

2002 YEAR IN REVIEW

O say can you see into 2003

With the Christmas list knocked out, I thought it was about time to whip up another list — one that outlines the Top 10 Priorities for Northville and Northville Township in 2003.

10. Make a determination about the late start issue at Northville High School. There are only so many committees and panels that can be listened to before someone needs to step up and decide to put the issue to a vote. Whether the proposal is killed or accepted, it's important the program's fate be determined, just because there are so many other issues competing for the district's time.



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9. Investigate the incorporation of outdoor exercise stations as part of the Northville parks and recreation enhancement program. Michigan is one of the most obese states in the country. Add a few running trails and some push-up / sit-up benches, and a few of those extra pounds will probably be peeled off. They're relatively inexpensive (at least when compared to other recreational offerings) and would require no memberships or sign-up. Just show up, work out, and get the flab off the ol' bod.

8. Have the Northville Township economic development corporation continue to market the township's research and development park as a viable option for companies. Here's the real hot tamale qualifier, though: get out of the tax abatement game. As we've said many, many, many times, abatements can be a nice carrot for a struggling community to dangle in front of businesses. Northville Township doesn't qualify under that heading. There are plenty of strong selling points to the town-

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Retired Teamster official Herm Aurich speaks with Northville Township resident Jennifer Granholm after she accepted the gubernatorial endorsement of the Grand Rapids Police Officers Labor Council.

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WATERED DOWN: Pressed by the city of Detroit's own price hike, Northville Township authorities announced in early January they would be increasing the cost of water and sewage rates. The increase had water going from \$2.52 per unit to \$2.81, while sewage to \$2.59 from \$2.47. Township public services director Don Weaver attributed the added cost of connection fees.

SMOOTHING THINGS OVER: Road improvements for city and township thoroughfares were announced in early January. In the city of Northville, Taft and Cady streets were slated to be reconstructed, while in Northville Township, it was Sheldon, Beck and Northville roads receiving the lion's share of attention.

CAM-BRIDGED THE GAP: Months, if not years, of preparation and negotiation with the city of Northville paid dividends for developer Mark Guidobono, when a 4-1 city council vote in mid-January effectively cleared the way for a five-story residential / retail / commercial development to be built on Cady Street.

Council member Kevin Hartshorne cast the one dissenting vote, saying the height of the building was excessive, and that the project would overburden public works resources at the expense of non-downtown Northville.

With the green light given, Guidobono said he anticipated having the building completed and open for business by 2005.

NANOAVATION NO MORE: Without so

much as a whimper, Northville Township-based Nanovation appeared to have hit the wall in late January, as Michigan Economic Development Corporation spokesperson Paul Krebs said the last piece of communication from the high-tech manufacturer turned up in MEDC offices in November of 2001.

"It doesn't appear as if they will be coming back to life anytime soon," Krebs said.

Doors to Nanovation offices were locked and phone numbers for Nanovation were disconnected when Record reporters sought comment from the company, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in July 2001. At that time, Nanovation announced it would be laying off 120 of its 169 township employees.

Township finance director Thelma Kubitsky said the township would be filing a

jeopardy tax against Nanovation, which authorized a lien to be placed against Nanovation property if taxes were not paid.

PSYCH-OUT: A small disagreement between Northville Township and the state of Michigan appeared to end in early February, when the sides reached an agreement for a \$64 million sale of Northville Psychiatric Hospital and its land. According to state Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth, the township had hoped to acquire as much as 70 acres of the land for development of a school, fire station and park, but said 50 acres was the likely amount which would be sold.

Township trustee Mary Gans characterized the deal as a "win-win" situation.

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TO THE RESCUE: The city of Northville wasted no time in making use of a \$400,000 millage when new pumper and rescue trucks were delivered to the city in January. The trucks replaced two older vehicles in the city's fleet, one which had been in service since 1998, and another which had been used for a full 45 years.

TAG TEAM: Using multiple jurisdictional resources, Northville Township police helped their brethren in Livonia with the mid-February arrest of Livonia resident Michael Ankenbrandt. Ankenbrandt was apprehended on charges he held up a Northville Township gas station in mid-January. The arrest wasn't Ankenbrandt's first run-in with the law. He had been involved in several other robberies in the past.

"I'm very confident he will be bound over for trial at the circuit court level," said Northville Township detective Bill Helke. "We have a strong case against him."

THE DARK SIDE: Northville Township police received a government grant for the purchase of a \$12,000 thermal imaging camera earlier this

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In a ceremony the morning of Sept. 11 in front of the Northville Fire Department emergency medical technician J. Sassman reads part of a list of firefighters Wednesday that lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001 in New York City.

• Business •



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Detroit Red Wings' General Manager Ken Holland, third from left, brought a special piece of hardware to the Northville Township offices last year. Trustee Richard Henningsen, Police Chief John Werth, Trustee Sue Hillebrand, and Northville Township Fire Chief Richard Zhmendak, far right, turned out to meet Stanley The Wings defeated the Carolina Hurricanes for their 10th Stanley Cup championship.

ED-UCATION: Northville Record ad representative Ed Fleming, along with Silver Springs Elementary School teacher Beth Kuriluk were honored in Grand Rapids in late January for their work in a 2001 joint venture between the newspaper and the schools. Fleming taught Kuriluk's students the ins

and outs of newspaper advertising. Kuriluk then sent the students to many Northville businesses and had them design advertising to the buyer's specifications. The finished ads ran in the newspaper.

"It was great all around."

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analysis for the project based on a 20-year build out. According to Snider, the township wanted to make certain that this was the last major township facility project for a 20-year period. Tentative plans were made to begin groundwork in January of 2003 and achieving close out by April 1 of 2004. But numbers still had to be crunched and funding determined.

CONTRACT FOR RIDGE AWARDED: Northville township board of trustees awarded the construction contract for improvements to Quail Ridge Drain at their May 16 meeting. The contract was awarded to Jack Anglin Civil Constructors Inc. for an estimated \$435,000.

Problems with the Ridge began years ago with erosion occurring due to increased run off from the city of Novi and the widening of Eight Mile. Due to difficulties encountered when efforts were made to obtain assistance for improvements from Novi, township director of public services Don Weaver said the township successfully petitioned to make the Ridge and inter-county drain.

With Novi now responsible for contribution to the design and grant application costs, the township was successful in obtaining the necessary funds. Weaver said that although difficulties were experienced, the situation was now under control with anticipated completion by the end of the summer.

WELCOME SIGNS: Plans to improve the entrance park area north of Eight Mile and east of Novi Road were presented to the city council in late May. The \$30,000 proposal, not included in the city's budget, called for a new entrance sign, sidewalk improvements, and tree and garden enhancements.

City manager Gary Word said that the proposal was a scaled down version of a \$100,000 plan previously presented to council. Council reacted favorably to the proposal but did not give authorization for the project until funding was secured.

OLP SALE: Northville Township was in the position to purchase approximately 20 acres of undeveloped land for recreation at use in early May when Our Lady of Providence Center went on the market. The township had been considering purchasing the rear half of the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The City of Northville finished re-lining and designating its new Wing/Main Street parking lot. Beginning in late summer, drivers parking in the orange dot areas had a set amount of time they can remain in the lot.

property, contingent upon the purchase of the developed portion, existing building included, by another buyer.

"Investors have no need for the undeveloped land and the township has no need for the developed land," said township manager Chip Snider. "It really is a perfect marriage."

The Center, open since 1957, was a residential program for mentally impaired women and a vocational program for mentally impaired men and women. The decision to sell had been based on shortage of staffing. Although remaining staff members hoped for a June 30 sale, they said they would stay long enough to find a buyer.

BONDS TO COVER TOWNSHIP EXPANSION: The Township board of trustees approved a resolution to secure funding for the township municipalities project by issuing \$15 million in limited tax obligation bonds in late May. According to assistant township manager and finance director Thelma Kubitskey, the capital improvement bonds will be used to finance the project and will be paid back through the township's operating funds.

KUBITSKEY ADDS TO

TITLE: Assistant township manager and finance director Thelma Kubitskey graduated from a three-year training program with the Michigan branch of the Municipal Treasurers Association of the U.S. and Canada in order to become certified as a Municipal Finance Director. The program consisted of more than 100 hours of instruction in the duties and responsibilities of a municipal treasurer.

ORANGE DOT FRENZY BEGINS: Northville city council and the downtown development authority began steps to implement a parking management plan in early June. The new plan focused on improving downtown visitor and customer parking accessibility by establishing guidelines to steer employees away from the coveted close in parking spots intended for customer use. One of the guidelines involved the implementation of parking permits for downtown employees that would allow them to park in the long-term orange dot parking spots in the outside areas of parking lots. But employees would have to fight for those spots due to the fact that customers are also allowed to park in orange dots for up to three hours.

The bottom line: Park in a dot with a pass and you are golden. Park

in a short-term spot regardless, and risk a ticket.

ALLEN TERRACE RENOVATIONS: At a meeting in mid-June, city council recommended that a question should be put to the voters in November regarding a 20-year general obligation bond of the city in the amount of \$1.375 million for improvements to the 25-year-old senior housing community. Although presentations were made stating that such a venture would put the city at financial risk, assistant city manager and finance director Nicolette Bateson stated that such claims were untrue. Also a factor was a suggestion to forego the bonds and wait to begin improvements until fund reserves were built up. But according to Bateson, such a decision would result in no improvements being made until 2007.

CROSSWALK OR NOT? After concerns were raised by area business owners in late June about the illegitimate crosswalk between Joseph's Coney Island and Northville Travel on Main Street, city officials put plans in the works to legitimize the heavily used cross-

ing. Plans were made to put a traffic control order in place and place advance signage warning drivers of the upcoming pedestrian walkway.

NORTHVILLE WATER H2-O: The city of Northville released its 2001 consumers annual report on water quality in early July and all was good. Not only is the community's tap water safe to drink, but it meets or exceeds all state and federal standards for quality and safety.

NEW PARKING STRUCTURE? City officials met with downtown development authorities in a special meeting July 26 to discuss options for a new three-story parking deck for the downtown area. As presented, the deck would be placed along the mid-block area of Wing Street between Dunlap and Main. The estimated \$5.2 million cost of the deck could possibly be bonded out.

Eight months were being estimated for project completion, although no start date was set nor any bids sent out.

BRACING FOR REVENUE CUT IMPACT: The Northville communities braced themselves in August after already having been affected by previous state shared revenue cuts. Northville communities may once again feel the strain due to Governor John Engler's recent \$845 million veto of revenue sharing to local governments. Both Northville and Northville stand to lose thousands from their budgets as of Oct. 1, the beginning of the state's fiscal year and the day the veto is to become effective. City and township officials were confident that the veto would be overridden and said they intended to send representatives to a rally sponsored by the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Townships Association on the steps of the state capital.

STANLEY COMES TO NORTHVILLE: Township officials, employees, and their families were treated to a visit from Detroit Red Wings general manager Ken Holland and Lord Stanley's Cup in late August. Talk of bringing Stanley to Northville began when Chief of Police John Werth spoke to Holland at the second annual four person scramble benefiting the township's police benevolent fund.

Holland, along with Red Wings coach Dave Lewis, assistant coach Joe Kocur, and defenseman Darren McCarty participate in the event. Plans had been to have Stanley present at the scramble, but the Cup was touring the other side of the Atlantic at the time with former goal tender Dominic Hasek and other European players.

Holland then agreed to share a portion of his day with Stanley with the township officials and police department he admires.

"The police do so many wonderful things for the people of this community and if I have the chance to give a little bit back...well, that's why I'm here," said Holland.

REC FORUM: Township board members weren't expecting to receive the earful that residents doled out at the public information meeting held Oct. 10 concerning the 0.75 -mill recreation millage renewal on the Nov. 5 ballot. Residents wanted specifics on where the funds would be applied, but township officials had not been ready to give those answers. Presentations on the importance of the millage renewal were made by the Northville Soccer Association and by Parks and Recreation director Traci Sincok, who focused in the 28 acres of land acquired with the previous millage that became Millennium Park and other improvements made to the community with previous funding.

But residents with no children interested in soccer wanted to know what was in it for them if they supported the passage of the millage.

WAR ON TREE BUG: The city of Northville began attempting to deal with the effects of the Emerald Ash Borer on the city's Ash trees, in mid-October. It was estimated that \$50,000 would be needed for removal and replacement costs of the diseased trees. The city once boasted 115 healthy ash trees on public property. Only nine of them were deemed savable.

HOMEOWNERS AND ASH TREES: The Emerald Ash Borer wreaked havoc on Ash trees on

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and homeowners were deemed responsible by the city in identifying their own diseased trees. City officials said in October that residents would not receive notices or assistance in the removal of affected trees.

"It is the homeowners responsibility to identify and remove diseased ash trees," said director of Public Works Jim Gallogly. "But the city will not order any trees removed until they become a safety issue."

ORANGE DOTS TWEAKED: The city added ten more orange dot parking spaces to the Main/Wing parking lot in October in the hopes that the early morning scramble for one of the coveted long-term parking spots would become less frantic. Also implemented was the end of the warning phase and the beginning of the ticketing phase for employees who chose to park in a short-term spot, even if no orange was available.

Downtown development director Laurie Ward said that there were some complaints from employees who now had to walk farther to get to their cars, but adjustment would take time.

"It's really going to take the employees being willing to walk a little bit to allow those spaces to be used for customers in order for the program to be considered a success," she said.

ALLEN TERRACE CELEBRATION/RENOVATION: A celebration commemorating the final payment of the \$2.4 million in bonds issued by the city when Allen Terrace was built in 1978 was hosted by the senior housing complex in late October. According to housing director Joanne Inglis said the bonds were paid off solely through rental income.

Northville residents also learned in October that they would be asked to approve a bonding issue for renovations to the 25-year-old building during the November election.

"We are requesting for the voters to back a \$1.375 million general obligation bond," said Inglis. "We are asking for the bonds solely because the building is 25-years-old and it has a lot of improvements that need to be made as most of the equipment is original to the building."

IMPROVED BOND RATING: A history of good financial management helped the city in obtaining an increased bond rating in mid-November. The city's rating was increased from what is referred to as an 'A-minus' rating to a 'Double A.'

"We're very excited about that," said assistant city manager and finance director Nicolette Bateson. "A good rating on bonds means that you are a safe investment and the

interest paid will be lower on investments."

NEW FINANCIAL ADVISOR: Northville City Council voted to approve a new municipal financial advisor at its Nov. 4 meeting after learning in June that Comerica Securities would no longer be providing those services. According to city manager Gary Word, city staff researched other firms before deciding upon Robert W. Baird & Co. with Warren Creamer as the city's representative. Word also said that both the firm's and Creamer's reputation for a high level of service, excellent references, and a history of experience in Michigan municipal finance debt issues were factors in the decision.

ALLEN TERRACE UPGRADE PASSES: The Northville City Allen Terrace Bonding Proposition was approved by voters with 1,035 votes to 521 votes.

"We're very happy that it passed," said housing director Joanne Inglis. "We're very thankful to the citizens of Northville for supporting Allen Terrace."

PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL APPROVED: The Northville Township millage for Parks Development and Land Acquisition passed with 5,047 votes to 4,263. The millage asked voters to continue supporting recreation in the township. According to the ballot language, by the time the millage expires in 2006, nearly \$1 million will have been pumped into park land acquisition, land development, and equipment purchases.

WATER RATE HIKE: Another double digit increase from the city of Detroit in October will be passed on to township residents next month when rates. Detroit raised the township's water rate by 14 percent and sewage by 10 percent. The decision was made to raise resident water rates by nine percent, or \$3.06 per 1,000 gallons and sewage by \$2.89 per 1,000 gallons. Both changes were scheduled to become effective Nov. 24.

GAS LIGHT DISTRICT: Residents of the Pheasant Hills Subdivision in the city of Northville got their wish to have their neighborhood designated as a gas light district in November when city council approved the measure with a 3-1 vote. Approval was also granted for placement of five signs at the entrance of the subdivision denoting the gas light designation. The new designation and signs will have no financial impact on the city. All costs regarding design, construction, and placement of the signs will be covered by the residents of Pheasant Hills. The homeowners association petitioned earlier in the year to have their electric street lights removed and replaced with gas lights. As they were willing to pay for the change on their

own behalf, a 10-year, \$100,000 special assessment was taken out against the property owners.

BONDS FOR SALE: City council took the next step in securing funding for needed renovations to Allen Terrace by adopting a resolution authorizing the sale of general obligation tax bonds for nearly 1.4 million dollars at their Nov. 18 meeting. City staff prepared statements with the city's financial information and details of the bonds to be sent out to prospective bond bidders. The deadline set for sealed bids to be returned was Dec. 2.

PARKING SQUABBLE: A request from representatives of Century 21 Town & Country and Singh Development Company at a November city council meeting to change the parking management plan implemented this past summer was referred to the parking committee for further review. Century 21 reps claimed the newly designated restricted parking on the upper level of the Cady parking deck was hurting their business by negatively affecting customers. City officials maintained that a difference of walking one level was not considered a hardship, referring the matter to the parking committee.

PART-TIME PAY FOR FULL-TIME WORK: A chance to alter township clerk Sue Hillebrand's status as part-time to full-time with commensurate pay was tabled during the Nov. 21 township board meeting, but not without tense discussion. Approval of the motion would have granted Hillebrand, who puts in an average of 40 hours a week but only gets paid for ten, an annual salary of \$65,000 as opposed to the \$20,000 she is currently earning. With an ever-growing population and a clerk's office that has not increased in size on over 20 years, Hillebrand believes change is needed.

"There are close to 1,300 townships in Michigan and a huge percentage have full-time clerks. We are not reinventing the wheel here," said Hillebrand. "But it is a decision of the board and I respect that. If they don't want to move that way than that's fine."

ABATEMENT GRANTED: An eight-year tax abatement was granted to the Japanese-based Akebono company in late November by the township board in the hopes of bringing more research and development to the community. According to Akebono representatives, the company is in need to expanding its North American operations and the former Nannovations facility located at Beck and Five Mile roads is in competition for consideration with a location in Kentucky.

Based on the cross-state competition, the Michigan Economic

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Development Corporation may decide to offer Akebono a Michigan Growth Authority Grant, in order to secure the Northville Township expansion.

MILLENNIUM IMPROVEMENTS: The Northville Township board of trustees authorized the professional services of Russel Design of Northville for future improvements to Millennium park in late November. Township manager Chip Snider said that the direction from the board after notification of passage of the millage was to work with the recreation department in formulating a plan that would take the immediate needs of the recreation community into consideration.

"Once approved by the township board, this plan would facilitate a strategic plan to accommodate the needs of recreation and would take into consideration the terms of the recent millage renewal passed by the residents," said Snider.

BONDS SOLD: City officials learned on Dec. 2 that they had saved more than \$200,000 in the process of selling \$51.4 million in general obligation bonds in order to fund necessary improvements to Allen Terrace. According to assistant city manager and finance director Nicolette Bateson, five competitive bids were received by the Dec. 1 deadline ranging from 4.44 percent to 4.58 percent. The city chose to accept the bid with the lowest interest rate from Citizen's Bank.

Bateson said the interest rates on the bids received were a pleasant surprise as all bids came in under the five percent the city had planned for.

"We were very pleased with the results of the bidding because the index for 20-year bonds has been at five percent," said Bateson. "By receiving a bid at 4.44 percent, we will be able to save \$222,000 over the life of the bond."

GOING TO THE DOGS? After tense discussion at the Dec. 2 city council meeting, council members chose to delay acceptance of the recommendation of the parks and recreation commission to develop a temporary off-leash recreation area. Council instead unanimously approved a motion to hold a public hearing sometime in January in order to allow residents close to the proposed sites the opportunity to have their voices heard.

"I think it is a logical progression of events for a new recreational activity for the community," said city manager Gary Word. "There was a time when a dog park was not even considered in Northville. Now city council has conceptually agreed that is a good idea. The question now is where is the best place for it."

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-ship. Getting out of paying taxes shouldn't be another one.

7. Take advantage of Northville's power play in Lansing. This is the first time — and perhaps the last time — that you'll see the state school superintendent and the governor both hailing from the same community. If ever there was a pitch Northville and Northville Township wanted to make to the state, this is the time to make it. Two locals in high-profile positions can only help us out.

6. Evaluate the effectiveness of the Northville orange dot parking program. Implemented years ago, the program got new teeth in 2002. Is it a help? Is it a hindrance? We suggest the city council take a hard look at what business owners and employees in downtown Northville have to say about the program this fall. One year's worth of time with the program should give a good indication as to how it's functioning.

5. Continue to encourage Farmer Jack to sell its vacant Seven Mile property. Period.

4. Break ground on the new Northville Township Civic Center. Yes — this is a high-priority issue, but we're reasonably confident this item will be off the checklist a year from now.

3. Elevate the Northville Township clerk's position to full-time status, and adjust the salary accordingly. It is both unthinkable and inexcusable that clerk Sue Hillebrand is continuing to work as hard as she is for the salary she's earning. Her ded-

ication to the job is being taken advantage of, and — dare we say — exploited. Anyone who thinks being a clerk in Northville Township in the year 2003 isn't a full-time job should have his head examined. This is an issue of fairness and moving into the 21st Century. This is not your father's township anymore, and those who have the authority to change the status of Hillebrand's position ought to make the changes to validate that point.

2. Keep the public informed as to the latest plans and proposals for Northville Psychiatric Hospital and the land surrounding it. We now know that by July, NPH will close its doors for good. With a chunk of land that size, it's critical that residents and businesses along Seven Mile Road know what to expect and when to expect it.

1. Brace for lean economic times in Northville and Northville Township. With Michigan staring at a 6 percent budget deficit, municipalities may find themselves having to go it alone, whereas in the past they had the aid of the state to help out in a pinch. With money being as tight as it is right now, city and township leaders would be wise to examine their own annual budgets and to trim-trim-trim, since Lansing won't be doing a darn thing.

Stay tuned. I'll give my review of these nuggets in December.

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TIME: 10 a.m.

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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

Ladies Morning / Evening
Bible Study: Book of Romans

DATE: Begins Jan. 7
LOCATION: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene (21260 Haggerty)

TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.; 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info

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Single Place divorce recovery workshop

DATE: Thursdays, from Jan. 9 - Feb. 20

LOCATION: Forum Room, First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)

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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.

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Northville Genealogical Society presentation — "Dear Ones At Home: The Letters to Helen Marie Noye Hoyt, Civil War Nurse"

DATE: Jan. 12
LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)

TIME: 2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The presentation will be hosted by Ellen Oliver Smith, who has transcribed 50 letters that a Civil War nurse wrote home to her family in Buffalo, N.Y. during her service in Annapolis, Md. A computer class on the "family quest and ancestry view" will be held at

1:15 p.m., and a beginners class for persons new to genealogical research will take place at 1:30 p.m.

PHONE: (734) 595-7806

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

Auditions for "The Emperor's New Clothes"

DATE: Jan. 12

LOCATION: Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main Street)

TIME: 6 p.m.

DETAILS: Participants must be between ages 8 and 15, prepare a song in their own vocal range and bring their own sheet music. An accompanist will be provided. Performers must also read a two-minute poem, which need not be memorized.

PHONE: (248) 349-8110

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.

PHONE: (248) 449-9950

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

Cereal Bowl benefit bowling
outing for New Hope Center for Grief Support

DATE: Jan. 19
LOCATION: Novi Bowl (21700 Novi Road)

TIME: 3 p.m.
DETAILS: The outing, which supports Northville's New Hope Center for Grief Support's KIDZ program, includes shoe rental, two games of bowling and food. The KIDZ program helps grieving children through play, art, roleplaying and other creative outlets. Registration is \$25 for adults. Children pay their age in dollars.

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Police / Fire

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year. The Palm IR Thermal Imager enhanced officer safety and allowed better service to the community.

The heat-seeking camera can be used to search and rescue lost children or search for fleeing suspects by sensing the differences in heat viewed on the camera's screen. Because the camera senses heat, the camera works best at night since the surrounding areas are much cooler.

"The \$12,000 for the thermal imager had actually been budgeted for the fiscal year of 2001," said chief of police John Werth. "We held off on the purchase we received the grant and received it absolutely free."

The thermal imager is now out at all times on afternoon and mid-night shifts.

EX-COP PLEADS GUILTY: Former Northville city police officer and Novi resident William Edgar Jr. plead guilty to two counts of criminal sexual conduct for sexually mistreating his granddaughter in April. Edgar, 55, was arraigned last September at 52-1 District Court in Novi and ordered to stand trial for first and second degree criminal sexual conduct charges involving a child under the age of 13. According to Edgar's attorney, the charges were reduced to two counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct when Edgar made the "decision to accept responsibility for his actions."

Assistant Oakland County prosecutor said that prison is where Edgar belonged.

"He's an opportunistic predator," Matthews said. "This is his step-granddaughter who trusted and loved him, and he used to give her presents, go to bed with her, and molest her."

Edgar faced 36 to 71 months behind bars.

MOTORCYCLE THIEVES: Detroit and Southfield residents Kortez Green, Maurice Williams, and Allen Wilson III were arraigned in 35th District Court in late April on charges of an attempted motorcycle theft in the Park Place Apartments parking lot. Detective Paul Sumner said that all three men had extensive criminal histories. Each faced a

\$50,000 cash bond at the preliminary examination.

BOUNCED: Novi resident Denise Namyslowski was arraigned in 35th District Court in late July on charges she cashed stolen checks at Northville Township's Meijer. Ironically, Namyslowski was found to be carrying a pamphlet entitled "Identity Theft: What You Can Do To Avoid A Growing Fraud" in her purse at the time she was arrested.

A BAD DAY AT WORK: Westland resident Kenneth Stoops was arrested by Northville Township police in late July for calling in a bomb threat to Hiller's Market on Haggerty Road, apparently in an attempt to avoid custodial duties he had at the store that evening.

"The threat is very serious in nature, will be investigated, and will be prosecuted to the fullest," said township detective Paul Sumner.

EDGAR SENTENCED: William Edgar Jr., former Northville police officer, was sentenced on June 5 to three to 15 years behind bars on two counts of criminal sexual conduct involving his then nine-year-old step-granddaughter. Edgar, 55, was also ordered to comply with the sex offenders registration.

Edgar had originally been charged with one count each of first and second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a child under the age of 13. The charges were reduced as part of a plea bargain in order to spare the young victim the further trauma of having to testify against Edgar. He was ordered to spend his time behind bars with the Michigan Department of Corrections by Judge Edward Sosnick who stated that it would not be a pleasant place for a former police officer to be.

FATAL ACCIDENT: A 79-year old township woman was pronounced dead upon arrival at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia after having been involved in a two car collision earlier this year. The accident occurred near Seven Mile and Insubbrook. Investigations revealed the woman had been traveling westbound on Seven

Mile when her vehicle crossed the center line and struck a vehicle driven by a 17-year-old Livonia male, who was treated and released at the scene with minor injuries.

According to reports, the woman had been observed driving erratically prior to the accident. Concerned residents followed her and witnessed the accident.

"We believe some unknown medical condition may have occurred," said police chief John Werth, adding that witnesses described the woman as "suffering from some sort of distress" before the accident occurred.

UNLICENSED WEAPONS FOUND: Northville township resident Garlan Solomon was arraigned in 35th District Court on April 22 on five counts of transporting loaded weapons in a motor vehicle. Solomon, 47, was arrested by township police after his girlfriend, a Park Place Apartments resident, called police to report that Solomon had threatened her after an argument. The woman told police the argument had started after Solomon had been driven to the apartment by his wife to retrieve his possessions. After Solomon left her apartment, the woman called to report to police that he was carrying loaded weapons in his vehicle.

Officers found two loaded pistols in Solomon's briefcase and two more behind the back seat of the vehicle. The four guns were not registered. Solomon was immediately arrested after officers discovered a fifth weapon, a loaded assault rifle.

Solomon, who did not possess a concealed weapons license, faced one felony count for each loaded gun he was transporting, with each charge carrying up to five years in prison and a \$2,500 fine.

POINT DRIVEN HOME: Northville Township police staged a mock crash at Northville High School in early May in order to stress the consequences of drinking and driving. The mock accident was set up during the pre-prom hours with one student from each grade involved. The scenario had the students meeting for a few drinks before the prom,

resulting in an accident en route to the festivities. Upon arrival of emergency personnel, three of the "victims" were rushed away in ambulances. One student, a sophomore, was placed in a body bag.

"If we can make a difference in the decisions some of our students make about drinking and driving than this program was successful," said fire chief Bill Zhmendak.

MOVIN' ON UP: Guy Balok and Christopher Madzik were promoted to the position of sergeant with the Northville township fire department in May. Balok, 41, had been with the department 13 years as a full time firefighter prior to his promotion. He also has a 20 year background in public safety.

Madzik, 32, joined the department seven years prior to his promotion. He served as a part-time volunteer for two years before becoming a full time member of the department five years ago. Both men said they were excited to be in positions to steer the department in the right direction for the future.

HIT AND RUN: Kurt William Roskelly was arraigned on felony charges at 6th District Court in Pontiac on May 28 for having left the scene of an accident at Eight Mile and Novi Road on May 7. Officers spoke with a witness who stated he had almost been hit by a black Ford pick-up at the intersection of Eight Mile and Center. The witness followed the truck, stating it had reached speeds of 50 to 60 miles per hour before it hit its brakes and slammed into the rear of a white Chrysler Cirrus. The witness stated that the truck then fled northbound on Novi Street at high speed.

A third vehicle, which had been waiting to make a left hand turn onto northbound Novi Road, was struck from behind by the Cirrus.

Roskelly, who had not been hurt, told police that the accident had been caused because he had been drinking, stating he had consumed a fifth of vodka prior to getting behind the wheel.

The 45-year-old Redford man waived his right to a preliminary examination on May 20 in 35th District Court and was arraigned on a four count warrant authorized by the Oakland County prosecutor. The charges included a

first count of third offense drunk driving, a second and third count of failure to stop at the scene of an injury accident, and a fourth count of driving on a suspended license.

NEW COP ON BEAT: Mathew Mackenzie joined the township police department in May. The 27-year-old received the Chief's award for outstanding pre-service recruit while training at Schoolcraft College Police Academy.

"It's a growing community and it seems like there is going to be a lot of opportunities," said Mackenzie.

HOME INVASION: Three area residents faced up to 15 years behind bars on charges they forcibly entered a home and stole

jewelry from the home in May. Twenty-year-old Sara Tront of Livonia and 24-year-old Michael Oblak of Northville township were arraigned at 35th District Court on charges of second-degree home invasion. The third subject, Mathew Conway, was completing a jail sentence of up to 40 days in Livonia on unrelated drug charges at the time of arraignment. Upon completion of his sentence, Oblak was turned over to township police for arraignment on the home invasion charges.

SAFETY LEADS TO TREATS: Northville children participated in a bicycle safety rodeo on June. The rodeo was

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TREATS: Northville children participated in a bicycle safety rodeo on June. The rodeo was jointly sponsored by the city and township police departments. The importance of wearing a helmet correctly, stop signs, and how to use hand signals were demonstrated to all children who participated.

Both departments said they would watch out for children following the safety rules during the summer months and would be "pulling over" those children for good reasons. Children who were pulled over were issued coupons from area businesses for ice cream and free meals.

TOO YOUNG TO DRIVE: A Detroit man was arraigned in 35th District Court in early July on two counts of second-degree child abuse for allowing his 12-year-old son to drive after deciding he was too drunk to do it himself. The driver's 13-year-old brother was also a passenger in the vehicle. Northville Township police pulled over the 1986 Cadillac in which 36-year-old Edgar Lopez was traveling after observing a broken rear tail light and erratic driving. Lieutenant Ray Garbarino said that no one had suspected a child was behind the wheel. He also said that Social Services would be investigating the incident.

"You see a lot of different things in law enforcement but this just makes you shake your head," said Garbarino. "It just doesn't make sense."

BINGE DRINKING TEENS: Thirteen area teens were arrested for underage drinking and a man was rushed to the hospital for possible alcohol poisoning after police responded to a call of a loud party in the area of White Gate Drive and Elmsmere Drive at approximately 2:30 a.m. on June 29.

The 20-year-old resident of the home, whom police officers describe as being "very intoxicated" allowed officers to enter the home only after they stated they believed a crime was occurring. During their investigation, officers discovered a 21-year-old

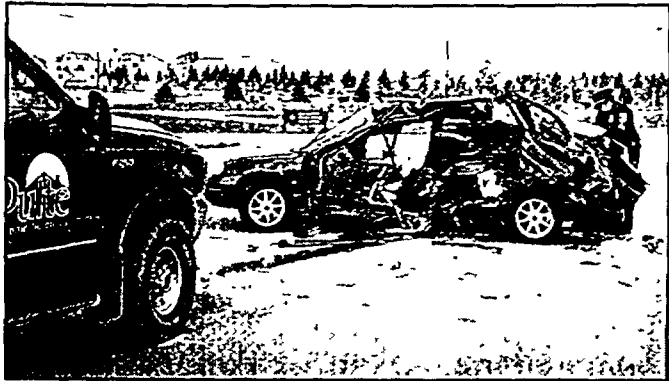


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An accident near the entrance to Northville High School in October raised serious questions regarding the safety of the traffic situation near the school's Six Mile Road driveway.

man in the home's restroom. He was unconscious, with vomit all over himself and the restroom. Medical assistance was requested, along with assistance from the township department. The man was transported to Saint Mary's Hospital.

"It's illegal and it's dangerous," Police Chief Jim Petres said, referring to both underage and binge-drinking. "In this case, one person had to be transported to the hospital with a blood alcohol level of 33 percent, which gets into the danger zone of health risks."

FATAL ACCIDENT: A car accident in the city of Novi took the life of a Northville woman on July 11 after the sedan she was driving crossed into oncoming traffic into a garbage truck. Sandra Jean Marzen, 41, was pronounced dead at the scene. Dispatchers from the Novi police department received a call at about 9:10 a.m. from a man saying he saw a blue Saturn driving erratically south on Novi road between Nine and Ten Mile roads. Another call came in moments later stating a car matching the same description given by the previous caller and just struck a garbage truck on Novi Road just south of Ten Mile. The 39-year-old Carleton male driving the truck reported no injuries.

Police said alcohol did not appear to be a factor in the accident. According to the information on Marzen's driving record,

the woman had eight automobile accidents in the past seven years.

NEW FIREFIGHTERS: Jason Rashke and Jason Hendrian were hired by the Northville Township Fire Department in mid-July. Twenty-two-year-old Rashke, a Dearborn resident, graduated from Henry Ford Community College with an associates degree in fire and science. Rashke, who came from a family of firefighters, said that "following in the footsteps of his relatives" is what geared him towards the profession.

Hendrian, also 22, is a Livonia resident and was a paid-on-call firefighter with the township department since August of 2000. Hendrian became a licensed paramedic in last December and graduated from Schoolcraft College with an associates degree in fire technology.

POSSIBLE CHEMICAL SPILL: Injuries and a possible explosion were avoided in early August when the Northville fire department responded to a call of a possible chemical spill in the parking lot of Northville Downs. The driver of the Old Dominion Freight Line semi-truck called 911 operators after hearing a hissing sound and smelling a strong odor from the trailer of his truck. The driver isolated his truck in a remote area of the Downs parking lot. The truck contained 1,200 pounds of fertilizer as well as 1,200 pounds of an oxidizing

agent used to clean septic tanks, wells, and pumps. Due to the heat of the truck, the oxidizer boiled and expanded, rupturing one of the containers in which it was being transported. The oxidizer, if mixed with the fertilizer, could have caused hazardous fumes. Chemicals had not been spilled on the ground and there was no threat of danger to the surrounding area.

ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRAIGNED: Thirty-seven-year-old Kevin Robert Kolb of Northville township was arraigned on August 22 in U.S. District Court in Detroit on charges connected to a pharmacy bank robbery. He was arrested by Canton township police after he allegedly robbed a Walgreen's drug store at gunpoint for 169 Vicodin pills. Kolb is suspected of robbing as many as nine banks and is a suspect in a Plymouth township pharmacy of more than 200 Vicodin pills. If convicted, Kolb faces a maximum penalty of life in prison.

SEPTEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE: The city's fire department joined fire department's across the nation in conducting a remembrance ceremony, commemorating the one year anniversary of the terrorist attacks and the losses suffered at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania. The ceremony was part of a national salute to the fallen firefighters, law enforcement officials, and civilians lost as a result of the attacks.

"The events of a year ago represent the a loss the entire nation, but they also caused the largest single loss of life among emergency personnel in history," said fire chief Jim Allen. "We wanted to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice on that terrible day in September, and are pleased to be participating with the fire departments all across the country in doing so. We owe them all a debt of gratitude."

OFFICER HONORED: Sergeant Michael Carlson of the Northville police department was honored in late September by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Oakland County chapter for his

dedication in keeping intoxicated drivers off of area roads. A ten-year veteran of the department, Carlson said he took pride in being recognized.

NEW TRUCK FOR FIRE DEPT.: The Northville Township fire department added a new 750-gallon pump truck to its fleet of emergency vehicles in late Sept. The \$335,000 pumper was part of a joint purchase with the city of Dearborn's fire department which allowed both communities to save thousands of dollars. Manufactured by American La France in Wixom, the pumper came equipped with an onboard foam system that has been proven effective in suppressing fires faster while minimizing damages

to property. It also contains a remote control deck gun, also used for fighting fires. The truck will also carry extrication equipment such as the jaws of life as well as medical supplies.

"With its ability to fight fires, perform extrication activities, and the medical benefits, it will be an excellent addition to our fleet," said fire chief William Zhemendak.

ATM FRAUD: Twenty-nine Christopher Kukich of Northville facing multiple charges of fraudulent use of an ATM card waived his right to a preliminary examination in mid-October. The report

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Meters Read	Billing	Payment Due	SWD Billing Period
January 9 - 24	February 7	March 3	March - April
January 13 - 27	April 11	May 5	May - June
May 15 - 30	June 13	July 7	July - August
July 17 - 31	August 15	September 8	September - October
September 19 - October 3	October 17	November 10	November - December
November 17 - December 4	December 19	January 12 (2004)	January - February (2004)

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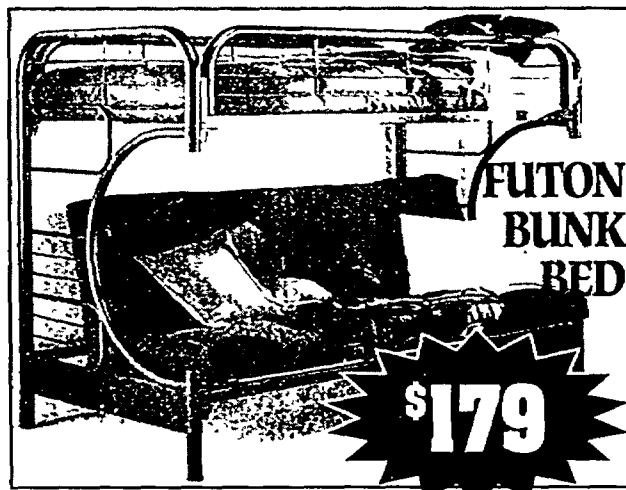
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\$1,000. According to reports the withdrawals were made in Northville township Novi and the city of Northville. The unauthorized withdrawals were noticed when the complainant received a phone call from her banking institution during which she was told that there was an overdraft in her account.

MEIJER RECEIPT SCAM: Claiming he had been attacked and robbed of his possessions in the Meijer restroom, a 30-year-old Detroit man's story didn't add up with township and Livonia police, who pursued charges in October against the man for filing a false police report. According to police Donald Rico Buchanan, using the name DeJohnae Porsche Buchanan, reported to township that he had been punched by an unknown white male who then reached into [Buchanan's] pocket and stole cash as well as the receipts for the items he had just purchased from the store. Buchanan then requested duplicate receipts but was not able to obtain them. He then demanded and got a cash refund.

Buchanan was later spotted at the Livonia Meijer selecting the same merchandise he had purchased earlier at the Northville Meijer, put them in a cart, and push the cart through the garden exit. When confronted by security, Buchanan presented the receipt he had claimed was stolen earlier that evening. Buchanan was arrested after an automobile pursuit. He was arraigned October 9 and faced up to 15 years behind bars on the false police report alone as a habitual offender.

ACCIDENT AT HIGH SCHOOL: Northville township police were continuing their investigations of an accident in

late October which occurred in front of Northville High School involving two female students. According to township chief of police John Werth, the accident occurred when the 17-year-old students attempted to make a left-hand turn out of the center parking lot of the high school onto east-bound Six Mile road. The Ford Contour they were driving was subsequently struck broadside by the Ford F250 they had pulled out in front of, ejecting the student driver from the vehicle. The driver was transported to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor where she was listed in critical but stable condition. The passenger was taken to Saint Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti in fair condition. The driver of the pickup was not injured.

DINING WITH FIRE-FIGHTERS: In late October, four Northville students were whisked to lunch at MacKinnon's restaurant on Main Street by a fire truck as a result of a fire safety program organized by the Northville City Fire Department.

During the "Great Escape" program, Northville firefighters educated local students and their families on vital fire safety information, such as planning their exit routes in case of a fire and establishing a family meeting location outdoors. Fire officials said students were asked to draw a diagram of their home, indicating escape routes from each of the rooms.

Four students' entries were randomly selected for the grand prize luncheon. The winning recipients, Peter Halash and Joe McKeegan, who attend Our Lady of Victory in Northville, and Amerman Elementary students Zackary Donatiello and Kirsten Bayles, were selected from a wide pool of students who submitted drawings of their home and routes of

escape.

Northville city firefighter Lawrence Kosmalski said the program ultimately teaches young children and their families proper behavior in an emergency and how to escape safely by knowing all the exit routes.

DARE GRADUATES OLV STUDENTS: Seventh grade students at Our Lady of Victory were celebrating another milestone in their academic lives Oct. 25 — they're now graduates of the Drug Awareness Resistance Education program.

In honor of the event, the new Drug Abuse Resistance Education alumni were presented with certificates, a T-shirt, a CD holder and a pizza party.

Sgt. Dustin Krueger of the Northville police department and Northville police chief Jim Petres spoke to the groups of students, commending their efforts and participation in the program.

Kathryn Pamula, a seventh grade student at OLV and DARE graduate, said, "It's an excellent program. It just taught everybody how to believe in themselves, choose their friends and not be pressured into anything they don't want to be doing."

FEDERAL GRANT HELPS POLICE: The township police began looking to providing an increased level of service to the community in late October with the help of a federal grant which allowed for the creation of the community liaison officer position. According to Police Chief John Werth, the three-year grant totaling \$61,000 was issued through the Office of Drug Control Policy. Officer Samantha Bolen, a two-year veteran with the department, was selected for the position.

IRELAND RETIRES: After 44-years of answering the call of

the firehouse bell, 62-year-old Dennis Ireland of Novi retired as a full-time firefighter from the Northville Township fire department. Ireland was honored at the Oct. 17 board meeting by township board members and members of the fire department for the 20 years of service to the community.

UNKNOWNLY FILMED: A Northville township may be facing charges after his wife's female friend reported to police that she had discovered the man had used his computer to film her while she slept in the home in November. According to Detective Paul Sumner, the woman found pictures of herself on the computer set up in the room she had slept in upon activating it on the morning of Nov. 10. The photos included images of the woman undressing and changing clothes. Charges on the two-year felony of eavesdropping on an individual were pending forensic analysis of the computer system involved in the incident.

HERO SHERYL CHOMIUK: At the Nov. 12 Northville Board of Education meeting, Sheryl Chomiuk, a mother of three and a former critical care nurse, was lauded by school and Northville Township police officials for her actions in helping save the lives of two Northville High School seniors.

On Oct. 22, Chomiuk was the first to arrive at the scene of a car accident which seriously injured high school seniors. The accident occurred at approximately 2:30 p.m. outside of Northville High School.

At the meeting, school board members presented Chomiuk with a certificate of commendation and a gift — a lapel pin in the shape of an angel.

"It's kind of humbling to receive this type of attention for something that I felt was the natu-

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ral thing to do," she said. "It was terribly horrific. I just did what I had to do."

SPEED LIMIT EXAMINED: The traffic solution on Six Mile in front of Northville High School was still a topic of discussion in late November since two seniors were injured in a serious accident on Oct. 22. Police determined that the truck involved in the collision had been traveling above the 30 mile per hour school zone limit but below the regularly posted 45 mile per hour limit. According to Police Chief John Werth, only one to 4 percent of drivers statistically comply with school zone speed limits.

"We all need to slow down and this is one of the things we are looking at through dialogue with the county and school officials," said Werth.

LAWSUIT FILED: Parents a Northville High School teen filed a civil suit on Nov. 1 against Pulte Earth Sciences, asking for more than \$25,000 in damages from injuries sustained when their daughter was hit by a Pulte truck near Northville High School in October. The suit alleges that the driver of the Pulte truck "drove the truck and caused it to be driven in a careless, reckless and negligent manner, and further said the driver failed to use his brakes properly, observe traffic, and didn't have the vehicle under control. The complaint also said that Kim Peters, a senior at the high school, suffered traumatic brain injury and a broken pelvis.

Although police officials have stated that multiple factors attributed to the crash-including Peters' pulling out in front of the oncoming Pulte truck-Simkins argued that the fault could only be attributed to the truck driver as he had failed to observe the 30 m.p.h. school zone speed limit, resulting

in injury to Simkins' client.

But Chief of police John Werth said that both drivers-with the main contributing factor being Peters' pulling out in front of the truck-were at fault and stated that they would both be issued tickets.

PUBLIC SUICIDE: The body of 37-year-old Valerie Smith of Northville was discovered in a Novi Park in November. Police said the woman was found in her vehicle, "slumped" over the wheel of her car. She was transported to and pronounced dead at Providence Park Medical Center. A report from the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office stated that Smith had died from sharp cuts to the neck. Police confirmed that two knives had been found in the vehicle.

POLICE NAB TRIO: Three men were arraigned in 35th District Court in early December on felony charges of retail fraud related to an incident that occurred at the Northville township Kohl's Department Store. According to police, 47-year-old Rodney Conrad of Eastpointe, 37-year-old Charles Bell of Lincoln Park, and 35-year-old Calvin Johnson of Wyandotte were arrested on Nov. 23 after having been observed stealing various items at the Kohl's department store.

Johnson, the 35-year-old Wyandotte resident is facing up to five years behind bars or a \$10,000 fine. Conrad and Bell, who were already on parole for armed robberies, were charged with what is referred to as a "habitual fourth," meaning that both men have been convicted of three or more felonies and could face up to life behind bars.

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said. "The paper sold advertising and the businesses got new ideas for ads from the kids. It was a great cooperative effort."

HOME IS WHERE THE HUD ISN'T: Swan Harbour Apartment announced in mid-January that the complex would not be renewing its Section 8 contract with the Michigan Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the complex's Phase II section. The decision left some residents, who had depended on public assistance to help underwrite rental costs, frustrated and confused as to what to do next. A voucher program was established to assist residents in staying in their apartments or finding a new home.

CAM-BRIDGED THE GAP: Months, if not years, of preparation and negotiation with the city of Northville paid dividends for developer Mark Guidobono, when a 4-1 city council vote in mid-January effectively cleared the way for a five-story residential / retail / commercial development to be built on Cady Street.

Council member Kevin Hartshorne cast the one dissenting

vote, saying the height of the building was excessive, and that the project would overburden public works resources at the expense of non-downtown Northville.

With the green light given, Guidobono said he anticipated having the building completed and open for business by 2005.

NANOVATION NO MORE: Without so much as a whimper, Northville Township-based Nanovation appeared to have hit the wall in late January, as Michigan Economic Development Corporation spokesperson Paul Krebs said the last piece of commu-

nication from the high-tech manufacturer turned up in MEDC offices in November of 2001.

"It doesn't appear as if they will be coming back to life anytime soon," Krebs said.

Doors to Nanovation offices were locked and phone numbers for Nanovations were disconnected when Record reporters sought comment from the company, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in July 2001. At that time, Nanovation announced it would be laying off 120 of its 169 township employees.

Township finance director Thelma Kubitsky said the town-

ship would be filing a jeopardy tax against Nanovation, which authorized a lien to be placed against Nanovation property if taxes were not paid.

In December, Farmington Hills-based Akebono struck an agreement with the township to take over the building. Akebono, an auto component manufacturer, was given an eight-year tax abatement as part of the deal.

A HOLD ON THE MAIL: Months of discussion and ad hoc committee meetings appeared to be not worth much in late January, when the U.S. Postal service

announced a freeze had been placed on all post office enhancements and expansion projects. The Northville post office had been targeted for

such a project. Detroit post office spokesperson Ed Moore said the

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SARAN TAKES SECOND: Northville senior Ravi Saran took second at the state wrestling meet.

The match was close when Saran tied it up at six to six with one second left, putting the match into sudden death overtime.

"I didn't want to lose," said Saran.

In the end, he was beat leaving him in second place, but still qualified for nationals. Saran has learned from the defeat to always "give it all you've got." His state match was similar to an earlier match he had where it was tied at six to six and also went into overtime. The only difference was that he won.

"He was our senior captain and one of our leaders," said Smith. "He was our 'go to guy.'"

This "go to" attitude has shown in his dedication for wrestling.

He began wrestling in the sixth grade. He watched his two older brothers qualify and go to states. From the support of his parents Nihal and Klara, Saran has participated in the sport for seven years.

He plans on wrestling on the side while at college. Saran is torn between Michigan State University and The University of Michigan where he will be going into pre-med. He became interested in medicine from the influence of his dad, who is a psychiatrist.

GYMNASTICS IN SECOND: Last season, the Northville-Novu Wild Stangs gymnastics team upset the favored Rochester Adams squad to win the state championship title -- this season, the Wild Stangs didn't win the crown, but they sure had Rochester Adams on pins and needles.

The Wild Stangs, led by coach Lindsay Schultz, took second place in the state finals competition held at Rockford High School with a final score of 144.575. The squad took second only to the highly-touted Rochester Adams gymnasts, who notched the title victory with a final of 147.2.

The championship tilt found the Wild Stangs just over a point behind the squad from Rochester Adams heading into the beam competition. The Northville-Novu gymnasts found that they just couldn't keep up with the Rochester Adams team, but put on a good show for their friends, family and fans in attendance.

Stellar junior Jennifer Sturgis finished with a 9.4 in the vault event for a fifth place tie while senior Lindsay Carlson tied for 10th on the bars.

CAGERS FALL IN DISTRICTS: It wasn't the way the Northville Mustangs were hoping to end their season -- but at least they ended it to the eventual District Tournament champions.

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team, led by coach Darrel Schumacher, fell to the eventual District title holders, the Novi Wildcats, 59-40 March 6.

"At least we lost to the team that went on to win the Districts," Schumacher said. "No loss is easy to swallow, but that makes it a little easier."

The Mustangs, as a team, came onto the hardwood looking to shut the Wildcat offensive down with a mix of zone defense and a lot of practice.

"We had played them twice already," Schumacher said. "We looked over the game tapes and scouted them and thought we knew exactly what they were going to be doing out there."

The one thing the Mustangs didn't count on was Novi junior Chase Chandler.

"He was the one guy I knew they wouldn't think would shoot," Novi coach Pat Schluter said. "Before the game I told Chase that if he had an open shot he should shoot it."

And that was exactly what Chandler did. His scoring, combined with the Novi leader Matt Emmenecker, who is only a junior this season, was enough to put the Mustangs in a hole they were not able to dig out of.

The Mustangs were led in scoring by junior Adam Konst, who poured in 11 points, while senior Tim Ferng, coming off a jaw injury, scored seven along with Thom Knapp.

FEEL SO GOOD TO WIN: The Northville Mustangs hockey team made it look way too easy -- especially for a conference match up.

The Walled Lake Western Warriors skated into the Novi Ice Arena looking to improve their record with a win, but the Mustangs sent them home with one thought in their head -- how could we lose 11-4 and let three different players score hat tricks?

Mustang Nick Strauch opened the scoring for the Northville icers as he picked up the rebound from a shot by Bobby Salerno and notching the goal as he slapped it past the Warriors' goalie.

Minutes later, Ryan Hohl notched an assist off of a pass to Tim Hillebrand that resulted in a one-timer over the Western goalie's shoulder. The second assist on that play went to Michael Marquardt.

Alan Shamoun put the Warriors on the board with 33 seconds remaining in the first period on an unassisted short-handed goal -- but the Western celebration didn't last very long. Hillebrand sent an outlet pass from the Northville zone early in the second period, catching Hohl at full speed at the center of the ice. Hohl was all but alone when he took the puck in on the goalie and scored to regain the two-goal advantage over the Warriors.

Shamoun netted his second unassisted goal for the Warriors midway through the second period when the Northville defense fell apart on a play at the blue line, allowing two Western icers to skate in alone on goalie Dave Stewart.

CHEER GETS LEAGUE CROWN: It is always nice to win -- especially when it is tradition.

The Northville Mustangs cheerleading squad kept the tradition alive as they notched yet another Western Lakes Activities Association league title Feb. 2.

"The competition went really, really well for us," Northville coach Jenn Schmitz said. "They won again and are league champs. That makes it three years in a row and something like the 25th time ever."

The Northville cheer team took first in the flat round of the competition as well as first in the creative round and first overall.

"They've been working (on this routine) since November," Schmitz said. "I didn't see how well the other teams performed so I really don't know what the difference between us and the rest of the teams was."

The one big difference Schmitz pointed out was that Northville was one of only two teams participating in the league event that cheered in the Universal Cheer Association style and not in the Michigan High School Athletic Association style.

"All I know is that the girls worked really hard," Schmitz said. "They were happy when we won, which is needless to say."

Northville didn't have everything handed to them though. They may have won the league event, but it came with some adjustments and tough decisions to make. An injury just before the big competition left the Mustang cheerleaders without one of their flyers and forced the crew to abandon their fourth stunt group and go with three instead.

GYMNASTS VICTORIOUS ONCE AGAIN: The Northville/Novu gymnastics team, the Wild Stangs, continued their winning streak by adding their sixth straight dual win to their record of 6-2.

The Wild Stangs, who are coached by Lindsay Schultz, collected a 146.5-141.5 victory over a conference-rival Salem squad.

"We did a really good job," Schultz said. "We have been working very hard on our routines, adding difficulty and that has helped bring up the scores."

As if the Wild Stangs were in need of higher point totals, Lindsey Carlson, one of the team's two seniors, collected a total of 36.8 points, second on the team to junior Jennifer Sturgis, who collected a total of 37.75 in the meet.

Carlson took a 9.20 in the vault as well as on the bars while taking a 9.40 on the beam and a 9.0 with her floor routine.

"She is definitely putting everything together right now," Schultz said, and added that there is even some room for higher points. "Her floor routine wasn't as good as usual. She added a dance move that she got a little mixed up on. She did really good, but she added more difficulty (to her routine) and could even do a little better."

Sturgis came out and collected a 9.35 with the vault, a 9.15 on the bars, a 9.7 on the beam and a 9.55 with the floor exercise to lead the Wild Stangs in point scoring.

"I think the addition of Jennifer has obviously been a big help," Schultz said when asked of the team's 0-2 start this season.

HOCKEY TOPS WALLED LAKE -- AGAIN: The Northville Mustangs hockey team made it two wins in a row when they took on

and defeated their Western Lakes Activities Association opponents, the Walled Lake Central Vikings.

The Mustangs, led by coach Jeff Bond, skated away with a 7-4 victory against the Vikings.

The Northville icers once again turned to Tim Hillebrand to take care of the majority of the scoring as the top-notch skater collected four goals on the night.

The first period was where most of the action was against the Vikings. The Walled Lake squad notched the first score of the evening as Adam Griffin collected a powerplay tally with assistance from James Kerbawy and Kevin Francis. Just a minute and a half later, the 'Stangs came back with a score of their own as Ryan Hohl skated through traffic and carried the puck deep into the Walled Lake zone before firing the puck at the net. The Central goalie lost control of the rebound and could only watch as senior Adam Zobl drilled the puck in for the score.

The Vikings, who have been struggling this season, came back hard and looked to Griffin to notch his second goal of the night with four minutes, 42 seconds remaining in the game with the assistance going to Francis to take a 2-1 lead.

SPIKERS GET THINGS ROLLING: The Northville Mustangs volleyball team has started to really put their games together.

The team, led by coach Kelly DeWitt in her first year at the spiker helm, took on and defeated John Glenn 15-13, 15-12 before falling to a tough Farmington team 15-6, 15-6.

"Against John Glenn we played really well," DeWitt said. "We played as a team and the entire game went well for us."

The Mustangs have been looking fairly tough as of late, and are hoping to continue to be so in the league.

"Women's sports in this league are really, really tough," DeWitt said. "We're looking decent in the division and in the conference. Right now I am happy that we have done so well."

The Mustangs were more than disappointed with their performance against the Farmington Falcons in a Western Lakes Activities Association contest.

"I think we were a little frustrated in Farmington," DeWitt said. "There were a lot of things we will have to work on and at points we just didn't execute."

That is always one of the difficulties of playing a sport on a weekend.

"It was on the weekend and we were missing some people," DeWitt said. "We had a decent chance to beat them, but it was not necessarily a game we should have won. You can't complain as a coach if you lose to someone better than you."

The Northville spikers have a pool of talent they can pick out of when they are looking to take on a tough team in the WLAA.

"Sarah (Shirock), Emily Ott, Jessie Stuber and Cymbre (Jaskot) see a lot of time in the rotation," DeWitt said. "Cymbre and Emily don't usually leave the rotation, they play both front and back (rows)."

MOORS IN THE FAST LANE: Two hours before school starts, senior swim captain John Moors is already practicing in the pool.

The combination of school hours, co-op - which consists of teaching gym classes at the middle school - and another swim practice will leave Moors at Northville High School for 11 more hours each day.

According to Moors, his passion for swimming was triggered by his coach, Rich Bennetts.

"I wasn't a big swimmer until sophomore year when we got a new coach," Moors said. "He cared."

Bennetts' dedication to the team helped Moors achieve an all-conference award for swimming and he earned the high-point total for the team. Moors said he couldn't have done all that he has accomplished without his coach.

Another influence of Moors' life is Northville High School teacher, William Kinney. Moors took Kinney's mass media class and discovered he wants to go into film.

"I plan on going to Grand Valley to swim and study film production," Moors said.

Fellow swim team member and friend, junior Brad McIntosh, enjoys Moors' interest in making movies.

"We have a group called 'The 5 man,'" McIntosh said. "It consists of John, Tyler Carter, Ben Maxim, Aaron 'Bladdy' Flohr, and myself."

Together, the boys usually hang out at one of their houses. They order Moors' favorite food - pizza - play video games and make movies.

"We make funny movies,"

Moors said.

The movies they produce are usually of them making up daredevil stunts and performing them.

They film them to look like real stunts when they have already planned them out.

One can only think of the film Moors will make over spring break when he and some of his football friends plan on taking a road trip to Florida.

TANKERS HAVE ROUGH YEAR: The Northville Mustangs swim team knew their lack of team depth was going to be a problem for them to overcome in more than one meet this season.

That problem became more than a hurdle against the North Farmington Raiders as the Mustangs fell 108-78 in a Western Lakes Activities Association contest Jan. 11.

"We had a couple of close races," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "Just number wise they got to us. We weren't able to get the fourth and fifth places we needed to win this one."

The Northville Mustangs had good swims from a number of athletes during the dual meet, but in swimming the thing that begins to matter is the depth of a team.

"It was a number problem," Bennetts said. "It doesn't matter if you win an event by one second or 10 seconds. Our first guy can match up with everyone else's first guy, but then depth becomes an issue. That is just the way it goes some days."

The Mustangs got first-place finishes from John Moors in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 2 minutes, 9.56 seconds, as well as diver Jason Albosta with 242.45 points -- breaking the pool record that was set last season.

"My divers took one, two and three again," Bennetts said. "They have been doing an absolutely fantastic job for us this season."

Moors went on to take another first place -- and set a pool record in the process -- in the 100 free with a time of 50.82 seconds while Joe Lunn took first in the 500 freestyle event with 5:13.75. The team of Moors, Ben Maxim, Mike Yutzy and Tyler Carter took a first-place finish in the 200 free relay as well with a time of 1:39.51.

"We have had a lot of progress so far," Bennetts said. "Some of the younger guys are starting to swim well and step up and fill in spots for us."

SPRING 2002

DOUBLE TROUBLE: One might begin to wonder what would happen if the Northville Mustangs girls' track and field team was awarded with good conditions for running in.

The 'Stangs managed their way through yet another cold and miserable track and field day as Devon Rupley and Heather Moehe earned spots in the Lower Peninsula Track finals May 16 after blasting Livonia Franklin in the final dual meet of the season 84-53 May 14.

"Northville walked away with some impressive showings despite the cold conditions again," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "We had two regional champions at the meet. Devon Rupley won the 800 in a season best time of 2:19. Heather Moehe also was a regional champion, capturing the two mile in 11:34."

The Mustangs were close in other events as well. The 3200 meter relay team of Moehe, Katy Miller, Lisa Bowen and Rupley ran an impressive time of 9:57, just missing the extra qualifier for the state meet by 1.1 seconds.

"This is the best I have seen these girls run this season," Smith said. "They gave it all in a very competitive field."

The time of 9:57 shatters the Northville High School record, which was previously 10:05.

Rupley went on to win the 800-meter run in 2:19, her season best, and also qualified for the state meet in the 400 meter dash with a 59.2, placing third in the event.

"Devon ran some amazing races today," Smith said. "She truly dominated on the track in two of the hardest races."

Moehe's two mile time of 11:34 earned her a trip to Rockford as well.

"Heather looked great today, she led from the start of the race," Smith said. "She went out strong and finished strong, a good 10 meters ahead of Rachel Bauman of Brighton. She upheld as Regional champion, which she won last year."

Moehe set the school record in the two mile last year with a time of 11:41 and broke it yet again this time.

Both Moehe and Rupley will go to Rockford June 1 to compete in the LP State Finals.

Another Mustang who showed what Northville athletics stands for is Emily Ott. The senior suffered a

sever sprain May 14 against Franklin but came out to compete in the Regional anyway.

"She showed her determination and courage by attempting to high jump at the meet," Smith said.

"Emily came to the meet on crutches and attempted to high jump, despite the severe pain she was in. This is one athlete that gave her all, we're very proud and (yet we are) saddened that this happened to such an amazingly talented athlete."

The Mustangs finished up their regular season Tuesday (after the Northville Record went to print) at the Conference meet.

The Mustangs ended their regular season in style as they waltzed past the Franklin Patriots in a Western Lakes Activities Association contest May 14. The victory put the Mustangs at 4-1 in the WLAA and 5-1 overall.

Ott won the high jump with a leap of 5-foot-0 while Genevieve Belangero was third with 4-10.

The long jump found Maggie Ossola winning with a 15-1 jump while Amber Selle notched a third-place finish with a leap of 14-1.

Katie Hanley continued the Mustang domination of the field events with a third in the pole vault at 7-0 while Erica Johnson took second in the shot put with a 30-9 throw.

On the track side of the meet, the 3200-meter relay team of Bowen, Kelly Hardenbergh, Shannon Hogan and Katie Miller won with a time of 10:45.

Ott won the 100 hurdles, but paid in dividends as she sprained her ankle over the last hurdle.

"This was a devastating injury for Emily and a real heart-breaker for the team," Smith said. "Emily has worked so hard this season and for her to get injured is a real loss for the team."

KNIGHTS FAIL TO MAKE STATES: For the first time in the club team's five years of existence, the Northville-Novu Knights failed to make the state championship tournament -- but, hey, there is always next year.

The Knights, who are made up of Novi and Northville players, fell to St. Joseph's 8-0 in the semi-final round of the Eastern Division playoffs May 11 after stomping Livonia 20-0 the game prior. The Knights were also able to trounce Berkley 56-3 May 8.

"We were kind of set back there," Knights coach Ron Cornell said of the St. Joseph's contest. "St. Joe's was much more faster and more disciplined than the first time we played them, when we barely beat them."

St. Joseph's was able to score a penalty kick early in the contest before taking advantage of a broken play and getting the ball on the ground in the try zone for the score and the 10-0 victory.

"We pretty much dominated the game for the first 10 or 15 minutes," Cornell said. "We just couldn't put the ball in."

One of the things that the St. Joseph's team was doing so well was kicking the ball out of their zone.

"Their fly half had an exceptional foot," Cornell said. "If we would pin them or if we gave up a turnover they would kick it out or they would kick it deep enough that the fullback and the wingers had difficult fielding it."

It was much like a one-step forward, two-steps back dance for the Knights. When they would get the ball, they would march it 15 meters up the field before giving it up. Then the St. Joe's squad would kick it away again, sometimes 50 meters back the way the Knights had just come.

TENNIS FALLS IN REGIONAL, TAKES SECOND IN WLAA: The Northville Mustangs tennis team notched a second-place finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association before getting bumped from the Regional by some very talented programs.

The Mustangs, led by coach Doug Button, took second place in the WLAA behind an incredibly tough North Farmington team and also secured the Western Division title with their play this year. The team continued on into the Regional where they were ousted by some of the best competition in the state, including Ann Arbor Huron and Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"I don't mind having one of the Ann Arbor schools in the Regional," Button said. "With one everyone might stand a chance to win, but with both it really doesn't matter what we bring."

Huron and Pioneer walked away with the top two spots with Saline finishing third and Northville fourth in the Regional tournament.

"John Lee really had an outstanding performance in four singles," Button said. "He upset the kid from Ann Arbor Huron in the semi-finals and made the finals where he ended up losing to the kid from Ann Arbor

Pioneer."

Adam O'Donnell made it to the semi-finals in three singles, but bowed out against his Huron opponent while the three doubles team of Matt Lewicki and Chris Irvine also made it to the semis where they lost in three sets.

The conference meet found North Farmington earning the victory while the Mustangs took a second place. The one doubles team of Nathan Mehill and Jackson Knoll won their flight as did Lewicki and Irvine in three doubles.

O'Donnell made a good run at his flight, finally falling in the finals to Dan Carlson of North Farmington. Lee also made it to the finals in the fourth singles flight, but couldn't compete due to severe cramping.

SOFTBALL SEES MARKED IMPROVEMENTS: The Northville softball team notched two victories over the weekend to boost morale as well as to make a statement on how far they have come this season as they took second place in the Novi Invitational Softball Tournament May 18.

The Mustangs, coached by Kelly DeWitt, went into the contest looking to show marked improvement from the beginning of the year and did just that. They fell to Farmington in the opening game 5-3 before topping Farmington Hills Harrison 5-4 in the second game. The third game found the Mustangs earning a victory over cross-town rival Novi 10-6 before falling in the title game to Farmington 12-2.

"We really played aggressive softball," DeWitt said of the tournament. "We are only two pitchers deep and it was a long tournament for them, but our defense really minimized on the errors. I was really happy to see a couple of wins."

The Mustangs once again followed the lead of their only two pitcher, Carrie Banner, a sophomore, and Jane Kruszewski, a freshman, but also found a new leadership springing onto the offensive end of the ball game.

Amy Prentiss stepped up in the tournament and gathered 10 hits in four games for the Mustangs to lead the to the two victories. Prentiss, the team catcher, notched four RBIs in the tournament as well.

"She really hit the ball," DeWitt said. "She stepped up for us and I was really happy with her and her performance."

Senior Ashley Kniceley also connected more than once through the tournament, showing that the Mustangs do have more than just a couple of bats on their team.

BOYS SEND FIVE TO STATES: The Northville boy's track team will be sending five athletes to the state competition on June 1. The Mustangs qualified for both the 3200-meter relay team and in the high jump.

"I wasn't really surprised," Northville track coach Bill Cornelius said. "We expected good things."

The team also competed in the conference meet May 21. The team finished eighth out of the twelve teams that were at the event. The Mustangs performed well and placed in four events.

Tim Dalton ran his best time of the year and took first place in the 800-meter run. He ran it in 1:57.8 which was an improvement for him. Freshman Alan Shanoski took second place in the high jump.

Rob Cameron also did well and took third in the 300-meter hurdles. The 3200-meter relay team of Pat Kelleher, Tim Dalton, Rob Steiner, and Brad Stoner (who replaced the sick Clark Paciorek) took third place in the meet to also help Northville.

"They ran up to my expectations," Cornelius said.

A very impressive showing by a Northville athlete who did not quite place was that of Mike Gabrys. Gabrys ran the 1600-meter and 3200-meter events in 4:31 and 10:22 respectively. Those times boasted a an 11 second improvement in the 1600-meter and a whopping 22 second slice of his previous 3200-meter time.

"I was especially pleased with Mike Gabrys," Cornelius said.

In the conference, the team finished 2-4 in dual meets and closed out the season with this eighth place finish in the conference meet.

Five athletes will be continuing on, however. At the regional meet Kelleher, Dalton, Steiner, Paciorek and Shanoski all qualified to go onto the state finals meet at Rockford High School.

NEXT WEEK

Look for the rest of the Sports Year In Review next week, including the rest of Spring sports and all of the Fall sports of 2002!

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Phil Power

Earlier this week, Gov. John Engler left office, certainly the most effective Michigan governor in the last half-century.

He has never been interested in being well-liked, and so his great accomplishments often brought with them a dark underside of unpopularity: Drastic overhaul of the structure of school finance, achieved in part by demonizing teachers and their unions. Repetitive tax cuts, which in recessionary times left the state budget with a massive structural deficit. Far-reaching — some would say cold hearted — welfare reform. Shaping of an activist — and very conservative — state judiciary. A consistent — some would say mindless — devotion to anti-abortion politics and Right To Life. A vast expansion of the unilateral powers of the governor.



Phil Power

On balance, the record is extraordinary. Michigan citizens are not likely to see a governor like John Engler for many, many years.

I have always been struck by his physical presence. Hardly handsome, Engler is a large, fleshy man with short legs and a sharply receding hairline. His posture when sitting — tilted on the edge of the chair, his left leg thrust diagonally forward — leaves no doubt of his direct, aggressive engagement. His eyes are quick and appraising, his hand movements decisive. He is not a particularly effective public speaker, but in private he speaks rapidly, carries hard conviction and, if crossed, a certain menace. And for a man with no particular claims as an intellectual, his grasp of the minutiae of policy and the byways of politics is amazing.

His capacity to see an opening, to strike suddenly, and to be ruthless in the exercise of power is unparalleled in my experience. He keeps reminding me of William Blake's famous line, "how stealthy and crouch, how silent the leap."

The case of John Kelley is instructive. A lawyer and former Democratic state senator, Kelly is widely regarded as very bright, but also the loosest of cannons and the quickest of lips. He also was a thorn in Engler's side both in and out of the senate.

Electing to the Board of Governors of Wayne State University a couple of years ago, Kelley also represented the Detroit Medical Center, which does a lot of business with WSU. Earlier this month, Engler unearthed a neglected passage in the state constitution that empowered a governor to remove a public official from his job on grounds of conflict of interest. He called for Kelley's resignation and scheduled a hearing on his conflict.

Last week, Kelley resigned, a victim of the

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ruthless, capable use of political power. And then, unexpectedly, Engler appointed Eugene Driker, a long-time Democrat and enormously thoughtful and respected lawyer, to take Kelley's place. On balance, the appointment strengthened Wayne's board. What a testament to the ambivalent outcomes of the shrewd!

In recent weeks, I've had the privilege of dealing with John Engler and to see at close range the sweep of his capability. I'm the chair-elect of the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and when 390,000 acres of precious forestland in the Upper Peninsula came on the market several months ago, it was obviously a once-in-a-lifetime conservation opportunity. But the deal was vast; the rumored price was in the range of \$150 million.

We contacted Gov. Engler and his able chief of staff, Sharon Rothwell, to ask for help. They jumped into action without a pause. Engler announced his support for the deal and urged an unprecedented public-private collaboration to raise the money. He got the Natural Resources Trust Fund to pledge \$10 million to support our bid. He wrote President Bush, asking favorable consideration for funding from the federal Forest Legacy program. He made phone calls to the property owners, a trust in Hawaii.

And he invited the heads of the biggest foundations in Michigan to lunch in the governor's office to pitch the deal and plead for their support. I never will forget the sight of the Governor of Michigan padding around his big conference room, personally serving coffee and pie to his guests, while arguing that the land was simply too important to the future of Michigan to let it go to hard timbering and piecemeal development. And the foundations came through quickly, big time.

It's too early to say whether we'll succeed. But we couldn't have got where we are now without the passionate, sudden, capable, detailed involvement of John Engler. In my book, at least, he leaves office maybe not with my full agreement but without doubt my full respect.

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

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Nigel Robinson reacts as his daughter Emily, 3, playfully noshes on his fingers during last week's PTA Fall social event at Northville's Winchester Elementary School.

LETTERS

Ritalin article didn't give correct information

On Dec. 12, the *Detroit News* printed an article about Ritalin. The story originated in Northville, because they quoted Northville resident Kathryn Peltier. The problem is, the story gave false information.

The *News* story carried this headline: "Ritalin is safe — and it works." The sub-heading makes the point of the story clear: "Research dispels fear that drug hurts kids, and finds that it actually helps brains grow." A *Medline* search suggests that no study has shown that makes brains grow.

Researchers have long observed that the brains of people diagnosed with [Attention Deficit Disorder / Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder] tend to be 3 to 4 percent smaller than others. Other observed differences include slower brain wave activity in the frontal cortex (behind the eyes). Since many of the people studied had taken stimulants at one time or another, researchers worried that the medications were causing brains to shrink.

Thus, [physician] Xavier Castellanos and others began a 10-year study of children's

developing brains (ages 5-19). Some were diagnosed with ADHD, some not, some taking stimulants, some not. The differences in brain size across groups remained unchanged over 10 years. The research team concluded this: stimulant use does not change brain size. Castellanos and his team concluded the differences were progressive but fixed, and likely the result of genetic or early environmental influences, not medication use (*Journal of the American Medical Association* 2002; 288, 1740-1748).

The story also included information about therapy options, which indicated that medication therapy alone "normalized" 56 percent of ADHD children, while medication and behavioral therapy combined "normalized" 68 percent of ADHD children.

Studies released this year contain even better news. [Physician] Vincent Monastra has just released a one-year study of 100 children with ADHD. Half of these received biofeedback (average of 40 sessions) plus academic support, half received medication only. Biofeedback trained the children to speed up slower brain wave patterns.

All children improved with Ritalin alone, or combined with biofeedback and other therapies. However, when all treatments were discontinued for seven days, the children who had received biofeedback maintained their

gains on all measures (attention tests, ratings from teachers and brain imaging). These children continued to look like non-ADHD peers. Other studies have suggested this effect can last for up to two years.

The children who took medication only reverted back to pre-treatment levels for behavior and attention skills. "All went back to square one, for all of the kids," Monastra said. (*Reuters, Medline*, Dec. 18, 2002).

Biofeedback may be an attractive alternative for people who have problems managing side effects from stimulant use, difficulty taking medication due to ties, or have a family history of addictions.

So if you're looking for good news in the treatment of ADHD, take a look at all the current brain research. A great place to start is "Healing ADD," a book by [physician] Daniel Amen, which details six subtypes of ADD and the treatment options best suited to each. Another option is "The ADD Book," by [physician] William Sears, and Lynda Thompson, PhD, which outlines behavioral and cognitive suggestions for parents, as well as a range of treatment options.

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In the back, left to right, Lisa Cervantes, Rhonda Rasmussen, Lindsey Chomiuk and Jan Hoeft; middle, Sue Kelly and Dr. Kirk; seated is Dr. Crissman.

Sophisticated eyecare awaits at Town & Country

The care patients receive at Town & Country Eyecare is as sophisticated as its name implies. Located in the Oakpointe Plaza, the office is situated between the upscale city of Novi and the sophisticated country atmosphere of Northville.

Dr. Timothy Kirk, a resident of Novi since 1988, first opened the office in 1994 and is celebrating nine years in business. His goal was always to build the practice while providing patients with high-quality, personalized care.

"My hope was to eventually be busy enough where we could involve another doctor in the practice to provide additional expertise and availability to our patients," Kirk said.

And he's done just that. Dr. Amy Crissman, doctor of optometry and fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, joined the practice

in October. Crissman brings a wide range of experience with her allowing her to treat patients of all ages. She specializes in diagnosis and treatment of ocular diseases, specialty lens fittings for astigmatism as well as bifocal lenses.

Crissman is experienced in treating dry eye syndrome, a disease that can lead to serious eye health problems, such as an increased risk of infection and scarring. There can be many different reasons people experience dry eye syndrome.

"It's not just a nuisance," she said. "It can cause harm if left untreated."

Following an examination of the eyes, Crissman can suggest an effective treatment that can keep your eyes healthy and feeling comfortable.

"Rewetting drops are a basic treatment but I also do a painless

procedure called punctal occlusion where I put a plug into the tear duct to keep your tears on your eye instead of them draining away," she said.

Vision rehabilitation is another area that interests Crissman. She trained at Royal Oak Beaumont's Low Vision Clinic and beginning this spring she will work closely with patients at Town & Country Eyecare who experience low vision, helping them to regain some vision or to overcome their disability through the use of magnifiers or telescopes.

"It's scary when you can no longer read or drive because of low vision," she said. "Macular degeneration is the leading cause of blindness for those over the age of 65 and currently has no cure. Rehabilitation is the only answer and as our population ages, we need to meet the needs of this disease."

The addition of Dr. Crissman to the office of Town & Country Eyecare simply reinforces the goals Dr. Kirk has held for his practice since opening: That patients will receive the highest quality and personalized service available.

"What sets us apart is our high-tech equipment and high quality of personalized service," Crissman said. "When you come into our office you will have the time you need with either Dr. Kirk or myself. We could probably schedule more people an hour but we really don't want to have people just being a number going in and out the door. We want to take the time to help them. When I go to the doctor I have a million questions to ask, so when I'm working with a patient I try to go over everything step-by-step so that they don't need to wonder what it is I'm doing or what I'm finding."

That personalized care goes hand-in-hand with the doctors' commitment to helping their patients to see clearly and comfortably. Town & Country specializes

in specialty contact lens fitting. They can fit many different types of lenses for those who have astigmatism or who need bifocal contact lenses.

"I'm still amazed by how many patients come into the office stating that they were told they couldn't wear contact lenses due to their astigmatism. With the choices of lenses we have today in our practice, rarely is there a patient who we find can't wear contact lenses."

"We're very excited about the latest technology such as the new two-week disposable toric lenses for astigmatism and Ciba's Focus Night and Day soft lens for up to 30 days continuous wear," Crissman said. "It's a good option for patients who don't want laser vision correction and who don't want to have to wear glasses. For patients ready for LASIK surgery, we have partnered with the surgeons of TLC-Detroit and Windsor to offer absolute state-of-the-art technology for outstanding results."

Town & Country Eyecare has taken its high-tech commitment one step further with the addition of its newest diagnostic instrument—a 6.3 megapixel digital retinal camera—which records an exact image of your retina. Diabetes, high blood pressure, glaucoma and many other diseases can first be detected with a retinal exam. The photos allow the doctors to involve the patient more closely when discussing concerns or treatment plans.

It's the high-tech nature of the practice as well as the quality of service patients receive at Town & Country Eyecare and the caring personality of Dr. Kirk that attracted Crissman to the practice.

"I thought it would be a good fit for me," Crissman said. "And the support staff is just wonderful."

Jan Hoeft, certified optician; Sue Kelly, optician; Lisa Cervantes, para-optometric assistant; and Rhonda Rasmussen, care coordinator, assist in quality

TOWN & COUNTRY

Meet Dr. Crissman during an open house being held at Town & Country Eyecare titled "New Year, New Eyes, New You," from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28 at its Novi, office located on Novi Road, south of 9 Mile, in the Oakpointe Plaza office. It's an informal fun and risk-free opportunity to learn more about contact lenses for astigmatism, bifocal lenses and contact lenses that could change your eye color.

For additional information contact the office at (248) 347-7800 or visit it on the Web at www.tceyecare.com. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Friday, closed Wednesday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

patient care and satisfaction.

"I definitely owe a debt of gratitude to the staff for their professionalism and their experience," Kirk said.

Both doctors Kirk and Crissman are actively involved in the community. As a Business Education Partnership with Northville and Novi schools they make regular visits to the second grade classrooms to discuss the importance of good eye health and dissuade the aura or mystery of an eye exam. During classroom visits Kirk and Crissman explain eye examination procedures and demonstrate some of their hand-held equipment. They discuss eye safety and review with the children the science portion they are studying in class.

"It's really a lot of fun," Crissman said. "The kids come up with the most amazing questions."

Business Briefs

Training options

Would-be businesspeople will get a chance to examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business during the How to Start a Business seminar Jan. 9, at the Oakland County Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, in Pontiac. The seminar will run from 9 a.m. to noon and cost \$30, which includes the Starting a Business in Oakland County book published by the Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services.

Jan. 16 Small Business Solutions, P.C. will present a seminar on choosing the best legal entity for a sole proprietorship. Seminar attendees will have an opportunity to examine the differences between Limited Liability Companies (LLC), partnerships and corporations. Each entity offers unique advantages and disadvantages. The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Oakland County Executive Office Building and will explore the key considerations for each and the effects on the business operation. The seminar will cost \$30 per person.

A Southfield Public Library research expert will introduce participants to sources of competitive and demographic information important to any business owner in a seminar called Market Research: What It Is & How to Do It Jan. 23. Both print and electronic data will be discussed as well as research methods and strategies during workshop which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in the Marcotte Room of the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield. There is \$30 per person fee for the seminar, which includes materials.

Oakland County Business Center staffers will be back at the Oakland County Executive Office Building from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 30 for a seminar called How to Write a Business Plan. People planning to become small business owners will have an opportunity to develop a plan to serve as their road map to success. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials.

Space for each of the center's programs is limited; pre-registration is required. Call (248) 858-0783 for directions and registration for any of the business seminars.

For more information about programs and services available through the Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Services office, visit its Web site at www.co.oakland.mi.us/peds.

Sofin winner

Making this month's mortgage payment is easier and a lot less stressful for Warren resident Jennifer Simpson, the second to win in the year-long Sofin, Mortgage monthly raffle.

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Dr. Timothy Kirk first opened his office in 1994, and recently welcomed Dr. Amy Crissman to the practice.

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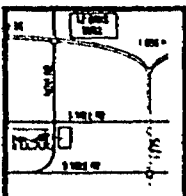
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LIBRARY HOURS

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WINTER TOT STORYTIMES

Specially designed for two and three-year olds with a parent or caregiver, this six-week series of half-hours sessions are structured to help this age group gain the most from the experience. For this reason, please bring only age-appropriate children who are registered for the weekly programs. There are four sessions to choose from, as follows: Mondays at 11 a.m., Jan. 20 through Feb. 24; Wednesdays at 10:15 or 11:30 a.m., Jan. 22 through Feb. 26; and Thursdays at 11 a.m., Jan. 23 through Feb. 27.

WINTER KIDS CLUB

Kids in the first and second grades are invited to join us for this six-week series of after-school programs, featuring stories and fun activities. All pro-

grams are on Thursdays, from 4:15 to 5 p.m., from Jan. 23 through Feb. 27. Registration begins Jan. 2 in person or by phone.

EVENING DROP-IN STORY-TIME FOR FAMILIES

Wear your pajamas and join us for this monthly evening story-time on Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. Designed for preschool children and older with their caregivers, this half hour program does not require any pre-registration — just drop in.

HALF-PRICE SALE ON USED BOOKS

Throughout January, the Friends will be offering used books at half-price in The Book Cellar room on the lower level. Open every Sunday starting Jan. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m., the Book Cellar offers a variety of books and other formats, and is operated by the Friends volunteers. Hardcover will cost 50 cents and paperbacks 25 cents.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Northville District Library board of trustees will be Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, which are typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month.



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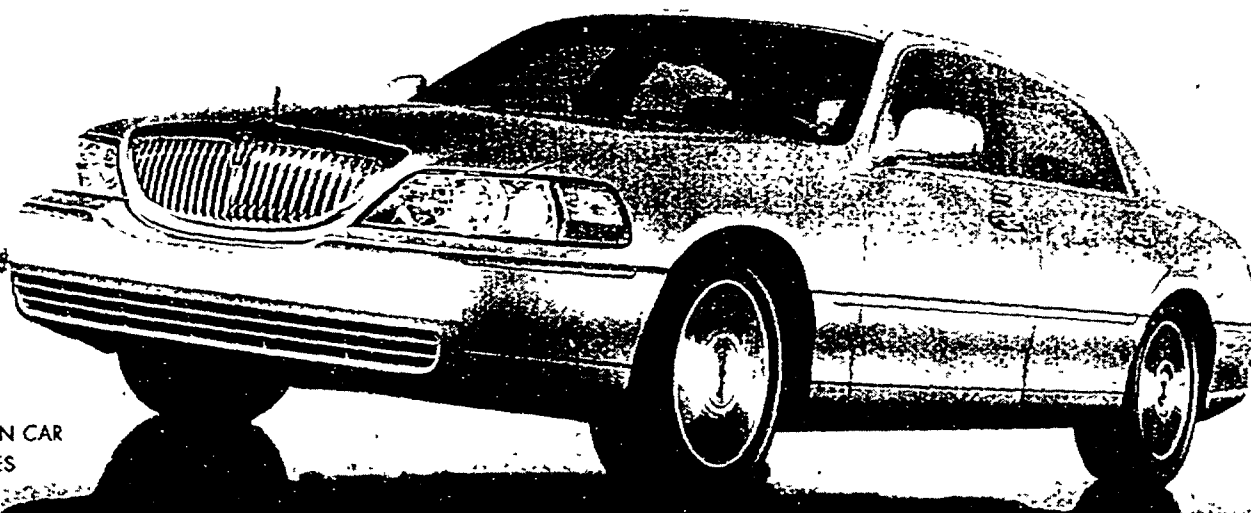
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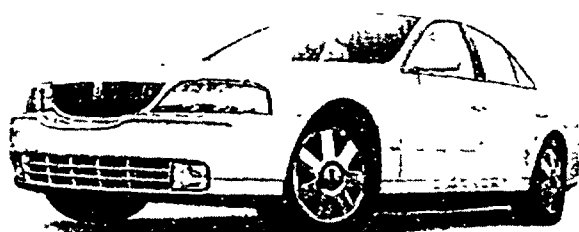
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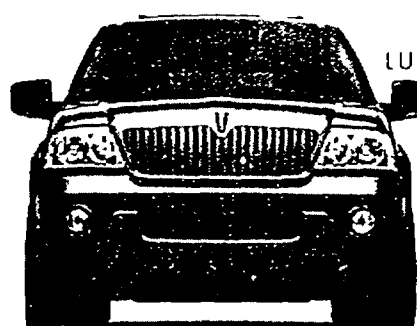
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Troubleshooting hot flashes

Most problems with furnaces can be cured

By Gene Gary
 Copley News Service

Q: We have a forced-air heating system that was supposedly designed to handle the 15-year-old, 2,500-square-foot home we purchased a little over a year ago.

Last winter, we found that several rooms remained relatively cold and drafty, while the main living area and kitchen were amply heated. When we turned up the heat, the kitchen and living area got too warm and the back bedrooms remained cool.

We called a heating contractor, who recommended we replace the system. I can't believe this is necessary for a well-constructed house with a heating unit only 15 years old.

I know I can get a second opinion. But, because I follow your column faithfully, I wanted your advice on what might be common problems with this type of heating system. I would like to be better informed before dealing with another sales-oriented professional.

A: Because I don't know what diagnosis the heating contractor gave to indicate a new system is in order, I can only provide general troubleshooting information.

Comfort problems caused by minor and major heating-system ailments are probably more common than you suspect. Yet 90 percent or more of these problems can be cured.

Some solutions are of the low-cost or no-cost type that a handy homeowner can perform. Many require a qualified heating contractor to correct the problem. However, replacing the system would be rather drastic unless your current system was never adequately sized and installed.

Before calling a pro, there are a number of things you can do to diagnose the system's ailments. Regardless of the type of heating system, the first basic is to make sure

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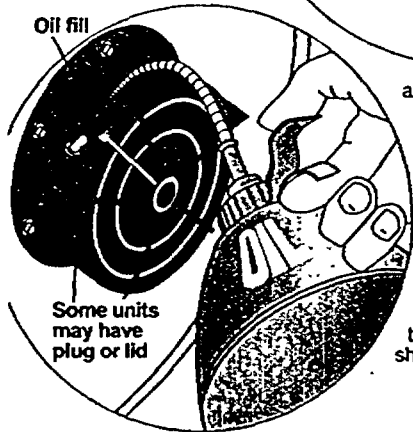
Furnace maintenance

Simple procedures, such as oiling the motor, changing the filters and not blocking registers will greatly improve furnace and AC system performance.

■ Sometimes ductwork will have dampers. Make sure dampers are opened or closed to direct airflow as you desire.

■ Check or change dust filters quarterly or more often if needed. Replacements are in hardware and discount stores. Know your size before you go.

■ Check furnace belt (if there is one) to be sure it is fairly tight



SOURCE: Popular Mechanics

your home is adequately protected from drafts and cold entering from the outside. Insulating and weatherstripping your home are just as important as fine-tuning your mechanical system.

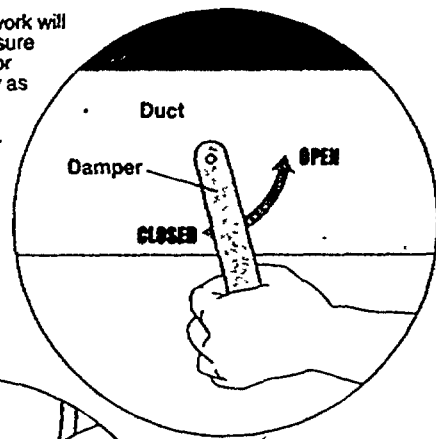
Old weather stripping can lose its elasticity and become worthless, leading to costly heat loss. You may need to add insulation, caulk baseboards, window, door trims, outside vents or add storm sashes. Strong winds can drive into small cracks left by failed caulk and make windows

drafty and uncomfortable. Remove dried and crumbling caulk by scrap-

ing it away with a putty knife and replacing it with a new bead of caulk. Replacing furnace filters is vital to keeping your heating system at top performance. A clogged filter that hasn't been changed in a year may reduce the total air delivery of your furnace by as much as 50 percent. Check furnace filters every two months during the heating season; clean or replace them as needed.

It's also important to clean fan blades annually. Keep the area around the furnace housing free of dust, lint and litter.

Inspect heating ducts annually for



leaks and repair them with quality duct tape. Seal all duct joints with duct tape and look for a disconnected duct in locations such as basements or crawl spaces. Heating ducts and water or steam pipes that pass through unheated areas -- attics, crawl spaces and basements -- should be covered with duct insulation or unfaced R-11 insulating batts or blankets.

If the ducts are used for air conditioning as well as heat, use faced insulation and place the vapor barrier on the outside to prevent condensation from forming on ducts. Look for objects stuck in ducts or for furniture blocking the wall or floor registers inside the room.

The problem may be register dampers that don't open completely.

In fact, the two most common problems with forced-air systems are disconnected duct work and blocked registers.

Older systems often have dampers -- used to balance airflow to rooms -- within the ducts in the basement or crawl space. Check to be sure these dampers aren't closed. Then, too, you might want to damper down the ducts to warmer rooms slightly in order to direct more heat where you want it.

Sometimes, the duct supplying a room splits off and heats the basement as well. Shutting the basement register will supply more heat to the cold room.

Poorly designed duct work can result in cold rooms. Undersized duct work should be replaced, if possible, with larger ducts. Long duct runs with sharp bends can restrict airflow. Have a contractor install a "scoop" or baffle inside the main supply plenum in order to divert more air to one particular duct. Another solution, which also works on undersized ducting, may be to install an auxiliary in-line booster fan that comes on whenever the furnace is running.

If heat distribution is generally uneven, the problem is often worse at slow furnace blower speeds. If possible, speed up the blower to increase the airflow.

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Succulents made for lack of water, attention

Q: I have kind of a dry house and lots of sunny windows. I have also killed lots of houseplants. I'm gone a lot and can't always water regularly. What will grow?

A: I have one word for you and it's not "plastics." The word is "succulents." Your sunny, dry house and weird watering schedule is just made for succulents. This is the group of plants that cacti belong to. Cacti have thorns and succulents don't. These plants are designed for hot, dry climates.

Occasionally, a rain cloud will float by and they get watered. Another bonus is that they grow slowly. They won't be outgrowing their locations for quite a while.

The biggest problem with succulent care is that people micro-manage them. Too much water or fertilizer can spell their demise. They need well draining soil and infrequent watering with rainwater or mineral-free water of some kind. Tap water, well water of bottled spring water all contain minerals and soluble salts. None of these are needed by houseplants. If you use these water sources and see a white or gray buildup on the soil, you are now actually seeing the soluble salts. These will appear even faster if you are fertilizing. The salts cause root injury and soil bacteria get into these wounds. This can cause the roots to rot. A succulent called a jade plant is an excellent example of this malady. Over watering or too much fertilizer or the wrong kind of water can begin the rot process in the roots. It silently progresses up into the plant. When a branch falls off and is rotten in the middle, you now see the results. The plant is doomed at this point. This often happens to large jade plants because of the years of accumulation of mineral salts. So buy succulents and continue your practice of non-intervention.

Q: We just moved to a house after living in an apartment. I am going to put in flowers and trees and shrubs. I looked at a book about poisonous plants and there are thousands of plants listed. I'm scared that I could put in something toxic. How do I know?

A: My question for you is how much of this stuff are you planning to eat? If most of us knew how many plants growing outside our door is considered poisonous, it would be a shock. My next thought-provoking question is how many times are people poisoned by these things? The answer is not often. Little kids, who identify everything by putting it in their mouths, have the greatest risk. Most gardeners don't eat leaves or berries or chew stems or rub sap on themselves. It comes down to common sense. You won't be poisoned by walking by the plants. Wear gloves or wash your hands after working with plants, if you are worried. And remember that you could be allergic to some totally innocuous plant that doesn't bother anyone else. Keep dumb puppies and dumber children away from plants. Teach children as soon as possible not to eat anything that they find outside unless you have given permission. Just because you see birds eating berries, don't assume that people can consume them. The key word here is common sense, which, by the way, is not common.

— Gretchen Voyle is the horticulture agent for the MSU Extension in Livingston County.

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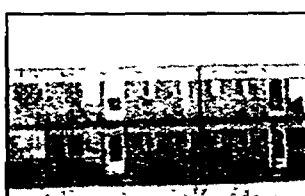
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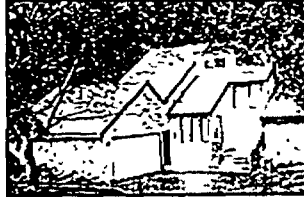
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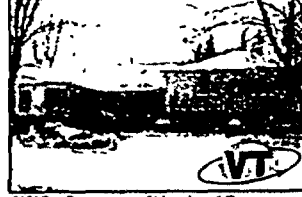
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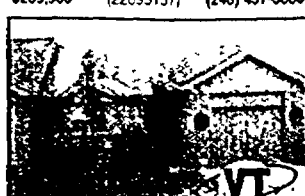
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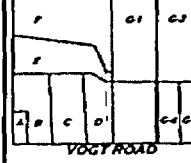
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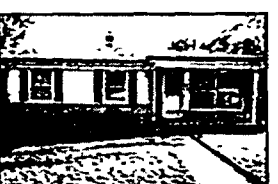
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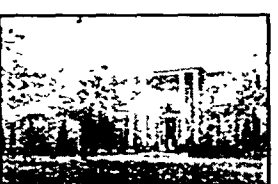
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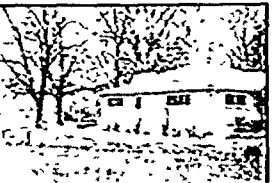
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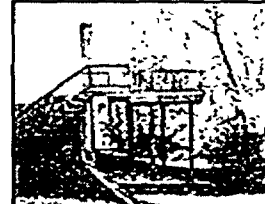

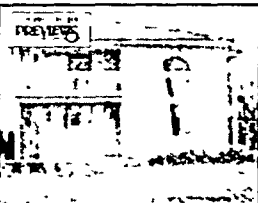



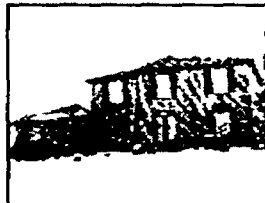
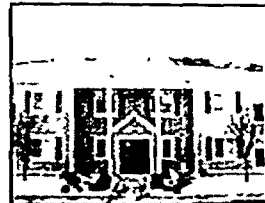

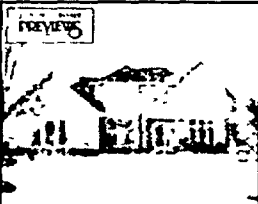






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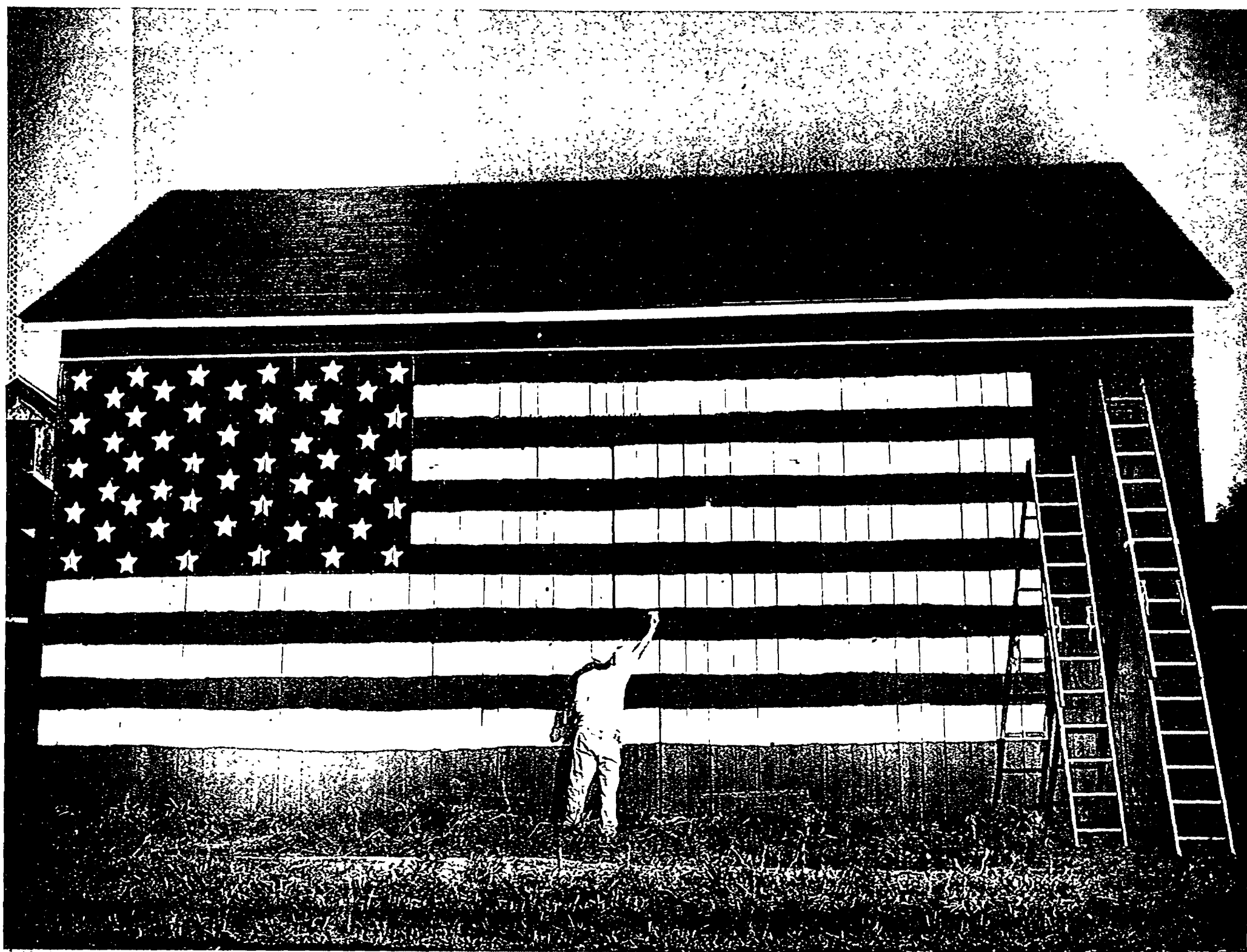
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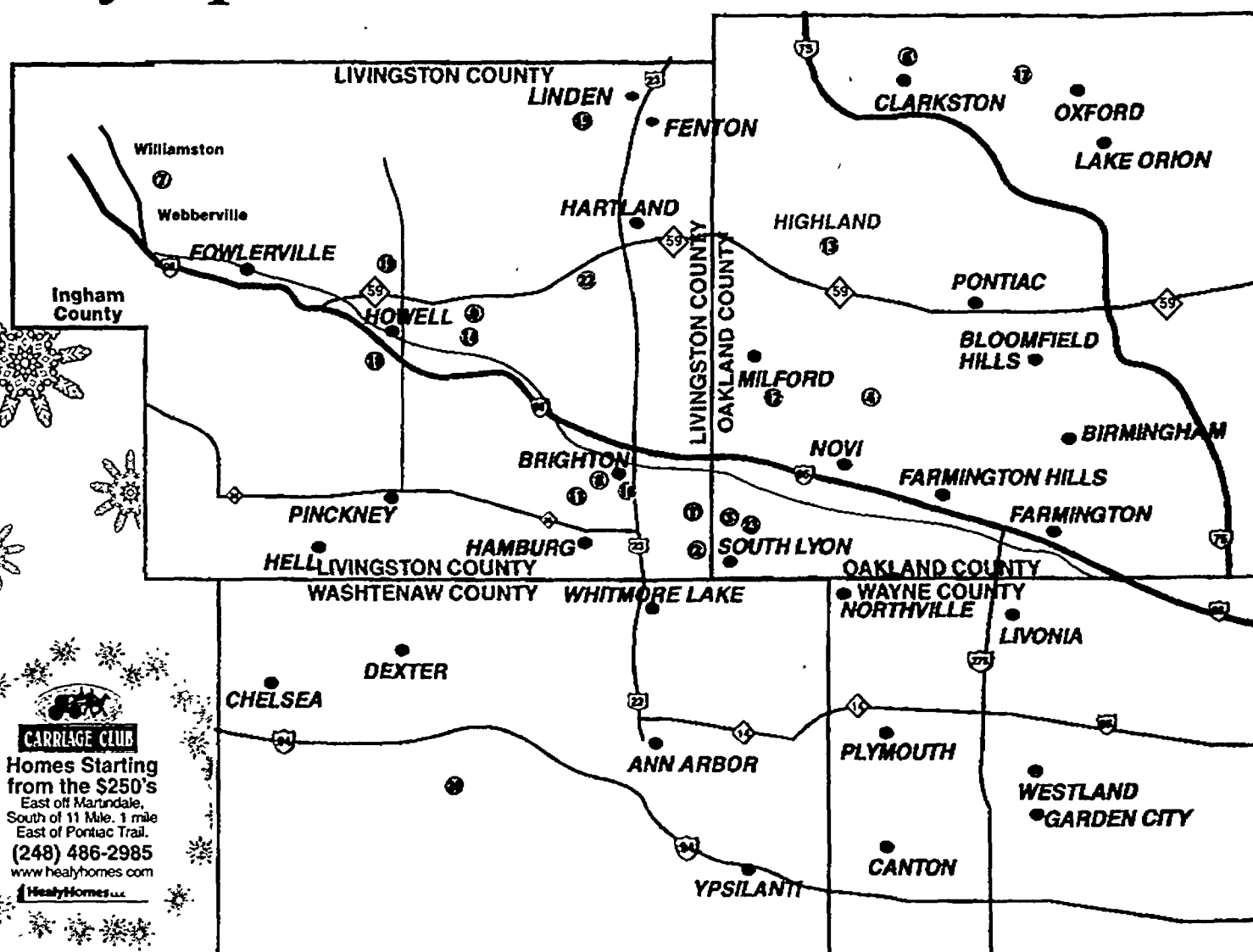


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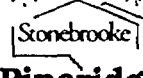
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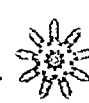
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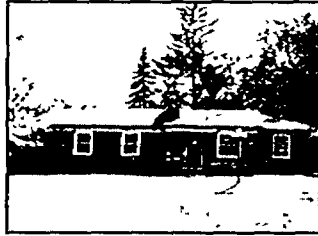
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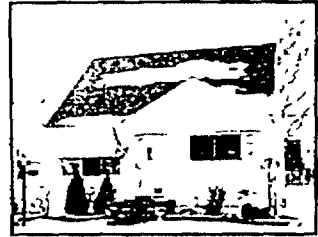


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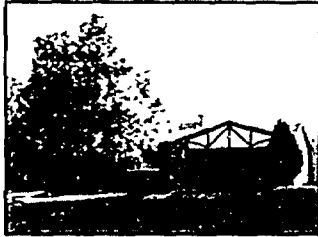


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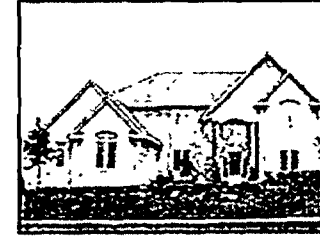
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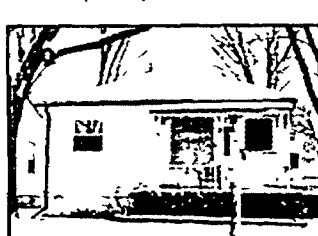
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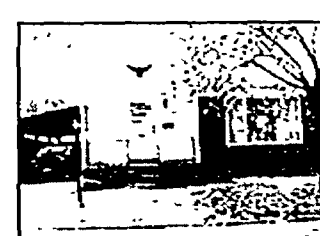
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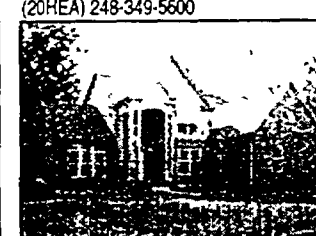
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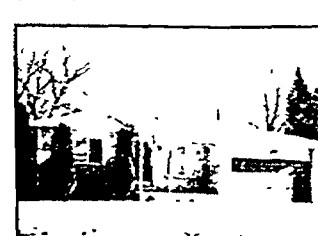
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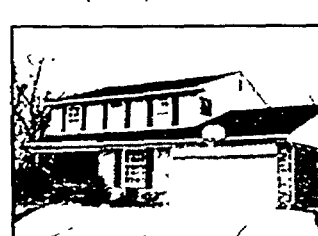
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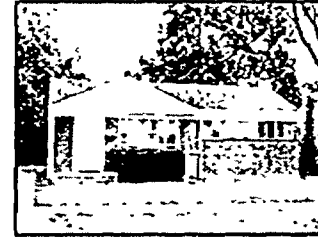
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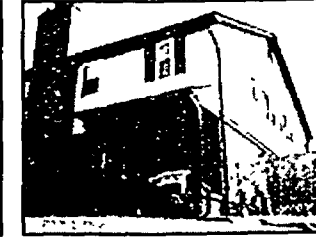
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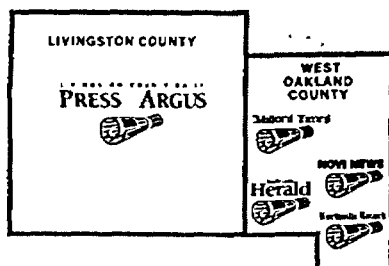
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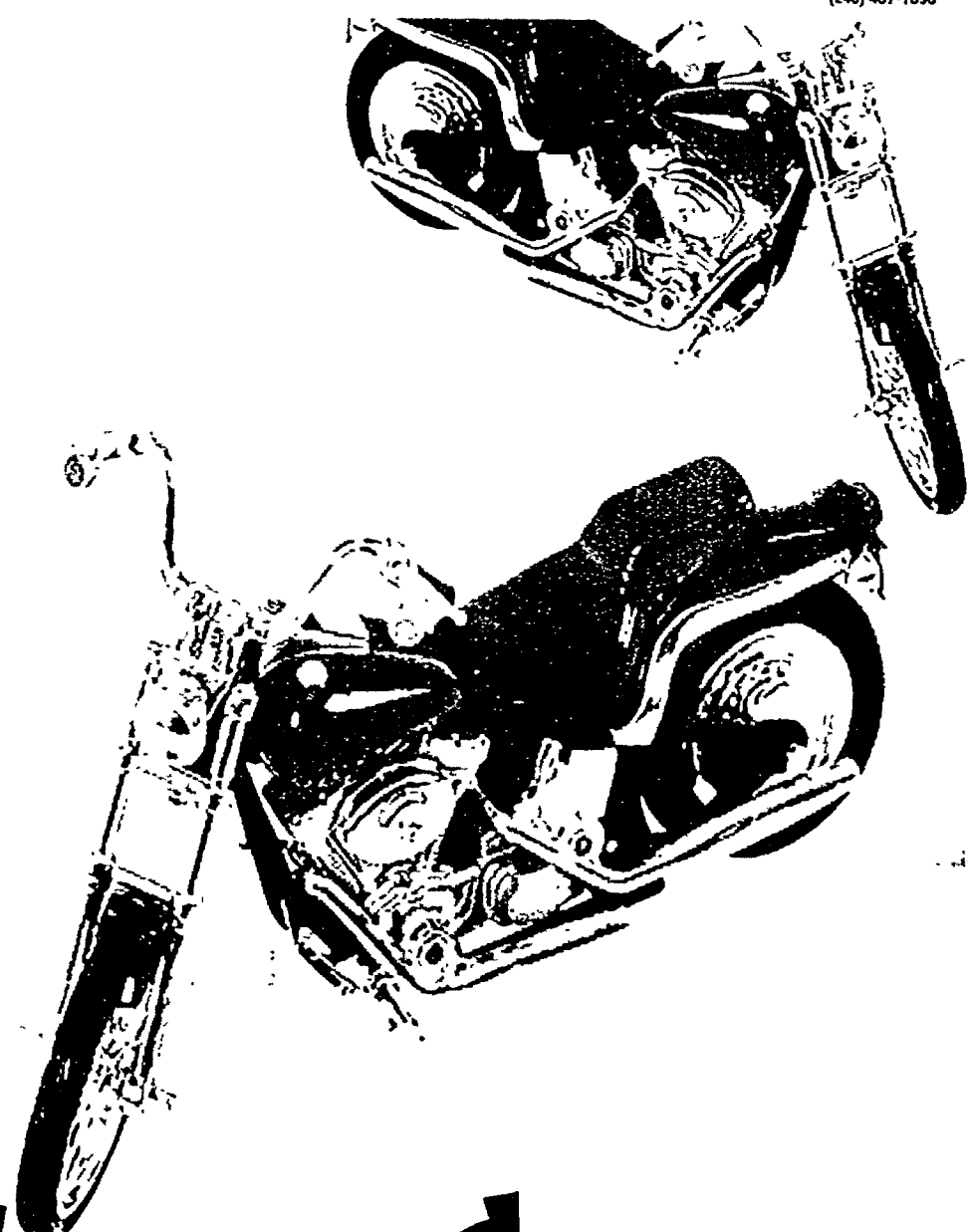
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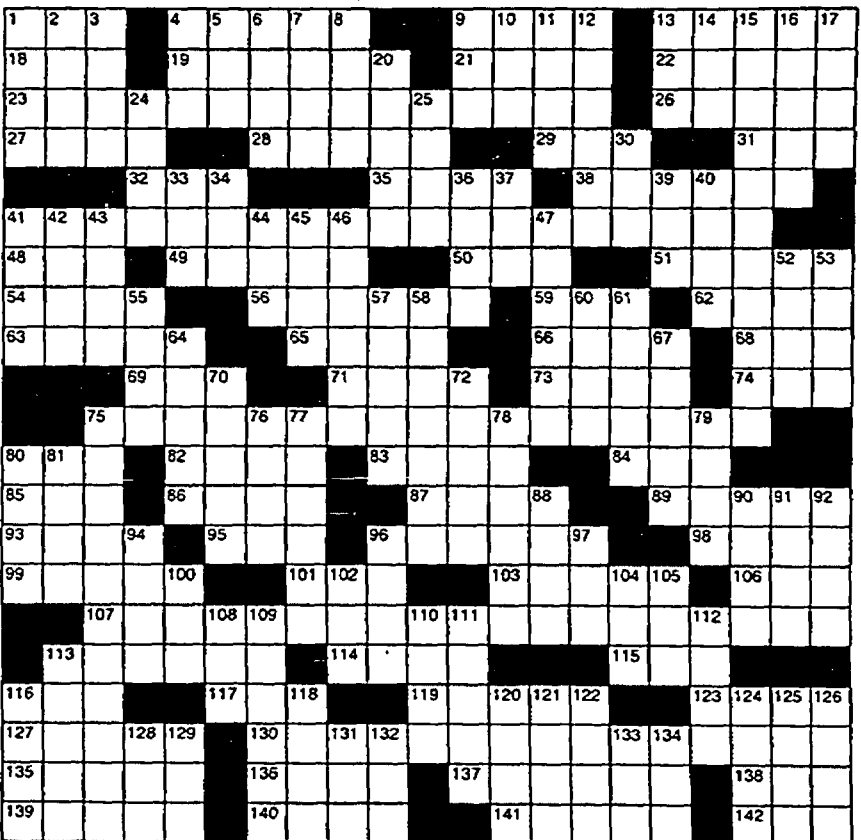
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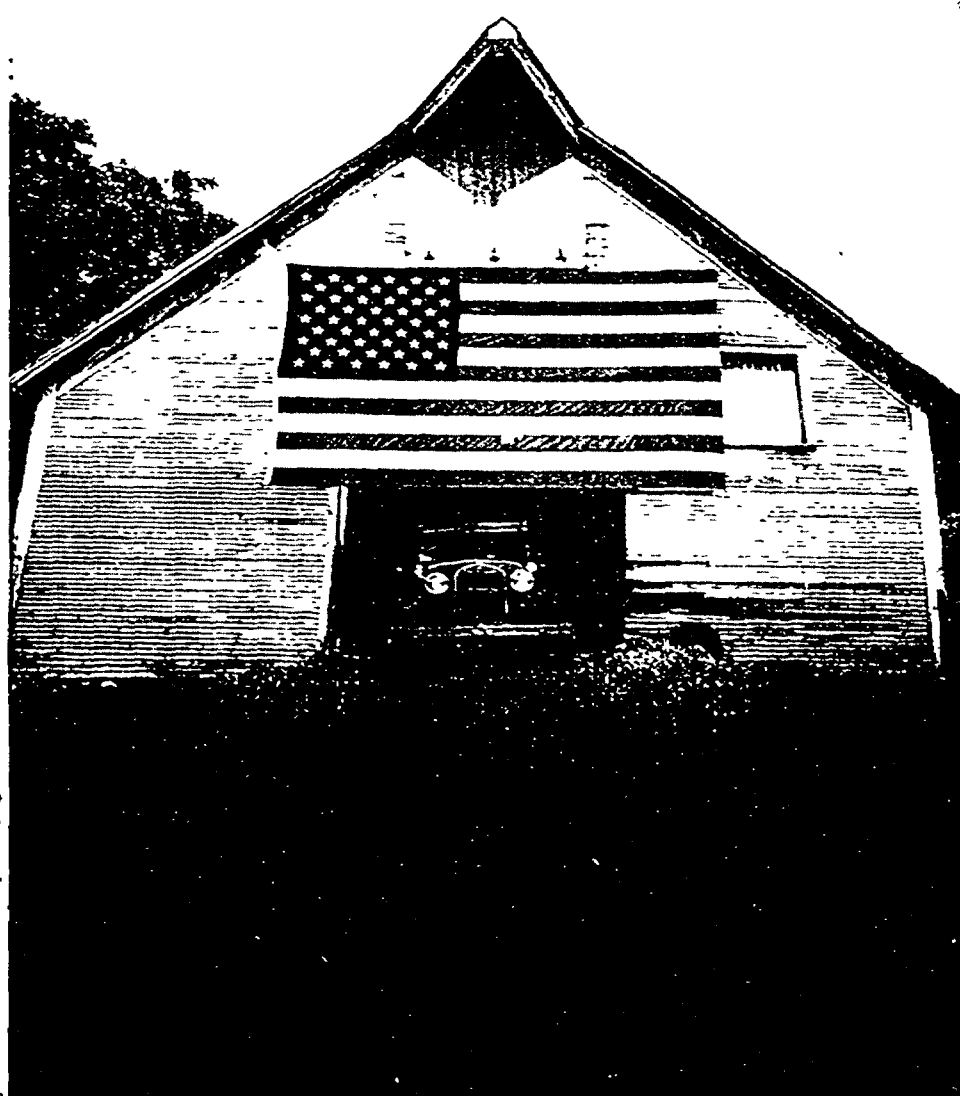
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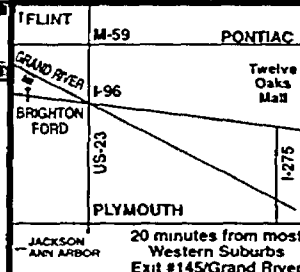
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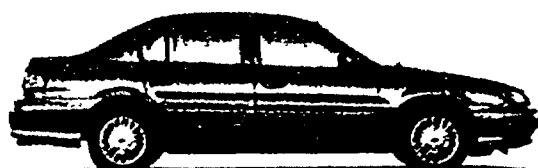
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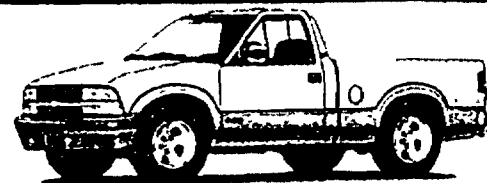


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SLAYING DRAGON BREATH

Halitosis has many causes, but fighting it is easier than ever

By Beth Francis
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We all have it to some degree, but some people have it worse than others. Bad breath even has an official medical term — halitosis — yet it's not a topic of discussion, even in many dentists' offices, says Dr. Richard Price, a spokesman and consumer adviser for the American Dental Association.

"A friend will probably tell you there's a smudge on your face more readily than tell you that you have bad breath," says Price, a dentist who recently retired after 35 years of practice in the Boston area. "It's like body odor; it's something that's difficult to tell someone else."

That's unfortunate, he says, because there are better ways to diagnose and treat the condition than ever before.

One way to erase the stigma is to let people know that even those with good dental hygiene can have bad breath, usually because they have a higher than normal level of a certain bacteria in the mouth that causes bad breath.

For those people, the answer can be a prescription-strength mouth rinse specially designed to kill the bacteria. In addition to thorough brushing and

flossing, Price is a strong advocate of raking the tongue.

"Some dentists recommend brushing the tongue when you brush your teeth, but I find the toothbrush is too big to get as far back on the tongue as you need to," he says. "The bacteria like to live way back on the tongue in gag city. You have to get way back there, and it's not pleasant, but you can do it. I'm the worst when it comes to gagging, but I finally got used to it. I had bad breath and that was the main way I solved it."

Tongue scrapers, or rakes, as they are sometimes called, are available at most drug stores.

Dry mouth is another bad breath culprit. Saliva is necessary to cleanse the mouth and wash away the bacteria that may cause odor. Dry mouth can

be caused by various medications, salivary gland problems or continuously breathing through the mouth.

To combat dry mouth, some suggestions are to drink plenty of fluids or suck on sugarless candy. If the problem is severe, your dentist can prescribe an artificial saliva.

Gum disease is another cause of bad breath, says Dr. Steven Boe, a Naples, Fla., dentist. Periodontal disease is caused by plaque, the sticky, colorless film of bacteria that constantly forms on teeth. Plaque irritates the gums, causing gums to pull away from the teeth and form pockets. The bacteria that accumulate in these pockets cause bad breath.

"It's amazing the number of adults who are walking around with a chronic low-grade infection in their mouths

caused by periodontal disease who don't even realize it," Boe says.

Prescription-strength mouthwashes can help, but in many cases it also is necessary to see a periodontist for a thorough cleaning or other treatment.

Bad breath can also be caused by an abscessed tooth, which can usually be treated with a root canal.

Sometimes bad breath is a sign of other health problems that need to be treated, says Dr. David Raass, a Bonita Springs, Fla., dentist.

"While the majority of bad breath is caused by bacteria in the mouth, bad breath can also be a sign of a systemic problem caused by other diseases," Raass says. "Old-time physicians used to smell the breath to give them a clue as to whether someone might have diabetes or liver disease."

Other medical disorders that can result in bad breath include chronic sinusitis, postnasal drip, chronic bronchitis, gastrointestinal disease and local infections in the respiratory tract.

When dentists rule out dental causes for bad breath, they often refer patients to see their family doctors to see if the bad breath is the result of a medical disorder.

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By Jan Jonas
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

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As with other "For Dummies" books, the reader doesn't have to begin "Overcoming Anxiety" on Page 1 and read through to the end. It's arranged so readers can use only the parts that interest them — a format the couple had no trouble using.

"It lends itself to encouraging you to find ways to get information across," Elliott said. Elliott has a small private practice and is

a member of the faculty at Fielding Graduate Institute, based in Santa Barbara, Calif., which offers advanced degrees via distance learning. Smith is a member of Presbyterian Medical Group in Albuquerque, N.M., working as a psychologist in behavioral medicine.

Part of the fun of the book is its sidebar, warnings and tips. For example, page 13 has a list titled "Name that phobia!"

Elliott and Smith also provide a list of drugs that mimic anxiety, like codeine, beta blockers and hormone replacements. "The examples were taken from all over the place," Smith said. "Chuck and I are a bit anxious ourselves. It's a little bit of a biography."

The book contains chapters on physical activity, calm thinking, facing your fear, simplifying your life, sleeplessness, relaxation, imagination, and herbs and nutrition.

"The thoughts in your head can either intensify your anxiety or quell it," Elliott said. "That's a very important place to inter-

vene. People tend to get anxious, overly anticipate negative outcomes, and underestimate their ability to cope if they do occur."

Elliott and Smith also provide several lists of 10, 10 ways to stop anxiety, 10 anxiety-busters that don't work, 10 ways to deal with a relapse and 10 signs you need professional help.

"For some people, you could read this book and if you actually did the things we suggested, you could actually overcome anxiety," Smith said.

Elliott added, "We're not suggesting it's a replacement for therapy, but therapists are recommending books as an adjunct for therapy."

Selling books wasn't the main concern in writing "Overcoming Anxiety for Dummies," Elliott said. Smith and he just wanted to help readers deal with anxious moments.

"It was a joy to write it," he said. "We really tried to make this entertaining and fun for people without making fun of them."

AND WHAT MAKES YOU NERVOUS?

Phobias are some of the most common types of anxiety disorders. A phobia is an excessive, disproportionate fear of a relatively harmless situation or thing. Here are some phobias and their meanings:

- Acrophobia: fear of heights
- Atelophobia: fear of imperfection
- Esotrophobia: fear of mirrors
- Gerascophobia: fear of growing old
- Hypnophobia: fear of sleep
- Lachanophobia: fear of vegetables
- Neophobia: fear of new things
- Ophidiophobia: fear of snakes
- Phobophobia: fear of fear
- Psychophobia: fear of the mind
- Sesquipedalophobia: fear of long words
- Tapinophobia: fear of small things
- Triskaidekaphobia: fear of the number 13
- Zoophobia: fear of animals

SOURCE: "OVERCOMING ANXIETY FOR DUMMIES"

Quit it!

Online support helps
ex-smokers extend lives

By Bill Scanlon
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Jenifer Adams was 12 or 13 hours into her withdrawal from cigarettes and was frantically searching the Internet for medical information and advice.

She stumbled across something called QuitNet, a Web site that features quizzes, medical advice and, mostly, support from others trying to quit. And she discovered that membership is free.

"I was on QuitNet 24/7 that first week," said Adams, a teacher from Aurora, Colo. "Almost nonstop. I really needed that much communication and support. It's what saved me."

Adams is one of hundreds of people finding unusual success getting off tobacco through QuitNet and QuitLine, two programs paid for by Colorado's tobacco-lawsuit settlement dollars.

After three months, 20 percent of the people who had called QuitLine for counseling still hadn't smoked a cigarette, said Jill Conley, spokeswoman for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's State Tobacco Education and Prevention Project, which participates in QuitNet and QuitLine.

That may not sound impressive, but according to the state's 2000 behavior-risk survey, just 3 percent of those who tried to quit smoking that year succeeded.

The numbers for Coloradans who use QuitNet are even more impressive than those who use QuitLine, with 44 percent of people answering the survey saying they hadn't yet lit up. But those numbers are suspect, Conley says, noting that previous smokers who hadn't backslid and were still turning to the site were more likely to answer the survey.

Nonetheless, state health officials say QuitLine and QuitNet are the most promising programs they've seen.

Adams, 35, started smoking at 19 so she could join her friends on cigarette breaks. "It affects my lungs, causes me to get blood clots," she said. "And there's the expense ..."

She tried to quit several times but never made it an entire day.

By using QuitNet and nicotine gum, she recently reached her 70-day milestone.

She started out by posting a message on the Web site, which garnered a whole page of responses. She also took a quiz that helped her discover why she smoked. "For me, there were all kinds of triggers — stress, happiness, change of routine, driving, eating," she said.

In the medical-support section, she learned that improvement to her lungs began just 24 hours after she stopped smoking. "That was pretty motivating to me," she said.



Melt-in-your-mouth meds

By Virginia Linn
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

You're on the bus or on the ski slope and a headache strikes. What do you do? Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. has come up with a convenient way for you to take your headache pill without water — Excedrin QuickTabs.

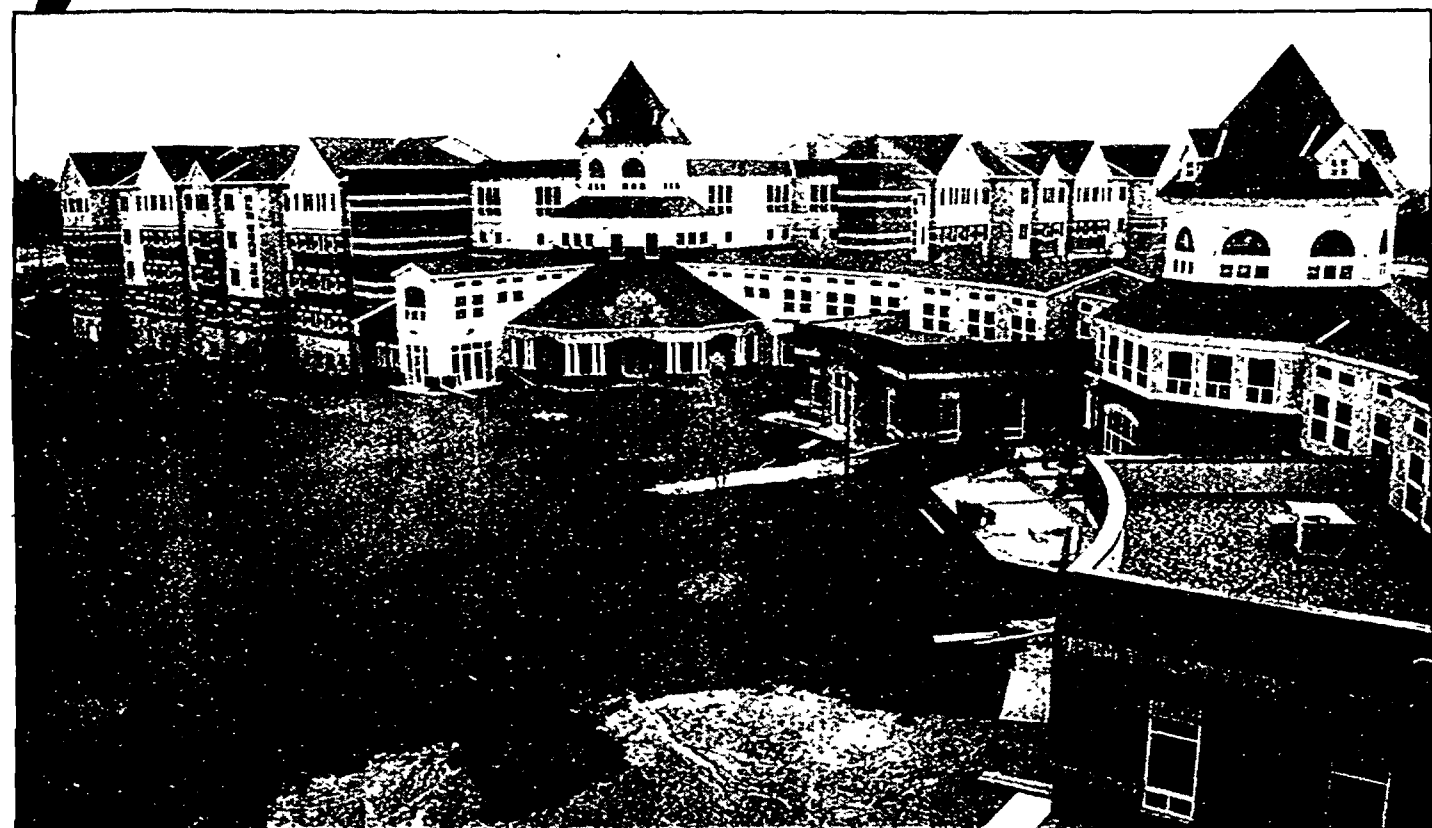
You'd think with all the water bottles we carry around these days, melt-in-your-mouth pills would be the last thing we need.

It's the first adult over-the-counter headache medication to melt in your mouth. Flavors of this tablet, which contain acetaminophen and caffeine, come in spearmint and peppermint.

The new product was developed based on market research that showed that most people who feel a headache coming are not at a place where they have easy access to a drink. But in most cases, the sooner you get the medication, the earlier the relief.

We tried a sample of the spearmint tablet. It does melt fast; it dissolved in less than 30 seconds. But it leaves a chalky paste-like clump on your tongue, and the first thing we wanted to do was find a glass of water to wash it down. Otherwise, it would take a good many strong swallows of your own saliva to get rid of it.

But if that doesn't bother you, it might be the convenience you're looking for. It retails at \$3.79 for a box of 16 tablets, \$5.99 for a box of 32.



Exterior of the Boutwell's Landing Apartments in Oak Park Heights, a housing facility for seniors.

SUBURBAN SENIORS

A senior housing boom is taking place in America's suburbs — housing for seniors who need some additional services but don't need, or want, a traditional nursing home.

Story By Larry Werner ■ Photos By Bruce Bisping ■ Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

Boutwell's Landing, a "senior-living community" in Oak Park Heights, Minn., sure doesn't look like an old-folks home.

Built among the pine trees, fields and ponds of the Minneapolis suburb, Boutwell's Landing, built by Presbyterian Homes of Roseville, Minn., is a complex of townhouses around a castle-like apartment building with dark-paneled dining rooms, a fitness center, an indoor main street of shops and even a movie theater.

A senior housing boom is taking place in the Minneapolis-St. Paul suburbs — housing for seniors who need some additional services but don't need, or want, a traditional nursing home.

Both non-profit organizations and for-profit builders are scrambling for land to add assisted-living facilities and other senior housing to the mix of rapid development in the suburban rings.

This senior-housing boom, bordering on over-

building for some types of projects in some communities, is a suburban phenomenon for two principal reasons: The suburbs are where the available land is, and that's where the children of many older folks chose to raise their children. And now they want their aging parents nearby.

This migration of seniors to the suburbs to be near children and grandchildren — known as "shadow migration" — is one factor, researchers say, that contributed during the 1990s to dramatic aging of the inner and outer rings while the core cities have become significantly younger.

The core cities have neglected to build enough senior housing, "which has aided this outmigration to the suburbs," said Rick Fenske, vice president and director of senior housing for Maxfield Research of Minneapolis.

Fenske's company, which specializes in research for the housing industry, was hired by the city of Minneapolis to study the senior-housing situation. He found that senior housing in the Minneapolis suburbs was attracting city residents and, in other research, found a similar outmigration is taking place in St. Paul.

Dan Lindh, president of the non-profit Presbyterian Homes organization, said part of the growth in senior-services housing is attributable to the aging of suburban residents.

"The growth follows the housing that happened 30, 40 years ago, where people who moved into those neighborhoods want services where they've been living," said Lindh. "Secondarily, it's pretty common for older adults to want to be closer to their children, who are (now) 45 to 60 years of age."

Those 45-to-60-year-olds are becoming the chief caretakers, so it's best for both generations, Lindh and others said, to move those older parents to facilities near their kids.

Lindh said his company has learned that the target market for a senior-housing facility is typically within five or six miles of where the project is built. And since the decision about assisted living often is made by the caretaker children, who are likely to be suburbanites, it makes sense that these facilities won't be in the city.

Lindh said his company would like to build homes in one of the core cities, but "there's not land to build assisted living with the kind of amenities people are wanting."

With people living longer and staying healthier and wealthier longer, people in their 80s and 90s aren't interested in living in nursing homes



A built-in movie theatre is one of the more popular features at Boutwell's Landing Apartments. The apartment complex prides itself as a "continuum-of-care community" that includes "independent" apartment buildings and an assisted-living building connected by an enclosed "town square" with shops for the residents to enjoy.

unless they absolutely need intensive medical care.

People in the senior-housing industry say the old "medical model," with two residents to a room, has been replaced by more of a "hospitality model" — premium apartment buildings with community rooms, elegant dining rooms, swimming pools and places nearby to walk and shop.

Housing options range from seniors-only townhouses to "independent" apartments to assisted-living with full meal service and 24-hour nursing service at the touch of an emergency call button.

Boutwell's Landing also has "memory care," a special area for people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

Eventually, it hopes to add a nursing home for those who need that more traditional form of skilled care.

This kind of campus, known as "continuum of care," is popping up throughout the area.

Shirley Barnes, CEO of Crest View Community in Columbia Heights, Minn., said the evolution of her non-profit's development illustrates the changes taking place in the development of senior-care communities.

The idea behind these senior communities, which provide additional services as people need them, is to allow seniors to "age in place," so they don't have to move.

"The role of senior housing is a wonderful thing," said La Rhae Knatterud, planning director for the Minnesota Department of Human Services' Aging Initiative.

"To put senior housing in the middle of everything instead of off in a park someplace, it's not only more vibrant for the seniors, but it's efficient because they then don't need a ride or to drive. They can walk out and be down on Main Street. ..."



George and Pidge Lindner walk through the enclosed town square at Boutwell's Landing Apartments, which feature a market, barber/beauty salon, bank, library, computer center and bar.

When making end-of-life plans, don't forget pets

By Hilary Groutage Smith
SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

The black cat named Sugar came to the animal shelter when his human died and surviving family members couldn't — or wouldn't — take care of him.

For days, workers coaxed Sugar to eat, but he wouldn't. He wouldn't leave the back corner of his cage.

People who believe animals lack emotions never met this cat, said Temma Martin, spokeswoman for a Utah shelter. "He definitely knew his human was gone forever," she said.

Workers eventually found Sugar a new home, but if the feline's original owner had given it a little more thought, the cat never would have ended up at the shelter.

"People choose someone to take care of their children, they should do the same for their pets," said Lisa Rogak,

author of "PerPETual Care: Who Will Look After Your Pets if You're Not Around?" (Litterature, \$15).

Besides the most important task of finding someone to care for your pets when you are gone, Rogak recommends carrying a wallet card and placing a sign on the refrigerator listing the caretaker's name.

Otherwise, emergency workers who come to take a person to the hospital or the morgue will have no idea what to do with Fluffy or Fido, she said.

Once you find someone to inherit your pet, Rogak recommends checking with the caretakers frequently to make certain their situation hasn't changed to prevent the arrangements from working.

She also stresses that it's "not good enough to just put it in a will. If (the will is) challenged, that process can drag on for a year." Or maybe the will isn't read right away; someone still needs to be

looking after the pets.

Randall Holmgren, a Salt Lake City estate planning attorney, said many of his clients provide for pets in trusts or wills. Since they are considered property, a person cannot leave possessions to their pets, but they can leave money to a person or in a trust to guarantee the pet's continued care.

The worst scenario, Holmgren said, occurs when people feel hesitant to mention their desires to their estate attorney.

"For a lot of people, coming in to plan their estate is the first time they've ever been in a lawyer's office and they're afraid to bring it up," he said.

But they should. "Once you're dead, no one can read between the lines and know what you meant to do," he said.

"People choose someone to take care of their children, they should do the same for their pets."

Lisa Rogak
author of *PerPETual Care: Who Will Look After Your Pets if You're Not Around?*

Learning the ABCs of life insurance

By David Benda
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Life insurance is a topic many people would rather avoid. "I guess there's some people who think, 'If I buy it, will I die tomorrow?' It's not rational, but there seems to be a stigma to owning it," said independent insurance agent Michael Hurley of Redding, Calif.

As unsettling as the topic of life insurance might be, it's something a family needs to address sooner rather than later, industry experts say.

"My message would be: don't put it off. Get it now while you are insurable," said Scott Schumacher, a State Farm insurance agent in Redding.

Simply put, life insurance provides cash to your family after your death.

Financial advisers and insurance experts agree that some kind of life insurance is the foundation of any family's financial plan.

But how much life insurance is enough? And does everybody need it?

Leroy Simpson, a financial adviser with Financial Network in Redding, said not everybody should carry a life insurance policy. Individuals who don't have dependents, have the mortgage on their house paid off or have a small estate (under \$1 million) probably could get by without life insurance, he said.

The Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education says on its Web site that families should buy life insurance equivalent to five to 10 times their annual gross income. The foundation is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1994 by seven insurance groups, representing 160,000 agents nationwide.

Schumacher said some people might just want the basic needs, like just enough money to pay for funeral arrangements. "Others may want more to take care of young kids, pay for school or pay off the house, should they die," Schumacher said.

While experts may differ on how often a family should evaluate its life insurance needs, they agree that life-changing events such as having children call for a policy tuneup.

"Buying or purchasing real estate, inheriting property or a large investment — these are things that may need to be protected when you die," Simpson said.

Chuck Spafford, an independent agent in Redding, said most insurance companies will require some type of physical before issuing a policy. They do this for underwriting integrity.

An individual's age and how much insurance he or she applies for will determine the extent of the physical required, said Spafford, who owns Spafford Insurance Services.

Basically, there are two different types of life insurance — term and permanent.

Term insurance covers an individual's family for a specific period of time. Policies ranging anywhere from 10 to 20 years are popular, Hurley said.

"Term is short-term coverage for the least amount of money," he said. "... The nice thing about term is most policies are convertible, which means you can change with no physical exam required."

The Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education says one disadvantage of term life insurance is that premiums get more expensive as the policyholder gets older. Also, the policies typically have no cash value.

There are a number of types of permanent policies, such as whole, ordinary, universal, adjustable and variable life.

A permanent policy should provide lifetime protection for an individual's family. The policies are designed and priced for an individual to keep over a long period of time, the Life and Health Insurance Foundation says.

Preparing now for old age to come

By Tom Raithe
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

We're getting older, not just individually, but as a country. Today, about one person in eight is age 65 or older. By 2030 it will be one in five.

And it isn't just that there will be more older people. There will be more older older people, said Hanns Pieper, a professor of sociology and gerontology at the University of Evansville in Indiana. In other words, today's older people are mostly between 65 and 75. By 2030, there will be a greater portion aged 80 and older.

People can prepare for a longer life in an older world by planning now, by saving more money, by taking better physical care of themselves and by remaining involved in activities that stimulate them socially and intellectually, experts said.

Planning is the first step, said Gary Dicus, a partner with Kruse Dicus and Associates, an Evansville financial planning firm. "The earlier you get started, the better off you are," Dicus said.

For example, a young couple may think they can postpone planning for retirement until after they pay for the children's education. But by starting early, they may find they'll be better prepared for retirement when the time comes. "Don't wait until the last minute. There's not a lot you can do after the fact," Dicus said.

Dicus recommends having a full financial plan, one that focuses on all aspects. That may mean involving an attorney, an insurance agent and an accountant as well as a planner, Dicus said, and he recommends the plan be upgraded every year or two.

The National Endowment for Financial Education says that if you don't have a will or it's out of date, hire a lawyer to write one for you or to prepare a trust. People should also consider granting the power of attorney to someone in case they can't handle their own finances some day.

Mark Pettinga, president of Pettinga Financial Advisors of Evansville, said people years ago simply planned to live a few years in retirement. Today, "if you're retiring at age 60 or 65, you're going to have another 30 to 35 years of life that you have to prepare for."

People must also be realistic about how much their savings and investments will grow over time, Pettinga said. A few years ago, many felt comfortable forecasting annual double-digit returns on their savings. That's too much, Pettinga said. It requires making risky investments, which could mean you have even less in retirement.

A better way to ease the financial stress is to save more or to work longer, Pettinga said. Even working part-time can stretch savings considerably.

Some people today are working solely to keep health-insurance benefits, Pettinga said. Retiring to work part-time "is going to be a reality for a growing number of our population," he said.

The aging of America will affect the home as well as the individual, said Edie McClellan, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Southern Indiana. The most common place for the elderly to receive care is not nursing homes, but in the homes of their children or relatives, she said. In the future, in-home health care "is going to happen in just about every family," she said.

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HOME & GARDEN

That sinking feeling The one fixture every kitchen needs two of

By Lynette Evans
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Dinner was over and the dishes were being done. As two garbage disposers growled into action, we realized the importance of two sinks. Two cooks — or just two people trying to put a meal on the table — need more than one sink.

A kitchen designed for more than one cook does not necessarily need more than one stove. But, with dinner on the way, both cooks are likely to need the sink at the same time. One is still washing salad greens or rinsing off cooking utensils when the other heads for the sink to drain the pasta. And woe to the person who needs to fill the teapot when the sink is full of vegetables being rinsed.

The arguments my husband and I had in the kitchen were halved when we remodeled, adding a second sink in the process. Lately, as we've begun to contemplate remodeling the kitchen of our weekend home, a second sink has topped the list of "must haves."

Kitchen 'musts'

Other kitchen features that make sense, regardless of the size of the room or its layout, include:

Pullout faucets. Trust me, you don't need a separate faucet and sprayer hose set because you can't use them both at the same time anyway. And anyone who thinks a sprayer hose isn't necessary hasn't used one to quickly clean up a large sink area.

Garbage disposers. Even if you compost most of your wet garbage, a disposer means not having to worry about getting every scrap out of the strainer or risking a plugged drain. If you do use a disposer, get the largest you can. Disposers come as small as 1/3 horsepower, which are just about worthless, if you ask me. You need at least 1/2 hp and, better yet, 3/4 hp. Ours are 1 hp disposers, which may seem huge, but they not only grind up just about anything we give them, but they also grind it into particles fine enough that they'll wash away — a real plus, especially where the slant of the drain is not great.

A heavy-duty fan. A lot of people are putting in so-called professional hoods with high-powered fans. The fans work well at eliminating cooking odors and steam but are so noisy that, in today's socialize-while-you-cook kitchens, they're often not used. The solution is to put the fan's motor outside the house — a fairly easy process in a single-story or detached house but one that can be difficult, expensive or impossible if you have rooms above and surrounding the kitchen.

A warming shelf. Warming drawers are all the rage, and that's fine, but I find a warming shelf above the range is really handy. For only the price of upgrading the fan to one with warming lamps as well as hood and light and adding a stainless-steel shelf on the wall behind the stove, we've got a place to keep food hot while we're getting ready to serve.

Cutting boards. Whether you want them to pull out from the lower cabinets or stay on the countertop, cutting boards (plural) are musts. I like the pullout kind because they're easy to put away, but they do have the drawback of making the drawer beneath inaccessible, and that always seems to be the drawer where I keep the knife I need to use at that moment. Regardless of where you keep them, cutting boards should be made of wood. No matter how pristine those white vinyl boards look in the store, they scratch easily and can harbor bacteria in those scratches.

Under-cabinet lighting. No matter how good the overhead lights in the kitchen are, they can't shine through the overhanging cabinets. Fluorescent lighting under the upper cabinets will put all your cooking chores in a better light.



Kurt and Kris Koshol of Minnetonka, Minn., use the remaining minutes of daylight to complete a window casing and install shingles on the rambler they are remodeling into a 2-story house.

there's no investment like home

Unpredictable stocks have many banking on their homes to give financial security

By Donna Halvorsen
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Kurt and Kris Koshol are saving for retirement one nail at a time.

The Minnetonka, Minn., couple has, in Kris' words, "taken the home-as-an-investment route with gusto."

When they moved out of their Minneapolis house, they decided to keep it and rent it out. When they moved to a house in Minnetonka, they decided to add a second story and cut costs by doing much of the work themselves.

"We realize the project will take us years, and we're OK with that," Kris said. "What we'll gain in the long term with both of these houses is, hopefully, a nice retirement."

Other people also are following that course, as the roiling stock market prompts them to look for safer investments — in this case, on their doorsteps.

Home improvement traditionally has been an important part of the nation's economy. The \$200 billion that consumers spend each year

accounts for nearly 2 percent of the economy's output. And while many sectors of the economy still are in a slump, home construction and remodeling have stayed the course.

Remodeling numbers have been "very strong recently," said Kermit Baker, director of the Remodeling Futures Program at the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University. "Certainly, one explanation is that people are deciding to invest in their homes."

Baker said it seems like a sensible strategy given that home values are increasing 10 percent a year while many stocks have tanked. Studies have shown that most people remodel to suit their lifestyles rather than as part of a financial strategy, but those studies were done in "normal times," Baker said. Now "things are a little abnormal."

"It's definitely a general trend," said Shawn Nelson, president of New Spaces, a Burnsville, Minn., company. "People's houses have appreciated and their stock portfolios have not. It's an investment they'll get to use for many years while the stocks just sit there."

What's more, Nelson said, "It makes them feel good that they're spending their money wisely."

Baker notes that 55 percent of mortgages issued nationally last year were refinanced loans, up from

20 percent in 2000. And a third of the money taken out in cash-out refinancings is used for remodeling. "That's a huge fraction," he said.

Douglas Dirks, a regional private banking manager for Wells Fargo in the Twin Cities area, said neither remodeling a home nor investing in the stock market will produce immediate returns, but both are good investments over time. Investing in a home fits well into an overall investment strategy, he said.

Dirks and his wife Tricia took their own advice, remodeling their Apple Valley, Minn., home to make it more comfortable for them and their three sons.

He said he believes the remodeling adds to the value of the house, but they won't realize any gains until they sell the house, and they expect to be in the house a long time.

"So the most immediate payback for us is that we like the house better," he said.

The Koshols have plenty of time for their real estate investment strategy to work. Kurt is 32, Kris is 28.

Kris said it was a tough decision to keep the old house instead of selling it and using the equity to remodel the current house or put the money into the stock market.

"We feel good with our choices thus far," she said. "Who wouldn't with the market such as it is?"

Before you remodel

Don't overbuild
Overbuilding occurs when your improvements cause your house to be overpriced for your neighborhood, which may make it difficult to sell at a profit.

Plan ahead
Never start a project without an approved design and materials list. Make sure that your local planning and building department approves your design before you sign a contract to build.

Consider your financing
Your budget and your plan must be compatible. Options for borrowing include: taking out a second mortgage; refinancing and using your equity for home improvement; and using a Title One HUD Home Improvement loan.

Plan your time
Never rush a job. The more time for planning, the better the overall result. Don't rush a contractor by insisting on a shorter building time than they recommend.

Hiring a contractor

Here are a few rules you should follow when hiring a contractor. These rules are designed to protect you — and your contractor — from any misunderstandings.

1. References & Bids: Depend upon references when selecting. Ask your friends, neighbors and associates at work for references. Always interview as many contractors as possible (a minimum of three is recommended). Check their references from people they've worked for.

2. Insurance: Make sure that the contractor has appropriate insurance, including both general liability and workers compensation insurance.

3. Written Contracts: Insist on a written contract that specifies construction details, a planned date of completion and an agreement for the contractor to clean up after the project is finished.

4. Contractor Payments: Be certain the contract includes a schedule of payments for the complete job.

5. Subcontractors and Suppliers: Don't make final payments until you have seen receipts for bills paid by the contractor. A contractor's failure to pay a supplier may result in a lien on your home.

6. Contract Changes: Once you have signed a contract, make sure all contract changes are in writing and signed by you and the contractor. Never rely upon verbal change order agreements.

To better understand your rights when remodeling your home, call The League of American Homeowners (800) 692-4663, or e-mail at: lhome@homeowners.org
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Bedroom-sized closets make the case for extra space

By Rhonda B. Sewell
TOLEDO BLADE

For many homeowners, the days of rummaging through old chests of drawers or fumbling around in dark, cramped closets are gone.

Instead, large, modern storage spaces — sometimes as big as a guest bedroom and with space for clothes, shoes, accessories, luggage, and sometimes even a table and chairs for relaxing — are becoming more popular.

"Twenty-five years ago, people

often felt as if they had too much stuff or they weren't organized enough," says Sue Groszek, a storage expert. "Today, closets are like rooms. (People) are now building them larger in homes. Clients today like to know where their items are and they are simplifying their lives, and storing their treasures."

Groszek is president of the Northern Ohio Service and Manufacturing Center of California Closets, a storage system company in Toledo, Ohio.

Today, some homeowners are

arranging for entire rooms to store their clothes, accessories, and treasures.

Take Susan Klein, who along with her husband, Bill, worked with a builder to convert a 10-by-24-foot garage bay into a his-and-hers closet in their 1950s renovated Perrysburg, Ohio, home.

"We moved the chests of drawers that would normally have been in some people's bedrooms in our closet," says Klein. "I went to the Perrysburg library and did a lot of reading up on closets and

organization, and we chose the open method of storing our clothes where you can see everything without opening a lot of drawers."

"We have a small island in the middle of the room, where we can put our suitcases right on top and pack. It's at the level of a kitchen counter," says Klein, who refers to the large closet space as the couple's "dressing room."

The island holds a hidden clothes hamper, a built-in ironing board, room for extra storage, and a pullout bench.



Photo by Allan Detrich/Toledo Blade

Spaciousness and high organization are defining features of modern closets.

Eating out the smart way

By Joy Victory

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Eating right doesn't mean you have to sit at home, never enjoying the enchilada plate at a taqueria or digging into a plate full of pasta, says dietician Lesli Staton who counsels diabetics for Christus Spohn Hospital Shoreline in Corpus Christi, Texas.

It takes a little preparation, and definitely some self-control, to follow Staton's advice, but the payoff is sweet: weight loss.

Skip the appetizer, or share one between several people.

Staton said this is perhaps hardest at Mexican restaurants, where a large batch of tortilla chips and salsa is often brought to the table when you order drinks. The chips are fried, covered in salt and high in both carbohydrates and fat.

If you must give in to the big batch of chips, ask the server which frying oil is used. "Look for the monounsaturated fats, like canola or peanut oil," Staton said.

Go light on the cheese or dairy dishes.

Certain Italian and Mexican dishes rely heavily on cheese, which is primarily fat. Instead of fettuccine alfredo, order spaghetti marinara. Instead of cheese enchiladas or quesadillas, order chicken fajitas. And don't replace cheesy meals with fried meals. Stick with baked or grilled dishes.

When your order comes, immediately ask the server for a to-go bag. And know your portion sizes.

The normal size for most restaurant dishes is usually two-thirds larger than it should be, Staton said. "Many plates can feed 2 or 3 people," she said.

Registered dietician Jamie Wildenberg of Corpus Christi said restaurants serve huge platters to keep customers happy.

"People will go where they get their money's worth, especially Mexican food and Italian places, pasta, rice, beans — those items are pretty low cost," Wildenberg said.

"Always tell the waiter to bring the order with a box," she said. "Have it all ready to go for another meal or for someone at home."

A serving of meat should be about the size of a deck of cards. Pasta and other starches, like rice, should be 1/2 to 1/3 of a cup, Wildenberg said.

Skip or share desserts and alcoholic beverages.

A frozen margarita may seem the perfect drink to quell a spicy Mexican dinner. But all the sugar and alcohol adds up to a drink that's more like a rich dessert.

Again, moderation is key. If you've got a nagging sweet tooth, order a light meal so you can enjoy the dessert.

Or, just go for it and order it. "We tell everyone to make good choices 80 percent of the time," Staton said.



Shoe strings a simpler alternative to french fries

The two-step deep-frying required to make state-of-the-art French fries is usually beyond the scope of most home cooks. A simpler solution is to make shoestring fries since they require only a single dip in oil and can be made ahead without getting soggy or limp.

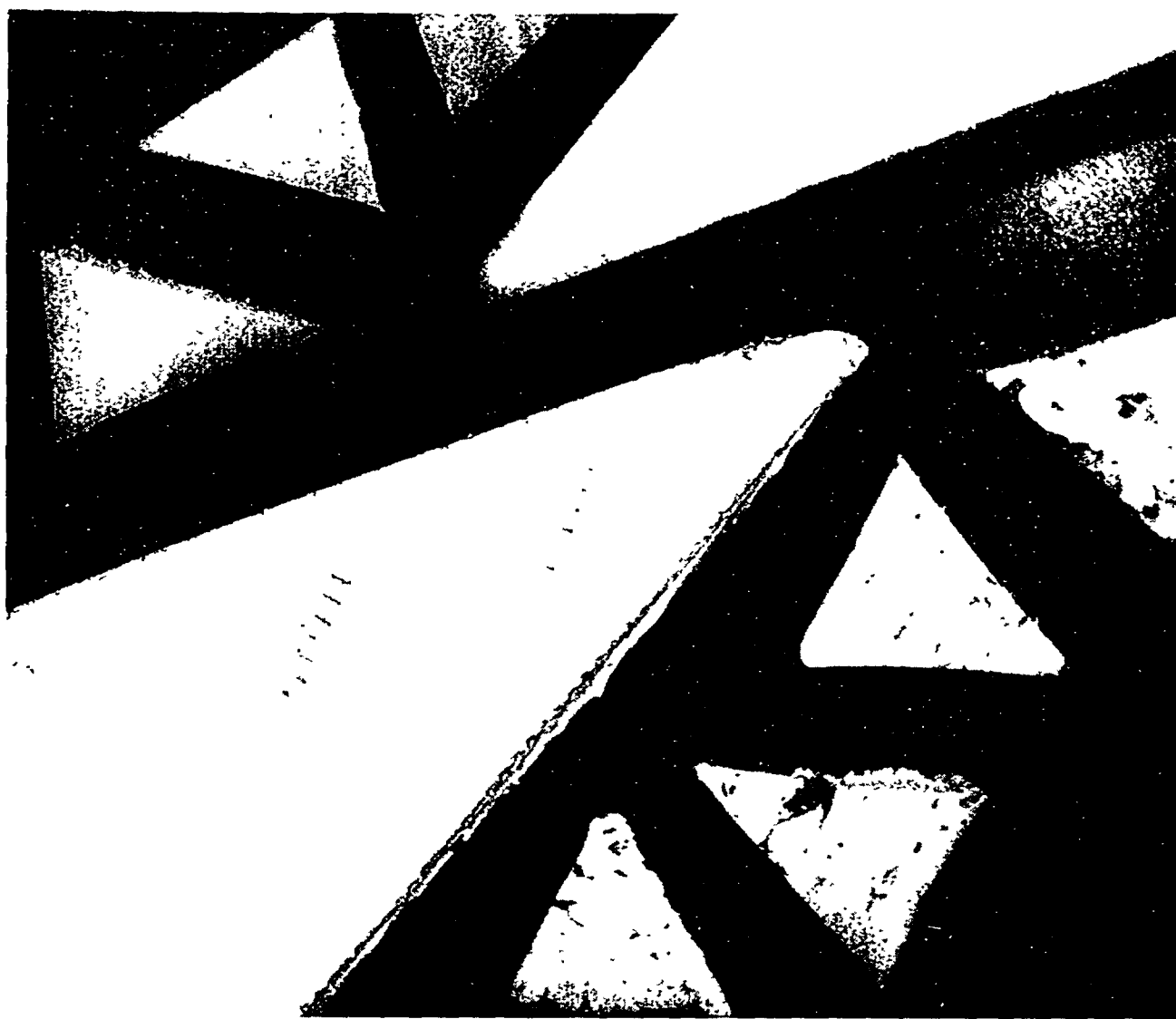
Long russets are the potatoes of choice here, but buttery Yukon golds or California whites also work for this style of fry.

Cut the spuds into fine strips by sliding them over the sharp teeth of a hand-held mandolin and then soak them in tepid water to prevent discoloration. Do this in a salad spinner since you can soak, drain and spin them dry in one piece of equipment.

When it comes to frying, choose a deep, heavy-bottomed pot. To prevent oil overflow when frying, pour just enough neutral-tasting oil to fill the pot about halfway; then heat to 365 degrees.

Carefully drop a large handful of very dry potatoes into the oil. Cook until the bubbling stops and the fries turn golden brown. The first fries will always be a little paler than later batches because slightly used oil browns better.

Always make sure the oil comes back to temperature between batches. If the oil gets too hot, add a little room-temperature oil to cool it down. When finished, turn the oil off and allow it to come to room temperature. The oil can successfully be used for another round of frying if strained.



Medium cheddar, clockwise, parmesan, vegetable Monterey jack and brie are all cow's milk cheeses that add flavor and pizzazz to any cracker

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finding a fitting Cheese

A variety of cheeses means there is something for everyone for every occasion

By Kristen Smith ■ SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Just about everyone loves cheese. Maybe it's the variety, maybe it's the flavor, the taste, the smell or the variety of ways cheese can be used.

But what exactly is cheese? It's made from cow, goat or sheep's milk and it is combined with an enzyme that causes it to form into solids called curds. The liquid left after the curds form is called whey. The curds are then formed into different types and variations of cheese.

There are two basic forms of cheese: fresh and aged. Fresh cheeses include cottage, cream, feta, mascarpone, mozzarella and ricotta. Most other cheeses, including cheddar, brie, Muenster, Edam, Astago and Blue, are all aged cheeses.

Even aged cheese are

sorted into different cheesy categories.

There are soft-ripened cheeses. These are uncooked cheeses, aged briefly and with spreadably soft textures like brie and limburger.

Semi-soft cheeses are gaining popularity with the spicy Pepper Jack, Monterey Jack dotted with jalapeno peppers, Havarti and Muenster. These are cooked cheeses, soft and perfect for sandwiches.

Semi-firm cheeses are the most popular in the United States as this is the category that encompasses cheddar, Swiss and Gouda.

These cheeses are uncooked and aged. Many people eat these cheese plain, on sandwiches or even cook with them.

There are also hard, aged, cheeses, which include Parmesan and Romano.

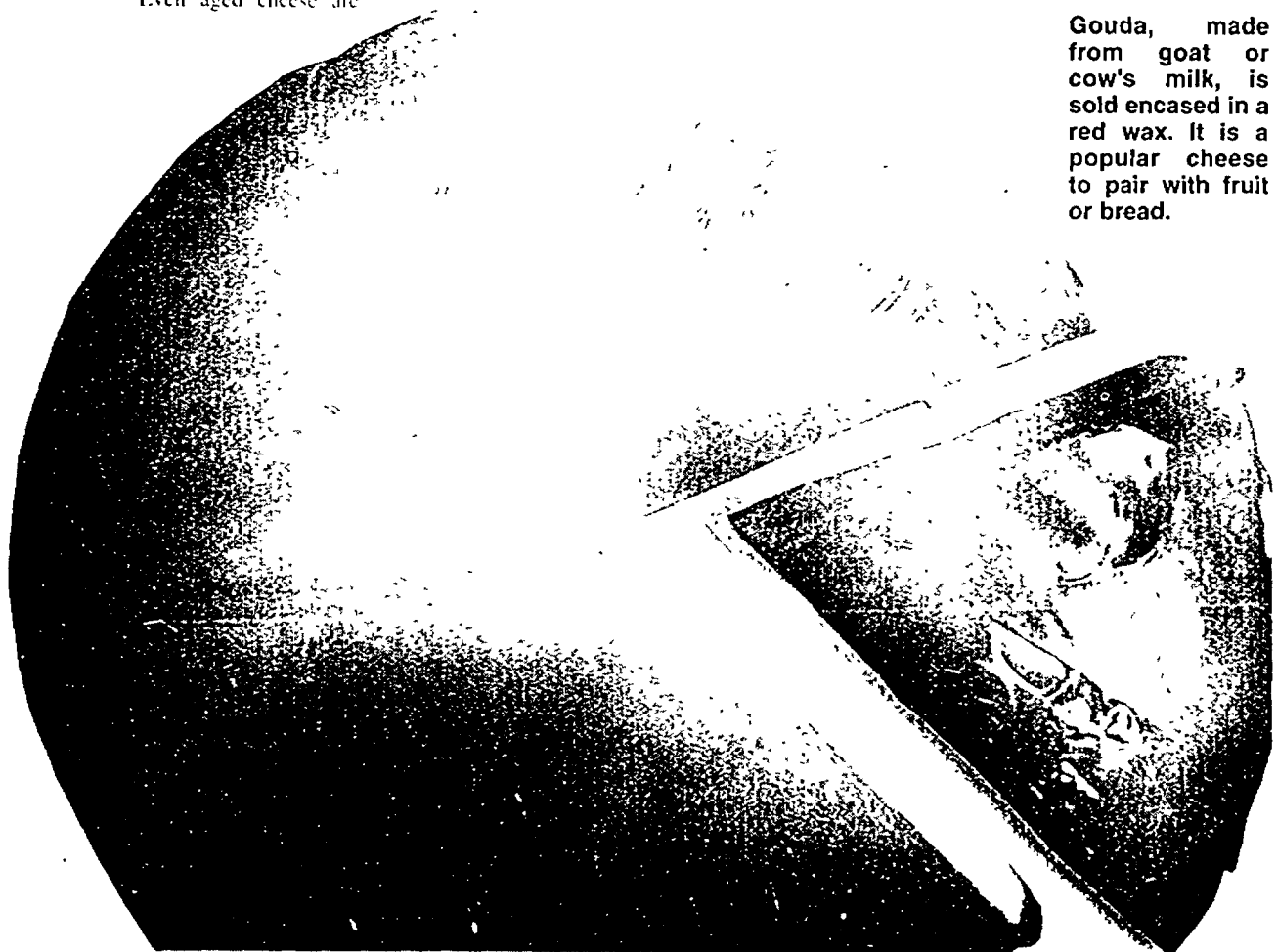
These cheeses are perfect for grating. These cheeses are often used in Italian cooking and as a topping for pasta dishes.

Then there are the blue-veined cheeses, including Gorgonzola, Roquefort and Stilton. Why the blue color? A special mold is injected into the cheese before it ripens. These cheeses have a sharp flavor that people either like or run from.

How cheese should be stored and selected depends on the type of cheese. Soft cheeses will keep in the refrigerator for seven to 10 days, while hard cheese will last up to four weeks if stored properly.

Just remember that all cheese is different. The best bet is to do some research and a little taste testing to determine what best suits your likes and dislikes.

Gouda, made from goat or cow's milk, is sold encased in a red wax. It is a popular cheese to pair with fruit or bread.



CAESAR'S SALAD A LA HOWARD

Serves 4

2 medium garlic gloves, peeled
1 cup garlic croutons
1 large head fresh romaine lettuce
1 teaspoon mustard
Fresh milled pepper
2 hard-boiled egg yolks
1 dash Tabasco
1/2 cup imported top-quality virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 cup freshly grated imported Italian Parmesan cheese
juice of one lemon
4 fillets of anchovies, plus 8 for garnish

In a large wooden bowl, add the olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon fresh milled pepper, 2 egg yolks, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, Tabasco, 4 anchovies and 1/2 of the Parmesan cheese.

Finely chop the garlic cloves and add to the mixture. With a wooden spoon, thoroughly mash the anchovies into the mixture; stir well. Taste the dressing and adjust if desired. To make it more tart, add more lemon. If too tart, add some sugar. To make it spicier, add more Tabasco. After adjustments, mix again.

Add the washed and dried romaine lettuce which has been broken into bite-sized pieces. Add the croutons and mix well so that all leaves have some of the mixture on them.

Divide the mixture between four serving plates; top with remaining Parmesan cheese. Put a good dash of milled pepper on the Parmesan cheese. If you desire, add two cherry tomatoes and a couple of anchovies on top of the salad for garnish.

— Recipe by Howard Camden, West Bloomfield, Mich.

HOMEMADE SAVORY PRETZELS

1 (.25-ounce) package active quick rise yeast
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 cups warm water (about 110-degrees)
4 cups flour
1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
Glaze for Crispness:
1 cup warm water (about 110-degrees)
1 tablespoon baking soda
Glaze for Color:
11 eggs slightly beaten with one tablespoon of water

In a large mixing bowl, dissolve yeast, sugar and salt in 1-1/2 cups of warm water. In mixer, using dough hook or in large bowl, stir flour, cheese and garlic powder into yeast mixture. Knead dough on floured surface until smooth and elastic, about eight minutes by hand or four to five minutes if using mixer. Place dough in greased bowl, and turn to coat surface. Cover and let rise for 45 minutes to one hour or until double in size.

Combine one cup of warm water and baking soda in an 8-inch square pan and set aside. Lightly spray cookie sheet. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. After the dough has risen, punch down and divide in half. Divide each half again for a total of four equal sections. Cut each section into four equal pieces; there will now be a total of 16 pieces.

Roll each piece into a rope about 18-inches long. Keep remaining dough covered. Take the 18-inch rope and shape into a letter "U." Take the open ends of the horseshoe and twist them together once. Bring twisted ends together over the loop of the horseshoe and press firmly to seal. Repeat with remaining dough.

Dip in baking soda and water mixture and place on prepared cookie sheet. Place only eight pretzels on one cookie sheet. Brush with egg mixed with water. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown.

— Recipe by Wilton Industries

TURKEY HAM, MUSHROOM AND CHEESE QUICHE

Vegetable oil spray
1/2 cup shredded reduced fat Swiss cheese
1/4 cup green onion tops, chopped
1/4 cup green bell pepper, minced
1/2 cup fresh mushrooms, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
3/4 cup lean, cooked turkey ham, coarsely shredded
1/2 cup liquid egg substitute
1 large egg white
1/2 cup evaporated skim milk
Dash of red pepper
Dash of paprika
2 tablespoons grated reduced fat cheddar cheese

Spray a 9-inch pie plate with vegetable oil, wipe lightly with paper towel. Scatter Swiss cheese over the bottom of the dish. Layer green onion and green pepper evenly over the cheese and cover with mushrooms; sprinkle with parsley and layer with ham. Set aside. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Whirl egg substitute and egg white in blender until foamy; add milk and seasonings. Pour mixture over vegetables and ham; sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Bake on center rack for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown and firm in center.

— Recipe by Kathy McGrath, Bonita Springs, Fla.

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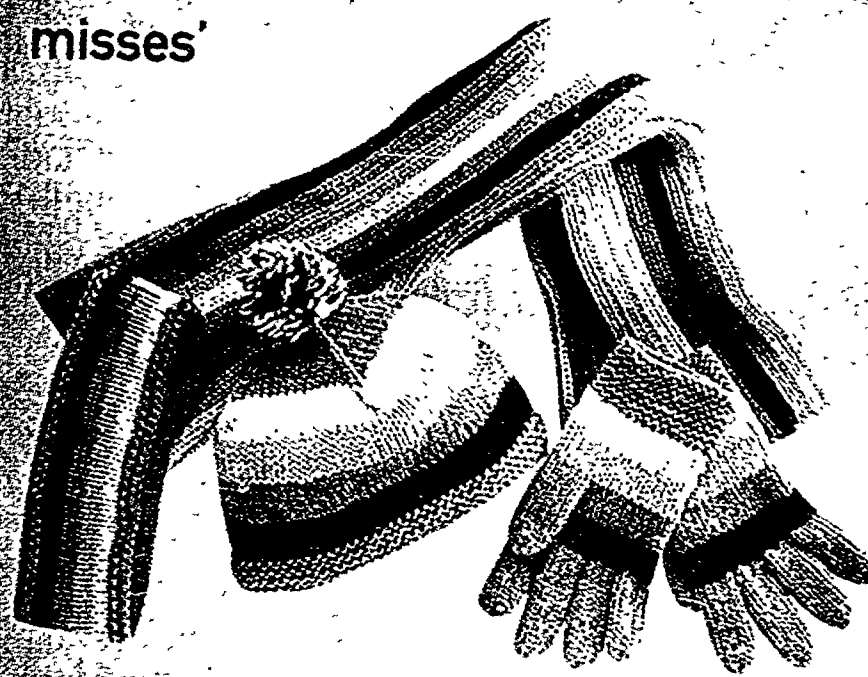
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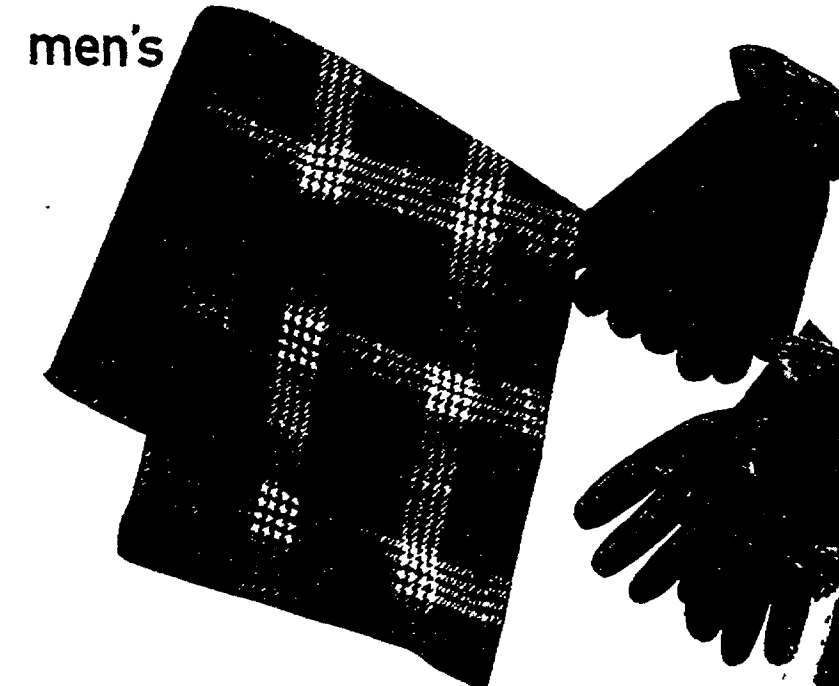
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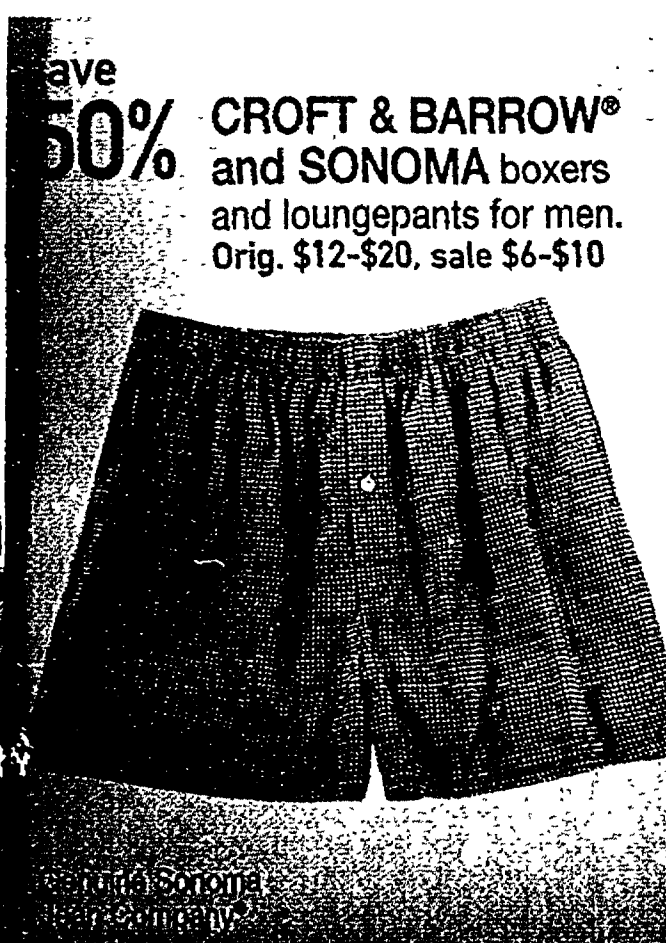
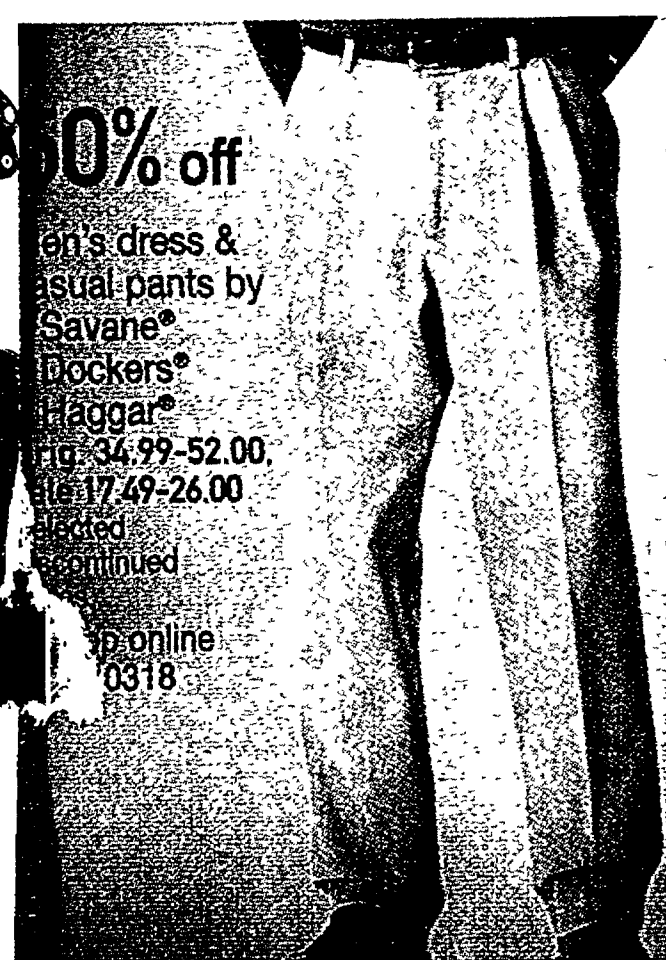
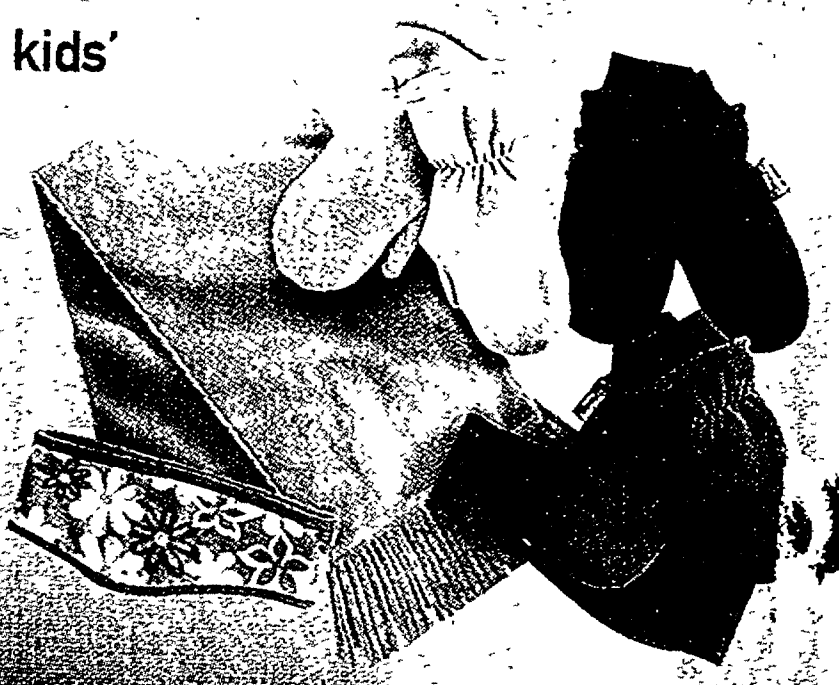
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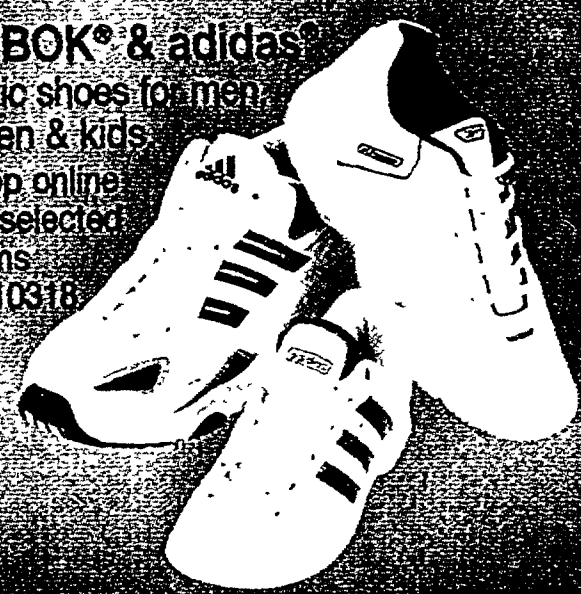
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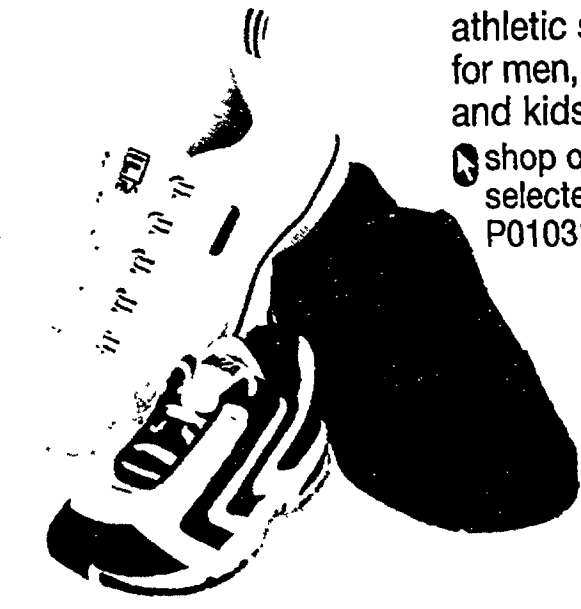
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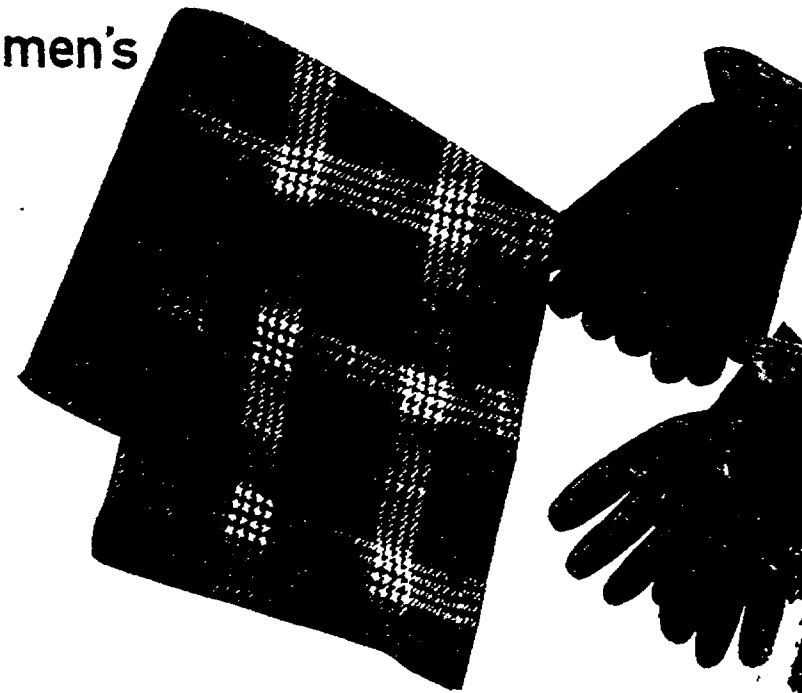


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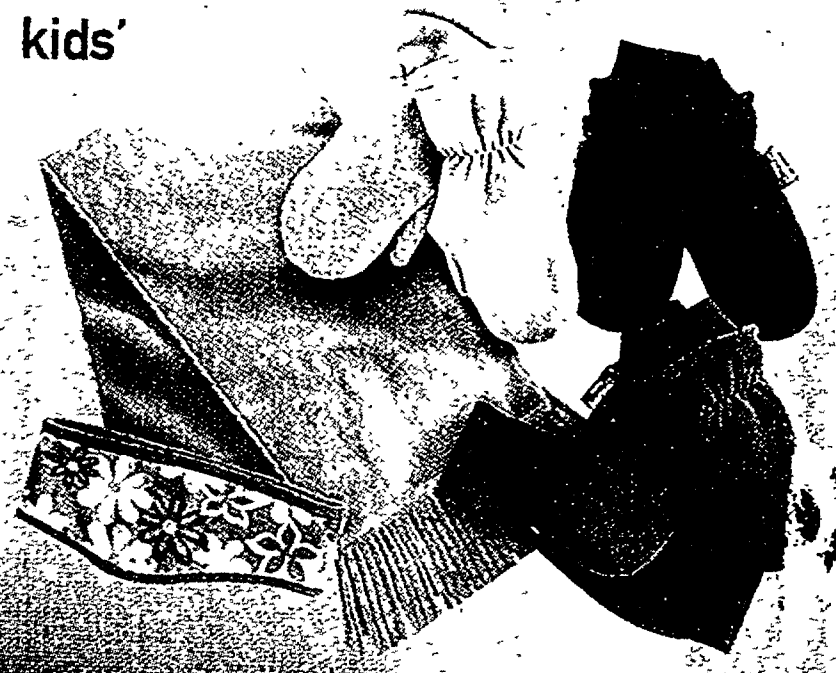


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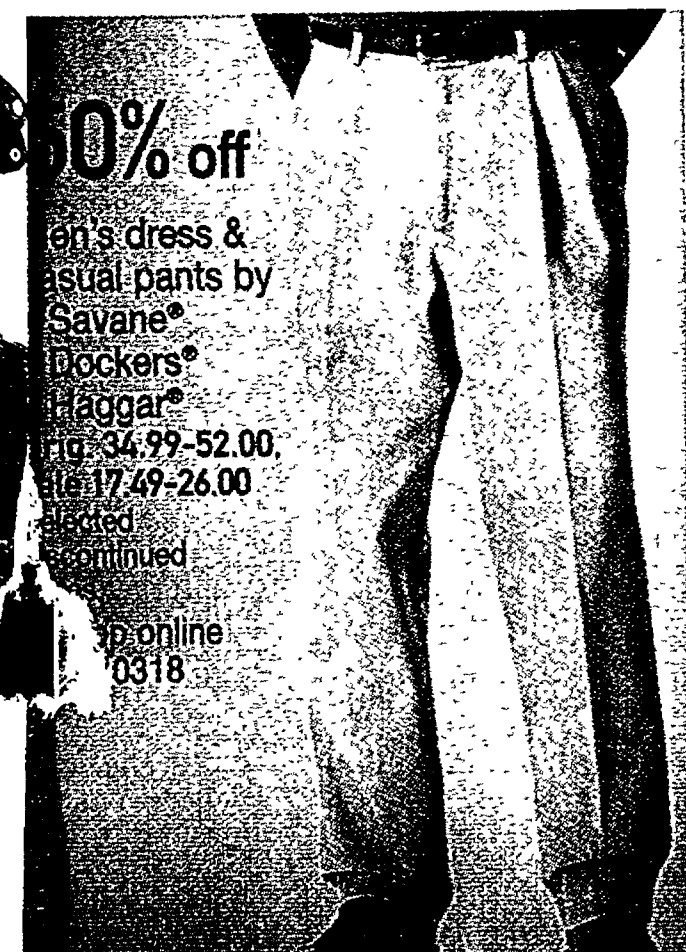


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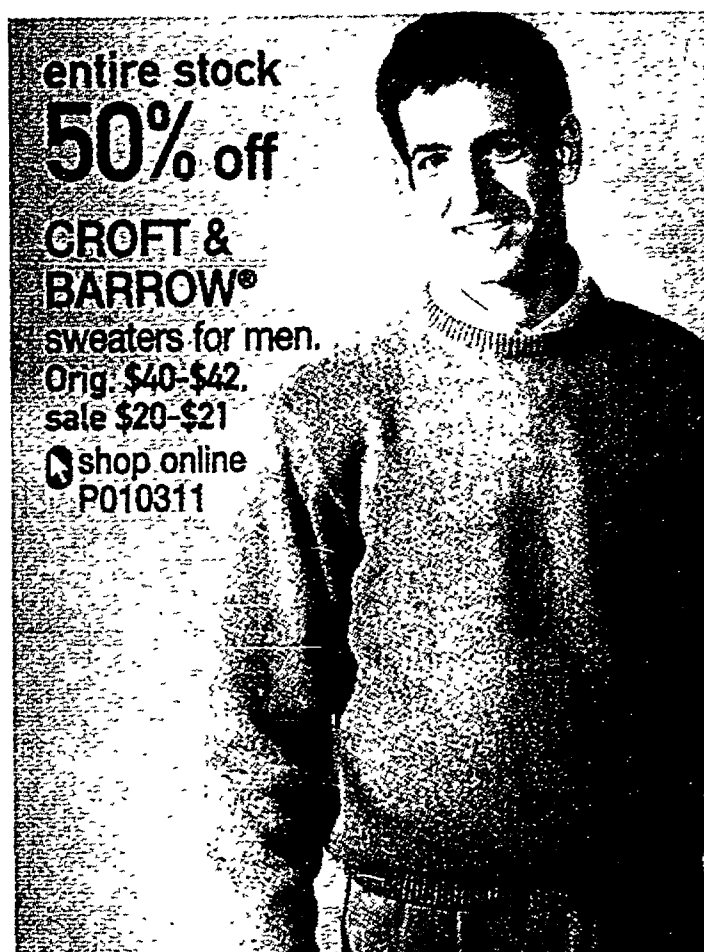
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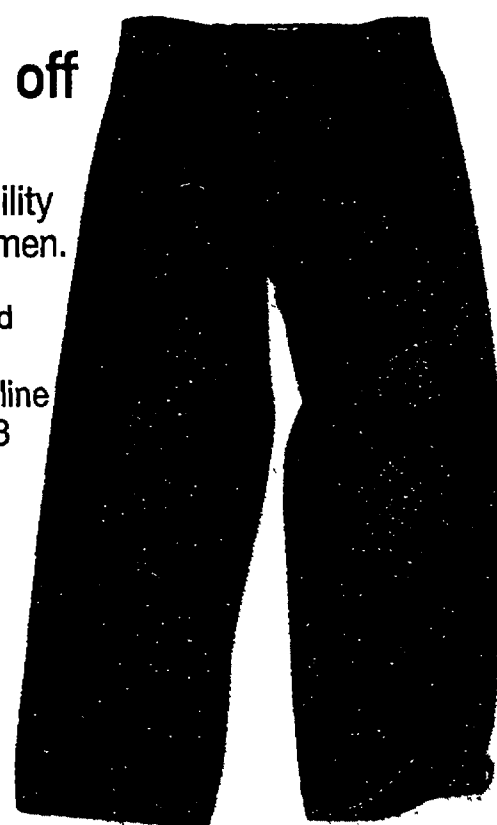


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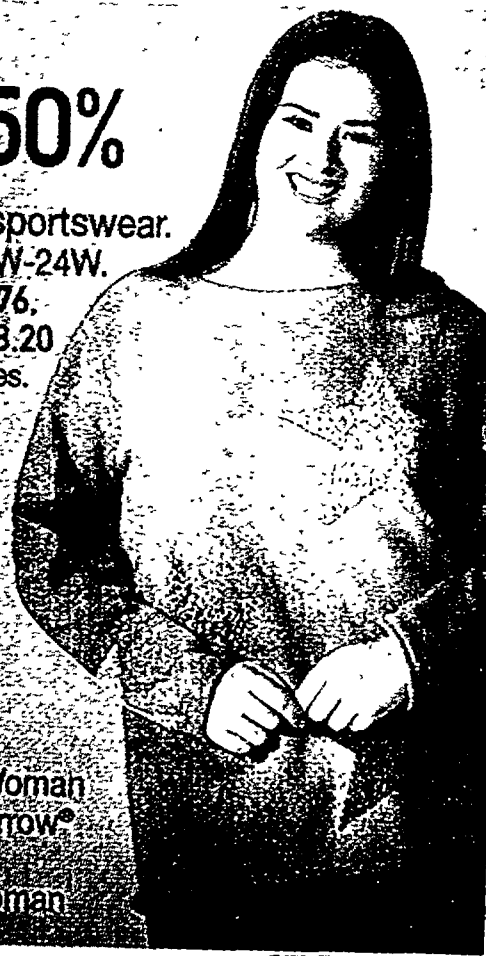
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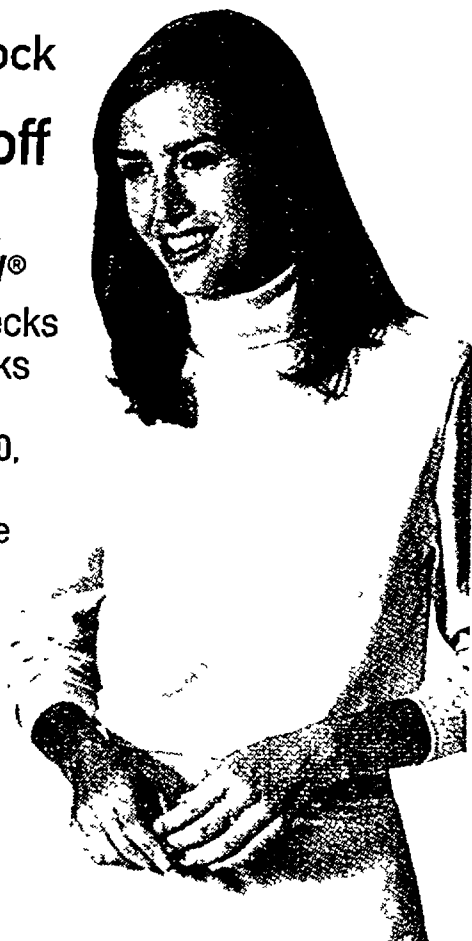
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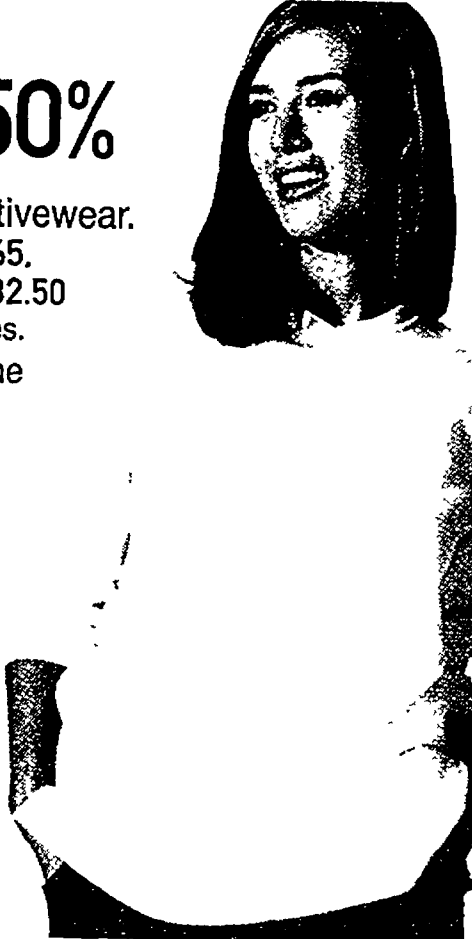
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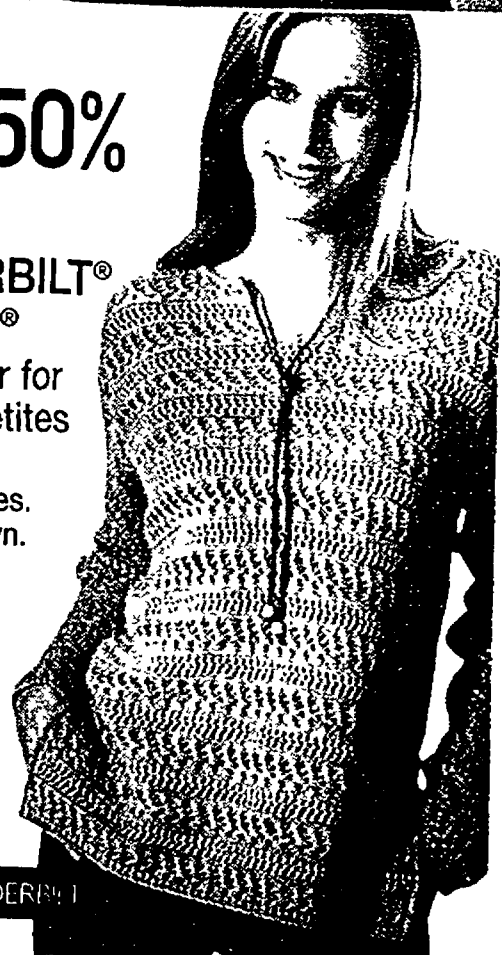
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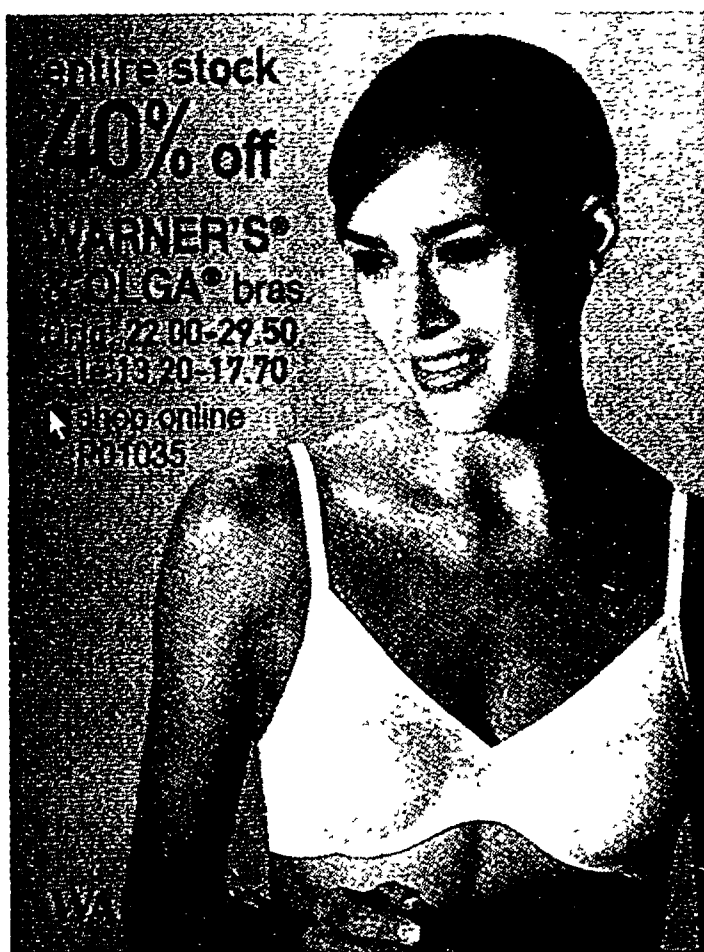
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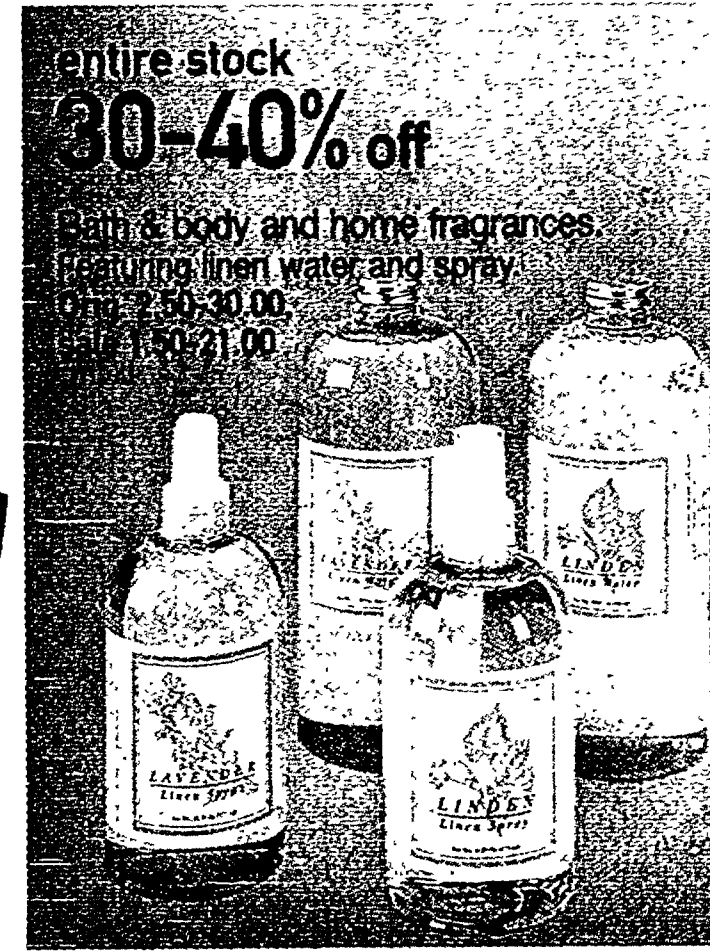
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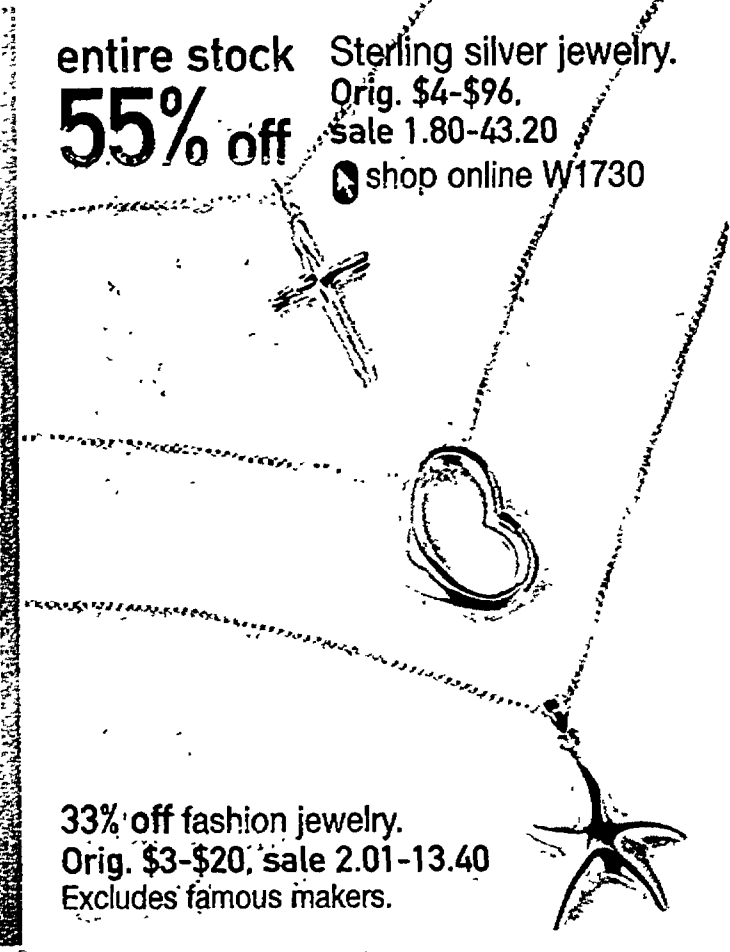
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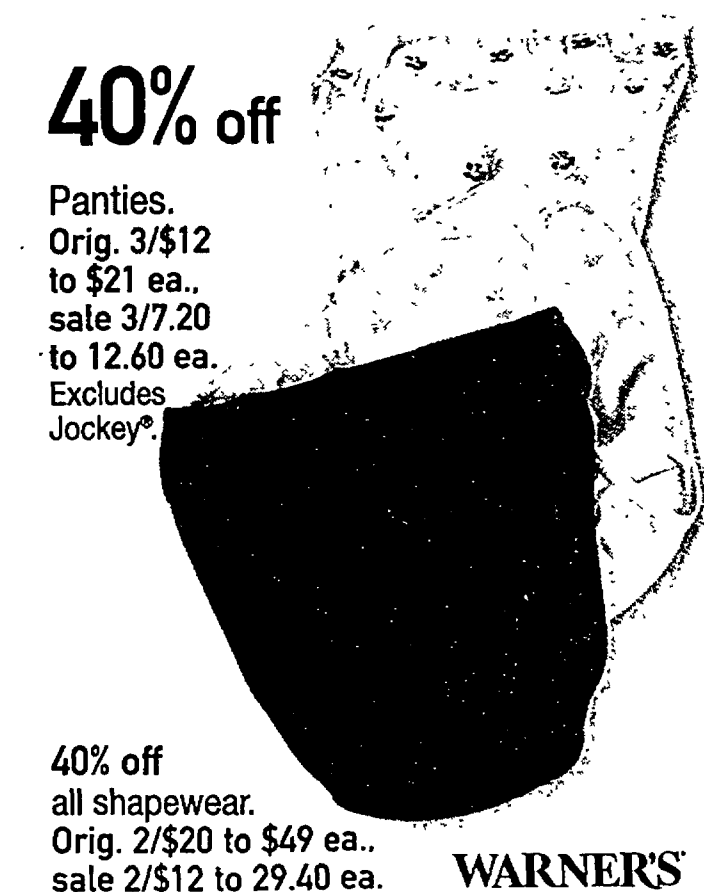
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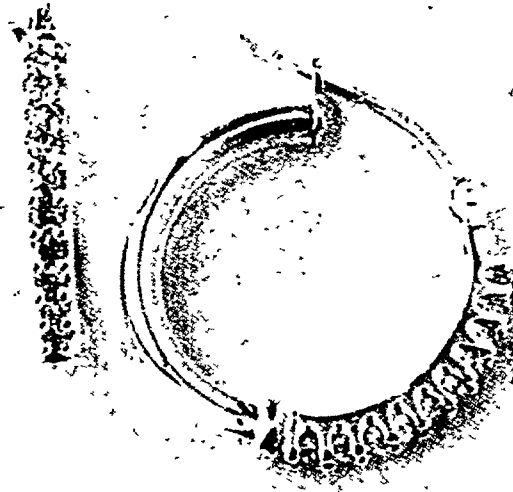
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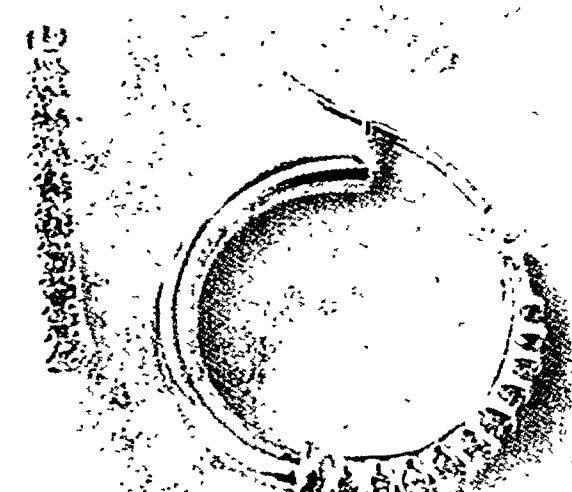
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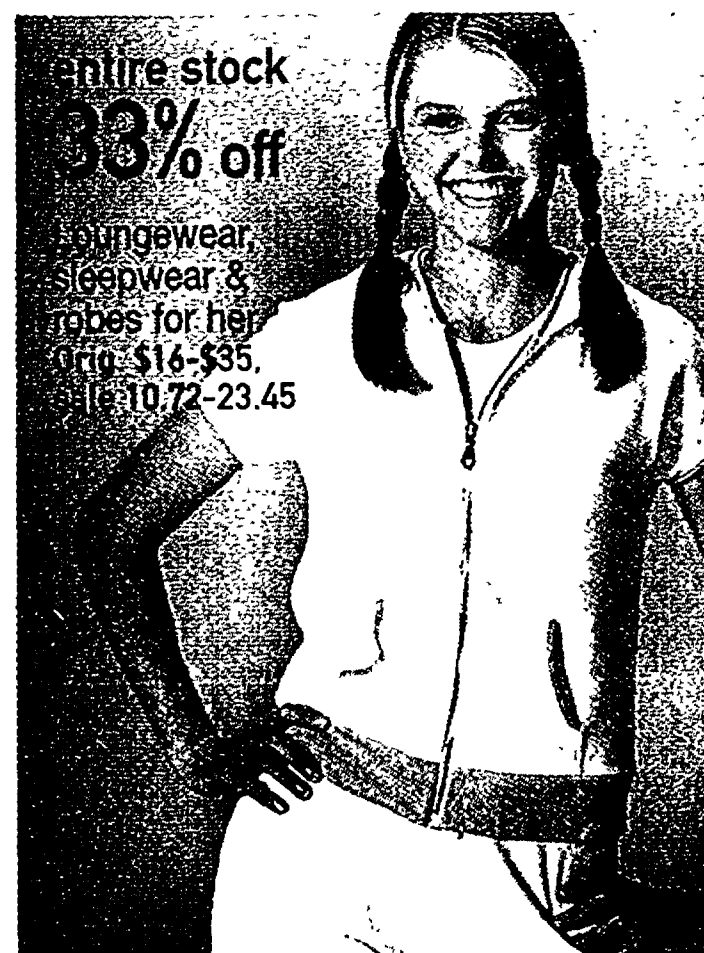


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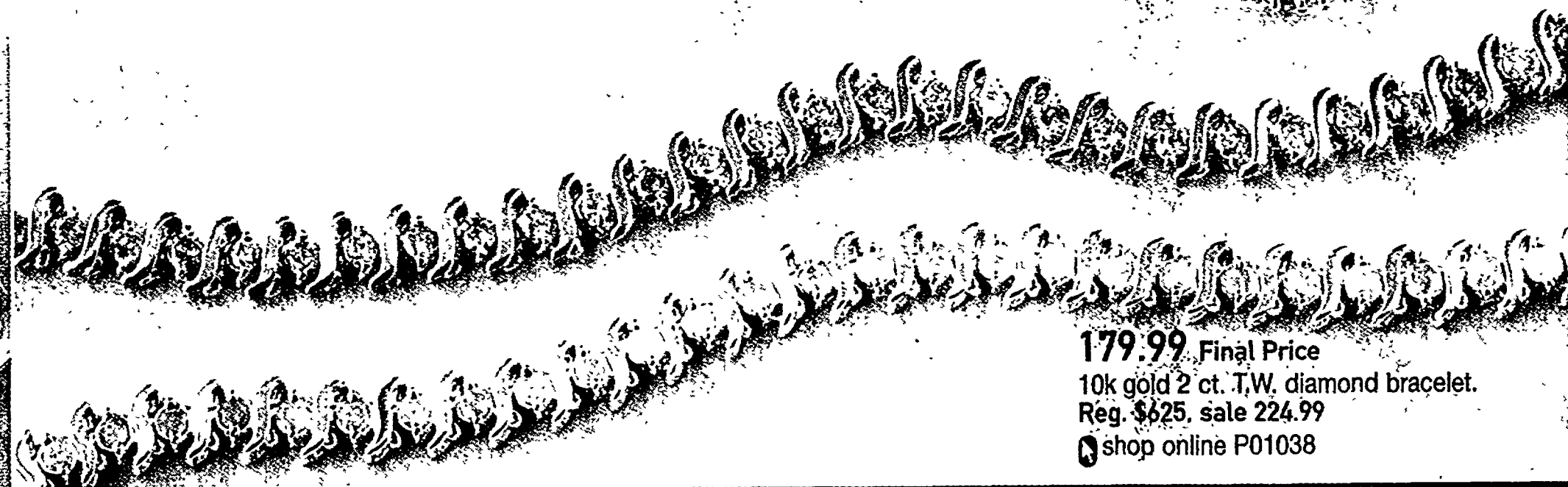


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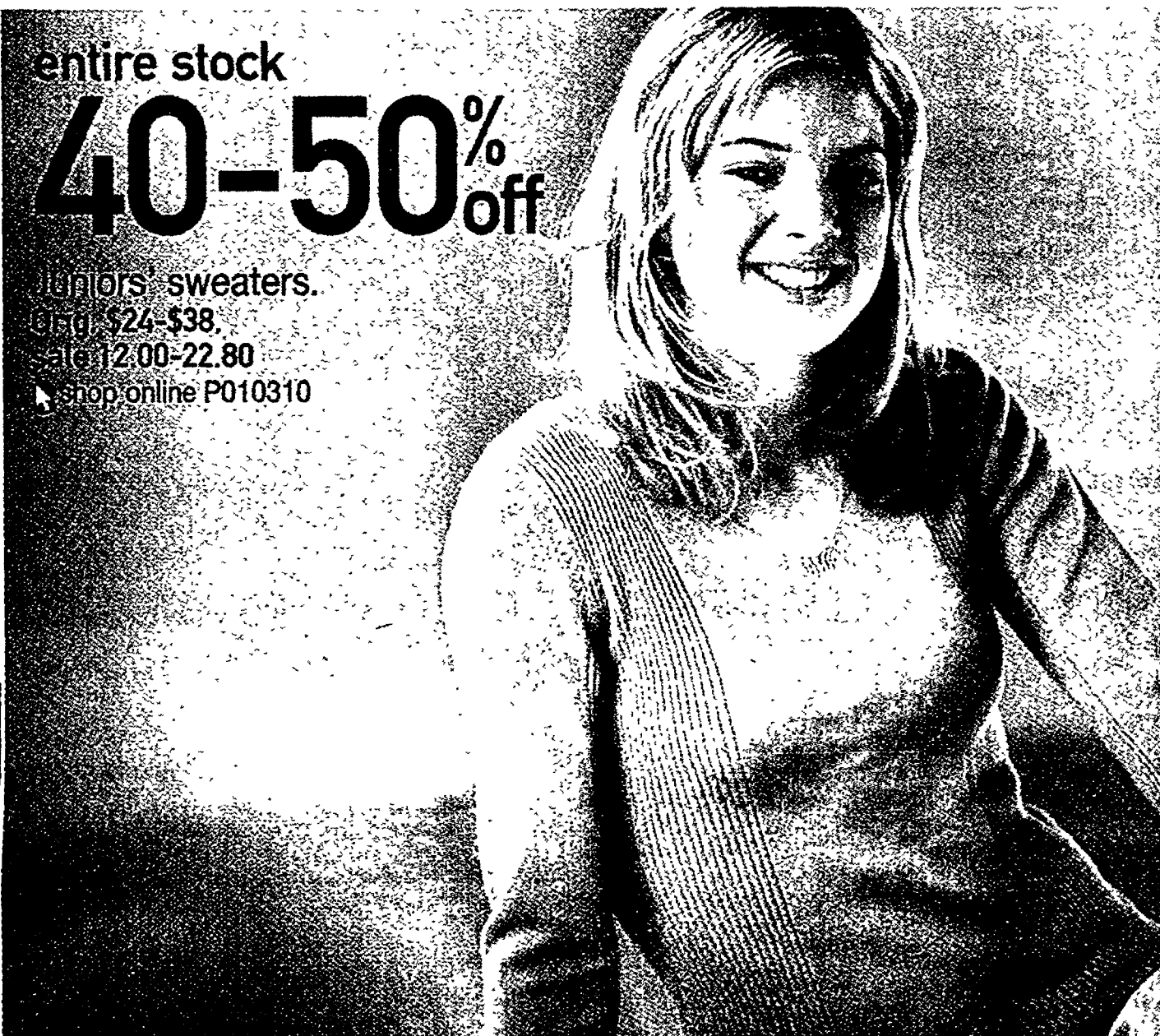
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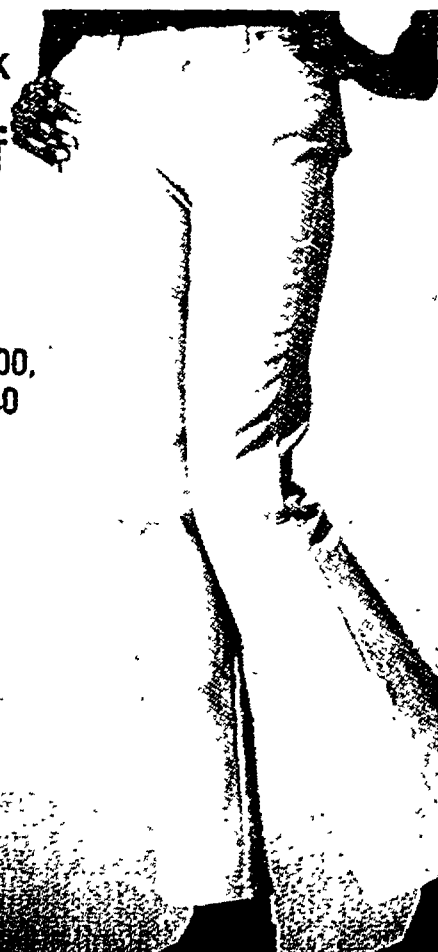
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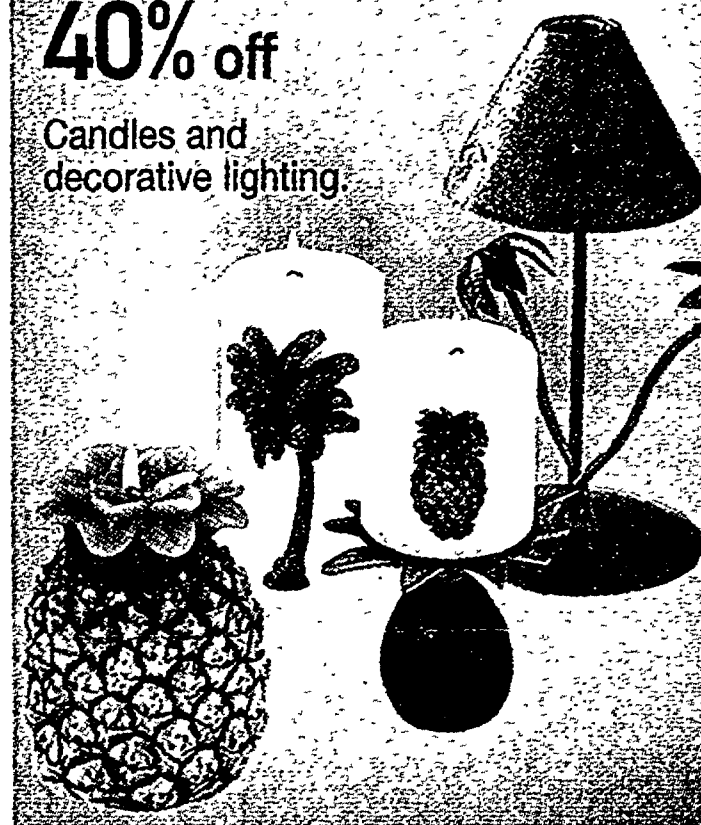


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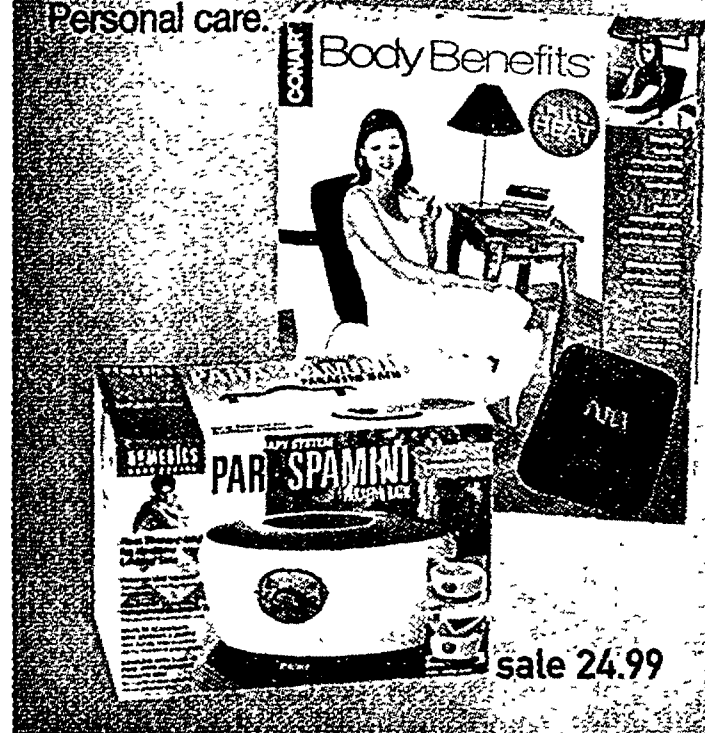
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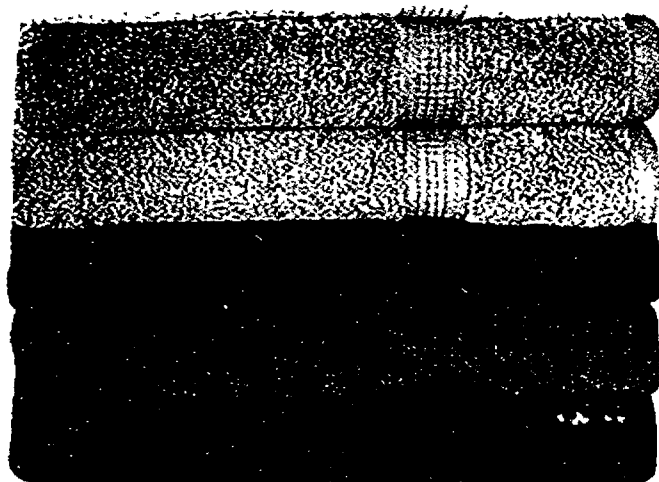


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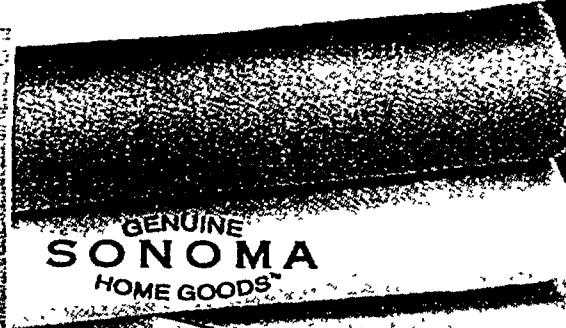
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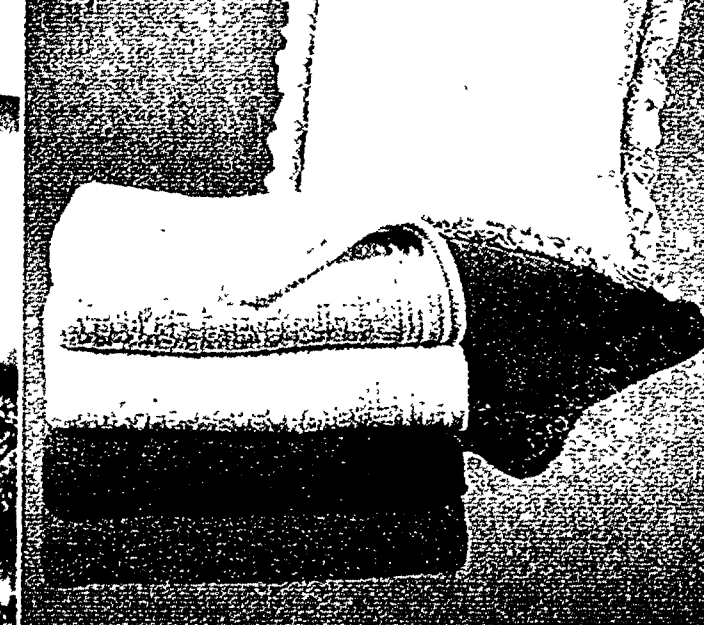
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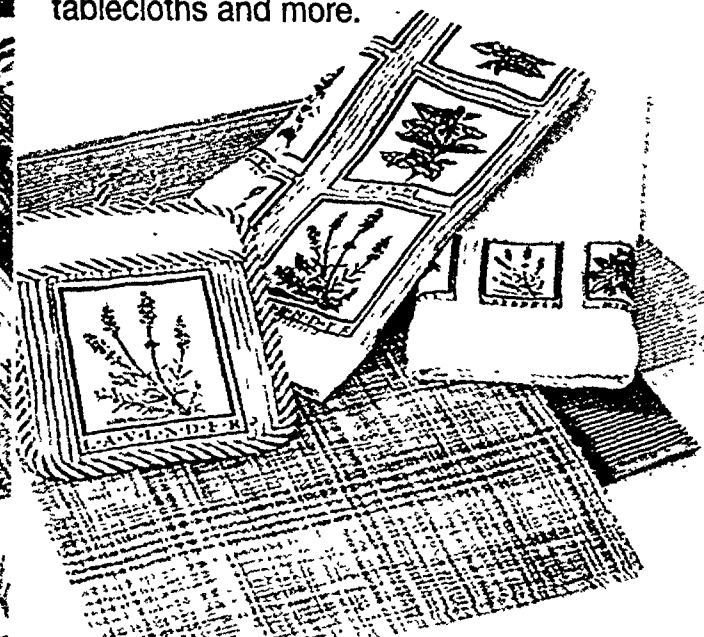
Decorative pillows
and throws. Assorted
styles and colors.



entire stock

35-50% off

Table linens & kitchen textiles.
Placemats, kitchen towels,
tablecloths and more.



entire stock

50-60% off

Luggage.
Reg. 24.99-379.99,
sale 12.49-189.99
shop online H1720

- Samsonite®
- Ricardo®
- Atlantic®



two day sale



Any Size, One Price

all down comforters
and featherbeds  shop online P01031

sale 79.99 All Sizes

The BIG ONE™ down comforter. Reg. 179.99-199.99

sale 99.99 All Sizes

The GREAT ONE™ down comforter. Reg. 179.99-199.99

sale 149.99 All Sizes

KINGSLEY down comforter. Reg. 229.99-319.99

sale 199.99 All Sizes

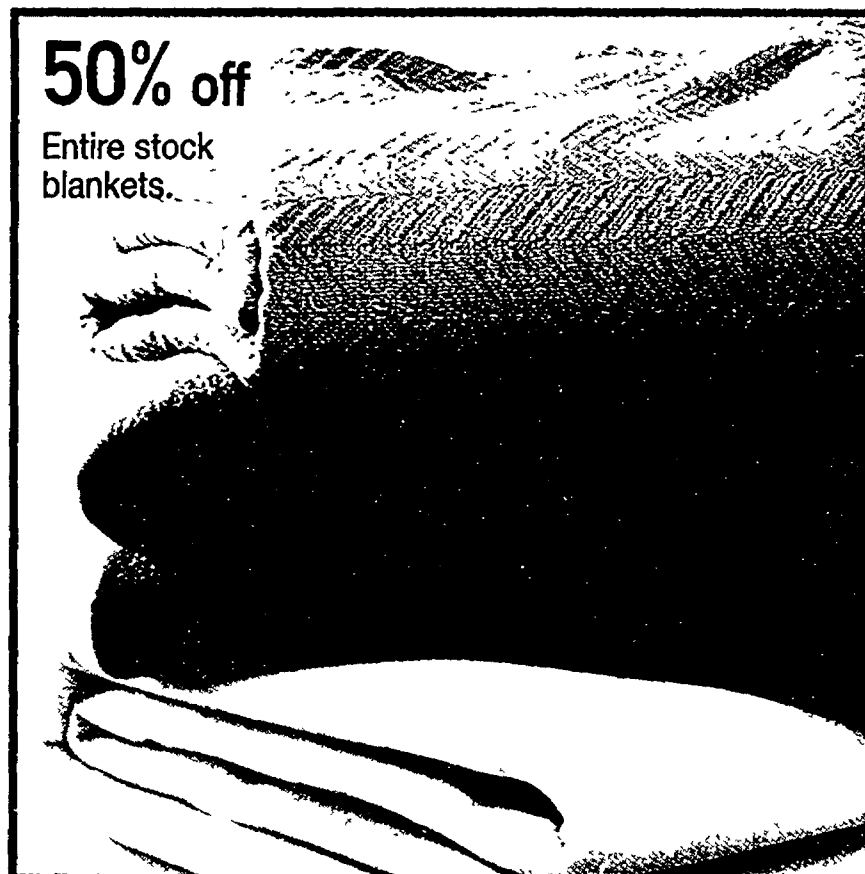
HIMALAYAN down comforter. Reg. 399.99-479.99

sale 99.99 All Sizes

The GREAT ONE™ featherbed. Reg. 109.99-169.99

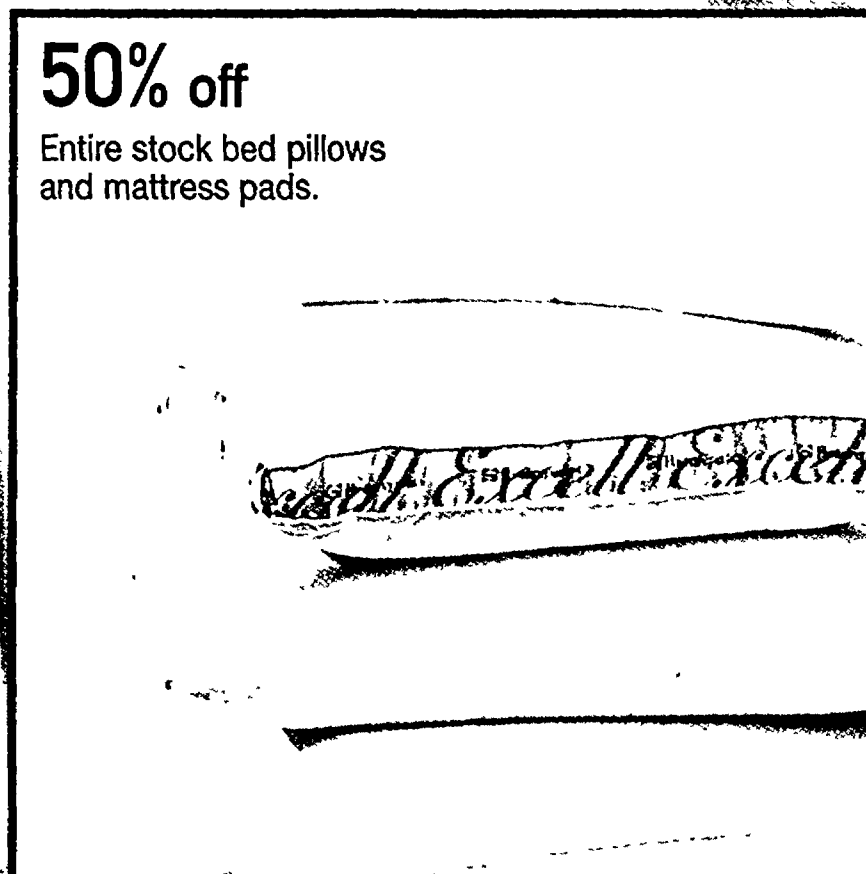
50% off

Entire stock
blankets.



50% off

Entire stock bed pillows
and mattress pads.




Starts Today, New Markdowns Taken Storewide Clearance

60%
off
original prices

When you take an
additional 33% off
already reduced
clearance prices

EXAMPLE OF YOUR CLEARANCE SAVINGS

\$20.00	Original Price
-\$8.00	40% Off Clearance Savings
= \$12.00	
-\$4.00	33% Additional Clearance Savings
= \$8.00	FINAL PRICE
for a total savings of \$12.00 or 60%	

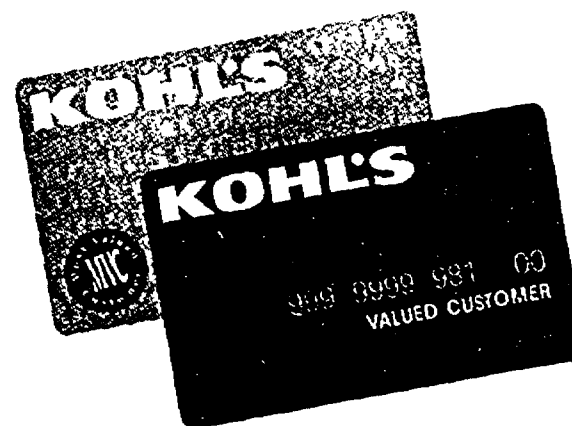
Final prices given at register. Clearance prices represent savings off original prices. Selection varies by store. Interim markdowns may have been taken. Sorry, no price adjustments given on prior purchases. Excludes outerwear and cold weather accessories.  shop online: clearance

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BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE
HOME ESSENTIALS™
TWIN FLAT OR FITTED SHEET
 Buy one at the reg. price and get the second one (of equal or lesser value) FREE.
 All other Home Essentials bedding. Sale 3.99-21.99

BUY ONE, GET ONE 50% OFF
ALL LADIES' BRAS, SHAPEWEAR, DAYWEAR AND PANTIES
 Buy one item at the reg. price and get a second like item (of equal or lesser value) at 50% OFF the reg. price.



1st 5.49 2nd 2.74
 1st 6.99 2nd 3.49



BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE
GIRLS' OR BOYS' ROUTE 66® 5-POCKET JEANS
 Buy one at the reg. price and get the second one (of equal or lesser value) FREE.
 Was 11.99-14.99 ea.



FALL & WINTER CLEARANCE

While quantities last. Sorry, no rain checks. Minimum \$50 available per store. Intermediate markdowns may have been taken.

the BIG sale

Wednesday, January 1 - Saturday, January 4

Due to the seasonality of holiday merchandise, we regret that rain checks cannot be offered. Intermediate markdowns may have been taken.

25%-50% off
 SELECT MEN'S APPAREL

30%-50% off
 Men's hosiery gift sets, family holiday hosiery & winter sleepwear & robes

2/\$5 SALE
 Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Milk & Cereal Bars, GENERAL MILK, BUSH'S BEST, and GEREAL BARS

3/\$8 SALE
 LAUNDRY NEEDS: Purex, 100% 22°C, 24°C, 26°C, 28°C, 30°C, 32°C, 34°C, 36°C, 38°C, 40°C, 42°C, 44°C, 46°C, 48°C, 50°C, 52°C, 54°C, 56°C, 58°C, 60°C, 62°C, 64°C, 66°C, 68°C, 70°C, 72°C, 74°C, 76°C, 78°C, 80°C, 82°C, 84°C, 86°C, 88°C, 90°C, 92°C, 94°C, 96°C, 98°C, 100°C

2/\$5 SALE
COLGATE
 Colgate Fresh Confidence, Total or Sparkling White, 6 oz.; 2-in-1, 4.6 oz.; or Total Professional, Navigator or Active Angle Toothbrush
 All sizes are not at.

60% off
 SELECT JEWELRY BOXES AND HOLIDAY COSTUME JEWELRY

25%-50% off
 SELECT FALL & WINTER LADIES' PLUS SIZE APPAREL

89¢ SALE
 1 GALLON MOTORVATOR WINDSHIELD WASHER SOLVENT

Ziploc
 Ziploc Freezer Storage

5.99 SALE
TYLENOL
 Extra Strength, 100 ct

50% off
 All ladies' cold-weather accessories

Styles may vary by store

50% off
 All boxed gift sets

Styles may vary by store

\$4 SALE
FAMILY BASIC EDITIONS® 8-PACK SOCKS
 20% off all other Basic Editions® socks

\$1.99 SALE
GE 4-PACK SOFT WHITE NIGHTBULBS
 40-100/100/100/100

BUY ONE, GET ONE 50% OFF
FRUIT OF THE LOOM SOCKS
 Buy one at the reg. price and get the second one (of equal or lesser value) at 50% OFF the reg. price.

Prices effective Wednesday, January 1 thru Saturday, January 4, 2003

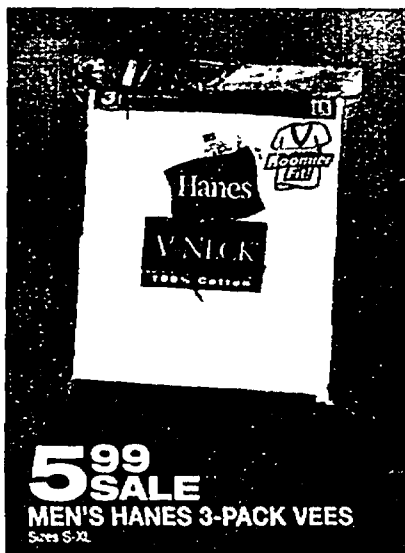
All ladies' and plus size jeans on sale

Was 12.99-26.99, Sale \$10-\$20



9.99 SALE

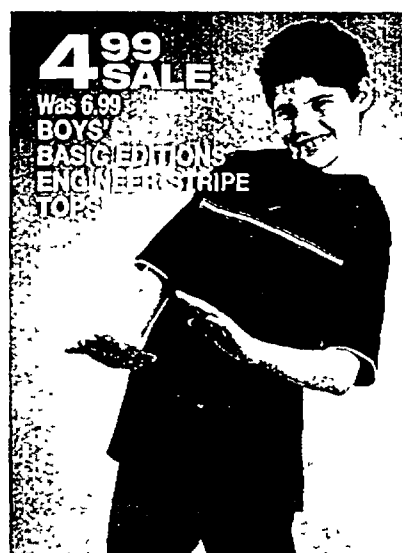
Was 18.99
MEN'S ROUTE 66®
CUFFED KHAKIS



5.99 SALE
MEN'S HANES 3-PACK VEES
Sizes S-XL



SAVE 30%
6.99 SALE
Was 9.99
ALL LADIES' BASIC EDITIONS®
SPRING KNIT TOPS
Sizes S-XL. Colors may vary by store.



4.99 SALE
Was 6.99
BOYS' BASIC EDITIONS®
ENGINEER STRIPE
TOPS



16.99 SALE
MEN'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE®
COMFORT ACTION™ JEANS
Sizes 30-42
Big Men's sizes, Sale 19.99



5.49 SALE
LADIES' JERZEES FLEECE SEPARATES
Tops: Sizes M-XL; pants: Sizes S-XL
Plus Size, Sale 6.49
Colors may vary by store.



3.99 SALE
Was 5.99
GIRLS' BASIC EDITIONS®
SCREENITE™

2/\$10 SALE
MEN'S HANES 2-PACK BOXER
BRIEFS OR 3-PACK COLORED
BRIEFS
Sizes S-XL



SAVE \$10
19.99 SALE
MEN'S SNEAKERS
STRETCH-IT™ BOOTS
All sizes, Sale \$10.99
Work boots, Sale \$19.99

\$9 SALE
Was 12.99-19.99
GIRLS' SELECT
FASHION BOOTS



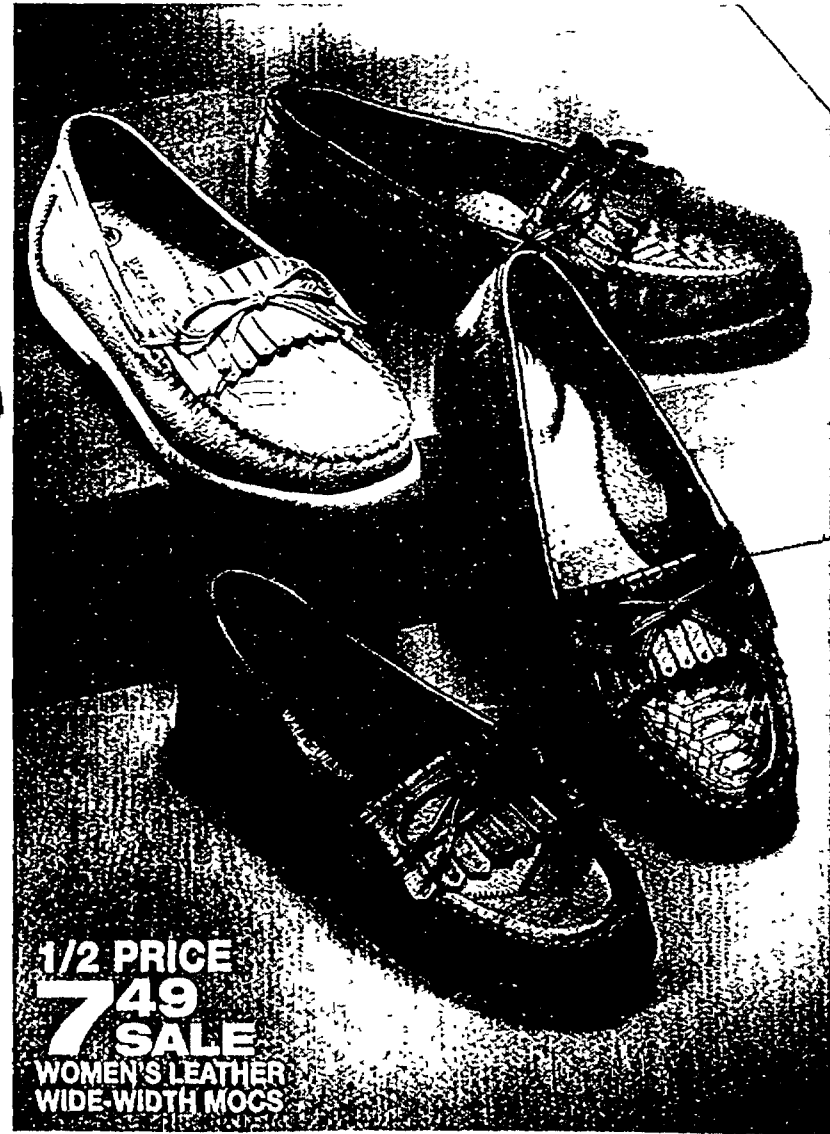
6.99 SALE
MEN'S FRUIT OF THE LOOM®
3-PACK WOVEN BOXERS
Sizes S-XL



1/2 PRICE
14.99 SALE
Was 29.99
MEN'S ROUTE 66®
SUEDE BOOTS
Style shown only



1/2 PRICE
7.49 SALE
Was 14.99
WOMEN'S BASIC EDITIONS®
ANKLE BOOTS



1/2 PRICE
7.49 SALE
WOMEN'S LEATHER
WIDE-WIDTH MOCS

- Set includes:
- Reversible comforter
 - Coordinating sheet set
 - Bed skirt and sham(s)

Jakarta

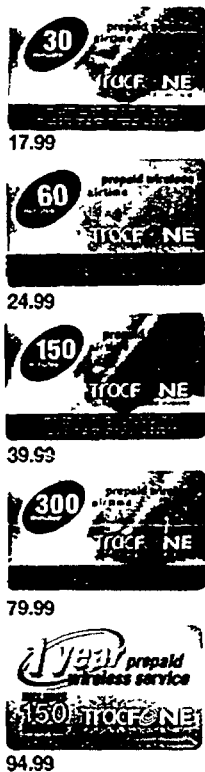
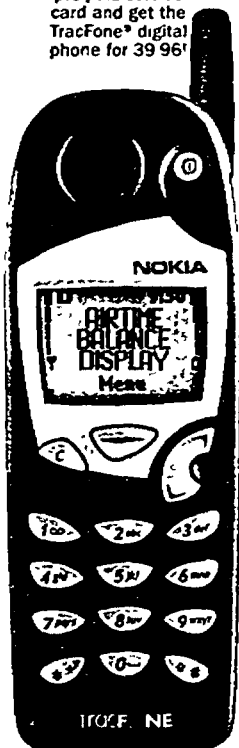
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SAVE \$45
29⁹⁹
SALE

Was 74.99
TWIN BED-IN-A-BAG SET
Full, Sale 39.99
Queen, Sale 49.99
King, Sale 59.99

bonus!

Purchase the 1-year
pre-paid service
card and get the
TracFone® digital
phone for 39.99!



69⁹⁹
SALE

**TRACFONE® DIGITAL
WIRELESS PREPAID PHONE**
Free voice mail and caller ID/call waiting,
nationwide coverage
Nokia 5165/5125/5180

#1128924



1/2 PRICE
19⁹⁹
SALE

Was 39.99
KODAK ADVANTIX F350 APS CAMERA
Auto-film advance/rewind, pop-up flash for red-eye
reduction and self-timer. Includes film and battery



After Mfr's 1.50 Per Gal.
Mail In Rebate*

2/\$7

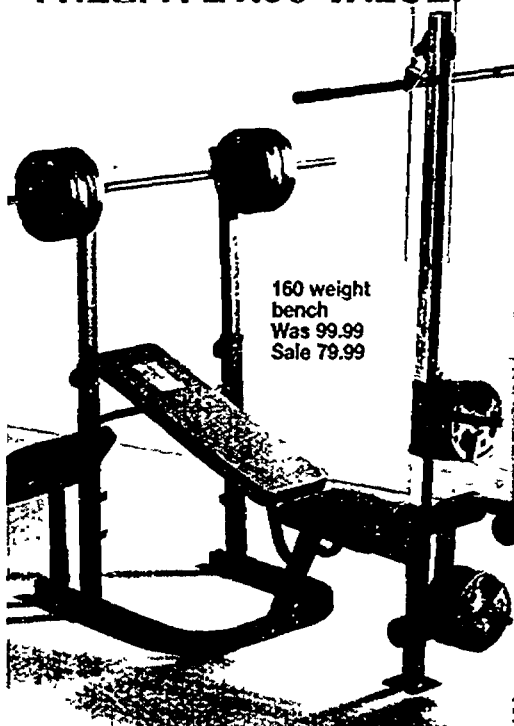
**PEAK 1-GAL.
ANTIFREEZE/
COOLANT**

*Rebate limited to
mfr's stipulations.
*Sale \$5 less 1.50 = 3.50



4/\$7 SALE

**HOME ESSENTIALS™
100% COTTON BATH TOWELS**
All other Home Essentials™ towels, bath rugs
and shower curtains, Sale 1.25-23.99



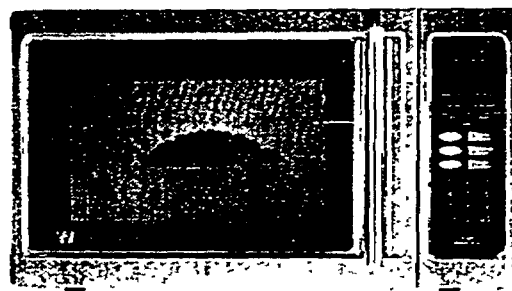
160 weight
bench
Was 99.99
Sale 79.99



all rugs on sale

SAVE \$30
59⁹⁹
SALE

Was 89.99
PREMIUM ROOM-SIZE RUGS
20%-30% off all other
room-size and accent rugs
Excludes kitchen and bathroom rugs

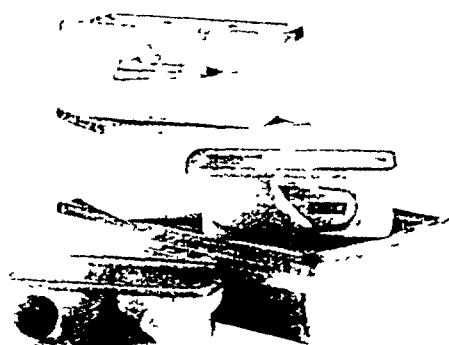


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SALE

**WHITE-WESTINGHOUSE™
0.9-CU.-FT. 1,000-WATT
STAINLESS STEEL MICROWAVE**
1-yr. Product Replacement, 7.99
10% off all other microwaves
WM1000

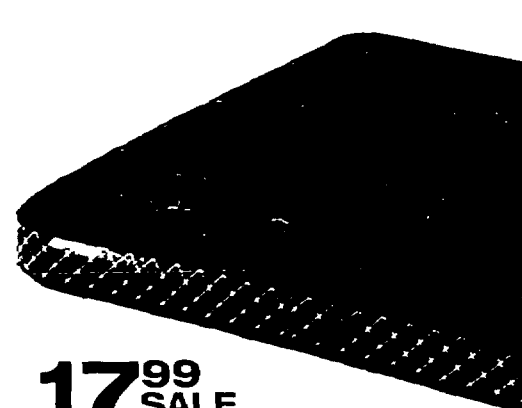
11⁹⁹
SALE

Was 14.99
**HOME
ESSENTIALS™
63"L OR 84"L
MIX & MATCH
PAIR OF PANELS**
20% off all other
Home Essentials™
window treatments



8⁹⁹
SALE

10-PC. CLEAR STORAGE SET
Set includes: underbed storage box with lid,
2 sweater boxes with lids and
2 shoe boxes with lids.



17⁹⁹
SALE

Was 29.99
**NORTHWEST TERRITORY®
QUEEN-SIZE AIR BED**
Northwest Territory® full-size air bed, Sale 13.99
Northwest Territory® twin-size air bed, Sale 9.99

PLANT-A-RAMA

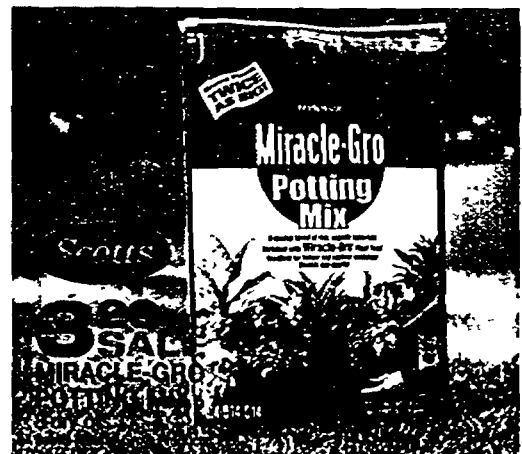
Selection of indoor plants, planters, potting soil, and plant foods.

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SALE

**TROPICAL
FOLIAGE IN
10" POTS**
In 6" pots,
Sale 3.99
In 4" pots,
Sale 2/\$3



99⁹⁹
SPECIAL BUY
**MARTHA STEWART EVERYDAY
GARDEN™ 3-PC. WICKER SEATING SET**
Set includes 2 armchairs and side table.
Recommended for use in a covered area. Cushions sold separately.



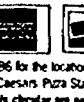
3⁹⁹
SALE

**MIRACLE-GRO®
POTTING MIX**



19⁹⁹
SALE

Was 24.99-29.99
**BRITA®
RIVIERA FILTER®
OR ULTRA®
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WATER FILTRATION**
Brita 3-pack
replacement filters,
Was 16.99, Sale 14.99



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ENSURE CHOCOLATE OR VANILLA
 8-12 pack, 8.5-oz. cans. Ensure Plus 6-pack, 8.5-oz. cans. Sale 7.99. All sizes are net wt. or fl. oz.

2/\$4 SALE
REVLON COLORSILK HAIRCOLOR
 51 All Light Shades
 41 All Medium Shades

2/\$5 SALE
REVLON COLORSILK HAIRCOLOR
 41 All Medium Shades

2/\$5 SALE
SOAP
 American Fare®, 24-fl.-oz. body wash; liquid soap, 64 fl. oz., or foam bath 64 fl. oz.

2/\$6 SALE
WET SHINE HAIR CARE
 Wet Shine shampoo, conditioner, or body wash, 12-16 oz. All sizes are net wt. or fl. oz.

1.99 SALE
LOTION
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2/\$5 SALE
JOHNSON'S BABY PRODUCTS
 Bath, oil, powder, lotion or shampoo, 14-15 oz. or 3-in-1 diaper rash cream, 3 oz. All sizes are net wt. or fl. oz.

59¢ SALE
TOOTHPASTE
 Pepsodent or Aim Toothpaste, 6-oz. net wt.

the BIG sale
four days only
Wednesday, January 1 thru Saturday, January 4

4.97 SALE
SLIM-FAST
 Slim-Fast Diet Drink, 12-16 oz. cans. Slim-Fast Protein Shake, 12-16 oz. cans. All sizes are net wt. or fl. oz.

3.99 SALE
POND'S 30-CT. VANITY WITH FREE 30-CT. REFILL
 POND'S® CLEANSING AND MAKE-UP REMOVER TOWELETTES. Deep cleans down to the pores. Removes all make-up. Leaves skin silky smooth. All in one easy step. Contains 1 Vanity Display Case plus 2 Refills each with 30 Silky Towellettes in a box.

4.99 SALE
DOVE CLOTHS 30-CT. VANITY WITH FREE 30-CT. VANITY
 DIVE FREE! 30-ct. cloths in vanity.

6.79 SALE
EYE CARE
 Renu Multi Plus or Renu MPS, 12 oz.; Boston Simplcity, Boston Solution or Advanced Conditioning Solution, 4 oz.; Advance Cleaner or Boston Cleaner, 1 oz.; or Moisture Eyes PM or 1-oz. drops. All sizes are fl. oz.

4.99 SALE
VITASMART® VITAMINS
 Vitasmart® Century, 100+30 ct. or Century Senior, 100 ct.

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3/\$5 SALE
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 Men's, 2.7-3.25 oz.; ladies' or Teen Spirit, 2.3-2.5-oz. gels or solids. All sizes are net wt.

\$1 SALE
CARNATION HOT COCOA
 10 pack, 3.5-oz. cans.

25% off
ALL 2003 DATED PLANNING GOODS

25% off
ALL CALENDARS
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\$8 SALE
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\$8 SALE
HEFTY TALL KITCHEN® OR TRASH BAGS**
 13 gallon, 30-33 gallon.

2/\$7 SALE
GLACIER CLEAR WATER
 24-pack, 1/2-liter bottles.

4/\$1 SALE
9 LIVES CAT FOOD
 5.5-oz. cans, 9 Lives dry cat food, 10-lb. bag. Sale 8.49. All sizes are net wt.

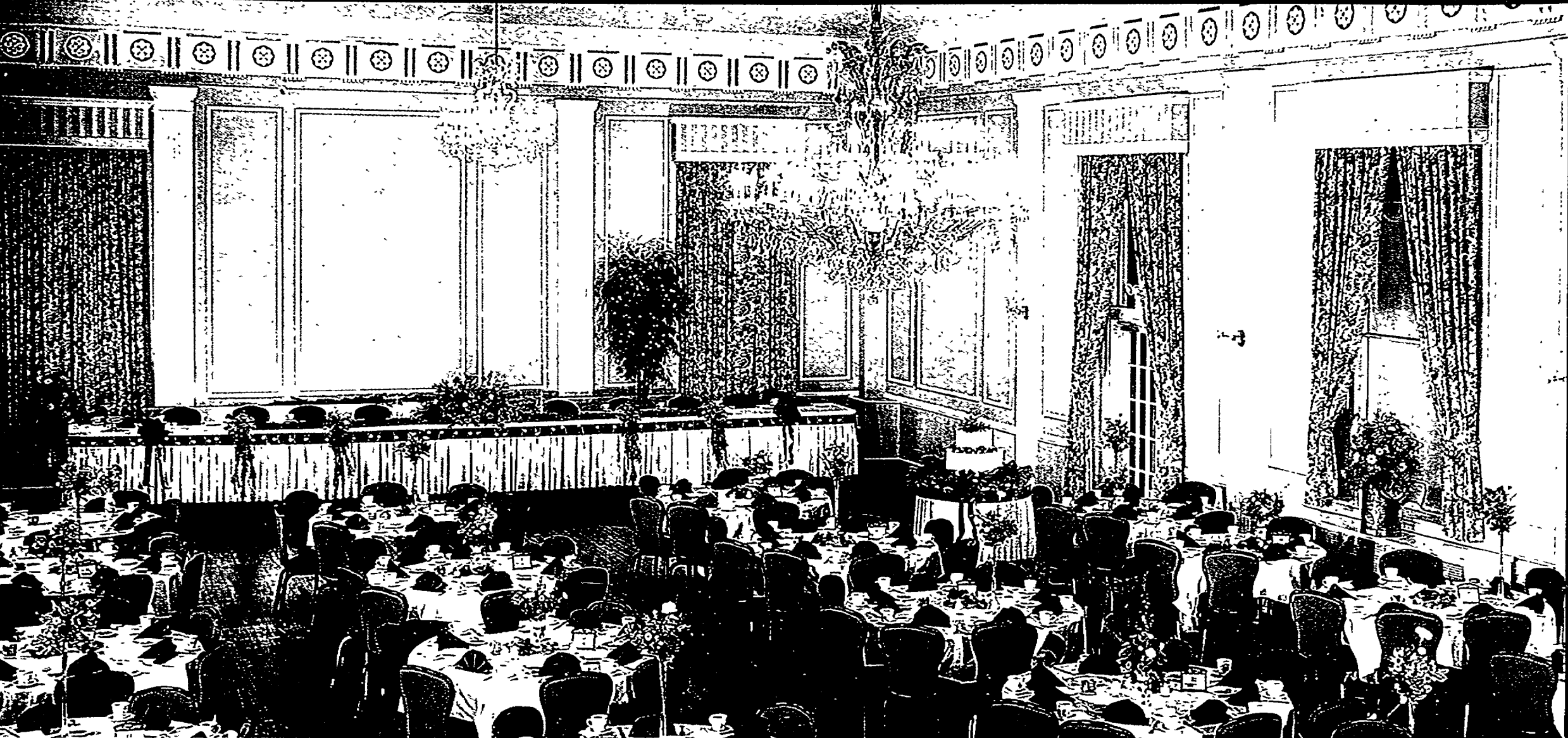
8.99 SALE
PEDIGREE MEALTIME DOG FOOD
 Large or small, 22 lb. Pedigree canned dog food, 22 oz., Sale 4/\$3. All sizes are net wt.

\$9 SALE
FRESH STEP CAT LITTER
 28+3-lb. bonus scoop, 4-lb. crystals or 35-lb. conventional. All sizes are net wt.

2/\$9 SALE
DURACELL COPPERTOP "C" OR "D" 4 PACK OR 9-V 2 PACK

2/\$11 SALE
DURACELL COPPERTOP "AA" OR "AAA" 8 PACK

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Meeting House Grand Ballroom, Plymouth, 734-416-5100

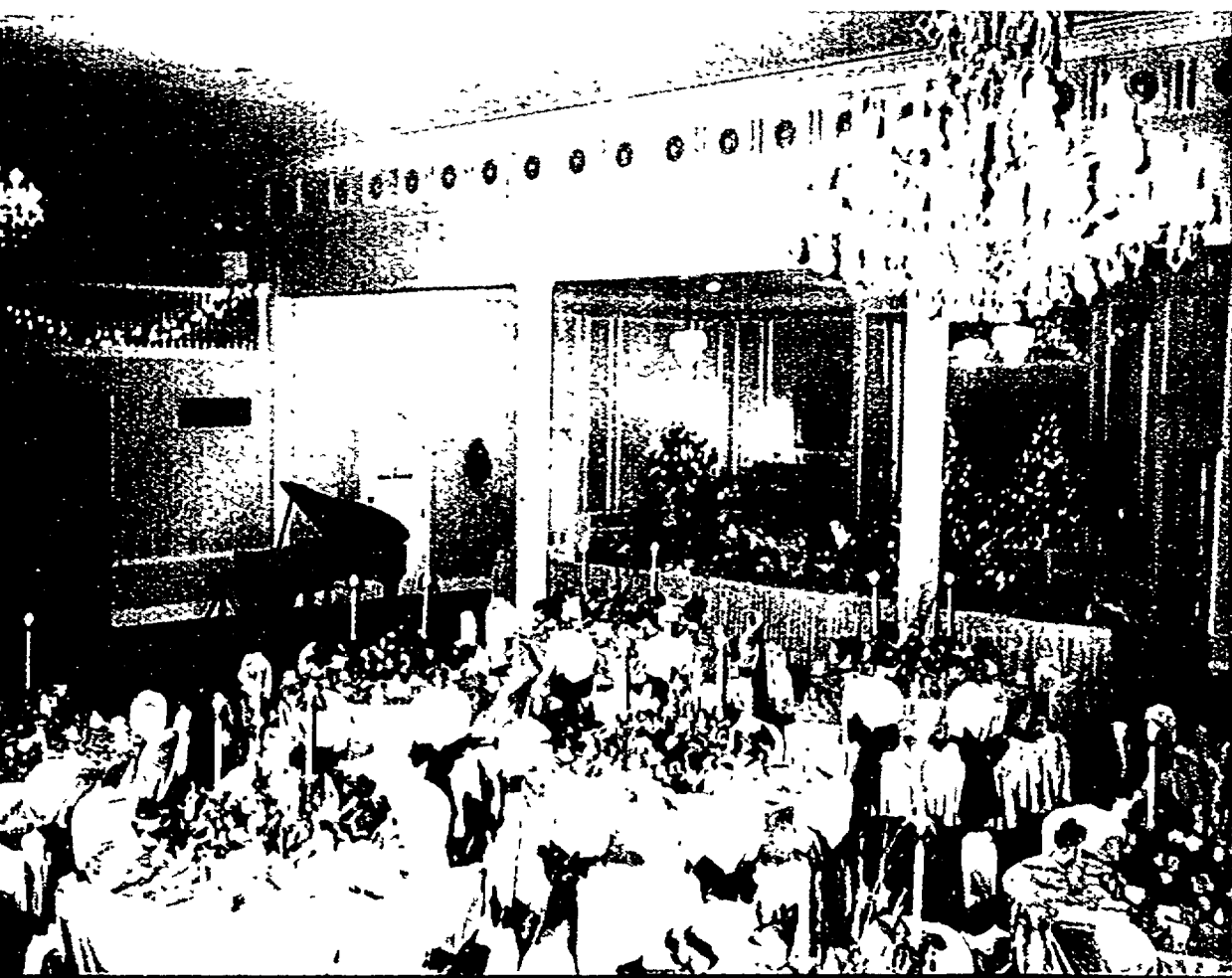
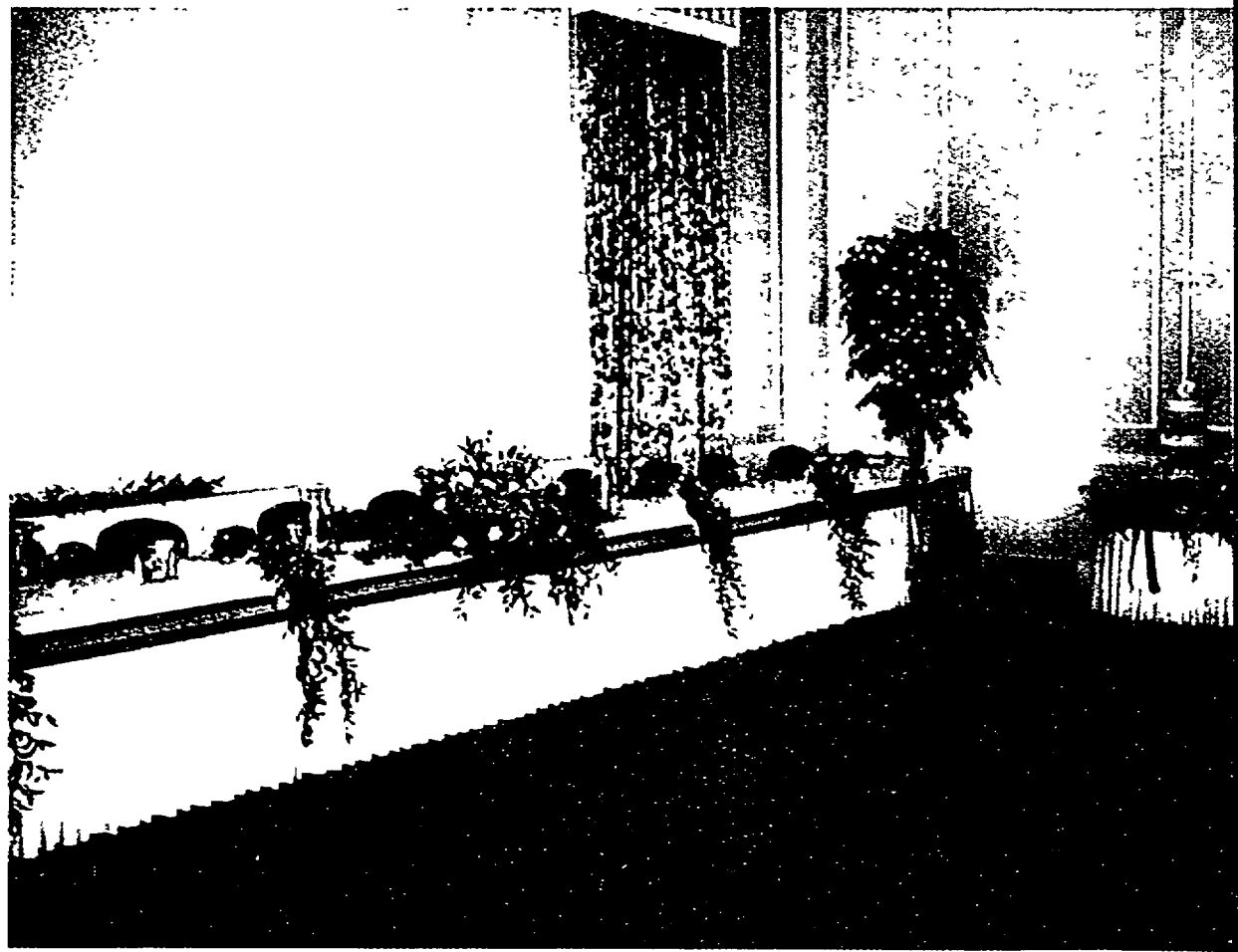


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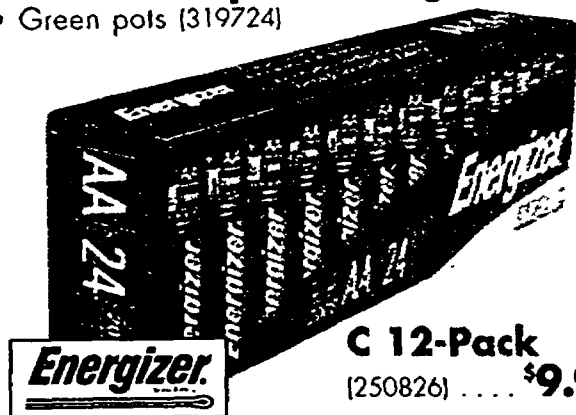
Tropical Foliage

- One or more plants per pot
- Easy-care indoor tropical
- Black pots (673872)

Premium Tropical Foliage ... \$16.96

- Green pots (319724)

\$7.48
10"



Energizer

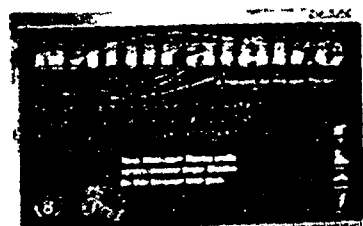
AA 24-Pack
(250756) ... **\$10.69**

D 12-Pack
(250859) ... **\$9.98**

C 12-Pack
(250826) ... **\$9.98**

9V 6-Pack
(250355) ... **\$8.97**

AAA 16-Pack
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3-Pack Pleated Air Filter

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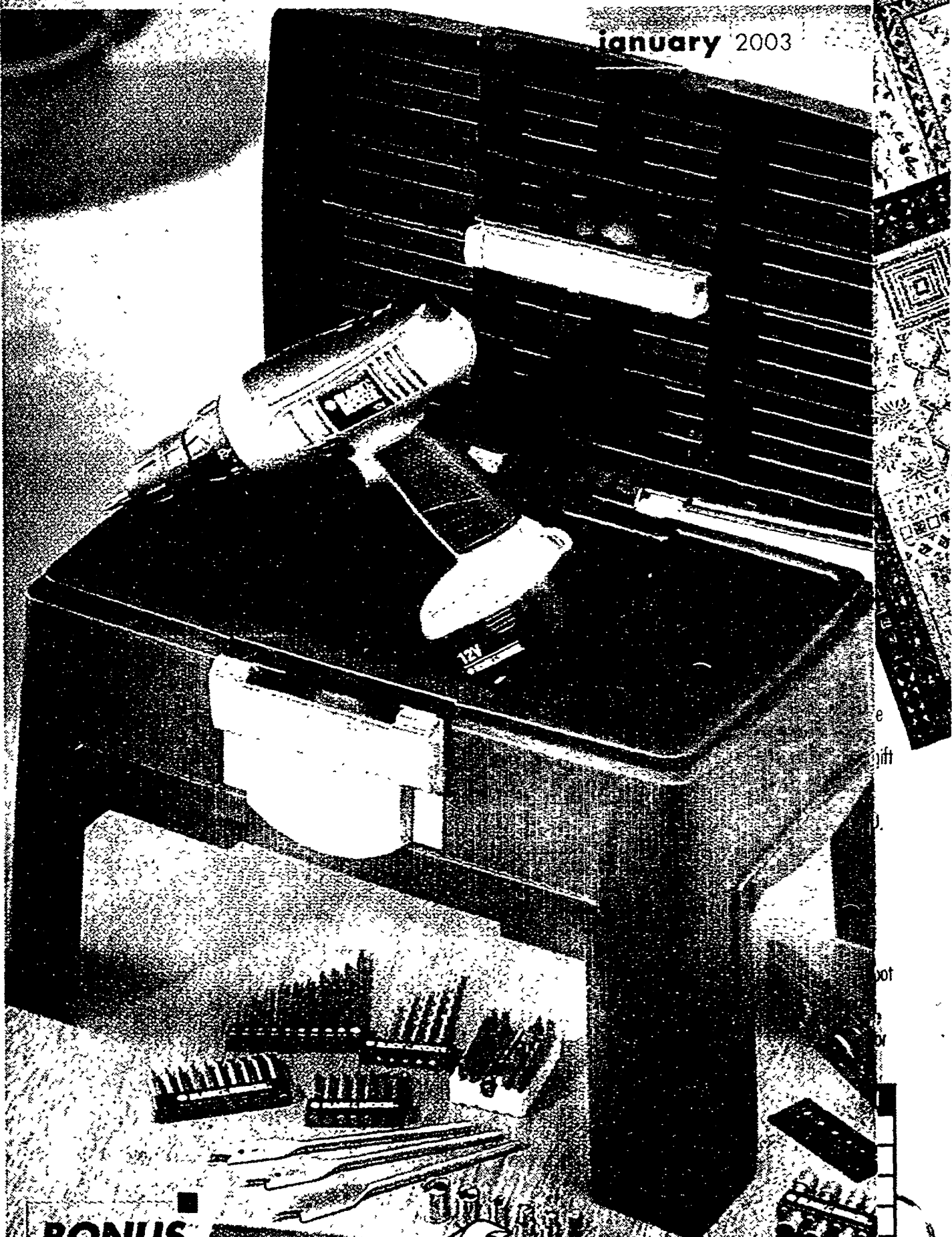
• Four times more efficient than fiberglass filters (671811, 813, 842, 845)

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No Payments & No Interest for 6 Months

on all purchases over \$499. See store for details.
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100 Assorted
Accessories
Included!

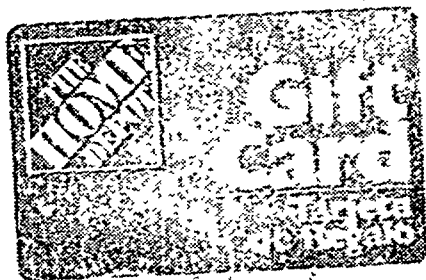
12-Volt Drill and Step Stool Kit

- Drill has keyless chuck, 24-position clutch, variable speed reverse and rubber grips
- Stool will hold up to 350 lbs, has storage area for tools and slip-resistant rubber feet

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\$59.97



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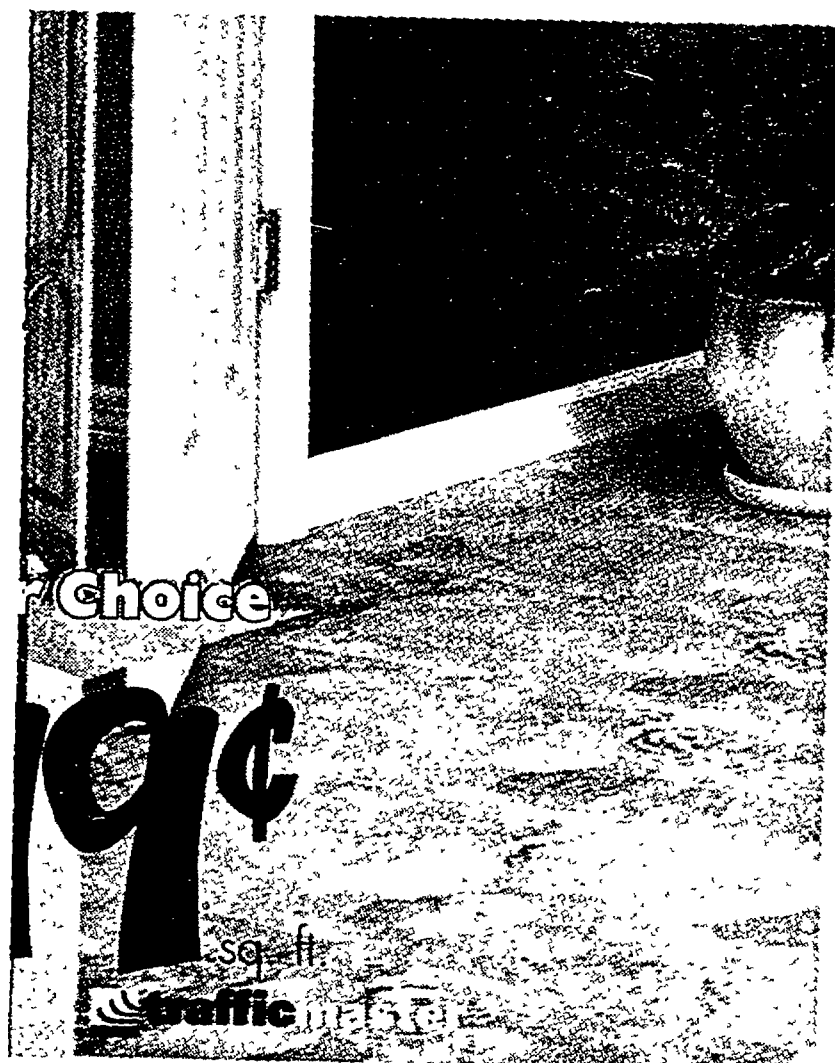
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9¢
sq. ft.

Beige Slate Vinyl Tile

- 12"x12"
- Case covers 30 sq. ft.
- 5 times tougher than regular residential tile

only
9¢
sq. ft.

That's only
\$29.70 case

traffic

\$19
sq. ft.

Morocco Slate Vinyl Tile

- 12"x12"
- Case covers 30 sq. ft.
- Nonporous and stain resistant

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That's only **\$35.70** case

traffic

\$19
sq. ft.

Grey Stone Vinyl Tile

- 12"x12"
- Case covers 30 sq. ft.
- 5 times tougher than regular residential tile
- Lifetime residential warranty

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That's only **\$35.70** case

Buy \$1,000 or more of installed flooring and receive a Home Depot Gift Card worth \$100 or more. The greater the purchase, the greater the gift card.*



Your Choice

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Hardwood Parquet Flooring

- 12"x12"
- No-wax, pre-sealed urethane finish
- Easy glue-down installation
- Case covers 10 sq. ft.

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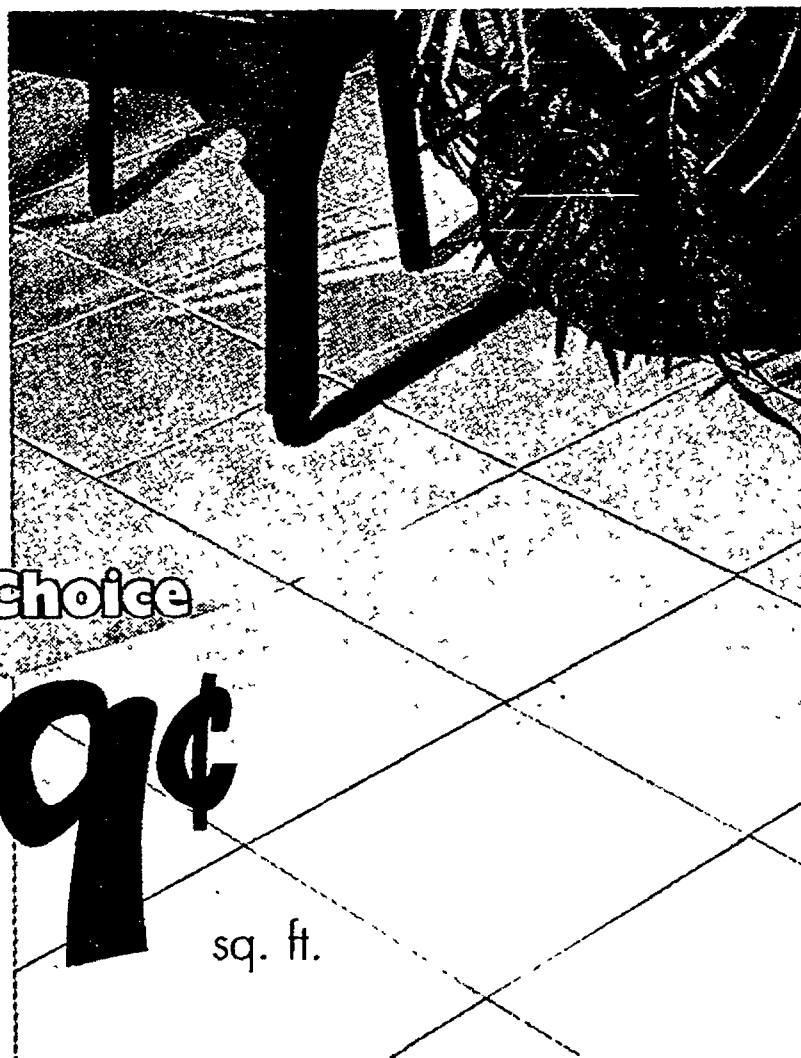
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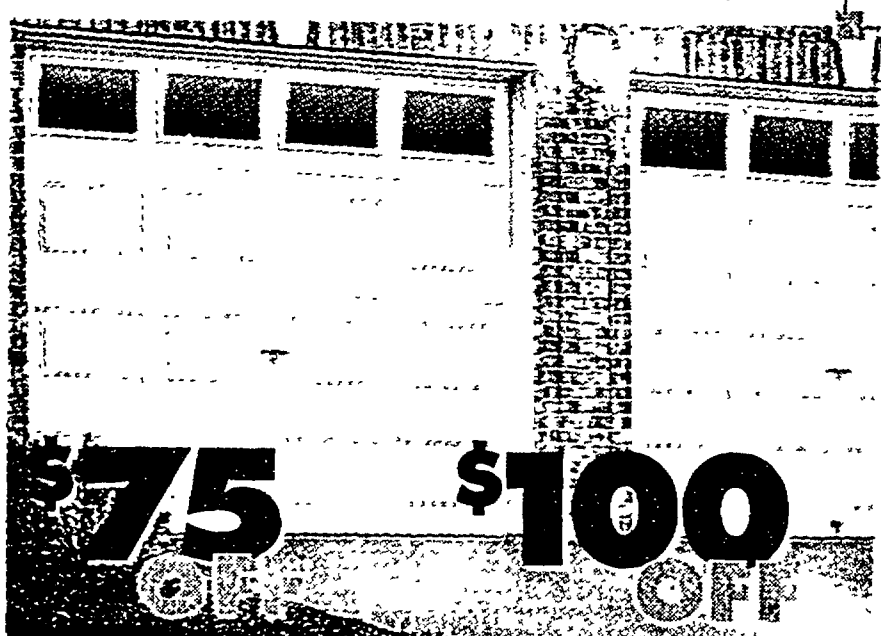


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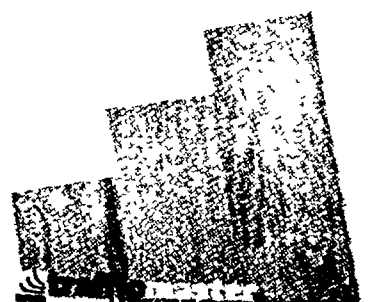
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Perpetual Strip Laminate Flooring **\$2.48** sq. ft.

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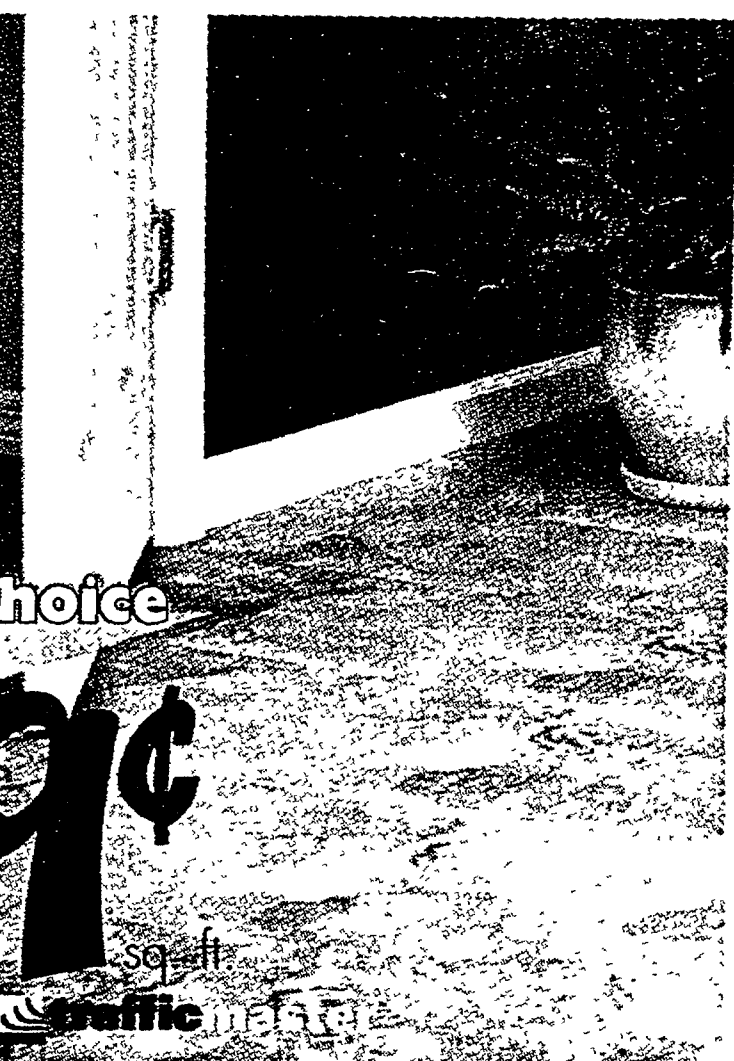
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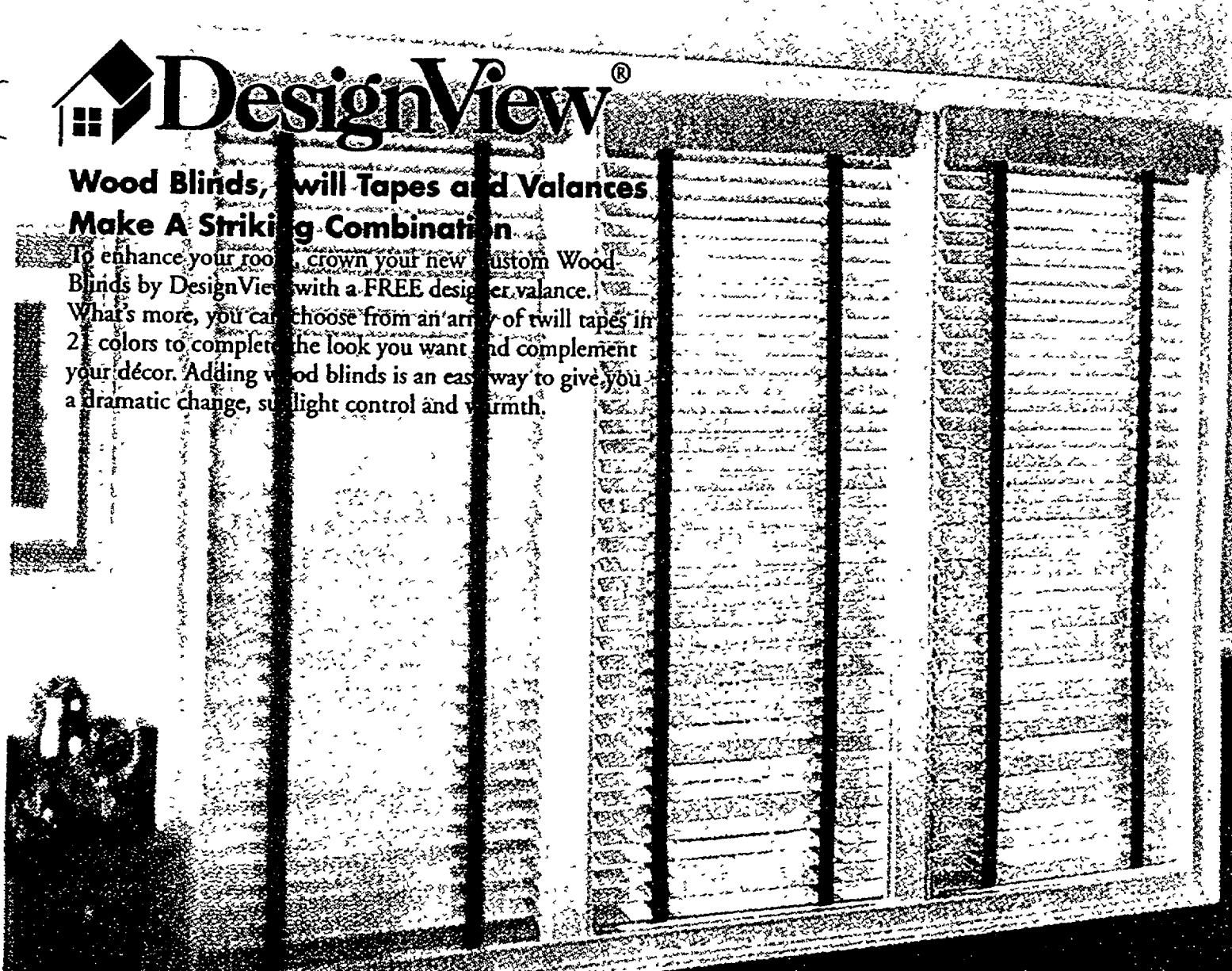
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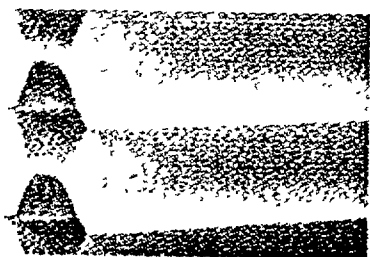
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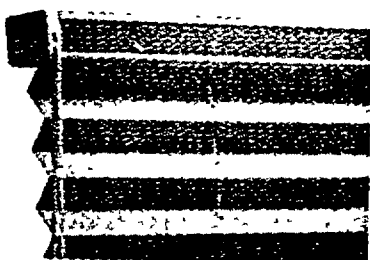
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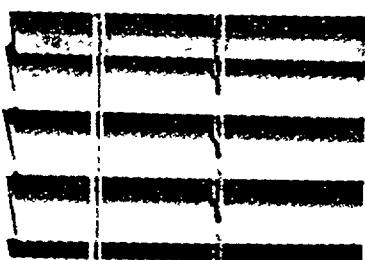
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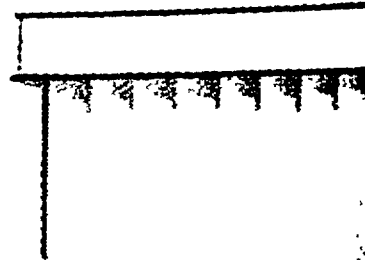
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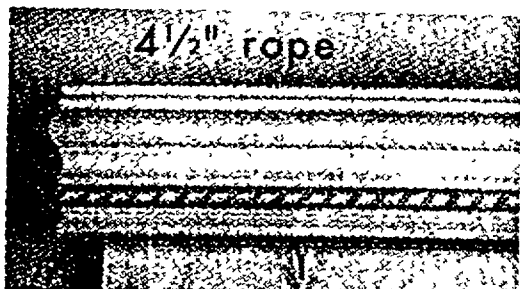
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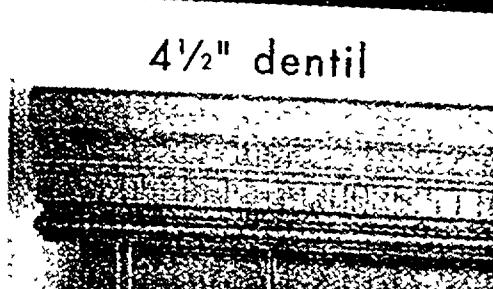
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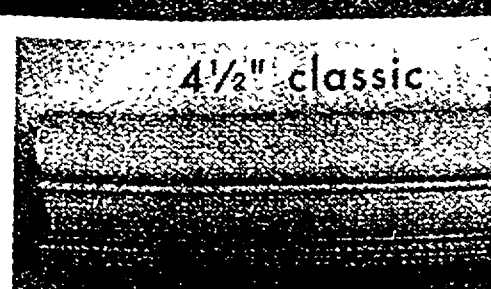
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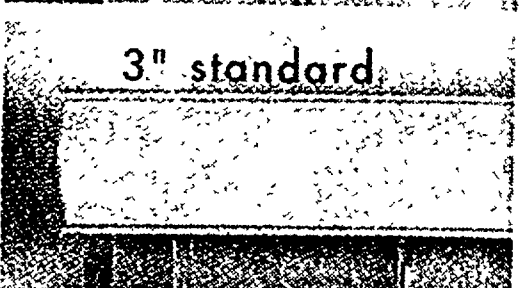
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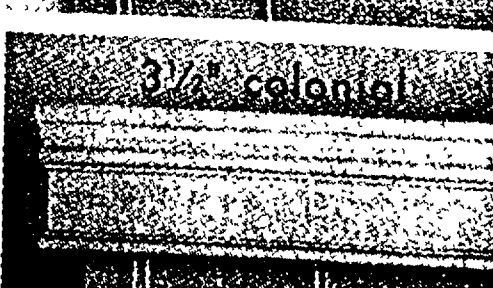
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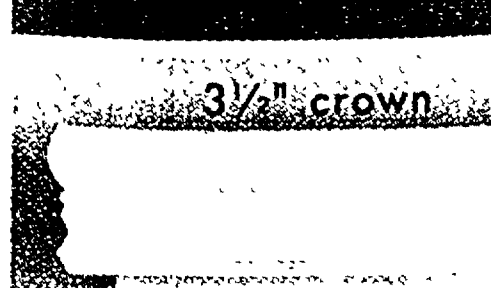
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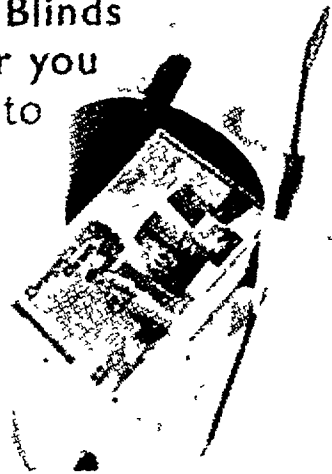
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- Select the size you need, or it can be **(custom cut to your width in minutes)**
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64" Length	\$19.97 (122555)	\$23.97 (122587)	\$26.97 (122686)	\$30.97 (122770)

1" Vinyl Mini Blinds

- Classic 1" vinyl blinds provide your windows with a finished, stylish look
- Light filtering for privacy and light control

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64" Length	\$5.72 (403148)	\$5.97 (403180)	\$6.96 (403229)	\$8.64 (400033)

1" Vinylplus™ Blinds

- Premium steel headrail and bottom rail
- Integrated valance
- Select the size you need, or it can be **(custom cut to your width in minutes)**

	23"	27"	35"	51"
72" Length	\$10.96 (143285)	\$11.96 (725992)	\$15.96 (731537)	\$24.95 (143317)

Vertical In-stock Blinds

- Headrail is reversible for left or right stacking with control wand. No cords or chains
- Matching decorator valance included

	78"	78"	104"	104"
84" Length	\$29.96 Smooth (705625)	\$49.90 Embossed (280774)	\$59.90 Smooth (705642)	\$68.98 Embossed (280800)

Vertical Cut Blinds

- Perfect solution for patio doors or any window application
- Select the size you need, or it can be **(custom cut to your width in minutes)**

	3 1/2"x78"	3 1/2"x84"
	\$19.97 (564401)	\$9.97 (564467)

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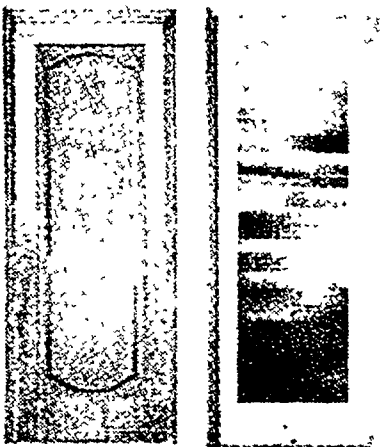
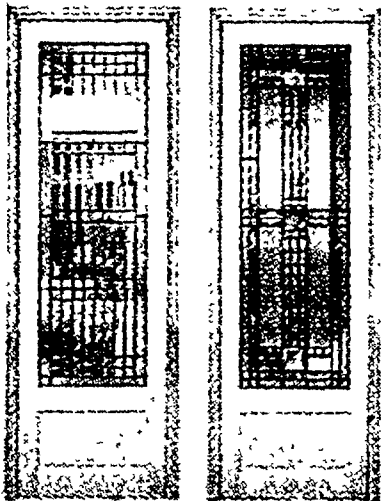


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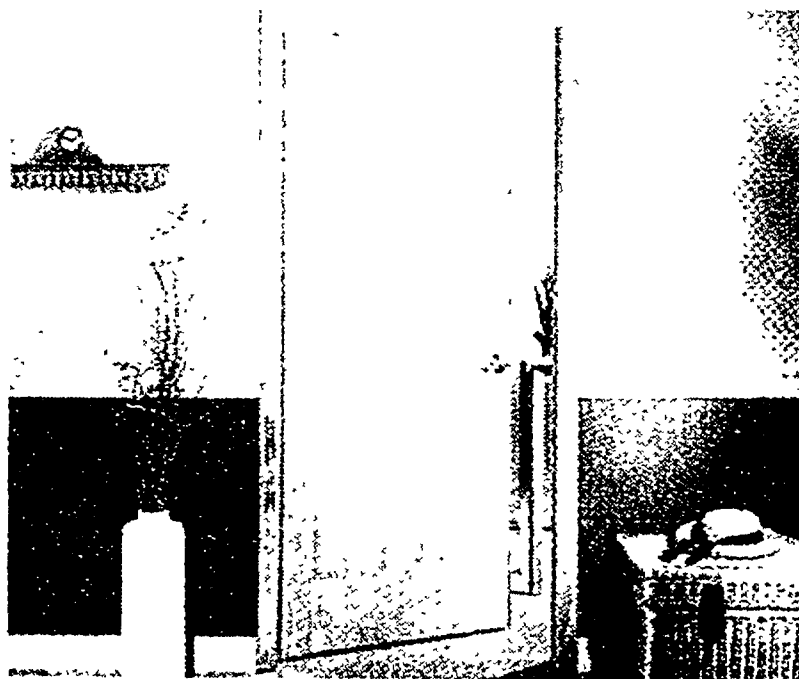
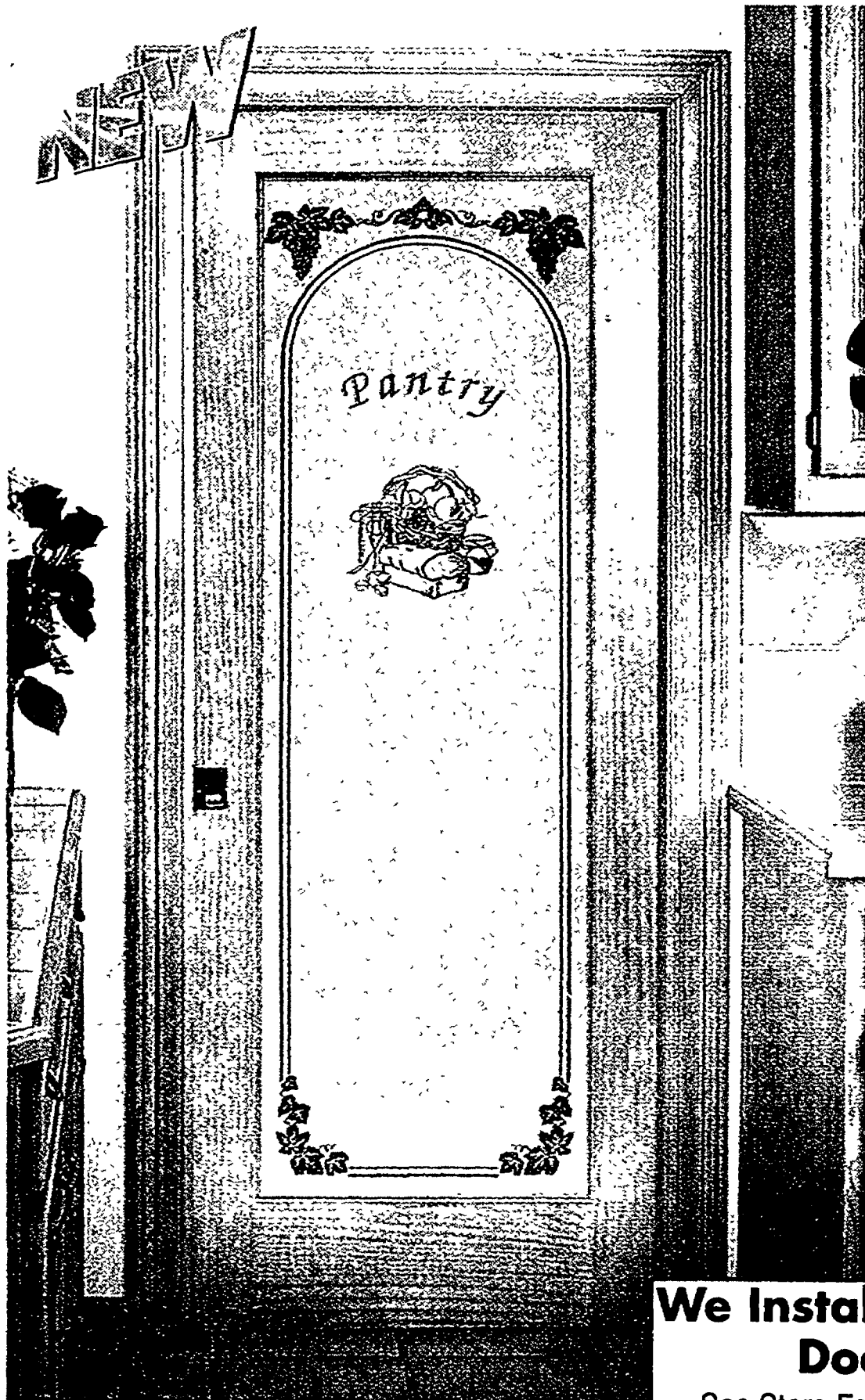
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- PFJ is comprised of primed pieces of solid pine that are "joined" together to form longer lengths
- Primed surface may require some prep before painting

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Solid Wood

Primed Finger Joint

Primed MDF

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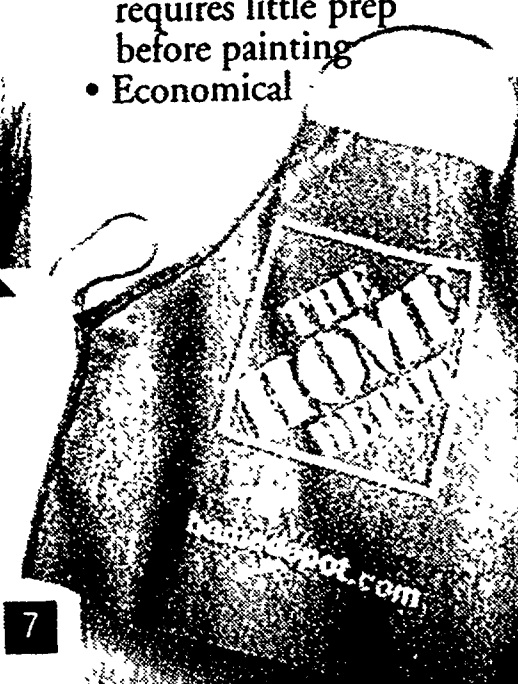
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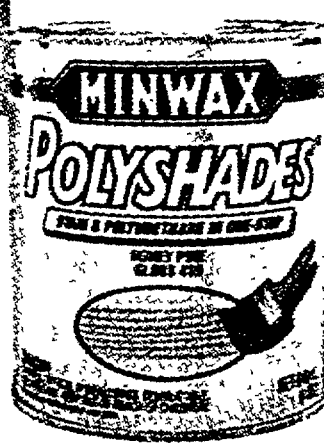
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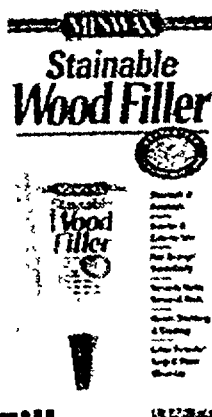
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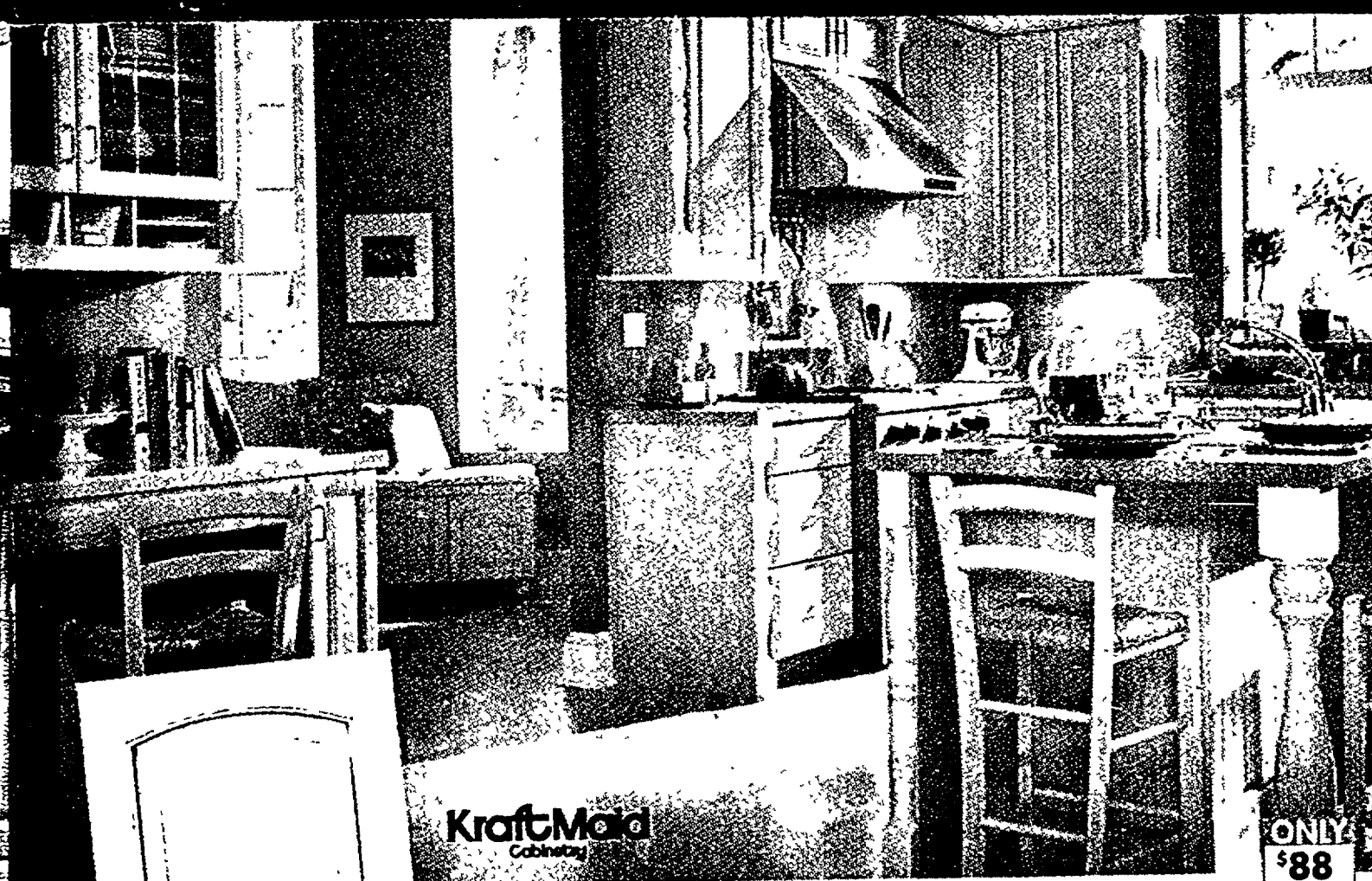
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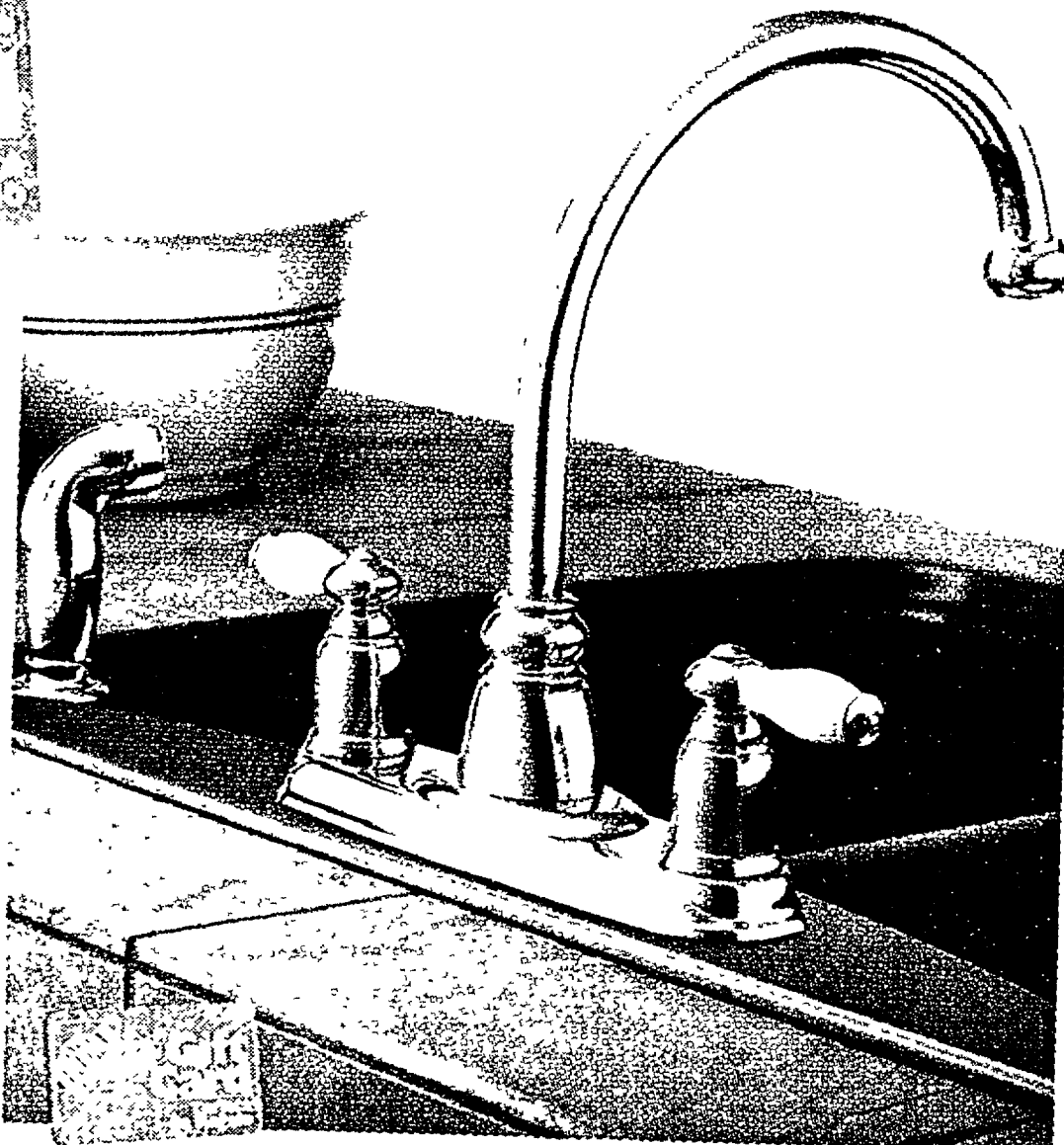


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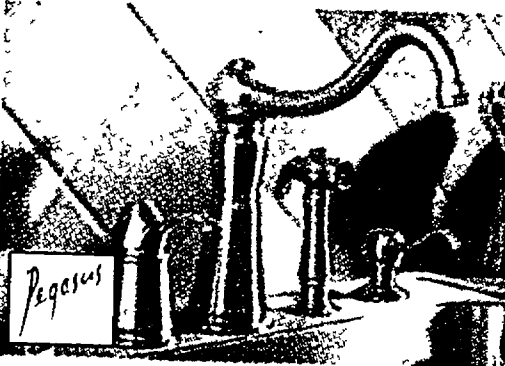
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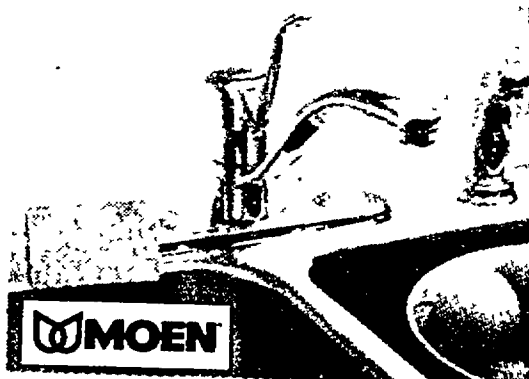


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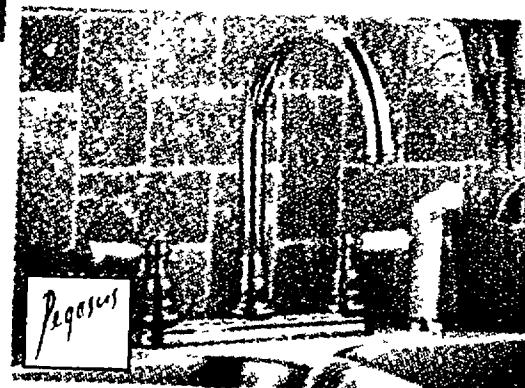
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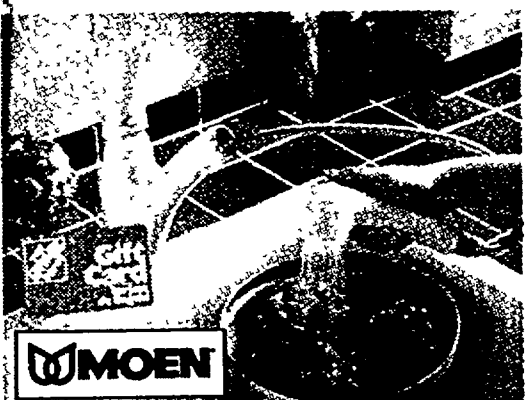
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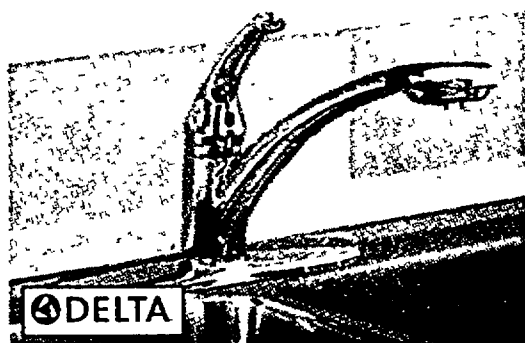


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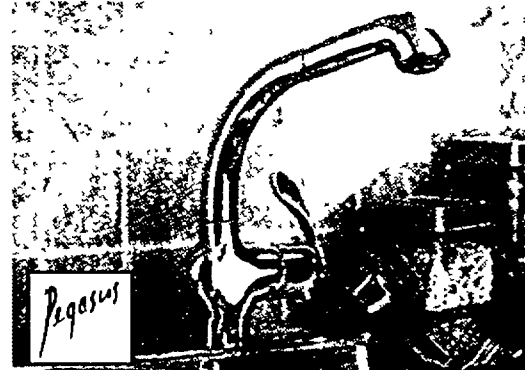


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- Chrome finish
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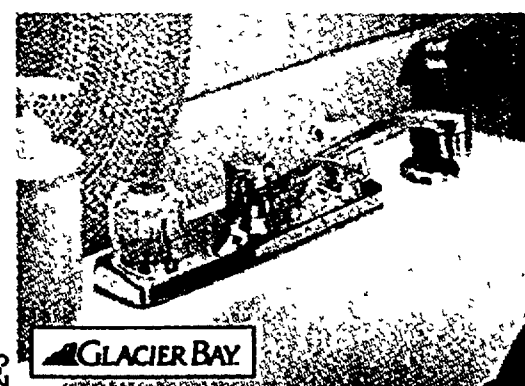


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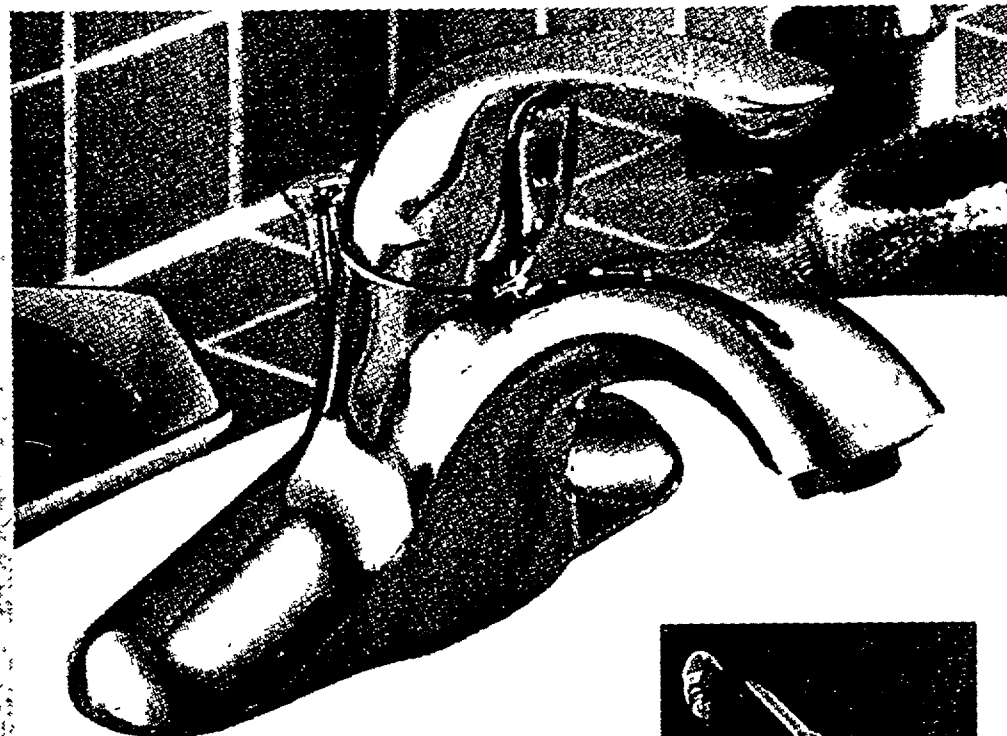


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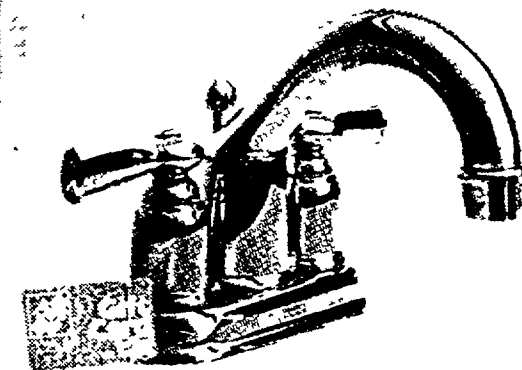
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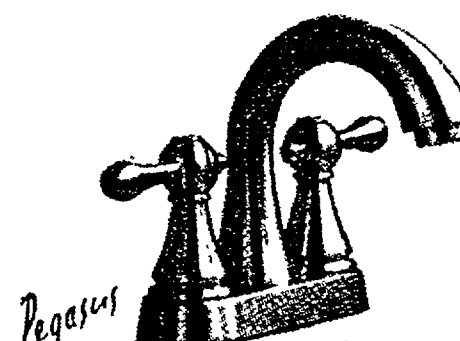
- Chrome finish
- Washerless cartridge
- Includes pop-up
- Lifetime warranty

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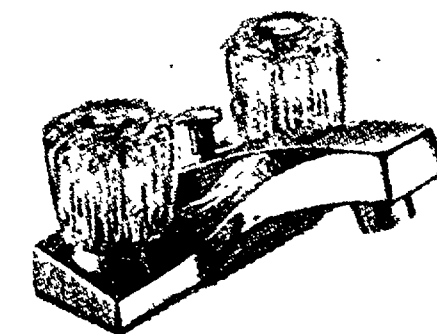
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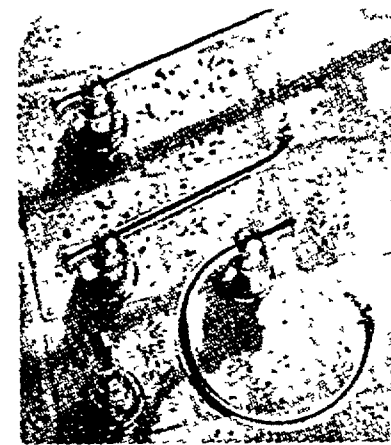
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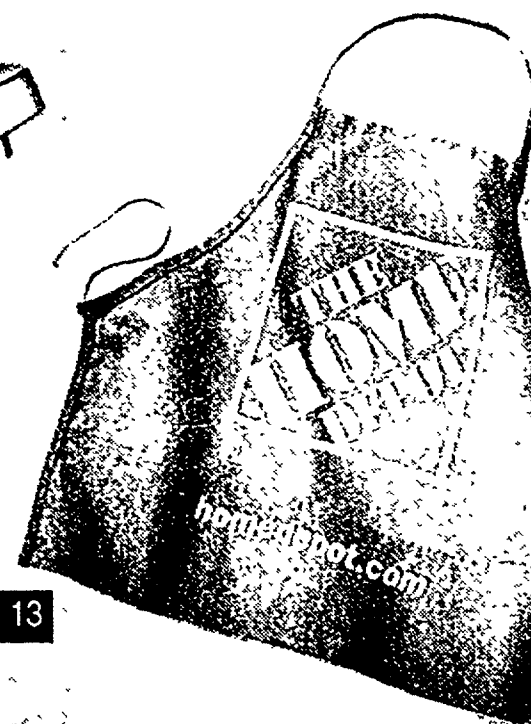
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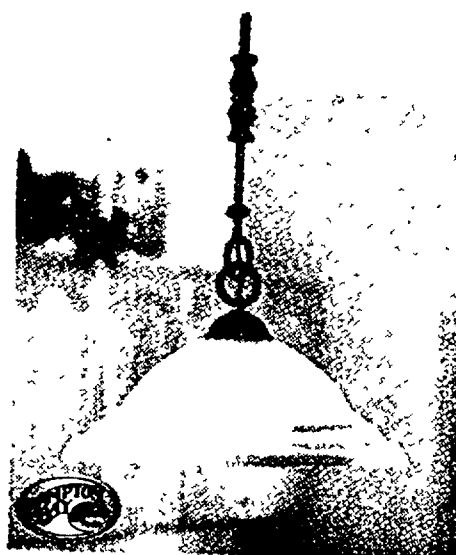
- Brushed steel finish
- Kit includes 44" track, 3 die cast gimbal heads, floating power feed and straight connector
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1-Light Mini Pendant

\$59.72

- Cobblestone finish
- Alabaster glass shade
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- Uses (1) 150-watt bulb* (438832)



1-Light Pendant

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- Rust finish
- Alabaster glass shade
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Monterrey Rust 5-Light Chandelier

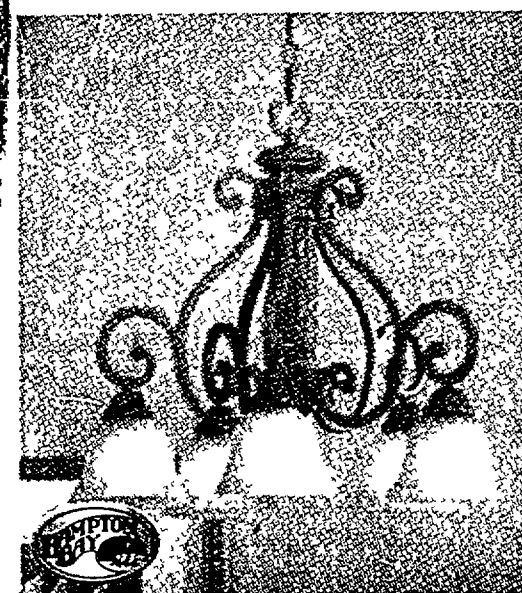
\$179

- Forged iron with monterrey rust finish
- 5 faux leather shades
- 25"H
- Uses (5) 60-watt max candelabra bulbs* (320072)

Monterrey Rust 1-Light Wall Sconce*

(320067)

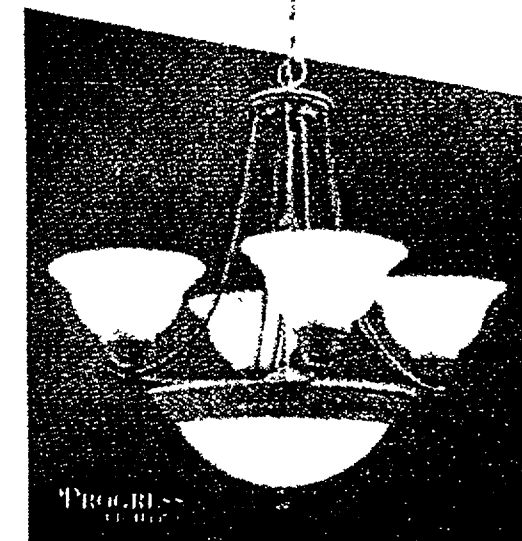
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5-Light Ancient Stone Chandelier

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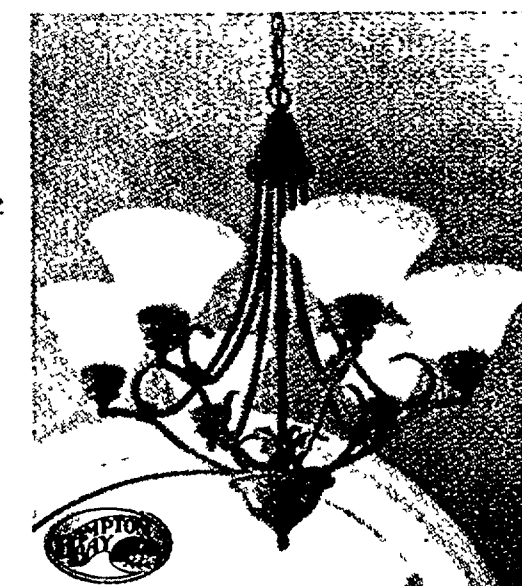
- Hand applied ancient stone finish
- Etched seeded glass
- Approximately 24"W x 21-5/8"H
- Uses (5) 100-watt medium base bulbs* (324209)



5-Light Hamilton Chandelier with Downlight

\$189

- Rustic stone handpainted finish
- Alabaster glass shades
- 26-1/4"W x 25-3/4"H
- Uses (7) 100-watt medium base bulbs* (203634)



6-Light Chandelier

\$119

- Copper patina finish
- Alabaster glass shades
- Uses (6) 60-watt bulbs* (687067)



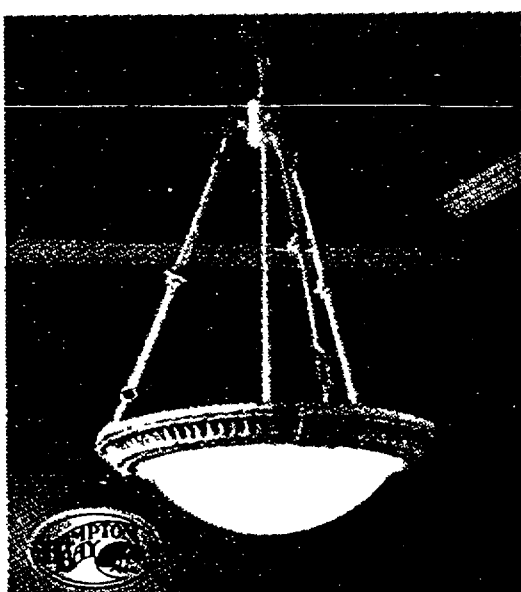
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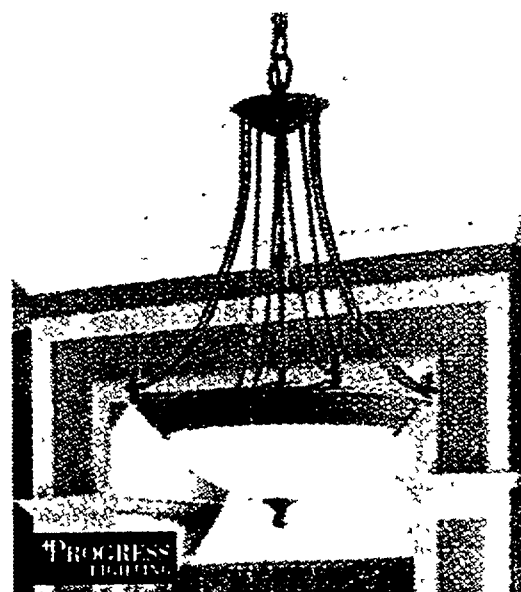
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3-Light Ancient Stone Pendant **\$148**

- Hand applied ancient stone finish
- Etched seeded glass
- Approximately 20"W x 24"H
- Uses (3) 60-watt medium base bulbs* (324557)



3-Light Hamilton Foyer Pendant **\$129**

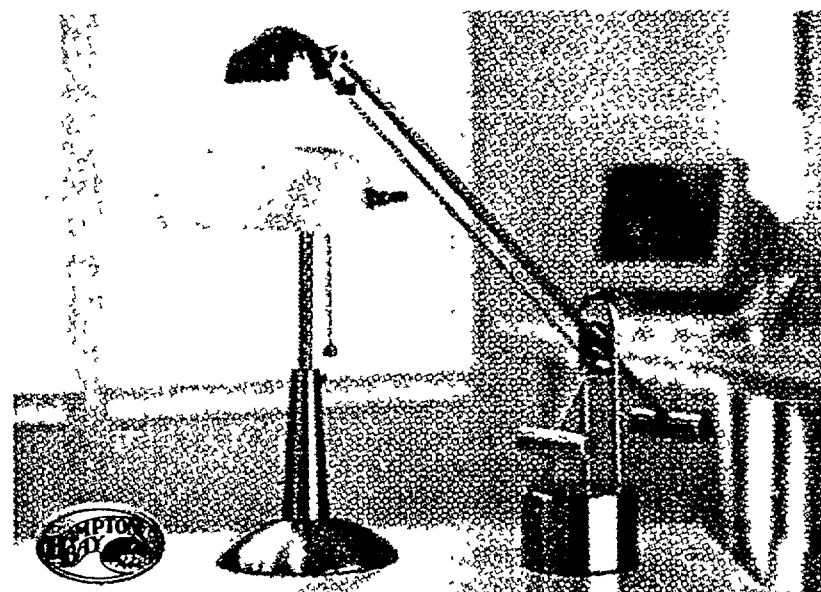
- Rustic stone handpainted finish
- Alabaster glass shade
- 17-3/8"W x 24-1/4"H
- Uses (3) 100-watt bulbs* (556936)



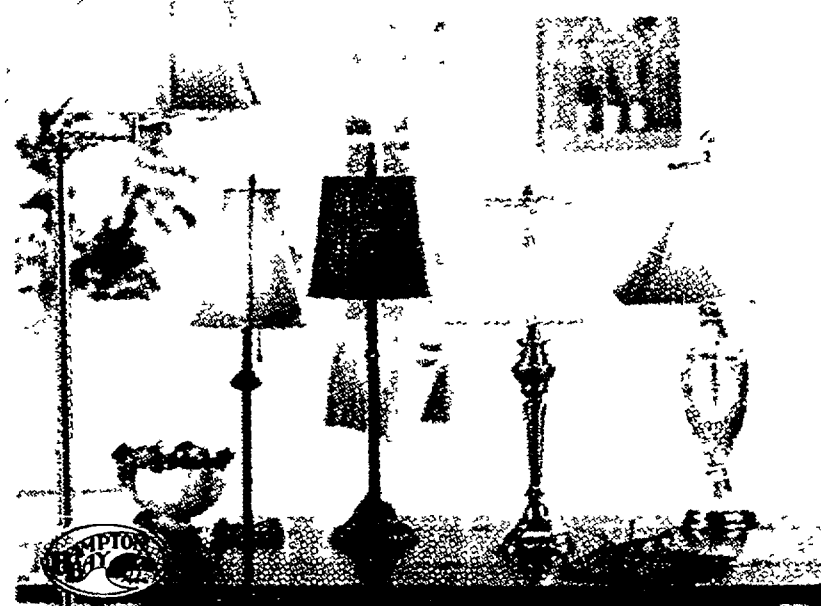
3-Light Pendant **\$78³⁵**

- Copper patina finish
- Alabaster glass shade
- Uses (3) 60-watt bulbs* (690030)

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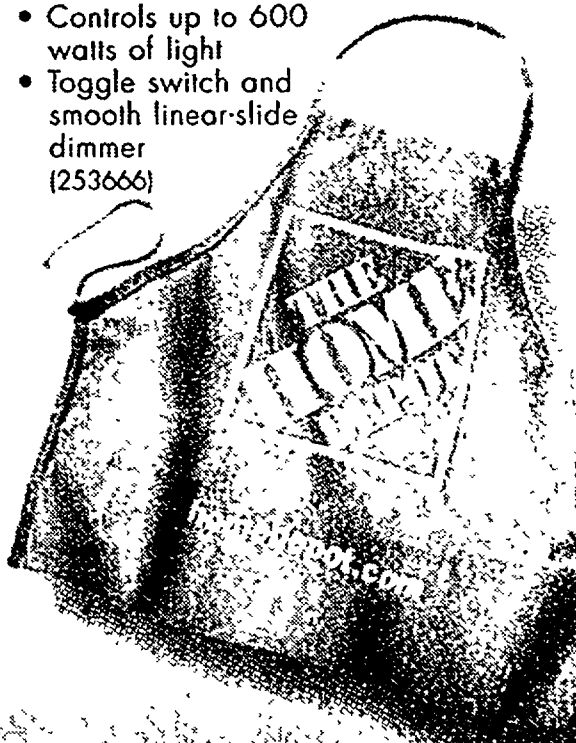
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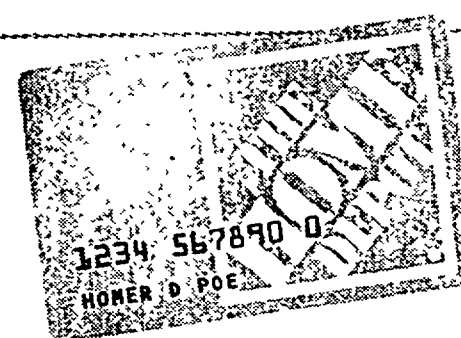
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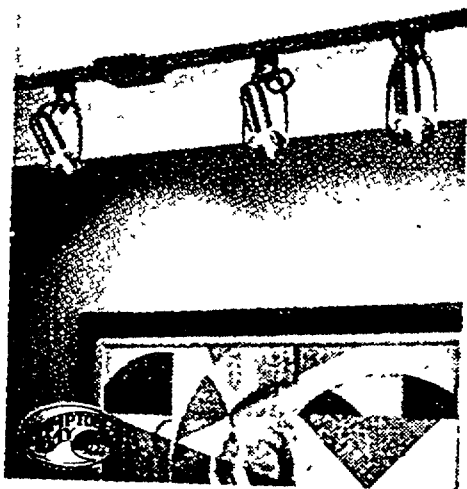
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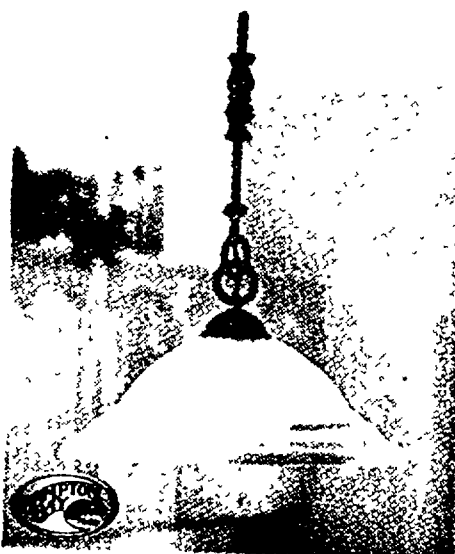
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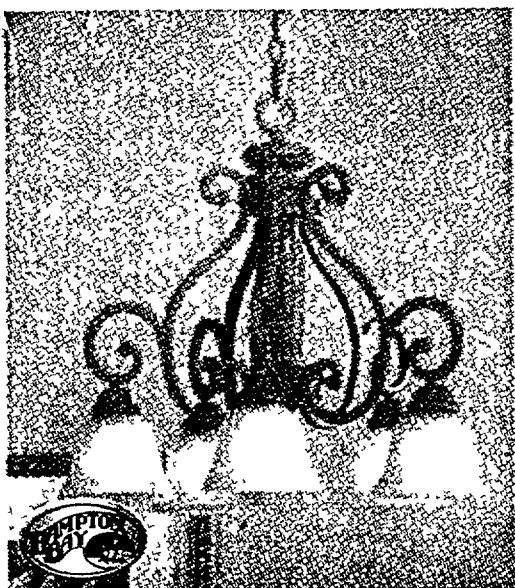
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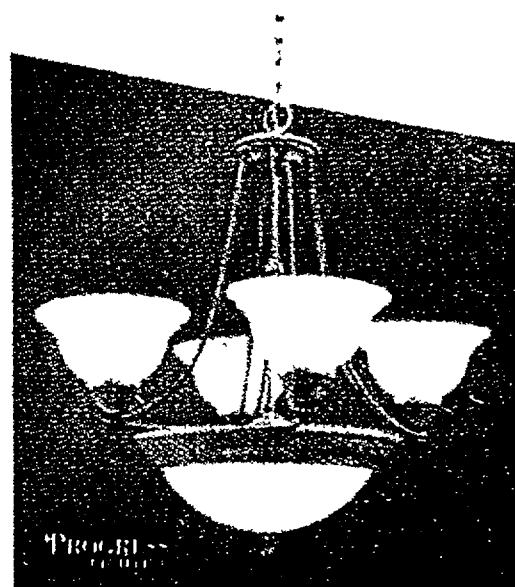


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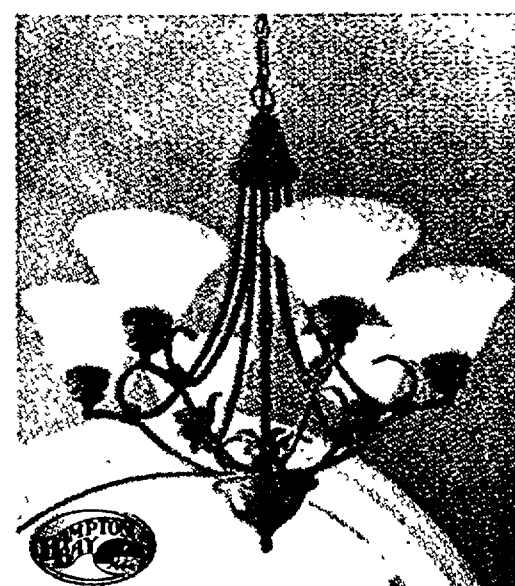
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- Hand applied ancient stone finish
- Etched seeded glass
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- Uses (5) 100-watt medium base bulbs* (324209)



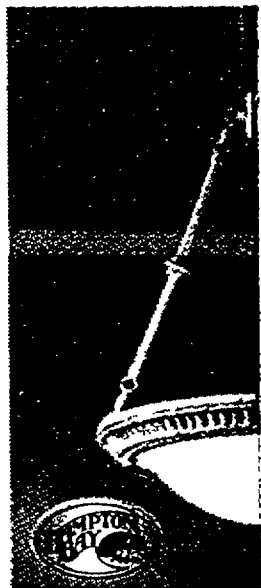
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- Alabaster glass shades
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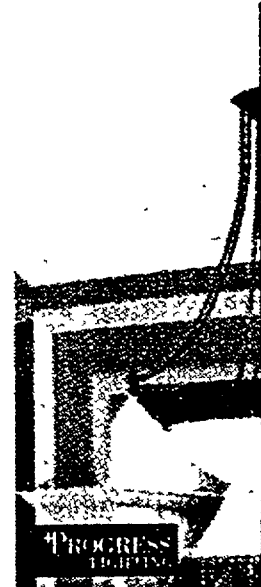
6-Light Chandelier \$119

- Copper patina finish
- Alabaster glass shades
- Uses (6) 60-watt bulbs* (687067)



3-Light Ancient Stone Pendant

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3-Light Hamilton Foyer Pendant

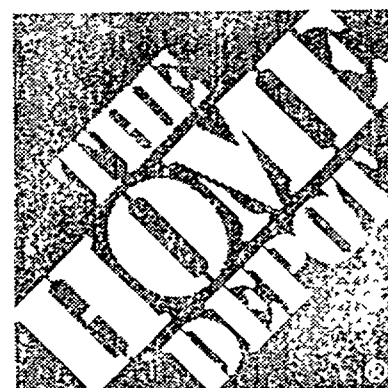
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3-Light Pendant

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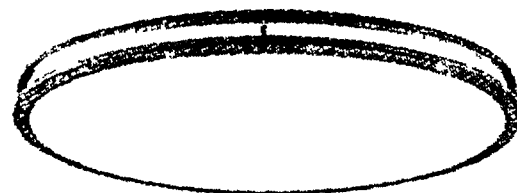
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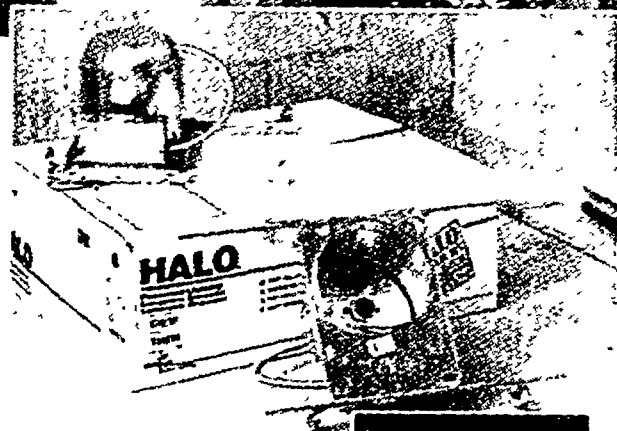
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- C01248
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\$79⁹⁸

2-Light Oval Fluorescent

- Brushed nickel finish
 - Energy efficient electronic ballast
 - Uses (2) 32-watt circline fluorescent bulbs, sold separately
- DC032 (193871)



**A 6-Pack 6" IC New
Construction Housing Cans**

- Housing adjusts in plaster frame 1 3/8" for different ceiling thicknesses (958539)

Each (797612) **\$6.99**

B 6-Pack 6" Baffle Trim

- White
- I.C. approved
- Uses (1) 65 watt R30 bulb (396672)

Each (556219) **\$8.96**

\$37⁷⁵

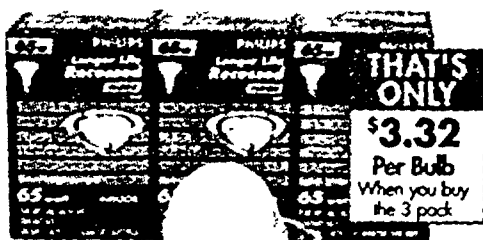
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\$16⁹⁷

4' 2-Light T8 Shop Light

- Energy efficient T8 ballast
 - Uses (2) 32-watt T8 bulbs, sold separately
- HBSL-25G (140870)



**PHILIPS
3-Pack BR30 Longer
Life Flood Bulbs**

- 65-watt
- Lasts 2500 hours
- For use in indoor recessed lighting (392572)

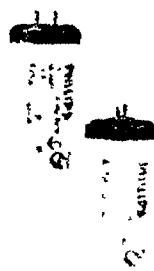
\$9⁹⁷



**PHILIPS
Duramax BR30
Floodlight Bulb**

- 65-watt
- Lasts 2500 hours
- For use in indoor recessed lighting (179121)

\$4²⁷



**PHILIPS
2-Pack 4'
T12 Soft
White Tubes**

- 40-watt
- Lasts 20,000 hours
- Warmer color for more natural color (154328)

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Fluorescent Tube**

- 32-watt
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- 43% energy savings vs. standard cool white (362538)

Convenient for
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21" TV and VCR Wall Mount

- Black
- Holds a TV and VCR from 13" to 21"
- VCR not included (300574)

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- Code search function to make set-up easy
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Modular Adapters

Description	SKU	Price
2-in-1 White Modular Adapter	(114607)	\$3.48
3-in-1 Ivory Modular Adapter	(114904)	\$3.97
3-way In-Line Coupler	(114910)	\$3.25
Tripletap	(621259)	\$5.48

Wall Jacks and Mounts

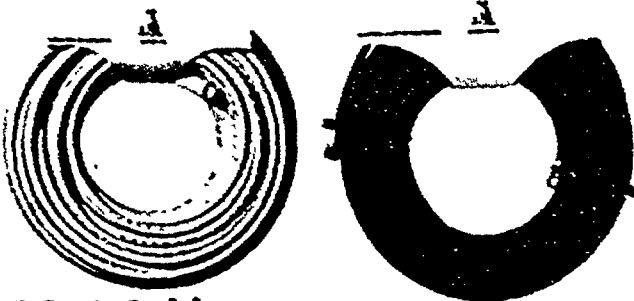
Description	Color	SKU	Price
Modular Phone Jack	Ivory	(116059)	\$2.97
Modular Phone Jack	White	(116062)	\$2.94
Modular Wall Mount Phone Jack	White	(114736)	\$5.97
3-Way White Phone Jack	White	(258118)	\$5.97
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Circular Flush Mount Phone Jack	Ivory	(116065)	\$3.45



6-Outlet Surge Protector

- 4' cord
- Protects your computer and other electrical equipment
- 330 joules rated (817737)

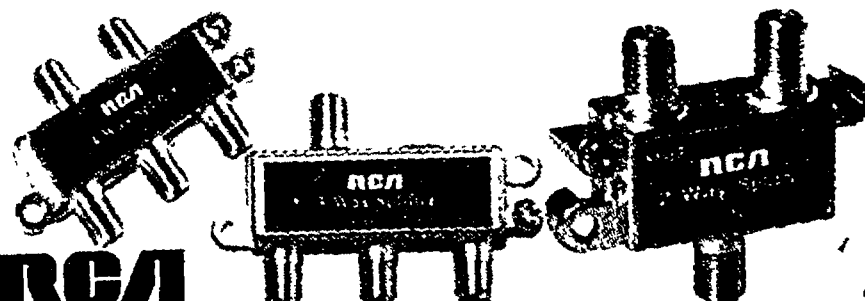
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RG-6 Cable

• For antennas, CATV, VCR or DBS installations

Size	Color	SKU	Price
50'	White	(114771)	\$12.97
50'	Black	(746625)	\$12.97
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RF Signal Splitters

2-Way (115496)	\$2.97
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Compact Drill/Driver Kits

A compact size makes this drill easy to use in tight spaces, and the lightweight feel with superior ergonomics and balance make it a comfortable fit in the hand. Featuring a 3/8" ratcheting chuck, 2-speed transmission and all metal planetary gears. Kits include 2 rechargeable batteries, 1-hour charger, double-ended screwdriver bit and carrying case.

18-Volt

DW929K-2

(345529).....

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12-Volt

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(349127) .

\$139

18-Volt XRP™ 4-Pack Combo Kit

- Includes: hammerdrill/driver with 360° side handle and screwdriver bit, 6-1/2" circular saw with blade and rip fence, reciprocating saw with blade, flexible floodlight with extra bulb, (2) extended-run batteries, 1-hour charger with Tune-Up™ mode and case DW4KIT-2 (371918)

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XRP™

XRP™ Drill/Driver Kits

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18-Volt Hammerdrill

DW989K-2

(367422)

\$289

18-Volt

DW987K-2 (366435) ...

\$269

14.4-Volt

DW983K-2 (366375)

\$199

12-Volt

DW980K-2 (366276)

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Professional Corded Drills

Milwaukee

\$149

1/2" Keyless Heavy-Duty Drill

- 8 amp
- Includes 360° locking side handle 0302-20 (527805)

Milwaukee

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1/2" Heavy-Duty Drill

- 8 amp
- Includes 360° locking side handle 0299-20 (825624)

DEWALT

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3/8" Drill

- 8 amp
- Variable speed/reversing
- 100% ball-bearing construction for greater durability
- Includes case DW21008K (218856)

Professional Hammer Drills

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- Includes: 360° side handle and case 11224VSR (607821)

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- 7.5 amp
- Variable speed: 0-1,350/0-3,200 rpm
- Includes: 360° side handle and depth rod 5378-20 (611578)

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- 1/4" hex shank
- Maximum torque of 870 in/lbs 6914DWAE (773827)

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12-Volt Drill with Hand Vac

- Includes: (2) double ended screwdriver bits, crevice and brush nozzles, (2) rechargeable batteries, charger and case HS12VK2 (313041)

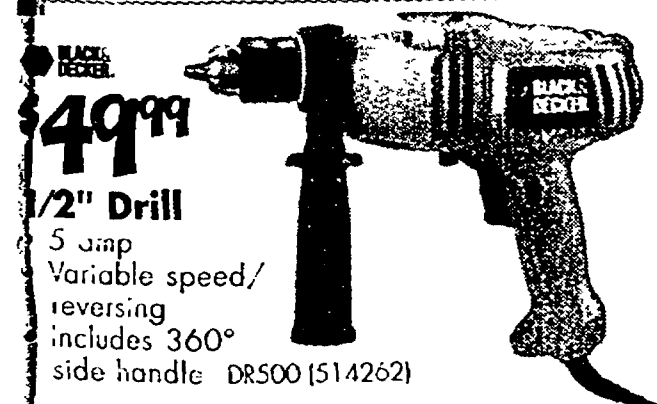
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14.4-Volt Drill with Flashlight

HP1441MK2 (675923) ... **\$79.97**

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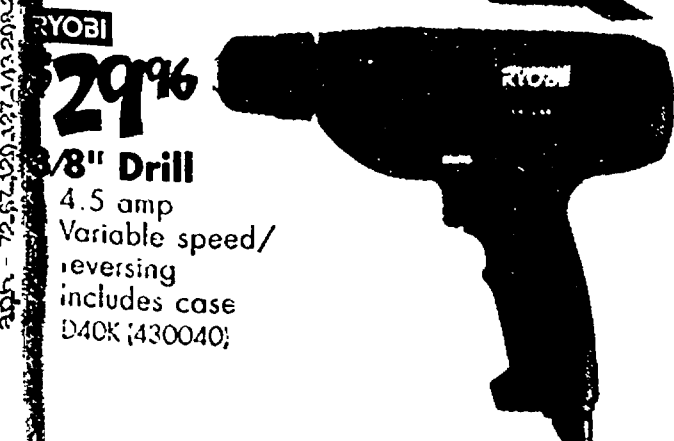
1/2" Drill
5 amp
Variable speed/
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includes 360°
side handle DR500 (514262)



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3/8" Drill
5 amp
Integrated sight-light
Keyless chuck for
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Sight Light



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3/8" Drill
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reversing
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Combo Kits



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- Includes: 1/2" drill with bits, 5-1/2" circular saw with carbide-tipped blade, edge guide, wrench, tool-less blade change reciprocating saw with (2) general purpose blades, Tuff-Sucker™ wet/dry vac with crevice tool, brush and squeegee, flashlight, (2) rechargeable batteries, 1-hour charger and case HP518MK2 (200706)

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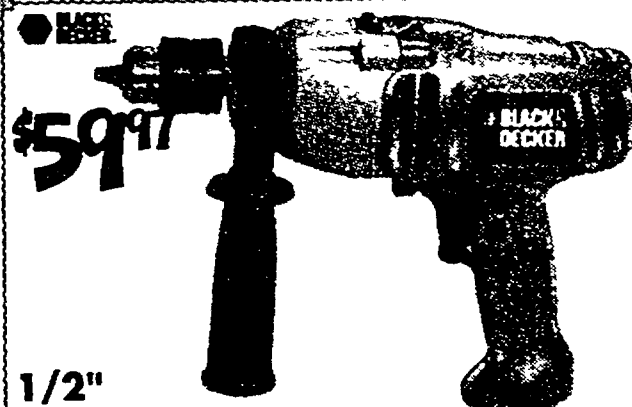
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14.4 Volt Drill, Circular Saw and Flashlight Kit

- Includes: blade, (2) rechargeable batteries, charger and case HP214MK2 (675890)



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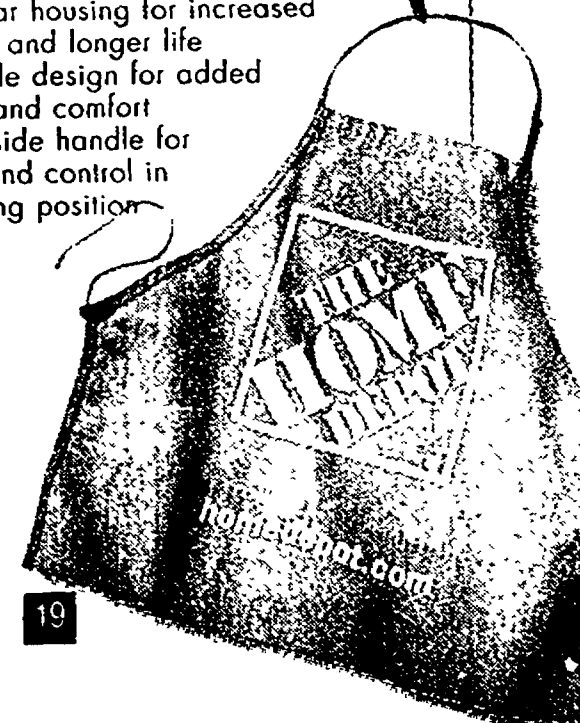


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1/2" Hammerdrill

- 5.5 amp
- Variable speed/
reversing: 0-900 rpm
- 0-10,800 bpm
- Metal gear housing for increased durability and longer life
- Mid-handle design for added balance and comfort
- Rotating side handle for comfort and control in any drilling position

DR600 (514300)

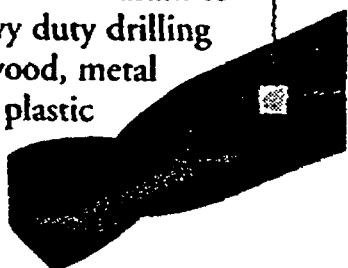


accessories

BITS | BLADES

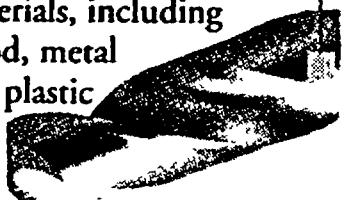
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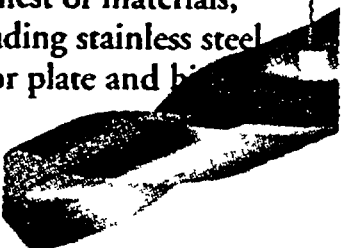
TITANIUM

Provides heavy duty drilling in a wide range of materials, including wood, metal and plastic



COBALT

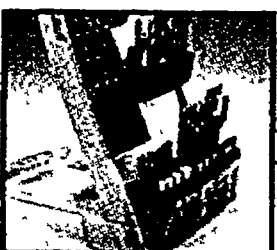
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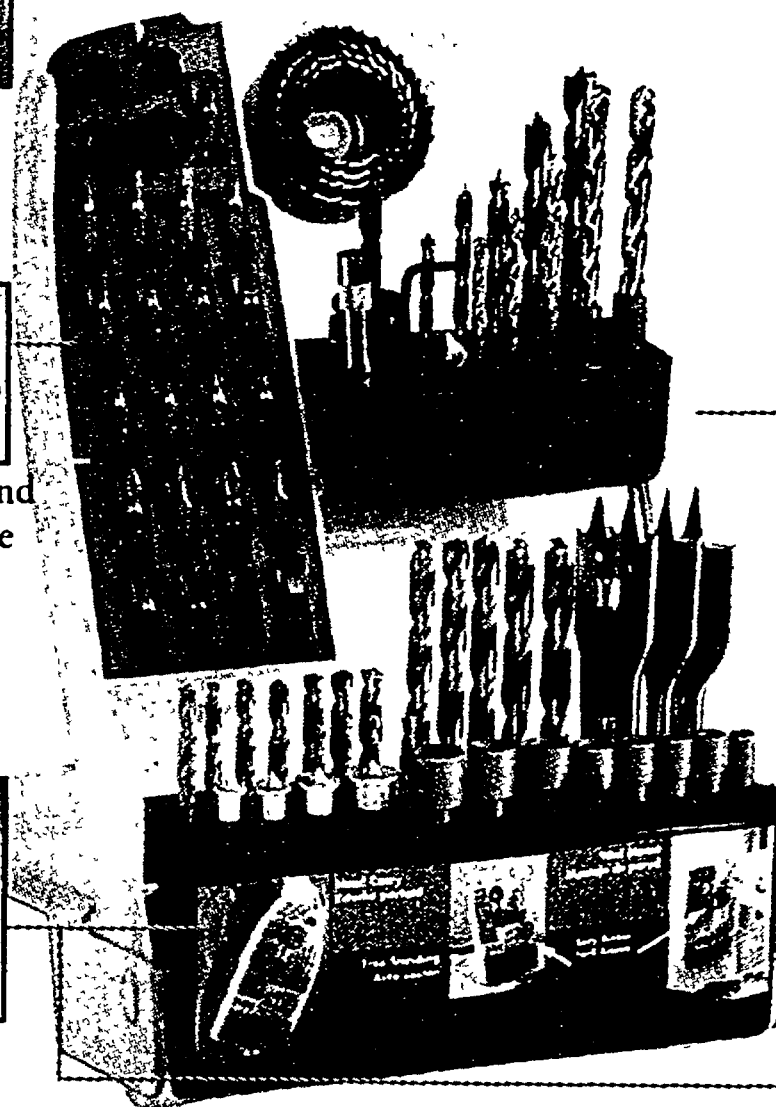
Wall Mount



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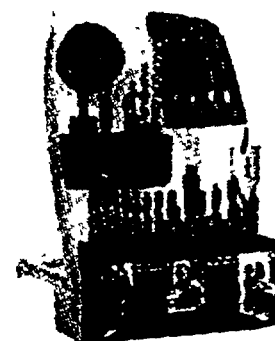


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81-Piece Drill Accessory Set

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- Versatile tilt-out case can be easily carried by hand or bench or wall mounted
- Bits can be used for drilling in wood, metal, plastic and concrete (707673)



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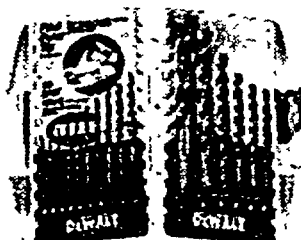
55-Piece Drill/Drive Tilt-Out Set . . . \$19.99

- Includes: nut setters, spade and masonry bits, hole saws, dowel centers and nail set (248335)

Drilling

Screwdriving

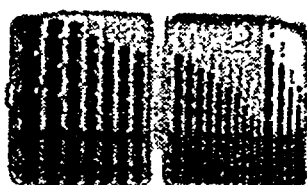
Specialty



DEWALT

16-Piece Bit Set \$24⁹⁷

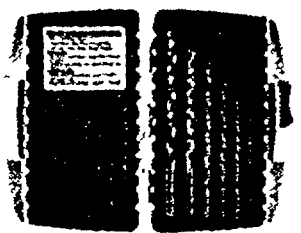
- Pilot point helps keep drill centered on workpiece (801670)



BLUE-MOL

21-Piece Bit Set \$19⁹⁷

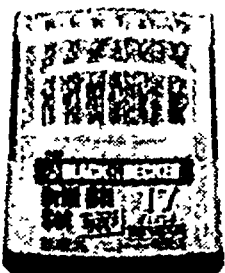
- Black oxide
- 1/16"-1/2"
- 143° split point technology (1163486)



DEWALT

14-Piece Bit Set \$16⁹⁷

- Pilot point helps keep drill centered on workpiece (416457)



17-Piece

Bit Set \$9⁹⁷

- Most popular sizes from 1/16" to 3/8" (761041)



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40-Piece Fast Change System™ \$29⁹⁷

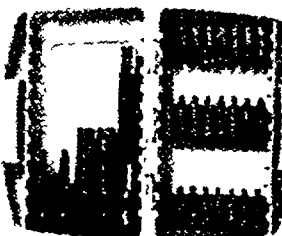
- Auto-load connector for fast bit changes without reChucking (141649)



RYOBI

22-Piece Fast Change System™ \$19⁹⁵

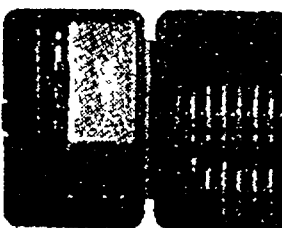
- Fast connect adapter makes for quick bit changes (679745)



DEWALT

29-Piece Bit Set \$19⁹⁹

- Shock resistant steel for maximum durability (471012)



45-Piece Ice Bit Set \$19⁹⁷

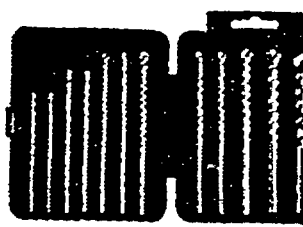
- Lasts up to 6 times longer than professional bits (101458)



Oldham

16-Piece Forstner Bit Set \$39⁹⁸

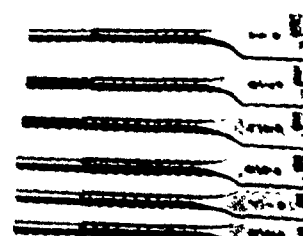
- High speed steel construction for long life
- Drill clean, flat bottom holes (803713)



VA

12-Piece Masonry Drill Bit Set \$15⁹⁰

- For drilling dry concrete, masonry, brick and tile (328246)



IRWIN

6-Piece Speedbor® Wood Bit Set \$11⁹⁷

- Speedbor® 2000M-long lasting, fast boring spade bit (176567)



SKIL

13-Piece Spade Bit Set \$9⁹⁷

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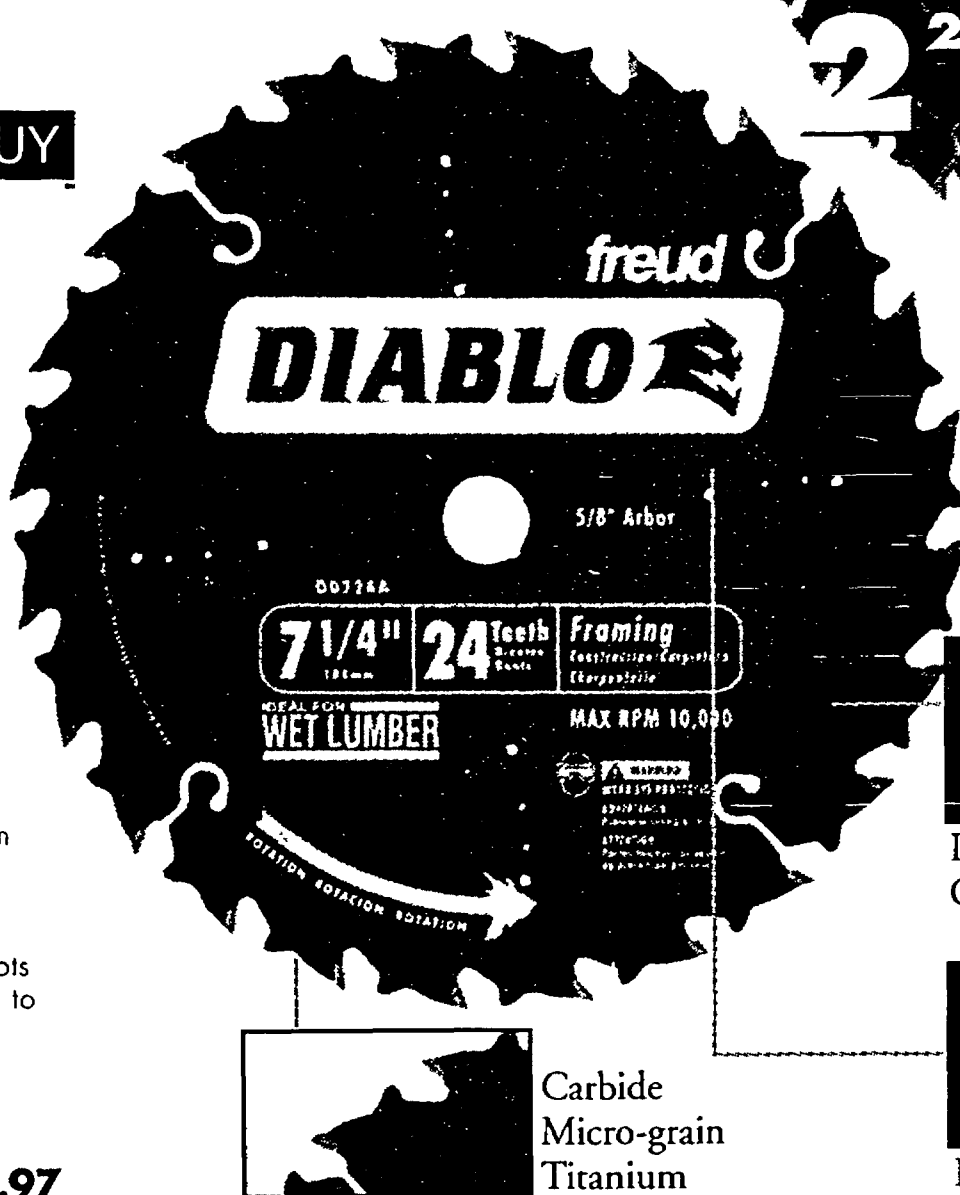
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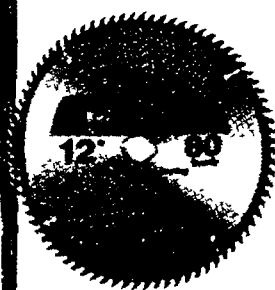


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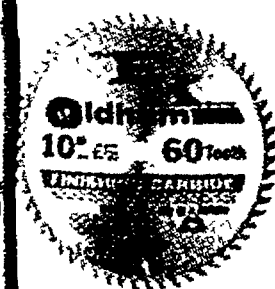


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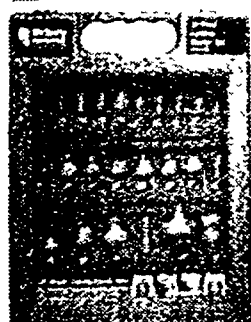


IRWIN
**7-1/4" 24-Tooth
Marathon**
• Thin kerf for
faster, cleaner cuts
(533541)

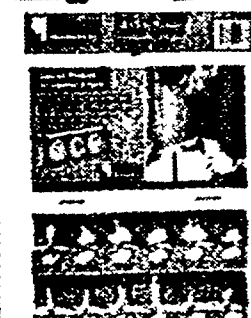


Oldham
**7-1/4" 24-Tooth
Thin Kerf Carbide**
• Designed for
fast ripping and
crosscutting of wood
(850144)

Carbide Router Bits



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(645679)



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**6-Piece Starter
Bit Set** **\$39.87**
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bits (644752)

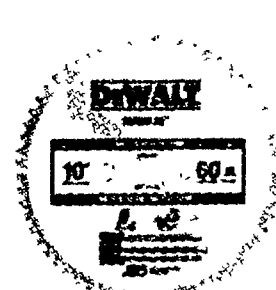


Oldham
**6-Piece Straight
Bit Set** **\$24.97**
• 1/4" shank bits
(644717)

Specialty



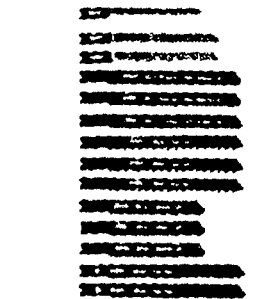
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**12" 80-Tooth
Carbide** **\$49**
• Ideal for softwood,
chip board
or plywood
(278499)



DEWALT
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Blade Set** **\$9.97**
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for basic household
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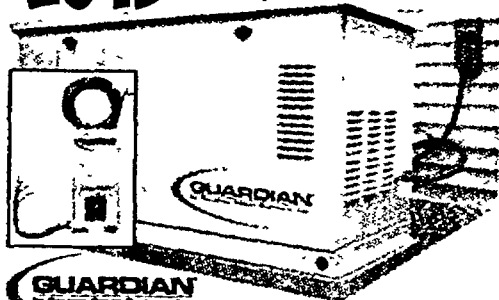
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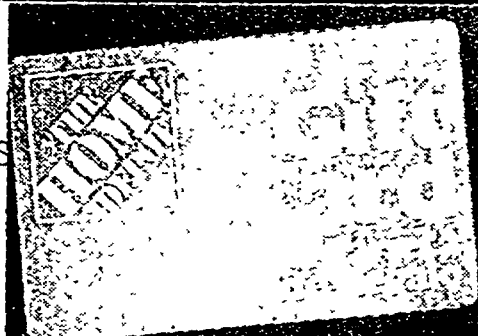
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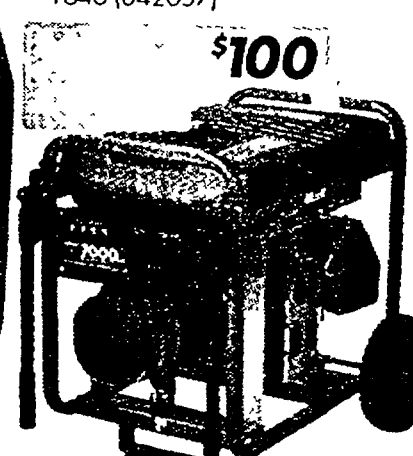
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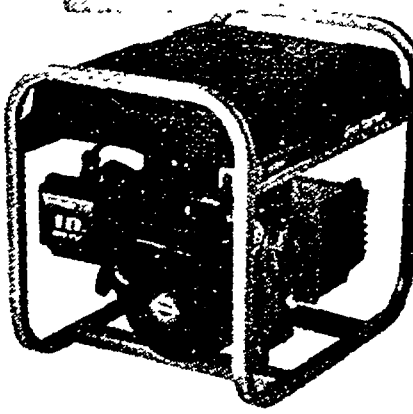
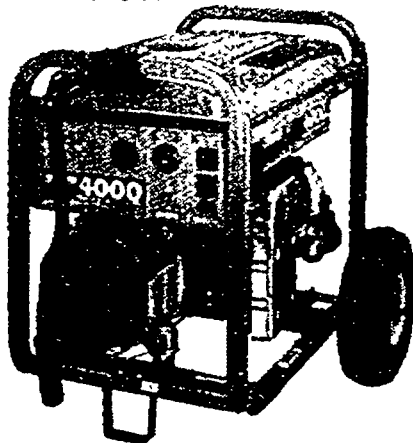
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- Super Silencer™ muffler 1645 (842058)



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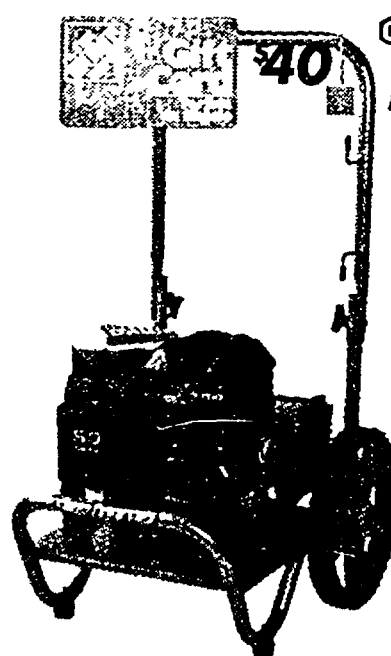
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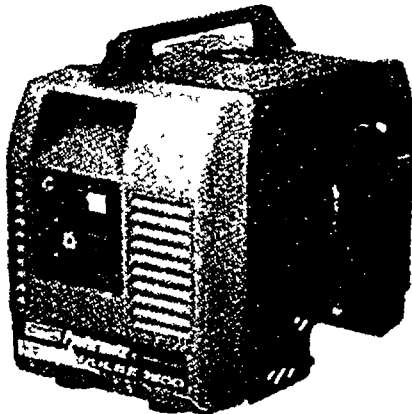
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- 1500 rated watts, 1850 surge watts
- Briggs & Stratton 3.5 peak HP engine
- Solid cast iron
- Lightweight, quiet design PM0401850 (710820)



\$40

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** Allow 8-10 weeks for arrival

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\$12**

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5 Peak HP Compressor with Air Tool Bonus Kit

- 22-gallon portable/vertical oil free compressor delivers 6.5/5.1 SCFM at 40/90 psi with ASME approved tank
- 150 psi maximum pressure
- Extremely user-friendly and safe to operate
- Bonus kit includes: 3/8" air ratchet, 1/2" impact wrench, air chisel with bits, spray gun, tire chuck, coupler, (F) plug, 5 (M) plugs, teflon tape, air hose, tire gauge, tool oil, blow gun and socket set
- One year warranty
WL660095AJ (287839)

PORTER-CABLE

**ONLY
\$12**

\$299

2 Peak HP Compressor and 2-1/2" Finish Nailer Combo Kit

- 6-gallon pancake oil free compressor delivers 3.7/2.7 SCFM at 40/90 psi with ASME approved tank
- Finish nailer drives 3/4" to 2-1/2" 16 gauge finish nails, adjustable depth of drive, quick release for jams and easy load magazine
- Includes: 2-1/2" finish nailer, 2 peak HP 6-gallon compressor, 25' PVC hose, nail gun oil, all couplers and fittings and (1) box of 1,000 count finish nails CFFN250S (761940)

**Bonus Accessories
A \$19.97 Value**

**ONLY
\$10**

PORTER-CABLE

\$219

2 Peak HP Compressor and 1-1/4" Brad Nailer Combo Kit

- 6-gallon pancake oil free compressor delivers 3.7/2.7 SCFM at 40/90 psi with ASME approved tank
- Brad nailer drives 5/8" to 1-1/4" 18 gauge brad nails, adjustable depth of drive, quick release for jams and easy load magazine
- Includes: 1-1/4" brad nailer, 2 peak HP 6-gallon compressor, 25' PVC hose, nail gun oil, all couplers and fittings and (1) box of 1,000 count brad nails CFBN125A (712465)

**CAMPBELL
HAUSFELD**

\$29.97

Air Rotary Cutting Tool
25,000 rpms provide the speed to cut a variety of material including wood, plastic, ceramic and drywall
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**CAMPBELL
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3/8" Air Ratchet Wrench

- Produces a maximum of 50 ft/lbs of torque and 150 rpm for quick and easy removal and replacement of bolts and fasteners T11001 (997870)

**CAMPBELL
HAUSFELD**

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1/2" Impact Wrench

- Quickly removes and replaces most fasteners
- Alloy steel impact mechanism for long life T11002 (997889)

HUSKY Air Compressors

**ONLY
\$10**

\$249

5.5 Peak HP, 26-Gallon

- Vertical-works in both vertical and horizontal positions
- Maintenance free oilless pump
- Air delivery: 6.5/5.1 SCFM at 40/90 psi
- Includes: quick coupler and built-in storage for a clutter-free work area WL6507 (158936)

\$198

5 Peak HP, 13-Gallon

- Portable ASME approved tank
- Maintenance free oilless pump
- Air delivery: 6.5/5.1 SCFM at 40/90 psi
- Includes: quick coupler and built-in storage for a clutter-free work area WL6500 (708783)

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4-Gallon Tank Mounted

- Maintenance free oilless pump
- Includes: 25' recoil hose, female quick coupler, (2) quick connect plugs, tire chuck, inflation nozzles, needle and adapter FP2020 (251394)

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Portable/ Tankless

- Maintenance free oilless pump
- Includes: 50' recoil hose, female quick coupler, (2) quick connect plugs, tire chuck, inflation nozzles, needle, wall mounting kit and adapter FP200409 (361471)

Lumber

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BOARDS



Return of the Redwoods

When Pete Bussman's great-grandfather bought 160 acres near Blue Lake, Calif., in 1888, the old-growth redwoods had all been cut.

In 1974, Pete Bussman decided to help the land return to its original forested condition. Now he actively manages his forestland, growing and harvesting high-quality timber.

"By selective cutting, it's turning into an old-growth forest," says Bussman. "This land is now home to bear, mountain lions, deer, quail, owls and osprey."

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1/4"-2'x4'
Tempered Pegboard
(534544)

\$3.99
ea.

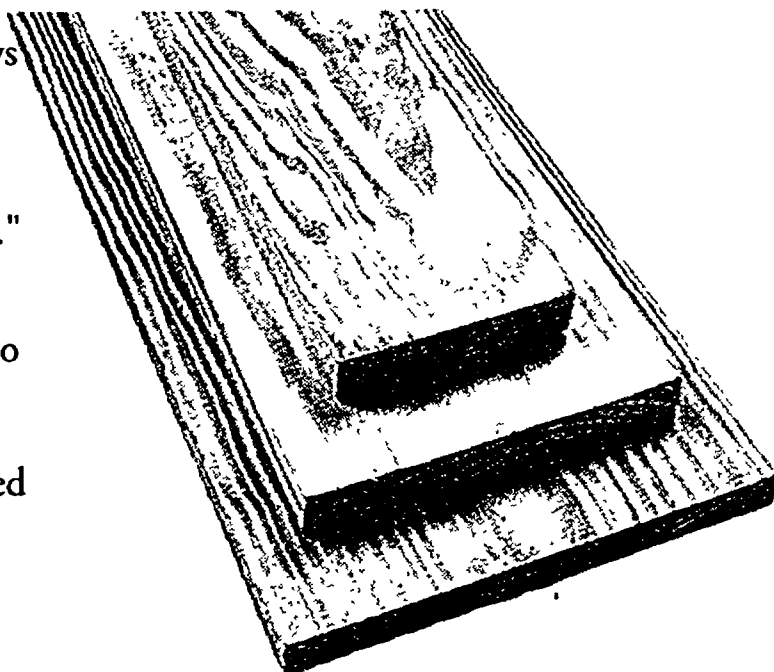
1/4"-4'x8' (534560)

\$10.99



**1/8" Assorted
Pegboard Hooks**
• 32 pieces per bag
(578525)

\$2.99



Select Pine Kiln Dried Board

SIZE	6'	8'
1"x4"	\$5.65	\$7.57
1"x6"	\$10.95	\$14.65
1"x8"	\$13.95	\$18.65

No. 2 Whitewood Kiln Dried Board

SIZE	6'	8'	10'	12'
1"x4"	\$2.16	\$2.88	\$3.60	\$4.32
1"x6"	\$3.60	\$4.80	\$5.95	\$7.20

No. 2 Ponderosa Pine Kiln Dried Board

1"x8"	\$4.95	\$6.58	\$8.25	\$9.84
1"x10"	\$6.60	\$8.80	\$10.95	\$13.20
1"x12"	\$8.90	\$11.85	\$14.85	\$17.76

**1/2"-4'x8'
CDX Plywood**

- For use in sheathing and outdoor projects
- American Plywood Association Grade Stamp
- 3 ply (166073)

\$9⁹⁵ ea.

3/4" (166103)

\$15.75

5/8" (166081)

\$12.88

**1/2"-4'x8'
BC Plywood**

- Excellent for interior or exterior use
- Grade stamped BCX
- Sanded 1 side
- Exterior glue (166030)

\$12⁹⁹ ea.

3/8" (166022)

\$11.78

1/4" (166014)

\$10.99

**4'x8' Oak
Hardwood
Plywood**

- 3/4" thick
- Veneer core (165956)

\$39⁹⁹ ea.

3/4" Birch (165921)

\$39.99

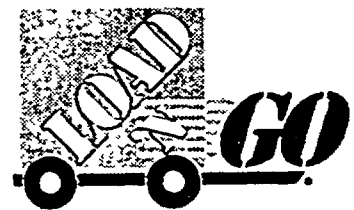
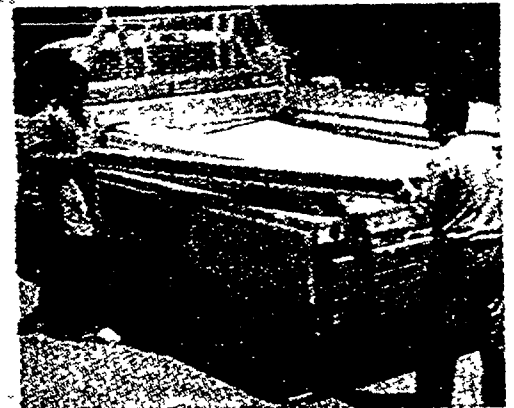
**The Environmentally
Friendly Wood Alternative**

WOOD (STALK)

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**3/4"x12"-97"
Woodstalk™ White
Finished Shelving Board**

- Made from harvested wheat straw fiber and a formaldehyde free resin (471859)



Rent a Load 'N Go Truck
and take your purchase
with you today!

Do-it-yourself delivery made
easy with loading ramps,
a folding tailgate and side gates

Store Associates will load the
Load 'N Go for you

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\$24⁹⁹ ea.

**3/4"-4'x8' White
Melamine Panel**

- Scratch, stain and heat resistant
- Melamine is a heat impregnated sheet thermally fused to commercial grade particle board
- Use for cabinets, bookshelves or furniture (461877)



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LADDERS

INSULATION

Picking the Perfect Ladder

If you're cleaning gutters, doing out-of-reach dusting or painting your home, it's time to purchase a quality ladder. For big and small tasks, we can help you choose the right ladder to accomplish the job safely.

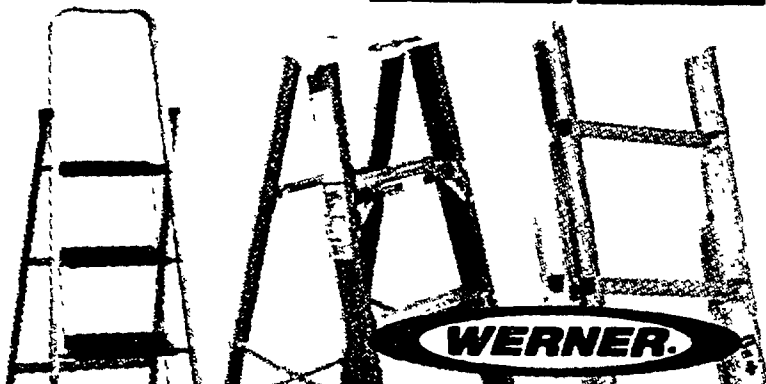
For projects performed inside the home, a step stool or stepladder is the best choice. A taller step or an extension ladder is ideal for outdoor use. Keep in mind, you want to purchase a ladder that is the correct size for the project. To ensure a proper fit, use the color-coded, Duty Ratings chart below.

Type III
200 lb.
Duty Rating
For general light-duty household use

Type II
225 lb.
Duty Rating
For medium commercial use like painting & maintenance

Type I
250 lb.
Duty Rating
For heavy-duty commercial and industrial uses

Type IA
300 lb.
Duty Rating
For extra heavy-duty commercial & industrial uses



SIZE	VARIETY	SKU	price
Stepladders			
2-Step Steel	Type III	(684864)	\$12.98
3-Step Steel	Type III	(684856)	\$22.00
4-Step Aluminum	Type II	(849268)	\$39.00
Aluminum Stepladders			
4' Aluminum	Type III	(718889)	\$29.00
6' Aluminum	Type III	(718908)	\$33.00
8' Aluminum	Type II	(684470)	\$79.00
Fiberglass Stepladders			
4' Fiberglass	Type I	(684582)	\$58.00
6' Fiberglass	Type I	(684596)	\$68.00
6' Fiberglass	Type II	(185118)	\$49.00
8' Fiberglass	Type I	(684601)	\$95.00
Aluminum Extension Ladders			
16' Aluminum	Type II	(694236)	\$89.00
24' Aluminum	Type I	(930571)	\$168.00
Fiberglass Extension Ladders			
24' Fiberglass	Type I	(684744)	\$219.00
28' Fiberglass	Type I	(684758)	\$257.00
Attic Ladders			
22"x8' Wood		(684405)	\$74.88
22-1/2"x8'9" Aluminum		(684761)	\$139.00
22"x10' Aluminum		(550078)	\$149.00



You Could Save Thousands

For every \$100 spent on heating and cooling for your home, you can save up to \$30 with proper insulation and weatherization.

Did you know?

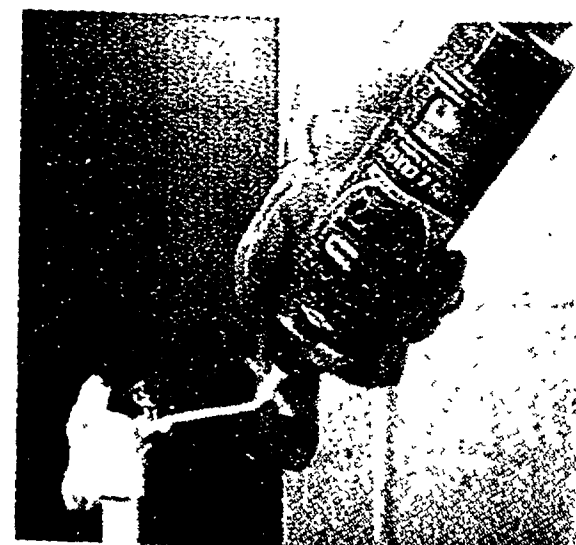
If you spend \$300 on improving your existing insulation, you can save up to \$150 on your heating and cooling costs per year. Over the life of your home, that can equal more than \$4000.



Great Stuff™ Foam Sealant for Windows & Doors

- Stops drafts and energy loss
- Repels/deflects water
- Will not distort frame (522661)

\$6.47
16 oz.



Great Stuff™ Foam Sealant for Gaps & Cracks

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- Stops drafts and energy loss
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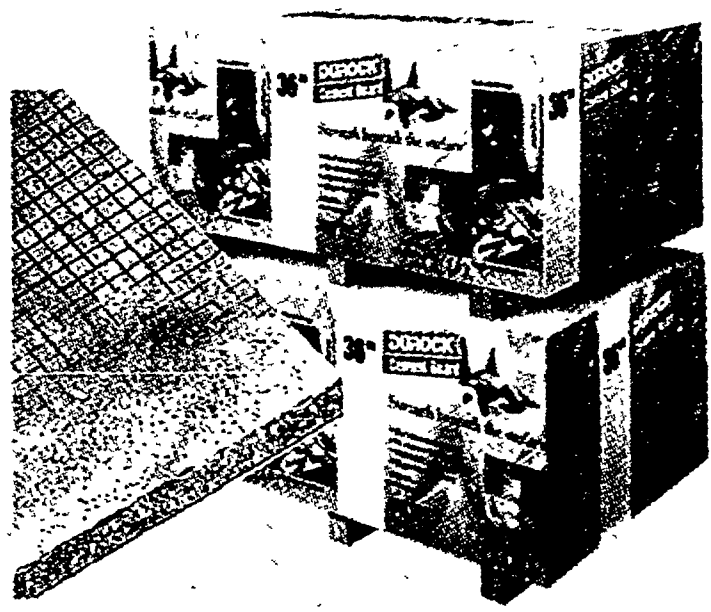


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**R-19
6-1/4"x15"x93"
Kraft Faced Batts**

- Covers 77.5 sq. ft.
- The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating power (111861)

That's only **30¢** sq. ft.



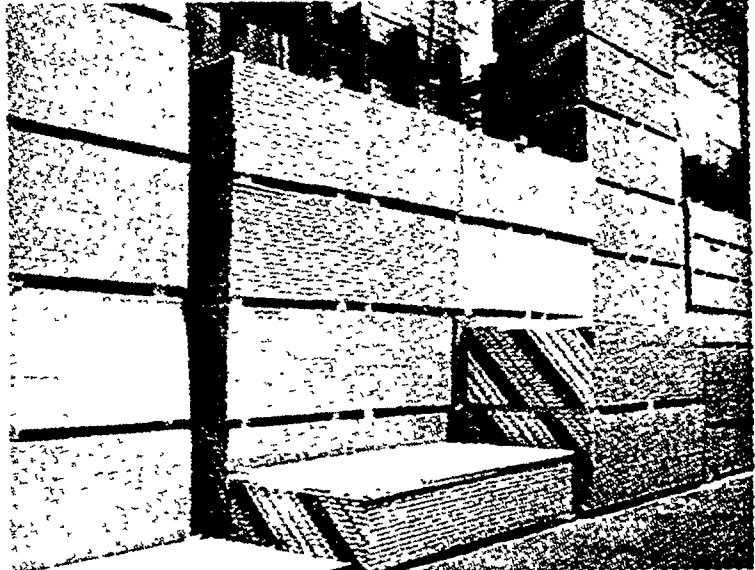
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**1/2" 3'x5' Durock®
Cement Board**

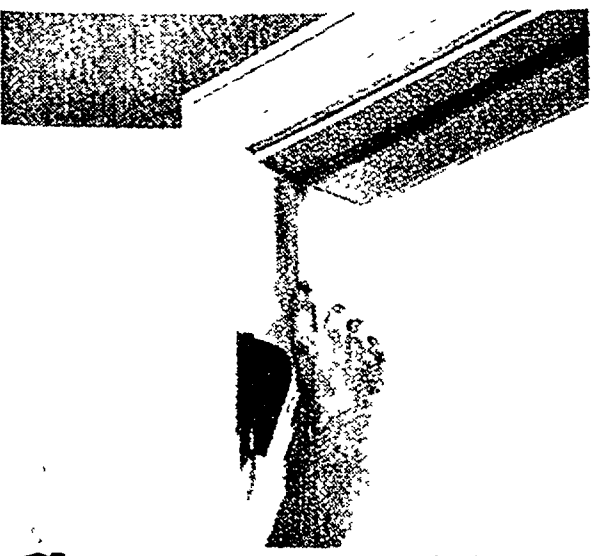
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Insulation

R-VALUE	SIZE	DESCRIPTION	COVERAGE	SKU	price	sq. ft.
Wall Insulation						
R-13	3-1/2"x15"x32'	Kraft Faced Mini Roll	40.00	(375004)	\$6.98	17¢
R-13	3-1/2"x15"x93"	Kraft Faced Batts	106.56	(529258)	\$28.77	27¢
R-13	3-1/2"x23"x93"	Kraft Faced Batts	178.25	(155895)	\$48.13	27¢
Attic Insulation						
R-19	6-1/4"x23"x93"	Kraft Faced Batts	118.32	(111875)	\$36.13	31¢
R-30	8-1/4"x16"x48"	Kraft Faced Batts	53.33	(488107)	\$29.33	55¢
R-30	8-1/4"x24"x48"	Kraft Faced Batts	80.00	(303976)	\$44.00	55¢
R-30	10-1/4"x24"x48"	Kraft Faced Batts	64.00	(194093)	\$49.28	77¢
R-38	10-1/4"x16"x48"	Kraft Faced Batts	42.66	(193825)	\$32.86	77¢
Blow-In Cellulose Insulation						
		(Free machine rental with 10 bag purchase)	40.00	(211904)	\$5.49	14¢



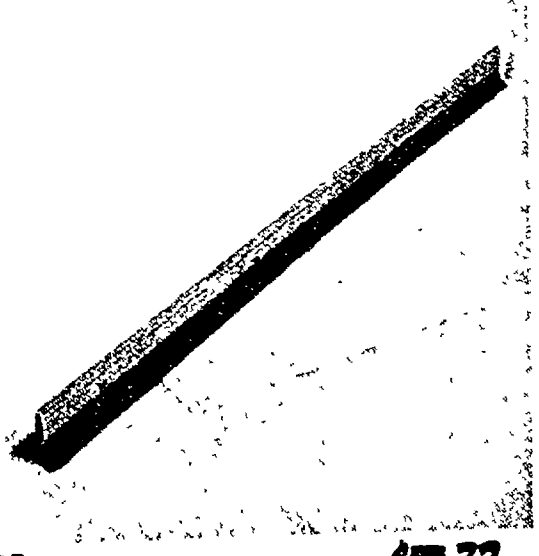
SIZE	VARIETY	SKU	price
Drywall			
3/8"x4'x8'	Regular	(258334)	\$4.75
1/2"x4'x8'	Regular	(258350)	\$4.75
1/2"x4'x10'	Regular	(977411)	\$6.65
1/2"x4'x12'	Regular	(258377)	\$7.99
5/8"x4'x8'	Fire Code	(419109)	\$6.68
5/8"x4'x12'	Fire Code	(694576)	\$9.98
1/2"x4'x8'	Water Resist	(258393)	\$6.99



\$6⁸⁹

**All-Climate EPDM
Rubber Weatherseal**

- Seals out drafts and dust around doors and windows
- More durable than typical foam tapes
- 10-year warranty (795566)



\$5³²

**36" Alachrome
Door Bottom**

- Easy to install with slotted holes for adjustment
- Constructed of solid aluminum and vinyl
- Seals gaps up to 3/4" high (625000)

**All Purpose
Joint Compound**

5 gal. (258725) **\$9.15**

Plus 3 Pail

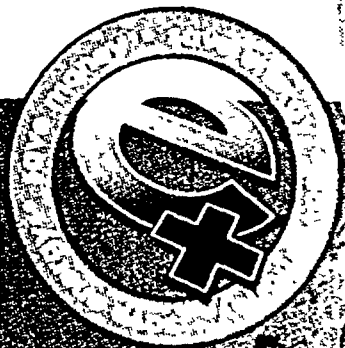
Joint Compound

4.5 gal. (950254) ... **\$9.95**



Filtration

AIR • WATER



Save Up to 30% in Energy Costs and Experience Better Comfort Through Pre-Programmed Temperature Settings

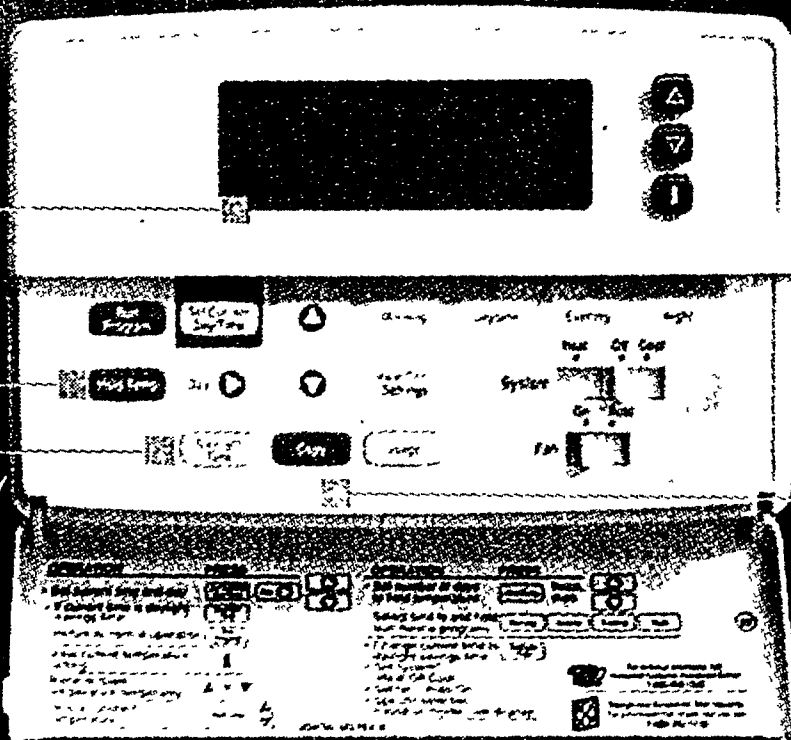
A programmable thermostat will automatically adjust the temperature of your home up or down at your pre-selected or scheduled times.

"Actual savings vary on whether you are heating or cooling; the region of the country you live in and the schedule you set.

Large, easy to read, backlit display

Easy program override

Quick and easy adjustment for daylight savings time



Copy key allows for faster programming

If used as intended. Savings may vary depending on geographic region and usage. "Smart Response"™ continuously tracks how long it takes your home to get to a desired temperature and then repeatedly adjust the heating/cooling start times.

FREE \$10 Gift Card

by mail with the purchase of the Honeywell 7-day Programmable Thermostat*

*\$10 Home Depot Gift Card by mail rebate with the purchase of a Honeywell CT3600 Smart Response™ Programmable Thermostat purchased between January 1-31, 2003. Offer only available at US Home Depot Stores. See rebate form for redemption details.

Honeywell

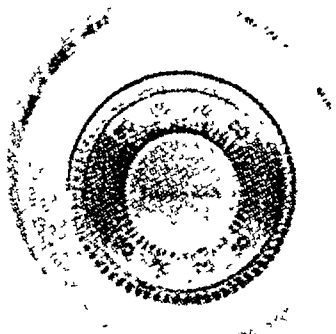
SPECIALBUY

\$107

7-Day Programmable Thermostat

- Easy to install and program
- Honeywell exclusive Smart Response™ Technology¹
- Separate programs for each day of the week
- Save up to 33% on your heating and cooling costs²

CT3600 (166484)



Honeywell The Round® Thermostat

- For use with heat/cool
- Non-programmable

CT87B4008 (118737)

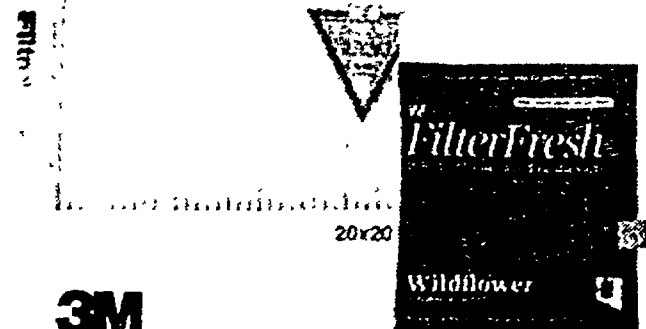
\$39.97

Honeywell 5-2 Day Programmable 3200 Thermostat

- For use with heat only and/or air conditioning systems
- Easy to install and program
- Weekday and weekend programming

CT3200A1001 (789042)

\$49.96



3M SPECIALBUY
\$15.97

Filtrete™ Filter

- Lasts up to 3 months
- Electrostatic, MERV 12
- Captures dust, smoke, mold, pet dander and bacteria
- Available in numerous sizes

2002DC (799488)

FREE Filter Fresh Scent with the purchase of a 3M Purple Filtrete™ Filter. A \$2.99 value. Quantities limited.

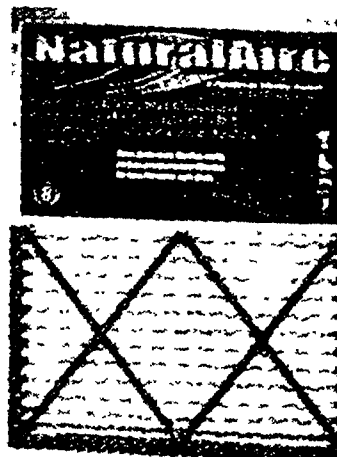


3M SPECIALBUY
\$9.99

Filtrete™ Filter

- Lasts up to 3 months
- Electrostatic, MERV 11
- Captures dust and smoke as well as mold and pet dander
- Available in numerous sizes

9803 (471101)



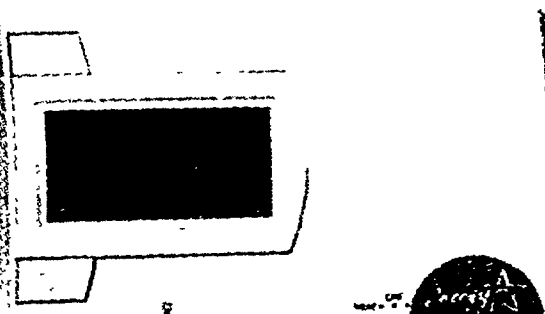
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\$4.88

3-Pack NaturalAire™ Pleated Air Filter

- Lasts up to 3 months
- Non-electrostatic, MERV 8
- Available in numerous sizes

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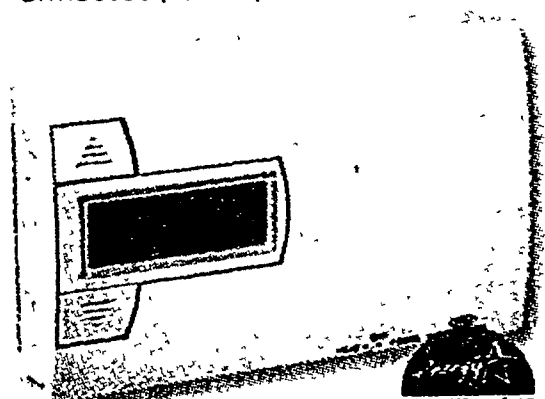


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7-day Programmable Thermostat

- Every day of the week programming
- Backlit LCD screen
- 5-year limited warranty

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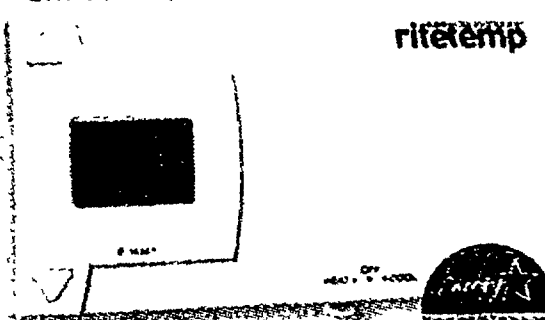


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5-1-1 Programmable Thermostat

- Weekday, Saturday and Sunday programming,
- 5-year limited warranty

GPMG8022 (781733)

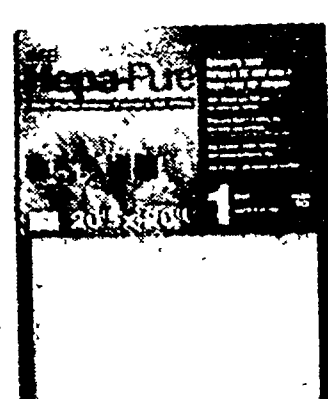


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Digital Thermostat

- Easy-to-read large LCD display
- 5-year limited warranty

GPMG8029 (781644)



WEB
PRODUCTS, INC.

\$29⁹⁷

HEPA Pure Filter

- Mini-pleat construction for improved air filtering
- Available in numerous sizes

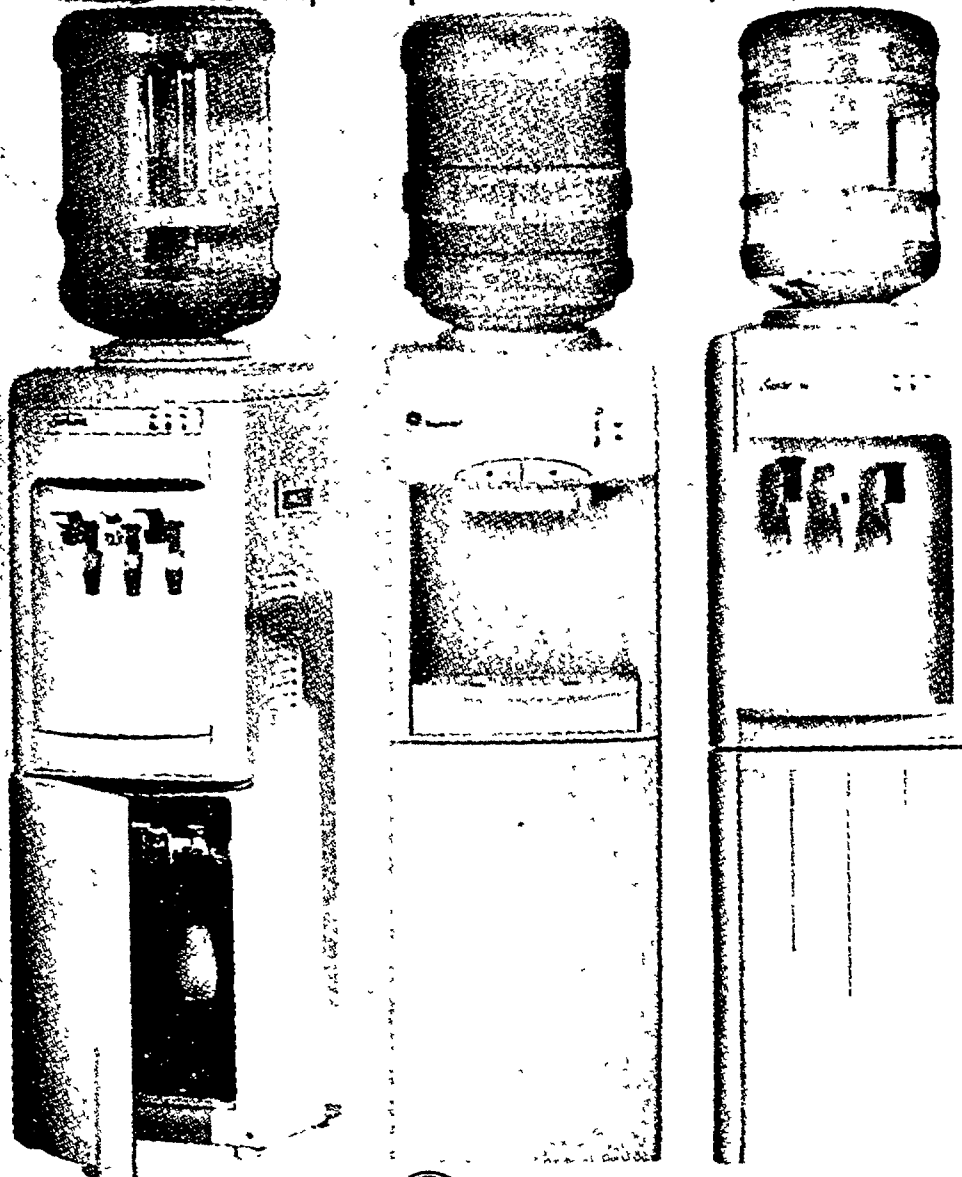
WHP1620 (434381)



FREE 5 Gallon Water Bottle

with any water dispenser purchased between 11/21/02 - 1/31/03

*Bottle deposit required. Limit 1 free bottle per dispenser purchased.



Sunbeam
SPECIAL BUY

\$149

Water Cooler with Refrigerated Compartment

- Adjustable thermostat for refrigerated compartment
- 3 LED indicator lights

0101 (242089)

GE
NEW LOWER PRICE

\$129

GE SmartWater™ Hot and Cold Water Dispenser

- Non-refrigerated storage compartment

GXCF05D (904536)

Sunbeam
SPECIAL BUY

\$99

Water Dispenser Combo Unit

- Easy to assemble base included
- 3 LED indicator lights
- Use with or without base

0148 (139987)

Only 25¢ per gallon!

Addipure for 1 Year

1 bottle\$19.97

4 filters\$39.96

(1 filter lasts 3 months)

= \$59.93 + tapwater*

= 21¢ per gallon*

(based on 280 gallons per year)



\$19⁹⁷

2.8 Gallon Water Bottle with Filter

- Includes one each of: bottle, filter, adaptor, counter cap and rinsing adaptor
- For use on any water cooler

OPT-5006 (663389)

Replacement Filter

OPT-5002 (663330)

\$9.99

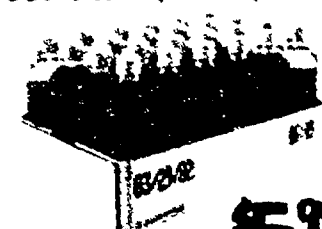


\$12⁹⁹

plus deposit

5 Gallon Water Bottle with Deposit

5GalFullcarbo (311287)



\$5⁹⁹

24-Pack 1/2 Liter Water

13003172

(218340)



GE
\$99

Countertop Hot and Cold Water Dispenser

- Stylish, compact design for countertop use

GXCC01D (528940)

*May vary with local water conditions. Selection may vary by store location



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home cleaning



45 Gallon Trash Can with Wheels

- Heavy duty construction
- Snap top, secure lid

(289620)



Roughneck Trash Can

- Heavy-duty wheels

(898457)



Roughneck Trash Can

- Evergreen
- Uses 33 gallon drum liner

(124349)



Roughneck Container

- Sturdy handles allow easy transportability to curb

(737275)



\$14.97

Home Cleaning Kit

- One kit with 5 Orange Glo products: kitchen and bathroom wipes, degreasing foam, multi-purpose stain remover, wood cleaner and polish, and porcelain, tile and grout restorer
- Includes products to clean your entire home, from bathrooms to carpet stains to wood products
- Fills your home with the scent of fresh oranges

(351895)



High Energy Stain Remover

- Chlorine-free multi-purpose stain remover

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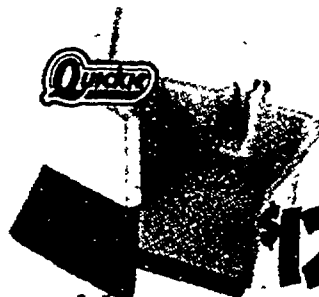
2.5 lbs. (164561) \$5.99



Grab-It Starter Kit

- Kit includes one sweeper and 10 disposable cloths
- Easy to use

(228600)



Lobby Broom with Locking Dust Pan

- 3" contoured steel handle with ball cap
- 140 cubic inch dust pan with lip
- Patented flip-lock system

(795018)



Pine Sol Cleaner

- Cleans, deodorizes and disinfects your entire home

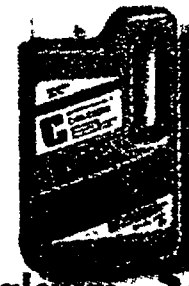
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Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

- Kill 99.9% of the bacteria

(301025)



Calcium Lime and Rust Remover

- All purpose cleaner

(336808)



Ready-Mop Starter Kit

(474100)

Floor Cleaner

(474689)

Cleaning Pads

(475288)



Murphy's Oil Soap

- Safely cleans all surfaces

01160 (312872)



Simple Green W/Trigger

- All purpose cleaner

(435909)



Terry Towels

- 100% cotton
- For cleaning, polishing, waxing and wiping

(215735)



MicroFiber Cleaning Cloth

- 12.5"x15.5" towel
- Split fibers trap and pick up dirt and debris easier than conventional towels
- Wet or dry cleaning
- Safe for glass, mirrors, lenses, computers and TV screens

(348633)

Quickie

**Free Mop Head
Refill and Trial
Zep Floor Cleaner**
A \$5 Value

SPECIAL BUY
\$11.97

**Sponge Mop with
Bonus Refill
and Sample Zep
Floor Cleaner**

- Patented built-in scrubber removes scuff marks and stubborn stains
- Includes free trial of Zep floor cleaner (814838)

**HUSKY
Contractor
Clean-Up Bags** **\$12.96** 32 count

**42 Gallon
Contractor
Clean-Up Bags**
• Heavy duty 3 mil.
(690969)

GLAD **\$9.97** 50 count

**33 Gallon
Drawstring
Trash Bags**
• Heavy duty
(769595)

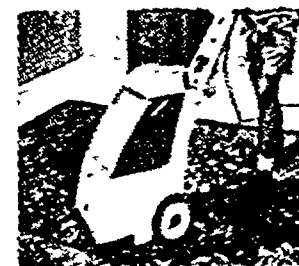
GLAD **\$8.97** 90 count

**13 Gallon
Drawstring Trashbags**
• Closes with one quick pull
• Patented three-layer drawstring bags make for easy lifting and carrying (769525)

**HUSKY
TALL
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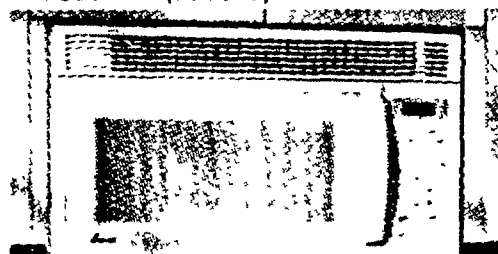


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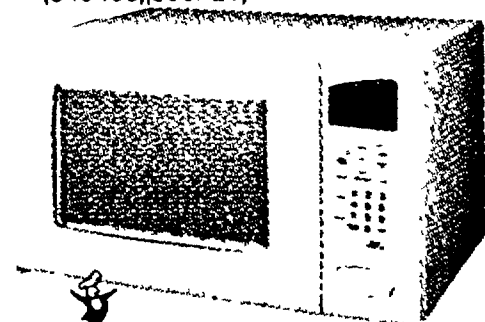


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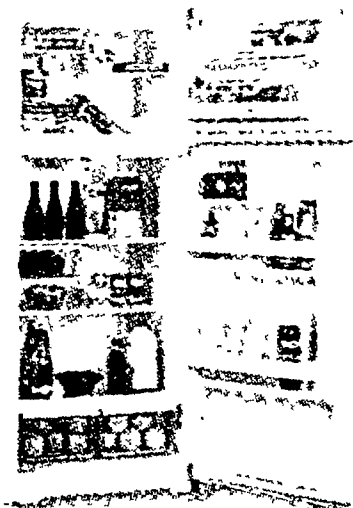


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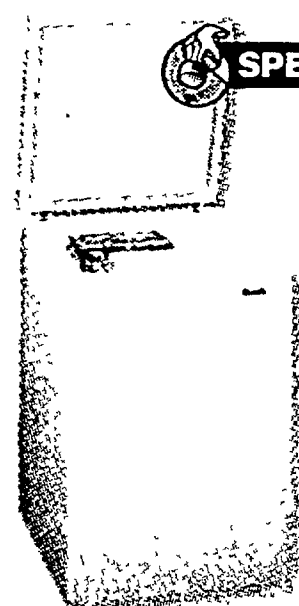


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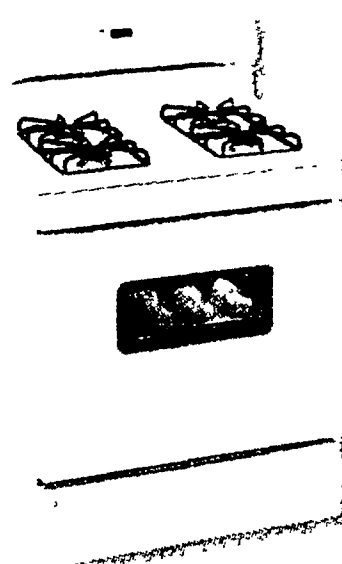


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Ask American Profile

Q I always enjoyed Brett Butler as a comedian and in her series *Grace Under Fire*. What is she doing now?

—Carole V., Alabama

She's back on the road doing standup comedy, on what she calls the Gravel-Throated Harpie Tour, and just signed a deal with USA network to develop a pilot for a series. She also has an official website, where she regularly contributes her random thoughts, off-the-wall musings, and commentary on events of the day. Butler, 44, was born in Montgomery, Ala. The oldest of five girls, she grew up in Georgia and showed a knack for comedy early. She recalls performing her first standup routine at a school Christmas pageant when she was 8 years old. She married briefly at age 19. When the marriage ended after three years, she started waiting tables at a club in Texas where she started her comedy career. As she gained experience, she found a fan in comedian Robert Klein, who encouraged her to try her luck in New York. Her luck was pretty good, and soon she was invited to appear on *The Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson. Butler got her own cable special and eventually her ABC series, *Grace Under Fire*. She has written her autobiography titled *Knee Deep In Paradise*.

Q I'd like to know about Chipper Jones, who plays for the Atlanta Braves. Is he married, does he have children?

—A.B. Caver, Texas

It seems as if the 30-year-old outfielder, who is married with two sons, was born to play baseball. Jones grew up in Pierson, Fla. His dad was a high school teacher and baseball coach. Jones started tossing the ball at his dad's practice sessions when he was just 3 years old. As soon as he was old enough, Jones went on to children's minor league and Little League teams. Even when he didn't have games or practice, Jones would play baseball with a friend, sometimes covering every position if there was no one else around. Naturally, he played in high school, first in



Butler is touring and developing a pilot for a series.

his hometown and then at a private boarding school in Jacksonville, Fla. In June 1990, he was the first draft pick of the Braves. After learning the ropes in the minor leagues, Jones officially joined the Braves in 1995, helping the team win the World Series. He was voted National League Most Valuable Player in 1999.

Q I saw Teri Garr in a television movie. She seemed to have difficulty walking, but the role didn't demand a physical impairment. Does she have a physical problem or an injury?

—Richard B., Ohio

Teri Garr, 53, recently revealed that she has multiple sclerosis, which affects the central nervous system. She started exhibiting symptoms nearly 20 years ago. As the disease progressed, it affected her ability to walk, as you noticed in the television movie you saw. Worried that speaking out about her MS would lead to a loss of work, Garr brushed off questions about her limping by saying she had bone spurs on her neck and spine. A new medication has helped her, and she has become a spokesman for the drug, talking to doctors, MS patients, and the public about how it has eased her symptoms. Garr began her career as a ballet

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dancer. She worked her way up through the show biz ranks—from go-go dancer in Elvis Presley films to sidekick on *The Sonny and Cher Show*—to roles in such films as *Young Frankenstein*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, and *Dumb and Dumber*. She has worked steadily since being diagnosed with the disease. ☆

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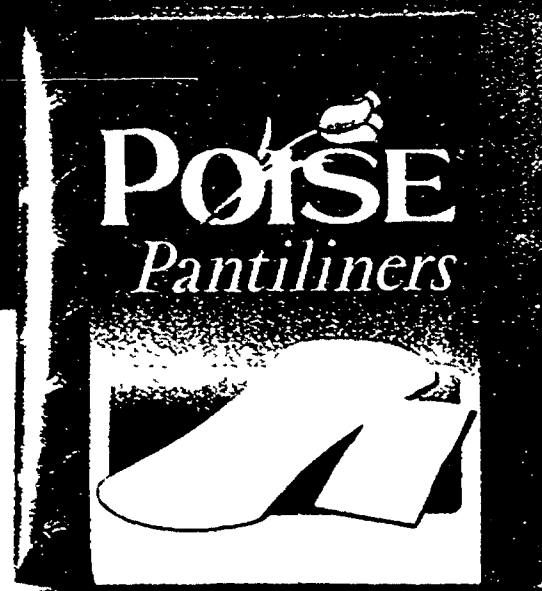
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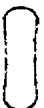
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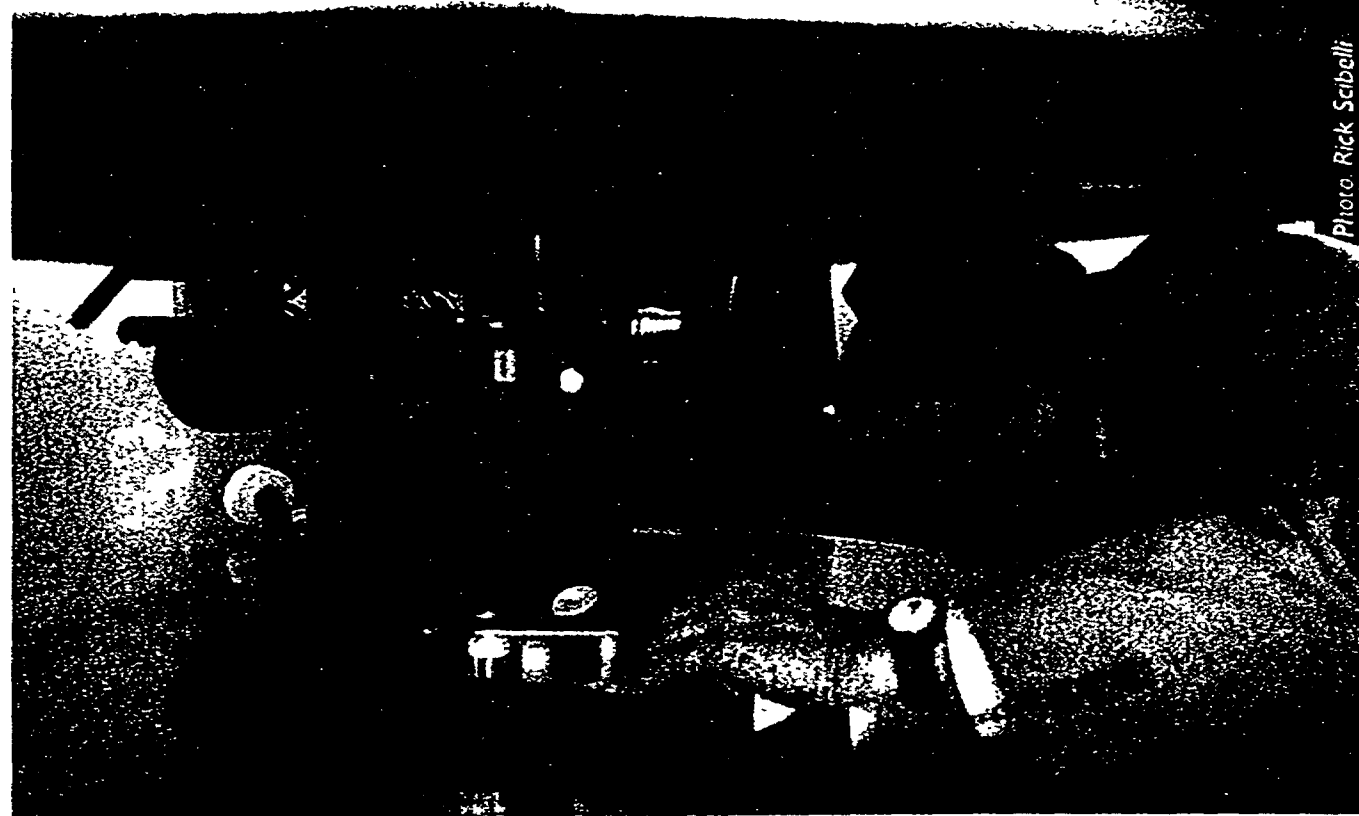
Hometown Heroes

by SHARON NIEDERMAN

THE Reels Keep Turning

The "last picture show" won't be playing at the 1916 Luna Theater anytime soon. Despite dwindling audiences and competition from video rentals, the 2,524 residents of this traditional ranching and railroading village of Clayton, N.M., still can go downtown to Main Street and enjoy a recently released movie at the Luna—with real popcorn.

Rancher Roy Dean Leighton and his wife, Nancy, family members, and community volunteers have lovingly restored the Mission-style theater, with its buff-colored pebble-dash textured stucco exterior and crimson trim. The Leightons poured \$95,000 of their own money into buying and renovating the building, while volunteers chipped in 500 hours of elbow grease. So the theater in the town perched on the plains of northeastern New Mexico, within shouting distance of the Texas and Oklahoma borders, remains open Friday through Monday evenings. The reels keep turning, even though on a good night only about 50 people turn out for the 375 seats.



Roy Dean Leighton changes reels on the Luna Theater's new projector.

"It's been a struggle," Roy Dean admits. "Still is. But I just hated to see it close so there wouldn't be a theater. I just don't want the town to be without a movie." He works every night the theater is open as projectionist, box office manager, and janitor.

Nancy Leighton agrees. "I've only been here 45 years," she says, "but we've raised five children in Clayton, and we don't like the idea of kids having no place to go on a date. Parents don't have to worry about their kids when they come to the movies."

It was the struggle of ranching that set the Leightons on the path to the Luna. Roy Dean took outside jobs to help make ends meet on their ranch. One of those jobs was movie projectionist, and he fell in love with the theater. After they bought the Luna in 1984, Roy Dean installed state-of-the-art platter system projection equipment, replacing the old carbon arcs that required changing reels midway through the movie. The Leightons then replaced the leaking roof, fixed up the box office, repainted the gold-leaf plaster arches over the black-and-white tile reception area, built new bathrooms, and painted the interior lobby. The theater has unique original features such as red, blue, and green sconces with 40 light bulbs each, art deco seats, and an elaborate ceiling star.

"We still want to replace the neon of the winking moon on the marquee," Nancy says.

D. Ray Blakeley, local historian and director of the Herzstein Memorial Museum in Clayton, says that for years the Luna's basement was called the Mission Ballroom and was "the scene of many high society grand bailes (balls)." It later became a roller rink.

As director of the Union County Historical Society, Blakeley nominated the Leightons for the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Award, an honor they received in 2001 for their efforts to preserve the theater on their own, without grants.

Glenna Hanson, a retired math teacher and Clayton native, loves the memories a trip to the Luna stirs. The sight of the elegant velvet curtain sweeping across the gold-leaf stage to reveal the screen brings back the thrill of Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, and Dick Tracy serials, when a Saturday afternoon matinee cost a quarter, Coke was a nickel, and popcorn was a dime. "My favorite was *Nyoka of the Jungle*, with the heroine tied to a log and going over a waterfall, where slews of alligators waited for her," she recalls.

"For Roy Dean and Nancy to keep the theater open gives us courage," Hanson says. "They keep us from having just another boarded-up building on Main Street, and they give us a place that helps the community stay together."

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IOWA—With 26.3 million hogs, Iowa was the top pork producer in 2001, providing 26 percent of the nation's supply, according to the Iowa Pork Producers Association.

KANSAS—Carry Nation lived a fairly quiet life in Medicine Lodge (pop. 2,193) before she became a leading advocate of the temperance movement and began smashing saloons with a hatchet in the early 1900s.

MICHIGAN—Covering 32,000 square miles, Lake Superior, which forms the state's northern boundary, is the largest freshwater lake in the world.

MINNESOTA—The state's six iron mining and processing operations produce two-thirds of the iron ore used to make steel in the United States.

MISSOURI—Kirksville (pop. 16,988) was named after the town's first postmaster, Jesse Kirk, who according to legend fed and entertained the surveyors who platted the community in 1841.

NEBRASKA—Located at the site of an 1837 trading post, the Museum of the Fur Trade in Chadron (pop. 5,634) is dedicated to preservation of the rich history of the North American fur trade.

NORTH DAKOTA—Nearly 1,800 people laid in the snow March 23, 2002, flapping their arms and legs on the state Capitol grounds in Bismarck to set a new world record for the largest number of snow angels made at the same time.

OHIO—The Ohio River Scenic Byway, which stretches 462 miles from Cleves (pop. 2,790) to East Liverpool (pop. 13,089), is the longest scenic byway within a single state.

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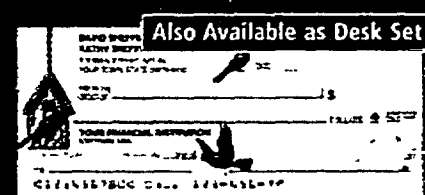


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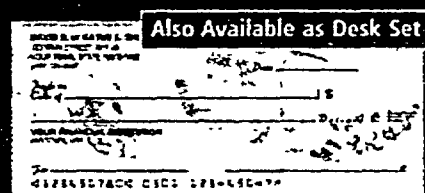
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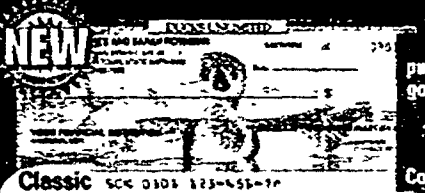
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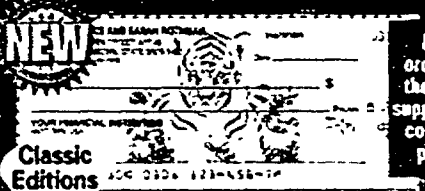
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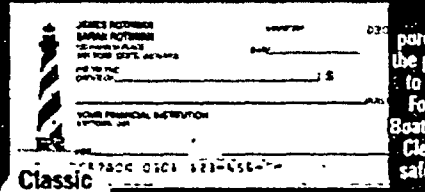
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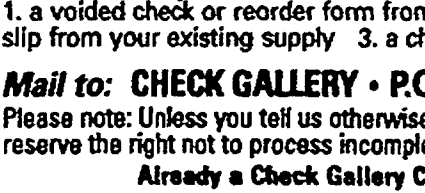
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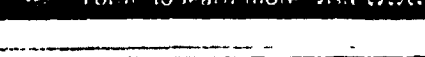
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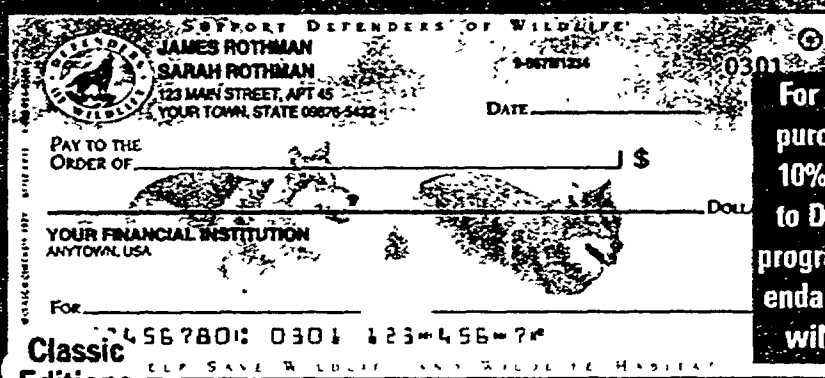


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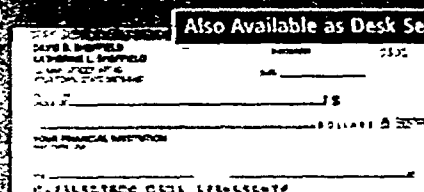
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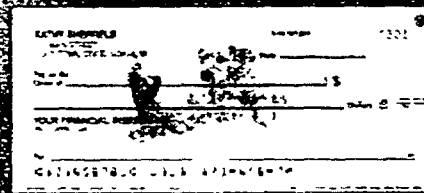
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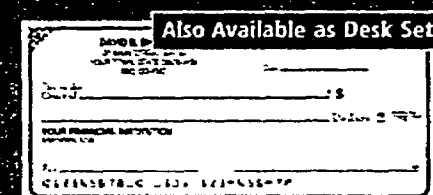
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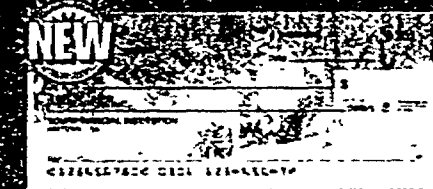
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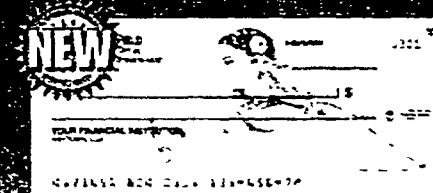
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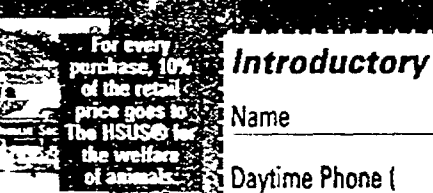
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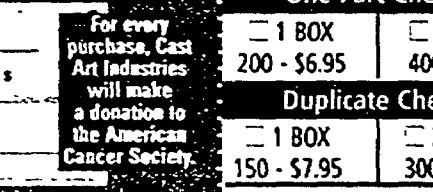
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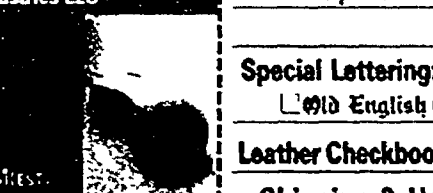
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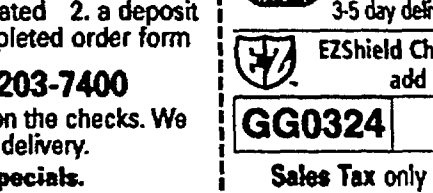
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by KARAN M. ROBINSON

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Nuts Over Fruitcake!



When the ovens crank up during the height of summer in Claxton, Ga., a sweet aroma of fruitcake wafts down the streets and around the corners. While most residents cool off at the beach or relax in the shade, the "Fruitcake Capital of the World," prepares for the holidays.

"It's almost like fresh cookies being baked," says Dale Parker, head of marketing and public relations for the family-run Claxton Bakery. Every August, Parker, his siblings Betty, Mid, and Paul, and at least 100 seasonal employees gear up to produce 4 million pounds of fruitcake for Christmas.

And just up the street from Claxton Bakery, John Womble and his father, Ira Womble Jr., run the Georgia Fruit Cake Co., which bakes an annual fruitcake batch of several hundred thousand pounds. "We're a hands-on kind of company," John Womble says. "I make birthday cakes, too."

Just drive into Claxton (pop. 2,276), and it's hard to miss the city limit signs and the 50-foot water tower bearing their slogan.

Ira S. Womble Jr., who has worked at the family bakery nearly 50 years, proudly displays a fresh pan of Georgia fruitcakes.



The Claxton Bakery's seven ovens can bake 8,600 pounds of fruitcake a day. Each cake weighs 11 pounds.

"Everybody from here to California has heard of Claxton," says Chris Gay, who owns Claxton Supermarket on Liberty Street. "There is not a downside to being known for fruitcake."

Except for the jokes. Comedian Johnny Carson once said only one fruitcake actually exists—and it gets passed around from year to year. If that's the case, that's a mighty big cake—and Claxton probably produced it.

Claxton residents take their claim to fame as seriously as any livelihood, however.

"I like the fruitcake," says Dick Gardner, who manages a Flash Foods store where many tourists stop for directions to the bakeries. Gardner grew up in Michigan and has fond memories of his grandmother's homemade fruitcake, which differed a bit from the kind he gets down South today.

"Up North, it's more of a cake and they don't put much fruit in it," says Gardner, who has lived



Georgia Fruit Cake Co. was founded in Claxton, Ga., in 1917.

in Georgia for six years. "Down here . . . there is more fruit."

Savino Tos, an Italian immigrant, began it all in 1910 when he opened Claxton Bakery and began selling bread, homemade ice cream, pastries, and—during the holidays—fruitcake.

Tos hired two youngsters, Albert Parker and Ira Womble Sr., to perform chores around the bakery, never dreaming that 92 years later his fruitcake legacy would still be going strong, run by the very descendants of his two young helpers.

Tos ran Claxton Bakery until 1945, when he retired and sold it to Albert Parker, who had worked for Tos for almost 20 years. After World War II, Parker realized that bread and ice cream were in plentiful supply in gas stations and grocery stores, so he decided to specialize in fruitcake.

In 1948, Womble, who had moved to Iowa in the 1920s, returned to Claxton and opened Georgia Fruit Cake Co.

Over the years, the two families have not only supplied fruitcake to America, but also have gone to high school together, given each other swimming lessons, and operated their businesses with tradition in mind.

Although no one besides direct descendants of Ira Sr. have ever mixed a batch of Womble fruitcake, the recipe is available for the asking, John Womble says. "It's a family recipe, but it's not a secret."



Laura Scribner, retail manager at Georgia Fruit Cake, shows her company's products.



Georgia Grant, Claxton Bakery's shipping manager and 50-year employee, can look at a pallet of fruitcakes and determine how many there are and how much they weigh.

He remembers doing chores at the bakery when he was 4 or 5, and his own son and daughter have both worked there. "We're trying to keep a family tradition alive," he says.



Terrance Collins, master baker, knows fruitcakes are done when they're golden-brown.

That heritage also is important at Claxton Bakery, although Dale Parker has seen his share of changes since entering the family business in 1974, including the addition of a company website. On a typical day, they now create nearly 90,000 pounds of fruitcake, double what Albert Parker produced when he baked his first cakes in 1945.

But one thing that won't change is customer service, Parker says. This means you'll never talk to an answering machine when you call the bakery.

"We have always treated our customers the way we would want to be treated." ☆

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Claxton, Ga.'s water tower heralds the town's unique, and tasty, claim to fame.

Why a fruitcake? (for goodness sake)

Fruitcakes have been popular for centuries because of three qualities.

First, being saturated with various alcoholic liquors such as rum and brandy, they can last a long time—up to 25 years in a sealed tin, by some accounts. Craig Claiborne, food writer for *The New York Times*, once wrote that he inherited a fruitcake his mother had in her possession since 1880. This lasting quality made fruitcakes a perfect food for long trips and voyages in earlier times.

Second, being saturated with rum or brandy, fruitcakes have a certain . . . well, character and kick that other cakes lack. The cakes therefore were so revered in Puritan England, in fact, that laws governed how many times a year fruitcakes could be made.

And finally, the cakes are extremely tasty. Made of dried fruit and nuts with just enough batter to keep everything together, a small bite goes a long way. The baked cakes are vaguely related to English plum puddings (which contained no plums; plum was a generic word for any dried fruit). These, like the fruit or nut ingredients of mincemeat, were often fermented in a crock for a year or more, fed periodic doses of brandy, then added to batter and baked.

If fruitcakes are heavy (and they generally are), that's deliberate. They aren't meant to rise to the light, fluffy texture of modern birthday cakes. Instead, they are meant to be a treat of substance, to be sampled in small pieces.

Don't rush. Take 25 years, if you like.



Photo: Randy Janoski

Hometown Spotlight

by MARGARET DORNAUS
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Home OF *The* *Birds*

"The birds are everywhere," declared legendary film director Alfred Hitchcock in 1963, prior to the release of his cinematic thriller that would become a box-office blockbuster. Nearly 40 years later, *The Birds* is still everywhere, as far as most residents of a northern California coastal town—the setting for much of the movie—are concerned.

Bodega Bay (pop. 1,423) will forever be linked to the film classic, if its many visitors are any indication. Although *The Birds* is ancient history to some residents, others (including some not even born at the time of the movie's filming) still feel Sir Alfred's imprint.

Chris Wedel, born nine years after Hitchcock's cast and crew turned her hometown into a silver-screen legend, understands how *The Birds* has shaped Bodega Bay's landscape. As marketing manager for The Inn at The Tides, Wedel lives with the story and has become an occasional unofficial guide for tourists visiting The Tides' Wharf Restaurant in search of movie memorabilia.

The Tides served as the backdrop for one of *The Birds* pivotal opening scenes. In it, the gas station that

once occupied the restaurant's parking lot was "blown up" as patrons (including the film's star, Tippi Hedren) witnessed the scene through a bank of windows. Coincidentally, says Wedel, both the restaurant and the gas station burned down in a real fire shortly after *The Birds* was released. The present restaurant, rebuilt several times over the years, retains the movie set's original layout: Its sweeping windows provide a panorama of the famous bay where fishing boats set sail for daily catches of crab and salmon.

Framed photographs featuring Hedren and co-stars Suzanne Pleshette and Rod Taylor line The Tides' walls. Three years ago, Hedren revisited the restaurant to celebrate her movie debut in *The Birds* and to raise money for Shambala—the preserve she founded on the grounds of her California home as a sanctuary for mistreated animals. Close to 100 local residents sat down to dinner and a movie that night as Hedren commented on *The Birds*. The movie, projected onto The Tides' dining room walls, says Wedel, never seemed more dramatic.

For Hazel Mitchell, a waitress at The Tides during *The Birds*' filming, the Bodega Bay restaurant holds charged memories. It was here that Mitchell served Hitchcock lunch every day for six months. She remembers the famous director "always ate the same thing: a piece of sole, a cup of green beans, and a piece of lettuce with no dressing."

Waiting on Hitchcock was a highlight for Mitchell, and working as a waitress at The Tides gave her an opportunity to convince other residents to join her efforts in turning Bodega Head into parkland. "It was," she says, "the great accomplishment of my life."

Like Mitchell, Donna Freeman measures her life in the community by more than her contribution to

The Birds. Freeman, who had a small role in the film—a run up the hill toward The Tides' burning gas station—is married to a local fisherman and is a founding director of Bodega Bay's 30-year-old Fisherman's



Visitors to Bodega Bay enjoy the beach and the surging waters of the Pacific Ocean.



Wedel holds a Hitchcock portrait outside one of the settings for *The Birds*.

Festival. (Fishing and tourism account for much of the local economy.) The spring event began as a fund raiser for the Bodega Bay Volunteer Fire Department and includes an annual blessing of the fleet.

"Money from the event bought the department its first ambulance," notes Freeman.

For certain, Bodega Bay did exist before Hitchcock's film. Miwok and Pomo Indians, Spanish explorers (Don Juan Francisco de la Bodega among them), Russian fur traders, and Mexican rancheros all helped develop the area from the mid-1500s on, trading on the rich supply of seals, sea otter, and timber.

Even so, it's Hitchcock's lens that remains focused on Bodega Bay. "He put us on the map," Freeman says. "For six months, we were Birdville." ☆

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The movie's school house is owned by Mary Leah Taylor.

Health

by NANCY DUNCAN

For a High-energy Afternoon

Feeling sluggish? Do you run out of energy by midafternoon? In today's fast-paced and hectic world of instant everything, feeling tired and rushed is a common complaint. Busy schedules leave many drained emotionally and physically once the afternoon hits, but you can take action to get energized.



Healthy snacks can provide quick pick-me-ups.

Watch your diet. Carbohydrates are used mostly for energy by your body. Experts agree most of your daily calories should be from foods containing fiber and starches such as whole grains, vegetables, and beans. Eating small meals throughout the day energizes

weary muscles. Rather than snacking on high-sugar candy bars and greasy foods, pack carrots, celery, raisins, nuts, fruits, and yogurt for quick pick-me-ups.

Napping isn't just for kids. One-half of the American work force reports that sleepiness on the job interferes with work productivity, a National Sleep Foundation poll revealed. If you're not getting at least eight hours of sleep each night, you're more likely to be fatigued the following day. Taking a short afternoon snooze will increase your mental alertness and revitalize energy, studies show. Work breaks are perfect times to close your eyes for a few minutes of relaxation.

Aromatherapy. If the scent of homemade bread or a bouquet of freshly cut roses conjures up fond memories and soothes your mind, then you understand the power of aromatherapy. Smell is a potent mood enhancer. Aromatherapy concoctions are a combination of oils from leaves, bark, flowers, and seeds distilled into aromatic healing scents. Aromatherapy proponents believe the oil

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mixtures can calm nerves, curb appetite, induce sleep, and revitalize energy. They say basil improves concentration and reduces stress; flowers from the cananga tree have a calming effect; rosemary combats fatigue and stimulates the senses; and peppermint energizes the mind and body.

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Identifying energy busters, reducing stress, and having a positive attitude all play a role in combating afternoon fatigue. Taking a proactive stance is the key to healthy change. ☆

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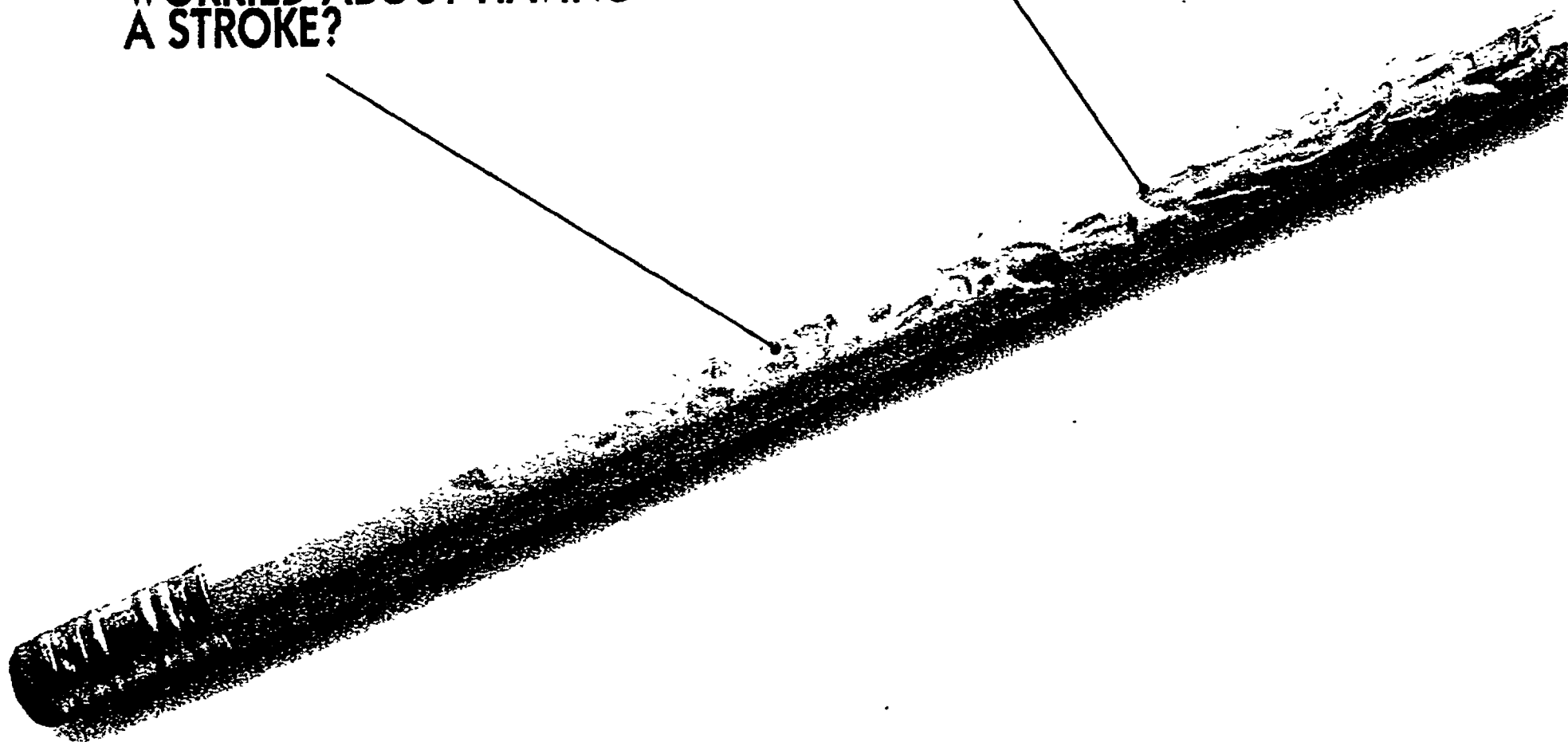
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WARNINGS: Liver Enzymes: HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, like some other lipid-lowering therapies, have been associated with biochemical abnormalities of liver function. In three long-term (4.8-5.9 years), placebo-controlled clinical trials (WOS, LIPID, CARE; see **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY: Clinical Studies**), 19,592 subjects (19,768 randomized), were exposed to pravastatin or placebo. In an analysis of serum transaminase values (ALT, AST), incidences of marked abnormalities were compared between the pravastatin and placebo treatment groups; a marked abnormality was defined as a post-treatment test value greater than three times the upper limit of normal for subjects with pretreatment values less than or equal to the upper limit of normal, or four times the pretreatment value for subjects with pretreatment values greater than the upper limit of normal but less than 1.5 times the upper limit of normal. Marked abnormalities of ALT or AST occurred with similar low frequency ($\leq 1.2\%$) in both treatment groups. Overall, clinical trial experience showed that liver function test abnormalities observed during pravastatin therapy were usually asymptomatic, not associated with cholestasis, and did not appear to be related to treatment duration. It is recommended that liver function tests be performed prior to the initiation of therapy, prior to the elevation of the dose, and when otherwise clinically indicated. Active liver disease or unexplained persistent transaminase elevations are contraindications to the use of pravastatin (see **CONTRAINDICATIONS**). Caution should be exercised when pravastatin is administered to patients who have a recent history of liver disease, have signs that may suggest liver disease (e.g., unexplained aminotransferase elevations, jaundice), or are heavy users of alcohol (see **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY: Pharmacokinetics/Metabolism**). Such patients should be closely monitored, started at the lower end of the recommended dosing range, and titrated to the desired therapeutic effect. Patients who develop increased transaminase levels or signs and symptoms of liver disease should be monitored with a second liver function evaluation to confirm the finding and be followed thereafter with frequent liver function tests until the abnormality(ies) return to normal. Should an increase in AST or ALT of three times the upper limit of normal or greater persist, withdrawal of pravastatin therapy is recommended. **Skeletal Muscle:** Rare cases of rhabdomyolysis with acute renal failure secondary to myoglobinuria have been reported with pravastatin and other drugs in this class. Uncomplicated myalgia has also been reported in pravastatin-treated patients (see **ADVERSE REACTIONS**). Myopathy, defined as muscle aching or muscle weakness in conjunction with increases in creatine phosphokinase (CPK) values to greater than 10 times the upper normal limit, was rare ($< 0.1\%$) in pravastatin clinical trials. Myopathy should be considered in any patient with diffuse myalgias, muscle tenderness or weakness, and/or marked elevation of CPK. Patients should be advised to report promptly unexplained muscle pain, tenderness or weakness, particularly if accompanied by malaise or fever. Pravastatin therapy should be discontinued if markedly elevated CPK levels occur or myopathy is diagnosed or suspected. Pravastatin therapy should also be temporarily withheld in any patient experiencing an acute or serious condition predisposing to the development of renal failure secondary to rhabdomyolysis, e.g., sepsis, hypotension, major surgery, trauma, severe metabolic, endocrine, or electrolyte disorders, or uncontrolled epilepsy. The risk of myopathy during treatment with another HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is increased with concurrent therapy with either erythromycin, cyclosporine, niacin, or fibrates. However, neither myopathy nor significant increases in CPK levels have been observed in three reports involving a total of 100 post-transplant patients (24 renal and 76 cardiac) treated for up to two years concurrently with pravastatin 10-40 mg and cyclosporine. Some of these patients also received other concomitant immunosuppressive therapies. Further, in clinical trials involving small numbers of patients who were treated concurrently with pravastatin and niacin, there were no reports of myopathy. Also, myopathy was not reported in a trial of combination pravastatin (40 mg/day) and gemfibrozil (1200 mg/day), although 4 of 75 patients on the combination showed marked CPK elevations versus one of 73 patients receiving placebo. There was a trend toward more frequent CPK elevations and patient withdrawals due to musculoskeletal symptoms in the group receiving combined treatment as compared with the groups receiving placebo, gemfibrozil, or pravastatin monotherapy (see **PRECAUTIONS: Drug Interactions**). The use of fibrates alone may occasionally be associated with myopathy. The combined use of pravastatin and fibrates should be avoided unless the benefit of further alterations in lipid levels is likely to outweigh the increased risk of this drug combination.

PRECAUTIONS: General: PRAVACHOL may elevate creatine phosphokinase and transaminase levels (see **ADVERSE REACTIONS**). This should be considered in the differential diagnosis of chest pain in a patient on therapy with pravastatin. **Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia:** Pravastatin has not been evaluated in patients with rare homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia. In this group of patients, it has been reported that HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors are less effective because the patients lack functional LDL receptors. **Renal Insufficiency:** A single 20 mg oral dose of pravastatin was administered to 24 patients with varying degrees of renal impairment (as determined by creatinine clearance). No effect was observed on the pharmacokinetics of pravastatin or its 3 α -hydroxy isomeric metabolite (SQ 31,906). A small increase was seen in mean AUC values and half-life ($t_{1/2}$) for the inactive enzymatic ring hydrolysis metabolite (SQ 31,945). Given this small sample size, the dosage administered, and the degree of individual variability, patients with renal impairment who are receiving pravastatin should be closely monitored. **Information for Patients:** Patients should be advised to report promptly unexplained muscle pain, tenderness or weakness, particularly if accompanied by malaise or fever (see **WARNINGS: Skeletal Muscle**). **Drug Interactions: Immunosuppressive Drugs, Gemfibrozil, Niacin (Nicotinic Acid), Erythromycin:** See **WARNINGS: Skeletal Muscle**. **Cytochrome P450 3A4 Inhibitors:** *In vitro* and *in vivo* data indicate that pravastatin is not metabolized by cytochrome P450 3A4 to a clinically significant extent. This has been shown in studies with known cytochrome P450 3A4 inhibitors (see **Interactions and Pharmacokinetics** below). Other examples of cytochrome P450 3A4 inhibitors include ketoconazole, mifepristone, and erythromycin. **Diltiazem—Steady-state levels of diltiazem (a known, weak inhibitor of P450 3A4) had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of pravastatin. In this study, the AUC and C_{max} of another HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor which is known to be metabolized by cytochrome P450 3A4 increased by factors of 3.6 and 4.3, respectively, with diltiazem. The mean AUC and C_{max} for pravastatin were increased by factors of 1.7 and 2.5, respectively, when given with diltiazem (a potent P450 3A4 inhibitor which also inhibits p-glycoprotein transport as compared to placebo. The mean $t_{1/2}$ was not affected by diltiazem, suggesting that the relatively small increases in C_{max} and AUC were due solely to increased bioavailability rather than a decrease in clearance, consistent with inhibition of p-glycoprotein transport by diltiazem. This drug transport system is thought to affect bioavailability and excretion of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, including pravastatin. The AUC and C_{max} of another HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor which is known to be metabolized by cytochrome P450 3A4 increased by factors of 19 and 17, respectively, when given with diltiazem. **Antipyrine:** Since concomitant administration of pravastatin had no effect on the clearance of antipyrine, interactions with other drugs metabolized via the same hepatic cytochrome isozymes are not expected. **Cholestyramine/Colestipol:** Concomitant administration resulted in an approximately 40 to 50% decrease in the mean AUC of pravastatin. However, when pravastatin was administered 1 hour before or 4 hours after cholestyramine or 1 hour before colestipol and a standard meal, there was no clinically significant decrease in bioavailability or therapeutic effect. (See **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: Concomitant Therapy**). **Warfarin:** Concomitant administration of 40 mg pravastatin had no clinically significant effect on prothrombin time when administered in a study to normal elderly subjects who were stabilized on warfarin. **Cimetidine:** The AUC_{0-12h} for pravastatin when given with cimetidine was not significantly different from the AUC for pravastatin when given alone. A significant difference was observed between the AUCs for pravastatin when given with cimetidine compared to when administered with antacid. **Digoxin:** In a crossover trial involving 18 healthy male subjects given 20 mg pravastatin and 0.2 mg digoxin concurrently for 9 days, the bioavailability parameters of digoxin were not affected. The AUC of pravastatin tended to increase, but the overall bioavailability of pravastatin plus its metabolites SQ 31,906 and SQ 31,945 was not altered. **Cyclosporine:** Some investigators have measured cyclosporine levels in patients on pravastatin (up to 20 mg), and to date, these results indicate no clinically meaningful elevations in cyclosporine levels. In one single-dose study, pravastatin levels were found to be increased in cardiac transplant patients receiving cyclosporine. **Gemfibrozil:** In a crossover study in 20 healthy male volunteers given concomitant single doses of pravastatin and gemfibrozil, there was a significant decrease in urinary excretion and protein binding of pravastatin. In addition, there was a significant increase in AUC, C_{max} , and T_{max} for the pravastatin metabolite SQ 31,906. Combination therapy with pravastatin and gemfibrozil is generally not recommended. (See **WARNINGS: Skeletal Muscle**). **In interaction studies with aspirin, antacids (1 hour prior to PRAVACHOL), cimetidine, nicotinic acid, or probucol, no statistically significant differences in bioavailability were seen when PRAVACHOL was administered. Endocrine Function:** HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors interfere with cholesterol synthesis and lower circulating cholesterol levels and, as such, might theoretically blunt adrenal or gonadal steroid hormone production. Results of clinical trials with pravastatin in males and post-menopausal females were inconsistent with regard to possible effects of the drug on basal steroid hormone levels. In a study of 21 males, the mean testosterone response to human chorionic gonadotropin was significantly reduced ($p < 0.004$) after 16 weeks of treatment with 40 mg of pravastatin. However, the percentage of patients showing a $\geq 50\%$ rise in plasma testosterone after human chorionic gonadotropin stimulation did not change significantly after therapy in these patients. The effects of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors on spermatogenesis and fertility have not been studied in adequate numbers of patients. The effects, if any, of pravastatin on the pituitary-gonadal axis in pre-menopausal females are unknown. Patients treated with pravastatin who display clinical evidence of endocrine dysfunction should be evaluated appropriately. Caution should also be exercised if an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor or other agent used to lower cholesterol levels is administered to patients also receiving other drugs (e.g., ketoconazole, spiroglactone, cimetidine) that may diminish the levels or activity of steroid hormones. **CNS Toxicity:** CNS vascular lesions, characterized by perivascular hemorrhage and edema and mononuclear cell infiltration of perivascular spaces, were seen in dogs treated with pravastatin at a dose of 25 mg/kg/day. These effects in dogs were observed at approximately 59 times the human dose of 80 mg/day, based on AUC. Similar CNS vascular lesions have been observed with several other drugs in this class. A chemically similar drug in this class produced optic nerve degeneration (Wallerian degeneration of retinogeniculate fibers) in clinically normal dogs in a dose-dependent fashion starting at 60 mg/kg/day, a dose that produced mean plasma drug levels about 30 times higher than the mean drug level in humans taking the highest recommended dose (as measured by total enzyme inhibitory activity). This same drug also produced vestibulocochlear Wallerian-like degeneration and retinal ganglion cell chromatolysis in dogs treated for 14 weeks at 180 mg/kg/day, a dose which resulted in a mean plasma drug level similar to that seen with the 60 mg/kg/day dose. **Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility:** Please see Full Prescribing Information. **Pregnancy:** Pregnancy Category X. See **CONTRAINDICATIONS**. Safety in pregnant women has not been established. Pravastatin was not teratogenic in rats at doses up to 1000 mg/kg daily or in rabbits at doses of up to 50 mg/kg daily. These doses resulted in 10x (rabbit) or 120x (rat)**

the human exposure based on surface area (mg/meter²). Rare reports of congenital anomalies have been received following intrauterine exposure to other HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors. In a review¹ of approximately 100 prospectively followed pregnancies in women exposed to simvastatin or lovastatin, the incidences of congenital anomalies, spontaneous abortions and fetal deaths/stillbirths did not exceed what would be expected in the general population. The number of cases is adequate only to exclude a three-to-four-fold increase in congenital anomalies over the background incidence. In 89% of the prospectively followed pregnancies, drug treatment was initiated prior to pregnancy and was discontinued at some point in the first trimester when pregnancy was identified. As safety in pregnant women has not been established and there is no apparent benefit to therapy with PRAVACHOL (pravastatin sodium) during pregnancy (see **CONTRAINDICATIONS**), treatment should be immediately discontinued as soon as pregnancy is recognized. PRAVACHOL should be administered to women of child-bearing potential only when such patients are highly unlikely to conceive and have been informed of the potential hazards. **Nursing Mothers:** A small amount of pravastatin is excreted in human breast milk. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants, women taking PRAVACHOL should not nurse (see **CONTRAINDICATIONS**). **Pediatric Use:** Safety and effectiveness in individuals less than 18 years old have not been established. Hence, treatment in patients less than 18 years old is not recommended at this time. **Geriatric Use:** Two secondary prevention trials with pravastatin (CARE and LIPID) included a total of 6,593 subjects treated with pravastatin 40 mg for periods ranging up to 6 years. Across these two studies, 36.1% of pravastatin subjects were aged 65 and older and 0.8% were aged 75 and older. The beneficial effect of pravastatin in elderly subjects in reducing cardiovascular events and in modifying lipid profiles was similar to that seen in younger subjects. The adverse event profile in the elderly was similar to that in the overall population. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses to pravastatin between elderly and younger patients. Mean pravastatin AUCs are slightly (25-50%) higher in elderly subjects than in healthy young subjects, but mean C_{max} , T_{max} and $t_{1/2}$ values are similar in both age groups and substantial accumulation of pravastatin would not be expected in the elderly (see **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY: Pharmacokinetics/Metabolism**).

ADVERSE REACTIONS: Pravastatin is generally well tolerated; adverse reactions have usually been mild and transient. In 4-month long placebo-controlled trials, 1.7% of pravastatin-treated patients and 1.2% of placebo-treated patients were discontinued from treatment because of adverse experiences attributed to study drug therapy; this difference was not statistically significant. (See also **PRECAUTIONS: Geriatric Use** section.)

Adverse Clinical Events: Short-Term Controlled Trials: All adverse clinical events (regardless of attribution) reported in more than 2% of pravastatin-treated patients in placebo-controlled trials of up to four months duration are identified in the table below; also shown are the percentages of patients in whom these medical events were believed to be related or possibly related to the drug:

Body System/Event	Adverse Events in >2 Percent of Patients Treated with Pravastatin 10-40 mg in Short-Term Placebo-Controlled Trials			
	All Events	Events Attributed to Study Drug	Pravastatin (N = 900)	Placebo (N = 411)
	Pravastatin (N = 900) % of patients	Placebo (N = 411) % of patients	Pravastatin (N = 900) % of patients	Placebo (N = 411) % of patients
Cardiovascular				
Chest Pain	4.0	3.4	0.1	0.0
Dermatologic				
Rash	4.0*	1.1	1.3	0.9
Gastrointestinal				
Nausea/Vomiting	7.3	7.1	2.9	3.4
Diarrhea	6.2	5.6	2.0	1.9
Abdominal Pain	5.4	6.9	2.0	3.9
Constipation	4.0	7.1	2.4	5.1
Flatulence	3.3	3.6	2.7	3.4
Heartburn	2.9	1.9	2.0	0.7
General				
Fatigue	3.8	3.4	1.9	1.0
Chest Pain	3.7	1.9	0.3	0.2
Influenza	2.4*	0.7	0.0	0.0
Musculoskeletal				
Localized Pain	10.0	9.0	1.4	1.5
Myalgia	2.7	1.0	0.6	0.0
Nervous System				
Headache	6.2	3.9	1.7*	0.2
Dizziness	3.3	3.2	1.0	0.5
Renal/Genitourinary				
Urinary Abnormality	2.4	2.9	0.7	1.2
Respiratory				
Common Cold	7.0	6.3	0.0	0.0
Rhinitis	4.0	4.1	0.1	0.0
Cough	2.6	1.7	0.1	0.0

*Statistically significantly different from placebo.

The safety and tolerability of PRAVACHOL at a dose of 80 mg in two controlled trials with a mean exposure of 8.6 months was similar to that of PRAVACHOL at lower doses except that 4 out of 484 patients taking 80 mg of pravastatin had a single elevation of CK >10x ULN compared to 0 out of 115 patients taking 40 mg of pravastatin.

Long-Term Controlled Morbidity and Mortality Trials: Adverse event data were pooled from seven double-blind, placebo-controlled trials (West of Scotland Coronary Prevention study [WOSC]; Cholesterol and Recurrent Events study [CARE]; Long-term Intervention with Pravastatin in Ischemic Disease study [LIPID]; Pravastatin Limitation of Atherosclerosis in the Coronary Arteries study [PLAC II]; Pravastatin, Lipids and Atherosclerosis in the Carotids study [PLAC II]; Regression Growth Evaluation Statin Study [REGRESS]; and Kuopio Atherosclerosis Prevention Study [KAPS]) involving a total of 10,764 patients treated with pravastatin 40 mg and 10,719 patients treated with placebo. The safety and tolerability profile in the pravastatin group was comparable to that of the placebo group. Patients were exposed to pravastatin for a mean of 4.0 to 5.1 years in WOSC, CARE, and LIPID and 1.9 to 2.9 years in PLAC I, PLAC II, KAPS, and REGRESS. In these long-term trials, the most common reasons for discontinuation were mild, non-specific gastrointestinal complaints. Collectively, these seven trials represent 47,613 patient-years of exposure to pravastatin. Events believed to be of probable, possible, or uncertain relationship to study drug, occurring in at least 1% of patients treated with pravastatin in these studies are identified as follows: **Adverse Events in $\geq 1\%$ Percent of Patients Treated with Pravastatin 40 mg in Long-Term Placebo-Controlled Trials (Pravastatin (N = 10,764) % of patients vs. Placebo (N = 10,719) % of patients):** In each Body System/Event: **Cardiovascular:** Angina Pectoris (3.1 vs. 3.4); **Dermatologic:** Rash (2.1 vs. 2.2); **Gastrointestinal:** Dyspepsia/Heartburn (3.5 vs. 3.7); Abdominal Pain (2.4 vs. 2.5); Nausea/Vomiting (1.6 vs. 1.6); Flatulence (1.2 vs. 1.1); Constipation (1.2 vs. 1.3); **General:** Fatigue (3.4 vs. 3.3); Chest Pain (2.6 vs. 2.6); **Musculoskeletal:** Musculoskeletal Pain (includes arthralgia) (6.0 vs. 5.8); Muscle Cramp (2.0 vs. 1.8); Myalgia (1.4 vs. 1.4); **Nervous System:** Dizziness (2.2 vs. 2.1); Headache (1.9 vs. 1.8); Sleep Disturbance (1.0 vs. 0.9); Depression (1.0 vs. 1.0); Anxiety/Nervousness (1.0 vs. 1.2); **Renal/Genitourinary:** Urinary Abnormality (includes dysuria, frequency, nocturia) (1.0 vs. 0.8); **Respiratory:** Dyspnea (1.6 vs. 1.6); Upper Respiratory Infection (1.3 vs. 1.3); Cough (1.0 vs. 1.0); **Special Senses:** Vision Disturbance (includes blurred vision, diplopia) (1.6 vs. 1.3).

Events of probable, possible, or uncertain relationship to study drug that occurred in <1% of pravastatin-treated patients in the long-term trials included the following; frequencies were similar in placebo-treated patients: **Dermatologic:** pruritus, dermatitis, dryness of skin, scalp hair abnormality (including alopecia), urticaria. **Endocrine/Metabolic:** sexual dysfunction, libido change. **Gastrointestinal:** decreased appetite. **General:** fever, flushing. **Immunologic:** allergy, edema head/neck. **Musculoskeletal:** muscle weakness. **Nervous System:** paresthesia, vertigo, insomnia, memory impairment, tremor, neuropathy (including peripheral neuropathy). **Special Senses:** lens opacity, taste disturbance. **Postmarketing Experience:** In addition to the events reported above, as with other drugs in this class, the following events have been reported rarely during postmarketing experience with PRAVACHOL (pravastatin sodium), regardless of causality assessment: **Musculoskeletal:** myopathy, rhabdomyolysis. **Nervous System:** dysfunction of certain cranial nerves (including alteration of taste, impairment of extra-ocular movement, facial paresis), peripheral nerve palsy. **Hypersensitivity:** anaphylaxis, lupus erythematosus-like syndrome, polymyalgia rheumatica, dermatomyositis, vasculitis, purpura, hemolytic anemia, positive ANA, ESR increase, arthritis, arthralgia, asthenia, photosensitivity, chills, malaise, toxic epidermal necrolysis, erythema multiforme, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome. **Gastrointestinal:** pancreatitis, hepatitis, including chronic active hepatitis, cholestatic jaundice, fatty change in liver, cirrhosis, fulminant hepatic necrosis, hepatoma. **Dermatologic:** A variety of skin changes (e.g., nodules, discoloration, dryness of mucous membranes, changes to hair/nails). **Reproductive:** gynecomastia. **Laboratory Abnormalities:** elevated alkaline phosphatase, and bilirubin; thyroid function abnormalities. **Laboratory Test Abnormalities:** Increases in serum transaminase (ALT, AST) values and CPK have been observed (see **WARNINGS**). Transient, asymptomatic eosinophilia has been reported. Eosinophil counts usually returned to normal despite continued therapy. Anemia, thrombocytopenia, and leukopenia have been reported with HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors. **Concomitant Therapy:** Pravastatin has been administered concurrently with cholestyramine, colestipol, nicotinic acid, probucol and gemfibrozil. Preliminary data suggest that the addition of either probucol or gemfibrozil to therapy with lovastatin or pravastatin is not associated with greater reduction in LDL-cholesterol than that achieved with lovastatin or pravastatin alone. No adverse reactions unique to the combination or in addition to those previously reported for each drug alone have been reported. Myopathy and rhabdomyolysis (with or without acute renal failure) have been reported when another HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor was used in combination with immunosuppressive drugs, gemfibrozil, erythromycin, or lipid-lowering doses of nicotinic acid. Concomitant therapy with HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors and these agents is generally not recommended. (See **WARNINGS: Skeletal Muscle** and **PRECAUTIONS: Drug Interactions**.)

OVERDOSAGE: To date, there has been limited experience with overdosage of pravastatin. If an overdose occurs, it should be treated symptomatically with laboratory monitoring and supportive measures should be instituted as required. (See **WARNINGS**.)

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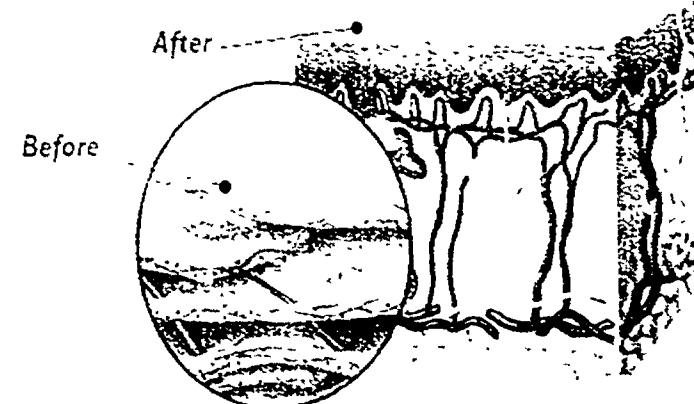
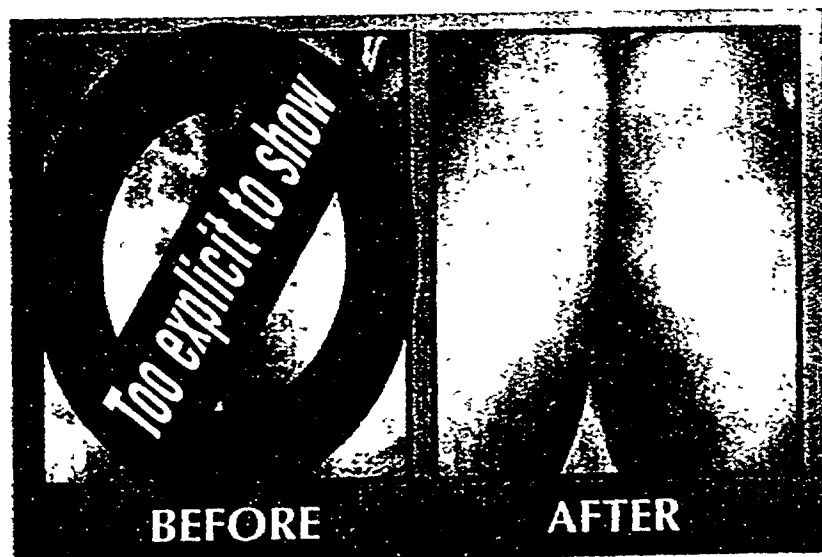
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- 1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 beaten egg

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In large skillet over medium heat, cook sausage, onion, and green pepper in 1 tablespoon oil until vegetables are tender and sausage is done. Stir in tomatoes and peas; reduce heat and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes. Pour into lightly sprayed 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish. In a small bowl, combine corn muffin mix, cayenne, milk, egg, and remaining 2 tablespoons oil. Stir until smooth. Pour over sausage mixture. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Serves 4 to 6.

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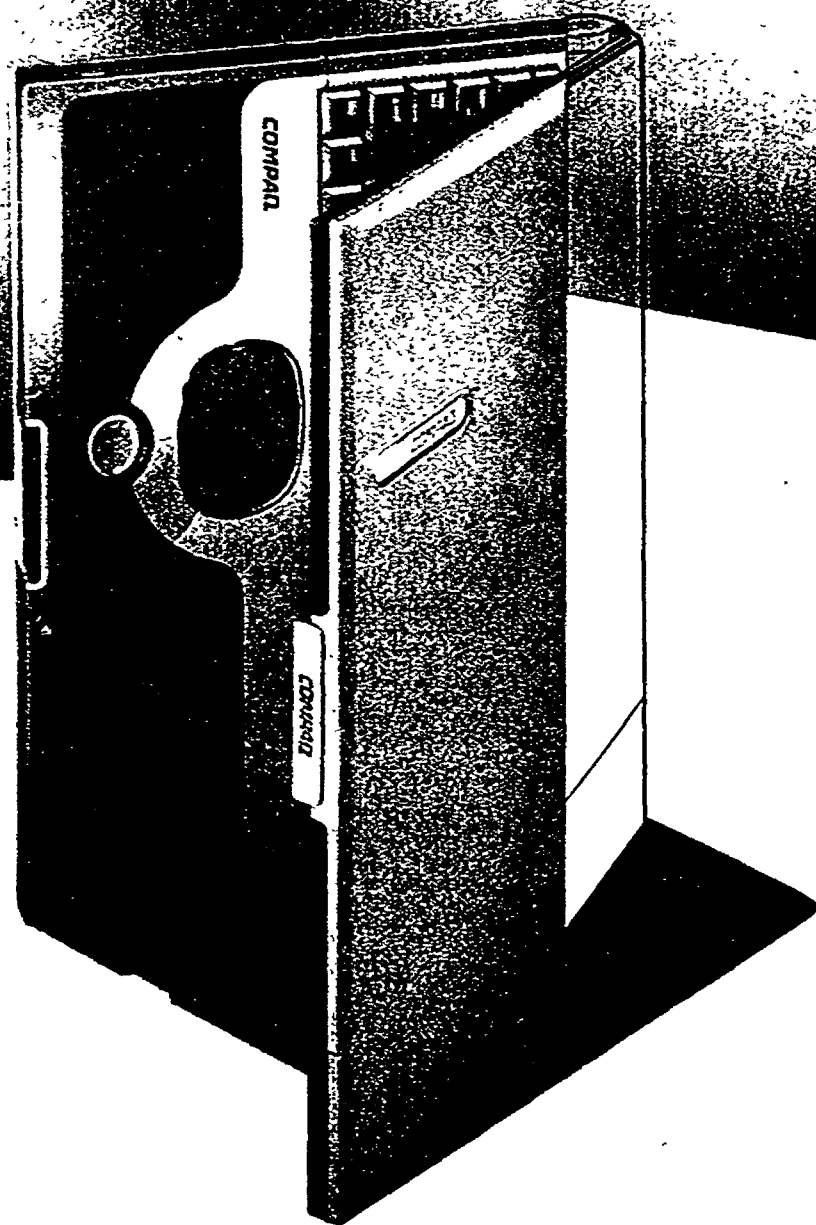
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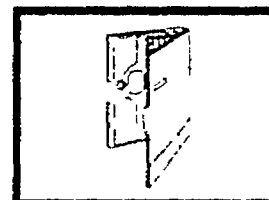
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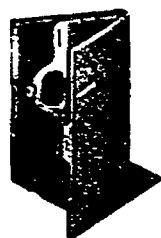
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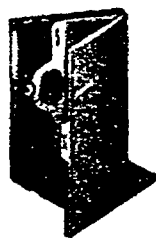


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