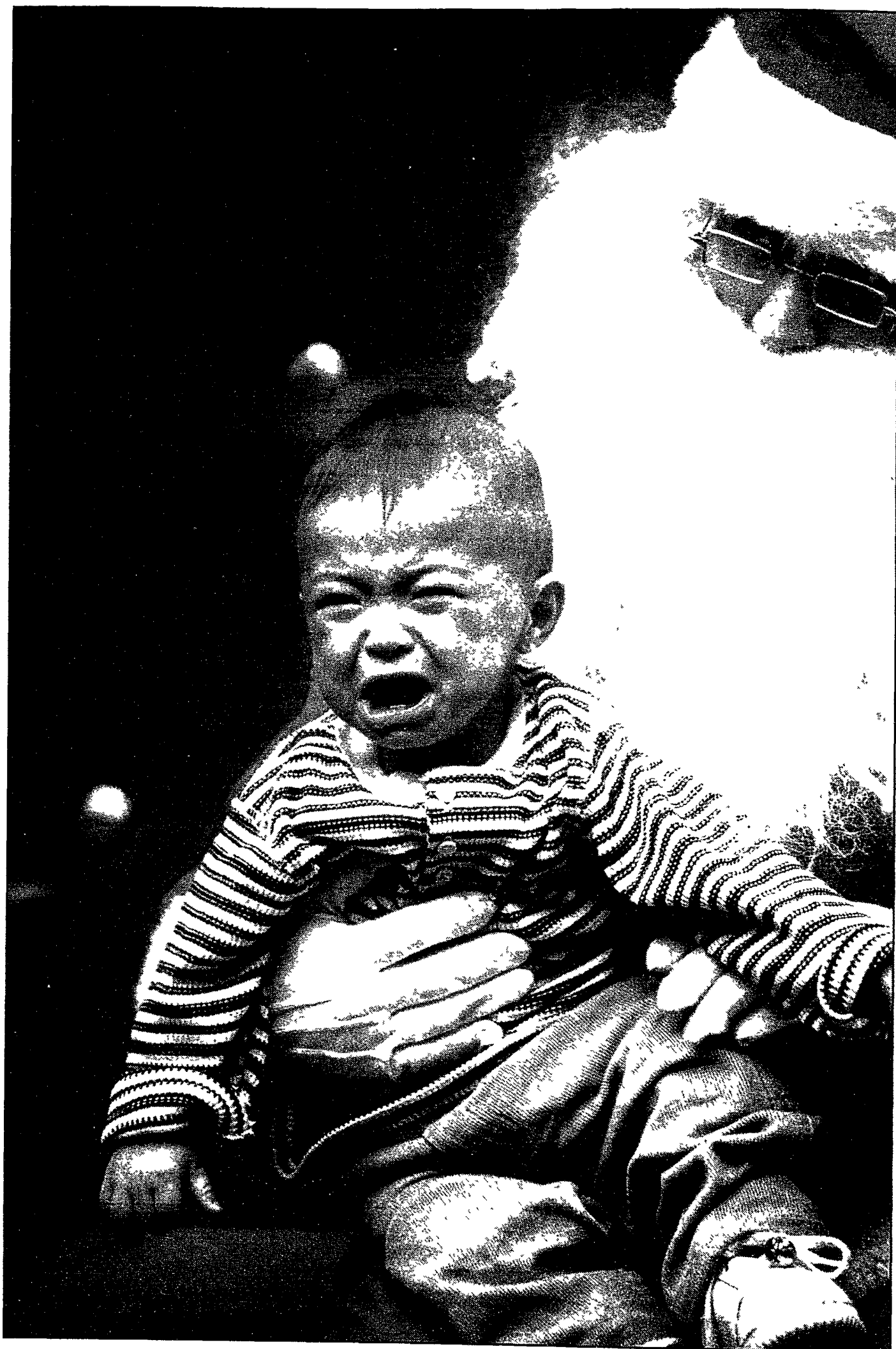
"I am one of Santa's best friends," says McFaddin, who welcomes over 300,000 kids and their parents into Macy's enchanting yuletide tradition on the eighth floor every year at Herald Square in New York City. "The real Santa's been coming here for a long time," adds McFaddin, referring to the store's famous setting for the beloved movie "Miracle on 34th Street" that has become a holiday classic.

Macy's turns into a magical place the day after Thanksgiving, with a 13,000 square-foot Santa Land that comes alive with talking trees, teddy bears, a candy factory and an imaginary train that rumbles and roars as parents and their kids make their way through the forest to see Santa stationed at his command post.

Years ago, McFaddin and her staff decided to make the inevitable wait pleasurable.

"I know many children are overwhelmed when they come to see Santa," she says. "We try to make it all a positive experience for all ages."

McFaddin feels that this interactive atmosphere established before the photos are even clicked is one of the most important factors in achieving memorable portraits. "It's a stimulating experience for the imagination and the truth of the holiday spirit comes through. The parent and the child can share a special time together."



A visit with Jolly Ol' St. Nick isn't always all smiles when unsuspecting toddlers first encounter the man in red. But tears are brief and a candid photo provides a lifetime of memories.

The Macy's staff stresses the "quality" of the visit, says McFaddin. She encourages parents to do the same by allowing their children to take a few minutes to get to know Santa. "Parents should stand back and let Santa create a bond with the child," she says.

Since Santa is usually a large and imposing figure to small children, the "real" Santa at Macy's always speaks in a soft voice, adds McFaddin. "It takes a few minutes for this big person to gain the confidence of the child," she says. "You can't rush it."

At Macy's, Santa's special elves take digital photographs that will be available immediately after the visit, eliminating the wait for those special holiday shots. Parents are welcome to take candid photos and

videos of the sitting, but McFaddin doesn't always feel that staged poses make the best pictures.

"The best photos that capture the essence of the child are usually not those where the child is grinning ear to ear," she says. "It's amazing."

And one last word from jolly St. Nick's best friend. "Santa never promises a specific toy," says McFaddin. "But he'll always try his best to bring them what they want, of course. The important thing about this whole experience should be the spirit of love and giving that comes from it."

A great photograph is also nice. But, remember, if your child does get Santa stage fright, there's always Christmas morning - and there's always next year.



# Eat, Drink & be Merry

## Holiday tips for Yuletide enjoyment

### POP GOES THE BUBBLY

More than any other time of the year, New Year's Eve is champagne's big night. Celebrations abound as relatives and neighbors drop by to toast the new year. So, pull out a chilled bottle of bubbly and follow these tips for uncorking with flair:

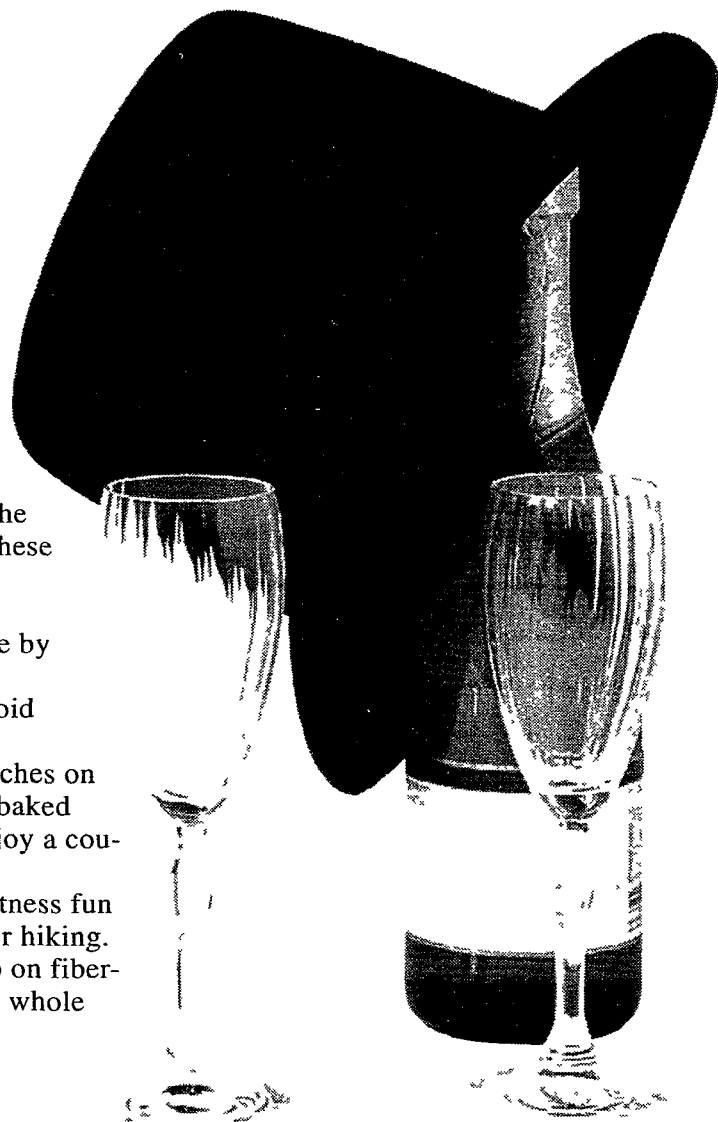
- Remove the outer foil wrap and untwist but do not remove the wire cage.
- Keep a thumb on top of the bottle to prevent an unexpected pop of the cork.
- Cover the cork and wire cage with a cloth. Hold the bottle at a 45-degree angle to help equalize the pressure in the bottle's neck.
- Gently twist the cork (with the wire cage still attached) in one direction while twisting the bottle in the opposite direction. The cork should ease smoothly from the bottle with a delicate pop.
- Pour a splash of the sparkling wine slowly down the side of a tilted champagne flute. Allow the bubbles that quickly form to diminish, then slowly fill the glass.

### EAT, DON'T FRET

Visions of sugar plums, baloney. Visions of chocolate candy, holiday cookies and potatoes with plenty of gravy are more like it.

So, how can you enjoy the goodies of the season and not break the scale? Follow these tasty tops:

- Cut calories and double your pleasure by sharing holiday treats with a friend.
- Eat before conquering the mall to avoid going overboard.
- Add nutrition where you can; try peaches on pancakes, load veggies on pizza or top a baked potato with salsa and you'll be free to enjoy a couple of treats.
- Be active and keep moving. Make fitness fun by planning an ice-skating party, skiing or hiking.
- Before hitting the buffet table, fill up on fiber-rich foods such as cereal-topped yogurt, whole grain breads, bran muffins and pretzels.



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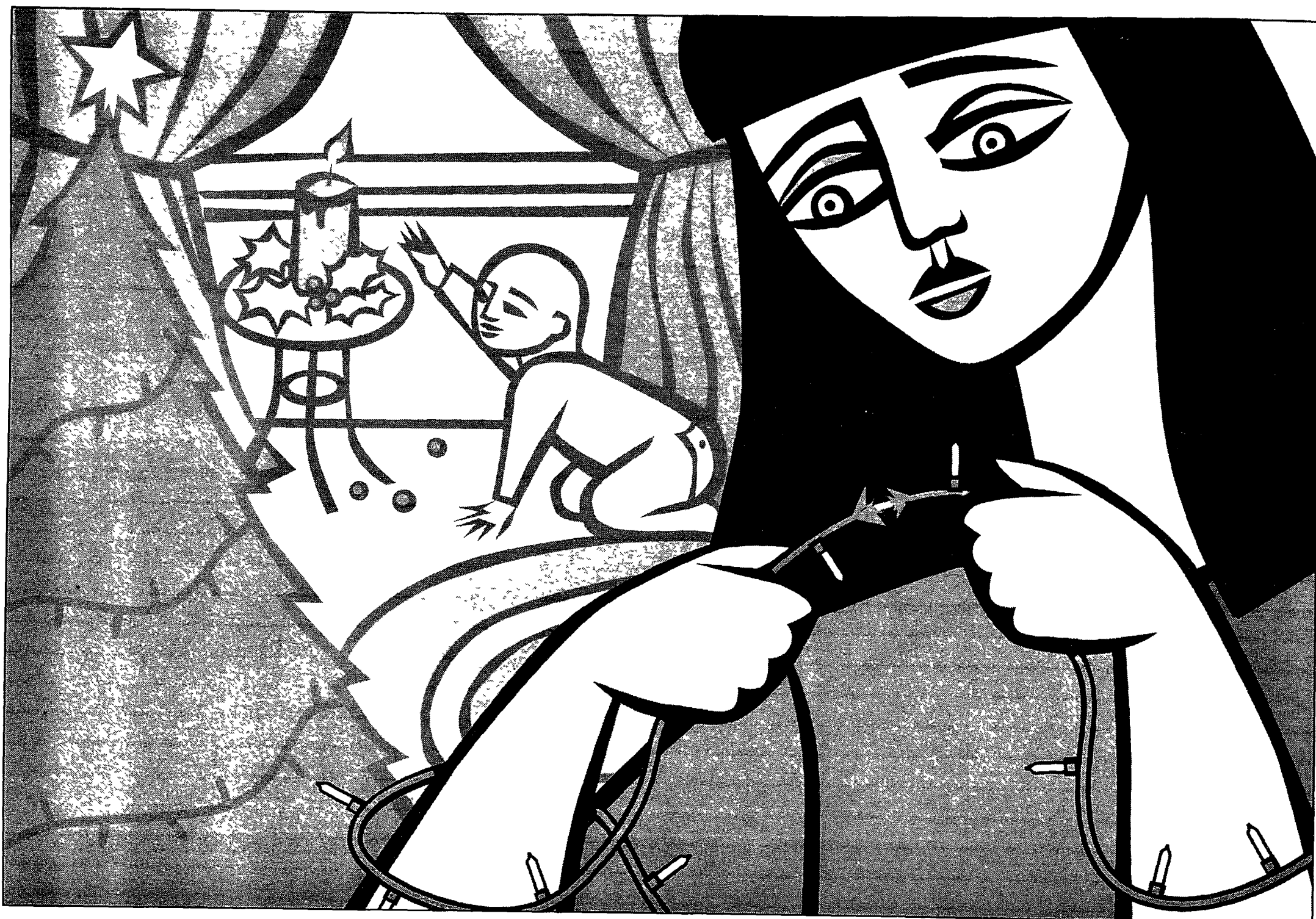
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# Better Watch Out

## Remember to take time for holiday safety

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The scene is all too familiar. Frenzied parents busily rushing through packed-to-the-ceiling aisles searching for the perfect gifts and decorations to celebrate their holiday festivities. Many parents feel relief when they're done, but they may not realize that their work has just begun. With all the decorating, gift-giving and festivity fanfare, making your holiday safe for children will be the most important preparation of all.

"It's easy to become caught up in holiday preparations and to overlook the potential hazards of decoration," says Sharon Schultz, DuPage County (Ill.) Safe Kids Coalition. "Whether you're putting up a Christmas tree or lighting the menorah or Kwanzaa candles, taking simple precautions can help make your holidays more joyful and safe."

The Safe Kids Coalition recommends the following tips to keep your holiday season safe:

### LIGHTS AND CANDLES

Decorate your tree using only UL (Underwriters' Lab Inc.) approved lights and cords. Inspect lights for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections or broken sockets. Do not overload extension cords. Use no more than three strings of lights on one extension cord, and never run an electrical cord under a carpet.

- Be sure to secure electrical cords so that children cannot pull them and topple the tree. Keep toddlers away from electrical fixtures and install outlet plate covers or large outlet

covers on electrical sockets when they are not in use. Small plastic outlet covers may pose a choking hazard.

- Turn off the tree lights when you go to bed, depart from home or leave the tree in an unattended room.
- Keep burning candles out of children's reach; keep matches and lighters out of sight and locked away. Do not leave candles unattended.
- Teach children not to touch burning candles.
- Do not place candles near draperies or anything that might easily catch fire.

### CHRISTMAS TREES

Look for a fresh tree if you choose to buy a natural tree. Fresh trees are less likely to catch fire than older trees. (A safer option is to buy a fire-resistant, artificial tree.)

- Keep your tree in a container full of water and check it daily.
- Use a wide-based stand to make sure the tree is secure and will not fall over.
- Cover the tree basin with a tree skirt or blanket.
- Keep the tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces, radiators and heating vents.
- Cut back the lower branches to avoid eye injuries to small children.

### POISONS

While preparing your home for the holidays, be aware of seemingly innocent and unexpected forms of poisons.

- Open the flue in your fireplace when burning wood to provide adequate ventilation. The risk of carbon monoxide poisoning increases dramatically in the winter. Proper ventilation reduces the risk. Check fuel-burning appliances annually and before use in cold-weather months. Install UL-approved carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

- Keep alcoholic drinks and containers out of reach. Holiday beverages such as eggnog laced with alcohol may be sweet and inviting to young children. Do not leave alcoholic drinks unattended. They could be harmful if consumed by children.

- Keep common baking ingredients such as vanilla and almond extract out of reach. They contain high levels of alcohol and may be harmful to young children.

- Beware of fire salts used in fireplaces to produce colored flames. They contain heavy metals and cause intense gastrointestinal irritation or vomiting if eaten.

- Keep poisonous plants out of reach. Watch for holly and mistletoe berries that fall on the ground because they are very poisonous if eaten.

- Other poisonous holiday plants include: amaryllis, azalea, boxwood, Christmas rose, Crown of Thorns, English ivy and Jerusalem cherry. Contrary to popular belief, poinsettias are not poisonous, but they can cause skin irritation and gastrointestinal distress.

The National Safe Kids Campaign is the first and only national organization dedicated solely to the prevention of unintentional childhood injury - the No. 1 killer of children ages 14 and younger.



# Ka-ching! What will this year's spending spree total?

By Sharon Mosley  
Copley News Service

Got \$1,000 or more stashed away for all those holiday gifts? You may need even more if you're a guy who really wants to impress his friends and family.

According to the American Express post-holiday shopping survey, men spent \$1,493 on gifts for the 1999 holiday season. This was over \$500 more than women, who spent on the average of \$983.

Spending on gifts grew dramatically over 1998. Holiday shopping budgets for gifts, travel, entertaining and decorations totaled \$1,558, with Americans spending an average of \$1,199 on gifts in 1999, compared to \$865 last year.

Consumers spent \$167 vs. \$134 on holiday entertaining; \$96 vs. \$45 on travel; and \$60 vs. \$64 on decorations and gift wrap with an additional \$35 on miscellaneous items. This generous holiday spirit is enough to make Santa very jolly, indeed.

If this spending spree continues, and retailers are betting that it will, American consumers will take out their credit cards and plunk them down for even more purchases this year. Last year's post-holiday shopping survey indicated that 34 percent of Americans splurged on someone during the holiday season. Of those who bought something special for their kids or their spouse, they spent on average \$436. Quite a treat from Santa, wouldn't you agree?

The most popular gifts for kids always seem to include clothing (28 percent in 1999); dolls and action figures like the Millennium Barbie and Pokemon last year (18 percent); electronics (15 percent); books (11 percent); and video games (8 percent).

This year, retailers predict the hot toys will be more of the same. Watch for scooters and interactive pets to be big-ticket

items on Santa's wish lists. For more toy trends, log onto toysrus.com and see what Chris Byrne, "The Toy Guy," has to say. He won't steer Santa wrong.

Adults like to give clothes as gifts to each other, too. Over half, (56 percent) bought clothes as gifts last year; 45 percent purchased electronics; 21 percent chose to give gift certificates and 19 percent spent money on women's accessories and jewelry.

With time increasingly sparse around the holiday season, (45 percent of us do our shopping three days before Christmas), online shopping has grown dramatically, according to the Retail Index, which found that the number of consumers who bought gifts on the Internet during the 1999 holiday season nearly tripled from 6 percent in 1998 to 16 percent this year. Ninety-five percent of holiday Internet users said their online shopping experience was positive; 96 percent indicated they would shop online in the future.

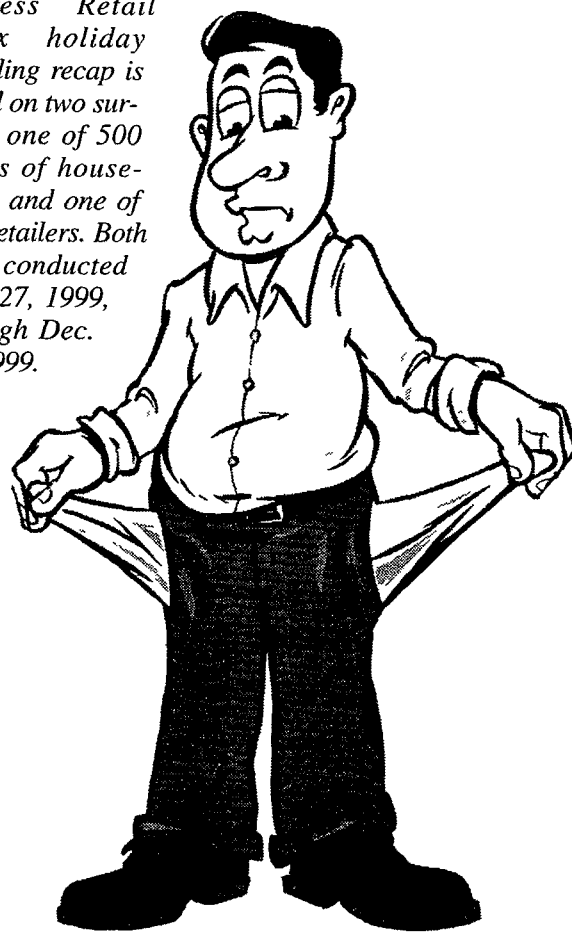
Most online shoppers made a purchase directly from a retailer's Web site. The most popular gifts purchased online were toys, followed by electronics, books (including magazines and/or magazine subscriptions), music/movies and clothing.

But for many of us, nothing beats the hustle and bustle of the holiday shopping experience. According to the American Express survey, while online shopping is gaining in popularity, shoppers still purchased most of their gifts at "brick and mortar" outlets, visiting an average of six stores. The most popular places to shop included department stores (60 percent), discount department stores (35 percent), specialty stores, including clothing, footwear, etc. (21 percent), and toy stores (17 percent).

The biggest reason we all like to shop at our favorite stores? We like all those sales, we like the stock availability and, yes, we like the helpful salespeople.

So, whether you shop at home this holiday season, or you brave the crowds at the local mall, there is more than one way to spend \$1,000. Try not to spend it all in one place!

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# Merry and Bright

## Avoiding stress gives many hope for the holidays

By Stephanie Eastwood

Copley News Service

Going home for the holidays isn't always easy, and it's no wonder. From Halloween to New Year's Day, grinning elves and jingling bells remind us at every turn that this is the season for joy, good will and holiday cheer.

With such impossible expectations lingering in the pine-scented air, every family's minor disputes and unresolved issues are bound to be magnified. Nagging mothers seem to nag more, bickering couples bicker more, critical siblings criticize more and thoughtless in-laws think less. Even families that usually get along feel the strain from the constant rush of shopping, baking, traveling and trying to please everyone.

The solutions: Accept the fact that it's impossible to please everyone all the time; lose the guilt; and if all else fails, keep your mouth shut.

"I always encourage people to do what they want to do," said Stephanie Lyons, family therapist at Arbor Counseling in Gurnee, Ill. "It seems when people talk about the obligations, they lose the enjoyment of the holidays."

If you dread shuffling your family between houses, cities or even states to celebrate where habit dictates, offer to have the party at your house this year. If serving Christmas dinner to 50 relatives terrifies you, hold smaller gatherings throughout the season and serve only coffee and cookies.

If the prospect of another New Year's Eve in front of the television at your in-laws' house makes you shudder, decline their invitation and invite them over for dinner on New Year's Day. In short, forget what's been done before and do whatever it takes to enjoy the season.

### DO WHAT YOU WANT

Phil Kirschbaum, a family therapist at Gurnee Counseling, said the people who are the unhappiest during the holidays are those who go through the motions of pleasing others without considering their own needs.

"People are doing what they think they have to do or should do," he says. "If you do what hasn't worked, then you get more of the same. I think it's really important that people look to start their own traditions."

Designing your own tradition could be as simple as serving baked Alaska instead of pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving or going bowling on Christmas Eve instead of opening presents. Starting new traditions doesn't have to mean abandoning old ones, but it's a good way to set limits, Kirschbaum said.

For example, instead of spending an entire day with relatives who test your patience, spend the morning celebrating a new tradition with your immediate family and arrive at the relatives' house in time for dinner. That way, you can fill an obligation without maxing out your coping skills.

"If family is a source of suffering, I say set some limits around the contact and get with the people that love you," he said. "Expand your definition of family to be the people you love and who love you the most."

### JUST SAY NO

The key to the success of this approach is being able to say no.

"Setting that kind of limit, that's a real hallmark for a lot of people," Lyons said. "That's part of growing up and a lot of people never do it."

Declining invitations can be a difficult task, especially if that "no" will be followed by a guilt trip. Before making your final decision, weigh the guilt to see if it's something you can live with or if it's something that will cause you to lose sleep for the next year. But, remember, unhealthy guilt is being a solution to someone else's unhappiness, and that's not a realistic expectation, Kirschbaum said.

"That sort of toxic guilt is really useless, and wearing yourself out isn't going to take care of that other person's suffering," he said.

If your enjoyment of the holiday depends on saying "no" to a loved one, Kirschbaum and Lyons said an honest but sympathetic approach works best.

"I don't think making excuses or trying to couch it in sugary words helps," Kirschbaum said. "Ultimately, we have to work it out. It's most fair and most helpful to be honest about what you want. I think people can handle the truth."

Lyons recommended starting the conversation by acknowledging the other person's feelings and apologizing for being the cause of those feelings with phrases such as: "I know you'll be disappointed and I'm sorry, but ..." or "I'm sorry if this hurts your feelings, but. ..."

If saying "no" isn't on your agenda, look for ways to make family time more fun.

### THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Reminiscing is one way to

start pleasant conversations and avoid arguments with relatives, Lyons said.

Ask Aunt Martha to tell you about her favorite holiday memory to get her off the subject of your failed attempt at homemade cranberry sauce or ask your sister-in-law to tell you about her family's traditions, and maybe you'll discover a common bond.

"It brings out the positive connections we all have when families reminisce," she said. "People are able to rejoice in that connection we all really long for."

For Edie Vail of Libertyville, Ill., there are two solutions to holiday stress: hotels and biting her tongue.

Although she enjoys having her parents visit from Florida during the holidays, squeezing them into the busy household of three kids and two dogs makes for a stressful few weeks.

"When you're out of your house for so long, it can be trying to go back to that," said Vail, who recommended putting out-of-town guests up in hotel rooms whenever possible. "You kind of fall back into old habits, like your mom telling you how to do everything. It's like, 'Mom, I'm 46 and I have three kids. I know what I'm doing.'"

Her second bit of advice is that no matter how annoyed you get, keep it to yourself. After all, the season is short and relatives won't be around forever.

"The last thing you want to do is create friction," she said. "Try to be gracious and remember that they are your family."





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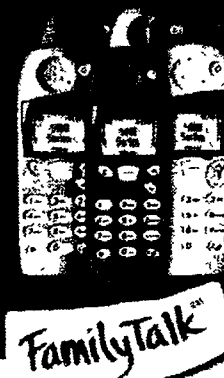
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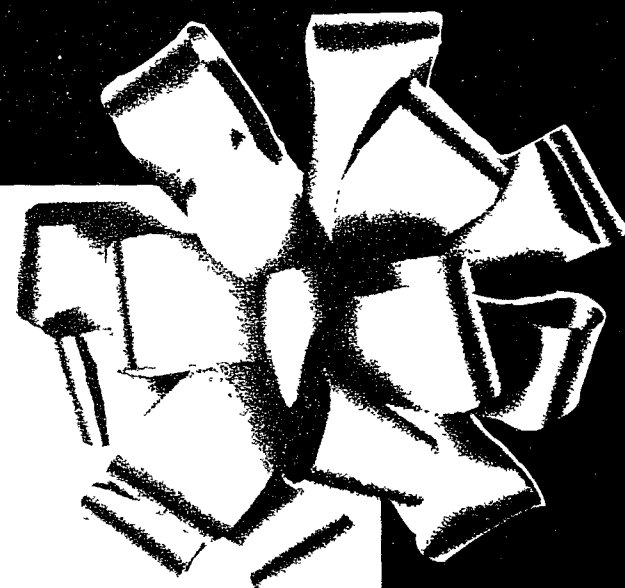
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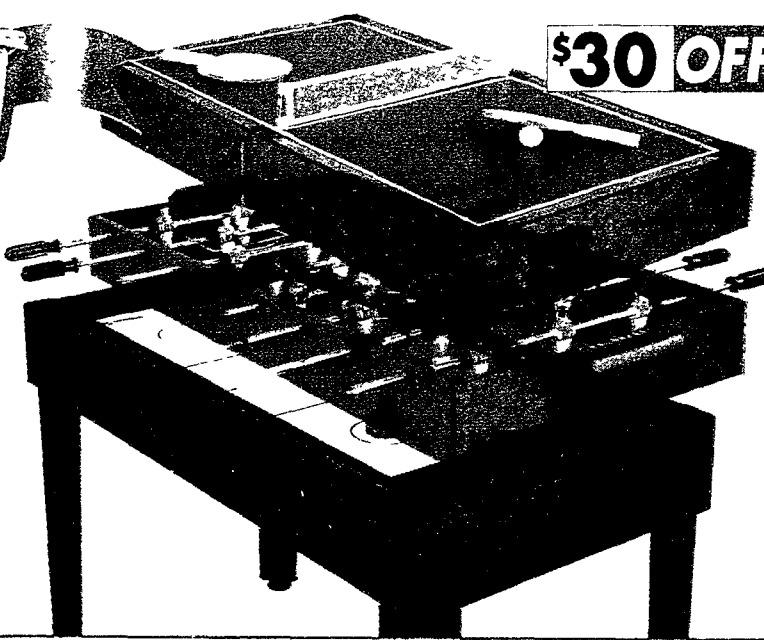


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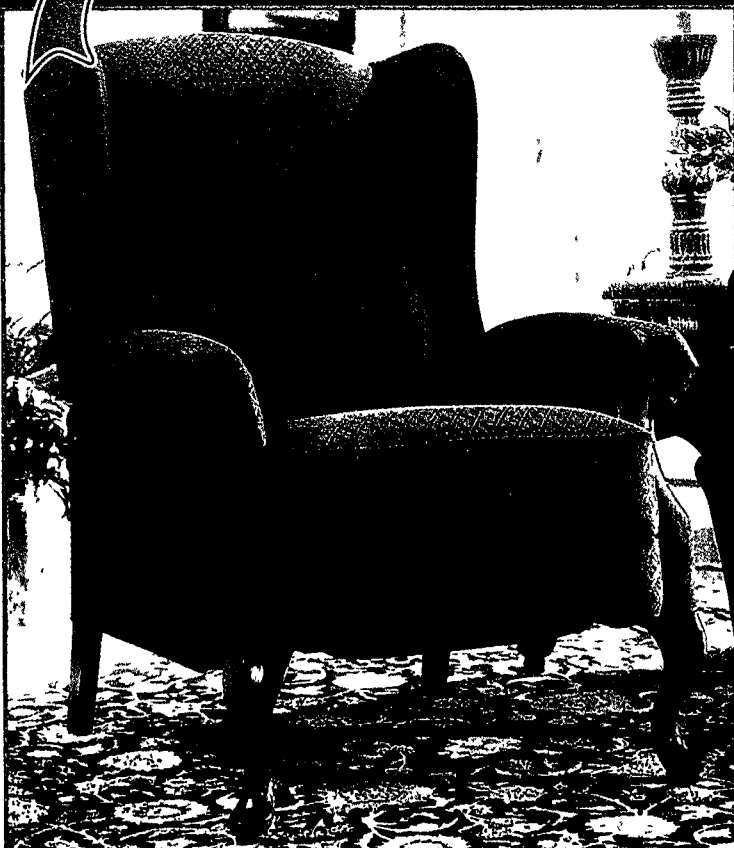


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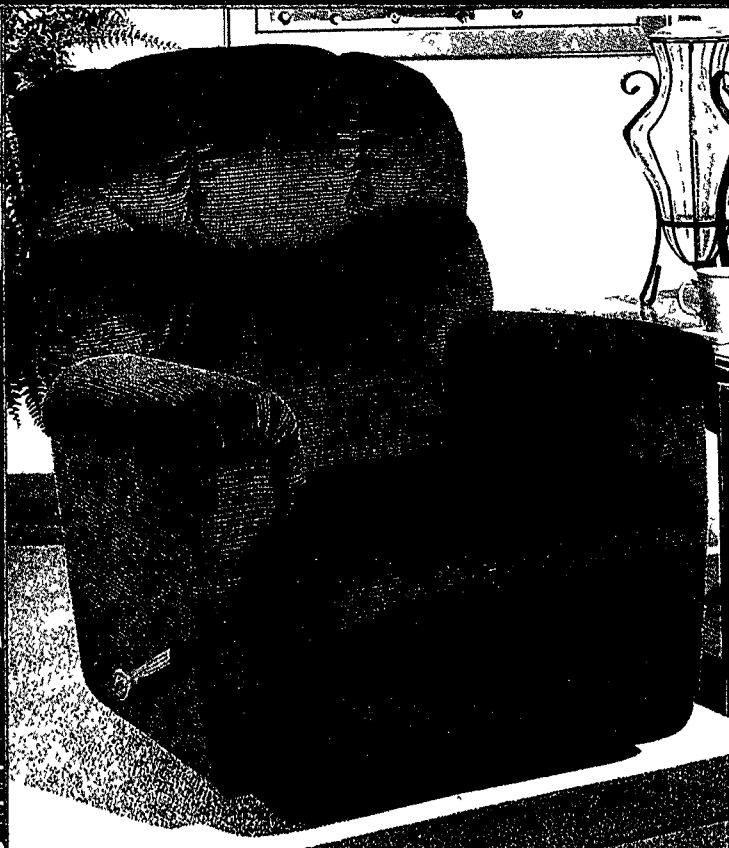
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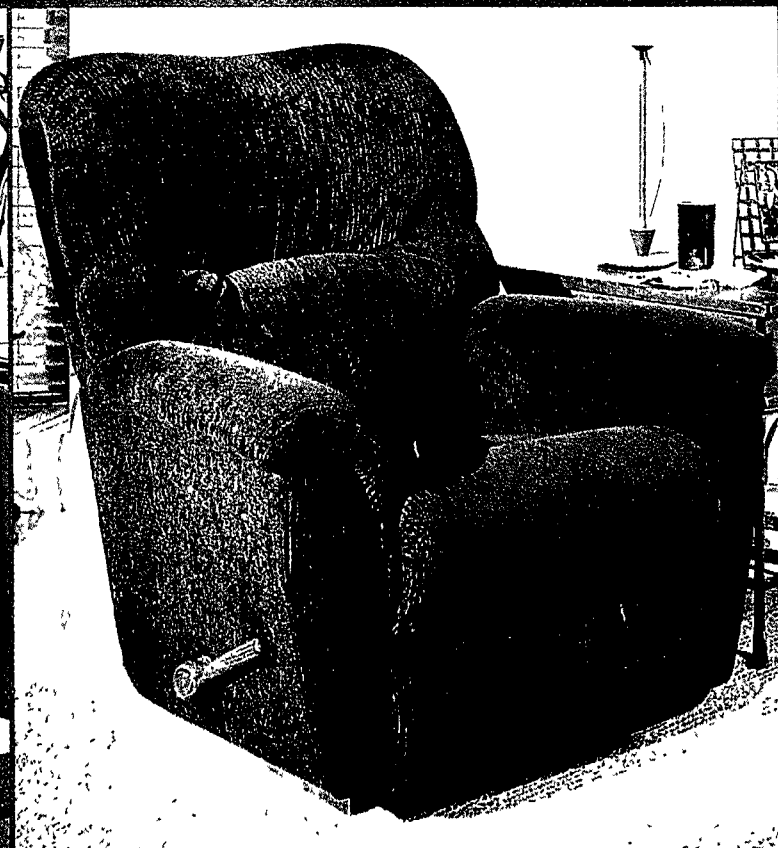
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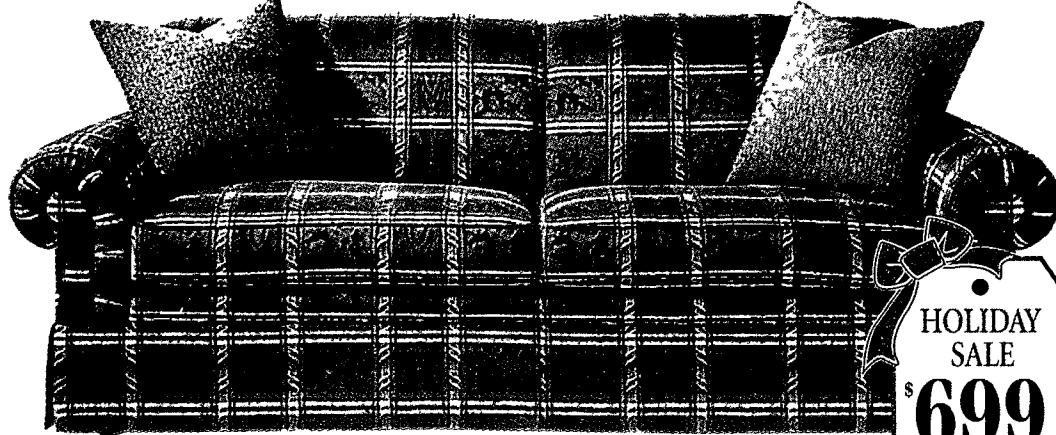
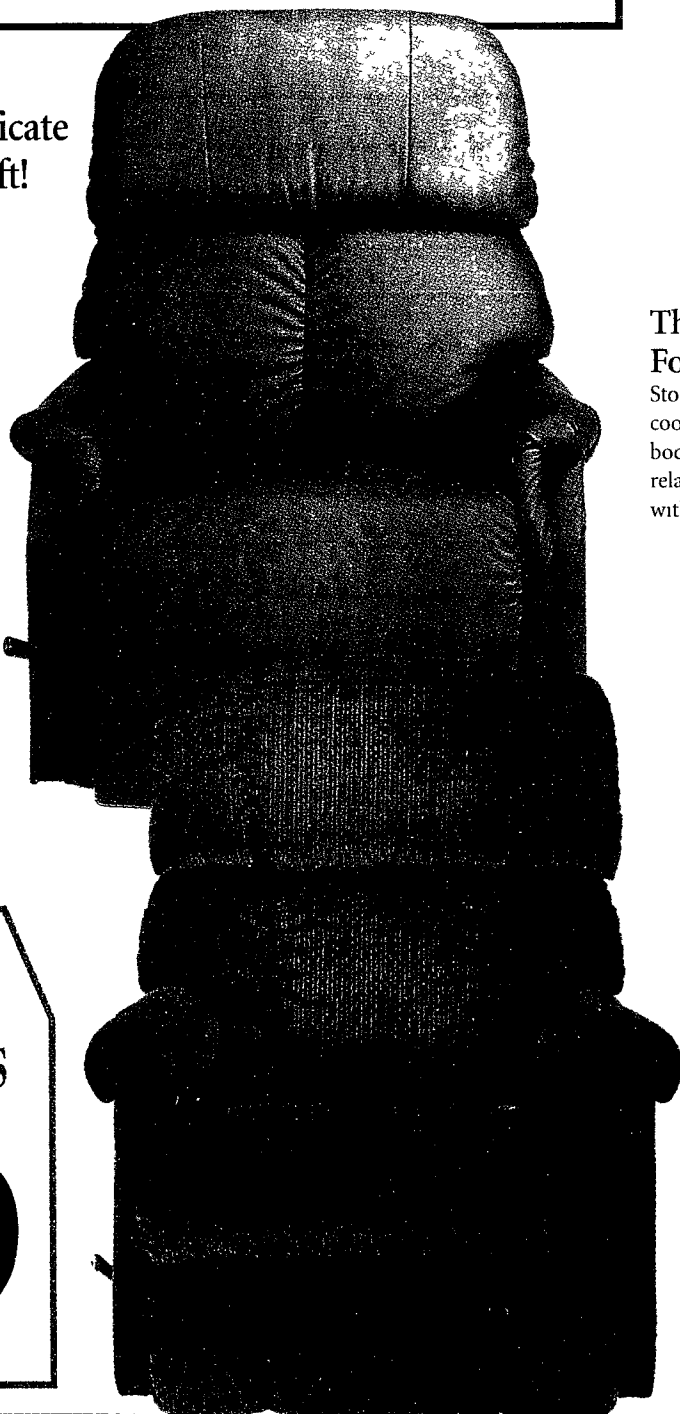
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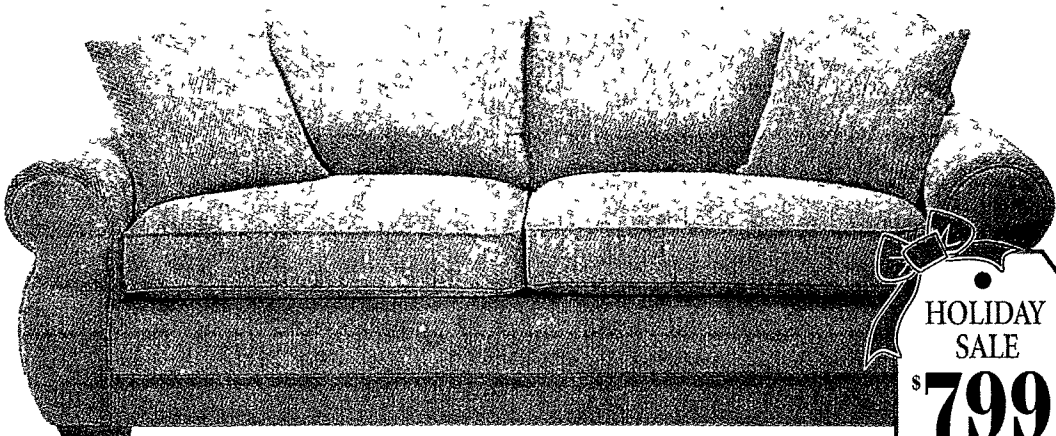
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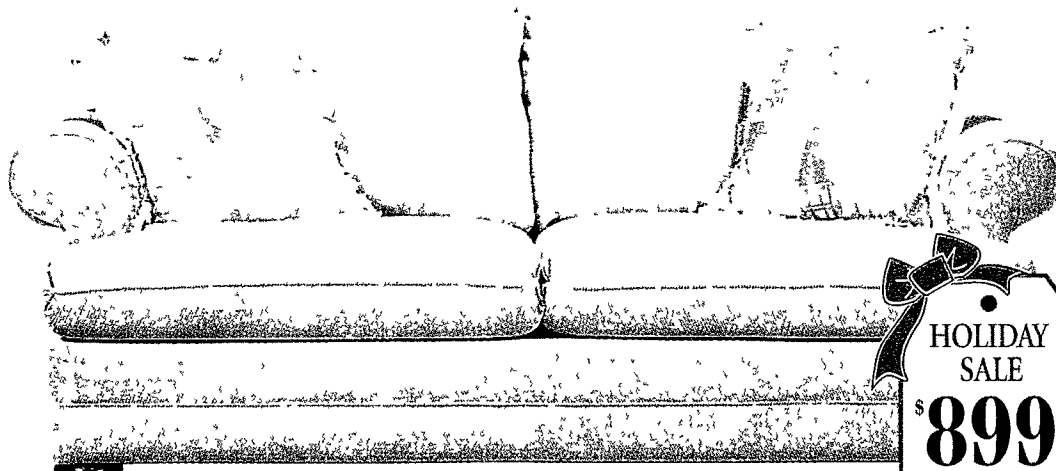
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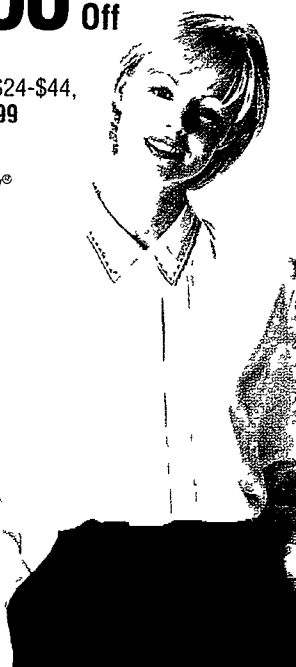


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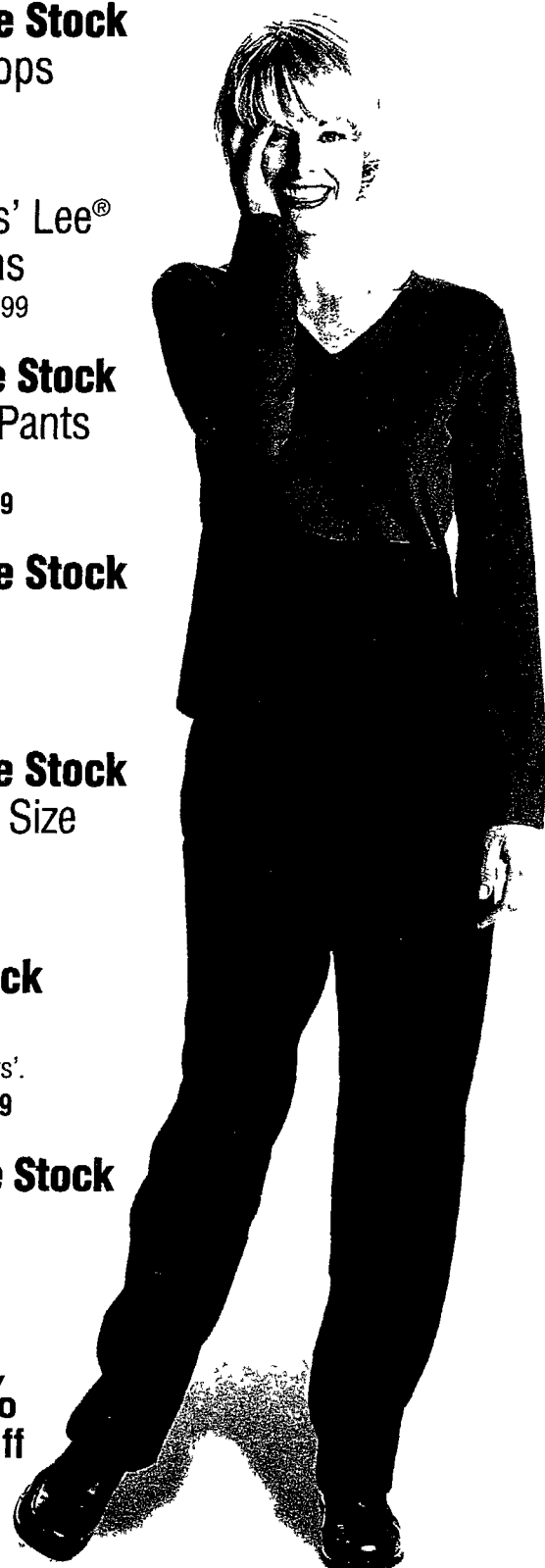
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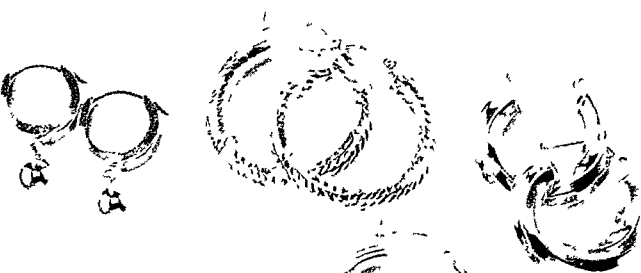
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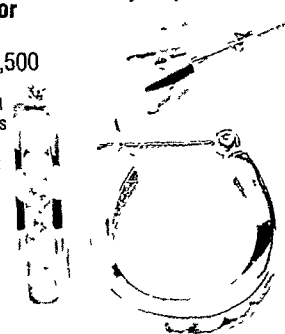
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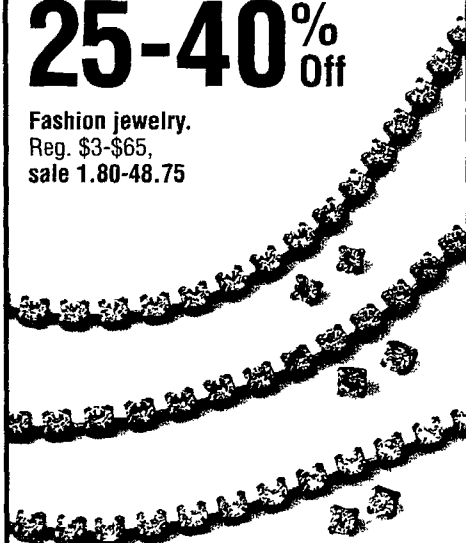
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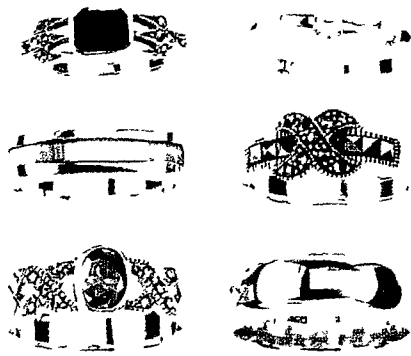
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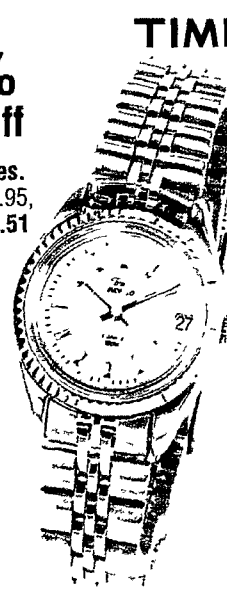


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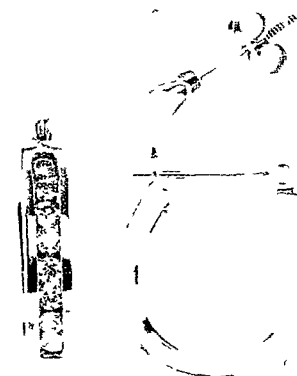
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14k gold 1/2 ct. T.W. diamond stud  
or hoop earrings. Reg. \$500 pr.



# EVERYTHING ON SALE

in accessories

## 40% Off Fashion and Basic Daywear

Reg. \$12-\$28, sale 7.20-16.80

## 35% Off Panties and Crop Tops

Vanity Fair® • Warner's® • Maidenform® • Bali® • Moments®  
and Barelythere® sale 3/7.80 to 11.05 ea.

## 40% Off Shapewear

Reg. 9.50-45.00, sale 5.70-27.00

## 25% Off Jockey® Intimates, Bras and Sheer Hosiery

Buy 2 Jockey® Bras, Get 1 FREE at time  
of purchase. Reg. \$4-\$25, sale 3.00-18.75

## 33% Off Croft & Barrow®

Sheer Hosiery Reg. 3.50-5.00, sale 2.34-3.35

## 25-33% Off Hanes® and

Hanes Too!® Sheer Hosiery

Reg. 3.75-9.50, sale 2.51-7.12

## 25-40% Off Entire Stock

Socks for Her Reg. \$4-\$15, sale 2.40-11.25

## 25-40% Off Entire Stock

Slippers for Men, Women and Kids

Reg. \$12-\$25, sale 7.20-14.99

## 33-40% Off Entire Stock

Fashion Accessories & Juniors'

Novelty Gifts Reg. \$3-\$60, sale 1.95-36.00

Entire Stock

**40% Off**

Sleepwear, loungewear  
and robes. Styles vary  
by store. Reg. 12.99-  
52.99, sale 7.79-31.79



**14<sup>99</sup>**

Famous maker bras.

•Vanity Fair®  
•Bali®  
•Maidenform®  
•Playtex®  
•Warner's®  
•Olga®  
•Lily of France®  
•Barelythere®  
Reg. 18.00-28.50  
Women's Lingerie dept



Entire Stock

**40% Off**

Bodysource® bath &  
body. Reg. \$4-\$25,  
sale 2.40-15.00

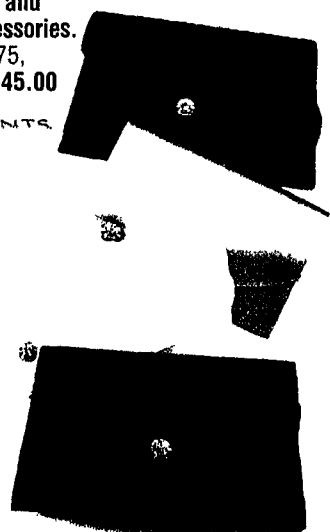


Entire Stock

**40% Off**

Handbags and  
purse accessories.  
Reg. \$6-\$75,  
sale 3.60-45.00

MOMENTS



**40% Off**

Cold weather accessories for her.  
Styles and colors vary by store.  
Reg. \$2-\$45, sale 1.20-27.00



# EVERYTHING ON SALE

FOR HIM

Entire Stock

**40% Off**

Men's Haggar® sport shirts. Reg. \$28-\$42, sale 16.80-25.20



**27<sup>99</sup>**

Men's Haggar® Great American Khakis. Wrinkle-free pleated or plain front styles in 100% cotton.

haggar.

Entire Stock

**40-50% Off**

Men's sweaters. Reg. \$40-\$68, sale 19.99-40.80

Croft & Barrow® Sweaters Available in Extended Sizes S • M • L • XL XXL • LT • XLT

croft & barrow

DOCKERS®

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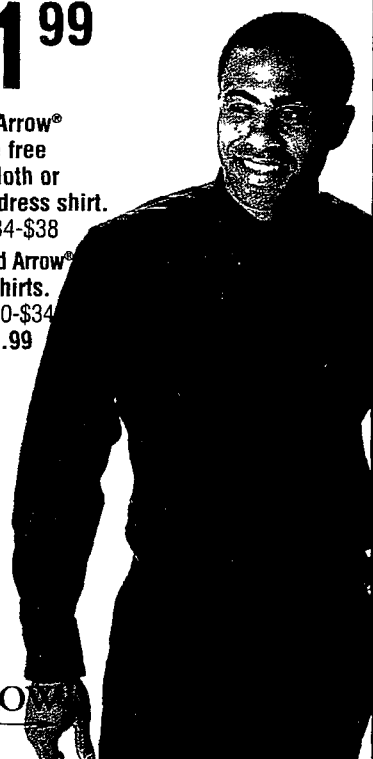


**21<sup>99</sup>**

Men's Arrow® wrinkle free broadcloth or oxford dress shirt. Reg. \$34-\$38

Selected Arrow® dress shirts. Reg. \$30-\$34, sale 17.99

ARROW



**19<sup>99</sup>**

Men's arctic fleece. From C&B Sport and Sonoma Sport™ Reg. \$34-\$38

C&B  
SPORT

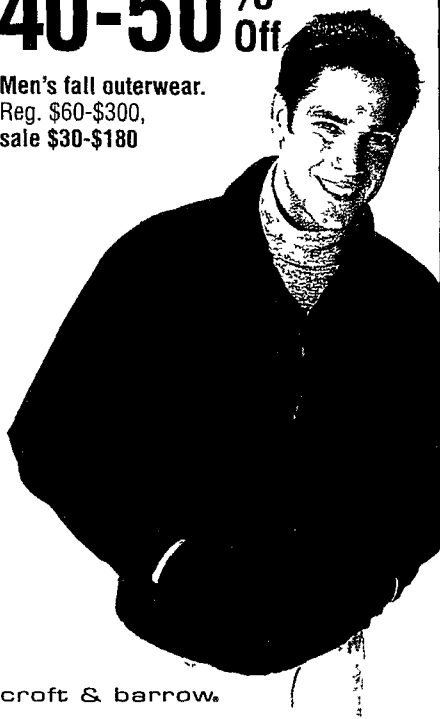
by croft & barrow



**40-50% Off**

Men's fall outerwear. Reg. \$60-\$300, sale \$30-\$180

croft & barrow.



**29<sup>99</sup>**

Men's Levi's® Red Tab™ 550™ Relaxed Fit jeans. Available in Stonewash, Light Stone, Dark Stone and Black Finishes.

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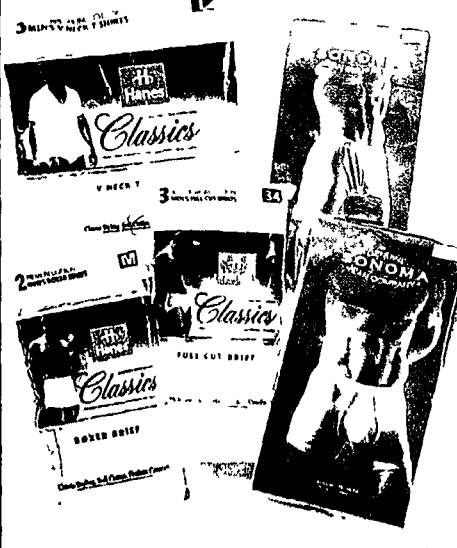


Entire Stock

**25-30% Off** Classics

Men's underwear. Reg. 6.50-24.00, sale 4.88-18.00

GENUINE SONOMA JEAN COMPANY®



**40-50% Off** Men's Long Sleeved Sport Shirts

Reg. \$18-\$42, sale 9.00-25.20

**40% Off** Entire Stock Men's C&B Sport Colorblock Fleece Reg. \$34, sale 20.40

**Sale 21.99** Men's Khakis by Arrow® Sport Shirts Reg. \$36

**40% Off** Entire Stock Men's Golf Apparel Reg. \$30-\$48, sale 18.00-28.80

**40% Off** Entire Stock Men's C&B Sport Nylon Activewear Reg. \$24-\$36, sale 14.40-21.60

**50% Off** Young Men's Sonoma Long Sleeved Tops Knits • Screen Printed Tees • Arctic Fleece • Vintage Plaid Shirts • Sweaters Reg. \$22-\$48, sale \$11-\$24

**Sale 14.99** Young Men's Sonoma Cargo Khakis Reg. \$34

**Sale 14.99** Young Men's Bugle Boy® 7M Loose Fit Jeans Available in Light and Dark Stone Finishes.

**Sale 21.99** Men's Lee® 5-Pocket Denim Jeans Regular, Relaxed and Loose Fits.

DOCKERS®

**33% Off**

Men's Dockers® Sport Shirts. Reg. \$18-\$38, sale 12.06-25.46

**Sale 29.99-39.99** Entire Stock Men's Dockers® Pants

**Sale 27.99-99.99** Entire Stock Men's Haggar® Dress & Casual Pants and Sport Coats

**33-50% Off** Entire Stock Loungewear, Robes, Pajamas & Boxers Reg. \$12-\$70, sale 8.04-46.90

**33% Off** Entire Stock Men's Dress, Casual and Athletic Socks Reg. 5.99-15.00, sale 4.01-10.05

**25-40% Off** Entire Stock Cold Weather Accessories for Him Reg. \$5-\$47, sale 3.00-35.25

**40% Off** Entire Stock Men's Gift Accessories Reg. \$15-\$50, sale \$9-\$30



**29<sup>99</sup>**

Men's Dockers® Classic Fit Pleated No Wrinkle Twill Pants. 100% cotton.

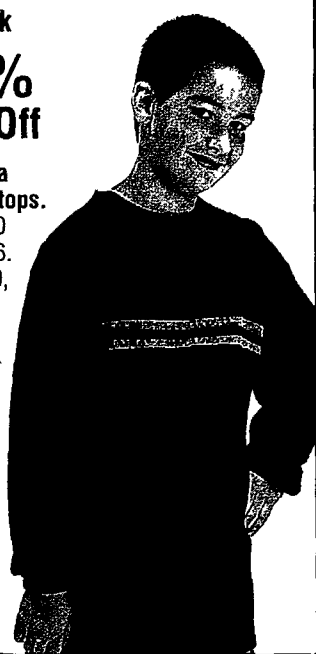


# EVERYTHING ON SALE

Entire Stock  
**50% Off**

Kids' Sonoma thermal knit tops. For boys 4-20 and girls 4-16. Reg. \$12-\$20, sale \$6-\$10

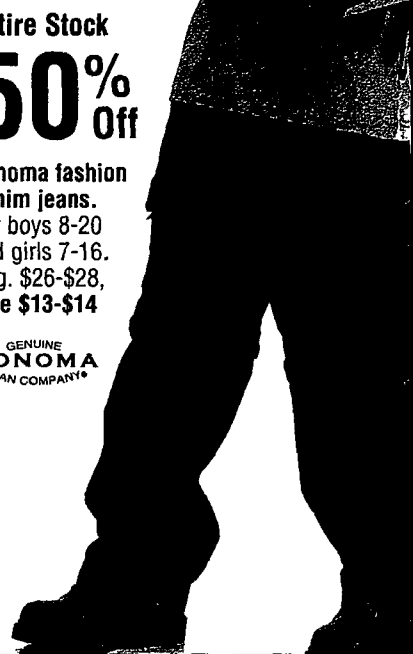
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Entire Stock  
**50% Off**

Sonoma fashion denim jeans. For boys 8-20 and girls 7-16. Reg. \$26-\$28, sale \$13-\$14

GENUINE SONOMA JEAN COMPANY®



**50% Off Entire Stock Kids' Turtlenecks**

For toddlers, girls 4-16 and boys 4-20. Reg. \$7-\$10, sale 3.50-5.00

**40% Off Entire Stock Kids' Sonoma Sport™ Apparel**

Reg. \$12-\$32, sale 7.20-19.20

**Sale 17.99** Lee® Basic Jeans Girls' 7-16. Reg. 24.99

**Sale 21.99** Levi's® 550™ Relaxed Fit Jeans

Boys' 8-14 and students'. Reg. 26.99

**Sale 15.99** Bugle Boy® Wrinkle Free Twill

Pants or Carpenter Jeans Boys' 8-18. Reg. 27.99-29.99

**Sale 19.99** Dockers® Wrinkle Free Twill Pants

Boys' 8-12 and students'. Reg. \$30

**40% Off Kids' Healthtex® Leggings**

Reg. 8.99-11.99, sale 5.39-7.19

**Sale 9.99** Russell® Athletic

Fleece Crew or Pants

Girls' 7-16 and boys' 8-20. Reg. 15.99-16.00

**40% Off Entire Stock Kids' Dressy Apparel**

Reg. 17.99-59.99, sale 10.79-35.99

**40% Off Kids' Fall Outerwear**

Reg. 19.99-99.99, sale 11.99-59.99

**35% Off**

Boys' and Girls' Winter Accessories

Reg. 1.99-14.99, sale 1.29-9.74

**25-50% Off Kids' Basics and Accessories**

Reg. 1.49-179.99, sale .96-116.99

**25-50% Off Entire Stock Newborns' & Infants' Playwear**

Reg. 8.00-29.99, sale 4.00-14.99

Playwear not intended as sleepwear

**40% Off Entire Stock**

Infants' and Toddlers' Bugle Boy® Apparel

Reg. 17.99-27.99, sale 10.79-16.79

Entire Stock

**50% Off**

Kids' character apparel. For girls 4-6x, boys 4-7, toddlers, infants and newborns. Reg. 19.99-39.99, sale 9.99-19.99

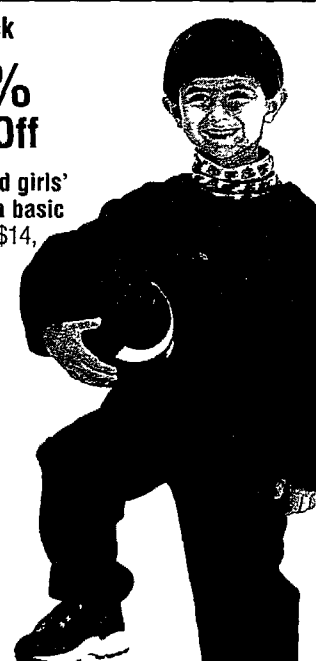


Entire Stock

**40% Off**

Boys' 4-7 and girls' 4-6x Sonoma basic fleece. Reg. \$14, sale 8.40

GENUINE SONOMA JEAN COMPANY®



Entire Stock

**40% Off**

Infants' sleep 'n' plays and sleepwear. Reg. 9.99-21.99, sale 5.99-13.19

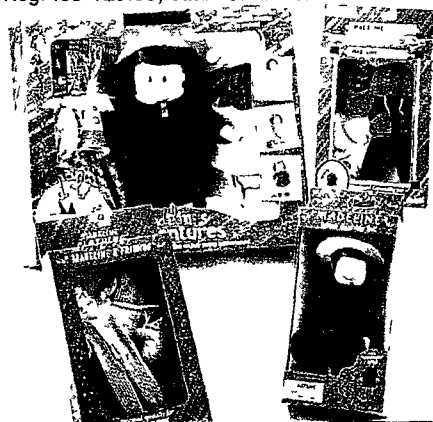
Healthtex



Entire Stock

**20-40% Off**

Toys. Featuring Madeline dolls and accessories. Styles vary by store. Reg. .89-129.99, sale .66-97.49



Entire Stock

**20-50% Off**

Name brand and team licensed athletic apparel for men and boys. Teams and styles vary by store. Reg. 5.00-124.99, sale 4.00-87.49

Champion



# EVERYTHING ON SALE

Entire Stock

**20-50% Off**

Athletic shoes for men, women and kids. Reg. 26.99-84.99, sale 19.99-67.99

- Running
- Walking
- Basketball
- Cross Training
- Classics
- Active Casuals

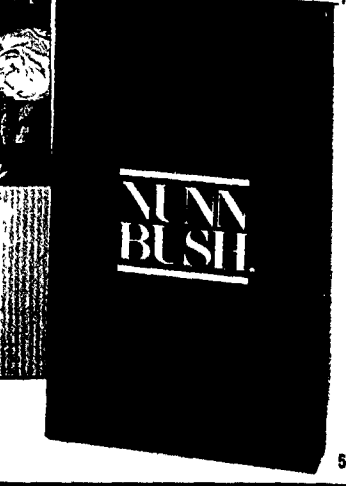
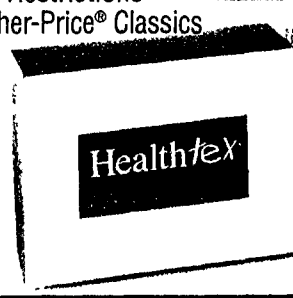


Entire Stock

**30-50% Off**

These great name brands of dress and casual shoes for men, women and kids. Reg. 16.99-69.99, sale 11.89-48.99

- Sonoma
- Everyday Comfort™
- Eastland®
- Mooties Tooties
- Villager
- Nunn Bush®
- Healthtex®
- Bugle Boy®
- No Restrictions®
- Fisher-Price® Classics



# EVERYTHING ON SALE *for the home*

Entire Stock

**50% Off**

Bed pillows and mattress pads.  
Choose from natural and synthetic  
pillows, guaranteed to fit pads and more.  
Reg 9.99-129.99, sale 4.99-64.99

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GENUINE  
SONOMA  
HOME GOODS



Posturepedic

*Cannon Royal Family*



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HOME GOODS  
VINTAGE FLANNEL  
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flannel pillow

*Beautyrest*  
**Bounce!**  
WILL NOT FLATTEN!  
HOLDS SHAPE FOR UP TO 50 WASHINGS  
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**25-50% Off Entire Stock** Sheets and Comforters  
Reg. 7.99-299.99, sale 4.79-147.40

**50% Off Entire Stock** Flannel Sheet Sets  
Reg. 34.99-69.99, sale 17.49-34.99

**40-50% Off Entire Stock** Down Comforters, Duvets,  
Featherbeds & Accessories Reg. 14.99-429.99, sale 8.99-219.99

**Sale 79.99 All Sizes**  
200-thread count Bed-In-A-Bag® Reg. 129.99-189.99

**33-40% Off Entire Stock** Holiday or  
Basic Bath Towels, Rugs and Accessories  
Includes washcloths, fingertip, hand & bath towels. Reg. 1.99-59.99, sale 1.33-40.19

**35-50% Off Entire Stock** Table Linens  
and Kitchen Textiles Reg. .99-59.99, sale .64-38.99

**35-50% Off Entire Stock** Decorative Pillows  
and Chair Pads Reg. 6.99-34.99, sale 4.54-22.74

**50% Off Entire Stock** Fieldcrest®  
1-Piece Slipcovers  
Reg. 79.99-219.99,  
sale 39.99-109.99

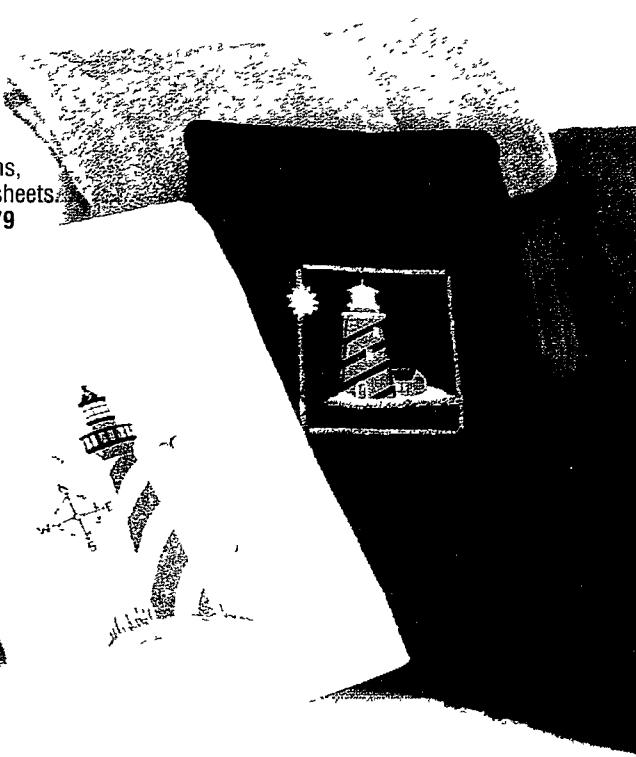
**30-40% Off**  
Sport Bags and  
Backpacks  
Reg. 15.00-59.99,  
sale 10.50-41.99

**50-60% Off**  
Entire Stock  
Luggage  
Reg. 34.99-379.99,  
sale 17.49-189.99

Entire Stock

**40-50% Off**

Bath towels. Includes washcloths,  
hand and bath towels and bath sheets.  
Reg 3.99-27.99, sale 1.99-16.79



Entire Stock

**40-50% Off**

Blankets and throws.  
Reg 19.99-149.99,  
sale 11.99-89.99



GENUINE  
SONOMA  
HOME GOODS

*Beautyrest*

*Fieldcrest*

Entire Stock

**40-60% Off**

Accent and area rugs and mats.  
Reg 6.99-349.99, sale 4.19-209.99



Entire Stock

**40-60% Off**

Frames and albums.  
Reg. .99-56.99,  
sale .59-34.19



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SONOMA  
HOME GOODS

BURNES  
OF BOSTON

MALDEN

Entire Stock

**35-45% Off**

Candles and decorative lighting.  
Reg. 1.19-49.99, sale .77-32.49





# EVERYTHING ON SALE

Entire Stock

**40% Off**

Holiday dinnerware. Includes sets and accessories. Reg. 5.99-179.99, sale 3.59-99.99



NIKKO  
WAECHTERSBACK PFALTZGRAFF

Entire Stock

**40-50% Off**

Gourmet food gifts. Reg. 9.99-59.99, sale 5.99-29.99



**40% Off Entire Stock** Oneida® Flatware  
Reg. 59.99-239.99, sale 35.99-119.99

**40-50% Off Entire Stock** Glassware  
Reg. 3.99-49.99, sale 2.39-29.99

**40-50% Off Entire Stock** Holiday Ceramics  
Reg. 2.99-34.99, sale 1.79-20.99

**30-50% Off Entire Stock** CorningWare®, Pyrex® and Bakeware  
Reg. 3.99-59.99, sale 2.49-39.99

**30-60% Off Entire Stock** Cutlery and Gadgets  
Reg. 2.79-179.99, sale 1.95-109.99

**15-25% Off Entire Stock** Vacuums and Deep Cleaners

**15-25% Off Entire Stock** Humidifiers and Air Cleaners

**45% Off** Framed Art  
Reg. 7.99-149.99, sale 4.39-82.49

**70% Off** Frames Selected styles. Reg. 3.99-40.99, sale 1.19-12.29

**40% Off Entire Stock** St. Nicholas Square® Trim-A-Tree  
Reg. .69-64.99, sale .41-38.99

**Sale 9.99** Sound Effects Clock  
Reg. 19.99

**Sale 2.49** St. Nicholas Square® 100-Count Light Set  
Basic or icicle style. Reg. 6.99-8.99

**Sale 11.99** Tabletop Arcade Style Game  
Air hockey, foosball or pinball. Reg. 19.99

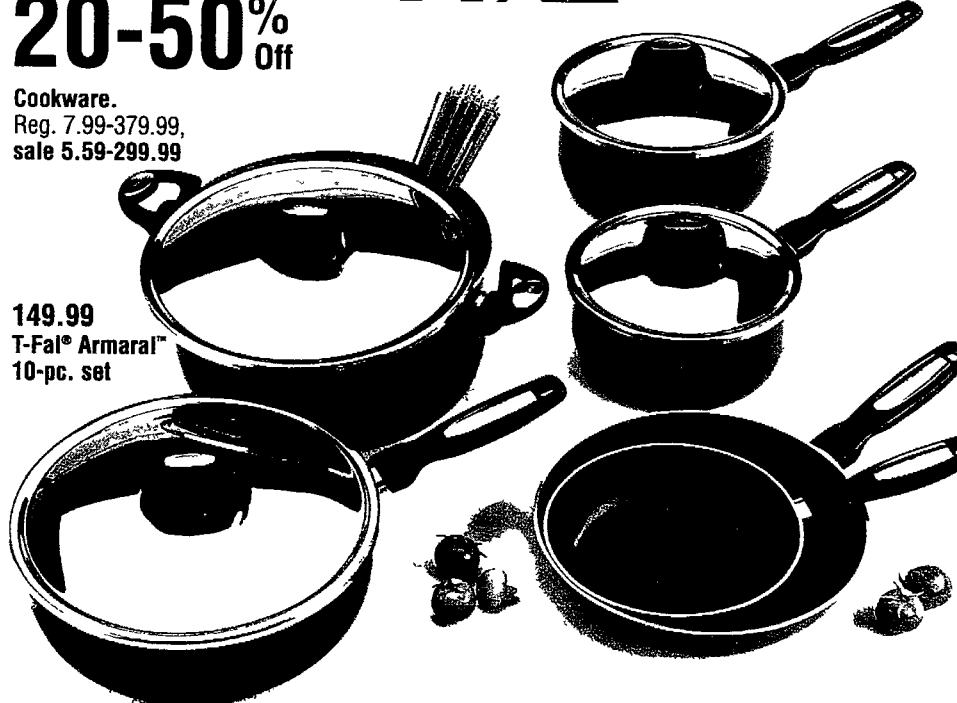
**Sale 5.99** Singing Fish  
Big Mouth Billy Bass, Travis the Trout or Cool Catfish. Reg. 29.99

Entire Stock

**20-50% Off**

Cookware. Reg. 7.99-379.99, sale 5.59-299.99

**T-FAL®**

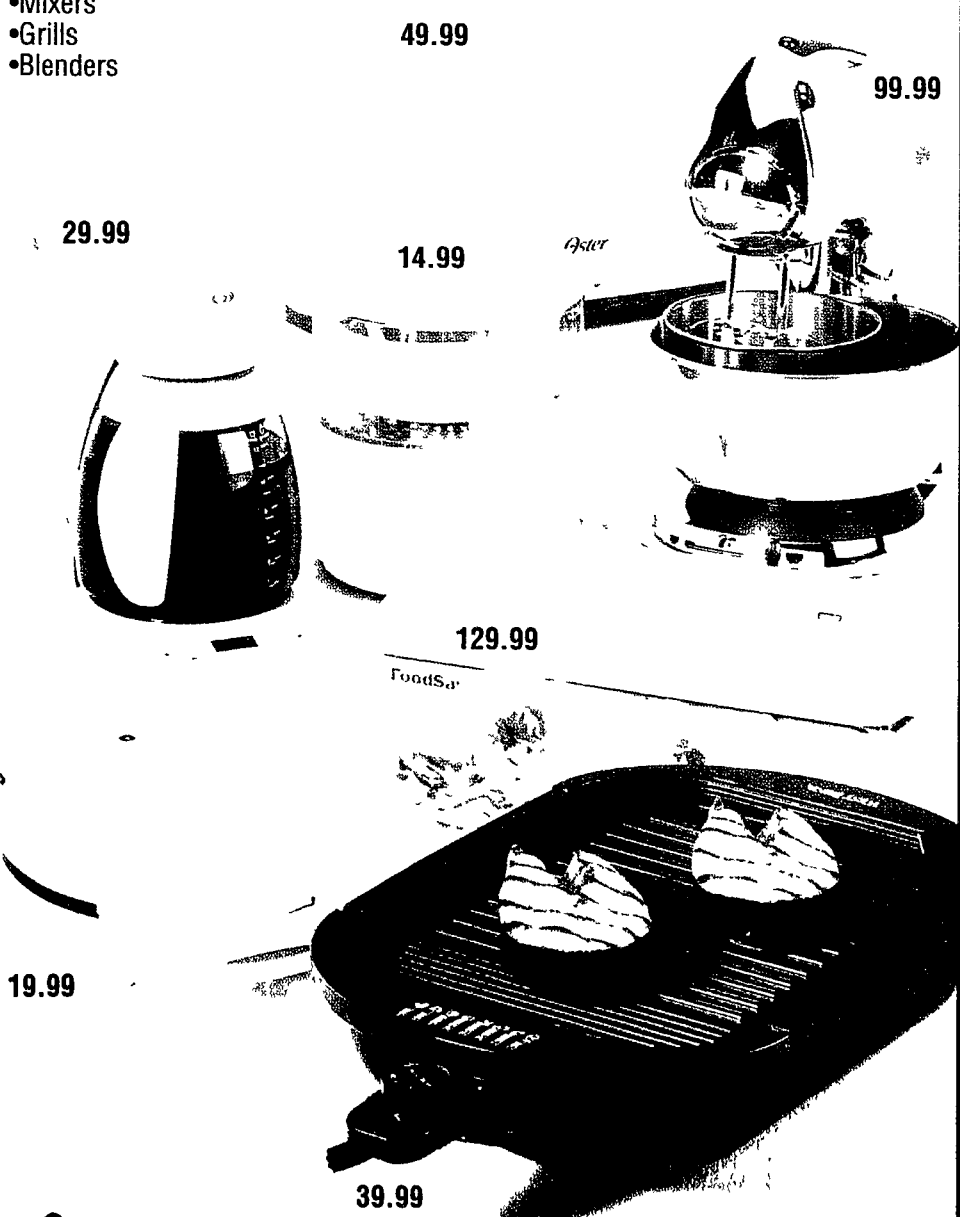


149.99  
T-Fal® Armoral™ 10-pc. set

Entire Stock Kitchen Electrics

**10-50% Off**

- Breadmakers
- Coffeemakers
- Mixers
- Grills
- Blenders



29.99

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Sunbeam

BLACK & DECKER.

FoodSaver

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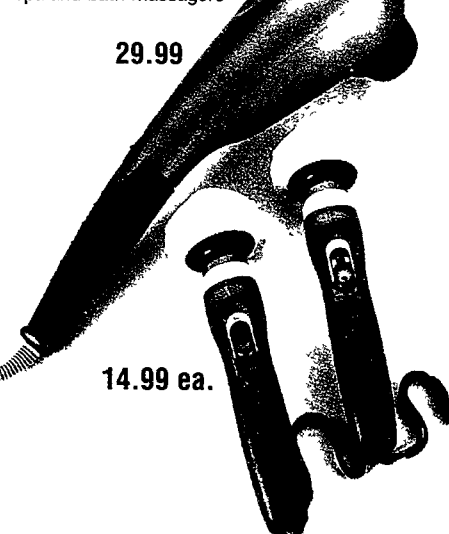
Lava® brand motion lamp.  
Reg. 59.99-64.99



Entire Stock

**10-40% Off**

Massagers. Includes handheld, cushion, foot, spa and bath massagers

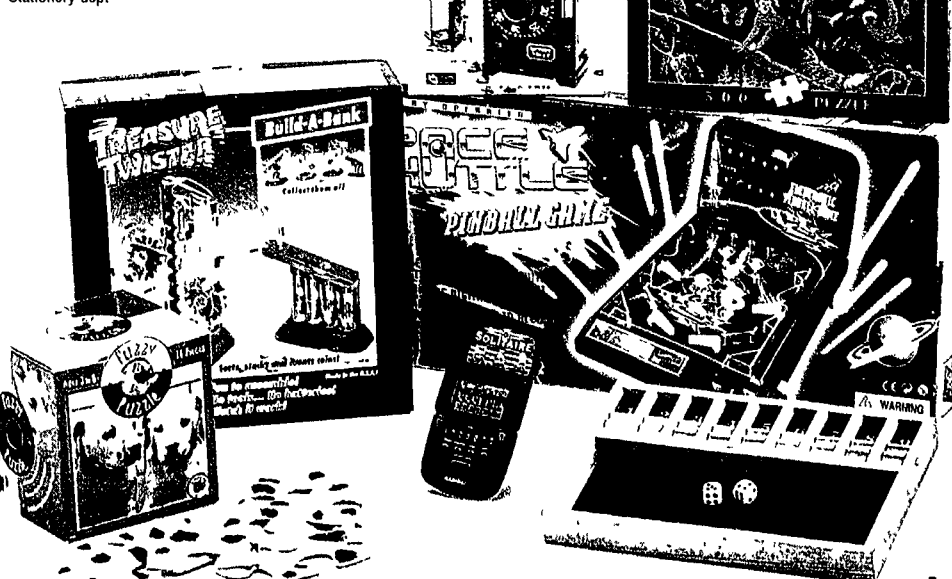


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Games, banks and puzzles.  
Reg. 6.99-79.99, sale 3.99-47.99  
Stationery dept



# EARLY BIRD SPECIALS

Saturday, December 9 • 6am-11am

Take An **Extra 20% Off** These Entire Stocks!

FINAL PRICE

**31.99**

14k gold 18" SupremeValue Rope™ necklace and 7" bracelet set.  
Reg. \$125, sale 39.99  
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•Men's  
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All Name Brand & Team Licensed Apparel & Access. ALREADY 20-50% OFF, Plus take an **EXTRA 20% OFF**

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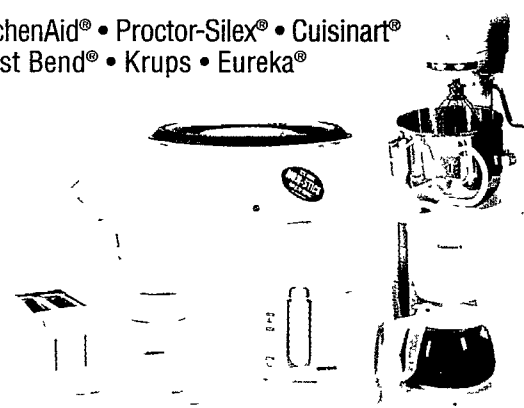
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**15.99**

14k gold 18" herringbone necklace and 7" bracelet set.  
Reg. \$80, sale 19.99



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•60% Off All 14k Gold Chains & Bracelets  
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Plus take an **EXTRA 20% OFF**

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Save 50-60% on These Early Bird Specials!



**50% Off**

Family sweaters.  
Reg. 19.99-68.00,  
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**50% Off Entire Stock**

Family arctic fleece.  
Reg. \$18-\$48,  
sale \$9-\$24



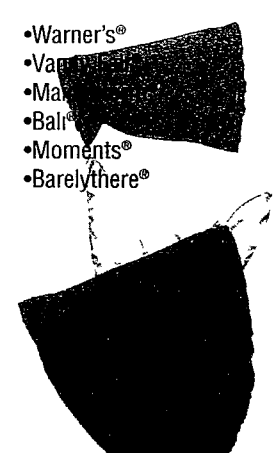
**50% Off**

Family fall outerwear.  
Reg. 19.99-330.00,  
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**50% Off Entire Stock**

Social dresses & separates for her and girls' dresses, sale 8.99-49.99



**50% Off**

Panties and crop tops.  
Reg. 3/\$12 to \$17 ea.,  
sale 3/6.00 to 8.50 ea.



**50% Off**

Cold weather accessories for her. Reg. \$2-\$45,  
sale 1.00-22.50



**50% Off**

Bodysource® holiday gift sets, candles & home fragrance. \$10-\$25, sale 5.00-12.50



**50% Off Entire Stock**

Kids' sleepwear.  
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**50% Off**

Cold weather boots for men, women and kids. Reg. 24.99-65.00, sale 12.49-31.99



**50% Off Entire Stock**

Decorative pillows & throws. Assorted patterns & colors. 9.99-39.99, sale 4.99-19.99



**60% Off Entire Stock**

Flannel sheet sets. Reg. 34.99-69.99, sale 13.99-27.99



**50% Off Entire Stock**

Holiday home. Table linens, kitchen textiles, bath towels & accessories, sale .99-19.99



**50% Off Entire Stock**

St. Nicholas Square® Trim-A-Tree.  
•Stockings & tree skirts  
•Village collection  
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•Ornaments  
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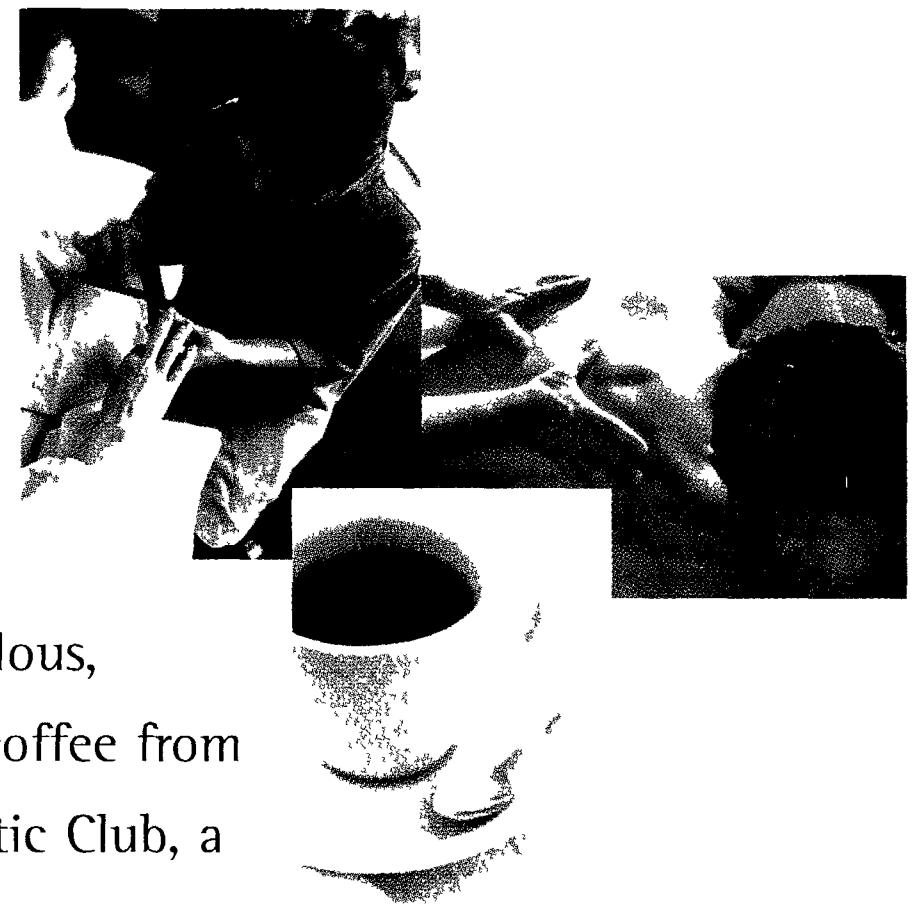
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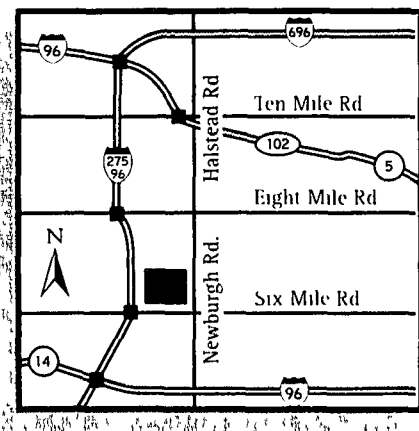
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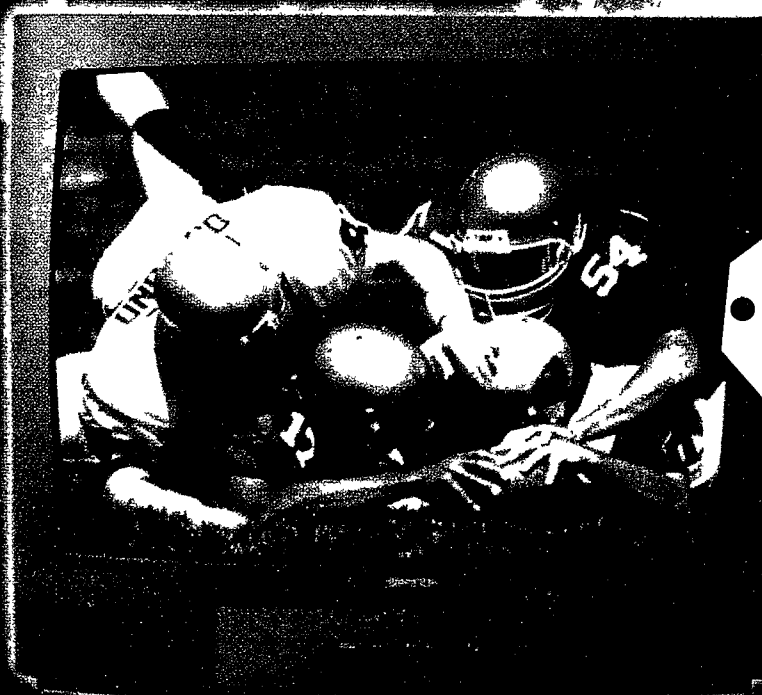
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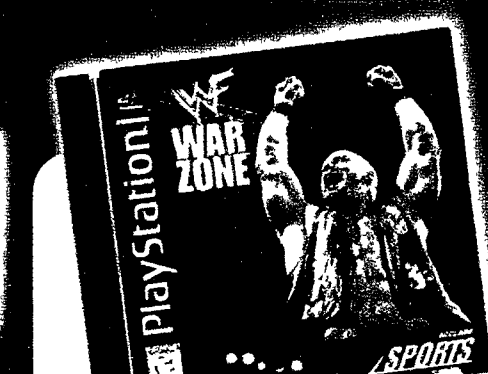
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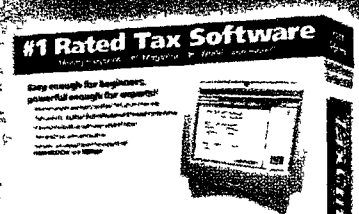
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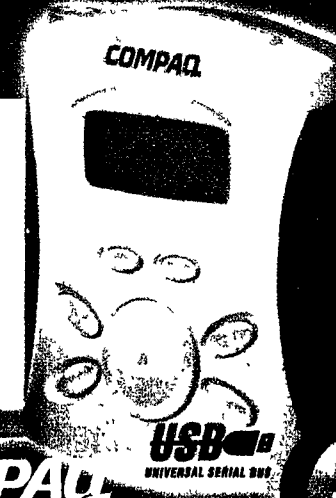
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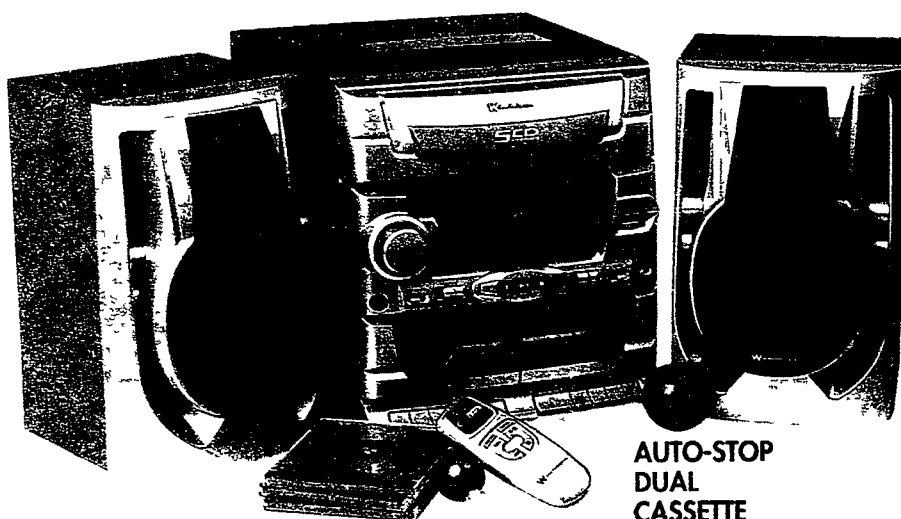
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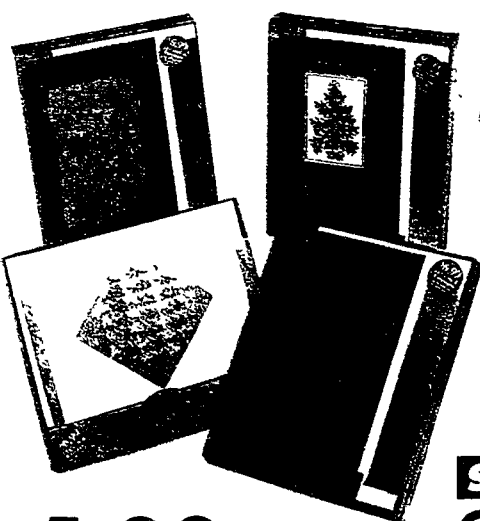
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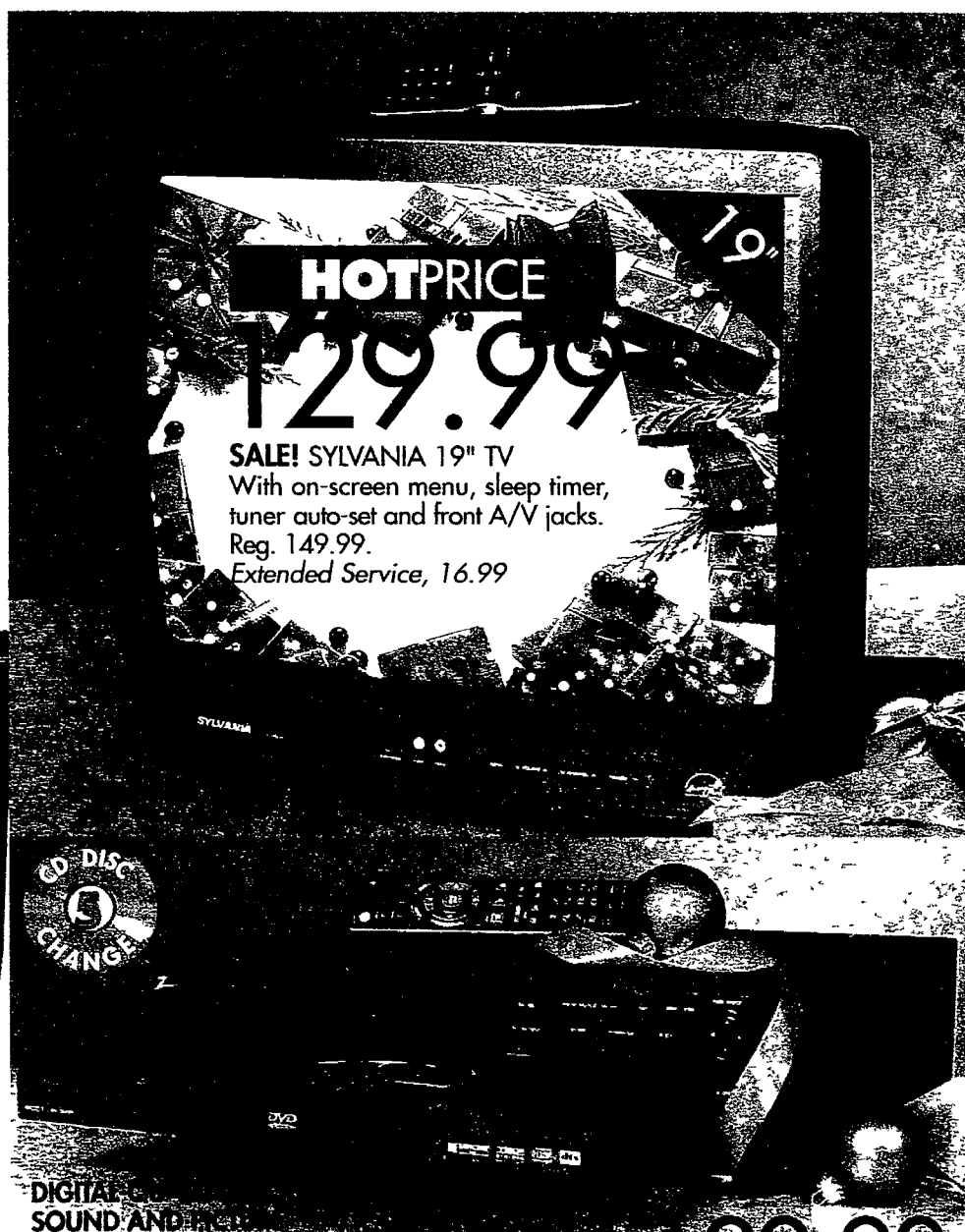
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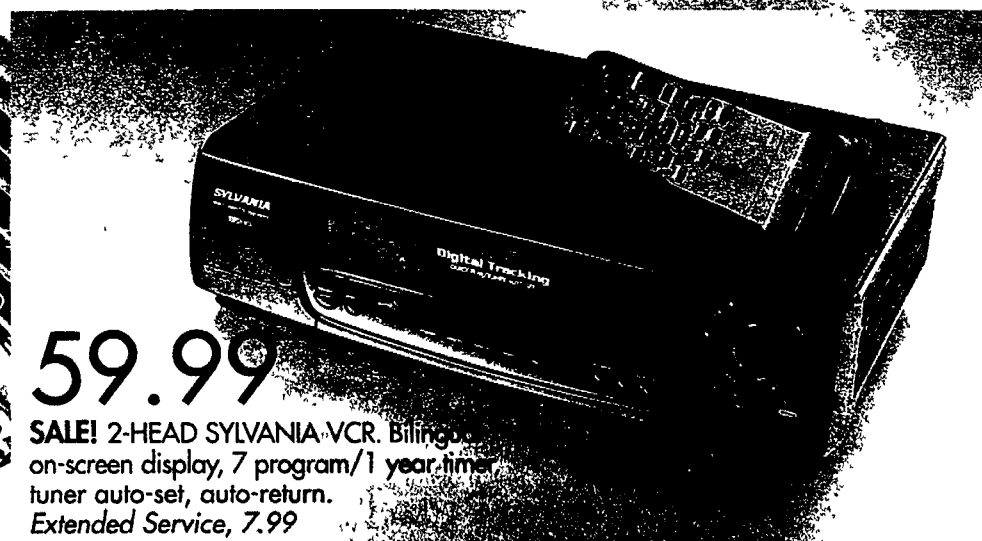
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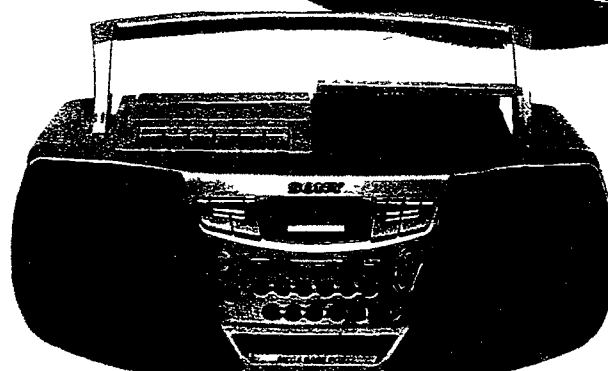


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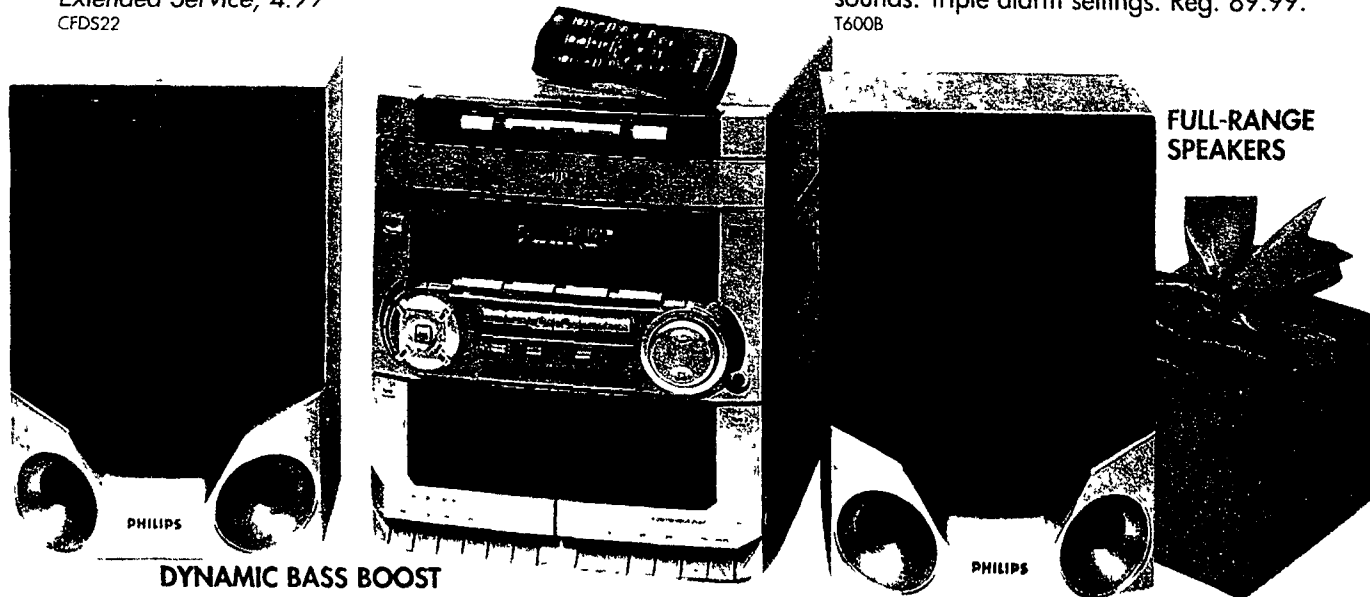
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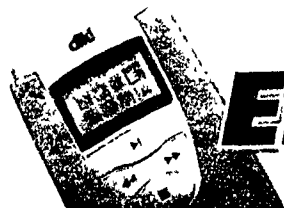
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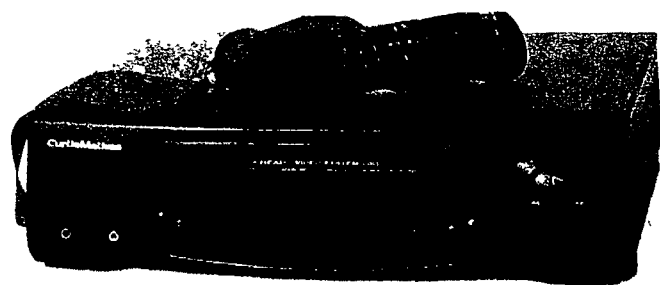
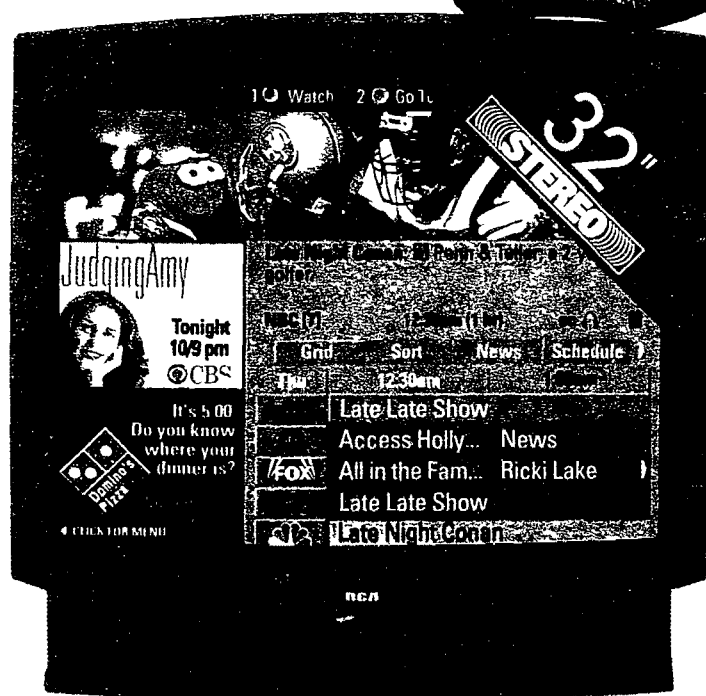
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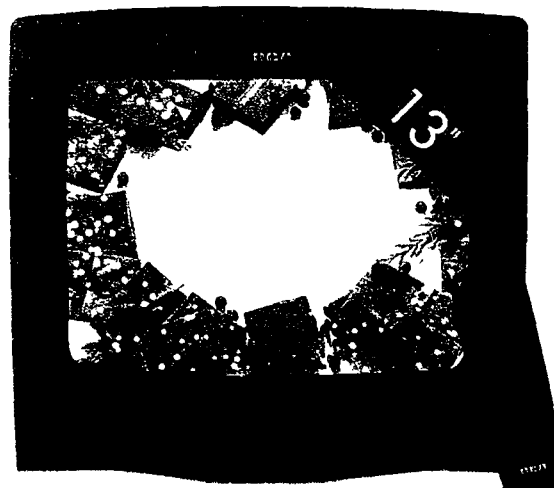
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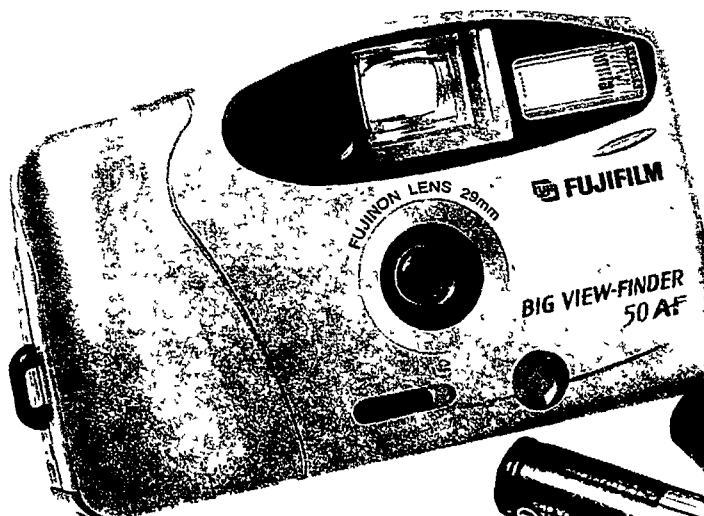
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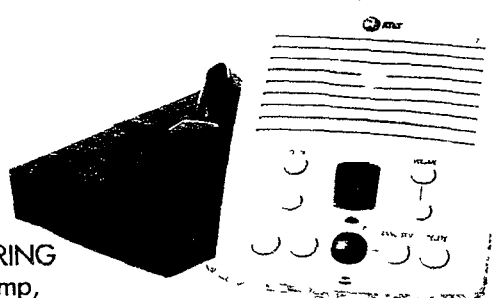


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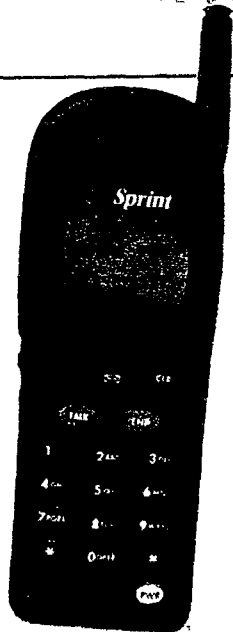
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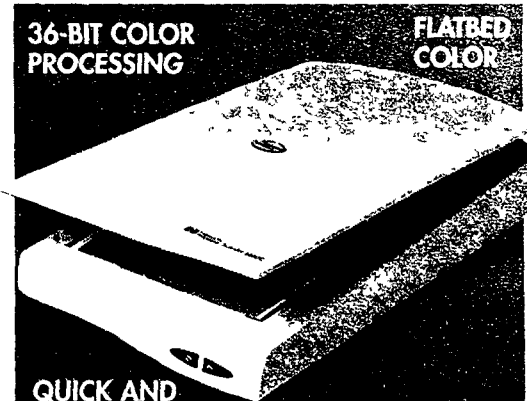
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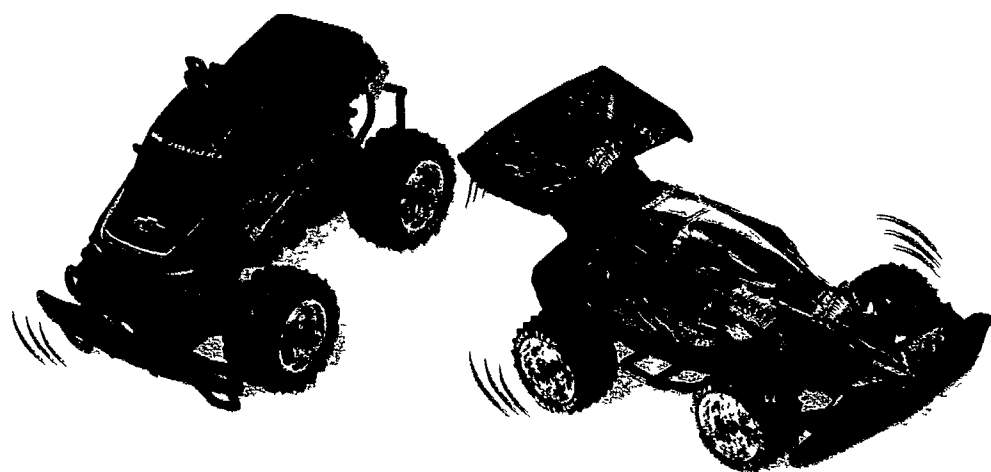


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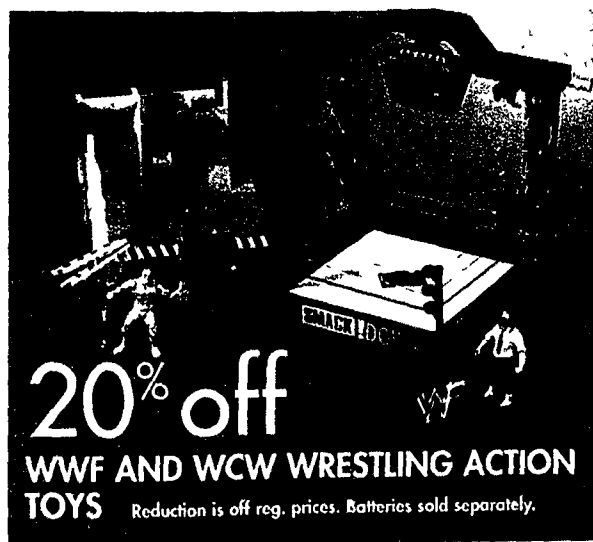
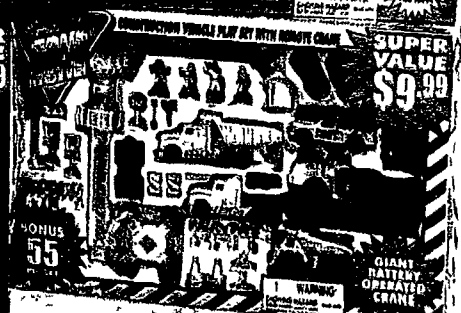
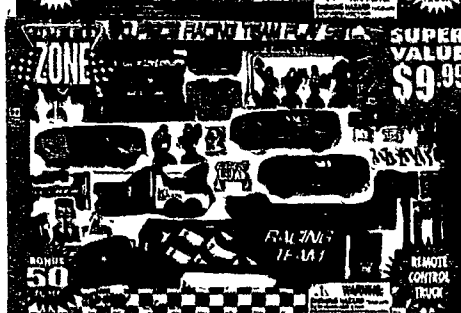
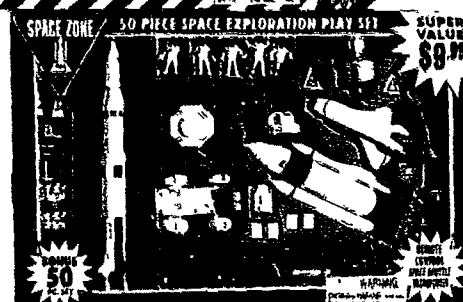
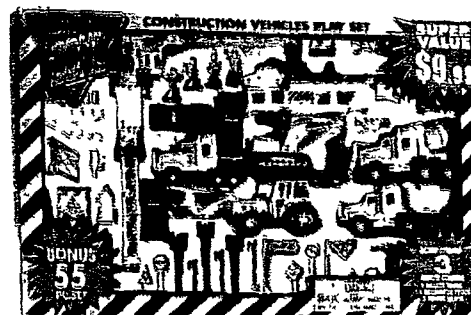
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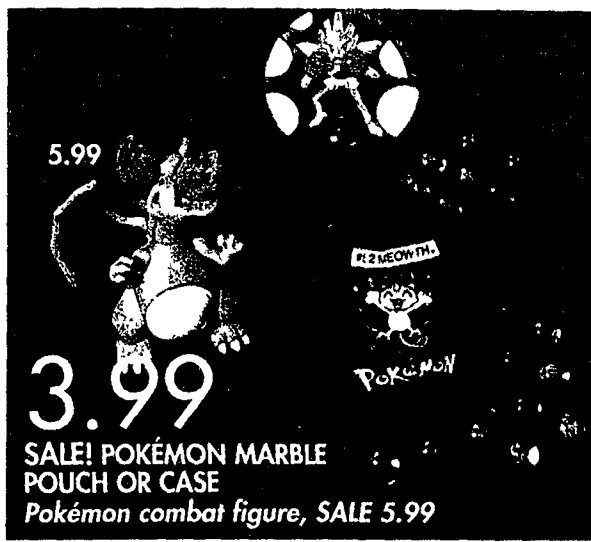
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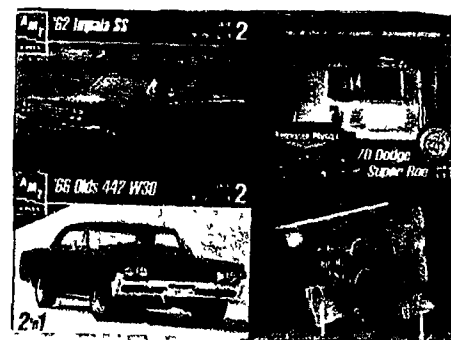
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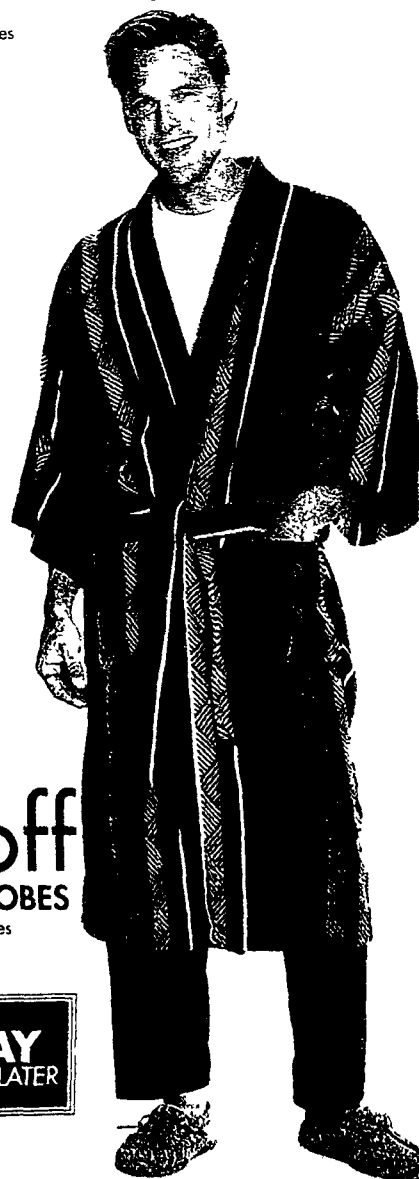
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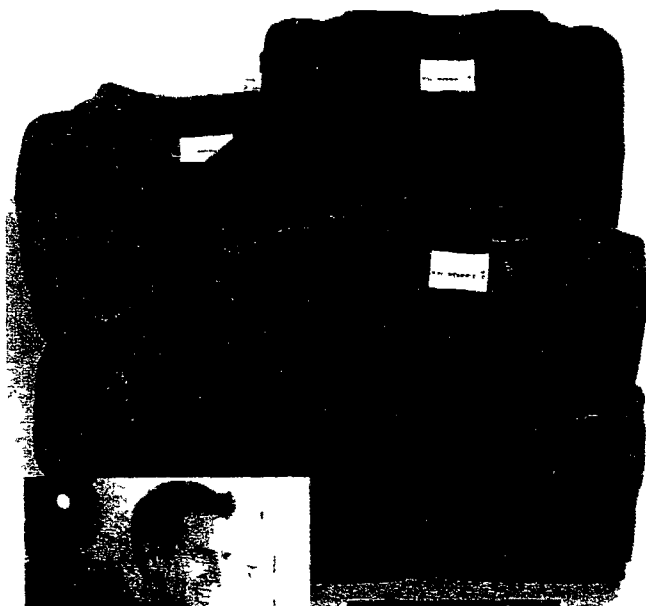
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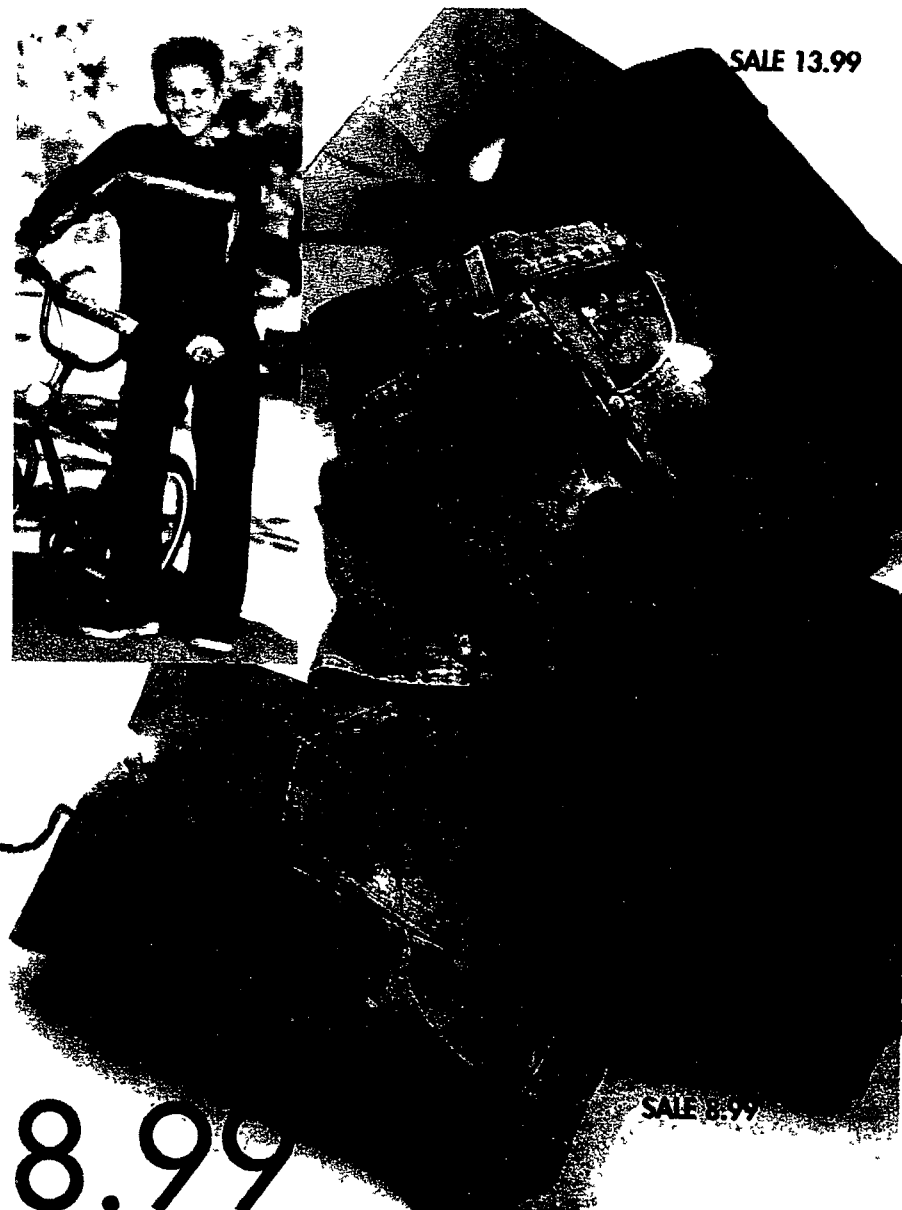
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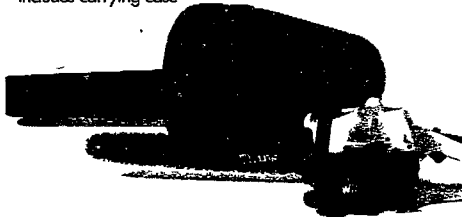
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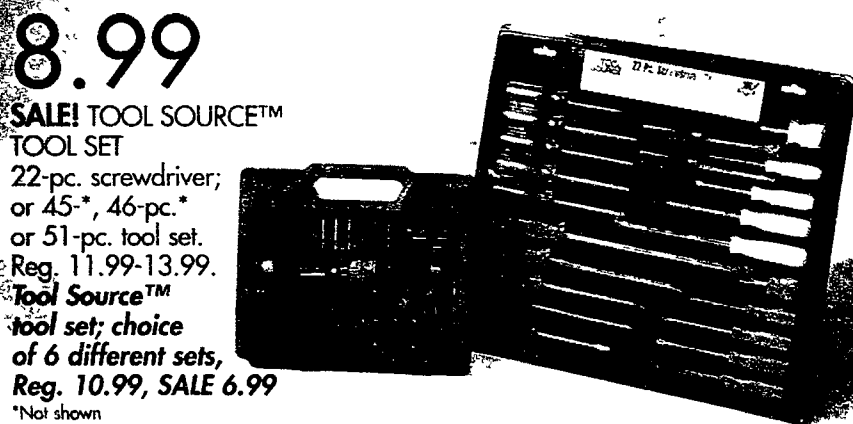
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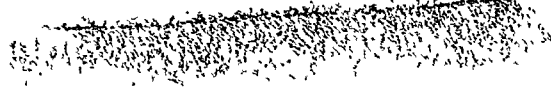
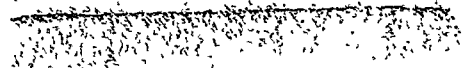
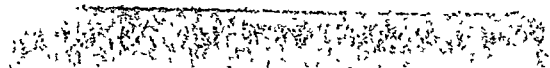
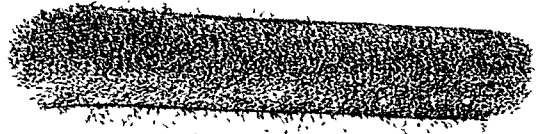


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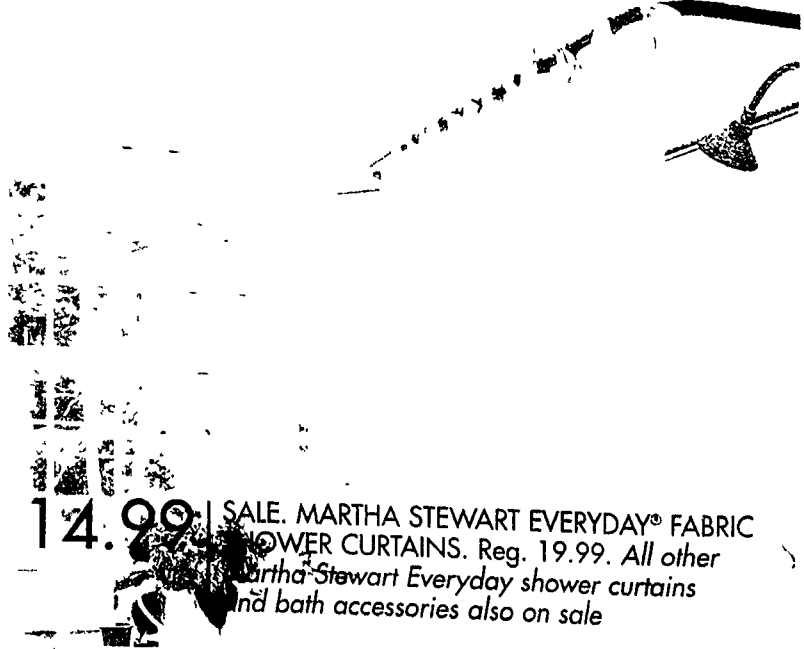
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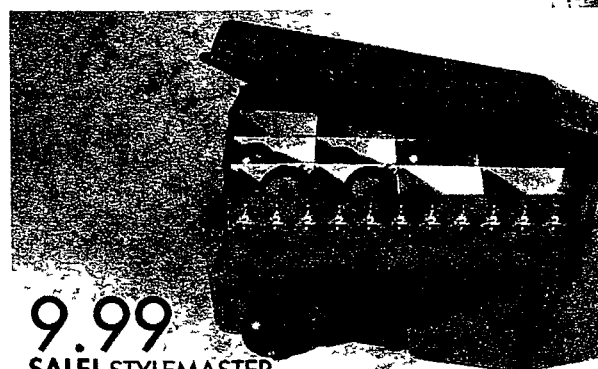


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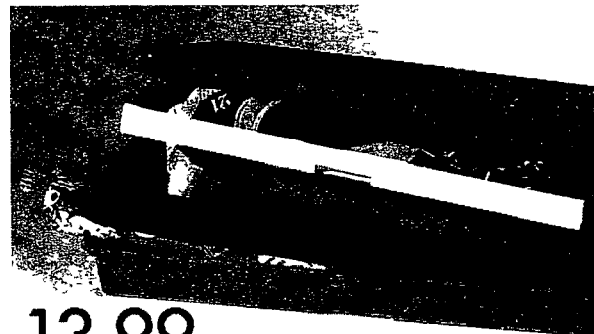
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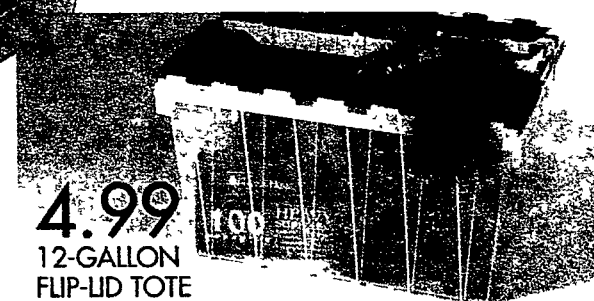
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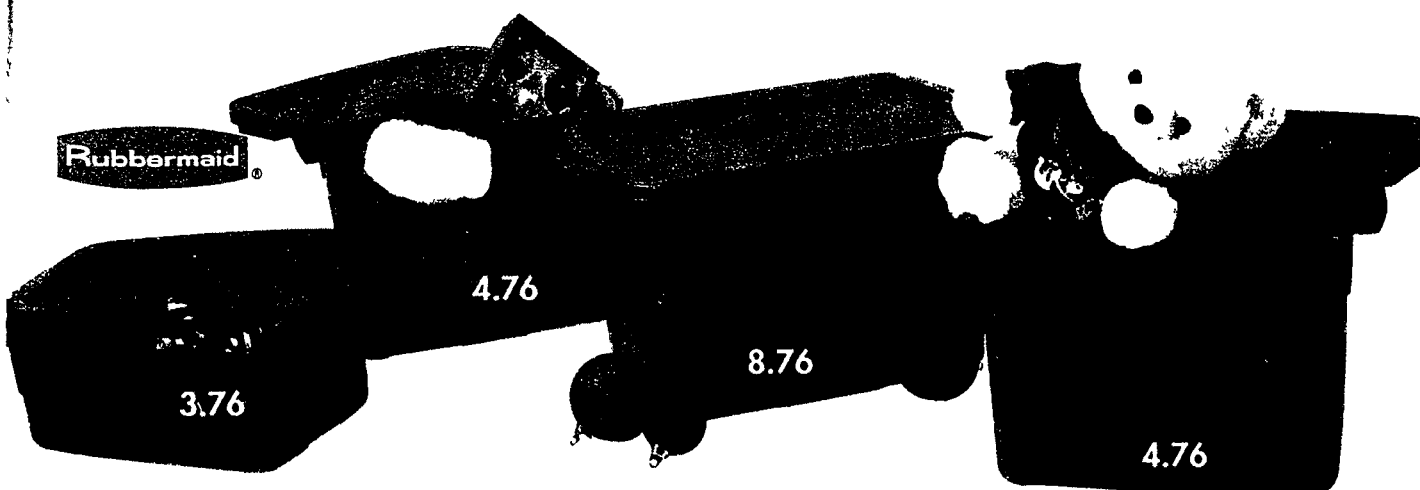
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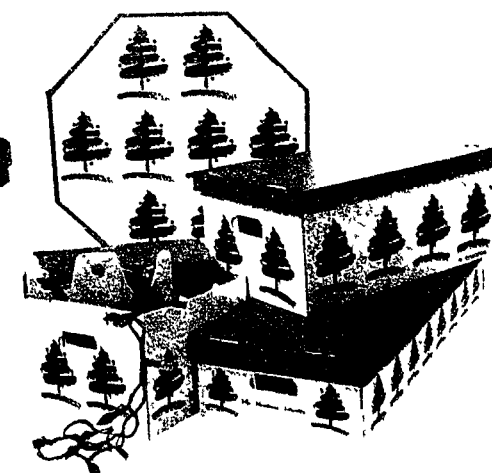
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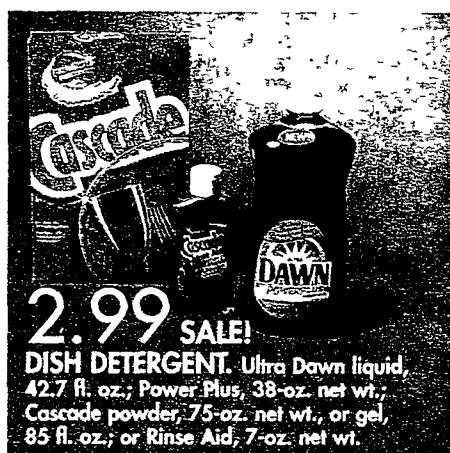
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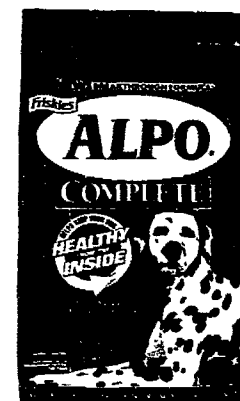
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