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## CORRECTION

A story in last week's *Northville Record* incorrectly stated Hayes Lemmerz filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy earlier this month. In fact, the Chapter 11 filing took place on Dec. 5, 2001. The most recent action by the Northville Township-based company involves the filing of a plan of reorganization, which, according to Hayes Lemmerz spokesperson Marika Diamond, is "a roadmap for getting out of Chapter 11."

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### One cop shopping

Northville Township police and Northville Township's Meijer location teamed up to give area youth a chance to spend a day perusing the store aisles with a police officer. Find out about the holiday activity and what the kids and officers had to say about the experience. — Page 3A

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# Kidnapping suspect arraigned

Argument between Livonia couple grows violent, ends alongside Detroit River

By Arlynn Hill  
SPECIAL WRITER

A 23-year-old Livonia man was arraigned in 35th District Court Dec. 14 on a kidnapping charge, stemming from an argument with his wife.

According to the township

police department, the suspect's estranged wife reported that Shaun Skelton forced her into the passenger seat of her vehicle at Five Mile and Haggerty roads.

"They began driving around the area, and that is when he began to threaten her life," said Northville Township lieutenant

Ray Garbarino.

Garbarino said while driving, Skelton told his wife that he would kill her and dump her body in the Detroit River. Skelton drove himself and his wife to an Ecorse parking lot next to the Detroit River, at which point the victim ran to a

nearby Sunoco gas station, where police were called. The Ecorse police arrived and arrested Skelton. There, he was turned over to the Northville Township police.

The victim suffered from bruises, a black eye, and was hospitalized, Garbarino said.

Skelton was ordered on \$100,000 cash bond. Skelton's is scheduled to appear in court next on Dec. 30.

Arlynn Hill is a special writer for the *Northville Record*. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

## Student recovers, reflects on accident

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Jenny Speyer isn't a person that likes to receive a lot of attention.

But an incident that took place over two months ago has brought the personal well-being of 17-year-old Speyer into the spotlight.

A senior at Northville High School, Speyer was involved in a serious car accident Oct. 22 on Six Mile Road in front of Northville High School. Speyer, who was a passenger in the vehicle, said she suffered a broken collarbone and a punctured lung among other injuries.

That collision captured the attention of community leaders and residents and resulted in a flood of compassion and concern for the two students.

"I'm completely recovered," said Speyer. "I'm 100 percent better."

As a result of the accident, Speyer was hospitalized in Ypsilanti for four days.

The swarm of well-wishers extended throughout the high school with students demonstrating their concern by constructing enormous banners, posters, signs and even bracelets.

"I was weirded out by all the attention I got [but] it was nice to see all the kids being so vocal," said Speyer. "It made me realize how much people care and how lucky I was. I can't believe we came out of there in one piece."

In the aftermath of the accident, Speyer directed her focus to her health and completing missed schoolwork.

"It was really rough at first," she said. "It was so much. I was so busy trying to get caught up. But gradually it got to be less and less."

Speyer said she is currently assisting her friend who was driving the vehicle complete her required work.

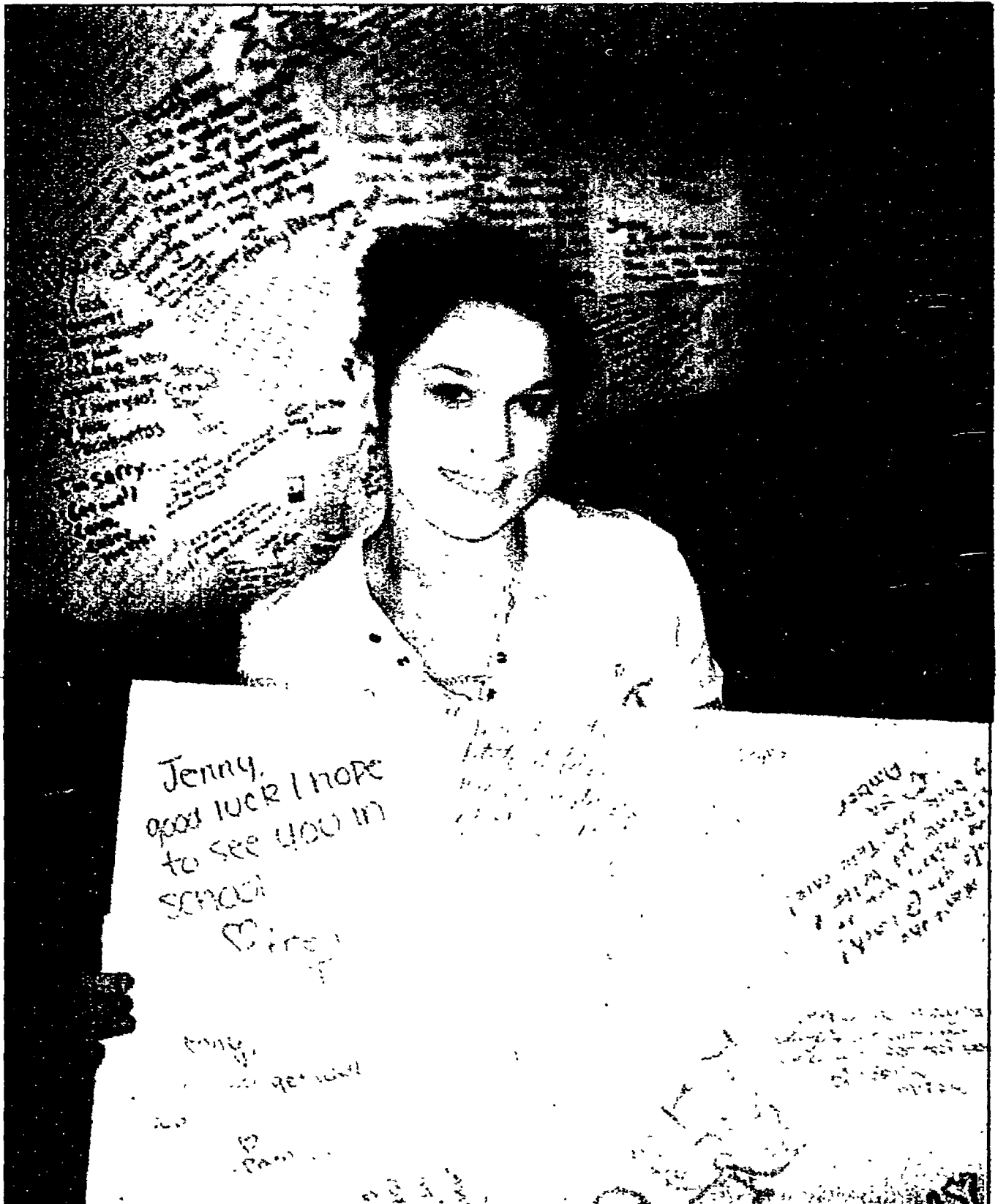


photo by JENNIFER NORRIS

Northville High School senior Jenny Speyer sits in front of a room-size banner made by her fellow schoolmates after she was injured in a car accident Oct. 22. The multiple banners depict students' wishes for a speedy recovery.

## Whereya headed? Bus gives freedom

By Arlynn Hill  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Northville Senior Center Transportation Services are helping seniors, handicap in its community get to where they need to be.

"They're like the pizza guy — they're always on time," said Marion Miller, a Northville Township senior. "I haven't been using the transportation system long, but I don't know how I would make it without their help."

Miller had a slip-and-fall accident four weeks ago that requires her to attend therapy sessions a few times a week at Providence hospital.

"My kids aren't able to take me



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Northville resident Ruth Atchison gets on the city's Senior Transportation bus last Thursday afternoon for a trip to the beauty parlor.

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# Badges bring smiles to kids at the holidays

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Northville Township police Sgt. Mike Panagiotides and Mike Fox spend some time perusing the aisles at Meijer as part of the "Shop With A Cop" program.



## Township police, Meijer team up to provide gifts to area children

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

More than 20 underprivileged area youths teamed with Northville Township Police officials last week to shop for holiday presents for their families at Meijer.

Samantha Bowlin, community liaison officer for the Northville Township Police Department, said 25 police officers, reserve officers and dispatchers volunteered to participate in the "Shop With a Cop" program.

Bowlin said the children received gift certificates to buy gifts for their families and selected their items with a police official.

"Each officer went with each child individually," Bowlin said, adding that the program is slated to become an annual event between the Northville Township Police Department and Meijer.

"It went really well," she said. "I'm really proud of the outcome. It was so neat to see the kids' faces just light up."

Police officials said the township police union along with the Meijer union donated funds in order for the children to buy holiday presents for their families.

Bowlin said community businesses also stepped forward and assisted at the event. Providence Hospital and Medical Centers donated their time by wrapping the children's

gifts. Livonia's Buca di Beppo restaurant on Six Mile Road catered the event.

Bowlin said the event began at about 5 p.m. and lasted approximately two hours.

She said most of the children purchased clothing to give as gifts to family members. Other items including towels, a vacuum cleaner and a clock radio were also purchased.

"The [children] really did enjoy themselves," said Bowlin. "They were very excited to shopping and get to know the officers."

The youths ranged in age from three to thirteen and were recommended to participate in the program through Northville Civic Concern, said Bowlin.

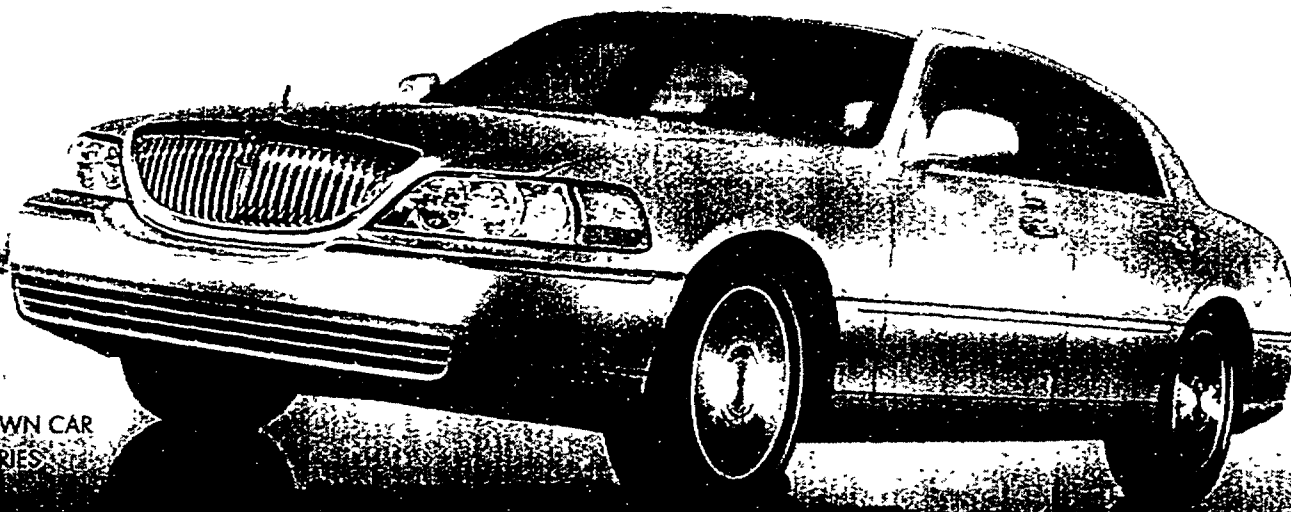
Northville Township chief of police John Werth said, "It was a nice opportunity for the officers and myself to give back to the kids in the community. It was a great time and all the officers enjoyed themselves."

Werth also said the children loved spending time with the officers.

"It's always nice to make somebody's holiday season nice," he said. "It was an outstanding showing by the department. Everybody really enjoyed it."

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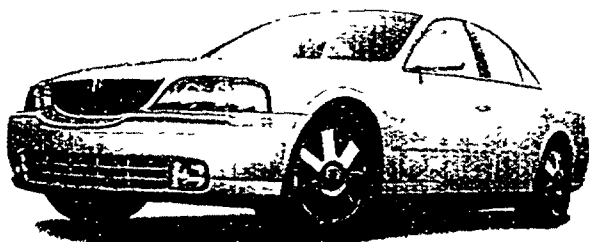
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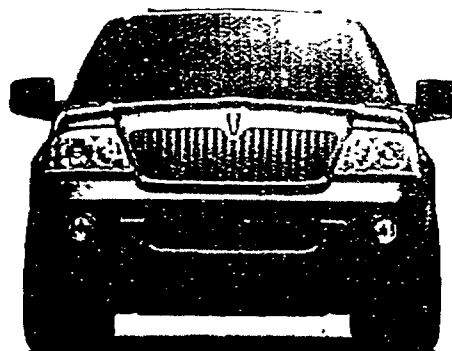
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# Why weight? Forever Slim aims to shed pounds

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

After battling a personal weight problem for years, Suzzi Lang, has found the secret to getting slim. And she's ready to share that with others.

Having just opening this month in Northville, Forever Slim offers area residents the latest in health information and weight loss strategies.

"I've literally helped hundreds of people lose thousands of pounds," said Lang, a co-owner of Forever Slim. "The difference is we look at all the reasons why people are overweight. We work with the person and encourage them in areas where they could do a little more."

Lang said clients will be shown special tips on consuming the right combination of nutrients.

"We're going to show them how to eat real food," she said. "We look at a lot of different things. We do a lot of cleansing and detoxing of the body."

**"Out of the 50 states, Michigan is one of the heaviest."**

*Suzzi Lang  
Forever Slim*

Eating the right kinds of foods and exercising is an important part of reaching weight loss goals.

"The reason why we eat, is to get nutrients," said Lang, adding that the body won't perform efficiently without proper food and care.

Co-owner, Betty Maliska, can vouch for the program's ability to peel off the pounds.

"I started and I really didn't think I was going to lose weight as quickly as I did," she said.

Maliska said she lost 11 pounds in ten days.

Together, the two women have a common interest in helping others achieve their goals in weight loss and body transformation.

"We're here because we really care about people," said Lang. "I have a strong passion for this. They need a coach. We're coaches. My mission is to make America slim, which is a huge undertaking. I know."

"Out of the 50 states, [Michigan] is one of the heaviest."

According to Lang, hundreds of thousands of people die every year from problems related to obesity.

Maliska shares a similar ambition in helping others overcome



Photo by John Heider

Suzzi Lang, right, and Betty Maliska run their "Forever Slim" health and weightloss consultation business out of their Northville Road office.

obstacles in losing weight.

"I want to help educate all these people so that they can get healthy, look in the mirror and feel good about themselves," she said.

The owners said a custom plan is developed for each client. Just like fingerprints, they explained, each

person and their needs are different.

Lang and Maliska said they are able to work with clients over the phone, one-on-one or even in group sessions.

"We guarantee you will be happy with your results," said

Lang. "Come and check us out. We want to help people. We really care. We're here to answer questions."

The Forever Slim health and weight loss clinic is located at 18600 Northville Road, Suite 170.

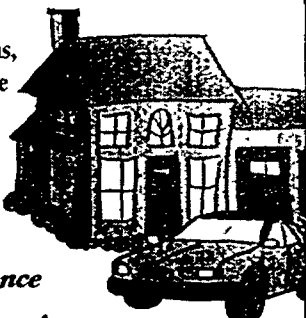
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At the final buzzer, neither the students nor the faculty could claim supremacy over the other, as the Meads Mill matchup ended in a 48-all tie.



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Members of the Meads Mill student body work the ball inside against the arch-rival teachers in the student-faculty basketball game last Friday.

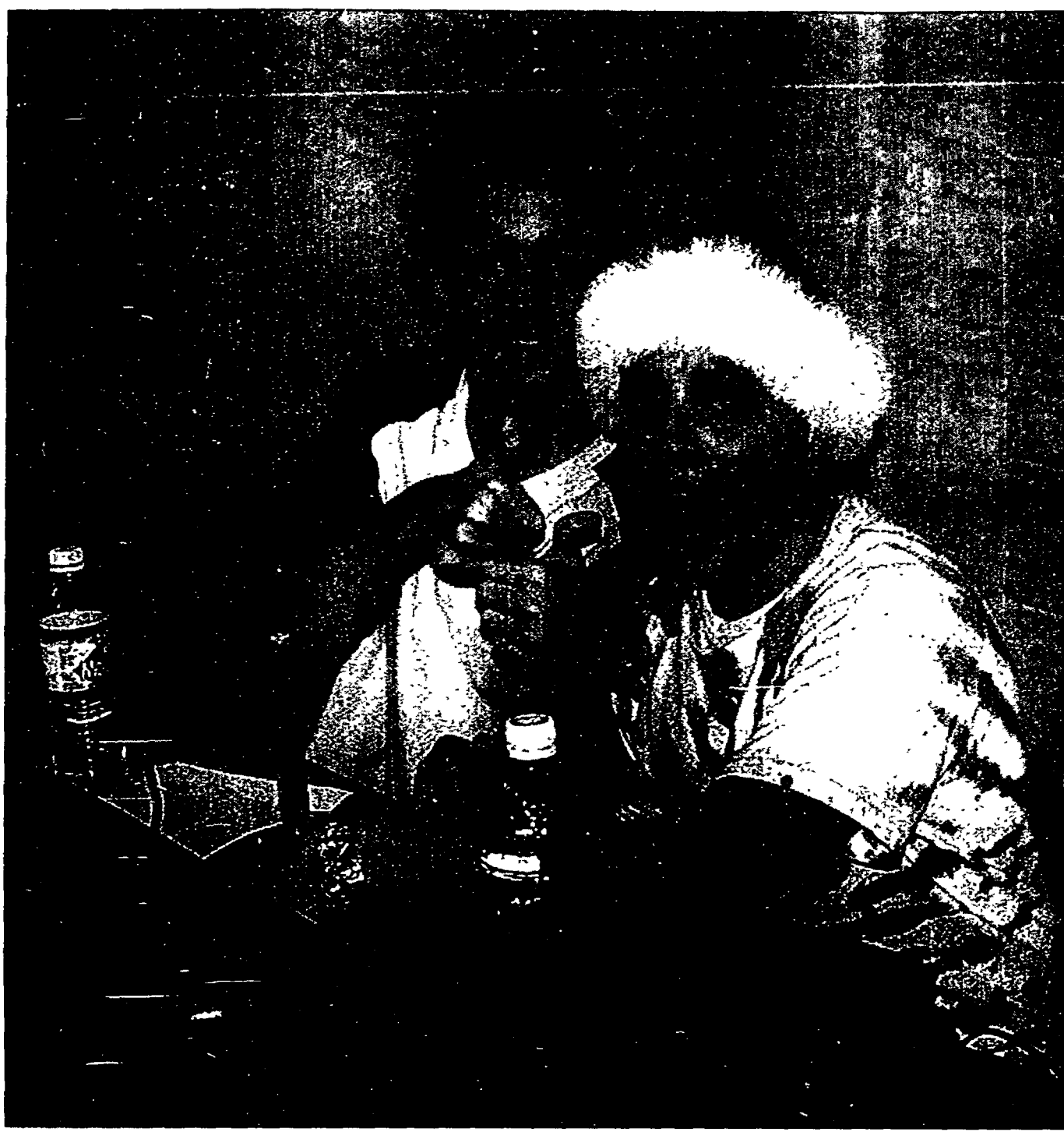


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Kevin Ruzyllo (left) and Michael Garbarz — who make no attempt at concealing which team they're pulling for — call the action of the student-faculty basketball game from courtside.

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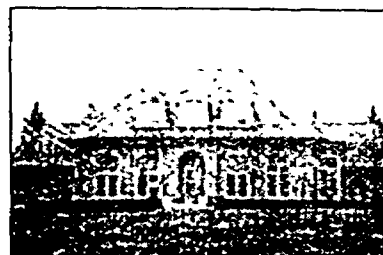
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# Voices ring high at Meads for holiday concert

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

The Meads Mill Middle School Eighth Grade Select Choir prepared to ring in the season in song as they performed their holiday concert last week.

Choir director, Patricia McLaughlin, said the concert included songs representing Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas. The performance also included an original dance by Alyssa Bitell and Rachel Halboth to the poem "Fog" by Carl Sandburg.

"It was really a good experience for the students," said McLaughlin. "It worked out very nicely."

"I thought that the performance was well attended. The students did an excellent job performing not only Christmas music but music of Kwanzaa and Hanukkah."

McLaughlin said she was able to incorporate information gained via conferences into the evening production.

"I attended an African music conference and worked on several songs and rhythm patterns that I was able to teach one of my choirs," she said. "We were able to perform that in recognition of Kwanzaa."

Authentic drums were also used for the performance.

Other highlights of the evening included a modern dance performance by two students.

"It was a very festive evening," said McLaughlin.

Over 100 students, including the members of the Eighth Grade Select Choir, joined forces to present the holiday concert.

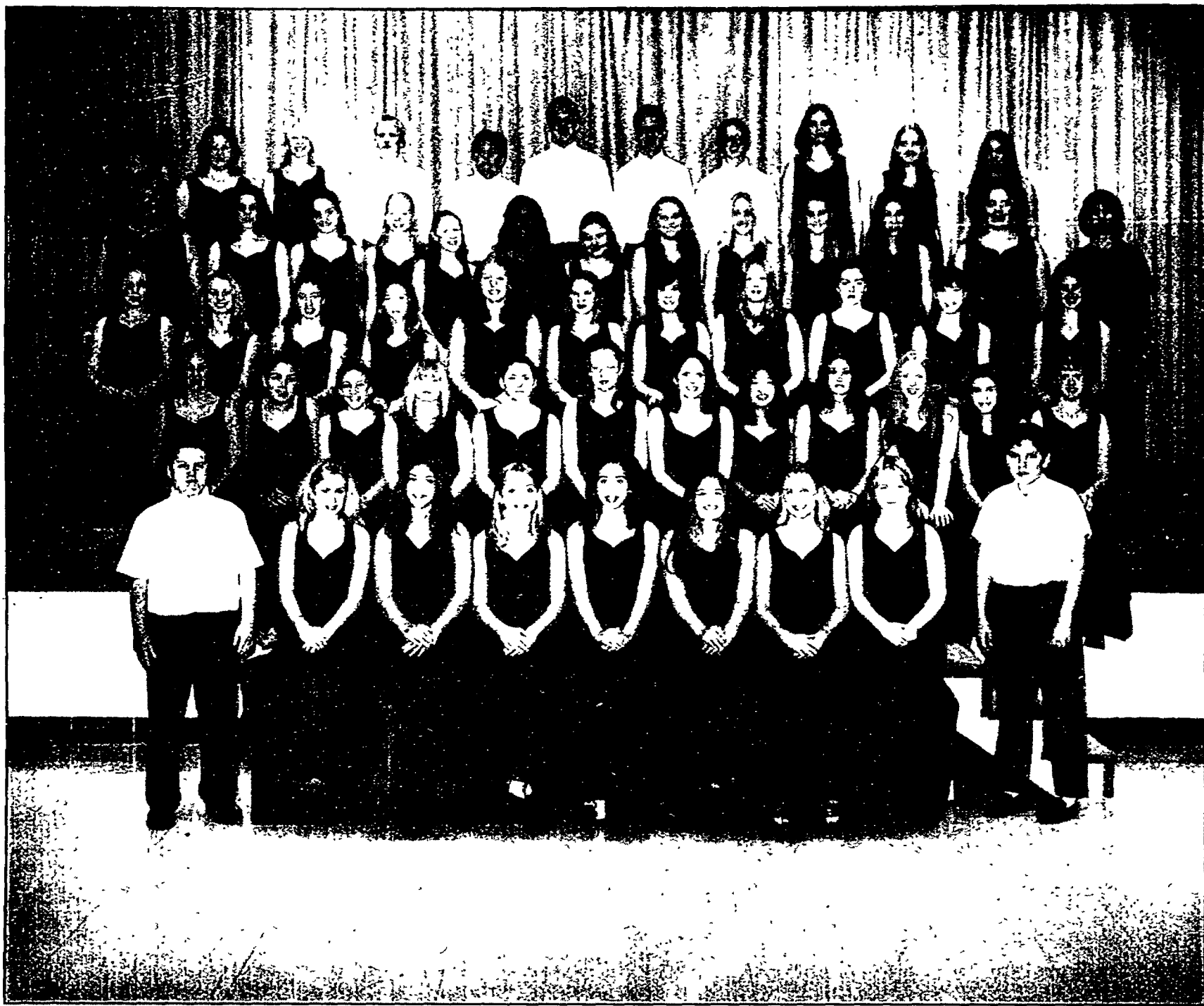
"They did work very hard," said McLaughlin. "They did several traditional carols at the beginning."

She also said students in grades six and seven participated as well.

McLaughlin said this was the first year that the seventh and eighth grade boys' select choir performed together during the production.

And plenty of student and staff preparation took place long before the event.

"We start working on pieces in October," said McLaughlin. "The concert comes very quickly in December."



Members of Meads Mill Middle School's eighth grade select choir tune up before their holiday performance, which recognized the many celebrations of December.

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# City adopts new charitable group policy

By Arlynn Hill  
SPECIAL WRITER

Charitable organizations working within the city of Northville have a new policy for solicitation that will protect their safety.

The city council members accepted the proposal for the solicitation policy at Monday's council meeting.

"I think that it is a fair and a reasonable policy," said city manager Gary Word. "It should promote the safety of the people active in those organizations."

Word said that the council members asked for the new policy last spring.

At its regular meeting earlier this month, city council reviewed a draft of the proposal. After

reviewing council members suggested three revisions to the proposed policy.

The revisions create guidelines for:

- Soliciting event dates, which defines the soliciting date to be between the hours of 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. or from dawn to dusk, whichever is shorter, and;
- Requiring approval to solicit

on public streets with the condition that minimum safety measures are maintained during the entire event, including wearing visible clothing and placing traffic cones in areas where soliciting is done.

The policy will become effective on Jan. 1. Requests to solicit on public streets within the city that are under county jurisdiction

may also require county approval. A written copy of the approval, if required, must be submitted to the city manager at least three business days prior to the start of the soliciting event.

The following streets are under county jurisdiction:

**OAKLAND COUNTY:**  
Eight Mile Road and Novi Road

**WAYNE COUNTY:**  
Eight Mile Road, Edward Hines Drive, Griswold Street, Seven Mile Road, and South Main/East Main Streets (Northville Road.)

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## Merry Christmas — now get ready for tax season

FROM THE IRS

Earlier is better when it comes to working on your taxes. The IRS encourages everyone to get a head start on tax preparation. Not only do you avoid the last-minute rush, early filers also get a faster refund.

There are seven easy ways to get a good jump on your taxes long before the April 15 deadline rolls around:

- Gather your records in advance. Make sure you have all the records you need, including W-2s and 1099s. Don't forget to save a copy for your files.

- Get the right forms. They're available around the clock on the IRS Web site, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), under "Forms and Publications."

- Take your time. Don't forget to leave room for a coffee break when filling out your tax return. Rushing can mean making a mistake - and that can be expensive!

- Double-check your math and Social Security number. These are among the most common errors on tax returns. Taking care on these reduces your chances of hearing from the IRS.

- Get the fastest refund. When you file early, you get your refund faster. Using e-filing with direct deposit might get you a refund in as little as 10 to 15 days.

- E-filing is easy. E-filing catches math problems, provides confirmation your return has been received and gives you a faster refund.

- Don't panic. If you have a problem or a question, remember the IRS is there to help around the clock. Try our Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Or call our toll-free customer service number at (800)

829-1040.

### WHAT IS YOUR FILING STATUS?

Your filing status on your federal tax return is a category that identifies you based on your marital and family situation, according to the IRS. It is an important factor in determining whether you must file a return, the amount of your standard deduction and your correct amount of tax. If more than one filing status applies to you, you may choose the one that gives you the lowest tax obligation.

There are five possible filing statuses: Single, Married Filing Jointly, Married Filing Separately, Head of Household and Qualifying Widow(er) with Dependent Child. Your marital status on the last day of the year determines your status for the entire year.

Generally, if you are unmarried, divorced or legally separated according to your state law, your filing status is Single.

If you are married, you and your spouse may file either a joint return (Married Filing Jointly) or separate returns (Married Filing Separately). If your spouse died during the year and you have not remarried, you may still file a joint return with that spouse for the year of death.

Generally, to qualify for Head of Household status, you must be unmarried and have provided more than half the cost of keeping up a home that was the main home for yourself and a qualifying relative for more than half the year. You may also qualify if you are married but did not live with your spouse at any time during the last six months of the tax year and you provided more than half the cost of keeping up a home for you and your dependent child for more

than half the year.

If your spouse died during 2000 or 2001, you may be able to file as a Qualifying Widow or Widower. To do this you must meet all four of the following tests:

You were entitled to file a joint return with your spouse in the year of death.

You did not remarry before the end of 2002.

You have a child, stepchild, adopted child or foster child who qualifies as your dependent for the year, and

You paid more than half the cost of keeping up your home, which was the main home of that child, for the whole year.

You can find more detailed information on each filing status in Publication 501, "Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information" the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). You may download forms and publications from this site or order them by calling toll free 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

### SHOULD I ITEMIZE?

Whether to itemize deductions on your tax return depends on how much you spent on certain expenses last year. According to the IRS, money paid for medical care, mortgage interest, taxes, contributions, casualty losses, and miscellaneous deductions can reduce your taxes. If the total amount spent on those categories is more than the standard deduction, you can usually benefit by itemizing.

The standard deduction amounts are based on your filing status and are subject to inflation adjustments each year. For 2002, they are:

Single	\$4,700
Married Filing Jointly	\$7,850
Head of Household	\$6,900

Married Filing Separately \$3,925

The standard deduction amount is more for taxpayers age 65 or older and for those who are blind.

Your itemized deductions may be limited if your adjusted gross income is more than \$137,300, or \$68,650 for those Married Filing Separately. This limit applies to all itemized deductions except medical and dental expenses, casualty and theft losses, gambling losses, and investment interest.

When a married couple files separate returns and one spouse itemizes deductions, the other spouse must also itemize and cannot claim the standard deduction.

There are some taxpayers who are not eligible for the standard deduction. They include nonresident aliens, dual-status aliens, and individuals who file returns for periods of less than 12 months. For additional information, see Publication 501, "Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information."

For more details on itemized deductions, see the instructions for Schedule A, Form 1040, or Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax." You may download publications and forms from the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or you may order them by calling toll free 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

### RECORD KEEPING

You can avoid headaches at tax time by keeping track of your receipts and other records throughout the year, the IRS advises. Good record keeping will help you remember the various transactions you made during the year, which may help you out on

your taxes.

Records help you document the deductions you've claimed on your return. You'll need this documentation should the IRS select your return for examination. Normally, tax records should be kept for three years, but some documents - records relating to a home purchase or sale, stock transactions, IRA and business or rental property - should be kept longer.

In most cases, the IRS does not require you to keep records in any special manner. Generally speaking, however, you should keep any and all documents that may have an impact on your federal tax return. Such items would include bills, receipts, invoices, mileage logs, canceled checks, or any other proof of payment, and any other records to support any deductions or credits you claim on your return.

Good record keeping throughout the year saves you time and effort at tax time when organizing and completing your return. If you hire a paid professional to complete your return, the records you have kept will assist the preparer in quickly and accurately completing your return.

For more information on what kinds of records to keep, see Publication 552,

"Recordkeeping for Individuals," and Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax For Individuals." Both are available on the IRS Web site ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)), at any local IRS office, or by calling toll-free 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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The award-winning IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) offers a wealth of resources for making tax time, well, a little less taxing. A user-friendly format allows even novice Web surfers to quickly find the information they need. With the help of the site's interactive features, you can calculate proper withholding amounts, learn if the interest you pay is fully deductible or determine whether you're eligible to claim the child and dependent care credit.

The site also provides instructions for obtaining copies of prior-year tax returns and has a handy tax event calendar. You can even get help with a particular tax question.

Millions of taxpayers visited the IRS site in 2002, downloading nearly 300 million forms, publications and a variety of topic-oriented tax information. With the click of a mouse you can access:

- tax forms, instructions, and publications
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# NHS senior appreciates help from class

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"We're in pretty much the same classes," she said.

Along with concentrating on her class work and her senior year in high school, Speyer is also anticipating the next rung in her academic career.

"I've gotten accepted to all the colleges I want to go to," she said. "I just have to decide."

Speyer said she is contemplating attending Albion College or the University of Michigan.

Studying pre-law at the college level has sparked her interest.

The Oct. 22 collision has resulted in the Northville Public School district hiring traffic experts from Reid, Cool and Michalski, Inc. to conduct a traffic study and suggest solutions to improve the traffic flow around Northville High School.

Speyer said improvements are needed.

"[There's] a lot of kids in the school. With all the kids in one compact area...they're real inexperienced. It's not a good combination," she said. "They're all in a hurry to get home. They don't drive as safely as they usually would."

Despite the high volumes of cars attempting to leave the high school, Speyer said she has noticed one improvement.

"People don't cut you off as much now," she said.

The notion of installing a traffic light at Northville High School has been explored, however traffic experts have stated that a signal is not warranted at this time.

The firm's research said standards needed to permit traffic signal control are currently not met, but as traffic volumes increase on Six Mile Road, a signal may become warranted. The company suggested if a signal is ever installed, it should be traffic actuated so it only stops Six Mile Road traffic when school traffic is present.

**"It made me realize how much people care and how lucky I was. I can't believe we came out of there in one piece."**

**Jenny Speyer**  
Northville High School senior

Speyer said she would favor the installation of a signal.

"They should put up a light," she said. "Turning left is the scariest thing. It's hard. In the morning, it's just the same. It's so hectic."

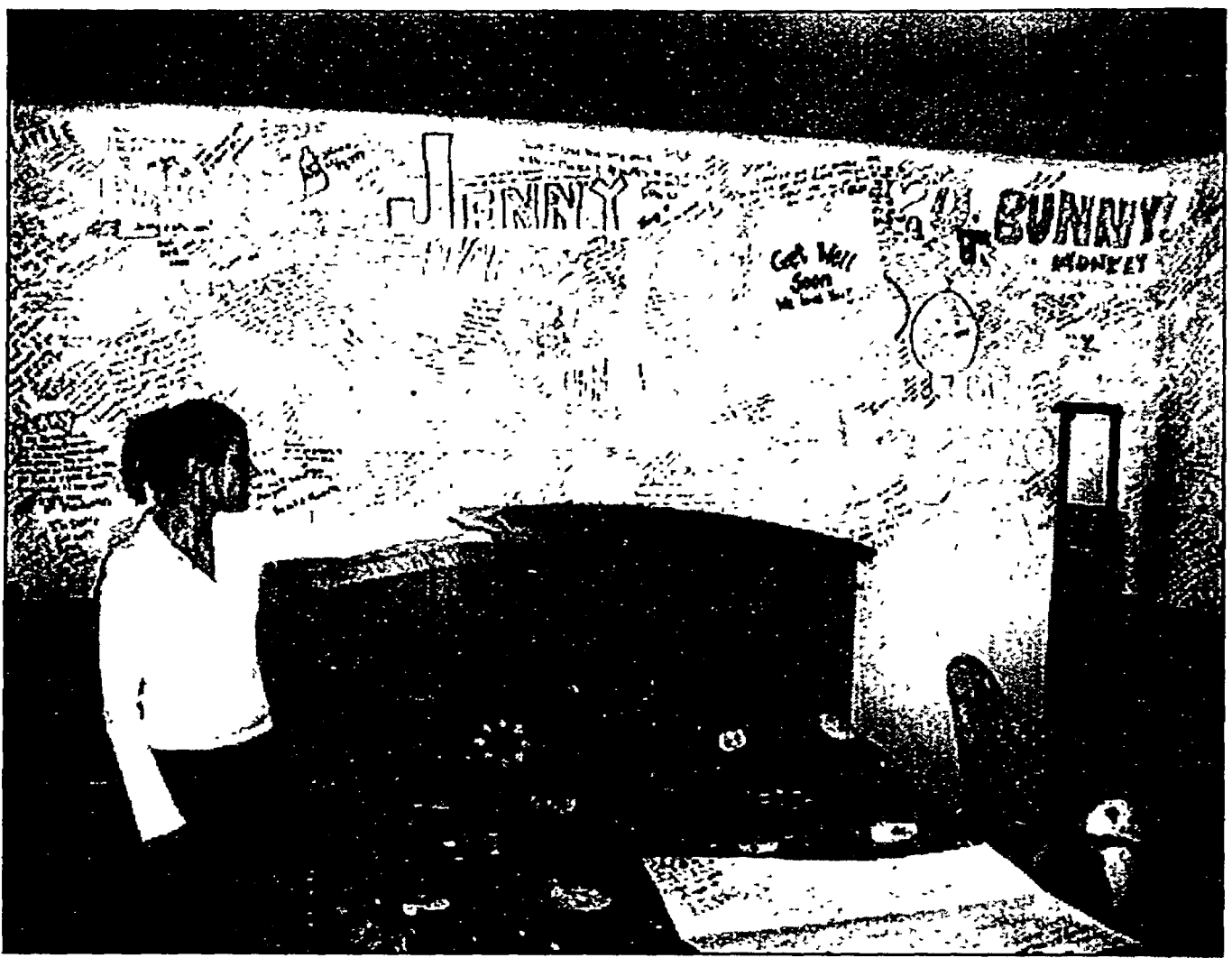
No matter what transpires for area commuters in terms of future signals or signs, the Oct. 22 collision has caused area residents much concern. Concern over safety and in the well-being of those affected by the accident.

"I don't want all the attention," said Speyer. "It feels like I did something important when I didn't. Me and Kim laugh about all the attention we get. It's a little awkward."

But despite the cumbersome levels of attention, Speyer said she was grateful for the support she has received.

"I'm thankful I have my friends and family and that they're so amazingly supportive," she said. "Everyone was so helpful. It was an unfortunate thing, but I learned people supported me and I got through it."

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Northville High School senior Jenny Speyer surveys a banner made by her fellow schoolmates after she was injured in a car accident Oct. 22. The large banner posted in her bedroom depicts students' wishes for her speedy recovery.

## Library Lines

### LIBRARY HOURS:

The Northville District Library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and open Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The library will be closed for the holidays on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The library is located at 212 W. Cady Street, near Northville city hall, with parking off Cady Street. For detailed information about programs or services, or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

### 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.

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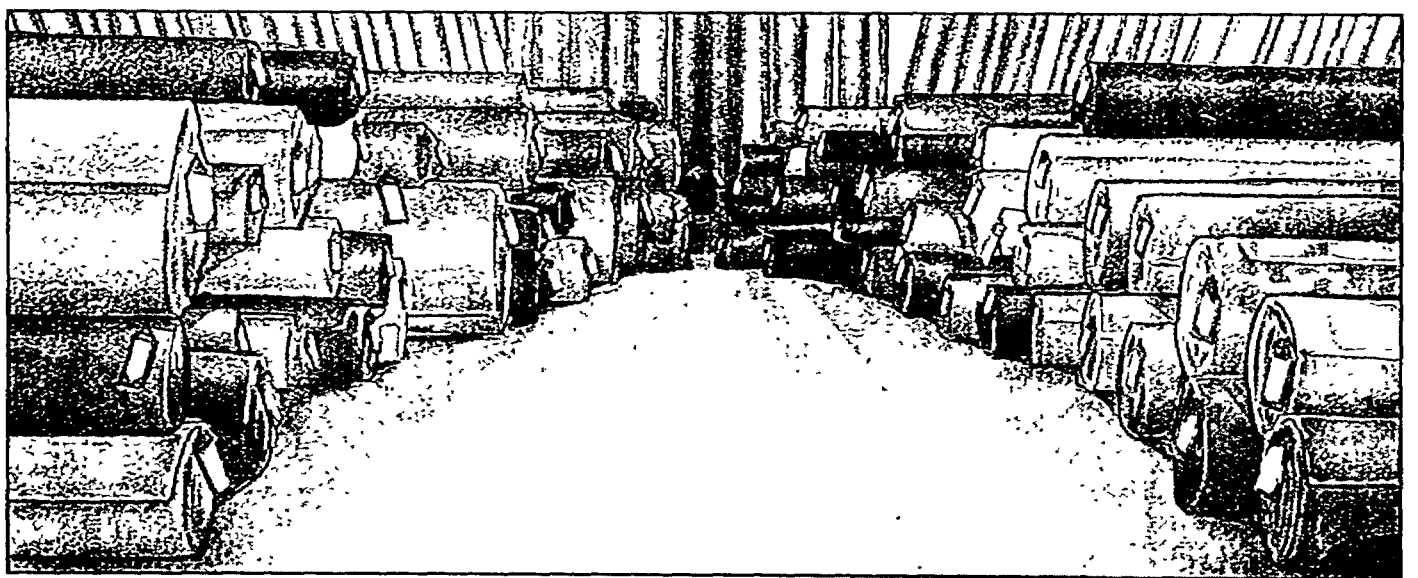
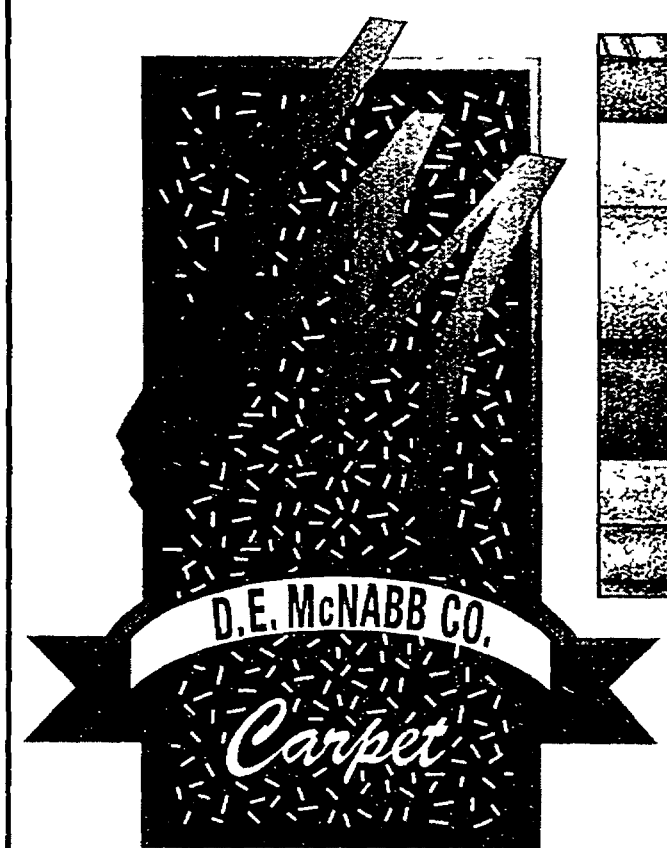
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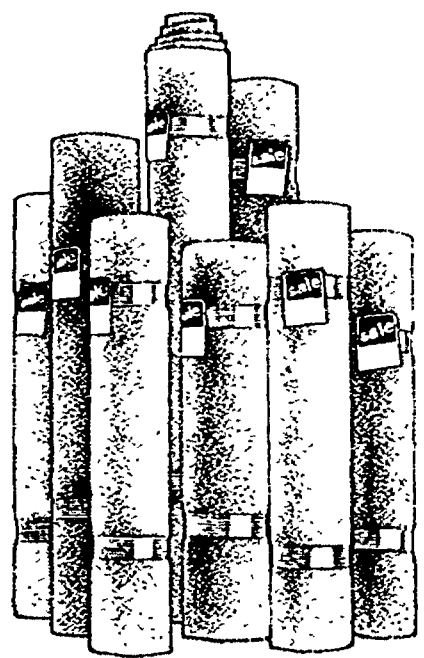
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# Local dancer in 'Radio City'

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Twelve-year-old Kristen Haugen has accomplished a feat few adults have been able to.

Haugen, a Novi resident, was selected from a group of approximately 200 children to appear in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular production at the Fox Theater in Detroit. She appeared in an afternoon performance Dec. 12.

A seventh grade student attending Detroit Country Day School, Haugen was one of three individuals selected as a "walk-on," said her mother, Cathy Haugen.

According to Cathy, her daughter was involved in the pre-show and was allowed to help demonstrate the costumes. During the performance, Kristen was cast as a shepherd and helped bring out a live camel.

"It was so awesome for her to be picked to do this," said Cathy Haugen, who explained her daughter auditioned in front of the Rockettes prior to being selected.

"They picked her out to appear in one show out of 200 [people]," she

said. "It was a really cool experience."

Kristen, who has been dancing since age three, practices at the Piazza Dance Company in Northville.

Of the hundreds of hopefuls that auditioned for the production, Kristen beat the odds when the final decisions were made.

Her younger siblings, Michael, Daniel and Maria were among the audition participants.

Cathy Haugen said the opportunity for her daughter to appear in such a production was a special opportunity.

"I thought it was just awesome to be picked out of 200 people," she said. "Her brothers and sisters tried out too. They only picked three people. Just the thought that she was good enough to be chosen, it was such an honor for her. They were really nice to her there."

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Kristen Haugen, a Novi resident who studies at Piazza Dance Company in Northville, is one of the participants in the ongoing performance of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.

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### • THIS WEEK •

**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 family-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

**Gubernatorial inauguration of Jennifer Granholm**  
**DATE:** Jan. 1  
**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Lansing  
**TIME:** 11 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** Granholm, a Northville

Township resident, will be sworn into office, as will her running mate, John Cherry. Several additional inaugural events are planned for around the state in the days to come.  
**PHONE:** (517) 241-1844

### • COMING UP •

**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

**Single Place divorce recovery workshop**  
**DATE:** Thursdays, from Jan. 9 -

Feb. 20  
**LOCATION:** Forum Room, First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The many and varied elements of divorce recovery, ranging from legal matters to emotional ramifications, will be discussed. A \$35 fee will cover the cost of the book, "Growing Through Divorce." Guest speakers representing a variety of backgrounds will be on hand to offer their expertise on divorce and what it means.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-0911

**Northville Arts Commission Winter Concert Series — Plymouth Symphony**  
**DATE:** Jan. 12  
**LOCATION:** Northville High School (45700 Six Mile Road)  
**TIME:** 3 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The ensemble, under the direction of Nan Washburn,

will perform baroque music, including the Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 by Bach. Tickets are \$10 and \$7 for students. Seasonal tickets to all concerts (Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23) are available for \$30.  
**PHONE:** (248) 449-9950

**Northville Arts Commission Michael Farrell Lecture Series**  
**DATE:** Jan. 15  
**LOCATION:** Hillside Middle School (775 N. Center Street)  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The works of Frederic Remington, Charles Russell, Albert Bierstadt and others associated with the westward expansion of the U.S. will be discussed. Farrell is an associate professor at the University of Windsor. Tickets are \$5 and \$10 for students. Seasonal tickets for all lectures (Feb. 19, March 12, April 16) are \$45 and \$25 for students.

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**Northville Woman's Club Meeting**  
**DATE:** Jan. 17  
**LOCATION:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)  
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** A representative from AAA-Michigan will be speaking on "The Older, Wiser Driver." The event's chairperson is Rigmor Cuolohan.  
**PHONE:** (248) 349-3064

**Wedding Planning 101**  
**DATE:** Jan. 18  
**LOCATION:** Old Church Square Banquet Facility (145 N. Center Street)  
**TIME:** 12:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Representatives from several wedding-related businesses will be on hand to answer questions about wedding planning

and organization. Admission is \$10 per person. Advance registration is required.  
**PHONE:** (248) 668-9273

**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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## Northville School Briefs

### FREEDOM CELEBRATION JAN. 10

On Jan. 10, Doug Scheer is slated to present the fundamental beliefs that unite all Americans at Silver Springs Elementary School. This celebration of American freedom includes the Bill of Rights, the Constitution and our core

democratic values. This activity is funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

The performance is to be given to students in grades 3, 4 and 5.

### JANUARY: SCHOOL BOARD

### RECOGNITION MONTH

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month and provides a time to honor the work of school board members and their commitment to public education. The theme of this year's celebration is "They're Counting on You:

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## On Campus

The following Northville residents received Schoolcraft College scholarships from their respective departments: Iuila Berry, Vanessa Franulic, Jacqueline Gonyea and Jennifer Wood.

The following Northville residents were named to University of Michigan for the fall 2002 semester: Jason D'Haene, Abdul Elsaadi, Laura Elsesser, Meredith Hasse, Jingqui Mei, Daniel Mihalik, Mahshid Pirzadeh, Nikhil Siraman, Stephen Traicoff, Maureen Vermeulen, Grant Weber and Jonathan Woodsum.

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# Need a ride? Senior buses offer a chance

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back and fourth because they have jobs," she said.

Senior transportation system coordinator Kathy Hietala said the program offers curb-to-curb service.

Reservations for service must be made at least to working days in advance, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. Requests are not accepted at any time other than Mon. through Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hietala said that on the weekend and in the evening they have special group outings for its riders.

"Providing our service so the seniors in Northville, Northville Township, and the handicapped is something we enjoy doing," Hietala said.

The service has been serving the community since January of 2001. There is a two-\$2 charge each way, and \$4 round-trip. Each rider must complete a rider information form before riding the bus. Eligible passengers must be a Northville or Northville Township resident,

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**Kathy Hietala**  
Transportation coordinator

50 years of age or older, or handicapped (certified by an physician.) The service area is a five-mile radius from the Senior Center, which is approximately bound by Thirteen Mile Road, Joy Road, Farmington Road, and Currie Road. For further information, (248) 349-4140.

*Arlynn Hill is a special writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700.*

## Mill Race Matters

Mill Race Village is an 11-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. or by appointment. The first Sunday in June through the 3rd Sunday in October the buildings are open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with docents (hosts/hostesses) 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. 26	9am-1pm 5pm-6pm	Office Closed Rehearsal	Cady Inn Church
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Dec. 28	3pm-8pm	Kelly Christmas Party	Cady Inn
Dec. 29	10am-12pm	Mill Creek Community Church	Church
Dec. 30	9am-1pm	Office Closed	Cady Inn
Dec. 31	9am-1pm 9am-12pm	Office Closed Stone Gang	Cady Inn Village & Cady Inn
Jan. 1	9am-1pm 7pm-9pm	Office Closed Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service	Cady Inn Church
Jan. 2	9am-1pm	Archives Open to the Public	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 Year's from December 21 until Jan. 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 to 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 Fandinitus at (734) 459-7146 or e-mail Diane Carter at [dianecart@earthlink.net](mailto:dianecart@earthlink.net).



### Western Township Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis 3:00 p.m. Monday, December 17, 2002

Regular meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.  
Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen  
Agenda - adopted as amended, changing the order of items under old business.  
Minutes of regular meeting of November 18, 2002 - approved.  
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$888,616.68 - approved.  
Operations & Maintenance Report for November 2003 - received and filed.  
Director's Report for December 2003 - received and filed.  
Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) Repairs - approved.  
Lower Rouge Storage Building; Certificate of Substantial Completion - approved.  
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed.  
Accountant Position Recruitment Update - approval to post the job advertisement for the permanent position.  
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Chairman,  
THOMAS J. YACK

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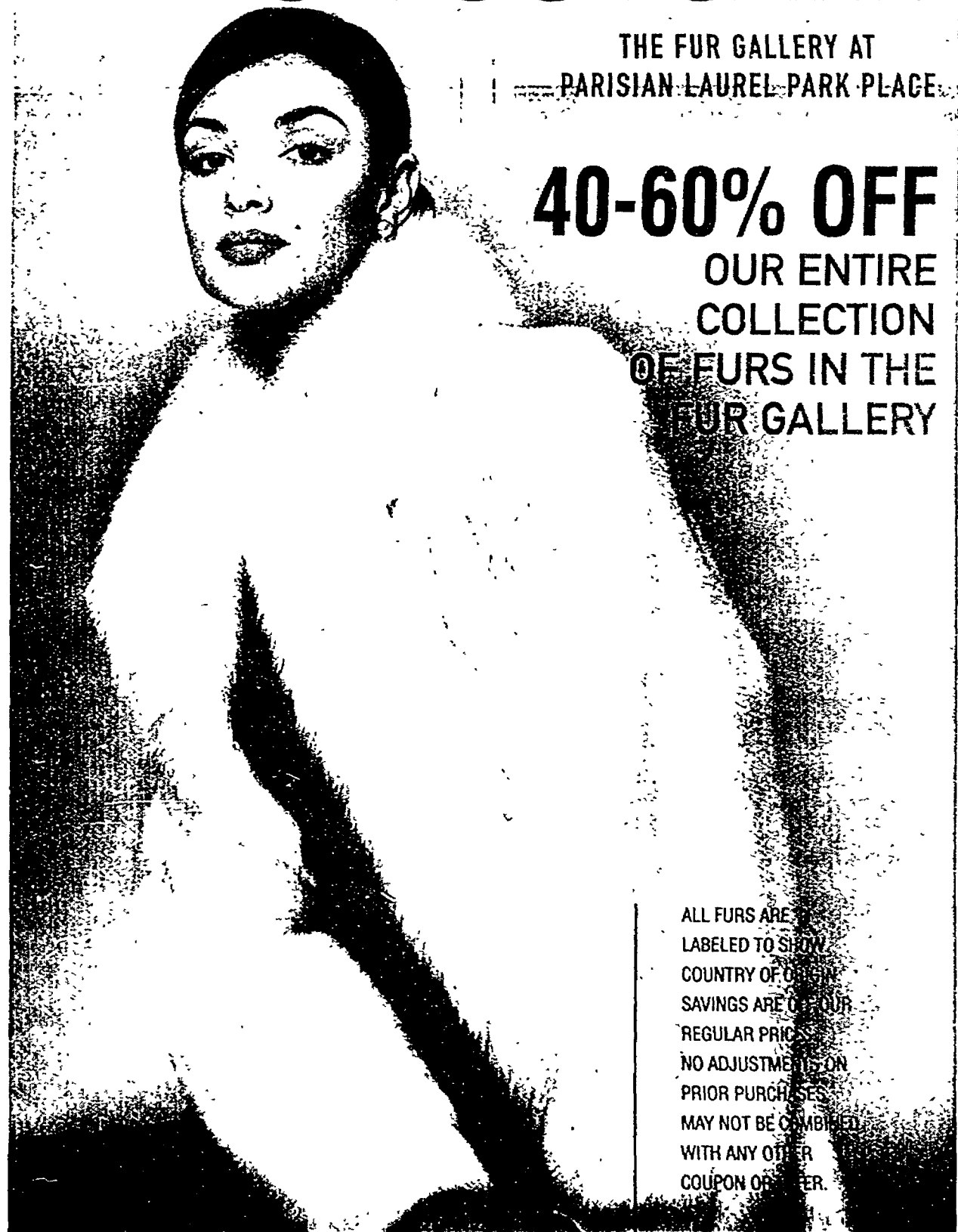


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## Gov. Granholm: our best wishes

Unfortunately, our holiday printing schedule isn't going to allow us time to bring readers coverage of Northville Township resident Jennifer Granholm's gubernatorial inauguration in the Jan. 2 edition of the Northville Record. Oh, we'll be there in Lansing next Wednesday, and we'll certainly cover this

agree with Governor John Engler, but she still did her job. Few would dispute she did the job effectively, either. No, her tenure in the AG's office wasn't perfect, but given the political boxing ring she was in, she seemed to carry herself efficiently and effectively.

• Ms. Granholm will have a

Democratic ally in Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. As Detroit — the largest municipality in the state — and Lansing have clashed often in the last 12 years, Ms. Granholm can breathe

**We wish Ms. Granholm all the best as she begins this latest chapter in her life next week.**

But beating the calendar...damn! Not this year. Just the same, we recognize the significance of Ms. Granholm's rise to Michigan's highest office...not only from the standpoint of what it means on the local scene, but also what it means across the state. The election of Ms. Granholm gives Michiganders a chance at a fresh start — even if that fresh start comes at a time when a major budget deficit is sure to throw up tripwires aplenty for the new gov.

Despite the financial problems facing Michigan, Ms. Granholm has plenty working for her, too.

• From all indications during her tenure as attorney general, Ms. Granholm has demonstrated an ability to be mindful of the people's best interest, taking on large corporations and fighting for the proverbial Little Guy.

• Ms. Granholm has shown how to conduct business in adverse conditions, and still make things happen. Working under a Republican governor for four years, Ms. Granholm didn't always

just a little bit easier knowing the big town in her state is a member of her own party. We wish Ms. Granholm all the best as she begins this latest chapter in her life next week. If you live in Northville or Northville Township, this is a great moment in our community's history, and one we won't soon forget. Whether you're a Democrat, Republican, Green Party or Independent, if you live in 48167, we hope you join us in standing up and applauding, if for only a moment.

There's work to be done in Michigan, yes...but let's just savor the moment.

FOOTNOTE: (A sure sign of Northville / Northville Township's hardcore Republican backbone rests in the fact that Ms. Granholm didn't win either community in the November elections. Ouch! Tough crowd...)

## Why not impose taxes on those who do wrong?

I have been following [Phil Power's] columns about balancing Michigan's budget and thought of an idea that may interest you. In the resource economist circle we often discuss Green Tax Reform. It is the idea of taxing "bads" and not "goods." For instance, a government would increase taxes on an industry that pollutes, forcing them to pay an amount that represents the full cost to society. The tax would equal the value of the externalities, or the negative impact that pollution creates for the general public.

Essentially, the new tax would work to internalize the externalities. The company could then make an informed choice about whether to abate their pollution or to pay the tax. Either decision would benefit society.

"Goods" does not mean products in the traditional sense of the word. Instead, "goods"

are things that benefit society (i.e. people's work). So instead of increasing income taxes to balance a budget, the government would tax facilities that pollute a valuable public good (air, land, or water). More stringent environmental regulations are long overdue in this state and Green Tax Reform is a strategy that could have wide-ranging social, economic and environmental benefits.

Megan Cauzillo  
Northville

## Volunteers appreciated at Northville Library

The Friends of the Northville District Library would like to thank the following volunteers for their help in 2002, with fall

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Carol Poenisch  
Friends of the Northville District Library  
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## Christmas, as seen from I-80

The way I figure, there's at least a 50-50 chance you're reading this column while standing in line, waiting to return some God-awful gift you received yesterday. (Which reminds me — if you were the recipient of either a) a Chia-something, b) a pair of talking slippers, or c) a membership in the



Chris C. Davis

Bread of the Month Club, I sympathize.) On the other hand, spent the better part of yesterday trolling along Interstate 80, enjoying all the sights and sounds of northern Illinois and Iowa. Yessirree, the calendar was not my friend this year, and my wife and I were forced to knock out the 600-mile trek from Novi to Des Moines at around 11 a.m. Moments after I wolfed down my breakfast casserole and downed a much-needed third cup of coffee, Emily, Sammy the Wonder Beagle and Yours Truly piled in the Jeep...

...and away we went. There weren't many, unless you count the promos for Ronald Reagan's birthplace, and the WORLD'S BIGGEST TRUCKSTOP! Traffic reports we caught from time to time weren't really all that important, since there was hardly

another living soul out traversing America with us.

I did, however, pick up on a few life lessons in the process of embarking on this holiday expedition. As a service to readers everywhere, allow me to share a few travel tips, should you find yourself on The Road on a day when the rest of the free world is done.

• **Invest in a solar-powered car.** You probably have heard what they say about the word "assume." That's even more true on Christmas Day, when you assume gas stations will be open to assist travelers in their commute. You may also assume insurance companies will be available to deliver emergency fuel to your car, when the gas station you assumed would be open, isn't. (Of course, if you assume the sun will be shining enough on the day of your travel to get you where you need to be, I assume you're in the market to invest in some Florida swampland.)

• **Playing Auto Bingo is a drag.** With the roads as sparsely populated as they are on Dec. 25, it's entirely possible that you may cross time zones between when someone spots a car with one burnt-out headlight and when someone spots a Kentucky license plate.

• **Bring your own music for the trip.** If you rely on radio stations to get you through the hours on the road, you're playing with fire. You'll pass through stretches of land where the radio stations' Christmas playlist refuses to go past "Feliz Navidad" and the umpteenth version of "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas." Unless you like being tortured by hearing the same tunes over and over again, I'd suggest packing a few CDs of

your own.

• **Know where you're going in advance of going there.** Much like gas stations are, tough to come by on Christmas, so too are travel information centers, or much of anything else you'll need to find your way, should you become lost on the highways and byways of America. If you find yourself saying "It's got to be coming up in the next couple of miles," you're probably dead meat.

• **If you bring a dog with you in the car, make sure he / she doesn't have access to the ultra-fragile presents.** I think you can do the math.

Hey...wake up! You're next in line, behind the guy returning the glow-in-the-dark Star Trek radio.

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Yessirree, the calendar was *not* my friend this year, and my wife and I were forced to knock out the 600-mile trek from Novi to Des Moines at around 11 a.m.

## Some vacation...homework awaits!

What exactly is it like being a student over Christmas break? A two-week break from long days of lectures, busy work, and homework is what every student needs at this point in the school year. Time to catch up on hours of sleep, to get together with friends, spend time with family, and have time to ourselves is what every student



Lauren Brackel

desires during this time in the school year.

Sure, break is always great when it comes to getting free time, but what happens to everything we've recently learned? Does it all stay in the back of our minds? Or does it wander off to somewhere it's hard to retrieve?

The week before Christmas Break is

often tough to get through. Everyone is anxious to get it over with. Somehow, the week before break always seems to drag. During the week we are given multiple tests or projects that are to be finished or turned in by Friday. The reason teachers probably do this is because they don't want to give us tests when we return from break. Students seem to forget most of what we've learned over the period of two weeks.

But what happens when we take our finals? Are we really going to remember everything from the beginning of the semester, after we have been out of school for two weeks?

Every student has the two weeks to study hard for finals. The question is, do they bother studying at all? Studying is probably the last thing students want to do while on vacation. Whether they are in an exotic place lying on a sandy beach, or sitting at home by the fire. They will be against the idea of picking up a textbook and reviewing.

So what is the solution to the problem? In a way, it would be nice to have finals before Christmas break. Every student would be able to enjoy their vacation with one less thing to worry about. However, students already have so many other

tests and projects to complete during this last week. So if this were to happen, the students would be much more stressed than they already are.

All in all, students: remember to study, but don't study too hard, enjoy yourselves for two weeks, then get serious again when you return.

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# Milford bites the dust

By Tyler Carter  
SPECIAL WRITER

After marching over South Lyon and Hartford in their opening games, the Northville Mustangs faced their first real test on Friday (Dec. 20). The Mustangs hosted the Milford Mavericks in a packed house. The Northville crowd, led by the Militant Mustangs cheering section, was behind the team every minute of the game.

In the opening minutes, it appeared as if the Mustangs would have their hands full with the Mavericks. In the first half both teams got in to some foul trouble and free throws became a serious factor in the game. The Mustangs capitalized on these opportunities shooting 6 of 8 in the game from the free throw line. After leading 9-8 in at the end of the first quarter, the Mavericks found themselves trailing 23-17 at the half. In the fourth quarter, senior Chris Jacobs helped the Mustangs increase their lead and

gain momentum, hitting a huge three pointer followed by a steal on the next possession. Northville controlled the ball well in the fourth quarter and took smart shots. With less than five minutes remaining, the Mustangs took advantage of the absence of a shot clock and controlled the ball for a minute and half before junior Mark Sorensen made a quick pass inside to senior Jeff Varley for an easy lay up. The Mustangs maintained their lead for the remainder of the game, coming away with a 51-39 victory.

Adam Konst stepped into a role he hasn't found himself in this year, leading the team in rebounds [6]. Coach Darrel Schumacher stated after the game, "Adam really sacrificed his body tonight and that's really what we needed..." It seemed as if every minute, Konst was on the floor diving after a loose ball or getting physical under the basket. The Mavericks guarded Konst man to man all game, holding him shotless on the night. His only points came

on free throws.

Roger Garfield was the leading scorer [17 points], shooting 7 of 11 from the floor. Roger also led the team in assists [4] as he has done every game this season. Senior Scott McNeish had 14 points, adding serious strength to the inside game.

Schumacher was happy with the Mustang's win: "Tonight was a solid team effort. Guys coming off the bench turned up the tempo and actually spread our lead." The Mustangs head coach is also content with Northville's defense at this point in the season: "Defense is an ongoing battle and you always have to do new things as the opponents pick up on them. Right now our defense is doing a good job, but it's going to have to keep getting better if we are going to get where we want to be."

The Mustangs will play in a holiday tournament on Dec. 27 and 28; followed by Canton on January 3. The Canton game will be Northville's first division contest and looks to be a great match up.

# VICTORY!

By Kita Mason  
and Sam Eggleston  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Yes! Yes, yes, yes!

Victory is the sweetest thing, wouldn't you agree? The Northville Mustangs wrestling team sure would, as they finally tasted the sugar-coated flavor that victory brings with it. You know what? They are only wanting more.

The Mustangs were able to pound the Plymouth Canton Chiefs into submission 60-15 as points seemed to climb through the roof with one pin after another.

Steve Minier (171-pound weight class), Ben Mason (189) and Adam Blunk (103) snatched pins on the nights in the first period of their grappling efforts while teammates Marc Mueller (heavyweight), Peter Kelley (152) and captain Rick Riegner (160)

earned their marks with pins in the second period. Steve Cain, showing the tenacity that has made Mustang wrestling a program to contend with, wore out his Canton opponent and earned the pin in the third.

The Mustangs weren't going to earn every point with pins though, and showed that there is more than one way to skin a cat. Joel Schanne (112) earned six points when the Canton grappler forfeited the match with an injury, while Mike Carter collected another six for the Mustangs when his opponent was marked as a void. Josh D'Anna, a captain with the Northville squad, managed to fight his way through the flu and won a 9-2 decision for an additional three points in the victory.

Brad Ashby snatched victory right out from under his opponent in his match in the 135 pound class. He found himself down 0-2

heading into the third period of the match before choosing the ever-risky up position to start in the third. The move proved to be a good one, as he earned a one-point escape. Soon after, Ashby took control of the match with time ticking off the clock. With only 20 seconds remaining in the match, Ashby pulled off a three-point move, throwing his opponent onto his stomach and pulling him into a cradle for a near-fall at the buzzer.

At the junior varsity level, Mitch Gayner (112) and Justin Swanson (140) showed the future of Northville wrestling to be a bright one as they both earned pins against their Plymouth Canton opponents.

Yes, victory is very, very sweet. How about a victory against an opponent in the Western Lakes Activities Association? That's just like adding sprinkles on top.

# Santa Claus is always watching — and is very, very real

Dear Editor—

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

(A letter to editor Francis P. Church of The New York Sun, published in 1897.)

Many of you know the answer that Francis P. Church gave this little girl over 100 years ago, but for those who don't, I'll remind you: Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

When I was in second grade, one of my best friends, Alan Haynes, was of the Jehovah's Witness religion. He was never allowed to participate in our holiday celebrations, no one knew his birthday and he pretty much just watched as the rest of us snacked on cookies and exchanged little gifts or cards. One day, close to Christmas

break, I asked Alan why he didn't join us — why didn't he celebrate Christmas like everyone else and how come he never told us about the gifts that Santa Claus brought him.

"There's no such thing as Santa Claus," he said.

I remember that moment oh-so-very clear even to this day. I guess you could call it a turning point in my life. Yeah, you always heard the rumblings from the older kids as they talked about catching their parents putting their gifts under the tree and such, but when I asked my mom and dad about those comments, they simply said that Santa couldn't do everything for everyone, so sometimes he just dropped off the gifts and let the parents put them away. Simple enough explanation and one that I took as gospel at that age.

But, this was different. Here sat a child of my own age — my best friend then and for years to follow — telling me that his parents sat him down

and explained to him that there wasn't nor ever was a Santa

Claus. How could I ignore such blatant facts given to me by one of my most trusted companions? I don't think I ever viewed the holiday the same after that and I just resigned myself to the fact that there was indeed no Saint Nick and no flying reindeer.

Before any parents pick up the phone and call me to complain about this, and for those children who are, for some reason or another, reading this column, let me say something first — I was wrong. Alan was wrong, Alan's parents were wrong and everyone who has ever said there is no such thing as Santa Claus is wrong. It took me too many years to realize it, but now that

I do, I'd like to help you realize it too.



Sam Eggleston

Though I've never seen Santa stuffing gifts under my tree on Christmas Eve, and I've never had the opportunity to see reindeer take to the skies, I have to say that I am an honest-to-goodness believer in the jolly elf. I guess you can call it a hunch, or a feeling. Does he know when I've been bad or good? You bet, and that's

why I try my hardest to be good for goodness sake.

Now, for those of you who are firm believers in the idea that Christmas is just a holiday for the stores — I feel sorry for you. Yeah, I spent a pretty penny on gifts this year for my loved ones. I especially spent a little more on my wife,

Christie, and my daughter, Shaylyn. While out and about in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas shopping, it always hits me. Santa Claus is alive and well. All you have to do is see the face of a child opening a gift to realize that. Heck, even if you see the look on my wife's face, or my grandma's face when they open a gift it's an undeniable fact.

Maybe Santa doesn't make himself seen for those of us who reach a certain age, but if you sit back and take a deep breath — inhaling all the Christmas cheer around you as it flows from your house and your neighbors house and everyone else's place — and then hold it in, you'll feel him standing over your shoulder watching you. It starts as a tingle in your lower back usually, and moves slowly like a chill up your spine. From there, the hairs on the back of your neck might take a moment to stand slightly before this warm embrace fills your chest and

the warmth of love is all around you. Yup, that's Santa Claus.

He's all the love and all the Christmas joy of the world wrapped into that great feeling when you hand someone a gift. He's a magical being that lives for such magical moments.

For many of the readers out there, these words are being scanned over the day after Christmas and for some it may even be a few days past that. But remember, even if you think you don't believe in St. Nick, there is a child inside you that still does. And, a new year of being good or bad has already started, so make them all count.

Santa's watching, you know.

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# Tankers have rough start, but smooth out

## Hosting WLAA relays a new experience for 'Stangs, as well as a good one

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Overall, it's not a bad start to the season for the Northville Mustangs swim team.

Sure, they took some lumps with their third-place finish in a double dual for the first meet of the season, but they redeemed themselves with their performance as a competitor and host of the Western Lakes Activities Association relay meet.

"We had a much better performance," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said of the WLAA meet over the double dual. "From top to bottom we swam and raced a lot better. I was much more impressed with their effort."

Salem still managed to crack open the safe and escape with the winnings with 238 points, and Canton notched second-place honors with 223. And then, in a moment that showed this team's true talent, the Mustangs took third with 215. Behind them, in fourth, was Stevenson at 208.

"It wound up being pretty close and pretty tight all the way around," Bennetts said. "I was really impressed."

In the relay meet, the top three teams in each even took home medals — and the Mustangs weren't excluded from that grouping.

In the 400 medley, Brad Farris, Jason Albosta, Joe Lunn and Brad McIntosh notched a third-place finish with a time of

4:10.24. Albosta? Yeah, he's a swimmer this year too.

"He's just at home in the pool," Bennetts said. "We look to him to lead in a lot of different ways."

The 400 free relay found the Mustangs in third with Joe Hogan, Nick Folas, Tyler Carter and Billy McIntosh finishing in 3:47.39. In the 200 free, the Mustangs followed Mike Handley, Mark Stuber, Harry

**"We were more prepared on the mental side of things. We came ready to swim."**

Rich Bennetts  
Swimming and Diving Coach

Moroz and Aaron Flohr notched a second with a time of 1:44.41.

Stellar senior divers Albosta and John Campbell took second in the relay meet with a point total of 356.45.

The single victory of the Mustangs came from Farris, Hunter Schwartz, Brad McIntosh and Lunn as they secured a win with a time of 1:53.49 in the 200 backstroke.

"We were more prepared on

the mental side of things," Bennetts said. "We came ready to swim."

Against the South Lyon and Chelsea swim teams in the double dual meet, the Mustangs came up on the wrong end of the stick.

"We were short with both teams," Bennetts said.

Chelsea topped Northville 94-76, while South Lyon beat them 89-81.

Taking first place victories for the Mustangs was only one swimmer in the form of freshman Farris. He snatched victory away in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:03.41.

Freshman Schwartz also had a nice showing, putting up a time of 2:35.83 in the 200 medley while Weston Labbs fin-

ished the 100 back stroke in 1:18.10.

"Overall, it was a rough start to the season," Bennetts said. "We weren't really prepared to get in there and swim, so I'll take the heat for this one."

The Mustangs also lost points due to South Lyon's pool not having diving capabilities at the time of the meet.

But, the only way left for the Mustangs is up, as they dive into a very competitive and promising new year.

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## Even old jocks learn new appreciation

Let's play word association for a minute. The word is cheerleading — what are your thoughts?

Odds are, if you are like me, your visions of this "competitive sport" belongs more in a museum than in a sports article.

Granted I carry baggage. I am a guy, a former jock, and one who went to high school decades ago. However, after spending time on the web doing research, talking to Novi's HS cheerleading coach, and watching first-hand competition with a boatload of teams at an invitation I found out that I am that dinosaur when it comes to competitive cheer.

Let me begin by stating something that will make it tough to go into the guys' locker rooms after uttering. Guys, the girls are on varsity cheer are athletes. They are more flexible in their muscle coordination than you are. The girls' routines are as precise as a diver on the guys' swim team. They have to remember sets/words/actions as much as your high school quarterback. And, cheerleaders have to take the pounding of teammates standing on them multiple times which is as bad as the center of your boys' basketball team going for a rebound.

Face it guys (I had to) that few guys (if they could get through the embarrassment of being lead by girls) could master the difficulty of competitive cheerleading.

Let me explain something about competitive cheerleading.

Sure, there still is the element of "gimme an N, gimme and O..." still in it from the old



Michael Zerkich

days which started in 1884 at Princeton. The chants and the slogans haven't gone away plus the words will never be considered to be Shakespearean in eloquence. Understand that even fellow guys Dwight D. Eisenhower and Jimmy Stewart were cheerleaders in those days of old. And, sure, the girls were and are pretty with the likes of actress Cheryl Ladd and Miss America's Phyllis George. All this hasn't changed.

What has changed is that old style cheerleading is dead. It changed sometime in the late 1970s that supported boys sports by enthusiastically cheering for them win or lose. Now, it's the cheerleaders competing along side the boys as fellow athletes.

What is the change? As one person put it, "cheerleading is where athletics meets dance." Nowadays cheerleader routines involve gymnastics, tumbling, aerobics, and precision maneuvers that have to be completely in unison with several teammates. Yes, there are cartwheels, doing the splits, and other familiar positions.

However, there is more to it now. Girls today get tossed twirling into the air in spirals and sometimes back-flipping down to the mat in a summer-sault.

More intriguing is that they do all of this while chanting — loudly.

These girls are in great physical condition. They have to be to compete multiple times in the same day. Stamina is a must and strength (both upper and lower body) is not an option. Flexibility is essential as their is almost no time without moving multiple body parts into difficult positions.

Cheerleaders have to be exceptional dancers, too, with great timing, sharp defined movements, and snappy coordination with your teammates. Dancers, I might add, that can lift someone nearly your own weight and hold them there for tens of seconds. Try being at the bottom of a standing pyra-

mid to find out what strong shoulders mean.

One other point is the crossover between gymnastics and cheerleading. Gymnastics involve routines of handspings, hurdling, and double summersaults by yourself. Try doing the same thing with five, 10, or more people in unison. And chanting. Its easy, right?

Well, this article wasn't written to say that the guys sports aren't tough. They are. However, let's give girl sports, and cheerleading is one of them, some of their long overdue credit. Girls, you have come a long way!

Now guys (and the community), one last item. Find out when the cheerleaders perform at your high school. They supported you in the rain, in smelly gyms and night or day. Its your turn to yell for them. Give them all your encouragement and energy as they compete for the right to win, also, for your school. I will and I didn't think I would ever do that many years ago.

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## Sports Shorts

### AAU Basketball tryouts

The Western Wayne Wildcats 2003 Northville AAU Girls Basketball team will be holding tryouts for the upcoming season. The dates and ages are as follows:

11-year-olds: January 14, 4:30-6 p.m. at Hillside Middle School; Jan. 17, 6:30-8 p.m. at Northville Community Center.

12-13 year olds: Jan. 13, 6-7:30 p.m. at Hillside Middle School; Jan. 15, 6-7:30 p.m. at Hillside Middle School.

14-16 year olds: Jan. 7, 7-8:30 p.m. at Northville High School; Jan. 8, 7-8:30 p.m. at Hillside Middle School.

If you have any questions regarding the Western Wayne Wildcats AAU Basketball teams, call Kim Ficus at (248) 380-9496 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

### Holiday Baseball/Softball camp

Put One on 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

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### Rec Basketball Registrations

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

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## The Screen Beat

By Brian Renner  
The Movie Insider

Coming to theaters within this week is the crime-ridden thriller "Catch Me If You Can" starring Leonardo DiCaprio as Frank Abagnale, Jr., who works as a doctor, a lawyer and as a co-pilot for a major airline, all before his 18th birthday. A master of deception, he was also a brilliant forger, whose skill gave him his first real claim to fame: At the age of 17, he became the most successful bank robber in the history of the United States. FBI Agent Carl Hanratty (Tom Hanks) made it his prime mission to capture Frank and bring him to justice, but Frank is always one step ahead of him, baiting him to continue the chase. "Catch Me If You Can" is a DreamWorks Pictures release and rated PG-13 for some sexual content and brief language.

Engrossing family drama, "Evelyn," based on true events, follows Desmond Doyle (Pierce Brosnan) and his struggle to raise his kids alone in Ireland in 1953. Doyle is devastated when the power of the Church and the Irish courts take his children away and put them in orphanages. Vowing to reunite his family, he enlists the help of his friends and together they attempt to do what has never been done. "Evelyn" is a MGM/UA release and rated PG for thematic material and language.

Family fairytale "Pinocchio" stars Roberto Benigni as Pinocchio, who follows up his Oscar-winning "Life Is Beautiful" with a live-action adaptation of the Carlo Collodi fable. The film is the story of the wooden puppet and his curious spirit that leads him into one wild adventure after another, despite guidance from the Blue Fairy, and the love of his father, Gepetto. "Pinocchio" is a Miramax Films

release and rated G for nothing objectionable.

Epic drama "Rabbit-Proof Fence" travels back in time to a dark chapter in early 20th-century Australian history; the forced separation of Aboriginal children from their parents. The story follows three such girls who escape and travel 1,500 miles across the desert

to get back home. "Rabbit-Proof Fence" is a Miramax Films release and rated PG for emotional thematic material.

Denzel Washington's directorial debut "Antwone Fisher" follows Antwone Fisher (newcomer Derek Luke), a young sailor, who is ordered to see a Navy psychiatrist to control his anger after fighting with

shipmates. After therapy, Antwone sets out to find the family that abandoned him as a child, and the mystery of his identity is revealed. "Antwone Fisher" is a Fox Searchlight release and rated PG-13 for violence, language and mature thematic material involving child abuse.

Literary drama "The Hours,"

based on the 1998 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Michael Cunningham. The film profiles the parallels between the lives of three women - a Manhattan book editor (Meryl Streep); a California housewife (Julianne Moore); and famed author Virginia Woolf (Nicole Kidman) - living in different places and eras. "The Hours" is a

Paramount Pictures release and rated PG-13 for mature thematic elements, some disturbing images and brief language.

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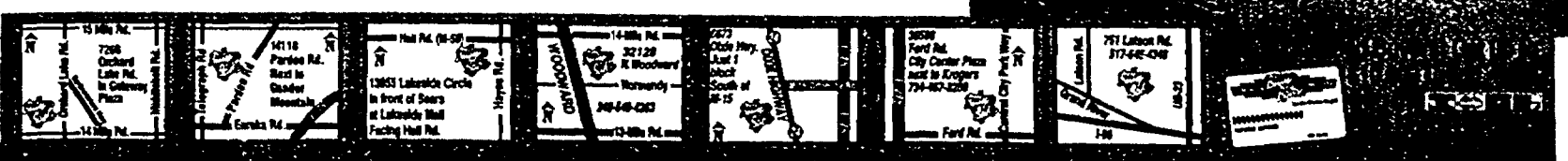
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## There's no need to relocate when you can remodel

### REMODELING REMEDIES

Remodeling Remedies specializes in additions, kitchen, bath and basement remodels. Owner Gary Hess and marketing director and estimator Jim Faydenko are licensed builders with over 30 years combined experience in the field. For additional information contact Remodeling Remedies at (248) 486-7494 or toll free (866) 226-9080.

Gary Hess, licensed builder and owner of Remodeling Remedies, says that short of buying a new house, remodeling is the only option for those who wish to add additional living space, an extra bathroom or update a kitchen in their current home. An added advantage to remodeling is the family doesn't have to relocate.

"People often opt for remodeling because they like their neighborhood and they don't want to move," Hess said. "They like their neighbors and the friends they've made in the area."

For the most part, they're going to get a good return on the project as well. According to "Remodeling Magazine," based on Realtor information, a 16- by 20-foot family room addition with a job cost of \$53,000 could recoup as much as \$40,000 at the time of sale.

But, those figures can only ring true if the remodel was done right. That's where Hess says his business comes in to play. Remodeling Remedies is a source of pride for Hess. He's built his business solely on reputation. Reputation for getting the job done right, on time and within budget.

Hess started Remodeling Remedies 13 years ago. He's been in the construction business for about 15 years and believes in providing customers with good quality workmanship.

"We don't take any shortcuts," he said. "I worked a long time with no advertising. I've built my business through word-of-mouth. I don't think I've ever left a job site where the client wasn't fully pleased with the work."

Jim Faydenko, marketing director and estimator for Remodeling Remedies, says the company's focus is to provide clients with quality service at a reasonable price.

"I believe in the quality and service, the way we manage the job site. It's worth value and we do a good job at that and want to make sure people understand



Photo by Hal Gould

(L-R) Jim Faydenko (left) and Gary Hess go over house plans at their Remodeling Remedies office at 6760 Pontiac Trail in Salem Twp.

that," he said. "We know we're not going to be the lowest bid. I will never be the lowest bid. I don't want to be the lowest bid. Typically we're right in the middle."

From the time Remodeling Remedies takes that first call for a job estimate to seeing it through to completion, clients can feel secure in knowing that they are receiving a high standard of professional service.

Once the initial call is received, Faydenko makes contact with the client to arrange a convenient time for a walk through of the proposed project. From there he begins to gather information from the potential client; information that is used

to build a written estimate report.

"Clients are given a very detailed written estimate broken down in categories such as demolition, plumbing, electrical and so on. Once our crew begins work they turn in detailed time sheets so we know our costs and we know that we're hitting our marks that we need to hit. If not, we adjust them."

"A perfect example is drywall. These guys are great at drywall," he said. "Drywall is an art. It's not easy to do it right and to make it last - but they're very good at it - and over time our prices in the drywall category have actually decreased because we're more efficient at

it. So we adjust our prices accordingly to be competitive."

Faydenko also handles the design aspects of the project presenting clients with a 3-D computer graphic printout of the proposed results. Remodeling Remedies passes its builder discount on to its clients as well - "so they're going to receive better value," Faydenko said. "Plus we carry a one-year warranty on all materials and work that we provide."

Hess and Faydenko work solely with dependable, qualified subcontractors that have established a proven record of getting the job done right when it comes to handling such items as electrical, heating or plumbing.

"We're licensed builders," Faydenko said. "But, that doesn't mean we're licensed plumbers or electricians. We let the experts do what they're best at."

What Remodeling Remedies is best at is additions, kitchen, bath and basement remodels.

"We enjoy the finish work," Faydenko said. "There's a variety there for us. We're real particular on the finish details."

Remodeling Remedies prides itself on a job well done. The company employs professionals who are polite, conscientious and respectful. Care is taken to protect areas of the home from dust and dirt during remodeling

and at the end of the day construction is swept up and tools are put to the side. Crews arrive on time daily and put in a full day's work and questions are answered promptly. Hess and Faydenko are responsive to their clients concerns.

"The quality, the service - that means something to us," Faydenko said. "People appreciate good service and good quality; people who say we're going to do the job and who actually do it - and finish on time and on budget. We think that is important. And if that means something to a homeowner then we're the company for them."

### Your money matters

## Avoid the after-Christmas blues: Ask about the return policy BEFORE you buy the gift

Congratulations! Christmas is still days away and already, your shopping is done, the gifts are wrapped, the tree has been expertly decorated, the packages have been mailed, the cookies are baked, the Christmas cards have been sent, and you—who swore the holidays wouldn't get the best of you this year—are feeling very, very smug. After all, you researched the best deals, bagged some nice gifts, and, most importantly, resisted the temptation to blow your holiday budget.

You have Christmas wrapped around your little finger. Not so fast, super shopper. Have you thought about those refunds and returns? Stores are



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not bound by Michigan law to refund or exchange retail purchases, unless the product is defective or was misrepresented to you, the customer.

"November and December is a fun time filled with holiday shopping and cheerful attitudes," said Better Business Bureau of Eastern Michigan President Fred Hoffecker. "Then January comes around and the Better Business Bureau (BBB) is flooded with angry calls from consumers with frustrated attitudes about why they can't return or exchange their holiday gifts and purchases. Consumers need to ask at the time of purchase what a store's refund and exchange policies is

to avoid hassles and headaches down the road."

The BBB recommends asking the following questions before you make a purchase at a store or online.

- Does this merchant have a return policy? If so, what is it?
- Is this a "final sale" item?
- If I can return the item, is there a restocking fee?
- May I exchange the item for another like it?
- May I return the item and buy something else with a store credit?
- Will the store give me my money back if I make a return?
- If the purchase is made under a written contract, how are the normal return privileges affected?
- What is the physical location I need to know to return

merchandise purchased online?

For additional information on refunds and exchange policies, call the BBB at (248) 644-9100 and ask for a free copy of the consumer guide, Shopping Topics: Refunds & Exchanges. Or visit online at [www.eastern-michiganbbb.org](http://www.eastern-michiganbbb.org).

If you shopped at a Target or Marshall Field's store here in Michigan this season, it's likely you were charged the correct price for your items. These stores fared the best in the Michigan Attorney General's Ninth Annual Holiday Scanner Survey, scoring a perfect 100 percent pricing accuracy rate. (The Sears store in the 12 Oaks Mall in Novi fared the worst with an 85.71 percent accuracy rate.)

The yearly survey was conducted

in November. Investigators from the Attorney General's Office went undercover to shop 12 stores in Ingham, Eaton, Kent and Wayne counties. The stores, representing the J.C. Penny, Mervyns, Sears, Target and Marshall Field's national retail chains, showed an error rate of just 3.2 percent for the second consecutive year. In past years, error rates have been as high as 17 percent.

In all, the errors resulted in \$13.33 in overcharges and \$26 in undercharges.

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## Oh-my-Lord!

Second Lord of the Rings installment a 10



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No longer so grey, Gandalf is back in this new installment of the Lord of the Rings.

By Sam Eggleston  
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

How can you compare a movie that is, in all rhyme or reason, a continuation of the last?

Unlike the "Star Wars" trilogy, the Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers takes place immediately following the Fellowship of the Ring, thus making it nearly impossible to say this movie was better than the other one and vice versa. You see, when all are said and done, you can essentially sit down and play them back to back for nine hours of Middle Earth battling and the quest to destroy the ring of power.

No, you just can't compare. What I can say is that this movie flawlessly brings us right where we left off. Just to keep things fresh in my mind, I sat down and watched my DVD of the Fellowship and then caught the showing of the Two Towers. I must say, it was an absolute stunner — just like the first. You know what else? The battle scenes were great, the action intense, the story flowing and the characters deep — just like the first one. Better than the first? Nope. Worse than the first? Nope. It's like picking up the books and reading the first one and then the second one — was the first better? Was the second? Hard to say, because they were all written at the same time and these films were all filmed at the same time.

Frodo hasn't changed a bit and neither has Sam. A few new additions in characters doesn't mean things are different, it just means the story is continuing to unfold. As with the first movie, the ring of power is set on finding itself back in the possession of Sauron in Mordor, and one little hobbit has been charged with the task of taking it deep into the darkest part of the world and throwing it into the Mountain of Doom — the only place it can be destroyed. Sound familiar? It should, it's the same premise as the first film.

Now, the breathtaking scenes and the top-notch acting are tested by none in this day and age, and the creative mind of director Peter Jackson has helped bring a slew of characters and beasts to life for our visual enjoyment. There are orcs and dragons and the occasional tree-people that just spring to life in this movie and do so without a hitch. And, I must say, the character of Gollum (My Precious!) is simply marvelous. There are times in the movie that if you didn't remind yourself he was a CGI creation, you'd be ready to help toss in money to fund his trip to a shrink.

This movie is great. It's simply marvelous. The three hours it takes to tell this portion of the epic tale goes by like it's only a half an hour and that is all aided by intense visual direction and marvelous special effects. In scenes like the assault on Isangard, keep your eye on a single creature scurrying from certain doom — you can see their move-

ments throughout the entire scene. Go ahead, watch any of them and you'll see the immense amount of work that went into this film.

Though I've given up on the rating system, I can safely tell you that I'd have given this movie a perfect 10. The plot is golden, the acting is superb, the visuals are enormous and the directing is that which makes people like Peter Jackson very, very sought after. Not only that, but the effects are realistic, the physics are true and the battle of good over evil is unmatched in this day and age.

At one point, the question of what mankind can do over such hatred is asked. The answer is one that won't be told until the third and final installment. My question is, what can be done next to top such a grand film and when will it come? The answer to my question may very well be: Quite possibly nothing, and probably not in my lifetime.

This movie, as well as the entire series, is simply untouchable.

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"Frodo" (Elijah Wood) prepares to strike with his sword, Sting, in the epic-adventure "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers."

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**Q.** We moved the dining table into the corner of our country house living room to take full advantage of the view. It's really spectacular in the winter when the leaves are off and we can see all the way to the lake. But last weekend we had a doctor friend up who really scared us. She said the sunlight will fade our furniture and rugs, but worse, it could be harmful to us, even indoors, even in winter. Before I panic, can you suggest some window treatments that will handle the problem without blocking our view?

**A.** Depending on the orientation of your room, the lower angle of the sun in wintertime can indeed produce more troublesome glare than during the summer months, when the trees help filter direct rays.

But don't panic; there are many solutions available, some as close as your local hardware store. Look for pleated shades that can be mounted bottom-up to filter the view (and the glare) through a veil of fabric. Check out old standbys, such as Venetian blinds and vertical blinds, that control light at the twist of a wand.

Consider a whole new category of window coverings (called "shadings" by the manufacturer, Hunter Douglas), that combine the softness of fabric with all the convenience of a shade. You might also consider the window treatment in the

room we show here. Can't see it? That's the whole idea: you're looking at a minor miracle of modern technology, a window film (Vista UVShield Window Film) that's applied directly to the panes to block bothersome glare without dimming the view or darkening the room.

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**Q.** What should I do about the radiators under the windows all through our "new" old house? We have always lived with hot-air heat, and I'm not sure whether to paint or cover them or what.

**A.** Cherish them would be my advice. Like the footed bathtubs people once upon a time couldn't wait to toss out, bare-ribbed radiators have come back, in a big way, on the tide of nostalgia that's currently influencing interior design.

Paint them -- brilliant aluminum is traditional, but you can match the wall color, if you rather.

Or cover them in style: Find a cabinet-maker that specializes in radiator covers. Usually made of durable hardwoods, such as oak or cherry, there are comb-slat covers and bookcases, covers with closed storage cabinets above, covers that can be topped with cushions to make a cozy -- and truly warm -- window seat.

**Q.** What's the latest word from prognosticator Faith Popcorn, who first told us 20 years before 9/11 that we'd all



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These high, wide and handsome windows are glareproof and fadeproof with an almost invisible film to help protect furnishings.

be into "cocooning" at home today?

**A.** The word on the seer's lips is "cottage," as in "cozy, casual, safe and warm," Popcorn told a reporter at the International Furniture Market in North Carolina.

She certainly rolled all those adjectives into her description of her new office collection for Hooker Furniture.

"Cottage decor is a reaction to a high-tech world" in which women are multitasking "like never before," Popcorn told a reporter. "A house is more than a house -- it's a center for physical and spiritual wellness."

Increasingly, it's also a high-security

retreat in a gated community with thicker doors, shatterproof windows and a new generation of home air purifiers and personal gas masks that, says Popcorn, can protect a family from "whatever bad that might be blowing their way."

Home is also becoming a schoolhouse -- "75 percent of a recent survey thinks home-schooling is a good idea because it keeps young ones close to the nest."

And, of course, home is already the workplace of some 42 million Americans. Popcorn's statistics predict that soon 1-in-7 people will be working at home, many of them women balancing office work with home work.

It's this prediction that inspired Popcorn's ulterior motive in designing furniture, wallpaper and other home-office furnishings, she said: "We're trying to create an environment where a woman can make some money!"

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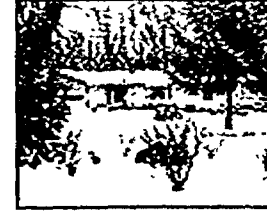
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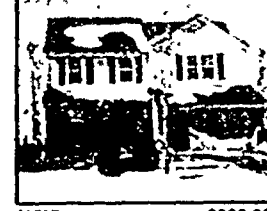
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3150 Fenton	3630 Farms/Horse Farms	Furnished
3160 Fowlerville	3640 Real Estate	4020 Condos/
3170 Garden City	Services	Townhouses
3180 Grosse Pointe	3700 New Home Builders	4030 Duplexes
3190 Hamburg	3710 Apartments For	4040 Flats
3200 Hartland	Sale	4050 Homes
3210 Highland	3720 Condos	4060 Lakefront/
3220 Holly	3730 Duplexes &	Waterfront
3230 Howell	Townhouses	
3240 Linden	3740 Manufactured	Homes
3250 Livonia	Homes	4070 Mobile Homes
3260 Milford	3750 Mobile Homes	4080 Mobile Home Site
3270 New Hudson	3760 Homes Under	4090 Southern Rentals
3280 Northville	Construction	4100 Time Share Rentals
3290 Novi	3770 Lakefront Property	4110 Vacation Resort
3300 Oak Grove	3780 Lake/River Resort	Rentals
3310 Orion Township/	Property	4120 Living Quarters To
Lake Orion/Oxford	3790 Northern Property	Share
3320 Perry	3800 Resort/Vacation	4140 Rooms
3330 Pinckney	Property	4200 Halls/Buildings
3340 Plymouth	3810 Out of State	4210 Residence To
3350 Redford	Property	Exchange
3360 Rochester/Auburn	3820 Lots &	4220 Office Space
Hills	Acres/Vacant	4230 Commercial/
3370 Royal Oak/ Oak	3830 Time Share	Industrial
Park/ Huntington	3840 Lease/Option To	Land
Woods	Buy	4240
3380 Salem/Salem	3850 Mortgage/Land	4300 Garages/Mini
Township	Contracts	Storage
3390 Southfield/ Lathrup	4400 Wanted To Rent	
3400 South Lyon	4410 Wanted To Rent	
3410 Stockbridge/	Resort Property	
Unadilla/Gregory	4500 Furniture Rental	
3420 Waterford/Union	4550 Rental Agency	
Lake/White Lake	4570 Property	
3430 Webberville	Management	
3440 West Bloomfield/	Lease/Option To	
Orchard Lake	Buy	
3450 Westland/Wayne	4580 House Sitting	
3460 Whitmore Lake	Service	
3470 Williamston	4600 Convalescent	
3480 Wixom/Walled	4610 Foster Care	
Lake/Commerce	4620 Home Health Care	
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Call (810) 632-7427 OR  
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HARTLAND SCHOOLS. Brophy Road, N. of M-59 & W. Musson. Very pretty building site on nice country road. Survey on file. \$79,900.  
HOWELL SCHOOLS. Madley Lane, E. off Dutcher, South of Coon Lake Rd. Wooded, rolling 4+ acre building site. Perked and surveyed. \$95,000.

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IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY

- Located in the City of Brighton, close to shopping, restaurants, golf courses and medical facilities
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- Open and creative floor plans with views of mature woods & serene pond
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Features:

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- Open floor plan
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- Basement

Our model will be open daily from 12-6 pm

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A Premier Development in Lyon Township  
NEW MODELS NOW OPEN!!  
From The \$220's

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REAL ESTATE

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\$349,900

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30 acres, new Cape Cod, 2,674 sq. ft. finished plus 2 big bonus rooms and walkout basement for expansion! 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths and 2-half baths. Big deck with spacious view of 1 acre pond and good usable land.

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email: dan@dandavenport.com

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## DEVELOPMENT OF THE YEAR 2002

## Stonewater Community

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## Quality Homes

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Compare! Lowest Prices on New Skyline Homes!

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1127 sq. ft. with island kitchen Only \$45,800!

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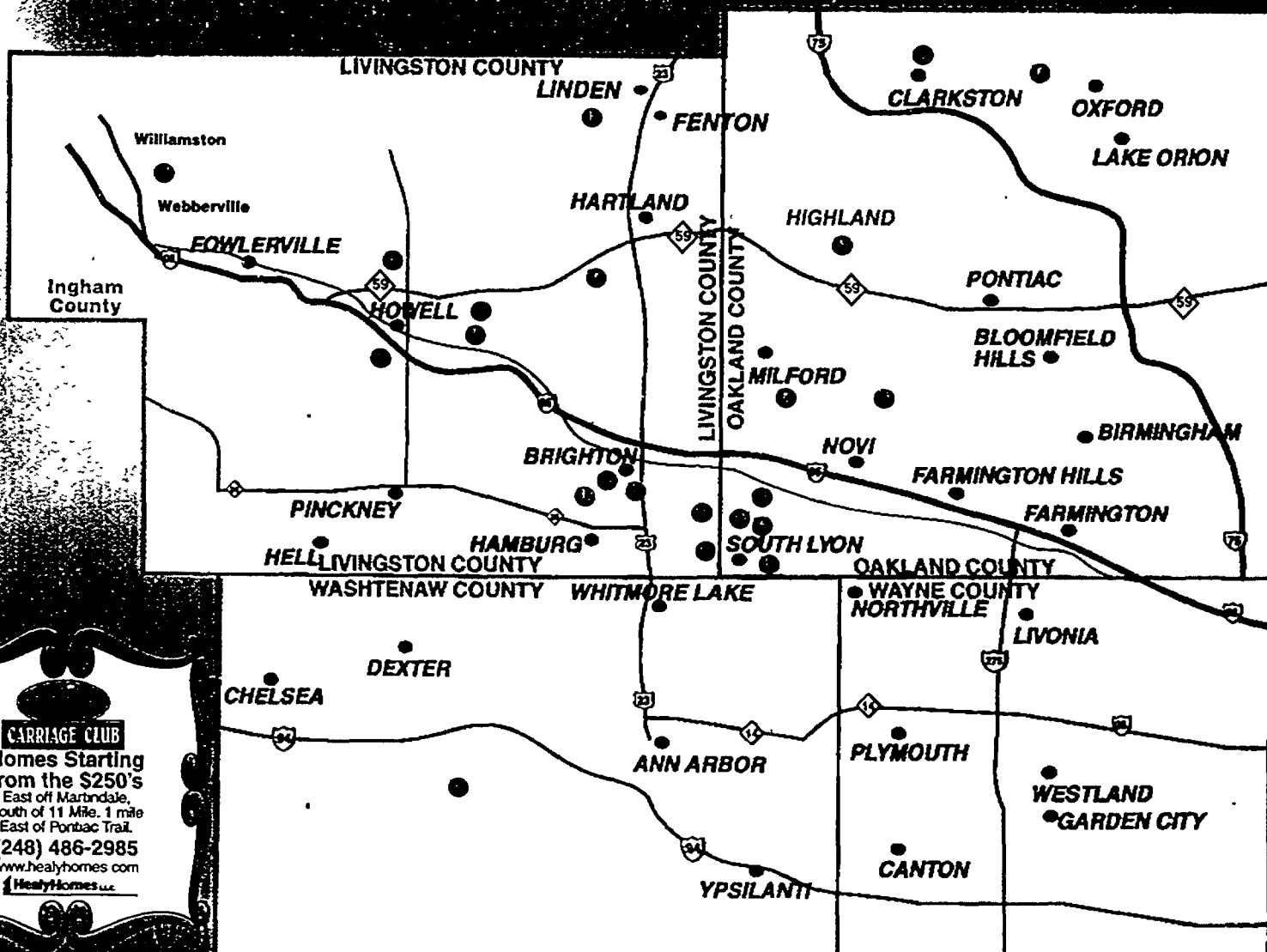
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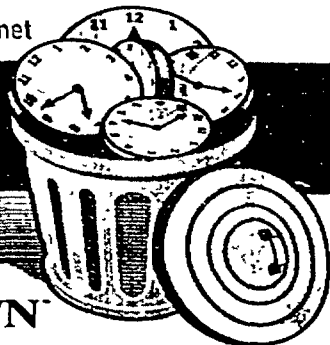
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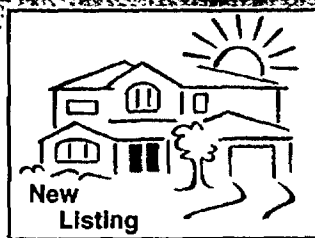
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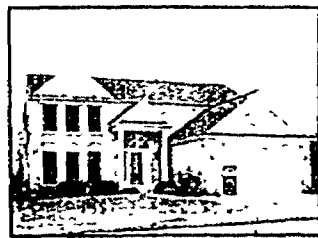
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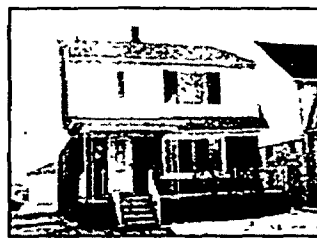
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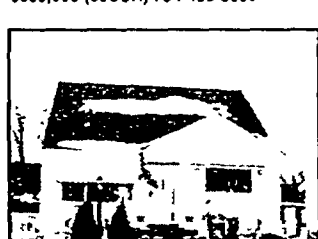
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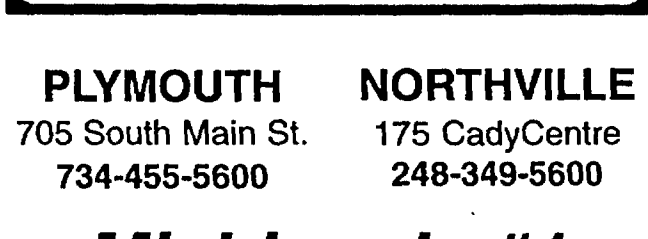
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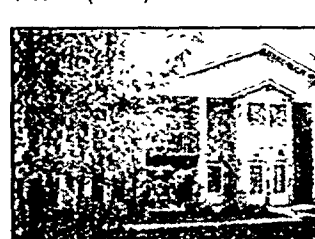
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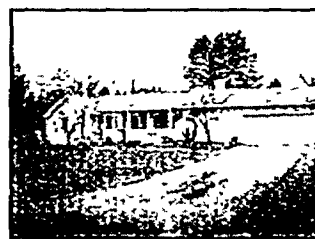
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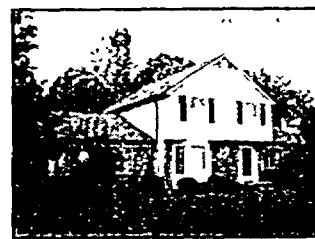
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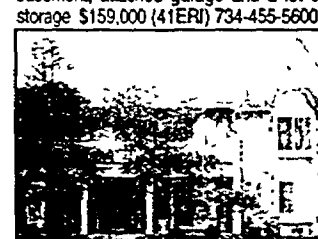
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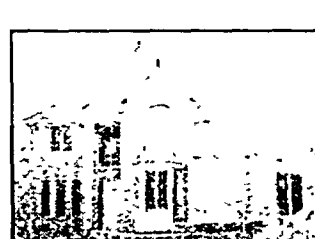
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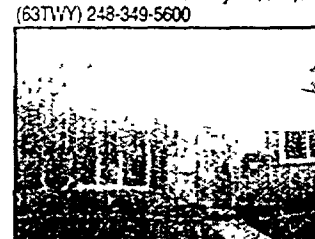
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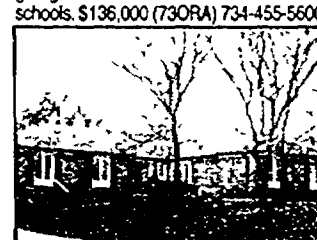
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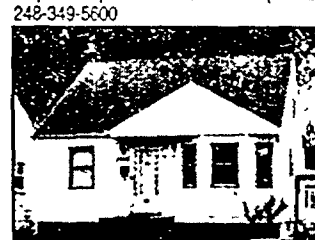
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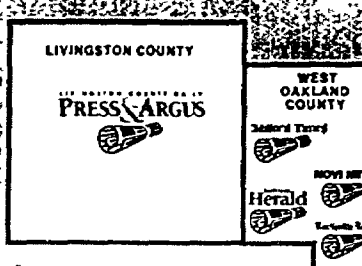
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Issues of Sunday, Dec.  
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Full benefits 40+ hrs/wk  
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**DIE SETTER**

Set up, run and maintain  
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presses, as well as the  
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Howell, MI 48844  
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Fax: 517-546-0547

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Staff needed for supported  
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Positions requires energetic,  
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Advancement available. Please  
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**OPTICIAN**

Immediate (full or part-time)  
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person needed for growing  
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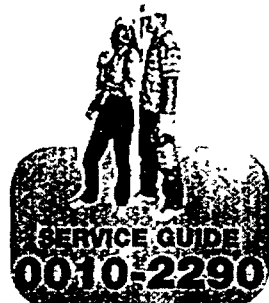
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17 misc. boxes/bags

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1 misc. small appliance

1 household furnishing

1 recreation equipment

1 other misc. item

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1 washer, 1 dryer,

1 misc. small appliance

2 household furnishings

4 misc. boxes/bags

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2 household furnishings

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## Training at the next level

More young athletes turning to strength, speed conditioning

By Julie Marshall  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Colin Gallagher lifted a 95-pound bar off the ground and with a quick turn of the wrist, raised it to shoulder-level. At that same moment, his right leg stepped backward into a lunge.

His trainer, Brian Blackwell, counted his reps of this quick maneuver, called a split power clean. The motion, which taxes the glutes, upper legs, back and stomach to boot, is all about explosive power, his trainer said.

"That's good," Blackwell told his client after six reps on one side.

Gallagher, varsity high school basketball player, is one of dozens of teenage athletes who Blackwell, a former University of Colorado athletic trainer, has trained in recent years.

Blackwell, a certified strength and conditioning specialist, was the university's head trainer for men's basketball, as well as assistant trainer for football from 1985 to 1990. Today, he has taken his experience to help mold the best young athletes with his speed, agility and strength training business called BigTime Athletic Development in Boulder, Colo.

Gallagher, 16, started training his freshman year to get bigger, he says, and step up to varsity level. He has since put on 25 pounds of lean muscle and quickened his step.

Blackwell's clients include teens who want to make the jump from junior high to high school athletics. Some want to make the varsity, others have their sights on a college scholarship.

Blackwell's routines are geared for basketball, football, volleyball, soccer, tennis, you name it. They're all games of speed, he said, whether an athlete wants to explode away from a defender on the basketball court or leave them in the dust to catch a touchdown pass.

"I try to provide what kids need to take it to the next level, over and above what they are getting in their high schools," Blackwell said. "There is not one parent, coach or player who has not come up to me to say the same thing — they want more speed."

Blackwell's workouts are a blend of plyometrics — jumps to enhance fast, explosive power — weight training for strength, and field relay exercises for speed and agility.

Parents and coaches say it's important to find an edge in today's climate of competitive sports. They aren't worried about early burnout, they say, because they trust Blackwell's experience.

Observing teens coming into the University of Colorado's athletic program is what motivated Blackwell to start his business four years ago.

"I saw kids coming in as freshmen, girls and guys, who were so far behind upper classes," he said. "I knew these kids needed help to get to the next level."

Any player can have skill, Blackwell said. "But if you don't have the athletic ability to match up against an opponent, you won't be able to show your skill."



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## KWONDO OR DON'T?

Weighing martial arts' dangers and benefits for children

By Debra Melani  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Marla Blum didn't see it coming. Another martial-arts student was delivering a powerful kick and the petite 11-year-old stepped right in the way. Her arm was so swollen and blue that her father was sure it was broken. He took his youngest daughter to Denver's Children's Hospital, where it was diagnosed as just a deep bruise.

Some critics say incidents like these prove that martial arts aren't child's play. Kids shouldn't take part in a sport that poses such dangers to themselves and others around them, they say.

But martial-arts proponents counter that their sport is perfect for children, teaching discipline, respect, confidence, fitness, coordination and self-protection in a society rife with crime.

"All it did was make my daughter more determined to pay attention," says Robbie Blum, mother of Marla and Rachel Blum, 14. "It didn't change her desire to be doing tae kwon do or my husband's desire for them to be doing it."

The Thornton, Colo., family began taking tae kwon do almost three years ago so that the girls could protect themselves. The parents were concerned about child abductors and rapists, who often prey on young girls.

While Rachel says she likes the sport mostly because it's both a sport and an art — "It offers so many different things" — she says she likes feeling safer, too.

"The things about child abductions are pretty scary," she says. "I think, knowing what I know now, I would have a better chance if anyone ever tried to attack me." The first thing her instructor tells students to do, if possible, is run, she added.

Martial arts-related injuries are few relative to other sports injuries he sees, says Dr. Keith Battan, a Children's Hospital emergency physician. Anything that requires a helmet is more dangerous, and other popular youth sports — football, soccer, hockey — produce more emergency-room patients than martial arts do, he says.

Nearly 6 million Americans, most 17 or younger, practice a martial art, according to the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association.

The Consumer Federation of America Foundation, a non-profit research and education organization focused on child health and safety, does not condone the discipline for children because it's scored based on hits and can lead to eye and head injuries. The American Academy of Pediatrics has discouraged boxing for children for the same reasons.

But if parents want to enroll kids in a program, they should look for forms of martial arts more focused on health and character-building

than on fighting, weapons and life-threatening techniques, the foundation says. All sparring should be no-contact or light-contact and be supervised by adult experts, it says.

Melanie Badesch of Englewood, Colo., chose J.W. Kim's Tae Kwon Do for her girls. She has since joined her daughters in training and says the instructors have always been clear: Students are never to use tae kwon do outside class unless they're being seriously threatened.

That emphasis must be carried home, Badesch says. "We tell our daughters, 'You practice, but not on your sister,'" she says.

While some martial-arts classes start kids as young as age 3, instructors should wait until students are 12 or 13 to focus on true self-defense skills, says Bradley Ross, a kempo karate instructor for Colorado Athletic Clubs.

Sometimes parents come to him with kids who have slight behavior or aggression problems, and the structured discipline and emphasis on not hurting people turn them around, Ross says. Increased confidence also makes martial-arts students more likely to walk away from fights or not become targets of bullies or criminals, instructors say.

Both Blum and Badesch say the self-defense skills aren't the least of the benefits.

"I have two little girls in this society," Badesch says. "I'm glad they are learning to defend themselves."

## Vision for success

Many children have some visual problem that may thwart their academic work

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Two years ago Brian Lozano was failing second grade. The Moreno Valley, Calif., youngster had trouble reading and complained that his eyes stung a lot.

Brian's mother, Lidia, took him to a primary-care optometrist. A traditional wall-chart eye test determined Brian had normal distance vision. Still, he had to strain to see clearly close up.

Brian was prescribed glasses to "relax" his eyes. Yet his academic struggles continued despite developmental tests showing he was reading at a third-grade level.

"It was just hard to concentrate," recalls Brian, now 11. "Having bad grades was so frustrating."

Brian's predicament illustrates an all-too-common plight: More than 12.1 million American kids — one in four students and one in 20 pre-schoolers — have some form of vision problem that may thwart their academic success, according to Prevent Blindness America, a leading eye health and safety organization.

Common children's vision problems include strabismus (crossed or "wandering" eyes) and amblyopia ("lazy eye"), a brain dysfunction that causes blurry vision in one eye.

Early detection and correction is critical, because 80 percent of all learning is achieved visually during a child's first 12 years, according to the American Optometric Association.

What's more, vision problems can worsen if not detected and treated.

As many as six in 10 children diagnosed with learning disabilities have undetected vision problems causing much — if not all — of their academic angst.

"Good visual skills are imperative for classroom success," says Leslie Huscher, director of the Big Springs Educational Therapy Center and School in Riverside, Calif.

Children can have 20/20 eyesight, meaning normal distance vision, and still have vision problems, says Huscher, a special-education teacher for 18 years.

"There are tons of different visual skills affecting how you read and how you work," Huscher says. All must be in place to develop reading skills. If they aren't, learning will be a struggle. But that's only one sign of an undetected vision problem, she says.

The American Optometric Association encourages comprehensive eye exams at 6 months, 3 years, before entering kindergarten, then every two years through age 18. Yet a survey by the Vision Council of America found that only 6 percent of parents realize vision problems can lead to problems in school. Consequently, almost 80 percent of pre-school-age children have not had an eye exam.

## Finding balance: Judo training teaches grappling, respect for others

By Kevin Williams  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Legs locked around his training partner's head, back half on the mat, Michael DeMarrias contorted form looks somewhat strained.

But not as strained as Mark Stuemky, owner of said head, who looks downright uncomfortable.

The two are sharpening their skills at the Boulder (Colo.) Judo Training Center, a non-profit organization that provides judo instruction on a sliding fee scale.

The center was started a little over a year ago by 29-year-old Brian Olson, a two-time Olympian in the sport who's currently ranked third in the world.

"It's a martial art," Olson says of judo. "The discipline aspect, the confidence aspect, (it's) all there."

Not to mention the physical and mental conditioning that's part of the training.

Michael, 14, who won junior judo's Triple Crown in 2001, made the transition from his club to the center so he could learn from the best.

"He's very fortunate to have all this private instruction from an Olympian," says Michael's grandmother, Donna Davis, one of many family members who live and breathe the sport.

Tougher opponents will come, says Olson. "(He's) driven," Olson says, "very intense ... you can see it in his family."

During a training session,

Davis and Michael's mom, Dani, sit on the sidelines watching. At one point in the evening, Michael and his brother, Casey, 12, take turns throwing each other to the floor. Their sister, Nikole, 9, gets involved in the action on the mat.

The family commutes to Boulder from their home in Northglenn, Colo., three times a week. The three DeMarrias siblings are part of a group of roughly 15 kids with whom Olson works.

"Some people have the misconception that it's a mean, brutal sport," Davis says. "I had sons who played football (and) I don't think it's near as bad as that."

"You have to be thinking the whole time," Michael says. "It's like chess, you've

got to think your next move and his (the opponent's) next move, too."

But Olson emphasizes that judo is about more than just competition. It's about building character and achieving goals, and he hopes it carries over into other aspects of life.

"I want them to do well in school," Olson explains. "I'd rather them sit there and do their homework and get good grades than be on the mat."

And if he does make someone sit out during a training session to finish homework, he expects his decision to be accepted without complaint.

"This sport not only teaches respect, it teaches courtesy to others," Olson says. "We're very big on that."



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Michael DeMarrias, right, 14, grapples with Mark Stuemky at the Boulder Judo Training Center on a recent evening. DeMarrias is one of the top junior judo athletes in the nation.



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## Hiding sexual orientation at work often more difficult

By Melanie Payne  
SACRAMENTO BEE

Trying to build a clientele, gays and lesbians can often find themselves facing the most stress when the conversation turns to personal topics. They must decide whether to develop a relationship of mutual trust by divulging their sexual orientation at the risk of losing a client.

Although laws in a number of states have curbed discrimination against homosexuals at work, those statutes aren't nearly as effective when clients and customers hire, fire or shun someone because of sexual orientation.

Twelve states ban this type of discrimination, but such cases are difficult to prove, said San Francisco employment law attorney Pat Gillette.

"What happens in these situations ... is it's not spoken out loud," she said. "They don't articulate that they don't want the person."

And, if the person is not "out," or openly gay, Gillette said, the customer can always use the defense: "I didn't even know Joe was gay."

It's unrealistic to believe that sexual orientation doesn't come up in business relationships, said Dennis Gaudet, a Boston-based personal life coach. Conversations at social events, on business trips or at meetings offer glimpses into private lives and clues about sexual orientation, he said.

Most gays can't afford to limit their clients or customers to other gays, so they have to address whether to come out, he said.

Even in gay-friendly San Francisco, gays and lesbians find it's not always an easy thing to do.

Hiding one's sexual orientation takes work, said Dan Woog, an author of numerous books on gays in the workplace and sports.

For his book "Gay Men, Straight Jobs," Woog interviewed men who are out and some who aren't. Some in the latter category said that orientation didn't matter in an office setting.

"My feeling is that people who felt it didn't make any difference whatsoever were deluding themselves," Woog said.

"Not coming out can take a terrible toll on a person's self-esteem and their personal happiness," said Brian McNaught, a workplace diversity consultant in Naples, Fla.

McNaught said people need to balance the financial consequences of coming out with the psychological consequences of not coming out.

Although American workplace tolerance is increasing toward gays and lesbians, they still meet some outright hostility.

A survey commissioned by Out & Equal Workplace Advocates, a San Francisco-based advocacy group, found that 77 percent of respondents thought that sexual orientation should not be a factor when evaluating job performance.

Yet, the same study found that two of every five gay and lesbian adults have faced some form of hostility or harassment on the job.

When clients ask whether McNaught is married, he said, he explains that he has a longtime partner.

If he didn't, McNaught said, "I'd have to ask myself: 'Why did I deny a relationship of 20 years, just for the sake of not losing an account or making a person like me? If so, do I really like myself?'"

Still, he acknowledged, gays and lesbians may lose some clients and potentially their livelihoods by disclosing orientation.

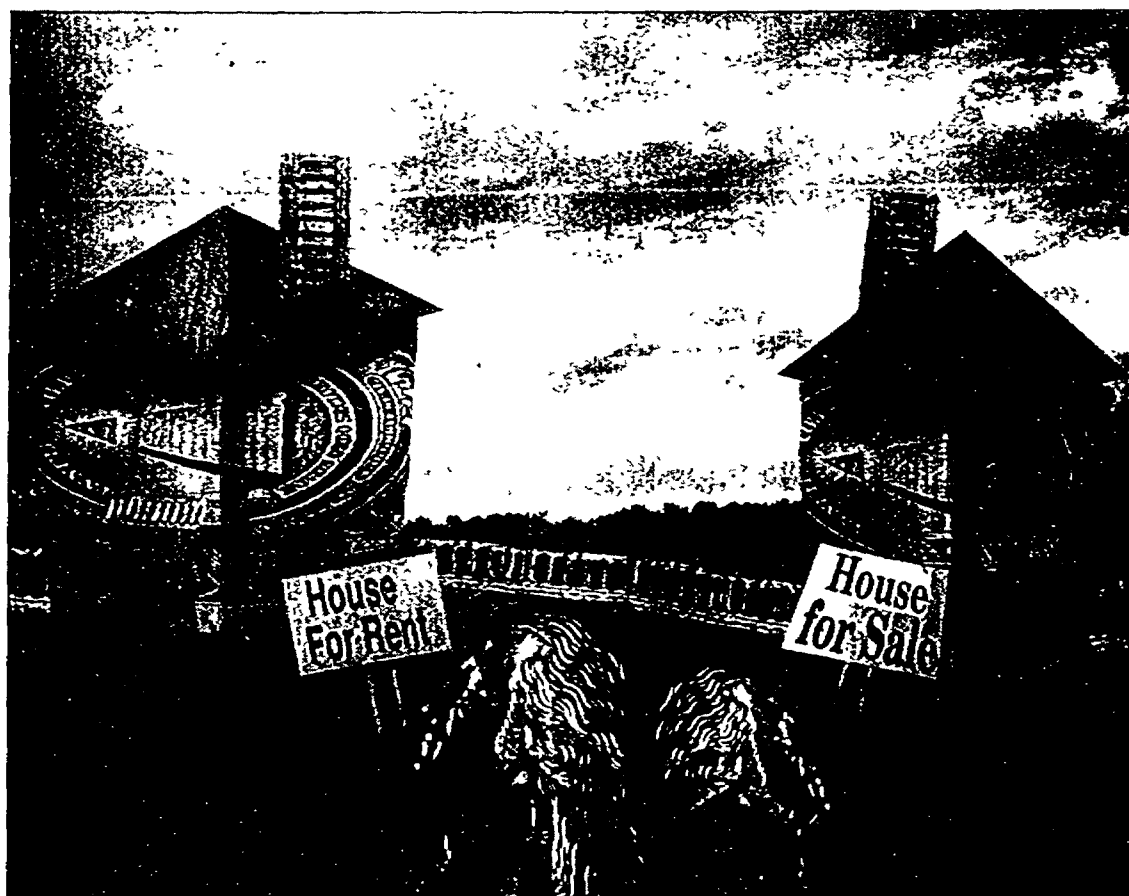


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## the great Decide

The often difficult choice between renting and buying depends on one's needs

By Jake Grove  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

The decision of buying or renting a home is something that every person should look at very carefully, so as to determine the path that is right for them at that particular moment.

Contrary to popular belief, it's not something that should be taken lightly.

Especially now, the idea of owning a home is most appealing. Interest rates are low, homes are flooding the market and more people than ever are willing to "invest" in buying a home to sell at a profit later on down the line.

And there are a lot of upsides to buying your own home. Ilyce Glink, author of the bestseller "100 Questions Every First Time Home Buyer Should Ask," said that, at first, the pros to owning a home are fantastic.

"Everybody knows you would want to buy as a great way to build wealth and get a greater sense of commitment," she said. "You keep up with the property better, participate in the community more and the tax benefits are definitely a help. Not to mention the great interest rates available right now."

In fact, if you were to ask 10 people on the street if they would rent or buy, probably nine of them would say, "buy." Glink said the two biggest advantages right now are the tax incentives and the low interest rates. These factors are drawing homebuyers into the market even if they aren't quite ready.

And the pride of owning a home is immense.

Pride, however, doesn't make the down payments, closing costs, mortgage payments or property taxes disappear. And those are the pitfalls to buying a house.

First you have to get together thousands of dollars just for a down payment. Second, the closing costs and other fees can really start to add up. Third, upkeep on the home is up to you, and with most new homes, there are a few things right out of the gates that need repaired, looked at and set up.

But finally, you lose a certain amount of freedom. Relocating for a new job, to go back to school or just to get away from a certain place is a lot harder with a home hanging around your neck. If you do move, but can't get the house sold beforehand, there is now two mortgage payments or a rent and mortgage payment to deal with every month.

But renting is just giving your money to someone else.

On the other side of this trick coin are the renters. Renting, at first, seems like the best idea. The landlord, not you, has to keep up with regular repairs and maintenance. Landlords have to pay the taxes on the home. And, landlords are the ones who need to fix it up between tenants.

Plus, renting gives prospective homeowners a chance to gauge a town, neighborhood or even home before committing to the added hassle

of purchasing.

"If you don't know where you want to live, renting can test a neighborhood," Glink said. "It gives you a chance to get to know an area, find the best school district and settle down in a new city."

Don't get your hopes up too high, though. Renting still has its own pitfalls.

It's true that renters are giving money that could go into a home to a third party for a place to live. Sometimes rent is the same amount, if not more, than a mortgage payment, and that can really irk some people.

Also, renting is not as flexible as it seems. Yes, you only have to sign a year lease with most landlords, but what if you meet someone or need to get out sooner? While landlords are willing to strike deals to get you into a place, they aren't so lenient if you want out. Fees, penalties and deposits get a lot higher when trying to break a lease right now, barely making it worth the effort.

As with anything, there are pros and cons to buying and renting. The whole idea is making sure the decision made is right for you.

"The biggest mistake made is just jumping right in without looking," Glink said. "Just because you hear it's the time to buy or the time to rent doesn't mean it's right for you. Rates will go up, rent will go up and you have to figure how this decision will affect you a few years from now."

## Employees gain more ownership in business

By Amy Nolan  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

About 10 years ago, C.B. "Boots" Duke started thinking about his family-owned Holston Glass Co.'s future without him.

"I'd watched a lot of people in my industry and associated industries, and it seemed like when the principal retired or passed away their companies just folded up," recalled Duke, 67.

The founder's son, Duke had led the Knoxville, Tenn., company since 1960. None of his three daughters worked there, but many of the 65 workers had been employed for decades.

Today, Holston Glass' employees are its owners.

Duke created a leveraged employee stock ownership plan. The ESOP bought the company by buying Duke's stock, borrowing the money from a bank with the company's guarantee, stock and other assets as collateral.

As the company repays the loan, the lender releases stock into the ESOP, which is allocated to eligible participants in the plan.

At a time when confidence in the market is eroding, experts say employees are increasingly taking stock in companies in which they have confidence: their own.

Duke came close to selling the company, which installs glass for commercial projects, "until I realized when they bought it they would have very little commitment to the employees who were there."

"I just got concerned that if something happened to me, a disability or death, or if I wanted to retire, then these people would be out of a job," Duke said.

Nationally, according to the Employee Stock Ownership Plan Association, 11,500 companies with nearly 9 million employees have taken the employee-ownership route. About 1,500 of those are totally owned by employees.

With half of family-owned businesses expected to make a transition among their CEOs this decade, according to an Arthur Andersen/Mass Mutual American Family Business Survey, ESOPs are touted as one way to keep the company intact.

"If you do it right, it's a dynamite way to transfer ownership from a family to a new management team," said Steve Arnett, senior vice president of The Trust Co. of Knoxville.

"We've seen ESOPs from \$1 million to \$80 million for the value of the company. It's not limited by the size of the company."

The Trust Co., a state-chartered bank with powers limited to trusts, manages about 15 ESOPs, valued at more than \$80 million.

Arnett trumpets the tax advantages of selling stock to an ESOP over selling outright to a private investor and selling stock to the public.

In an ESOP, the company's sellers are able to defer or eliminate capital-gains taxes on their profits, and the company is allowed to deduct its principal and interest payments on the loan used to fund the ESOP.

The pain of employees who lost their life savings when their companies' stock price plummeted has been headline news, Arnett said many successful ESOPs are created in a way to avoid such tragedies.

For one thing, shares in private companies aren't subject to the "whims of Wall Street" but instead are appraised and audited annually by independent firms. Only 9 percent of employee-owned companies' stock is publicly traded.

Secondly, employee-owned companies often have retirement savings plans independent of the ESOP.

"If your motive is to grab the money and run, it's the wrong choice," Arnett said. "But if the motive is to perpetuate the company and to reward the people who have helped the company and to reward yourself, then you've got the makings for an ESOP."

## Making an estate plan can keep a family together

By Janet Simons  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

When Melly Kinnard's doctor told her she was gravely ill from liver failure, she couldn't face telling her daughter and husband how bad it was.

"I knew I was slipping away. I was so sick. I just knew I couldn't live much longer," Kinnard said. She was 56.

Kinnard, a professional organizer in Denver, realized that the best thing she could do for her family would be to use her remaining strength and time to get her affairs in order. She'd seen many personal and professional examples of the turmoil and rancor that frequently follow a death that no one has prepared for.

After witnessing a shocking number of such temper tantrums, brouhahas and downright brawls among heirs, Les Kotzer, an estate-planning lawyer in Toronto, was inspired to write "The Family Fight: Planning to Avoid It" (Continental Atlantic Publications, \$19.95).

"When siblings get into fights over their parents' estates, they think they win if they get the property they want," Kotzer said. "But that's not winning. Winning is when they all still love each other."

Only 30 percent of adults have wills, says Kotzer. Even fewer have wills that are up to date and have been professionally drafted, he says, and fewer still have durable powers of attorney that allow someone to handle health-care and property issues in case of disability.

Kinnard had signed a will only six months before her illness was diagnosed, but she knew there still were many details to be considered. She told her daughters, then 24 and 21, to go through her jewelry, choosing pieces by turn. She told her best friend which sister was to have her car. She wrote a letter saying she wanted her daughters how she wanted her ashes disposed of, and she gave

### TO-DO LIST

To-do list for parents of adult children:

- Explain to your children what you hope to accomplish with your estate plan, preferably when all are present. Ask which items each would like to have so you can anticipate problems. Discuss special arrangements for a child who does caretaker duty or who has special needs.
- Maintain a list of things your children will need to know about, including stocks, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, deeds, insurance policies, pensions, 401(k)s, military discharge papers, computer passwords, screen names and people to notify if you fall ill. Include account numbers and the names, addresses and phone numbers of the institutions that hold or administer accounts. Also list lawyers, accountants, brokers and physicians. Tell someone where the list is kept and give a copy to your lawyer.
- Talk to your physician about your end-of-life wishes and fill out a living will. Create a medical durable power of attorney.
- Rather than opening a joint bank account with one of your children, create a financial durable power of attorney and put the person you choose on a checking account. If you become incapacitated, the person will be able to pay bills but will not automatically receive the money in the account.
- De-clutter your house. Organize and weed through your belongings and, when it seems appropriate, start giving special items to the children you want to have them.

copies of it to her lawyer and her daughters' godmothers. Then she recovered — and set out on a mission. Kinnard took a fresh look at an organizing workbook

she'd devised in 1996. It has 28 dividers tabbed with such labels as "Investments," "Insurance" and "Military Papers." She added a "Who Gets the Jewelry" section.

"It's the parents' responsibility to get their heads out of the sand," Kinnard said. "It's unkind of them to be unprepared and unrealistic about death, and it's unfair for them to leave their kids in a position to fight over their things."

Potential fights are everywhere, Kotzer warns. "One word can destroy an entire family," he said. "A word like 'antique,' for example. One mother said, 'All the antiques go to my daughter.' But what's an antique? The son said anything from after 1960 is not an antique, and they fought about it all the way into the courts."

Kotzer said parents who wish to avoid such disputes should have lawyers draft their wills, openly discuss the issues with all heirs present and never assume that siblings will treat one another fairly.

Money isn't the biggest problem, however, said Richard Vincent, a Denver lawyer who specializes in elder law. "The biggest fights we ever see are over personal property," he said. "Not cash, not real estate, but pictures and silverware."

Vincent advises parents to allocate as many such items as possible in a personal-property memorandum, a formal appendix to a will. Since it's impossible for most people to list everything they own, he suggests having the heirs draw straws for first pick and choose the remaining items by turn. If parents suspect there's going to be a fight, the final option is to instruct the executor to sell all personal property and divide the proceeds among the heirs.

"If the parents don't arrange things, the children have to tread very carefully," he said. "No one wants to look like a vulture."

### MODELS OF SUCCESS

Companies that have successful employee stock ownership plans typically have these characteristics:

- In business for at least five years
- Minimum of 25 employees
- Annual cash flow of at least \$400,000
- Annual sales of at least \$5 million
- History of profitability, growth in sales and profits
- Depth in management team
- Low debt and no legal or environmental problems
- Low employee turnover rates for its industry

— Sources: The Employee Stock Ownership Plan Association and The National Center for Employee Ownership

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## Making photo editing programs look good

By Kenny Cartner  
RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER

The box makes it sound so easy. Pick up about any photo-editing software package and you will see such phrases as "restore photos," "remove scratches," "fix tears" or any number of similar promises. Keep reading and before long, you'll get the feeling you're holding a miracle worker.

Buy it, however, and you will discover that the box neglects to mention that achieving professional-looking results requires hard work and practice.

Try to remove scratches, folds or tears in old family photos with these programs, and you might be asking yourself: "What happened to easy and quick?"

Alien Skin Software, a company that makes some of the industry's best filters for photo-editing software, has the answer. Alien Skin recently released

### PRODUCT VIEW

Image Doctor, a program that takes much of the work out of photo restoration.

It's made up of four plug-ins or filters: Smart Fill, Scratch Remover, Spot Lifter and JPEG Repair. Each is powerful and quick.

Want to fix those scratches and tears quickly? Image Doctor's Scratch Remover does the trick with ease. Want to remove the mole from Grandma's face? The program's Spot Lifter has it covered.

And that's just the beginning. The filter Smart Fill is just short of magic. It quickly and seamlessly removes unwanted objects from photos. For simple objects such as a bird in the sky, just trace around the object with a mouse and one of the photo-editing program's selection tools. Then choose Smart Fill.

The bird is gone, replaced by sky. More complicated objects take a bit more work, but not much. You simply need to pay attention to the area around the object.

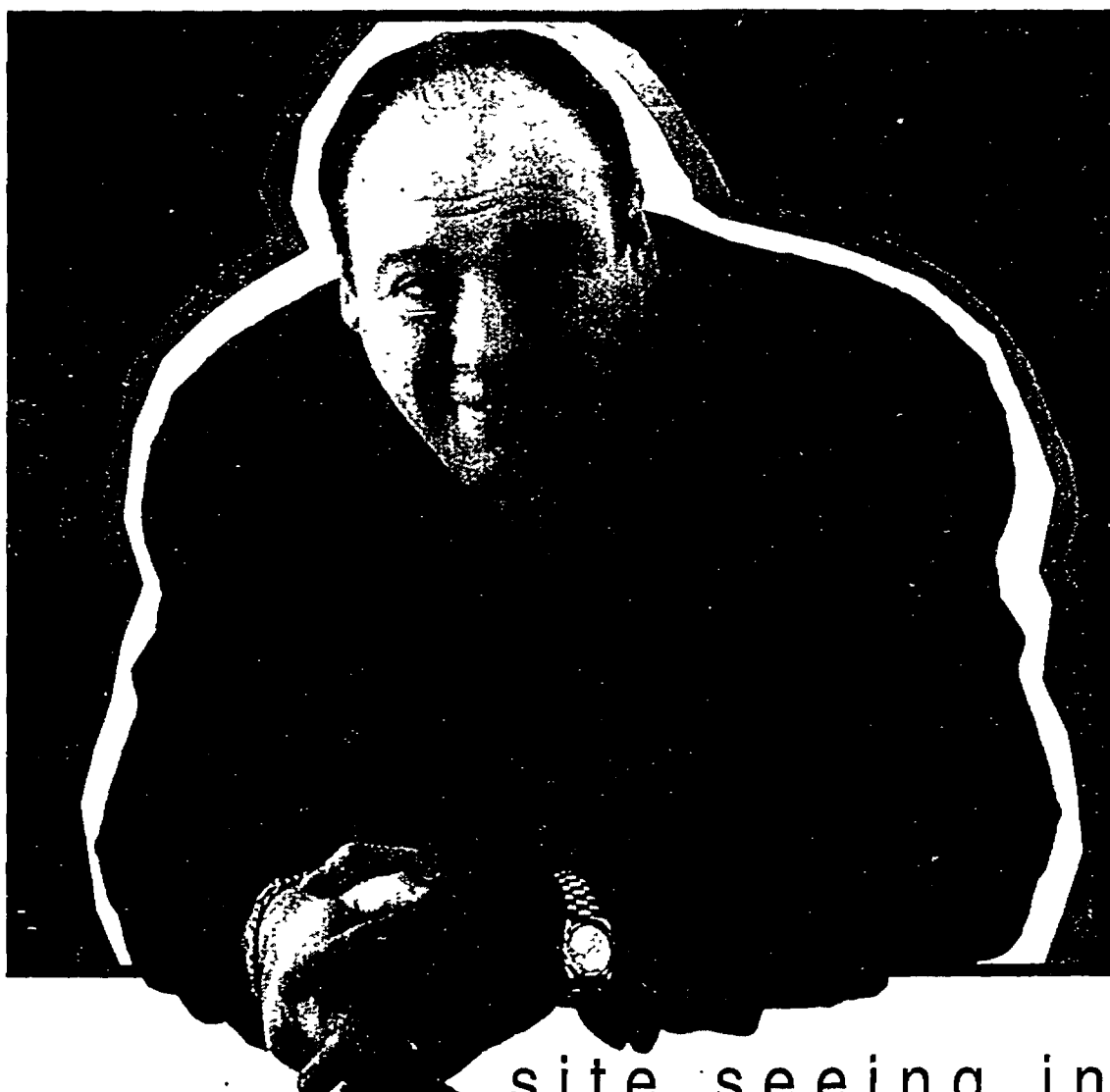
For example, I wanted to remove a utility pole in a photo of a tunnel at Big Bend National Park in southwest Texas. The photo was a nice landscape, and the pole looked out of place.

Removing the entire pole at once didn't look quite right. The base of the pole had green brush around it, and the rest of the pole was against a rocky mountain background. In order to get good results, I had to use Smart Fill twice. I selected the portion of the pole surrounded by brush and replaced that. Then I did the same thing to the rest of the pole. Within a couple of minutes, the pole was gone.

Smart Fill, like Scratch Remover and Spot Lifter, can also fix large tears in photos, as well as remove scratches and wrinkles. The JPEG Repair feature allows users to repair badly compressed digital images, such as photos sent by e-mail.

Image Doctor is not a stand-alone program. It's a plug-in and must be used with one of the following photo-editing programs: Adobe Photoshop 5.5 or later, Adobe Photoshop Elements 2.0, Macromedia Fireworks 4.0 or later, or Jasc Paint Shop Pro 6.0 or later.

The price of speed and ease doesn't come cheap, however. At \$129, Image Doctor costs more than some of the photo-editing programs it augments. But it's nice to see a program that lives up to the box.



## site seeing in SOPRANOLAND

Internet lets fans call up in-depth connection with one of TV's most popular shows

By Mark Wolf  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

The Sopranos get a lot more hits on the Internet than they deliver on the screen.

Tony, Carmela, Uncle Junior and the rest of the intriguing mobsters in the HBO show are part of a burgeoning trend that sends devoted fans of it and other shows surfing from their TV screen to their computer to visit Web sites devoted to their favorite programs.

Every program has an "official" site maintained by its network. Most provide the basics: episode guides, bios and pictures of the stars, production credits, sometimes a video clip or an interactive aspect such as a quiz or a poll. You can find them through the network's main site.

Often, however, the most compelling sites have been put up by fans. These sites often have the same basics as the network sites, as well as discussion forums where fans can post positive and negative reaction, gossip, up-to-date news, places where cast members are making personal appearances, as well as "spoilers," allegedly inside information about what's going to occur on an upcoming episode.

Among the network sites, HBO gets it like nobody else. The official site for "The Sopranos" is where every other network ought to go to Web site school.

The site ([www.hbo.com/sopranos](http://www.hbo.com/sopranos)) has the basics, plus a chance to get a \$10,000 loan from Big Pussy and play one of five different poker games with his friends, an every-other-week recipe

from the "Sopranos Family Cookbook," trivia contest, discussion boards and a contest to win a walk-on role on the show.

HBO's site also contains an entertaining conceit, The Wernick Files, which offers FBI files and other inside stuff about the Soprano family, compiled by Jeffrey Wernick, one of America's most celebrated authorities on organized crime.

At least he would be if he existed. Wernick was a briefly-seen character in the series' first season. Incorporating him in the Web site, complete with a biography, is the kind of nudge-and-

wink knowingness that connects with fans.

Web sites have become increasingly important to networks as Internet usage has grown. A study conducted in 2000 by NFO Interactive and Burke Research showed the heaviest TV viewers (16 or more hours a week) were also the heaviest Internet users (14.7 hours a week).

"Going forward, we're going to see tighter and tighter integrations between content on the TV show and content online. It's going to be more and more interactive as more households get high-speed Internet," he said. "Simultaneous viewing (of TV and the Internet) is more prevalent today because you have greater co-location of the TV and the computer in the same room."

Carey Nadel, the vice president of Burke Information who created the study, predicts more advertising tie-ins between the TV show and the Web site.

Fan sites, however, are strictly for fun, not profit.

Ivy Hover, a graphic designer who runs Poizen Ideas in Las Vegas, got hooked on "The Sopranos" halfway through the first season and launched her Sopranoland.com site three years ago.

"It's the love of the show. You want to share little things with people," said Hover, who spends about an hour a week updating the large, well-designed site that brims with news, fan shots of cast members, seven-question interviews with several of the actors, character profiles (including a Sleeps With the Fishes section for those characters who have been killed), and merchandising such as a Sopranoland T-shirt and Sopranos Mafia Party Kit.

### 'Sopranos' online

Here are some selected unofficial Web sites for 'Sopranos' fans:

[www.sopranosuesightings.com](http://www.sopranosuesightings.com)

Specializes in snapshots of cast members on location

[www.the-sopranos.com](http://www.the-sopranos.com)

Well-designed, newsy site with many features

[www.nj.com/sopranos](http://www.nj.com/sopranos)

Jersey-oriented site with map showing where various scenes were filmed; news, photo gallery including "Meet the Bada Bing girls," links to New Jersey newspaper stories about the cast, show

[www.geocities.com/mozzy-wozzy2000](http://www.geocities.com/mozzy-wozzy2000)

Fun site with some clever original content

## GAME REVIEWS

NHL 2K3  
Genre: Sports  
Platform: PlayStation 2, Xbox, Gamecube  
Publisher: Sega Sports  
ESRB Rating: Everyone

★★★★

EA Sports' NHL series has long been the king of the rink, but you wouldn't call it a realistic hockey experience. That's OK for your causal hockey player, but it's left a void for a high-quality hockey simulation to come along and compete.

That sim would be Sega's NHL 2K3, the first hockey game to come close to approximating the pace and feel of the real game. As opposed to most offensively-minded hockey games, 2K3 is well-balanced on both sides of the ice — as such, it helps to know hockey strategy to succeed.

What's most amazing is how much mileage 2K3 manages to get from the controls, particularly on defense where one or two buttons can perform several defensive moves depending on the proximity of your defender to the opposing player. It's a lot to keep track of at first, but once you get used to the scheme, the amount of control you have over your players is unparalleled.

The smart play extends to the computer opposition as well, which defends incredibly well. Like the real game, there won't be many scoring feasts, but it's action packed regardless.

Not to mention that the presentation is the best yet in a hockey game. Players and arenas look eerily similar to their real-life counterparts. There's no hockey game that is as deep in options and in front-office play as this one.

If you aren't a huge hockey fan, you might want to stick with EA's more arcade-like series. But fans who've been craving an excellent hockey sim will find their game in NHL 2K3.



### The House of the Dead III

Genre: Shooter  
Platform: Microsoft Xbox  
Publisher: Sega  
ESRB Rating: Mature

★★★★

You couldn't possibly create a more mindless game than this game that has you shooting hordes upon hordes of zombies. Correction: You don't just shoot these zombies, you basically blow them up with a shotgun — and they blow up real good.

Even though there's kinda, sorta an attempt at a story, the point of the game is killing ghouls in the most gory way possible.

And it's especially good that House of the Dead's graphics are arcade-quality and that the bothersome story line is easily bypassed by jamming on the start button — although listening to the dialogue is good for a laugh or two when you feel like taking a breather.

You will probably want to invest in a light gun for this game, not only to get the full zombie-shooting experience, but also because it's easier than using the regular controls, which don't stand up well in the most zombie-filled rooms.

For film buffs, there's even a behind-the-scenes look at the upcoming movie version of the game that's sure to be an Oscar contender. Again, if you want a good laugh...

### Shinobi

Genre: Action  
Platform: PlayStation 2  
Publisher: Sega  
ESRB Rating: Mature

★★★

With all the hype that has accompanied the new Shinobi, the latest in Sega's marquee ninja franchise, it's disappointing.

What's above-average are the graphics and storyline. Each of the game's pre-rendered scenes are exquisite, and the quality doesn't drop much once the action begins. With long red scarf trailing behind him, our ninja hero boasts some beautiful moves, including one that lets him zip Flash-style past his enemies allowing him to slash at his foes' backs and render them instantly into sushi.

Unfortunately the game offers little else. Each level plays more or less like the last, each featuring similar maze-like levels with the same gory death animations replaying over and over.

Plus the game gets incredibly difficult, which wouldn't be so bad if there were better rewards for success than merely more villains to kill. Without any save checkpoints, the frustration mounts quickly in the more challenging level.

Shinobi's flaws in level design and overall lack of variety doom it to the run-of-mill bin. It gets points for style — but rent before you buy.

— JONATHAN ROBINSON



PHOTO BY AARON MILES/LAS VEGAS SUN  
Miss America 2000 Heather French Henry, poses next to a Miss America themed slot machine.

## Slot machines take on pop culture's images

By Kirk Balrd  
LAS VEGAS SUN

From Spider-Man and Spam to Monty Python and "That Girl," gaming companies have found a new niche to attract customers.

Pop culture.

It began in 1993, when International Game Technology (IGT) introduced a slot machine based on the game show "Wheel of Fortune."

The machine shared more than "Wheel of Fortune's" title. It also featured many of the sounds from the popular game show, including background music and audience applause, as well as a chance to spin the wheel.

As the game became more and more popular among gamblers, slot-machine makers took notice.

"Today, probably a third of the games developed have some sort of licensing, whether that involves images, sounds or music," said Ed Rogich, IGT's vice president of marketing. The reason is simple: attraction.

Place a "Saturday Night Live"-themed machine, such as "The Church Lady," next to a Fabulous Sevens, for example, and the colorful and quirky machine featuring Dana

Carvey's popular character naturally stands out.

"You've got to think about it," Rogich said. "The casino is a sea of 2,000-plus machines and every machine is vying for the player's attention."

At last summer's Global Gaming Expo in Las Vegas, there were machines on display based on such diverse themes as "The Hollywood Squares," Pac-Man, "The Lone Ranger," "The Incredible Hulk," "The Honeymooners" and Budweiser.

Even the nation's foremost beauty contest, the Miss America pageant, jumped on the slots trend with a machine, courtesy of game maker AC Coin & Slot Service Co.

Naturally, there are naysayers who argue the decision, although a portion of the proceeds from the Miss America licensing fee was used to fund Miss America Organization-sponsored college scholarships.

On hand at the event to promote the beauty queen-themed machine, Heather French Henry, Miss America 2000, said she was proud of the non-profit and for-profit alliance.

"Everyone has their own opinions on how to raise money for scholarships," Henry said.

"I thought (the slot machine) was a very creative solution. They did a fabulous job and I'm very proud of it."

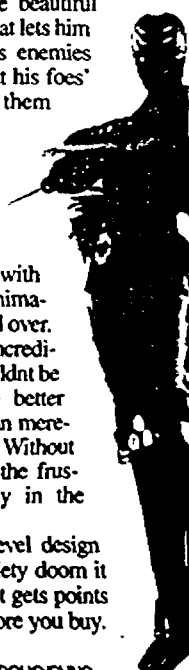
Other celebrities are equally enthused to be associated with the gaming industry in the form of a slot machine.

Comedians Harvey Korman and Tim Conway's slot game is called The Last Resort. While the title is not based on a pop-culture reference — it refers to a fictional end-of-the-line vacation destination the two own and operate — the game is clearly all about Korman and Conway. Both comedians ham it up in animated cartoon sequences, which Conway scripted and the two recorded.

Marcus Prater, vice president of marketing for Bally Gaming and System, is enthusiastic about The Last Resort, along with some of the other licensed machines its gamemaker has introduced — a series based on "SNL," Playboy magazine and even a slot game based on the "For Dummies" book series.

The success of the machine will always be determined by the game's "fun factor."

"Those types of brands get people to the machine," Prater said. "Once they get to the machine, you've got to have something they like or they won't come back."





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## HOME &amp; GARDEN

Not just a building block, concrete becomes part of the decor

By Betsy Lehnorff  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Plain old concrete — the same material that goes into foundations and sidewalks — is showing up in home decor. Gray concrete can be tinted, textured, coated or glazed in hundreds of new ways to create unique floors, countertops, tables, fireplaces and sinks.

Color choices are almost endless, including watery blues, mottled earth tones, milky greens, china reds and porcelain white. Stone, metal, chunks of glass, even computer chips can also be worked into the surface, then ground down to a high shine.

"It's not that highly polished look, like granite, where a crumb will call attention to itself," says architect Kathy Jones. Instead, concrete used in homes is more natural, with occasional color variations, pocks and imperfections adding character and depth to its surface.

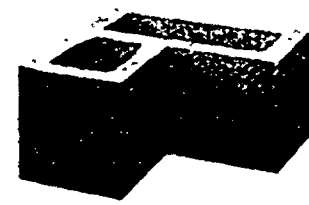
At her new home in Sedalia, Colo., Jones has put in black concrete floors that conceal hot-water pipes for radiant heating. Embedded in parts of the floor are see-through glass blocks that allow light to filter down to rooms below, she says.

In the kitchen, beige concrete countertops complement the maple cabinets. In the basement, a bar is topped with a white concrete slab embedded with bits of stained glass.

"It's durable," Jones says. "Wine comes right up, and it handles hot and cold pans without problems."

At Concrete Revolution in Denver, Allen Miller demonstrates how countertops and other fixtures are made. First, his carpenters build a mold in a fully equipped wood shop. Then the concrete is mixed with special tints, colored sand or custom aggregates and poured into the wood mold. Once cured and dried, the concrete piece is removed and finished by hand. Later it's sealed to create a shiny or matte surface.

"Concrete is softer in an ironic way," he says. "Sometimes it's more natural-looking than highly polished stone because it has natural variations."



## Concrete considerations

Here are a few things you need to know if you're thinking about using concrete in your home:

■ Concrete floors can be hard to install in existing homes. Consider them at the design stage if you're building a new home or an addition. An average floor requires up to 25 tons of concrete and takes 28 days to dry.

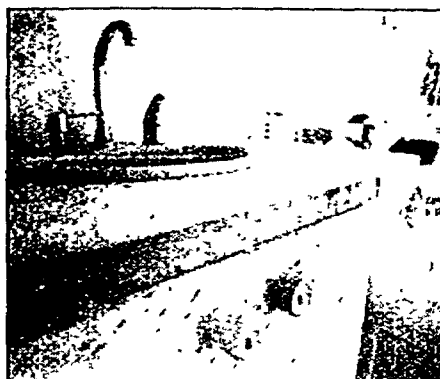
■ Concrete floors and finishes work better in rooms that are casual rather than traditional. The durable material is perfect for a modernist kitchen or a teen-ager's game room.

■ Although the material is inexpensive, installation is not. A kitchen countertop runs about \$1,500, depending on the size; a fireplace surround, \$1,200; bathroom vanity around \$2,000. A textured, tinted and finished concrete floor is about \$16 a square-foot installed.

■ Highly polished concrete floors can be slippery in bathrooms or patios when wet. Instead, consider textured floors or seal the surface with a coating to which grit has been added for grip.

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# Waste not want not



The master bath, where the vanity is made with plastic, recycled from curbside waste, and the handles are lids from detergent bottles.



Photos by Steve Peterson/Scrpps Howard News Service

Architect Julee Herdt and Jeffrey Brown stand in the kitchen of their Boulder, Colo., home that was predominately built from recycled materials.

## A Colorado couple built their dream home from recycled parts

By Betsy Lehnorff  
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

In most households, worn jeans, empty soda cans, egg cartons and old newspapers are toted out of the house to the trash can at the curb.

But Julee Herdt and Jeffrey Brown have brought these kinds of materials home, albeit in altered form, to create a \$900,000 residence for themselves in Boulder, Colo.

They have insulated walls with a new product made of ground-up denim. They've covered walls and ceilings with a fiberboard made from old newspapers. They've sawed jumbo-size wooden cable spools into staircase railings and have plastered bathrooms with bits of plastic bottles.

They also heat and cool their house for less than \$60 a month, using a system buried 150 feet deep in the ground.

It's all because Herdt, an architect and assistant professor at the University of Colorado at Denver, hates waste. Her companion, Brown, is an expert on heating systems that are independent of fossil fuels.

"Fifteen years ago, when I was working on a lot of large-scale projects in Birmingham, Ala., ... the way materials were being used really started to bother me," Herdt says.

"I saw mahogany and marble being used — a lot of extravagant materials that were damaging the rain forest and damaging the Earth. It was just too easy to throw things out and start over when someone made a mistake."

So she went back to school at the Southern California Institute of Architecture to earn a master's degree and do some research. Some of her field work took place in Los Angeles alleys, where she found plenty of trash.

"I kept finding molded stereo packaging made out of cellulose," she says. "It was lightweight, and it was beautiful."

She pauses, having had plenty of practice talking to skeptics. "Imagine egg cartons," she says. "If you don't think they are beautiful, spend a little more time looking at them. You have this really simple structural system from very cheap materials — newspapers and cardboard."

Eventually Herdt put together a group and mentored the development of new building materials made from recycled or renewable sources. Her idea about egg cartons became a product called Gridcore, a lightweight panel that looks like a waffle and can be attached to walls instead of drywall.

The Boulder project began in 2001 after Herdt bought a tiny home on a 1/3-acre lot. Once the original home was taken apart and hauled away to be recycled, her contractor built the new foundation, walls and roof using beams from a 100-year-old boathouse to hold everything up. Then Herdt and Brown picked up their tools to help finish the interior.

These days, their home is filled with natural wood



In this living area, the tabletop is made with newspaper and soy glue.

tones, quirky touches of plastic and splashes of color from leftover paint collected at a recycling plant.

Against a backdrop of white walls covered with non-toxic paint, the linoleum and cork floors glow with honey tones. Red accents come from old doors on which the two have scrubbed leftover paint and other colors. Red cushions, chairs and throw rugs also add a punch.

Elsewhere, Herdt plays with textures, covering an interior window with an old chain-link gate or stuffing glass marbles into the knotholes of exposed wood beams. She's even woven the sheared-off spines of old telephone books into the back of a bedroom rocking chair.

The couple's home also demonstrates alternative heating systems. A loop of pipe carries water 150 feet into the ground, where it's heated to 50 degrees by subterranean warmth.

Then a sun-powered heat pump brings the temperature to 70 degrees before the water is circulated through floor pipes, Brown says.

"We don't even have a gas line coming into the house," Herdt says.

"If you have to build one of these big homes that you'll be spending time in, at least show some environmental responsibility and use the mechanical systems that aren't fossil-fuel-dependent," Brown says. "At \$60 a month, crank up the thermostat. Who cares?"



## Christmas decorating 101

Home & Garden Television

Decorating for the holidays is a wonderful way to express the joys of the season. Here are a few tips.

■ Nothing says Christmas like the color red. Fill a clear glass with cranberries and top it off with a few white roses or lilies. Float cranberries and a few candies in a silver bowl or fill some small, stylish bowls with cranberries and place them throughout the house.

■ All the ingredients for a festive centerpiece are waiting at the grocery store. Pick up some pears, pomegranates and apples. Arrange them in a bowl with a few pine cones and evergreen cuttings. Add a few ornaments for a bit more of a holiday touch.

■ Family photos make wonderful personalized ornaments for the tree. Just take a favorite photo and buy a simple, lightweight frame or make one out of a postcard or corrugated cardboard. Slip in the photo and attach it to the tree with a ribbon.

■ Family photos can make great wrapping paper, too. Gather a collection of photos, arrange them on a piece of paper and make color or black-and-white photocopies of the collage. Be sure to make enough copies to wrap all the presents.

■ A grapevine wreath makes a perfect year-round welcome. For Christmas, dress it with ornaments and red ribbon. For New Year's Eve, add a touch of silver and gold.

■ A bowl of ornaments makes a simple and stunning centerpiece or holiday accent for a tabletop or mantel. It's also a great way to use broken ornaments. Choose two or three colors of balls and arrange them in a decorative glass bowl or a weathered wooden bowl.

■ To personalize a plain, inexpensive evergreen wreath, tuck in small snips of dried flowers or wire on some favorite trinkets or keepsakes such as pieces of costume jewelry or small antique toys.

■ To hang a wreath without exposing unattractive wire or putting a hole in the middle of a door, tie a length of pretty ribbon around the wreath and then tack the ribbon to the top of the door.

■ Use old socks to protect fragile ornaments and figurines when packing up the holiday decorations. Slip an item inside an old sock and roll it up.

## Weeding out a good read

By Connie Nelson  
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

"Is this a weed?" The question is invariably accompanied by a small, wilted, unidentifiable section of a plant. Without hesitation, I launch into my "What Is A Weed?" speech, a monologue about the Purpose of Plants, which is guaranteed to bore even the interested. Thank goodness somebody came up with an alternative.

Reader's Digest's new "Weeds, Friend or Foe," (Reader's Digest Books, \$24.95) takes a surprisingly fun approach to answering that perennial question. It covers all the bases — the life cycle of weeds, where they come from, even the pros and cons of weeds. And, yes, there are pros. The book includes the weeds that are edible, those that look lovely in a vase and those that are used in herbal remedies.

Much of the book is an extensive weed directory, which is alphabetized by botanical names, but also includes the common names. The directory has excellent photos and detailed descriptions of each weed, its uses and, of course, several ways to root it out.

This hardcover book is well-designed, well-written and considerably more interesting than my speech.





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## WINE'S Common Language

### The trouble with cork

Tainted wines, decreased supplies turn winemakers against tradition

By Janet Fletcher  
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

It seals prized bottles of single-malt Scotch and acclaimed Tuscan extra virgin olive oils. But in the wine industry, a screw cap has long evoked Skid Row and the kind of product that delivers more alcohol than taste.

Now, in a move that may presage a wave, several prestigious wine producers have adopted the screw-cap closure, citing quality concerns with traditional cork. The plug of bark that has sealed fine wine bottles for more than 200 years is under attack, blamed for causing cork taint — a musty, moldy smell — in as many as one in 10 wines.

Earlier this summer, Randall Graham of Bonny Doon Vineyard in Santa Cruz, Calif., announced that he would bottle his 80,000-case production of Ca' del Solo — popular red and white wines that retail for about \$10 — with screw caps.

"Corks are just not the best closure available now, and I want to do the best thing I can for the wine," says Graham, who joins at least three dozen top Australian and New Zealand producers and a handful of domestic wineries in testing consumer acceptance for premium screw-cap wines.

If consumers don't flinch, many more winemakers say they'll follow suit.

The cork taint problem is not new, but winemakers have grown increasingly frustrated with cork producers' inability to solve it.

Others trace the trouble to increased demand for cork, prompted in part by large producers such as Gallo moving away from screw caps. The heavy demand has pressured suppliers into offering inferior cork, they say. Whatever the cause, no one disputes that natural cork — stamped from the stripped bark of the cork oak tree — is ruining an unacceptable amount of good wine.

Estimates range widely, but Debbie Zacharias, wine buyer at the San Francisco restaurant Bacar and a judge at the San Francisco International Wine Competition, estimates that 5 to 10 percent of the competition entries were cork-tainted this year.

The musty aroma of a "corked" wine comes from trichloroanisole (TCA), a naturally occurring compound that some noses can detect at three parts per trillion. At high levels, TCA can make a wine smell like wet newspaper; in more modest amounts, it robs the wine of fruit aromas and flavors, leaving it tasting uncharacteristically dull.

Although no one knows for sure how corks become contaminated with TCA, researchers have pinpointed some cork-processing techniques — stacking the stripped cork bark in the forest to cure, which encourages mold, and using chlorine bleach as a cork cleaner — as contributing to taint.

Winemakers considering a move to screw caps have two chief questions: How will consumers respond, and how will such wines age?

A comparative study of wine-bottle closures published in the Australian Journal of Grape and Wine Research lent support to what winemakers have long suspected — that screw caps are an excellent choice for wines typically drunk young, such as most white wines.

But what will happen to a Cabernet Sauvignon after 20 years in an airtight, screw-capped bottle? One thing is sure: it won't have cork taint. What's more, experts say, there's no reason to think the wine won't age.

Screw caps just need time, advocates say — time for consumers to grow accustomed to seeing them on fine wine, time for collectors to develop trust in their functionality. If and when that happens, cork may be relegated to bulletin boards.

By Carol Ness  
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Ever snicker at the people who sniff a glass of wine and go on about its "toasty nose" or "grassy notes" and then secretly wonder what they can tell that you can't?

You can. And no one's done more to make that possible than Ann Noble, retiring professor of wine at the University of California at Davis. Bright, funny and exacting, she's a sensory scientist who for 28 years has trained the noses of future California winemakers.

Noble's as far as you can get from a pinky-raised wine snob. She gets a kick out of telling you, "If you have a boring white wine at a party, add a piece of green pepper from the hors d'oeuvres. You'll have a more interesting wine, one like a Sauvignon Blanc."

She means it. Then she adds, delightedly: "Of course, people who are wine snobs think that's horrific."

What Noble has done is taught people a common language for describing wines.

If she didn't actually invent the language, she systematized terms people were using and created the Wine Aroma Wheel as a handy guide.

Noble believes in the consumer as expert. The Wine Aroma Wheel and the sensory trainings she puts her students through aim to give people the tools — and the words — they need to decide for themselves what makes a good wine.

The wine aroma wheel is her best-known accomplishment, and the easiest way to get into what she's all about. It's a flat plastic disc, with pie slices in different colors. At the center are general terms — vegetative, fruity, floral, chemical. They're broken down into 87 specific smells at the edge, from blackberry to bell pepper to wet dog.

The point is to get people thinking about what they're tasting in a wine, about what they like — or hate.

"Don't say 'oak,' say 'toasty,'" Noble snaps during a smell-and-taste demo.

She doesn't suffer fools gladly. "Oak is too generic. It's like saying 'soy' at a soy sauce tasting. It doesn't say anything. You've got to rip it apart," she explains.

The demo is something she's done a zillion times over 28 years. She calls it "Kindergarten of the Nose."

Anyone can do it. She takes a bland jug wine, pours a bit into a dozen glasses and adds a flavor to each: a piece of bell pepper, a clove, squeeze of orange, vanilla extract, even canned asparagus. In her "toy chest," Noble collects things that can produce the aromas of wines, for better or worse — peach extract and oak chips, hunks of dog fur and leather.

Once she's created the separate aromas, she pours a glass of a varietal — say, a typical fruity, oaky California Chardonnay — and has you compare it to the samples. Bingo.

What you think of as oaky identifies itself as vanilla. Taste a Sauvignon Blanc and you'll tease out citrus and something green.

All of a sudden, you can describe your wine — as if you'd learned a foreign language. A typical class would use some 60 smells to evaluate red and white wines.

Noble loves those "Aha!" moments.

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— Ann Noble, on teaching students to describe wine.

what I'm smelling," Noble says. Kindergarten of the Nose is "like teaching kids what a blue crayon is: You don't describe it. You show them blue."

Just don't taste a wine and tell her "that's good" or "I like it." That's judgment, not description, and it makes her bark.

Descriptive analysis is part of sensory science, which was initiated at UC Davis by legendary enologist Maynard Amerine.

Noble, who replaced him in 1974, took the concept and ran with it. Sensory had been used by the beer and food industries before, but not wine.

When she arrived at Davis, the school used a numerical scale to rate wine, the kind used by some influential wine critics but which Noble derides as the "Bo Derek 10 system."

"It doesn't tell you anything about the wine," she says. "You might like it; I might not."

She made her students use descriptive analysis instead — a revolution at the time.

The Wine Aroma Wheel was an offshoot, and Noble didn't do anything with it until consumers started clamoring for copies of it. In the last two years alone, she's sent out an estimated 30,000 of the \$6 wheels and it's been translated into 30 languages.

"My goal is to make it obsolete," she says. "You don't need it because you can do it on your own."



Photo by John O'Hara / San Francisco Chronicle  
Ann Noble, in her testing and instruction lab. Students sit in this room with only the computer monitor and red light. Ann forwards them wines. In the dark they can not see the color and have to rely on their senses to smell and identify.

## Company unleashes corkscrew for a new generation of wine drinkers

By Angelica Pence  
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

It's safe to say that most wine-lovers think it a noble and necessary cause: "to create the best corkscrew ever made."

Indeed. Lucky for us the task was taken on in the late 1990s by Charles Harari, product developer for Trudeau, a 113-year-old importer of "fancy goods" turned kitchenware supplier.

Harari hired industrial designer Claude Mauffett, analyzed more than 300 corkscrews and interviewed hundreds of sommeliers, waiters and wine connoisseurs. Three years and dozens of drafts and models later, the team introduced the Trulever

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Corkscrew, touted by its makers as the latest and greatest tool of the trade in the world of wine.

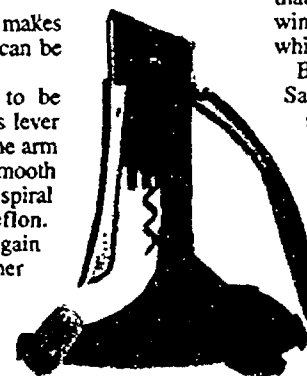
"It's no secret that so many corkscrews on the market today are simply reproductions and slight variations of the automatic-lever technology that was first introduced 20 years ago," Harari said.

The Trulever "solves many design challenges that other products on the marketplace have yet to even address — like comfort, simplicity and design aesthetic," Harari said of his product, which was awarded the gold medal at the Geneva International Invention Show.

To be sure, the Trulever design makes opening wine quite simple, and it can be used one-handed.

Mauffett designed the Trulever to be poised on the mouth of a bottle, its lever raised. The opener's polished chrome arm is then lowered and raised in one smooth motion, thanks to the Trulever's spiral shaft, which is coated in Teflon. Lowering and raising the arm again removes the cork from the opener entirely.

The Trulever retails for about \$80.



## Bourbon works at the dinner table — truly, says expert

By Mike Dunne  
SACRAMENTO BEE

Peggy Stevens spends her days sipping bourbon, but she's no barfly.

Stevens is the first female to be certified a "master bourbon taster" in Kentucky, where she works at the Labrot and Graham Distillery, tasting batches of its high-end specialty brand, Woodford Reserve, to determine if they're ready to be bottled and released. She also travels the country promoting Woodford Reserve.

Q: Bourbon with food — really?

A: Absolutely. Just look at bourbon as you look at your favorite wine. Every bourbon has its own flavor profile, which starts with the grain bill or mash bill, which is your percentages of grains used in making your bourbon. If it's heavy with rye, it will be a spicier bourbon. If it has a higher corn content, it will be a sweeter bourbon ...

Q: If you're going to have bourbon at the dinner table, should it be diluted?

A: It depends. Taste the bourbon in its pure form. If you decide you'd like it lighter, add a splash of water. That tends to bring out a lot of the fruitiness in it.

Q: What is bourbon, anyway?

A: You have to use at least 51 percent corn as your grain. The rest can be rye, malted barley and so forth. You only can use a barrel one time, and it must be a new charred white oak barrel. And you cannot distill it higher than 160 proof.

Q: What do you look for in a first-rate bourbon?

A: Complexity. Any time a bourbon can walk you around the flavor wheel — so you pick up nuances of spice, toast, fruit and sweetness — you have a premium bourbon. You don't want it one-sided. If it's all spice, it's not so much a great bourbon. You want a very harmonious balance, not too light or too heavy.

Q: Winemakers make a big deal about using French oak barrels to age their wines. Do the folks in

Kentucky use French, Yugoslavian, American or some other kind of oak for their barrels?

A: We source our white oak barrels from Tennessee and Kentucky. So much of the color and flavor in bourbon comes from the barrel. We toast and char the oak to caramelize the wood sugars, which give bourbon its beauty, a rich reddish-amber. The toasting also brings out the vanillin in the wood, giving the bourbon a vanilla nose and a bit of smokiness.

Q: Elijah Craig, a Baptist preacher, is credited with turning out the first true bourbon in 1789. Why would a Baptist preacher do a thing like that?

A: Very carefully. There are so many folklore stories about who really was the first person to create bourbon. The real answer is that nobody really



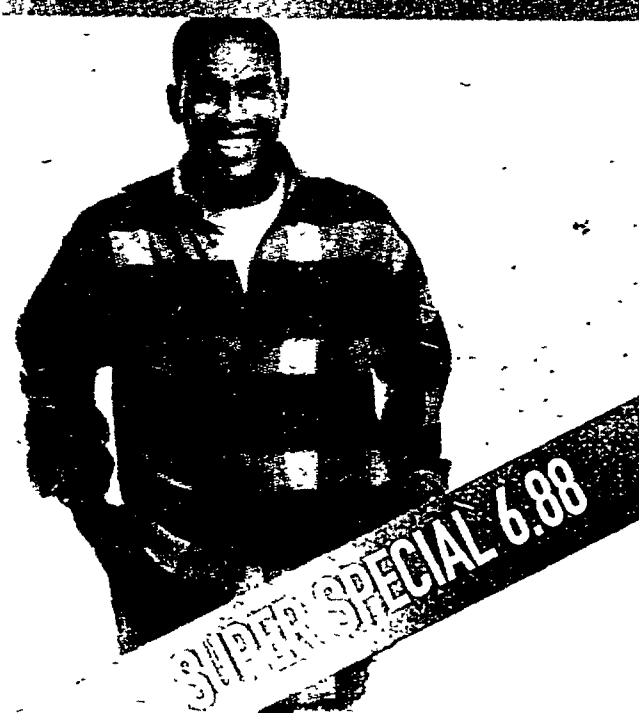
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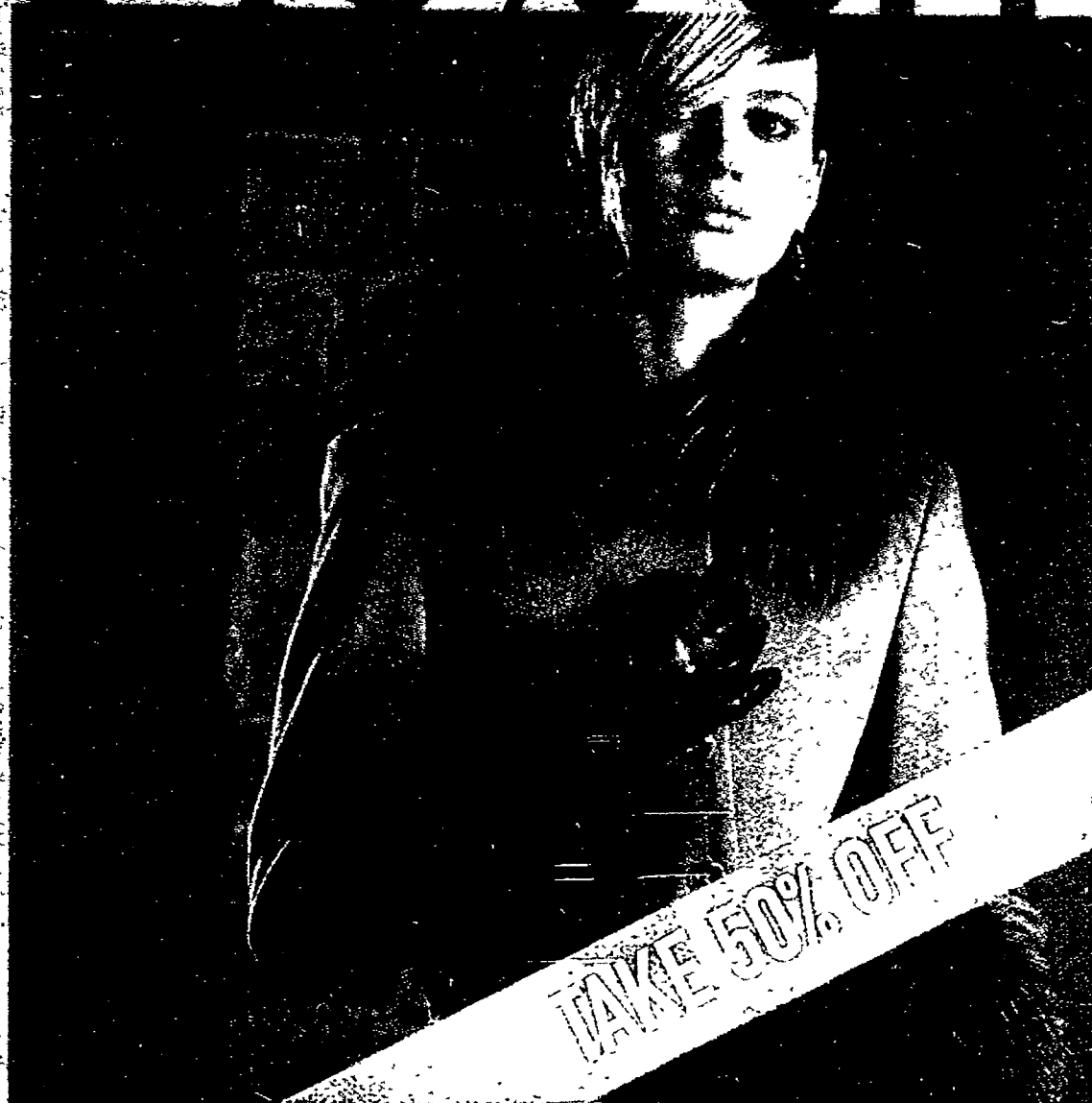


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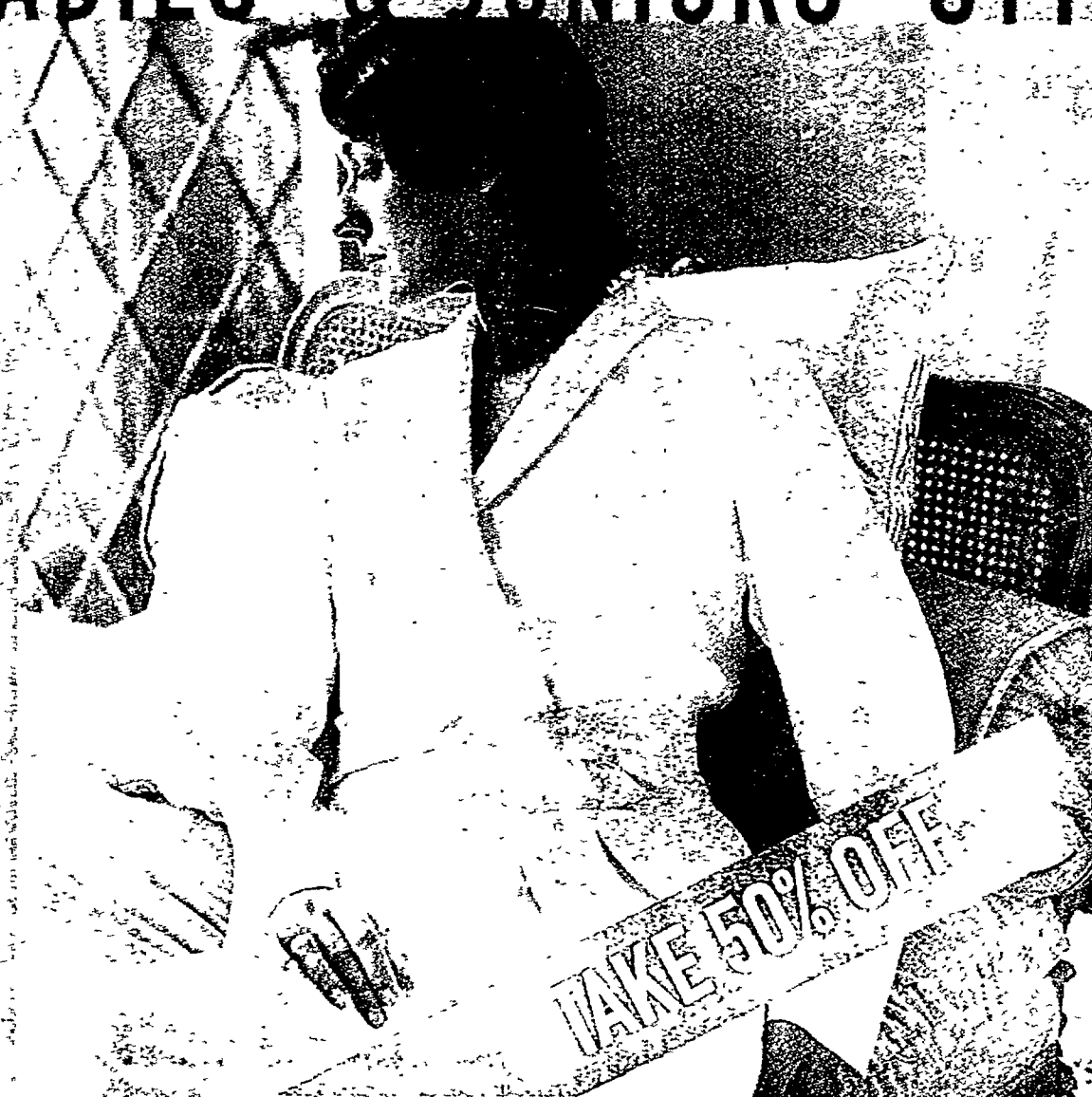


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**SAVE 50.00-300.00** Save on our entire stock of ladies' outerwear. Choose from leather, wool, fur-trimmed and microfiber styles from Marvin Richards, Kenneth Cole, Fleet Street, Jones New York, Marc New York and more. Sizes S-M-L-XL. Reg. 100.00-600.00, **sale 50.00-300.00**. IMPORTED. IN COATS, SELECTION VARIES BY STORE. AVAILABLE IN PARISIAN WOMAN AND PETITES AT SELECTED STORES.



**SAVE 39.00-81.00** Large selection of fall and holiday dresses and pant sets. Choose from a variety of great looks and colors. Sizes S-M-L-XL, 6-16. Reg. 78.00-162.00, **sale 39.00-81.00**. IMPORTED AND MADE IN U.S.A. IN DRESSES.



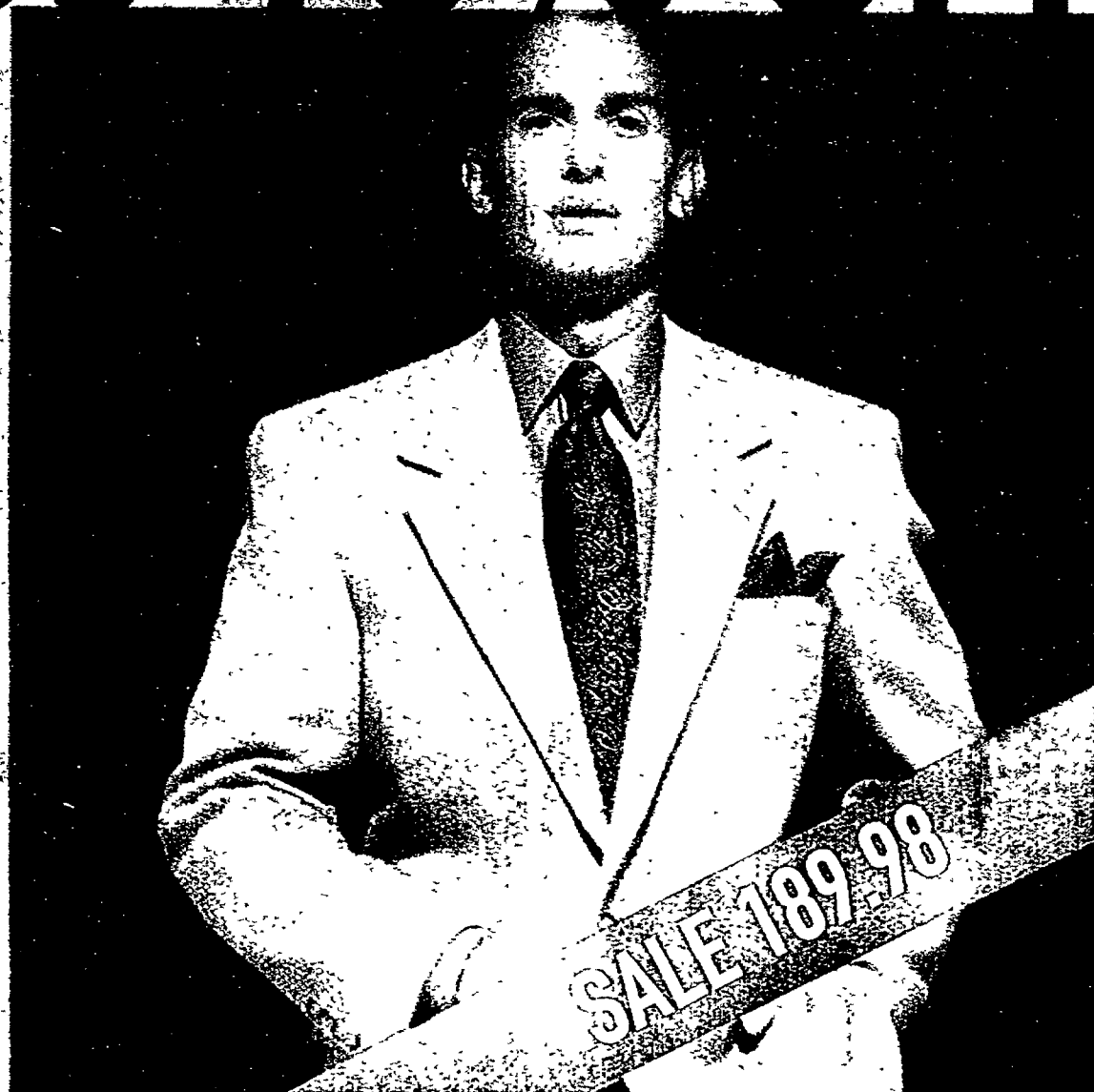
**SAVE 100.01-250.01** Choose from a great selection of ladies' suits from John Meyer, Travis Ayers and Larry Levine. Sizes 6-16. Reg. 200.00-350.00. IMPORTED. IN DRESSES, SELECTION VARIES BY STORE. AVAILABLE IN PARISIAN WOMAN AT SELECTED STORES.



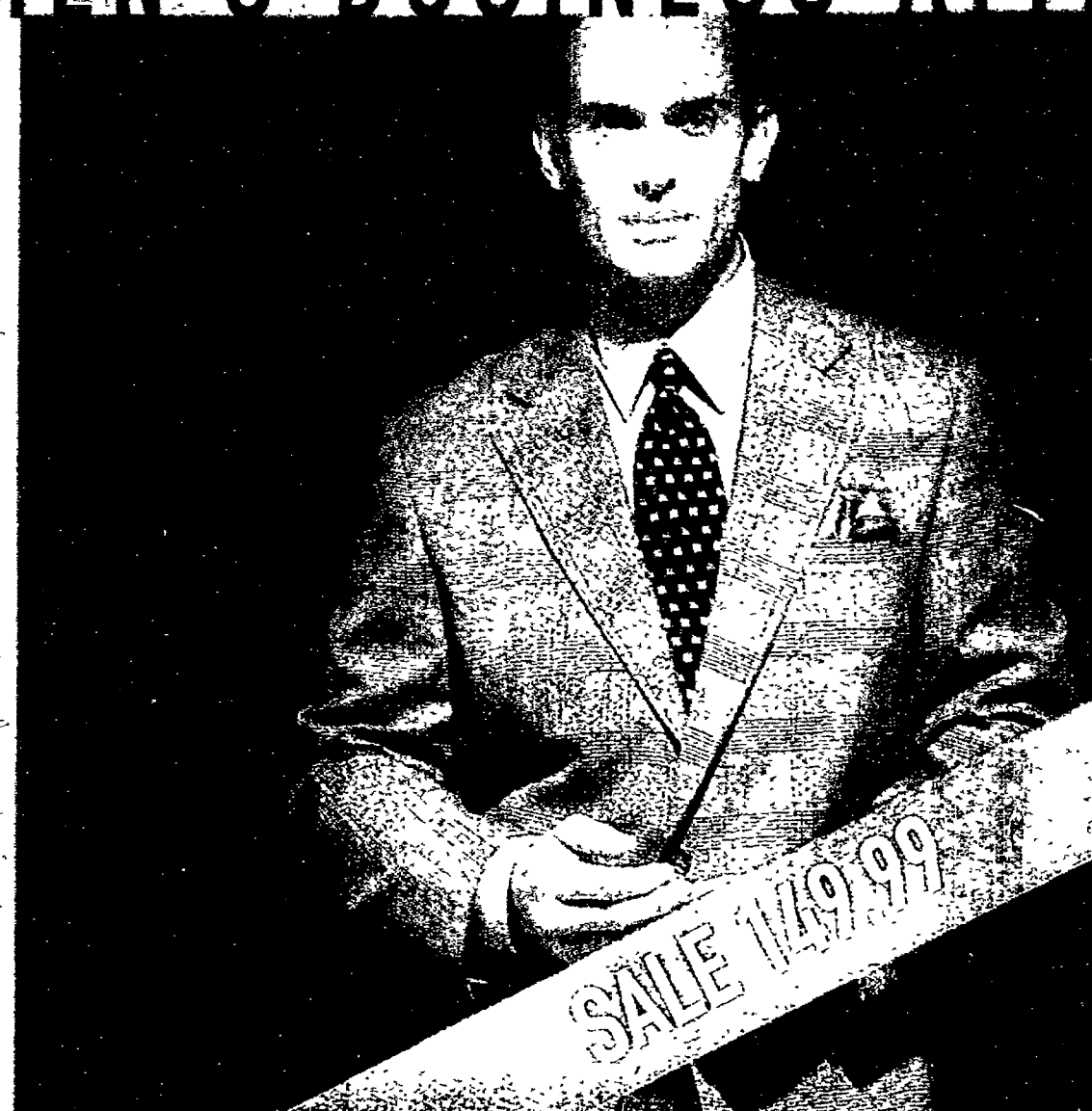
**SAVE 13.01-23.01** Enjoy a wide assortment of junior turtleneck sweaters. Available in a variety of great colors. Sizes S-M-L. Reg. 28.00-38.00. IMPORTED. IN JUNIORS. NOT AVAILABLE AT RICHLAND MALL AND DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM.



# 55-75% OFF MEN'S BUSINESS ATTIRE



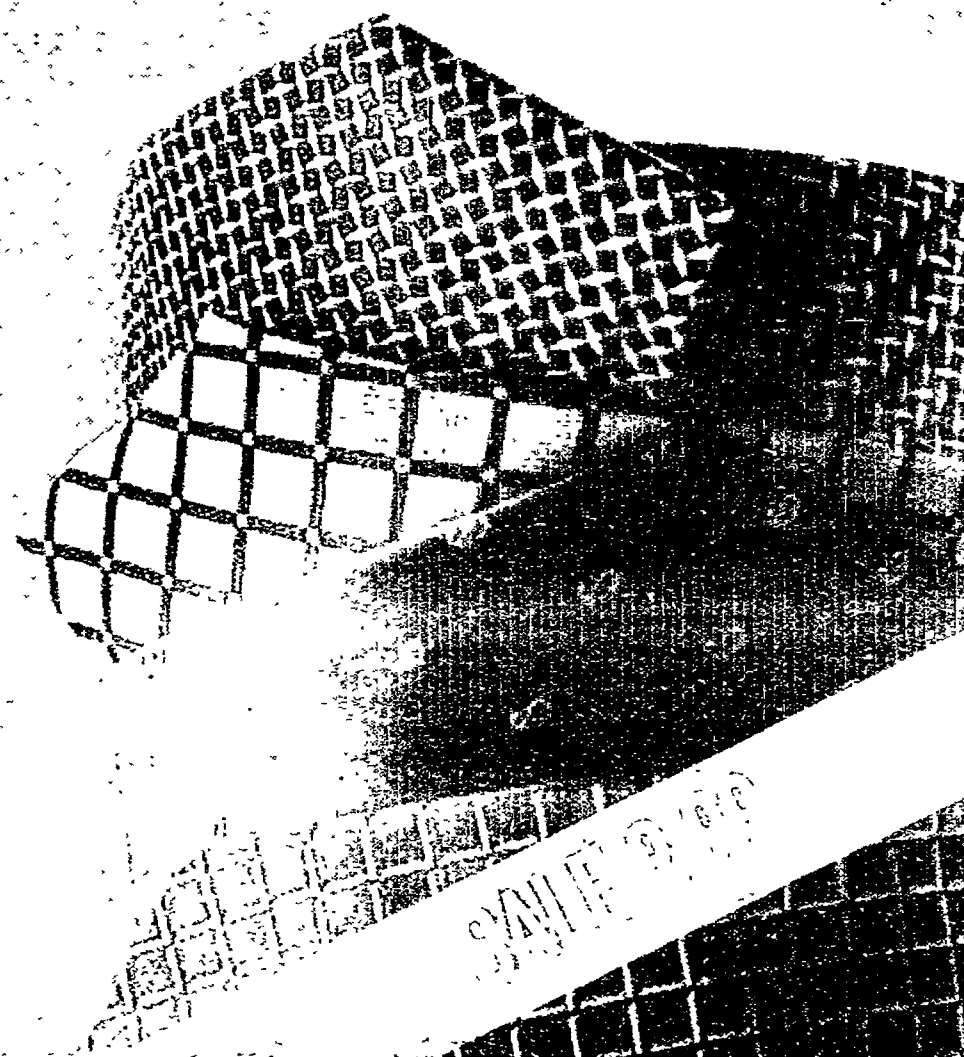
**SAVE 210.02** It's our best price of the season! Save on Bill Blass luxurious camel hair two- and three-button sport coats in camel, black and other great fashion colors. Sizes 40-48 reg, 40-46 long. Reg. 400.00. IMPORTED. IN MEN'S. SELECTION VARIES BY STORE.



**SAVE 200.01** Choose from a great selection of fall fashion sport coats from Bill Blass and others. Sizes 40-46 reg, 40-46 long. Reg. 350.00. IMPORTED AND MADE IN U.S.A. IN MEN'S. INTERMEDIATE MARKDOWNS MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN. SELECTION VARIES BY STORE.



**SAVE 35.01** Save on our large selection of fashion patterned dress shirts from Preswick & Moore and Cezani. Reg. 50.00. IMPORTED. IN MEN'S.



**SAVE 22.51-25.01** Choose from our large selection of printed silk neckwear from Preswick & Moore and Bill Blass. Reg. 32.50-35.00. IMPORTED. IN MEN'S. INTERMEDIATE MARKDOWNS MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

# 50-75% OFF MEN'S CASUAL LOOKS



**SAVE 25.01-34.01** Save on designer denim jeans in the season's best styles. Choose from loose fit, worker and carpenter styles. Sizes 30-42. Reg. 50.00-59.00. IMPORTED. IN MEN'S. AVAILABLE AT SELECTED STORES.



**SAVE 39.51-95.01** Large selection of designer sweaters and pants in a variety of colors. Sweaters in sizes M-L-XL-XXL. Pants in sizes 32-40. Reg. 69.50-125.00. IMPORTED. IN MEN'S. AVAILABLE AT SELECTED STORES.



**SAVE 275.01-330.01** Entire stock of Preswick & Moore leather jackets in black or (not shown) brown. Sizes M-L-XL-XXL. Reg. 395.00-450.00. IMPORTED. IN MEN'S.



**SAVE 19.01-25.01** Your choice of Preswick & Moore cotton sport shirts in an assortment of plaids and colors. Sizes M-L-XL. Reg. 34.00-40.00. IMPORTED. IN MEN'S.



**SAVE 32.51-65.01** Large selection of designer knit and woven shirts in an assortment of styles. Sizes M-L-XL-XXL. Reg. 52.50-85.00. IMPORTED. IN MEN'S. AVAILABLE AT SELECTED STORES.



**SAVE 30.01-36.01** Entire stock of Preswick & Moore and Cezani sweaters. Choose from mockneck and polo styles. Sizes M-L-XL. Reg. 48.00-54.00. IMPORTED. IN MEN'S.



# SEMIANNUAL INTIMATE SALE

ENJOY OUR 4-DAY 12.99 BLOW OUT SPECIAL ON SELECTED BRAS!



**SAVE 12.01-15.01**

Enjoy our FOUR-DAY BLOW OUT SPECIAL on selected bra styles from Bali, Vanity Fair and Olga. Sizes 34-36 A,B,C, 36-42 D,DD. Reg. 25.00-28.00. IMPORTED. IN INTIMATE APPAREL. SIZES VARY BY STORE. PRICE GOOD THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER, 29.

**15.99 & 17.99 ENTIRE STOCK OF BALI, OLGA AND VANITY FAIR BRAS  
PLUS, BUY 2 BRAS AND GET 1 FREE\* BY MAIL!**



**SAVE 6.01-12.01**

Save on our entire stock of bras from Vanity Fair, Olga and Bali. All average-figure bras, sale 15.99. All full-figure bras, sale 17.99. Reg. 22.00-30.00. Plus, buy two bras and get another one free\* by mail. IMPORTED. IN INTIMATE APPAREL. \*FREE BRA MUST BE OF EQUAL OR LESS VALUE. BRIGHT HANDLING CHARGE MAY APPLY.

# SEMIANNUAL INTIMATE SALE

25-40% OFF PANTIES, SHAPEWEAR, BRAS AND CUDDLUDS



**SAVE 2.50-20.00** Entire stock of panties from Vanity Fair, Barely There and Bali. Reg. 5.50-9.00. Plus, enjoy **3 for 24.00** on our entire stock of panties from Olga. Reg. 9.00-10.50. All, in sizes S-M-L. IMPORTED. IN INTIMATE APPAREL.



**SAVE 2.50-10.00** Entire stock of shapewear from Body Slimmers, Flexees, Bali and Barely There. Plus, buy two and get one free\* by mail! Sizes S-M-L-XL. Reg. 10.00-40.00, **sale 7.50-30.00**. IMPORTED. IN INTIMATE APPAREL. \*FREE SHAPEWEAR ITEM MUST BE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE. SLIGHT HANDLING CHARGE MAY APPLY.



**SAVE 6.50-7.50** Entire stock of bras from Lilyette, Liz Calabrese, Jockey and Wonderbra. Sizes 34-38 B-C-D, 38-42 D-DD. Reg. 26.00-30.00, **sale 19.50-22.50**. IMPORTED. IN INTIMATE APPAREL.



**SAVE 8.80-10.40** Choose from our entire stock of Cuddluds. Sizes S-M-L-XL. Reg. 22.00-26.00, **sale 13.20-15.60**. IMPORTED. IN INTIMATE APPAREL.



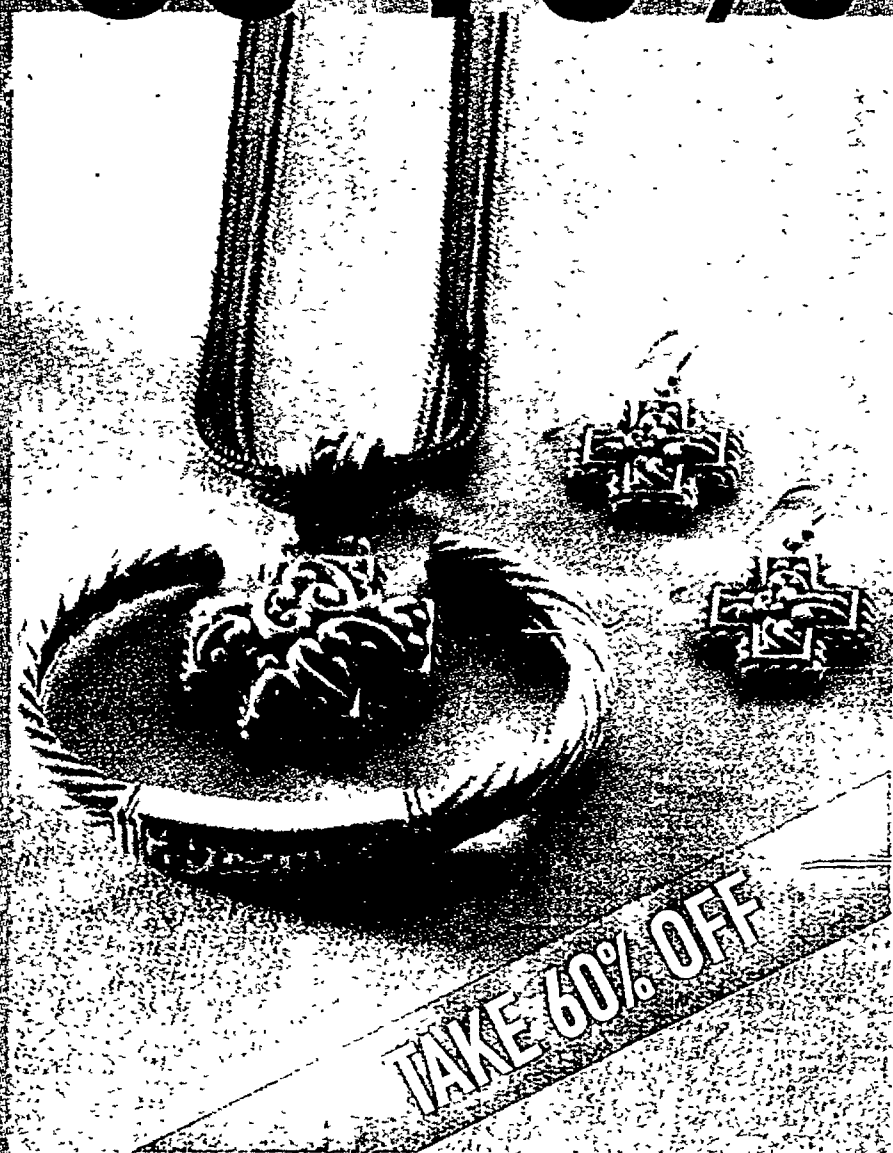
# 50% OFF INTIMATE DESIGNER CLEARANCE



**SAVE 10.00-29.00**

Stock up on bras, panties and camisoles. Save on discontinued styles and colors from Wacoal, Felina, Natori, Arianne and On Gossamer. Available in assorted sizes. Reg. 20.00-58.00, **sale 10.00-29.00**. IMPORTED. IN INTIMATE APPAREL. SELECTION VARIES BY STORE.

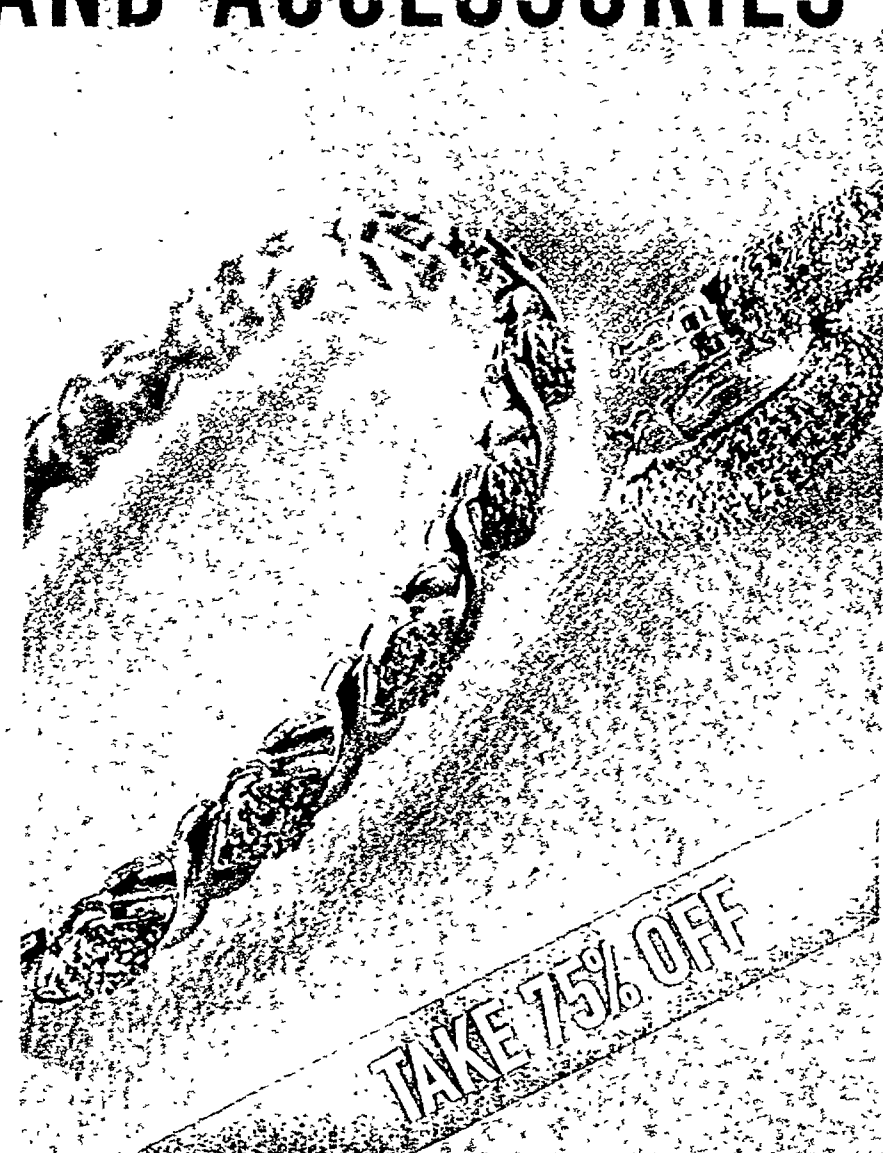
# 50-75% OFF JEWELRY AND ACCESSORIES



**SAVE 12.00-312.00** Entire stock of sterling silver jewelry including Barse. Reg. 20.00-520.00, **sale 8.00-208.00.** IN ACCESSORIES.



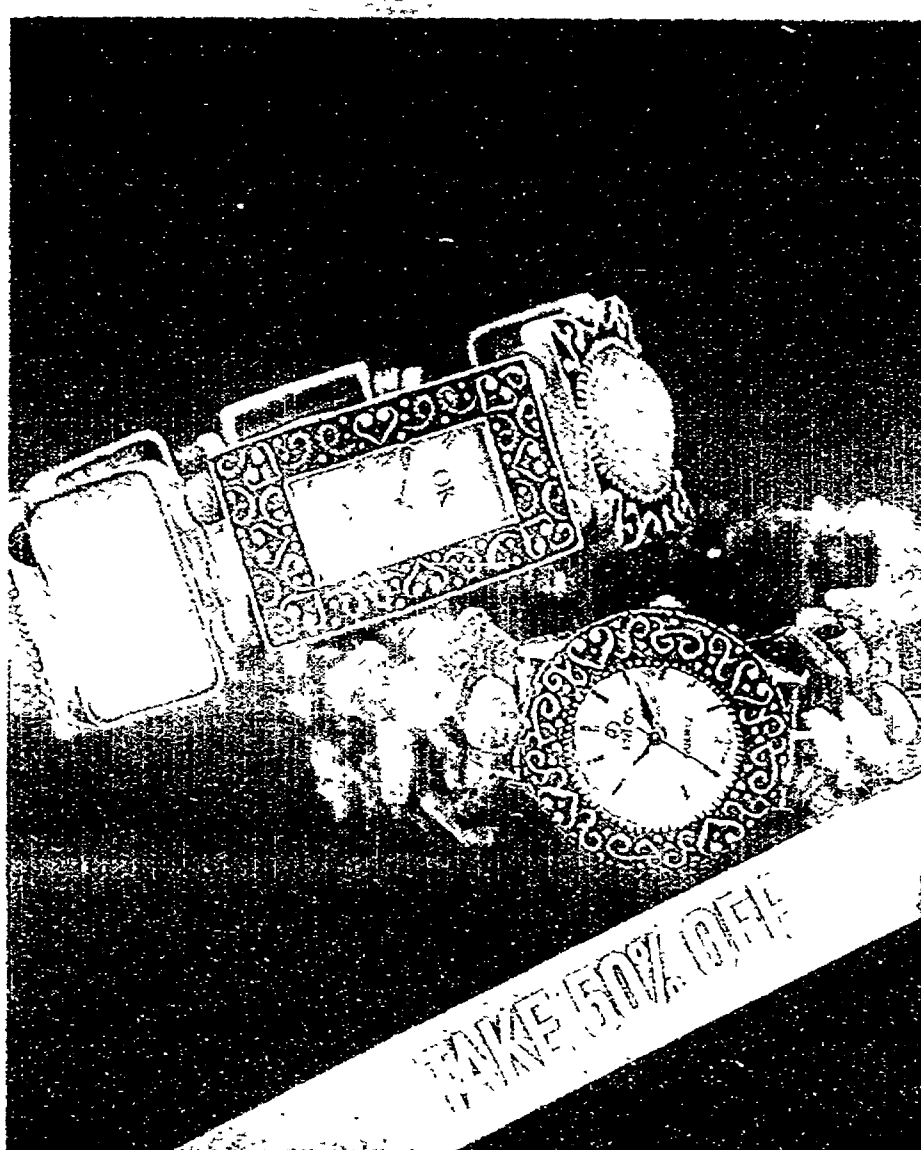
**SAVE 9.00-24.00** Your choice of Parisian Signature boxed jewelry. Reg. 15.00-40.00, **sale 6.00-16.00.** IN ACCESSORIES.



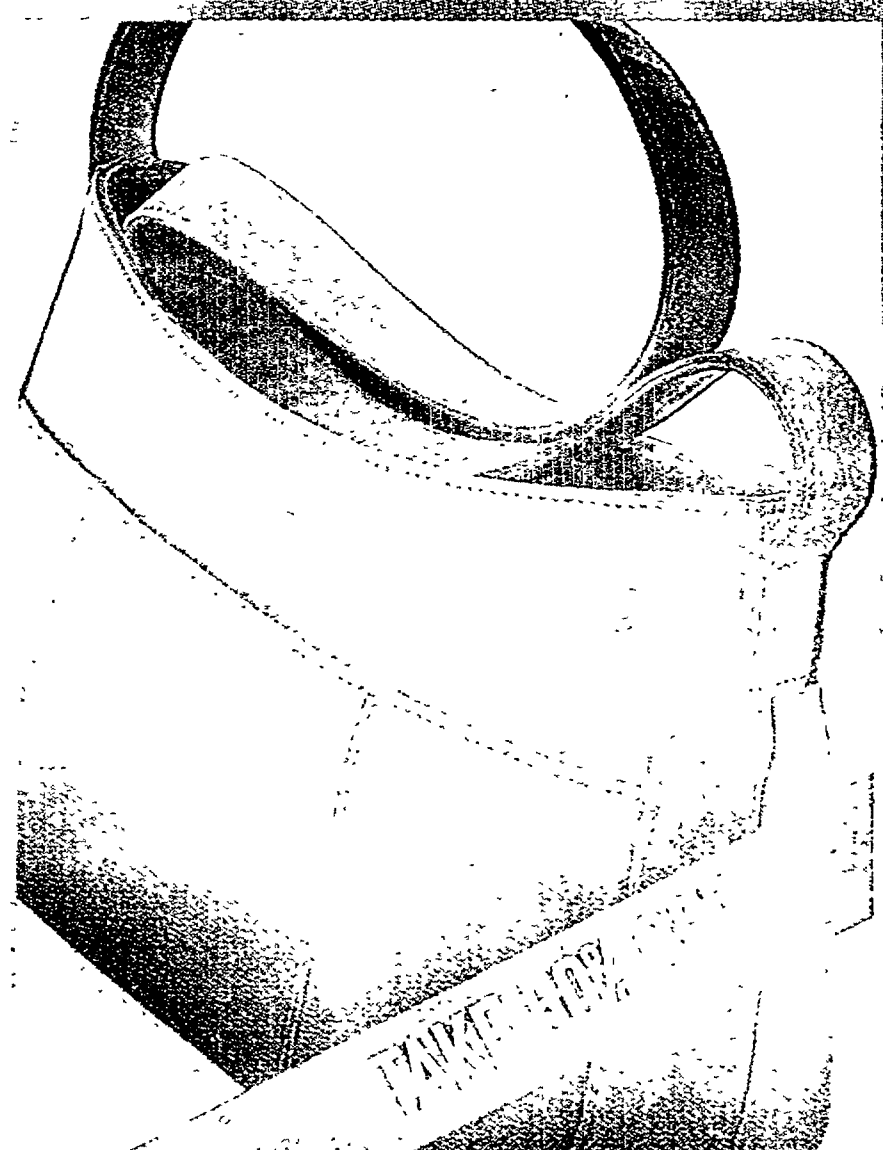
**SAVE 30.00-112.50** Entire stock of diamond accent jewelry. Choose from bracelets, earrings and pendants. Reg. 40.00-150.00, **sale 10.00-37.50.** IN ACCESSORIES.



**SAVE 9.00-12.00** Great selection of holiday motif pins and (not shown) scarves. Reg. 15.00-20.00, **sale 6.00-8.00.** IN ACCESSORIES.



**SAVE 27.50-125.00** Large selection of famous-maker watches. Choose from selected styles by AK Anne Klein, Fossil, Nine West and more. Reg. 55.00-250.00, **sale 27.50-125.00.** IN ACCESSORIES.



**SAVE 42.50-60.00** Large selection of leather handbags. Reg. 85.00-120.00, **sale 42.50-60.00.** IN HANDBAGS.



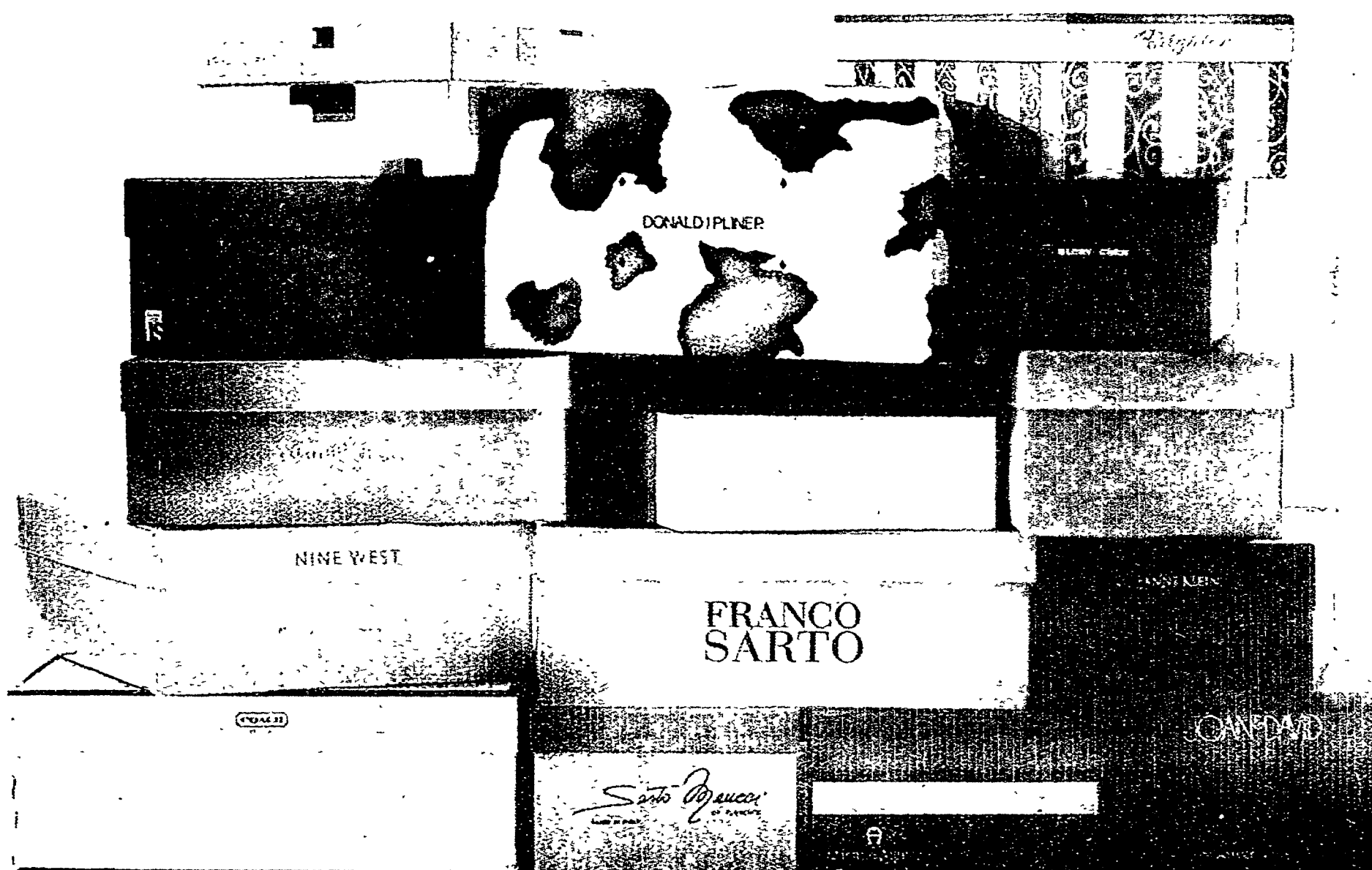
# 60% OFF WOMEN'S BOOTS

**SAVE 35.40-113.40** Large  
selection of women's boots. Reg. 59.00-  
189.00, sale 23.60-75.60. IN WOMEN'S SHOES.



## SEMIANNUAL BOOT AND SHOE CLEARANCE 40% OFF RED-LINED SHOES

Save an additional 40% on already-reduced women's shoes and boots from your favorite designers.  
Reg. 49.00-162.00, sale 34.99-112.99, now 20.99-67.79. IN WOMEN'S SHOES.



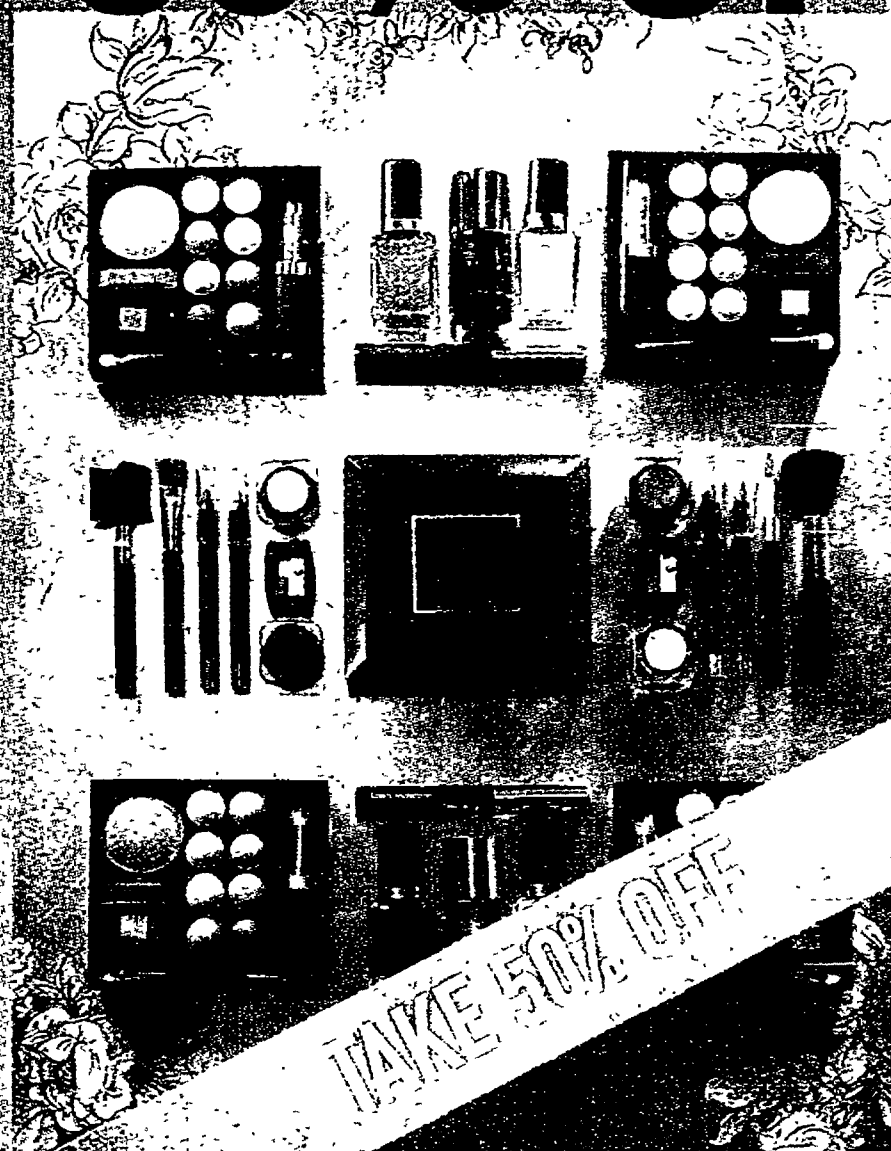
## EASY SPIRIT GET FIT SALE

**STARTS TOMORROW!**

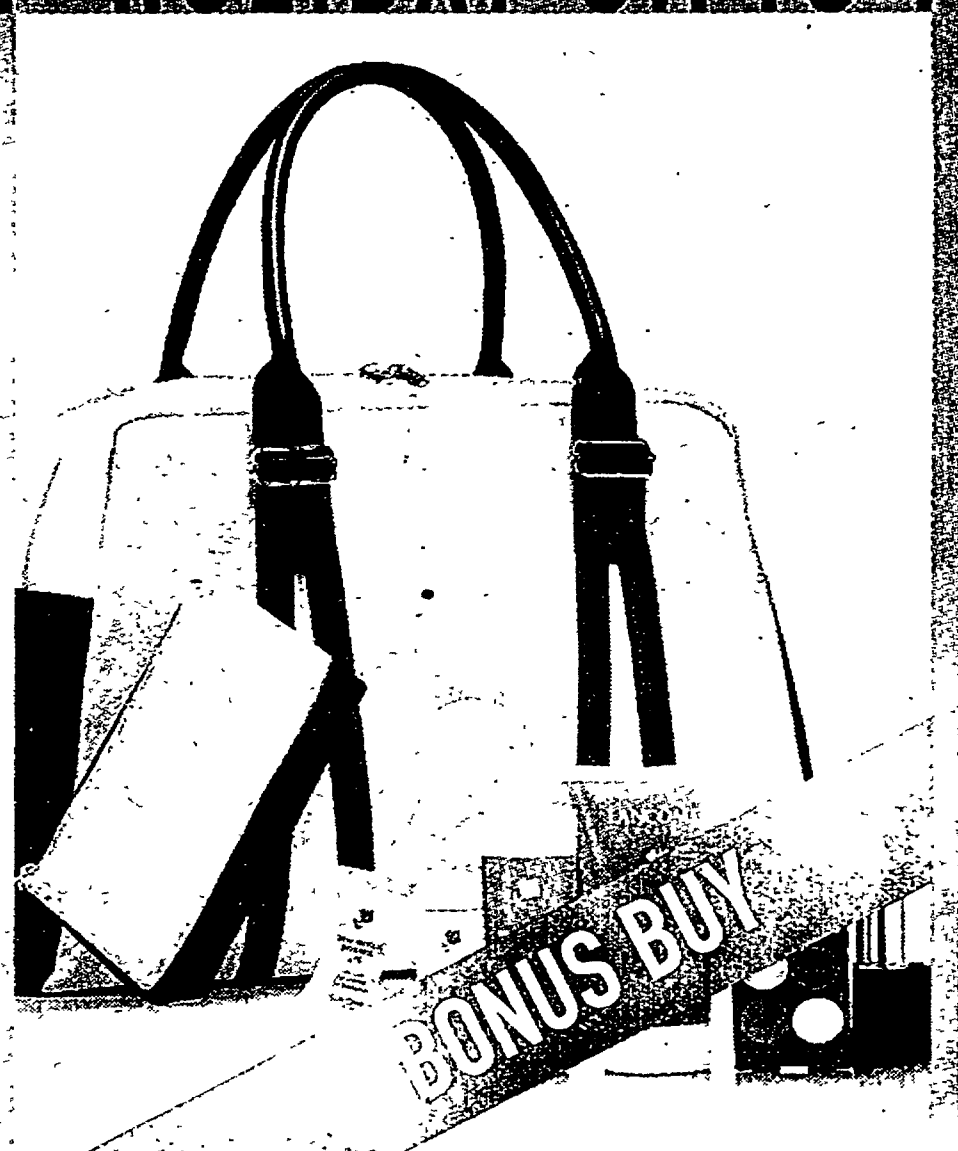
Start your new year on the right foot. Receive **two free issues of Health magazine**  
with any Easy Spirit purchase. Plus, **register to win\* a year of personal training!**

IN WOMEN'S SHOES. \*SEE AN ASSOCIATE FOR DETAILS.

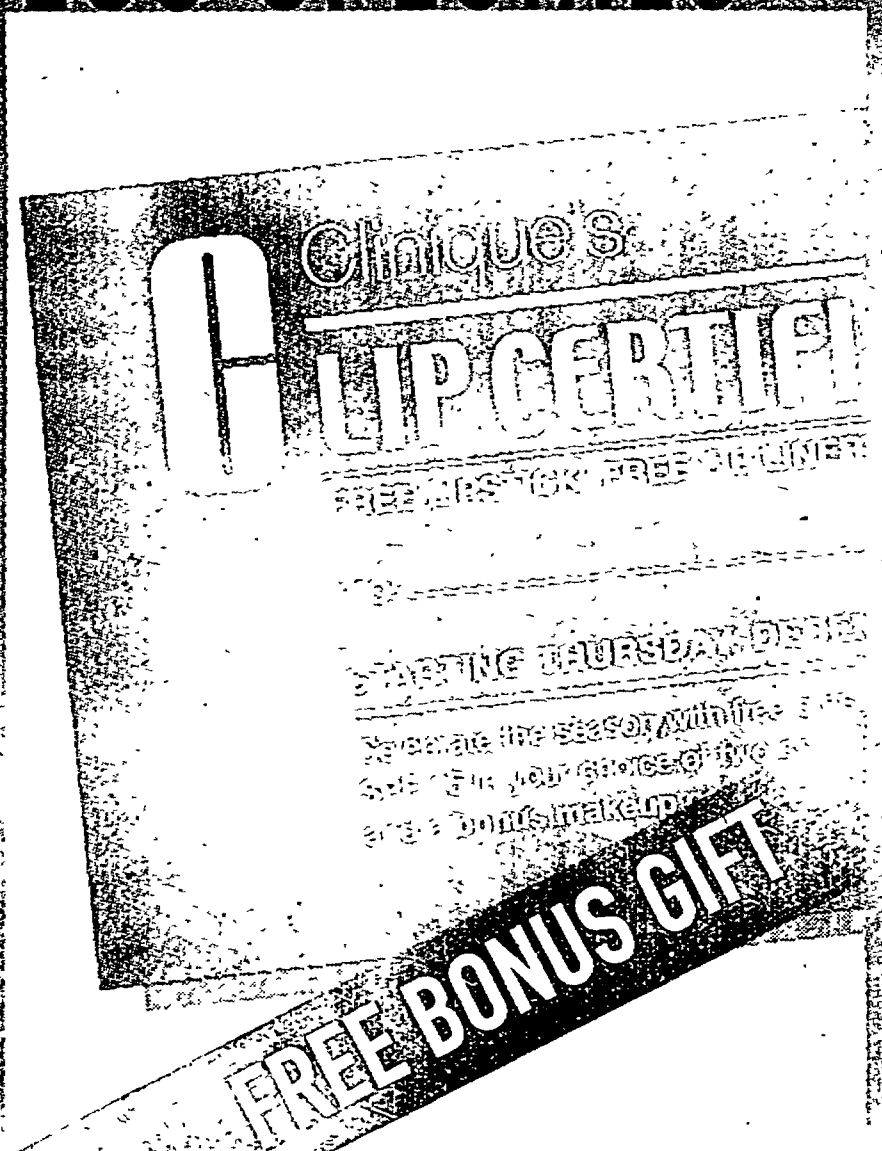
# 50% OFF HOLIDAY GIFTS PLUS SPECIALS



**SAVE 10.01** Our special Beauty Keepsakes cosmetic gift set from The Color Institute. Includes all your beauty essentials in one complete package (nails, lips, eyes and cheeks). Reg. 20.00, **sale 9.99.** IN COSMETICS. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.



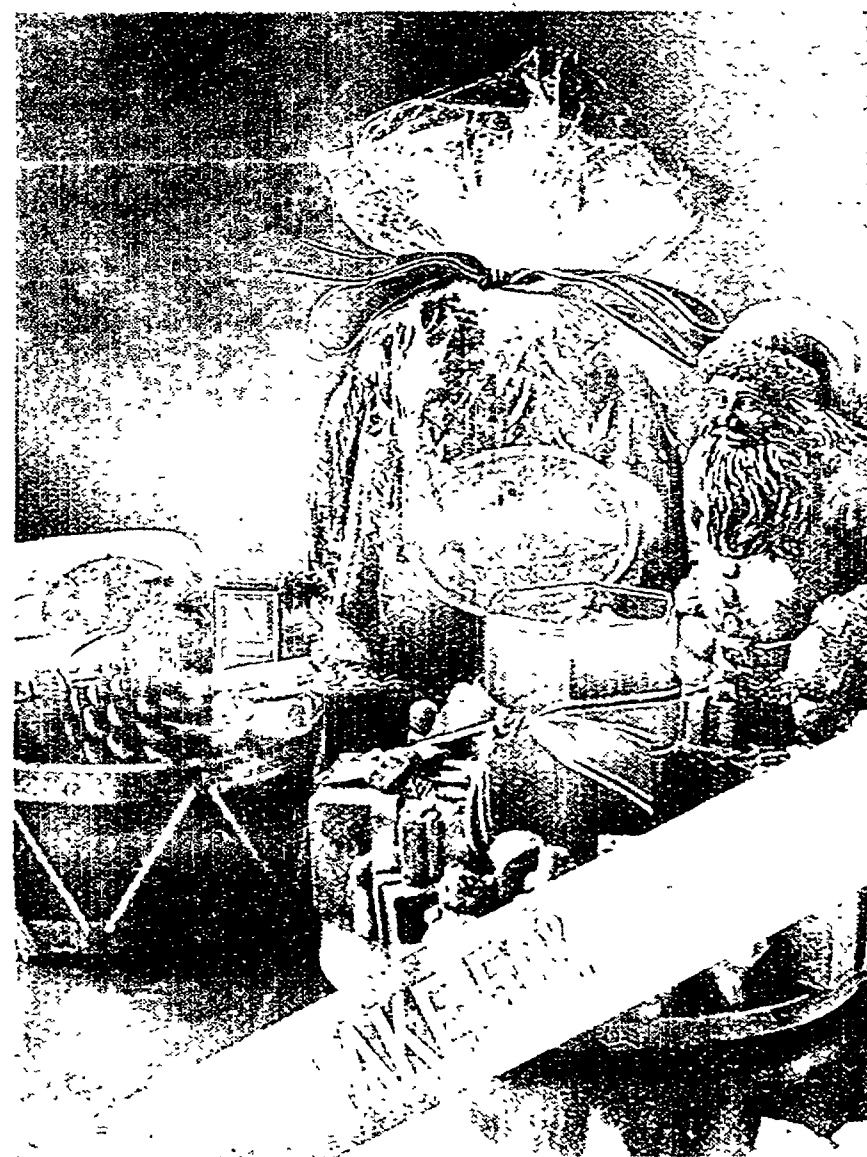
**LANCÔME BONUS** Lancôme packs your bags with your favorite Paris portables and a stylish tan faux suede weekender with black trim and matching cosmetics case. Yours for 25.00 with any Lancôme purchase. IN COSMETICS. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.



**CLINIQUE GIFT** Clinique has a special gift for you! With any 35.00 or more Clinique purchase, receive a free gift from Clinique. IN COSMETICS. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.



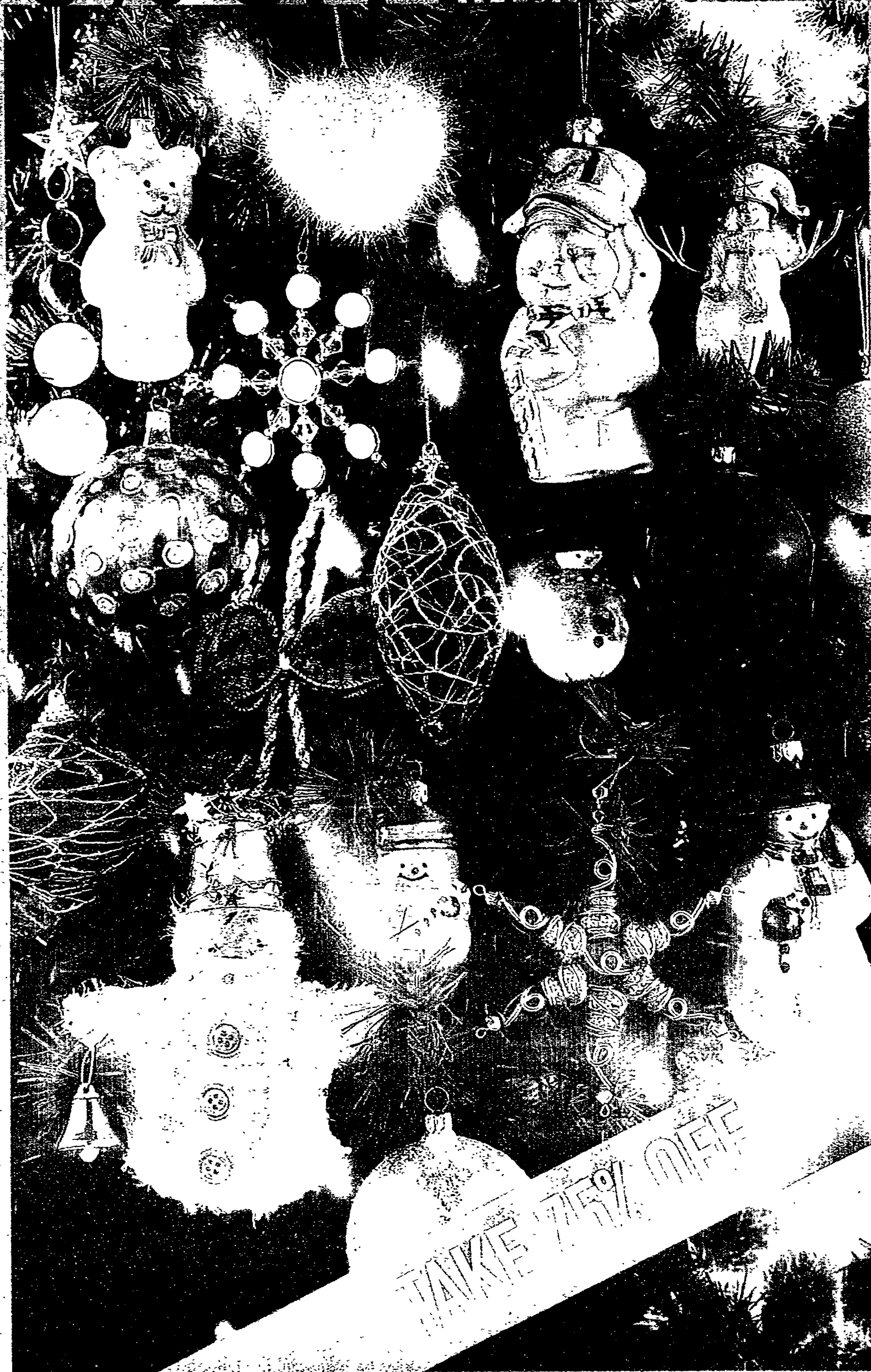
**SAVE 32.01** Save on our holiday collection from White Diamonds. Includes: 1.7 fl. oz. Eau de Toilette Spray Naturel, .5 oz. Eau de Parfum Spray Naturel, 3.3 fl. oz. Gentle Moisturizing Body Wash and 3.3 oz. Perfumed Body Lotion. Reg. 52.00 IN COSMETICS. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.



**SAVE 10.01-25.01** Decorative pieces from Aromatique: small Christmas Drum container filled with holiday potpourri and candle, "The Smell of Christmas" decorative fragrance and Santa with Christmas candle. Reg. 19.00-50.00, **sale 8.99-24.99.** IN COSMETICS. AVAILABLE AT SELECTED STORES. SELECTION VARIES BY STORE.



# 75% OFF ENTIRE STOCK\* OF TRIM-A-HOME



**SAVE 7.50-86.25**

Entire stock\* of LivingQuarters  
"Trim-A-Home" decorative items:

- crystal figurines and globes
- holiday metal gifts
- tree ornaments
- tabletop decor
- tree skirts, stockings and accessories
- waterglobes
- holiday candles and scatters
- hand painted ornaments
- wreaths
- miniature tree ornaments and accessories

Reg. 10.00-115.00,  
**sale 2.50-28.75. IN GIFTS.**

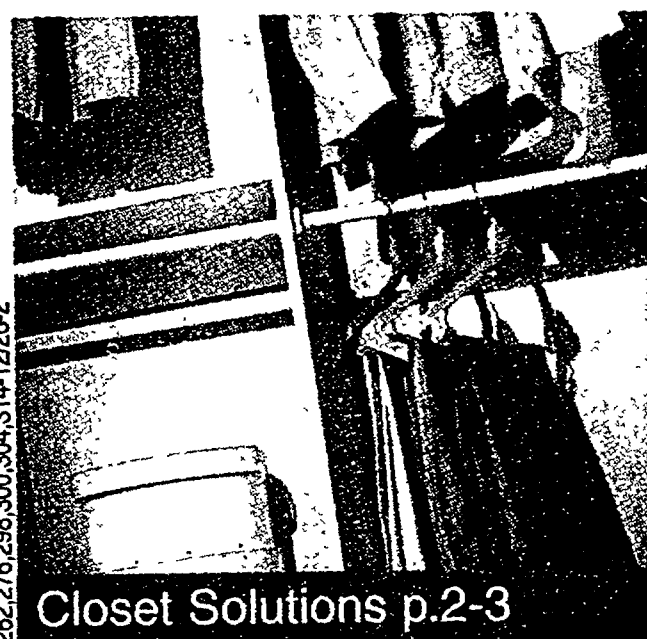
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# Storage



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**Rubbermaid**

**22-Gallon  
Rough Top Container**

Features comfortable handles for  
easy lifting and an exclusive grip  
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## closet

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### A. 10' Closet Starter

For closet spaces up to 10' wide. Includes 1 interior shelf, (2) 24" hang rods and (3) 48" hang rods. Customize with doors, drawers and shelves. Lifetime warranty.  
C12 (634071) ..... **\$49.97**

### B. 5" Deep Bianco Drawer

5"H x 23-7/8"W x 14-1/2"D.  
A20 (973123) ..... **\$19.97**

### C. 10" Deep Bianco Drawer

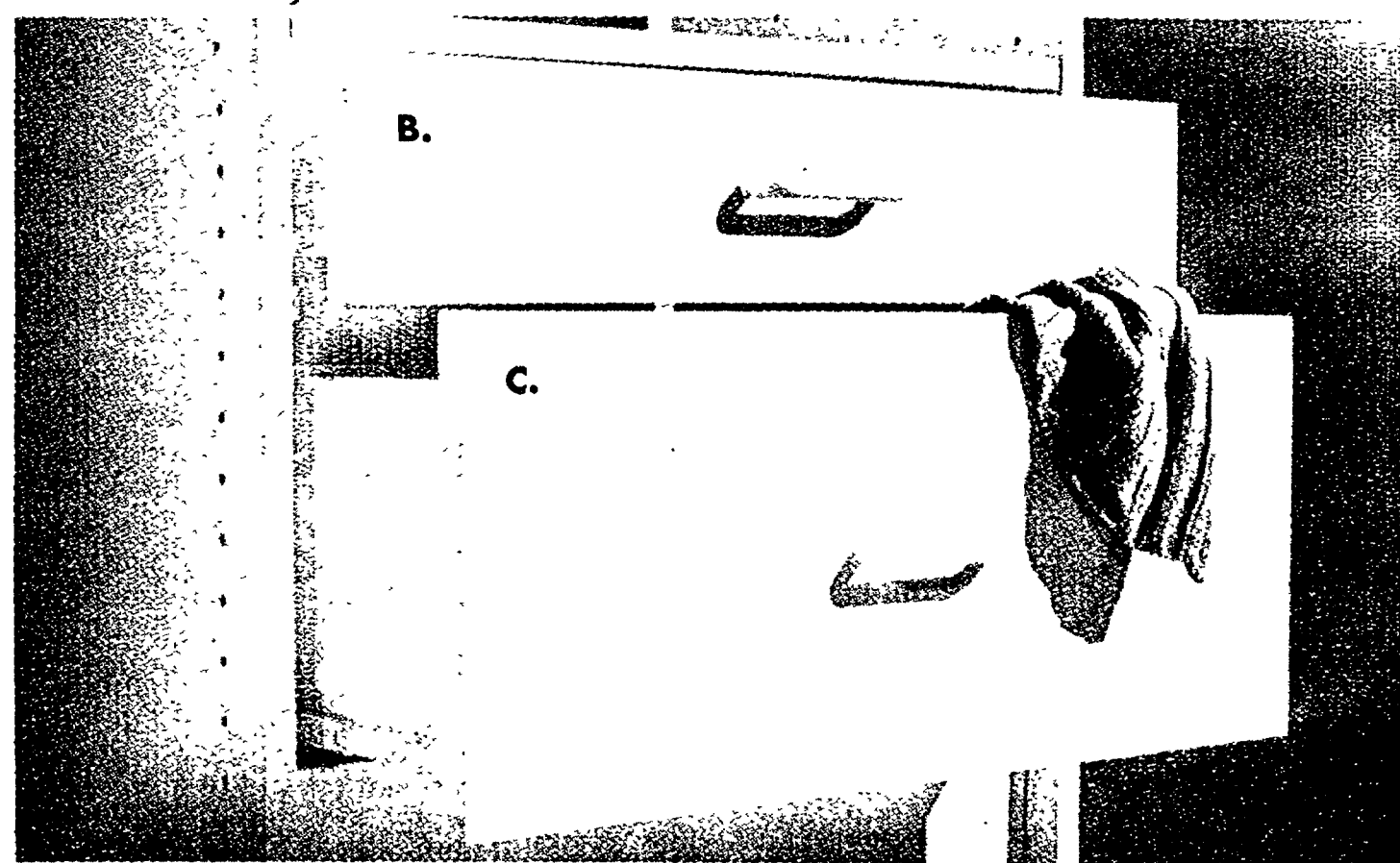
10"H x 23-7/8"W x 14-1/2"D.  
Features epoxy-coated drawer runners for easy, smooth gliding.  
A21 (973140) ..... **\$24.96**

### D. 24" Shelf Pack

22-5/16"W x 14-5/8"D.  
White finish. 3/4" thick.  
Two per pack.  
A50 (973185) ..... **\$14.95**



Customize your closet starter with these accessories:



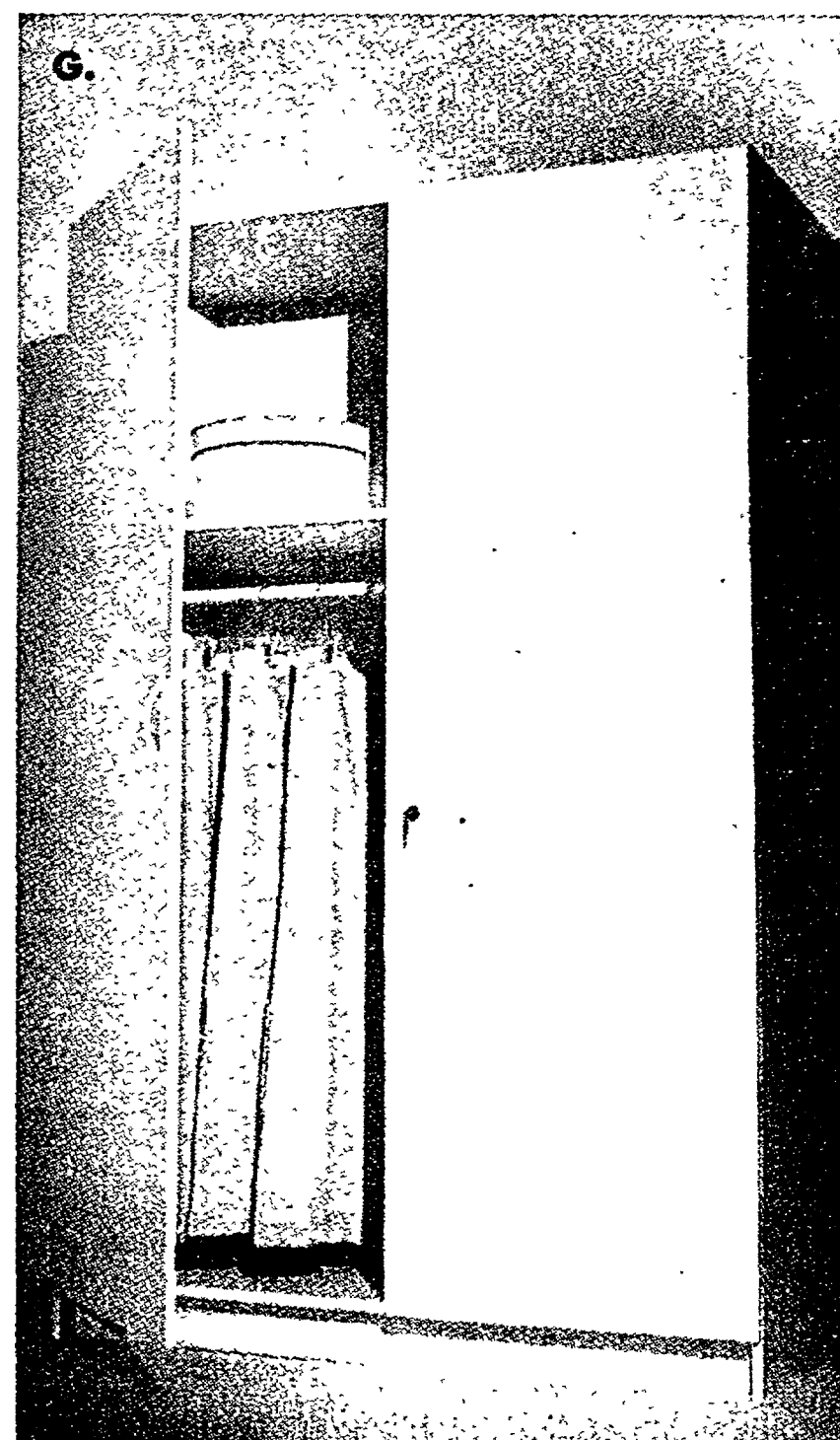
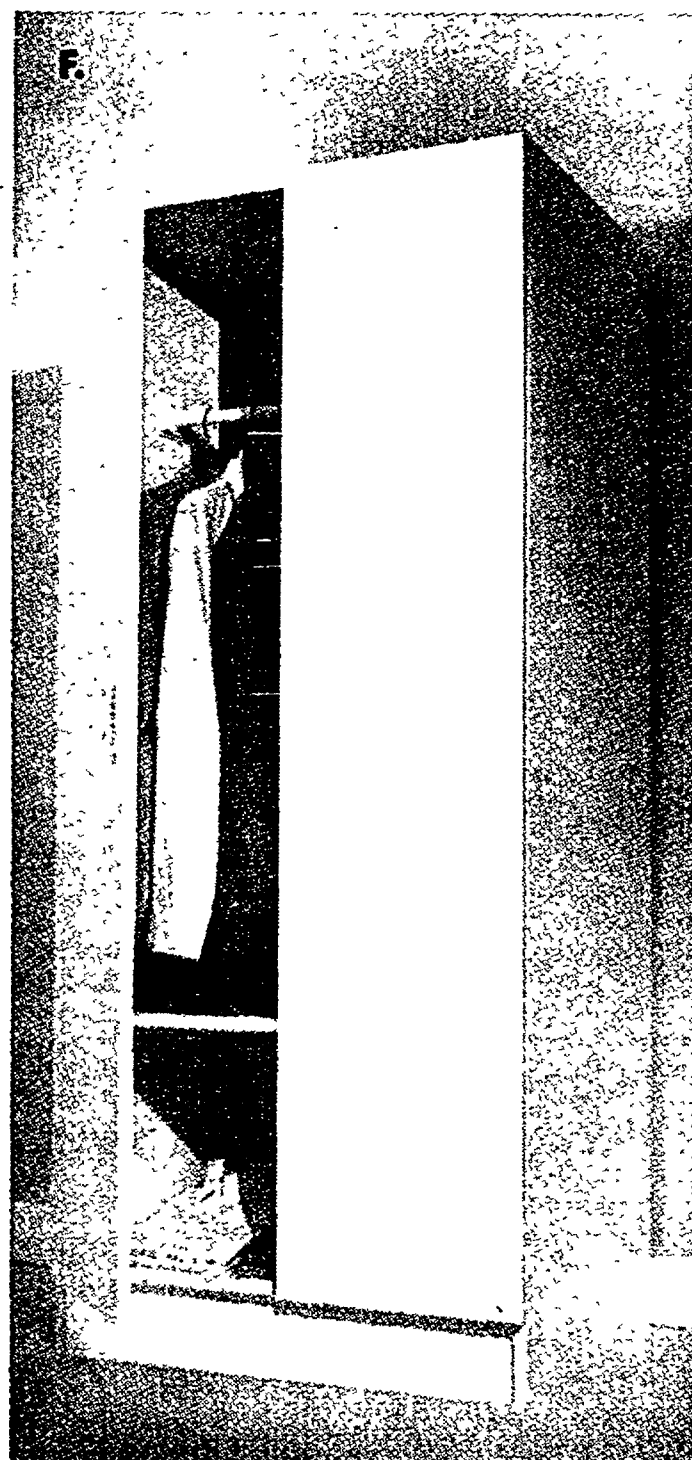
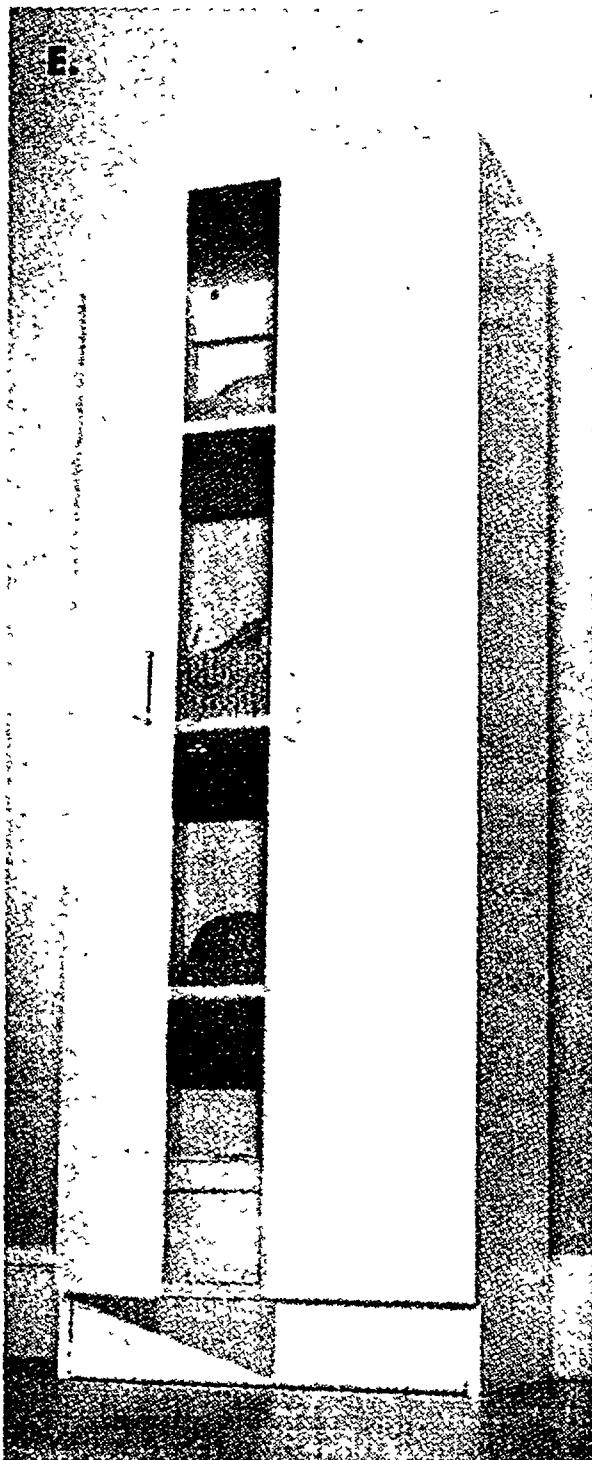
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**E. 24" Wide Multipurpose Cabinet**  
Instant, attractive storage; put your clutter behind doors. 24"W x 69-3/4"H x 15-5/8"D. 3/4" durable construction. Includes 2 adjustable and 2 fixed-height shelves. Lifetime warranty.  
C1 (972702) ..... **\$85.00**

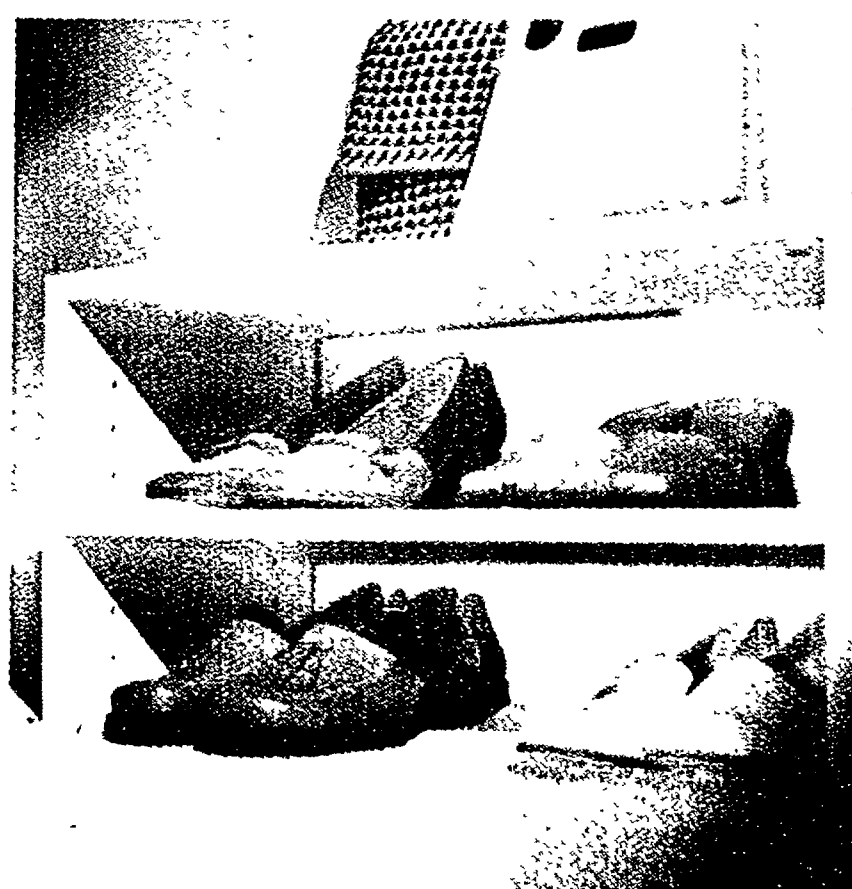
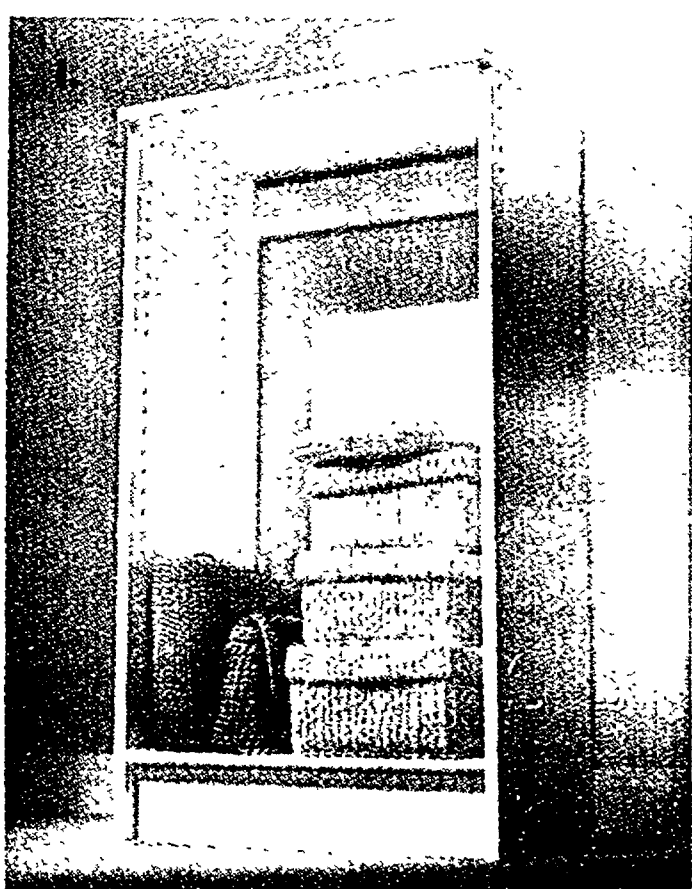
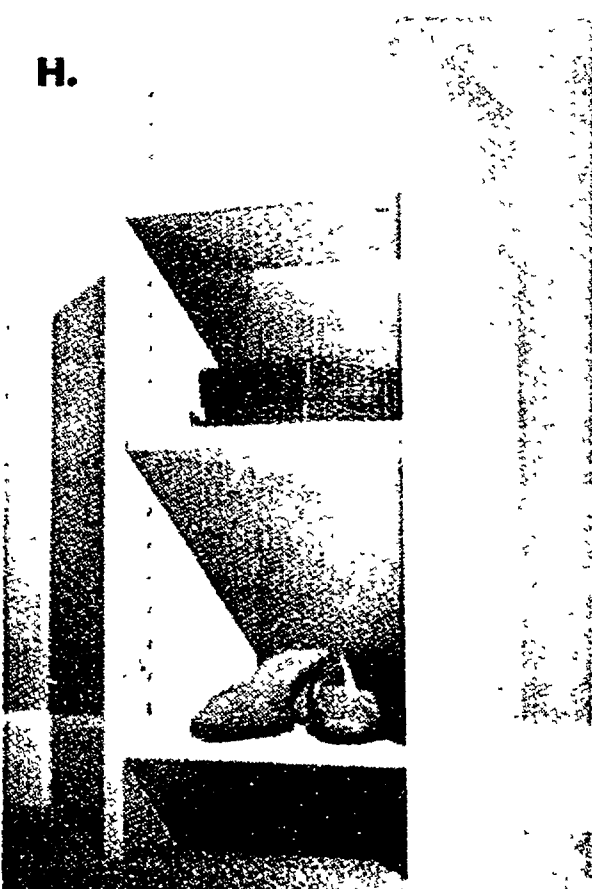
**F. 30" Wardrobe Cabinet**  
30"W x 69-3/4"H x 24-1/2"D. Features 2 doors, 1 shelf, 1 hang rod and back panel. C13 (634109) ..... **\$95.00**

**G. 48" Wide Locking Wardrobe Cabinet**  
48"W x 72"H x 20"D. Three adjustable and 2 fixed shelves, 1 hang rod. Full back panel. Lifetime warranty.  
C17 (258465) ..... **\$99.00**

**H. Tall Stacker**  
12"W x 29-3/4"H x 11-5/8"D. Includes 1 adjustable and 2 fixed-height shelves. C6 (972912) ..... **\$12.96**

**I. Closet Base**  
24"W x 45-3/4"H x 14-5/8"D. Easy to assemble and accessorize. Lifetime warranty. C10 (634157) ..... **\$43.00**

**J. Shoe Stacker**  
24"W x 12-1/8"H x 11-5/8"D. 2 shelves for up to 12 shoes. C7 (972957) ..... **\$11.96**



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Mill's Pride has everything you need to increase hanging or shelf space, customize closets with drawers, or add extra shelves or hanging rods.

Mill's Pride makes the products that increase your space and get you organized.  
• All of our closet components are made from 3/4" thick melamine-

finished boards for durability and easy cleaning.  
• All Mill's Pride components are predrilled for quick and easy assembly.





garage



**A. 30" Pantry Cabinet**

30"W x 59"H x 15-1/4"D.

Two pantry doors, 3 shelves.

U5 (552047) .....\$74.00

**B. 60" Bench Top**

59-1/2"W x 1"H x 16"D.

U7 (636272) .....\$15.97

**C. 15" Drawer Base**

(Two shown)

15"W x 34-1/2"H x 15-1/4"D.

One door, 1 drawer, 1 shelf

U1 (552095) .....\$29.97

**D. 30" Wall Unit**

30"W x 24"H x 15-1/4"D.

Two doors, 1 adjustable shelf.

U4 (552078) .....\$31.97

**E. 30" Base Unit**

30"W x 34-1/2"H x 15-1/4"D.

Two full-height doors, 1 shelf.

U2 (551951) .....\$43.00



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**F. 24" Wide Wall Cabinet**

24"W x 29-3/4"H x 15-3/8"D.

One door, 2 shelves.

C4 (972859) .....\$64.00

**G. 54" Wall Cabinet**

54"W x 24"H x 12-1/2"D.

Two shelves, 3 doors, 1 divider.

C5 (972893) .....\$79.00

**H. 24" Base Cabinet**

24"W x 34-1/4"H x 24-1/2"D

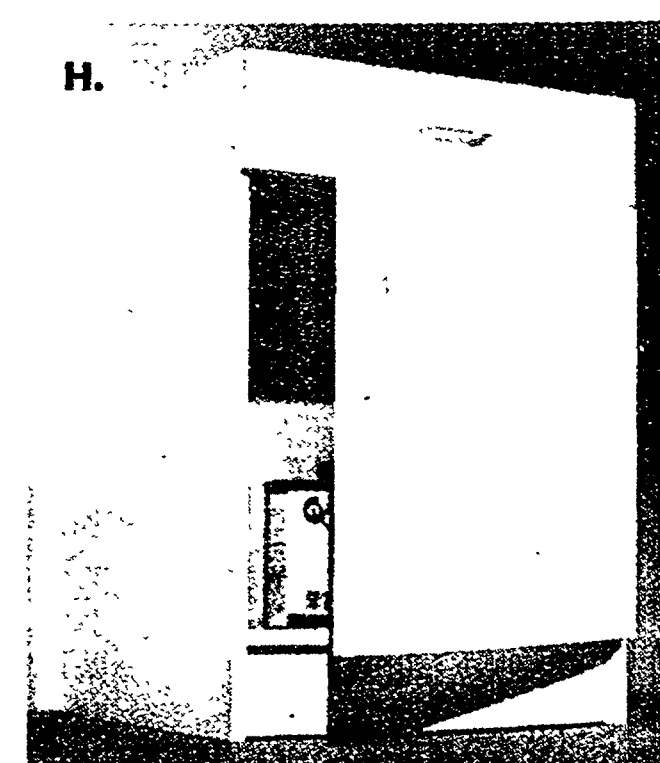
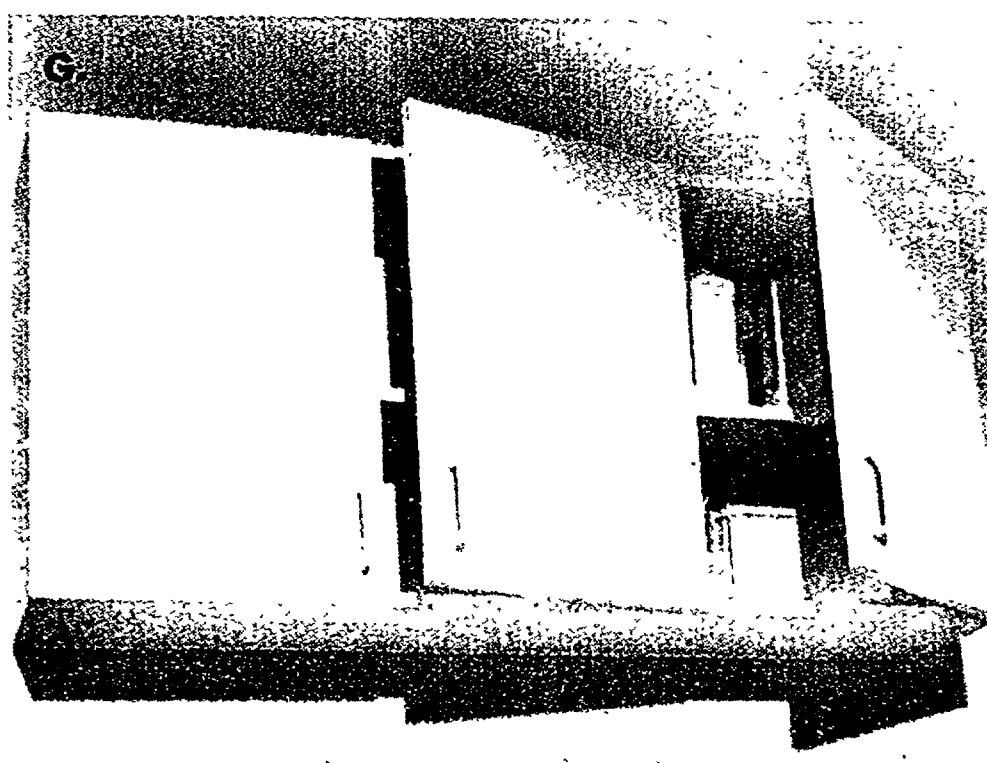
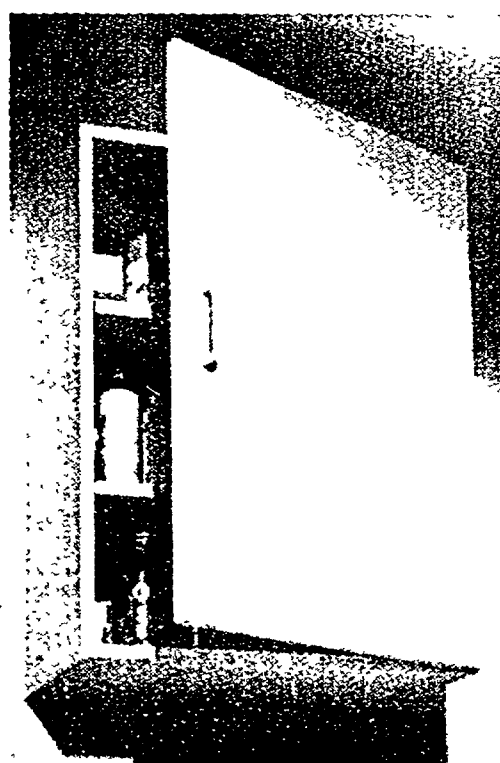
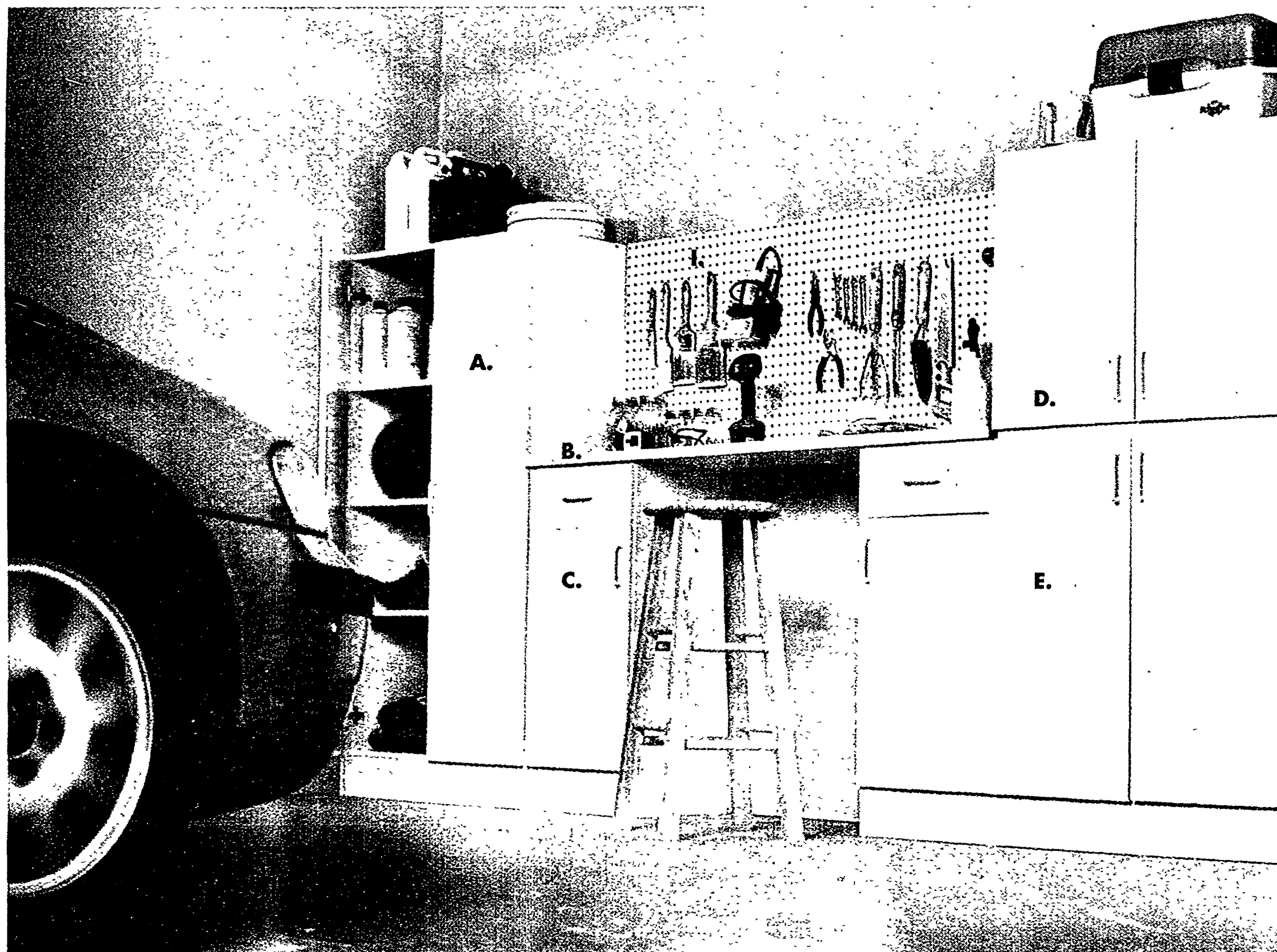
One door, 1 drawer.

Countertop sold separately.

C3 (972831) .....\$79.00

**I. 2'x4' Perforated White  
Garage Liner Pegboard**

(155713) .....\$4.84



**Mill's Pride Utility Store Cabinets  
offer durability**  
and uncompromising performance at  
a great price. Featuring a durable  
5/8" construction and white Melamine

finish inside and out, U-Store cabinets are  
tough enough for use in the garage or  
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features you'll find within the U-Store

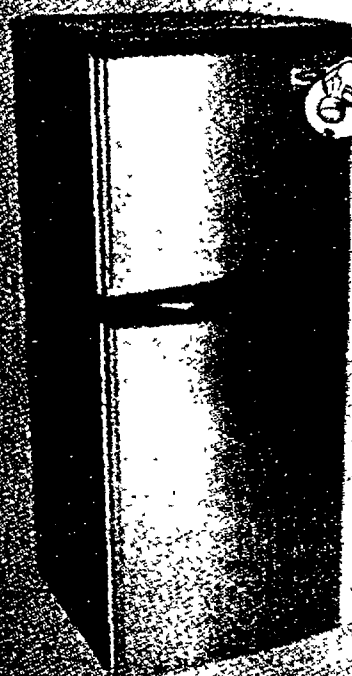
product line include:

- Heavy-duty metal, adjustable hinges
- Smooth-gliding, all-metal drawer runners
- Decorative pulls and assembly hardware included

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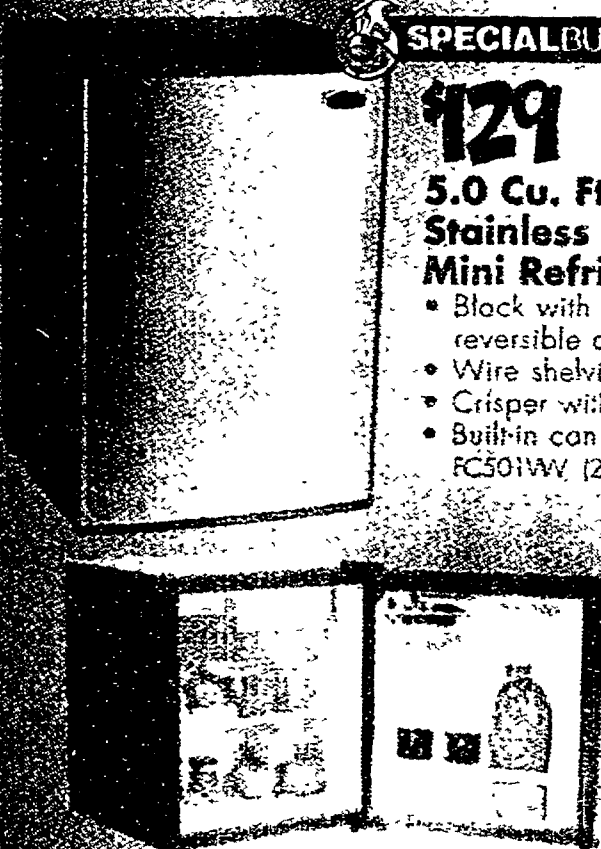


**SPECIALBUY**

**\$199**

**4.0 Cu. Ft. Stainless Style Compact Refrigerator**

- Separate Zero Degree freezer
  - Auto defrost refrigerator
  - Adjustable shelving
- FC400YW (696012)



**SPECIALBUY**

**\$129**

**5.0 Cu. Ft. Stainless Style Mini Refrigerator**

- Black with stainless style reversible door
  - Wire shelving
  - Crisper with glass cover
  - Built-in can storage in door
- FC501WV (286825)

**Magic Chef**

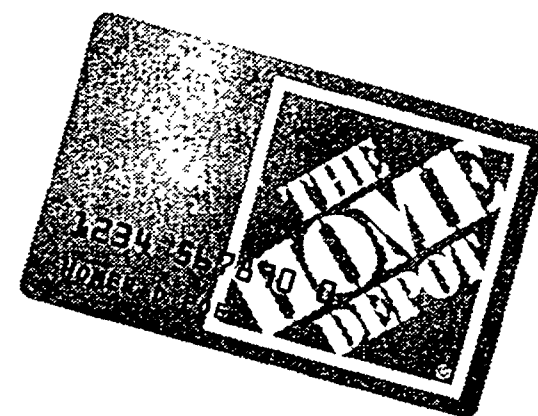
**1.7 Cu. Ft. Stainless Style Mini Refrigerator**

- Compact design
- 2-door design
- 2-door design
- 2-door design

**\$79.99**



**Includes Water & Ice Filter**



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**\$799**

**ONLY \$22 per month\***

**24.9 Cu. Ft. Refrigerator**

- Water and ice dispenser
  - 3 adjustable fresh food glass shelves
  - 4 fresh food door shelves, 2 with adjustable gallon storage
  - 5 wire freezer compartment shelves, 3 are adjustable
- (840212, Depot Direct 821148)

**Includes Icemaker**

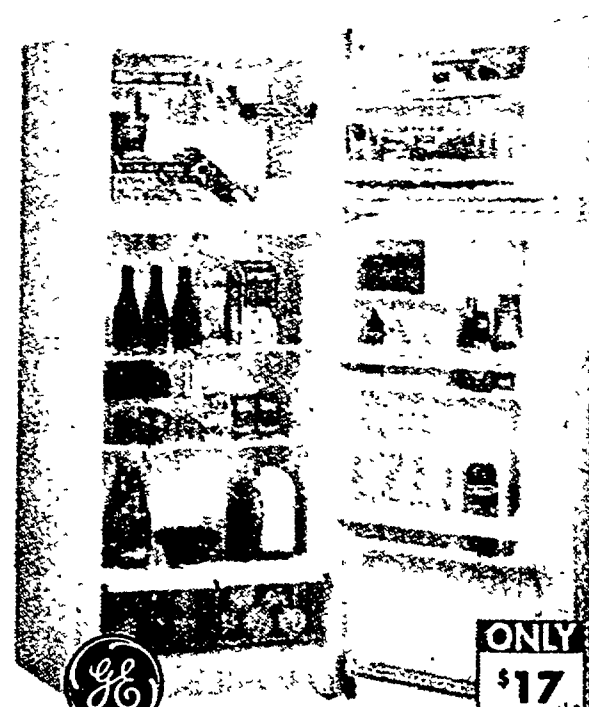


**ONLY \$17 per month\***

**20.2 Cu. Ft. Refrigerator**

- 3 adjustable glass fresh food cabinet shelves (2 split, 1 full width)
  - Upfront temperature controls in fresh food section
  - 2 clear fruit/vegetable crispers
  - 3 (2 adjustable, 1 fixed) full-width fresh food gallon door bins
  - 1 adjustable full-width wire freezer compartment shelf
- (292282)

**\$549**

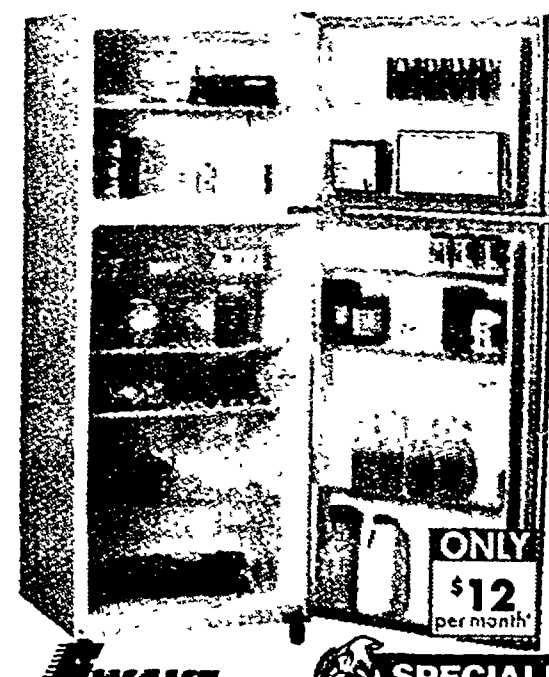


**ONLY \$17 per month\***

**17.6 Cu. Ft. Refrigerator**

- 3-adjustable fresh food cabinet shelves
  - 2-fixed fresh food gallon door shelves
  - Never clean condenser
  - Deluxe quiet design
- GTS18FBMWW (823856, Depot Direct 821040)

**\$399**



**ONLY \$12 per month\***

**12.2 Cu. Ft. Refrigerator**

- Frost free
  - Adjustable temperature control
  - Wire shelf
  - Durable door storage
- EWR121W (558040)

**\$299**

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### KITCHEN COOKING



#### 30" Built-In Gas Cooktop

- Available in white, black and bisque
- Deep porcelain cooktop
- Sealed cooktop burner design
- Precise simmer burner
- Continuous grates

IGP328WECWW (680173, 677422, 682454)

**\$269**  
ONLY \$11 per month\*



#### 30" Built-In Electric Cooktop

- Available in brushed chrome, white, black and bisque
- Two 8" and two 6" Calrod™ heating elements
- Glass control panel
- Infinite heat rotary controls

IP326CVBC (310195, 351835, 351839, 572969)

**\$159**



SHARP

**\$89.99** Everyday Low Price  
— 10.00 Manufacturer's Mail-In Rebate†



#### 1.6 Cu. Ft. 1200 Watt Microwave

- Choose from white or black
- Auto-Touch™ control panel
- 7 Instant Action™ keys

R410EW (738835, 733487)

**\$79.99** Your Final Price



#### 1.0 Cu. Ft. 1100 Watt Microwave

- Glass turntable
- 10 power levels
- 6 1-touch convenience pads
- Clock/LED display

ES1034WF (276437)

**\$69.99**



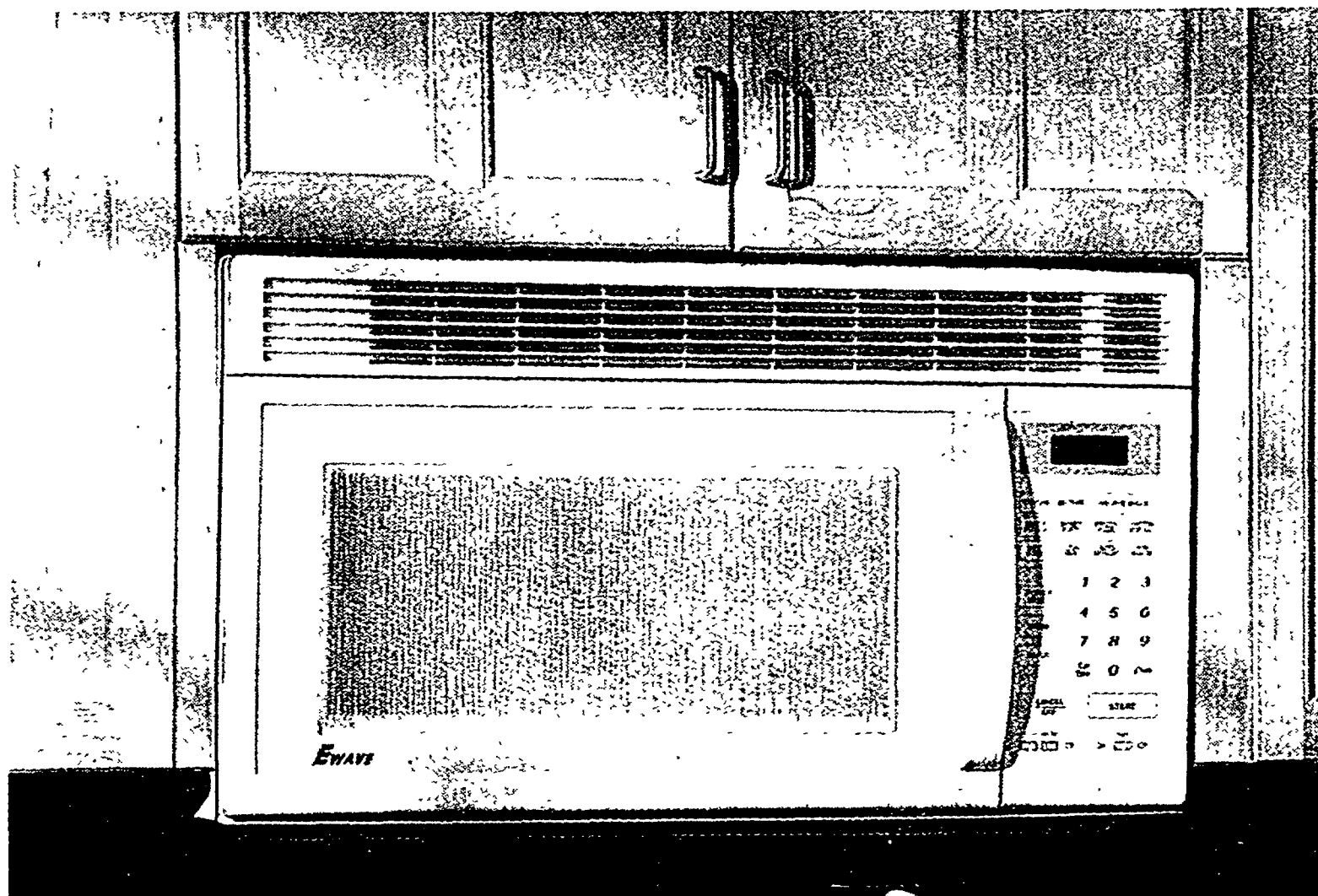
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#### 1.0 Cu. Ft. 1100 Watt Microwave

- Glass turntable
- 10 power levels
- 6 1-touch convenience pads
- Clock/LED display

ES1034WF (276437)

**\$59.99**



#### 1.5 Cu. Ft. Over-the-Range Microwave

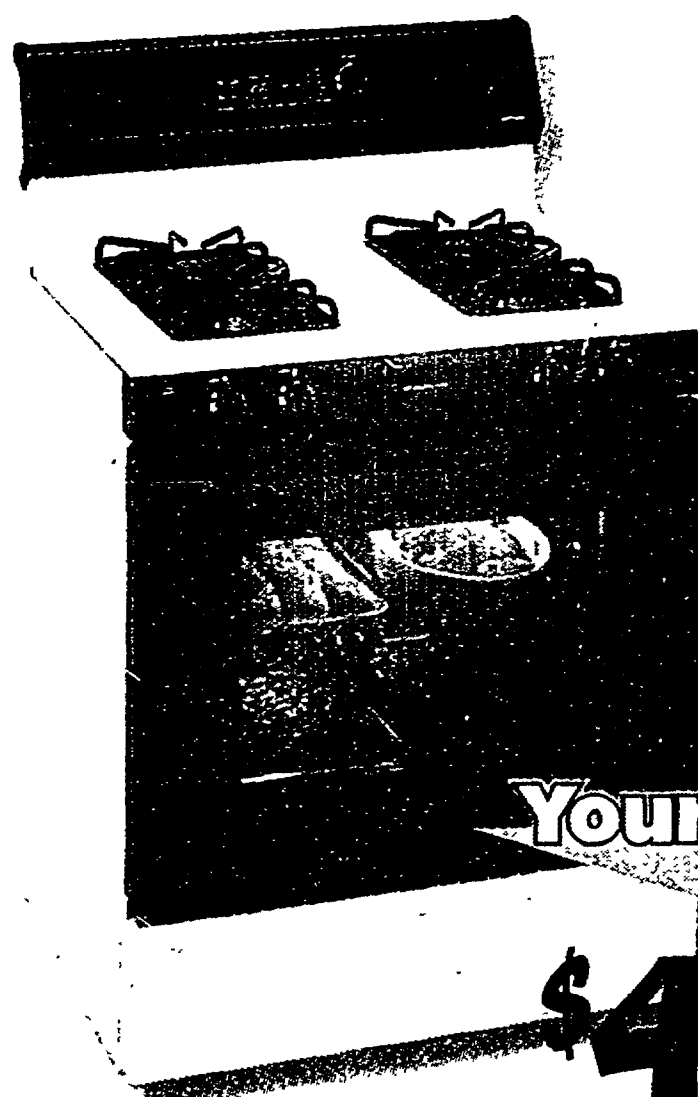
- Choose from white or black
- 1,000 watts
- 6 pre-programmed cooking options
- Weight and time defrost
- Turntable on/off
- Child safety lock
- While quantities last

KOT152UW (640408) (638721)



SPECIALBUY

**\$159**



Your Choice

**\$449**

ONLY \$19 per month\*

#### HOTPOINT

##### 30" Self-Cleaning Gas Range

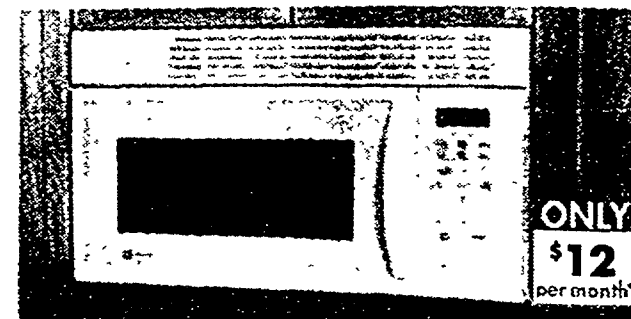
- Extra-large, self-cleaning oven
- Sealed cooktop burners
- Simmer 600 burner
- Heavy steel grates
- Black glass door with extra-large window

RGB746HEDWH (396990, Depot Direct 656201)

##### 30" Self-Cleaning Radiant Range

- Super large 5.0 cu. ft. oven capacity
- Self-clean oven with self-clean latch
- Two 6" and two 8" ribbon heating elements
- Digital temperature display
- 2 oven racks
- One-piece upswept patterned glass ceramic cooktop

(459439, Depot Direct 745721)



ONLY \$12 per month\*

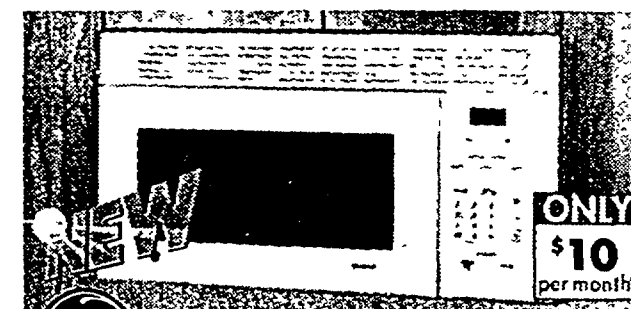


#### 1.5 Cu. Ft. Over-the-Range Microwave

- 1000 watts, 10 power levels
- Auto defrost
- Sensor-controlled cooking that monitors humidity
- One-touch convenience pads for popcorn, pizza, and other foods
- Also available in black or bisque for an additional cost.

MMV5156AAW (302162, Depot Direct 273991)

**\$299**



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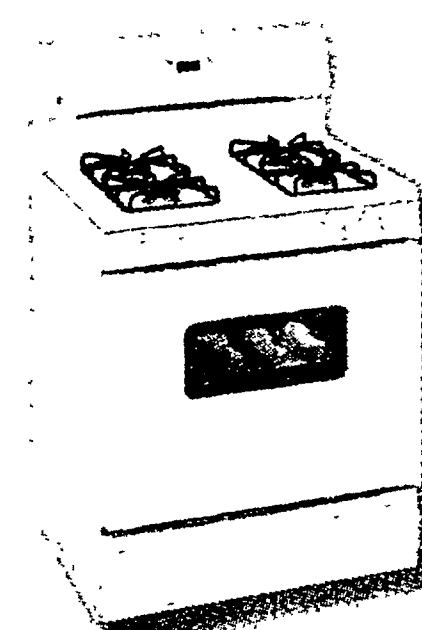


#### 1.4 Cu. Ft. Over-the-Range Microwave

- Choose from white or black
- 950 watts
- 12 1/2" glass turntable
- 10 power levels
- Instant-on express cook pads
- 3 level cooktop light and vent fan

JVM1430WD (286041, 283537)

**\$249**



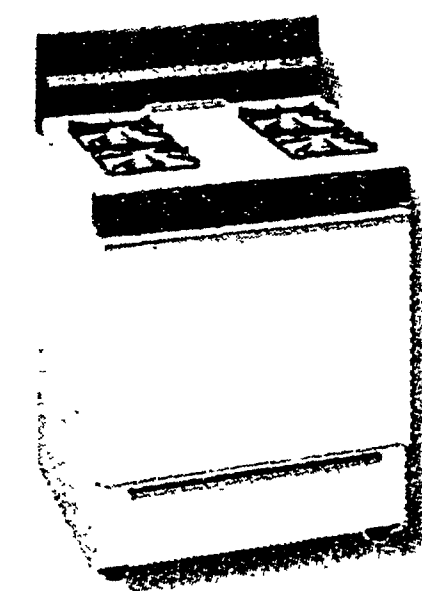
ONLY \$16 per month\*

**\$379**

#### 30" Gas Range

- Sealed burners
- Electronic ignition
- 2 oven racks
- Slide-out broiler drawer

(565386)



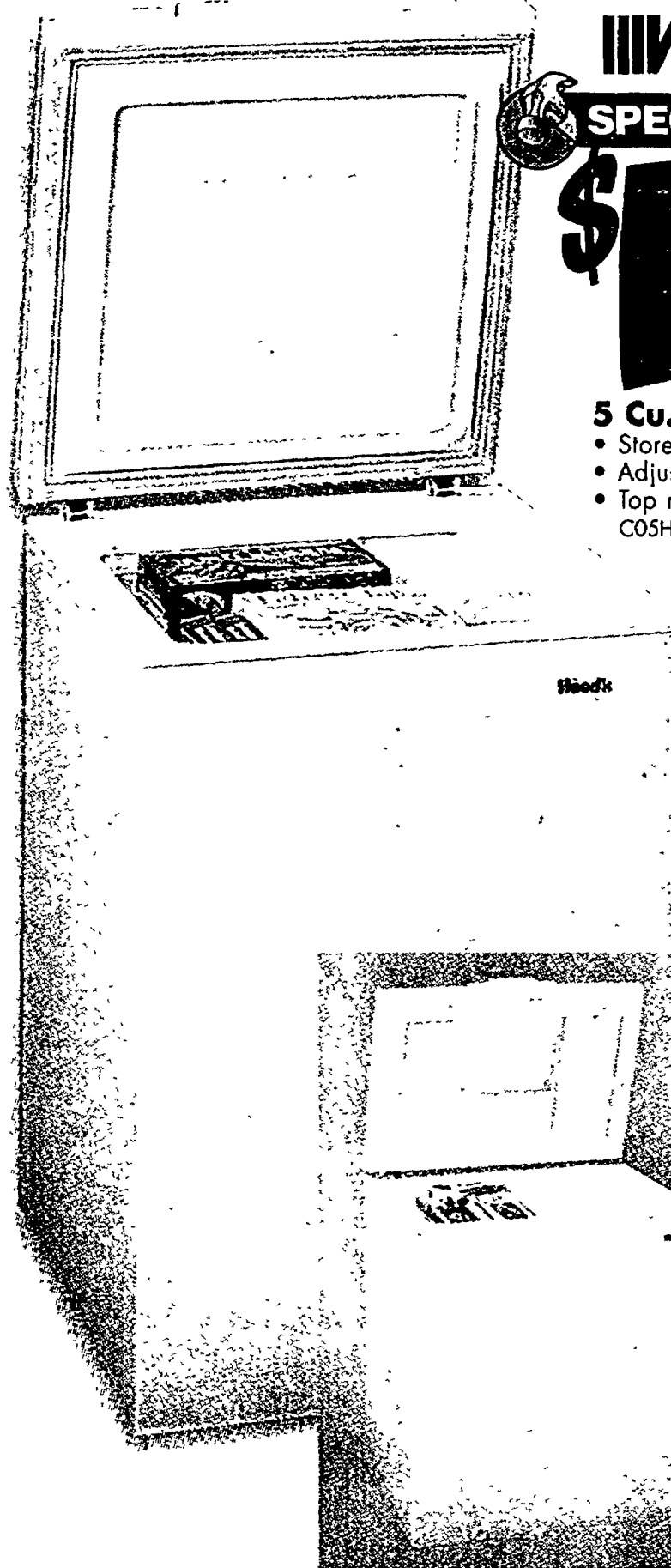
ONLY \$12 per month\*

**\$299**

#### 30" Gas Range

- White
- Lift-up cooktop with easy-clean scrubtop
- Electronic pilotless ignition system
- Extra-large standard clean oven
- Slide-out broiler drawer

(230806)



**Woods®**

**SPECIALBUY**

**\$139**

**5 Cu. Ft. Chest Freezer**

- Stores up to 185 lbs. of food
- Adjustable thermostat
- Top row basket

C05HDA (508217)



**\$299**

**ONLY \$12 per month\***

**14.1 Cu. Ft. Upright Freezer**

- Manual defrost
- Adjustable temperature control
- 4 cabinet (1 adjustable) and 5 door shelves
- Defrost water drain
- Slide-out bulk storage basket

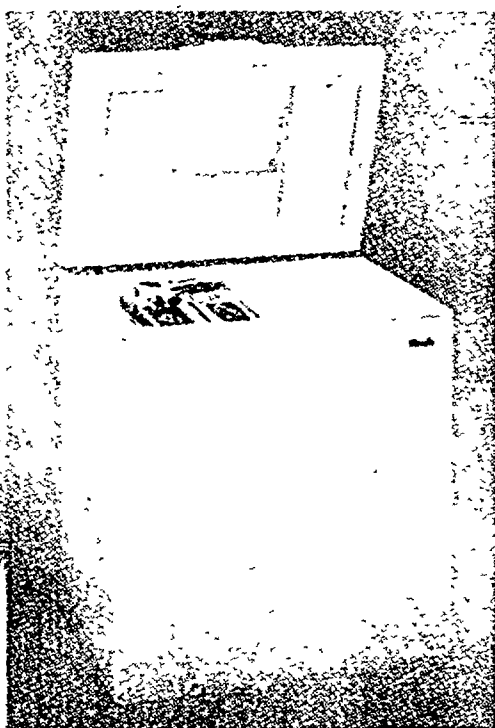
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**13.7 Cu. Ft. Frost Free Upright Freezer**

FUF14DMR (403797, Depot Direct 328231)... **\$379.00**

**20 Cu. Ft. Frost Free Upright Freezer**

FUF20DMRVH (836248)... **\$459.00**

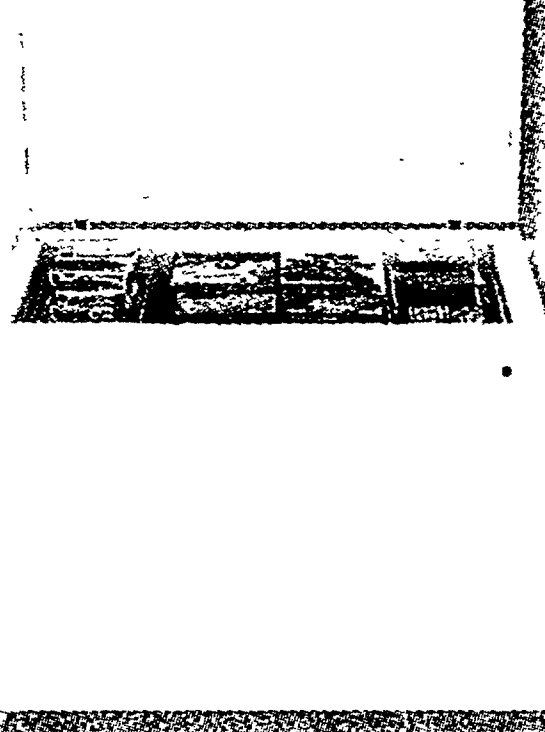


**\$169**

**7.0 Cu. Ft. Chest Freezer**

- 245 lbs. of food storage
- 1 basket and drain
- Rounded corners for easy cleaning
- Wraparound coils for consistent temperature levels

C07HDA (508556)



**\$279**

**ONLY \$12 per month\***

**14.8 Cu. Ft. Chest Freezer**

- Manual defrost
- 2 lift-out and sliding bulk storage baskets
- Adjustable temperature control
- Defrost water drain
- Interior light
- Lock

FCM15HDMWH (836221, Depot Direct 279143)

**9 Cu. Ft. Chest Freezer**

FCM9DMWH (111409) **\$239.00**



**EWAWE**

**SPECIALBUY**

**\$247**

**ONLY \$10 per month\***

**52 Bottle Capacity Wine Cooler**

- Mechanical thermostat
- Interior light
- Double smoke colored glass door
- While quantities last

MCWC52M (155388)



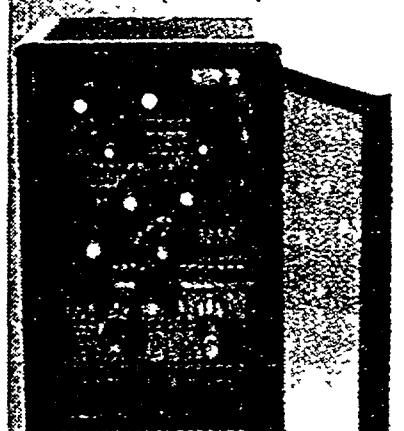
**SPECIALBUY**

**\$139**

**16 Bottle Thermoelectric Wine Cooler**

- Maintains "ready to drink" wine temperature
- Compact size that is ideal for countertops
- Curved front door
- Chrome wire shelves with stops
- Digital thermometer

FCW16T (343597)



**Sunbeam**

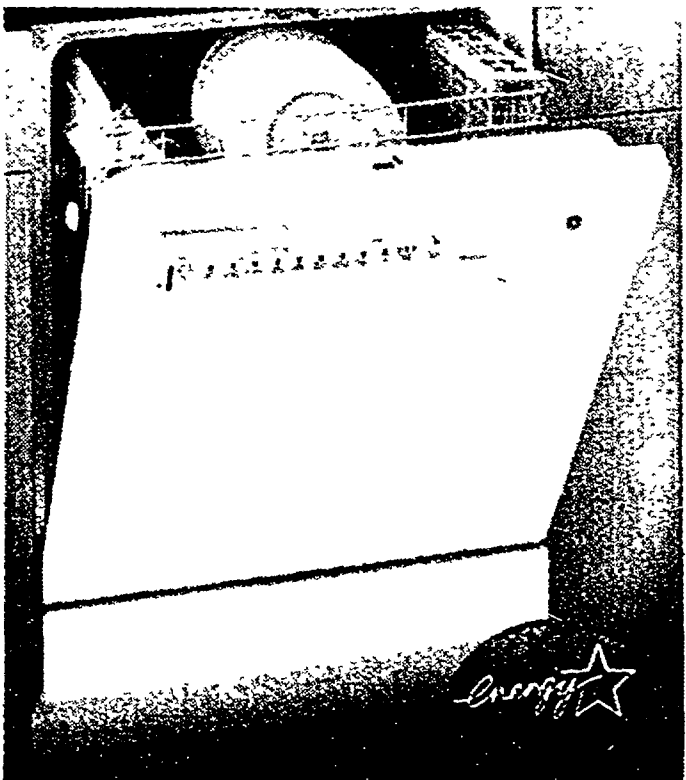
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**SPECIALBUY**

**34 Bottle Capacity Wine Cooler**

- Ideal for all wines, beers and sodas
- Adjustable thermostat
- Maintains optimum temperature and humidity
- Reversible smoked double-glass door
- Sturdy shelf racking for bottle storage

BC130 (343664)



**TriClean™ Dishwasher**

- 3 direct-feed wash arms, 6 wash levels
- 100% triple water filtration, dual pumps and motors and Piranha™ hard food disposer
- Electronic controls with 11 touchpads and 6 cycle progress indicators
- Variable cycles and options
- Super upper and lower rack with 2 sets of fold-down lines and accessory basket

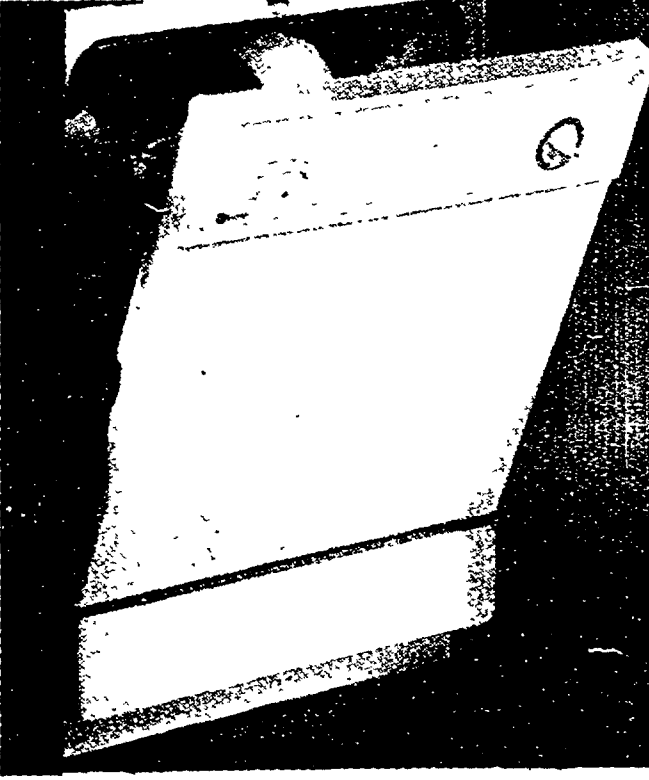
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**Stainless Steel**

GSD5860GSS (220472)... **\$499.00**

**\$399**

**ONLY \$17 per month\***



**MAYTAG**

**Jetclean® 3-Level Dishwasher**

- Choose from white or black
- 3-wash cycles/5-options
- QuietPower™ motor
- Lower wash arm
- Deluxe lower rack

MDBD820AVWW/B (659634, 660140)

**\$329**

**ONLY \$14 per month\***



**Dishwasher**

- White
- Two level wash system; lower wash arm, center tower
- Three wash cycles/five options
- Standard upper rack
- Deluxe lower rack
- Quiet motor

(533725, Depot Direct 113252)

**\$179**

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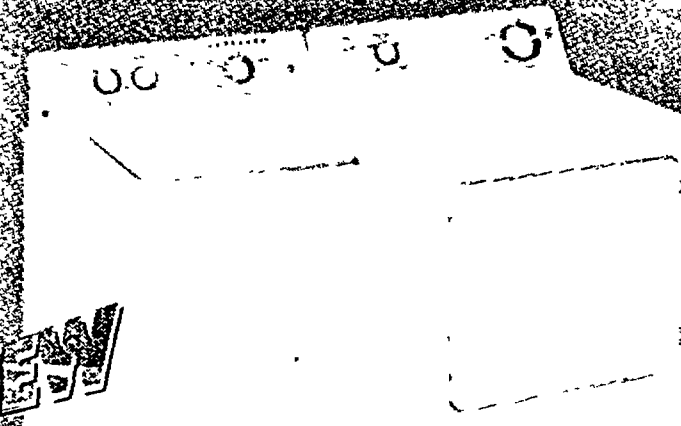
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## Driving Down the Cost of Home Improvement



**NEW**



**\$399** ONLY \$17 per month\*

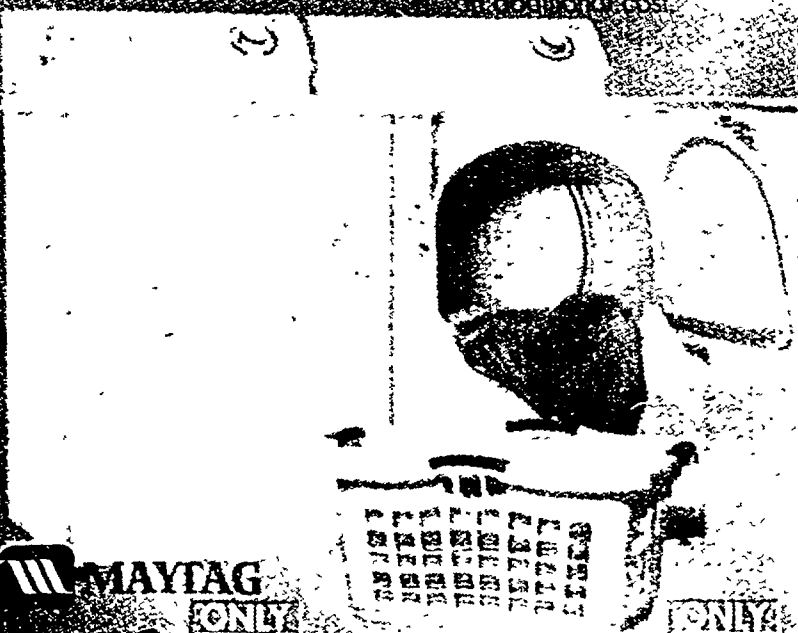
### Super Plus 3.2 Cu. Ft. Capacity Washer

- Rotary-electronic with Auto Temp
- PermaTul® II basket with 10-year warranty
- 20 wash cycles, 5 wash/spin speed combinations
- VFDSE820GVWW (936535)

**\$299** ONLY \$12 per month\*

### 7.0 Cu. Ft. Capacity Dryer

- Automatic dry control monitors temperature, shutting off dryer when proper dryness level is reached
- 5 cycles, 4 heat selections
- Fixed end-of-cycle signal (267865, Depot Direct 450859)
- Gas dryer also available for an additional cost.



**MAYTAG** ONLY \$18 per month\*

**\$299**

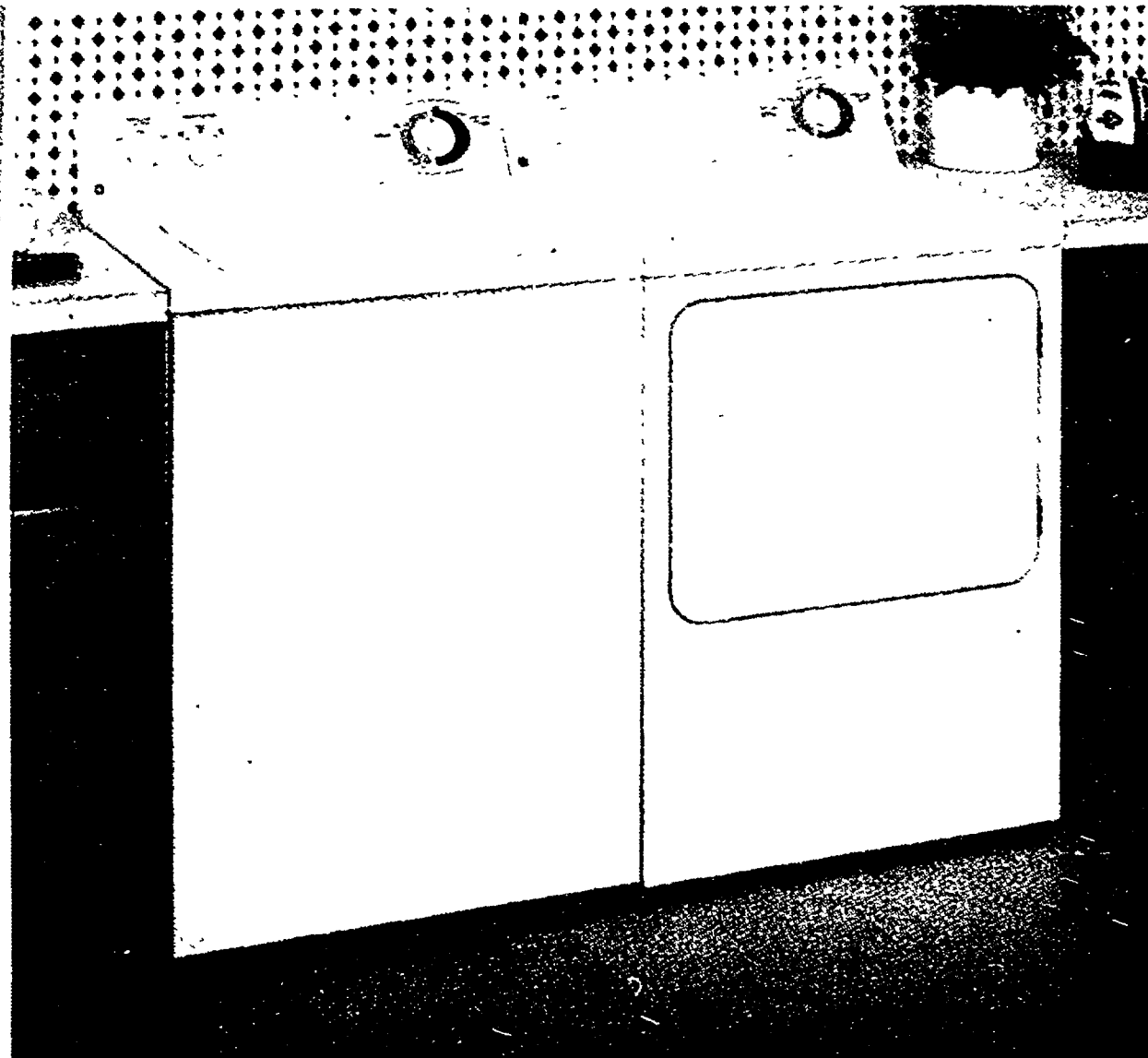
### 3.2 Cu. Ft. Capacity Washer

- 5 wash/spin speed combinations with 8 cycles

**\$399** ONLY \$17 per month\*

### Super Capacity Dryer

- Auto dry 4 cycle
- 3 temperature settings
- Extra large opening



**\$259** ONLY \$11 per month\*

### 3.2 Cu. Ft. Super Capacity Washer

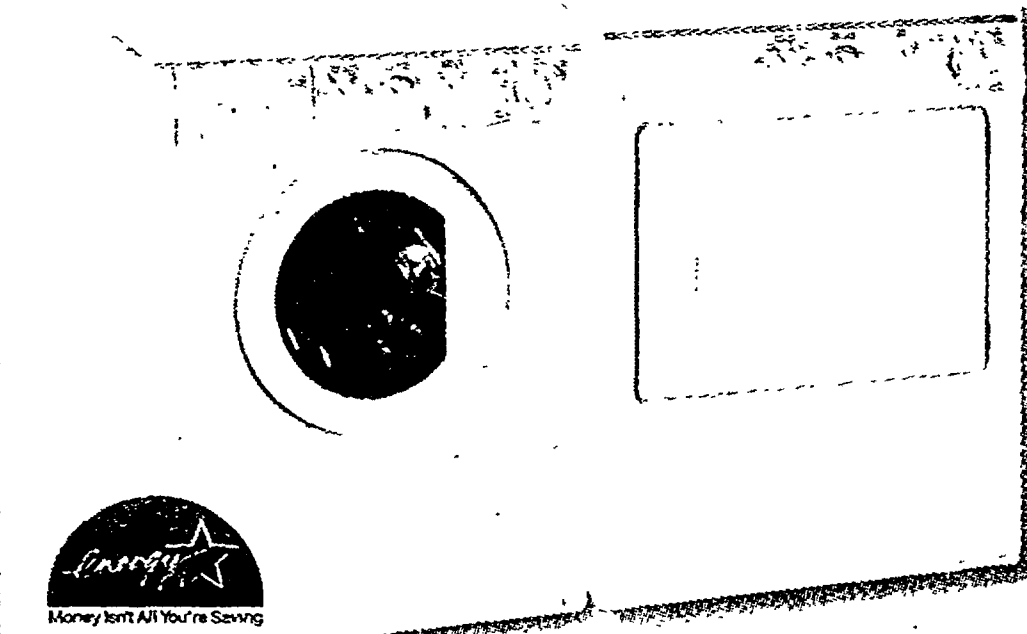
- Electro-mechanical controls
- Single action agitator
- 2 speed combinations/7 wash cycles (537845)

**\$239** ONLY \$10 per month\*

### 5.7 Cu. Ft. Dryer

- Extra large capacity
- 2 heat selections
- 2 drying cycles
- Reversible door (537950)

Gas dryer also available for an additional cost.



**\$599** ONLY \$19 per month\*

### Extra-Large Front Loading Washer

- Extra-large 2.7 cu. ft. capacity
- Stainless steel wash drum
- 8 cycles, 4 wash/rinse temperature settings
- 2 extra rinse cycle/auto options (788308)

Special order only.

**\$399** ONLY \$17 per month\*

### Extra-Large Front Loading Dryer

- Extra-large 5.7 cu. ft. capacity
- Rotary controls
- Under-the-counter and stacked installation options
- Painted steel drum interior
- 3 dry cycles, 4 temperature options
- Adjustable end-of-cycle signal (795626)

Gas dryer also available for an additional cost. Special order only.



**MAYTAG**  
**NEPTUNE**

**\$999** ONLY \$28 per month\*

### Neptune® Washer

- Easy-to-use touchpad controls
- No-agitator design means less wear and tear, so your clothes look new longer
- Removes tough stains like grass, blood and chocolate
- Saves up to \$100 per year in water and energy\*\* - the washer that can pay for itself
- Wash fewer loads and clean big, bulky items like bedspreads and rugs. MAH5500BWW (818861, Depot Direct 203269)

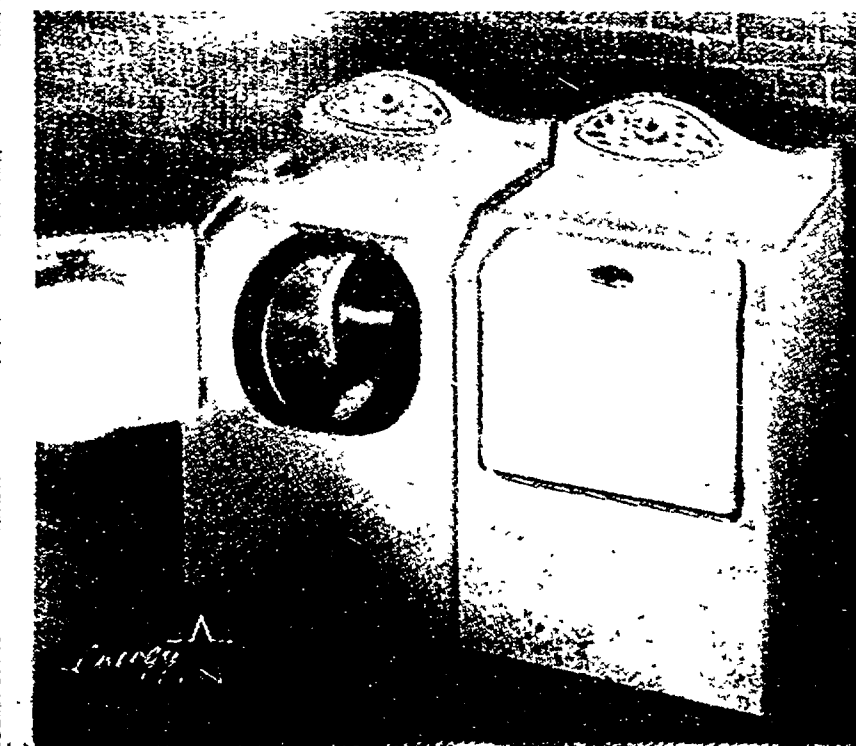
\*\*Based on D.O.E. test method compared to competitive conventional washer, 10 loads per week, average water and sewer rates, 20 oz. electrical rate and dryer saving. Savings will vary depending on utility rates, model replaced and usage.

**\$599** ONLY \$19 per month\*

### Neptune® Dryer

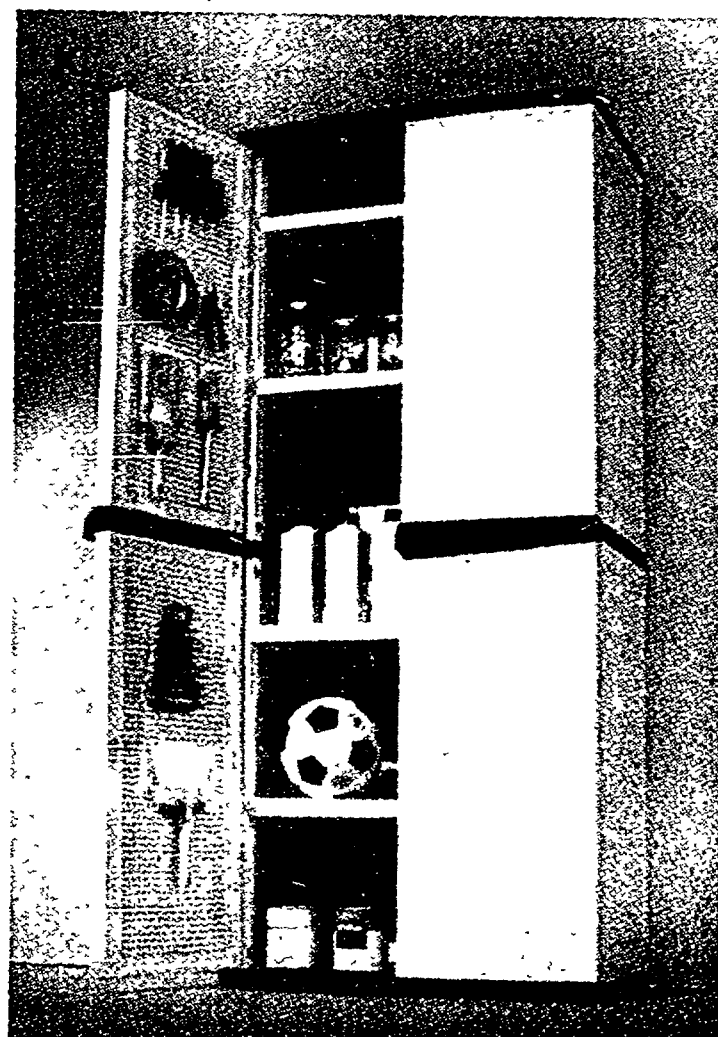
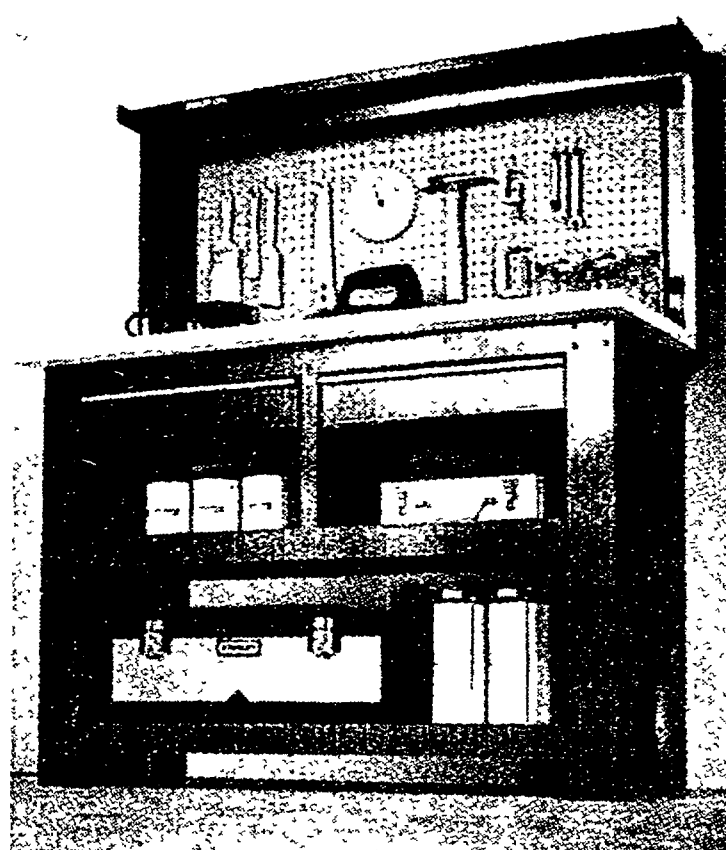
- Easy-to-use touchpad controls
- Drying options to help prevent and release wrinkles
- Dry clothes in the same time as it takes to wash them
- Dry fewer loads and big, bulky items like bedspreads
- 5 temperature settings MDES500AYW (443638, Depot Direct 204396)

Gas dryer also available for an additional cost.



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**STACK-ON®****J. Professional Workbench**

54"W x 23"D x 1-1/4" thick work surface. Pegboard back wall provides additional storage for hanging tools and supplies. Large steel drawers provide easy access to frequently used items.

(839391) ..... **\$179.00**

**WorkForce®****K. Storage Cabinet**

30"W x 70"H x 19"D.

Two lockable doors.

Includes 4 adjustable shelves.

Features 4 pegboards with 24 tool holders.

(530046) ..... **\$79.00**

**L. SPECIALBUY****5-Shelf****Storage Organizer**

36"W x 72"H x 18"D.

Holds up to 750 lbs.

Heavy-duty ventilated shelves.

No tools required for assembly.

Accessories sold separately.

(625961) ..... **\$29.97**

**SPECIALBUY**

**24" Deep** (902519) ... **\$39.97**

**M. 5-Shelf Rack/Workbench**

36"W x 72"H x 18"D.

Steel frame holds up to 5,000 lbs. (evenly distributed).

Includes 1/2" particle board shelves and hardware.

Accessories sold separately.

Limited lifetime warranty.

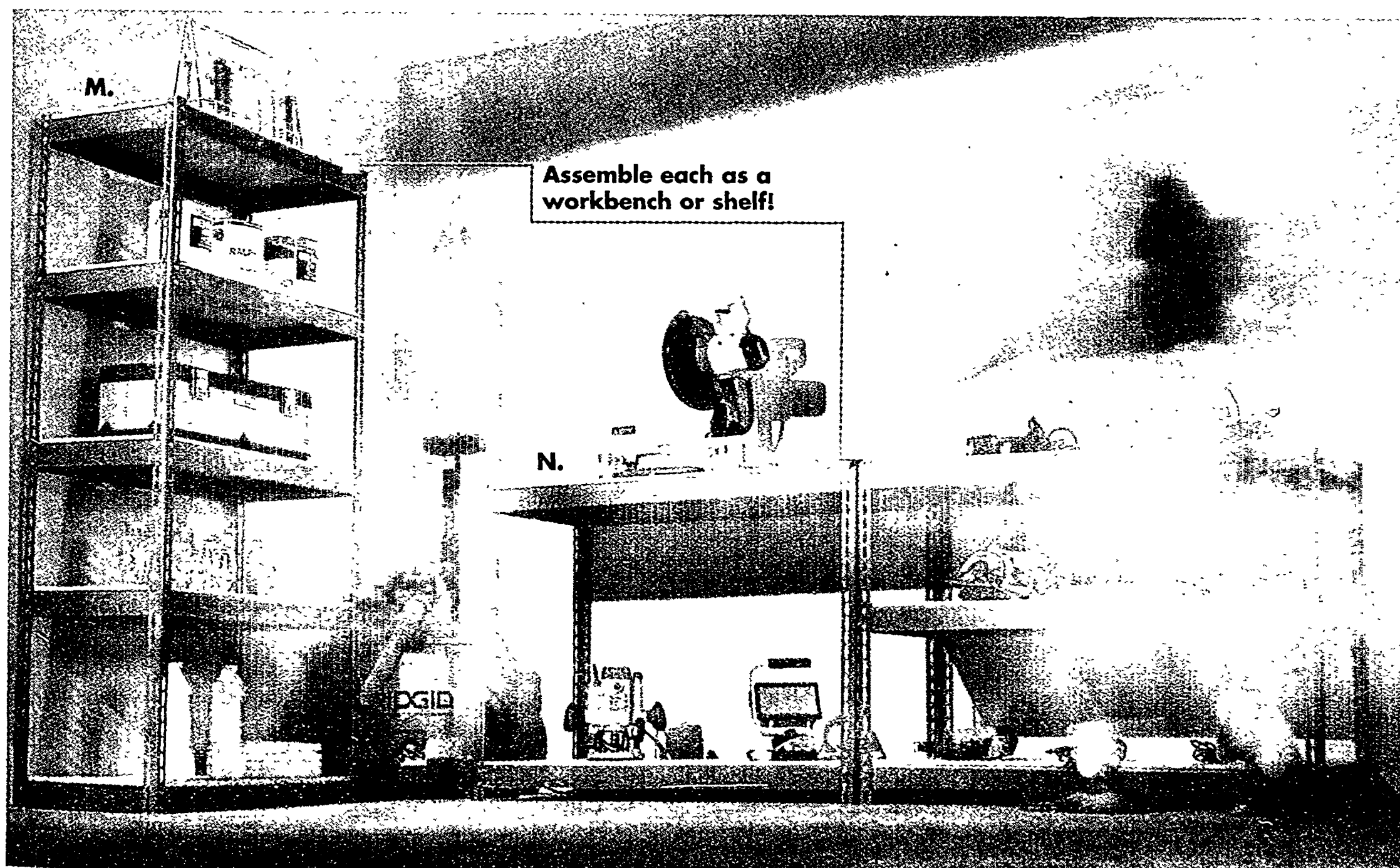
(372552) ..... **\$59.00**

**N. 48"W x 72"H x 24"D**

(351430) ..... **\$69.00**

Assemble each as a  
workbench or shelf!

N.



**The Home Depot has everything you need to organize your garage** including shelving units, cabinets, tool chests, toolboxes and more. Or you can create your own shelving with

brackets and lumber. We even have pegboard, hooks and tool holders available to help you organize the little things. Talk to a Home Depot Associate to find out more ways that we can help you get organized.





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## shelving

### **CLOSETMAID**

#### **A. Ventilated Pantry Shelving**

Vinyl-coated tight-mesh wire shelving ideal for use in pantries, garages, workshops or any other areas where storage space is needed. Other styles are available.

##### **20" Deep**

Choose from 6' and 12' lengths..... **\$2.42** lin. ft.

##### **16" Deep**

Only available in 6' lengths..... **\$2.30** lin. ft.

##### **12" Deep**

Only available in 6' lengths..... **\$1.74** lin. ft.

#### **B. Wire Shelving Bracket**

Locks into vertical support poles to create a strong support for ventilated shelving. Easily movable once installed.

**20"** (437145) ..... **\$7.97**

**16"** (436417) ..... **\$4.97**

**12"** (436010) ..... **\$2.97**

#### **C. Vertical Support Pole**

Can be attached to hang track or screwed directly into wall. When used with hang track, may be moved horizontally to adjust bracket spacing for heavier or lighter loads.

**84"** (435592) ..... **\$12.97**

**60"** (435285) ..... **\$9.97**

**48"** (435206) ..... **\$6.97**

**30"** (434768) ..... **\$4.97**

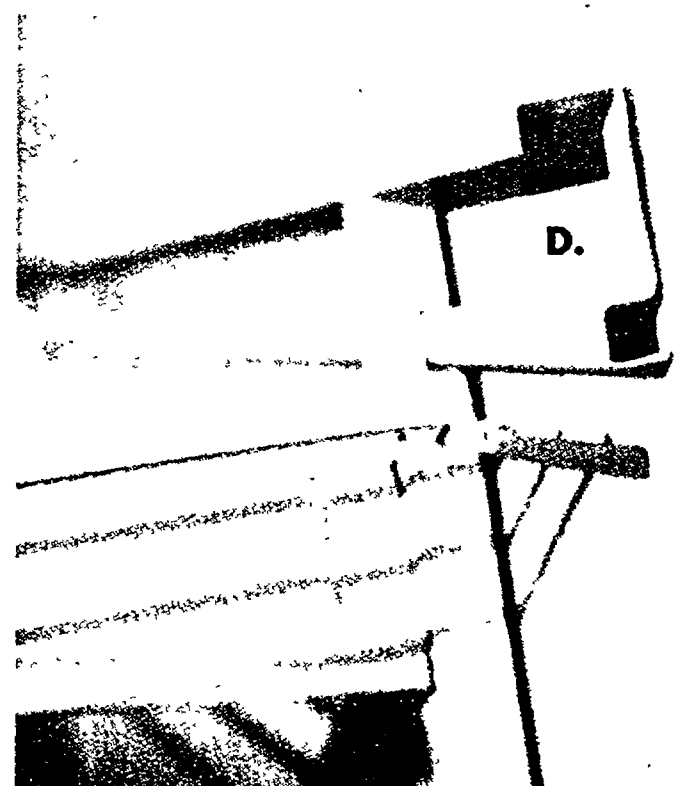
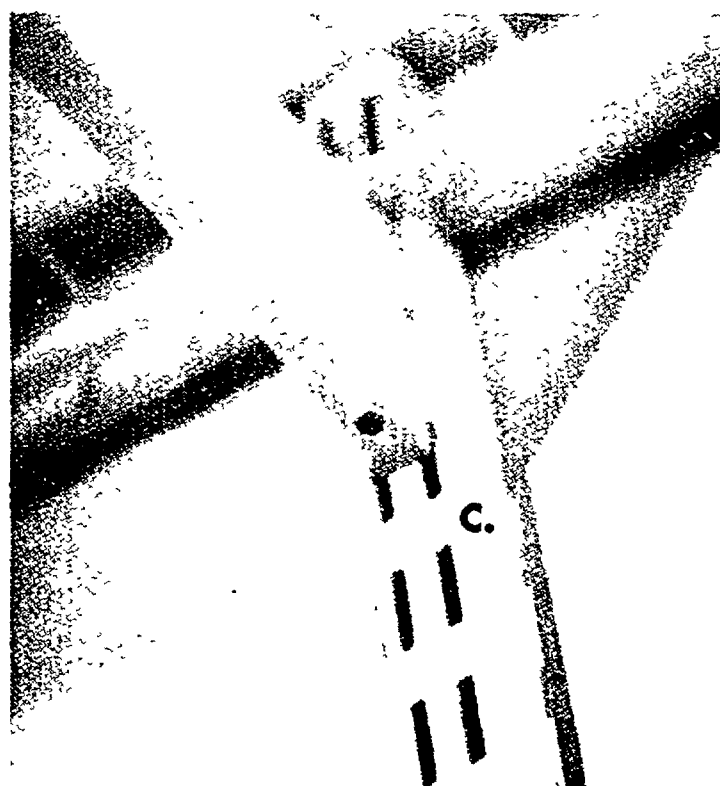
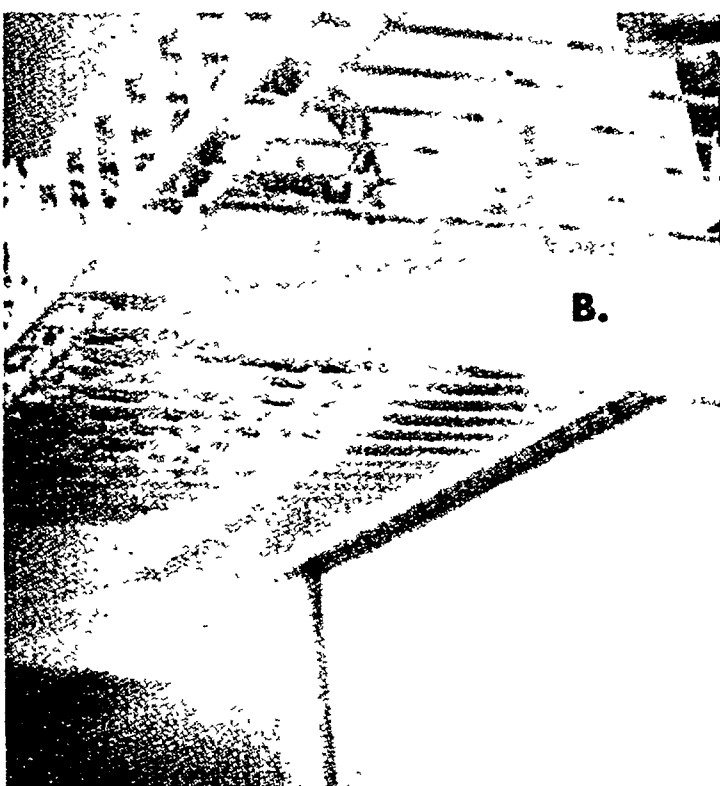
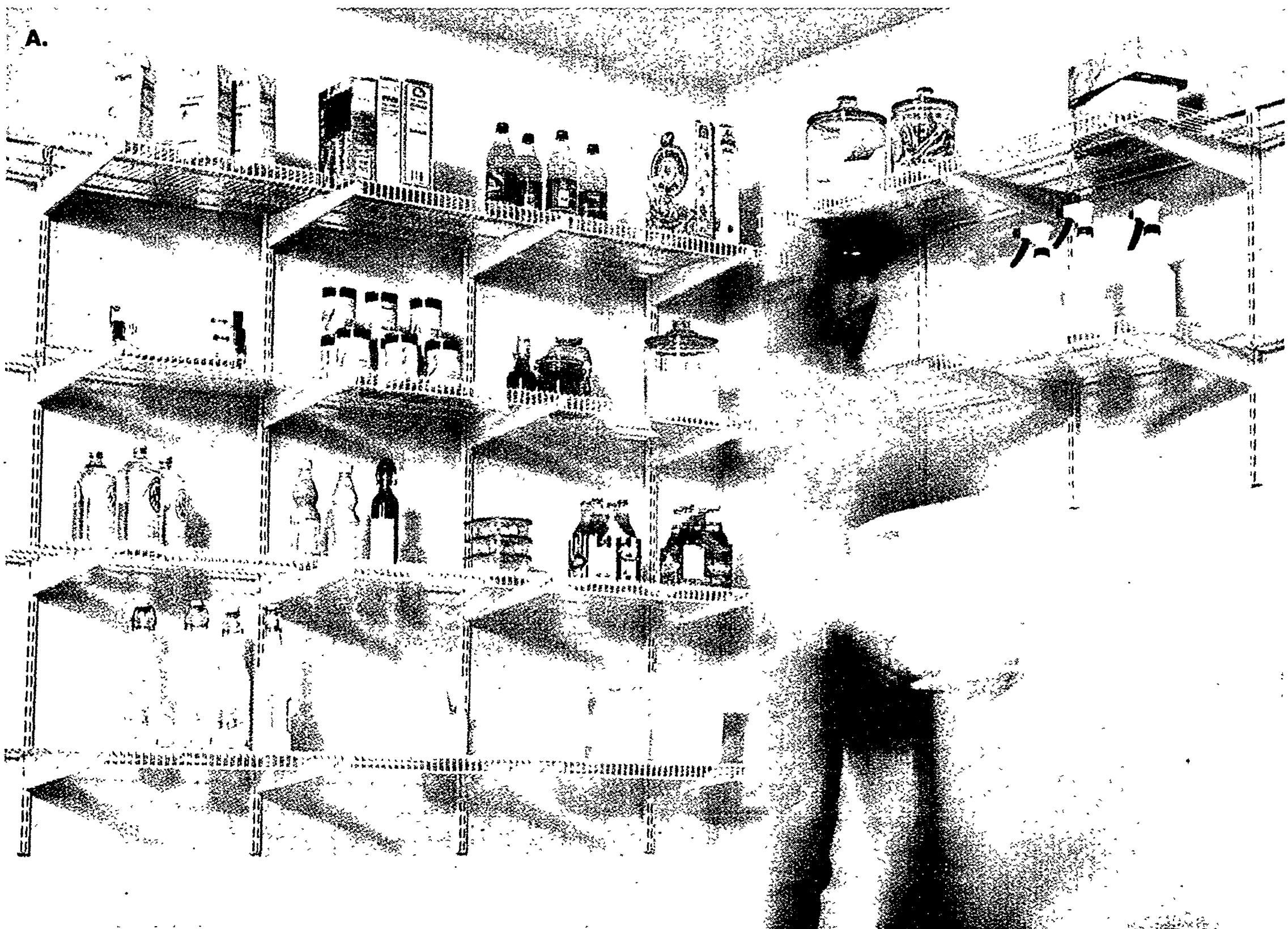
**12"** (434764) ..... **\$2.47**

#### **D. Hang track**

Attaches to wall. Support poles lock into it for maneuverability.

**80"** (436005) ..... **\$12.97**

**40"** (435726) ..... **\$7.97**



### **CLOSETMAID**

#### **How to hang an entire room of shelves in less than 10 minutes**

With Hang Track, you can hang the room in the scene above in less than 10 minutes — with less than 10 screws! Unlike other

systems that require every bracket to be nailed to the wall, all Hang Track system pieces, including support poles, brackets and even the shelves, hang from a track, which is attached to the wall via a drywall anchor, or

screwed directly into a stud. This system allows much greater flexibility because brackets can be moved to support heavy objects. It also makes installation simple and quick.



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**Rubbermaid®**

**E. White Essentials Shelving**

12"x72".

Highest quality, easy-to-clean laminate finish.

Will not warp.

Hardware

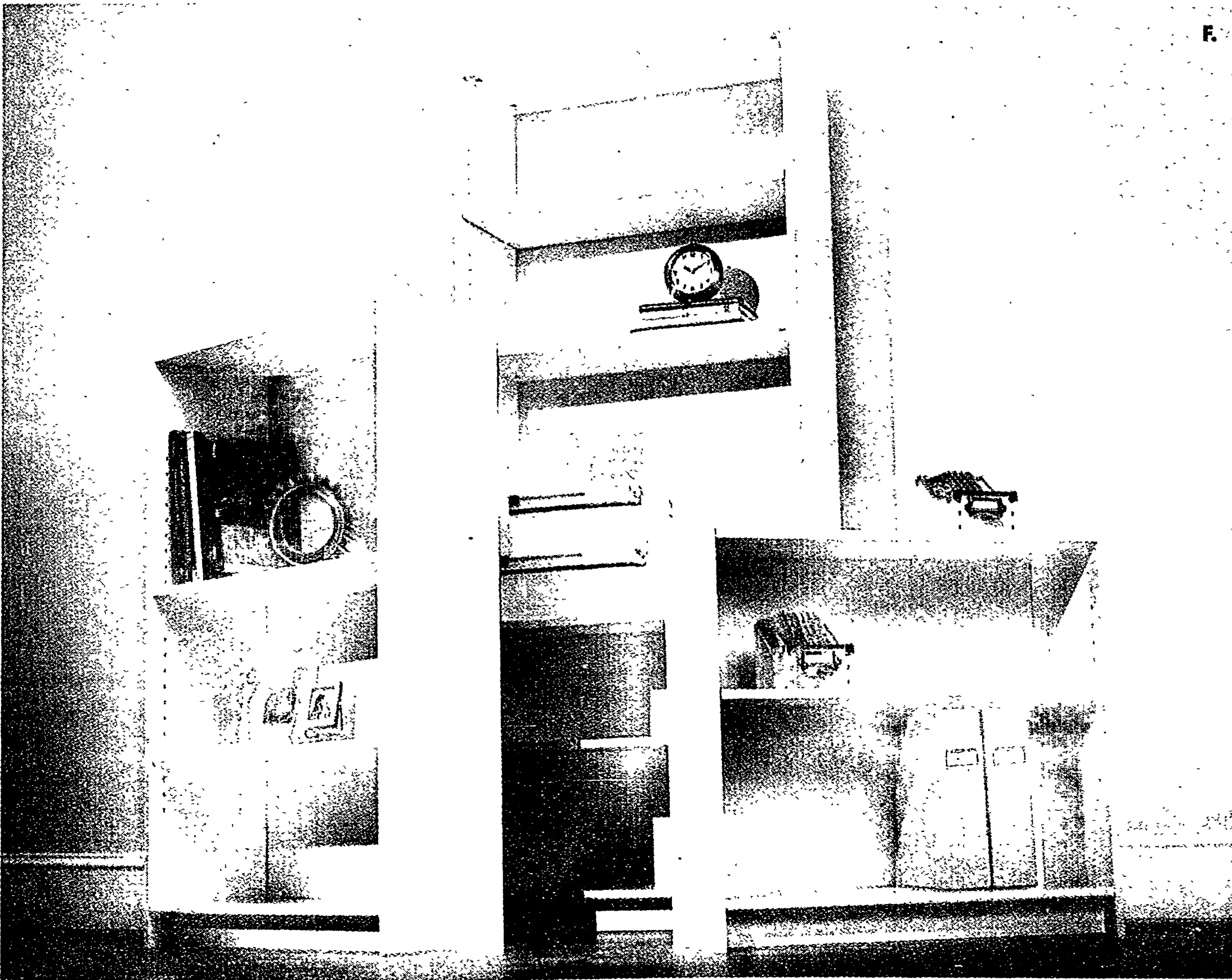
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SIZE	SKU	price
12"x48"	[911673]	\$7.47
12"x36"	[911656]	\$6.49
12"x24"	[559970]	\$4.59
10"x72"	[278150]	\$8.97
10"x48"	[559962]	\$6.90
10"x36"	[559946]	\$5.47
10"x24"	[559911]	\$3.97
8"x72"	[278146]	\$7.97
8"x48"	[559903]	\$5.47
8"x36"	[559873]	\$4.47
8"x24"	[559849]	\$3.47

**No. 2 Pine Kiln-Dried Board**

SIZE	6'	8'	10'	12'
1"x4"	\$2.16	\$2.88	\$3.60	\$4.35
1"x6"	\$3.60	\$4.80	\$5.95	\$7.20
1"x8"	\$4.95	\$6.58	\$8.25	\$9.85
1"x10"	\$6.60	\$8.80	\$10.95	\$13.20
1"x12"	\$8.90	\$11.85	\$14.85	\$17.75



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**MILL'S PRIDE**  
Quality Cabinets Made Easy

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**F. White or Maple Bookcase**

Mill's Pride bookcases are 29-11/16"W x 11-1/16"D and feature: sturdy 5/8" construction, easy cam and bolt assembly, and a full back panel.

**72" 5 Shelf**

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**48" 3 Shelf**

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**28" 2 Shelf**

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**The Home Depot®**  
is your one-stop destination for all of your organization needs. In addition to our amazing selection of closet, garage, pantry and utility storage solutions,

we also have totes, bookcases and decorative shelving. Whether you need heavy-duty steel shelving for a garage or decorative brackets for an accent shelf, we've got it. Just ask a friendly Home Depot Associate to

help you select the perfect solution for your individual organization needs.



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■ Brighton (810) 229-0085	■ Plymouth (734) 207-6147
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■ Canton (734) 844-7300	■ Rochester Hills (248) 601-2643
■ Canton (South) (734) 495-9414	■ Roseville (586) 415-9620
■ Grosse Pointe Woods (586) 948-1590	■ Saginaw (989) 249-1440
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■ Dearborn Hts. (313) 359-9600	■ Sterling Hts. (586) 264-7866
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■ Mt. Pleasant (517) 779-1501	
■ Mundy Twp. (810) 232-7113	
■ North Farmington (810) 230-6430	
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■ Northville (248) 347-9600	
■ Novi (248) 347-6746	
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## Tool Rental

Represents stores with Tool Rental available

Tool Rental Center hours may vary from store hours

General merchandise prices may vary after 1/12/2003 if there are market variations (commodities excluded).

**Key Credit Terms:** Payments are not required for 6 months on any approved purchase of \$299 or more charged to your Home Depot® Consumer Credit Card account. Finance charges and optional insurance charges will be billed from the date of purchase, but finance charges will be reversed if the promotional purchase and any insurance charges are paid in full within 6 months. If they are not, you will be responsible for these charges. Regular credit terms apply to non-promotional purchases. APR is 21% (18% in IL) and 15.48% for purchases of \$2,000 or more. Max. finance charge is \$1.00 (\$1.50 in IL). Offer subject to credit approval. Valid at all U.S. Home Depot® stores and The Home Depot Floor Store®.

**Minimum Monthly Payments:** The payments shown are an estimate of your required minimum monthly payments, and assume that you have no existing balance, make no additional purchases, and you pay the minimum payment by the payment due date each month, and that you do not incur any additional fees. Actual minimum monthly payments may vary. These payments apply only to the Home Depot Consumer Card (or EXPO Consumer Card, if applicable).

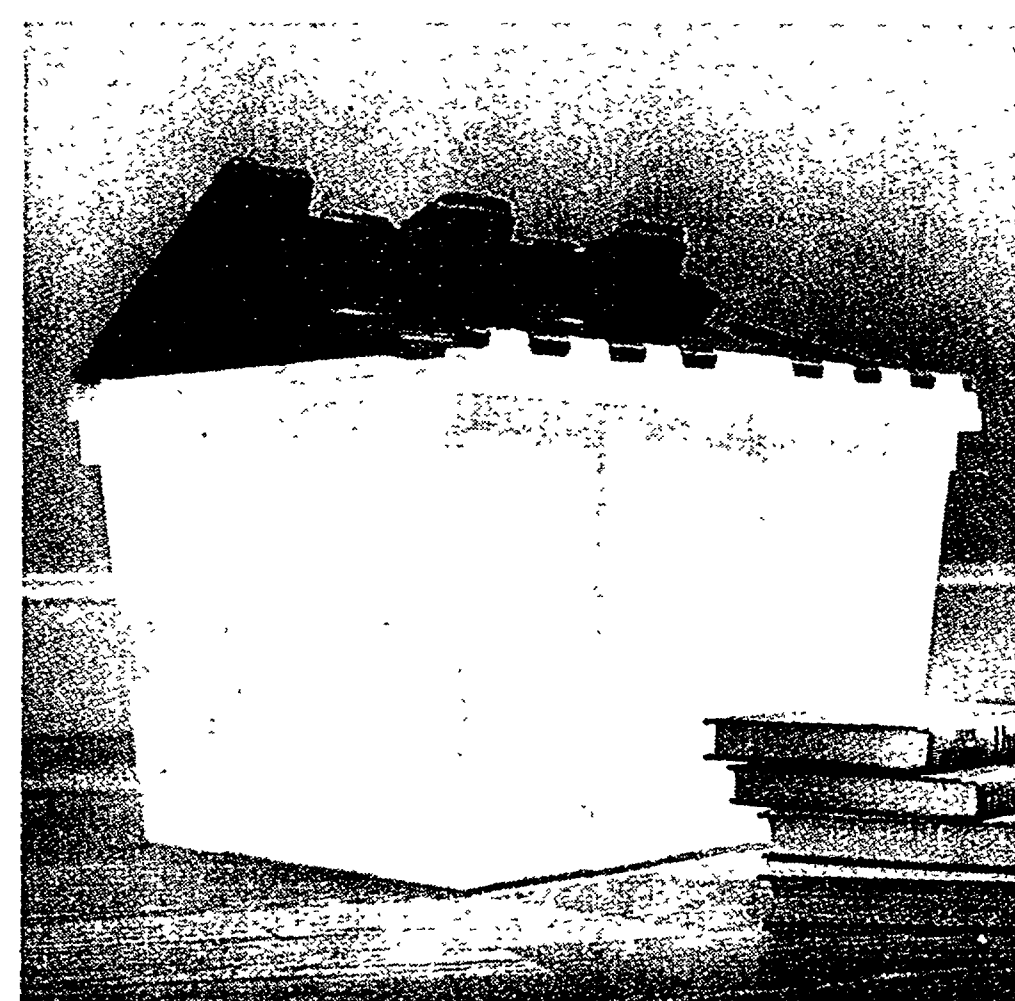
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### 31 Gallon Rough Tote® Container

Heavy-duty, integrated handles and tight-fitting lid. Durable, rugged construction.

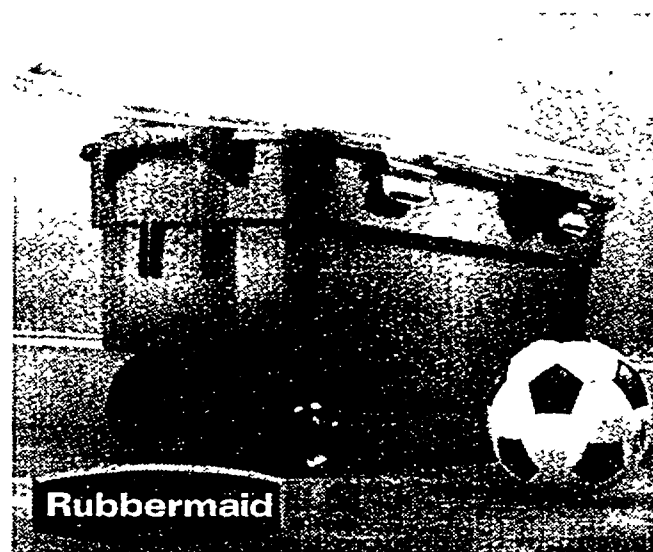
(582517) ..... **\$7.97**



### 12 Gallon Multipurpose Storage Crate

Translucent and stackable. Hinged lids with molded handles. Will not rust, dent, chip or peel.

(108653) ..... **\$4.75**



### 45 Gallon Wheeled Tote

Extra-large capacity for bulky items. Durable latches snap lid shut. Easy-grip, comfortable handles.

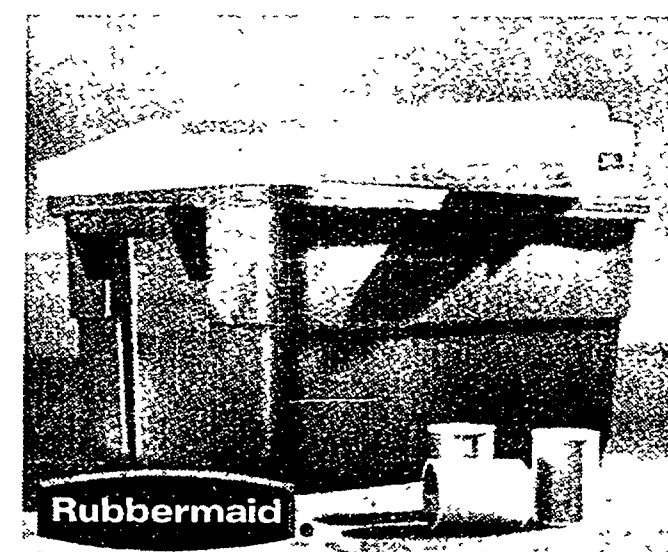
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### 50 Gallon Jumbo Rough Tote® Container

Perfect storage for garage, basement or attic. Durable and all-purpose.

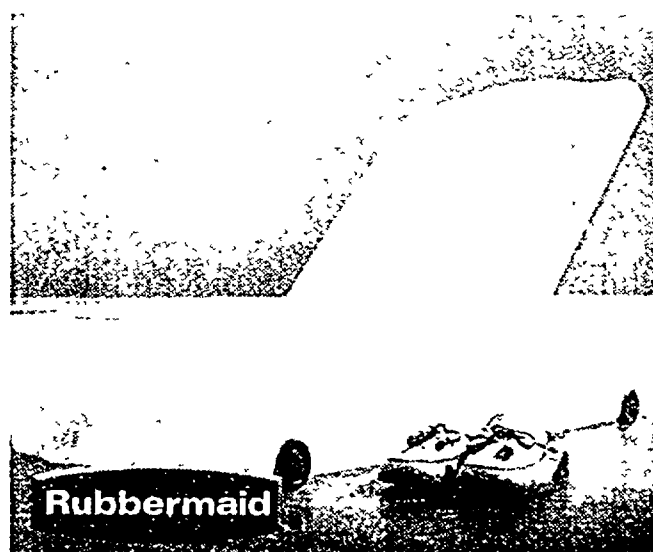
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### 3 Gallon Roughneck® Tote

Stores virtually anything. Built-in handles. Stackable. Sturdy plastic construction.

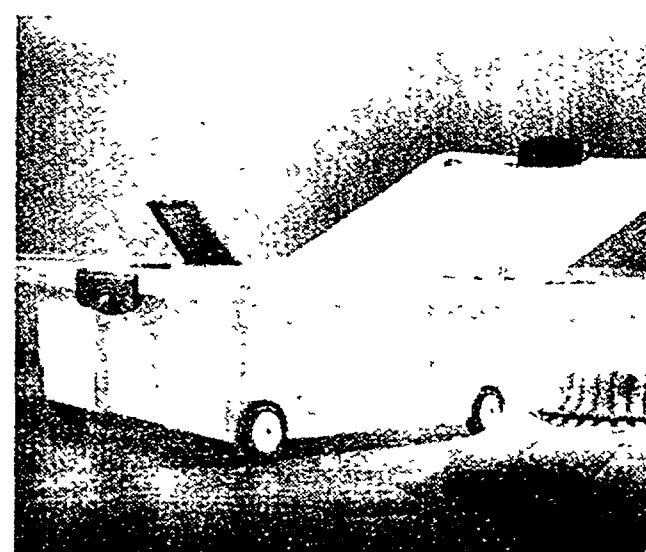
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### 16.8 Gallon Slim Fit™ Wheeled Underbed Tote

Designed to fit in tight, narrow spaces. Reclaims unused storage space under the bed or in the closet.

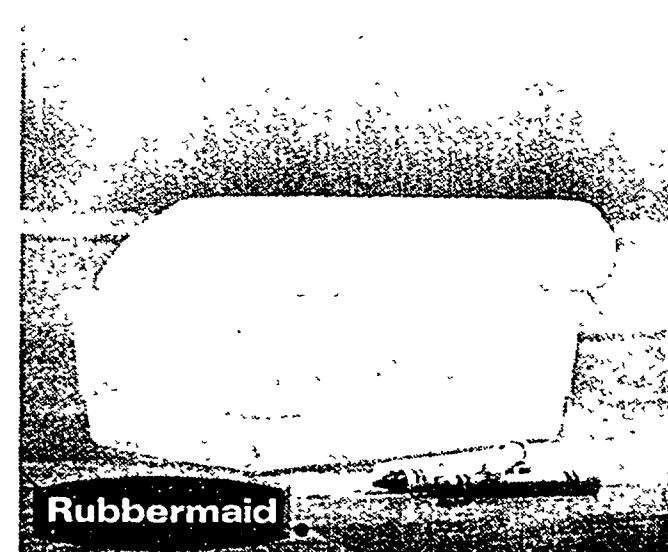
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### 10 Gallon Under-Bed Roller Storage Box

Rollers allow box to slide easily under beds. Features compartment to ventilate potpourri (not included) through contents.

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### 1.5 Gallon Storage Box

Stackable. Clear plastic for easy visibility. Ideal for shoes or other small objects.

(354694) ..... **99¢**

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AND MEN'S  
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AND HOLIDAY  
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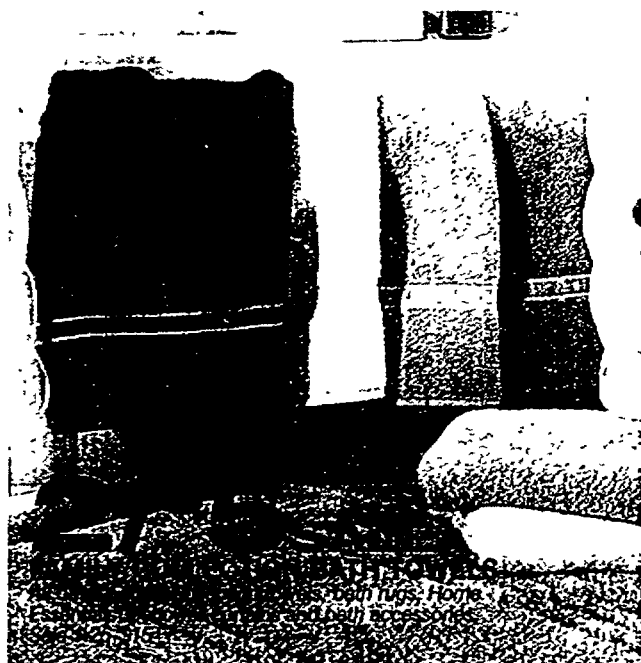
**40% off**  
SELECT KIDS'  
OUTERWEAR

Styles may vary by store

**20%-30% off**  
SELECT GIRLS' OR  
BOYS' TOPS, BOTTOMS,  
SETS OR SLEEPWEAR

Styles may vary by store

**30%-50% off**  
MEN'S HOSIERY GIFT SETS,  
LADIES' HOLIDAY HOSIERY  
& SELECTED WINTER  
SLEEPWEAR & ROBES



**2/\$10**  
SALE

CHARMIN BATH TISSUE  
24 regular or 12 double rolls.  
On sale thru Saturday, January 4

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GET A \$5 GIFT CARD WHEN  
YOU BUY ANY THREE P&G  
PRODUCTS. SEE BACK  
PAGE FOR DETAILS.



Sale \$5

17-QT. TINTED STORAGE BOX  
30 qt., Sale \$5; 66 qt., Sale \$7



16 oz.

13 oz.

20 oz.

**2/\$4**  
SALE

POST CEREAL. Items shown,  
or Honey Comb, 14.5 oz.; Cocoa  
Pebbles, 13 oz.; or Honey Bunches of  
Oats with Strawberries, 13 oz.  
All sizes are net wt.



**2/\$11**  
BOUNTY PAPER TOWELS  
8 regular or 4 XXL rolls.  
On sale thru Saturday, January 4

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Thursday, December 26 thru Tuesday, December 31



**\$5** SALE

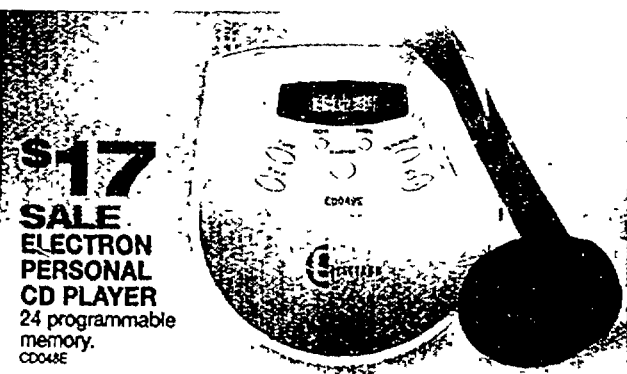
Was 6.99 & 7.99  
LADIES' BASIC  
EDITIONS\* KNIT  
TURTLENECKS  
Sizes S-XL; prints,  
solids and embroideries.  
Plus Size mocknecks,  
Was 8.99, Sale \$5  
Colors may vary by store



**2/\$5** SALE  
Was 4.99 ea.  
WOMEN'S  
SLIPPERS

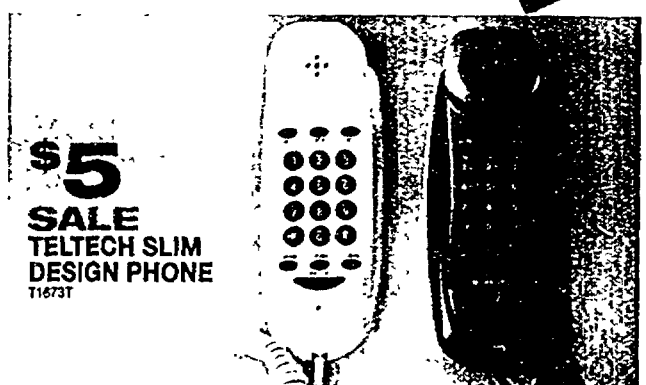
**RUSTLER**  
ADVANCE

**\$10** SALE  
MEN'S RUSTLER  
PREWASHED JEANS  
All other men's Rustler jeans on sale

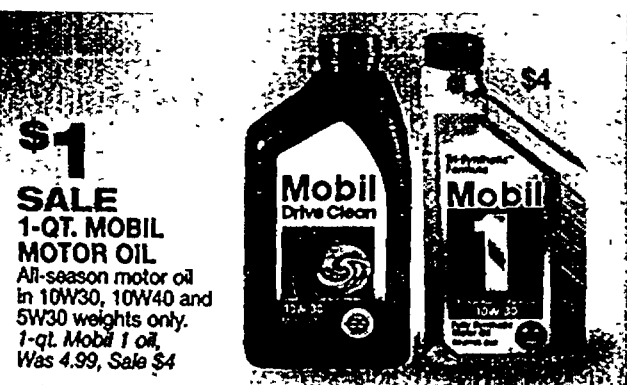


**\$17**

SALE  
ELECTRON  
PERSONAL  
CD PLAYER  
24 programmable  
memory.  
CD048E



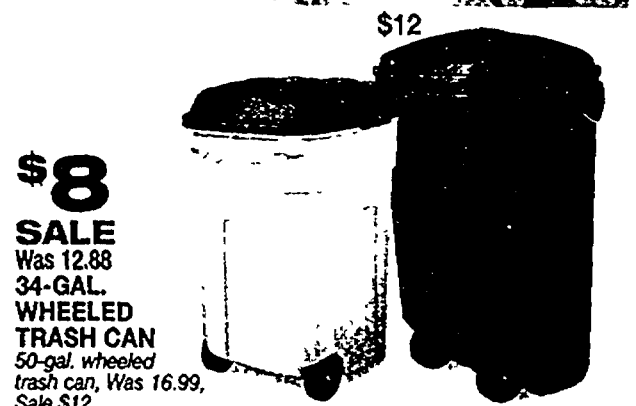
**\$5**  
SALE  
TELTECH SLIM  
DESIGN PHONE  
T1673T



**\$1**

SALE  
1-QT. MOBIL  
MOTOR OIL  
All-season motor oil  
in 10W30, 10W40 and  
5W30 weights only.  
1-qt. Mobil 1 oil.  
Was 4.99, Sale \$4

\$4



**\$8**

SALE  
Was 12.88  
34-GAL.  
WHEELED  
TRASH CAN  
50-gal. wheeled  
trash can, Was 16.99,  
Sale \$12

\$12

Prices effective Thursday, December 26 thru Tuesday, December 31, 2002

ALL MERCHANDISE ADVERTISED IN THIS CIRCULAR IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT OUR Kmart SUPER CENTER LOCATIONS



# look what \$1 and under will buy



**\$1 SALE**  
2-LITER COKE PRODUCTS  
Assorted varieties.  
Plus deposit or CRV where applicable

**3/\$2 SALE**  
2-LITER SHASTA OR FAYGO  
Plus deposit or CRV where applicable



**2/\$1 SALE**  
ARMOUR VIENNA SAUSAGE  
5-oz. net wt.



**\$1 SALE**  
DART FOAM CUPS  
35 or 75 ct.



**3/\$1 SALE**  
MARUCHAN CUPS  
2.25-oz. net wt.



**3/\$2 SALE**  
AMERICAN FARE® 1-LITER  
SPARKLING WATER  
Plus deposit or CRV where applicable



**\$1 SALE**  
HUNT'S SNACK PACK PUDDING  
4 pack

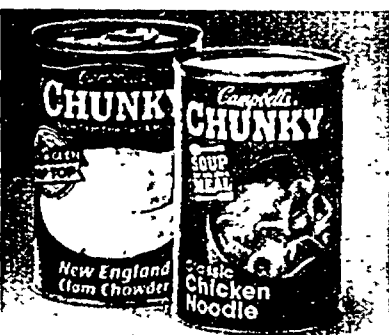


**3/\$1 SALE**  
WHISKAS CAT FOOD  
3-oz. net wt. pouch



**2/\$1 SALE**  
CHICKEN OF THE SEA  
CHUNK LIGHT TUNA  
In oil or water, 6-oz. net wt.

# look what \$3 and under will buy



**2/\$3 SALE**  
CAMPBELL'S CHUNKY SOUP  
18.6-18.8-oz. net wt.



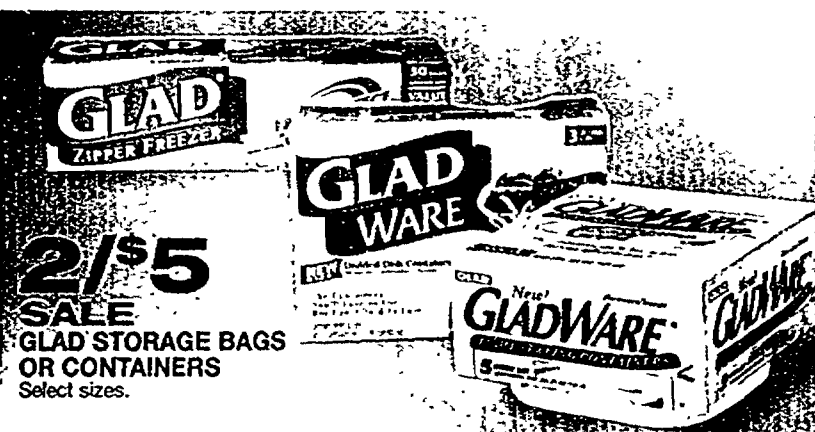
**2/\$4 SALE**  
PEANUT BUTTER OR JELLY  
Item shown; or Smucker's  
grape jelly, 32-oz. net wt.



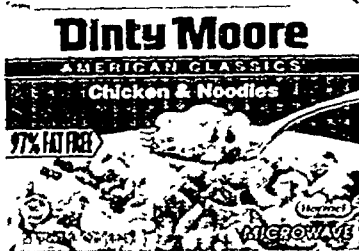
**3/\$2 SALE**  
FRANCO-AMERICAN  
SPAGHETTI  
Without meat, 14.75-15-oz. net wt.



**3/\$5 SALE**  
NABISCO COOKIES OR  
CRACKERS. Items shown or  
Premium saltines or Teddy Grahams,  
7-16.5 oz. All sizes are net wt.



**2/\$5 SALE**  
GLAD STORAGE BAGS  
OR CONTAINERS  
Select sizes.



**3/\$5 SALE**  
DINTY MOORE CLASSICS  
12-oz. net wt.



**2/\$3 SALE**  
TROPICANA TWISTER  
59 fl. oz.



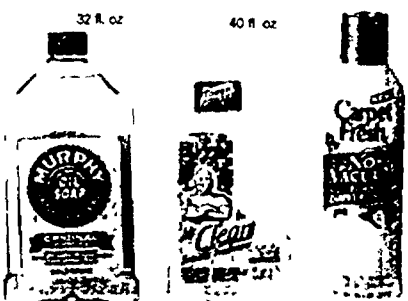
**2/\$4 SALE**  
HAWAIIAN PUNCH  
FRUIT DRINK 128 fl. oz.



**2/\$6 SALE**  
CHINET PLATES  
55-ct. lunch or 32-ct. dinner.



**2/\$3 SALE**  
PEPPERIDGE FARM GOLDFISH  
8-oz. net wt.



**2/\$5 SALE**  
CLEANERS. Items shown or  
Murphy Oil Soap Wipes, 18 ct.



**3/\$5 SALE**  
CLOROX ULTRA  
SCENTED BLEACH  
96 fl. oz.



**3/\$8 SALE**  
XTRA DETERGENT OR NICE 'N  
FLUFFY FABRIC SOFTENER  
128 fl. oz. or 32-load powder.



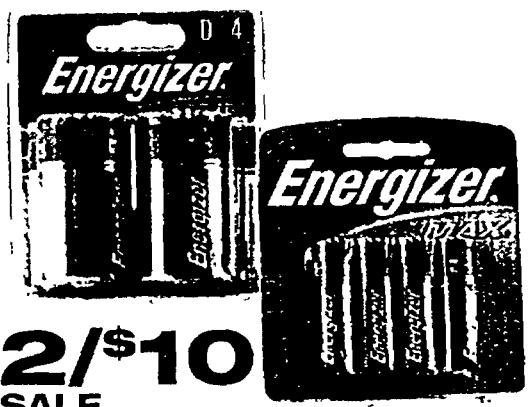
**2/\$6 SALE**  
GLAD TRASH BAGS  
Select Tall Kitchen or Trash.

look what \$5 and under will buy



**2/\$7**  
SALE  
ACT II MICROWAVE  
POPCORN 15 ct

**\$5 SALE**  
GATORADE 4-PACK  
8 1/2-oz. bottles  
This product is COTV when available.

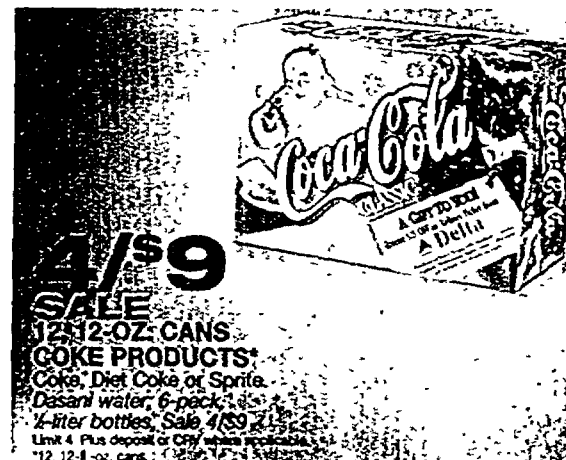
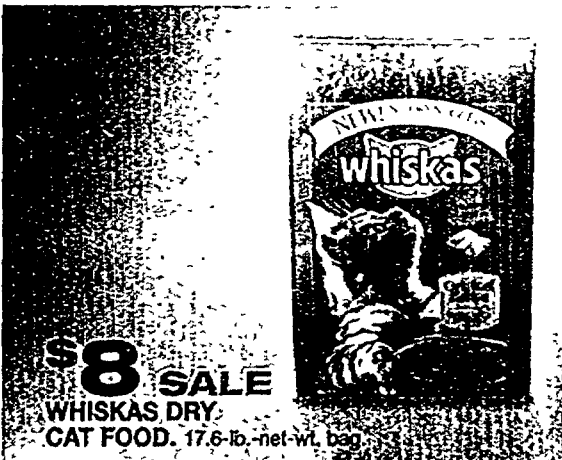


**3/\$10**  
SALE  
WILD BIRD FOOD  
20-lb. net wt.

**2/\$7**  
SALE  
HOME ESSENTIALS™  
MOPS OR BROOMS

**2/\$10**  
SALE  
ENERGIZER BATTERIES  
"AA" or "AAA" 8 pack.  
"C" or "D" 4 pack or 9-V 2 pack,  
Sale 2/\$9

# dollar days sale



**\$8 SALE**  
WHISKAS DRY  
CAT FOOD, 17.6-lb. net wt. bag

**\$8 SALE**  
LITTLE ONES™  
TRAINING PANTS  
Medium - X-large.  
Wet Ones wipes, 40 ct., Sale 3/\$5

**4/\$9**  
SALE  
12x12-OZ. CANS  
COKE PRODUCTS®  
Coke, Diet Coke or Sprite.  
Dasani water, 6-pack.  
4-liter bottles, Sale 4/\$9.  
Limit 4. Plus deposit or COTV when available.  
\*12, 12.4-oz. cans; 12.4-oz. bottles.

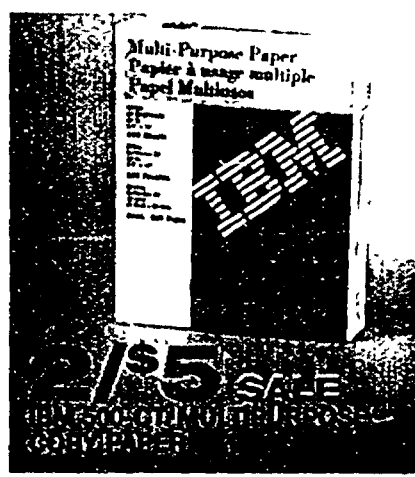
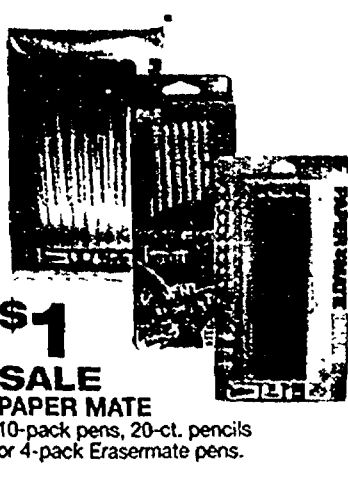


**\$16 SALE**  
KIBBLES 'N BITS ORIGINAL, 35 lbs.  
Hartz Dog treats 1-2-lb. bag, Sale \$8  
All sizes are net wt.

**\$7 SALE**  
ARM & HAMMER CAT LITTER  
Super Scoop, 21 lb. or  
Crystal Blends, 14 lb.  
All sizes are net wt.

**2/\$5**  
SALE  
30-PACK HANGERS

**\$6 SALE**  
RED CEDAR PET  
BEDDING, 5 cu. ft.  
Pine bedding, 5 cu. ft., Sale \$5



**BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE**  
FILLER PAPER\*, THEMEBOOK\*\*  
OR 2-POCKET 3-PRONG  
PORTFOLIO. Buy one at the reg.  
price and get the second one  
(of equal or lesser value) FREE.  
\*150 ct. \*\*70 ct.

**BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE**  
ALL PAPER PRODUCTS

**\$1 SALE**  
PAPER MATE  
10-pack pens, 20-ct. pencils  
or 4-pack Erasermate pens.

**2/\$5 SALE**  
MULTI-PURPOSE PAPER  
500 SHEETS, 8 1/2" x 11"



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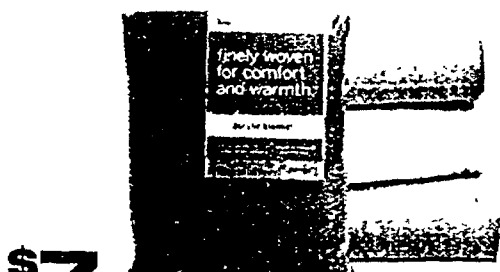
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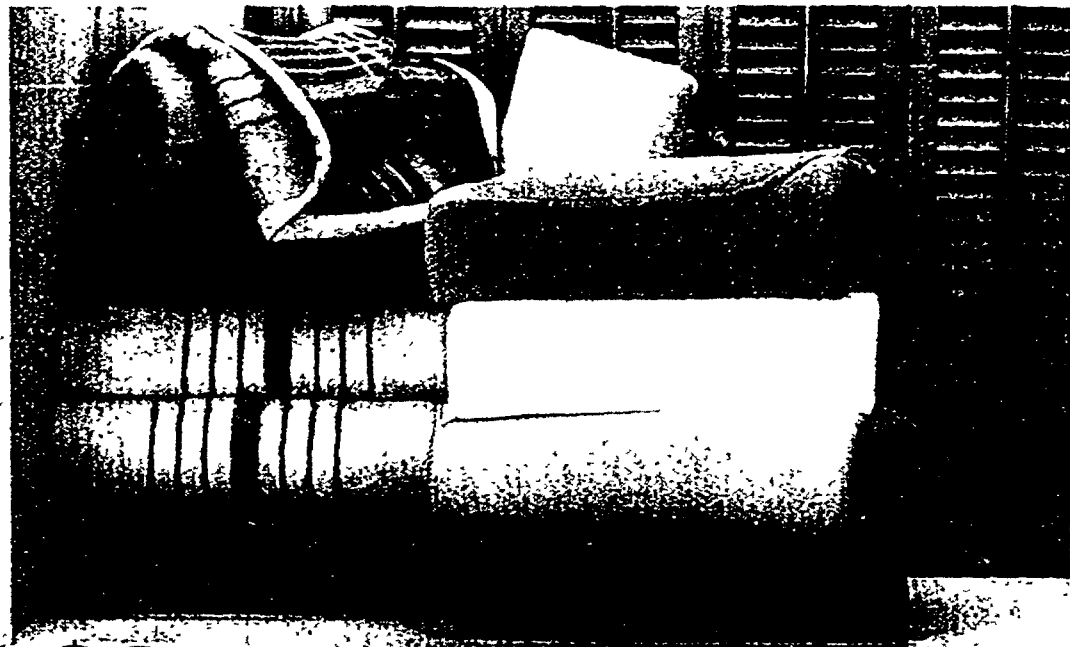




**\$7 SALE**  
**MARTHA STEWART EVERYDAY®**  
**TWIN ACRYLIC BLANKET**  
 Full-Queen/King, Sale \$12-\$16



**\$9 SALE**  
**MARTHA STEWART EVERYDAY®**  
**TWIN 100% COTTON DIAMOND**  
**WEAVE BLANKET**  
 Full-Queen/King, Sale \$15-\$21



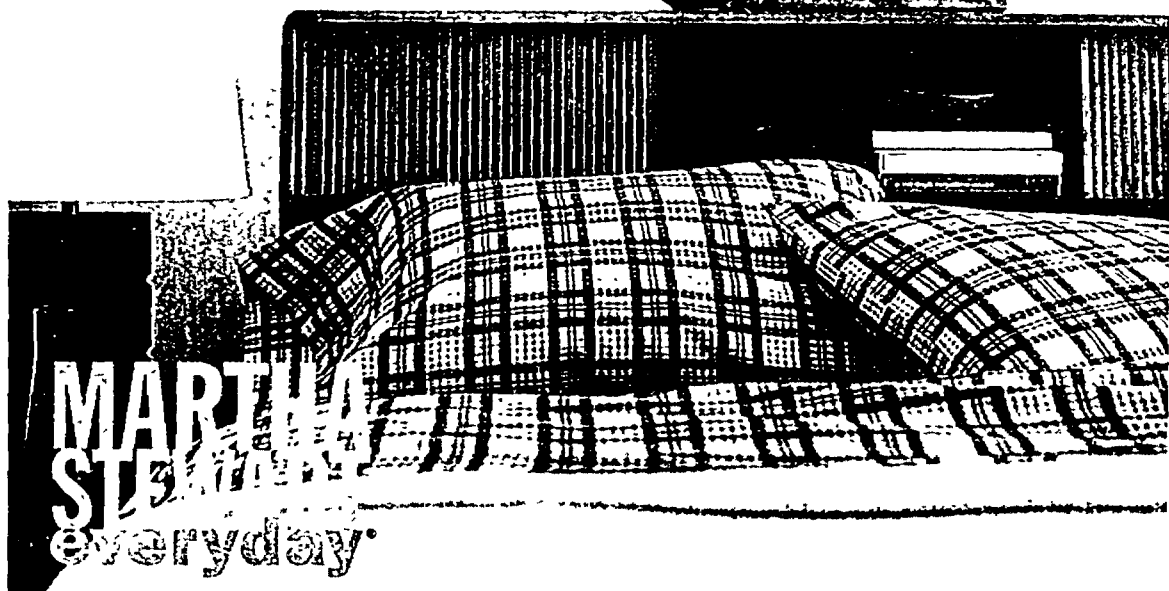
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 Was 12.99  
**MARTHA STEWART EVERYDAY®**  
**FLEECE TROWS**

**\$18 SALE**  
 Was 24.99  
**MARTHA STEWART EVERYDAY®**  
**TWIN FLEECE BLANKET**  
 Full-Queen/King, Sale \$26-\$34

**\$12 SALE**  
**MARTHA STEWART EVERYDAY®**  
**TWIN FLANNEL SHEET SET**  
 All flannel sheet sets, Sale \$12-\$39



**\$13 SALE**  
**MARTHA STEWART EVERYDAY®**  
**TWIN VELLUX® BLANKET**  
 Full-Queen/King, Sale \$19-\$28  
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**\$29 SALE**  
 Was 39.99  
**TWIN ELECTRIC**  
**BLANKET**  
 Full-King,  
 Sale \$45-\$75  
 Styles may vary by store

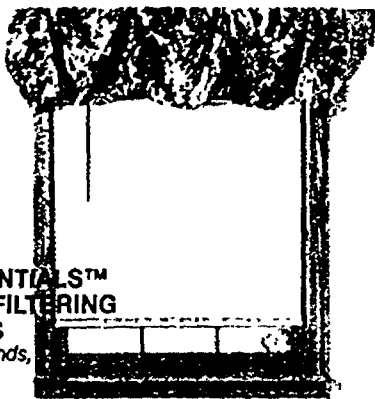


**\$40 SALE**  
 Was 59.99  
**HOME ESSENTIALS™**  
**LOVE SEAT SLIPCOVER**  
 Other slipcovers and coordinating  
 accessories, Sale \$5-\$12

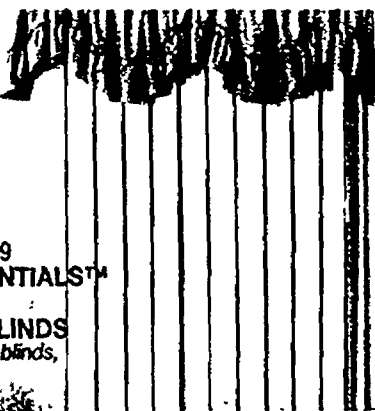


**NEW!**  
**\$10 SALE**  
 Was 12.99  
**HOME ESSENTIALS™**  
**NOVELTY SHEER**  
 Other Home Essentials™  
 window coordinates, Sale \$4-\$10

**\$3 SALE**  
 Was 4.99  
**HOME ESSENTIALS™**  
**64" L LIGHT FILTERING**  
**MINI BLINDS**  
 All other mini blinds,  
 Sale 1.50-\$21



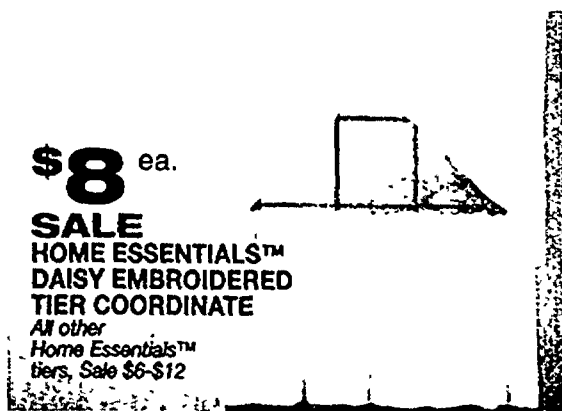
Any size,  
 one price!  
**\$18 SALE**  
 Was 19.99-39.99  
**HOME ESSENTIALS™**  
**WINDOW**  
**VERTICAL BLINDS**  
 All other vertical blinds,  
 Sale \$32-\$64



**\$7 SALE**  
 Was 8.99-9.99  
**HOME ESSENTIALS™**  
**WINDOW TOPPERS**  
 Other Home Essentials™ window toppers,  
 Was 11.99, Sale \$9



**NEW!**  
**\$5 ea. SALE**  
 Was 6.99  
**HOME ESSENTIALS™**  
**LACE WINDOW**  
**COORDINATE**  
 Lace panels with  
 attached valance,  
 Sale \$8

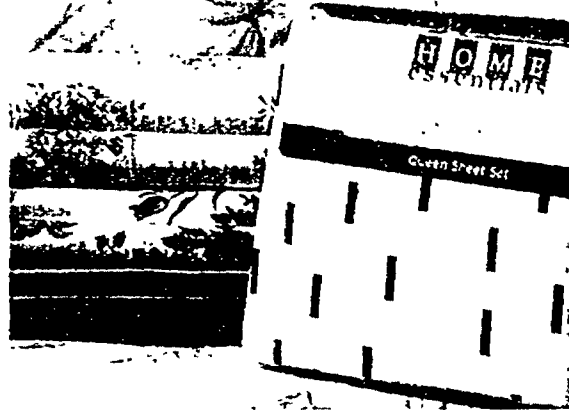


**\$8 ea. SALE**  
**HOME ESSENTIALS™**  
**DAISY EMBROIDERED**  
**TIER COORDINATE**  
 All other  
 Home Essentials™  
 tiers, Sale \$6-\$12

## \$5 SPECIAL BUY

### HOME ESSENTIALS™ TWIN SHEET SET

Home Essentials™  
twin reversible comforter, Sale \$16  
All other Home Essentials™  
bedding, Sale \$3-\$21



Any Size, Even King!  
**SAVE 25.99**

# \$49

**SALE**  
Was 74.99  
**BED-IN-A-BAG SET**  
#876217

Set includes:  
• Reversible comforter  
• Sheet set  
• Bedskirt  
• Sham(s)

## \$12 SALE

### TWIN EYELET LACE SHEET SET

Coordinating twin comforter, Sale \$39  
All other lace bedding, Sale \$10-\$59

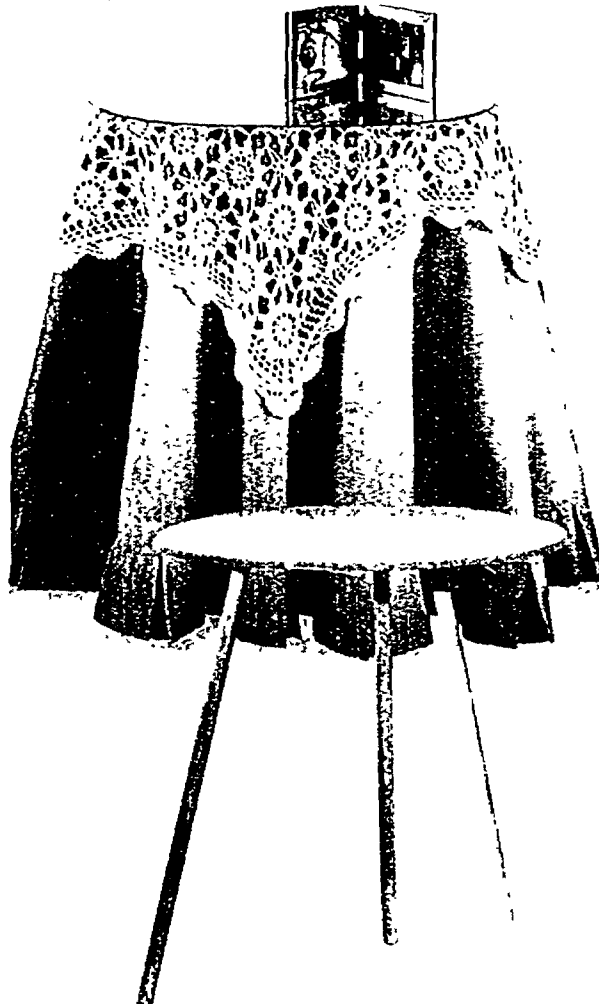


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SAVE 35%

## 2/\$9 SALE

Was 6.99 ea.  
**20" ROUND DECORATIVE  
TABLE OR GLASS TOP**  
Martha Stewart Everyday®  
Decorative Tablecovers and  
Overlays, Sale 4.25-\$11

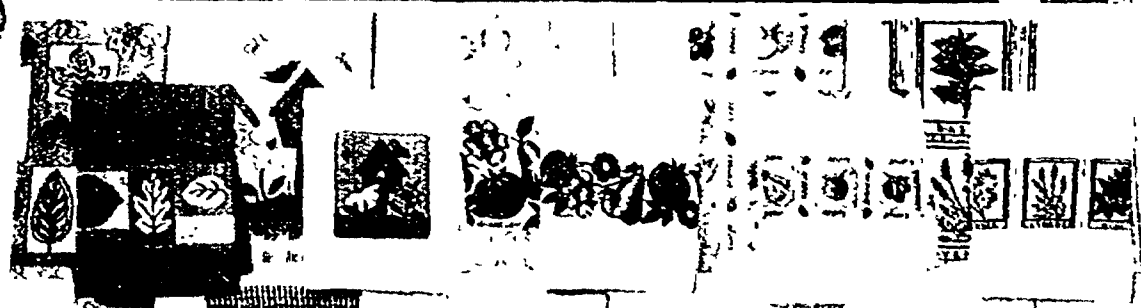


## \$15 SALE

### KIDS' TWIN SHEET SET

Twin comforter, Sale \$27  
Other kids' bedding and  
coordinating accessories,  
Sale \$4-\$37

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## 2/\$5 SALE

Was 2.99 ea.  
**HOME ESSENTIALS™ KITCHEN TOWELS**  
Other Home Essentials™ kitchen towels,  
pot holders and oven mitts, Sale 1.75-3.50



## \$5 SPECIAL BUY

### 25-PACK WASH CLOTHS

Home Essentials™ packaged  
kitchen textiles, Sale 2.50-4.50



## Was 8.99 HOME ESSENTIALS™ WOVEN TABLECLOTH

Vinyl table cover,  
Was 2.99, Sale 2.75



## HOME ESSENTIALS™ VINYL PLACE MATS

Other Home Essentials™ place mats,  
Sale 1.75-3.50



## \$7 SALE

### ASSORTED DOORMATS

Other doormats, Sale 3.50-\$13  
Styles may vary by store



## \$7 SALE

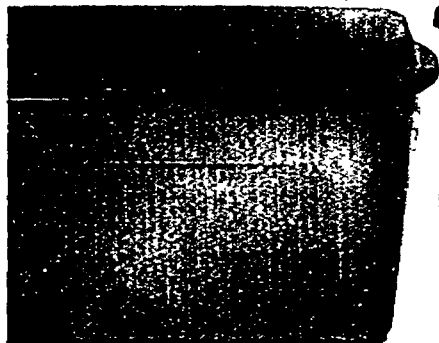
### HOME ESSENTIALS™ 2-PACK CHAIR PADS

Other Home Essentials™  
chair pads, Sale 8.50-\$11  
Patterns may vary by store

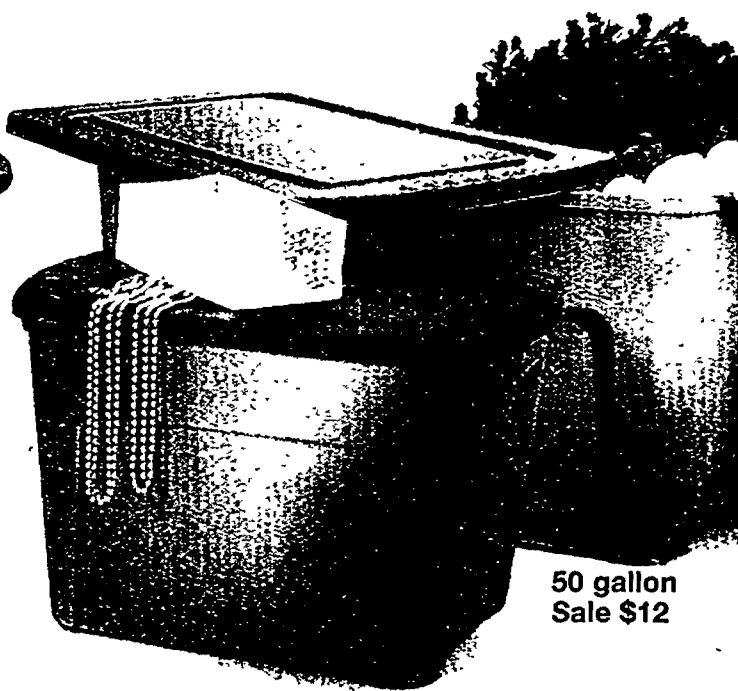
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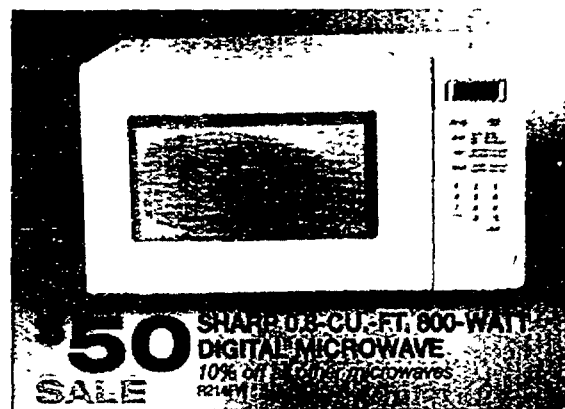
38 gallon  
Sale \$8



**\$3 SALE**  
20-GALLON HOLIDAY TOTE  
38-gallon holiday tote, Sale \$8  
50-gallon holiday tote, Sale \$12  
All other holiday red and  
green storage containers, Sale \$3-\$12



50 gallon  
Sale \$12

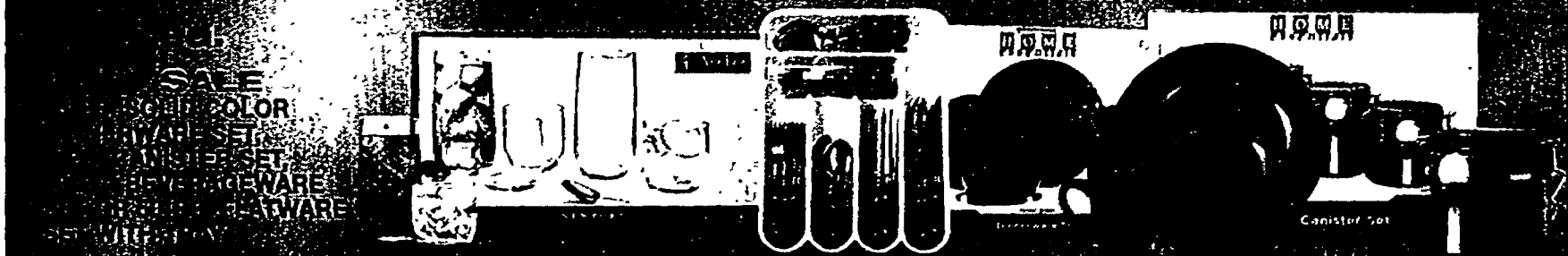


**\$50 SALE**  
SHARP 0.8-CU-FT. 800-WATT  
DIGITAL MICROWAVE  
10% OFF 1500 Series Microwaves  
R214V1



**24.99**  
GEORGE FOREMAN "THE CHAMP" GRILL  
WITH BUN WARMER

## LOWEST PRICE OF THE SEASON



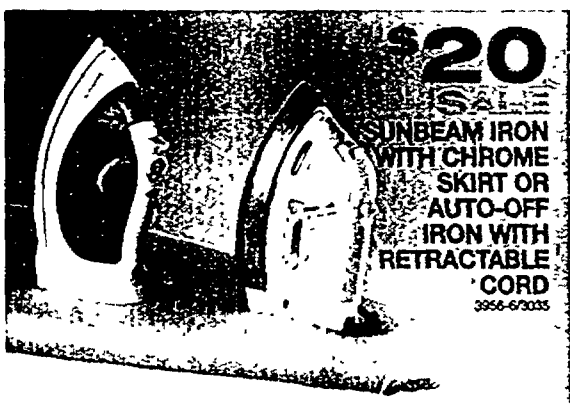
**25 SALE**  
BLACK & DECKER 12-CUP  
PROGRAMMABLE COFFEEMAKER,  
4-SLICE TOAST-R-OVEN™ OR RIVAL  
6 CUP COOL-TOUCH DEEP FRYER  
DCL45500 (coffeemaker) THO200 (Toast-R-Oven™) CW400 (deep fryer)



**\$29 SALE**  
WHITE-WESTINGHOUSE™ COOL-EDGE  
GRIDDLE OR OBLONG SKILLET  
WWGD-100 (griddle) WWSK5044 (skillet)



**15 SALE**  
MR. COFFEE 12-CUP COFFEEMAKER  
OR PROCTOR-SILEX 12-SPEED BLENDER  
BPC12 (coffeemaker) BGP12 (12-speed blender)



**\$20 SALE**  
SUNBEAM IRON  
WITH CHROME  
SKIRT OR  
AUTO-OFF  
IRON WITH  
RETRACTABLE  
CORD  
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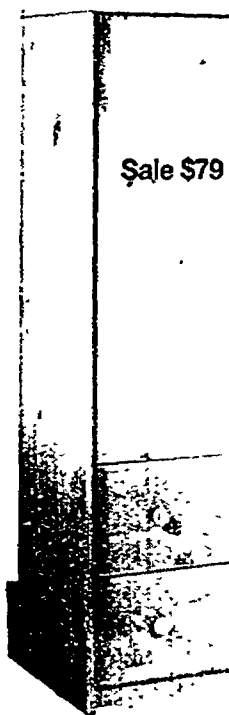
**\$10 SALE**  
Was 12.49-12.99  
T-LEG IRONING  
BOARD OR  
GARMENT RACK



**\$8 SALE**  
Was 9.99  
PROCTOR-SILEX  
APPLIANCES. Iron with spray, Bagel Smart 2-slice  
toaster, tall can opener or 5-speed hand mixer.  
17410 (iron) 22205 (toaster) 75224 (can opener) 62515 (mixer)



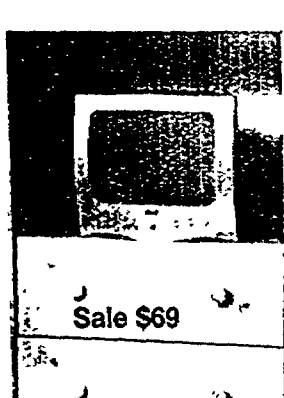
Sale \$39



Sale \$79



Sale \$39



Sale \$69



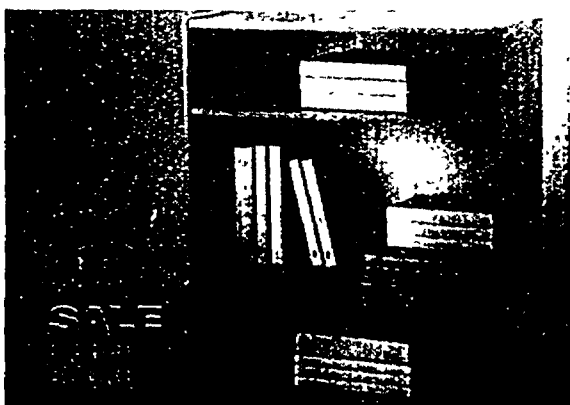
Sale \$39



Sale \$39

SAVE \$10  
**\$39 SALE**

Was 49.99  
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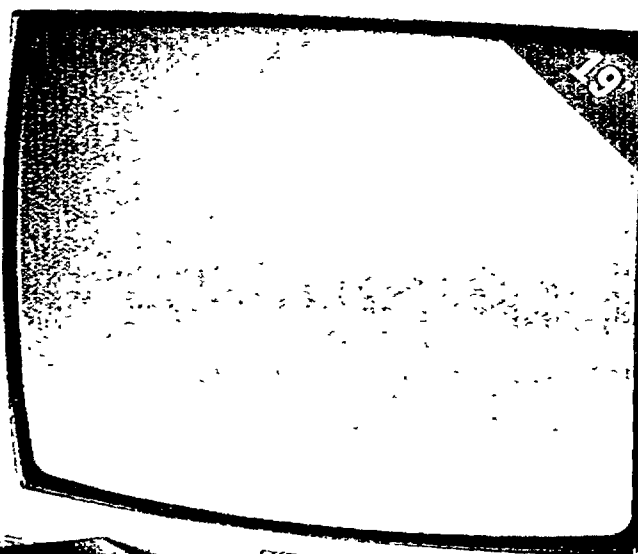
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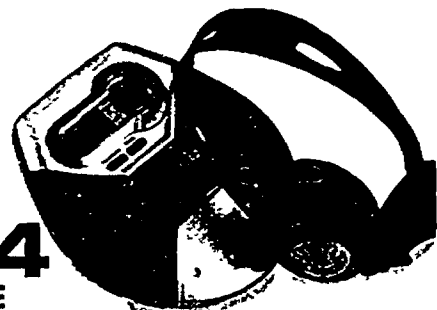
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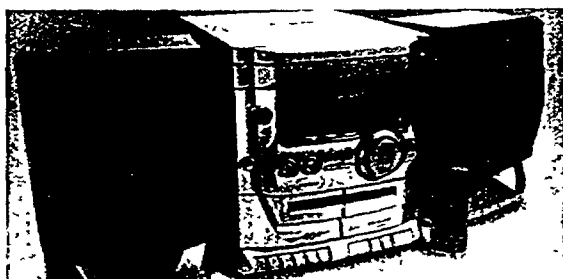
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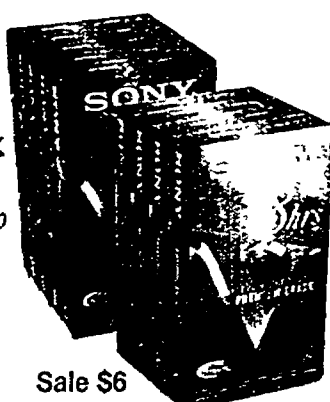
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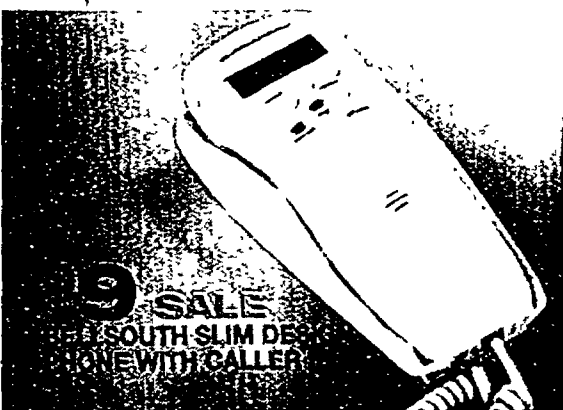


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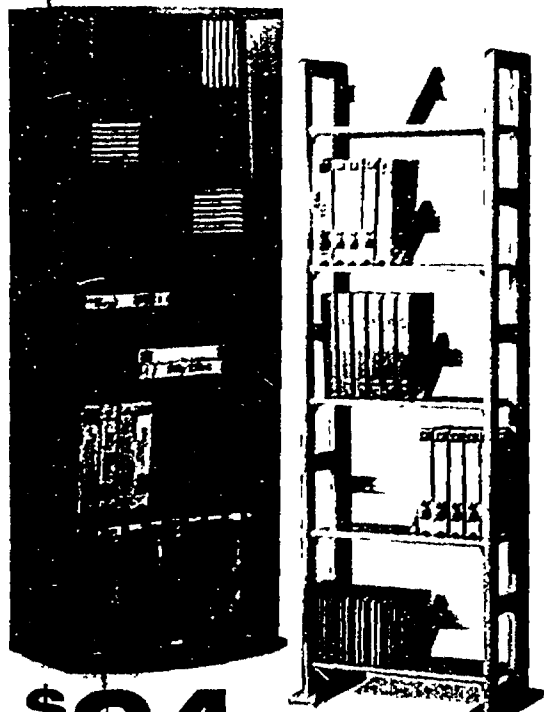
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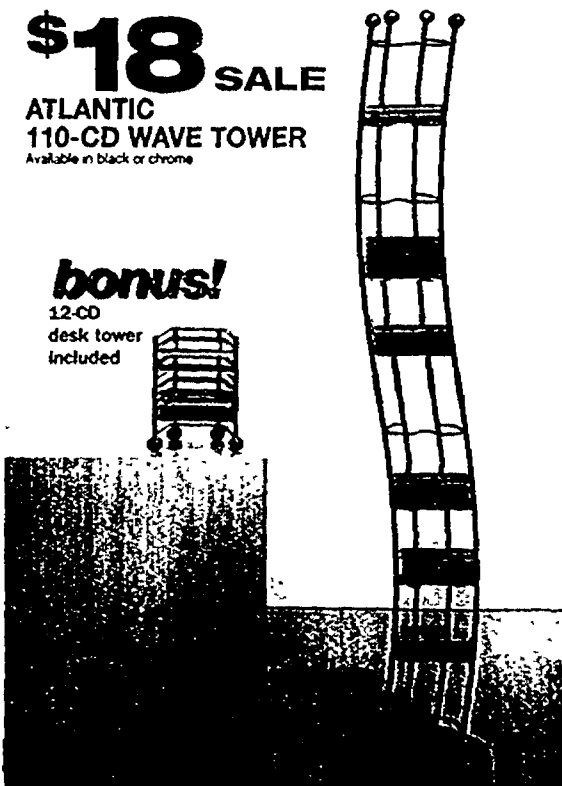
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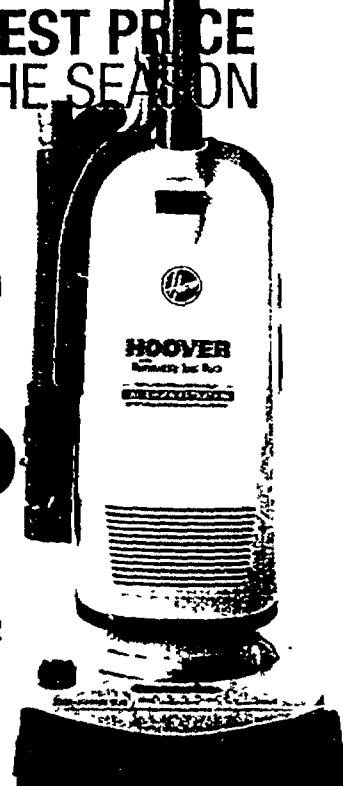
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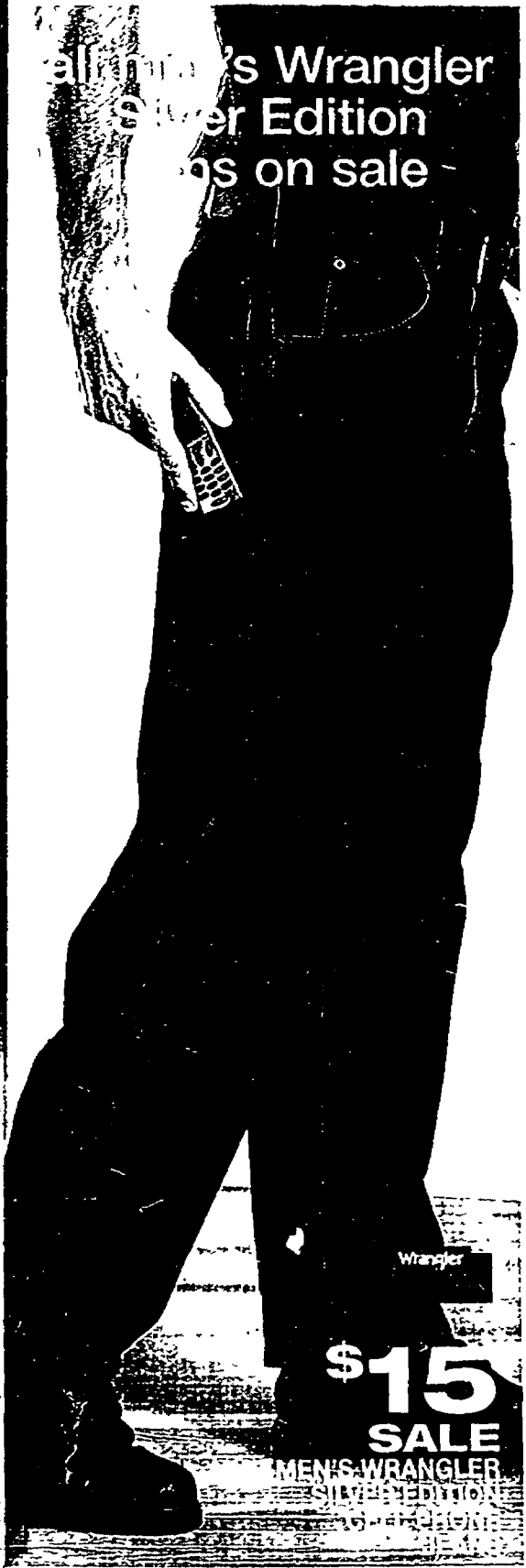


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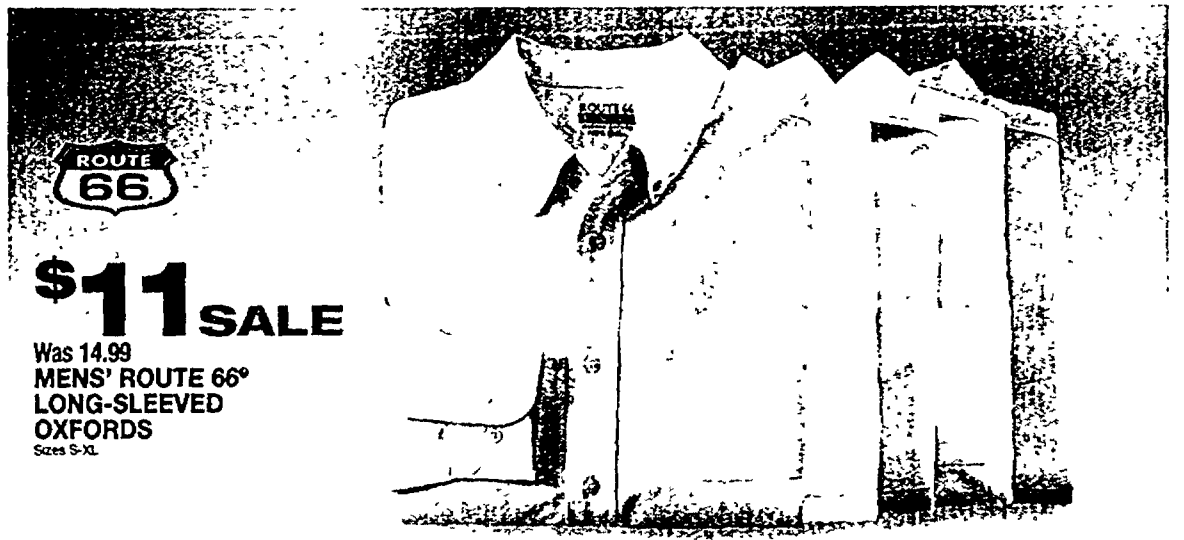
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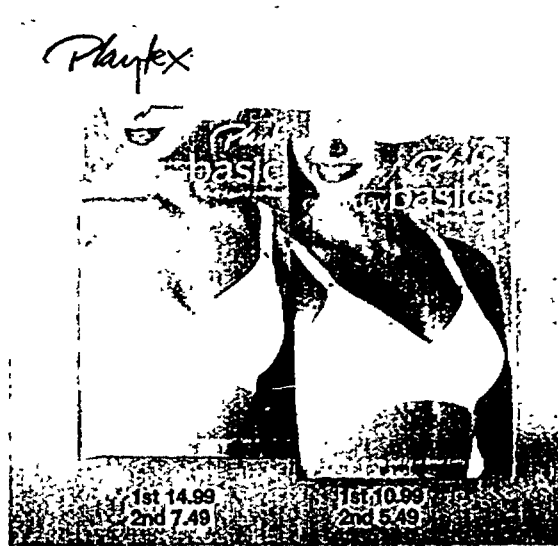
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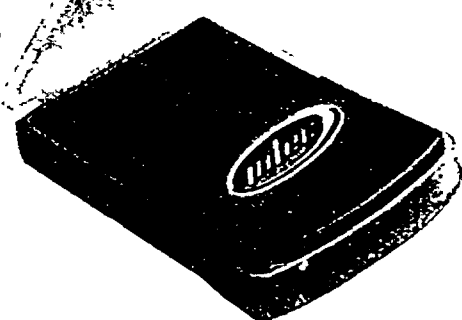


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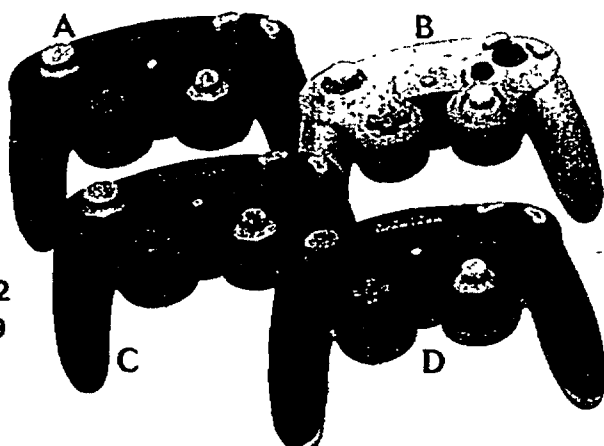
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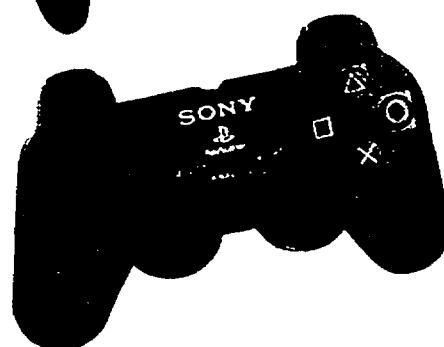
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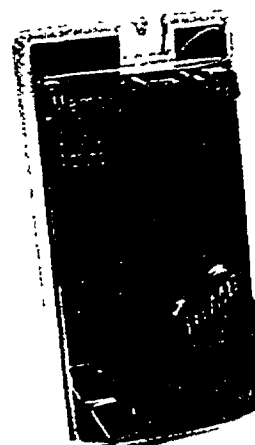
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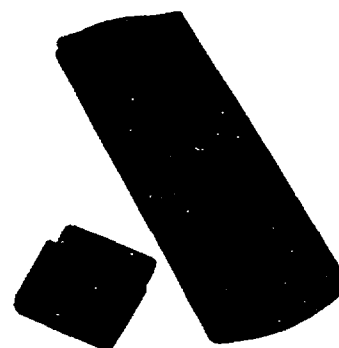
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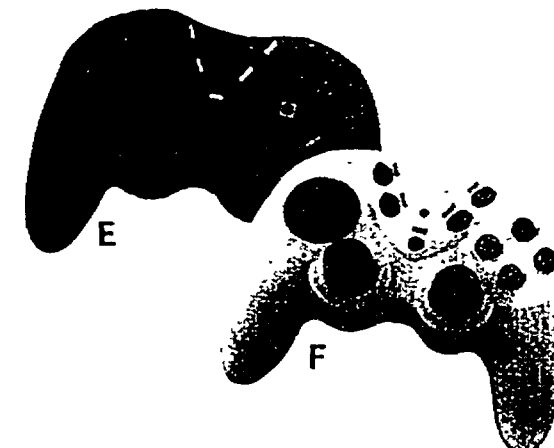
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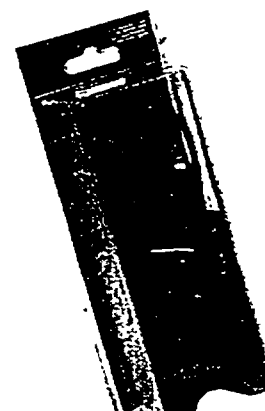
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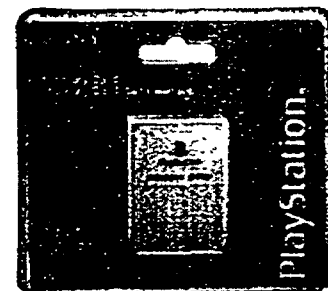
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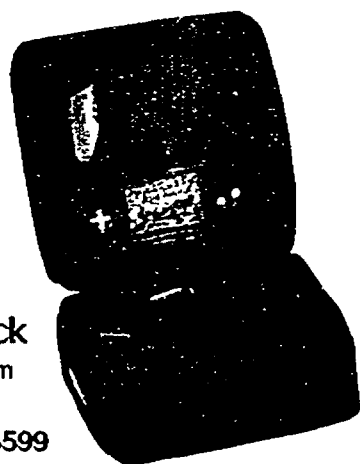
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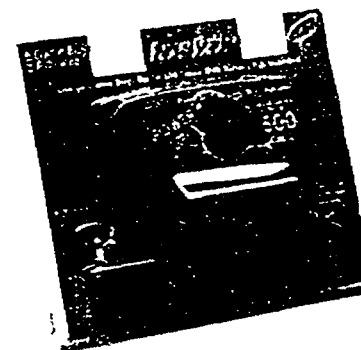
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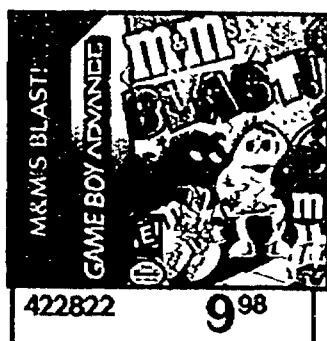
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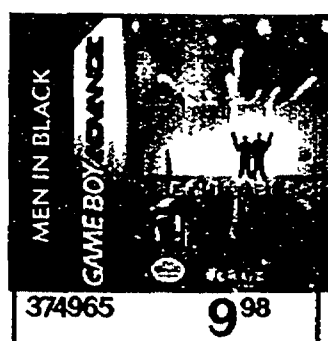
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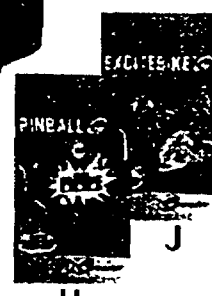
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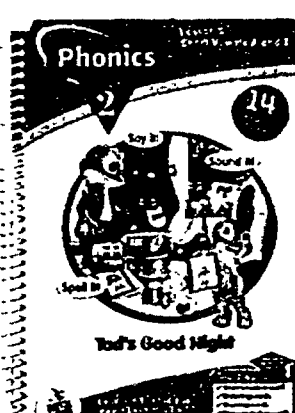
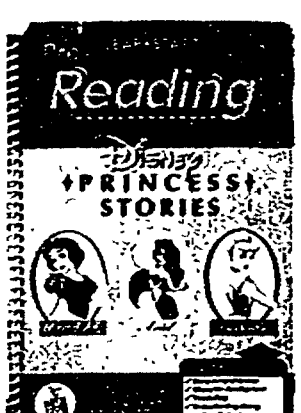
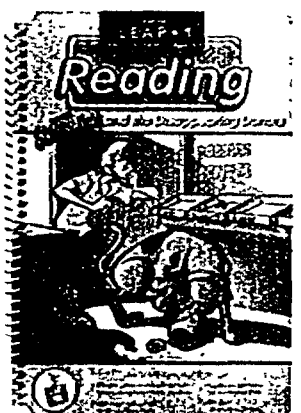
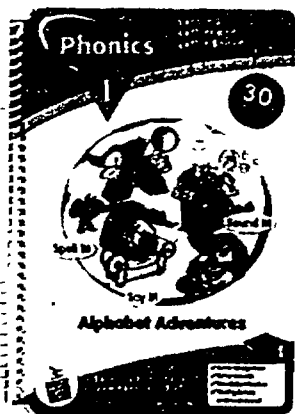
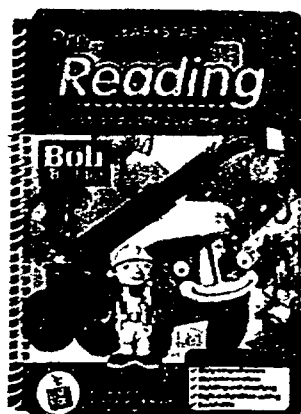
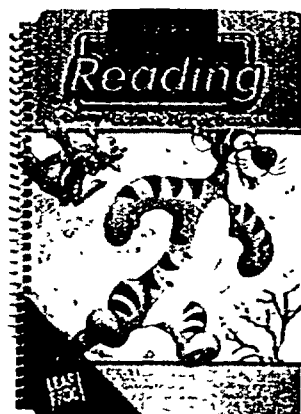
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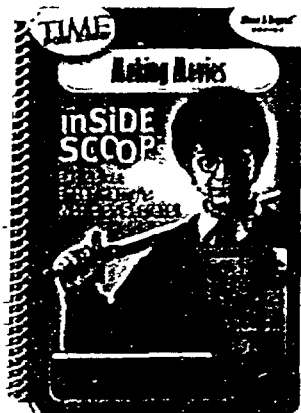
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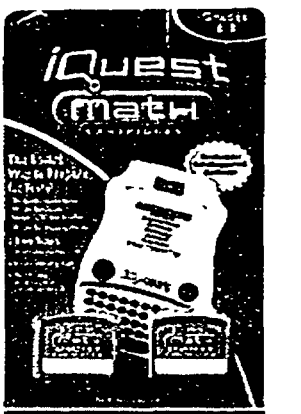
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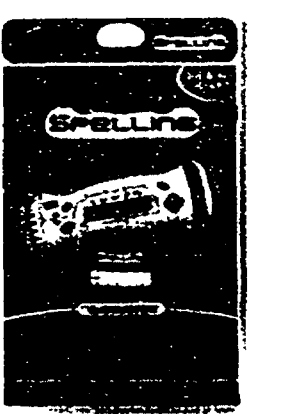
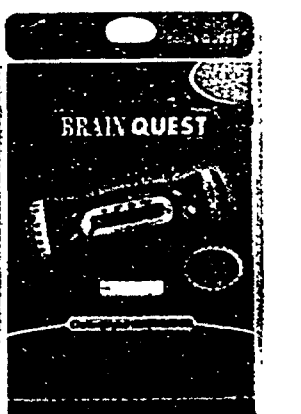
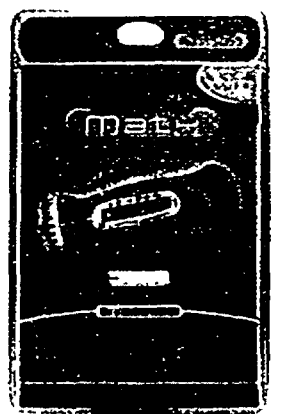


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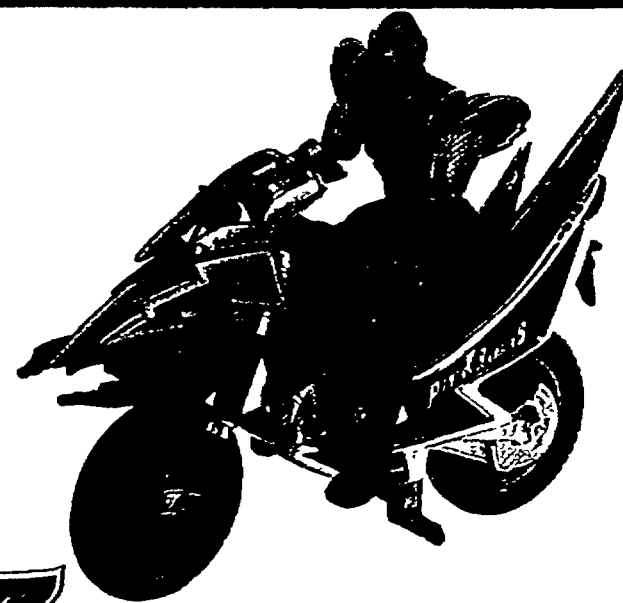


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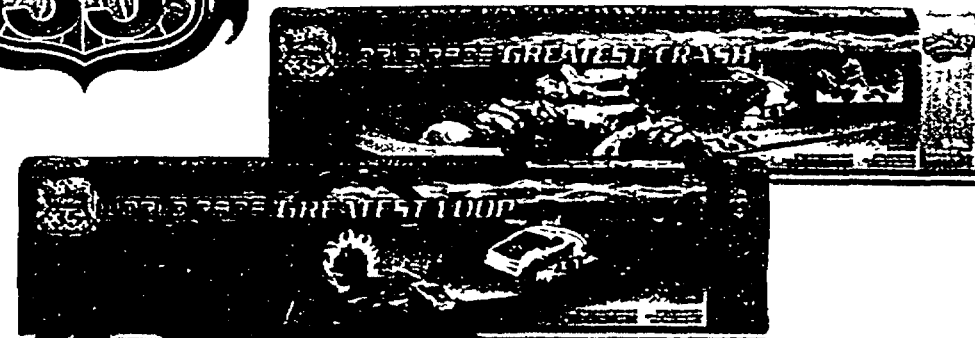


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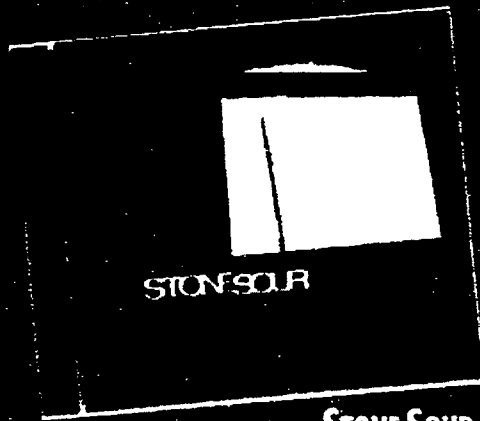


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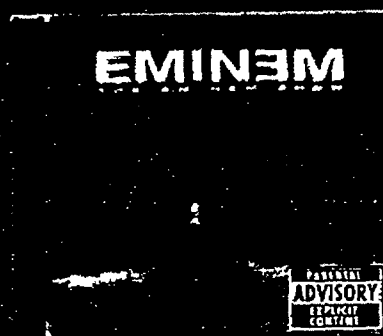
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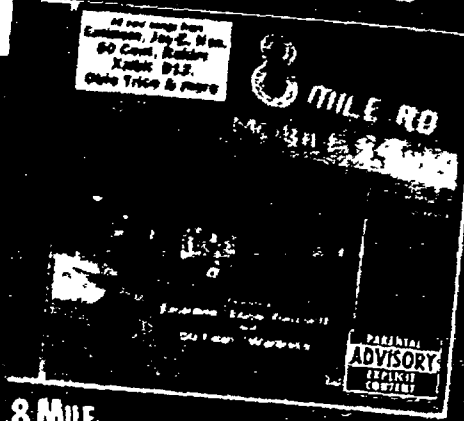
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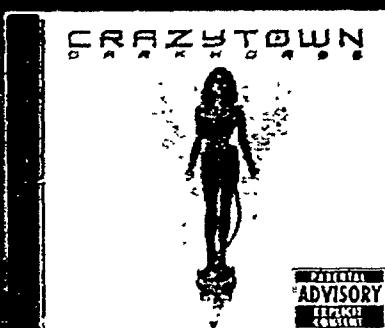
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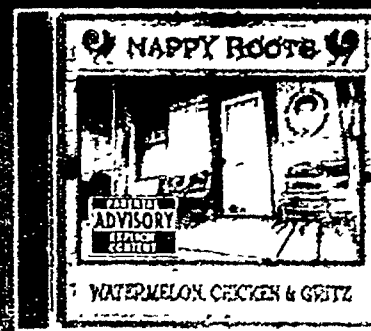
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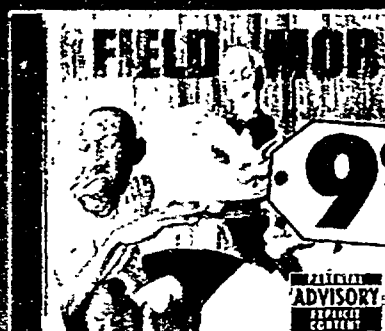
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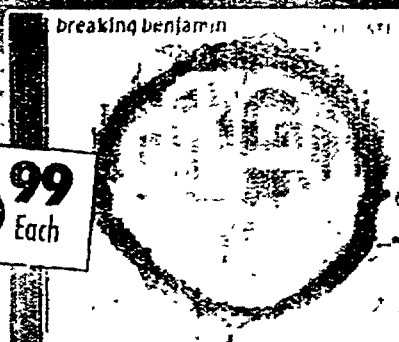
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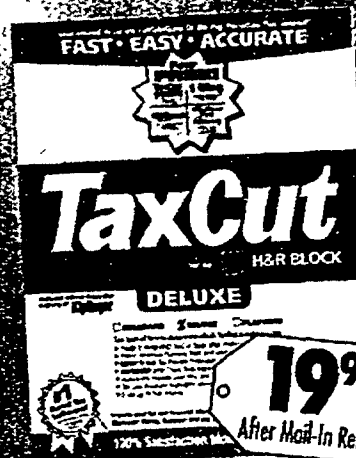
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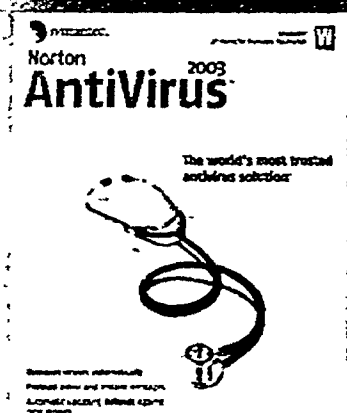
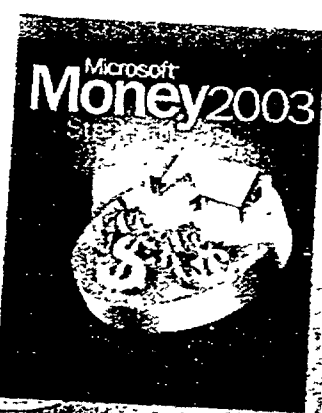
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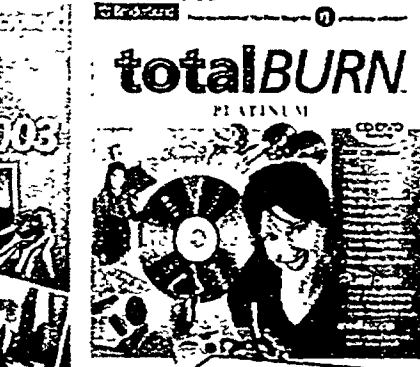
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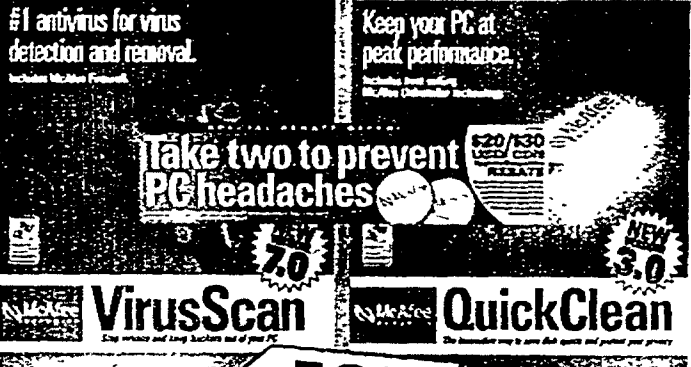
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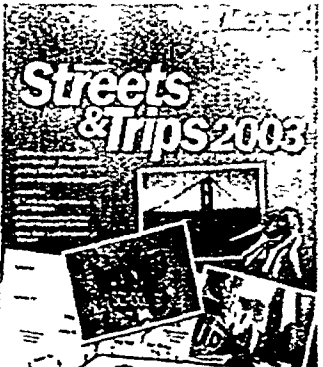
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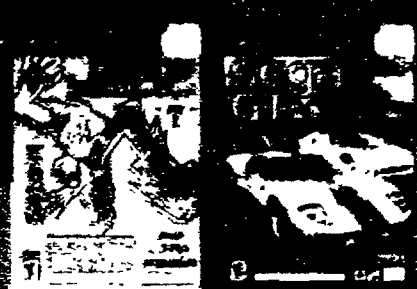
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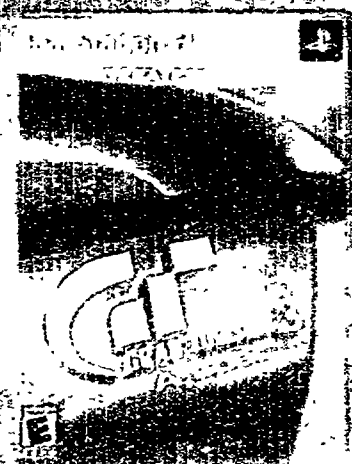
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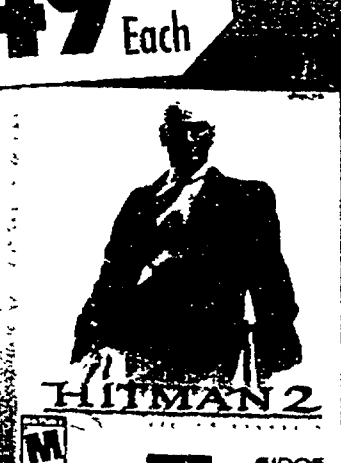
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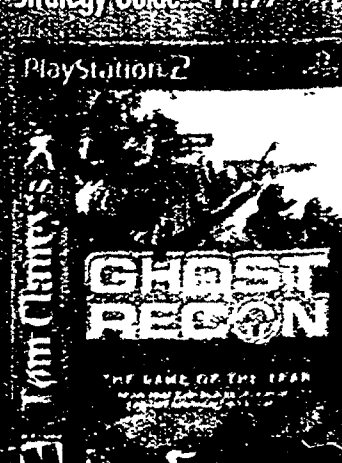
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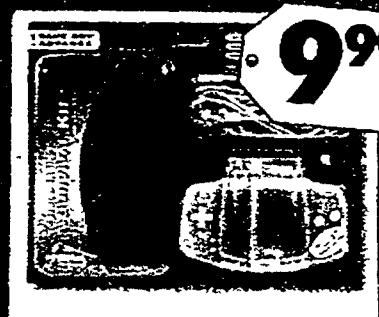
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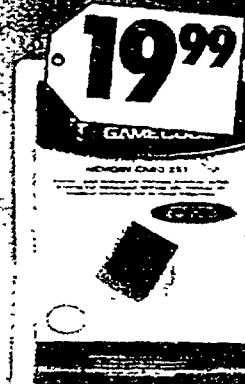
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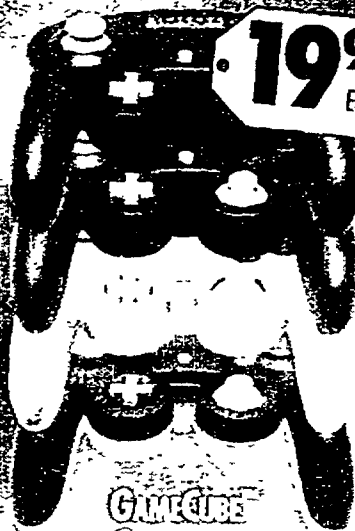
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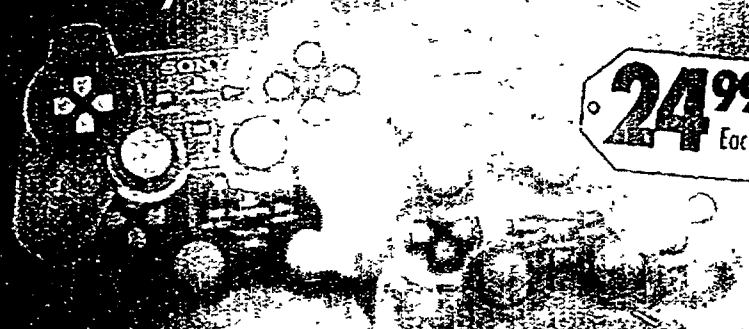
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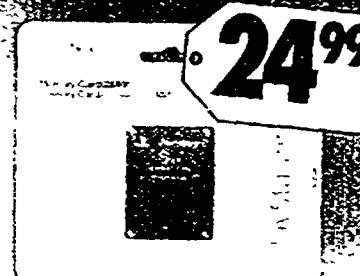
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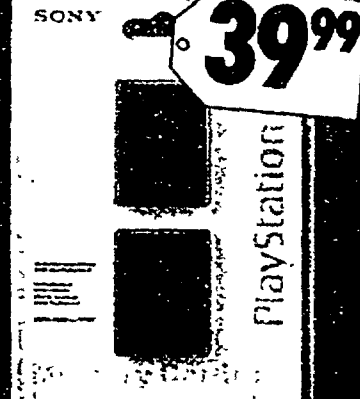
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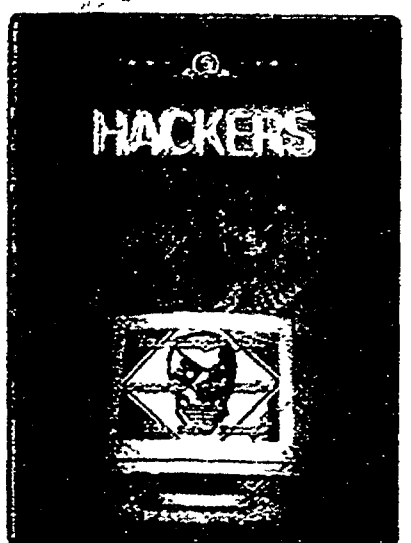
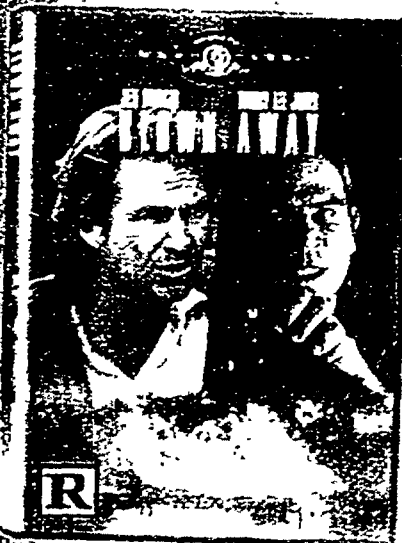
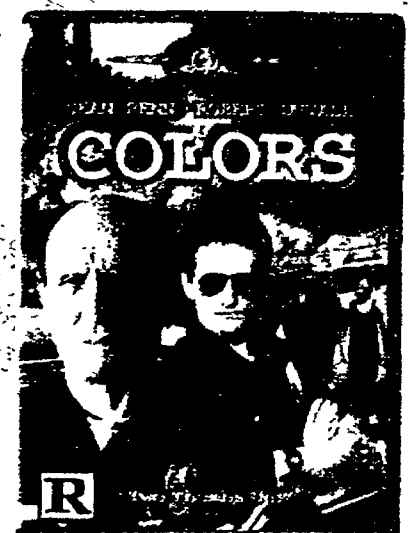
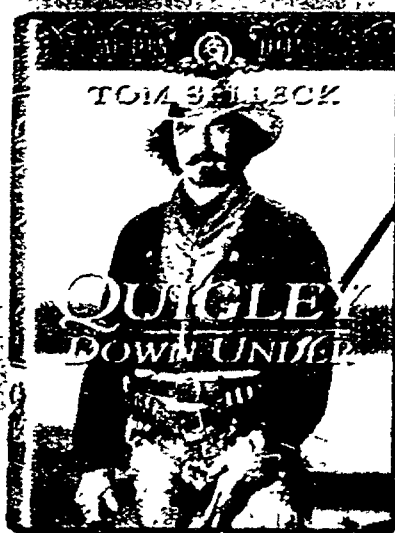
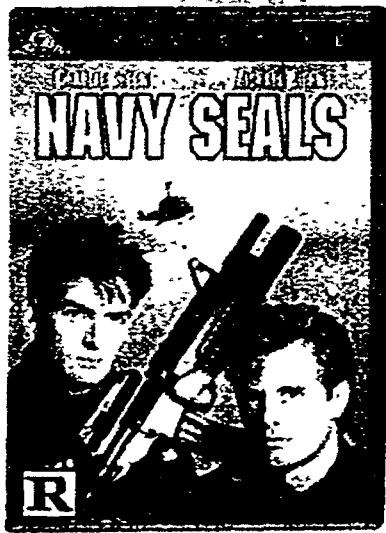
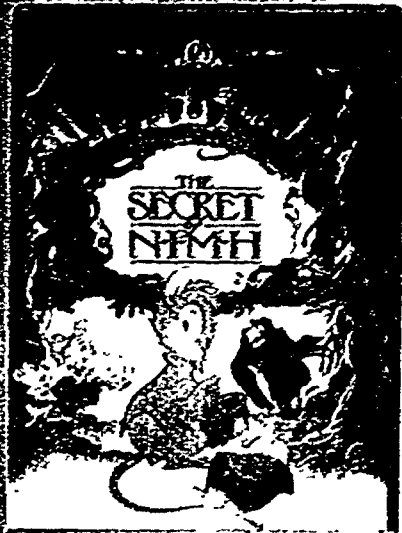
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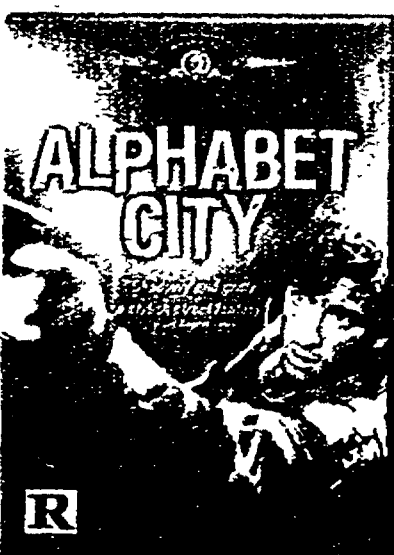
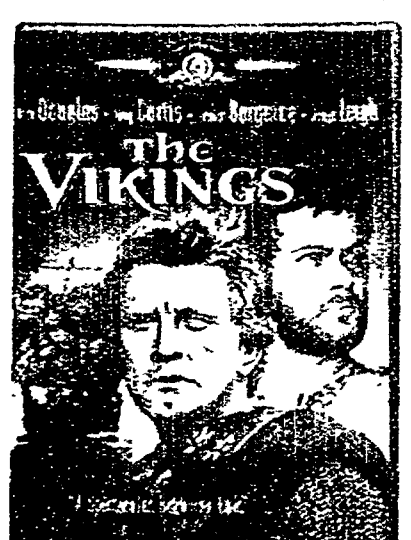
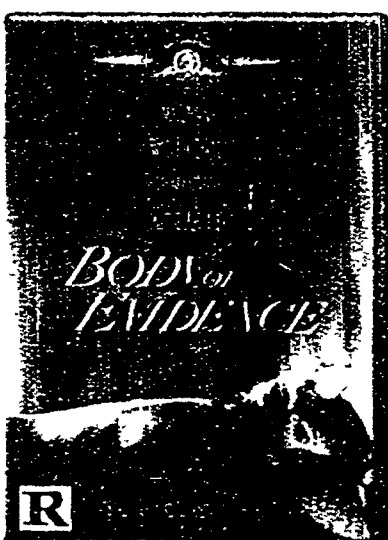
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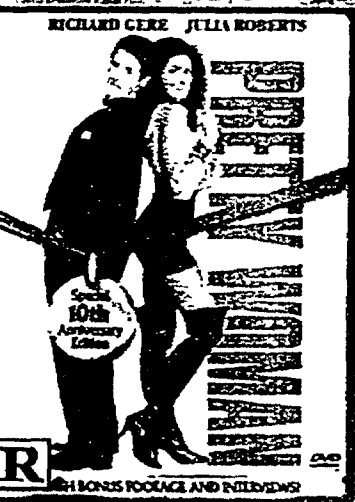
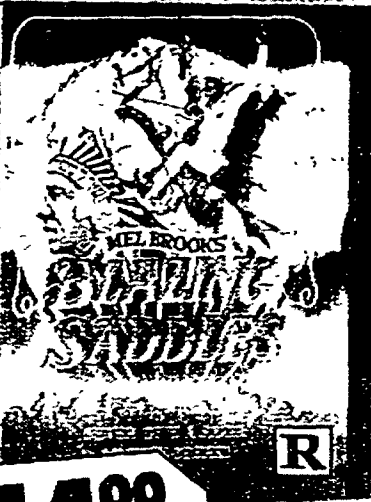
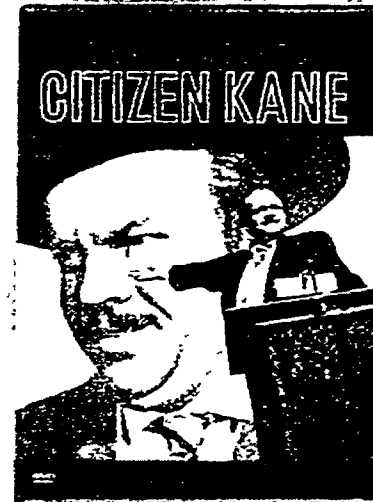
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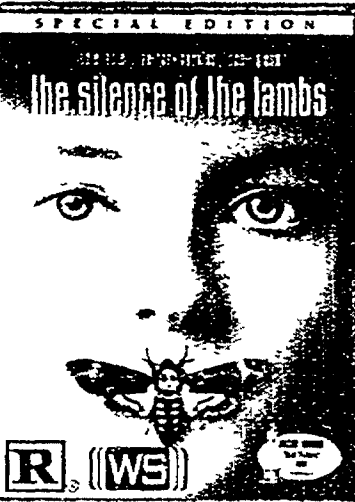
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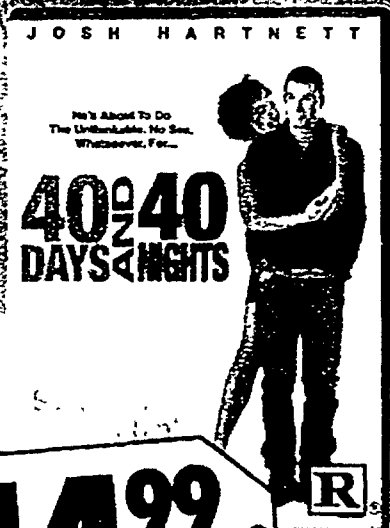
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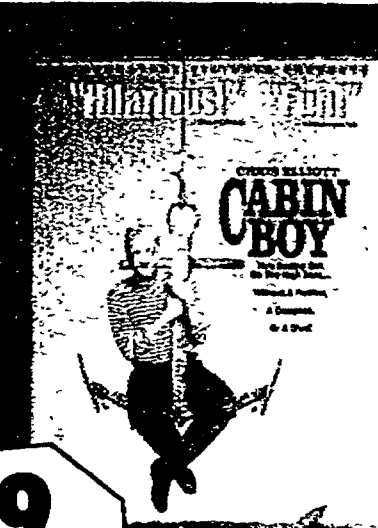
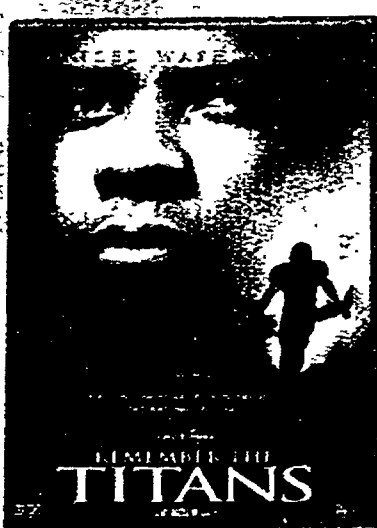
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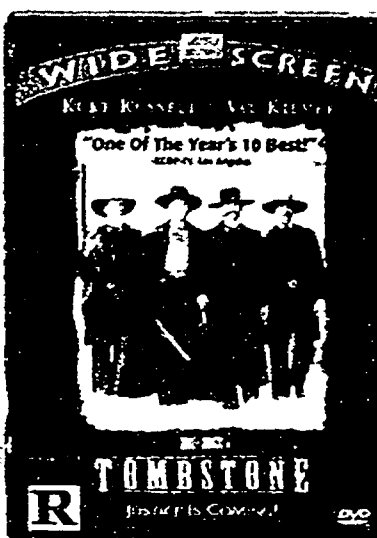
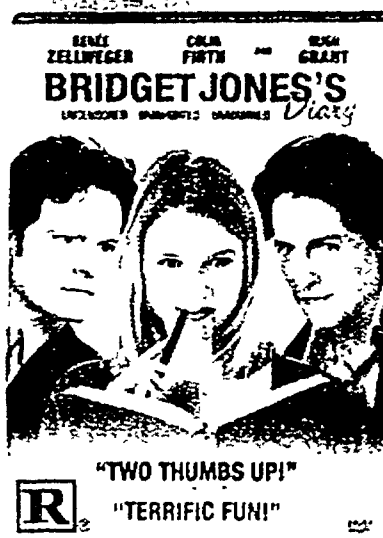
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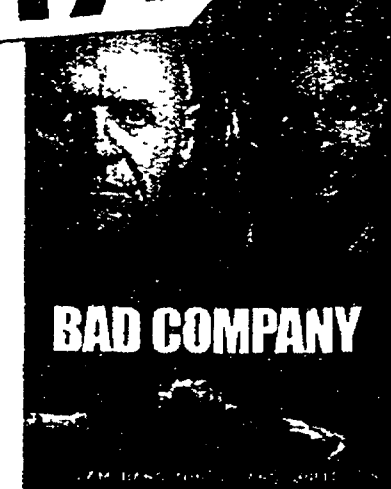
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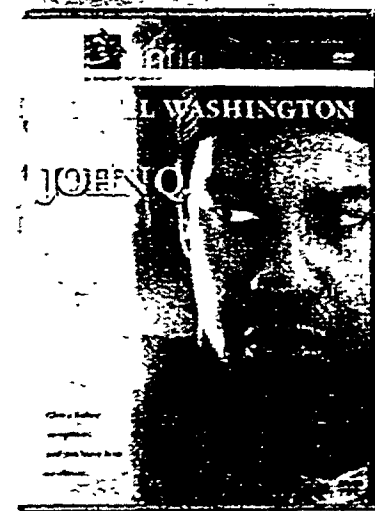
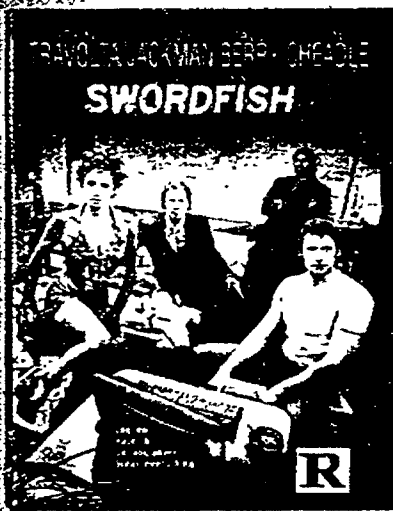
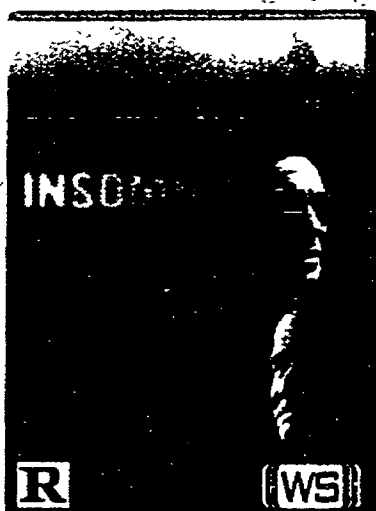
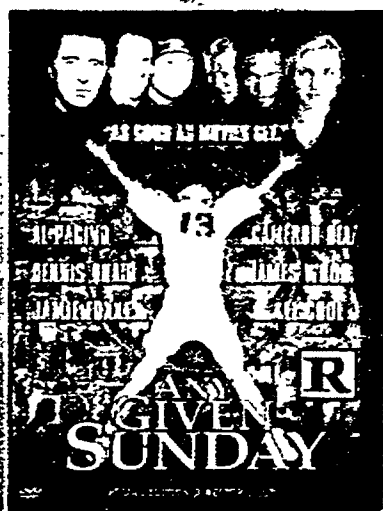


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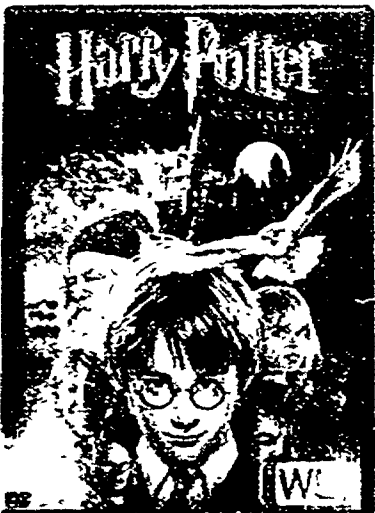
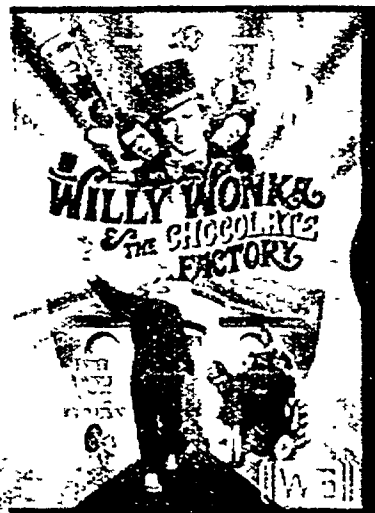
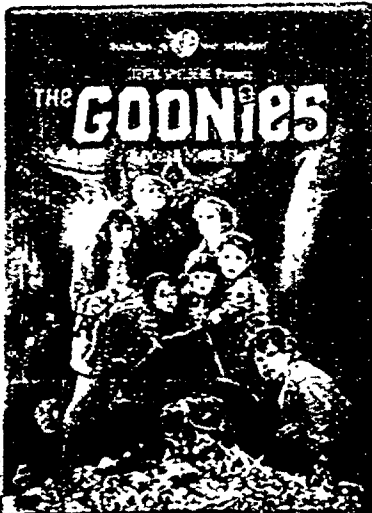
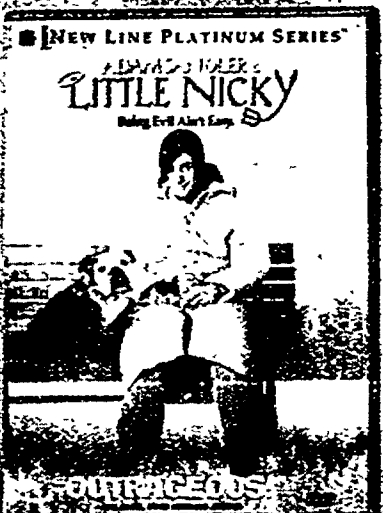
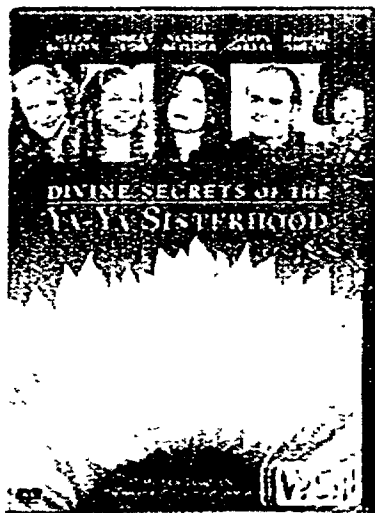
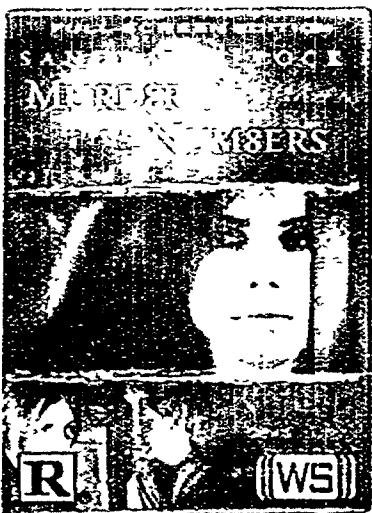


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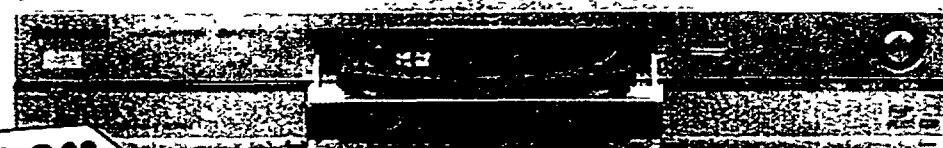
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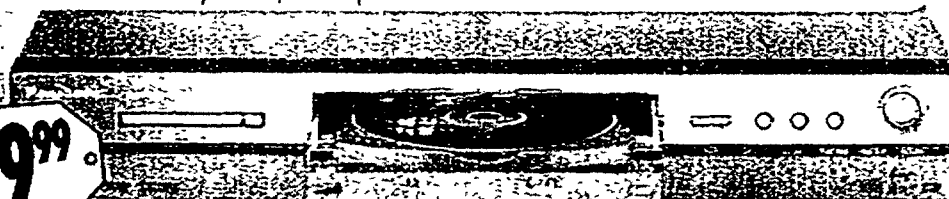


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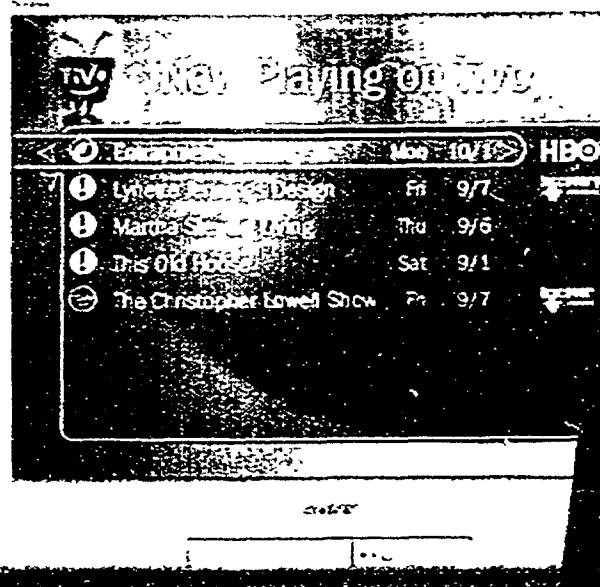
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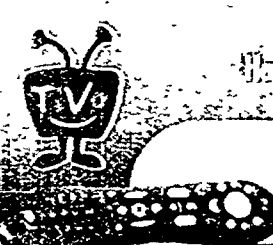
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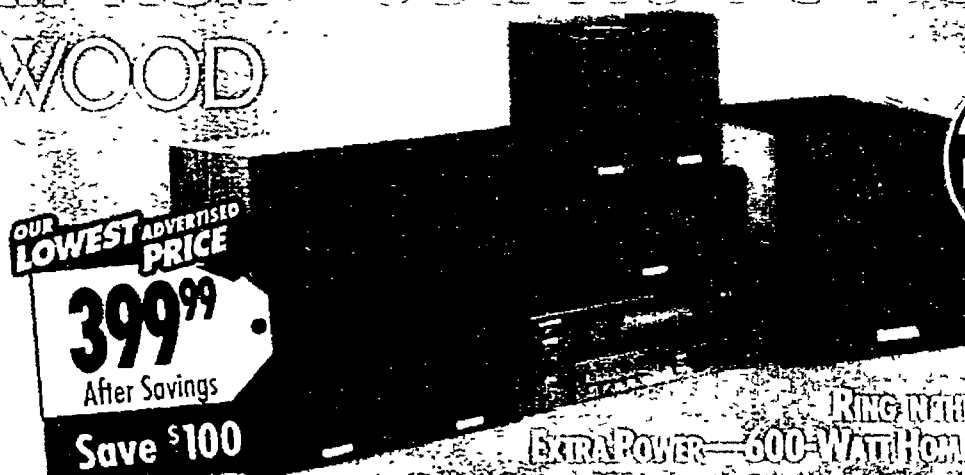
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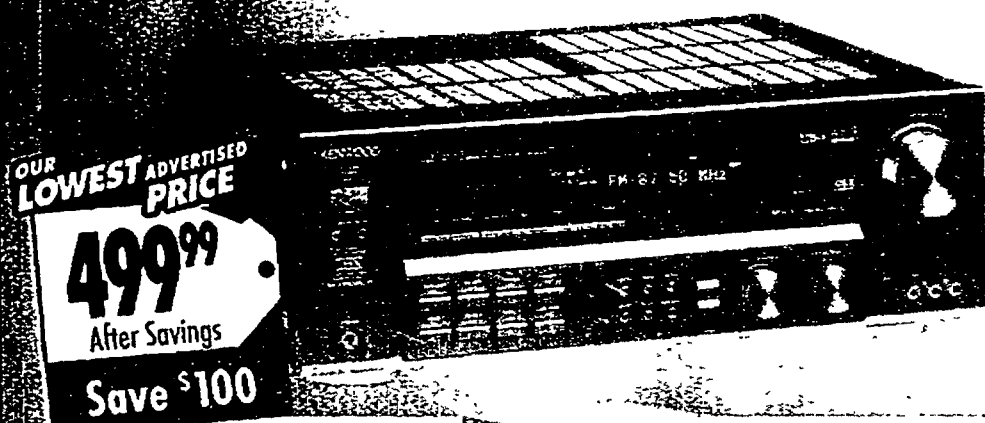


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PLAYER IS YOUR RESOLUTION  
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TUNER  
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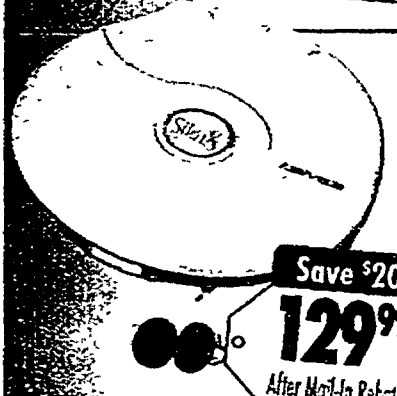
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**SONY.**  
PORTABLE  
CD PLAYER  
WITH AM,  
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WEATHERBAND  
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(DFJ401)

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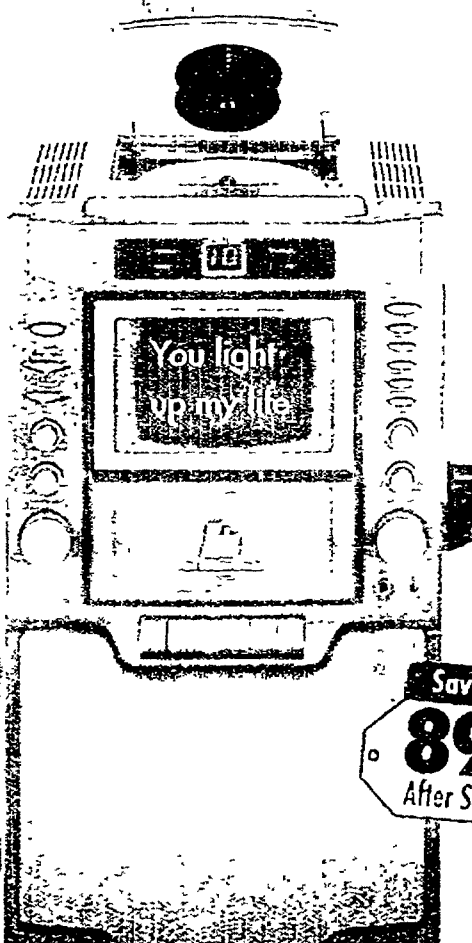
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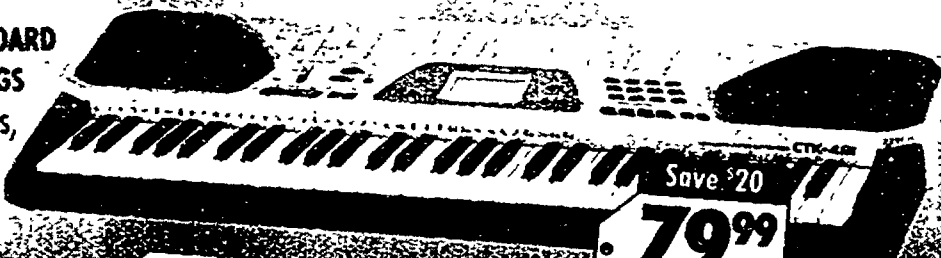
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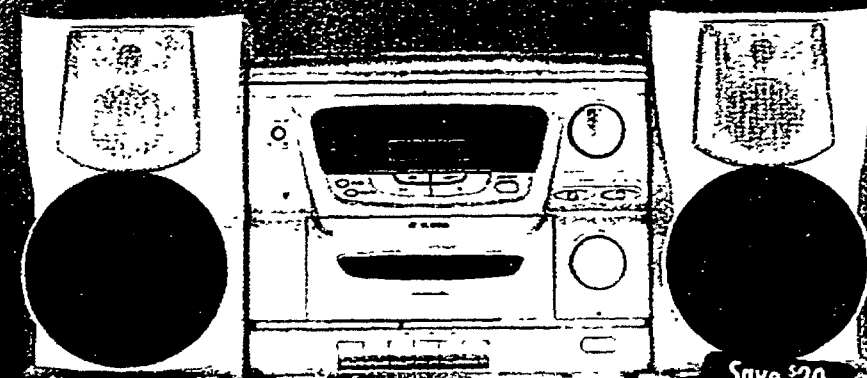
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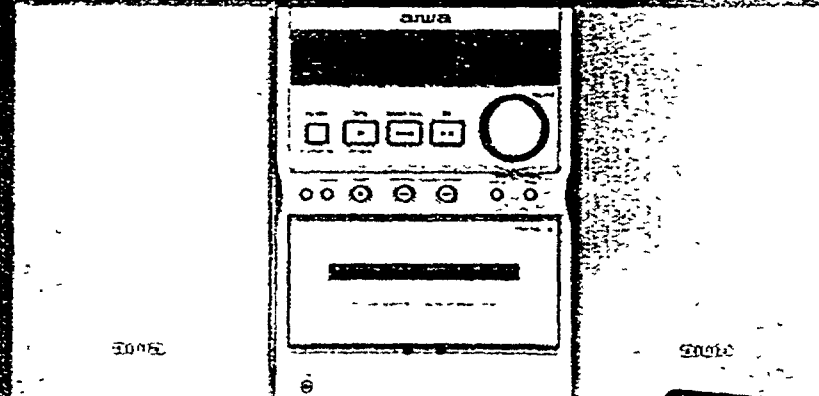
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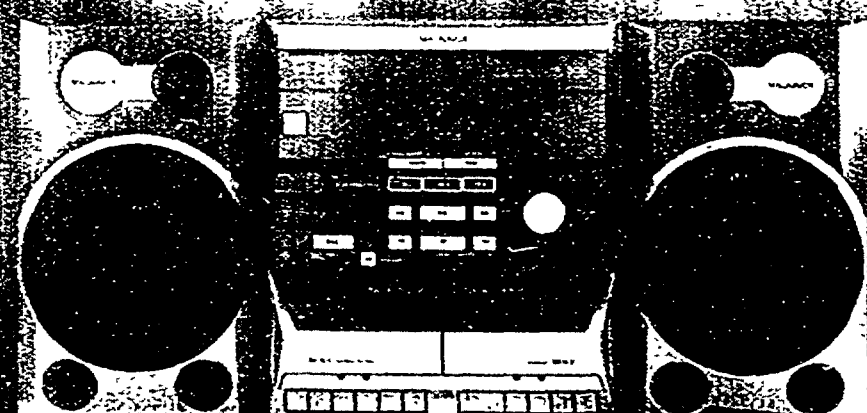
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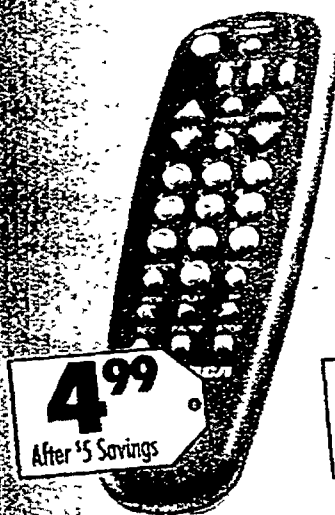


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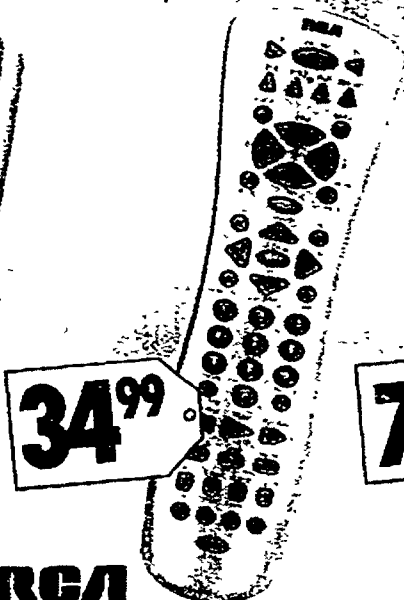
## Remotes



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**RCA**  
**3-FUNCTION**  
**UNIVERSAL REMOTE**  
Includes batteries.  
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**34<sup>99</sup>**

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**8-FUNCTION LEARNING REMOTE**  
Includes picture-in-picture  
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**CONTROL WITH**  
**BACKLIT LCD**  
Includes learning  
keys that allow you  
to copy unique key  
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original remote.  
(RCU900)



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**UNIVERSAL REMOTE COMMANDER®**  
**TAKES CHARGE OF UP TO 12 COMPONENTS**  
Allows up to 15 macro functions.  
Includes backlit LCD screen.  
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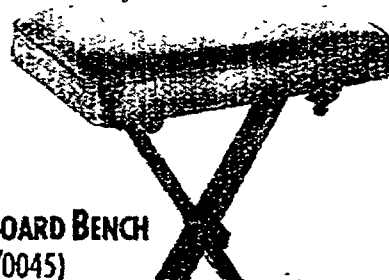
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Keyboard not included.

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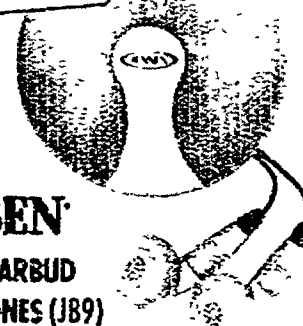
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## Headphones

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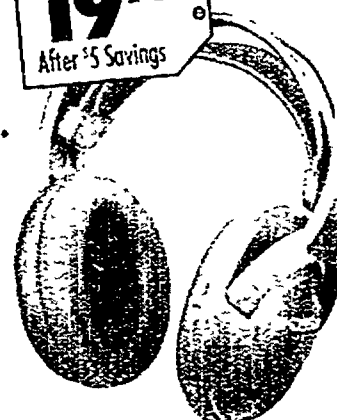
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**YO-YO EARBUD**  
**HEADPHONES (JB9)**



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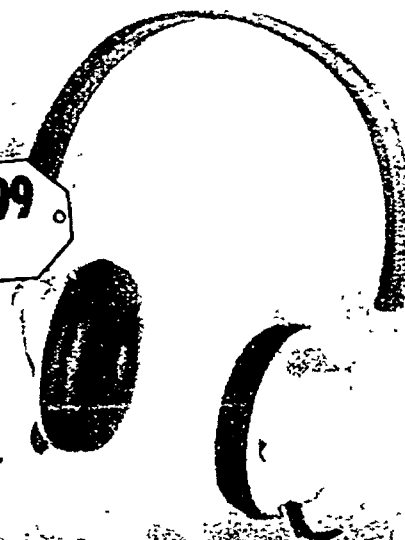
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**SONY.**  
**STREET STYLE® STEREO HEADPHONES**  
Feature an exclusive behind-the-neck headband  
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**STUDIO MONITOR SERIES HEADPHONES**  
The perfect combination of sound and comfort.  
(MDRV300)



## TV solutions

### SanusSystems

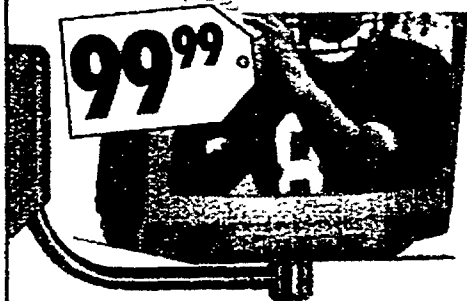
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Rotates TV 360° for optimum viewing.  
Swivels also available for 13" to 32" TVs.  
(TV27) TV sold separately.

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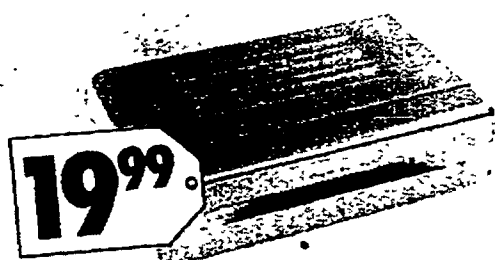
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### VANTAGE POINT

**WALL MOUNT FOR 25" AND 27" TVs**  
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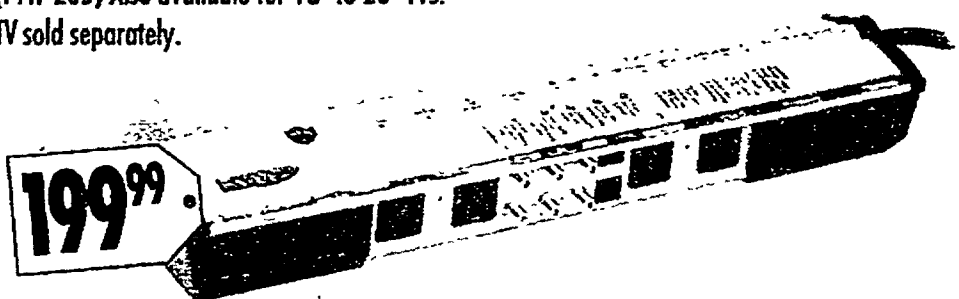
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### JENSEN RF MODULATOR

Lets you connect an A/V component—  
like a DVD player, video game system  
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Keep your investment safe from electrical surges during storms. (MPB1100)

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**AMPLIFIED AM/FM  
POWERED ANTENNA  
FOR AUDIO  
COMPONENTS**  
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**FM EDGE  
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Built-in amplifier helps  
you tune in those  
hard-to-receive  
or distant FM stations.  
(FM4000)

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### TERK

**INDOOR/OUTDOOR  
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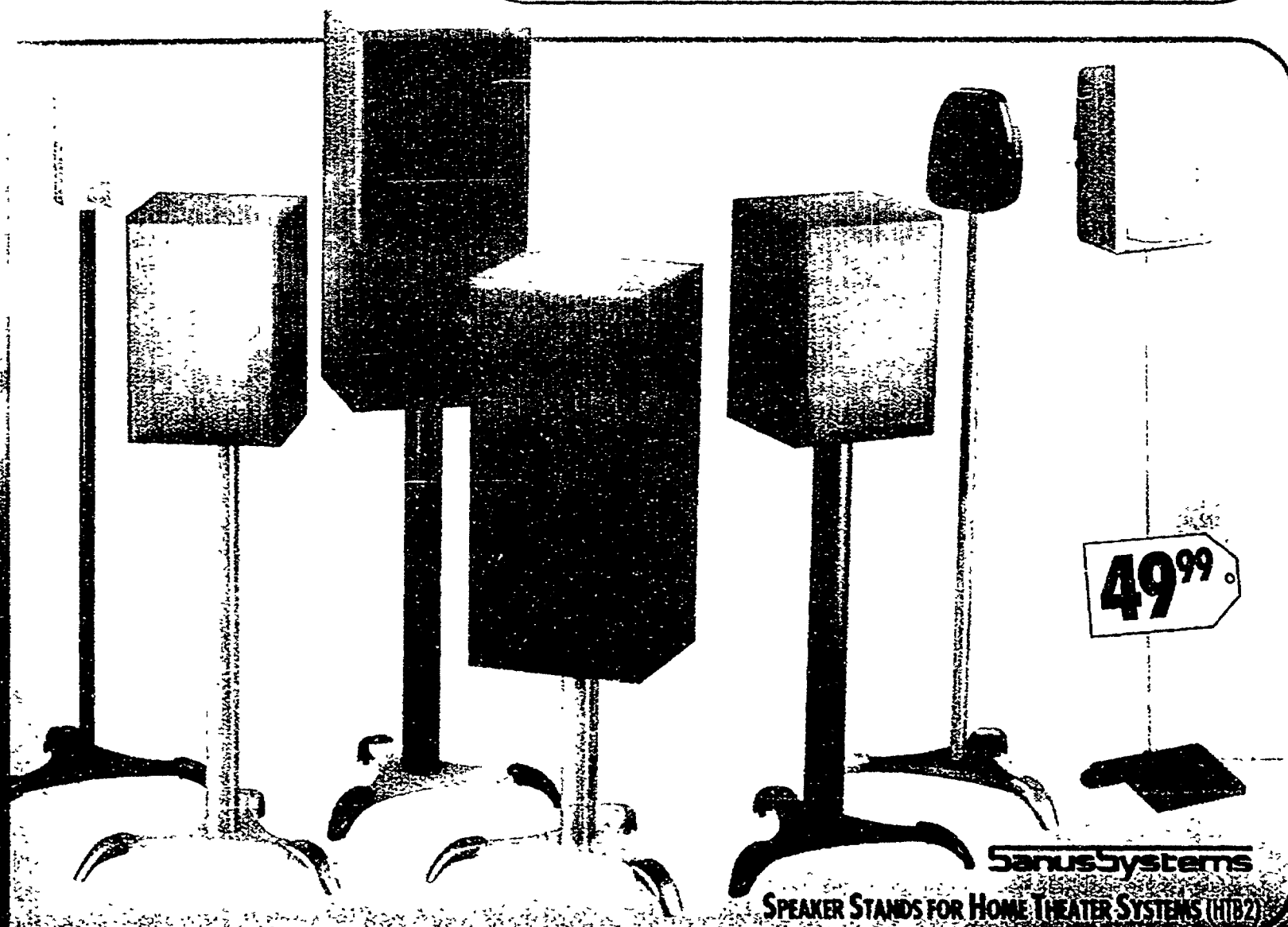


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### SanusSystems

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**Sprint**

**Unlimited**  
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- GAMING READY (N400)

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Ask for the 1000 anytime minutes plan.

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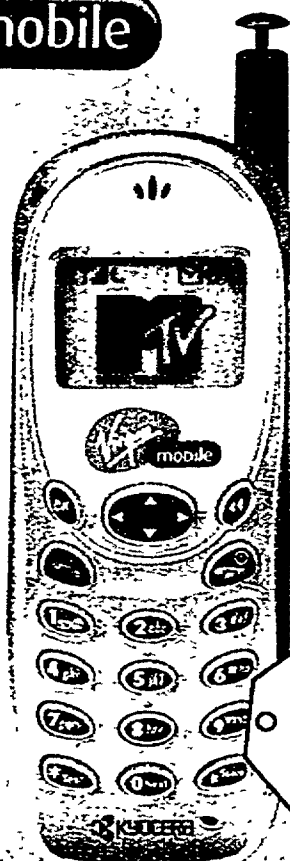
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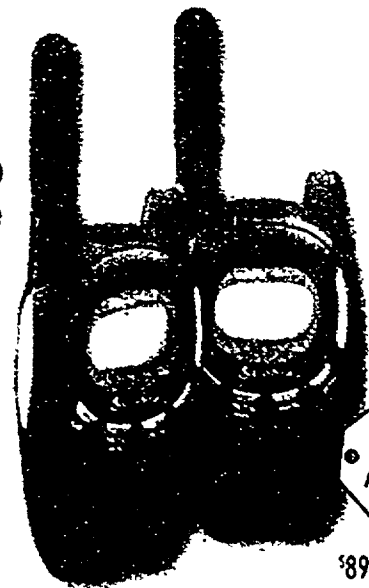
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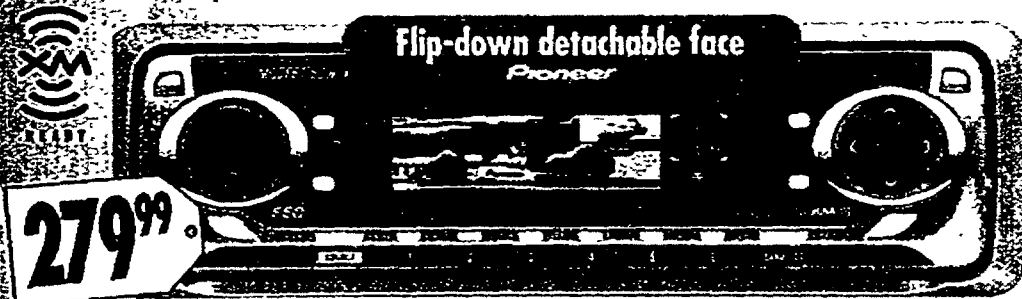
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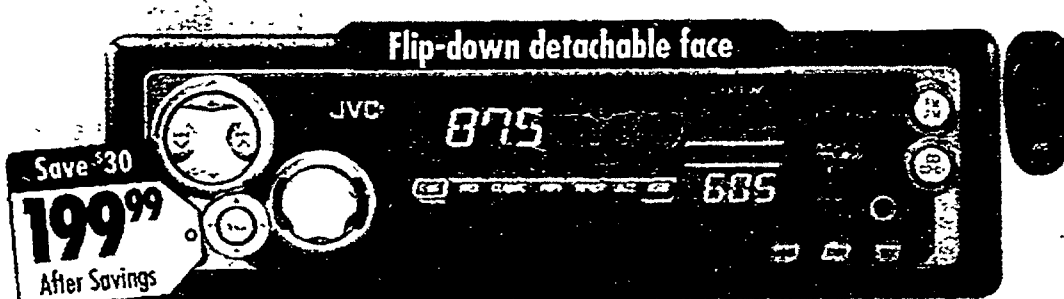
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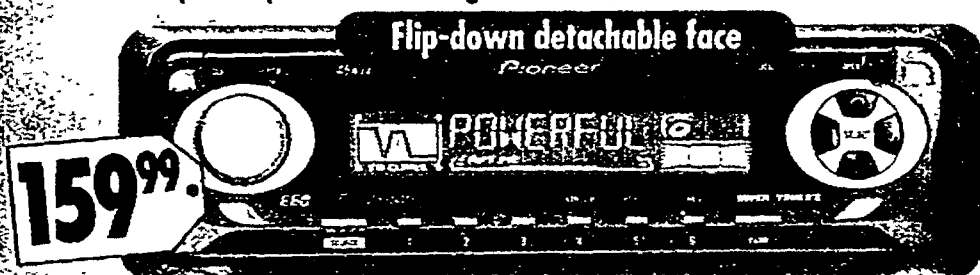
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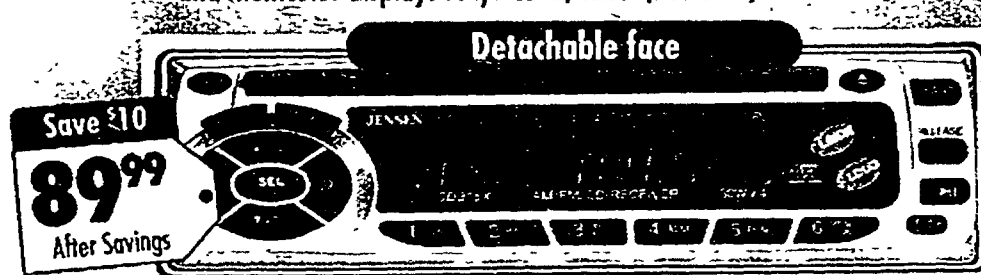
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**Pioneer** CD DECK WITH 3-BAND EQUALIZER FOR GREAT SOUND  
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AND MINIVANS  
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Save \$70

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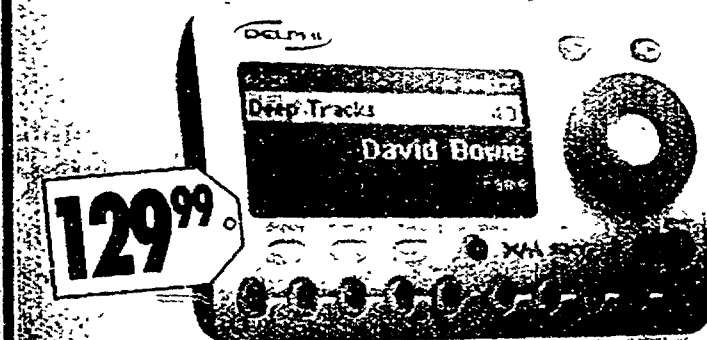
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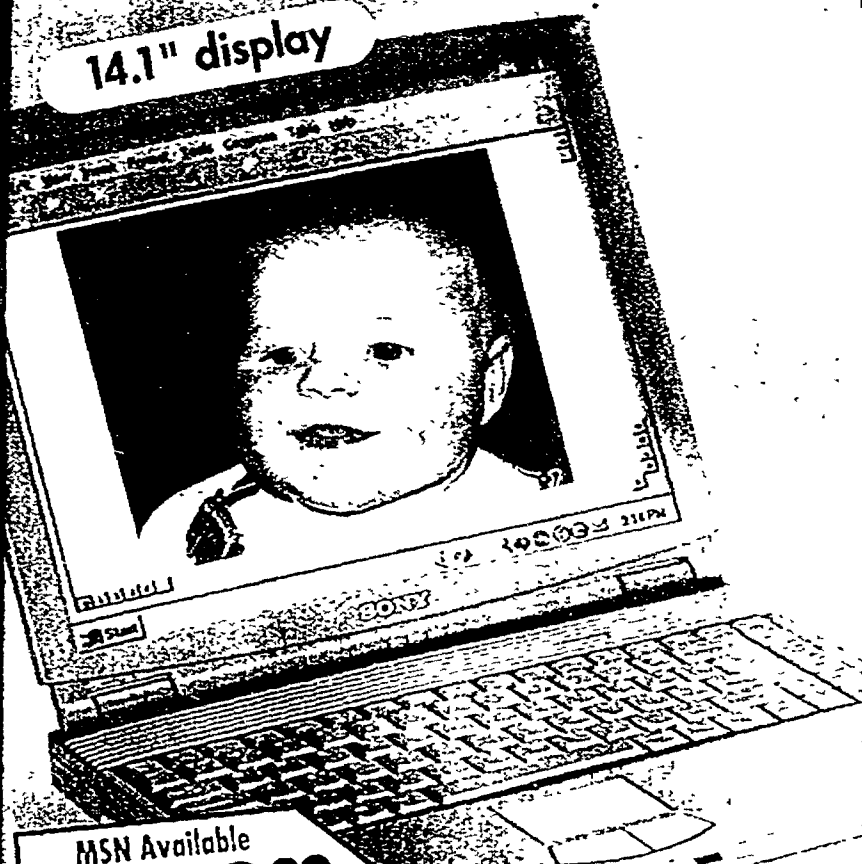
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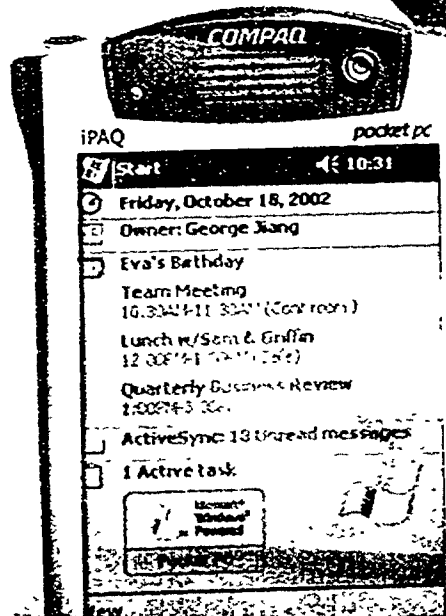
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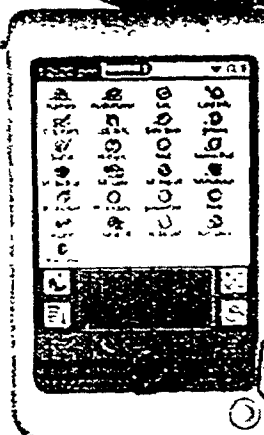
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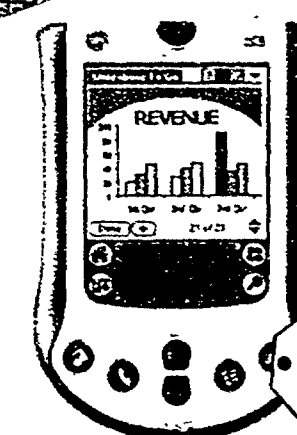
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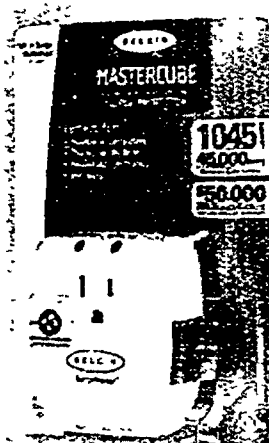
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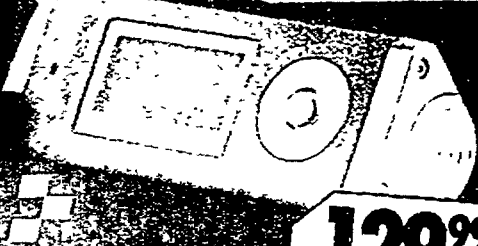
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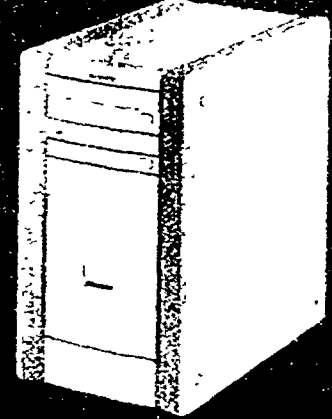
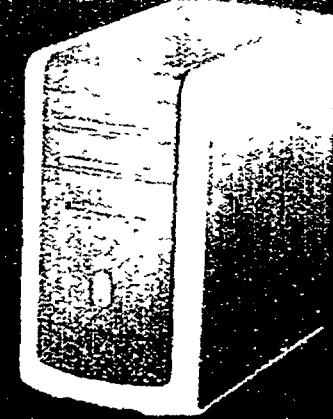
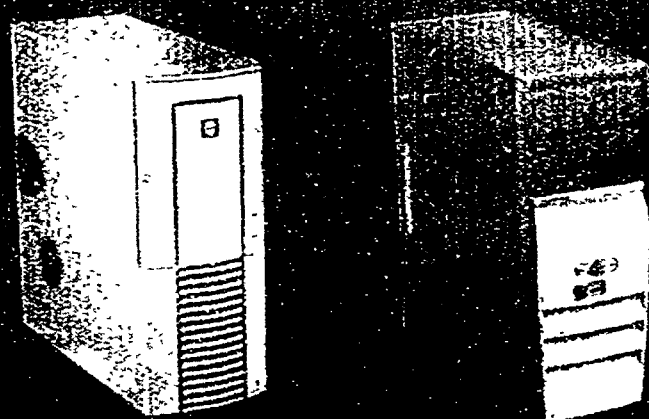
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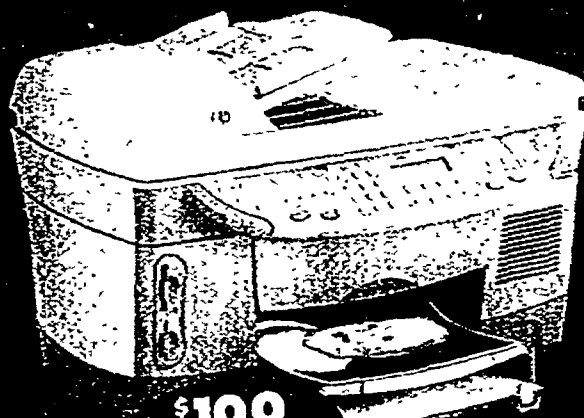
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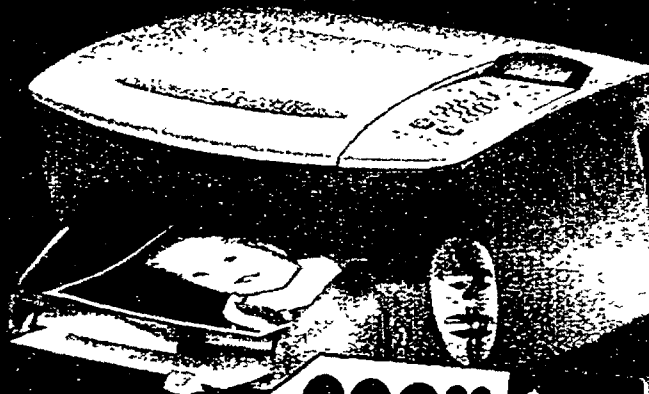
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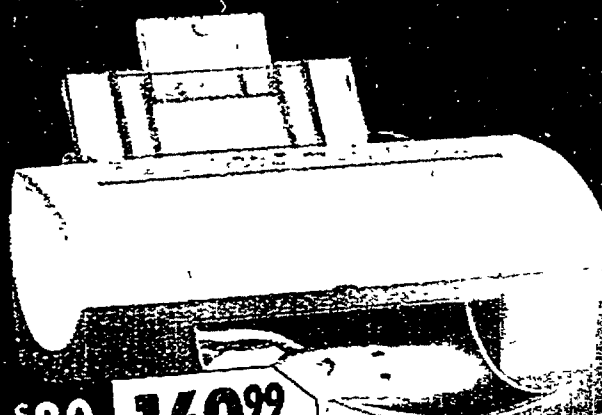
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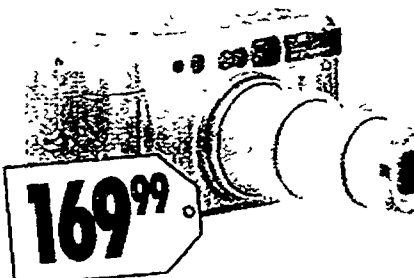
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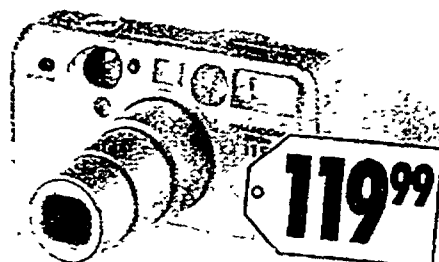


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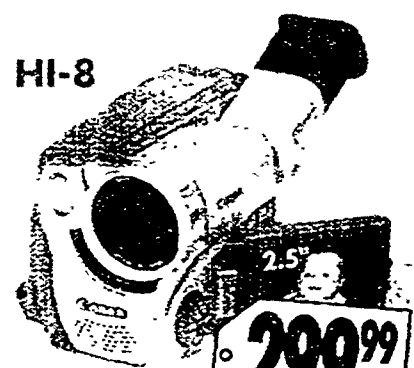
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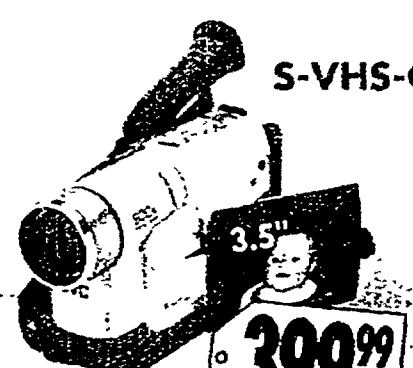
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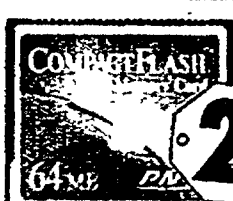
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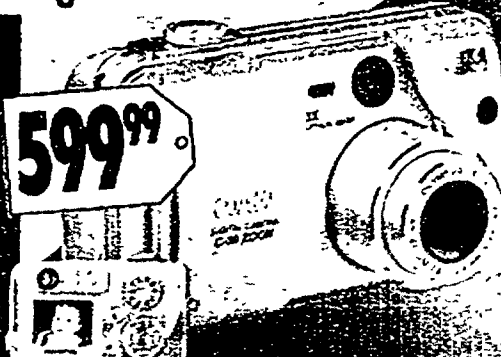
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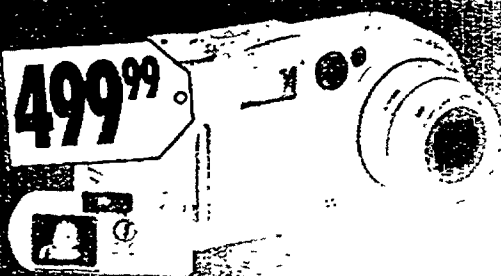
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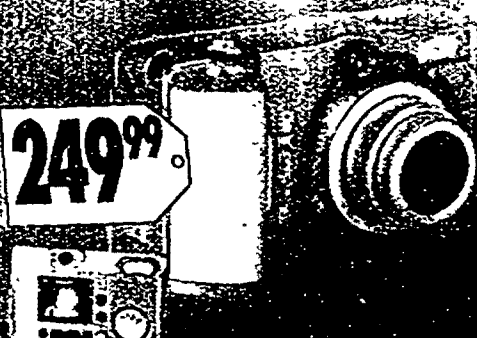
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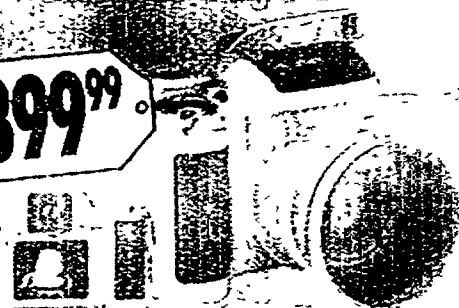
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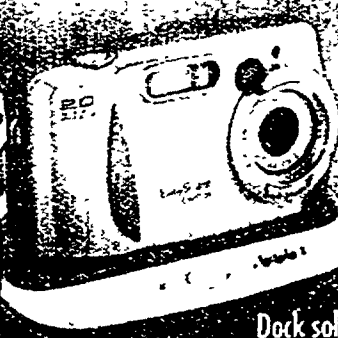
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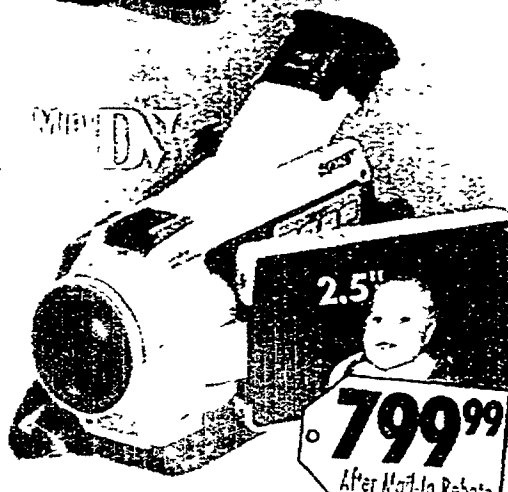


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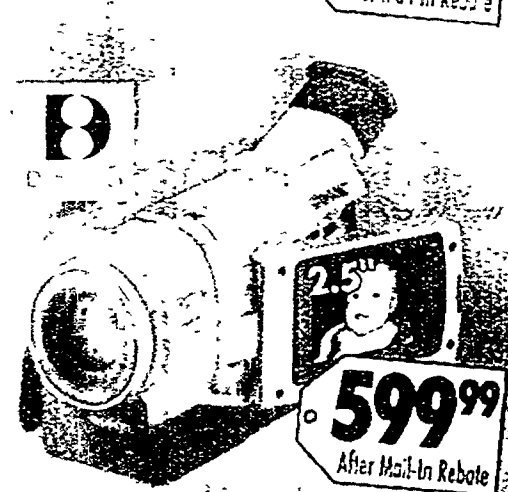


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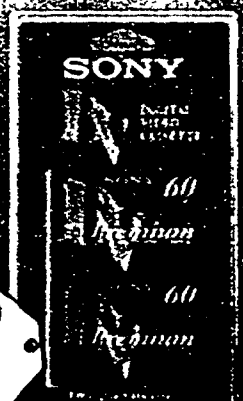
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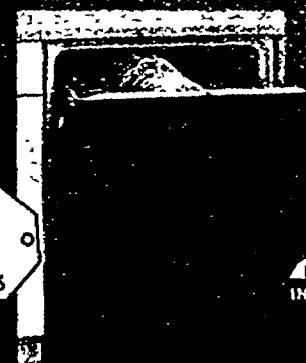
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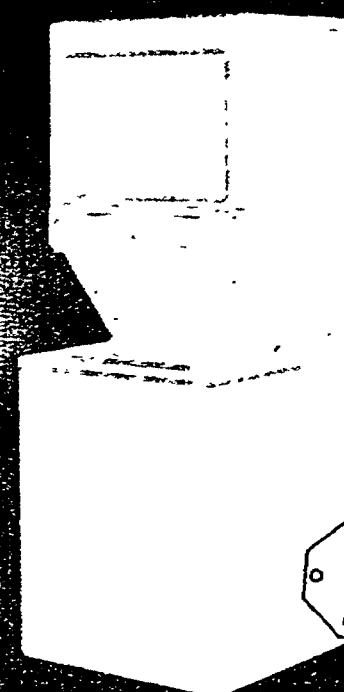
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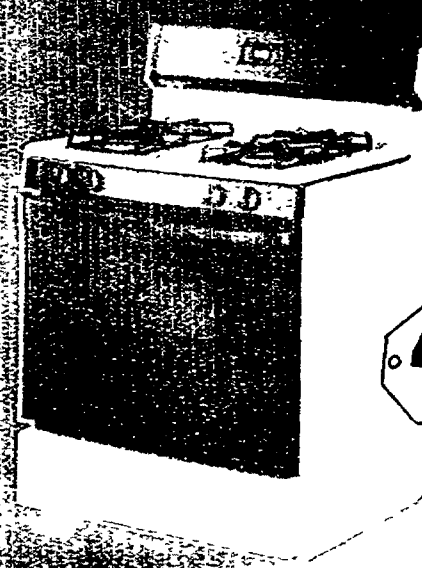
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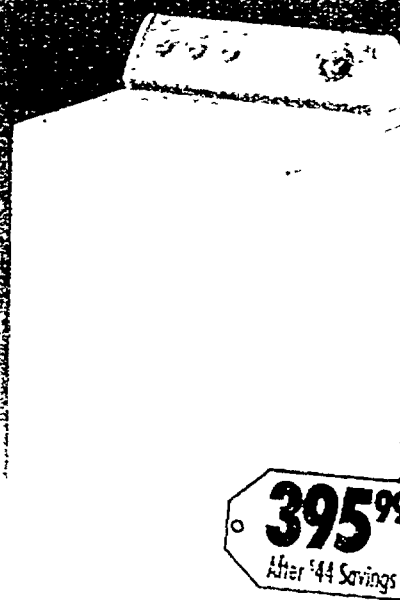
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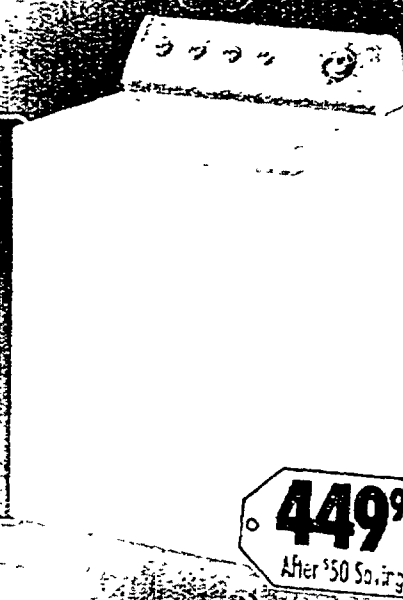
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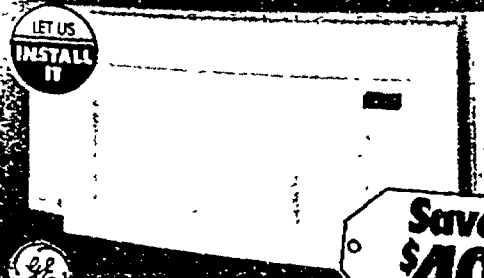


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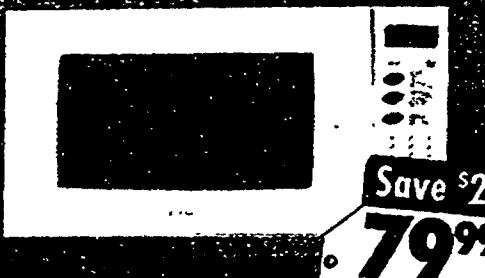
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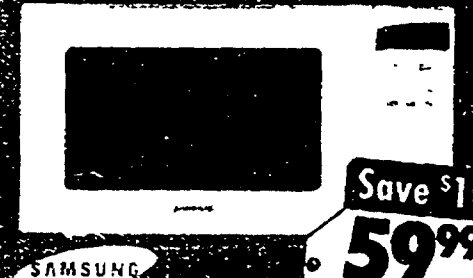
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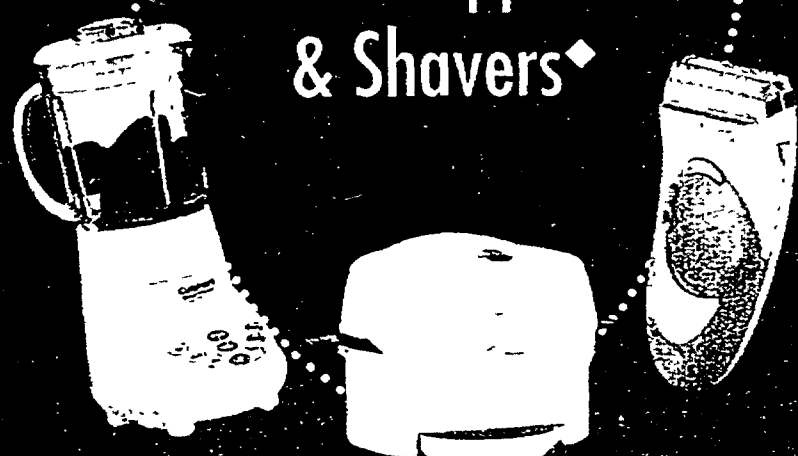
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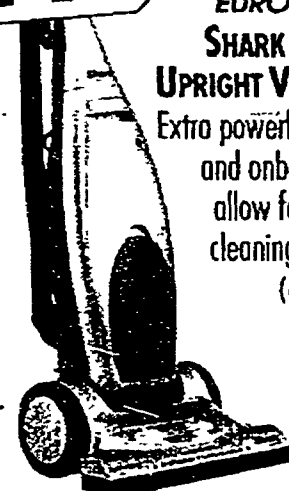
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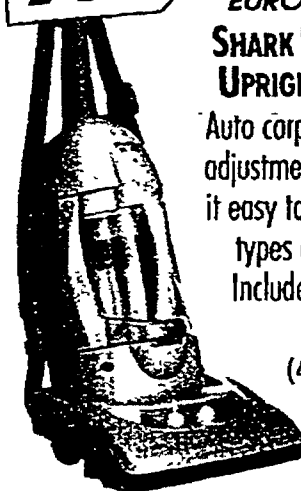
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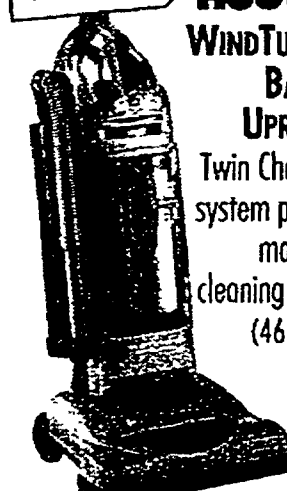
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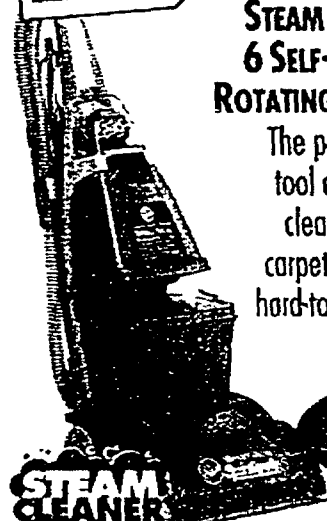
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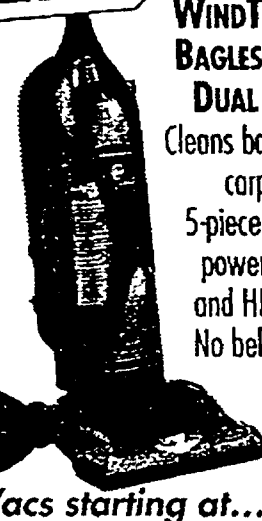
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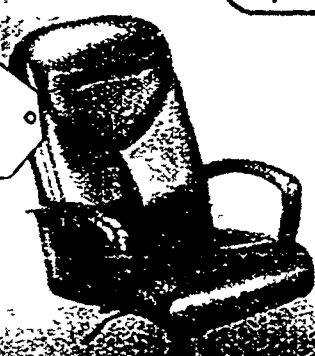
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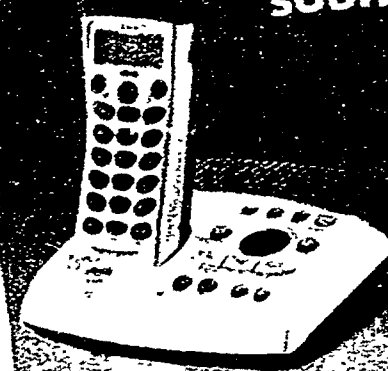
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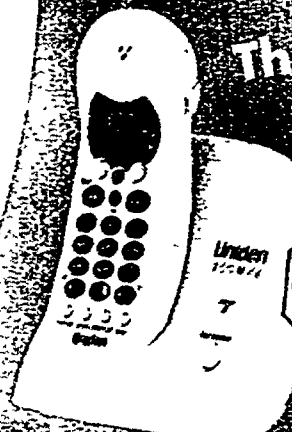
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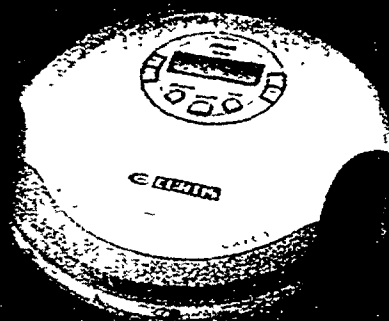
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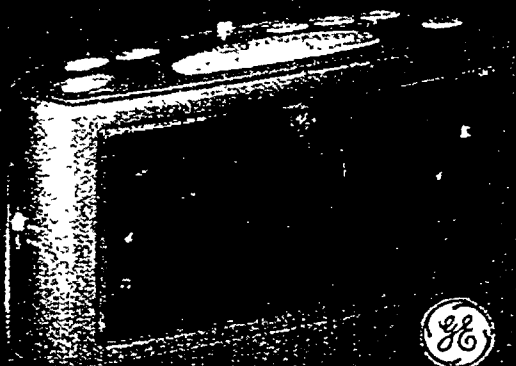


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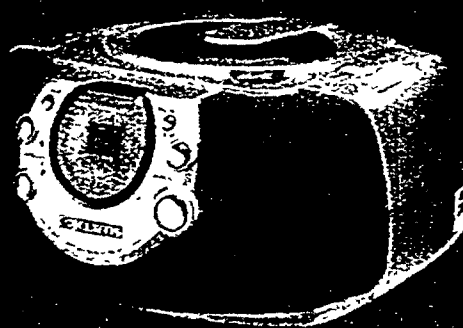
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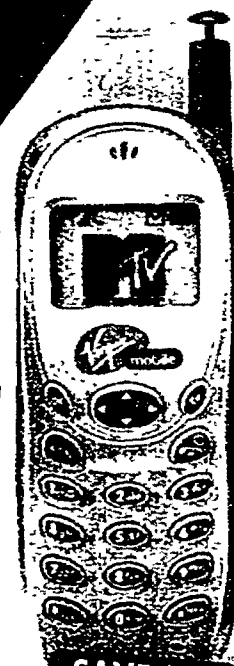


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## BUILDER OF THE MONTH

# VANTAGE CONSTRUCTION Co.

By Molly Tippen

Imagine walking through an elegant estate home with more than 4,200 square feet in a beautiful Brighton setting. Picture a first floor master suite with a lighted tray ceiling, marble vanity countertops and a Jacuzzi tub. Envision its large kitchen complete with hearth room, butler pantry, granite countertops and two-sided fireplace.

Visitors to the 2002 Cavalcade of Homes didn't need use their imaginations. This home in Brighton's Pine Creek Ridge won Best in its Class at last spring's prestigious home show. Owners of Vantage Construction Homes don't need to imagine this level of craftsmanship either – the company specializes in turning the imagined into reality.

### Start with Service

Excellence doesn't come easily – it's the result of careful attention to detail and hard work. Each Vantage custom home is the result of years of experience, integrity and professionalism.



Partners Scott Visger and Brian Parsons, as well as senior staff members Bob Kohlhorst and Dale Ridsen, have made these qualities the

hallmarks of their business to make certain that each customer receives the superior quality synonymous with Vantage-constructed homes.

It all starts with service, according to Visger. Vantage is not a mass production builder. The company limits its production to 12 to 15 homes each year to ensure personal attention and quality control. "We didn't want an environment where we were removed from the building process," Visger explains. "We want to give each home buyer the benefit of our experience."

As homeowners quickly discover, this experience has a wide reach. Their knowledge of building comes from first-hand work on various aspects of the building process. Parsons has hands-on experience in residential carpentry.

try, remodeling and project supervision. A civil engineer, Visger's background includes design and engineering, estimating and project management on residential as well as large commercial projects. The two merged these talents to form Vantage Construction. Their combined experience equals more than 40 years.

Customers benefit from Vantage professionalism, both on site and off. Vantage has the organizational structure in place to maintain costs, schedules and customer selections that some smaller custom builders simply can't offer. At the same time, Vantage is not so large that the customers' questions can't be answered quickly by individuals with field experience and building know-how.

Instead, Vantage strikes a middle ground. This thoroughly organized company is the perfect size to manage the entire building process clearly and concisely. As a result, Vantage builds its homes on-schedule and within homeowners' cost expectations.

### Planning Success

Vantage specializes in building homes that reflect their homeowners. As a custom builder, the company's in-house design service can plan a home from scratch from homeowners' specifications. Vantage will help the homeowner select the site to eliminate surprises that may emerge during construction or design a

plan for a lot that has already been chosen. Vantage also partners with architects homeowners have selected to produce a cost-effective and construction friendly design that works for all three parties.

"We prefer to work with the customer's ideas," says Visger. "Our products are nothing without the customer's ideas and input. Our goal is to use our skills and expertise to bring life to those ideas."

Unlike other builders, Vantage Construction does not discourage changes mid-way through a project. Vantage sees the process as a collaboration of ideas and needs. "It's just part of

what it takes to create a home that is unique and beautiful," he says.

Once a plan is designed, Vantage walks the homeowner through each step of the building process. Knowing most homeowners don't build a house every day, Vantage breaks the process down to three, easily understandable stages. Clearly outlining these steps, and providing regular coaching and guidance, helps ease anxiety and ensures that each step goes smoothly.

"Homeowners' biggest concern is finding builders they can trust, professionals who will do what they say they are going to," Visger



Photos provided by Rosh Siliars





says. "We think our emphasis on service and making the building process easier is what sets us apart."

This emphasis on service has helped build this company's reputation. Vantage earns constant referrals and is often asked to return to homes it has constructed when remodeling is needed. These referrals have helped build the basis of this remodeling division, specializing in basement and bonus room conversions, as well as additions.

### Start with the best

Of course, any homebuilder's most distinguishing characteristic is craftsmanship. Vantage

homes like to start out with the best — in materials and talent — and work their way up. After all, only quality can produce quality.

Each Vantage-constructed home boasts features considered expensive extras by other builders: two-story great rooms, decks, premium appliances, and abundant wood and ceramic tile floors. No detail is spared, from brick and stone detailing, to great rooms overlooked by a second story bridge and balcony.

Focusing on details and craftsmanship also means hiring superior sub-contractors. Vantage enjoys many long-term relationships with talented tradespersons, guaranteeing

dependability and the utmost in quality.

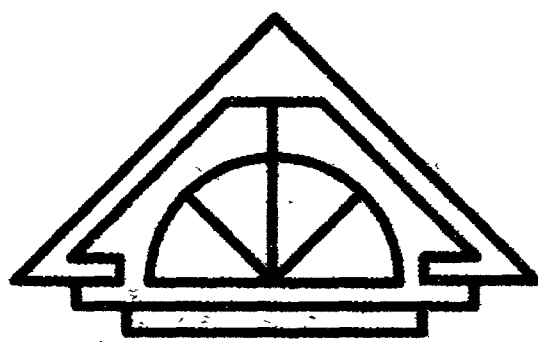
This combination of materials and tradespeople has earned the company the Best of Class distinction for 3 of the 4 years it has participated in the Cavalcade of Homes. "We want to give our customer the best the industry has to offer," says Visger.

The company offers custom building services throughout Livingston County as well as West Oakland and North Washtenaw Counties. Currently Vantage is building in the Pine Creek Ridge subdivision just minutes from downtown Brighton, and the Winans Woods subdivision in Hamburg Township. The size and price of Vantage homes vary between 2,500 square feet to 10,000 square feet with prices ranging from \$300,000 to more than \$1 million.

Vantage will expand its services in 2003. The company plans to add staff to handle a new division dedicated to small commercial construction. 🏠



*A fine example of a Vantage basement build out.*



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**Convenience.** Kitchens in new homes usually have dishwashers and other appliances built-in for convenience. Nearly all new homes are built with convenient central heating and, in warm climates, central air conditioning. Space heaters and room air-conditioners are not needed. There are more electrical outlets, as well as outlets for cable TV and telephone. Bathrooms often have more convenient features such as vanity cabinets, large mirrors and medicine cabinets, whirlpool tubs and easy-to-clean plastic tub enclosures.

**Safety.** Occupants of new homes are much less likely to die from fire than occupants of older homes.

Many new homes have hard-wired smoke detectors on every level. Usually they are interconnected so that if one detector alarm sounds, they all sound. In many areas, smoke detectors are required to have battery back-up. This feature allows detectors to function even when the power goes out.

Space heaters and wood stoves, the second leading cause of fire deaths, are not needed in new homes because of more efficient central

heating systems and better insulation.

Electrical power systems in new homes are properly sized for the heavier electrical demands of today's homes, and wiring systems are less likely to cause fires. There also are more receptacles so people need fewer extension cords which can overload circuits, trip people and start fires if they become worn and frayed.

Circuit breakers have replaced fuse boxes which can be overloaded by using the wrong size fuse. Ground fault interrupters for bathrooms,

pipe, cement board, roof tar, floor tiles, ceiling tiles and insulation. If asbestos fibers become airborne, they can increase the risk of respiratory diseases.

Lead can cause a wide range of physical and mental ailments. It is not used as an ingredient in paint anymore, and it is no longer used as solder for plumbing. Formaldehyde emissions from particle board and hardwood plywood have been greatly reduced in new homes. And urea-formaldehyde finishes on most kitchen cabinets are now baked or cured to minimize emissions.

**Energy Efficiency.** Because of better windows, more efficient heating and cooling equipment, better control of air infiltration, and greater use of insulation, new homes consume half as much energy as homes built prior to 1980. Old homes tend to be drafty and less comfortable. Also, frost and condensation are more likely to appear on windows of older homes, drip down, and cause deterioration of wood trim and walls.

**Less Maintenance.** New homes are available with siding, windows and trim that never need painting. Wood decks are typically made of pressure-treated lumber which resists rot and insects. Pressure-treated wood is also used where wood comes in contact with concrete. 🏠

### 2003 Floor Plans

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kitchens, and outside receptacles reduce the chance of fire and electrocution.

Glass in tub enclosures and patio doors in new homes must be tempered so that it will crumble if broken instead of shattering into large jagged pieces that can seriously injure people.

**Health.** Much has been learned about the health risks of certain home building products in recent years. The industry has responded by building with products and systems that make new homes better for your health than older homes.

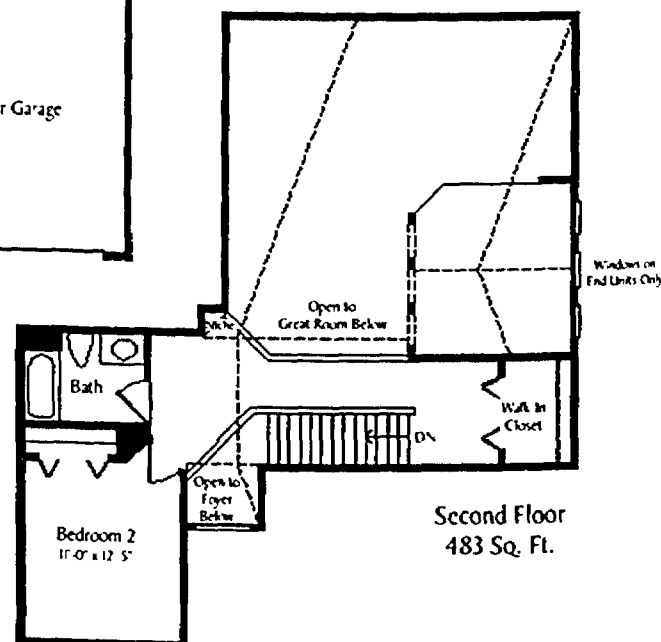
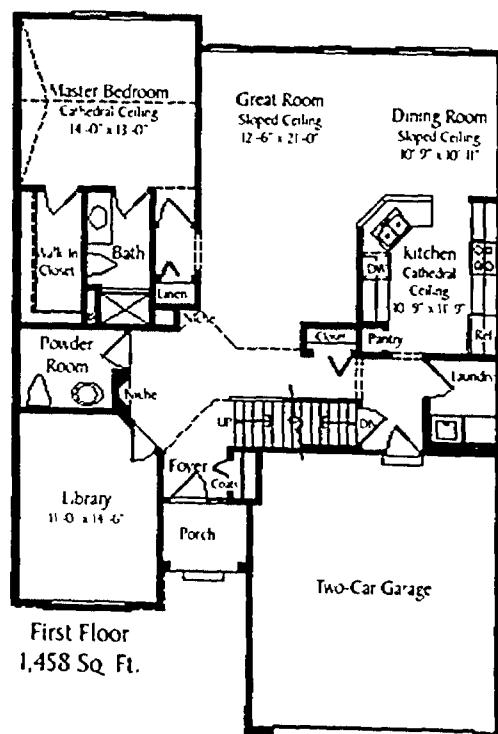
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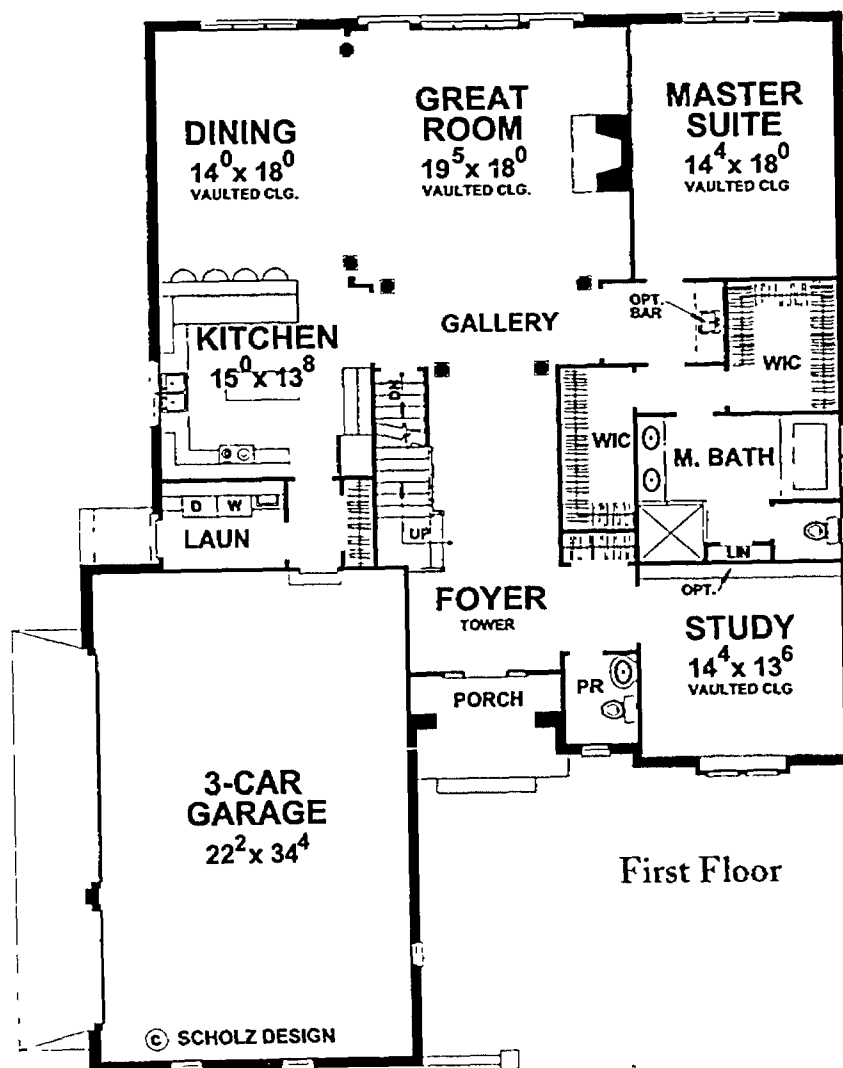
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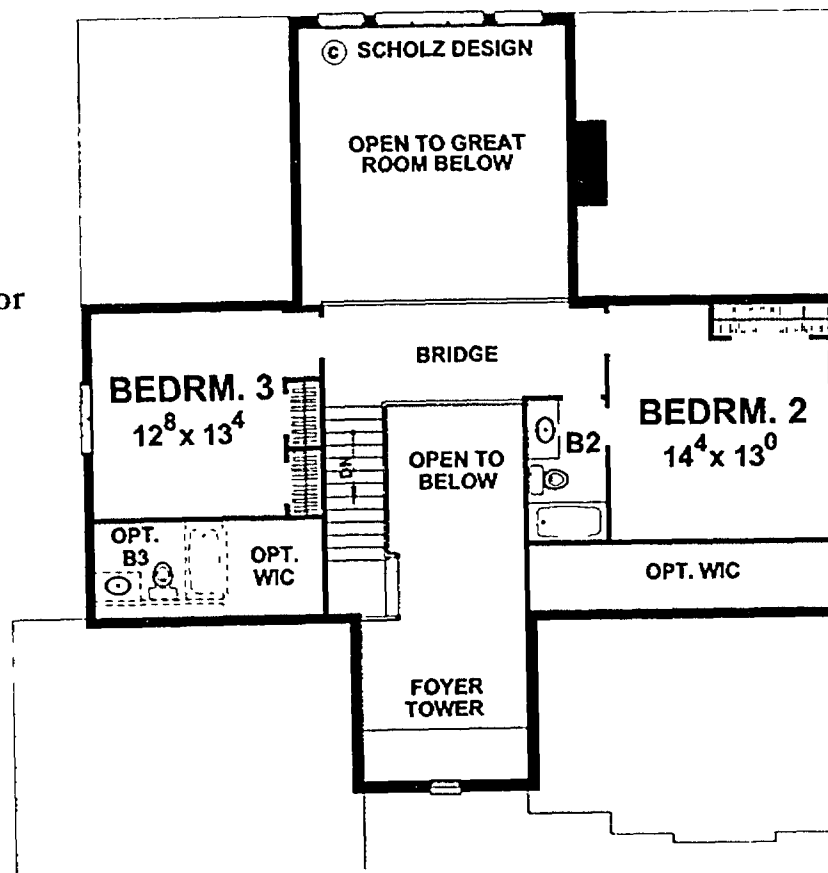
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# Moving Daze

By Todd Davis

Few look forward to the stress of moving. The planning, packing, boxing, taping and cleaning can make a person feel a little dazed and confused. But getting uprooted doesn't need to overwhelm you; taking some advice from the experts can help make things go a little more smoothly.

## Pack it in

White trucks with the label "Two Men and a Truck" have been loading and unloading Michigan homes for the past 20 years. Well, you don't move more than 20,000 Michiganders in one year and not learn a few tricks of the trade.

According to Andy Snively of the company's Okemos location, preparation can ease most of the confusion associated with moving. Recommends Snively:

**Set a date.** not only for the actual move, but to prepare time to pack your belongings, usually three to five days.

**Know what you're moving.** Whether it's fragile items such as china or antiques or larger items such as pianos or big screen televisions, take a quick inventory to prepare the movers so they can bring the right equipment.

Perhaps the most time-consuming part of the process is packaging. Snively recommends labeling items and boxes so movers

know where to put them and they can be easily unpacked. The company provides boxes and packaging materials for customers who want to pack themselves and save some money. For those who request it, the company can also handle all the packing.

While it can add between \$800 and \$1,000 to the cost of the move, Snively says his company can pack an average three-bedroom house in about five to six hours compared to three to five days for the average do-it-yourselfer.

"Once most of our customers see us pack everything up for them, they're unlikely to try it again themselves," said Snively. "We train our guys extensively and use the right packing to prevent damage."

## Short-term moves

The short-term move is becoming more and more common. This is the solution for transitional times: relocating, waiting for a home to be built, corporate transfers, even visiting families for summer. Companies specializing in these moves provide apartments with all the fixings – appliances, dishes, T.V.s and more – for times when it's not practical to unpack or bring these items.

These temporary suites are commonly referred to as executive suites. Unlike an empty apartment or a small hotel room, they offer home-like conveniences a hotel cannot – at far less than "executive" prices. Suite Life, a local company specializing in these temporary moves, has several southeast Michigan locations and offers fully furnished apartments at prices comparable to a budget motel.

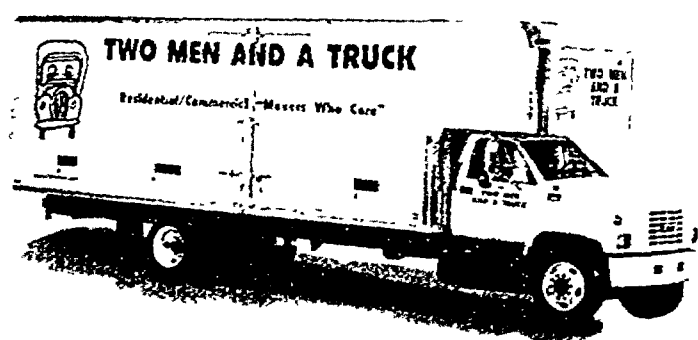
Each Suite Life location is carefully chosen for convenience and accessibility. The Royal Oak location, for instance, is nearby local restaurants and things to do. Locations are also close to residential neighborhoods, allowing families a taste of daily life in that area. Some locations offer fitness areas and even pools for relaxing.

"We're a very mobile society. Most people stay in hotels, which only sounds good to those who don't have to spend a lot of time in them," said Terri Koers of Suite Life in Royal Oak. "People can get really sick of a one-room hotel room. We offer people a more comfortable place to stay."

A boon to pet owners, many Suite Life locations allow cats, dogs, according to Koers. And for those new in town, Koers' company provides information to help people find grocery stores, services, banks, entertainment and more – to get out-of-towners feeling like locals in no time.

"We do what ever we can do to make it easier for our guests," said Koers. "The local YMCA, Secretary of State, real-estate agencies, you name it. We open up the Rolodex and refer them out." 🏠

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# Appliance Trends

By Todd Davis

**T**hink you've seen it all? Think again. Appliance manufacturers have been hard at work reinventing their products for the latest in convenience and design. Some of the newest products bring European influence and design to their products, while others use good old Yankee ingenuity to heighten performance and style.

## Micro management: GE's Advantium

The latest versions now available in microwave cooking have advanced high speed cooking to the next level. Products such as GE's Advantium combine high-speed microwaves with halogen radiant heat to not only heat food but to cook it golden brown.

"It cooks at the speed of a microwave, but meat doesn't come out gamey or bread tough," explained Dorothy Barak of Specialty Showrooms in Berkley. "It comes pre-programmed with various recipes. For some recipes it can cut cooking time in half."

The Advantium comes as a built-in unit or as a vented, over-the-range model.

## Wolf scores a perfect 10

Wolf's newest line of built-in ovens, redefine wow. These units bristle with style and innovation, from their cobalt blue porcelain interior with dual halogen lighting and dampened door hinges, to their motorized concealing control panel. These Wolf ovens feature dual convection fans, fully extending cooking racks, a self-heating baking stone, and a temperature probe.

"It's really fool-proof cooking," said Wolf product specialist Darwin Smith. "Take the temperature probe for example. You can set a temperature of 150 degrees for the inside of a roast. Once the temperature probe reaches that point the oven shuts off."

The new Wolf ovens are now arriving in kitchen showrooms and are available in single or dual 30" configurations with classic stainless or two premium stainless steel finishes: platinum or carbon stainless.

## Your own personal Starbucks

Well, you no longer have to visit the local Starbucks to enjoy a gourmet cup of coffee — just don your slippers and visit your own kitchen.

The Miele CVA610 built-in coffee system brews coffee to your pre-programmed, individual tastes. Within minutes it can grind a specified amount of coffee, brew it and even discard the grounds. It also has a steamer for heating milk for cappuccino or latte, and hot water if you prefer tea or hot chocolate.

"It's just that easy," said Jim Rysdorp of H & R appliance of West Bloomfield.

## Making room

Planning a your party this weekend but afraid traditional deli trays won't fit in your refrigerator? Perhaps the "Wide-by-Side" by Maytag will help. It's unique to say the least, with its zigzag design. Form has a function, however. The unit is wider at the top and bottom, providing an extra six inches of storage space at the top (for your freezer) and at the bottom (for the refrigerator portion).

## Got the message?

Does your refrigerator double as a message center? Dotted with sticky notes and report cards? Clean up that mess and consider the fridge with a chalkboard refrigerator panel by Frigo Design. Not yet released, this unit includes chalkboard and dry-erase board panels, in addition to traditional copper and stainless panels for refrigerator doors.

## Dish drawers

Have you ever imagined putting your dirty dishes in a drawer and having them come out clean? Who would have thought? Well, Fisher & Paykel did. The single or double drawer model dishwashers look just like cabinet drawers, but once opened, there is space for up to 14 place settings each.

"The nice thing about this product is they can be put anywhere — in a office, family room. It doesn't necessarily have to be in the kitchen," commented Barak. "On the two drawer model, people can alternate between the two. One for dirty dishes, and one for clean ones."

The Fisher & Paykel drawer dishwasher comes in stainless or unfinished to adapt custom cabinetry.



## Dirty laundry

Hand-washing clothes because your washing machine is too hard on your favorites? Traditional top-load washing machines with center agitators literally "beat" dirt out of clothes, like the pioneer days of washing laundry along the river. It's time to consider a front-load washer.

The Whirlpool Duet line tumbles clothes safely and gently through the water. And since the clothes don't need to literally float in water, the machines use less water per load. The front load washers differ in two major ways from traditional washers: Front loads have no central agitator and have a more powerful spin cycle. Another feature of front load machines is the spin cycle. Faster spin means faster drying time, and less time in the dryer means less wear and tear on your clothes.

Said Rysdorp, "They use less water, less energy, less detergent, get clothes cleaner and they last longer."

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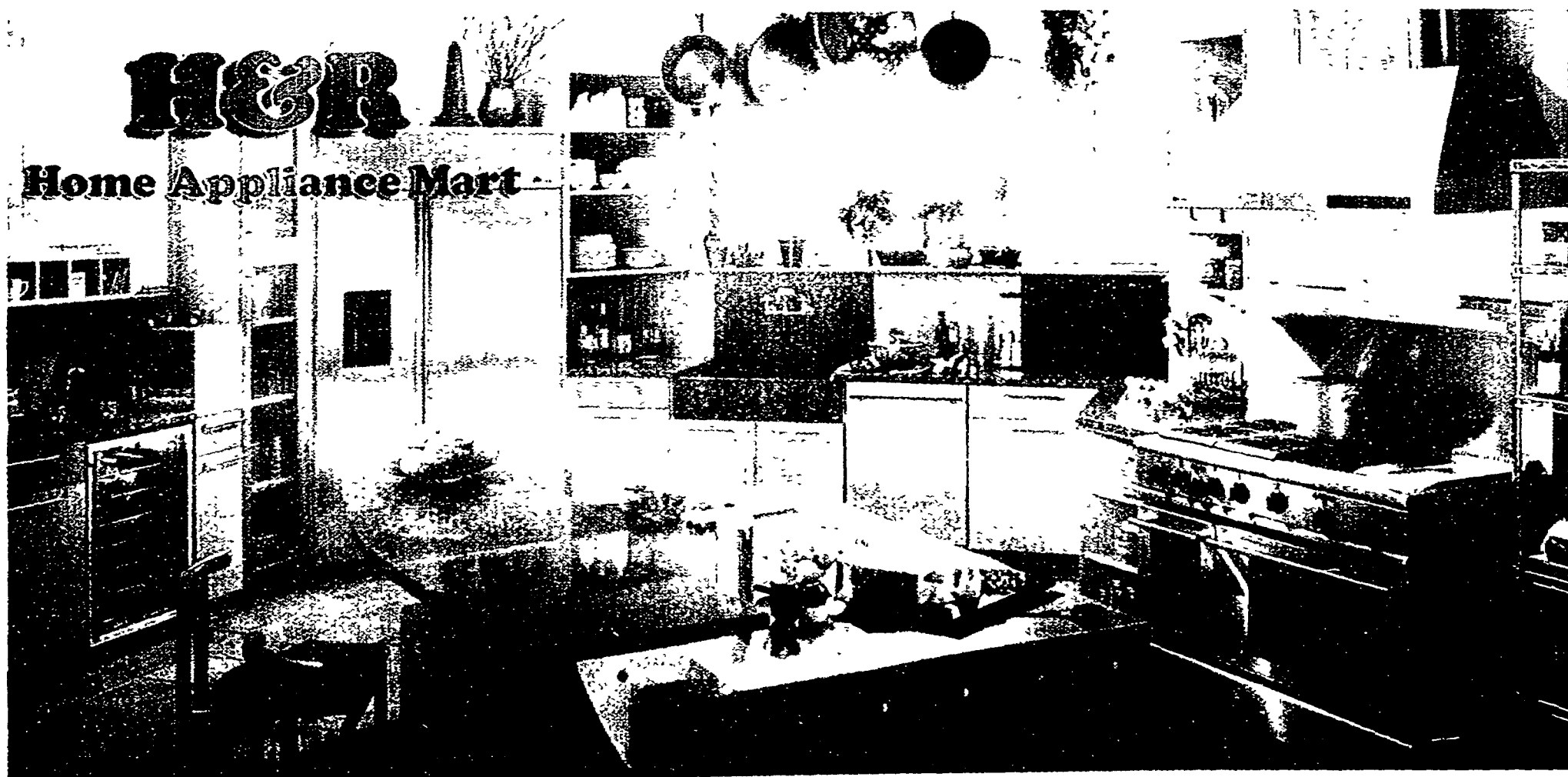
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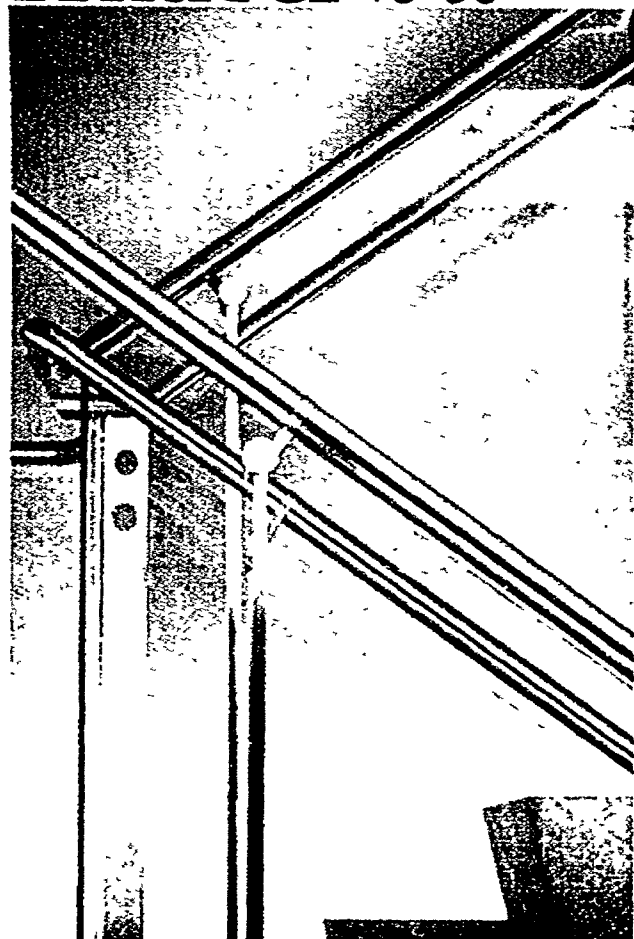


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Doreen Woo Ho, president of Wells Fargo's National Home Equity Group, offers homeowners the following tips for successfully opening a home equity account.

1. Be sure you are working with a reputable financial services company. If you already have a good relationship with your bank or mortgage company, you can probably expect the same from the organization's home equity unit.

2. Carefully review the account agreement to make sure you understand the terms and rate. This includes the costs you will incur to open the account, how long you'll have it, and the agreed-upon time for payoff. It's also important to understand the difference between a fixed interest rate home equity loan and a variable rate line of credit. Interest rates are based on the amount you borrow and the term of the loan. Shop around to find rates and terms that most closely suit your needs without putting too much strain on your personal financial situation. ▲

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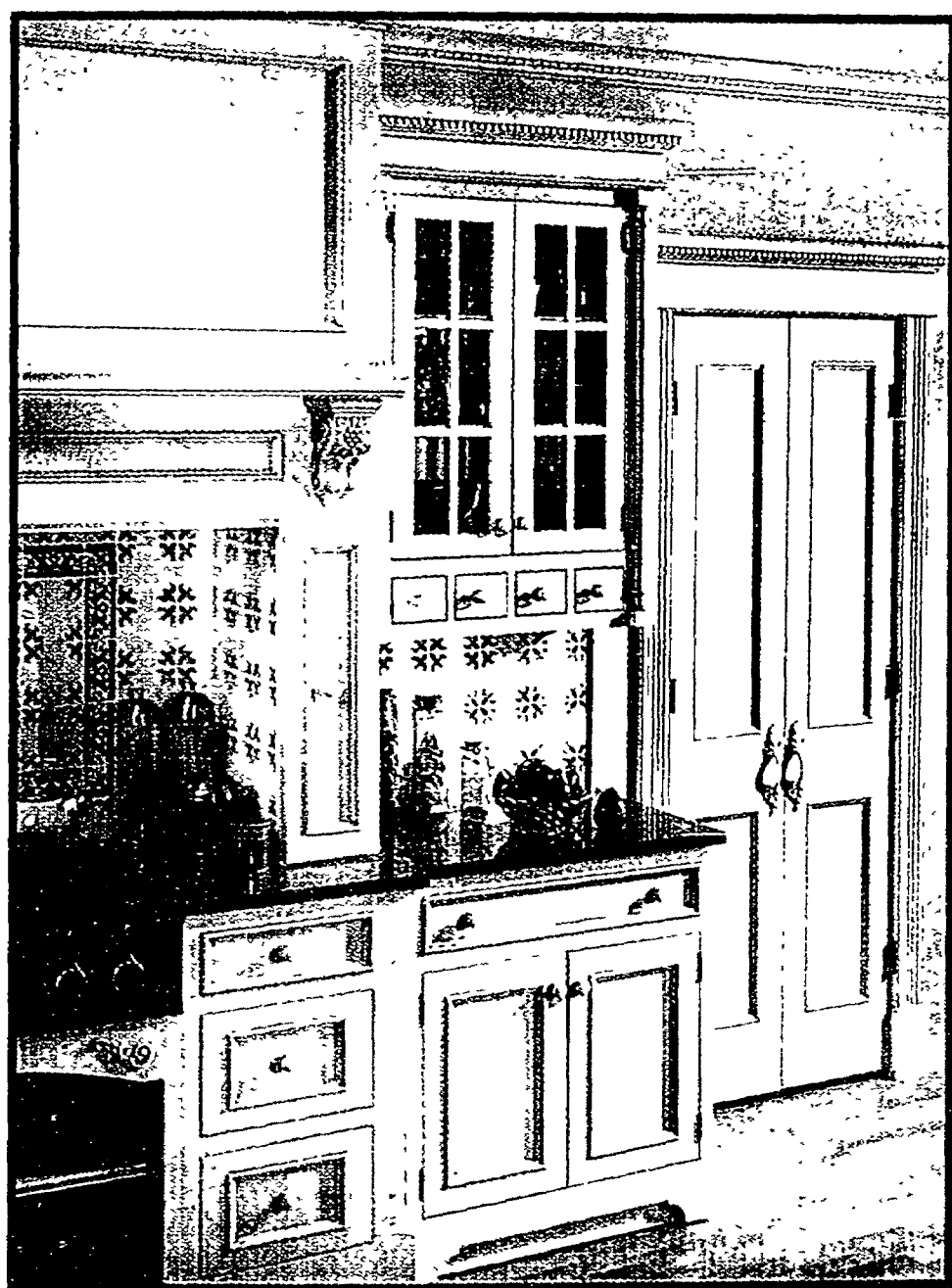
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