

Civic Concern Monday morning. The pair and other employees of Long's

Plumbing gathered the goods for the Northville charity. - Page 9A

## Spirit of giving 11

Amerman Elementary School fourth grade students Kasey Gardiner works her cash register

at the annual Sweet Shop Sale Dec. 5. - Page 11A

## MARKETPLACE



Keeping a back on track Northville First Choice Chiropractic Center has changed the way the office looks on the inside, but that doesn't mean the quality of the service has changed one bit. - Page 21A







file photo by JOHN HEIDER

Congestion at the entrances to Northville High School's parking lot - and the likelihood of accidents - was a concern two years ago when the high school opened. Two students were seriously injured in a wreck in front of the school earlier this year.

## Study: signal alone isn't the cure-all at Northville High

### By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Northville school officials are hoping the results of a recent trafstudy investigation at Northville High School will ultimatchy save lives.

A study session was conducted Dec. 3 to research possible strategies of making the traffic flow along Six Mile Road near Northville High School less hazardous to motorists.

The Northville Public School district hired the firm, Reid, Cool & Michalski- which specializes in traffic and transportation issues to provide recommendations on making the roadways safer.

At the study session, Stanley Cool, president of Reid, Cool &

Michalski, highlighted the results of the traffic survey. In response to the notion of installing a traffic light at Northville High School, Cool said a signal would increase the number of accidents (particularly rear end collisions), increase congestion and add delay.

The firm's research said standards needed to permit traffic signal control are not met at this time,



As they say, death and taxes are the only two sure things in life. In Northville, they've been made all the more sure.

Due to rising operation and maintenance costs, city council recently approved significant increases of up to 20 percent in cemetery fees at Rural Hill in order to reduce the amount needed to subsidize costs.

According to information presented to council members in council communications, \$122,000 is currently budgeted for maintenance and operation of Rural Hill. But sales of lois and income from burial services are only expected to gener-ate approximately \$65,000. The remaining \$57,000 is subsidized through the city's general fund.

"We typically look at rates and see how revenues compare with expenditures on a yearly basis. We also look at how our rates compare with other communities and other private cemeteries," said director of public works Jim Gallogly.

But it has been two years since the city last compared rates in Nov. of 2000. Gallogly said that the city could have just increased the rates by 5 percent to cover the cost of inflation but the decision was made to go above the figure in order to minimize the amount of taxpayer dollars needed to subsidize costs to Rural Hills. By doing so, the city will effectively shift some of the general fund subsidy back to those who are actually using the cemetery services provided.

In order to maintain an acceptable subsidy amount and keep it at a specific level, council approved increases of:

• 10 percent for city residents · 15 percent for township residents

• 20 percent for non-Northville residents

Based on anticipated number of cemetery plots sold and services held, it is expected that the increases will raise as much as \$12,000 per year for the cemetery fund and reduce the general fund subsidy to below \$50,000. But the increases bring Rural Hills among the most expensive municipally-owned cemeteries in the surrounding area. The rate increases will become effective as of Jan. 1.

## Onset of snowy weather won't suspend orange dot parking

#### **By Pauline Lupercio** STAFF WRITER

While employees who work in the city of Northville are now finding orange dot spots free of ars out tull of snow, the change ing weather doesn't mean tickets won't be issued to those who choose to park in short-term parking spots. Finding a long-term orange dot spot may become harder as the winter months wear on, but city officials say that program enforcement will continue fullforce. And both downtown employees and traffic enforcement officers will have difficulties even locating orange dots after each and every snow fall.

In short, downtown employees

but also said that as traffic volumes increase on Six Mile Road, a signal may become warranted.

The company suggested if a signal was ever installed, it should be traffic actuated so that it only stops -Six Mile Road traffic when school traffic is present.

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#### Beam me up

The Northville-Novi gymnastics team is prepping for its season. Find out about what's in store for the Wild'Stangs this year.— Page 1B

will not only be comp visitors and shoppers to the area, but Mother Nature as well.

According to director of public work Jim Gallogly, city staff responsible for plowing public parking lots do not "target"

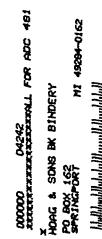


Photo by JOHN HEIDER Continued on 12 Recent snowfall was plowed into 'orange dot' parking spots in Northville's Main and Wing Street lot.

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## Northville residents take roles in 'Nutcracker'

### **By Jennifer Norris** STAFF WRITER

The holiday season is literally keeping several Northville girls on their toes as they participate in the Nutcracker production this month at the Detroit Opera House.

Two seventh grade students from Meads Mill

Middle School, Jessica Horowitz and Caitlyn Knisely, and Northville High School sophomore Kirsten Knisely will be dancing with the Cincinnati Ballet as they perform in the Nuteracker.

Beth Ann Knisely, mother of Canlyn and Kirsten Knisely, said the girls auditioned in August for roles and have been rehearsing ever-

since

"They've been going on weekends to Marygrove College to rehearse," she said. "I had two carpools going."

"It's real exciting for us, because we've been going every year to watch the Nutcracker downtown It's been our Christmas tradition to go watch it. And now this year they're in it, so it's

very exciting."

Caitlyn Knisely said she is looking forward to being a member of this holiday production.

"It was really fun learning and just being a part of it," she said. "It was a lot of work though because we only a week to learn the dance. We

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## Meads' scientists have their moment

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Do you know which seatbelts are more apt to be worn and keep kids safer?

Laura Valencia has an answer. As part of a science experiment, Valencia, an eighth grade student at Meads Mill Middle School tested the wearing comfort of seatbelt attachments and displayed her study's results at last week's annual science fair.

The 2002 Meads 'Mill Science Fair open house took place Dec. 5 in the school library. Over 160 projects were featured.

Eighth grade students were required to participate in the science fair, however, younger students could submit an entry.

Science fair participants were allowed to design a project in a category of their choice. Categories included physical science, engineering, Earth/space, life science, math computation and consumer product testing. Students were also permitted to work in pairs or individually.

Todd Gudith, an eighth grade Meads Mill instructor, said he was pleased with the overall turnout of the students' work.

"It's interesting to see the final product," he said. "They seem to always surprise you. You can tell they put a lot of time and effort into it."

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The first-place winners of Meads Mill's recent science fair.

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## Cooke hosts holiday festival

### **By Jennifer Norris** STAFF WRITER

Cooke School students will be decking the halls and reveling in holiday festivities due to the financial support of a local business tonight.

According to Donna Case, school vocational coordinator, Cooke School has partnered with Northville Township's Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America Inc., for an after-school Christmas party.

Case said the PEACE committee, a charitable arm of the division, is sponsoring Cooke School.

The event is slated to take place from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and is being hosted by Cooke officials, with funding and staffing provided by Mitsubishi.

"Mitsubishi is paying for every-thing," said Case. "We have about 65 students who are going to be at the party."

Students will also be tackling several holiday projects prior to the party's commencement.

Between school dismissal time and 5:30 p.m., Case said some students will be busy decorating cookies and picture frames.

Case said each student will receive a frame to hold their photo taken with Santa.

In addition, a movie will be shown before the Christmas party begins. Games will be accessible in the school gymnasium.

Case also said through the efforts of Mitsubishi, the students will be receiving a CD player, a cassette player or a backpack as a gift.

"They do this as part of their charitable foundation," said Case. "We're real excited about it."

"We were blown away when they said they wanted to this for us. We want to thank them for what they're doing. They're fabulous. Anything that's good for the students, we'll take. It's certainly much more than we would have been able to do Gurselves."

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## Novi students' drug use stirs concern

## Use of horse tranquilizer sign students using new routes to get high, social worker says

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

A recent incident in which a Novi High School student used horse tranquilizers to get high has sparked some new concerns in the hearts of school adminis-trators. High school students may be looking for new ways to get high, even if that means putting substances meant for animals into their systems and possibly endangering their lives in the process.

The issue was something that school social worker Kristin Corrian is following very close-

ly. "My concern would be, when the horse tranquilizer issue came up is, where are we going?" she said. "Are kids getting bored with traditional drugs and are they looking for things that aren't the typical marijuana?

Corrian went on to say that she was told about students using an over-the-counter cold medicine called coricidin to get high. "Kids were taking 10 or 12 tablets at a time and it makes you violently sick at first, but then you get some sort of buzz or high off of it after you get violently ill," she said. "Are kids looking for different ways to catch a high? I'm not sure and that's what's scaring me."

In an effort to stop this behavior, many phone calls were made to all the local pharmacies in the area.

"We just told the pharmacies to look out for teenagers coming in and buying coricidin, who don't look like they're sick or ill," Corrian said. "We all need to be aware of this. I do know

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that there were some awareness programs as well. Those types of things are done because it's not just a high school problem. It's a community problem."

Corrian believes that there is a drug problem in the school system, but it's also outside the school walls as well, which is why she believes that the whole community should know about

"I think that if any kid is using drugs, there is a problem, whether that's one or two kids or 500 kids," she said. "This is something that the nation is talking about, so it's a problem and I don't think Novi isn't touched by it at all. For us to turn a blind eye and say, 'It's not happening in our community because it's a nice place to live, would be unrealistic for us. If we are not going to do something to address the problem, the only thing we are doing is making it worse."

A way for parents to combat this problem at home, according to Corrian, is to be aware of basic signs and symptoms that their children may be express-

• Changes in sleep patterns

• Sleeping a lot more or less · Changes in school perform-

ance from earning high grades to earning low grades all of a sudden

· Changes in personality, having gone from a happy person to a sad and depressed person or vice-versa

 Changes in appearance from dressing cleanly to sloppily.

"Those are pretty textbook symptoms," Corrian said. "The bottom line is, any changes in a normal child's personality that

parents can't relate to just age issues are something to be looked at. Parents should ask questions. What are they doing? Where are they going? And who are they going with? Getting to know their friends and getting involved in their lives is key. Studies, show that drug use drops dramatically in children when their parents are involved in their kids lives. Yes, they are going to fight you and yes, they are going to say that's not what they want you to do, but they actually do. Kids want goals and direction and they want to know that their parents care about them."

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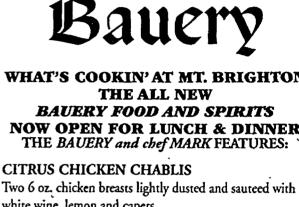
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## State dashes chance of expanded Downs gaming

#### By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

The issue of expanded non-horse gaming at Michigan's race tracks was apparently dead in its tracks Tuesday after an agreement could not be reached between the horse gaming industry and current governor John Engler. The issue hit close to home with Northville Downs officials having supported the legislation and the city's stance of opposition.

According to state representative John Stewart, R-Plymouth, pending legislation must be introduced and passed by one house in a period of five days, or what is

referred to as the "five-day rule."

"By virtue of the five-day rule, it has to be introduced and passed by one house in a five day layover and it isn't going to hap-pen," Stewart said. "If you can't reach an agreement, then it is no deal and no deal makes me happy."

Stewart said he was never in support of the legislation that would have allowed for expanded non-horse gaming. "I have maintained all along that the

[Northville Downs] is an indigenous part of the character of downtown Northville," he said.

Neither Edward Draugelis, legal council for the Northville Downs, nor Lou Carlo,

director of operations at the facility, could not be reached for comment at press time.

Joe Garcia, general council for the Michigan racing association, said he believed the decision would only have a negative financial effect on Michigan's race tracks, but was not surprised at the out-

"Governor Engler's position has not changed in the last eight years with respect to this issue, so that is no surprise to us. He has been consistently opposed to all expanded gaming at Michigan's race tracks," said Garcia. "At the same time, we have more casinos and more slot machines in the country than any other state expect

for Nevada."

Garcia said that Michigan's race tracks are currently competing with the 20 Indian casinos in the state along with the three Detroit casinos. Competition is also a factor with race tracks in Windsor and Samia, Ontario, as they do allow for casinos and slots at their facilities.

And according to Garcia, the Michigan legislation is currently considering approval of another Indian casino

We think that this proliferation of casinos has made a very difficult if not impossible situation at race tracks in Michigan which is why we have been pressing for any machine gaming to become permissible." said Garcia.

Regardless of the reasoning, city officials said they were pleased with the outcome and stand behind the resolution approved by council opposing the expansion of nonhorse gaming at the Northville Downs.

Given the policy statement made by the city council earlier this year the city is pleased that the bills have not been able to progress in their current form," Northville city manager Gary Word said.

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## Northville School Briefs

### TEEN RAISING, HAIR' April 16. RAISING

The Northville Council of PTAs is presenting "Teen Raising, Hair Raising," by Ray Guarendi Jan. 14 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Northville High School auditorium. Admission is free.

Guarendi, a father of 10 children, is the author of "You're a Better Parent Than You Think" and "Back to the Family."

#### OVS: PARENT TO PAR-ENT

The next parent-to-parent meeting will be Friday, Jan. 10, 2003 at 10 a.m.

The group will be reading "It Matters" by Janice Fialka. Interested participants are asked to respond no later than Dec. 16

#### MICHAEL FARRELL PRESENTS

The 2002-2003 Art Lecture Series featuring Michael Farrell begins Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Hillside Middle School Forum in Northville, at 145 N. Center Street. This lecture, a Wild West Overview, is the first in a fivepart series on the Wild Wild West.

Farrell is an associate professor of art history, University of Windsor; adjunct curator, Detroit Institute of Arts; and instructor, Art House of Detroit. Other lectures in the 2002-2003 series are Albert Beirstadt, Jan., 15; Charles Russell, Feb. 19; Frederic Remington, March 12 and Native American Art,

Northville The Arts 'Commission sponsors this lecture series. All lectures are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Hillside Middle School forum. Lectures are \$10/ \$5 for students or \$45 for the series package/ \$25 for students.

For more information, contact the Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950.

#### HILLSIDE ACTIVITY **DEC. 12**

An after-school activity is slated to take place from 2:55 p.m. until 4:55 p.m. at Hillside Middle School today. Students will be able to play basket ball, dance and use the media center. The dance will feature a holiday theme. Parents are asked to pick up their child(ren) by 5 p.m.

## SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

The deadline for requesting attendance at a Northville school other than the one in your residence is April 11. Letters should be addressed to the principal of the school you wish your child to attend. A new letter of request should be submitted each year.

#### HILLSIDE GRANT RECIPIENTS

The following Hillside Middle School staff members have received notification that they are the recipients of the Innovative Grants offered this year by the Northville Public Schools Board of Education.

• Shannon Murphy and Jennifer Borashko: "Hangtime at Hillside" \$1000. • Jane Hardey, Donna Hicks,

"Hillside McKay: Mary Puppeteers" \$948. • Dwight Sieggreen: "Exotic Species Survival" \$794.63

· Janet Gillies and Jim Cracraft: "Professional Learning

Communities" \$264.47 · Joyce Dunkerley, Mary

Daar, Val Kaplansky: "Peer Mediation Room" \$1000. "Ms. Jennifer Smith:

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Shannon Murphy, Dwight Sieggreen: "Teams-Totems-Sieggreen: Ties" \$896. Shannon:

Donna "Basketball-A Lifetime Activity" \$1000. Total Funding: \$7764.10

H.M.S. CARNIVAL/AUC-TION FEB. 28

The Hillside Carnival is slated to take place Feb. 28 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. The Silent Auction is continuing and will be a substantial portion of the Carnival. All proceeds will be used to provide academic enrichment opportunities for our students.

NHS ALL-NIGHT PARTY Tickets to Northville High School's 2003 Senior All Night Party are, on sale, through Deca-31 at the price of \$55. Send your check payable to Linda Temple.

46023 Northvalley, Northville, Mich. 48167. Please write your student's first and last name on the memo line. If you wish to drop off your check at the school there is a 2003 Senior All Night party box in the office.

Ticket prices for this night of activities for graduating seniors will increase to \$65 beginning Jan. 1.

A variety of assignments are still available for parent volunteers who would like to assist with the party. To find our how you can be involved in the NHS senior tradition, contact Senior All Night Party organizer Jeri Johnson at (248) 349-6294.

CHECK SCHOOL CLOS-INGS ONLINE

The Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) announced the launch of new www.michigan.gov/scm that allow citizens to look up school contact information and temporary school closings.

Closings (weather and other delays) application as part of the newest version of the School Code Master, the state's repository for official data about schools and other educational facilities. The School Closings application, previously known as the Michigan School Closing System, is the state's system for managing announcements about temporary school closings, including those due to inclement weather.

## Northville hosts **European artist's** works of art

### **By Pauline Lupercio** STAFF WRITER

Northville residents will be treated to a little taste of Italy this holiday season with the recent premier of romantic works by Italian artist Pino at Northville's Atrium Gallery.

"I'm really drawn to his work and I think a lot of our customers are as well," said Atrium manager Holly Nuzzo. "His portraits really have such emotional intensity.'

Trained in Italy's worldrenowned art institutes, Pino got his first became recognized for his work as a commercial artist. He spent more than a dozen years illustrating the covers of romance novels featuring the thenunknown Italian model, Fabio. Pino emigrated to the United States in 1979 with his family and successfully managed the transition to a career in fine art.

"What makes these paintings so compelling is that they draw you into the setting, into the mood," Atrium owner Kathryn Savitskie said in a press release. "Pino's works stir up feelings and memories that seem to arouse all the senses. Like my customers, I find myself becoming mesmerized by the warm

colors and the depth, getting lost in the romance that he has created."

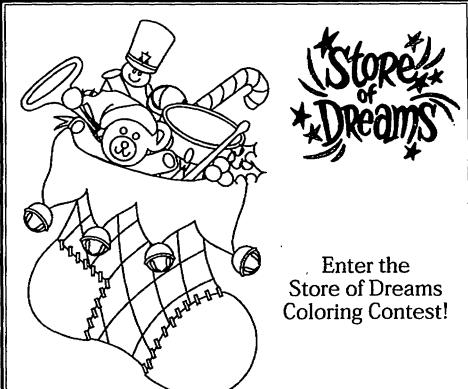
According to Nuzzo, the Atrium currently has two of the internationally known artist's limited editions on canvas. Nuzzo also said she plans to carry Pino's work continuously but cannot guarantee the length of time that the paintings will remain at the Atrium before they are purchased

His paintings sell out just as fast as we get them," she said. "But overall we are really excited to bring work from an artist of this caliber who is really worldrenowned to a Northville. It is something the Atrium feels really honored to be able to do."

The Atrium Gallery is located at 109 Center Street in Downtown Northville. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (248) 380-0470.

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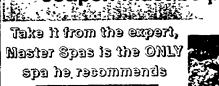
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## Police Reports City to replace storm-destroyed sign

OUIL II: A 21-year-old Northville man was arrested on charges of driving while under the influence on Nov. 28 at approximately 2:30 a.m. after, officers observed the man drive through the flashing red light at Hines and Center Street without slowing down. A traffic stop was initiated near River Street in front of the MacDonald Ford car lot.

Upon making contact with the driver, officers detected a strong odor of intoxicants on the driver's breath. The driver stated could not produce registration as the vehicle belonged to his brother. When asked, the driver said had and his brother had only consumed two beers. The driver agreed to sobriety tasks and the PBT test with results of 0.193 obtained. He was arrested on charges of driving while under the influence and the license plate to the vehicle he had been driving was confiscated due to the arrest being the driver's second within seven years. A court date is pending.

**OUIL/PUBLIC** URINA-TION: Officers arrested a 22year-old Novi man on charges of driving while under the influence and indecent conduct on Dec. 8 at 2:40 a.m. after observing the subject urinating on the wall of the Northville Gourmet shop on Taft Road. Officers approached the subject and shined a flashlight on him. When the subject finished what he was doing, he approached the officers and stated he had been at Casino Windsor. He said he had drank a lot of water which was why he had stopped to relieve himself.

Officers detected a strong odor of intoxicants on the driver's breath while speaking to him and when asked, the driver stated that her had consumed only one beer. When asked to perform sobriety tasks, the driver stated he would "try." He was arrested for OUIL after results of 0.133 percent were obtained with the PBT. A court date of Dec. 18 was assigned.



By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

Northville will soon have a new welcome sign directing visitors to the downtown area to replace one destroyed in a storm three years ago.

City council recently approved the purchase of the \$8,000 sign from Graphic Visions, Inc. of

#### Northville.

A \$1,000 fee was also approved to Graphic Visions for design work on the sign.

According to public works director Jim Gallogly, funds were appropriated by city council in the public improvement fund when it became clear that the beautification committee could not cover the cost of the new sign in their own budget. Since the original sign was lost, the beautification committee has been working with city staff and Northville public schools to create and install a replacement sign as the original could not be reinstalled. Northville public schools also agreed to extend underground power from the Hillside Middle

School sign to the proposed "Welcome" sign for after-dark lighting in exchange for shared irrigation around the Hillside Middle School Sign on behalf of the city.

Although city council approved the purchase of the sign, the purchase is contingent upon it conforming to Northville's sign ordinance, said at the southwest corner of Center and Eight Mile, is expected to be placed this spring.

The sign, which will be placed

Gallogly.

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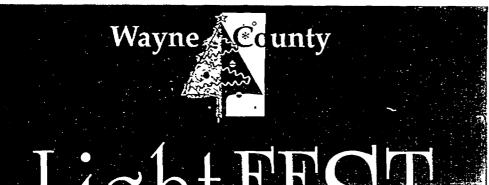
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## Township police, Marines team up for toys

#### By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

Christmas is about giving, and the Northville Township police department is hoping residents will get into the holiday spirit. Local residents interested in bringing smiles to the faces of underprivileged children can support the department by donating to the Toys for Tots program.

Community liaison officer Samantha Bolen said this is the first time the department has become involved in the program.

"We are very excited about being able to collect for needy

children at this time of year," said Bolen. "The police department will also be dropping off toys for the children and we would appreciate the help and support of Northville residents in this program.'

According to information on the Marine Toys for. Tots Foundation web site, Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea was that of Hendrick's wife when she learned that no organization

"It is always good for the police department to have an opportunity to help out underprivileged children."

> John Werth Northville Township police

existed to deliver toys to needy campaign and have conducted children for the holidays. nationwide campaigns ever since The program was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted

in order to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy. Toys for Tots in 1948 and Northville Township police expanded it into a nationwide chief John Werth said he believes the program is an important one. "It is always good for the

police department to have an opportunity to help out underprivileged children," he said. With [Bolen] taking up the new assignment of community liaison officer she has gotten our department involved with new projects that help our department get involved in the community that we serve."

Donated toys can be dropped off at the front entrance to the police station located at 41600 Six Mile 24 hours a day until noon on Dec. 18. Toys must be new and still in their original packaging. No violent toys or games will be accepted.

Pauline Lupercio is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 109 or at plupercio@ht.homecomm.net.





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## During holidays, he's on track with trains

#### By Pauline Lupercio STAFF WRITER

Tony Janigian believes there is no better gift to place under a Christmas tree for a child than a train set. He speaks from a love for the hobby that began when he was a child himself.

"My parents bought my two older brothers a train set when I was a little kid and I got into it myself when I was about seven," said Janigian. "It's something you can grow with when you start young and I have always enjoyed it."

Janigian is the owner of Northville Township's Tony's Mower Shop and Trains, which has been located on Five Mile Road just west of Haggerty since 1982. The business was originally a lawn and garden equipment and repair shop but Janigian decided to add a few Lionel train sets about seven years ago at the suggestion of a friend.

"Winters were slow and we thought we would just see how it goes. And it's been growing ever since." he said.

Janigian carries various pieces from the Michigan-based Lione! company and is currently offering a five year warranty on all parts. Parents can bring their children in to the shop to play with the circus train set display Janigian maintains while they browse through the assortment of Christmas train sets and accessories Janigian keeps in stock.

"It's a good hobby for the whole family because you can use your imagination to build," said Janigian, who said trains make great holiday gifts. "It's something the kids can really get into. When you see them unwrap their very own train set, the joy in their faces says it all."

Tony's Mower Shop & Trains is located at 40970 Five Mile Road, one-half mile west of Haggerty Road. For more information, call (734) 420-9083.

Pauline Lupercio is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 109 or at plupercio@ht.homecomm.net.



Tony Janigian stands next to a Lionel train display in his Five Mile store, A train buff since his childhood, Janigian now sells Lionel products.

## photo by PAULINE LUPERCIO

## Northville Area Briefs

FUNDRAISER MATTHEW:

They Friends of Matthew Defirenskus will be hosting an-year-old Northville boy who underwent emergency brain surgery to remove a malignant brain tumor. Funds from the dinner will benefit the Derwenskus family and assist them with Matthew's medical expenses.

WHAT: All-You-Can-Eatspaghetti dinner (\$15 per person. children 12 and under eat free.) Entertainment and silent auc-

tion 50/50 Raffle

When: Saturday, January 4

from 5 to 10 p.m. Where: Westfield Activity FOR Center in Trenton

> obtain ticket information, call (734) 692-2277, (734) 675-7827, or (734) 671-6545. Tickets will also be available on Jan. 4 at the door.

CANDLE LIGHT SHOP-PING: Downtown Northville will be open late on Dec. 13 for the city's annual Candle Light Shopping event, taking place from 6-11 p.m. Luminaries will light up Main and Center Streets for shoppers while they visit

downtown businesses for great gift ideas. Shoppers will also be treated to holiday carolers, free -> • For more information on how -- carriage rides, and a visit with

> LOOKING FOR BELL **RINGERS:** The Salvation Army is looking for a few good bell ringers for its Christmas Kettle Campaign. Ringers are particularly needed during the weekday hours. The campaign continues until Dec. 24. The four sites in Northville for bell ringing are the Northville Post Office, Hiller's Market, Great Harvest Bread Company and Farmer Jack. All

funds raised during this campaign will remain in the Northville/Plymouth area. Anyone interested in participating " is asked to contact call (248) 348-2678.

JINGLE BELL RUN/WALK: The Jingle Bell Run & Walk will take place on Dec. 15 at Northville Downs. The registrations fee is \$20 until Nov. 26 and \$25 thereafter. Interested residents can register online at www.arthritis.org or call (800) 968-3030 ext. 233. Proceeds from the event benefit the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter.

NEW YEAR'S **VOLUNTEERS:** Northville Parks and Recreation is looking for volunteers 18 and over to donate their time to work at the sixth annual New Year's Eve event. Job assignments include ticket taking, games, family photos, food service, and other activi-

ties. Volunteers are needed Dec. 31 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline Road, Volunteers may also purchase a specially discounted dinner ticket for \$8. For more information, call (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411.

"Give me one good reason to contribute to the Red Cross."

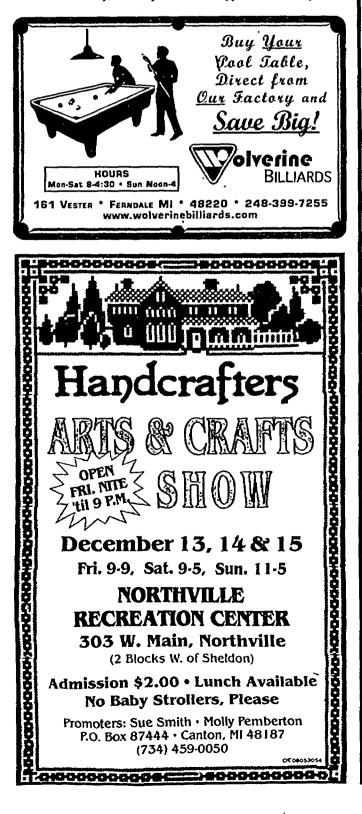
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## **Community Events**

## THIS WEEK

Friends of Northville District Library Fantasy of Trees DATE: Ongoing through Dec. 14

**LOCATION:** Various locations through Northville

TIME: Call for info **DETAILS:** Artfully-decorated artificial trees will be displayed at various merchants in Northville (Bee's Knees, Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall, Helen's Uptown Cafe, Long's Plumbing, Orin Jewelers, Pamplemousse, Pear-aphernalia, Ultimate Toys & Gifts, Great Harvest Bread, Northville District Library). The trees will be raffled. Tickets for the raffle are \$3 each, two for \$5, five for \$10 or 25 for \$40. On Dec. 14, a holiday desert and music gala will be held. Winners will be drawn at 8:30 p.m. that night. Proceeds benefit the Northville District Library. PHONE: (734) 420-2225

Stage production --- "The Velveteen Rabbit"

DATE: Various dates between now and Jan. 18

**LOCATION: Marquis Theatre** (135 E. Main Street)

**TIME:** Various times **DETAILS:** The show will retell the story of how a toy becomes real. Tickets are \$7.50 each, with special rates for school groups and birthday parties. Children under age 3 are not admitted

PHONE: (248) 349-8110

Stage production ----"Christmas on Main Street" DATE: Dec. 15 - 21 **LOCATION: Marquis Theatre** (135 E. Main Street) TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: The musical deals with a mix of old and new

Got a non-profit or community event coming up you'd like people to know about? We'd be happy to help you. Send basic information (date, time, cost, overview and a contact telephone number) to:

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Listings can be publicized for up four weeks in advance of the event. Promotional may also be submitted and will be published, space permitting.

Christmas themes. PHONE: (248) 349-8110

Holiday open house to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support

DATE: Dec. 12 LOCATION: Northville Hills

Golf Club model home (call for info) TIME: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

DETAILS: The evening will include a walking tour of the model home, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, silent auction, complimentary valet parking and the Angel of Hope memorial tree. Admission is \$25 per person, along with an item from New Hope's Kidz Program wish list. PHONE: (248) 348-0115

## Stage presentation ----

"Ebenezer" DATE: Dec. 12-14 LOCATION: Northville Christian Assembly (41355 Six Mile Road) TIME: 7 p.m. (Dec 12, 13); 3 p.m. (Dec. 14) DETAILS: The play is an



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The Marquis Theatre will be performing "The Velveteen Rabbit" now through mid-January.

adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." PHONE: (248) 348-9030

Mothers Club All Aglow 2002 enrichment support for Northville schools

nation given for donations made by Dec. 1)

LOCATION: Downtown

**DETAILS:** The Mothers' Club of Northville fundraiser provides additional funding to Northville school children. Donations may ("sapphire"), \$10 ("emerald"), \$25 ("ruby") and \$50 ("diamond.") Those making contributions by Dec. 1 will have their names placed on an illuminated board in front of the bandshell. The All Aglow tree will be illuminated on Dec. 13. PHONE: (248) 344-4982

Handcrafters Arts & Crafts Show

**LOCATION: Northville** Recreation Center (303 W. Main

TIME: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (Dec. 13); 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Dec. 14); 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Dec. 15) DETAILS: More than 70 juried artisans will be showing their wares, including holiday decorations and crafts. Admission is \$2. Baby strollers are not permitted.

PHONE: (734) 459-0628

Sarah Ann Cochrane Northville-Plymouth Chapter of the Daughters of the American **Revolution Christmas tea** DATE: Dec. 16 LOCATION: Call for info TIME: 1 p.m. **DETAILS:** All members and

day will be Sue Daniel, speaking

on Michigan one-room schools. PHONE: (248) 344-4635

Miami (Ohio) University Men's Glee Club DATE: Dec. 17 LOCATION: Hillside Middle

School (775 N. Center) TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: The men's glee club

of Miami University is one of the largest and oldest in the world. The chorus sings several different styles of music, including Renaissance, classical, 20th Century, pop, spirituals and world music. Two Northville High School graduates -Conor and Tyler Sedam - are in the club. Admission is free. PHONE: (248) 344-8493

## • COMING UP •

Snowmobile safety class DATE: Dec. 17, 19 **LOCATION: Northville** Community Center (303 W. Main Street)

TIME: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. **DETAILS:** Students age 12 and up who wish to be certified in snowmobile operation are eligible to participate. (Certification is required for persons age 12 to 16 who wish to operate a snowmobile on public land.) Students should bring \$10, pencil and paper to class. PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext.

1411

### Northville Woman's Club Meeting

DATE: Dec. 20. **LOCATION: First Presbyterian** Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street) TIME: 1:30 p.m. **DETAILS:** The annual Christmas tea will welcome new

members. The meeting's theme is "Christmas Music with

Darlene." PHONE: (248) 349-3064

### Northville Nite 2003

DATE: Dec. 31 LOCATION: Northville **Recreation Center at Hillside** (700 W. Baseline Road) TIME: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. DETAILS: Tickets to the fami-

ly-style New Year's Eve event are \$14 for adults and \$9 for children ages 10 and younger. Food, entertainment, a carnival, a magic show and swimming will be part of the evening.

PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

Northville Woman's Club meeting (Guest Day) DATE: Jan. 3

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street) TIME: 1:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Bob Zaetta will be speaking on "Women of the Civil War." The event's chairperson is Shirley Hartley. PHONE: (248) 349-3064

38th annual Northville-In-Florida Reunion

DATE: Feb. 21 (reservations due by Jan. 30)

LOCATION: Hotel Jacaranda (19 E. Main Street, Avon Park, Fla.)

TIME: Call for info **DETAILS:** The annual reunion of persons with ties to Northville will take place in a private dining area at Hotel Jacaranda, Tax and gratuity for lunch is \$12.50 per person. Accommodations can be arranged with the assistance of the reunion organizers. (Avon Park is located about 75 miles south of Orlando, Fla.)

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# They go a Long way to share the holiday spirit

## By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

Long Mechanical employees went the extra mile to give area families some extra holiday joy this season.

On Monday, officials from Long Mechanical in Northville unloaded a large sport utility vehicle brimming with toys and food donated by company employees to Northville Civic Concern.

According to Don Luke, vice president of Long Mechanical, the compa-

attended the party, including children. "We feel very fortunate as a company. [Employees] feel good to be able to give back to the community."

The holiday party was hosted Sunday and resulted in a large harvest of toys and several bushel baskets of food.

Ron Tini, company treasurer/secretary, described the contributions of the workers as "very generous."

"All the employees were excited about doing this," said Tini. "As Long and food being brought inside.

"It's awesome," said Kunz. "It's a way for us to have emergency things for families. Those are special Santas that you want to see."

Kunz said the efforts of others help further the mission of Northville Civic Concern.

"I couldn't do it without the whole community," she said. "Everybody that gives is special. This way, they know no child is going to go without a Christmas."

Mechanical management, we're happy that we can help some families Jennifer Norris is a staff writer have an (enjoyable) Christmas too." for the Northville Record. She can Marlene Kunz, director of be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. Northville Civic Concern, smiled as 107 e-mail or by at jnorris@ht.homecomm.net. she surveyed the growing piles of toys



## DATE: Dec. 13 (special desig-

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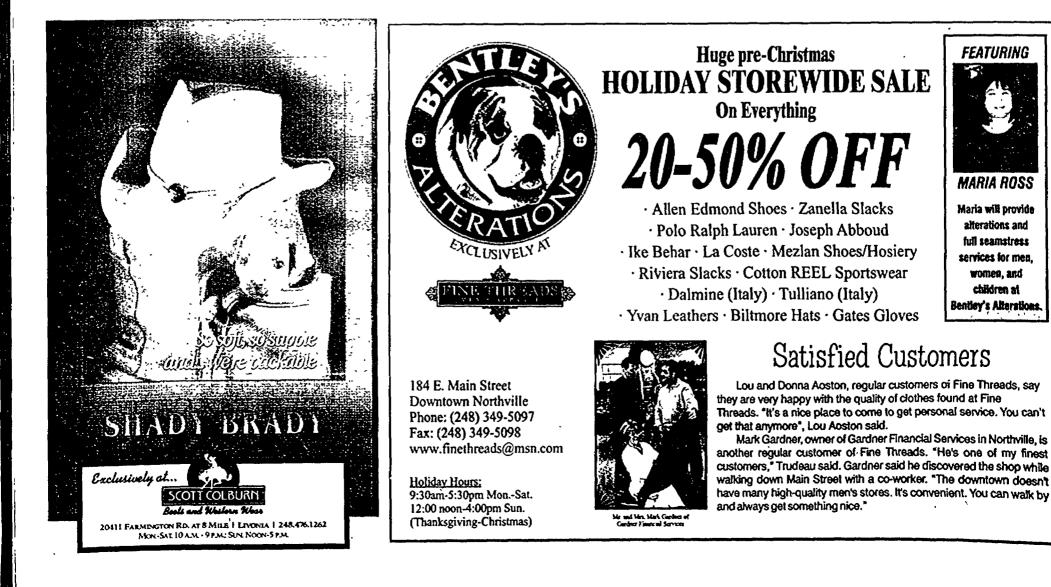
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Photo by JOHN HEIDER Ron Tini, left, and Don Luke carry bags of toys and food to Northville's Civic Concern Monday morning. The pair and other employees of Long's Plumbing gathered the goods for the Northville charity.

ny hosts an annual Christmas party and employees are asked to bring items to donate.

"There's over 70 gifts," he said, adding that approximately 140 people





## **Mill Race Matters**

Mill Race Village is an eleven-acre collection of 19th century buildings along the Mill Pond operated by the Northville Historical Society. The Village is open dawn to dusk seven days a week and is located on the west side of Griswold north of Main Street in downtown Northville. The office, located at the Cady Inn, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Archives are open on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. The 1st Sunday in June through the 3rd Sunday in October the buildings are open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with docents (hosts/host-esses) in each to share the history of that building. For detailed information about special programs or renting the facilities call the office at (248) 348-1845.

Dec. 12	9 a.m1 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public	Cady Inn
	6:30 p.m10 p.m.	Bell Foundry Questers Meeting	Cady Inn
Dec. 14	9 a.m3 p.m. 6 p.m10 p.m.	Girl Scout MeetingCady Inn Ottawa Longrifles Christmas Party	Cady Inn
Dec. 15	10 a.m12 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church	Church
	1 p.m4 p.m.	King's 8th	Cady Inn
	1 p.m4 p.m.	Heirloom Rug Hookers	Church
Dec. 16	10 a.m1 p.m.	Heirloom Rug Hookers	Cady Inn
	6 p.m8 p.m.	Brownie Scout Meeting	Cady Inn
Dec. 17	9 a.m12 p.m.	Stone Gang	Village & Cady Inn
	7:30 p.m 9 p.m.	Weavers Guild Meeting	Cottage
Dec. 18	7 p.m9 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service	Church
Dec. 19	9 a.m1 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public	Cady Inn
	6:30 p.m7:30 p.m.	Rehearsal	Church
	7:30 p.m9:30 p.m.	Northville Historical Society Board Meeting	Cady Inn

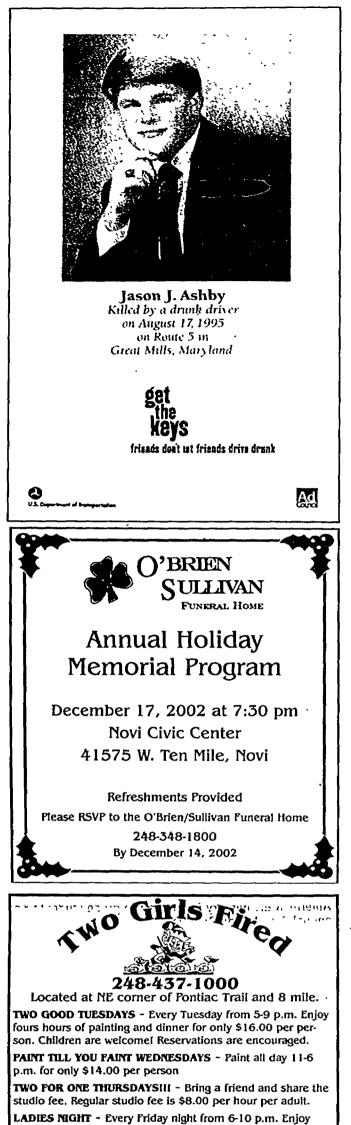
We would like to wish everyone happy and safe holidays. May your fondest wishes come true. The office will be closed for Christmas and New Years from Dec. 21 until January 1. Enjoy the holidays.

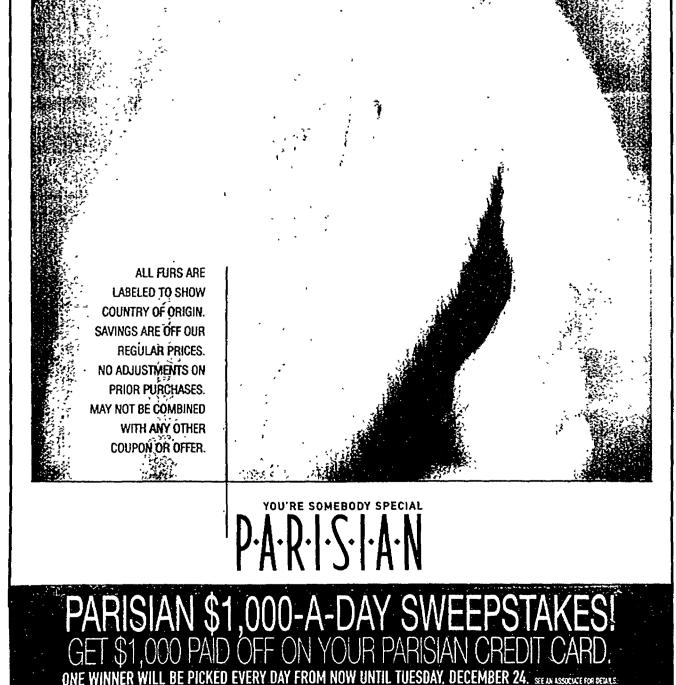
Mill Race Basket Guild Basketmakers-Are you interested in joining a Basket Guild? The Guild meets the first Wednesday of the month (September-June) from 9:30 a.m.-noon at the Cady Inn. We demonstrate at Mill Race Activities and are members of the Northville Historical Society. The Guild does not give lessons but we do learn from each other. If you are interested in more information please contact Georgia Randinitus at (734) 459-7146 or email Diane Carter at dianecart@earthlink.net.

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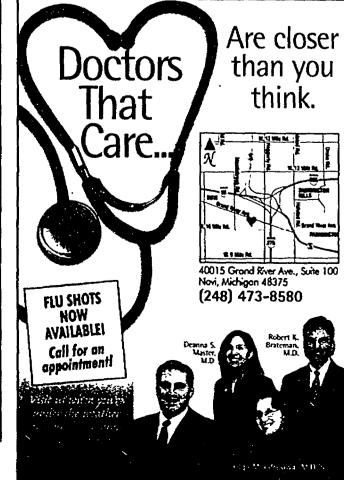
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## A sweet deal: student sales help area needy

#### **By Jennifer Norris** STAFF WRITER

It was an event that would make most dentists cringe, but three Northville families will likely be smiling from ear to ear.

Fourth grade students at Amerman Elementary last week hosted their annual "Sweet Shop" sale, a unique fundraiser geared to raise money to benefit impoverished families.

"We are going to be adopting three needy Northville families for the holidays through Northville Civic Concern," said Richard Tador, a fourth grade teacher at Amerman Elementary. The event, he said, has been in

place for over a decade and is designed to not only help fami-lies, but teach students life-long lessons.

"The teachers wanted to do something to get the students involved in the community," said Tador. "And to help them realize that the holiday time is not just about receiving gifts themselves, but it's also about helping others and giving back to the communi-

Fourth grade families concocted holiday treats ranging from brownies to gingerbread houses.

The whole idea is that the students and parents make treats together," said Tador.

During the morning hours, classrooms in the remaining grade levels had the opportunity to peruse the candies and treats and make their purchase.

Parent volunteers were also on hand to supervise the selling process.

"[There's] a lot of parent involvement," said Tador. "We get them to come the day of the sale to help make change and make sure it runs smoothly."

Cookies, cupcakes and candy cane reindeer were also for sale. "Each student brings in about

"There's a lot of parent involvement. We get them to come the day of the sale to help make change and make sure it runs smoothly."

> Richard Tador Amerman Elementary teacher

two dozen of whatever they want to sell," said Tador.

Profits are expected to be high. "We usually raise around \$1,000 to be divided between the three families," said Tador. "We're going to purchase clothes and items they requested."

Toys and games for the children are also expected to be purchased. Tador said various committees

have been established to purchase and wrap the gifts. Lauren Colasanti, a fourth grade student at Amerman, was all

smiles as she displayed her sweettooth merchandise. "We're raising money for three

Northville families," she said. "I think it's pretty nice because it's the season of giving. They should get presents for Christmas."

Her classmate, Rachael Childs, shared a similar opinion.

"I think of Northville as a really cheerful place," said Childs. "It's good to give people things. They have less stuff than we do."

Jennifer Norris is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 107 e-mail or by at jnorris@ht.homecomm.net.

photo by JENNIFER NORRIS Amerman Elementary School fourth grade students Kasey Gardiner and Emma Roy work their cash register article

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## **Snowy days** won't suspend parking plan

"If the spot isn't

Jim Gallogly

city of Northville public works

long-term parking spots are taken

up by then. "There are not enough

spots in the summer for employ-

ees to park in this lot, so in the

winter we are left with fewer

But the parking program's pur-

pose, said police chief Jim Petres,

is to provide more parking options for Northville's customers. Although Petres said "good judg-

ment" will be used when issuing

violations after a snowfall and

orange dots are not clearly visible,

exceptions will not become the

rule. "I don't see it as being much

different than the spots being

taken up by other employees or

visitors when you pull into the

lot" said Petres, referring to long-

term spots blocked from use by

piles of snow. "Just because it is

winter doesn't mean that the park-

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orange dots to pile the gathered snow. At the same time, the com-mon practice is to push the snow to the edges of the lots and against items such as lamp posts before returning to clear the remaining snow.

And as many of the long-term spots happened to be grouped where the snow happens to be piled, downtown employees are getting frustrated.

"What, we try to do is get [the parking lots] opened up with as many spots so people can use it," said Gallogly. "After the snow has stopped, we go back and clear it out so we can maximize parking."

Gallogly said that no exception can be made for those who believe snow in an orange dot means no ticket if they park in a short-term

spot. "If the spot isn't there for you to use, then it isn't there for you to use," he said.

Holly Hodgson, an employee of Stamppeddlar Plus located on the corner of Center and Dunlap, said she wasn't happy with the situa-tion. Hodson said the competition for parking in the lot off of Main and Center Streets is tough enough between employees without even factoring in customers and piles of snow.

"If it takes one, two, or three days to come back and remove that snow, then that is one, two, or three days that we don't have that spot to park on. As it is, we are already competing with other businesses for parking since we don't open until 10 a.m.," Hodgson said, adding that most

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## NHS grapples with safer Six Mile

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Other potential solutions to creating a safer driving environment were discussed among study session participants, which included six school board members, Northville Township police chief John Werth, Northville schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski and parents.

Proposed traffic improvements included the possible use of fiberoptic speed limit signage, greater police supervision and decreasing the road speed limit.

"Any little thing we do can make a big difference in the whole picture," said Cool. "Anything we can do to move students into parking areas more efficiently will be beneficial."

Plans are also in the works to create a mandatory student driving awareness program at Northville High School.

The traffic study came on the heels of a car accident in late October which resulted in serious injuries to two Northville High School students. The accident occurred as the two students were exiting the high school parking lot and turning onto Six Mile Road.

Although several different strategies were discussed to raise the bar of safety, officials admit there is no simple, cure-all solution.

"I think we realize none of these are perfect," said Cool.

Rezmierski agreed.

We have a lot to do over a long period of time," he said. "There are multiple steps to take action on. There is no one quick fix."

#### ACTION BY THE BOARD

According to school officials, based upon input and recommendations

## **NHS PARKING: WHAT THE PROS RECOMMENDED**

ROBLEM

the high school?

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school?

Eight questions were asked by Northville Public Schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski in his letter of Nov. 15. Each question and the consult-ants' response from Reid, Cool and Michalski, Inc. of Farmington Hills is below.

Northville High School 

Orange Dot Parking

### Q. Should a traffic signal be installed at the high school driveway?

A. As previously mentioned, no, because none of the signal warrants are currently met.

### Q. Should a traffic signal be installed at the Stonebrook subdivision?

A. While at signal at that location would provide some gaps in Six Mile Road traffic, in our opinion, it would do little to help the situation at the school driveways.

Q. Would fiber optics help the 30 mph school speed limit signs and should the limit be reduced to 25 mph?

A. Use of fiber optic signs is recommended, as is the reduction of the school limit to 25 MPH if the County will agree.

Q. Is the school district responsible for left turn green arrows at the Sheldon and Beck intersections with Six Mile Road?

A. The district has no responsibility for the left turn arrows at those two major intersections. Of course, like any citizen, the district can ask the county to consider such installation.

### Q. Should the district request Northville

for board action. Board members approved the items below during the Dec. 12 Board of Education meeting at Old Village School.

• Fiber optic lighting should be installed at both school speed limit signs as soon as possible. This request would go to the Wayne County Road Commission for implementation.

School district would petition that the speed limit be reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph when school is in session. The concern resides with the present 45 mph speed limit. The Six Mile Road speed limit would have to go 40 mph in order to obtain a 25 mph school speed zone. This will be explored.

 Awareness program at Northville High School on multiple fronts. Northville High School principal

O. Should the district revisit the number of students allowed to drive to the high school? A. This could be considered by the district, for if less parking permits are issued the problems would be somewhat lessened but not eliminated.

### Q. Should the high school parking be redesigned?

A. In our opinion, the current plan is working reasonably well and should not be changed at this time, other than to assign parking spaces in the east to students living to the east of the school to minimize the conflicts.

Township police department to have officers in their cars monitoring Six Mile Road traffic near

A. Frankly, this would be an unreasonable

request of the NTPD since they have an entire township to service. Of course, NTPD can in their

to Millennium Park be closed during school

park and walking across Six Mile Road to

routine include periodic speed enforcement on Six

Mile Road, just as they would on any of the major

Q. Should the district request that the entrance

hours to prevent sophomores from parking at the

A. Yes. Pedestrian movements across Six Mile

Road should be discouraged since it would be

unsafe. We understand that the township has

agreed to close the park during school hours.

Dec. 2 report.

• Request more frequent police presence at the high school during the morning start times and afternoon ending times.

· From the information received from experts, traffic lights are not warranted at this time. This is an issue that is on the Wayne County Road Commission's plans to be installed within the next two years or sooner depending on housing growth and number of cars driving east and west on Six Mile. The concern raised was a potential for traffic accidents resulting from the installation of two traffic lights.

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number of changes.

parking permit.

Parent Awareness Driving Safety Program tying in with the Student Awareness Driving Program. Provide update information through the "Mustang Messenger" and school

upcoming PTSA meetings.

further study.

4. Provide future discussions at

1. Student drivers will now be required to attend a school driving awareness program each semester. The first program is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 6, 2003. This involves all seniors and juniors who have a 2. Review the possibility of creating

a Student Driving Code of Conduct. This is a recommendation worthy of

3. Review the implementation of a

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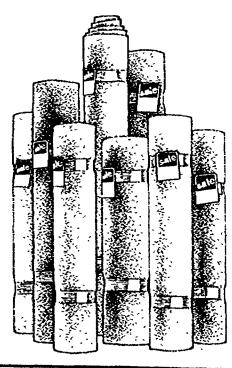


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## NHS students' works benefit abuse center

### **By LAUREN BRACKEL** STAFF WRITER

Several Northville High School students volunteered time after school to make items, which when sold beneft First Step, a local domestic abuse center.

This is the second year the art department has held this charity event. Organizers hoped to con-tinue the project in years to come.

In early December, the students' artwork sold anywhere from \$5 to \$10 each. An estimated \$1,100 was made off of the artwork and given to First Step.

The students participated in a marathon in October to work on their pieces, often working as late as 7 p.m. to finish their proj-

## "The kids are all so proud to make something someone would buy."

Judy Cavanaugh Northville High School teacher

### ects.

Students involved are from classes of all levels such as ceramics, photography, drawing and painting, and metals.

Students that went above and beyond with their work were Courtney Bzymek, Julie Melonio, Amanda Retzback,

Kyle Vanslyke, Karen Hutchison, Cedric Tai, Simeon Vincent, Amy Rauner, and Meghan Griffin.

Teachers in the art department who helped the sale get off its feet were Monika Reiter, Michael Hoffman, Nancy Bassitt, and Judy Cavanaugh. "We want to thank all of the tida feat their time and effort"

kids for their time and effort," said Reiter said.

"The kids are all so proud to make something someone would buy. It really does boost their self-esteem," Cavanaugh said. "We want to thank all the people for purchasing all the kids' work.

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## For many, Civic Concern is part of the family

#### By John Helder STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"If the need is there, they're there for you," said Bev Wadowski, a frequent guest and volunteer at Northville's Civic Concern.

Civic Concern, located at 215 W. Cady in Northville, has been helping adults, kids and seniors in the area with food, toiletries, housing and utilities assistance for the past 20 years. Its director, Marlene Kunz,

who's been leading the philanthropic organization for all but its first six months, took a moment to talk about Civic Concern on a recent 'distribution Friday,' the day when clients stop by the CC's basement to pick up a sack or two of groceries.

Kunz talked in her cramped storage room/office about the value of Civic Concern to the community, and how with all its volunteers and donations, hopefully.

"We'll always be available to help those who need it," she said.

Within 15 minutes, Kunz already has a number of visitors: a volunteer brings up a case of evaporated milk (not a big demand that day), a 30 year-old mentally handicapped woman drops off her wish list for Santa for next week's Kiwanis party at the VFW hall and relates tearfully how her cat has recently died, a phone call comes in from a school with more donations, and another client (a single mother of two) tells of her struggles with being evicted.

Kunz's desk is piled high with faxes and forms, slips of paper with phone messages from social workers, referrals from the Michigan Family Independence Agency, all requests for people in need. On average, more than \$10,000 in need requests cross Kunz's desk in a week.

Civic Concern acts, yearround, as a sort of clearing house of assistance in the Northville area. Kunz somehow juggles clients in need with "They're family, they work help from individual/(school : from their hearts. If it, wasn't kids, Mothers' Club, Northville, for them, many Christmases Youth Assistance, automotive \* corporations, Kiwanis, Lions Club, police unions, Meijer and many other donors to make sure that no one goes hungry and none go without a present at Christmas.

Wadowski, in a wheelchair (obtained for her by Civic Concern) after numerous spinal surgeries, surveys the friendly faces surrounding her on a recent distribution Friday.

Frequent Civic Concern volunteer and client Bcv Wadowski talks about what the Northville charity means to her on a recent distribution Friday.

would have been nothing", she says.

Civic Concern is a warm, inviting place. Kunz greets all like family with a big hug and tells them, "I love you." A loyal, dedicated bunch of mostly-senior volunteers for every distribution day and the many hours it takes to transfer and store donations, ex-clients become volunteers and donors and hang out awhile with a cup

of coffee and a cookie.

"I must be doing something right, because they don't want to'leave," Kunz said.

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the slump in the national economy, Civic Concern found it more difficult to get enough funds for its clients as those normally giving were taking a hit in their own pocketbooks. The irony being, of course, that more people than ever needed the extra help. In the last year, Kunz has had to shift her donation request focus.

money, so we concentrated on food," she said.

And if there's one non-per--ishable that flies off the shelf at 215 W. Cady faster than any other, it's got to be canned fruit. "We can't get enough of that

stuff," said Kunz. "You know if you give [food] here, it's out the door. The food is given to those who need it." 'Civic Concern is Northville," added Kunz. "It

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"We knew we couldn't get help and donations. We need to keep it going forever so we'll always be available to help those who need it.". When asked what Civic Concern meant to her, single

working mother of two Karen Schrock said, "Family. They've been my family for the past eight years and they've helped my kids out at Christmas."

As she prepared to leave with a sack of groceries, Schrock, a Novi resident working full time belongs to every child, adult and attending Schoolcraft and senior when they offer their College shows off a quilt she's

made to Civic Concern volunteers who all know her-bynàme.

Photo by John Heider

- I They vo-always been there i for me," said Schrock.

Donations can be made to Civic Concern at 215 W. Cady, Northville, MI 48167. Contact Marlene Kunz at (248) 344-1033.

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Emerson Third Place: Marcel Acosta

### ZOOLOGY

First Place: Sam Morgan Second Place: John Dinger Third Place: Ashley Ring Honorable Mention: Lisa Poenisch, Laura Tonch

## BOTANY

First Place: Elizabeth Cullen Second Place: Jim Hubbard Third Place: Brian Havlisch Fourth Place: Chris Hilger Fifth Place: Charles Dehmke, Joe Taverna, **Danielle Toney** Honorable Mention: Dayle Pike

## MATH/COMPUTATION

First Place: Harry Zhang Second Place: Kevin Zhang

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First Place: Ryan McBride, Lia Gargaro Second Place: Aleks Malec Third Place: Chris Perkowski Honorable Mention: Kyle Munoz, Elo

Second Place: Hillary Frimenko Third Place: Elliot Huang

**MECHANICAL ENGINEERING** First Place: Jordan Bucciere

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## SOUND, LIGHT AND HEAT Third Place: Kathryn Gorsuch Fourth Place: Vince Shaw, Robbie Jeffery Fifth Place: Kirstyn Wildey Honorable Mention: Mike Pachana, Ahmed El-Khamissi, Zachary Steiber, Elizabeth

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#### Campbell Fourth Place: Matthew Bednar

**GENERAL PHYSICS** First Place: Joe Eichholtz Second Place: Jackie Elder, Emily Kalweit, Benjamin Wu

Third Place: Justin Kemp, Kevin Ruzylo Fourth Place: Jake Whitecar, Justin Hnatio Fifth Place: Jeremy West Honorable Mention: Will Blickle

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Fifth Place: Jan Heyer, Alex Mudar Honorable Mention: Linda Wang, Chelsea Glenn, Michelle Truong, Sarah Forsthoefel, Alana Rambacher

**MEDICINE AND HEALTH** First Place: Carrie Jones, Ashley Smith Second Place: Kirsten Hogan Third Place: Tommy Sugawara, Derek

Gelven Fourth Place: Jim Jeffrey Fifth Place: Chelsea VandenEsschert,

Megan Sundberg Honorable Mention: Laura Keys

PSYCHOLOGY

## Science goes center stage at Meads Mill

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Valencia said she enjoyed seeing the rows of science projects on dis-

play. "It looked really good," she said. "There's a lot of different experiments. You could see the effort. A lot of them were a lot more advanced than you think middle schoolers could do."

Eighth grade student Susan Snyder, who received first place in the Earth and Space category, said the projects required about two months of work.

"I was excited because I worked hard on it," said Snyder. "I went

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was going to get placed." When asked to give advice to

incoming eighth grade students on constructing their pending projects, DeCrescentis shared a few thoughts on creating a top-notch entry.

There's no luck in it," he said. You make your own luck. Make something that's interesting. Make a project where the judges are going to learn something."

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# **OPINION**

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## **Parking plans:** at least we know

It's probably not the news probably won't happen anytime people were hoping to hear, but at least there's a clearer understanding as to what the future holds.

Parking issues - both in downtown Northville and at Northville High School --were explored by Record reporters this week. On the educational front, traffic engineers concluded that adding a traffic signal near the high school's

entrance wasn't statistically justified at this point. Public demand for such a signal gained momentum in October, the future holds. following serious auto accident involv-

ing two NHS students.

Meanwhile, Mother Nature's first real snowfall of the year put the city's reinforced Orange Dot Parking Program through a test of its own. It was learned that persons employed by downtown businesses who normally park in Orange Dot spaces wouldn't be getting a reprieve from the city to park in unmarked spaces, even if Orange Dot spaces were buried under snow.

In both instances, we're cringing, but we're grateful city and school authorities have stepped up and let residents know what to expect. Is it the kind of news that's going to be met with open arms? Most likely, no. At the same time, information has been disseminated and the rules set out. Now it's up to drivers to figure out what they want to do.

soon, as experts in the field of traffic management determined the prerequisites for such installation had not yet been met. That means - at least for the time being - it's going to be up to drivers to be more alert, careful and patient in their driving. Other options may be taken up in the future, but for now, the onus is on the proverbial Nut Behind The Wheel.

In the case of Northville At least there's a municipal parking, we clearer underbelieve sensistanding as to what bility must

rule the day. When Northville officials announced their plans to step up enforcement of the Orange Dot program earlier this year, we qualified our support of it by saying proper enforcement of the policy would be key to its success, particularly on days when festivals or shows draw larger-thannormal numbers of people to the community. Tied to that are

those times when the Orange Dot spaces are either cloaked under a blanket of new-fallen snow, or when parking lot plows bury those spots from use whatsoever. If enforcement loosens up during high-volume times, it should also ease up during inclement weather. We'll be monitoring the situation to see if that's actually tak-

In the meanwhile, it's best to

ease off the gas if you're driv-

ing near Northville High

School, and be very attentive to

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'Park' in the city. Not doing so

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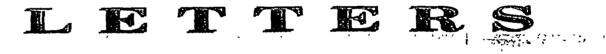
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Matt Mueller (left) and Alex Rosner check in for the second round of competition at the LEGO League State Comptetition in Novi Saturday. The Walled Lake middle schoolers didn't bring home a trophy, but the did learn a lot about computer science.



## Why try to fix system that isn't really broken?

The [Northville High School] late start committee has proposed three different plans to change the starting times of the elementary, middle school and high school. All three scenarios state that the high school students start only 45 minutes to one hour later. There are no studies that show academic performance will improve with this small amount of time change, nor do the studies show how

abatement not good policy"), which [1] strongly disagree with for the following reasons.

Approximately a year ago, the Northville Record criticized the Northville Township Economic Development Corporation for not doing anything to occupy the empty building at Beck and Five Mile roads. The building has been empty for the last two years and three-and-a-half of the last five years. Akebono Corporation - a well-established, stable company with a proven product --- is planning on using it for its national research and development facility. The two previous

The Northville High School Class of 2003 Senior All Night Party Decorating Committee would like to thank Mr. Lee Belanger for his extreme generosity. Mr. Belanger has donated the use of his warehouse to the decorating committee from now until the party on June 7. Mr. Belanger does not have a senior [student] but just wanted to do something nice for the community. His generosity is greatly appreciated by all the parents of the NHS class of 2003.

Thursday, December 12, 2002

Joanne Deutschendorf Northville High School Class of 2003 All Night Party Decorating Committee

At Northville High School, passion runs strong and deep for installation of a traffic signal near the entrance. That

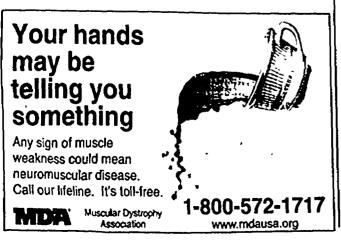
I am a 39-year-old Northville woman who has difficulty walking, as I use two canes to get around. My injuries were brought on by an auto accident. I am looking for either an automobile of my own with automatic transmission. or someone who can offer to drive me to a few errand destinations each week.

I am an 11-year-old boy whose father was seriously injured only two weeks after our home caught fire. I have continued to attend school regularly despite the setbacks. My family and I are temporarily living in a motel and would appreciate any money donations available.



Thirty-four residents of Star Manor - 33 women and one man - are seeking personal hygicne items, including tissues and combs. In addition, residents would like to receive large-print books and afghans.

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many students are currently sleep deprived.

One of the major negative consequences with starting later would be that spring and fall athletes would have to miss instructional time for away athletic contests. Taking students out of class early not only affects them, but the other students are disrupted and the teachers will or may have to go over the same material again. How can the committee justify taking students out of school just so they can start the school day 45 minutes later?

There are only 24 hours in the day. High school students would be going to bed an hour later in order to fit in their academic and extra curricular activities. The same committee agrees that elementary students learn better in the morning, yet two out of three pro-posed models have the elementary schools starting and ending later in his or her day. The third plan has elementary students starting at 7:45 a m., which would bring up many safety issues for younger students waiting for the bus and walking to school in the dark.

Until the late start committee can have all surrounding school districts on the same schedule and procure more buses so that Northville students at all three levels can go to school at their optimum learning time. leave the starting times as they stand.

As many parents and teachers have stated, we have a wonderful school district which can be demonstrated by the test scores, college graduates and level of success of our graduates. Why are we trying to fix a system that is not broken?

> Denise Taylor Northylle

Akebono tax break stands to help township

It is a shame that the newspaper that Northville residents rely upon for information doesn't provide complete investigative reporting or doesn't choose to report all the facts. One example is the editorial of Dec. 5 ('Tax

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companies [to occupy the building], OIS Optical Imaging Systems and Nanovations referred to in the editorial - were speculative research companies without a welldefined traditional history of success, which probably led to their demise.

Research and development requires fewer community services as compared with residential, meaning that it puts less strain on community resources and also helps to diversify the tax base. Tax abatements provide for receipt of 50 percent of the tax, based on property values. As the value increases, taxes would increase, even when receiving a tax abatement. The tax abatement is for a limited period of time - in this case, eight years at the end of which time the abatement expires and full taxes would be paid. This particular company, wanting to be a good corporate citizen, has even chosen to pay the full school tax, even though they are not sending any children to school.

The Northville Township EDC, composed on nine [residents] of varies backgrounds and expertise, studied Akebono's application and unanimously agreed that this company would be a very good fit for Northville Township. It would allow us to diversify our tax base, fill an empty building with a good company. receive full school tax, keep this company in Michigan (rather than move to Kentucky) and help us continue to develop our research and development park at Five Mile and Beck.

Because of the reasons mentioned above, the EDC recommended to the Northville Township board of trustees that they approve the tax abatement for Akebono. This was unanimously approved by the board.

NHS Class of 2003

grateful for Belanger

Marv Gans Northville Township EDC chairperson Northvalle Township trustee

## Lions Club breakfast was a success

The Northville Lions Club thanks the Bonfire Brewery and Bistro for hosting the Club's first ever charity pancake breakfast on Oct. 20. The attention and assistance from executive chef Matthew Morrison and the staff at the Bonfire were especially appreciated. The Bonfire Staff made certain that the breakfast met the high standards of the restaurant.

The Club also thanks the Kitchen Witch, Gardenviews, and the [Northville] Chamber of Commerce for their help with ticket sales and advertising plus all those who attended and made the breakfast a success.

With the generous support of the Bonfire and those attending, the club will be able to continue to assist the Northville community and Lions charitable projects in southeastern Michigan. Ask a Lion about the Penrickton Center for the blind and multiply handicapped children, the Beaumont Silent Children Center, Welcome Home for the Blind, Leader Dogs for the Blind or any of the other programs supported by the Lions Clubs. Anyone interested in finding out more about what it means to be a Lion is invited to attend a meeting of the Northville Lions Club. The Club meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and the fourth Monday at 7 p.m. at the Cady Inn at the Mill Race Historical Village.

> William J. Basse Chairman

Northville Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Committee



# **OTHER OPINIONS**

## ursday, December 12, 2002

## Let's give Granholm a chance

As this is being written, Gov. John Engler is preparing to leave office after 12 years as undisputed king of the political hill, but leaving a state budget barely in bal-

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but facing an enormous projected deficit for the coming fiscal year and a legislature controlled by Republicans.

Most media pundits have already reached the conclusion that the Granholm Administration is in deep trouble. The general argument goes like this:

• The budget deficit, now estimated at \$1.8 billion, is truly horrendous. The Budget Stabilization Fund has been drained dry, the recession continues to sap state tax revenues with no clear upturn in sight and the kind of cuts Gov. Granholm will have to make will surely anger everybody in sight.

• Granholm may be governor-elect, but she's pretty much without Democratic allies in Lansing. Sen. Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, will lead the state Senate; Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, will be

Speaker of the House; Mike Cox, R-Livonia, will be Attorney General and Terri Lynn Land, R-Grand Rapids, will be Secretary of State.

• The criminal investigation launched a couple of weeks ago against Granholm's patron, Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, had a bunch of FBI agents waving subpoenas at everybody in sight, including a fair number of people she had considered appointing to major positions in her Administration. Despite U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Collins' reputation for integrity and fair dealing, this probe could run on and on and on, a la the Whitewater investigation that dogged President Clinton for years.

No wonder Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics (and a savage, long-time Granholm critic) concluded last week that Granholm would be a weak governor, hemmed in by the opposition, "especially if she has no program, no mission that's been certified by the voters.'

My own reaction? It's far too early to project the demise of the Granholm Administration, especially before it has even taken office. My thinking is rooted precisely in the factors the pundits are using to predict woe for Jennifer Granholm:

• Budget: No doubt it's very bad. But a terrible budget situation provides a Granholm Administration with a wonderful opportunity to conduct a fundamental and sweeping review of the operations and costs of state government. A far-reaching, cost-cutting, special interest-bashing, results-oriented agenda could be just the thing a Democratic governor needs to disable critics and assemble a new coalition of support.

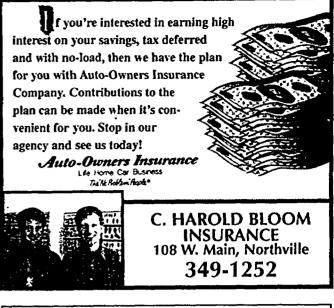
· Republican dominance. OK, the GOP won virtually everything in the November election, but what's the party going to look like in a year or so? Consider Oakland County, once reliably Republican. County Executive Brooks Patterson, astoundingly cast as a moderate interested in pitching the big tent, is engaged in fierce civil war with a bunch of right-wing fundamentalists led by Tom McMillin of Auburn Hills and outgoing state Rep. Bob Gosselin of Troy. And incoming state Republican chairman Betsy DeVos is a handy symbol of a party that may be conservative but not likely particularly compassionate.

 FBI investigation.' So Granholm won't have the freedom to appoint "persons of interest" such as her campaign manager Dave Katz and others to big jobs in Lansing. She's already said she would appoint on the basis of merit, not past connections. Maybe the investigation will give her the opportunity to reach out beyond the usual Democratic suspects and bring in capable outsiders. My sense is that Granholm, a selfdescribed moderate, will wind up governing from the center by both personal preference and political necessity.

Don't get me wrong. I think the Granholm Administration has a tough row to hoe. But I also think it's both unfair and premature for the pundits to write off any prospects for success before she even takes office.

Phil Power is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at 953-2047 (734)or at ppower@homecomm.net.

## Our deferred annuity plan will interest you.





**BELUGA** 





## I'll be punching out for a while

There's going to be a "new" Pauline in able writer to take over during my Northville, and her name is Arlynn Hill. Confused yet? Let me explain.

Without getting into too much detail, I will be out on medical

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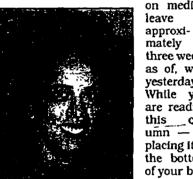
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**Pauline Lupercio** 

ting ready to spend my holidays in pain while I recovery from surgery.

(Sounds like fun, doesn't it?)

absence. And since he was smart enough to hire me to begin with, I have every confidence that Arlynn will get the job done.

Currently a senior journalism student at Central Michigan University, Arlynn's resume' reads pretty good. She's a reporter for various student publications and actually has the desire to commute from Detroit each and every day.

I respect that. I drive from Saint Clair While you Shores.

And if there is one thing I have are reading this collearned during my daily travels from the other side of the galaxy, it's that the umn — or placing it at term "rush hour" has got to be the most frustrating oxy-moron used on the face of this planet. But I digress... the bottom of your bird cage — I will be get-

Chris, who has actually had the pleasure of meeting Arlynn, had a bit to say about the Northville Record's "Temporary Me."

"She's a Chippewa - what other qualifications do you need?" Chris quipped, then went on. "She's bright,

Like I said before - Chris hired me so he has to be right about Arlynn, too. Anyway, for anyone who was about to

pick up the phone or type me an e-mail in regards

to a possible story. keep dialand keep typing. Just for Arlynn. She'll get job done. I And will see all you again sometime after the New Year. Нарру

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For anyone who was about to pick up the phone or type me an email in regards to a possible story, keep dialing and keep typing. Just ask for Arlynn.

And before you ask me what I am having done, ask yourself if you really want to know.

As for the joy that is my job here at the Record, all will not be lost. My editor. Chris Davis, searched high and low in order to find a competent and relishe's articulate, she's dedicated, and she's proven herself at the collegiate level. This is a golden opportunity for Arlynn to get a taste of the proverbial 'Real World' before she's done at CMU. I have a feeling she'll fit in just fine."

Northville.

Holidays,

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## GUEST COLUMN The holidays aren't always merry

holidays the joy, good news, happiness that the holidays are in some ways about can easily get lost. The entire country

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Paul Melrose

Traditions and customs seem to loose their joy and special qualities. When the holidays become times of drudgery and routine, when the sense of doing too much overrides all of one's thoughts and activities, it is time to step back and see what is going on here. It is in a time like that this that the true meaning of the sacred is being cast aside by the fast paced, we always do it this way attitudes which sweep us all up into their rigid pattems.

The holiday blues describe a sense of a seasonal depression. It is not just Seasonal Affective Disorder, which, because of less light, does indeed affect the mood of a person. Beyond that there is a feeling of loss of control, of memories

With the onslaught of major religious of gatherings full of strife and upset, and olidays the joy, good news, happiness a sense of business and deference to some unknown power which has a plan which it has not fully yet revealed for the perfect holiday. to

As you approach the holidays this year get caught give yourself permission to take a personup in activial inventory. Ask yourself what is importies. rituals, tant to you. Ask yourself what would be special for you and the loved ones you will parties and events; in celebrate the holidays with. To get the midst of through the next several weeks pace all of this yourself, plan ahead, make a list of the many peoimportance of various activities. If you ple say that cannot find a reason to do something at are going crazy. that moment or at all maybe it has outlasted its usefulness. Use the time pre-Some people say they ceding the day to put together the celebration that you want and conveys the are feeling meaning of the season for you. stressed or depressed.

In a holiday any feelings of sadness, loneliness and regret do not automatical-ly disappear. Let the feelings be present in some way, even if you do not choose to express them. At the same time remember that the time is now; you are not in last year. Whatever bad memories of past holidays that did not go well, which may return do not need to govern what you do. Keep yourself in the present. Explore, look for, and plan how this year will be a particularly happy holiday season in itself.

As you look to the new find a way to give to others. Part of the joy of many holiday seasons, is in the opportunity to give. Look for whom you can invite to dinner, make a present for, or go to visit. As you do this free activity also think of things you can do which don't cost anything.

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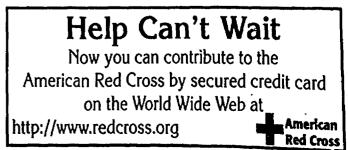
Maybe you would like to attend a worship service you have not attended before. as a way of spending time with your family or as another way to be reminded of the meaning of the season. Maybe a drive at night to see Christmas lights or some public display will be the right thing for you. Going window-shopping might be the activity that will help. Make a snow person with the family.

At the holiday time be with people you care about and who care about you. Be with the group that is right for you. Perhaps, at the same time, you will find someone new to bring into your family group, church group, and neighborhood group. You may contact someone you have not heard from in a while.

The message of the holiday is about new things. Remember that so you don't get stuck in a dinner or celebration no longer meaningful, or a mandatory shopping tour, which is laborious and full of drudgery. The spirit of giving also means to be able to give to yourself. That spirit is consistent not only with good mental and emotional health but with religious tradition as well. As you try on these ideas and renew your look at this time of year you may be able to find the joy, peace and happiness which this season is all about

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## **Library Lines**

### **LIBRARY HOURS:**

Northville District The Library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 am. to 5 p.m., and open Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The library will be closed for the holidays on Sun. Dec. 22, Tues. Dec. 24, and Wed. Dec. 25, as well as Tues. Dec. 31 and Wed. Jan. 1. Located at 212 W. Cady St., near Northville city hall, with parking off Cady St. For detailed information about programs or services, or to request or renew library materials, call 349-3020.

## THE GIFT OF READING

The library is now collecting books for distribution to children for whom books are not readily available through the *Detroit Free Press* annual Gift of Reading campaign. Please bring in new, unwrapped books suitable for children up to six years of age. Some bookstores offer discounts on books for this project. The deadline for donating books is Dec. 16. Forms are also available for monetary contributions.

### HOLIDAY CRAFTS FOR KIDS!

Children of all ages are invited to make fun holiday crafts on Dec. 17 at 4 p m. in the library's meeting room. Children ages 4 and younger should attend with a caregiver. No registration is required for this hour long program.

### FRIENDS ANNUAL FANTASY OF TREES RAFFLE

Tickets are now on sale at the Library for the Friends annual fund-raiser, the "Fantasy of Trees." Six beautifully decorated theme trees are on display at the library, with 9 others in downtown shops, where tickets are also available. The drawing will be held on Dec. 14, during a special Friends Holiday Gala in the library after hours.

### WINTER SCHOOL BREAK FUN!

Looking for something fun to do during the school vacation? Children of all ages are invited to get creative with wacky crafts in the library's meeting room at 2 p.m. on Dec. 26. Children ages 4 and younger should attend with a caregiver. No pre-registration is required for this hour-long program.

### WINTER STORYTIMES

Schedules for the upcoming Winter Storytimes are available at the library. Programs include Little Me Storytimes for the very young. TOT storytimes for children ages 2 and 3, and a series of Storytimes for children ages 4 and 5. In addition, the library offers Kids Club for first and second graders, and drop-in evening storytimes for the whole once a ion for month. family Registration winter Storytime programs will begin in January.

## LIBRARY ENDOWMENT

Persons donating the Northville District Library Endowment Fund by Dec. 31 will receive a generous tax credit, as well as have their gift matched by the Carlo Family Challenge Grant. The family of the late John Carlo has pledge up to \$25,000 in matching funds for all donations given during the first year. The library's board of trustees estimate that approximately \$10,000 is still needed to match the challenge grant.

## LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library board of trustees will be Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, which are typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF FIRST AND SECOND READING AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 170 ARTICLE 6

ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS (R-1 THROUGH R-3)

Date. December 19, 2002

Time 7.30 p.m. Place Northville Township Civic Center

41600 Spx Mile Road

A first and second reading of the Ordinance revision will be held at the Board of Trustee meeting on December 19, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northylle Township Crvic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northylle, 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

## Special delivery



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Stephen Karoub along with his father David make a special visit to Santa Claus Monday evening at the Northville VFW hall. Karoub is part of a group of handicapped bowlers, organized by Kiwanis leaders Norman Kubitsky and Marlene Kunz, that enjoyed a meal, magic show and presents from Santa at the hall on Northville Road.

## CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ORDINANCE #11-18-02

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 11-18-02, an ordinance amending Article I of Chapter 80 to replace any prior provisions contained in Article 1<sup>3</sup> of Chapter 80, Telecommunications, of the Northville Code of Ordinances.

The purpose of the ordinance amendment is to regulate access to and ongoing use of public rights-of-way by telecommunications providers for their telecommunications facilities while protecting the public health, safety, welfare and exercising reasonable control of the public rights-ofway in compliance with the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Act (Act No. 48 of the Public Acts of 2002) ("Act") and other applicable law, and to ensure that the City of Northville qualifies for distributions under the Act by modifying the fees charged to providers and complying with the Act.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council at its regular meeting on Monday, December 2, 2002 and is effective on December 12, 2002, upon publication. The complete ordinance text is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., during the hours of 8 00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. local time.

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## **Community Groups**

ACORD (A Community Organization Recognizing Diversity) What: A group of Northville residents concerned with fostering harmony and understanding diversity. group believes in actively promoting equality for all people, regardless of race, creed, color, religion, gender, disability, socioeconomic situation or national origin.

Contact: Al Qualman Phone: (248) 349-8437

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS Phone: (248) 626-0877

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN -NORTHVILLE/NOVI BRANCH

What: Promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education and positive societal change. Contact: Mary Jane Kearns

Phone: (248) 449-8693

### AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - NOVI OAKS CHARTER CHAPTER

What: Bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow professionally.

Where: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi. When: Every third Monday of the month Contact: Bettie Johnson Phone: (248) 960-9559

AMERICAN LEGION NORTHVILLE - POST 147 Phone: (248) 349-1060

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP No. 755 Where: First Presbyterian Church of Northville Contact: Alan Bennett Phone: (248) 349-7568

CALLING CART Contact: Sonja Lane Phone: (248) 348-0628

CIVIC CONCERN Contact: Marlene Kunz Phone: (248) 344-1033

COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET What: Assists with emergency needs and helps low-income families with clothes and baby items When: Every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon and 6:30-8:30 p.m.;

the first two Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon; and the last two Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon

Phone: (248) 349-8553

## DETROIT/OAKLAND CHAPTER – GENTLEMEN SONGSTERS CHORUS

Contact: Fran Durham Phone: (248) 344-4613 FRIENDS OF MAYBURY STATE PARK Phone: (248) 349-8390

FRIENDS OF NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION Phone: (248) 462-4413

**Holiday Religious Service Schedules** 

FRIENDS OF NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY Phone: (248) 348-6023

FRIENDS OF NORTHVILLE MILL POND Phone: (248) 349-0712

GARDENERS OF NORTHVILLE-NOVI •What: An evening gardening club which discusses community gardening as well as hosting speakers and seminars on gardening issues. Contact: Yvonne DeMattos

Phone: (248) 348-1946

GOODFELLOWS Contact: Bob Peterson Phone: (248) 349-2357

HURON VALLEY GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL Phone: (800) 497-2688

KIWANIS CLUB Phone: (248) 349-0611

KIWANIS EARLY BIRDS Phone: (248) 347-3470

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Phone: (734) 453-9833

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NOVI/WEST OAKLAND What: Promotes responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and action on selected governmental issues Phone: (248) 380-8474

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE - LODGE NO. 1190 Phone: (248) 344-0920

MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION Phone: (248) 476-0320

NORTHVILLE ACTION COUNCIL Phone: (248) 349-1237

NORTHVILLE ANIMAL AID Phone: (248) 349-3738

NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION Phone: (248) 349-6104

NORTHVILLE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS Phone: (248) 344-8414

NORTHVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION Contact: Linda Lestock Phone: (248) 349-1300

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Contact: Laurie Marrs Phone: (248) 349-7640

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Contact: Shari Peters Phone: (248) 374-0200

NORTHVILLE CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL Phone: (248) 348-1791

NORTHVILLE EAGLES Phone: (248) 349-2479

NORTHVILLE GARDEN CLUB Contact: Marjorie Faessler Phone: (248) 349-7709

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Contact: Pat Alien Phone: (248) 348-1325

NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

What: To discover, collect, observe, advance and disseminate knowledge of history of the Northville Region. The group's focal point is Mill Race Historical Village. Contact: Juliet Culp Phone: (248) 348-1845

NORTHVILLE LIONS CLUB Phone: (248) 348-9075

NORTHVILLE MOTHERS CLUB Phone: (248) 344-1585

### NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS

What: To help newcomers to the area as well as current residents who would like to become more familiar with the community on a social and civic level. Newcomers hold fund raisers to aid the Northville community.

When: Once a month, September through May. Meeting dates vary. Social interest groups meet once or twice a month. Contact: Salty Bettes Phone: (248) 735-0192

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION Phone: (248) 349-0203

NORTHVILLE RAINBOWS NO. 29 Phone: (248) 349-1714

NORTHVILLE ROTARY CLUB Phone: (248) 344-8440

NORTHVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER Phane: (248) 349-4140

NORTHVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB Contact: Virginia Martin Phone: (248) 349-3064

NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE Contact: Mary Ellen King Phone: (248) 344-1618

VFW POST NO. 4012 Phone: (248) 348-1490



First Baptist Church of Northville Dec. 24, 6 p.m., Candlelight Service Northville Christian Assembly Dec. 24, 6 p.m., Candlelight 8 p.m., Candlelight

Oak Pointe Church Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m., Family Service

First Church of the Nazarene Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m., Family Service

## First Presbyterian of Northville

Dec. 24, 5 p.m., Children's Service 7 p.m., Youth Choir 9 p.m., Hand Bells 11 p.m., Adult Choir

## First United Methodist Church of Northville

Dec. 24, 4 p.m., Children's Pageant 6 p.m., Joyful Celebration 8:30 p.m., Traditional Festive Service 11 p.m., Meditative Communion Service Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m. 7 p.m. Midnite Service (carols starting at 11:30 p.m.) Dec. 25, 9 a.m. 11 a.m.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Dec. 24, 6 p.m., Worship 8 p.m., Cantata with orchestra 10 p.m, Cantata with orchestra Dec. 25, 10 a.m. Worship

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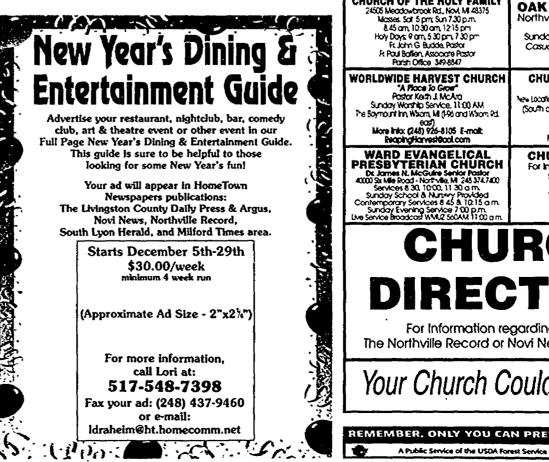
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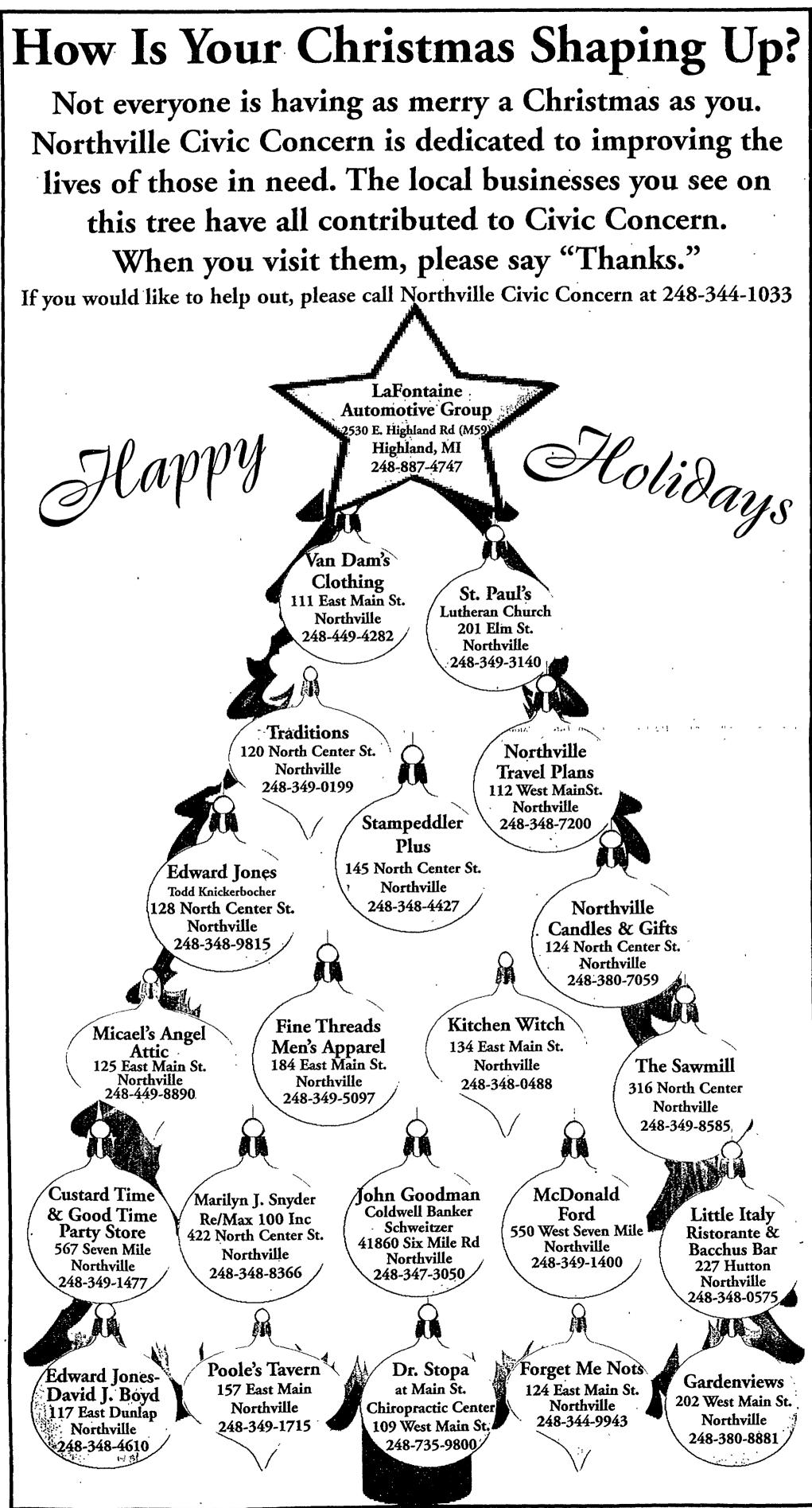
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#### By Elysia A. Smith SPECIAL WRITER

Don't let the new carpet and fresh fixtures fool you. Although First Choice Although First Choice Chiropractic's Northville office, located at 41620 Six Mile Road, may be new the staff isn't.

We've been in business for over 20 years now in Ann Arbor," Dr. Tom Klapp said. "We noticed that a lot of our clients drove from all over, especially from the Northville area, so we decided to come to them with a new office."

Dr. Tucker Ford, who is the primary chiropractor at the Northville location, said the office is not only "rehabilitated" in appearance but also dawns some of the newest equipment advances in the chiropractic field.

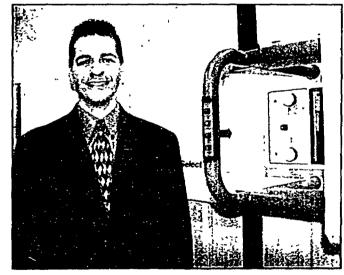
"Dr. Klapp is very keen on hew technologies," he said. "We take great pride in doing everything we can for our clients to the best of our abilities."

New technologies such as the thermal scan that measures the temperature around each vertebrae and the high-frequency digital X-ray machine make chiropractic services that First Choice Chiropractic provide much more effective and safer than ever before.

"X-rays done on older machines could take at least two or three seconds which exposes people to quite a bit of radiation," Dr. Ford said. "The machine we use does the same exposure for a millisecond resulting in much less X-ray

exposure." "The first visit, which is very affordable, is used to educate both the client and the doctor. We want them to know what

to expect from us," Dr. Ford



said. "In turn we also want to The second visit, which also find out every possible detail lasts around hour, answers four about their health problem so very important questions Dr. Klapp said. The first visit usually lasts

The staff of Northville-based First Choice Chiropractic.

that we can help them."

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about an hour and evaluates the

client's current condition doing. a physical exam, gathers med-

ical history, answers any questions and provides the doctor the

opportunity to take X-rays if

"Most importantly we answer, What is causing the problem?, Can a chiropractor help in fixing this problem? How long will it take to fix?, and how much will it cost," he said. "We want people to make their own decision on what they want to do.

We want them to make that decision because they know what is best for them."

A decision which Dr. Ford and Dr. Klapp invite people to make after they come in and get a feel for the office.

"I was definitely surprised when I visited the chiropractor for the first time," Dr. Klapp said. "I had horrible headaches and allergies and in one visit I no longer did, I guess that's where I got interested in chiropractic.





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Dr. Tucker Ford, the primary chiropractor at First Choice Chiropractic, is ready to help heal your pain.

## **Business in Brief**

Northville Gourmet announces to additions; one new, one old

The Northville Gourmet announced the naming of chef David Krysztof as executive chef and vice-president of operations, and Sue Poster of Crawford's Bakery has returned to the business. Northville Gourmet is located at 680 W. Eight Mile in Northville, and can be reached at (248) 349-5611.

### HVS applicants accepted

Huron Valley Schools announces that Oakland Schools, the

For Dr. Ford, chiropractic has been in his bones since birth.

"I've been getting adjustments ever since I was born," he said. "My father and brother are both chiropractors and my wife is too,

"Our whole family reaps the healing benefits."

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An X-ray is critical to knowing the correct chiropractic procedure for each patient at First Choice Chiropractic in Northville.

such as Dr. Ford's family, enjoy with absolutely zero need for medication, needles, surgery or painful recovery.

first-class service that is natural," Dr. Klapp said. "Everything we do from supplying the most

"Our mission is to provide a up-to-date technologies, to our great customer service and right down to our great location helps us do everything first-class."

#### five applicants from the district have Association of School Personnel accepted into the Oakland Administrators, and Michigan State Leadership Academy for Aspiring University. Principals program through Oakland

Congratulations to Deirdre Brady, teacher at Country Oaks Elementary; Deborah Devers, teacher leader at Country Oaks Elementary; Denise Forest, fine arts teacher from Kurtz Elementary; Chad Grandsen, teacher from Milford High School and teacher Teresa Morelli-Sobezak, from Highland Elementary.

### Patzer named to BCBS of Michigan board of directors

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The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has named Robert A. Patzer to its board of directors.

Patzer is executive director of auc (Associated Underground Contractors) Construction Michigan's Heavy Association. He was selected from medium groups - management subscribers and replaces James W. Woodruff Ed.D. Patzer serves on the Michigan Damage Prevention board. Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration advisory committees and the Coalition for Health Insurance Market Reform.



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had teachers from Marygrove help us. They learned the dance, too, from the choreographer and they helped us learn it."

Caitlyn Knisely has been dancing for about a decade.

"I like all kinds of dance," she said. "I got into it because of my sister mostly. I saw her dancing and I guess I just wanted to do it. I really like dancing. This is the first time I've been in a big show besides competition. I'm supposed to be one of Clara's friends."

Nutcracker performances are slated to take place now through Dec. 15. Beth Ann Knisely said this dance

opportunity is a rare and welcome honor for the girls.

"They're going to opening night which I think is an honor," she said. "They won't perform every night. There's two casts. They dance about half the performances. It's their first professional experience for both of them.'

Kirsten Knisely shared similar sentiments as her sister.

"It's been a lot of work," she said. "It's been well worth all of it. We've been rehearsing every weekend. I think we had one weekend off." Karen Horowitz, mother of 12-yearold Jessica Horowitz, said her daughter has put an extensive amount of energy into establishing her dancing credentials.

"She is currently enrolled in seven classes," said Karen Horowitz. "Sometimes we're in the dance studio up to five days a week. She definitely devotes a lot of time to dancing."

"We think it's very exciting. I was just sitting here telling her how proud I was of her accomplishments. I'm very impressed she did make it in and will be dancing with professionals."

Jessica Horowitz, who also participates in a volunteer jazz band, said the audition was fairly easy for her, yet seemed unconventional.

"It was weirdest audition I've been to," she said. "It was kind of odd."

Karen Horowitz commended her daughter's efforts and abilities.

"I don't know how she keeps going," she said.

For more information on Detroit Opera House performances, call (313) 237-7464.

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submitted photo residents Jessica Horowitz, Caitlyn Knisely and Kirsten Knisely stand outside the Detroit Opera House, where they are participating in a pres-

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Charlotte Dorler died Dec. 5 in Farmington Hills. She was 78

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Parkinson's Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

#### Vera Marie Buchanan

Vera Buchanan, a former resident of Northville, died at her daughter's home in Clemmons, N.C. on Dec. 3. She was 81.

Home, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Joel Brandt of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church officiated. Interment was at Rural Hill Cemetery.

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Sandy and Dennis Tchorzynski: 17 grandchildren and 14 greatgrandchildren. A funeral Mass was celebrat-

ed Dec. 10 at St. James Catholic Church of Novi. Interment was at Cadillac West Cemetery in Westland. Funeral arrangements



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## So close to victory, they could taste it Boys' hockey drops close game after shelling from Spartans

## By Sam Eggleston and Kita Mason HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Oh so close. The worst kinds of losses are the ones that come so close to being victories that the players get that intense adrenaline rush and they fight like mad to win -- but it all comes down to the final score, which for the Mustangs happened to come from their opponent this time around.

The Mustangs skated to a 4-3 loss against Redford Union December 7 after taking a tough loss to a ferocious Livonia Stevenson team 6-1 just three days prior.

Against the Redford squad, the Mustangs looked as though they had everything under control. Skating through the defense, stellar shooter Robby

Richl notched the first goal of the game as he took the assist from Jake Vitale and Donny McKinnon and put it in the back of the net.

United wouldn't be denied though, skating back right away as the minutes sped off the clock in the first period before they collected the tying goal to knot the game up at 1-1.

The second period found Redford taking advantage of some fairly lucky bounces when they scored two goals off soft shots that managed to snake their way into the Northville net for a 3-1 lead. But, as they always do, the Mustangs fought back with their intense pressure. Mike Marquardt, working in the power play, took and assist from Andy Minielly and slapped it home to cut the Redford lead to a single goal before Vitale

found himself in prime position yet again off a slap shot by Troy Engelland that was rebounded nicely into the back of the net for the 3-3 tie.

As with every close game, it seems like a single play that makes all the difference. This contest was no different, as Redford iced the game on a play that found one of their forwards prancing into the Northville zone before beating the defense for a one-on-one with the Mustang goalie. With a nice, tight shot, Union took the lead with time expiring to win the contest, 4-3.

Northville managed 38 shots on goal in the contest.

The Mustangs will return to action when they come home for the first time Saturday at 6:10 p.m. at the Novi Ice Arena.

Stevenson 6, Northville 1

It's not the kind of game that the Mustangs will reflect on much this season, but it is the kind that teaches a tough lesson - you have to be at the top of your game to win in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Mustangs came into this match up with the Stevenson Spartans looking to prove that they have what it takes to be contenders in the conference, but the Spartans experience and depth proved to be too much in the end. Tommy Zagata notched a hat trick on the night to help his Stevenson squad to the WLAA crossover victory December 4.

The Northville skaters kept things nice and tidy in the first period, holding the Spartans scoreless in the 0-0 first period before Stevenson tallied four

goals in the second — Zagata from Brian Shekell and Justin Dunn at 1:53; Zagata from Shekell and Erik Anderson at 9:37; Jeff Kraemer from Brandon Hoots at 10:30; and Dave Baruzzini from Jon Fritsch at 11:53 - to take the 4-0 lead.

Northville, being the stubborn and fighting team that they are, wouldn't let the Spartans get away with a shutout though. Vitale came down ice and found himself in prime position as Bobby Salerno's blistering point shot bounced off of Stevenson's netminder Rob Thomas and he swatted it home. The Spartans swiftly brought

their game back on track though, shutting down the Northville offense while lighting up the scoreboard themselves with two more goals in

the final period - David Kubert from Kraemer at 4:21 and Zagata from Dave Mifsud at 13:09 for the 6-1 victory.

The Mustangs defense, led by Aaron Bernstein, showed that with a little work, they'll be prepared to take on the top teams in their conference and beyond as they shut down one of the most potent offenses in the area for an entire period and held them to only two scores in another.

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## New coach to revitalize spikers Good background and experience could bring wins

#### By Roger Garfield SPECIAL WRITER

Last season, the Northville girls' volleyball team won only four games. This year, they are looking to a new coach to energize the team and guide them to success.

Rick VanderVeer, who coached the Mustangs' freshman team last year, has been . coaching volleyball for eight years. He hails from Holland, Michigan and coached varsity volleyball in the Grand Rapids area when he first started out. He now teaches science at Hillside Middle School. His experience as a player in college and as an AAU coach will hopefully help the Mustangs improve on a disappointing season last year.

"He knows a lot about the game," said senior captain Lauren Temple.

She will lead the team in her third and final year as a varsity

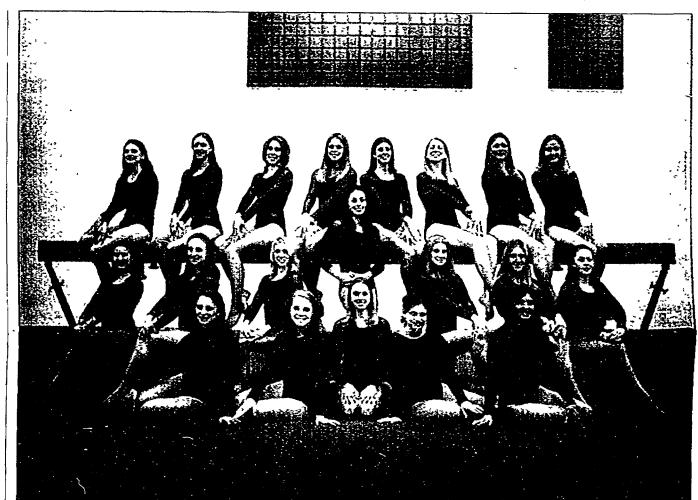
Barberio. "We've been working really hard in practice."

Both Barberio and college volleyball player Noel Schwartz will assist VanderVeer this year. The players enjoy the fact that the three coaches all contribute different ideas to the team.

Temple, senior Erica Johnson, and junior Katie Kneisel will captain the squad this season. The two other seniors are Kristin Dolmetsch and Kristin Moran. The juniors on the team are Nicky Horn, Kelly Long, Becca Middlemis, Jessica Morga, Laura Prendergast, Maren Steinmetz, and Kelly Wasalaski. Evonna Karchon is the team's lone sophomore.

The Mustangs toughest opponents in the Western Lakes this year will be Canton and Walled Lake Central. VanderVeer is confident his team can compete with these powerhouses.

were noping for a more successful season," he stated. The 'Stangs open up the regular season on Monday, December 16 on the road versus the Novi Wildcats.



The Northville/Novi Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team is looking to continue its high standard of competition as it brings back a squad of very talented performers for the 2002-03 season.

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staner. vanderveer will play her all over the court.

"I will probably sub more than last year," said the head coach. "I expect to play Lauren to go all around. We lost a number of seniors, so I am still trying to juggle the lineup."

The Mustangs begin their season this weekend at the Carleton Airport Tournament. "We'll be competitive,"

commented assistant coach Joe

#### Photo by TYLER CARTER

## Garfield and friends

Talk about flex appeal — The Northville basketball seniors are getting ready to show the WLAA that they are here to play as they are caught here gearing up with a little pre-season showing off. (Left to right) Scott McNeish, Jeff Varley, Adam Konst (captain), Chris Jacobs, and Roger Garfield (captain). The Mustangs are once again under the guidance of Coach Darrel Schumacher, a coaching legend in the Northville School District, as they get in the hunt for a conference title and then some. With muscle like this, is there anyone in the WLAA they can't push around?

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## Wild 'Stangs meet set for tonight

#### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Northville-Novi Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team has plenty of talent on the floor this year - and tonight's your chance to see them.

The gymnastics team, coached by Lindsay Schultz, will be performing in their inter-squad scrimmage tonight at 7 p.m. at Northville High School. Yeah, there's no opponents other than themselves, but that just means all of the gymnastics action fans get to see will be all Wild 'Stangs.

This season, the gymnastics team has a slew of talented members to bring them into the post season and beyond. Seniors Laura Motz, Caitlin Miller, Whitney Paul (captain) and Amy Wild will lead a tough squad of underclassmen in the competitions that this year is set to bring.

Other Wild 'Stang gymnasts who will be looking to score points for their squad include Adrienne McHenry, Megan Wallen, Lindsay Yusko, Rachel Deneau, Sarah Ilikhani-Pour, Nika Frimenko, Erin Yankowich, Janna Ramsey, Trisha Brownfield, Cortney Paul, Laura Motz, captain Amanda Crawford, Marcie Fink, Jessica Glancy, Jennifer Mehl and Maggie Mills. One gymnast everyone will

remember is Sara Wilchowski. Returning from a season that found her quickly rising through the ranks to become one of the top gymnasts on the team, it's no doubt she'll be looking to claim the top spot on the team with her variety of skills and abilities

The Wild 'Stangs are coached by a very experienced Schultz, while Katie Braine and Mark Krempski will be assisting her this season.

## Is there anything that Ferriman doesn't do?

#### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

When you talk to senior Justin Ferriman, he makes no indication that he is anything other than a normal high school senior.

He's excited about college, which look to be one of three in the forms of Albion, Bowling Green or Miami of Ohio. He loves to play sports, as he is an active member of the newly formed lacrosse team as well as having been a staple for the soccer squad over the years. And, he's got a girlfriend that he likes to spend time with named Nicky Horn, a junior at Northville High School.

What Ferriman doesn't tell you is that he involved in more things during the week than most of us get around to in three months. Ferriman's a member of the National Honor Society, he sings on Backbeat, he's part of the chorale choir, a French National Honor Society member, takes honor classes such as pre-calculus, AP psychology, French 4, chorale and is rated highly academic at Northville High School. Wait --just catching some breath here --

he's involved in Appalachia Service Project, a Premier League Soccer

the

player, French and Justin Ferriman match tutor,

a Wolverine Humane Services Volunteer, a Civic Concern Volunteer, involved in recreation basketball, a volunteer for Kid's Appreciation Day and an assistant coach for a select soccer U10 boys' team. Oh yeah, and he works

too. "I just try to get involved in mite everything," Ferriman said, quite modestly. "With work and stuff going on, my school performance is just better. That's the way it has always been. It just forces me to get to the books and study."

And when he's not slaving away over AP psych, which he rather eniovs. he's singing with Northville's eight-member competitive man's a capella group -Backbeat,

"I just really like performing for people and Backbeat allows you to perform for a lot of different people," Ferriman said.

For Ferriman, three years of varsity soccer, two years of track (1999-2000) and his second year of lacrosse are about to pay off ---everything looks to be pointing to college athletics in his future.

"I guess the pinnacle I see for myselt is playing in college," Ferriman said. "I want to play as long as I can, and college is a goal I can reach."

While in college, it shouldn't be a surprise to find Ferriman busy studying the human mind.

"I just really like psychology," he said. "It's challenging, but I don't mind. It's something I like doing."

Ferriman has the joy of always having the support of his family. His mother, Cynthia, and his father, Scott, do their best to get to every game he plays in - even going to great lengths at times.

"My dad hasn't missed one soccer game," Ferriman said. "Even if he's supposed to go to Europe, he doesn't. He comes and watches the game. That means a lot to me.

"I have a good relationship with my parents. I'm sure I will (miss them when I'm at college). It may not seem like it all the time, but I'm sure I will once I get there."

Ferriman also has an older brother, Brandon, who is already experiencing the college life.

Though, like every senior, Ferriman is excited to graduate, he also knows things will definitely be different at the next level of education.

"I've been at Northville for four years of my life, and I'll miss a lot of stuff," he said. "But, you just have to move on sometimes.

"When I was a freshman, it seemed like it would be forever until I graduated. Now that I'm here, the last two years have just flown by. I guess I just want to experience something every day because I know that each day that goes by is another day closer to leaving Northville.

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## Quick helps 'Stangs in win

#### By Sam Eggleston and Kita Mason HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Man, is that kid quick -Dave Quick that is.

Quick's ability and determination combined with his inability to give up proved to be the deciding factor in Northville's single team-toteam victory in the Lake Orion Invitational that included teams like Plymouth Salem, South Mustang Lyon. Lake Orion, Wrestling Rochester Adams and Holt.

The Mustangs, who finished last in the tournament, earned their victory over a fairly tough Rochester Adams squad in sudden-death overtime that found Quick and his opponent in the 189-pound weight class squaring off to see which team would be victorious. At the end of regulation. Ouick and his foe found themselves tied 8-8 with the win on the line - overtime would find the first wrestler getting the take-down winning the match and the team-to-team point total for their school.

Quick's reflexes took over, snapping his opponent to the ground and spinning around fo the two points, a 10-8 victory, and the one-point, 37-36 match victory for the Mustangs. Other winners in the Rochester Adams meet were Steve Minier, Rick Riegner, Mike Carter, Justin Swanson and Bill Riegner. Minier and Rick Riegner both notched pins in their first periods, while Carter had an energetic 11-2 victory for four points. Swanson earned three points with his 8-5 victory, while Bill Riegner scored three points in the victory with a 9-3 win.

The Mustangs were oh-soclose to victory against the

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Dragons of Lake Orion, but ulti-mately fell 37-36. First-year senior wrestler Marc Mueller notched his first varsity pin while Adam Blunk, Joel Schanne and Jeff Ponder also collected pins against their opponents. Carter, Dave Carrol won on points in their weight classes, while Quick earned six points when the Dragons voided in his 189-pound class.

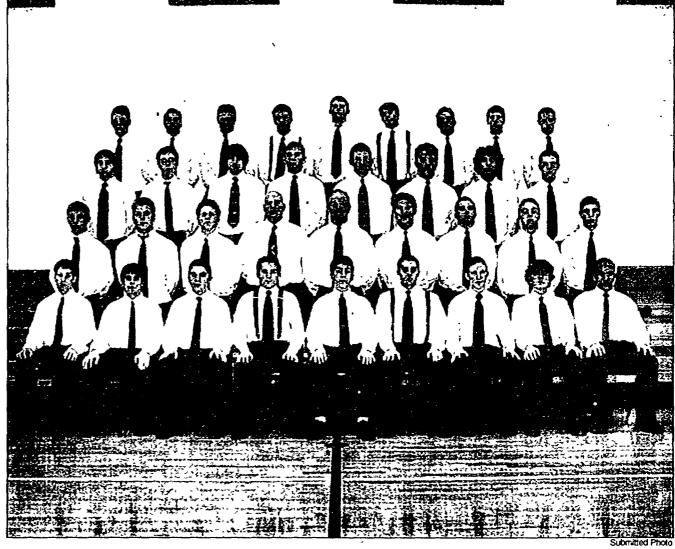
The Salem Rocks didn't have much trouble 35 with Northville. topping the Mustangs 46-26. Minier and Steve Cain both colelcted pins in the match, while the remaining Northville points were generated by Ponder, Quick, Rick Riegner and Schanne.

The Mustangs were also defeated by the South Lyon Lions, 47-29, as well as Holt, 58-9.

The Lake Orion Invitational proved to be a good testing ground for the Mustangs, giving them an idea of how they stack up against other competition in the area as well as the areas that they need to work on in order to stay competitive in their conference and beyond.

The Mustangs return to action when they visit Novi High School today at 6 p.m. before taking a trip to the Davison JV Invite and the Davison Inivite Saturday at 9:30 a.m.. Thier first home meet will be December 18 against Western Lakes Activities Association opponent Plymouth Canton at 6:30 p.m.

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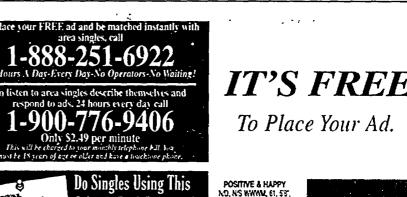


The Northville Wrestling team is back under second-year head coach Joel Smith. The Mustangs will be looking to bring their best wrestling to the mat this season as they get in the hunt for the WLAA title and hopefully more.

## **Northville Wrestling Schedule**

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Saturday	Dec. 7	Lake Orion	Away	9 a.m.	Saturday	Jan. 18	Brighton Invite	Away	8:30 a.m.
Thursday	Dec. 12	Novi High School	Away	6 p.m.	Saturday	Jan. 18	Garden City Novice	Away	9:30 a.m.
Saturday	Dec. 14	Davison JV Invite	Away	9:30 a.m.	Thursday	Jan. 23	Franklin	Away	6:30 p m.
Saturday	Dec. 14	Davison Invite	Away	9:30 a.m.	Saturday	Jan. 25	Fenton JV Invite	Away	10 a.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 18	Canton	Home	6:30 p.m.	Saturday	Jan. 25	Portage Central	Away	10 a.m.
Friday	Dec. 27	Salem B	Away	9:30 a.m.	Thursday	Jan. 30	W.L. Western	Home	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	Dec. 28	CC Quad	Away	10 a.m.	Thursday	Feb. 6	WLAA Crossover	Home	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 4	Wyandotte	Away	8·30 a.m.	Saturday	Feb. 8	Conference	Away	TBA
Saturday	Jan. 4	Stevenson JV	Away	9 a.m.	Thursday	Feb. 13	Team Districts	Away	TBA
Thursday	Jan. 9	Churchill	Away	6:30 p.m.	Saturday	Feb. 15	Individual Districts	Away	TBA
Saturday	Jan. 11	South Lyon Invite	Away	9 a.m.	Wednesday	Feb. 19	Team Regional	Away	TBA
Thursday	Jan. 16	Satem	Home	6:30 p.m.	Saturday	Feb. 22	Individual Regional	Away	TBA





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## Michigan Motion Girls' AAU Hoops Tryouts

The Michigan Motion Girls' AAU Basketball club will be holding open tryouts at Novi Meadows School located at 25299 Taft Road in Novi. The dates are as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 14 10U, 11U and 12U from 9-11 • a.m.

13U and 14U from 11:30-1:30 p.m.

15U and 16U from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15

10U, 11U and 12U from noon-1:45 p.m.

13U and 14U from 2-3:45 p.m. 15U and 16U from 4-5:45 p.m.

Age groups based on birthdays on or before December 31, 2002. The fee for try outs is \$20 and players must be signed in by a parent or a guardian.

For more information, please call Pat or Mike Tuck at (248) 486-1515 between 9 a.m. and 6 p m.

## Holiday Baseball/Softball camp

Put One In The Upper Deck, Northville's indoor baseball/softball training facility, will be conducting its sixth-annual holiday camp December 26-28.

Baseball camp will be held from 9 a.m.-noon with a noon-1 p.m. time for free batting cages to the campers.

Softball camp will be held from 1-4 p.m. with a 4-5 p.m. time for free batting cages for campers.

Instruction at both camps will include fundamentals. throwing mechanics, pitching. fielding, base-running and conditioning. Upper Deck is located in

### downtown Northville at 235 E. Main Street, Suite 108.

For more information or to register, please call (248) 349-0008.

## Rec Basketball Registrations

The Northville Parks and Recreation department is accepting final registrations for its Winter Youth Basketball Season. Several openings remain in the 6-8th grade girls, 8-9th grade boys and 10-12th grade boys leagues. A waiting list has been initiated for the 9-12th grade girls league. If enough girls register for the league waiting list, an additional team will be formed.

All leagues will play a 10 game schedule, primarily on Saturdays beginning January 18 and ending March 22, 2003. Teams will practice one or two times per week beginning Jan. 6 through March 17.

## Next Level Athletes

The Northville Record sports department is looking for submissions for the new section, Next Level Athletes. Eligible athletes include collegiate, semi-pro, professional and minor league players (please email first if other levels).

Please email submissions

seggleston@ht.homecomm.ne t or mail them to The Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI. 48167. Please include name, year and college as well as

the sport and position

### Softball/Baseball Private Lessons and Training

Total Baseball will help players, ages 6-18, improve their game. Instructors include Oakland University Coaching Staff, Big 10/MAC All-Conference softball/baseball players, the Toledo Mudhens Manager, former professional players and college/HS coaches. Pitching, hitting and fielding are the lessons available and are by appointment only. The fees for the lessons start at \$35 per 1/2 hour or five private lessons for \$160.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166 or email totalbballwixom@aol.com, or check out the website at www.eteamz.com/totalbaseball.

#### **Total Baseball Holiday Baseball Camp**

Total Baseball's Holiday Baseball Camp will feature professional instruction from Jason Beverlin (Cleveland Indians) and Lee Bjerke (Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame Member) as well as other former professional players and college coaches.

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The camp will run Dec. 26-28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Total Baseball, located at 30990 Wixom Road in Wixom. The cost of the camp is \$130 per player with a \$10 discount for a second child and is open to players ages seven to 17. Space is limited, so register now.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166 or email totalbballwixom@aol.com, or check website out the at www.eteamz.com/totalbaseball.

#### **Baseball/Softball Hitting** Leagues

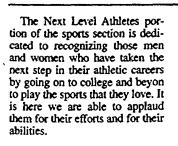
Total Baseball's Indoor Hitting Leagues will have four players per team to hit off batting machines in a pointawarded one-hour game. Awards will be given to the champions and to the best hitter.

The league will run from Jan. 4-Feb. 8, 2003.

For the boys' baseball and girls' softball, the leagues will run as follows: 13 and under, Saturdays from 9-11 a.m.; high school players. Sundays from 6-9 p.m.

The cost of the league is \$35 per individual/\$120 per team with four players on a team. Games will be held at Total Baseball, located at 30990 Wixom Road in Wixom.

For more information or to register, call (248) 668-0166.

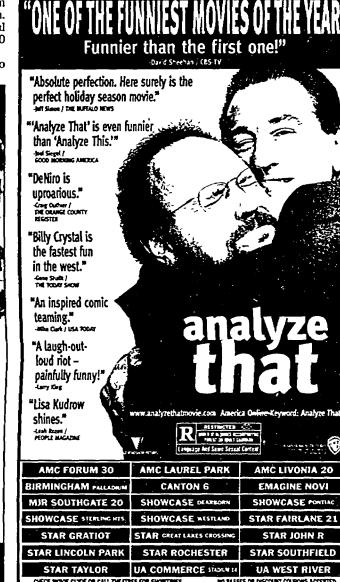


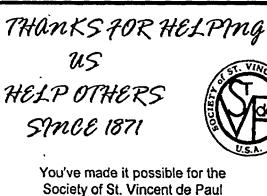
**Next Level Athletes** 

Ryan Rzepka, Sophomore, Oakland University --- Ryan Rzepka, 2000 Graduate of Novi High School, recently completed his second year of eligibility for Oakland University's Division I Men's Soccer Program. As Captain, Rzepka led Oakland University to a record of 10-wins. 8-losses, and 3-ties. The Oakland Grizzlies won the Mid-Con Conference for the third straight year and the Mid-Con Conference Tournament, giving them an automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship. Oakland University was the only Division I College in the State of Michigan to obtain an invitation to prestigious this Soccer Tournament. Unfortunately, the Grizzlies lost to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2-1, in a contest that could of went either way. This season, the Coaches for the Mid-Con Conference awarded Rzepka Second Team All-

Conference Honors. For the second year in a row, Rzepka was awarded Ail-Tournament Team Honors for his unselfish and aggressive play during the Conference Tournament. In the contest against Michigan State on October 9th, Rzepka provided two assists; his efforts not only helped the Grizzlies beat the Spartans 4 to 1, but also gave him the distinction of Defensive Player of the Week for the Mid-Con Conference. As Left Fullback, Mid-Con Rzepka finished the season with two goals and four assists, giving him 8 points for the season. This summer, Rzepka will be playing for the Mid- Michigan Bucks, Michigan's Semi-Pro Soccer Team.

Next Level Athletes includes former athletes from the readership area of the Northville Record, Novi News and the Lake Area Times. The Next Level Athletes are individuals who have taken the next step beyond high school athletics to the next level --- including college, semi-professional, minor league and professional athletics. Anyone who would like to submit information about an athlete can do so via email at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net or mail information to The Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI, 48167.





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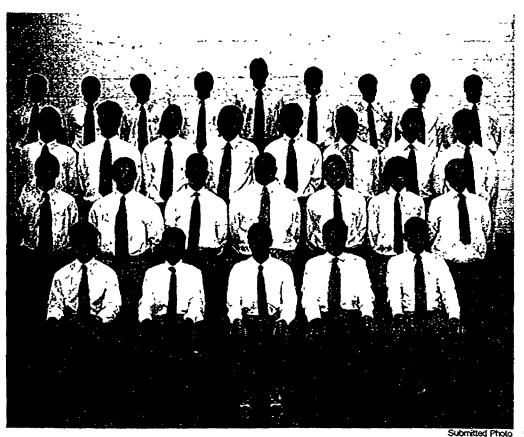


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The Northville Mustangs boys' swim team looks fit and proper in their dress clothes as they show everone it's quite OK to be stylish and winners.

## 'Stangs set to host WLAA relays Saturday

#### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

In a strange twists of events, the Northville Mustangs suddenly find themselves the host school to one of the largest meets in the Western Lakes Activities Association — the WLAA relays.

The Mustangs, coached by Rich Bennetts, will be taking over the role as host after Plymouth Salem found their boiler to be experiencing more than a couple problems and their pool losing water over the incident. Northville, being the owner of some very fine facilities, was more than glad to take the role.

"We offered to show off our new facility," Bennetts said. "We'll have all 12 teams in the league coming to this high school relay meet."

For those interested in attending, the diving portion starts at 9:30 a.m./(and) the swimming starts at noon.

One things for sure, if fans want to see some impressive ability, they shouldn't miss the diving of Jason Albosta and John Campbell.

"Those two guys have been taking care of the diving for quite a while now," Bennetts said. "It's to the point that I don't worry about them. I know they are going to go out there and perform, just like they always do."

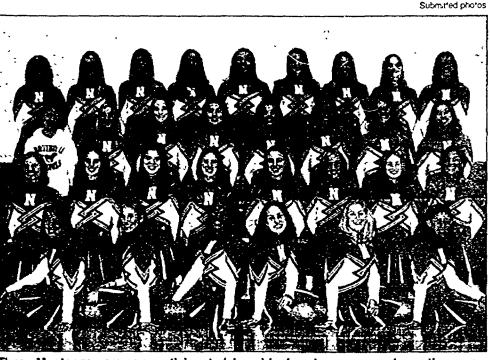
The two divers have been a staple in the program for some time now, and Bennetts said that it's a relief to have such dedicated divers

## Northville Swimming and Diving Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	<u>Where</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday	Dec. 10	South Lyon High School	Away	7 p.m.
Saturday	Dec. 14	Conference Relays/ Salem	Away	12 p.m.
Thursday	Jan. 9	Stevenson High School	Home	7 p.m.
Thursday	Jan. 16	Canton High School	Away	7 p.m.
Tuesday	Jan. 21	Pinckney High School	Away 6	:30 p.m.
Thursday	Jan. 23	Churchill High School	Home	7 p.m.
Thursday	Jan. 30	Salem High School	Away	7 p.m.
Wednesday	Feb. 5	Franklin High School	Home	7 p.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 11	Novi High School	Home	7 p.m.
Thursday	Feb. 13	Walled Lake Western	Away	7 p.m.
Thursday	Feb. 20	Conference Prelims	Away	TBA
Friday	Feb. 21	Conference Prelims/Diving	Away	TBA
Saturday	Feb. 22	Conference Finals	Away	TBA
Tuesday	March 4	MHSAA Diving	Away	TBA
Friday	March 7	MHSAA Prelims	Away	TBA
Saturday <sup>-</sup>	March 8	MHSAA FINALS	Away	TBA

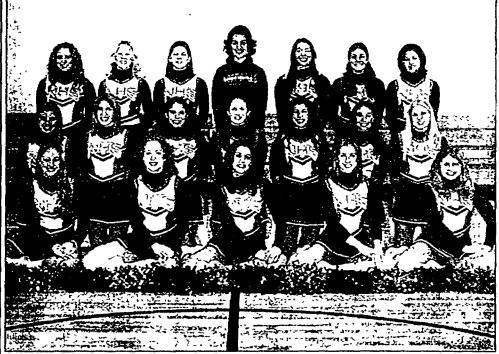
Brad Farris will be leading an upand-coming corps of swimmers. "They are all very talented

"This is the time of year for a lot of learning and teaching," he said. "Hopefully, it all comes



More talented Mustangs

These Mustangs por pon participants (above) look as happy as can be as they pose for te camera before going off to practice their, hopefully, award-winning routine!



The Mustang cheerleaders are looking to keep the WLAA title firmly in their grasps as they continue dominance that has lasted over a decade.



on his squad,

"They don't need any guidance," he said. "You can just let them do their own thing and you know they are going to do it the right way. It's a big help to this team with them around."

The Mustangs will also have seniors Brad and Bill McIntosh, Tyler Carter and Joe Lunn to help lead the way while freshman tanker swimmers," Bennetts said. "We'll be really looking at our seniors to lead the way this season, but we have some very strong freshman and underclass swimmers that will be factors this season."

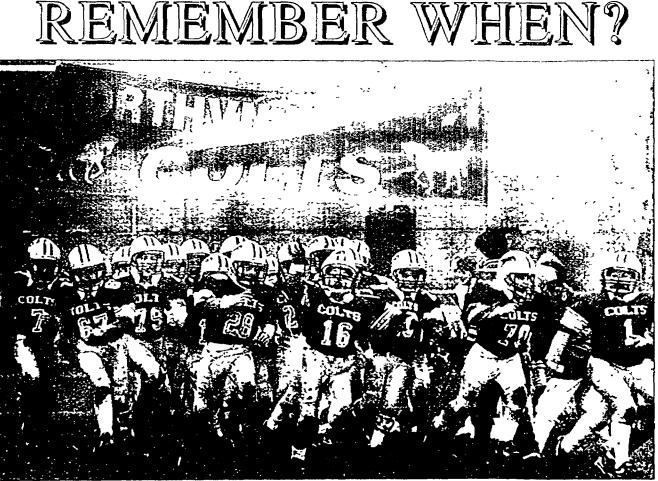
But Bennetts isn't going to worry if his squat can't beat Stevenson and Salem right out of the gates.

together. We'll be leaning on our upperclassmen until the new guys get their feet wet."

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A new coach and some energetic players, the Northville volleyball team will be looking to utilize all of their assets in hopes of showing the WLAA and beyond what they are truly capable of. See B1 for a preview story on their season.

Hockey							
Dec. 14	Churchill	Home	6 p.m.				
Dec. 16	Franklin	Home	6 p.m.				
Dec. 20	Ohio Classic Tourney	Away	TBA				
Dec. 21	Ohio Classic Tourney	Away	TBA				
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	Swimming						
Dec. 14	Conference Relays/ Salem	Away	12 p.m.				
Jan. 9	Stevenson High School	Home	7 p.m.				
Jan. 16	Canton High School	Away	7 p.m.				
Jan. 21	Pinckney High School	Away	630pm				
Dec. 12	Wrestling Novi High School	A	<b>A</b>				
Dec. 12	Davison JV Invite	Away	6 p.m.				
Dec. 14 Dec. 14	Davison Invite	Away	9:30 a.m.				
Dec. 14 Dec. 18	Canton High School	Away Home	9:30 am				
Dec. 10	Canton nigh School	nome	6:30 p.m.				
	Basketbail						
Dec. 14	Hartland	Home	7 p.m.				
Dec. 20	Milford	Home	7 p.m.				
' Volleyball							
Dec. 14	Carleton HS	Away	9 a.m.				
Dec. 16	Novi HS	Away	7:30 p.m.				
	<b>Gymnastics</b>						
Dec. 12	Intersquad	Home	7 p.m.				
Dec. 19	Hartland	Away	6:30 p.m.				



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## 1995 Northville/Novi Colts football

How many of these Colts went on to become top-notch Mustangs and Wildcats? It's hard to imagine these little tykes turning into Brandon Langston or Matt Gorman or Chase Chandler, but they do -- and then they get all grown up and move away to college to continue their athletic careers. No doubt, there's more than one parent out there that can say they remember this time in their child's life.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

### Sam Eggleston, 248-349-1700

## Equilibrium goes beyond genre Sci-fi/action movie sends messages in more ways than one

By Sam Eggleston ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Whatever happened to mindless action flicks? You know, the kind that Dolph Lundgren stars in and leads the audience on an adventure that only requires them to droot helplessly as they munch popcorn. They're fun to watch, but most won't complain if they just up and disappear.

"Equilibrium," would be that kind of movie except for one little problem - it has a mind of its own. It actually has a reason for being. Now, don't get me wrong here. This isn't going to challenge philosophy 101 or anything, but unlike many futuristic combinations of science fiction and special effects, it does make a bit of a statement: Governments are sometimes afraid of the big bad wolf. In this case, the big bad wolf just happens to be the freedom of opinion. Citizens that think too much or have too much fun are threats to their systems — especially those run by dictators.

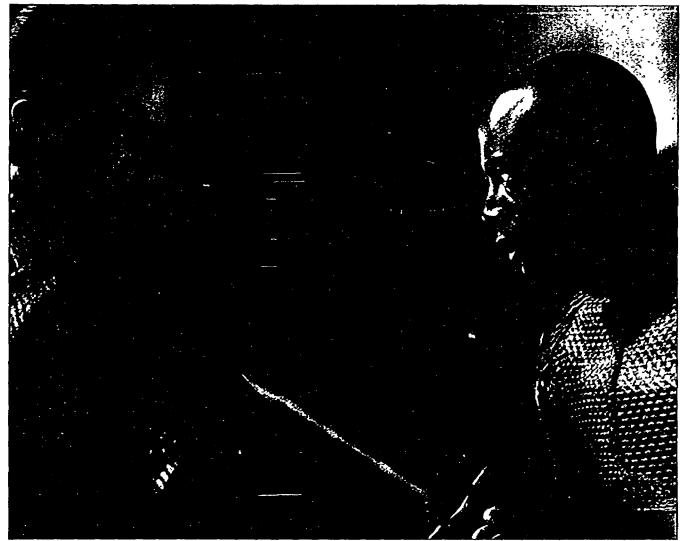
This movie does a good job of passing that thought along, by giving it a story line you can sit through. Though many, and possibly the majority, of audience members will hardly notice the message, but there are indeed governments out there that would rather see a film like this burned to a crisp before allowing its people to see it.

This movie is set in our own little piece of history --- the 21st cen-- at a time after the Third tury -World War that is believed to have been caused because citizens felt too much and too deeply. They became angry and the such and decided that the best course of action was to bomb the living daylights out of each other. To make sure that the people of Earth managed to pull out of this tantrum, everyone has been put on mandatory doses of Prozium, a drug that dampens the emotions we all have and shuts down our sensual side.

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And to make sure-all-the-people are good little boys and girls, there are a group of enforcers known as Clerics that have the order to kill those who are considered "Sense Offenders." One of these oh-solovely fellows is Cleric John Preston, played by the always charming Christian Bale. Preston is partnered with Partridge (Sean Bean) and is a top-level enforcer in this day and age. Out of all the actors on the block, Bale was a per-



Courtesy Photo

Christian Bale (left) plays Cleric Preston in the sci-fi/action flick "Equilibrium." In a world where feeling is outlawed, Preston has a bit of a problem - he's an enforcer who's breaking the law and Taye Diggs (left) plans on stopping hìm.

fect pick for this role. His ability to look stone-cold and unemotional in even the sickest of roles (i.e.: "American Psycho") is unmatched in Hollywood and in this movie he shows it once again after his own wife- is incinerated -for Sense-Offenses.

"What did you feel?" someone asked him after the incident.

"I didn't feel anything," comes the reply. And you know what? We believe him, even as it gives us insight to why his wife offended in the first place.

Preston, though a top operative as a Cleric, is hiding something. He pockets a book of poetry by W.B. Yeats, an infamous Sense

Offender. The reason he keeps it, or so he says, is to better understand the enemy. Unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately) for Cleric Preston, he drops his daily supply of Prozium and is unable to get a supply for-another day, which all + happens just as his duties bring him into contact with Mary O'Brien (Emily Watson) and he feels. And guess what? No matter what he felt, it's an offense punishable by death. To feel at all is an offense, and though fully aware of this and keeping O'Brien in mind, he chooses to quit taking his magic pills to halt emotion.

Though a plot that seems to be reminiscent of novels like 1984

and Brave New World, it brings with it gunfights and martial arts borrowed from the latest advances in special effects. This movie is match for match the amount of gunfire that the "Matrix" brought on the big screen - and it's all the better for it. The fight scenes incorporate a lot of arcs in mid-air and near impossible, if not impossible, acrobatics. Instead of fighting kung-fu style, the final say in the fight is usually the bark of a gun. A tactic that is very loud and very, very violent - and the audience seemed to love it.

No doubt, as with all action flicks, there are scenes in this one that make you sit back and say to

yourself, "yeah, right." Let's take for example, and opening sequence that finds Preston and Partridge approaching an apartment where Sense Offenders are suspected to be holed up. Preston enters the apartment after ordering the lights to be terminated and proceeds to kill every person in the room although he is surrounded by offenders with guns throughout the entire lit-by-muzzle-blast scene. There are plenty of more battles that are similar in a lot of ways with that one. They are all highadrenaline and full of quick-cutting cameras, lots of flashes of light, noise and tons of kinetic energy. It's quick, pounding and full of fun

for action fans. One of the best things about this

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movie, which is directed by Kurt Wimmer, is the way it forces you: to understand what it's trying tosay. Yeah, many will look past the; freedom of opinion message, but, they'll still catch the whole idea', that is passed along. The movieseems to say that it's good to feel passion and lust and to love people as well as desire them. It's just fine, to experience pleasure throughgreat works of art and music. Yeah, there is a scene where Preston torches the "Mona Lisa", but by the end of the flick he's feeling joy' and desire mixed with love. That right there says it's fine to feel that way. Why? Because, he's our hero."

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Preston isn't going to get away with having feelings though, as his replacement partner, Cleric Brandt, (Taye Diggs) suspects his feelings and is eager to expose him for what he is.

Diggs also presents us with the largest plot hole in the movie. It's hard to come up with a reason why he becomes enraged at his partner and how he can be ambitious in hopes of becoming the right hand man of the head Cleric if he's taking his Prozium. The only possible reason, and it's a stretch, is that emotions will always overcome, no matter how hard you try to bury them.

There is a part that reminds the audience of "Fahrenheit 451," where book lovers commit banned volumes to their memory. In this, movie, a rebel group preserves art and music for those who seek it to, be able to find.

If reading a description of the movie, a viewer may have gone, into this show wondering what could be better than a world without war? But the true question is: Are we willing to shed our emotional freedom to reach that state only to become zombies whose only purpose is further the interests of that state of being?

This movie is a good one for action fans, science-fiction buffs,. video game players and those who just love lightning quick action and stunning visual effects through stunts, computers and well-placed. dark imagery.

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#### By Brian Renner THE MOME INSIDER

Coming to theaters this weekend is gender-bending, age-switching comedy "The Hot Chick" follows attractive, meanspirited teen Jessica Spencer (Anna Farris) who wakes up one day in the body of a 30-year-old Clive (Rob Schneider). In the process of trying to figure out how to switch back, she comes to realize her shortcomings. "The Hot Chick" is a Touchstone Pictures release and rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language and

drug references. "Drumline," set against the high-energy, high-stakes world of marching bands, the story tells of a talented street drummer (Nick Cannon) from Harlem who enrolls in a Southern University, expecting to lead its marching band's drumline to victory. He initially flounders in his new world before realizing it takes a more than talent to reach the top. "Drumline" is a 20th Century Fox release and rated PG-13 for innuendo and language. Sci-fi adventure "Star Trek: Nemesis," billed as the final film

to feature the cast of the "Star Trek: The Next Generation" television series. The film follows the crew of the Enterprise-E on their most perilous mission yet. After attending Commander Riker and Counselor Troi's wedding, Captain Jean-Luc Picard is dispatched to the Romulan homeworld after a series of peace proposals. However, peace is the last thing that the crew finds. "Star Trek: Nemesis" is a Paramount Pictures release and rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence, peril and a scene of sexual content.

Modern-day 'Cinderella' "Maid in Manhattan" stars Jennifer Lopez as Marisa, a maid in an upper-class New York City hotel. While trying on a wealthy women's dress, a handsome rich man (Ralph Fiennes) mistakes her for a society woman. Marisa goes through a transformation when she falls in love with the British man.

She soon finds herself gaining insight into the life of a man she might otherwise have judged from a distance. When her real identity is revealed, however, the truth sets in about the disparity of their lives. "Maid in Manhattan" is a Sony Pictures release and rated PG-13 for some language/sexual references.

#### NEXT WEEK

The second installment in the "Rings" trilogy "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (PG-13) [Wednesday, December 18, 2002]. crime-ridden "Gangs of New York" (R), comic drama "About Schmidt" (R), showbiz satire "Adaptation" (R), romantic comedy "Two Weeks Notice" (PG-13) and animated kids' adven-"The Wild ture/comedy Thornberrys Movie" (G).

### ON VIDEO AND DVD

comedy-thriller Romantic 'Cherish'' (R), period-drama "The Emperor's New Clothes" "Halloween: (PG), thriller Resurrection" (R), comedy "Human Nature" (R), ninth ani-mated dino-stampede "The Land Before Time: Journey to Big Water" (G), basketball-themed comedy "Like Mike" (PG), French showbiz drama "My Wife Is an Actress" (PG-13) and kids' sequel "Stuart Little 2" (PG).

#### DVD

"Amy's O" (R), "Don't Try This at Home: The Steve-O Video Vol. II" (NR), "Farscape" (Season 2, Volume 4) (NR). 'Griffith Masterworks Box Set' (7-DVD Set) (NR), "Stuart Little/Stuart Little 2" (Special Edition (2-DVD Set) (PG), "Tupac Shakur: Thug Angel" (The Collector's Edition incl. Audio CD) (3-DVD Set) (NR).

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Normally on Friday and Saturday nights I "work the line" acting as an internal expiditor. My job in this position is to ensure that all food is cooked properly and beautifully present-

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ed in a timely manner. Most of these evenings we'll plate between four and five hundred meals in

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few hours. There is also an external expiditor who then re-checks the plates and "runs" the food to you. Our goal is to have 15 minute ticket times, which means from the time we receive the order we have 15 minutes to get the food "up" or completed.

Each position in the kitchen is unique and requires certain talents. There are four main areas of the line: sauté', broiler/grill/fryer, pantry and expiditor. The pantry is responsible for all salads and a good number of appetizers. The waitstaff, after taking your order, verbally places any salads needed before the meal. Sometimes there are literally dozens of "with" salads (included in the price of the meal) called in every few minutes. The pantry person needs to remember all of these, plus make entree salads, keep the rolls hot, plates cold and the station stocked.

The expiditor calls each ticket as it comes into the kitchen to the sauté and broiler station. For

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instance, if a Dijon salmon and whitefish are ordered I'll call "fire a menu white and salmon." This allows the sauté' cook to bypass reading any tickets and getting the fish seared and into the oven. Likewise, any steaks, burgers and hot appetizers are called to the broiler.

From this point each cook heats the sides that accompany the main course and coordinate with me to plate the food I can liken the process to a kitchen "ballet" as the space is tiny and we have learned to "dance" around each other. Rarely do we bump or touch - either of which is very dangerous considering the scorching hot pans, plates and food.

Communication between stations is imperative. Each cook needs to coordinate his food with the others so that orders are complete when they are placed "in the window." Verbal interaction is minimal and precise. Behind the scenes there is our back-up kitchen where a runner is constantly refilling empty stations for us. "Runner" is no loose term. This person runs their tail off.

And, "the most important person in the restaurant" has his spot out of the limelight here, too the dishwasher. Everyone in our kitchen has been a disher at some point in his or her career and each of us has the utmost respect for the job. My goal is to have any one who works this spot rise through the ranks. If they can handle the pressure, work conditions and stress here, they can do so at any place in the kitchen.

I prefer to work behind the counter on weekends. It is a chance for me to keep my cooking skills sharp and also I enjoy

the shared rapport. Sometimes I need to switch spots and work the external expo position. Such was the case last Saturday. In this capacity I also ensure that ticket times are reasonable and that food is properly prepared and artistically presented. And, most importantly, that the completed meal gets to you within moments. In between all of this I need to coordinate eight waitstaff and several bartenders who have numerous requests for special orders. In turn, I relay these to the cooks so they can concentrate on doing what they do best, cooking. I love to watch the kitchen from this perspective. It is a well greased machine, tuned, right on.

Getting back to Saturday night. I haven't been called to the frontof-the-house service for a while and was looking forward to the challenge it affords. The evening proved true and was very busy.

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Orders flew in and out. No recooks. No returned food.

Being on the "outside" also allows me to visit with our guests. As I walked around the full restaurant and checked each table, all I received were compliments. Everyone was happy. All was well. I was reminded of how fortunate Torn and I are. We work with a wonderful group of diverse individuals who contribute to each other's lives in many ways. There isn't one of our staff that isn't a team player. They share the same goals that we do - your comfort and joy. Peace.

Mary Brady is a certified executive chef and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in the Novi Town Center. If you have culinary questions or comments for chef Mary Brady, you can contact her via e-mail at djbistro@aol.com.

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## With 989 Sports' Gamebreaker 2003, seasons never end

#### By Sam Eggleston ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

News flash: The Chippewas of Central Michigan University have just won the national football championships!

Sound a little fishy? Not if you're at the controls of 989 Sports' NCAA Gamebreaker 2003. You take control of your favorite team and bring it to the best squads across the county as you battle it out to see who's the best of the best in the nation.

The best part? For those of you who love the college football season, with this game sitting in your Playstation 2 the cheers of the crowds at the Big House and in ever Division I stadium across this great country never have to die down.

One of the big advantages that Gamebreaker has over the compeution is the speed. A lot of football games just don't have the breakneck speeds that make life with the pigskin such a blast. This one does though. And another thing this seems to really bring is the hits. There's nothing better than a big hit by the middle linebacker that sends a runningback stumbling to his left — unless, of course, it's a hit immediately afterward by the outside linebacker that sends the ball carrier flat on his back or flipping through the air. Sometimes if you get a good enough hit or a nice gang tackle, a flash of lightning and the sound of thunder in the distance reminds your opponents that there's no passing to the middle when your big dogs are on the prowl.

The cheers and booing from the hometown fans work well with the nicely crafted stadiums. The refs are even more of a part of this game and not, thankfully, in the way of penalties. Breaking up the middle on a strong-I iso play, the runningback is actually capable of being saved from a tackle if the ref gets in the way. The same works if the back accidentally runs into the ref and takes a digger.

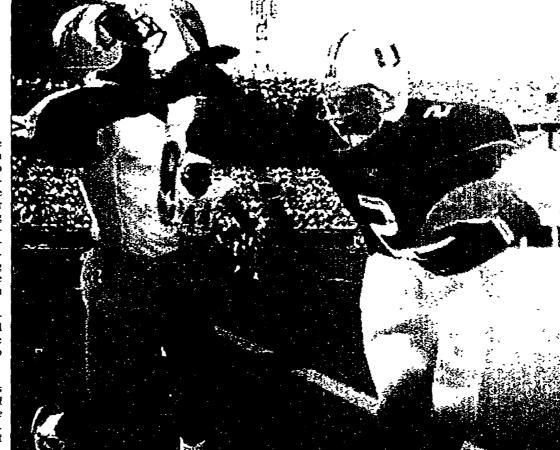
All the way across the board, Gamebreaker is the perfect gift for the college football fan in your life. And if you're not buying it for someone else and just love to take control of the University of Michigan Wolverines in hopes of topping Ohio State this time around, pick this one up. Not only does it rival everything that other college football games have to offer, it comes out of the store right around \$10 cheaper on average. To be honest, the game isn't perfect though. The commentary starts to drag just slightly by the end of the season with the same things being said ending up being repeated over and over again. One thing that the folks in the booth do that is more appealing at times than other games is give credit where credit is do - the front line. A game is won and lost at the line of scrimmage and they don't hesitate to let that be known. There are plenty of replay values to this game as it can either be played at a fairly easy level where even some of the worst teams in the country can get victories with a human calling the shots, and goes right up to as hard of a football game that I have ever played, where the computer brings it all at you and Miami can lose to Eastern Michigan if things are done to perfection. And for those who like to bring a program from the ashes of despair to the glory of a bowl game, there is always the career mode. This helps with the rebuilding process of bad teams and the continued greatness of the perennial favorites. Either way, it's up to the player to keep the recruits coming in and the game plan at the highest level. Gamebreaker 2003 also has another feature that grows on those wielding the controller. Instead of throwing the perfect pass on the run every single time like other games have you doing. Gamebreaker brings on the reality of physics as your may overthrow your intended target if you are running forward or perhaps you lead them too much or throw too far behind them if you are dancing around too much in the pocket. Overall, Gamebreaker 2003 is one of the best college football games on the market, taking advantage of all of the processing power the Playstation 2 has to

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offer without slowing the game down any. A dedicated fan can find themselves playing long into the night, trying to finish up a season or bring their team to the national championship. And for those who may be wondering about the tille of the game — most teams have one or two play-ers that can change the momentum of a contest just by being there or touching the ball. Those types of players are often known as "game breakers."

In this game, the college football season never has to end and even the Chippewa fans can live vicariously and bring their team to the glory of a national title.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700. ext. 104 ٥r at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.



**Courtesy Photo** With Gamebreak 2003, you can just shove your way through opponents as you try and fight your way to a national championship. And tackling? These are the hits that make you twictch when you dream about them at night. Not only does this keep the video-game players busy, but also the college football fan in your life. Make this one a stocking stuffer, especially since it comes onto the market about \$10 cheaper than its competition and still packs everything that you look for in a football game.

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# Hobby-turned-profession pays off

Milford woman creates, paints exquisite antique Santas, Belsnickles

#### By Annette Jaworski CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Everyone knows that Santa lives at the North Pole, but you might find more than a few of Santa's helpers right here in Milford - like the ones hand made by artist Nyla Murphy.

"I think everybody loves Santa, everybody loves Christmas," Murphy said. "It brings back good memories.'

It all began when she noticed collectible Santas or Belsnickles while antiquing. Originally exported from Germany in the late 1800s, they are rare and expensive. The little figures with their cone-shaped hat and hands inside their sleeves caught her eye.

"I wanted them so bad, and the old ones I couldn't afford," she said. "There are so many things I wanted, and we were on a limited budget, so I decided to make it myself, and do it so they looked antique.'

Not that many of the original Belnsickles survived through that time, and the molds were destroyed in the war, Murphy said. That didn't stop the determined artist, who decided to make her own molds for the figurines. She eventually created a whole array of Santas or Belsnickles in all shapes and sizes, with a wide range of realistic expressions.

There's a Santa riding a pig, made in jest for a policeman's wife. For a realistic touch, she added a basket of twigs hanging on Santa's back. Another interesting figure has two sides - a good Santa and a mean Santa ----



These hand-made, antique-looking Santas are but a few of Nyla Murphy's creations.

Another is sitting on a snow-covered log. Some of her Santas

even have moving parts. What started as a pastime and hobby has turned into a profession. A loft area in her home serves as a perfect studio and Santa's workshop. It's filled with shelves of jolly old Saint Nick.

The entire process of creating the figure is a lengthy labor of love. Murphy first makes a mold out of clay, which she uses to create a plaster cast. Plaster works well for the outside of the surface, because it's a smooth surface to paint. The inside is filled with papier mache, making the figure amazingly light as well

paints and decorates them.

Probably the most remarkable thing about the Belsnickles and Santas is the detail put into each figure. Formerly a portrait artist, Murphy's skills are evident in the life like expressions of these Santas, which range from serious to comical.

"A lot of them are stern, but some of them have really sweet faces, and some have what I call cartoony faces," she observed.

A perfectionist, each Santa has to look just so, and she confesses to repainting several times over if necessary to get it just right. She carefully re-creates each detail from pictures of originals.

portraits, so I'm pretty good at duplicating facial features," Murphy said.

Another detail she carefully reproduces includes the "antiquelooking" clothing. For this she takes fabric and dyes it to look "old" or faded. Some have gold robes, or green. There's even some dressed in green and purple. For an antique-looking fur trim, she buys old linings of coats. She uses soft, silky rabbit fur for the beard. She even searches for antique tinsel for trim. Each one of them also holds a small tree made out of turkey or goose feathers, just like the original Belsnickles She

dying the feather green and wrapping it around a wire.

"And after I get them done, I name them," she added. And each looks real enough to come to life. In fact, her favorite is called "Human" for that very reason.

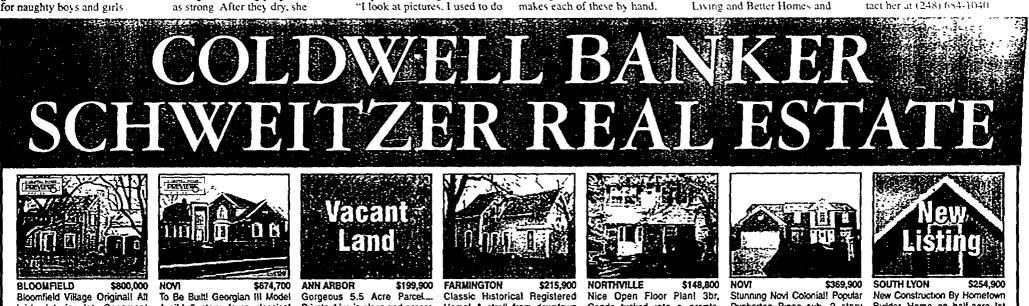
They're so popular, they've been shipped around the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as Canada, Germany and Guam, Murphy said What first started by word of mouth increased even more once she was featured in Country Living and Better Homes and

Gardens. Christmas has become a very hectic time of year for the Milford resident.

"It's been like a snowball thing," Murphy said. Creating the figurines now keeps her busy year round. And just like the original collectibles, she notes that her pieces are going up in value.

"I guess that's because they're one of a kind, and you don't find them in any store," she noted.

Nyla Murphy also creates other seasonal collectibles, such as witches for Halloween and bunnies for Easter You can contact her at (248) 684-1040



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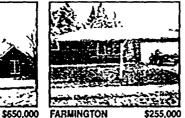
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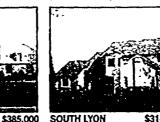
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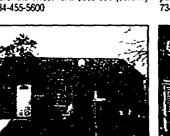


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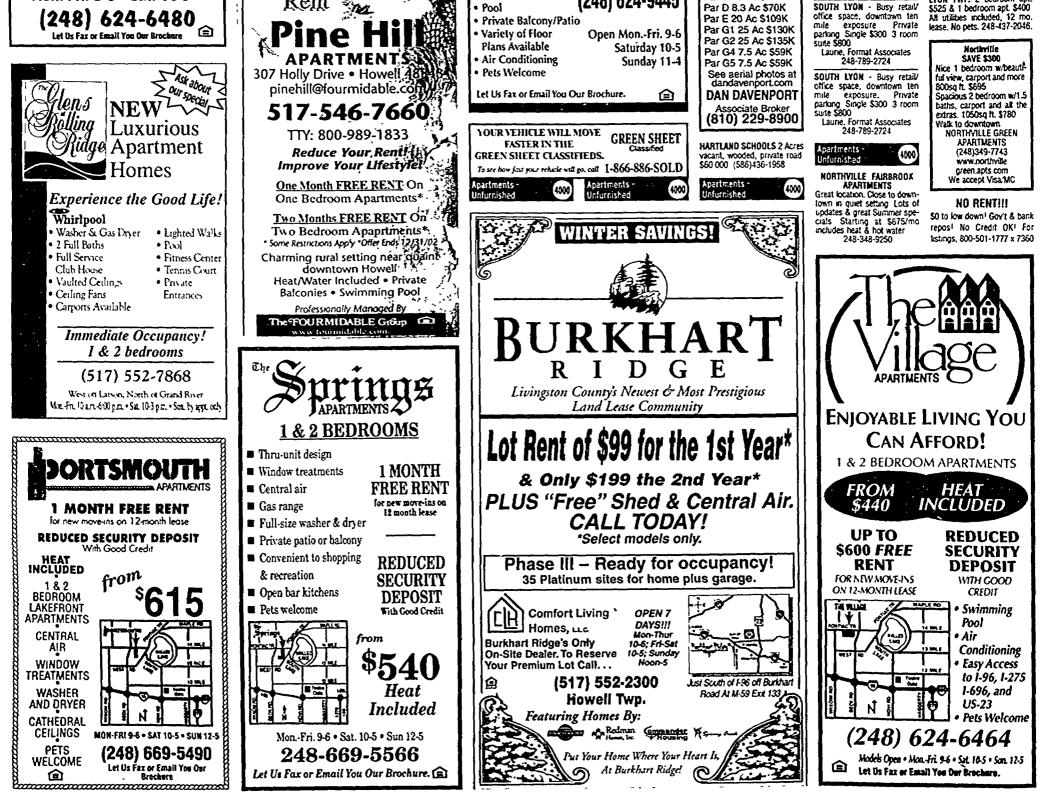
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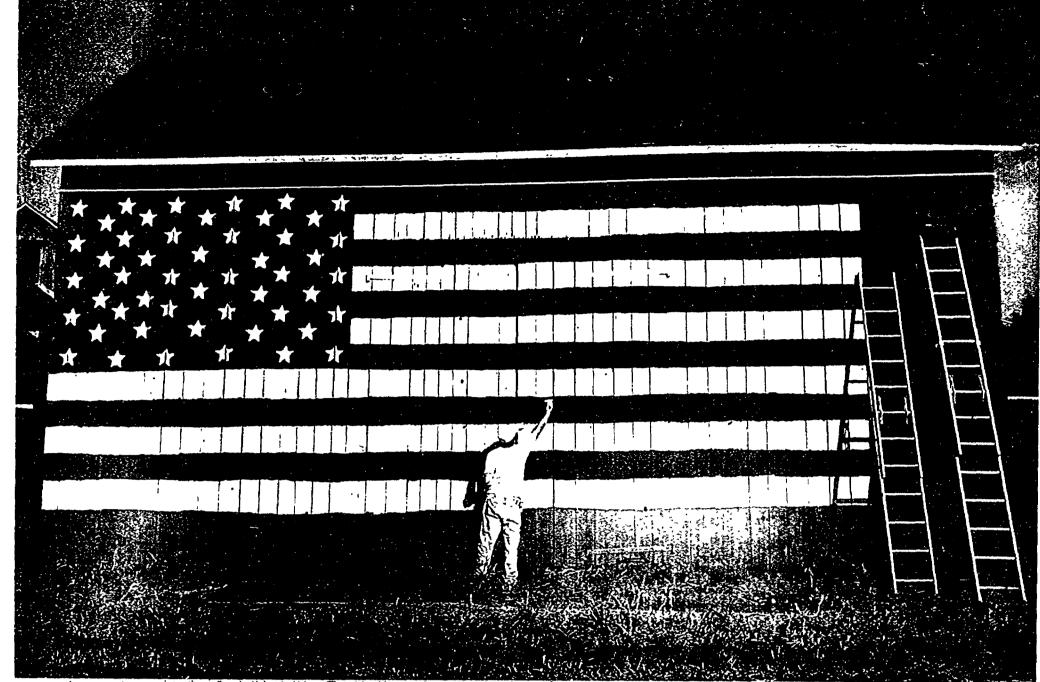
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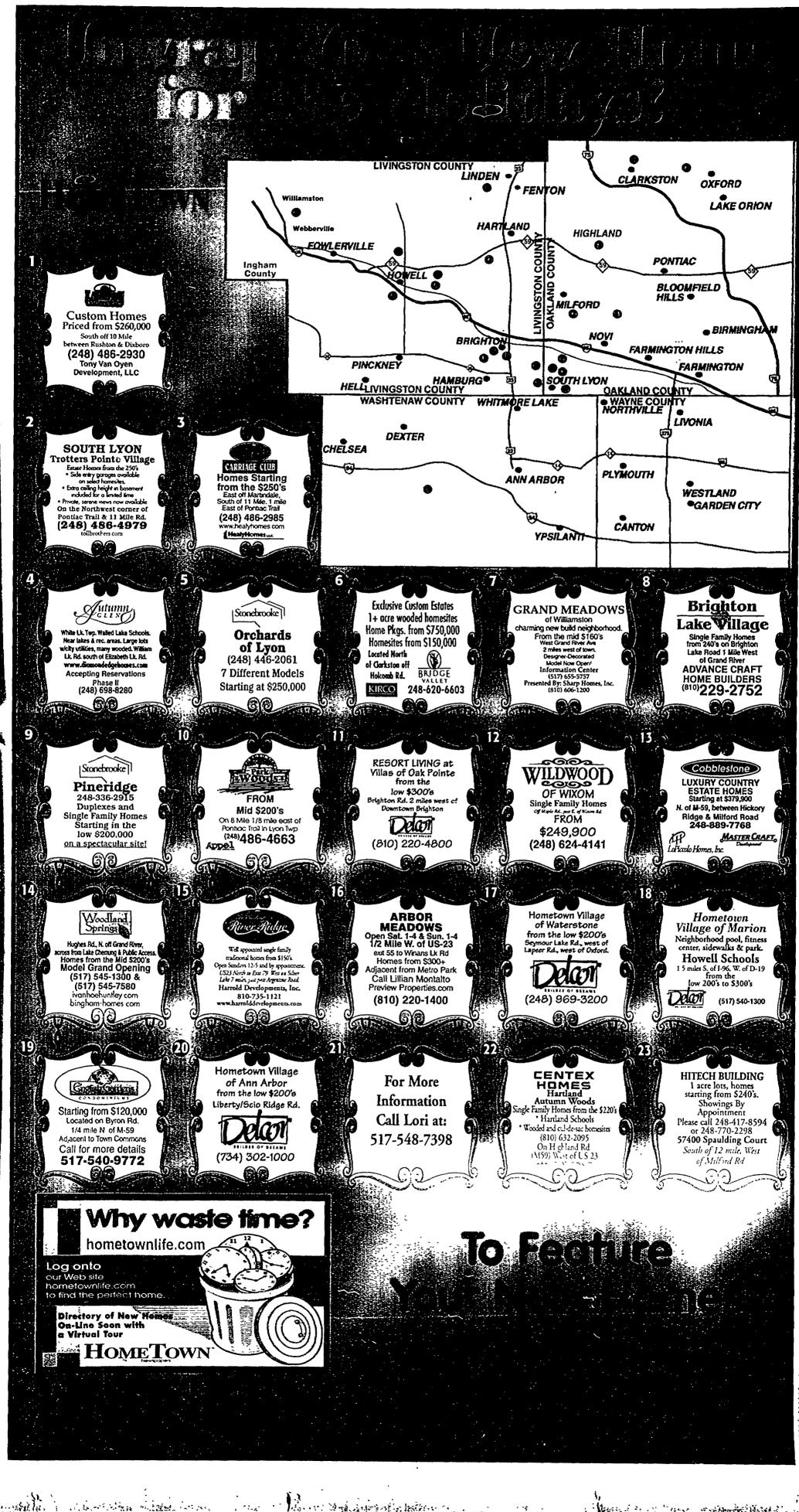
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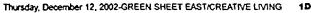
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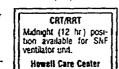
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# ere's the rub

Chairs, cushions and gadgets are designed for use at home, where

relaxation comes naturally

### By Olivia Clarke ARIZONA DAILY STAR

All Michael Martinez needed to make his life a little less stressful was the comfort of a chair. But we're not talking about just any old chair. The one Martinez got is an electric-powered massage recliner.

After a tough day at work, he spends about a half-hour sitting in it while the chair goes to work on his lower back and neck, calves and feet. Martinez's \$1,500 black vinyl recliner silently massages any of those parts of the body \_ depending on what he wants.

In an age when all most people want to do is relax and unwind from the stresses of everyday life, electric-powered back, foot and body massagers are becom-

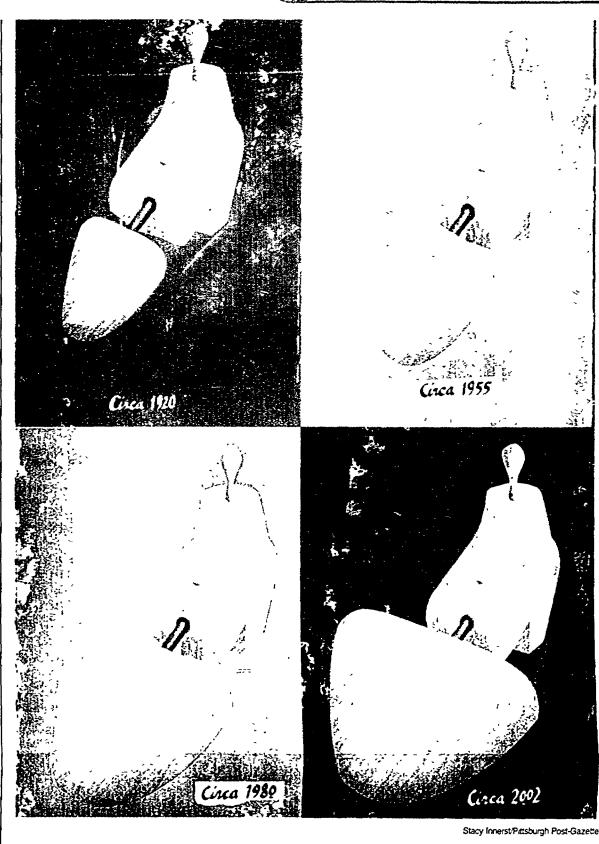
ing must-haves. Martinez, of Tuscon, Ariz., used to get a massage once a month, but now he plans to see a massage therapist only every three to six months. In cash terms, that means he's saving \$80 per month on the massages - an expense that also includes tips.

And in relaxation terms, it means he's still getting much of the care he needs but in the com-

fort of his own home. "It's awesome," says the 24-year-old assistant manager at The Sharper Image about his new chair. "It's easier to unwind after a day's work."

Massage gadgets can be bought for the entire body or specifically for feet, back, shoulders or calves. Some of the products use heat; others work mus-cles and tissues with circular motions.

The Sharper Image (www.the-sharperimage.com) offers robotic and vibrating chairs ranging from \$1,499 to \$2,995. Other offerings include hand-held power massage gadgets from \$19.95 to \$250. Brookstone (www.brookstone.com) sells powered massage gadgets ranging from \$39 to \$200 and chairs and beds ranging from \$1,300 to \$3.195.



The shoe that fits Improved nutrition has made feet larger, and shoes that fit harder to find

# A brittle topic

Osteoporosis has long been a focal point for women, but research shows that the bone disease is often overlooked in men.

### By Susan Aschoff ST. PETERSBURG TIMES

The blueprint for building strong bones may be one construction project in which the women have it all over the men.

A recent study found that men and their physicians too often overlook the potential for men, like women, to suffer from a loss of bone density as they age. The risk? Debilitating fractures and even death.

"We know so much less about male osteoporosis than about (the condition) in women," says Dr. Joanne Valeriano-Marcet, an associate professor at the

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University of South Florida School of Medicine who has examined the effectiveness of treatments and education for dealing with loss

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  - Radiation and chemotherapy to treat cancers
  - Autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and asthma requiring prednisone or other corticosteroid therapy for long periods

Sources: American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons; New York Times, National Osteoporosis

"They're very popular," says Mollee Madrigal, spokeswoman for The Sharper Image. "Everyone is looking for ways to for The make themselves comfortable at home.

Dana Dixon, 36, owner of a personal training company in Tuscon, tests out massage chairs and massage cushions regularly when he visits stores and plans to purchase a massage chair in the near future. He uses the massagers on his lower back. He suggests that people research different types of massage gadgets for the one that best suits them. Pay the extra bucks for a quality massager, he says.

"They are very useful devices," Dixon says. "Some work well in eliminating stress. I think they're becoming very popular, with the amount of stress people are going though."

Some people buy these athome products because they don't feel comfortable having a stranger massage them, says Kathy Rinn, owner of The Right Touch Massage Therapy in Tuscon. She plans to give her father a massager for that very reason, she says.

For first-timers, Target or Kmart Super Stores may be the answer. They offer less expensive, hand-held, chair cushions and mobile massagers ranging from \$14.99 to \$79.99.

But Merle Margelofsky, coowner of Relax The Back Stores in Tuscon, warns that you get what you pay for. The cheaper the massager, the less impressive the results, he says.

His stores don't sell some of the more inexpensive massagers because, Margelofsky says, they don't exercise the tissues enough.

Shelene Taylor, owner of Changes Massage Centre in Tuscon, says the products are only a temporary fix between massage appointments. "Nothing reaches the problem areas like a pair of hands," Taylor says.

### **By Mackenzie Carpenter** PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

eggy Burkett felt like Cinderella's stepsister every time she walked into a department store looking for shoes.

"I'd see these pumps that were so cute, so perfect, and

then I could barely squeeze myself into them," recalled the 54-year old Monroeville, Pa., resident who wears a size 8-1/2, double wide shoe. "It happened all the time and it was so frustrating. But I guess you couldn't expect a store like that to have a double wide shoe size, could you?"

Probably not.

Walk into any department store today, or any one of the mainstream shoe outlets found in shopping malls, and unless you wear 6 to 10 medium, you can pretty much forget finding a new, fashionable, up-to-date shoe in your size.

Even though the average American shoe size has increased dramatically in the past 100 years, larger, wider sizes in the trendiest styles are still extremely difficult to find.

And that means women are probably cramming themselves into shoes that don't fit them - and paying the price in the long run with poor foot health: bunions, hammer toes, joint inflammation, even nerve damage.

Who's to blame? Dr. William Rossi, a Massachusetts podiatrist and historian who worked as a consultant to the shoe industry for many years, points to his old employer as the culprit.

The shoe industry gets away with murder - foot murder - and it has been for generations," he said. "People are getting taller and heavier, as they have for generation after generation, and their feet are getting larger in proportion to their bodies."

But the shoe industry hasn't caught up with that fact, Rossi said. "They will tell you that about 75 percent of their sales are in the medium group, between size 6 and 9-1/2, when in fact, they have no real data to show that the majority of people actually wear those

sizes. If you don't stock the larger or wider sizes to begin with, you don't sell more of them. And people will buy what's available."

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### **MEASURING YOUR FEET**

Width designations for men's and women's shoes sold in the United States generally fail into these categories:

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The familiar Brannock device is the standard for measuring a foot's width and length However, you need more than a simple width measurement to properly fit shoes:

- Trace the outline of your feet while standing and wearing socks you normally wear with shoes.
- Measure the distance from the up of your longest toe to your heel.
- Measure the distance at the widest part (the ball) of your foot. Many shoe manufacturers also recommend, for best fit, buying shoes at the end of the day, when your foot is slightly larger from the day's activity. It's worth remembering, too, that feet will get bigger with age and weight gain.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- In 1900, the average male shoe size was between  $6^{1}/_{2}$  and 7, according to Dr. William Rossi, author of "The Professional Shoe Fitting Manual. Today it's about 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. The average woman's size has risen from 4-1/2 in 1900 to nearly 9 today.
- Immigrants were small in stature and had correspondingly small feet. As soon as their children were born and benefited from better nutrition and health care, their feet started getting larger.

Sources, Boottracks com, Brannock com, Dr. William Ross

Thornton, a Harvard MBA who started her own online shoe company, www.designershoe.com, for women with larger feet. "They want to hit the median market, where shoe turnover is going to be fastest, and they say the size 8 mediums are the ones that will turn over very quickly.'

But on what data do they base that?

Nothing much, said Rossi, author of numerous podiatric journal articles and seven books, including a reference book, "The Professional Shoe Fitting Manual," (which notes that men, too, have seen their shoe sizes grow). "Of course, the industry will come back to you and say, 'We are a dollars and cents business just like any other business, we have to go where the center of the market is, and if the retailer is buying 70 to 80 percent medium width, who are we to argue with him?'

"But it's a take-it-or-leave it situation for the consumer. If most people buy size 8 mediums, it's because that's only what's available, and so they cram their feet into the shoes even if they're not the right size."

Indeed, other than sales figures, it's nearly impossible to get accurate statistics on how many Americans wear what size shoe, because there aren't any, industry officials concede.

Indeed, the days of stepping on a Brannock device, that flat sheet of metal with the footprint outlined on it, are gone, said Bill Boettge, president of the National Shoe Retailers Association, which represents independent shoe stores.

"We don't measure feet anymore," he said. "There are no standards, so the sizes vary widely, from wide to long."

But many women want a wider variety of styles than wingtips or topsiders. For them, there are always independent retailers, or the Internet, where sites such as www.designershoes.com ("for women who leave a larger footprint") have found a niche selling to size 11s.

In fact, Thornton, the Web site's founder, said she started it after she had trouble finding shoes in her size. Now that she understands the shoe industry and how it works, "I'm on a mission," she said.

### ventive measures, Kiebzak says. Men fare better

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than women in maintaining bone density as they age because of differences in lifestyle and physiology, scientists believe. Men typically have larger frames, with more muscle and bone mass. And men do not go through the drastic hormonal changes women experience, particularly menopause's plunge in estrogen, which accelerates bone loss.

But neither gender escapes the body's script for aging. An individual deposits more bone mass than he or she loses through the mid 30s. Then bones begin to gradually lose density. Excessive loss is called osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis typically doesn't announce its presence until a wrist breaks in a minor mishap or back pain leads to discovery of compression fractures in the spine. Many cases are diagnosed after a hip is fractured.

No one knows for certain why some people's bones become dangerously fragile. Thin white women are particularly susceptible. A 50-year-old white female has a 14 percent chance that she will suffer a hip fracture in her lifetime. A white male has a 5 to 6 percent chance. The odds for a black male are 3 percent.

"We really don't know what to tell men. We're still studying the correlation between (bone) density and breaks and at what level a man would be at risk," Valeriano-Marcet says.

The disease's consequences can be deadly. Although men are less likely to fracture a hip, they're at much higher risk than women of dying if it happens, Valeriano-Marcet says. She attributes the higher incidence to poorer health overall. Among all elderly nationally, nearly one-third of those who suffer a hip fracture are discharged to nursing homes within a year, the National Institutes of Health says. One in five dies as their health deteriorates.

The condition can be hereditary, a side effect of other diseases or their treatments, such as radiation for cancer, or the result of unhealthy lifestyles, from inactivity to lack of calcium. "What I see in men is alcohol (abuse) as a major factor," Valeriano-Marcet says.

Physicians recommend screening for osteoporosis if several risk factors are present. A test measures a patient's bone density and compares it with the normal range for his or her age

Osteoporosis is treated with bone-building drugs such as Fosamax and Actonel, approved for men and women by the Food and Drug Administration.

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# Dressing down survives death of dot-coms

By Julie N. Lynem SAN FANCISCO CHRONICLE

When the economy slumped, there was talk of business casual fading like a pair of acid-washed jeans. The days of the flipflopping, Bermuda-short- wearing dotcommer were supposedly coming to an end. But, by and large, business casual appears to be here to stay, say workplace experts. Not surprisingly, San Francisco retains its place as one of the more laidback towns when it comes to office attire, according to a 15- city survey by Rowenta. the German iron and home-appliance manufacturer.

The survey showed that, if anything, workplace fashions across the country have gotten, well, scarier. In Atlanta, the offend-ing party wore leopard skin spandex pants. In Boston, the boss walked in with Speedo swim trunks and a towel --- after swimming lessons. The fashion faux pas in San Francisco: an employee in orange riding pants.

These examples may be a little extreme. But the survey found that only 12 percent of Anjerican companies stick to traditional dress code rules. That confirms what many Bay Area employees have thought all along: stuffy shirts and ties are so 20th century.

"San Franciscans are comfortable casual, which means khakis and a T-shirt," said Ginger Burr, an image consultant and media spokeswoman for Rowenta. "It's basically anything goes. It's the most relaxed, and can go from the office to the beach.

San Francisco slid right into the comfortable casual category, along with Pittsburgh, Boston, Seattle and Los Angeles

Miami, Atlanta, Dallas and Minneapolis are considered classic casual, a mix of dress pants or khakis with a more formal or casual shirt. Workers in New York City, New

Photo By Brant Ward

Jennifer Elks, who used to work for MTV.com, works on her martini shake at the National Bartending School in San Francisco.

# ex-dot-commers **BELLY UP TO THE BAR**

Twenty-somethings who made money in the tech business are now picking up new trades after the dot-com fallout

By David Lazarus SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

When she worked for MTV.com, Jennifer Elks was required to know the intricacies of HTML and XML coding, Java programming and Flash animation.

Now she's mastering a new skill: the ingredients of a top-notch zombie.

Elks, 28, carefully combined light and dark rums, orange juice, triple sec, creme de almond and sweetand-sour mix as Ralph Verrone, an instructor at the National Bartenders School of San Francisco, watched closely.

"We've learned about 100 drinks in three days," Elks said as her lethal-

looking concoction met with Verrone's "(Bartending)

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Chris Grant,

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tending schools are together.turning out more than . 200 graduates every single month. There just aren't that many cool jobs to go around.

'I tell people straight out that they won't get a job in a club without prior experience," said Stefani Feist, assistant director of the National Bartenders School and the facility's placement counselor. "It's a difficult market," she said. "Sometimes we

have one job listing, sometimes we have 10. People need to be prepared to do some catering or partyplanning jobs as a way to break in."

If they want to toss bottles around like Tom Cruise in "Cocktail" or dance up a storm like "Coyote Ugly," they need to practice at home. Such talents — called "flair" in the trade — are not

taught at school. Those who do land bartending gigs Ways to shorten the search for a new home

### By Neal Gendler MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Middle-class home buyers haven't had it so good in ages: More homes are listed for sale than in five years, and cellar-dwelling interest rates are helping compensate for rising home prices.

For a change, buyers have choices and time to think about them - or look elsewhere before making an offer. With more choices available, it might take

longer to decide, but interest rates aren't like-ly to stay this low for a long time. And Realtors say properly priced homes in good condition still sell fairly quickly.

Just because a buyer's criteria might seem to fit three dozen houses instead of three doesn't mean the buyer and agent want to spend days tramping through all of them, perhaps only to learn that the first was the best - and now it's sold.

Agents usually will guide the process to make it work smoothly. Much of the process is not physical but mental: knowing what you want in a home and where you'd like it to be; knowing how much you can spend; being available and staying flexible.

With those things in mind, agents Pat Von Mosch of Counselor Realty and Todd Shipman of Great Minneapolis Real Estate Co. provided some ways buyers can help find the best home available in the shortest time.

If you have access to the Internet, call up almost any real estate brokerage's site and look for homes that seem to be what you want, where you want and at a price you can afford. A reasonably sophisticated site will have a search function allowing you to enter your desired criteria, such as number of bedrooms and bathrooms; amenities such as a fireplace or double garage; city or geographic area, and price range.

When inventory was short and buyers frenzied, "what they saw on the Internet was sold before they got there," Shipman said! Now,

listings are more likely to stay available for viewing. He said he's encouraging buyers to look at listings 30 to 90 days old — houses that might be fine, but were overpriced.

On Von Mosch's flow chart of what buyers need to do, getting approved for a loan is the second task.

It's become common for agents to insist their buyers be approved for a mortgage loan before taking them to look at houses. There's no reason to spend time looking at houses the client can't afford — or worse, searching for days or weeks, making an offer and then learning the would-be buyer can't qualify for a loan big enough to buy the house.

Buyers should shop for loans as they would for any other purchase. Shipman suggests

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Orleans, Washington, D.C., Chicago and

Cleveland go for a more corporate look -

dress pants, formal shirts or blouses.

An informal survey of workplace threads in San Francisco's Financial District turned up attire that was all over the map - from buttoned-down polo shirts and pressed

khakis to lived-in jeans and flowing, peasant-style blouses.

Indeed, after two hours critiquing San Francisco style, it was difficult to say just where employees stand in the workplace wardrobe department. Everyone had his own take on the situation.

Lance Buscaglia, a coffee salesman for Seattle's Caffe Umbria, a wholesale coffee retailer, said he has seen a gradual shift toward more casual dressing. Men are wearing fewer and fewer ties to work, and it doesn't bother him one bit.

He prefers to dress in slacks and a loosefitting short-sleeved shirt, but he knows how to step it up a notch when he has to.

"I'm lucky," he said. "When I have to go to a nice restaurant, I'll wear a tie. But if I'm at cafes, I can dress down. I definitely don't wear a tie to Berkeley. They don't trust anyone with a tie."

Consultant Chris Nicita said San Francisco is certainly more casual than Washington, D.C., where men wear suits and ties to work every day. There is no dress code at his San Francisco consulting firm.

The latest survey by the Society for Human Resource Management also reported a similar trend toward more-casual dressing. During the past five years, more companies have opted for casual wear every day of the week, said Frank Scanlan, spokesman for the group, which represents employees in human resource and personnel. The 2002 survey indicated that 56 percent of organizations have casual dress days once a week, while 53 percent of respondents have casual dress every day.

"Casual dress is among those tools that seem to be effective in recruiting new peo-ple and keeping them," Scanlan said. "You may see a few organizations revert back to a more traditional business attire, but I think by and large that casual dress in the workplace will become more common.'

Charles Steiner, a word processor at a law firm, wants the firm to take a more relaxed approach. Some days, he said, employees look as if they're wearing clothes for someone's funeral.

"Just one day a week I'd like to wear jeans," he said. "I don't see clients, but I still have to wear something formal."

approval. "It's hard to remember them all."

Where have all the techies gone? Many have decided to abandon the digital life altogether and pursue bartending as a placeholder career until something better comes along.

They've been joined by a variety of others seeking new opportunities amid the economic downturn - a trend that's seen enrollment boom at bartending schools in the Bay Area.

This industry is pretty recessionproof," said Chris Grant, director of ABC Bartending School in San Leandro, Calif. "When times are good, people drink. When times are bad, people drink."

Bartending schools say they've been deluged with former dot- commers and technology professionals seeking careers in a slightly less volatile field.

"I haven't seen very many bars and

clubs and restaurants closing as a result of the recession, and there's always turnover in the bartending industry," said Mark Hersey, director of the San Francisco School of Bartending.

"I don't know that every single person who graduates from school becomes a bartender," he said. "But those that want to typically get jobs

Not always the ones they want, though.

Many aspiring bartenders, especially the younger ones, picture themselves holding court behind the counter of a trendy club, with lights flashing, music pounding and scantily dressed customers calling out orders.

The reality is that the Bay Area's four leading bar-



Matt Kirchstein, who used to do programming at a software firm, is also taking the bartending course at the National Bartending School.

can expect to make about \$25 an hour. But getting there is a relatively pricey proposition, with most bartending schools charging between \$600 and \$800 for up to 40 hours of training.

That's not a problem for Matt Kirchstein. He's one of the lucky few who walked away from the dot-com collapse with his pockets full after his small San Francisco software firm was purchased by technology powerhouse Sapient.

He left the company when he found that being a manager wasn't much to his liking. "I missed the code," 25-yearold Kirchstein said.

So he did some traveling. He hung out. "Now I just want some stability, some way to fill my days," Kirchstein said.

That's why he's at National, on the eighth floor of the historic Flood Building on Market Street, standing

behind a curved, red-topped practice bar that extends the length of the classroom.

Kirchstein was running through drinks as another student timed him with a stopwatch. To pass the final exam, ne'd need to churn out 12 drinks in 7 minutes, 3 at a time.

Verrone, the instructor, said this is a breeze for anyone who can recall all the recipes. "Only occasionally do we get someone who can't remember the drinks at all," he said.

Kirchstein said he isn't expecting any problems as he shook out something the color of cherry Kool-Aid into a highball glass. (Most bartending schools substitute colored water for booze and use plastic

lemons and olives. The only honest ingredient in most drinks is ice.)

Lisa Passarino, 21, is a little less confident of her abilities.

She's studying filmmaking at the Academy of Art College and sees bartending as a respectable fallback in case Hollywood doesn't embrace her as the next Spielberg right off the bat.

"I'll start out as a bartender and then end up in show business," Passarino said.

She made this sunny prediction while trying to put together a credible stinger. Passarino mixed brandy with Drambuie. She glanced up at Verrone, who grimaced.

"You confused a stinger with a rusty nail," he said. "The stinger is brandy and creme de menthe."

Passarino smiled shyly and set out a fresh glass on the bar. She has time. Bartending and show business will wait until she's ready.

going to three mortgage originators: a bank, a mortgage broker and a credit union. Those not in a credit union can go to a second lender or broker. The interest rate quoted should be similar on the same day - it's a highly competitive business - but the rate can change small amounts daily or even hourly.

Beware of offers that seem too good to be true, and make sure you get a written list --- a "good faith estimate" - of costs.

There are the bottom feeders in every business," Shipman said. "Look at good-faith esti-mates 'apple to apple,' " which sometimes is difficult; mortgage originators use different terms or put fees in different places. Question fees that seem peculiar or out of line. Ask for the annual percentage rate.

Formally or informally, Realtors do what Von Mosch calls a "buyer orientation," sitting down with the buyer or buyers and trying to determine what they're looking for and what they can afford.

Several decisions have to be made before starting to look.

For example: older house or new? Urban or suburban? One story or two?

"I usually have two distinct categories of buyers," Von Mosch said.

One is first-time home buyers, "and they're usually pretty open. The second group is previous clients, and they've pretty much figured out from their first house what they want and don't want," she said.

A couple needs to agree about the age, style, size, price and location of house desired.

"I've not had a huge problem with that; we try to go with the things they can agree on," such as numbers of bedrooms and bathrooms, and style of home, Von Mosch said.

"Usually, if there's a disagreement, it will be about the price or the location. What I try to do then is show them both prices, both locations, and they have to come to some agreement as to what they're searching for."

Von Mosch said she tries to find several ways to reach clients, and "we love using email because we can e-mail the listings" to them. She also tries to develop a schedule of availability: "Are they available on lunch hours? Evenings? Weekends?" That helps her determine how often to search for listings.

Realtors say buyers should be willing to consider more than one area of town because the desired home might not be available or might be too expensive there. But that home might be available - even abundant - and less-expensive in some other part of the city that could work as well as the first choice.

In addition, buyers should be willing to alter their search if they're not finding the right house.



# **Even smallest** firms, homes use cameras for security

### **By Larisa Brass** SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

At the Little People's Learning Academy in Rockwood, Tenn., surveillance cameras monitor activity in each room of the day-care center.

It was a good thing, too, when one mother demanded an explanation after her daughter complained she had been hit by one of the workers. A review of the video that day showed the daughter's accusation had been false.

Instead of firing an employee, "the mother went home and spanked the child for lying," said Dr. Jack Warner, chairman of the day-care center's board.

Like the Learning Academy, many business owners are finding that new digital surveillance equipment brings them not only defense against traditional security concerns such as break-ins and theft, but allows them to keep better tabs on day-to-day business.

Mike Fleenor, president of Fleenor Security Systems in Knoxville, said he used to find himself pitching security systems to a company's security department, which typically had "the smallest budget in the company." With new digital surveillance, Web-accessi-

ble technologies, businesses can monitor employees, give virtual plant tours, transmit training seminars to outside locations and

remotely control building entrances. These new capabilities, along with security awareness brought on by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, mean companies like Fleenor "start pitching it to capital budgets.

The decreasing cost of the digital technology has brought new interest from smaller companies as well, said Fleenor, such as churches, convenience stores, daycare centers, non-profit organizations and even private homes.

The Learning Academy is one of Fleenor's customers

The digital system allows a network of up to 16 cameras to be connected to a computer, which records and stores large amounts of video \_ depending on how much hard-drive space the customer buys.

The cameras can be monitored in real-time, ....24 hours a day, through the business's onsite computer network, local area network or the Internet. And the video that is stored can be searched and instantly viewed by day, hour or minute.

Some businesses are using the system to monitor employee activity, Fleenor said. The company has restaurant and manufacturing customers that have installed discreet cameras over areas where employees count money or clock in, "People work differently when the boss is there," he said.

However, Fleenor said he won't violate workers' right to privacy, such as installing cameras in corridors, common areas and outside restroom doors. "I've had people that said, 'Can we do that?'" he said. "I've said, 'You can, but I won't."

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# Schoolwork CHECK-UP Web sites give parents a look at their child's

progress in class and other peeks at school info

By Kavita Kumer MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

emember when you could stash those not-so-stellar algebra tests in the bottom of your locker and pray that your parents would never find out? When you could play hooky and intercept the school's call to your parents? Or when you could swear you had no homework (when, of course, you really did) and spend the

night watching "must-see" TV? Those days are becoming a thing of the past. Now many parents have been given the tools to fight back - to the chagrin of some students.

With the click of a mouse, a username and password, parents in some school districts can access their children's grades, homework assignments, attendance records, disciplinary problems and even their lunch account balance.

Officials in Minneapolis-Paul-area districts

spiracy against kids," Miller deadpanned.

system, Bobby started getting more of his work done. She saw improvement. Now she browses the site only every other week or so to make sure he's on track in his classes.

"By the time you get the report card, it's too late," she said. "But now you can do damage control. And it's hard for your kid to argue against (the final grade), because here it is in black and white."

No more lame excuses about the teacher's grading techniques, she



for example, the district rolled out its EP Schools Portal this year as a

budget-saving initiative. "We won't be mailing out report cards this year," said Steve Simon, the district's director of operational technology. Paper will still be used for those parents who don't have Internet access, he said.

Parents say with such information just a click away, they don't have to wait until parent-teacher conferences or report cards to discover something amiss. Teachers' vary in how frequently they update the online information, but most parents said the immediacy is getting bet-

> Also, they can check it at any time of day or night, a big plus for working parents. It also has cut down on phone calls to check on attendance or other questions, although more personal school-parent interactions certainly haven't been phased out. And no more relying on tacitum, forgetful teenagers for information.

# TECHNOLOGY

Virtual Resort: Spring Break Genre: Strategy Platform: PC/Windows Publisher: Eldos Interactive ESRB Rating: Tean

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Unruly, drunken beachgoers, fueled by extreme sunburn, poor sanitation facilities and a nasty swimming pool are bound to get ornery before long. As a result, Virtual Resort: Spring Break is born, a game in which you get to play babysitter, maintenance man and resort planner all in one. Kind of like the guy on "Fantasy Island" without Tattoo.

The basic premise is well, basic: Make money with your Spring Break resort. However, all kinds of variables will keep you scrambling. First it's the lack of showers, then you lose a few swimmers in a dangerous surf and before you know it, you can't even attract the vacation world's bottom feeders.

To prevent disaster, you need vision, patience and money. Predict what your customers want (aided by two million flashing hints) and you'll make gravy. However, even with a good variety of games it gets to be too much. Levels take longer and longer to complete, without much reward. Even the food poisoning got old after awhile.

A nice try to attract those not yet sucked into this genre, but Spring Break falls short.



**Real War: Rogue States** Genre: Strategy Platform: PC/Windows Publisher: Simon & Schuster Interactive **ESRB Rating: Teen** 



After watching the original Real War fall At on its face, I was hoping for recemption with the sequel. Unfortunately, the few sur-face improvements in Real War: Rogue States don't cover up some of the same prob-lems that doomed the first installment.

Fighting as either the mighty USA or the terrorist Independent Liberation Army, you have to use strategy, technology and finally firepower to establish your dominance. A classic battle game strategy, but one with major problems. The first of these is in coordinating your forces. The battle scenes are way too spacious. Inevitably, you're focusing on your objective in one corner of the map while the bad guys are taking out your base of operations somewhere else.

Too much confusion abounds for you to get to enjoy the realistic battle effects, which is too bad. The vehicles look sweet, and the up-to-date arsenal is a solid touch. However, the AI is awful, so once you give your plane instructions, you have no real idea what he's doing unless you follow him the whole time. Spy satellites are a cool addition, and they let you disperse the "fog of war" that blocks your battlefield vision. Mission variety is also a plus, with less of the classic boards that have you build up a base, defend it and go find the enemy's base. You get to disarm volatile chemical weapons and rescue sensitive materials from enemy hands. However, despite these twists, the basic gameplay is still struggling too much for serious gamers to give it much time.

But once Miller began using the

digital system may eventually allow parents to check in on their children during the day.

"Some day in the future parents will demand access to children's time." he said. "We didn't want to start with (a traditional system) and have to replace it in two or three years."



Linda and James Livingston, owners of the Mellow Mushroom, stand under the digital camera mounted outside of the restaurant's back door. They are selling new digital surveillance systems to businesses as well as residential cus-

Photo by J. Miles Cary / Scroos Howard News Service

the Web sites will help parents get more involved and, by extension, bolster student achievement.

old son Bobby, a 10th-grader at Robbinsdale Cooper High School in New Hope, Minn., where an online system called ParentConnect began as a pilot program last year. This year it is said, because parents can view all of being used in all of the district's jun-

ior and senior high schools. Getting Bobby to turn in his assignments on time had been a con-

stant challenge, Miller said. "My son is very bright, but lazy," she said. ParentConnect was just the tool

she needs to monitor his assignments - and to make sure they are getting done on time. Now any claims that he has no homework and thus should be allowed to play computer games fall on deaf ears. Bobby wasn't happy when he

learned of his mother's new tracking tool. The first words that came to his mind: "Uh-oh."

To him, "it was just one more con-

"It was really the cattle **Robin Miller sits with her 10th grade son,** high," said Michael Burke, prod that he needed," said Bobby. He was not so excited at first when he Robin Miller of her 15-year- leared of the Web sites. But Robin said it has director for Edina, Minn., given her another tool to make sure her son, who doesn't always do his homework, get his work done.

> the assignments and scores that led to the final grade.

> The sort of information available on the Web sites varies by district. Most provide up-to-date attendance records, transcripts and course schedules. Some also include disciplinary actions and meal-plan balances, and include assignments and grades throughout a quarter.

> In addition to improving student performance and communicating more timely information to parents, the online information systems also could help many financially strapped districts cut printing and paper expenses.

In Eden Prairie, Minn., schools,

"The communication (between students and parents) becomes less and less media and technology schools. "Junior high students have a tendency to forget to bring things home to forget it in their locker. My son had a memory

lapse as soon as he left school."

The online information systems have not meant more work for most teachers and administrators, officials said. Teachers input the grades for quizzes and reports in their electronic gradebooks, which are translated onto the Web sites.

For Miller's other son, Bobby's younger brother, who is a seventhgrader at Technology and Language Campus in Robbinsdale, Minn., it's been a smoother transition.

"The thing about being the younger kid, you often don't know any different," she said. "So it's just kind of a way of life now. It's not going to cramp his lifestyle as much as it has the other guy."

Loons: The Fight for Fame **Genre: Action** Platform: Microsoft Xbox Publisher: Infogrames ESRB Rating: Everyone

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Ever wonder about the dark side of daytime cartoons? The behind-the-scenes backstabbing and pressure-packed rehearsals, where every young rabbit dreams of becoming the next Bugs? Well, if that existed, maybe the result would be the basic premise of Loons: The Fight for Fame, in which you get to see your favorite Looney Tunes characters, including Bugs Bunny and the Tasmanian Devil, try to upstage each other with the help of ACME's best weaponry.

The basic premise is that you have to outfight and outlast your rival cartoon stars to get the big part. The action all take place on a cartoon studio set, complete with props and Yosemite Sam flying around as the director.

Besides your normal fighting, there are extra tasks you can figure out during each scene to boost your star power. If you become a full-blown star, you'll gain access to a bunch of mini-games, most of which are subtle copies of killer arcade games.

The graphics start out solid, but some annoying camera problems make depth perception challenging and lead to a lot of errant movements. The sounds are great, and you'll recognize scenarios from classic cartoons.

This title is aimed at a younger audience, and it almost has enough grown-up humor to keep everyone playing for awhile, but monotony came creeping in.

- BY KELLY MARTIN SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

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# Virtual sporting action ... for the outdoors

# Classic Sport's gear simulates last-second thrills

### By Steve Caulk SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

A sporting goods manufacturer in Westminster, Colo., thinks it has discovered a way to distract kids from their computer game consoles long enough to get some fresh air.

Classic Sport Cos. can make the best footballs and basketballs in the world, but as long as there are virtual cars to steal and planets to colonize, most 12-year-olds will sit indoors gripping a game controller.

So the folks at Classic Sport combined the two activities, putting a computer inside the balls.

Called "At the Buzzer," the basketball counts down the final seconds of the game. to the moment in which the holder must foam-rubber basketball, because of its

shoot the ball. The "Beat the Rush" football counts down in "Mississippi" increments, the way pass rushers in touch football must wait to chase the quarterback.

The football computer randomly selects various counts, beginning with 5-Mississippi, 3-Mississippi, or a blitz-simulating 1-Mississippi that forces the quarterback to throw the ball under pressure.

"We see video games as a major competitor," said Matt Torson, marketing manager for Classic Sport. "Our goal is to get kids outside to be healthy and active. Unfortunately, a lot of kids prefer to play video games. Our goal was to blend the two worlds and put interactivity into sports."

The case might be made that the hard

miniature size, actually discourages outside activity. It works best with a small hoop hanging on a bedroom door.

But the smaller-than-standard football works outside, and Torson says the small basketball could be a precursor to an outdoor variety.

"The components are small and sturdy." he said. "They're not real intricate. So they're very durable. We beat them up quite a bit in tests, and they're holding up very well.

The balls have the speaker, computer and battery components in a balance that allows proper performance, he said.

Although Torson says a lot of office workers and college students will mount hoops indoors for the basketballs, the target audience for both balls is children ages 7-18.

The balls are expected to sell for \$14.99 to \$19.99.



George Kochaniec Jr/SHNS Matt Torson of Classic Sport Companies holds a 'talking" football.



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# With the right tools, anyone can do simple home repairs

### By Ann Weber TOLEDO BLADE

handy-woman extraordinaire Nancy Lee is correct, one doesn't have to be mechanically inclined to be successful in the arena of home repair and maintenance.

"Probably 75 percent of it is common sense. I really believe that," said Lee, 54, of West Toledo, Ohio, whose accomplishments include installing windows, hanging drywall and replacing faucets.

Add an assortment of basic tools to that common sense and you're ready to conquer the day-to-day challenges of keeping a home running: tightening screws and hinges, replacing door pulls or knobs, hanging pictures, maybe even putting up a chair rail in the dining room or installing a new fill valve in the toilet. Home centers and hardware stores are loaded with affordable choices, many of them especially user-friendly for women.

Finally, it also helps to have the confidence to give it a go by yourself — and a directory of professionals to call in just in case something goes horribly wrong.

"I'm just an average person who tries stuff," Lee said modestly. "If I attempt it and the project doesn't turn out right, I'm no farther ahead or behind than I was before."

behind than I was before." "And, she added soothingly, "No matter how much you think you might have botched the job, there's always a way it can be fixed."

Ed Rodriguez, manager of the hardware department at Home Depot in Toledo, said,"Most people don't know what they can do until they try. Our job is to give them confidence to do it themselves. The neatest thing is when they come back and say, 'That was so easy.'"

Rodriguez recommended that a good starter toolbox should include: A tape measure, 12 feet to 16 feet in length. Cost: around \$6. A hammer, probably a 10-ounce or 16-ounce model if you don't have a lot of muscle to throw behind it. "Whatever feels good to you," Rodriguez suggested. "They basically all do the same thing. Some of them just last longer." Cost: starting around \$5 or \$6 for a lighter-weight option with wood handle and steel head.

■ A level. "Most people wouldn't even think of this," Rodriguez said. It comes in handy when you're hanging pictures or shelves — anything that needs to be level or straight. Just set it on top or alongside the item you're hanging and adjust until the bubble in the little tube rests between the two lines. Levels run up to 72 inches in length; the one Rodriguez recommends is a 9-inch "torpedo" level. Cost: About \$3.

■ Pliers. Cost: \$4 for a pair of 6inch slip joint pliers.

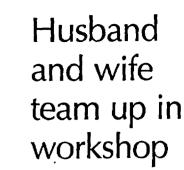
■ Screwdrivers. Get at least one Phillips head and one flathead. Cost for a decent two-piece set: less than \$2. An eight-piece set with the two styles in assorted sizes is about \$5. A rechargeable cordless screwdriver can be had for about \$25; a combination cordless screwdriver and drill, starting at about \$25, offers the added capability of making holes for jobs like putting up mini-blinds.

A simple cross-cut saw, for minor trims indoors and out. "You don't know you need it until you need it," Rodriguez observed. "It's just nice to have." Cost: about \$8 for a 15-inch model.

■ Safety glasses. Cost: about \$5. ■ An adjustable wrench, used to tighten or loosen nuts and bolts. Cost: about \$11 for a 6-inch size.

■ A toolbox. Cost: about \$8 for a 19-inch, orange plastic box with metal latches and a lift-out tray; about \$5 for a 16-inch, yellow plastic model with lift-out tray and small organizer compartments molded into the lid.

Jonathan Boho/SHNS



By Kathy Barberich FRESNO BEE

Leo and Jeanie Bradshaw are the ultimate do-it-yourself duo. They can take a piece of cherry wood and turn it into a library table. They can turn a roadside discard into a beautiful easy chair, breathe life into a hand-me-down kitchen cupboard, make their own sofa and love seat, bed and chests of drawers, mirrors and lamps, plus kitchen cabinets, diningroom sets and an entertainment center.

The Bradshaws can make and create, restore and refinish, design and decorate anything in any room.

The couple, who live in Fresno, Calif., have enough ideas and material and sense of fun to star in their own home and garden show. Heck, they could write a book on being able to share a house and a workshop.

As crazy as it may seem, this husband and wife work well together, only they don't call it

"Most of my working life I've held jobs usually held by men. It's fun now to work alongside Leo. I love to finish the furniture after he makes it."

-Jeanie Bradshaw

work. They're retirees having fun letting their creative juices flow. If they have any problem, it's deciding what project to do next.

This is the second marriage for Leo and Jeanie, who have been together for nine years. Between them, they have nine children and 21 grandchildren.

"I was thrilled that he had a pickup truck with a toolbox and liked to work with his hands," she says of her husband. "I already had a table saw, a chip saw and a toolbox. For the first two years we were together, I sat on a stool in the shop and watched in

# The Handy Women Duo learned to repair out of necessity

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### By Hilary Groutage Smith THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Tool-belted men they are not, but Julie Sussman and Stephanie Glakas-Tenet can probably handle any home repair. Their tips, from removing a broken light bulb with a raw potato to stepby-step instructions for installing a new faucet, are compiled in the new book

geared toward women, "Dare to Repair" (HarperResource, \$14.95).

Repair despair sparked the book, they say. Glakas-Tenet has a son and is married to CIA Director George Tenet. Sussman is the mother of two and wife of a CIA employee. Their husbands were simply never, ever around. The list of household chores grew and grew. Nothing ever got crossed off the list. "My husband could do everything," Sussman said. "But the poor guy would come home for the weekends,

and there would be this list of things to do." Then Sussman met a woman whose husband

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died at age 36, leaving a home in disrepair. "Everything was falling apart and I realized that could be me," she said. So she learned to fix things herself.

Eleven years ago, she met Glakas-Tenet at a party. They hit it off immediately when they discovered their common interest in home repairs.

"I come from a family of very handy men. My father, grandfather, they all knew how to do everything. I gravitated toward manuals and maps more than Barbie dolls," Glakas-Tenet said.

Today she has three toolboxes and a special drawer for tools in the kitchen. She has only been nervous about a repair once — when she dismantled the home's plumbing and feared it wouldn't be back together and functional by the time her husband had to shower and leave for a briefing at the White House.

"I did it. He made it," she said.

Sussman received her home repair introduction years ago when she and her husband were defrauded by a roofer. Her husband was scared to climb on the roof to finish the job.

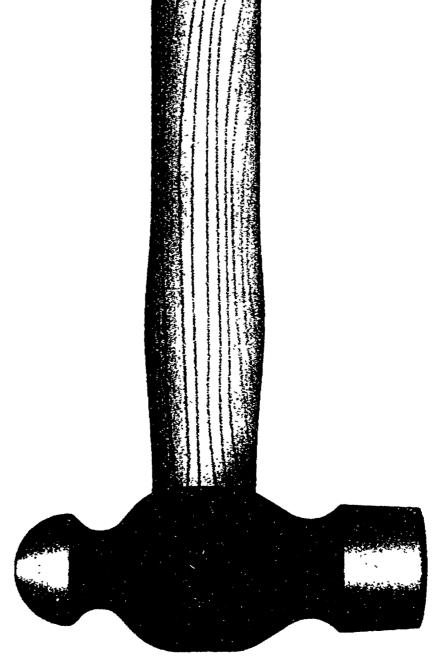
"I told him to come down because my medical deductible was already met for the year. I finished caulking the whole thing," she said. "Every time I got up on the roof, all these men from the neighborhood would gather and watch. I wouldn't do it again,

but I got it done." A large portion of the book is devoted to safe-

ty. Women are more conscious of safety and security at home than men, the pair contends, and because they are in the business of national security, offering reminders to keep home safe and secure was natural.

The book goes carefully, step-bystep through many repairs. Each repair task includes a list of tools needed and begins with an anecdote to dispel fear, Sussman said. "If you can read, you can repair," she said.

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amazement as he worked. He can do anything."

The Bradshaws' 1,200-squarefoot workshop also houses surface planers, lathes, sanders, sharpeners, various saws and a cabinetmaker's bench. The bench was given to him by a master cabinetmaker from Germany who taught Leo cabinetmaking years ago.

A stereo provides music to work by. On occasion, the Bradshaws have been known to pump up the volume, put down their saws and dance in the sawdust.

Leo has always built furniture and toys, mostly for family and friends, in his spare time. Only occasionally and some time ago did he sell his work. "I had to feed my addiction," he laughs.

"People ask me all the time why I don't sell stuff," he says. "If I did, then it wouldn't be fun anymore. It would be work. I would be trying to please others."

His wife is a self-taught artist. "Most of my working life, I held jobs usually held by men," says Jeanie. "It's fun now to work alongside of Leo. I love to finish the furniture after he makes it." She does the staining and fin-

She does the staining and finishing coats and particularly enjoys restoring old furniture and painting yard-sale finds.

Besides furniture, she likes to paint florals and various landscapes on canvas. She learned to paint using books and paints purchased at an art store and, she adds, "lots of practice."

Several of her paintings hang in her husband's studio, a garage that was converted to a self-contained guest cottage. She also painted faux bricks and a bird's nest on the exterior of a garden shed her husband built.

He built ber a garden bench, too, complete with a stainlesssteel sink. She attached an old window with multiple panes to the back.

"Everything here is a work in progress," she says.

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# Supped-down bowls taking bread back to the bare basics

### **By Susan Houston** RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER

What began 14 years ago as a simple request from his biscuit-making daughter-in-law has turned into a hardwood habit for Leon Neal, a Raleigh, N.C., consulting engineer and dough bowl maker.

"I have great ambitions to be a character," says the white-haired grandfather who insists he's only 28 years old.

All Paula S. Neal wanted was a wooden bowl so she could make biscuits for her new husband, Stuart. But her father-in-law might have had better luck seeking the Holy Grail. No matter where he

food.

So, instead

bowls, Neal began to

hunt for craftsmen and

choice pieces of wood. He found two

of each, and in a few

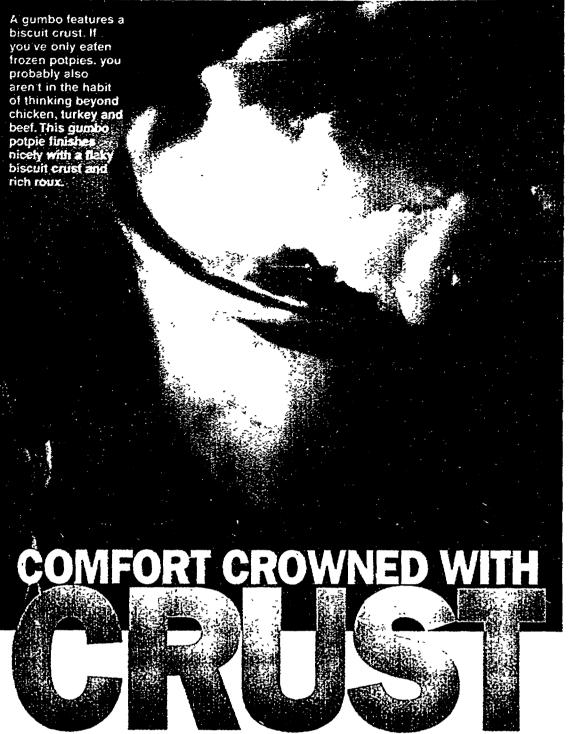
### BISCUITS 101

Leon Neal gives you the following basics to making a delicious batch of homemade biscuits.

- Use the right flour. While unbleached all-purpose flour will work for biscuits, low-gluten or "soft" wheat flour makes a better biscuit. Many flours milled in the South are soft wheat. but look for the words "soft wheat" on the label. You may also substitute unbleached pastry (but not cake) flour.
- Use a gentle hand. Mix fat with flour just enough to create a coarse meal texture; combine with liquid just until dough forms a ball. Work lightly to smooth it out, but don't knead more than a dozen
- times or the biscuits will be too tough. Don't twist the biscuit cutter or you will make the biscuit rise unevenly. Cut biscuits close together; don't rework the dough scraps.

has handles and is hand-carved with slightly uneven thicknesses on the sides to give it a more antique, heirloom look.

To make a bowl, Neal starts with a log slab about 6 inches deep. Then with a marker, he draws the outline of the bowl on the wood. He chips



### Story By Cindy Wolff F Photos By Nikki Boertman Scripps Howard News Service

While most people eat potpies, far fewer can actually make them.

Removing a box from your freezer and heating up the little crusty pie on a cookie sheet doesn't count. Making potpies at home can be as

simple as stirring a bag of mixed vegetables with cooked, chopped chicken and a little homemade roux and topping it with a ready-to-bake crust.

Or you can take a little more time and chop vegetables, mix flour into dough and make one of the world's oldest comfort foods.

mix on baking sheets to roast for 30 minutes.

The easiest to prepare was the phyl-lo chicken potpie. Cooked, chopped chicken breast was combined with celery, carrots, onion and frozen English peas.

The mix was sautéed in a skillet. Milk and chicken broth were added with spices and cooked until thick and

### She reserved about a cup of oil and added flour to make a dark brown roux. She added vegetables, spices and chicken stock and simmered the gumbo. The chicken was added last.

The gumbo can be ladled into individual oven-proof bowls or into a casserole dish. The biscuit dough was rolled out and placed atop the gumbo. The potpie baked in the oven until the biscuit topping was golden.

Once the vegetables in the oven were roasted, they were tossed with a garlic puree and placed in a casserole dish. The

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**Roasted Vegetable Potple** 

### CRUST

- 2 cops flour 6 tablespoons butter, chilled and
- cut into cubes

1/2 teaspoon salt

- 2 teaspoon herbes de Provence 1/2 cup grated fontina cheese
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan
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- 1/3 cup ice water
- 1 egg, beaten, for brushing crust ROASTED VEGETABLES
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup cubed red onion
- 1 cup celery pieces, cut in 1 inch pieces
- 1 cup peeled and sliced carrots
  - 1 cup peeled and cubed parsnips
  - 1 cup sliced zucchini
  - 2 cups butternut squash, peeled and cubed
  - 1 cup whole button mushrooms
  - Salt and pepper PEPPER GARLIC PURÉE
  - 4 tablespoons olive oil
  - 2 large red bell peppers, cut into 1-inch dice
  - 6 cloves garlic, peeled
  - 1 teaspoon herbes de Provence 1 cup vegetable broth
  - Salt and pepper

Crust: Combine, flour, butter and salt. Cut butter into flour with pastry blender or paddle attachment on electric mixer. Blend until it resembles a coarse meal. Blend in cheese and herbs. Add water slowly until mixture holds its shape. Shape dough into a disk, wrap and chill for at least 30 minutes.

Vegetables: Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Mix vegetables together with oil, salt and pepper. Divide onto 2 baking sheets. Roast for 20 minutes. Turn vegetables and roast for an additional 10 minutes. Set aside and allow to cool.

Pepper garlic purée: Toss peppers, garlic, herbs, salt and pepper with oil. Transfer to a foil-lined baking pan. Roast for 10 minutes; turn, roast for another 10 minutes. Transfer to a food processor or blender and purée with vegetable broth.

Assemble: Lightly oil a 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan. Combine roasted vegetables with pepper purée. Pour into baking pan. Roll out crust on lightly floured surface to the size of the pan. Place the crust over the vegetable mixture. Cut slits in the crust for venting. Brush with beaten egg. Bake the pie for 30-35 minutes. When crust is light golden brown, remove from oven. Allow to rest for 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

### **Chicken Gumbo Pie** With Buttermilk Biscuit Crust

1/2 leaspoon cayenne pepper

1 cup all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup flour

1 cup vegetable oil

### months Paula had an oval bowl hand-carved by North Carolina craftsman Ed Briggs from the heart of a Pennsylvania cherry tree. But the black walnut Neal had supplied to another crafts-

man proved too hard for his 90-year-old hands to carve, and

dark wood into kinlearn how to make dough bowls himself.

Trained by Briggs, Neal has created at least 275 bowls from a wide range of hardwoods. He sells them in upscale stores, where they retail for \$120 to \$200. Each

the man gave half the wood back. Neal couldn't stand the thought of turning that beautiful block of dling, so he decided to

### searched. Neal couldn't find the simple, unvarnished wooden bowl Paula wanted. Either the stores didn't stock them anymore or they sold bowls finished with chemicals that could leach into

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away at the soft, green wood in the center with the curved blade of an adze to get a rounded shape, anywhere from 45 to 90 minutes. The roughly shaped bowl then sits in his basement for six months to dry until it's ready to be sanded. Sanding can take 10 to 12 hours for a perfectly smooth finish. Then he rubs in mineral oil to keep the wood from cracking.

And if an owner uses a dough bowl as it's intended, that's all the finish it will ever need, he says. "The oil from the lard gets into the wood" when you make biscuits in the bowl, Neal says.

But all too often, "someone will buy it and set it in the window and the sun shines on it and it cracks." Even his wife, Betty, uses her favorite round bowl to hold fruit on the kitchen table, not to make biscuits.

"Look at the wood variation," she says of the undulations of cream and deep brown of the black walnut bowl "And it's just a perfect shape."



**Buttermilk Biscuits** 2 cups flour Heaping 1/2 teaspoon salt 3-1/4 teaspoons baking powder 1 leaspoon sugar, if desired 1/2 teaspoon baking soda 5 tablespoons chilled shortening, lard, butter, or a . combination 7/8 cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 500 degrees.

Sift the dry ingredients together into a large bowl. Add the cold shortening and work all through the flour with the fingertips. Every bit of flour should be combined with a bit of the fat. Add the buttermilk and stir vigorously until the dough forms a ball.

Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead lightly for 10 strokes. Stop just as soon as the dough begins to look smooth.

Pat the dough out to approximately an 8-by-7by-3/4-inch rectangle. Cut into 2-inch rounds. Place biscuits on an ungreased sheet and bake for 8 minutes, until lightly browned. Serve hot with lots of butter. Makes 12 servings.

- Source: "Biscuits, Spoonbread and Sweet Potato Pie" by Bill Neal

The term "potpie" first appeared in print in 1792, according to "The Dictionary of American Food and Drink\* by John F. Mariani. Meat pies were common in colonial times and in Europe before that.

"Potpies were originally baked in a pot over an open fire," says Diane Phillips in her cookbook, "Pot Pies." "The large pot was lined with pastry crust, filled with meat and vegetables, topped with crust and was made in the center of the crust so broth could be added

from time to time.

"The pies cooked over the fire most of the day, perfuming the house with mouth-watering smells."

That was long before Swanson's introduced its frozen beef, turkey and chicken potpies in 1951, making them the plump cousin to TV dinners in what would become a burgeoning family of ready-to-eat, no-frills meals. The early commercial potpies were

nothing more than several chunks of meat mixed with English peas and a few chopped carrots.

Recently, about a dozen people decided to venture beyond the frozen food section to a day when potpies weren't heated, but created from basic ingredients.

At her Viking Culinary Institute in Memphis, Mary Jo Douglas had all the trappings for teaching people how to make an entrée that has long represented comfort.

She and other instructors demonstrated how to make a chicken gumbo pie with a buttermilk biscuit crust. shepherd's pie, phyllo chicken potpie and a roasted vegetable potpie.

Douglas started by mixing the biscuit crust in a food processor. She pulsed the flour, chilled shortening and buttermilk until they were crumbly, then wrapped the dough in cellophane and chilled it in the refrigerator for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, instructor Wendy Burson made a cheese dough that she also chilled in the refrigerator.

Then she mixed carrots, red onion, butternut squash, mushrooms and other vegetables with olive oil, salt and pepper. She spread the vegetable drain.



then covered with a lid. A hole Viking Culinary Institute's Mary Jo Douglas, mix to a casserole dish. and left, and Wendy Burson place a rolled biscuit crust on a gumbo pot pie.

> bubbly. Then, the whole works went browned. into a 2-quart casserole dish.

The trick to this recipe is the phyllo dough. The fussy dough must be frozen until ready for use, which means placing it last in the grocery cart and rushing it home to the freezer.

Burson usually takes a small ice chest with her to the grocery store to keep the dough frozen.

On the day you are using it, thaw the phyllo sheets in the refrigerator. Dampen a towel and gently peel one sheet of phyllo away and place it on the towel.

Spray the sheet with cooking spray, and continue to layer the remaining seven sheets, using cooking spray on each.

Gently place the stacked phyllo dough over the casserole dish and shape it.

eral spots, and Burson pinched it back together.

said tears and other imperfections add a "rustic," homemade feel.

gumbo, Douglas dredged strips of raw chicken breast in flour seasoned with salt and cayenne. She pan-fried crust was rolled out and shaped onto the dish.

The shepherd's pie was the final dish. The vegetables and spices were cooked together in a skillet. Ground lamb and dry red wine were added. Douglas advises using table wines and not bottled "cooking wine." A shepherd's pie crust is

made of mashed potatoes mixed with spices and Parmesan cheese.

Transfer the vegetable, lamb spread the potatoes across the top.

The dish bakes about 20 minutes until the potatoes are

For all the dishes, cut slits in the dough to let the steam rise. All of the pies can be baked ahead of time and frozen.

> Vegetable pot pie

3/4 cup chopped onion 1/2 cup chopped celery 1 small green bell pepper, chopped 2 cloves garlic, minced 1 cup sliced and blanched okra 1 quart chicken slock 1/2 jalapeno, minced 1 teaspoon dried thyme 1 teaspoon oregano 2 tablesoons tomato paste **BUTTERMILK BISCUTT DOUGH** 1-1/2 cups self-rising flour 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 lablespoon sugar 3 to 4 tablespoons chilled shortening 1/4 teaspoon baking soda

7/8 cup cold buttermilk, 3 tablespoons melted butter

Biscuits: Combine flour, salt, sugar and soda in a large bowl. Cut shortening with a pastry blender or 2 knives. until mixture is the size of small peas. Add buttermilk and stir until just mixed. Dough should be wet. Wrap in cellophane and place in refrigerator while you make the gumbo.

Dredge the chicken pieces in I cup flour seasoned with salt and cayenne. Pan fry in I cup oil until done, drain. Empty pan of all but about 1/2 cup of the oil. Add 1/2 cup flour to the pan and cook to make a dark brown roux.

Add onions, celery, green pepper and garlic and saute until vegetables are almost soft, Add the okra. Add the chicken stock. Stir in the jalapeno, thyme, oregano and tomato paste. Simmer uncovered for 30 minutes.

While the gumbo is simmering, remove chicken from the bones and cut into bite-size pieces. Add the chicken pieces to the gumbo and simmer until heated through. Adjust seasonings to taste. Ladle gumbo into ovenproof bowls or a casserole dish.

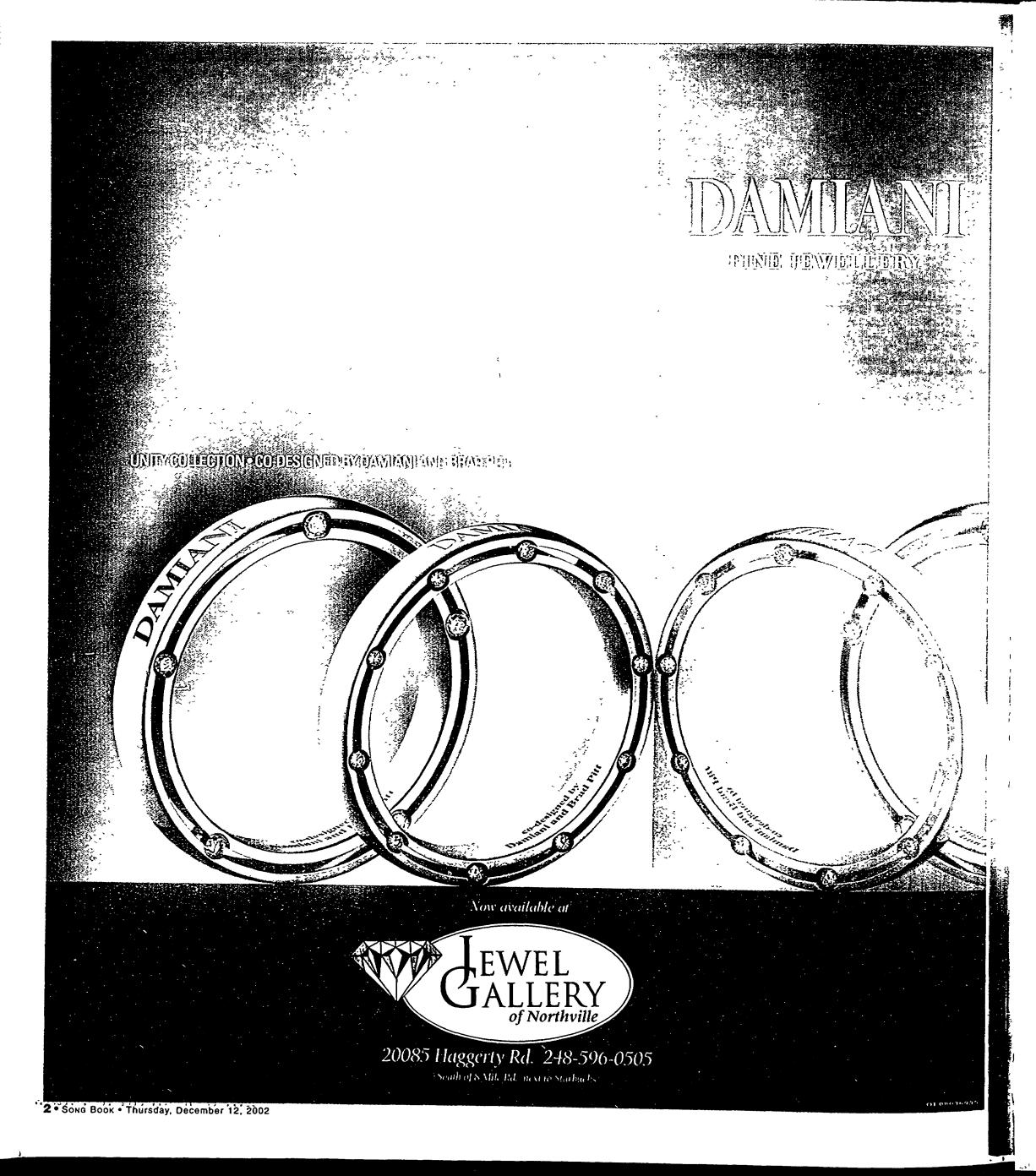
Roll biscuit dough to 1/2-inch thick. Cut the dough to fit the top of the gumbo bowls. Cover bowls or dish with layer of biscuit dough. Brush with melted butter. Bake in a 400degree oven until the biscuit topping is done and golden brown on top.

The phyllo tore in sev-Don't worry about minor glitches. Douglas

Returning to the chicken the chicken in a cup of oil until done and set the pieces out to



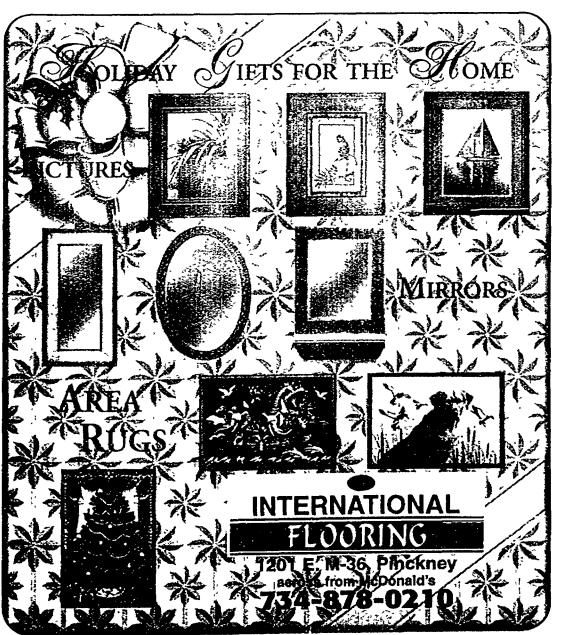
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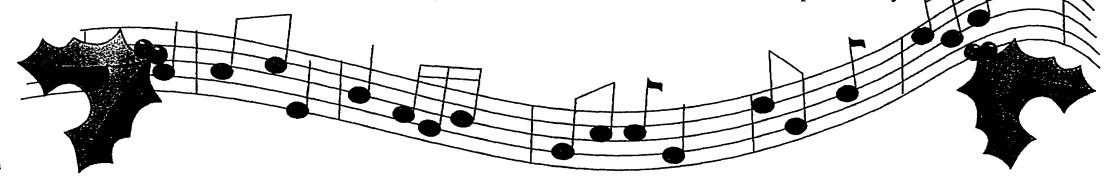


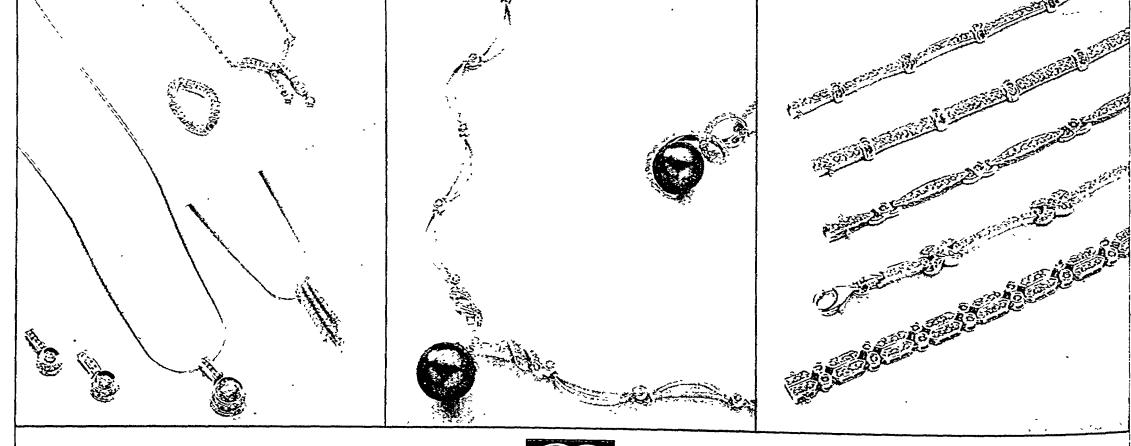


Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head. The stars in the heavens looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay,

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky And stay by my cradle to watch lul-la-by. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care And take us to Heaven to live with Thee there.

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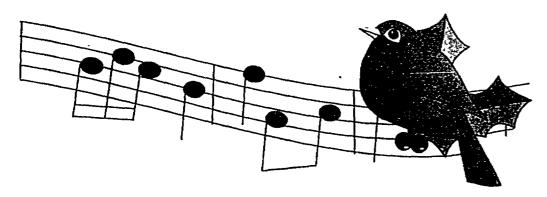


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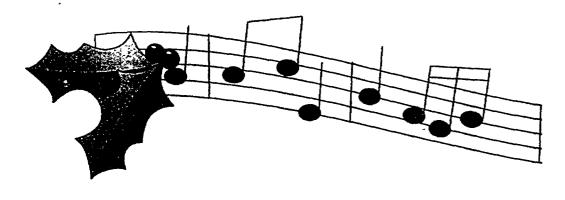


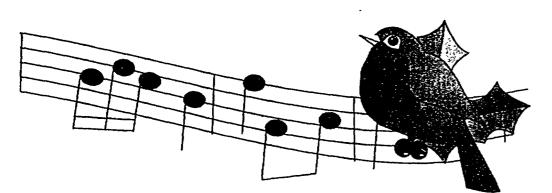
# O Christmas Tree

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You stand in verdant beauty! And do not fade in winter's snow.

Your boughs are green in summer's glow.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You stand in verdant beauty!



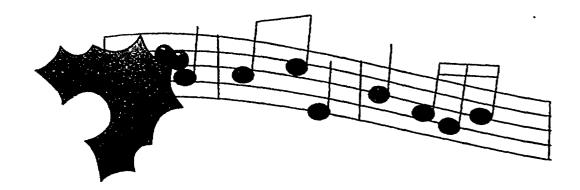


# The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay

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keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.





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# Jingle Bells

Dashing thru the snow, In a one horse open slight, O'er the fields we go, Laughing all the way; Bells on Bobtail ring, Making spirits bright, What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song to-night! Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! Jingle all the way! Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh!

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Said the night wind to the little lamb, Do you see what I see, way up in the sky, little lamb? Do you see what I see? A star, a star, dancing in the night, With a tail as big as a kite, With a tail as big as a kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, Do you hear what I hear, ringing through the sky, shepherd boy? Do you hear what I hear?

A song, a song, high above the tree, With a voice as big as the sea, With a voice as big as the sea Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, Do you know what I know, in your palace warm, mighty king? Do you know what I know? A Child, a Child, shivers in the cold, Let us bring Him silver and gold, Let us bring Him silver and gold.

Said the king to the people everywhere, Listen to what I say: Pray for peace, people, everywhere. Listen to what I say.

A Child, a Child, sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light, He will bring us goodness and light.



O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie; Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth

the everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met with thee



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# Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king! Peace on earth, and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled." Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th'angelic host proclaim; "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! The herald angels sings, "Glory to the newborn king."

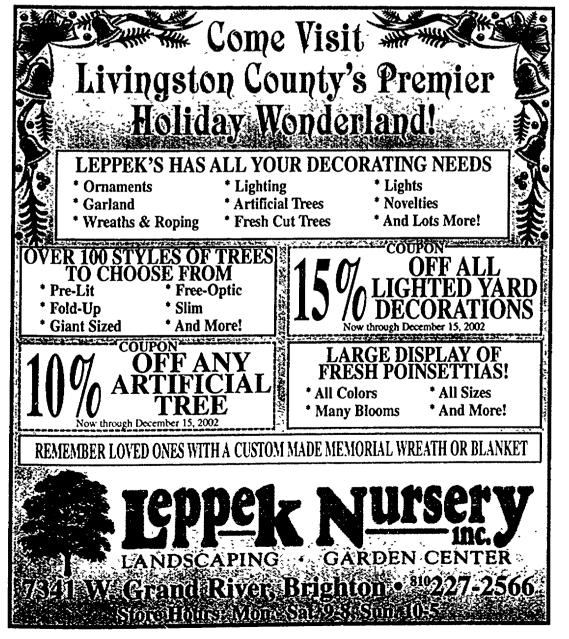
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What child is this, who laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping? This, This is Christ the King; Whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste, to bring him laud, The babe the Son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, King to own Him; The King of Kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, this is Christ the King; Whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Joy, joy, for Christ if born, The babe the Son of Mary.



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The Christmas Song

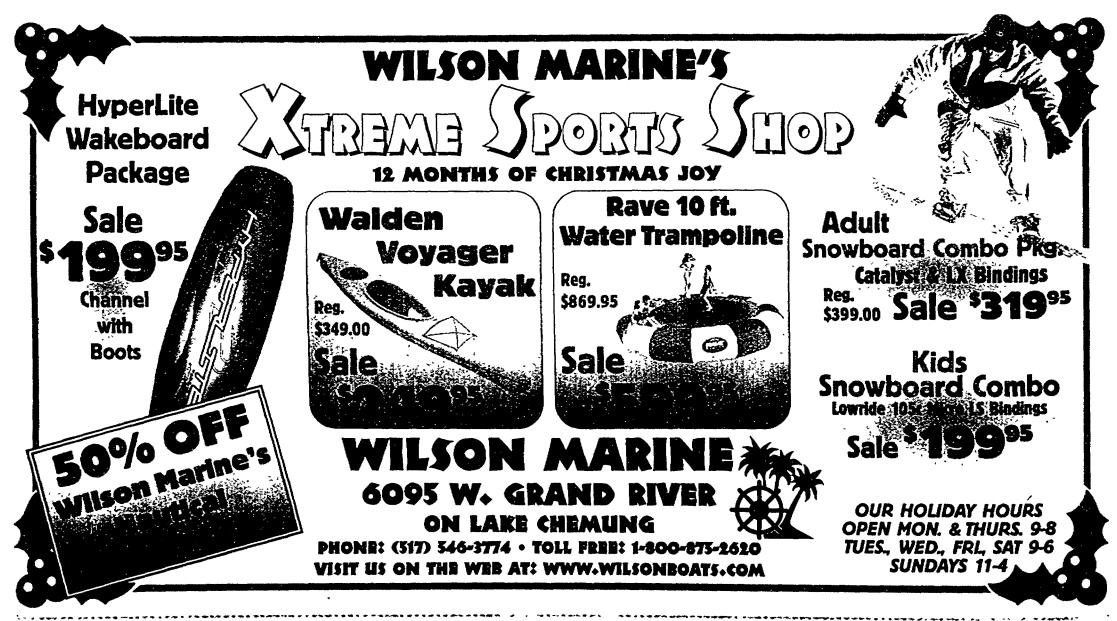
Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost nipping at your nose, Yuletide carols being sung by a choir And folks dressed up like Eskimos. Ev'rybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe

Help to make the season bright.

### Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow Will find it hard to sleep to-night. They know that Santa's on his way; He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on this sleigh

And ev'ry mother's child is gonna spy To see if reindeer really know how to fly. And so, I'm offering this simple phrase To kids from one to ninety two Altho' it's been said many times, many ways,

"Merry Christmas to you."



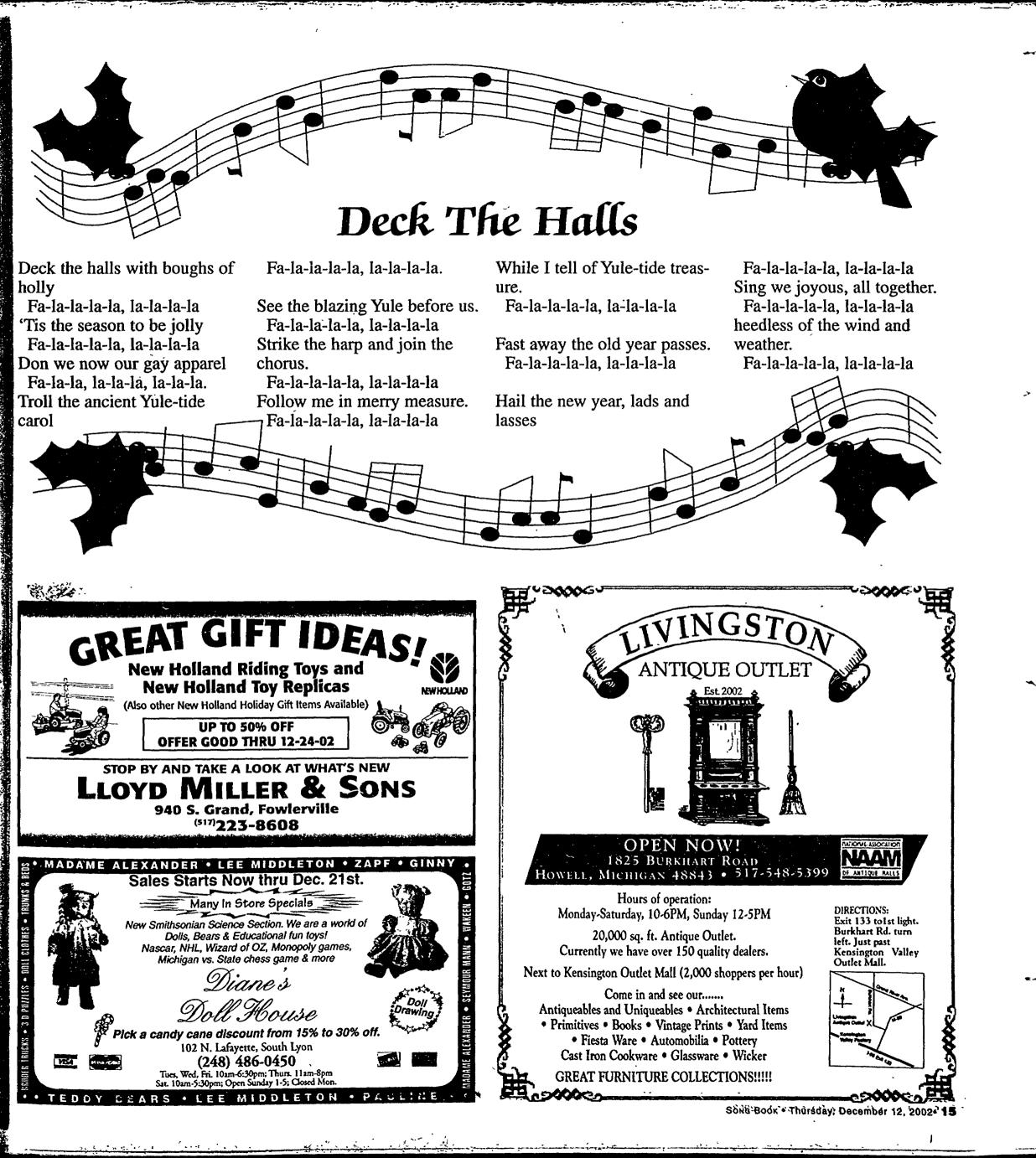


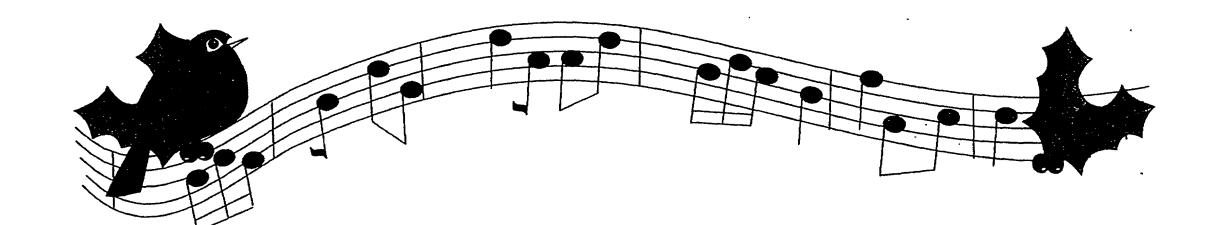






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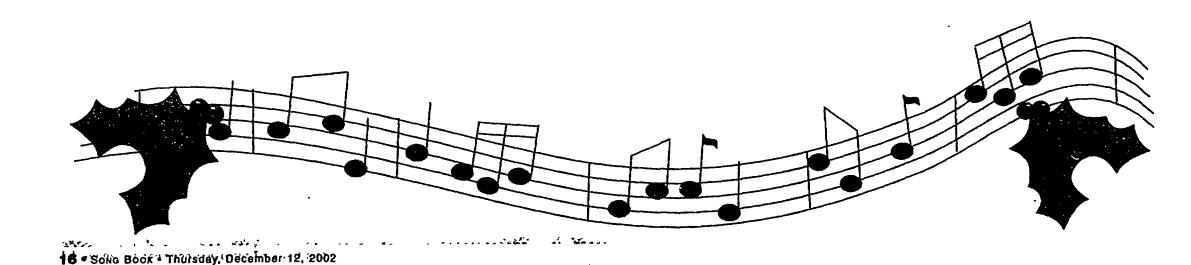
We three kings of orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star. O, Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect light.

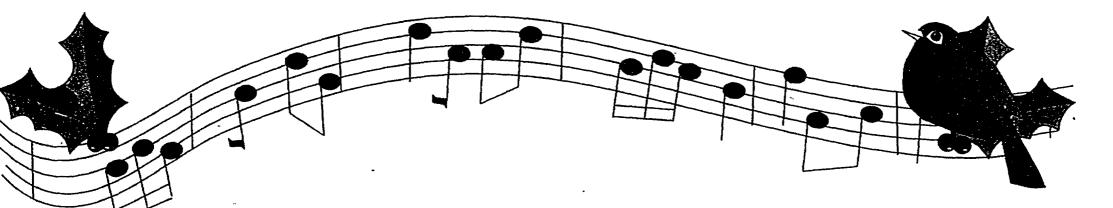
Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring, to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.
O, Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a deity nigh. Prayer and praising all men raising, Worship Him God most high. O, Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Myrrh is mine, its better perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in a stone-cold tomb. O, Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice, Alleluia, Alleluia; Earth to heav'ns replies. O, Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect light.





# God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay. Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day; To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;

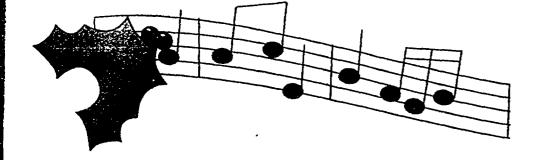
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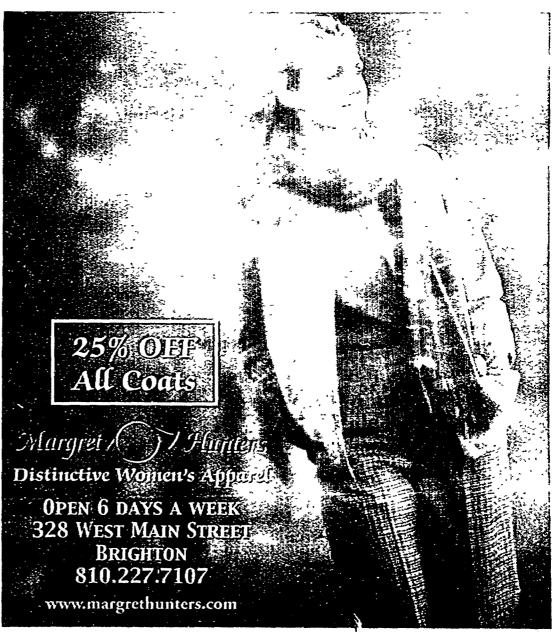
# Joy To The World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,

And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.



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# It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old. From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on earth good-will to men, From heav'n's all gracious king." The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled; And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hovering wing; And o'er its babel sound the blessed angels sing. Yet with the woes of sine and strife The world has suffered long; Beneath the angel-strain have rolled Two thousand years of wrong; And man, at war with man, hears not The love-song which they bring: O hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the angels sing!

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low, Who toil along the climbing away With painful steps and slow. Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing; O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing.

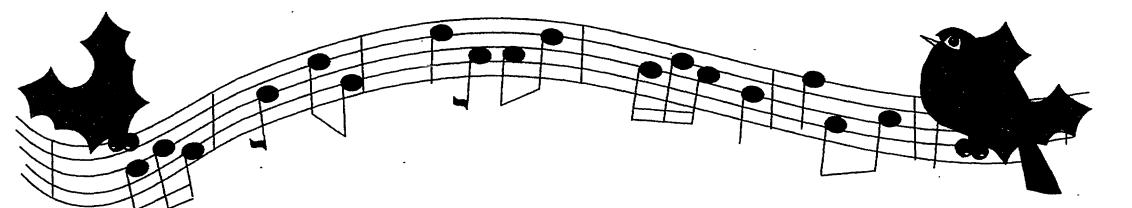
# Here Comes Santa Claus

Here comes Santa Claus! Here comes Santa Claus right down Santa Claus Lane!

Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeer are pulling on the rein. Bells are ringing, Children singing, All is merry and bright! Hang you stocking and say your pray'rs 'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight! Here comes Santa Claus! Here comes Santa Claus right down Santa Claus Lane!

He's got a bag that is filled with toys for the boys and girls again. Hear those sleigh bells jingle! jangle! What a beautiful sight! Jump in bed, cover up your head, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight!

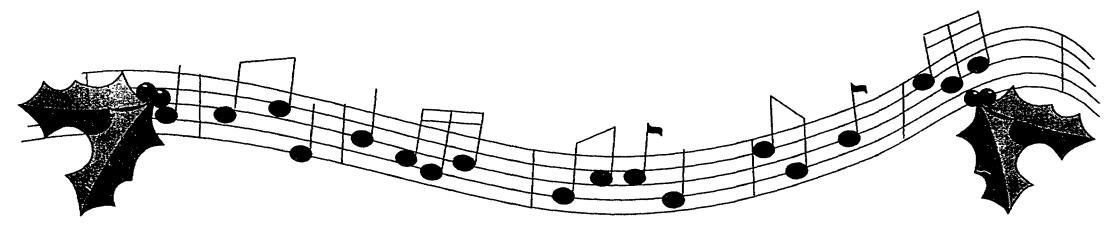
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# We Wish You A Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas, We wish you a merry Christmas, We wish you a merry Christmas, And a happy New Year.

We all know that Santa's coming, We all know that Santa's coming, We all know that Santa's coming, And soon will be here.

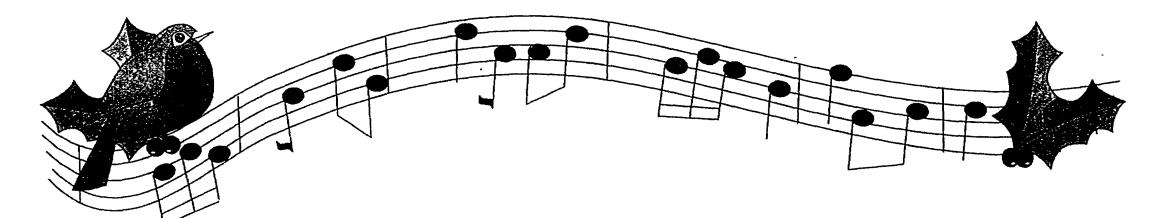


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# The Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me a partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the forth day of Christmas my true love sent to me four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me five gold rings,

four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me six geese a-laying, five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me sev'n swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings, Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me eight maids a-milking, sev'n swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings,

Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

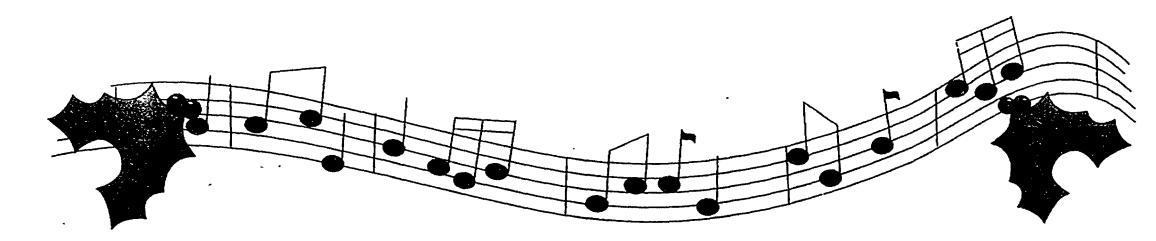
On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, sev'n swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings, Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, sev'n swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings, Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me lev'n pipers piping, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, sev'n swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings,

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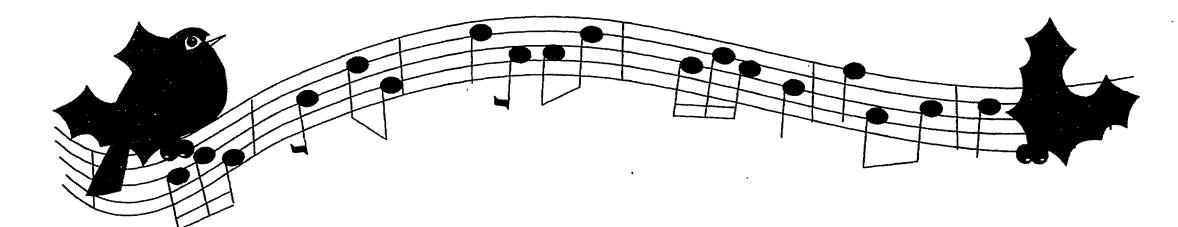
On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me twelve drummers drumming, lev'n pipers piping, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, sev'n swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings, Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.



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# Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul, With a corncob pipe and a button nose and two eyes made out of coal.

Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale, they say, He was made of snow but the children know how he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found. For when they placed it on his head he began to dance around.

O, Frosty the snowman was alive as he could be, And the children say he could laugh and play just the same as you and me.

Thumpetty thump thump, thumpetty thump thump, Look at Frosty go. Thumpetty thump thump, thumpetty thump thump, Over the hills of snow.

Frosty the snowman knew the sun was hot that day,

So he said, "Let's run and we'll have some fun now before I melt away."

Down to the village, with a broomstick in his hand, Running here and there all around the square saying, Catch me if you can.

He led them down the streets of town right to the traffic cop. And he only paused a moment when he heard him holler "Stop!"

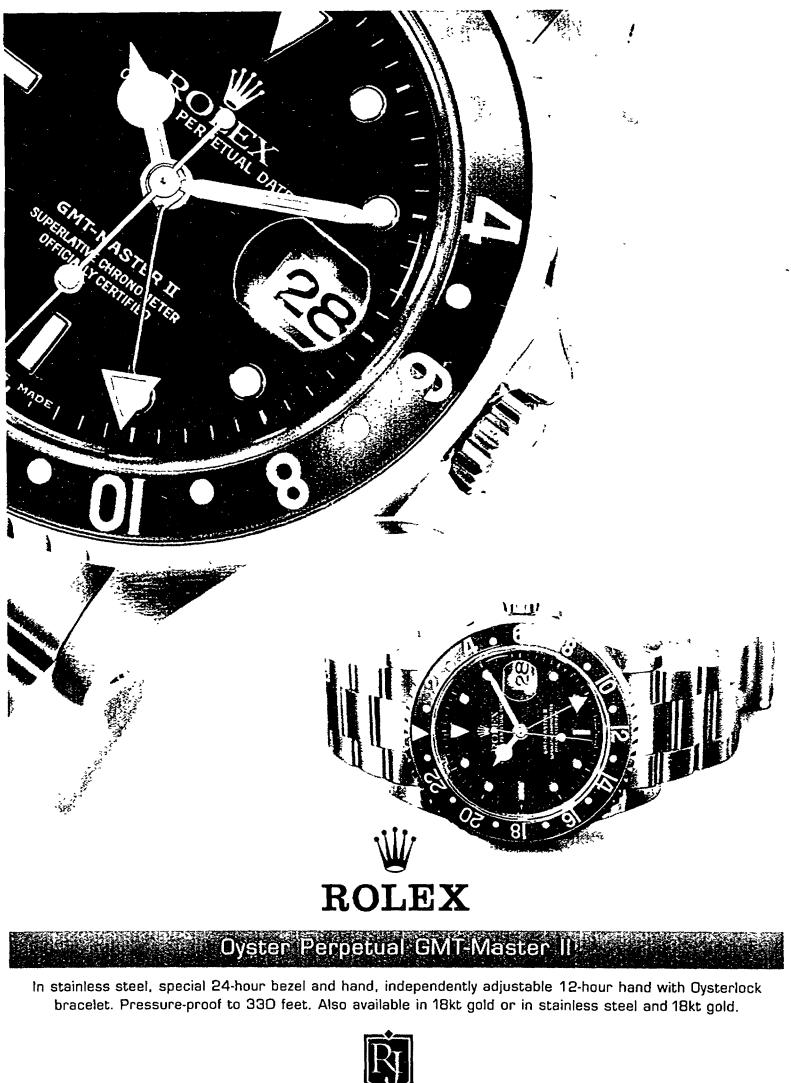
For Frosty the snow man had to hurry on his way, But he waved goodbye saying, "Don't you cry, I'll be back again some day."

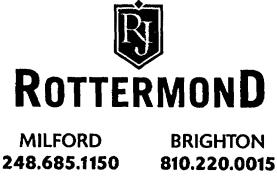
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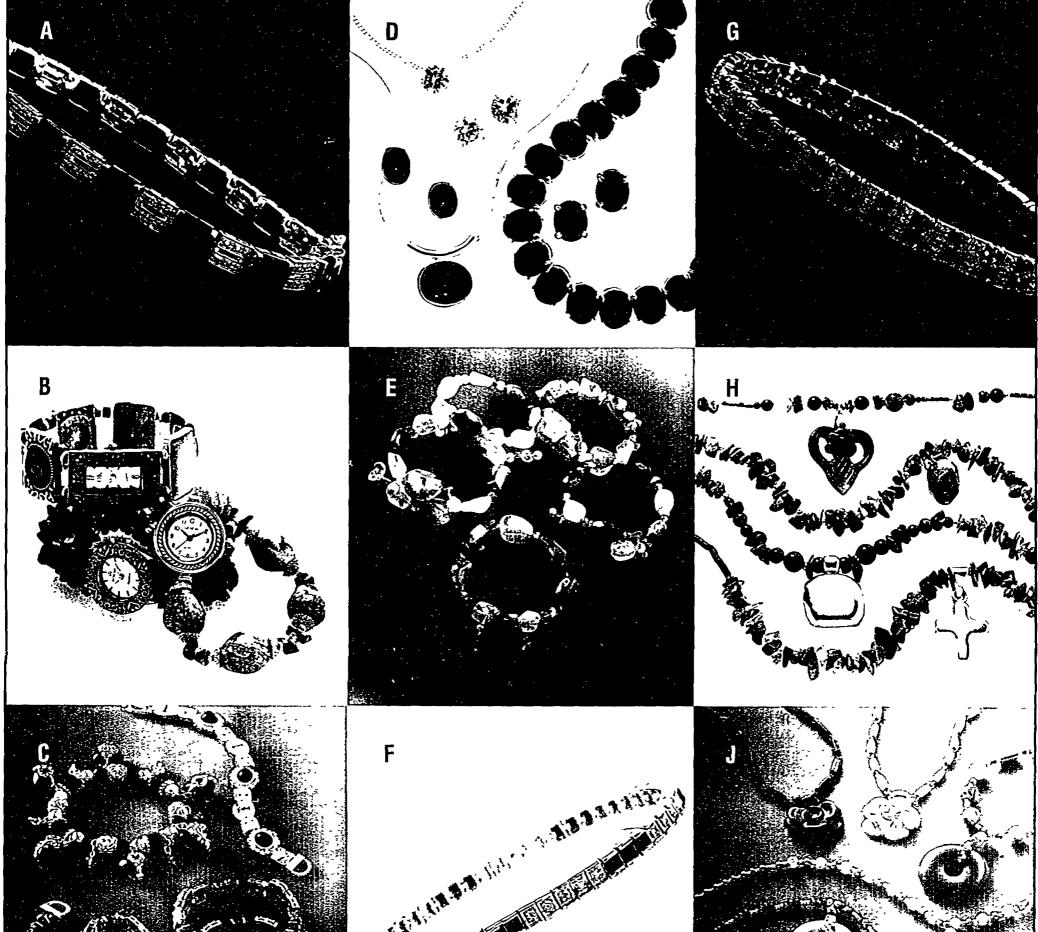
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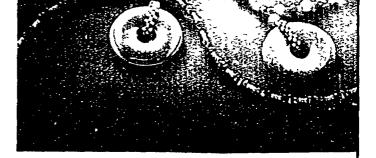
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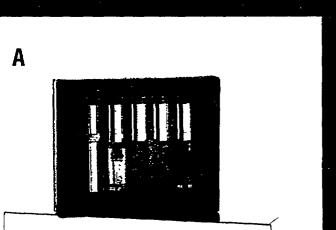
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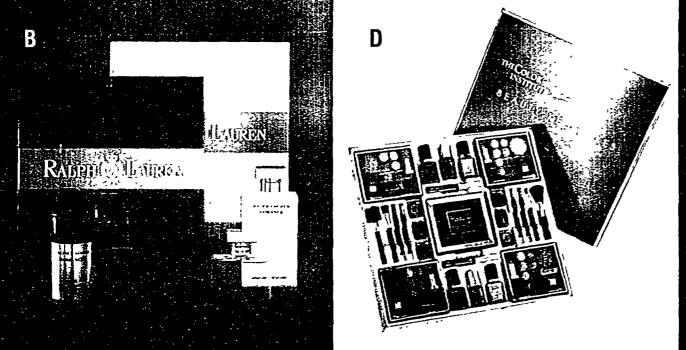
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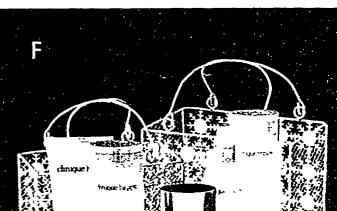




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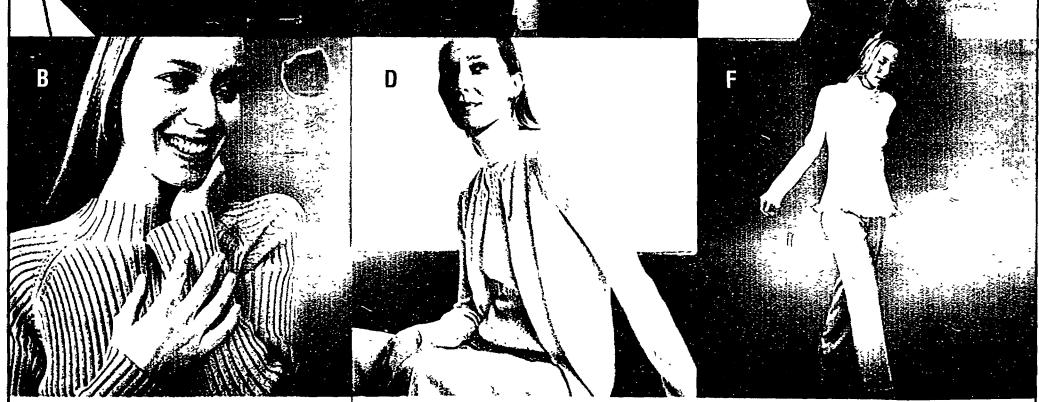
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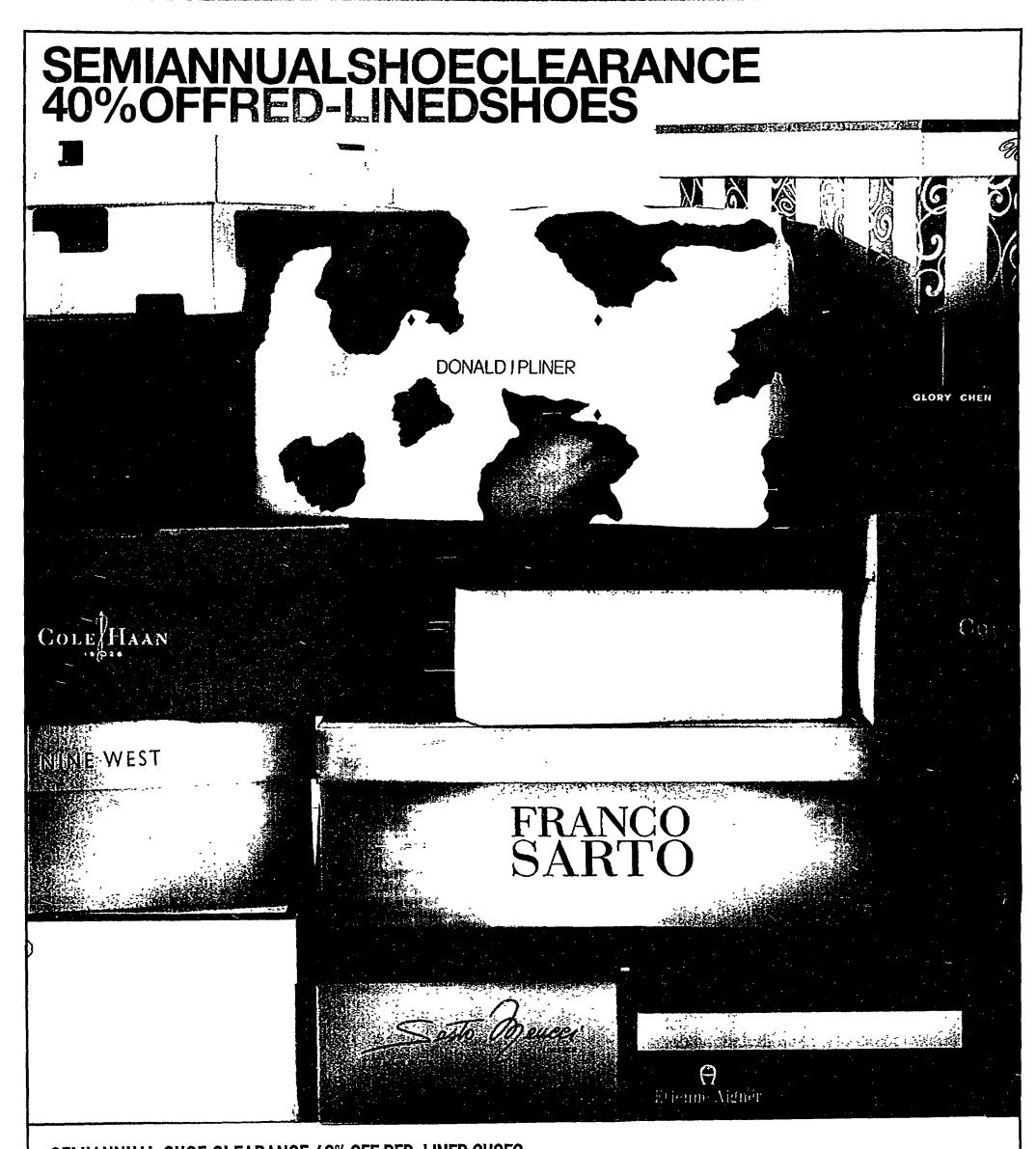
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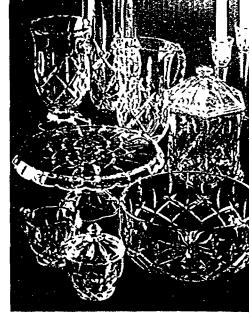
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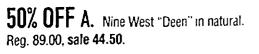












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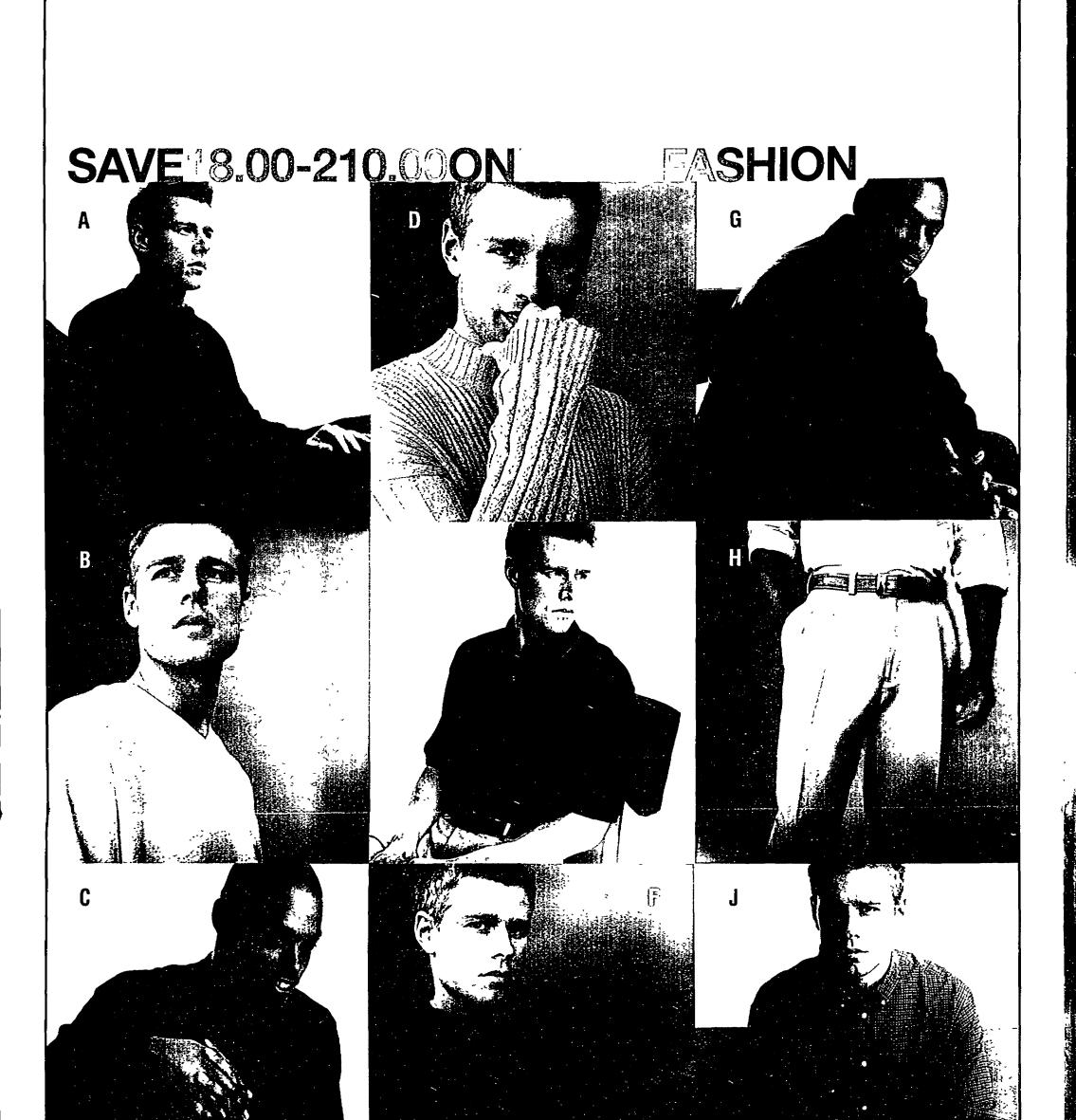
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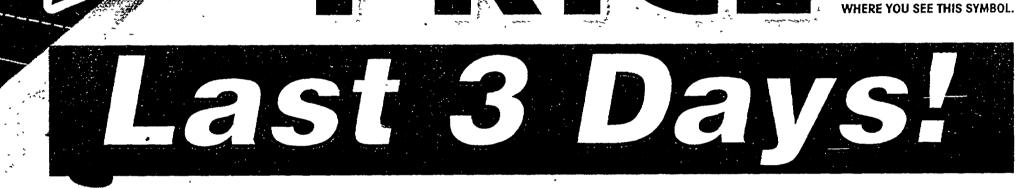
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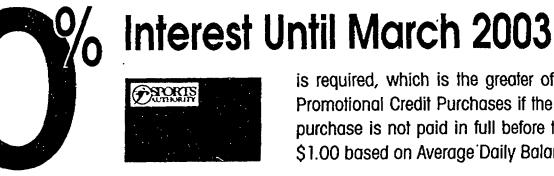






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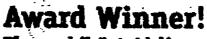


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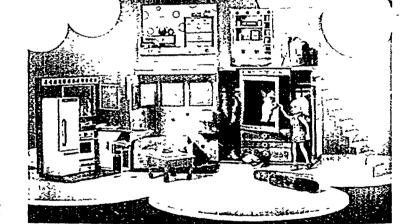
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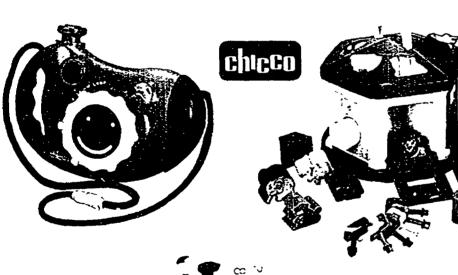
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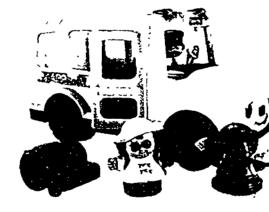
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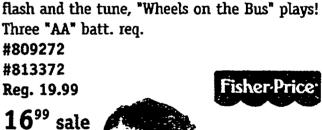
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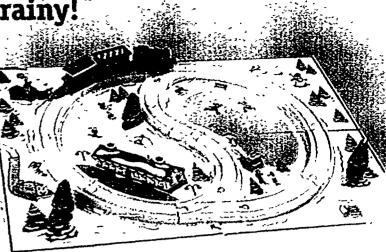
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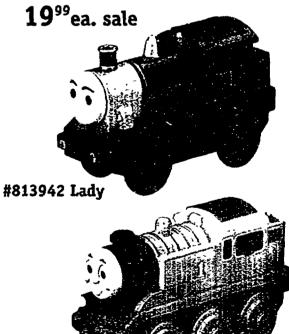
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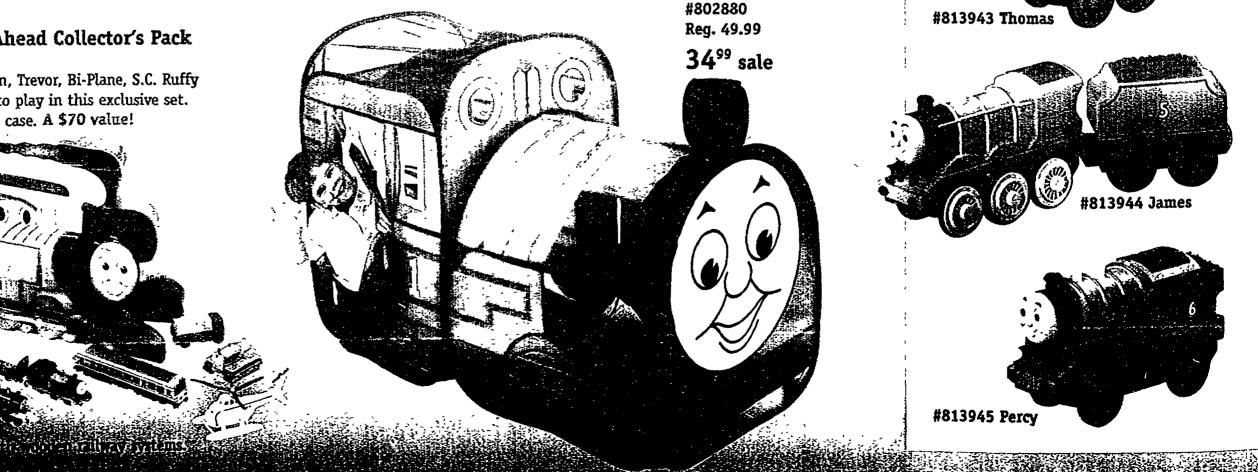
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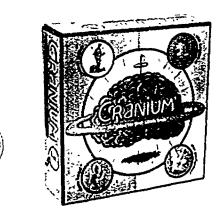


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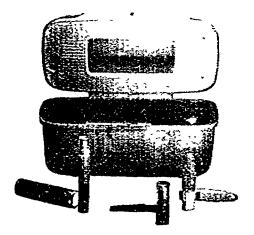
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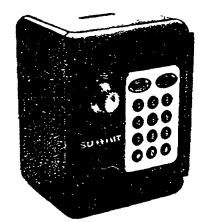




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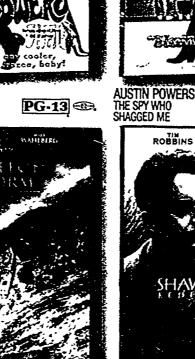
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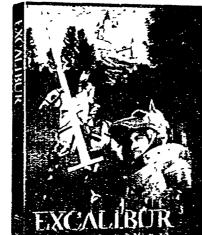
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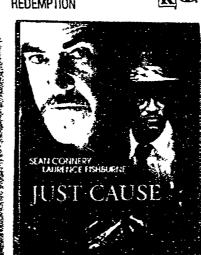
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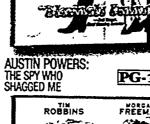
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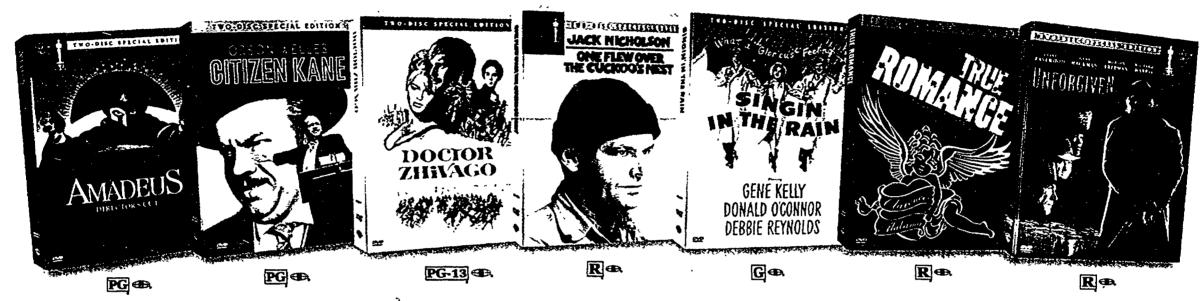
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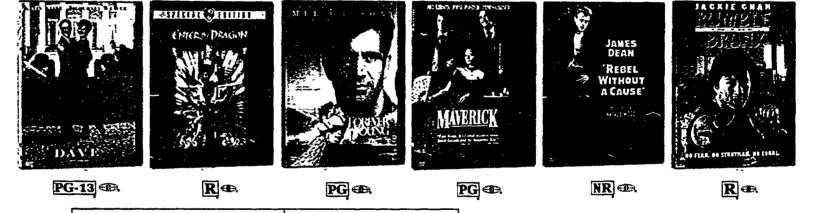
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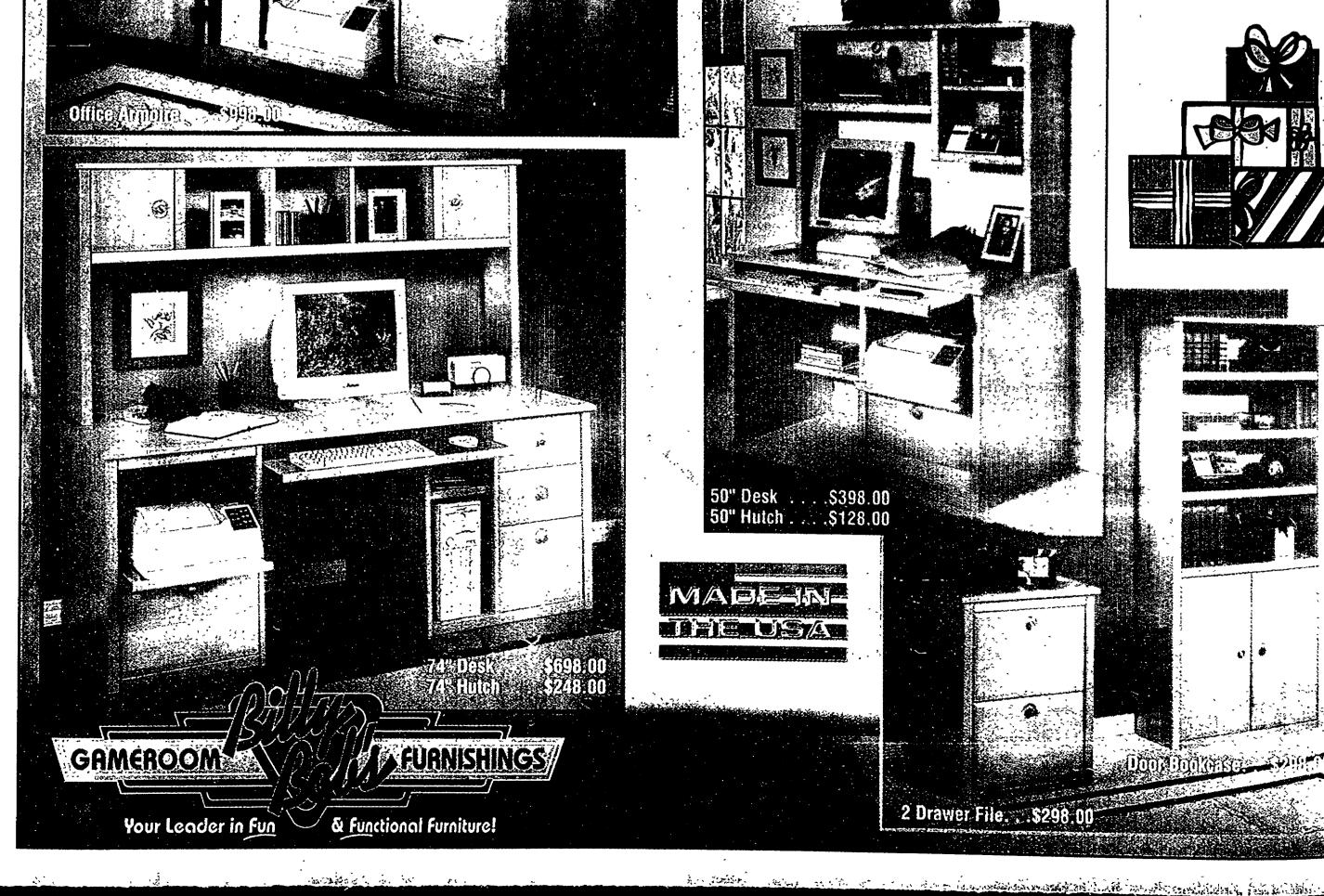


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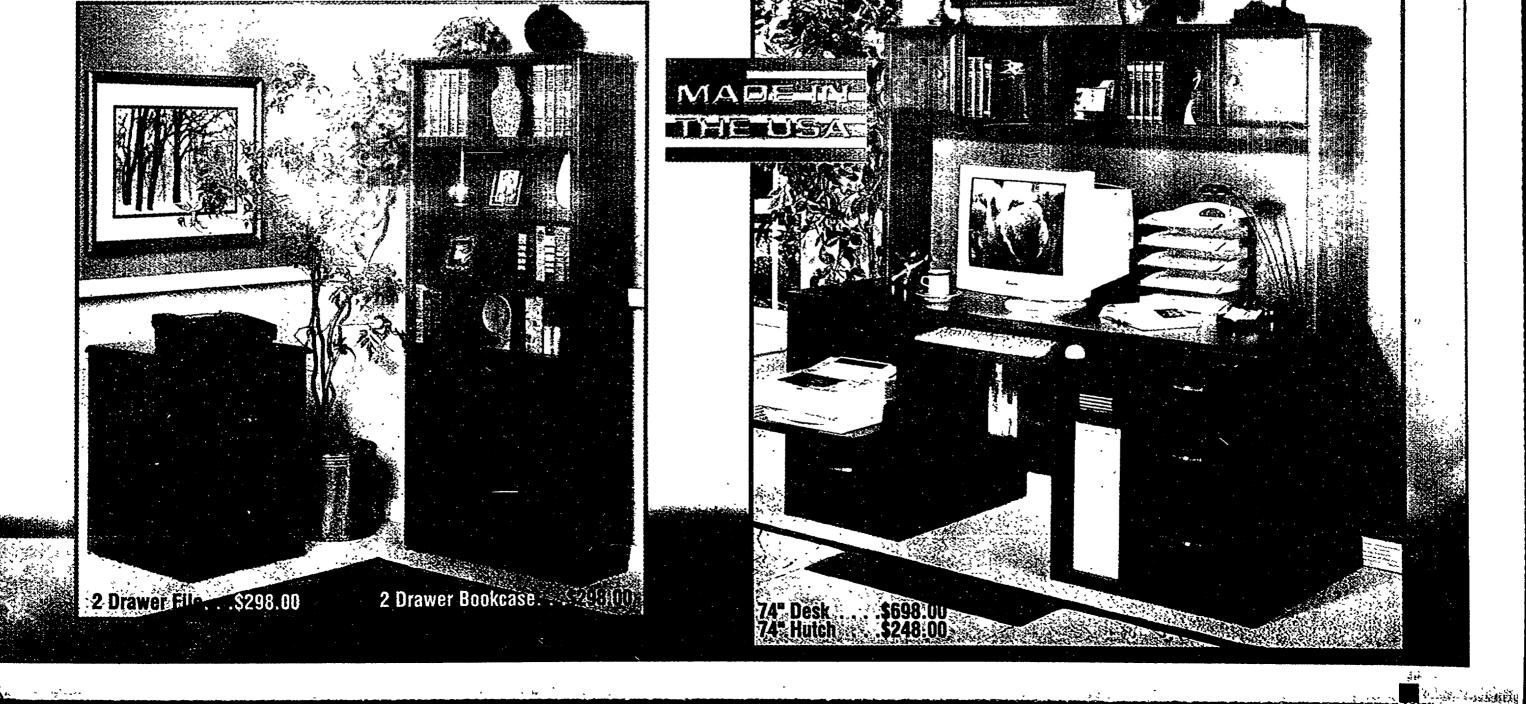
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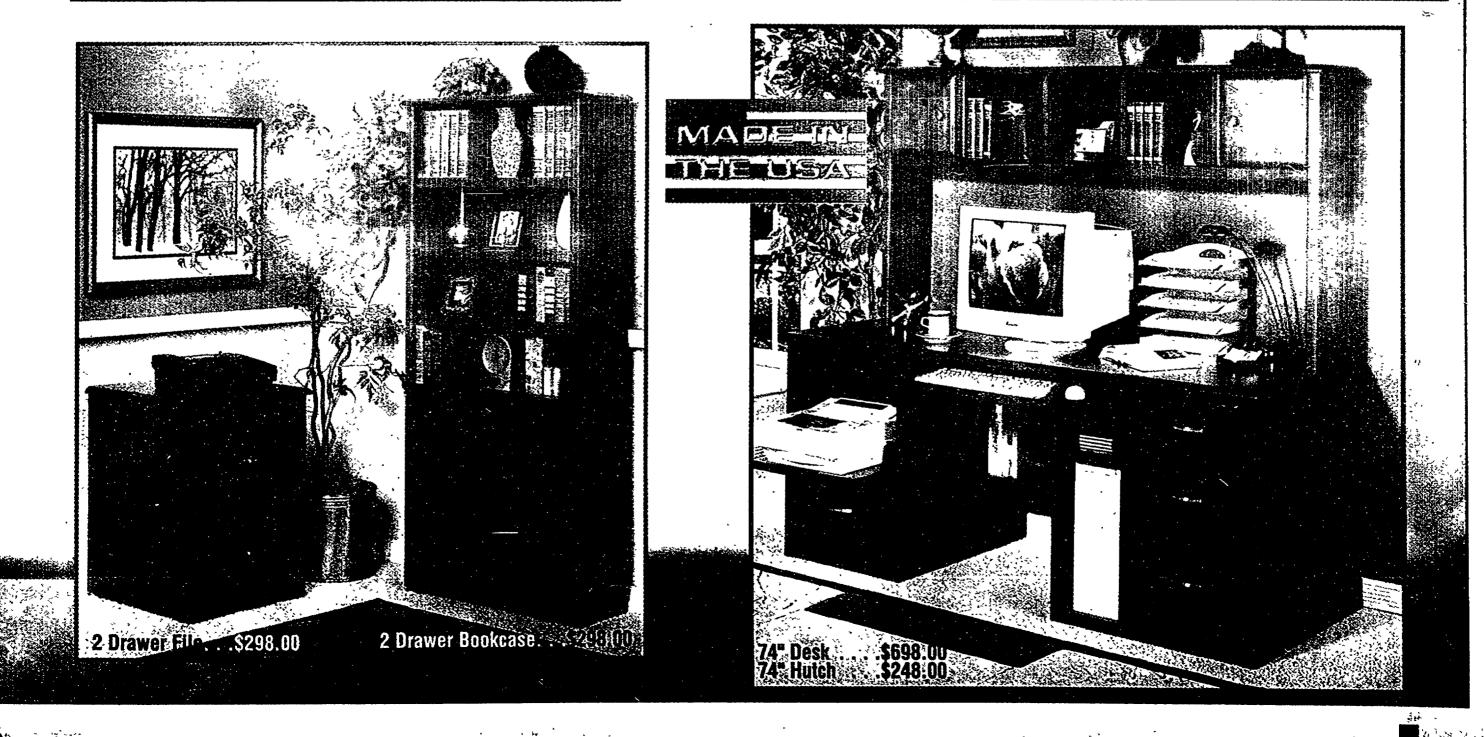
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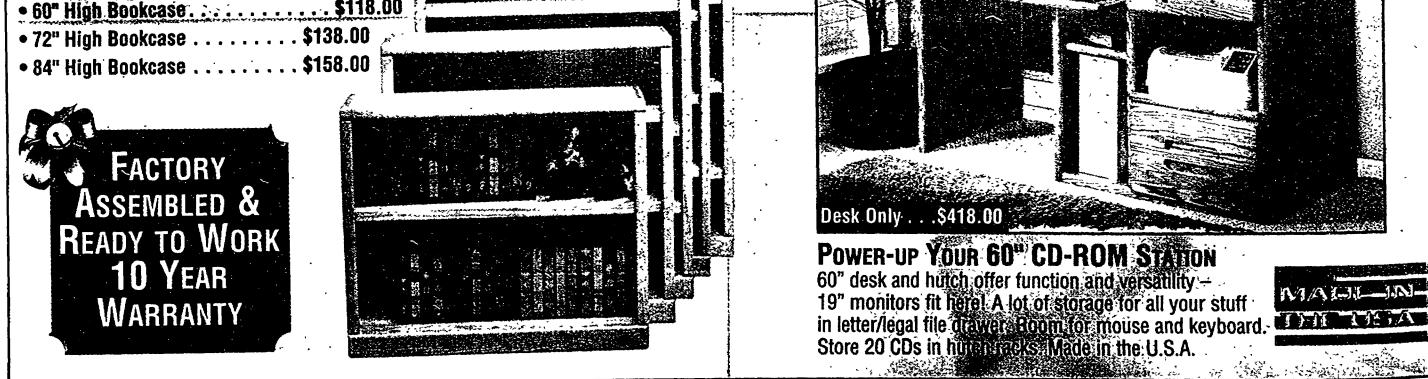






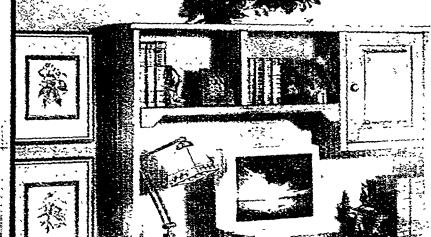


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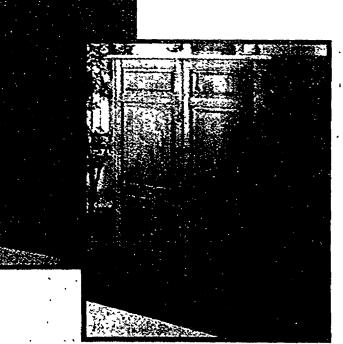


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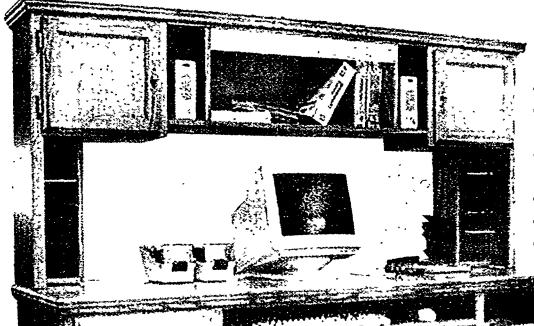




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DESK FEATURES •50" wide •Legal/letter file drawer

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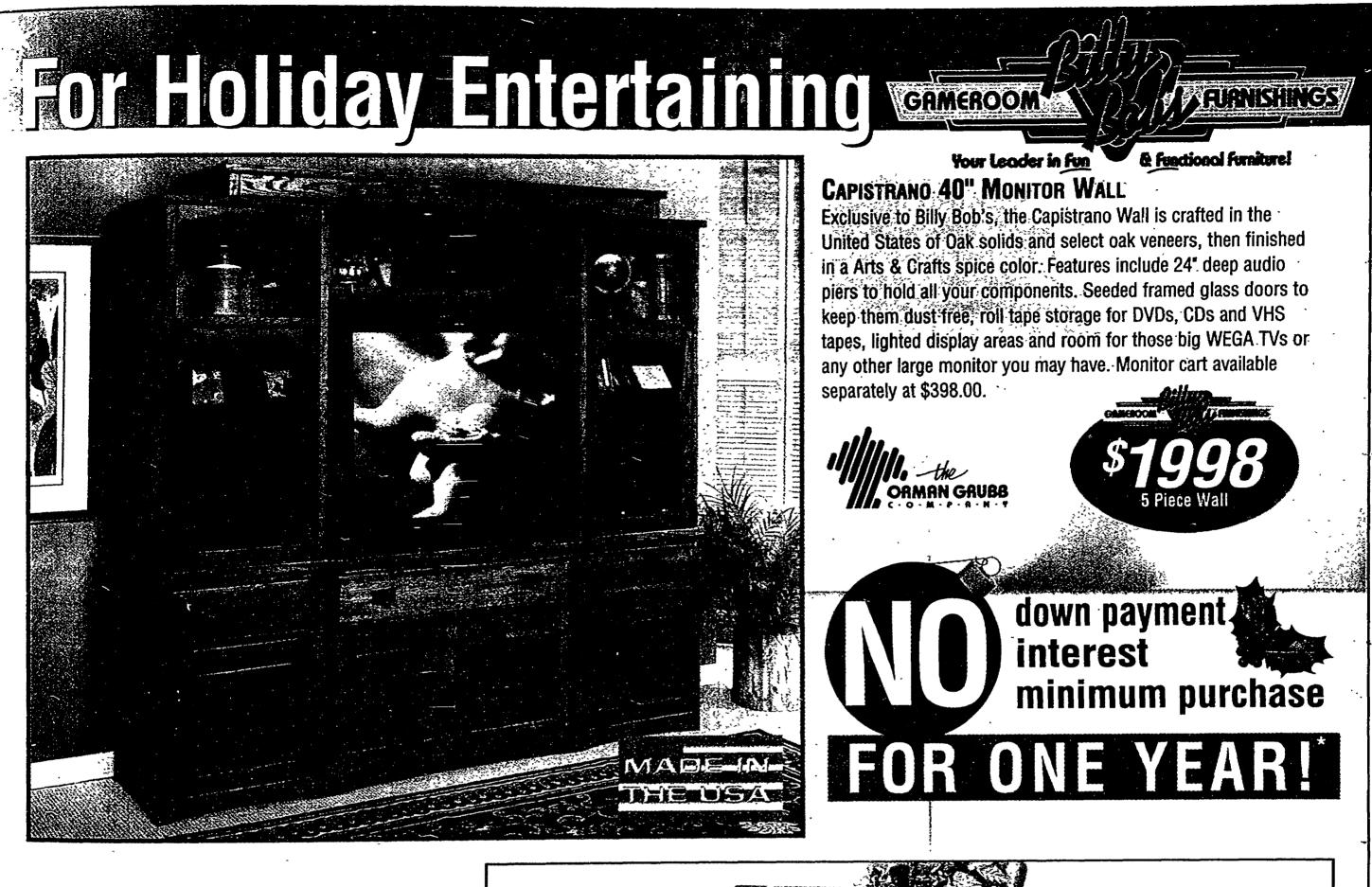
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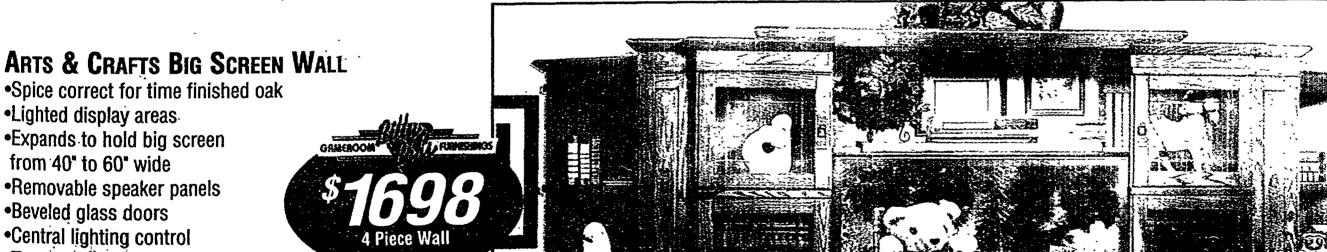
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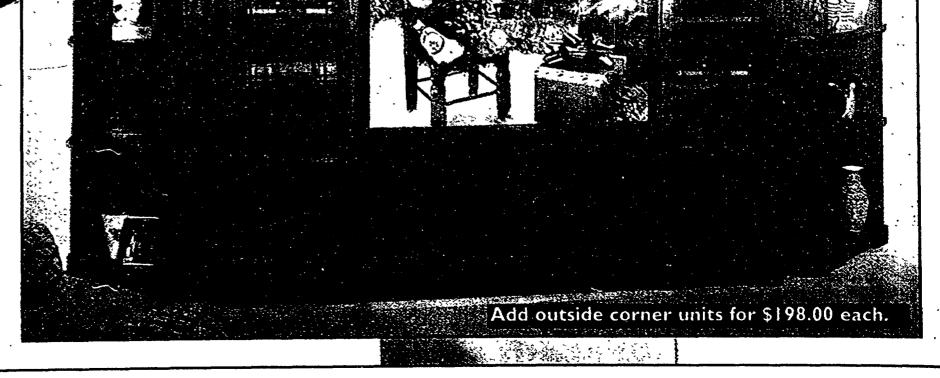


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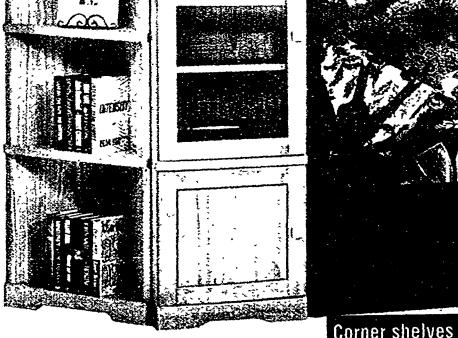


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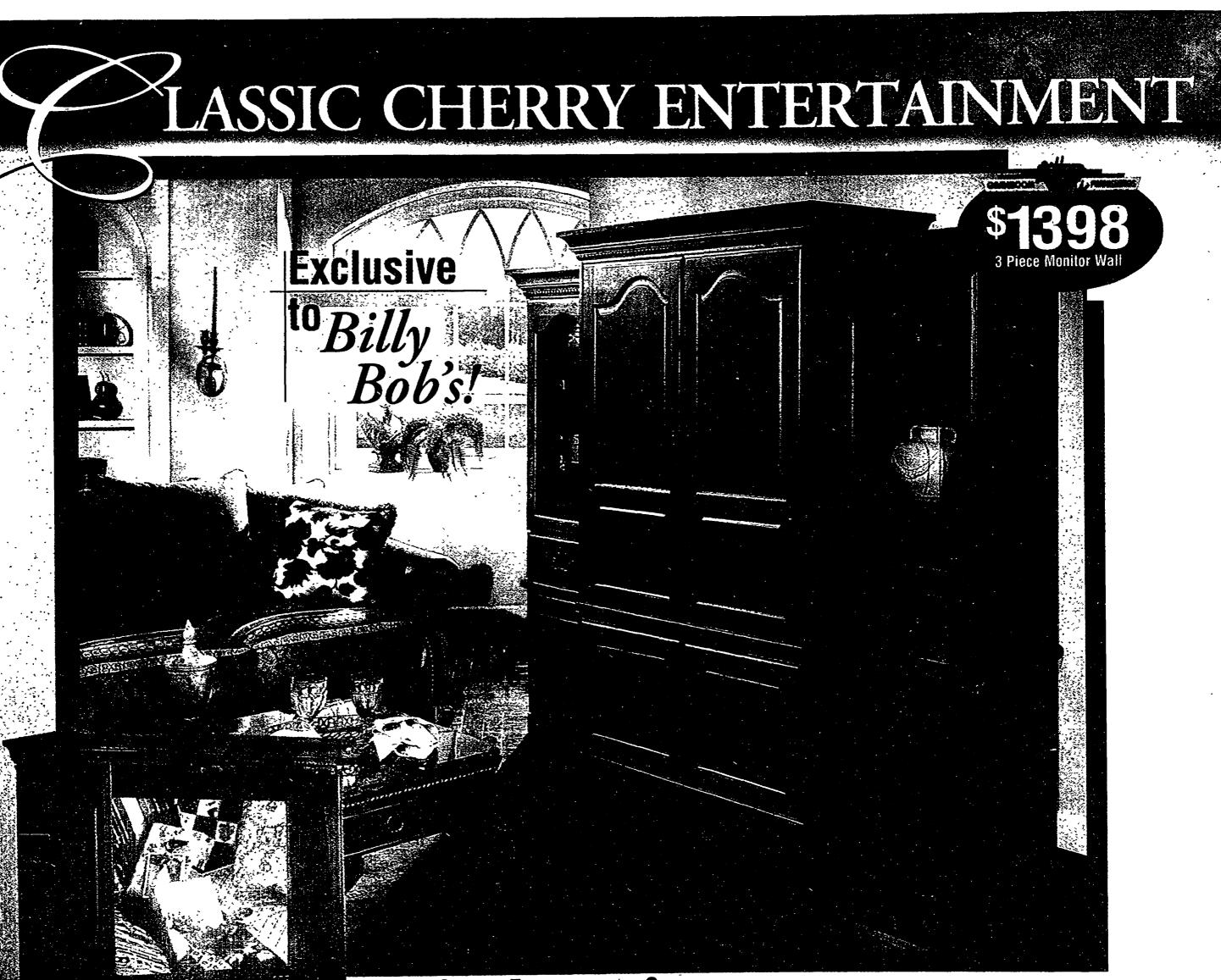
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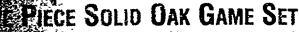
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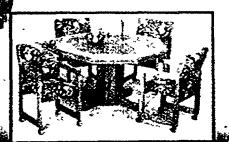
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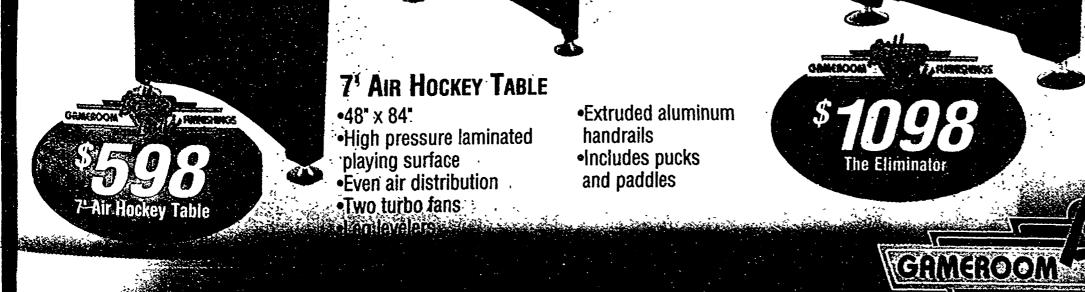




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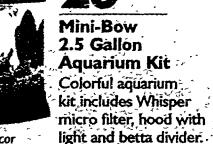
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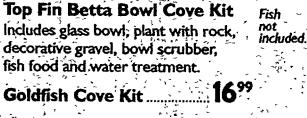
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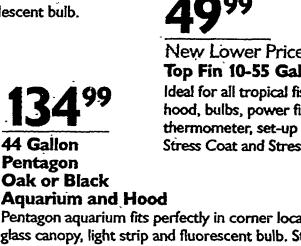
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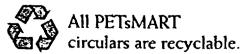
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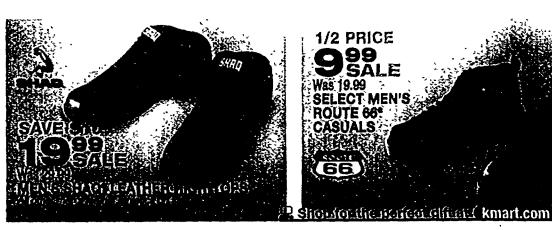
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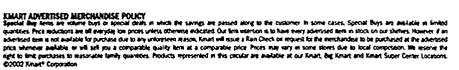


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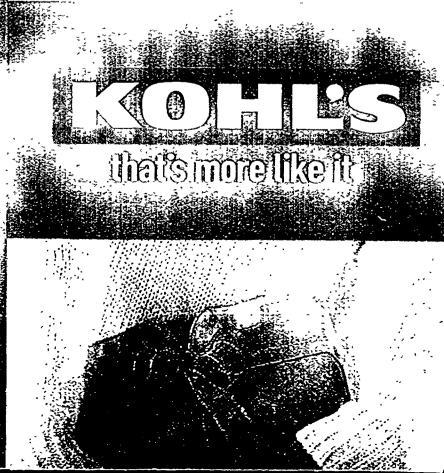
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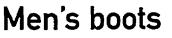


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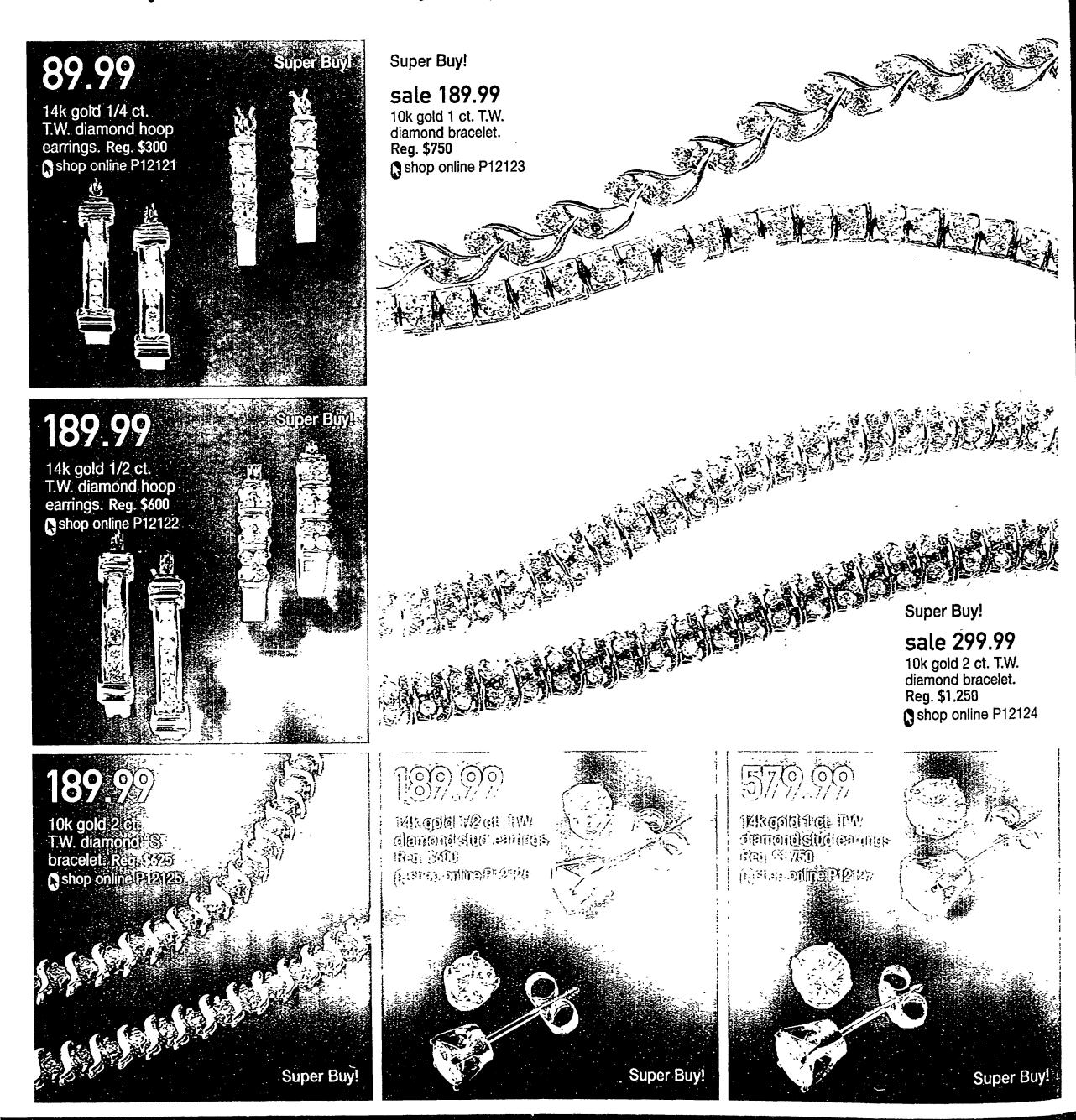




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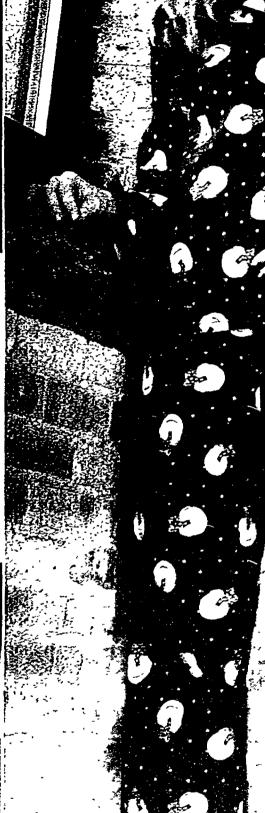
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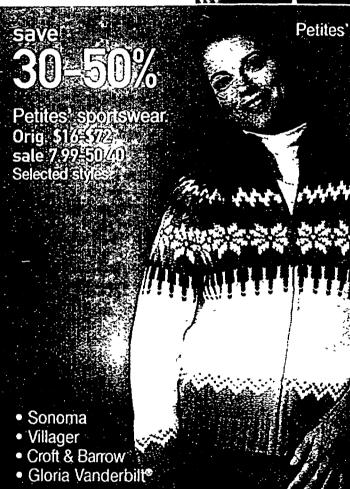
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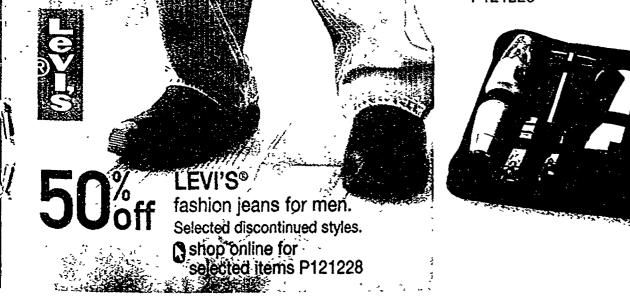
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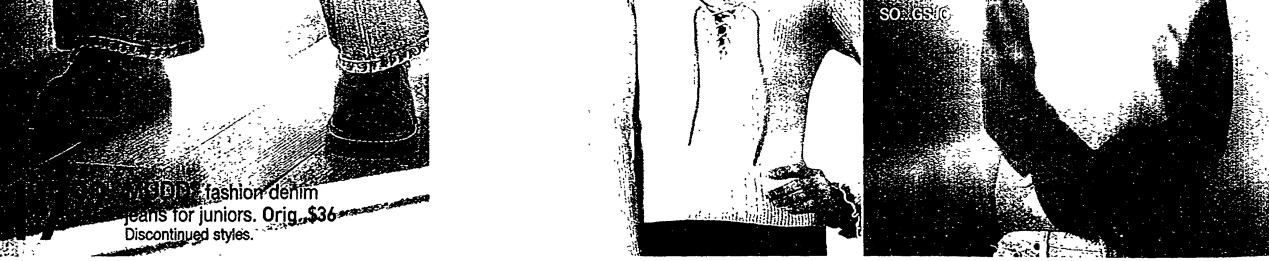
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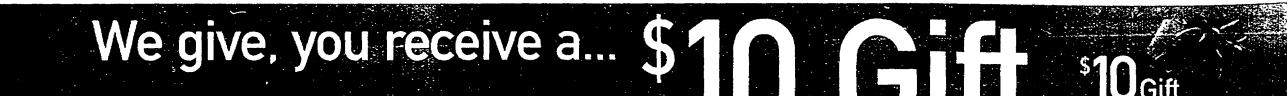
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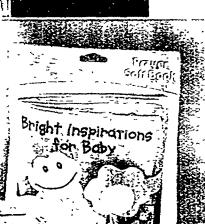
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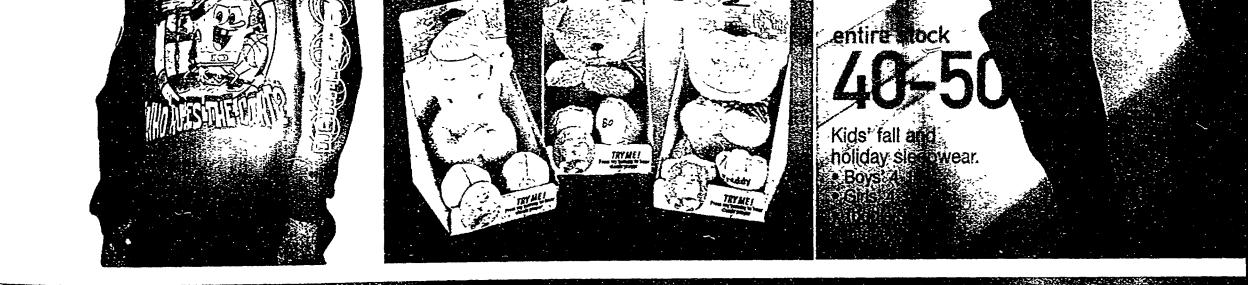
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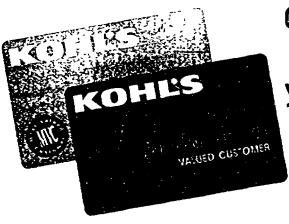


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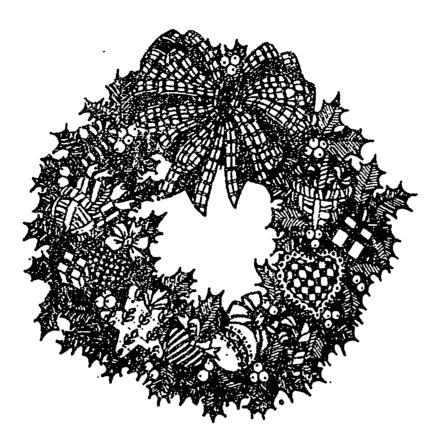
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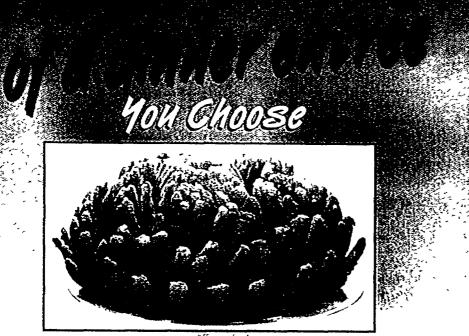
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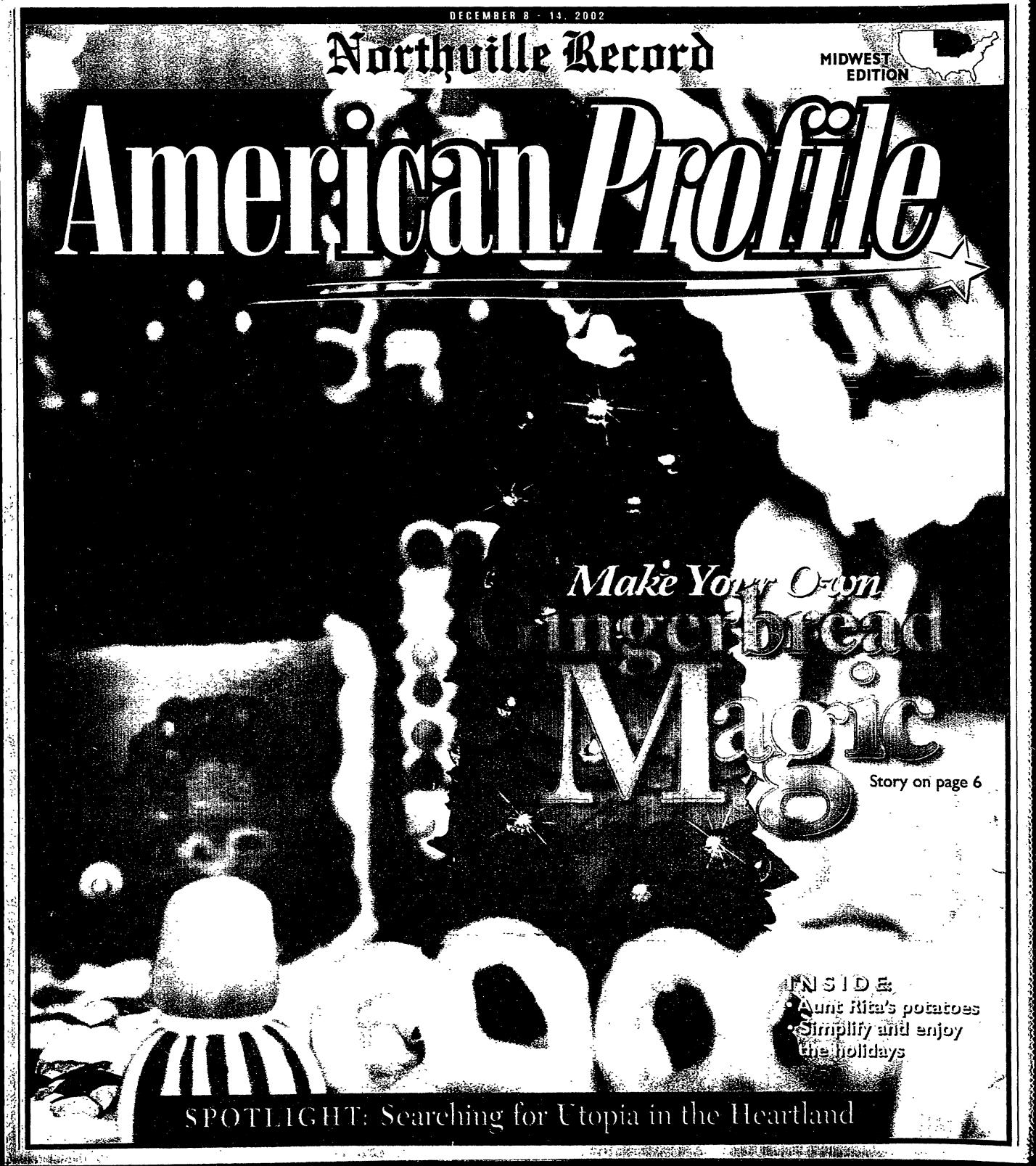
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Q Singer Gary Morris is such a versatile entertainer. Is he still performing? ----Cheryl R., Kentucky

The multi-talented singer still hits the road to perform, but he also spends time in the producer's chair, working with his son, Matthew. Morris, 54, has three other sons, Sam, Hunter, and Garon. When not performing, Morris can be found at his fly-fishing lodge in southern Colorado. Music has always been a part of Morris' life. Born in Fort

Worth, Texas, into a musical family, he used to sing with his twin sister, Carey, and appeared on *Ted Mack's Amateur Hour* while in high school. A Nashville, Tenn., music producer heard him perform at President Jimmy Carter's inauguration and started him on a country music career. It didn't take long for Morris to get a record deal, rack up some hit records, and win a few industry awards. He showed another side of his talent on Broadway, starring with Linda Ronstadt in *La Boheme* and becoming the first American to take the lead role of Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables*. Morris has guest-starred on a few series, including CBS's Designing *Women* and *Mike Hammer*. His concert at the Tretyakov Gallery in Russia was made into a PBS special.

**Q** Please settle a long-standing argument for me. My friend insists that Jessica Alba of the tele-

vision show Dark Angel also starred in a movie called Dish Dogs a few years ago. I say otherwise. Who is right? —Melissa C., Texas

You win. Shannon Elizabeth was the female lead in the 1998 movie *Dish Dogs*, starring Sean Astin and Matthew Lillard. But it's easy to see why your friend was confused since the dark-haired beauties resemble each other. Jessica Alba's show, *Dark* Jessica Alba Gary Morris makes beautiful music with son Matthew.

Angel, was canceled after two seasons on FOX. But the 21-year-old is already at work on other projects. The Sleeping Dictionary is scheduled for release sometime this year, and she's slated to star in a film titled Honey. Alba is a native of Pomona, Calif., and is of French-Danish, Mexican-Indian, and Spanish heritage. Elizabeth, a Houston native, is the daughter of a Syrian and Lebanese father and a mother of Cherokee heritage. Her credits include Scary Movie, American Pie, and American Pie.2.

**Q** Rick Schroder always has been a favorite. What's he been doing since NYPD Blue, and why did he leave the series? —Kay S., California

After spending most of his life in front of the camera, Rick Schroder decided it was time to devote more time to his wife of 10 years, Andrea, and their children. They live on a 15,000-acre working ranch in Grand Junction, Colo., that the one-time child actor bought in 1990, after falling in love with the West while working on Lonesome Dove. A native of Staten Island, N.Y., Schroder started appearing in commercials when he was 3 months old. At just 9 years old, he won a Golden Globe award for his searing performance opposite Jon Voight in The Champ and went on to a successful NBC series, Silver Spoons, which ran for five seasons. He worked steadily while growing up. He decided he wanted to work on a series again and was chosen to replace the void left by Jimmy Smits on NYPD Blue. Schroder surprised everyone who still thought of him as a child actor, nailing the role and fitting right in with the gritty ABC cop show. After three seasons, with his wife pregnant with their fourth child, Schroder felt he was spending too much time away from his family and left the series.

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Esther Benedict spent nearly two decades shoeing horses before she welded the skills of blacksmithing and her childhood love of art into a new profession as a sculptor.

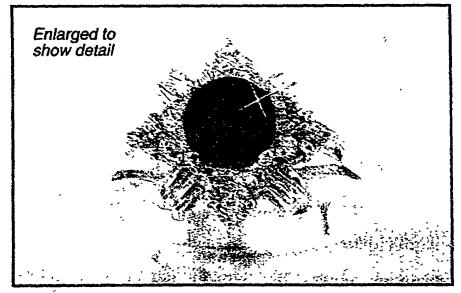
The native New Yorker and Texas transplant had risen to the highest rank possible—certified journeyman farrier—in the male-dominated profession of blacksmithing before she faced burnout and sought something new in 1995.

"I kind of started with everything—furniture, sculptures—anything that sounded fun," she says. "Through doing that I found my niche."

"Most people thought I was nuts because I had no real art education," she says. "Everyone always said, 'You're going to be a starving artist,' and I said 'Oh, no, I'm not.""

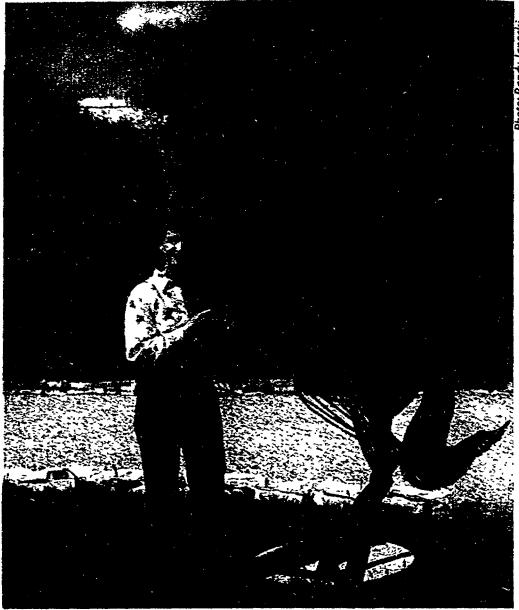
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Esther Benedict left blacksmithing to sculpt in iron and steel.

Those unlikely beginnings translated into a profitable and successful sculpturing business that Benedict runs from her small ranch in Bandera, Texas (pop. 957).

Her niche is the equestrian crowd of horse owners and ranchers who commission her to sculpt life-size, line sculpture steeds that seem to ride the wind.

"You've got to see things the way they are, and the way they should be, and make the two work," she says. "It is not planned. It just comes to life."

Gloria Austin bought more than 20 Esther Benedict originals tor her equine resort in Florida.

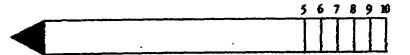
Benedict creates her art in a large metal building that doubles as a stable for her three horses. Torches, welding tools, and metal scraps in various stages of completion dot the cluttered workshop—a shiny pair of horns destined to frame the head of a life-size buffalo, a small bird ready to take flight, and a largemouth bass snagged by a lure.

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"That makes me feel good that I've created something that other people enjoy."

Ohio rancher Don Bauer owns one of Benedict's towering steeds, Feel'n Good.

"His eyes seem to follow you when you are moving around him," Bauer says. "I always find it amazing how a woman artist can take 1,200 feet of smooth steel rod and turn it into life and energy." The path from shoeing horses to sculpting metal art has been

a long one, but Benedict says the shoe finally fits.

"Being a sculptor is what I was put here to do. I have had many varieties of jobs over the years, but when I became a sculptor, it all fit into place, like the last piece of a puzzle."

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Pauline Word is a freelance writer in Austin, Texas.

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### Award-winning gingerbread house designer Deni Cole shows how

t Deni Cole's house, Christmas comes in August. That's when she pulls out cookie cutters, cardboard patterns, and stacks of candy boxes to begin work on her annual gingerbread creations.

Gingerbread houses? Oh no, not mere houses. Cole builds Tudor houses. Mansions. Stage sets. Complete worlds of gingerbread and sugar, where gum-paste elves drive candy trains and ice-cream cone evergreens dot the yards.

> "You have to be a kid when you make gingerbread," she says with a warm grin that makes her eyes crinkle. "It brings out the child in all of us."

Cole, 48, of Weaverville, a western North Carolina town of 2,416, indeed makes competition-level gingerbread houses. She's entered the annual gingerbread competition in nearby Asheville, N.C., five times in six years, winning first, second, and third prizes. Her houses have been on television's Good Morning, America and in magazines such as Southern Living. This is, after all, a woman who once made a gingerbread version of the Mother Goose rhyme, There Was an Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe, complete with 49 children (made from icing) in the windows. This creation, she says, is her favorite so far.



Deni Cole scales back from her regular gingerbread mansions and stage sets to create a basic four-wall design

basic design—a simple four-walled house with a steep roof. "It's a child's pattern," she says. "They like lots of surface for candy."

Gingerbread doughs are very forgiving, Cole says. She starts with a 13-quart stainless steel bowl she can put right on the stovetop to melt shortening and honey.

She usually uses rye flour for the color, texture, and low-protein content, but all-purpose flour is fine, she says. She avoids bread flour, because it makes stretchy doughs that shrink when they bake.

She adds extra spices to make the scent linger. Sometimes she even drips oil of cinnamon down chimneys for that extra Christmas touch.

Cole's background is in commercial food service, but she left a fast-food management job for one where she makes custom cakes for an in-store bakery. "I just decided to make a living doing what I do best," she says. The self-taught cake decorator handles the detail work such as company logos and personalized cakes.

### The best part

But for beginning gingerbread bakers, she scaled back to show how to create a Mixing the dough is the toughest part of gingerbread. "I work up a sweat," Cole admits. She rolls out a large piece of dough and moves it to a baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray. Then she uses a cardboard template and a pizza wheel to cut out walls, trimming most of the excess, but leaving a half-inch border. Same thing for the doors and windows—she cuts them out, but leaves the dough in place. After baking, she removes the pieces quickly, before they cool and stick.

"Glass" windows are easy: Cole places red Lifesavers in the bottom ones (for a fireplace glow) and yellow Hall's cough drops in the upper floors. After

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Decorating, Cole says, is the best part of gingerbread design (Continued from Page 6)

the walls spend a few minutes back in the oven, she uses a toothpick to coax the melted sugar into the corners. In a few minutes, after the candy cools and hardens, the walls can be popped loose off the cookie sheet.

Cole usually spreads the work out, baking one day and finishing the house on another. "Otherwise, you're worn out and you're in no mood to decorate," she says.

And decorating, she says, is the best part.

She uses meringue powder, available in most craft stores, to make royal icing-a particular kind that spreads easily and hardens quickly. It's easier to work with-you just mix powder, confectioners' sugar, and water-and it's safer than the from-scratch version with uncooked egg whites.

She makes a large batch of white icing, covering the mixing bowl with plastic wrap to keep it from drying, then loads a pastry bag-a soft, cone-shaped bag in which frosting is squeezed through a small decorative tip.

Cole decorates walls before building the house. It's easier, like drawing on flat paper, and her candy details don't fall off before the icing dries.

On the sidewalls, she uses a pencil to sketch more windows. "You can erase, too. Or you can wash it off," she says. "It's not food, it's art."

After outlining the windows in icing, she adds candles to one, a Christmas tree to another, a stack of presents to a third. The windows are filled with "run icing"-royal icing thinned with corn syrup. Piped around the edges, it spreads to fill the background.

Working steadily, she covers the roof with scallops of icing, lining the two sides up so the design and spacing will be consistent, then places a tiny candy dot at each upstroke.

"I just love doing it," she says. "I can sit here for hours, with a pair of tweezers. Lamar (her husband) thinks I'm crazy. But it's very calming."

Once holly boughs with red-dot berries grow under every window, a peppermint clock marks time at the roof's peak, and red icing candles glow with tiny flames, Cole puts the house together.

She pipes icing along the bottom of the back wall, stands it on a piece of cardboard, and blocks it up with a can of soup. As she adds each side, she adds more cans, making sure to put the sidewalls inside the front and back walls. Otherwise, the house will be too wide and the roof won't fit.

### 'You do not eat them'

Cole's gingerbread houses are so sturdy, they usually last until the next summer. Some people try to save gingerbread houses by spraying them with acrylic, but they'll mold unless they are very dry. Cole prefers to just let them go. She'd rather enjoy them while they last, and then have the fun of making another.

"The one thing about gingerbread is this: People think you eat them. You do not eat them. They're for display, and who wants to eat them after that?"

Complex designs such as "Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater," and "Peter Rabbit's House," a gingerbread tree . stump inspired by a stump in her back yard, can take Cole months to design and build. For those kinds of houses, she builds the shape with wads of aluminum foil, then uses an electric knife to cut them into sections that will hold dough.

Then she puts up extra tables in the living room and goes to work, even making her own candy canes from gum paste and a utensil that looks like a tiny caulking gun. "I just get consumed," she says of the annual gingerbread house competition. "It's all I can think about."

With her newest creation standing firm, she adds an almond-rock walkway in front of the door that is just a little open, and billows of white icing to cover the yard. She pipes "snow" on the chimney top and along the roof, always working from bottom to top to get the natural look of piled-up snow.

It's finished. And yes, it looks good enough to eat.

Kathleen Purvis is the food editor of The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer.

# Singerbread House

Read recipe, instructions, and tips completely before beginning.

Molasses can be substituted for honey. Dough made with honey hardens after baking. Molasses gives a darker color, but the dough may soften after baking.

Always place the rolled-out dough on the sheet, and then make your cuts. That keeps the pieces from getting distorted when they're moved.

Keep a straight pin by the oven. If the dough begins to bubble, remove the pan from the oven, pop the bubbles, and smooth the dough by rubbing lightly with a potholder. Then return the sheet to the oven.

- Cut the shapes for windows or doors, but leave them in place. Remove them from the baking sheet while the piece is still hot. Press any crumbs back into place while hot.
- · Very thin dough, for shingles or other details, needs only about 5 minutes to bake. Cut round shingles using the wide end of a pastry tip.
- If a piece isn't dry, or seems to bend at room temperature, return it to the oven at 250-300 degrees before decorating. The low temperature will dry it without further browning.

She pipes stars around the candy-glass windows and uses tweezers to top the stars with candy dots.

From mixing and rolling the dough to placing tiny candy dots, Cole enjoys everything about the process. "I can sit here for hours with a pair of tweezers," she says.



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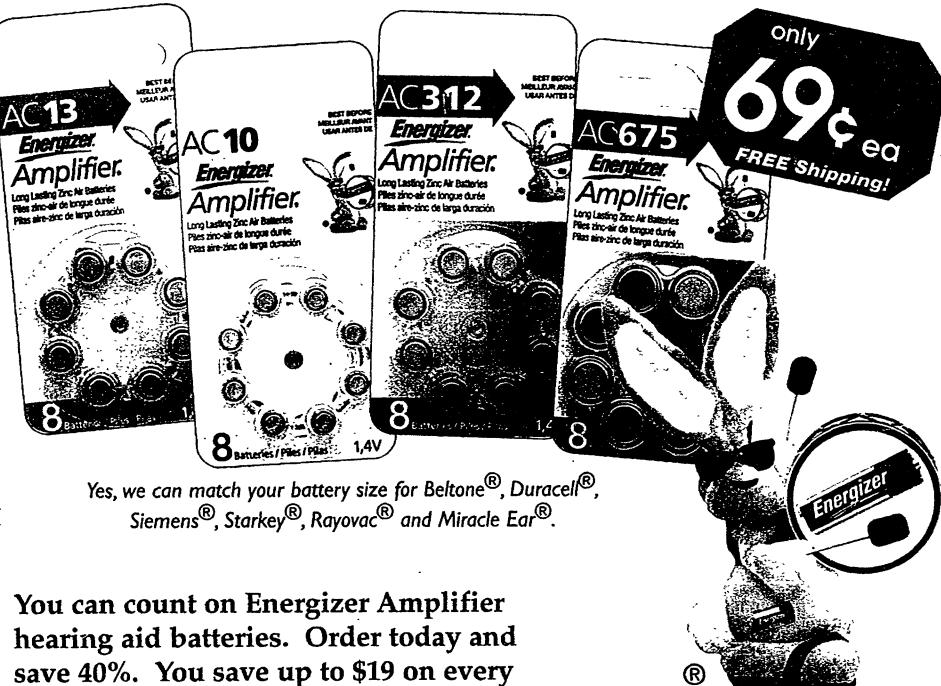


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## A MORE Peaceful Holiday

It's early December, and some

already are overspent, overindulged, and overwhelmed. But stress doesn't have to be a part of the holidays, if you keep things simple.

"The holidays are a microcosm of our whole life," says Janet Luhrs, author of The Simple Living Guide: A Sourcebook for Less Stressful, More Joyful Living. "If you're out of control then, you're probably out of control in the rest of your life. The holidays are a perfect time to get off autopilot and take a step back."

Start by calling a family meeting to discuss the holidays. "At the start of the season, gather with those you care about and with whom you celebrate the holidays," Luhrs recommends. "Then talk about what's important to you, what rituals bring you closer together."

This also is the time to discuss budgets, gift giving, decorating, meals, and other potential holiday stress points. "In my family we used to race around buying gifts. Now we give each other gifts of our own time and service," Luhrs says. Such gifts might include a coupon for cleaning, baby-sitting, or pet care, taking an elderly friend to lunch or a play, and taking a child ice skating, sledding, or to the zoo.

Setting limits on spending, or donating to charities instead of exchanging gifts, can simplify holiday gift giving. But simplifying your holidays doesn't mean pinching pennies or giving up traditions you love. "Simplicity isn't about doing without," Luhrs says. "It's about deciding what's really important so that you're left with what you really need and what you really love."

Holiday meals can be stressful if you try to do everything yourself. "I've been doing a potluck Christmas dinner for years," Luhrs says. "Not only does it take the pressure off me to have everything perfect, it makes the meal more of a family event because everyone gets involved." Create simple, inexpensive traditions for your family, Luhrs suggests. "I know a family that spreads the celebration over the month of December," she says. "They decorate the house together December 1, and each night they light a candle and read a holiday story together. On Christmas Eve they all take a walk together, have a special supper of finger foods, and then exchange handmade ornaments. "Santa Claus still comes on Christmas morning, but that's not the entire focus of the holidays for them." 🖈

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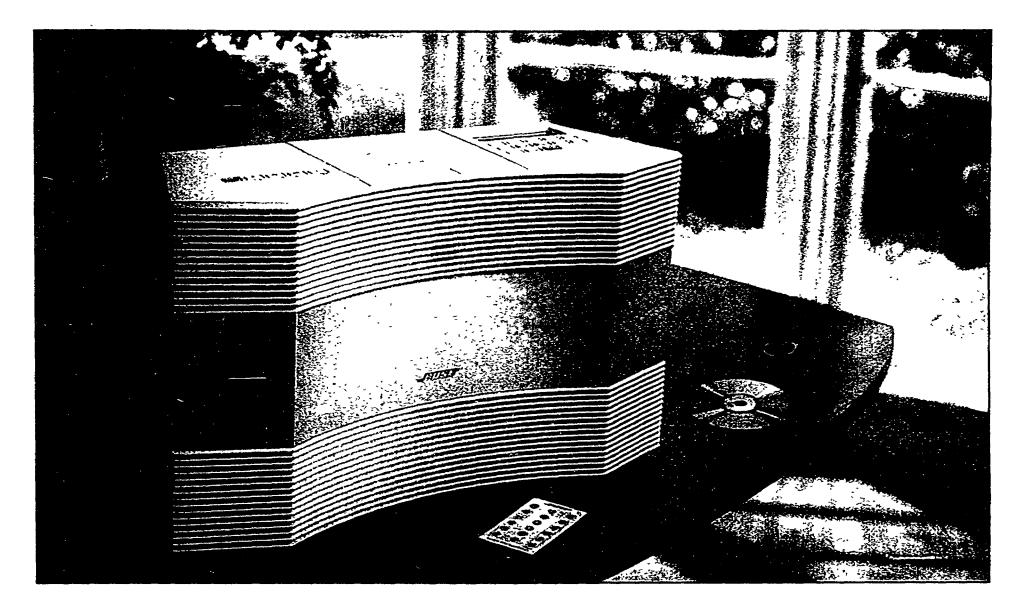
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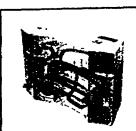
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## Hometown Spoilight

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# Search of Utopia

**Connie Weinzapfel was strolling** down a sidewalk in New Harmony, Ind., (pop. 916) several years ago when she spied some young men circling a building, peeking in windows. Not the least bit alarmed, she struck up a conversation and learned they were students who had traveled all the way from Italy to visit the Wabash River town, established in the early 1800s by two different groups seeking to create utopian societies.

The Harmonists, a Pennsylvania religious group believing perfection would come through celibacy and communal living, arrived first, in 1814, naming their settlement Harmonie. Innovative and hard working, they soon transformed the frontier wilderness into a prosperous village.

Ten years later the congregation, restless and plagued by problems with neighbors, malaria, and isolation, moved back to Pennsylvania and sold the town to Scottish industrialist Robert Owen, who envisioned a perfect world created through education and the elimination of social classes. He invited prestigious scientists, scholars, and artists to share the dream in his town, which he re-named New Harmony.

Dozens of historic buildings add to the town's rich character.



Completed in 1818, the restored five-story granary now is used as an auditorium and conference center.

That colony of great minds dissolved after only two years, but the experiment led to educational innovations in America such as kindergarten, free public school systems, and trade schools.

Today, New Harmony is home to a mix of professionals, academics, self-employed people, and retirees, some of whom are descendents of the Owen utopian community, says Weinzapfel, director of Historic New Harmony, a group that oversees many of the town's 24 historic buildings and sites. And, she says, in a very real sense it is still a place where visionaries reside.

Over the years, civic leaders and benefactors, including Jane Blaffer Owen (wife of Robert Owen's great-great grandson), commissioned world-renown architecture, initiated beautification projects, and backed preservation, cultural, and tourism efforts. Most importantly, they saw to it that the town found new uses for its legacy.

"It would have been easy to turn the town into a dusty museum, but instead we are a living history community," Weinzapfel says.

A massive, five-story granary, for example, was painstakingly refurbished in the late 1990s and is

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now used as a conference center and auditorium. On the outskirts of town, a labyrinth, a circular maze of waisthigh bushes that Harmonists walked through while meditating nearly 200 years ago, continues to be used for the same purpose today. "We are a quaint little town that allows you to get away and unwind," says John Rodriguez, manager of The New Harmony Inn, which houses thousands of guests each year, many participants in arts conferences or spiritual retreats. The same tranquility that draws visitors makes New Harmony a wonderful place to live, says lifelong resident Jan Kahle. "There are things to do, but it's not the kinds of things that distract from spending time with others." The town boasts art galleries, theater and symphony performances, but not one fast-food restaurant or chain store. Most residents—well, maybe not teens—seem perfectly content living 25 miles away from the nearest shopping mall.

It's the kind of place where doors to churches are not locked, and a walk after dark is not intimidating.



John Rodriguez manages The New Harmony Inn.

Only one intersection in town is busy enough to warrant a stoplight. "It's not unusual to see couples, hand in hand, walking down the middle of a street," Rodriguez says.



"Everyone here takes tremendous pride," says Weinzapfel, mentioning a recent project to prove her point. When Historic New Harmony published a book to celebrate the millennium, local students, not professionals, snapped the black and white photographs of community landmarks.

With a smile, she adds, "I like to think it is the spirit of all those great minds of the people who lived here before that continues to have a wonderful influence on what we do today."  $\preceq$ 

Veda Eddy is a freelance writer in The Villages, Fla.



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## Aunt Rita's **Potatoes**

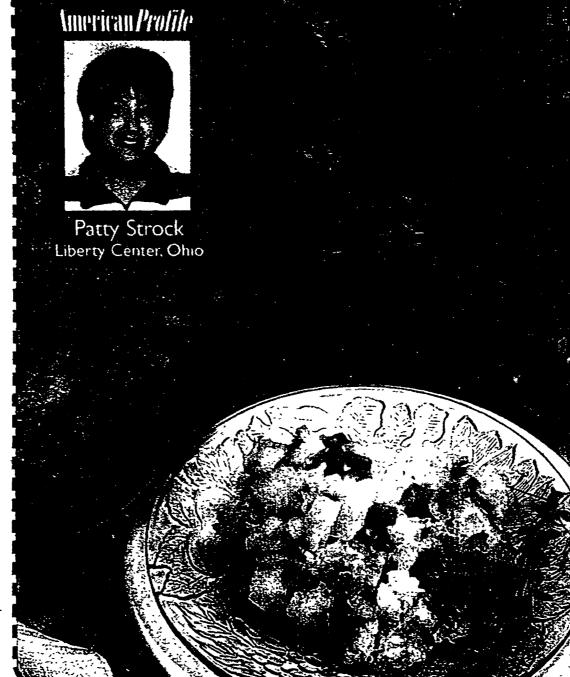
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Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place potatoes in a large pot and cover with water. Bring water to a boil, then reduce heat, cover, and cook until done. Peel and dice. Put in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Mix other ingredients except milk and cornflake crumbs. Pour over potatoes, mixing well. Drizzle milk over potato mixture and cover with cornflake crumbs. Bake one hour. Serves 12 to 15.

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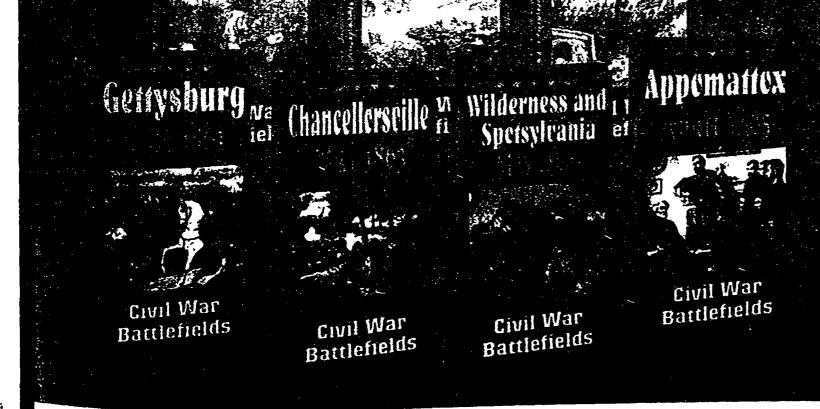
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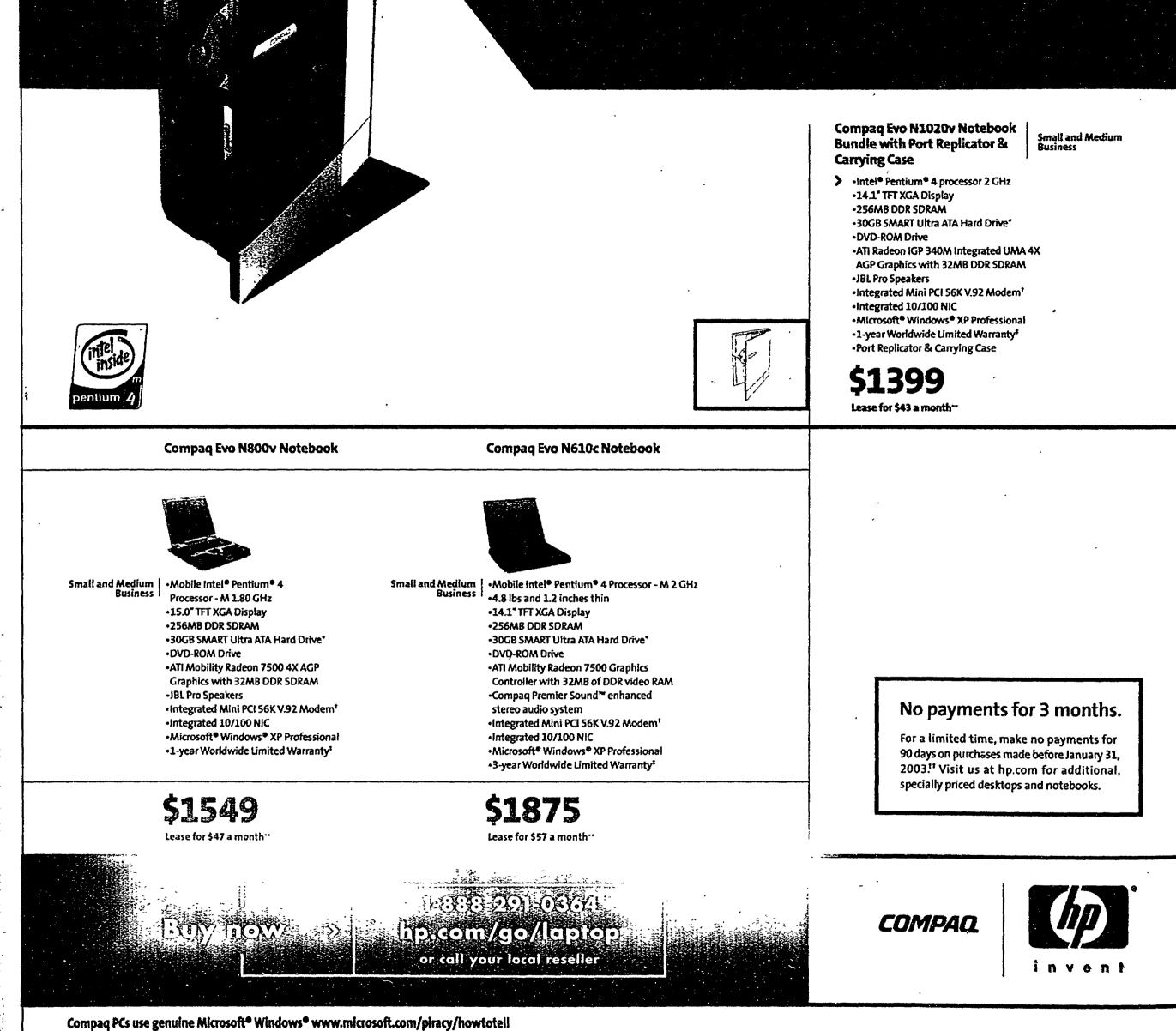
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