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Maybury waits for answers

State fire marshal: cause undetermined as of yet, but arson doesn't appear likely

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

The Northville Community Foundation is collecting funds to rebuild Maybury's barn. See page 14A.

Answers are still being sought in the destruction of Maybury State Park's barn and the deaths of the 50 animals living inside of it.

John Burns, specialist sergeant with the state police fire marshal's division, said the incident is still actively under investigation.

Burns said that scene investigations have already been completed and the scene itself has been turned back over to the Department of Natural Resources

"for their disposal and/or clean-up."

Although the official cause is yet to be determined, Burns stated that arson was unlikely.

"The cause is still undetermined, but I do not have any indications that arson was involved," he said. "We haven't ruled anything out. The official cause is still under investigation."

Burns said that the investigation

could be completed within the next two weeks.

Northville Township firefighters received the call on Feb. 12 at approximately 9:43 p.m. and arrived at the Eight Mile and Beck location to find a fully involved structural fire involving the barn. With no water supply on scene, and not enough water brought in by tanker truck to fight the barn fire, Northville

Township firefighters made the decision to use their water supply to save the surrounding buildings.

Fire departments from the Northville and Novi assisted in the firefighting effort.

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Land dispute has Ravines in legal battle

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

Residents of the Ravines of Northville have recently won the battle waged against them when a suit filed against them by the Fairchild Development Co. was thrown out in court. Now, they may try to win the entire war by going back taking Fairchild back to court with township support.

According to attorney and Ravines resident Chuck Nichols, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Robert J. Colombo ruled in favor of Ravines residents, dismissing Fairchild's case which had sought four acres of land from the homeowners or adequate compensation of more than \$25,000.

Nichols said the case all started when Fairchild purchased the land at Six Mile and Sheldon Roads in Northville Township in order to build the Ravines of Northville subdivision. Development requirements stipulated that three detention ponds be placed on the property. But Fairchild's desire to place 111 lots — allowable with a five-lot density bonus — in the subdivision would not allow for convenient placement of all three detention ponds.

As stated in court documents, Fairchild's answer was to approach the county for permission to place the remaining detention pond in the county owned Hines Park in exchange for 4.6 acres of land in the Ravines of Northville. At the same time, Fairchild entered into an agreement with the township to use the same land promised to the county as open space which would eventually be signed over to the prop-

"When we didn't roll over when they sued us, they stopped doing what they were supposed to."

Chuck Nichols
Ravines of Northville resident

erty owners in the subdivision. "With a certain amount of open space, you get a density bonus," said Nichols. "By having one of the detention ponds off-site and having the open space commitment, the developer was told they could put five extra lots in the subdivision, with each lot worth at least \$110,000 to them."

County officials learned of the open space agreement when it came time for them to collect on the land and filed suit in 2001, accusing Fairchild of misrepresentation and fraud.

"However, soon after the complaint was filed, things changed. Instead of pursuing its lawsuit against the fraudulent developers, the county agreed to put a hold on its lawsuit," said Nichols. "More disturbing, the reason that the county agreed to this hold was to allow the fraudulent developers to sue the Ravines homeowners [for the land]."

Each of the 165 Ravines residents received notice of the suit in

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Residents of the Ravines of Northville are unhappy with the un-finished, pot-holed state of their roads. Here members of its Homeowners Association pause near a bit of their crumbling road. From left are Kenneth Rogale, Paul Slatin, Robert Hoover, Charles Nichols, and William Wehrle.

City faces daunting task in balancing ledgers

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

Question: What's green and goes "crunch?"

Answer: a budget — in particular, a budget the city of Northville will have to figure out how to make the most of in the upcoming financial year.

When city council met on Feb. 18 to discuss

goals and objectives for 2003, the state of Northville's financial status was of primary concern.

According to assistant city manager and finance director Nicolette Bateson, costs are rising while revenue sources decrease, making for a very difficult budget to balance.

Issues such as inflation factors, taxable value, decreasing state shared revenue, and

the rising cost of health insurance for city employees will take their toll on the city's finances.

With an inflation factor of 1.5 percent for 2003 resulting in an equivalent increase in the city's taxable value of properties, Northville's greatest source of revenue has been dramatically affected.

"Our revenues will increase approximately 1.5 to 2 percent but the majority of

our expenses, which are typically personnel costs, will increase by three percent per the labor contract," said Bateson. "Other significant costs, such as health insurance, has increased an average of 9 percent for this year."

"It doesn't take a lot to realize that when your costs increase by 3 percent and your

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A red-eye tree frog sits on vegetation in a tank in the classroom of Hillside Middle School teacher Dwight Sieggreen. The exotic frog is part of a group that's being cared for by Univ. of Virginia graduate Scott ReMine.

Jeepers-leapers: frog nursery jumps into action at Hillside

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

One might say the frog nursery at Hillside Middle School is growing by leaps and bounds.

Due to the combined efforts of Hillside teacher Dwight Sieggreen and Novi resident and volunteer Scott ReMine, the frog nursery has been thoroughly renovated and remodeled.

After experiencing some preliminary failures with the nursery, the updated facility is now equipped to provide the frogs a more life-sustaining habitat.

The nursery currently has approximately 10 different species of frogs, found in environments all over the world.

Lindsay Hagan, a seventh grade student at Hillside, is among the students who assist in caring for the frog populations.

The nursery, she said, provides a opportunity to see uncommon varieties of frogs.

"Usually we wouldn't be able to see these kinds of frogs because they're in the rainforest," said Hagan.

ReMine, who has been volunteering approximately 30 hours a week

in the animal room, receives no compensation for his efforts.

But that doesn't seem to matter to ReMine. Assisting in maintaining the frogs' habitat is a labor of love for him.

"Here I'm actually making a difference," said ReMine, 23, who earned a biology degree from the University of Virginia last year.

"It's worth it. It's such a cool job. You get to work with some of the most unique frogs from around the world. The kids love coming back and helping with the frogs. They

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LIBRARY LINES

"EVERYONE'S READING" BOOK DISCUSSION

Take part in the second annual Metro Detroit area wide reading event, which focuses on the novel "A Lesson Before Dying," by Ernest Gaines. Libraries throughout the area are sponsoring book discussions on this critically acclaimed and very moving title, the story of a young black man waiting on death row, and his mentoring by a local teacher.

Northville will be hosting a discussion on March 3 at 7 p.m. This event will culminate with a visit by the author, who will be speaking in Farmington and Birmingham on April 3. Sign up, and get a guide to the novel, at the Information Desk.

FRIENDS USED BOOK SALE

Choose from a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction for all ages, at this semi-annual Used Book Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Northville District Library. In addition to books, there will be videos, audiobooks, puzzles, CDs and computer games. The sale will be at the library on March 14 from 3 to 7 p.m., March 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and March 16 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. A special preview sale on March 13 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. will be open to members only, with memberships available at the door. On March 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Friends will be collecting donations for the sale at the Library's Loading Dock door near Wing St.

MAYBURY MEMORIES

Anyone wishing to leave a written tribute or photo related to the Petting Farm at Maybury State Park may drop it off at the library. These items will be used for memorial display at the library.

SPRING TOT STORYTIMES FOR 2s and 3s

Specially designed for two and three year olds with a parent or caregiver, these six-week series of half-hour 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., March 24 through April 28; Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m., March 26 through April 30; and Thursdays at 11 a.m., March 27 through May 1. Registration begins March 5, in person or by calling 248-349-3020.

SMUDGE FUNDAES

Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the delicious, rollicking, award-winning musical entertainment of the Smudge Fundaes as they perform "Health Body and Mind" on March 5 at 4:30 p.m., in recognition of National Nutrition Month. Children ages 4 and younger should attend with a caregiver. No pre-registration is required for this free program.

SPRING KIDS CLUB FOR 1ST AND 2ND GRADERS

Kids in the first and second grade are invited to join us for this great six-week series of after-school programs, featuring stories and fun activities. All programs are on Thursdays, from 4:15 to 5 p.m., from March 20 through April 24. Registration begins March 6 in person or by phone.

MARCH IS READING MONTH

Kids, preschool age through sixth graders, get hooked on books during "Reading Month"! Beginning March 1, pick up your "I'm Hooked on Books" reading log at the Information Desk. When your reading log is full, you've earned the prize of a paperback book. This activity takes place through March 31.

"MARCH HOME WITH A BOOK" STORYTIME WITH JACKIE PURTAN

Join radio personality Jackie Purtan of 104.3 WOMC "Purtan's People" for a special storytime in the cozy area by the fireplace March 10 at 5:30 p.m. All ages are welcome and no registration is required.

SPRING CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Children of all ages are invited to spring into the library for fun crafts on March 12 at 4 p.m. Children ages 4 and younger should attend with a caregiver. No pre-registration is required for this hour-long craft program.

LITTLE ME STORYTIME FOR LITTLE ONES


Little ones, from 10 months to 2 years old, along with parents or caregivers, can enjoy music, bean-bag fun, and simple stories on March 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. This special activity geared to the very young is offered each month, and no registration is required. Infants and older children are also welcome to attend.

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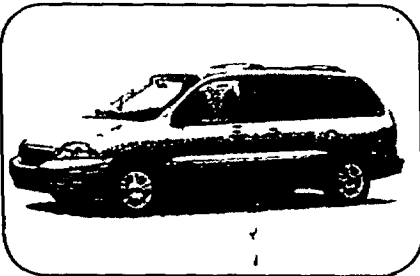
Mill Race Village is an eleven-acre collection of 19th century buildings along the Mill Pond operated by the Northville Historical Society. The Village is open dawn to dusk seven days a week and is located on the west side of Griswold north of Main Street in downtown Northville. The office, located at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

Feb. 27	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 3:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public Brownie Scout Meeting	Cady Inn Cady Inn
Mar. 2	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Mill Creek Community Church	Church
Mar. 4	9 a.m.-12 p.m. 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Stone Gang Country Garden Club	Village & Cady Inn Cady Inn
Mar. 5	9 a.m.-1 p.m. 7 p.m.-9 p.m.	Mill Race Basket Guild Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Service	Cady Inn Church
Mar. 6	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Archives Open to the Public	Cady Inn

The Children's Christmas Workshop is collecting old wooden handles from brooms, shovels, rakes, etc. If you have any you would like to donate please drop them off in the Mill Race office, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or call 248-348-1845 to make other arrangements.

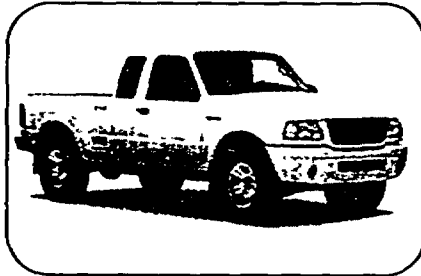


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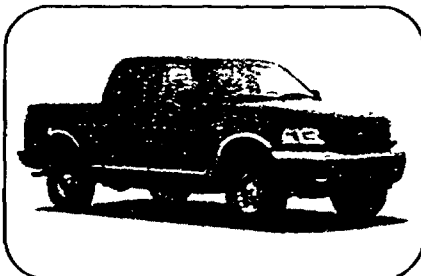
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Reflections 2002-2003

Every year, the National PTA sponsors a contest where students in grades K-12 can put their creative capabilities into action. This year's theme was "Signs of Courage." Students chose to reflect this theme in any/all of the following categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Literature and Music Composition. The project was voluntary and students completed their projects on their own time, above and beyond normal school work. Some students chose to enter more than once in one category, or to enter in several categories. The Northville High School PTSA thanks those students who took the time to participate in the program.

PHOTOGRAPHY WINNERS
1st Place: Zachary Wollack, grade 12

2nd Place: Amy Rauner, grade 12
3rd Place: Tanner Hann, grade 11
4th Place: Lauren Montgomery, grade 11

VISUAL ARTS WINNERS
1st Place: Katie Stewart, grade 9
2nd Place: Amy Rauner, grade 12
3rd Place: Golbon Aghamohammadi, grade 10
4th Place: Vanessa Sheu, grade 10

LITERATURE WINNERS
1st Place: Jason Albosta, grade 12
2nd Place: Vanessa Sheu, grade 10
3rd Place: Amy Rauner, grade 12
4th Place: Alexandra Tate, grade 10

MUSIC WINNERS
1st Place: James Naigus, grade 10
2nd Place: Justine Sheu, grade 10
3rd Place: James Naigus, grade 10
4th Place: Vanessa Sheu, grade 10

These students' entries are now being forwarded to the state PTA for judging at that level with other local winners. The Northville High School PTA Reflections chairpeople, Jan Naigus and Sue Laabs, thank the local judges for volunteering their time to critique and award this year's entries. Judges included Steven Fecht, Gail Thomas, Liz Thomas, Kathleen Ripley Leo and Greg Edmund.



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Winners of the 2002-2003 Northville High School Reflections contest.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY BRIEFS:

JUST THE FACTS: The fact finding session between Northville District library employee association members and members of the library board will take place at 10 a.m. on Feb. 27 at the Northville District Library located at 212 West Cady Street. The public is invited to attend.

TOWNSHIP BRIEFS:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS: The Northville Township board of trustees approved a resolution thanking local developer Gary Sakwa for his generosity to the community at the board's Feb. 20 meeting. The resolution thanked Sakwa for his donation of \$100,000 used to recreational improvements and the 37 acres of property on which the township's newest elementary schools will be built.

PACKZI EATING CONTEST: The Northville Township fire department will be pitting themselves against the township's police department in a packzi eating contest to be held at Meijer, located on Haggerty Road. Prizes for the most packzis eaten include:
• \$200 donated to first place winner's favorite charity

• \$100 donated to second place winner's favorite charity
• \$50 donated to third place winner's favorite charity

Contestants will have two minutes to eat as many of the 800 calories treats as they can and will receive a "care package" that includes alka-seltzer to help settle upset stomachs. According to Janice Jennings, a manager at the store, the corporate record is six packzis eaten in the two-minute time frame.

The contest will take place on March 4 at 10 a.m. in the Meijer dining area.

AREA BRIEFS:

Begin celebrating St. Patrick's Day almost a week early when the Irish Rovers return to the area for another rambunctious and rollicking performance at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, in the Milford High School Center for the Performing Arts.

But the good times are for a good cause. As with its previous performances in town, this one is a fundraiser for the Huron Valley Educational Foundation (HVEF).

It'll be the band's third area appearance since 2000. Once again,

the group weaves together an enchanting combination of music, storytelling and Irish humor that replicates the conviviality and camaraderie of an Irish pub.

While some of the Irish Rover's personnel have changed, it still retains the joy and energy it exhibited on its classic 1967 release, "The Unicorn." The single sold a million copies back then and has since helped endear the band to new generations of fans.

Tickets are \$27 and are available at Read Between the Lines, 341 N. Main Street in downtown Milford and Huron Valley Schools Credit Union 290 N. John Street in Highland. Tickets can also be purchased by mail from the HVEF, P.O. Box 568, Milford, 48381.

Proceeds from ticket sales fund grants awarded by the HVEF that bring to the classroom extraordinary education activities which aren't funded by the current school budget. Since 1997, HVEF grants have backed technology enhancement, language arts, math, fine arts, social studies and science programs in Huron Valley Schools.

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Amphibious assault: frogs invade Hillside

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love experiencing science and nature."

The rejuvenated nursery provides an avenue to explore animal life in ways a textbook can't provide.

Caring for frogs in not a simple task, as ReMine and Sieggreen can attest.

"All it took to make this successful was a very bright man, 30 hours a week and six months," said Sieggreen. "What an adventure this is. It's harder to keep frogs than it is people. The trick to all this is water quality."

Sieggreen also lauded ReMine for his volunteer efforts.

"This guy is special," said Sieggreen. "It sure made a difference around here."

ReMine said such a diverse frog nursery facility is quite uncommon and provides numerous learning opportunities for students.

"Some colleges don't even have this and this is a middle school," said ReMine. "It's extremely rare for any school to have such a wealth of animals and teaching opportunities."

ReMine said he and Sieggreen have worked hard to propel the frog nursery into its current state. Unique nursery additions have included misting systems, overflow valves, semi-permeable false cage bottoms and biological filters, which have assisted in lowering mortality rates.

ReMine said he formed the more efficient nursery cages after getting ideas from the Detroit Zoo.

"It has taken off, but we have a long way to go," he said.

It is hoped the frogs within the nursery will be able to generate offspring to donate to zoos.

The partnership between Sieggreen and ReMine has led to a successful nursery, geared to promote education and many learning opportunities.

"We started with nearly nothing and we boosted it to having over 10 different species in the nursery alone and dropping the mortality rate to zero," said ReMine.

Sieggreen said most of the frog nursery funding comes from the Toyota Motor Corporation.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER
UVA graduate Scott ReMine shows a White's tree frog to Hillside students Carrie Pichan, Julia Petty, Lindsay Hagan, Katie Kowal (out of frame), and Noel Snyder. ReMine is caring for the school's exotic frog species nursery.

Fiberoptic speed limit signs ordered for Six Mile near NHS

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to help create a safer driving environment along Six Mile Road near Northville High School, Northville school officials have ordered and paid for the installation of fiber-optic speed limit signs.

"They're ordered," said assistant superintendent, David Bolitho. "We had to send a purchase order to Wayne County for all of the right of way work that they need to do."

The district contracted with Carrier and Gable, Inc., to supply the signs. The signs will later be installed by Wayne County, Bolitho said.

An exact date for sign installation was not available at press time.

"It looks like this is going pretty quickly," said Bolitho, who added that fees for the signs' installation totaled an estimated \$23,000.

The signs will be powered to light

up and will indicate a lower speed limit during school arrival and dismissal times.

The new traffic signs will ideally improve traffic safety and help save lives.

Board of education trustee Joan Wadsworth said, "When we looked at the report that we received from the traffic consultant, we weighed all of the options. We looked at what kinds of things we could do that had the most compliance."

Wadsworth said using a fiber-optic sign system seemed appropriate for the district.

"It would certainly bring attention to the speed limit," she said. "The speed limit is lower before school and after school. You want people to comply with that. They should be able to see that it's flashing at them and hopefully seeing the sign would cause them to go more slowly."

Wadsworth said the district recommended several items to improve

road safety measures.

Along with posting specialized speed signs, the district is asking the county to lower the regular speed limit to 40 mph. So far, she said, a reply from the county hasn't been received.

In addition, a safe driving awareness program has become mandatory for high school juniors and seniors to attend at Northville High School. The program began in January.

Lastly, the school district has requested more frequent police presence during school arrival and dismissal times.

"There's not just one solution to a problem like this," said Wadsworth. "We need everyone to drive more safely."

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Northville Record

OBITUARIES

Cecilia Minidis Adams

Cecilia Adams of Southfield died Feb. 19 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She was 92.

Ms. Adams was born Nov. 14, 1910 in Macedonia. A former Northville resident, Ms. Adams was the former owner and hairdresser at Regency Salon in Southfield.

Ms. Adams is survived by her son, Carl (Ann) Nickoloff of Northville Township; her siblings, Chris Minidis, Alex Minidis, Olga Sanchez, Catherine Amato and Christine Diccio; her grandchildren, Dr. Steven Nickoloff and Anita Yeager; and her great-grandchildren, Kara and Connor Yeager, and Isabelle and Amelia Nickoloff.

A funeral service for Ms. Adams was held Feb. 22 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home of Farmington, which handled funeral arrangements. Father Michael Arbanas of St. Clement Macedonian Orthodox Church officiated the service. Interment will be at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial contributions may be made to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Royal Oak, Mich. 48073.

Mary H. Conley

Mary Conley of Northville died Feb. 22 at her home. She was 61.

Ms. Conley was born May 8, 1941, in Clarksburg, W. Va., to the late John L. Henry and Dorothy Smith Henry.

A resident of Northville since 1978, Ms. Conley had been a teacher in the Prince Georges County, Md., school system.

Ms. Conley is survived by her

husband, Randall, of Northville; her children, Ann (Mark) Langschie of Northville and Beth (Ken) Skinner of Lowell; her grandchildren, Emma Langschie and Luke Skinner; and her sister, Patricia Kight of Amhurst, N.Y.

A memorial service for Ms. Conley was held Feb. 26 at First United Methodist Church of Northville. Rev. Arthur Spafford officiated the service. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Funeral arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Mercy Bathey

Mercy Bathey of Naples, Fla. died Feb. 19. She was 88.

A former Northville resident, Ms. Bathey enjoyed golf, tennis, boating and fishing, as well as ice skating and flying as a pilot. She also was a regular contributor to philanthropic causes.

Ms. Bathey is survived by her children, Hank (Linda) Bathey of Napa, Calif. and Richard (Judie) Bathey of Mission Viejo, Calif.; her sister, Marjorie Selmeir of Cincinnati; her grandchildren, Wendy Korzelius, Kim Bathey Holmes, Daniel Bathey and Lorena Moerbeck; and four great grandchildren, Jessica Korzelius, David Korzelius, Kendall Moerbeck and Bryce Moerbeck.

A memorial service for Ms. Bathey will be held at 10:30 a.m. March 1 at the Unity of Naples Church. Memorial contributions may be sent to the David Lawrence Foundation of Naples.

the Education Foundation of Collier (Fla.) County or The Boys and Girls Club of Collier County. Funeral arrangements were handled by Hodges Funeral Home of Naples.

James Raymond Doyle

James Doyle of Northville died Feb. 21 in Mesa, Ariz. He was 73.

Mr. Doyle was born July 27 in Detroit. A standout basketball player at Central Michigan University, Mr. Doyle also earned master's and doctoral degrees from Wayne State University. He spent his professional life as an educator in the Plymouth school district, working as both a physical education teacher and a counselor. He later transferred to the Wayne-Westland school district and worked his way into positions as assistant superintendent of West Bloomfield schools and deputy schools superintendent in Troy. In his spare time, Mr. Doyle enjoyed golf, swimming and travel.

Mr. Doyle is survived by his wife of 43 years, Barbara Ann Doyle of Northville; his children, Tim (Claudia) Doyle of Northville, Tom (Cindi) Doyle of Hudson, Wisc., Doug (Shawn)

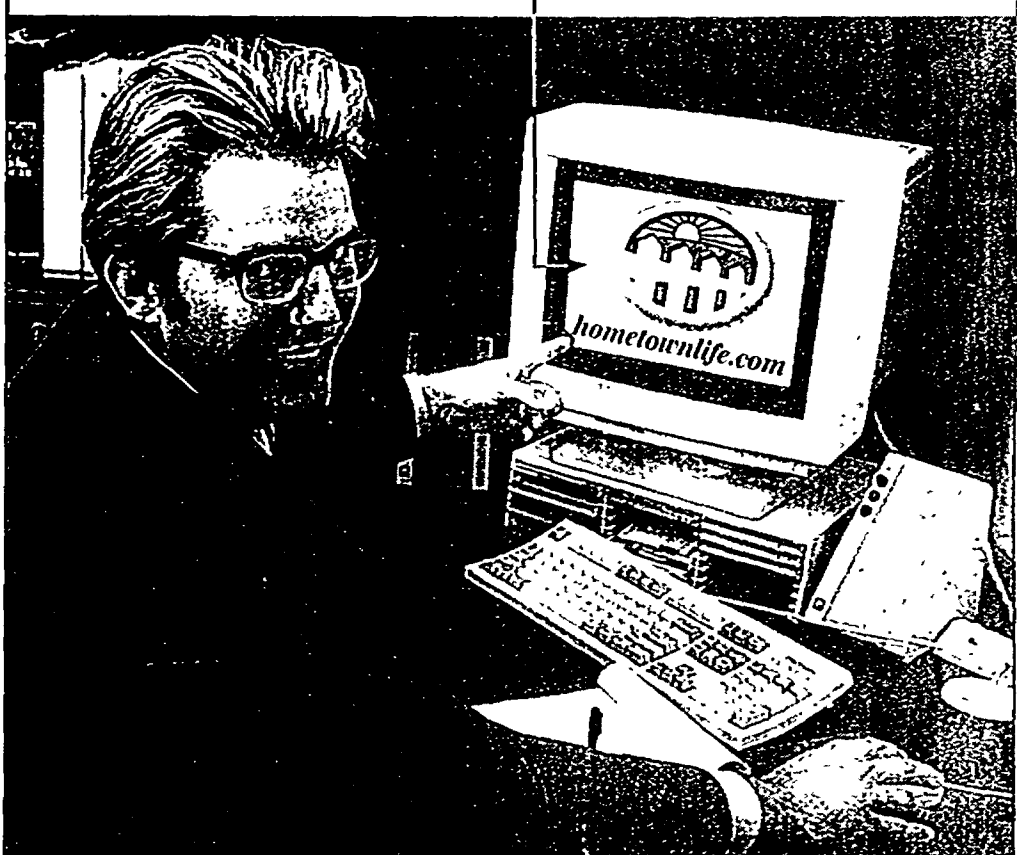
Doyle of Grand Rapids and Ann (Rob) Martin of Chandler, Ariz.; his brothers, Tom Doyle of Trenton, Jack (Barbara) Doyle of Trenton and Larry (JoAnne) Doyle of North Carolina; and 13 grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mr. Doyle was held Feb. 26 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, where he was a regular member for 30 years. Rev. Father Joseph Mallia officiated. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Funeral arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Angela Hospice in Livonia.

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12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
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FRI/SAT 11:50
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11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30
ADAPTATION (R) 11:50, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
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ABOUT SCHMIDT (R) 11:30, 2:00, 4:25, 6:50,
9:15 FRI/SAT 11:45
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Straits of Mackinac come clearer in raffle

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

A \$5 raffle ticket may send you to visit the top of the Mackinac Bridge.

Northville's Cooke School is raffling a "Tower Tour" certificate issued by the Mackinac Bridge Authority for two people to ascend to the top of the north or south tower of the bridge to view and photograph the beautiful straits of Mackinac and the Mackinac Bridge.

The tour must be taken between May 1 and Oct. 15. Winners may select their own date.

According to Cooke principal, Marilyn Bachorik, certificates are good for two people to make the climb.

Travel flexibility is important, she said, as poor weather conditions, such as high winds or rain, may prevent the climb.

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Raffle Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

To purchase tickets, visit http://ckwww.northville.k12.mi.us/Mackinac_Bridge_Tour_Raffle.htm or send your name, address, phone number and check to Cooke School Attn: Raffle 21200 Taft Road, Northville, MI 48167.

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"They want sure to make sure you have a good time, a beautiful view and a safe climb," said Bachorik.

Bachorik can attest to the level of excitement of going where few tourists ventured.

She traveled to the top of the bridge in 2000 and stood 582 feet above the water.

"It was just thrilling," said

Bachorik. "I was lucky enough to get a crystal blue day. You see for miles. It was just beautiful."

Proceeds from the raffle will be earmarked for the school's fundraising program.

"We always need some extra funds to provide educational and fun activities for our students," said Bachorik.

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Hammond-Bidwell

Bethany April Hammond and Brian Robert Bidwell were married on Dec. 14 in Cape Coral, Fla. Rev. James J. Paulson officiated the service.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hammond II of Rotonda West, Fla. She is a graduate of Northville High School and Ferris State University. She is employed by Heritage Cove Development in Fort Myers, Fla. The groom is the son of Ms. Delores Gray of Naples, Fla. He is a graduate of New York State University and is employed by Galeana Pontiac of Fort Myers.

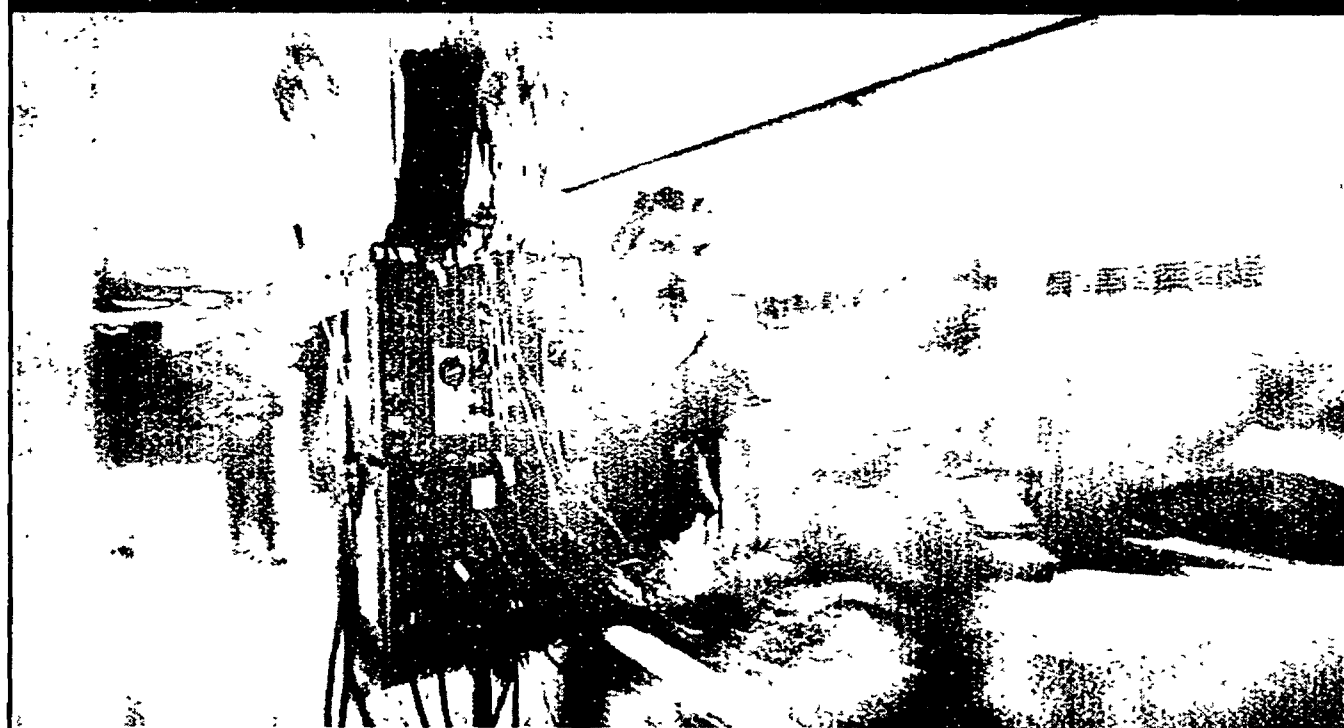
The maid of honor was Crystal Hamlin. Bridesmaids were Sandra Morante and Sherrie Anderson. The best man was Harley Hammond II (the bride's father). Groomsmen were Michael Rodgers and Denny Kellum.

The couple honeymooned on a cruise of the western Caribbean and Mexico.



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Woman's Club celebrates a century-plus

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

The Northville Woman's Club celebrated 110 years of service last week.

The anniversary celebration was hosted at the First Presbyterian Church.

Club president Sherry Duff said the women within the organization have made a commitment to their community and to each other through all kinds of circumstances.

Four women were recognized at the Feb. 21 event as being the longest-serving active members of the club. The foursome included Ruth Mary Atchison, Betty Schrader, Araminta Ellison and Naomi Atchinson.

Atchison has been an active member for 65 years and served as president of the club from 1954 to 1956.

Schrader has been a participant for 62 years.

Ellison, who served as a past president from 1966-1968, has been a part of the Northville Woman's Club for 61 years.

Lastly, Atchinson was recog-

nized for devoting 59 years to the organization.

According to Duff, Rosella Lee, 95, is the longest tenured member with 70 years contributed to the organization. Lee currently resides in a nursing home in Flint and was unable to attend the event.

A panel of three past club presidents —Marge Bolton, Evelyn Harper and Ruth Mary Atchison—shared their memories of the organization at last week's meeting, highlighting the club's lengthy history.

Following their remarks, a video was shown depicting the first 100 years of the Northville Woman's Club. According to Duff, the video was produced by members Kathi Jerome and Roxanne Casterline.

Duff said the organization has contributed greatly to the Northville community.

"Through the auspices of the Northville Woman's Club, the Mill Race Village was started to preserve the library building given to the group by Dr. Mary Lapham in 1937," said Duff.

For Atchinson, being a part of the Northville Woman's Club has

WOMAN'S CLUB INFO

For more information on the Northville Woman's Club or joining its membership, contact Sherry Duff at (248) 349-5446 or Karen Olson at (248) 347-4299.

captured her interest throughout several decades.

"I've just always thought it was a nice organization to belong to," said Atchinson. "I've always enjoyed it because it's been meeting a lot of nice people in Northville."

Atchinson said last week's meeting caused many personal recollections.

"I thought it was very nice," she said. "It brought back lots of memories of being in the club for so long."

Harper, who was a past president of the Northville Woman's Club from 1980 through 1982, shared a similar opinion of the organization.

"It's such a nice group of ladies and they're all so interested in



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville Women's Club president Sherry Duff, at podium, speaks last Friday at a gathering at the Northville Presbyterian Church of the organization celebrating its 110th anniversary.

their community and what's going on around them," she said. "It's such a nice, well-rounded group. Women in the Northville Woman's Club are just real nice people and good to work with."

Atchison, who joined the club in 1938 and served as a past president in mid 1950s, said she contributes the longevity of the club to good programs and hard working mem-

bers. "I think it's outstanding it's lasted this long," said Atchison. "A lot of clubs close."

Atchison said the Northville Woman's Club initially began as a literary club.

"Each new member was assigned something to do, like book reviews," she said. Atchison said her own assignment was to

write a paper on the history of American music. Her essay totaled about 30 pages.

"I worked a whole summer on that," she said.

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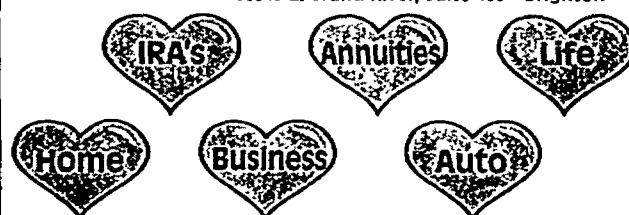
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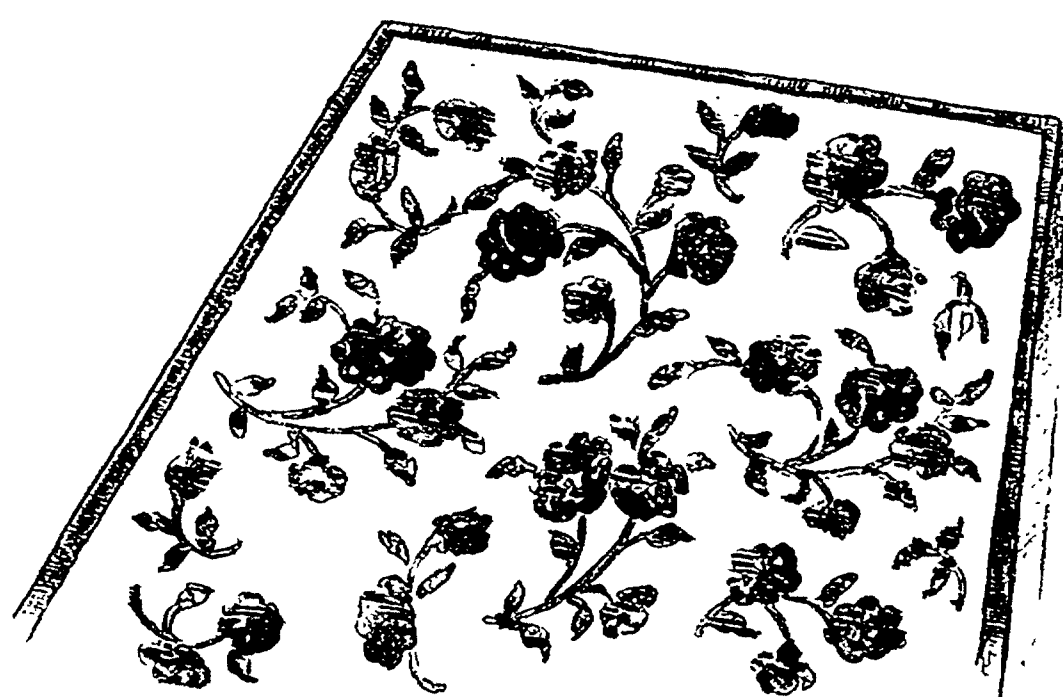
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TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: Leagues will be arranged for boys in grades 8 and 9, as well as those in grades 10, 11 and 12. Each league will participate in an eight-game schedule April 5 - May 31. Costs are \$80 for residents, \$83 for school district residents, and \$87 for non-residents. A \$10 late fee will be assessed for all registrations after March 21.
PHONE: (248) 349-0203 ext. 1405

American Red Cross blood drive
DATE: Feb. 28
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Appointments are preferred, but walk-in donations are also welcome.
PHONE: (248) 347-1063

Country Garden Club of Northville meeting
DATE: March 4
LOCATION: Mill Race Village (Griswold / Center Streets)
TIME: Noon
DETAILS: Beth Lisiewicz, a master gardener and Michigan certified nurseryman, will speak on the growers' choice award-winning trees and shrubs that are hardy in Michigan, and choice perennials for this growing season.

PHONE: (248) 735-0418

American Cancer Society Relay For Life Kickoff
DATE: March 5
LOCATION: Geniti's Hole-In-The-Wall (108 E. Main Street)
TIME: 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Community members are invited to learn more about Relay For Life and how they can become part of the national event. This year's event is slated for May 17-18 at Ford Field in Northville, and runs for 24 consecutive hours.
PHONE: (734) 254-6807

• COMING UP •

Single Place Ministry: "Gut Issues of Singleness"
DATES: March 6, 13 and 20
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Psychologist and minister J. Harold Ellens will host three seminars on anger, intimacy and sexuality. Registration prior to March 4 is \$30 and \$35 after. Child care can be provided, but requires four days of advance notice for each session to the church office.
PHONE: (248) 349-0911

Northville Chamber of Commerce new member coffee
DATE: March 7
LOCATION: Northville Chamber of Commerce office (195 S. Main Street)
TIME: 8 a.m.
DETAILS: All new members are invited to meet with chamber board members and get to know one

another.
PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Northville Woman's Club meeting
DATE: March 7
LOCATION: Call for info
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: The group will be taking in a pewabic pottery tour and have lunch at Sinbad's. A morning departure is planned. The day's chairperson is Shirley Hartley.
PHONE: (248) 349-3064

Roses-West Rose Society meeting
DATE: March 7
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center (45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi)
TIME: 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Jon Bradley, president of the Great Lakes District, will be speaking on "Pruning Roses for Today's Garden."
PHONE: (248) 449-4626

Northville Genealogical Society meeting
DATE: March 9
LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Jessi Seikmeier, who traced her great-grandfather's lineage to Yorkshire County in northern England, will give a presentation on her trip. Computer and newcomer's classes will precede the general meeting at 1:15 p.m.
PHONE: (734) 595-7806

Gardeners of Northville & Novi meeting with Janet Macunovich
DATE: March 10
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center (45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi)
TIME: 6:30 p.m.

DETAILS: The topic of the evening is "Practical Gardener's Garden Design." The public is welcome, but reservations are preferred.
PHONE: (248) 348-1946 or (248) 348-9059

American Association of University Women meeting
DATE: March 11
LOCATION: Northville Senior Center (215 Cady Street)
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Harriet Sawyer will present her doctoral dissertation on "Perceptions of High School Females Regarding Sexual Harassment in Public Schools." AAUW membership is open to all individuals holding a baccalaureate degree or higher. Student membership is open to individuals attending college. This seminar is free and open to the public.
PHONE: (248) 924-2180

Northville Arts Commission Lecture Series — Frederic Remington
DATE: March 13
LOCATION: Hillside Middle School (775 N. Center Street)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Lectures are \$10 or \$5 for students.
PHONE: (248) 449-9950

Northville Youth Assistance mentor training
DATE: Begins March 13 (runs for five consecutive Thursday evenings)
LOCATION: Call for information
TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Volunteers will receive 15 hours of professional training in the mentoring of young people. Caring and concerned adults are sought.

PHONE: (248) 344-1618

Northville Chamber of Commerce TGIF
DATE: March 14
LOCATION: Northville Chamber of Commerce office (195 S. Main Street)
TIME: 8 a.m.
DETAILS: Reservations are required for the event.
PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Northville Parks & Recreation Kids Rockin' Night Out
DATE: March 14
LOCATION: Hillside Middle School gym (700 W. Eight Mile Road)
TIME: 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. (no admittance after 7:10 p.m.)
DETAILS: A variety of indoor activities — including kickboxing, badminton, aerobics and dance instruction — will take place. Nutritious snacks will also be offered. Athletic shoes must be worn. Tickets are \$6 per student and must be purchased in advance.

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

Taste of Northville Business Showcase
DATE: March 18
LOCATION: Northville High School (45700 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
DETAILS: Chamber businesses — including many restaurants — will be offering information about their goods and services under one roof. Call the chamber office for ticket information or to reserve a display table.
PHONE: (248) 349-7640

Maybury Park Trail Riders general meeting
DATE: March 18
LOCATION: Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street)
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The group will discuss the future of Maybury State Park's farm and outline its agenda for the coming year.
PHONE: (248) 349-2687

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE RATE CHANGE

Please take notice the Board of Trustees, of the Charter Township of Northville, has approved the updated "Equivalent Living Unit Factor Schedule" to become effective on March 1, 2003. The new schedule is available at the Water & Sewer Department at 16225 Beck Road, or the Clerk's office at 41600 W. Six Mile, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

(2-27-03 NR 40935)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2003 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Northville Township 2003 Board of Review will convene on the following dates to hear appeals from citizens regarding their 2003 assessment at the Northville Township Finance Building, located at 41600 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48167. You may call (248) 348-5810 to make an appointment. Letters of appeal can be sent to the above address and will be accepted until March 11, 2003. No Postmarks.

March 4, 2003	1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	By appointment (Monday)
March 8, 2003	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Walk-in (Saturday)
March 10, 2003	1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	By appointment (Monday)
	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	By appointment
March 11, 2003	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	By appointment (Tuesday)
	1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	By appointment

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2003, the Wayne County Equalization Department has set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2003 Real and Personal Property Assessments: Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK
 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

(2-13/20/27-03 NR 37821)

CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2003 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2003 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY	MARCH 11, 2003:	10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 12, 2003:	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	MARCH 13, 2003:	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	MARCH 25, 2003:	4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Administrative Meeting

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2003, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Department have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2003 Real and Personal Property Assessments: WAYNE COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. OAKLAND COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to review their taxable value or assessments with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments must be made on or before 4:30 p.m. EST, Friday, March 7, 2003. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2003 taxable or assessed value.

BOARD OF REVIEW
 KAREN WOODRUFF, CHAIRPERSON
 MAUREEN RYAN
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(2-20/27 & 3-6-03 NR 39371)

JOINT STUDY SESSION OF THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND THE WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY - FEBRUARY 18, 2003

A joint study session of the Board of Trustees from Canton Township, Northville Township, Plymouth Township and the Western Townships Utilities Authority was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan.

Canton Township Supervisor, Mr. Thomas Yack, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present: Canton Township Members Present: Shefferly, Burdick, McLaughlin, Bennett, Yack, Zarbo, Kirchgatter; **Absent:** None **Also Present:** Aaron Machnic, Director of Municipal Services

Northville Township Members Present: Abbo, Banner, Gans, Klokenga, Werner, Hillebrand, **Absent:** Henningsen, **Also Present:** Don Weaver

Plymouth Township Members Present: Griffith, Edwards, Curmi, Mann, Messingill; **Absent:** Arnold, Munfah; **Also Present:** James D. Anulewicz, Director of Public Service

WTUA Present: Tim Faas, Director of Operations, Chuck Barbieri, Foster, SWIFT, & Collins, P.C.

YCWA Present: Perry M. Thomas, Larry Thomas

THE WTUA BUSINESS PLAN: A presentation was made by Mr. Tim Faas, Director of Operations at WTUA. The following issues were presented: Business Plan History, Prime Objectives and Secondary Objectives/Issues.

Several questions were asked by audience members regarding the flow monitors and the storm sewer water infiltration problem. The study session meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

A true and complete copy of the minutes are available by contacting WTUA at 734-453-2793 or Sue Hillebrand, Clerk of the Charter Township of Northville at 248-449-5098 or email: shillebrand@northvillemi.com

MARK J. ABBO, SUPERVISOR
 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
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(2-27-03 NR 40574)

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FY 2003-2004 PROJECTS

On Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville conducted a public hearing and at their regularly scheduled meeting on this date, approved the following projects for FY 2003-2004 CDBG Funds, with the estimate that \$120,000 will be awarded:

\$32,000 Public Services
 These funds will be used for on-going Senior Citizen programs, such as, but not limited to: bus services, tele-care, newsletter and program coordinator.

\$12,000 Comprehensive Planning
 The 2001 Comprehensive Planning issues to be addressed are sub-area master plans for parks; ordinance revision and other planning issues.

\$64,000 Renovations to proposed Senior Citizen Center
 A new location for the Senior Citizen Center is presently being considered. Renovations to the location will be required. These funds will be used for necessary ADA renovations.

\$12,000 Administration
 The final Statement has been prepared and is available to the public at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

(2-27-03 NR 40564)

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City does its dirty work; schedules sewer cleaning

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

With a strong desire to enhance the city's sewer cleaning service, the Northville city council approved a contract to Metro Sewer Cleaners for the 2003 sewer cleaning and inspection program at last Tuesday's meeting.

According to public works director Jim Gallogly, percent of the city's sewers are currently cleaned on an annual basis in addition to the 20 different segments that require quarterly attention.

"My goal is to enhance that service with a goal of cleaning 50 percent of the sewers each year, which is a lot more work," said Gallogly.

The city's fiscal year 2003 budget included funding to contract out the additional sewer cleaning, as well as video inspection of the city's problem sewers.

The \$32,000 project includes cleaning approximately 35,000 feet of sewer, and video inspecting approximately 16,000 feet.

Gallogly said that by thoroughly cleaning and video inspecting the problem sewer lines, future back up potentials could be significantly reduced.

nificantly reduced.

"Obviously, when we know what is wrong, we can then plan projects to make the necessary improvements in future budgets," he said. "We will also continue to clean the problem sewer lines on a quarterly basis and try to address

the easiest ones first. The whole effort is to try to do more by spending less money for budgetary reasons."

Gallogly said he was especially pleased with council approval for Metro Cleaners.

"Ted Mapes, who will be project supervisor, was the former

director of public works for the city of Northville," Gallogly said, adding that he did not inform the council of Mapes' involvement until after the decision had been made. "[Mapes] probably knows our system better than I do. I think

we are in very good hands."

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

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Where do Eagles fly? In Northville, of course

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Tucked among the historic buildings on Center Street in downtown Northville, lies an organization that directs its attention toward helping others.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles 2504, located at 113 S. Center, has attracted local area residents committed to making a difference.

For Eileen Tople, a nine year veteran of the organization, the Eagles' principle dogma is benevolence.

"Our goal is people helping people," she said. "We help many a people. It's a family organization."

Vicki Propp, a 28-year-old South Lyon resident, joined the group in November 2002.

"For me, it's like a sisterhood," she said.

Propp said she first became introduced to the Eagles after her roommate invited her to attend a Halloween party last year.

Soon after, the event propelled her curiosity and she became a member.

"It's nice to meet people," said Propp. "The charity functions they always do are a blast."

Tople said the caliber of the members have caused her to devote her energy for nearly a decade to the group and its activities.

Tople desired to become a part of the organization after she attended a St. Patrick's Day dinner nine years ago.

"I felt comfortable," she said.

The Eagles consist of both male and female members, which comprise aerie and auxiliary groups, respectively.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES PROJECT

The following are some of the major projects that the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 2504-auxiliary branch have participated in during the course of a year to help others.

Jan. 2003	\$954 raised and donated to Kathy Ausland
Jan. 2003	\$1000 donation to benefit Multiple Sclerosis
Dec. 2002	\$1200 raised and donated to Kathy Ausland
Dec. 2002	\$669.40 paid for kids Christmas party and club decorations.
Dec. 2002	\$40 paid out for flowers for sick member
Nov. 2002	\$220 collected from turkey dinners
Nov. 2002	\$385 raised from Red Wing party going to MS fund
Oct. 2002	\$28 paid for card and gas card for sick member
Oct. 2002	\$491 raised for Multiple Sclerosis Fund
Sep. 2002	\$212 paid out for flowers for sick members
June 2002	\$60 raised from a dinner
May 2002	\$100 donation to "Home on the Range"
May 2002	\$700 donation to the Barbara Karmanos Fund
Apr. 2002	\$40 entry fee paid for two sisters to participate in the "Race for a Cure"
Apr. 2002	\$10 donation to our State Convention
Mar. 2002	\$653 raised for the Barbara Karmanos fund
Jan. 2002	\$100 donation to woman whose son died

"It's more than a watering hole," said Propp. "If you're someone that wants to get involved in the community, it's a place where you can meet people and interact with the community. It's definitely a place where you can give of yourself."

For more information on the Fraternal Order of Eagles 2504, contact Eileen Tople at (248) 349-2479.

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

On May 17 and 18, Northville's Ford Field will be the site of the American Cancer Society's 24-hour Relay For Life of Northville.

An official kick-off party is slated for March 5, where participants will celebrate past accomplishments. A brief informational program about this year's Relay For Life will be conducted. Feel free to bring someone with you who may also be interested.

As the signature event of the American Cancer Society, Relay For Life is a celebration of life that honors cancer survivors and is an opportunity to remember those we've lost to cancer.

The kick-off is complimentary, but an RSVP is requested. Contact Barb Moran at (248) 483-4317 or by e-mail at b.moran@cancer.org

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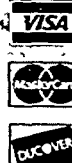
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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

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Kaleidoscope is in its twelfth year of publication. Its purpose is to celebrate the talents of Michigan's young authors. Each school may submit one piece of writing to be published. This year's participants represent 120 schools across the state. The authors, from kindergarten through grade 12, address a wide variety of topics.

In addition to becoming published authors, the students are also invited to attend a special luncheon at the Michigan Reading Association Annual Conference March 9 at Grand Rapids' Grand Center. The luncheon features special guest speaker author Gordon Korman.

TOWN HALL MEETING TONIGHT

The Late Start Committee has scheduled a second town hall meeting regarding the proposal to push back the start time for Northville High School students. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. tonight in the Northville High School theater to present the results of the survey.

All are invited to attend this meeting. The committee will report to the board of education in late March or early April.

ST. PAUL'S PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Paul's Lutheran School is now accepting applications for its preschool program for Fall 2003. There are morning and afternoon sessions for 3-year-old and 4-year-old preschoolers.

St. Paul's is located at 201 Elm Street in downtown Northville. Please call the school office for more information (248) 349-3146.

RECORD SEEKS OUTSTANDING TEACHER NOMINATIONS

To nominate a local teacher you believe deserves recognition for their academic abilities, nominations can be e-mailed to cdavis@ht.homecomm.net or jnorris@ht.homecomm.net. Submissions may also be faxed to (248) 349-9832 or mailed to Chris Davis or Jennifer Norris, 104 W. Main St. Northville, Mich. 48167.

One teacher—from either a public or private school—will be honored each month through June, then again beginning in September. The teachers will be photographed in their classroom for publication. A feature article on the educator will also be written. In addition, the highlighted teacher will receive a prize from the Record.

To nominate a teacher, send the teacher's full name, school address and school phone number along with a statement of no more than 200 words indicating why this instructor deserves to be our Feature Teacher.

The staff of the Record will make each selection. The winning teacher will be featured in the Record on the second Thursday of the month.

JIM FAY PRESENTS

On Monday, March 24, internationally acclaimed parenting expert Jim Fay will give two free workshops for parents.

At 4:30 p.m. at Northville High School, Fay will discuss the "Principles of Love and Logic," a philosophy of parenting which encourages parents to set firm limits in a loving way. At 7:30 p.m., Fay will discuss "Children of Affluence." Parents and grandparents are urged to attend.

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Raffle Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The winning ticket will be drawn April 1, 2003. To purchase tickets, visit http://davis@northville.k12.mi.us/Mackinac_Bridge_Tour_Raffle.htm or send your name, address, phone number and check to Cooke School Attn: Raffle 21200 Taft Road, Northville, MI 48167.

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HILLSIDE AWARDEES

Three students from Hillside Middle School in Northville have been named local winners in the 34th annual American & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students, who earned the first, second and third place awards for their school are Dan McNeish, Hannah Ackerman and Mary Joupai, respectively.

McNeish's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in

Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 525 Michigan schools participated in the 2002-2003 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the contest was "My American Hero."

EARLY CHILDHOOD REGISTRATION

The Early Childhood Center will begin enrollment for Summer and Fall 2003-2004 Programs. Programs

include Kids' Club, Wondergarten, Child Care, Preschool and Parent/Child Classes.

Families with children currently enrolled in ECC Programs will register Feb. 24 through March 7. Class size is limited.

Registration for "new" families will take place on March 22 at 8:00 a.m. at the Early Childhood Center (Board of Education Building). The entrance and parking for registration will be on the Cady Street side of the building. Informational signs will be posted with the number of available openings by each program. Children will be placed based on availability on a first come, first serve basis beginning at 8 a.m. A \$50 registration fee (check or money order) will be

required for registration.

For more information visit: www.northville.k12.mi.us or call (248) 344-8465.

COFFEE N' CONVERSATION MAR. 7

The Northville Council of PTAs First Friday Gathering will be taking place at Starbucks in downtown Northville from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

At the March 7 meeting, Bob Somers, executive director of special education, is slated to discuss "Differentiation and Risky Behaviors." Participants are invited to bring a friend and gather for coffee, Danish and conversation about issues within the school district.

KIDS NIGHT OUT MAR. 14

"Kids Rocking Night Out" is a collaborative project organized by the Northville Parks and Recreation, Hillside Middle School and the Water Wheel Health Club. All Northville middle school students from Hillside and Meads Mill are invited to attend this health focused event on March 14 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Activities will include rock climbing, volleyball, dance lessons, aerobics, kick boxing, healthy snacks and a DJ.

Admission is \$6 through Parks and Recreation and registration is limited due to space available.

For more information, call (248) 349-0203 ext. 1411.

ALL NIGHT PARTY

Tickets to Northville High School's 2003 Senior All Night Party are on sale through the end of March at a price of \$65. Send checks payable to Linda Temple, 46023 Northvalley, Northville, Mich. 48167. Please write the student's first and last name on the memo line. A 2003 Senior Party drop box has been placed in the Northville High School office for those persons wishing to deliver payments in person.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Still, we wait for fire answers

Nearly two weeks after fire swept through Maybury's farm, sought-after answers dealing with the tragic blaze are still tough to come by. State fire inspectors haven't said much to this point, citing ongoing investigations at the scene. That, however, doesn't change our position that full disclosure of what went wrong on Feb. 12 is something residents (and non-residents — they pay taxes, too) are entitled to have.

Some 50 animals died in the fire or were euthanized as a result of injuries sustained in the fire. Three fire departments were called to the scene and quickly came to realize their job was not to save the barn (which was already engulfed in flames by the time rescuers arrived) but rather to stop the fire from spreading. Scores of people have stopped to peer through the chain link fence at the farm's perimeter to mourn the loss of the farm friends they'd grown to love through the years.

Clearly, there's passion for finding out what happened. We believe this not only as an institution whose mission is for getting to the bottom of things, but also on behalf of the thou-

sands of visitors to Maybury who want to know what caused so much pain and heartache.

To be fair, investigators have been somewhat forthcoming in addressing the revolving question of arson.

"The cause is still undetermined, but I do not have any indications that arson was involved,"

Clearly, there's passion for finding out what happened at Maybury.

said John Burns, specialist sergeant with the state police fire marshal's division. "We haven't ruled anything out. The official cause is still under investigation."

Mr. Burns response gives us an idea of what wasn't involved in the fire, but the matter of what was is what's heavy on the hearts and minds of members of the community. That continues to be an important question, and one we intend on continuing to pose.

This is only the beginning of what's sure to be a long and complicated story. In the weeks and months to come, we'll learn more about barn fundraising efforts, individual memories of the farm, and the history of state park funding.

And, lest we forget, we ask again — what happened?



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Taking aim

Lenawee Co. Conservation League volunteer Albert Schell, right, gives pointers to archer Aaron Blaszkiewicz at last Friday's MUCC Out-Door-rama at the Novi Expo Center. Visitors could try their hand at bow and arrow skills at the league's booth among many other activities at the show which runs through this weekend at the Expo Center.

LETTERS

Stewart expresses sadness over Maybury

All of us in the Northville Community are shocked and very sad to hear the news about the Maybury State Park.

I have called on the state fire marshal's office to begin a thorough and complete investigation of the fire at the Maybury State Park Historic Farm and Petting Zoo.

We need to support our local fire department and make sure they have the assistance needed to find the cause of this devastating fire. Maybury is the only farm owned by the Department of Natural Resources and the only state park in Wayne County.

Also, I have contacted the DNR to discuss increased funding for rebuilding the farm. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I immediately began to think of getting state funding to acquire new animals and rebuild the barn at Maybury. I will continue to work with the DNR and the chair of the appropriations subcommittee that oversees Maybury's funding. This farm is an invaluable resource for the area, and we need to ensure it is up and running as soon as possible.

I am glad to have already donated \$100 to the Northville Community Foundation who have set up a special account for the benefit of Maybury State Park. To donate, persons can call (248) 374-0200.

John Stewart
R-Plymouth

20th State House Representative

So what's the future of Maybury's farm?

It was with great trepidation that I read the letter to the editor about "Residents should ask about Maybury's Future" the day after the great fire at Maybury [State Park]. Now is the time to really ask about the future of the farm, but this time it means the rebuilding, not just the continuation of the facility as it was.

Many people have come forward offering their emotional and financial support, but this will come to nothing if the [Department of Natural Resources] decides not to rebuild. It would be marvelous if this could be a joint effort between the DNR and the private sector.

Please write to your state representatives to encourage them to pressure the DNR, and also as Cheri Pelic asked last week, e-mail Mr. K.L. Cool, director of the DNR, COOLKL@michigan.gov, or phone (517) 373-2329. Also, don't forget our new governor who was a Northville Township resident at P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, Mich. 48909. [The governor's phone number is] (517) 335-7858.

The Record has also thoughtfully provided government addresses on the same page as Letters to the Editor.

Also, if you are interested in any more

information you can contact me at owlacres@aol.com. We are in the process of forming a Concerned Citizens Group.

Jean Bemis
Northville

Maybury farm tragedy stirs deep emotions

We are writing to express our grief over the tragic fire on Feb. 12 at Maybury State Park that destroyed the barn and all of the animals contained within it. The sorrow that we feel over the loss of those very special and precious lives is immense and overwhelming.

We are also writing to express our concern over the future of Maybury. The Living Farm at Maybury, as it was named on the road and park signs, was just that. That name implies far more than a "petting" zoo or farm that many of the media stories used. It was an actual working farm, accessible to the public that provided a unique life-enriching experience for all who visited.

Through its multitude of educational programs, demonstrations and other events, it was an historical and cultural treasure, not only to the Northville community but to all of southeastern Michigan. Attendance by the countless busloads of children and those enrolled in special farm programs, the selection of the site for company and family picnics and reunions and general park admissions attest to this.

The state of Michigan owned a facility of enormous popularity and purpose and yet it also had much untapped potential.

We offer our full and unconditional support to the State of Michigan and the Department of Natural Resources to rebuild this important facility. The long-term value and significance of such a resurrection must be given a high priority.

We will also back our support both financially and by offering our time to the immediate planning and implementation process, as well as to the future ongoing facility and program maintenance that must occur after the rebuilding is complete.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views. It was a devastating tragedy. It now presents an opportunity to build a facility of powerful significance to the people of Michigan.

Jeff and Nancy Boggio
Northville

Writer offers thoughts on Maybury's options

What are the prospects for the future of Maybury Farm? Some thoughts on various scenarios:

A) Absolutely nothing happens. The site

where the majestic barn once stood — although cleared of debris — remains essentially unchanged a decade from now. Visitors to Maybury scarcely notice a small plaque that commemorates the barn and its 50 animals, and are challenged to make out the barely discernable outline of the foundation where it once stood.

B) After an intense campaign to rebuild the barn early on, enthusiasm eventually wanes — as much a result of apathy as the impediment of bureaucracy — and funds that have been collected for rebuilding the barn become reallocated to other programs at the park.

C) The DNR, forced by dwindling state financial resources to take a stand on Maybury's fate, but also encouraged in its actions by lukewarm public interest, decides that the park is worth more as a cash asset and sells part or all of it to an upscale home developer, forever ending the hope that the barn will be resurrected or that Wayne County will retain all of its one and only state park.

D) A tide of popular support — both political and grass roots — translates into the kind of clout that Lansing cannot ignore, forcing it to concede to demands that the Farm be rebuilt and operated in cooperation with the well-organized Friends of Maybury and the substantive financial backing of the Northville Community Foundation, ushering in a renaissance for both the barn and the park that demonstrates the power of a cohesive citizenry banding together to pursue a common goal. The new barn is erected under the guidance and assistance of a building contractor experienced in timberframe construction, with labor provided by local volunteers in the tradition of Northville's wooden playscape at Ford Field, and animals donated by surrounding farms. Generations of young people are rewarded with an unparalleled farm experience that profoundly and positively influences their developing character.

Which will it be — A, B, C or D?

Kenneth E. Kilpatrick
Northville

Dearborn native weighs in on Bush, patriotism

Being a native of Dearborn, many of us recognize that Dearborn is of especially Democrat persuasion which could be an answer in this case.

Many of us also view demonstrators as some folks with some sort of political commitment, armed with sharp sticks who maintain an urgent need to jab in protest. America, George Bush or any Republican, their ancestors, perhaps a conclusion of being a social victim, bad luck or maybe other unresolved problem.

But America is such a tolerant place and it must be hard not to just love this country.

Jim Nowka
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OTHER OPINIONS

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Thursday, February 27, 2003

Proceed with caution, please

Much of last week's news had to do with the budget mess Michigan is in.

Governor Jennifer Granholm took a second whack at the state's budget deficit for this fiscal year, announcing an executive order cutting nearly \$160 million in spending this fiscal year.

- A 1.4 percent cut in spending for state departments, mostly by not replacing employees who have left.

- A 12.5 percent reduction in grants going to the Life Sciences Corridor, a program funded by the tobacco settlement that's supposed to fund biotech research at universities and hospitals.

Phil Power

office (including a 10 percent cut in Granholm's \$177,000 salary), the Legislature (\$2.1 million) and the Judiciary (\$1.1 million).

Granholm's cuts were promptly approved by the Legislature. In response to Granholm's suggestions for cutting legislative salaries, several lawmakers countered by proposing sale of the governor's mansion on Mackinac Island. No doubt they reckoned the estimated \$1.5 million sale price would take a big chunk out of the \$160 million deficit.

Gov. Granholm has also been pointing around the state delivering a PowerPoint tutorial to explain how the state's deficit for the coming fiscal year grew to \$1.8

billion, 20 percent of the \$8.9 billion general fund. By all accounts, her performance has been impressive. At the Detroit Women's Economic Club last Wednesday, she used an interactive voting system to let the audience choose which programs should bear the brunt of the cuts. The majority chose to preserve spending for K-12 schools, prisons and health care, while community colleges and universities would get cut.

Higher education leaders were dismayed. Already reeling from two rounds of budget cuts — Gov. John Engler's \$42 million reduction last year and Granholm's recent \$30 million reduction — universities were hardly happy at Granholm's offhand comments to the effect that "there is fat in colleges and universities."

Certainly, Michigan colleges and universities should be expected to shoulder their fair share of whatever budget cuts are required. But the fact of the matter is that Michigan universities get about \$1,000 less per student in state funds than competing states. The issue here is how much of a cut to higher education can be made without causing serious, long-term damage and unendurable tuition increases. To her credit, Granholm also hinted that the \$30 million or so of (so far unscathed) public money that now goes to private schools should go on the chopping block as well.

Plainly the risk here is that things can go too far, too fast in the urge to slash. A good indication comes from a legislative leader, Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, who is chair of the House Appropriations Committee. Over the years, I've had several interesting talks with Shulman, a thoughtful guy who wisely passed up a chance to run for the state Senate in order to try to bring common sense to an appropriations process

that will need every bit of it.

"If you can find a silver lining in all this chaos," Shulman said, "it's that it gives us a chance to look closely at what the state budget should really be composed of. In the past, it was easy to just cut 3 to 4 percent across the board, but this is not necessarily the most effective thing to do or the best in the long run."

"There are some areas where cuts are appropriate and others where we should be careful. Education, for example, is an investment in our stock of human capital and skills that drive our economic growth and keeps our best people here in Michigan. Some states have cut education across the board, and they're going to discover that can really hurt in the long run."

Shulman has introduced legislation calling for creation of a Government Efficiency Task Force that would review the relationship between state government spending and the efficiency of programs receiving state funds. "Now is the time to scrutinize carefully a lot of programs in detail. There are grants and contracts that don't require federal matching that come to \$640 million. That's a lot of money, and we need to look carefully at whether we are really getting full value for money from these."

Shulman's approach — thoughtful, careful — is just what I would hope would be the legislative response to Granholm's budget proposals, which are bound to be radical once she starts looking at the estimated \$1.8 billion deficit for the fiscal year that starts this October.

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.

Goodnight, Andy...goodnight, Beauty

The fire two weeks ago at Maybury has long been extinguished but the memory of its wonderful farm creatures still sadly burns a bit in my heart.

It might sound odd, but one of the reasons I went there was that I could smell manure: A simple by-product of simple creatures that was even to this stilted boy a sweet, rich smelling thing.

If Maybury's manure didn't delight your nose you could step in a bit of newly tilled soil, see a chicken lay and

egg, smell some fresh-cut, sweet hay, and hear a cow low a pig grunt and a horse whinny.

These are not things that you can do in Northville and Novi much anymore. Or any more-any more.

Does anyone know of a working farm with livestock within our cities' or township limits? Not I, not any more.

This was the value of Maybury's farm. It gave us all a glimpse of a life that until 100

years ago was the rule rather than the exception in most parts of the country.

For Maybury's friends, there is a great sadness following its fire in mid-February. Like a death in the family were all those creatures who perished in its 100 year-old barn. Just as saddening was the loss of the barn itself, a still-functioning structure built at the turn of the century that's weathered 100 Michigan winters, summers and lightning strikes.

Maybury to me meant the opportunity to not only scuff my shoes through a farm's dirt (how many times in a week do our feet not even leave the cold concrete surfaces to touch the earth?) but to become at least moderately more aware and appreciative of the source of my food: that New York strip steak you picked up from the cooler at Kroger was not always on its foam platter wrapped in plastic film. At one point it was in the barnyard of Maybury licking your fingers through the wire fence while fixing its huge cow eyes on your face. That sort of thing.

Mostly, Maybury also meant that I could, with a little luck, see a team of Belgian plow horses being used by farmer John Beemer to till and harvest the land. Tractors are relative newcomers to farmland work. Horses have been used for centuries.

We do not often get the chance to turn back the hands of time and truly see

(and not just through photographs!) how things were done before. Farmer Beemer's Belgians were absolutely beautiful creatures to behold — working in the field as their powerful legs propelled the plow and wagon or merely as they stood in their stalls and munched oats as their golden-brown flanks mesmerized the eyes.

It is with great sadness then (but with hope that Maybury will rebuild its farm) that I bid farewell to Maybury's geese who noisily greeted my every movement near their pen, to the goats whose athletic jumping abilities in the barn never ceased to amaze, to the cattle whose ponderous-seeming chewing reminded me to enjoy my own food more thoroughly, to the pigs who had no problems weathering day after day in an unheated barn during spells of subzero winter temperatures — as long as there was enough straw, to its sheep who years ago endured months of deadly attacks by a gang of wild dogs that infiltrated their Maybury pasture, and lastly to those lovely, big, awesome Belgians who were known by name by hundreds of Maybury visitors.

Andy, Beauty and Sarge: goodnight.

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GUEST COLUMN

It's not the same when shame is to blame

We always want to put our best foot forward. We want people to see the best we have to offer. What happens though we feel we have made a fool of ourselves? What happens when our best-laid plans

don't go well? You feel that redness in your face, as it heats up in temperature. You feel that queasiness in your stomach. You wish you were in hiding.

When we strive to put our best foot forward and something comes in the way of our doing that we often feel the experience of shame. I call shame an experience, not just a feeling. Shame often comes to us with messages as

"Why did I mess up?" "What's wrong with me?" "When will I get this right?" "I can't do anything right. They were right when they told me I fail at everything I do." Any of these messages conveys an aura of "I am not worthy," or "I am not good enough." More than just a feeling of "bad," or "embarrassment," or "anxiety," there is a whole self experience. When one is feeling shame, it can relate to a

thought of how bad a person I have been my whole life.

One friend mine says, "Shame is when we are something wrong." This same friend points out that shame can be both healthy and unhealthy. Our healthy shame is "normal and temporary." It alerts us to do our homework to remind us that we are still good people. Unhealthy shame is distorted and excessive. It is the product of repeated and/or prolonged events and messages. There is a chronic quality to this kind of shame.

Shame is often at the root of unhelpful thoughts, feelings and behaviors. Shame can take many forms and work against the fulfilling lives we are trying to lead in relationship to our selves, others, and our world. Another friend of mine has observed that the cure for shame is grace. What he means by grace is that ability to be accepted for who we are, warts and all. To know that in spite of or because of our limitations, imperfections, inadequacies and shortcomings we are still good and accepted people. This same friend quotes a line from the vocal group U2, "Grace, she covers the shame." There is a way out of shame: that is through grace.

In the next three articles that will follow this one I will look at grace in relationship to three specific feelings: anger, anxiety, assertiveness. I will give you a brief look at how when these emotions are based solely in shame they can be your enemy but when based in grace they can be your friends. The overall

approach to shame is to find someone with whom you can share your secrets and your shame based selves. That person could be

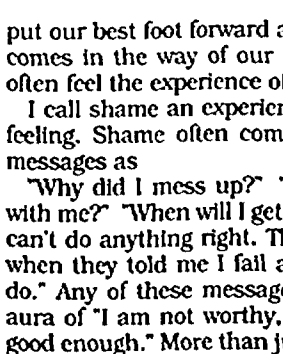
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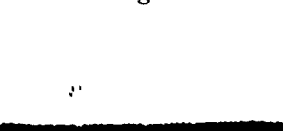
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Foundation: donated cash will only go to barn

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

Fire may have destroyed the barn at Maybury State Park, but it did not dim the hope and spirit of the community who hope to rebuild what was lost through cooperation, volunteerism, and donations.

With the help of the Northville Community Foundation, Northville residents are doing just that. Donations are currently being accepted for the Maybury State Park endowment fund, designed to replenish the animals lost, rebuild the barn, and general upkeep of the farm itself.

According to Shari Peters, director of the foundation, residents need not be concerned about the money going anywhere other than Maybury Park, but said the money would be turned over to Maybury only if the state allows.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION'S BARN FUND

The Northville Community Foundation Endowment Fund for the Maybury Farm was created in light of the recent fire at the farm. The purpose of the fund is to raise funds to help rebuild the barn, replenish animals, and provide for the basic upkeep of Maybury Farm.

According to Shari Peters, a variety of animals including horses, alpacas, and ducks have been offered for future donation, as well as roofing and paint for the barn.

To donate, send checks payable to the Northville Community Foundation - Maybury Farm, 321 N. Center, Ste. 130, Northville, Mich. 48167. For more information call (248) 374-0200.

Concerns about the future of Maybury picked up speed prior to the fire. With state budget cuts and the general state of the economy, concerns filtered their way all the way to the offices of state Representative John Stewart, R-Plymouth, about a potential sale of Maybury, or a portion thereof. Now, with the barn destroyed and many animals lost, questions about Maybury's future have

once again come to the forefront.

Peters said the Northville Community Foundation is only attempting to raise the funds and could not speak to the state's ultimate intentions.

"All we have done is create the legal vehicle that is holding the money," she said. "People want assurances that the barn is going to be rebuilt and we have the same hope. However, it is the

The Friends of Maybury will be meeting to discuss rebuilding of the farm. The meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on March 8 at the Northville District Library, located at 212 W. Cady Street in Northville.

state's land."

Peters stated that any donation received are being placed into a money market account with accurate record keeping on each donation.

"Let's say that the state said 'no' to the donations. We would have to return every single bit of it," Peters said. "And that is why we are keeping accurate records with every name, every dollar, every cent."

Peters said that monies collected through the endowment fund would be placed in the money mar-

ket account until direction has been received from the state.

According to Brad Wurfel, press secretary for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, communication between the Northville Community Foundation and the DNR have already been established.

"We are in discussions presently with the Northville Community Foundation. We are in the very initial phases of those discussions and I am unable to confirm details," he said. "Clearly, the Foundation's intent is to restore that barn. The conversation that we have having with them now is what the partnership for the future will look like."

Based on Wurfel's information, the Foundation approached the state about the possibility of local partnership which could possibly result in the Foundation leasing

the Maybury property from the state of Michigan for a "specific operating purpose."

"By way of ownership, the state has no plans to sell any of its parks. It is a matter of land that is held in the public trust and that land, as it relates to parks and recreation, will always be so," said Wurfel. "However, in this opportunity, we see the chance to partner with local entities, for the special purpose of managing an area."

"If that partnership is deemed to be in the best interest of the members of the public who use that facility, then we certainly interested in pursuing such an arrangement for the benefit of the state of Michigan."

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Subdivision's plaintiffs: Bankes was 'ineffectual'

By Pauline Lupercio
STAFF WRITER

They asked for her help and say that none was received. But Wayne County commissioner Lyn Bankes said she is doing all she can.

According to Chuck Nichols, resident and president of the homeowners association for the Ravines of Northville, he and fellow residents tried appealing to Bankes for assistance in their legal battle with the Fairchild Development Co. Multiple appeals, said Nichols, were "ineffectual."

E-mail contact was initiated by Ravines residents to Bankes after residents became aware of the lawsuit filed against them by the developer. Nichols requested Bankes' assistance in September of 2002 to arrange a date for residents to appear before the county board of commissioners "to advise them as Wayne County residents and taxpayers, regarding the 'lawsuit where Wayne County and 166 residents were named as a defendant'."

Nichols and his fellow residents wanted the issue placed on the agenda in order to have the opportunity to address the entire board of commissioners. So when Bankes responded with an invitation to set up a meeting in an area convenient to the residents, and later offered the opportunity to address the board during the public comments

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Lyn Bankes

Wayne County commissioner

portion of the meeting, Nichols was not pleased.

Frustration levels were elevated, Nichols said, when Ravines residents provided Bankes with "indisputable facts" that without Wayne County's acquiescence and support, the developer would never have sued the homeowners. Bankes admitted in her response that she had been "misled" and would seek an explanation that was never received by the residents.

"We looked to Bankes as our commissioner to help us out. However, that just didn't happen," said Nichols. "For as many times as we asked her to intervene and to stop the county from siding with

Fairchild against us residents, the county refused to do it. At best, Lyn Bankes was ineffective."

But Bankes said that the residents were not satisfied with her efforts simply because she was unable to force Wayne County to do what they wanted.

Bankes said that all efforts to allow the Ravines residents to speak before the board of commissioners were blocked due to the pending lawsuit.

"Everyone knows that parties in a lawsuit are not supposed to meet and have coffee to settle. There are thousands of county dollars at stake here," Bankes said in an email. "The county must be allowed to collect against the developer who has wronged the county, the township, and the residents."

Bankes further stated that she was always on the residents' side. "What the residents don't know is that I am an advocate for them even though I'm a county person," she said. "My first duty is to the people who elect me. I never forget that. They have never met me and don't know my record in advocating for the people I represent."

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Ravines' residents fight developer over land deal

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March of 2002.

"My thinking is that they believed we [residents] would just roll over on this and there would be no problem. They'd get their four acres, give it to the county, and everything would be fine," said Nichols. "But that isn't what happened."

Instead, the residents joined forces and filed answers to the suit while gaining township support and legal assistance from the township attorney.

"The township is going to do everything that we can to get the developer to fulfill the requirement of the site plan and the open space agreement," said township supervisor Mark Abbo, referring to county and township requirements for subdivisions that Fairchild never completed. "[The Ravines of Northville residents] are part of the township, part of who we represent."

Now, said Nichols, the legal fight is reversed.

"When we didn't roll over when they sued us, they stopped doing what they were supposed to," said Nichols.

"Streets were not repaired or paved. Landscaping was not completed. The required deceleration and bypass lanes were never constructed and they never transferred the deeds for the

"We will take all actions necessary until the developer has fulfilled all of his commitments to this community."

Mark Abbo

supervisor, Northville Township

common areas to the residents."

And township support will continue with a unanimous decision made at the Feb. 20 board meeting to file suit against Fairchild.

"In spite of many attempts to resolve issues more amicably, the developer has given us no alternative but to seek remedy through the courts," Abbo said after the meeting. "We will take all actions necessary until the developer has fulfilled all of his commitments to this community."

Nichols said residents are frustrated by the amount of money

coming out of their pockets that is supporting both ends of the legal battle. For legal fees alone, they have already paid a collective \$50,000.

With township taxes contributing towards the cost of lawyers against Fairchild and Wayne county taxes contributing towards the cost of private attorneys to support Fairchild against them, Nichols called the situation "ridiculous."

Nichols added that Ravines residents tried appealing to county commissioner Lyn Bankes for assistance but said the appeal was "ineffectual."

Lamont Buffington, attorney for Wayne County Parks, deferred comment to Hugh MacDonald, whom Buffington stated was authorized to speak on behalf of Wayne County. MacDonald could not be reached for comment by press time.

Multiple phone calls to Richard Sable, an attorney for the developer, were not returned.

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Tripwires aplenty cause headache for city budget plan

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source of revenue only increases by 1.5 percent that it is going to a very difficult budget to balance."

The current state of Michigan's shaky budget have already been felt in Northville with the \$75,000 total reduction in state shared revenue — the city's second largest source of revenue — which occurred during the current fiscal year, adding to the challenge. Bateson said that the state will begin deliberations within the next week to address the upcoming fiscal year.

"We are bracing ourselves for another decrease or to face the challenge of our state shared revenue being threatened again," she said.

The last factor in the budget equation is that of the Headlee Amendment, enacted in 1986 to control the amount by which municipalities could increase taxes. Based on the Northville city charter, up to 20 mills can be levied for general operating purposes. Under the Headlee rollback formula, the city's current levy is 13.3 mills with a 14.72 mill cap.

"Our current total millage rate is the lowest it has been in [more than] 10 years and our current unlevied millage per the Headlee calculations is 1.984 mills. However, based on the Headlee rollback formula, the ceiling for our millage rate continues to decrease each year," Bateson said. "There is nothing that we can do to change that because it is based on the inflation factor and our millage rate, and the relationship between the two."

Bateson added that the city's status as a fully developed community limits the ability to generate taxes from new construction.

"At some point in the future, it is possible that even without increasing the millage, the Headlee rollback formula will force us to be at the ceiling of the amount we can levy," she said.

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JACK FARIS

A Little Help from Our Friends

Judging from the latest economic survey of NFIB members, one might think that American small-business owners are an unhappy lot these days. Undermined by reduced earnings in December, their optimism dropped to its lowest reading of 2002.

Sales fell; profit trends were the worst of the year and job creation faltered as small firms continued to shed employees, as they have for 19 of the last 24 months.

But Main Street entrepreneurs aren't naysayers or hand wringers. They're doers and go-getters—folks who aren't afraid to try and fail. One indicator that did go up was capital spending. Small-business owners want to invest in their business.

President Bush knows that. On January 18 he issued a clear and unmistakable hopeful message to those who create millions of jobs and generate half the nation's economic activity. His words struck a chord and did more than offer encouragement. When he outlined his "jobs and growth" plan during a national radio address, he assured business builders that help is on the way.

"To help small business, government should not try to manage the economy from Washington," the president said.

"Government's role is to create an environment in which employers succeed and hire new people."

He proposed immediate tax relief for everyone who pays federal income taxes, noting that although Congress approved income tax reductions a couple of years ago, the full effect of those cuts won't be realized until 2006.

Small business stands to gain a great deal from this measure, President Bush told the nation. He said more than two-thirds of those who pay the highest marginal tax rates are entrepreneurs whose profits are included in their individual tax returns. He proposed that Congress make the reductions permanent to give owners of small firms more flexibility to plan future growth, hire more employees and boost investments.

Another hot button the president pushed was the issue of equipment expensing. Currently, small businesses can deduct \$25,000 from their taxes for investments in equipment. He wants to triple that and adjust it for inflation.

To further encourage small firms, Mr. Bush vowed to streamline business regulations. He wants legal reform that will curtail the frivolous lawsuits that saddle Main Street enterprises and their customers with unwarranted costs. And the president wants to make permanent the elimination of the seemingly immortal death tax so "America's small-business owners can pass along their life's work to the next generation."

All of those initiatives will do much to spur small-business growth. But there is another concern among America's entrepreneurs: the cost and availability of health insurance. While not included in his address to the nation, the president and members of his cabinet have indicated support for interstate Association Health Plans, which could save small-business owners up to 25 percent of their medical insurance costs.

It is encouraging that the president has faith that small-business owners are champions of those American values of hard work, perseverance and innovation. With a little help from the White House and Congress, they will lead the way to recovery again.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

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Technology fuels Realtor who goes the extra mile

By Elizabeth Heer
SPECIAL WRITER

In this information age, people want a real estate agent who will go the extra mile for them. Abe Ayoub of Mayfair Realty says that technology and hard work can make all the difference. He's got the tools, and with his portable office on wheels, he's raring to go.

"People are more educated. They are looking for more information and they want it fast. I can provide as much information as they want," Abe said. He knows exactly what is needed. "Being connected is important. I have cable, both at the office and at home, and the fax, top-of-the-line printer, and digital camera. You need the technology in order to do the job the customer expects."

Add his laptop and printer into the equation and Abe literally takes his work on the road. He notes that real estate agents no longer work in isolation, but must be able to reach across communities.

"If you want someone out there who is working, he's on the road. I am mobile, and in this business that's how you have to work these days. You have to do what the other guy is not doing.

If someone calls me, I'm right there. If they want a picture of a property, I take it and can print it or e-mail it immediately. But as easy as technology can make it, you still have to have the work ethic. Technology tools, added with hard work equal success," he said.

Savvy shoppers today often do their own legwork online before even consulting with a real estate agent. That's where Abe's website helps homebuyers find the information they need to make the right choices. Abe likes the Web site because he finds it a great marketing tool.

"When I list a home I do a virtual tour of the entire property within the first two weeks. That virtual tour goes into the Realtor.com Web site, which can be accessed from my Web site, soldabe.com. With that link you have access to pretty much every listing out there, regardless of boundaries. It's like one-stop shopping; about 97 percent of all listings go on Realtor.com," Abe explained. "What I like most about Realtor.com is people have access to everything that I have access to. It doesn't get any better than that."

Visit Abe's Web site and you'll find not only his listings, but also when he's holding an open

house, a proven selling tool he still finds essential.

"You have to do that virtual tour to get people to come see a home, but you can't just sell it from a computer. A house still needs to be open for buyers to view, and it needs to be advertised and priced correctly according to market conditions," he said. "Half my houses sell from an open house. There are people who would not have walked in that house except for it being open."

Even more, his Web site provides links to Web sites of the cities and townships where homes are listed. Add in the school district websites and a homebuyer can build a portfolio of any future community to call home.

Fill out a simple form at the Web site, and Abe will send listings of every home available according to your specifications. Want a three-bedroom ranch with two baths and a basement in your price range?

"You can e-mail me with what you're looking for," said Abe, "and actually from that point on I can send you updated listings every single day as they come on the market. And it can be changed at a moment's notice."

Other handy tools include an

online loan prequalification process, a monthly payment calculator, and an e-mail application to request a comparative market analysis. For those thinking of moving to a new town, the relocation tool offers timely information. Get a side-by-side comparison of cost of living between two cities as well as demographic, climate, and other information. Or find neighborhoods in other communities across the country with similar lifestyles as you enjoy now. Also useful are the salary calculator and the moving calculator.

Abe brings more than 12 years experience to his realty business. He is an associate broker and part owner of Mayfair Realty. "The agents in my office have had a lot of experience in the real estate business - some have been Realtors for 50 years, others have more than 30 years. Add it up and we have a combined experience of more than 300 years," he said. As associate broker, a state requirement for realty business owners, Abe must keep up to date with continuing education.

Abe is an expert in the realty markets of Livonia, Redford, Plymouth, Novi and the South Lyon area. Yet he understands the importance of home and

DETAILS

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family. "I'm lucky that I have a family who understands the hours my job requires," Abe said.

A resident of Lyon Township where he and wife, Maureen, are raising their children, Lauren and Brian, he finds time to contribute back to his community. He holds memberships in the South Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis.

In the past few weeks, Abe has sold more than \$1 million of property. Like his license plate, "Sold Abe," says, Abe Ayoub goes that extra mile for his customers.

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Chris Kozlowski
Northville Hockey Coach

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The true meaning of leader

Oh, to be a senior again. I'm not sure what many of you would do with that chance. Maybe you'd want to ask that crush of yours out on a date, or maybe you'll study a little harder for those SATs.

Sam Eggleston



Well, I'd never give up.

I guess that will always be the thing that I remember when I look back at my entire athletic career. Did I always play as though that particular down mattered? Did I always shoot the highest percentage shot? No, but I wish I did. Instead, there were more than a few games that I finally bowed down and took the punishment of a brutal loss with. In football, I've lost by as much as 75 points. In basketball, as much as 33. It's not pretty, but when I think back on it, I should never have quit or given up.

That's why it makes me proud to cover these seniors. I look at them and I know they wouldn't do that. They wouldn't give up. Sure, there are a few of them that have given up when the going got tough, but they aren't the ones who shine, are they?

I can't name all of the seniors here, but there are a few from Novi and Northville I'd like to single out. Yeah, a lot of them have been named in the past for their accomplishments, while others may not get the mention so often. As a sports writer, I try to focus my efforts on the senior class. They only have this year left at this level, why others, as long as they choose to come back to play again, have one, two or maybe even three more years of high school competition.

From Northville, I have to first and foremost mention the efforts of Dave Quick. A wrestler, quick is one of those guys who had to compete for his start each and every week, and finally stepped up to show that he was the right choice as he wrestled into the Individual Regionals. A strong competitor, Quick is the kind of leader that the Mustang grapplers should look to as a true leader.

Joe Lunn is the senior I'd like to mention in swimming. He made his state cut, and that was probably never in doubt this season. Lunn's the kind of competitor that never quits. He swims his strongest and pushes others to do the same with his accomplishments.

Lauren Temple has been a volleyball staple since my arrival in Northville. She knows the game inside and out and even when the volleyball train found itself a little derailed this season, she's been strong and hasn't wavered.

And how about Scott McNeish? If I can guarantee one member of the All-Area basketball team this year, it's McNeish. He asked me earlier this season in an email how a player like him gets an All-Area nod. Just compete at the level he's competing, and always give it your all and you'll probably have a dam good chance.

Jimmy Reihl has shown that even when your team finds itself minus a head coach and skating towards an uncertain post-season lifespan, it's never too late to play to your fullest ability. He has, that's for sure. This guy scores goals with his eyes closed at times, and he's always been a solid contributor and a scoring machine.

Wow, I sure hope these seniors never look back on their season and hope or wish they could have done more. Instead, they should be happy knowing that they did what they could, and gave their best when they played.

If only all seniors could be like them, then we'd never have to worry about starters, because they would all be in 12th grade.

GAME OF THE WEEK



Northville Mustangs

REMARKABLE SENIORS

Quick makes mark on 'Stangs

Reliable senior falls in Individual Districts, but leaves mark as leader with wrestling team's underclassmen

By Sam Eggleston
and Kita Mason
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

He definitely deserves all the credit that can be given him.

When other seniors were too busy worrying about their social lives and their enjoyment outside of their sports, senior Dave Quick was committed to becoming a better wrestler and a better leader.

He did just that, qualifying for the Individual Regionals in the 189-pound weight class and helped his squad in their bid for a team regional victory that fell just short with a 46-24 to a very tough Walled Lake Western squad.

"It would have been nice to go further," Quick said. "We had the chance but, well, due to difficulties we fell a little short."

Quick earned a pin against his Walled Lake Western opponent in the team regional match, as did Marc Mueller as he notched a victory at heavyweight. Steve Minier accepted a six-point void at 171-pounds with the three

weight classes totaling 18 points for Northville.

Another group of points came from freshman Mitch Gayner, who stepped into the role of wrestler at 103 pounds for his first varsity match of the year, and his first varsity pin.

In the end, it was a good season that fell just short of the potential it had. It wasn't the fault of the coaches, or those who wrestled in the regional, but for those who weren't present due to unforeseen circumstances.

Quick was one of those wrestlers that did what he could, and noted that much of what he accomplished this season was due to things that the coaching staff passed down.

"They taught us some new techniques that we were never taught before," the senior said. "Those techniques were easy to learn and top of the line. Using those techniques, we all improved a lot from last year."

The Mustangs learned a lot from this season. Those who will be back next season were

LOSING SENIORS

The Northville Mustangs Varsity Wrestling team will be losing a lot of talent to graduation this year.

Mike Carter
Peter Kelley
Rick Riegner
Josh D'Anna
Dave Quick
Dave Carroll
Stephen Cain
Marc Mueller
Michael Farina

able to see what it takes to be leaders, winners and, unfortunately, losers.

"Now that everyone has seen what can happen, I think they'll be a lot stronger next year," Quick said.

"They know what choices to make, and they'll be good next year because of that."

For Quick, he was able to take a stab at going a bit further than his teammates. Taking on one of

the best wrestlers in the Individual Regional in the form of a grappler from Lincoln Park that had only lost one match this season, Quick found himself in a very heated contest.

"He beat me in the third period and ended up pinning me," Quick said. "He was first in his district and I was fourth in mine. Fourth wrestled first and second wrestled third."

Quick knew before their grappling match even started that it was going to be a tough one to win.

His plan going in was a solid one, and worked through the first two periods.

"I think he was expecting to beat me," Quick said. "I figured he'd freak out if it were 0-0 at the end of the first period, and then maybe he'd make a move I'd capitalize on."

The match started out in the neutral position, and towards the end of the first period the Lincoln Park wrestler threw Quick into a headlock.

A fast move found Quick rolling him through and earning

the reversal before the end of the period was sounded.

The second period found both starting in the neutral position with neither wrestler earning the takedown. Quick came at him as the time expired, nearly earning the takedown before the period ended.

The third period found Quick starting on top of the down Lincoln Park wrestler. For most of the period, the Northville senior held on until a fast reverse suddenly found Quick on the wrong end of a pin.

"He was really strong," Quick said.

"I was hoping to go a little further. I was glad that I could make it to the regional though, because I never made it that far before."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Northville varsity swim team stands at attention before their home meet against Novi during the playing of the National Anthem. The tankers recently took third in the WLAA conference swimming and diving meet.

Mustangs take third in WLAA meet

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

One thing about this group of swimmers and divers — they are always going to give you a run for your money.

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team took third place behind powerhouse Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem in the Western Lakes Activities Association Conference Meet. Salem, which has dominated the conference for 11 of the past 14 years, collected 615 points, while Canton took second with 420 and Northville was third with 401.5. Livonia Stevenson managed a fourth-place spot with 358 points, while Walled Lake Central took 275.

"Salem was way out there," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said with a laugh. "We were about 70 points behind Canton going into the meet, and we picked up about 55. We made a run at them but fell a little short."

That doesn't mean Bennetts wasn't happy with the swims.

"The kids swam really good," he said. "They swam fantastic prelims Thursday and swam even better Saturday. We almost caught them, but not quite."

The Mustangs were sure proud of their performances, as many of them collected career-best times — and some even qualified for the state meet.

Senior Joe Lunn, who has been a stellar swimmer for years with Northville, was a double winner as he notched first place in the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle events. In the 200, Lunn beat out Salem's Ben Zilo with a time of 1:46.59 — which qualifies him for the state meet with the eighth-fastest time turned in this season across the entire state.

In the 500, Lunn bettered his state cut with a time of 4:53.20 — the ninth-best time in Michigan this year. He

beat out Salem's Nick Dixon for the victory.

"I just can't say enough about that kid," Bennetts said. "He beat Nick in the 200 and Ben in the 500 and they are considered Salem's unbeatable guns. He's very impressive and has been since his freshman year. Hopefully, he'll go to the state meet and score some points. That would be a nice finish to the season."

Also in the 500 free, Billy McIntosh took seventh, while Nick Folas was 16th and Handley finished in 18th.

The 400 freestyle relay of Lunn, Brad Farris and Brad and Billy McIntosh also qualified for the state meet with a second-place finish in the event. Their final time of 3:22.15 was only two-tenths of a second behind Salem's winning team.

"It was back and forth throughout the swim," Bennetts said. "We almost knocked them off, and we definitely got the crowd excited."

Lunn's split time of 49.4 seconds in the relay also qualified him for the state meet in the 100 free.

"It was a very impressive performance," Bennetts noted.

In the 200 medley relay, Hunter Schwartz, Lunn, Mike Yutzy and Tyler Carter took third with a 1:44.48, while Yutzy took ninth in the 200 Individual Medley and Schwartz took 12th.

The most impressive race for the Mustangs was the 200 freestyle. They had seven places in the 18 that count for scores — over one-third of the spots went for Northville points. Bill McIntosh took seventh in the swim, while Lorenz Hermann took 12th, Joey Hogan took 14th, Mike Handley was 15th and Aaron Flohr was 16th.

"We did pretty well in the 200 free," Bennetts said. "That showed that we were off to a real good start."

In the 50 freestyle, Carter took ninth place, while Brad McIntosh took 10th. A huge surprise for Northville was Rob Steiner's 18th-place finish.

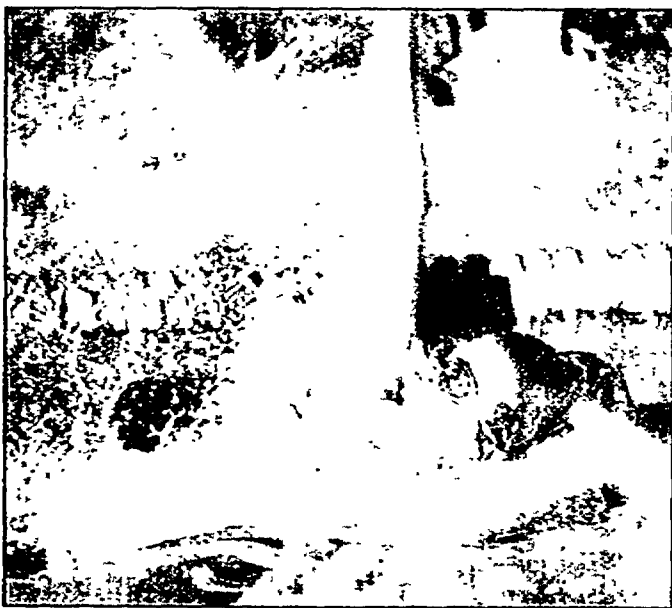


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Hunter Schwartz swims the backstroke of the 200 meter medley during a February home meet against Novi.

"It was a real good race for him," Bennetts said. "He was seeded something like 35th. It was a very pleasant surprise."

The 100 butterfly found Flohr finishing 14th, while Brad McIntosh took ninth in the 100 free. Hermann was 13th and Carter was 16th.

In the 200 free relay, Northville managed a second place finish on the abilities of Farris, Brad McIntosh, Bill McIntosh and Carter as they finished in 1:33.12 — just 0.13 seconds off of the state qualifying time.

In the 100 backstroke, Schwartz took fifth, while Farris was sixth.

"That bodes well for the future," Bennetts said. "They are both freshman."

In the 100 breaststroke, Yutzy finished 10th while diver Jason Albosta proved that he can do more than just score points off the diving board. His

16th place finish scored him some points in the pool too.

"I was really happy with our effort," Bennetts said. "Our goal every year is to finish in the top three in the league meet. The kids swam lifetime bests, and from a coaching standpoint I can't ask for more. They gave 100-percent and swam very well."

The only upset for the Mustangs came off the diving board. Albosta and senior John Campbell found themselves against some very determined talent in the form of divers from Walled Lake Central and Livonia Franklin. Albosta ended up with third place and Campbell was fifth.

"Two guys in the top six is still very good," Bennetts said. "We still scored off the board."

The Northville Mustangs will still have one more meet before the divers head to Ann Arbor Pioneer

NOT FINISHED YET

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team will be keeping a close eye on two events in their annual "Last Chance Meet" today at 7 p.m. at Northville High School's pool.

The 200 medley relay team of Hunter Schwartz, Mike Yutzy, Joe Lunn and Tyler Carter was just 0.3 seconds off of qualifying for the state finals. The 200 freestyle relay of Brad Farris, Brad and Billy McIntosh and Carter was 0.13 seconds off of the qualifying mark with their time of 1:33.12.

Is the state meet in the cards for these tankers? If they have anything to say about it, they'll be taking the trip with Lunn as he swims the 500 free and the 200 free as well as when he joins Farris and the McIntosh brothers in the 400 free relay.

The state meet, which is to be held at Eastern Michigan University this year, is scheduled to have the preliminaries March 7 and the finals March 8 with the slated time for starts to be at noon on both days.

March 4 to compete in the Regionals.

The final meet — hosted at Northville — is affectionately known as the "Last Chance Meet."

"Any team in the league with kids that are close to the cut can let them swim in the Last Chance Meet," Bennetts said.

The meet, which is free to the public, will be today at 7 p.m. at Northville High School.

"Come and watch," Bennetts said. "It gives everyone one last time to qualify."

Wildcats too much in regionals

Missed opportunities, suffocating Novi goaltending ends Northville's hockey season with a 4-0 loss in the first round

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It definitely wasn't the game the Northville Mustangs were hoping to come out and play — but it was the game the Novi Wildcats wanted.

The 'Cats, led by coach Dan Phelps, and the 'Stangs, led by interim coach Chris Kozlowski, squared off at center ice in the first game of the Regional tournament and listened as the crowd cheered and the buzzer sounded to mark the end of the game and a 4-0 Novi win.

"Northville's a good team," Phelps said. "We knew we were going to have to play at the top of our game if we wanted to win this one."

Neither side played the best of their games this season, with the Mustangs struggling on the offensive end of things, even though they out shot the eventual victors 26-22 in the contest.

"Our plan was to play physical and to not get down on ourselves if we fell behind by a goal or two," Kozlowski said. "We just couldn't get a goal tonight. Their defense was standing us up, and their goalie was doing his job."

Indeed he was. Senior Trenton Sisson was spectacular between the posts, earning a post-season shutout with some incredible saves throughout the night. If the puck headed in his direction, he was stopping it cold. Truth be told, Phelps wasn't concerned with which goalie was going to be playing their Regional opener.

"We have the best goalie tandem in the state," he said. "When it comes to picking who starts, we might as well flip a coin. They are both solid players and

they know what it takes to win. If we didn't go with Trent tonight, we would have been 100-percent comfortable with Danny (Morrison)."

The night started off fairly even between the two squads. Northville's goalie David Ely-Bond was busy stopping shots with some incredible saves of his own, but the Wildcats' persistence and determination finally found Justin Collins making his way through a crowd and scooping the puck past Ely-Bond's right pad for the score at 8:06 in the first period.

Northville came right back, taking two solid shots at the Novi net at 6:31 in the period and again at 5:20 when they were on the powerplay. Sisson was solid though, stopping both shots with a well-place glove.

"We were very happy with our defense," Phelps said. "They out shot us, but six or seven of the shots were from the outside."

With less than a minute left, and following an incredible sliding save by Ely-Bond, Novi's lightning struck again. At 1:46 in the period, Robert Vulaj took the puck into the zone, made a deke to his left, and placed the puck on the top shelf and over Ely-Bond's right shoulder for the score and the 2-0 lead.

Though the Mustangs found themselves on the powerplay a lot more than Phelps and the Novi bench would have liked, it was the Wildcats who looked like they had the man-advantage on the ice. When Novi senior Jordan Collins found himself in the

penalty box for tripping at 7:25 in the second, the Wildcats went off the offensive. Vulaj took a hard shot that rebounded nicely to Jared Perras, who found the back of the net with a wrist-shot at 5:41 for the short-handed goal.

"They took advantage of a couple of our missed opportunities," Kozlowski said.

The third period found the Mustangs and the Wildcats sharing quite a bit of time in the penalty box, and emotions rising on the ice as well as in the stands.

At 8:50 in the final period, the Wildcats iced the scoring and the game. Jordan Collins made his way down the ice on a break-away before his shot bounded off the chest of Ely-Bond. Collins grabbed his own rebound and found Vulaj as he skated into position in front of the net. The one-timer snaggged the back of the net, giving the Wildcats a 4-0 lead and the victory.

"I still have to believe that Northville is just as good as, if not better than, Novi," Kozlowski said. "We had some chances out there that we didn't capitalize on. We have strong goaltending and, when things are working right for us, a scoring offense. These last six games have been great with this team, and it has to do a lot with having someone in here that this team respects."

The Wildcats, who have won this particular Regional for three years straight, will have played the Ypsilanti Lincoln Rail Splitters Wednesday evening in their continued hunt for the title (after the paper went to print). Though Lincoln isn't known for its hockey prowess, the team is still a threat.

"We have to play each game



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The seniors from the Northville Hockey team, sans Will Holden, gather for a picture after their last regular season game. Check back next week for pictures from the Regional game versus Novi.

like it's our last," Phelps said. "Though Ypsilanti isn't known for being a hockey hot-bed, they are still a tough hockey team. We can't let our guard down any and have to go out there an keep doing what we are doing."

If the Wildcats were victorious

in their Wednesday game, they will be in the Regional finals, slated to start at 7 p.m. at Novi Ice Arena tomorrow.

"We've managed a three-peat here," Phelps noted. "It's nice to win here, in front of the fans and the parents."

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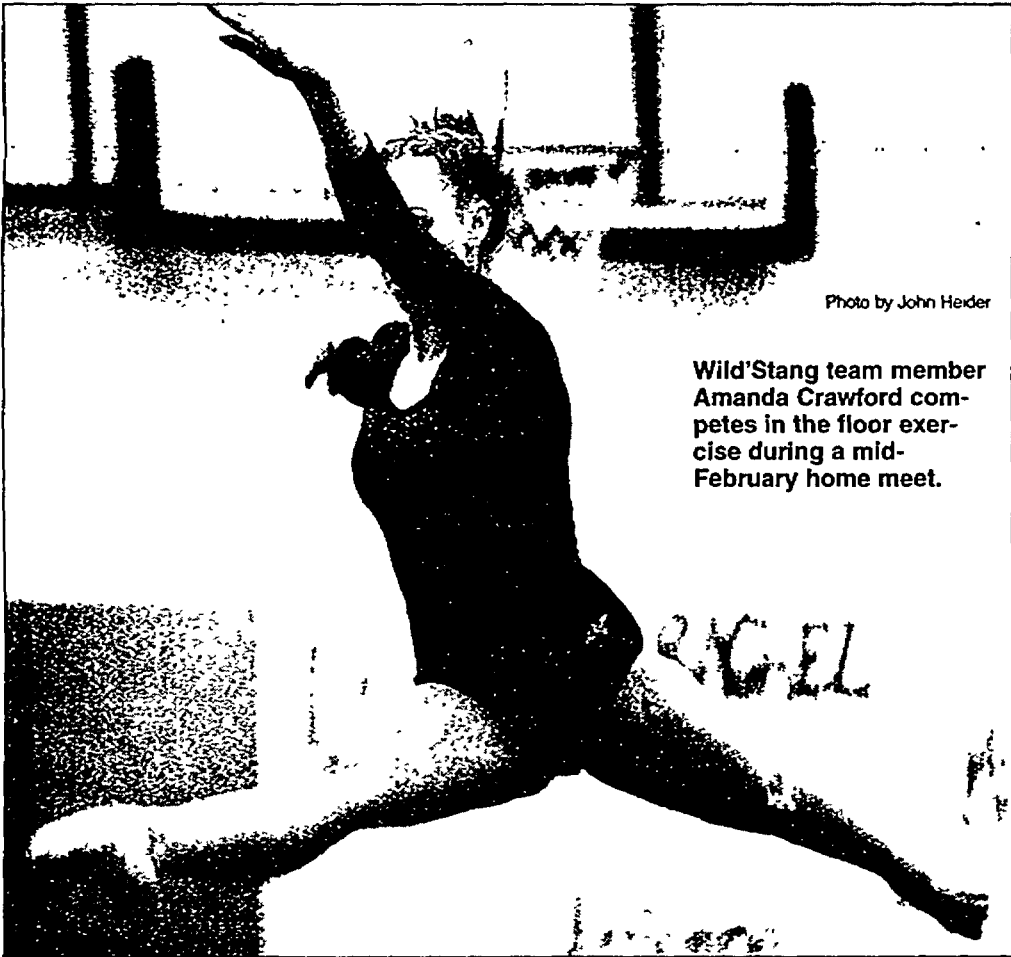


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Wild'Stang team member Amanda Crawford competes in the floor exercise during a mid-February home meet.

Second best in the conference

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Though second place is still just short of many teams' goal for the season, it's nothing to thumb your nose at.

The Northville-Novu gymnastics team, coached by Lindsey Schultz, aren't complaining about their second-place finish in their conference after collecting 141.025 points while Brighton took the title with a very close 142.925. Hartland was a close third with 139.875, and Livonia was fourth with 139.35.

The Wild 'Stangs were able to pull some nice finishes from a slew of athletes. Sara Wilchowski and Sarah Ilkhani-Pour had the best places of the day as they took seconds for the squad. Wilchowski notched a second-lace finish on the beam with a score of 9.25, while Ilkhani-Pour was second on the bars with an 8.95.

Third-place finishes went to Trish Brownfield on the beam with an 8.90 and Maggie Mills on the floor with a 9.05.

Brownfield also earned a ninth on the floor with an 8.65, while Amanda Crawford earned a fifth with an 8.80 in the same routine. Rachel Deneau was seventh on the floor routine with an 8.75 and Janna Ramsey and Ilkhani-Pour tied for 10th with an 8.55.

On the bars, Mills was fourth with an 8.80, while taking sixth on

the vault with an 8.60.

Overall, Wilchowski finished third with 35.80 points on the day, while Mills was fourth with 34.65 total points.

Livonia Co-Op Meet

The Northville Mustangs ended their regular season in style, earning a 142.44-139.05 victory over their conference rivals February 17.

In the meet, Brownfield earned an 8.85 on the beam and an 8.6 on the floor, while Crawford notched an 8.65 on the floor. Deneau had a nice showing on the floor, earning an 8.95 for her routine, while Nika Frimenko earned a 7.05 on the floor and a 7.75 on the vault.

Jessica Glancy collected an 8.9 on the vault, as well as an 8.20 on the bars, while Ilkhani-Pour was impressive across the board wit an 8.15 on the vault, and 8.5 on the beam and 8.85s on both the bars and the floor.

Jenn Mehl collected an 8.35 on the bars and Caitlin Miller earned an 8.05 with her floor routine.

Mills had an impressive evening, scoring an 8.65 on the vault, an 8.90 with her floor exercise, a 9.05 on the bars and a 9.20 for her performance on the beam.

Cortney Paul was solid, scoring an 8.5 on the beam, while Ramsey collected an 8.0 on the bars and an 8.25 on the vault. Megan Wallen scored a nice 8.1 on the bars and an 8.4 on the vault.

Wilchowski was strong all night, scoring an 8.85 on the vault, a 9.3 with her floor routine, a 9.35 on the bars and a 9.45 on the beam. Amy Wild earned a 6.25 on the beam and Erin Yankovich had a good day with an 8.0 on the vault and an 8.45 on the floor exercise.

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Victories at last! Spikers turn it around in post-season

By Roger Garfield
SPECIAL WRITER

It's never too late to turn the season around.

After a lackluster regular season, the Mustangs of Northville came into the WLAA Conference Volleyball Tournament seeking revenge. The tournament, which was held at Wayne Memorial Feb. 22, involved the 10 WLAA teams split into two pools of five. The top three teams in each pool advanced to an elimination round.

Northville began the day with losses to Walled Lake Central and Salem. The Mustangs then began to turn their play around. Needing two wins to advance, the girls stepped up their level of play.

They defeated the John Glenn Rockets in a close battle; the Mustangs later topped the Patriots of Livonia Franklin.

"The girls played more fundamentally sound than they had all year," said coach Rick VanderVeer. "They passed well and made the right calls all day."

The Mustangs tasted revenge with their wins over Glenn and Franklin, having lost to those two foes earlier in the season. They also advanced out of their pool with the victories and fared Livonia Stevenson for a shot to make it to the semifinals.

Northville jumped out to a 10-1 lead early in the first game against the Spartans. However, the 'Stangs could not hold on. Stevenson mounted a furious rally and took the game. Feeding off of their positive energy, the Spartans rolled to a

victory in game two, eliminating Northville from the tournament.

"It was a big disappointment," commented VanderVeer. His team has had difficulty holding onto leads all season long.

Nevertheless, the Mustangs were pleased with their overall play in the tournament.

"Everybody stepped up and did what they had to do," stated VanderVeer.

"Lauren Temple was on fire. She had a very good day," he added. "Katie Kneisel was our top blocker on the day. She shut down some big hitters."

With the conference season over, the Mustangs must now direct their focus towards the District Tournament. It begins Saturday, Mar. 1 at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School. They will face Pioneer in the first round. A win matches the Mustangs against conference rival Canton. The other three teams in the district are Salem, South Lyon, and Livonia Churchill. The favorites to win are the Chargers of

ARE YOU READY?

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team will be participating in the Ann Arbor Huron District Tournament Saturday with their game starting at 1 p.m. with South Lyon and Livonia Churchill squaring off soon after that game. Canton and Salem will be waiting for the winners of those contests, with the eventual District champions being decided by the end of the day.

Churchill, who also won the WLAA crown Feb. 22.

Northville plays first at 1 p.m. With a victory, they will face Canton as soon as their first round game is finished. Good Luck to the Mustangs!

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Mustang cagers get first-round bye

Winner of South Lyon/Salem game will be first opponent



Coach Darrel Schumacher watches his team take to the hardwood against a regular-season opponent earlier this year. Schumacher, a second-year coach for the basketball team, and his Mustangs will have the pleasure of playing the winner of the South Lyon/Plymouth Salem game in the District Tournament.

Photo by TYLER CARTER

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs basketball team managed to get itself a bye for the first round of the District Tournament, which is to be held at South Lyon High School.

The Mustangs will play their first game Wednesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. against the winner of the South Lyon/Plymouth Salem game that will take place March 3 at 7 p.m.

Also participating in the tournament are Novi, Plymouth Canton and Livonia Churchill.

South Lyon is currently 4-13 on the season, while Salem is 12-6 and Canton is 6-13. Northville stands towards the top of the pile at 12-7 on the year.

The Wildcats, who are 17-1 on the season with their only loss coming against the Lakeland Eagles, have the delight of playing the struggling Chargers from Churchill in the opening game, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. The winner of that game will move on to play Canton in the early game March 5.

The Mustangs are well aware of what it takes to be a victorious team, and they will have an extra day to reinforce that mind-set before they play thanks to their bye. Under the guidance of sec-

ond-year coach Darrel Schumacher, the Mustangs will be looking to win in their District match-up and to advance to the finals in hopes of winning the District title just as Novi did last season.

Leading the Northville cagers onto the court will be seniors Roger Garfield, Scott McNeish, Chris Jacobs, Jeff Varley and Adam Konst. Younger players, though just as vital to the success of this team, are Chris Oakland, Tim Downing, Mark Sorensen, Brian Tellish, Brett Asher, Tim Singleton, Andrew Jaworski and Marcus Davis.

If the Mustangs hope to walk away with a win, the first and foremost thing on their minds during practice should be team work.

They've managed to earn victories using it in the past, and have fallen short when they try to be individuals this season. With those lessons learned, the Mustangs should be one of the favorites in the Districts when they take to the hardwood.

If the Mustangs are able to make it to the District Tournament title game against whatever opponent manages to escape the opposite end of the bracket, they will play Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

All District games are scheduled to be held at South Lyon

IT'S TOURNNEY TIME!

Are you ready for some district tournament basketball action? These teams sure are, and it's anyone's game when it comes to post-season play.

Monday, March 3

- Novi (17-1) versus Livonia Churchill (1-17), 5:30 p.m.
- South Lyon (4-13) versus Plymouth Salem (12-6), 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5

- Winner of Novi/Churchill versus Plymouth Canton (6-13), 5:30 p.m.
- Winner of S. Lyon/Salem versus Northville (12-7), 7 p.m.

Friday, March 7

- District Finals, 7 p.m.

Editor's note: All games are held at South Lyon High School located on 10 Mile Road and Pontiac Trail

High School, located at 10 Mile Road and Pontiac Trail in South Lyon.

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Whalers winning streak comes to a halt

The Plymouth Whalers ran into a hot goaltender February 22 as they fell to the visiting Owen Sound Attack 2-1. Attack goalie John Ceci turned away 31 of 32 shots including many spectacular saves down the stretch to preserve the win.

The Whalers now fall to 36-13-8-2 while Owen Sound improves to 25-26-5-3.

Owen Sound took it to the Whalers early and it paid off when Mark Giordano scored on the power play at 4:40 of the first to give the Attack a 1-0 lead. But Plymouth battled back with a number of top scoring chances, but Attack goalie John Ceci was equal to the task. The Whalers finally broke through with 33 seconds left in the first when John Mitchell roofed a back hand to tie the game at 1-1. John Vigilante and David Liffiton assisted on the goal.

Both teams threatened in the second, but it was the Attack who took a 2-1 lead going into the third. Jeff MacDermid snuck one past Whalers goalie Paul Drew at 6:21 to give his team the lead. Andre Devaux picked up the lone assist.

Plymouth came on strong in the



third, outshooting Owen Sound 18-9, but Ceci was equal to the task.

Whalers 6, Sting 2

The Plymouth Whalers used five power play goals, two of which came from rookie John Vigilante and two for Chad LaRose to knock off the Samia Sting 6-2 Thursday night in Samia. James Wisniewski also had a great night with one goal and three assists.

The victory moved Plymouth into first place overall in the OHL with 82 points and seven points ahead of the second place Sting in the West Division. Samia took the early lead with its first of two power play goals at 4:56 of the first

period. David Psenenychny was credited with the tally. But the Whalers answered with two goals to take a 2-1 lead at the end of the period. James Wisniewski tied it up on the power play at 7:07 off a feed from Ryan Ramsay.

Plymouth's Karl Stewart continued his hot play with the games only regular strength goal at 13:01. John Mitchell and Chris Thorburn assisted on the goal.

The Whalers continued to use the power play in the second to score two more goals to take a commanding 4-1 lead. Vigilante scored both goals, the first at 13:53 and then again at 16:20. Ramsay assisted on the first Vigilante goal and Wisniewski and Mitchell assisted on the second.

The Whalers then shut the door in the third with two more power play goals. This time it was LaRose scoring his league leading 53rd and 54th goals of the year to put the game away. Wisniewski assisted on both goals along with Thorburn and Ramsay.

Samia's Colin Baker added a late power play goal, but the Whalers held on for the win.

Not your typical sports event

By Michael Zerkich
SPECIAL WRITER

Let's get the preliminaries over with first.

The Northville Mustang girls' hockey team got pounded by St. Clair Shores Regina High School Febryart 15. The score was tons of goals for Regina and zip for Northville.

For those few fans of the team at the Saturday game they may have missed the real story. It took a careful glance, perhaps a pair of binoculars, to find several unusual happenings.

One other thing, before getting to the specifics, needs to be mentioned. Several players on this first-ever team from Northville have never played before on a hockey team before this year. Some didn't even know how to put their equipment on at their first practice. Some can't really shoot, others are learning a position and even the best of the best on their team have never played with this bunch of girls before.

They compete against teams that may be the best in the state. A few teams that are new, also, but the majority — like Regina High — are polished, veteran, and primed for the state playoffs.

Not Northville.

However, read this: They are

winners and the Regina game proves it.

Despite a slaughter in progress these are the details of what really happened.

First, despite being down five goals after one period, by seven after two, or a ton of goals in the final period, not one minute went by where the girls put their heads down or didn't smile. Not griping, or complaining to each of their teammates. Even when their back-up goalie, playing in her first real action, gave up some goals late in the games the girls heads and effort were still in it.

With a minute left in the game the girls made several of their best dashes up the ice to try to score a goal. They never quit. Not even then.

Sure, they would have been excited to win but they knew they didn't have a chance. However, their effort was no different when they beat a Bloomfield team a few games ago. In between the Bloomfield game and this one they got bombed by other state tournament-bound teams.

No coach could have asked for more. No coach, either high school, college, or pro, could get more out of them. It was all the energy they had and included their smiles. All of it despite defeat.

All the while this was happening their coach, Bill Holden, and his

assistant coaches told them how great they were doing. Each shift they got that support and encouragement. Anything, be it one successful pass or for the player who stood up after they got leveled by a stiff check to the boards. They got praised for all of it. Even the nervous back-up goalie, who gave up a few goals in the last minutes of play, got a pat on the back and a "well done, great job" at the end of the game. And, the words were genuine.

Everybody won.

Years from now only the statistics will remain. Perhaps a photo or two will recall these days in the Northville trophy case someday.

Just remember the smiles. For you see, the girls gave it their best, had a great time, and won a game or two. What more could a coach ask? What more could a parent want? What more could you ever get out of sports? This team won it all by defeating a loss. These are lessons learned that no scoreboard on Earth could capture.

Congratulations are due to the girls' hockey team and a tip-of-the-hat to their great coaches. The freezing temperatures outside the rink was warmed by your attitudes. Just play that way in life and you'll be a winner in every challenge that comes your way — and, that's one goal you don't see scored at many games.

CLUB HOCKEY

By Jim Stevenson
SPECIAL WRITER

The Northville Club Hockey team took on the Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central Falcons February 15 but found themselves with a short bench with only 11 players available for the game. Even with the odds stacked against them, they skated to a 4-4 tie with their opponents.

Monroe started out with two goals early in the first period. Northville got on the scoreboard when Ryan Hohl maneuvered the puck down the ice and

into the net with assists from Alan Kursa and Andrew Gasparotto. Early in the second period some nice passing from Matt Bray and Alan Kursa put Richard Grajewski in position to score Northville's second goal to tie it up 2-2.

Nice saves from the Falcon goalie prevented a fired up Northville team from going ahead even as Northville was dangerous on the powerplay. Good offensive defense and forechecking kept most of the play in the Falcon end for the first half of the second period. When the determined but short-

handed Falcon team was able to break the puck into the Northville end, they scored with 4 seconds left in the period.

Two minutes into the third period Matt Bray scored on a scramble in front with the assists going to Kursa and Ryan Pyatenko to tie it up 3-3.

With seven minutes left, the Falcons took advantage of a powerplay and scored their fourth goal to go up by one. With just 45 seconds left in the game, Northville pulled their goalie and some fine passing sent Grajewski in on a fast break to score the tying goal

with assists by Pyatenko and Jim Stevenson.

The Club Hockey Team finished out its regular season on February 17 with a contest against the Birmingham Bulldogs at the Novi Arena and fell 8-2.

Mike Sklut, who normally plays forward, was pressed into action as goaltender for the Mustangs and played a very good game. Northville played a spirited first period and the game was scoreless until Birmingham got on the board with six minutes left. The Bulldogs then scored on a pow-

erplay goal with less than one minute left in the period to make it 2-0 after a hard fought first period.

In the second, Birmingham extended their lead to 3-0 with another powerplay tally. However, the Mustangs got back in the game when Grant Baidas made a break out pass to Zach Barry who in turn passed the puck to Alan Kursa for the score and a 3-1 deficit. Birmingham came right back with a goal on a blistering slapshot from the right point to regain a three goal advantage.

The Mustangs didn't quit

though and Nick Karebian scored an unassisted goal with three minutes left in the second period to pull within two. The see-saw match continued though with Birmingham scoring once more on a hard wrist shot from the right circle to end the second period up 5-2.

The Mustangs will enter the Little Caesar's League playoffs next week.

Jim Stevenson is an intern for the Northville Record. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

SPORTS SHORTS

Lacrosse Coaching Positions Open

Northville Lacrosse Program has the following openings:

- Northville 8th grade boys lacrosse Assistant Coach
- Northville 7th grade boys lacrosse Head Coach and Assistant Coach
- Northville 6th grade boys lacrosse Head Coach and Assistant Coach
- Northville 4th and 5th grade boys instructional Head Coach
- Northville Girls 6th-8th grade instructional lacrosse Head Coach

Interested candidates should contact Kathy Koupal, Program Administrator for the Northville Lacrosse Programs, (248) 305-9776

Velocity Improvement Pitching Program

Total baseball will be hosting

an intense seven-week training program for baseball pitchers 13 years old and above.

Players will learn the proper techniques of arm strengthening, pitching mechanics and pitching philosophy from Aaron Knieper, former Montreal Expos/USA Jr. Olympic Team pitcher. Weights and arm bands provided. The camp will run from Jan. 20-March 6 and the cost is \$325 per player. Each camp will be Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5:30 p.m.

Space is limited, so contact Total Baseball at (248) 668-0166 or via e-mail at totalbaseball-wixom@aol.com.

Softball/Baseball Private Lessons and Training

Total Baseball will help players, ages 6-18, improve their game. Instructors include Oakland University coaching staff, Big

10/MAC All-Conference softball/baseball players, the Toledo Mudhens manager, former professional players and college/HS coaches. Pitching, hitting and fielding are the lessons available and are by appointment only. The fees for the lessons start at \$35 per 1/2 hour or five private lessons for \$160.

Coaching positions open

Walled Lake School recently announced the following openings:

- Walled Lake Central Girl's Track Assistant Coach;
- Walled Lake Western Head Boy's Tennis Coach;
- Walled Lake Western Head Girl's Tennis Coach.

Interested candidates should contact David Yarbrough, Athletic Director for Walled Lake Schools at (248) 956-2073. Those are the only positions open at the Walled Lake for coaches right now.

MUSTANG CALENDAR							
HOME Away	THURSDAY 27	FRIDAY 28	SATURDAY 1	SUNDAY 2	MONDAY 3	TUESDAY 4	WEDNESDAY 5
		WLA GAME 7:00					Districts at S. Lyon 7:00
	LAST CHANCE 7:00					Diving Regionals TBA	
			MHSAA Regionals TBA				
			Hockey Season Is Over				
			Wrestling Season Is Over				
			MHSAA Districts 1 p.m.				

Editor's Note: All games are PM unless noted

Just give me the rock!

With March Madness upon us, this game is a must for fans

By Sam Eggleston
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

It's back — March Madness, that is.

The crew over at 989 Studio's knows it too, so they've been kind enough to put the action right in the palm of your hand with the newest installment of NCAA Final Four.

This year, there are plenty of ways to quench your hoops fever with plenty of game modes to really get into such as Dynasty, Season and Career.

Season takes gamers through an entire season of college basketball — that's twenty-eight

games including a conference championship tournament for those who are counting. Meanwhile Career mode is a multi-season deal as gamers begin their careers as a Graduate Assistant and work your way to Head Coach. In Dynasty mode, a mode that will surely be a favorite, are for those gamers looking for a longer mode with much to do. Here you take your favorite college team through many seasons and you can even build up their skills by putting your players through rigorous workouts to improve their free-throws or other skills each player needs work with.

The other modes such as Exhibition, Quick Start, Tournament and Arcade have been seen before but are still welcome additions to the game. You can lead your favorite team or school (there are 303 division teams from Jacksonville to Kent State) in an Exhibition match or Quick Start game that puts you directly into the game. If you want to play a fast paced intense game then try Arcade mode. There is enough here to satisfy any bas-

ketball fan.

The controls are pretty fluid with a bunch of new offensive and defensive moves for my nephew to master and dominate me with. The right analog stick is now used to make neat spin moves, behind-the-back dribbles and a few other moves with great ease. There are also rating icons below the feet of star players and icons indicating which player is the fastest or a great shooter. The icons work both ways so you know who the star of the other team is so you can have one of your players keep an eye out on him.

The game looks and flows

smoothly, with the overhead stadium lights casting a reflection on the glossy hardwood floor or a player's body. Each college stadium looks nice enough with bleachers filled with enthusiastic sports fans.

The fans also play a big part in the sound as well. Slam the rock down on a dunk and they are going to blow the roof off with cheering.

The only problem I had with this game is the obviously not-passing-college members of the team that you don't control when they don't have the ball. They have a problem with not looking to see where they are on the court

and if you try a lob-pass it's probably going to end up with them out of bounds. You learn fast though, picking up on the fact that you can use icon-passing to get out of that little rut in a hurry.

NCAA Final Four 2003 is enough for any fan to get their fill of college basketball.

It's fast, it's furious and it has everything from intentional fouling to thundering jams. What more can you ask for out of a college basketball game?

The only thing missing is the illegal office pool that is run by that shady character in account-

Playstation 2 Video Game Review

SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner
THE MOVIE INSIDER

Coming to theaters this weekend is the action-thriller "Cradle 2 The Grave." When his daughter is kidnapped and held in exchange for priceless diamonds, the leader of a crew of highly skilled urban thieves (DMX) forges an unlikely alliance with a Taiwanese Intelligence officer (Jet Li) to rescue her. Their race against the clock to find the precious stones ultimately unravels a plot to distribute a deadly new weapon of war. The film combines the power and beauty of Eastern martial arts, the grittiness of Western street fighting and some of the most intricate,

spectacular stunt sequences ever filmed. "The fights in this film are fresh and unique," promises producer Joel Silver, who uses the phrase "hip-hop kung fu" to describe the film genre he and director Andrzej Bartkowiak have pioneered with a handful of other hip urban action pictures. "Cradle 2 The Grave" is a Warner Bros. Pictures release and is rated R for violence, language and some sexual content.

Tense psychological drama "Spider" follows Dennis Clegg (Ralph Fiennes), a London mental patient, newly released from the hospital. Dennis, nicknamed "Spider" by his mother has been institutionalized with acute schizo-

phrenia for some 20 years. He has never truly recovered, however, and as the story progresses we experience his increasingly fragile grip on reality. Shaun Sages, resident New York journalist for The Movie Insider, caught an advance screening of "Spider," and his review was positive with three and half out of four stars. As he states, "Venturing through the memories of mumbling schizophrenic Dennis Clegg is no simple task, but under the direction of David Cronenberg, character psychology is translated into exciting visuals that keep the audience interested even when it isn't clear where the story is headed." "Spider" is a Sony Pictures Classics release and

rated R for sexuality, brief violence and language.

Southern-set independent romance "All the Real Girls" follows Paul (Paul Schneider), who is linked romantically with every girl in town, falls in love with his best friend's younger sister. Paul must try to prove to everyone that this time he is actually in love. Kyle Smith, resident Chicago journalist for The Movie Insider, caught an advance screening of "All the Real Girls," and his review was positive with three and half out of four stars. As he states, "With a wave of flashy up-and-coming directors garnering attention by moving to Hollywood and sporting big budgets/stars, it's

refreshing to see writer-director, David Gordon Green making personal movies with his buddies down home." "All the Real Girls" is a Sony Pictures Classics release and rated R for language and some sexuality.

Next week

Internet dating comedy "Bringing Down the House" (PG-13), African jungle flavored "Tears of the Sun" (R), and supernatural romance "Till Human Voices Wake Us" (R).

Video and DVD

Ensemble drama "Knockaround Guys" (R), crime drama "Road to Perdition" (R), Victorian-era magi-

cal romance "Tuck Everlasting" (PG) and action/comedy "The Tuxedo" (PG-13).

DVD

"30 Odd Foot of Grunts: Texas" (NR), "Beauty and the Beast: Belle's Magical World" (Special Edition) (DTS), "Dark Shadows: DVD Collection 4" (NR), "Farscape: Season 2, Vol. 5" (2-DVD Set) (NR), "Fireball XL5: The Complete Series" (5-DVD Set) (NR).

For more information, please log on to The Movie Insider at www.themovieinsider.com. Please direct any questions, comments, and/or feedback to brian@themovieinsider.com.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Ginger is "in" even though it never really went out. Gingerbread and ginger-snaps are old fashioned deserts as American as apple pie. Their tanginess is due to dried versus fresh ginger, which has always been readily available. Then there is candied ginger that



Mary Brady

lends itself well to baking. Or picked ginger served as an accompaniment with oriental food, is refreshing and tart.

The "new wave" ginger of today's innovative cooks is fresh. Ginger has been essential in Asian cooking for centuries, but it is a comparative newcomer to our western culture. Tourists returning from Hawaii and soldiers coming home from the war brought home a taste for the real thing.

Ginger paired with fish, poultry and meats is becoming com-

monplace.

As with any other ancient herbs and spices, ginger was originally used as a medication and preservative. Bronchial maladies, bad kidneys, aching joints and skin infections are a few of the recuperative properties accredited to ginger.

Ginger is a hot spice plant with thick branching rhizomes or stems. It is native to the East Indies, Malaya, and New Guinea and was cultivated by the Chinese and Hindus thousands of years before Christ.

Ancient Romans knew of ginger, the French used it in medieval times, the Spanish brought the plants out of the West Indies in the early 1500s and the plants flourished. Jamaica was exporting great quantities to Europe as early as 1547. The British have made ginger an essential ingredient in hundreds of dishes including chutney, cakes and candies.

It is rumored that Queen Elizabeth I, a ginger lover, invented gingerbread men when she had her cook make gingerbread portraits of each guest for a feast.

An endless list of interesting figures were ginger fanatics including Mark Twain and Winston Churchill.

To prepare fresh ginger, cut the skin away with a sharp knife. Crush the peeled ginger with the flat blade of a French knife. The crushed ginger will be easier to chop now as its fibers are separated. It is also possible to grate peeled ginger for use in marinades and dressings.

A nice Julienne strewn over food is a zesty garnish.

For baking, dried, ground gin-

ger is the most desirable. Preserved ginger is most commonly used as a flavoring for ice cream.

Ginger in syrup cannot be used interchangeably with the candied ginger as their textures differ greatly.

When purchasing ginger, look for firm, fresh tubers. Any wrinkling indicates age. The shelf life of ginger is two weeks to a month under refrigeration.

For longer storage, simply freeze. Wrap well in plastic to prevent freezer burn. It is significant to note that ginger should be used conservatively as its peppery, spicy essence can overpower easily. Say "yes" to ginger!

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VIRTUAL VIC

My boyfriend has hinted that he finds belly piercings attractive. I'm considering getting one to surprise him on his birthday, but I'm wondering how much it hurts for the initial piercing, as well as the dangers associated with it?

Non-Pierced in Novi

Dear Non-Pierced in Novi,

A belly piercing huh?

Well, you wouldn't be the first and will definitely not be the last as navel piercings have become very popular.

The body adornment received a huge popularity burst since celebrities such as Britney Spears started showing them off and seem to go well with midriff baring T-shirts and low-waisted pants.

It is good to hear you are considering the health risks associated with body piercings. Most piercings are safe when performed by a professional.

The first thing you need to know is the piercing studio you choose must have a working autoclave.

An autoclave is used for the sterilization for all reusable equipment.

In fact, your piercer should remove the forceps, needle, jewelry and any other metal equipment from an autoclave bag in your presence. An autoclave bag is a long, skinny pouch used to hold the equipment during sterilization.

Second, make sure your piercing artist wears medical gloves at all times.

Experts at www.tattoosabout.com say ungloved hands should never come in contact with your skin or any of the piercing equipment or jewelry.

Another important piece of information is under no circumstance should you be pierced anywhere on your body with a piercing gun. A clean, sterile body piercing approved needle should always be used.

Also, experts say the first piece of jewelry going into your belly should be a captive bead ring or barbell.

Experts say for maximum protection against infection even the pen a piercer uses to mark the piercing spot before inserting the needle should be brand new and thrown away after each use.

And do not be embarrassed or afraid to walk out of the studio if you do not feel it is a safe environment, even if you are set and ready to be pierced.

The overall goal is to have an infectionless piercing.

Experts do say some crusting of the piercing area will happen and that is part of the normal healing period, so don't be alarmed. Crusting around the piercing area is just the result of your body trying to heal itself.

After a couple weeks, you will see less or possibly even no crusting.

Now, about the pain. According to piercing artists, it does hurt.

Experts say some people are more sensitive to pain than others so it is hard to say how much the piercing will hurt you.

The main point to remember is most piercings last less than 30 seconds, so if you can handle pain for about 30 seconds then you will be fine.

According to seasoned piercers, it is over so fast, most patrons don't even have time to think about the pain.

After the piercing is done, you will be given a list of instructions on how to care for your piercing.

As long as you follow the care list, you shouldn't have any problems.

Now this is just an overview of information, so I recommend you discuss your decision further with a piercing professional and your parents if you are younger than 18.

I also encourage you to make sure your decision is based on what you want for yourself. Anything involving putting a hole in your body should be done for the right reasons.

Although I'm sure your boyfriend would love the surprise, make sure your decision to have your navel pierced is based on what you want to do to with your body and not want someone else wants to see on your body.

If you make your own decisions, you will not be let down in the future. Respecting your body, tastes and the ability to make your own decisions is just as important as the actual safety issues surrounding a body piercing.

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NOVI TOWN CENTER 8

Oscar Contest!

First Place - 52 pairs of passes
Second Place - 52 single passes
Third Place - 26 single passes
Random drawing held for other pairs of passes

Best Picture

- ☐ Chicago
- ☐ Gangs of New York
- ☐ The Hours
- ☐ Lord of the Rings-Two Towers
- ☐ The Pianist

Best Actor

- ☐ Adrien Brody
- ☐ Nicolas Cage
- ☐ Michael Caine
- ☐ Daniel Day-Lewis
- ☐ Jack Nicholson

Best Actress

- ☐ Salma Hayek
- ☐ Nicole Kidman
- ☐ Diane Lane
- ☐ Julianne Moore
- ☐ Renee Zellweger

Best Supporting Actor

- ☐ Chris Cooper
- ☐ Ed Harris
- ☐ Paul Newman
- ☐ John C. Reilly
- ☐ Christopher Walken

Best Supporting Actress

- ☐ Kathy Bates
- ☐ Julianne Moore
- ☐ Queen Latifah
- ☐ Meryl Streep
- ☐ Catherine Zeta-Jones

Tie Breaker Best Foreign Film

- ☐ El Crimen Del Padre Amaro
- ☐ The Man Without a Past
- ☐ Nowhere in Africa
- ☐ Zus & Zo
- ☐ Hero

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All forms must be received by
Saturday, March 22, 2003.

GINGER BEEF SALAD

Salad

- 2 pounds Julienne beef
- 3 cups cooked wild rice
- 1 cup green peas
- 3/4 cup each: chopped green onions, celery, sweet red pepper, and toasted almonds
- 1 head washed lettuce of your choice

Dressing

- 3/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 T. red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Add salt, and pepper to taste

Shake and chill several hours. Toss lettuce and a small amount of dressing and arrange on plates. Mix beef, rice and vegetables. Shake dressing and pore over mixture. Toss. Serve at room temperature. Serves four as a main course. Chicken may be substituted for beef.

Recipe provided by chef Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro

Cloning puts bloom on orchids

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

February is national orchid month. Have you noticed any orchids in your local grocery store or at the big box hardware store lately?

I saw two stores promoting orchids for Valentine's Day. Many stores are promoting them, not just florists and garden centers. Orchids have had a bad reputation for many years. People thought that they were beautiful flowers, but they were hard to grow and that the flowers fell off when brought home.

With more than 30,000 varieties of orchids worldwide, it turned out that many were capable of surviving in household conditions. There are orchids native to the Arctic and every state in the union.

You do not need a greenhouse if you want to grow orchids. Because orchids look exotic and come in many colors, the growers did not need to work on those characteristics. Growers needed to make orchids more user-friendly.

It has taken decades, but the newer varieties of orchids have more flowers and more flower stalks, more compact foliage and year-round availability. They are less sensitive to cold, drought and ethylene, so the flowers stay on better after they leave the grower's greenhouse.

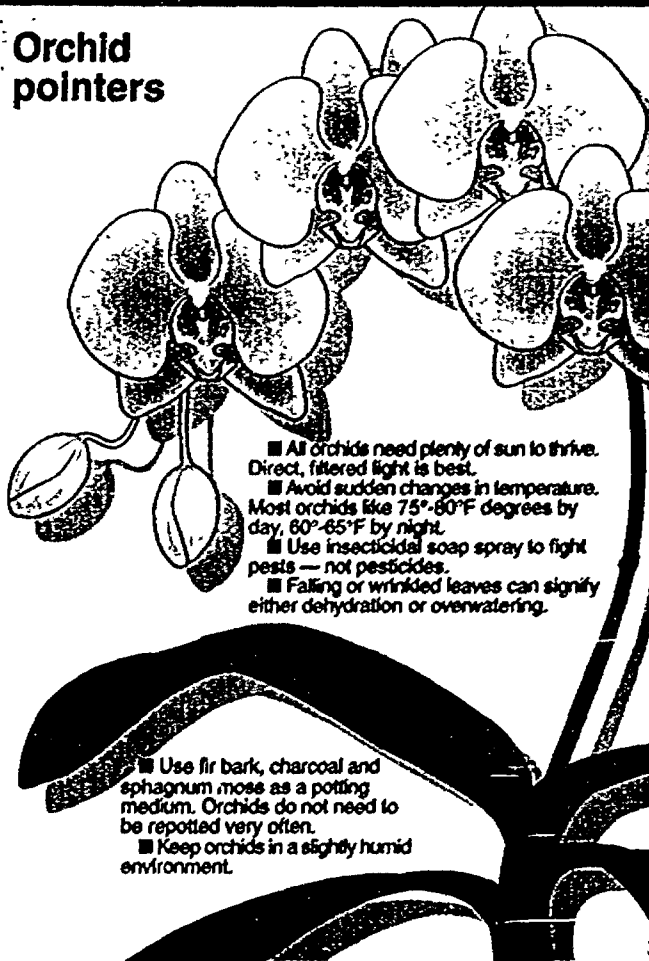
Consequently, today's orchids are more affordable. It used to take propagators of orchids longer than 10 years to grow an orchid from a dust-particle-size seed to the size of a blooming plant. Cloning technology has reduced the time to a couple of years.

Instead of guessing what might bloom many years into the future, the propagator knows exactly what to expect. Because a single leaf can be ground up and added to special growing chemicals, thousands of new plants can be produced from one original plant. These cloned orchids will be exactly the same as the original.

Orchid prices have dropped so low for clones that they are considered disposable by many people. When you consider that many orchids bloom for several months

GARDEN TIP

Orchid pointers



Copley News Service/Dan Clifford

and often re-bloom with little extra care, they are a bargain compared to flower arrangements.

The following orchid varieties are among the easiest to grow:

The Nun's orchid, *Phaius tankervillei* (grandifolius), is a terrestrial orchid and has the nicest looking leaves of the group. They look a lot like the houseplant aspidistra.

The 4-inch wide flowers are a combination of white, yellow and red. They come about 20 to the 3-foot stalk and a pot can have several stalks. In winter, *Phaius tankervillei* requires temperatures ranging from 65 to 75 degrees in the daytime and 55 to 60 degrees at night.

In summer, it takes warmer temperatures if it is kept moist and shaded.

Phaius tankervillei likes bright light and 50-percent humidity. It can be divided after a few years. It can be propagated by cutting the flower stalk into 6-inch pieces that have more than one node and placing the pieces on moist sand.

If you can grow African violets, you can grow *Phaius tankervillei* orchids. They are tropical tree-dwelling orchids with white flowers that can grow 4 inches across. The flowers look like a moth in the treetops so they are often called moth orchids.

However, when viewed closely, the flower does not look like a moth. *Phaius tankervillei* often

have only a few leaves. The wide flat leaf droops over the sides of the pot, making it look like a lop-eared bunny. *Phaius tankervillei* orchids send out long, roots about the thickness of a pencil that, in the wild, help it cling to the sides of trees.

There are many purple and purple-and-white varieties. Some of the new *Phaius tankervillei* orchids have flower stalks that are only one-fourth the size of the original four-foot long varieties. They have 1-inch flowers, but a single plant can have as many as 80 blooms. The flowers on some varieties can easily last four months.

Phaius tankervillei orchids like temperatures year-round between 60 and 65 degrees at night and between 70 and 85 degrees during the day. They like more humidity than most orchids. They will not flower if the temperature stays above the mid-80s.

Leave *Phaius tankervillei* orchids out all summer and bring them in when the temperature starts getting cooler. To promote blooming, give them temperatures in the mid-70s during the day and mid-60s at night.

Dendrobiums are epiphytic orchids that are commonly seen for sale because there are so many varieties. There are more than 1,600 species in the genus.

Dendrobiums grow from 1 inch tall to 9 feet. Some are evergreen and some are deciduous. In general, they have cane-like stalks with leaves coming off one at a time on alternating sides of the stem.

Usually, the flowers are small but profuse. They grow in 60-degree nighttime temperatures and daytime temperatures between 75 and 80 degrees.

The oncidium orchid has hundreds of bright-yellow, 1-inch blossoms. The leaves are thin and strap-like for most species of this treetop dweller. Although they like full sunlight, they do like it a bit cool. Nighttime lows between 55 and 60 degrees and daytime temperatures ranging from 65 to 75 degrees are best. This means a south-facing window in an air-conditioned room is great for oncidium orchids, but do not allow the air to blow directly on the plant.

Horse manure adds great organic matter to gardens

Q: I have a vegetable garden and one of my neighbors has offered to give me some composted horse manure. Several questions: how much do I put on, can it burn the plants and will I have terrible problems with weeds because of the manure?

A: Congratulations on winning the Manure Lotto. Manure is always an excellent addition to a garden. How much is relatively simple. You want to eventually put on manure to a depth of three or four inches. It is easier to put on if you don't dump the entire pile at once. Till in half and then add the other half and till in. You can do this in the spring or spring and fall. You won't get a huge dose of nutrients, but that's just great. The nutrient amount is low and it is in slow-release form. An important part of adding the manure is all the wonderful organic matter it adds to the soil. This keeps the earthworms and the herd of microorganisms that live in the soil happy and healthy. Healthy soil makes for healthy plants. Healthy plants grow well and produce good crops. Such a deal. Just add water. Be sure to water plants for optimal growth. Composted manures will not burn plants. If you had the horse manure analyzed, it contains about one-half percent nitrogen, one-third percent phosphorus and one-half percent potash. At these low amounts, manure probably will not supply enough nutrients for your garden. Get a soil test before you put on the manure. Follow the recommendations just like you hadn't added the manure and it will all work. Yes, you may get some additional weed seeds that have passed through the horse's digestive system. If you mulch the aisles with straw, it will prevent the seeds from germinating. Mulching will also hold in moisture and if we have another drought, it could be invaluable.

Q: I was told that I could prune my trees this month. Can I do this or is this a potential

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problem?

A: It's one of those yes and no answers. Yes, you can prune trees during late winter and no, you can't prune all kinds of trees. Trees that are pruned during winter are those that could experience disease problems during the warm weather. The disease problems are carried by insects. If it's cold, they aren't there to spread disease. Two prime examples would be oaks and elms. With oak trees, we are trying to avoid Oak Wilt that is transmitted by sap beetles. The sap beetles stamp around in an infected tree's sap and then visit your tree and stamp around in the sap from the pruning cuts. Instant Oak Wilt. For elm trees, it's Dutch Elm Disease. It is carried by elm bark beetles. The beetles, who have been on an infected tree, come to your tree, with the fungus on their bodies. Once oaks or elms get these fungal diseases, they are spread to surrounding trees of the same kind. This is done by root grafts. Not only do the oak tree roots grow by and around each other, they grow into each other. The fungus is transmitted from one tree to another through the roots. It works the same for elms. Only oaks will affect oaks and only elms will affect elms. Both these diseases are fatal to the affected trees. You do not want to prune maples now. This is the time when the sap is rising. And this is the time when the trees are being tapped for maple syrup. So, you will get sap leaking all over. Wait on maples until June. The sap is up and all is quiet which means no leaking.

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



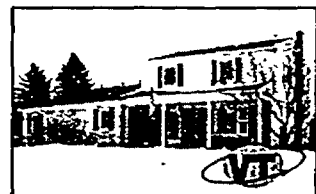
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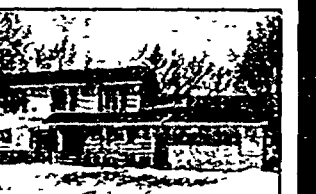
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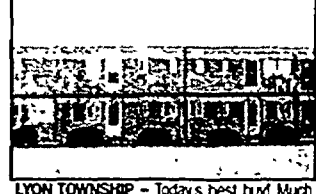
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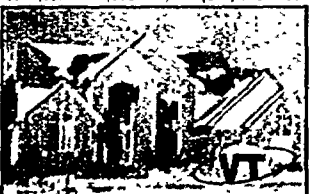
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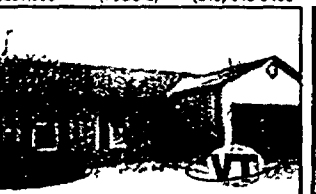
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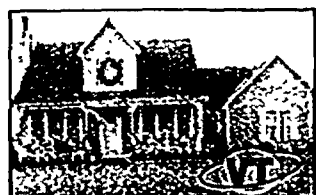
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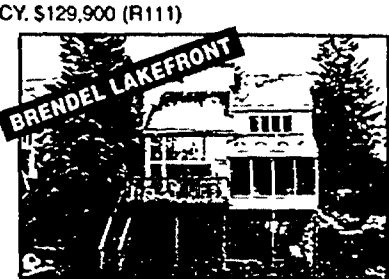


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Featuring 4 bds, 2 1/2 baths, 3 FP, HW fls, C/A, custom 42" maple cabinets, granite counter, great kit, bridge overlooks lake, extra deep W/O basement, 3 car side entry gar, landscaped w/ sprinklers, neutral decor, great flr pin \$524,900 (182-CAS)</p> <p>One of "Woods of Edenderry" Finest! This custom built Cambridge home has it all. Features and HW fls, 9' ceiling on 1st flr, gourmet kit w/ double oven, granite counter, custom custom masonry FP (gas or natural), sec system, wet bar, french doors to study, 2 AC units, 2 furnaces, prof flr LL w/ 2 more bds & full bath, 3 car garage \$799,900 (171-STO)</p> <p>Great Northville Location Well kept condo located at the highest point in Wayne county. End unit features deck, open flr pin, gas fr, formal Dr, 2nd flr laundry, 2 car at garage & private entrance. Immediate occupancy \$269,000 (424-MOU)</p>	<p>NOVI (3280)</p> <p>Next Colonial is Completely 1st Updated! New roof, A/C, furnace, lat flr, new windows, remodeled kit & bath, freshly painted & new lights flr, all updated & remodeling done w/ in the last year. Close to shopping, schools, & major expressways \$348,000 (240-110C)</p> <p>Lake Privileges On all sports walked Lake, close to shopping, beach, freeways, boat access, remodeled almost everything new 2001-2002. 3, poss 4 bds, 1bth, ceramic flr, cat flr, pet in soon to enjoy summer on the Lake! \$224,900 (142-ELB)</p> <p>The Vanderbilt by S.R. Jacobson Former model has the bells & whistles. 2 story entry, elegant DR w/ cat flr, butler's pantry, HW flr & FP w/ gas in fam rm. Huge kit w/ granite counter, HW & lg eating area. 1g WC & exercise rm, jet tub & corian in rear bath, jacuzzi, full bath in 2nd 7 1/2 bdrms, screen porch, etc. \$349,000 (426-WH)</p> <p>Great Location in Complex Short walk to clubhouse & pool, wonderful new entry, elegant DR w/ cat flr, butler's pantry, HW flr & FP w/ gas in fam rm. Huge kit w/ granite counter, HW & lg eating area. 1g WC & exercise rm, jet tub & corian in rear bath, jacuzzi, full bath in 2nd 7 1/2 bdrms, screen porch, etc. \$349,000 (426-WH)</p> <p>Relocate to Prestigious Chase Farms! Absolutely Pristine! Top of the line appl, custom white cabinets, HW fls, custom moldings & trim work, open, spacious & bright. Many upgrades-back yard lined w/ over-sized evergreen trees for privacy. Dramatic 2 story foyer w/ circular staircase, jetted tub, case-hard windows, prof flr block high beam, high efficiency home. \$466,000 (428-ASH)</p> <p>Backing up to Chertasham Sub A neighborhood of much more expensive homes, this lovely home has many updates & shows very well remodeled kit, newer appl, roof, A/C, well pump, ejector pump, landscaping w/ trees in front. Fantastic Brick patio & walkway, some new light fixtures, vaulted ceiling in LR, HW flr \$209,900 (230-BE)</p>	<p>OTHER AREAS (3280)</p> <p>Spacious Family Home Updates and 2 newer furnaces, 1 in gar workshop, new C/A unit, newer roof, lighting flr, petio flr in LR, lg master W 1 closet, ceramic tile bds, natural FP wood flr, 1st flr laundry, great storage, heated workshop in gar double car driveway, easy access to expressway, must see! \$239,900 (229-KEN)</p> <p>A Must See!! Looks like new construction on the made home and the steps. Everything new and lat, FR & foyer. Vinyl siding, roof, gar door & windows T.O. Brk & FP in FR, remodeled kit & bath. Petio cert, back yard will be graded before closing \$184,000 (357-SOM)</p> <p>Great Location! This custom built colonial features master suite w/ W 1 closet & master bath w/ jacuzzi, separate sink & shower, lovely 3 story foyer w/ petio flr, "T" Split staircase & recessed lighting T.O. 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Over-sized gar, lg shed & updated electrical are a plus \$137,000 (261-BAR)</p>	<p>PRICE REDUCTION - Ranch built in 1999 with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths great room with fireplace, full basement, 2 car attached garage, stone patio, all this and more on a professionally landscaped 1/3 acre lot. 720 Vincent (Hickory) \$229,900</p> <p>NEW LISTING - Ranch style home features 2 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, great room with fireplace, 3 season sunroom, 25x34 garage, 2000sq ft, finished lower level walkout, full brick exterior, all this and more on nearly 1 acre wooded lot 1370 Rolling Hills (Hickory) \$362,900</p> <p>**You can view these homes at** www.stony.net/realtor</p> <p>Gerry Mastroy Keller Williams Realty 810-227-5500 (office) 586-206-0591 (cell)</p>	<p>COLDWELL BANKER BRIGHTON 2900+ Acres! \$344,500.00 Privacy plus! 2400+ sq ft 3 BR, 2 story, 28x40 pole barn w/heat, 2 car garage, Deck! 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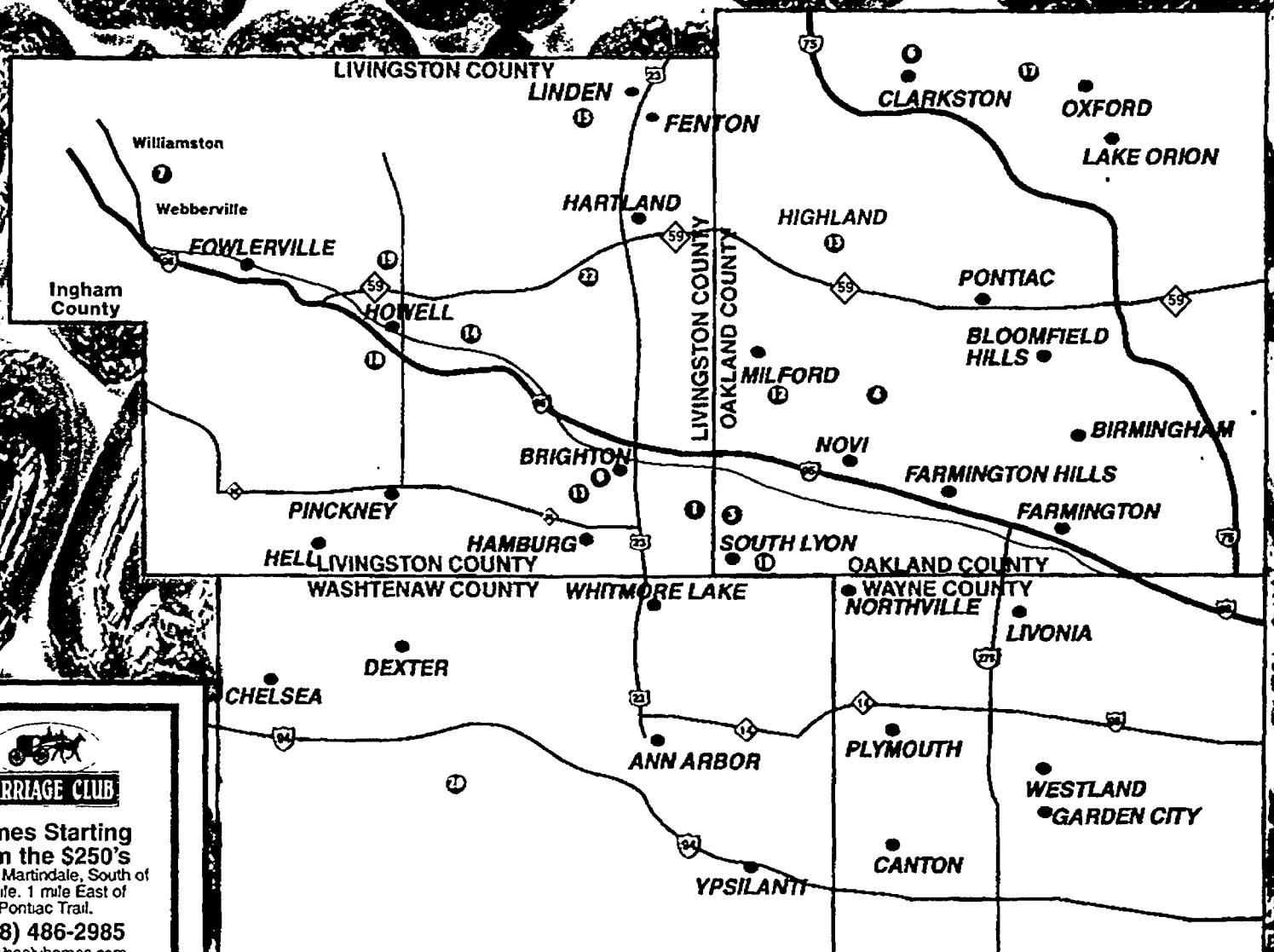
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Host: Carl Vagnetti, Ext. 253



OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM
HOWELL AREA \$167,500
1892 Byron Rd.
3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Howell schools. M-59 to Byron Rd., North, home on right. Totally remodeled. MLS#22092739
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OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM
BRIGHTON AREA \$559,000
10087 Spencer Rd.
4 bedrooms, 4 baths. Brighton schools. Residential/Commercial, home/business. Take US-23 to Spencer Rd., go right, home on left. MLS#22075122 or #22074925
Host: Carl Vagnetti, Ext. 253



OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM
BRIGHTON AREA \$395,000
5387 Greenfield
4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. Brighton schools. Take Spencer or Pleasant Valley to Culver to Greenfield, home on right. MLS#23009837
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OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM
HOWELL/PINCKNEY AREA \$229,900
3859 W. Schaefer Rd.
4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Howell schools. Take D-19 to Schaefer, go West 5+/- miles to home on left. MLS#23009454
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OPEN HOUSE 1-3 PM
HOWELL AREA \$309,000
2425 Golf Club Rd.
3+ ER, 2.5 BA. 4 072 total s.f. Cape Cod on 1.27 ac. Close to conv. 1st flr master suite. Open flr plan. Huge oak kitchen. Soaring GR. Fin. w/out LL. Wrap porch + decking. Sun rm. Lake access & more! MLS#22030244
Hostess: Linda Strang, Ext. 252



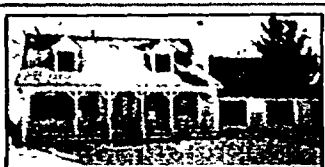
OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM
HARTLAND AREA \$269,950
248 Norlynn
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Hartland schools. Take M-59 or Grand River to Hacker to Norlynn, home on right. Norlynn is just North of Golf Club. MLS#23003132
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OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM
HARTLAND AREA \$229,847
11562 Norway
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Hartland schools. Take M-59 East to Birch. Turn left at Dead-end. Home on right. Waterfront on Handy Lake. MLS#23010039
Host: Carl Vagnetti, Ext. 253



OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM
FOWLERVILLE AREA \$169,900
10520 Josco Rd.
2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Fowlerville schools. Take Mason Rd to Elliott, just past Bull Run to corner of Josco & Elliott. MLS#23011914
Host: Carl Vagnetti, Ext. 253



OPEN HOUSE 12-2 PM
FOWLERVILLE AREA \$238,900
5640 Fowlerville Rd.
3 BR, 2 1/2 BA. Close to town & schools. Beautiful country setting. 2.65 acres. Gorgeous Cape Cod, ready to move in. 2 car det. gar., fenced yard, pond access. N Fowlerville Rd to home. MLS#23013082
Hostess: Shirley J. Bessert, Ext. 265



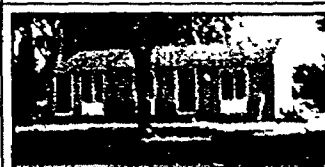
OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM
PINCKNEY/HAMBURG AREA \$329,900
8020 Chilson Rd.
Pinckney schools. 6 bedroom, 5 bath walk-out basement, finished Chilson Rd. to Swardout, go left to continue on Chilson, home on right side. MLS#22076005
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OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM
MILFORD AREA \$279,900
1700 Lone Tree
4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Huron Valley schools. Take M-59 to Milford Rd., go South to Lone Tree, go West to home. Or Hickory Ridge to Lone Tree then East to home. MLS#23004966
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OPEN HOUSE 2-4 PM
HOWELL AREA \$389,900
2640 Black Eagle Ridge Lot #64
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BRIGHTON AREA \$199,900
9889 Weber Drive
2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Newly updated duplex zoned commercial in great area within walking distance to YG's. Run your business on one side & live in the other. L/C terms available. Super investment! MLS#23005308, 23005442
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BRIGHTON AREA \$269,500
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Hostess: Kathy Krockner, Ext. 297



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HAMBURG AREA \$356,900
7884 Kilkenny Drive
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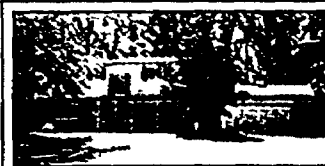
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NOVI AREA \$269,900
23869 Lynwood
3 BR, 2 1/2 BA. Immediate occupancy with this spacious in-level in the Novi school district. Large 3.4 acre fenced lot. 2000 s.f., easy x-way access. Beck Rd. to 10 Mile, W on 10 Mile to Lynwood, S on Lynwood to address. MLS#22107756
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WHITE LAKE AREA \$124,900
5595 Lake Grove
3 BR, 1 BA. 1056 s.f., totally redone are roof, wood siding, Pella windows, ceramic tile & water softener. Huge deck off rear of house w/lake access to White Lake. Just W of Ormond off White Lake Rd. MLS#23005353
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COMMERCE AREA \$250,000
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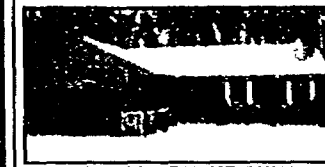
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BRIGHTON AREA \$214,900
3126 Old Orchard
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Reduced \$5,000! Beautifully updated Colonial with Lake Moraine access! Tons of storage & 5 person hot tub included! West Pleasant Valley Rd North Jacoby
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HIGHLAND AREA \$189,900
Highland area 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Beautiful all sports Woodruff Lake 116 ft. frontage. Mature treed double lot. Controlled lake level. Room for expansion/future walkout. Must see N Milford, W on Middle. MLS#22104694
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HOWELL AREA \$179,000
Howell area 5 bedrooms, 2 baths. REDUCED! 2376 s.f., large lot, almost 1/2 acre. Nice neighborhood, 2 1/2 car garage. Natural fireplace in living room. Home warranty W Grand River & S on Isbell. MLS#23004095
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SOUTH LYON AREA \$239,900
South Lyon area. Picture perfect! Very private wooded setting. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Finished walkout basement with full bath, bedroom, family room with fireplace. 2 car attached garage, shed. MLS#23009325
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South Lyon area 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Stunning! 2 story foyer, neutral colors, hardwood floors, Berber carpet, stone fireplace in family room. Master bedroom with master bath & vaulted ceilings. MLS#23000784
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Hosts: Fran or Diane Heining, 844-2218

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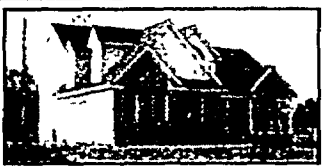
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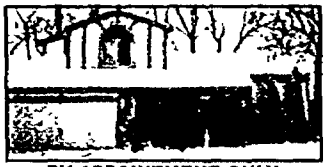
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HOWELL AREA \$194,500
Howell area. 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Charming Colonial with great access to I-96, outlet mall and downtown Howell. All major updates done! Burkhardt Rd just South of Mason
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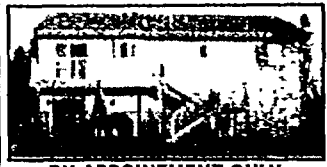
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
SOUTH LYON AREA \$334,900
South Lyon area. Gorgeous 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA. Colonial loaded w/extra upgrades. Gourmet kitchen w/spacious island, upgraded appl. stay. Ceramic baths, cathedral ceilings, neutral decor, air, sprinklers. Better than new! MLS#23015960
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HOWELL AREA \$189,900
Howell area. Hickory Hills subdivision. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Living room & family room with 2 fireplaces, central air, neutral throughout, immaculate Deck & 2 car garage. MLS#12020614
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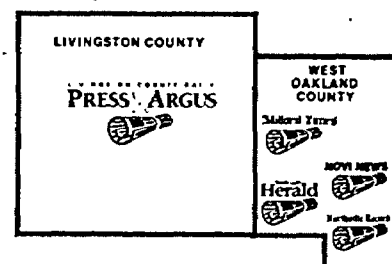
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We are looking for an enthusiastic, result orientated sales person to join our team selling advertising to community retail business in North Oakland County. The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience with at least 2 years of outside sales experience (media experience preferred). Responsibilities include servicing new and existing community retail business clientele with a flair for presenting creative sales presentations. Job code: ASR

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Please submit resume to:

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ACROSS

- 1 Bmo bloke
- 6 "Show" (94 film)
- 10 Ferber or O'Brien
- 14 Hum bug?
- 17 Buy back
- 19 Tilt
- 20 Approaches
- 22 --Locke, FL
- 23 Luanda's land
- 24 "fixe"
- 25 Start of a remark
- 27 Curly poker?
- 28 Way out
- 30 Actress
- 31 Donzetti's "L'elks" d--
- 32 Tizzy
- 33 French novelist
- 36 Sell out
- 37 Part 2 of remark
- 42 Richard of "Love Me Tender"
- 43 Wine valley
- 44 Cabinet wood
- 45 Pack the freight
- 47 Upset
- 51 Panache
- 53 Weldon or Wray
- 56 Horatian creation
- 57 Christened
- 58 Role for 80
- 60 Idea of "High Sierra"
- 62 Wear out the carpet
- 63 Vaccaro or Lee
- 65 Barbara's rank
- 66 Holler
- 69 Part 3 of remark
- 73 Sausage segment
- 74 Knock for -- (astonish)
- 76 Ran amok
- 77 Dashboard feature
- 79 Explosive mixture
- 81 No pleasure trip
- 82 Complaints
- 84 You can rely on it
- 87 "Casualties of War" setting
- 88 Pigeonhole
- 90 Resilience
- 92 Carpenter's tool
- 93 Celebrations
- 95 "Rule Britannia" composer
- 96 Unadorned
- 98 Part 4 of remark
- 104 Mr. Hiss
- 105 Paradiastical
- 106 Romain de Tiroff
- 107 Nero's instrument
- 108 From the top
- 109 Big rig
- 110 Delly
- 113 End of remark
- 115 George of "Scarface"
- 118 Journalist Fallaci
- 120 -- Na Na
- 121 Sharon of Israel
- 122 Comrade
- 123 Expire
- 124 Shorten a skirt
- 125 Valuable
- 126 Linen in the beginning?
- 127 Rhythm of life

DOWN

- 1 Learn fast?
- 2 Paradoxical philosopher
- 3 Maugham's "The Razor's --"
- 4 Corporate VIP
- 5 Actress Bonham Carter
- 6 Pack it in
- 7 Sturm --
- 8 "Graph" ending
- 9 Caldwell or Atkins
- 10 Don a uniform
- 11 Want
- 12 Astronaut's agcy.
- 13 School subject
- 14 Colombia's capital
- 15 Screenwriter Nora
- 16 Consumed
- 18 Adage
- 21 Percussion instrument
- 26 PR concern
- 29 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
- 30 "The Ghost and Mrs. --" (47 film)
- 32 Nab a gnat
- 33 Heaped
- 34 Funnymen
- 35 Be obligated
- 37 --Euro-pean
- 38 "You -- it!"
- 39 Charles part
- 40 Ming thing
- 41 Pie -- mode
- 46 Feel awful
- 48 Genetic info
- 49 Apiece
- 50 Daub
- 51 Ward (off)
- 52 New Jersey borough
- 53 Pacific archipelago
- 54 Shorty
- 55 Michael of "Cabaret"
- 58 Stream back
- 61 Damper
- 62 Conspire
- 63 Eight bits
- 64 Lama turf
- 66 James of "Brian's Song"
- 67 --mater
- 68 Corn Belt soil
- 70 Core
- 71 Skin feature
- 72 Present
- 75 Cartwright ranch
- 78 "Just -- thought!"
- 80 Ms. Taylor
- 82 Mont --
- 83 Relaxation
- 84 Logroll
- 85 Sicilian smoker
- 86 Stained
- 89 Meddling mark
- 90 Morlocks' prey
- 91 Rib --
- 92 Amphitheater feature
- 93 Expanded
- 94 Winter Rand
- 96 "Hail to thee, -- spirit!"
- 97 Massachusetts city
- 99 Thin covering
- 100 Swimmer Gertrude
- 101 Elfin
- 102 Strong suit
- 103 Foment
- 104 Simian
- 108 Saucy mval
- 109 Charon's shver
- 110 Sheffield slammer
- 111 Burden
- 112 Granola fruit

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COUNTRY STORAGE: 58000 W. Eight Mile Rd., Northville. Will hold a 1000 sq ft unit held by David Burrell Unit 1-2H. Sean Pigeon #151, Matt Dulimba #118. Furniture, household items, misc. Auction to be held on March 11, 2003, 12:00 pm

WOMEN TO WOMEN: Discussion groups. Let's have fun and talk it over! Any subject any topic any opinion! Interested please call Kimberly 810-231-8365

Legals & Accepting Bids \$220

Notice is hereby given that on 3/20/03 at 3:30 p.m. the following will be sold by competitive bidding at Estate Self Storage

21650 Novi Rd., Novi, MI (Space No. 37)

Ron Bochman 1 misc. small appliances, 4 household furnishings, 6 misc. boxes/bags, 10 other misc. items

(Space No. 195) **Brody Tracey** 1 other misc. items

(Space No. 328) **Dynatek Services, Inc.** 1 Misc. household goods, 1 top, 1 recreation equipment, 7 other misc. items

(Space No. 417) **Dynatek Services, Inc.** 10 misc. boxes/bags, 1 top, 40 hospital supplies, 90 other misc. items

(Space No. 583) **Jermaine Doggett** 1 misc. small appliance, 2 office equipment, 7 household furnishings, 10 other misc. items, 10 misc. boxes/bags

(Space No. 158) **Louis Demas** 2 Misc. household goods, 15 Misc. boxes/bags, 3 filing cabinets

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Antiques & Collectibles \$620

Antiques Bought! Postcards, china cups/saucers, paper dolls, dishes, perfume bottles, military. 248-624-3385

BEACON & KALAMAZOO furnace stove, need restoring \$1000, (248) 437-3092

CABIN FEVER SALE: Continued now through Mar 2nd 15-50% off barn wood. The Barn Antiques & The Pickety Patch 48120 Eight Mile Rd., Northville (248) 349-0117 MC & Visa accepted. Mon-Sat 10-5 & Sun 12-5. Bring this ad for free gift with any purchase

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MOVING & Downsizing! Lots of stuff. Some antiques. 2/27-28, 9-5pm, & 3/1, 9-1pm. 13246 Windy Hollow, off Kensington Rd, bet. I-96 & Spencer Brighton/Milford

SOUTH LYON Fri, Sat 9-6pm 10007 Aylebury Dr. Corner of 10 mile just W of Duxboro Greenoak Sub Furniture, Art work, pottery, a little bit of everything!

Garage Sales \$710

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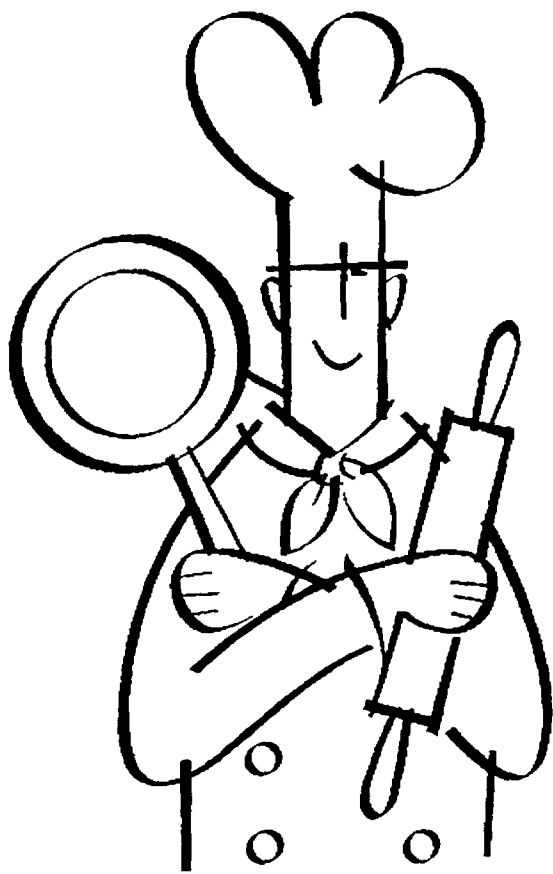
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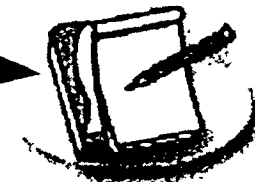
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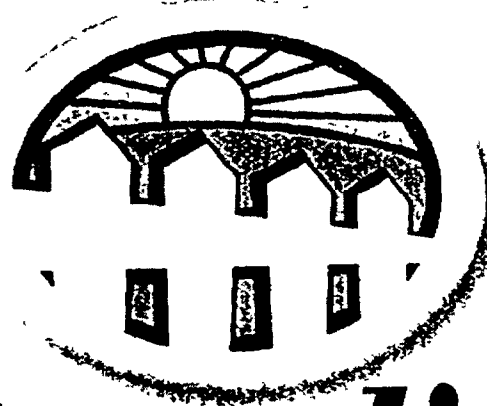
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Study animals, author says, but don't imitate them

By Louise Knott Ahern
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Marlene Zuk's lab at the University of California, Riverside, sings like a summer night.

On tables and in the refrigerator are boxes full of crickets humming in unison. But Zuk, a biology professor, quickly points out that their soothing songs actually present a dangerous dilemma.

The species of Australian cricket that Zuk studies has an unfortunate problem. In addition to possible mates, its song also attracts a predator fly. Drawn by the cricket's call, the fly lands on its back, burrows inside and deposits larva. Eventually, the cricket dies.

So, to reproduce, the cricket must risk its life.

Zuk can sum up her research with one question: "What happens when sex and the rest of your life oppose each other?"

In her book, "Sexual Selections: What We Can and Can't Learn About Sex From Animals," Zuk, 46, explores the tendency by some humans to use animal behavior to justify their own actions.

It's not that she discounts the idea that humans can learn from animals — that is, after all, her life's work. But from monogamy to motherhood, homosexuality to male aggression, Zuk challenges how some people use animal behavior to promote their own agendas.

"Birds cheat on their mates, so does that mean philandery in marriage is natural?" she asked. "You're using animal behavior to further your own agenda without seeing what the animals actually do. You see what you want to see."

Example: bonobos.

These peace-loving cousins to the chimpanzee, discovered in the early 20th century, are gaining pop-culture attention for their free-loving ways. Bonobos have a lot of sex, but they don't display a lot of violence. So some scientists, according to Zuk's book, have jumped on the bonobo craze to promote a "make love, not war" model of society.

The problem with this, Zuk argues, is that humans tend to seek out specific behaviors that fit their own biases and agendas. She argues that if bonobos had been discovered in a different time, humans might have viewed their society through a different lens given the "paradigm of the day."

Her point? Study animals for the sake of studying animals and to find ideas for new ways of doing things, but don't take it too far.

"Look at snow geese," Zuk said. "Snow geese are monogamous for life. You don't see them wandering around, looking at hamsters and saying, 'Gee, maybe we should be more like them.'"

HEALTHBRIEFS

It can't hurt to get a second opinion

When it comes to serious medical conditions, getting a "second opinion" is often not only a good idea, it can be a requirement.

Health insurers will, in some cases, insist on a second opinion before they'll agree to pay for an unusual or particularly expensive medical procedure.

Typically, consumers may demand a second opinion because their doctor — or their health plan — is not willing to approve an operation on the grounds it is "medically unnecessary."

The American Heart Association advises patients to seek a second opinion in many circumstances:

■ If the treatment your doctor recommends has "significant risk."

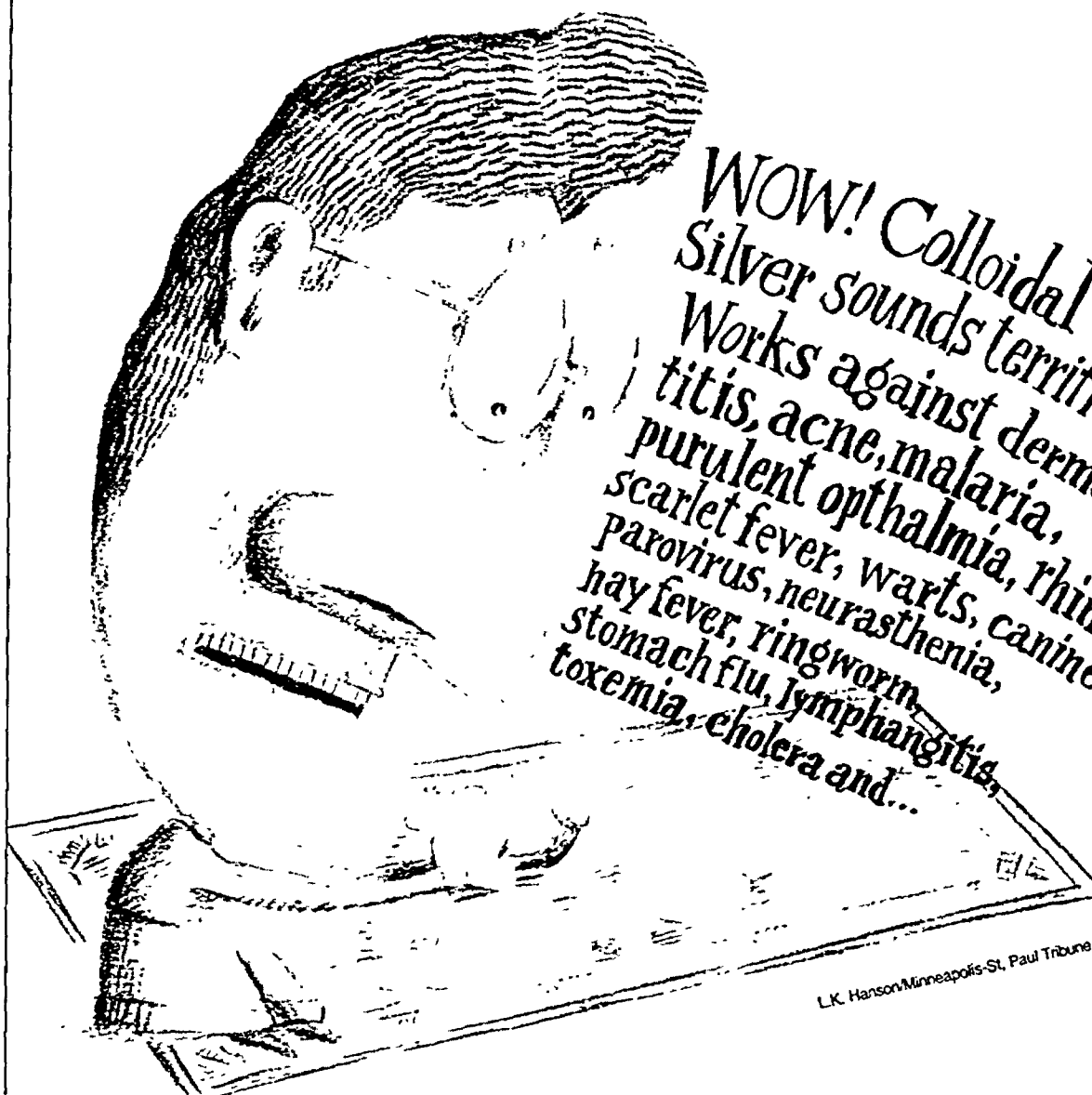
■ If you feel rushed to make a decision and want more information.

■ If the treatment will greatly affect your lifestyle, work or family.

■ If you don't have full confidence in the treatment or the doctor.

"Don't worry about hurting the doctor's feelings when you ask for one," the Heart Association advises on its Web site, www.american-heart.org.

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Wacky wonder cures can be found in abundance on the Internet. Doctors recommend a healthy dose of skepticism.

By Jill Burcum
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Feeling run down? Have headaches? Plagued by pimples? Can't sleep? Worried about West Nile virus and other exotic diseases?

The Internet has health remedies for you — ones that often promise cures, sometimes with a single miracle product.

Although this virtual medicine cabinet offers some legitimate health products, it's also filled with dozens that range from wacky to dangerous.

Traditional and alternative medical experts were asked to weigh in on four common but unusual remedies hawked on the Web. The verdict? Avoid them. One widely promoted product can turn the skin blue permanently. Another can set fire to the eardrum.

The Web may be a new way to find medical treatments, experts said, but some old advice still applies. Be skeptical about any product whose claims sound too good to be true. Use common sense. If something seems silly or harmful, don't try it.

EAR CANDLEING

Promoted on dozens of Web sites, ear candleing involves using a hollowed-out lit candle to suck wax, fungus and other bugs that cause disease out of the ear canal.

Enthusiasts claim it improves hearing, cures allergies and headaches, restores brain function, clears sinus infections, stops vertigo and tinnitus (ringing of the ears) and activates the immune system. Another supposed benefit: spiritual and emotional balance.

Dr. Sam Levine, a University of Minnesota ear, nose and throat specialist, has a different opinion. About the only thing ear candleing does, he said, is provide an opportunity to set yourself on fire.

"This is dangerous," said Levine, who has seen patients with burned ears, eardrums or heads. "All kinds of horrible things can happen."

During ear candleing, the candle flame is pointed away from the head. The candle's base is inserted into the ear canal (promoters recommend a snug fit). Lighting the candle is said to create a vacuum effect, sucking air, wax and other things up through the candle and out.

Levine said this doesn't happen. Actually, ear candleing leaves a wax residue inside the ear, he said, potentially causing obstruction. He worries that people with serious ear medical conditions won't see a doctor if they turn to ear candleing.

"If you have excessive drainage, ear wax or tinnitus or hearing loss, you need to find out why," Levine said. "If you think you have something wrong with your ear, see a physician."

"Bleach is a very effective germicide. But you wouldn't tell someone with an infection that they should go out and drink it."

Richard Kingston
PROSAR International Poison Center, St. Paul, Minn.

COLLOIDAL SILVER

As a physician specializing in alternative medicine at the Midwest Wellness Center in Bloomington, Minn., Dr. Kevin Wand is open to using herbal products and other supplements to help patients stay healthy.

A product he does not recommend is colloidal silver, one of the most widely promoted supplements on the Internet. Among the claims: It wards off West Nile virus and other infectious diseases, and may protect against smallpox and other bioterrorism agents.

"I try to talk patients out of it," said Wand, noting that he doesn't always succeed because the Internet claims are so persuasive. The major concern is that silver is a heavy metal. "There can be toxic reactions," he said.

Another problem: Too much silver in the diet can turn the skin permanently blue-gray — a condition known as argyria, said Richard Kingston, a dietary supplement expert who is vice president and senior toxicologist at the PROSAR International Poison Center in St. Paul, Minn.

Colloidal silver products are sold as liquid supplements. The term "colloidal" means the silver droplets are suspended and distributed equally throughout a liquid.

Silver does have antibacterial properties, Kingston said. That's why it once was used as a disinfectant for the skin and eyes, he said. Mercury, another heavy metal, also can kill disease-causing bugs and was once used similarly.

But just because something may kill bugs on surfaces doesn't mean it's a good idea to add it to the diet.

"Bleach is a very effective germicide," Kingston said. "But you wouldn't tell someone with an infection that they should go out and drink it."

Other potential effects of too much silver include reduced brain function and kidney damage, Kingston said. Pregnant

women who ingest too much silver risk fetal abnormalities.

Silver stays in the body a long time, Kingston said. That means it's relatively easy to build up potentially dangerous levels in tissue.

COLONICS

Mayo Clinic gastroenterologist Dr. G. Richard Locke has a standard response for patients who ask about colonics — a technique that floods the lower intestine with water to clean it out.

While colonics probably aren't harmful, Locke doesn't recommend them. And there's no evidence that waste remaining in the colon causes build-up of toxic chemicals in the body. Wand tells patients the same thing.

Locke said he is intrigued by continued interest in colonics, a "treatment" that's been advertised since the late 1800s by various self-proclaimed practitioners. Locke attributes the interest to a common complaint: constipation. A lot of people have it, he said, and it leads to bloating and fullness.

For those who are constipated, Locke recommends trying self-care approaches first. The colon works best in the morning and after meals, he said. It's also stimulated by exercise. A hearty morning breakfast followed by a good walk will help most people.

If that's not effective, fiber laxatives are a good next step, he said. For those who seek medical care for the problem, prescription laxatives are available.

Those over 50 should also seek out a doctor for constipation instead of a colonic practitioner, Locke said. Chronic constipation could be a sign of cancer.

VINEGAR

According to Internet ads, drinking a lot of vinegar cures arthritis, depression, strengthens heart and blood vessels, normalizes blood pressure, cleans out the digestive tract and aids weight loss.

Mayo Clinic nutrition specialist Dr. Donald Hensrud said there's no proof that vinegar does anything beyond adding a little tang to salads and other foods.

"This is just another food — like the grapefruit diet or the cabbage soup diet — that people have latched onto," Hensrud said.

While supplementing the diet with extra vinegar is unlikely to do much harm, Hensrud cautioned that in extreme amounts it could affect the body's pH level, making the blood and tissues more acidic. Among other things, this could lead to increased loss of calcium in urine.

For arthritis, weight loss and other problems, Hensrud said, traditional treatments are a better bet.



Photo courtesy of AcuBead

Reducing pain by pinching ear just a little

'AcuBead' strips use principals of acupuncture in unconventional way

By Nolan Zavoral
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Tom and Lorraine Sendecyk of Minneapolis celebrated their 50th anniversary this month, the second milestone that Tom recently reached.

"I went 38 days without taking a pill for my headaches," said Sendecyk, a migraine sufferer for more than half of his 77 years. "For me, that's unbelievable."

So may be path that he took: titanium beads arranged on hypoallergenic adhesive strips. Developed by two Twin Cities physicians and sold over the counter in pharmacies and some supermarkets, AcuBead strips — positioned on the ear depending on the desired result — are touted as possible remedies for migraine and tension headaches, neck and shoulder pain or lower back and pelvic pain.

The strips cost \$20 to \$25 for about a month's supply. One version of the product, called SlenderBeads, is marketed as a way to lose weight by suppressing appetite.

The beads work on acupressure principles, in which the ear is viewed as a map, with certain locations corresponding to parts of the body. By pressing on the targeted place on the ear, pain control or hunger impulses may be managed elsewhere in the body, proponents say.

The ears have many nerves — more than any other part of the head, said Dr. George Kramer, who did the early work on the product before Dr. Frederick Strobl joined him.

"You've got four cranial nerves and two cervical nerves on the ear," said Kramer, a consulting skeletal-muscular specialist with the alternative medicine clinic at Hennepin Faculty Associates. "Those nerves stimulate reflexes in the brain stem, to block pain and release endorphins, the natural painkillers."

Six years ago, Kramer began using tape to place beads on patients' ears for pain relief. When they felt pain, they were told to squeeze the beads, producing acupressure, a practice similar to acupuncture without the needlelike insertions.

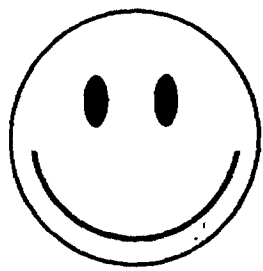
The beads worked for many patients, Kramer said, in the same way that centuries ago pain sufferers in China benefited from pressure at certain points on their ears. But there was one problem with Kramer's early effort: The beads fell off easily.

A friend suggested that Kramer hook up with Strobl, a neurologist and director of the Minneapolis Clinic of Neurology. Strobl initially got into medicine to design products (he was co-founder of the company that produces Breathe Right nasal strips) and ended up treating about 3,000 pain patients a year.

Acupressure and acupuncture remain controversial in the medical establishment.

Nevertheless, in a 1998 study reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association, a panel concluded that acupuncture "may be useful as an adjunct treatment or an acceptable alternative or be included in a comprehensive management program."

Strobl said he welcomed skepticism. "Some of our best advocates of the product are skeptics," he said. "We say try it, or try it on a relative. Then they become advocates."



The happy workplace

At one company, full benefits are more than memories

By Deborah Caulfield Rybak
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Imagine a company where employees are considered family rather than overhead.

The workers' medical and dental coverage is paid for 100 percent and the company matches their 401(k) contributions dollar for dollar up to the maximum allowed. There's a summer picnic and a holiday party.

And at the end of the year, there's a profit-sharing payout and a performance bonus, plus gifts and other incentives for safety on the job.

Fable? Backdrop for a made-for-TV movie? Feared Homer Simpson dream?

No. This is Tiller Corp., a privately held, 250-employee road construction business in Maple Grove, Minn.

Tiller president Gary Sauer said his management philosophy is simple: "I realized at an early age that the best way to get the most out of people is to respect them and take care of them. Then they'll take care of you, too."

It's a simple vision, but one that's becoming harder to find put into such concrete practice among employers.

A matter of value

Recent surveys reported by the Herman Group management consultants in North Carolina indicate that 30 to 40 percent of U.S. employees report hating their jobs. The Monster.com employment Web site reports that figure to be as high as 72 percent.

Among the reasons workers are so unhappy is a belief that they aren't valued by management. That belief leads to frequent job turnover. Only 22 percent of surveyed workers planned to stay with their current employer.

It's doubtful any of those respondents came from Tiller.

"Our average employee tenure is about 13 years," said Tiller chief financial officer Steven Sauer. "The only turnover we have is the turnover we want."

Tiller's management isn't exercising any bragging rights, though. Not by a long shot. "We are a privately held company and try to keep a lot of that stuff to ourselves," Gary Sauer said of Tiller, which grosses about \$100 million a year operating sand, gravel and asphalt plants, with a bit of real estate development on the side.

At Tiller, he said, "Our objective is to have them as part of the family. To keep them, train them and take care of them. There's no question about that."

All about the benefits

Tiller has been at the forefront of almost every employee benefit introduced in the past two decades. When the government gave the nod to 401(k)s, Sauer said, "We jumped in with both feet."

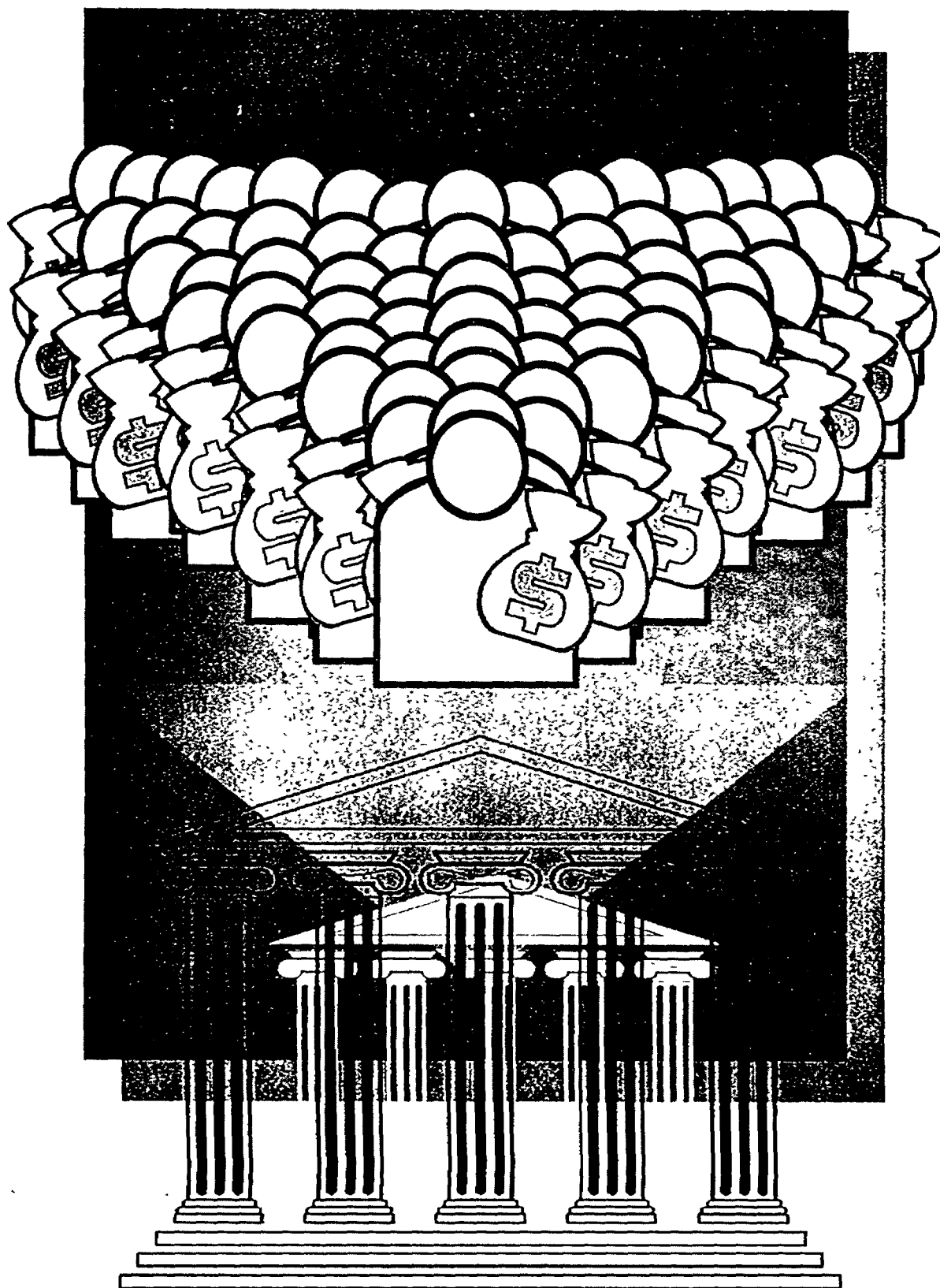
More recently, the company paid to bring in a financial consultant to help employees figure out the proper asset allocations within their portfolios to help them cope with the sliding stock market.

That kind of largesse can be costly — a fact Sauer and executive vice president Gaylen Ghylin acknowledge with shrugs. "We've been fortunate enough to make a profit every year," Sauer said. "But if next year we didn't, we wouldn't change things for the employees."

That goes for downsizing as well. "If we wanted to be hard-core operators, we could let go 5 to 8 percent of our workforce and just crack the whip harder," Sauer said. "But we don't want to do that, and we haven't had to."

Health care providers often balk when they see what the company is paying for health coverage. But, Sauer said, "We've literally gone years without a worker losing a day to an injury. Maybe someone will have an accident and not be able to do their job, but they can do something else if they want. It keeps them part of the team and keeps up their self-esteem."

Tiller's program is "really extremely rare," said Michelle Schmitt, human resource consulting manager for RSM McGladrey in Des Moines. The company is saving money in the end by spending so much on its workers, she said. "It's really expensive to lose people," she said. "Even in today's down economy, there's a tal-



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MULTIPLYING OPTIONS

Credit unions' eased membership rules, competitive rates lure customers

By David Benda
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Joining a credit union has never been so easy. In some instances, living in the community the credit union serves qualifies an individual to open an account.

That's a dramatic change from 20 years ago, when joining a credit union required a person to be a part of a specific group, such as a trade union.

With more liberal membership requirements, the competitive rates for loans credit unions offer and the dissatisfaction some customers have with major banks, the number of people who belong to credit unions is on the rise.

Between January and September 2002, total assets for the more than 10,000 credit unions increased 9.3 percent, up from \$501.5 billion to \$548.3 billion. Credit unions serve some 80 million customers nationwide.

For Redding, Calif., businessman Jeremiah Martin, the decision to join a credit union was easy. "I got sick of the excessive charges from my bank. I also was interested in their (credit unions') low rates for loans," said Martin, who owns Financial Health Services, a debt counseling company.

Martin has heard the same gripes from his clients, many of whom have switched from a major bank to a credit union.

"I am getting more and more consumers coming in who have complained about unsatisfactory performances they received from a major bank," Martin said.

In return, banks complain that credit unions, which are non-profit, have a competitive advantage.

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Jeremiah Martin
Redding, Calif., businessman

Because credit unions don't pay state or federal taxes, they are able to offer lower rates, the banking industry says.

Credit unions also are not subject to the federal Community Reinvestment Act, said Maurine Padden, director of state government relations for the California Bankers Association.

"They can cherry-pick for members," Padden said of credit unions. "We have to prove we are providing an outreach to the entire community in which banks are located."

Enacted by Congress in 1977, the Community Reinvestment Act is intended to encourage institutions to help meet the credit needs of the communities in which they operate.

Michael Cushman, CEO of Redding-based North Valley Bancorp, said the lines separating banks from credit unions are becoming less distinct. It's gotten to the

point where banks and credit unions compete for the same clients.

"That creates a problem for banks because they (credit unions) now have access to any bank client," said Cushman, whose company is the parent of North Valley Bank.

Cushman explained that credit unions can charge lower rates and fees because they're tax-exempt, an advantage that can't be overstated.

Cliff Northrup, spokesman for the National Credit Union Administration, said the banking industry's unhappiness with credit unions misses the mark.

"The problem for banks is not with credit unions, it is with the tax code. That is what they should be going after," said Northrup, whose agency regulates federal credit unions.

Northrup added that consumers don't care about a company's tax status. They just want comparable and competitive services.

Since 1998, nearly 150 credit unions nationwide have switched from a federal to a state charter. That's because many states, including California, have far less stringent membership requirements.

The National Credit Union Administration recently proposed guidelines to loosen "field of membership" rules for federally chartered credit unions.

In 1998, the Credit Union Membership Access Act granted the industry wider flexibility. Since then, the National Credit Union Administration's board of directors has continued to revise the rules to keep the industry growing at a healthy rate, Northrup said.

Broadening "field of membership" rules is an attempt to open credit union doors to more people who are not taking advantage of traditional bank services, Northrup said.

Earth-friendly 'green burials' are finding more takers

By Glen Warchol
SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Every year, Americans bury more than 2 million loved ones in the nation's 23,000 cemeteries. Death is natural, after all, a part of life.

However, along with remains, we also bury more than 14,000 tons of steel and 90,000 tons of concrete in casket vaults, 2,700 tons of copper and bronze in the form of coffins and more than 30 million board feet of prime hardwoods.

When you add to that more than 800,000 gallons of toxic embalming fluid, an increasing number of people are finding the American way of death — at least from an ecological standpoint — unnatural.

In response, a movement of "green burial" is blossoming that calls for respectful body disposal that has as little impact on the environment as possible and does not require setting aside large tracts of land solely for the dead.

"Things are changing a lot because of the baby boom generation's sensitivities," says Joshua Slocum, spokesman for the Vermont-based Funeral Consumers Alliance. "Green burials are part of that. People are increasingly sensitive to environmental issues."

Green burial rules are stringent, if simple: no embalming. Bodies are buried wrapped in shrouds or placed in a simple soft-wood box — in many cases a cardboard container. Some sites ask the deceased be dressed in natural fibers. In line with this "dust to dust" philosophy, the grave marker is a shrub or seedling.

So far, the United States has only one such green burial site, near Westminster, S.C. Memorial Ecosystems Inc. began in 1996 with the goal of "harnessing the funeral industry for land protection and restoration ... and to provide a less-expensive more meaningful burial options."

According to funeral industry estimates, the average cost of a conventional funeral runs around \$2,100 and a vault more than \$700, not including a marker.

For about the same cost, a burial at MEI's Ramsey Creek Nature Preserve, a wooded area bordering a stream, forbids vaults or "durable" caskets. (One life-long hiker was buried in his beloved poncho.) Ground-level, unobtrusive markers are allowed.

But green burial isn't just about savings. Ramsey Creek is first in what MEI hopes will be dozens of scenic nature preserves. Part of the burial fees go to future land purchase to ensure that burial densities remain low — 5 percent of a conventional cemetery — and that large nearby wild or wetland areas will be preserved with no graves at all, according to MEI information.

Among the more than 200 plant species in Ramsey Creek Nature Preserve is the smooth purple cone-flower, a plant on the federal endangered species list. "Your commitment to purchasing a burial space here ensures that this land will be protected, studied and enjoyed from now on," MEI literature says.

It also helps that private cemeteries are tax-exempt in many states, including South Carolina.

So far, 20 people have been buried at Ramsey

NEW BUSINESS

Cutting edge of home shopping: Small networks sold on knowing their niche

By Cynthia Yeldell
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Home shopping network hosts usually don't interject their views on politics and religion while selling knives and occasionally playing the guitar.

But Chris Kirk says the unusual combination has resulted in sales of up to \$60,000 per show during broadcasts produced by his company, Smokey Mountain Network.

Kirk, who hosted a knife show on the America's Collectibles Network, began his own network Nov. 1 with three shows that are produced in Sevierville, Tenn., and air on Dish Network Channel 223.

The company is one of a growing number of small home shopping networks that have chosen a niche rather than following larger networks' something-for-everyone approach.

Kirk specializes in collectible knives but also sells antique coins and ethnographical materials such as Chinese and African artifacts.

"When I started my own network, I already had a customer base for my knife show and all they had to do was find out what channel I was on," said Kirk, adding that ethnic collectible, coin and currency shows are still in the development stages.

Kirk buys airtime from Dish Network that makes his shows available to 9 million customers nationwide.

Robert Sigg of Turner Group Media, a Denver-based company that sells channel space on Dish Network, said that when Kirk's shows are not on the air, other small networks purchase space on the channel.

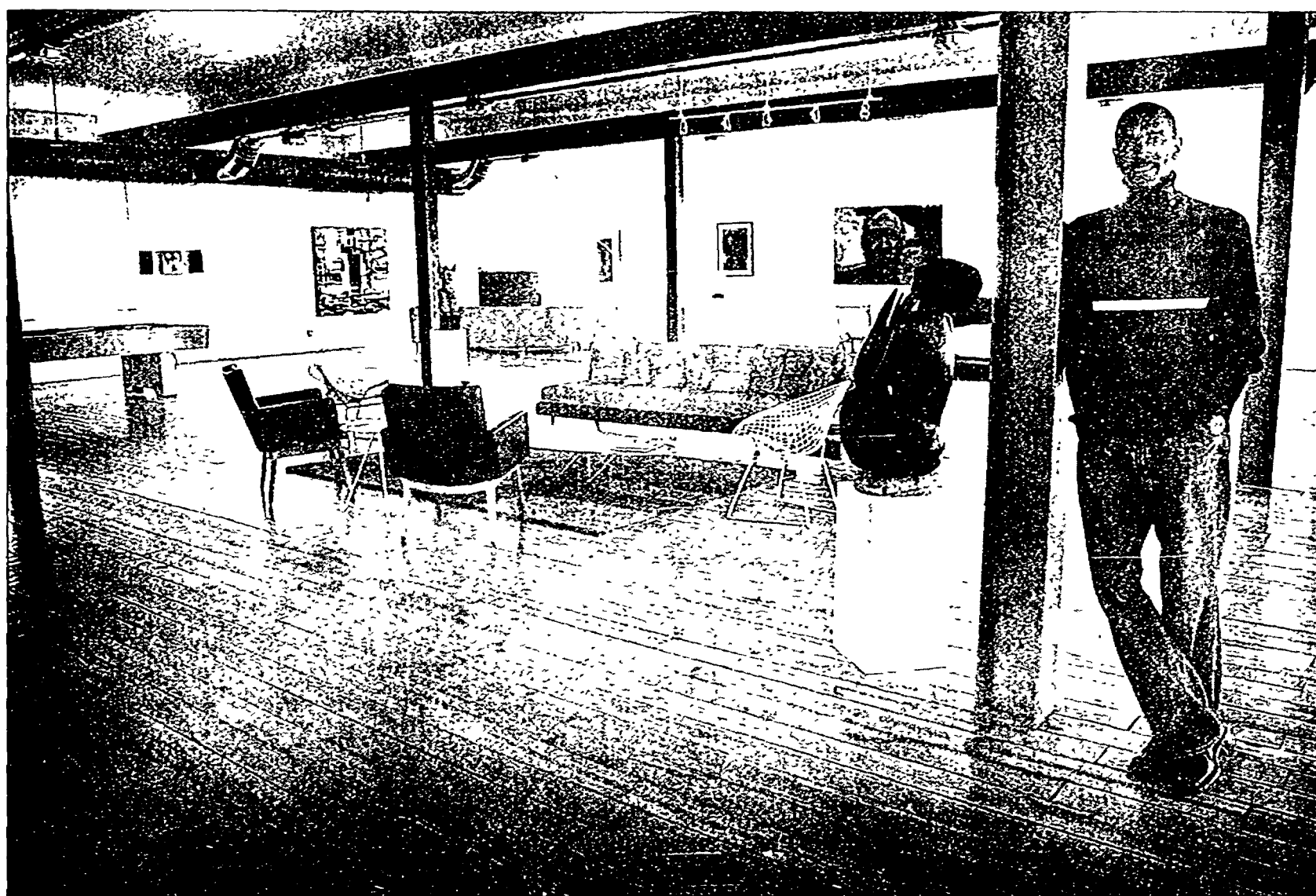
The shared channel space gives the small networks the chance to compete with QVC, Shop at Home Network and the Home Shopping Network.

"We believe in helping the small businessman try to get a start," Sigg said. "They can't open a 24-hour network selling niche products. We aggregate them together and give them the opportunity to reach a large market."

Kirk said he is planning to take his shows to an even larger audience and is negotiating a deal with DirecTV.

The shows are broadcast live from inside a small area of Smokey Mountain Knife Works, a retail business partially owned by Kirk's partner, Kevin Pipes. Kirk handles everything for the actual broadcast while Pipes supplies the call center, distribution center and all of the products sold on the network.

"It's entertainment shopping," Pipes said. "It's easy to relax and stay at home, pick out gifts and let somebody else mail them to you."



Elliot Perry at his downtown Memphis, Tenn., loft that overlooks the National Civil Rights Museum. The museum is housed in the Lorraine Motel, where Martin Luther King Jr. was shot in 1968.



**Feng shui
can do a
doggy good**
And cats, too, says
consultant who aids
energy flow to pets

By Rebecca Jones
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Vicky Gonzalez just assumed that Sasha, her 6-year-old German shepherd, would want his bed to be in the basement of their new Englewood, Colo., home. After all, that's where the kids hang out when they're there, and Sasha associates good things with the basement.

But the dog seemed depressed and appeared to take no pleasure in his basement nest when the kids weren't there.

Enter feng shui consultant Shannon Barker, who specializes in energy work for animals. She recognized right away that Sasha was stuck in a place of poor chi and that the key to lifting the dog's spirits lay in better harmonizing his surroundings.

Feng shui is the ancient Chinese art of placement. Placing objects and colors in just the right way can enhance the chi, or energy flow, and improve the way you — or your pet — feel, Barker says.

"My feng shui teachers always thought that I was a little wacky because I was always asking, 'What about the dog that lives there?'" Barker says. "Now clients really like that I consider their animals when doing feng shui. Certainly no feng shui consultant would come into your home and ignore your child."

"Well, people's animals are like their children, and they need to be considered. It makes sense to harmonize your home for all the creatures who live there."

So Barker analyzed Sasha's situation. Unlike cats, dogs thrive on active chi. They want to be in areas where the energy flows freely.

"Sasha's not an all-over-the-house dog," Gonzalez says. "He never has been. He likes being in the basement if we're there, but if nobody's in the house, he needs to be in a vantage point where he's overseeing the house. We picked a new area for him and got him a bed in nice, warm earth tones. ... It's right here in the family room, which oversees the back yard and the kitchen, and he can hear the front door if anyone is coming in. He absolutely loves it."

Cats are a whole different story. Cats bring a home a totally different form of energy from dogs, Barker says. Cats are into healing and balance.

"Cats are energy recyclers," she says. "They'll go into a place that has the worst chi in the house and use their energy to reorganize it. Cats collect in places where there are sharp angles, because energy collects there. They go there to soften it."

Cat owners may frequently find their cats loitering in seldom-used corners. "The cat will knock itself out trying to bring life to a stagnant area," Barker says.

To make a cat's life easier, try hanging a crystal or setting a mirror or a plant in that out-of-the-way cubbyhole to which the cat seems inexplicably drawn, she says. The cat will love you

OVERLOOKING HISTORY

Location of athlete/art collector's eye-catching loft carries special meaning for owner

By Michael Donahue
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Elliot Perry's loft in downtown Memphis, Tenn., overlooks the National Civil Rights Museum housed in the Lorraine Motel.

Owning a building near the spot where Dr. Martin Luther King was shot in 1968 is important to Perry, a former NBA basketball player.

"My grandfather marched on a number of occasions, even after (Dr. Martin Luther) King was killed," said Perry, 33, who now works in the athletic development office at the University of Memphis. "I can remember being in those marches with him, some of those marches in the '70s."

Works by black artists are prominently featured in Perry's 4,400-square-foot loft.

A native Memphian, Perry was a second-round selection of the Los Angeles Clippers in 1991 and played 11 professional seasons with seven teams. He played for the hometown Grizzlies for a brief stint in 2001. He finished his NBA career with a 6.3 per game scoring average.

Artist Ephraim Urebu wanted Perry for a neighbor. In 1993, Urebu renovated a building that now houses his Art Village Gallery and Zanzibar, an art gallery, bar and coffeehouse.

Urebu showed Perry the two-story building, which had been an old warehouse. The place was in bad shape, but Perry liked the massive steel beams and the pine floors, even though they were painted gray.

He bought the building in 1998 but didn't move in until 2000. He hired construction workers but kept watch over everything.

One of the first things he did was get rid of the makeshift walls that divided the rooms. "We knocked everything out upstairs and downstairs and then we just started from a blank canvas."

Perry turned the first floor into office space, which he leases, but he left the second floor one big room. "I wanted something different for an expression of me. I wanted a loft with no walls and to divide it with furniture. I thought that would be different. At the same

time, if I ever decide to sell it years from now, somebody can still come here and do exactly what they want to do without tearing down walls."

He had the floors stripped and refinished and the walls painted white. Track lighting was installed. He used blinds, but no curtains, on the windows.

Perry and a friend selected the 1950s and '60s fur-



Elliot Perry's living room and dining area (below) in his downtown Memphis loft.

niture. "We found this at garage sales or second-hand stores, just different places, came in, cleaned it up, wiped it off."

Using Perry's ideas, Jill Brogden, a blacksmith, designed the granite and steel pedestal sink in the bathroom. "It almost looks like it's just floating."

The standing, rectangular medicine cabinet is a simple design made of glass. "I didn't want a traditional medicine cabinet. This clean glass cabinet, you can see everything in it."

Works from Perry's art collection are used throughout the loft. Urebu, Luther Hampton, James Little and Sam Gilliam are among the artists represented.

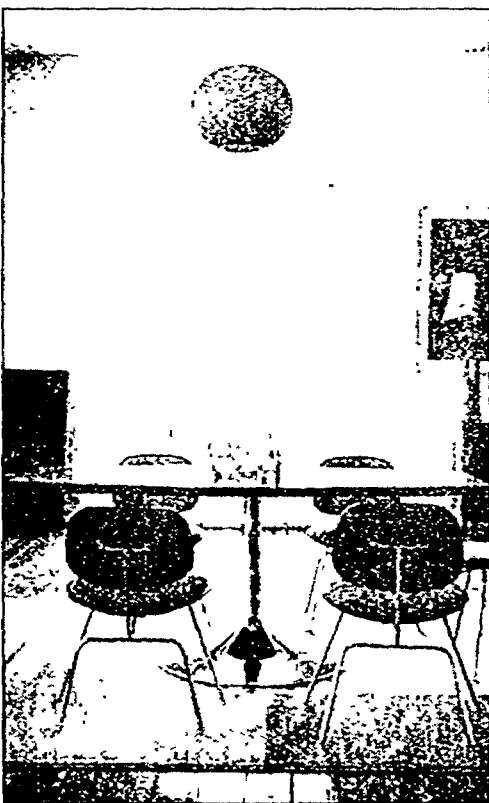
Perry began collecting art about eight years ago. "I decided if I'm going to be a collector, I'm going to go ahead and buy quality art, fine art. And that's what I started doing. I started going everywhere and meeting different artists."

His collection also includes photographs by Ernest Withers Jr., a noted Memphis photographer. Photos of Rufus Thomas, B.B. King and Elvis Presley line the wall near the inside stairway to the loft.

A special Withers photo hangs above Perry's bed. It's of a march during the 1968 Memphis sanitation workers' strike and shows Perry's grandfather, the late Jesse Perry, in the center.

"I can remember riding on his shoulders and walking through the march. I don't really think I had any true feelings about it. I don't think I really understood."

With his view of the civil rights museum and his ever-growing collection of works by black artists, Perry continues to become more aware of "how far we came, what we were fighting for during those times."



Even the occasional handyman needs to take stock of the toolbox

By Donna Birch
MODESTO BEE

Whether you're a homeowner or an apartment dweller, it makes sense to have a good toolbox on hand to take care of little fix-it jobs that pop up.

Sure, renters can call the landlord or their building's maintenance department when something is broken. But if you own your abode, there is no third party to call for repairs, unless you decide to hire someone. It pays — or rather, saves — to handle minor fixes yourself. And those situations will come up.

But you don't have to go out and spend a fortune on the latest, greatest gadgets at the local hardware store.

In fact, overspending is one of the most common mistakes people make when buying tools, said Gene Bond, manager of Harbor Freight Tools in Modesto, Calif.

"People overbuy to take care of minor stuff at home," he said. "They really don't have to buy the best."

For example, a person doesn't need an expensive, professional-grade power drill that a contractor or construction worker would use.

On the flip side, another common mistake novices make is underbuying. "They buy the cheapest tool available and then wonder why it burns out or breaks after they've used it for 10 hours straight," Bond said.

So what's the best strategy? Buy the best-quality tools that you can comfortably afford,

said professional handyman Shelby Shepherd, owner of Acom Repair Services of Modesto.

So, if you're ready to fix that wobbly ceiling fan or replace that cracked outlet cover, get ready to go tool shopping.

Bond and Shepherd came up with a list of toolbox must-haves. Remember, this list is for average folks who just need a few tools to tackle minor to moderate jobs. If you are a budding Bob Vila and can handle more complex tasks, feel free to add the dream gadget of your choice.

Here are the basics.

Hammer. A 16-ounce should do fine for most people.

Pliers. At least two pairs: one needle-nose variety and one that can loosen or tighten nuts

and bolts.

Utility knife. For cutting boxes, trimming, etc.

Screwdrivers. Two Phillips screwdrivers and two flat head screwdrivers in small and large sizes.

Tape measure. A 12-foot retractable tape measure should suffice for most indoor measuring.

Flashlight. Don't forget to check the batteries.

Drill. A 9-volt cordless variety. If you want one that uses rechargeable batteries, buy one that will use the same batteries as your flashlight.

Level. For hanging pictures or shelves. **Adjustable crescent wrenches.** One small,

one large.

Allen wrenches. One small, one large.

Nails. Have two or three kinds, for indoor and outdoor use. For indoors, buy finished nails. They have smaller heads and easily sink into the surface. For outdoor uses, get galvanized nails that won't rust. Nail size depends on the job, but it's good to keep 1 1/2-inch to 3-inch nails on hand.

Scraper or putty knife. To replace caulking or repair small holes.

Duct tape. A must-have. It can slow leaks, hold things together and temporarily patch rips or tears.

Glue. Super glue and wood glue.

Hacksaw.

Safety goggles.

Plus HomeTown

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FOOD

By Lee Svitak Dean
MINNEAPOLIST-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Never mind the familiar story: Eve didn't use an apple to tempt Adam. Scholars now think the object of interest was a pomegranate, which means "apple with many seeds."

Once wild throughout the Mediterranean region and Far East, the fruit was one of the early domesticated crops, along with olives, grapes, figs and dates — planted first in Persia.

The pomegranate serves as a recurring theme in art, architecture, myth and legend. In a variety of cultures, its abundance of seeds serves as a symbol of fertility, hope, prosperity and everlasting life. And no wonder. Those seeds are as lush and plentiful as caviar mounded in a bowl.

Among the ancient stories of pomegranates:

■ In medieval art, the fruit appears with unicorns, which are often tethered to a pomegranate tree that represents eternal life.

■ In Greek myth, pomegranates were said to be the favorite food of the gods. (And who could argue with that?)

■ In Buddhist legend, a demoness who devoured children was cured of her evil habit by eating a pomegranate given to her by Buddha.

■ And there's much more: The pomegranate decorated the pillars of King Solomon's Temple. As a symbol of Christian resurrection, it appeared on statues and in paintings of Mary and child.

■ And, perhaps most important for cooks, the first sherbet was pomegranate juice mixed with snow.

As Eve said to Adam: "Tempting?"

Pomegranates may be one of the most labor-intensive fruits to prepare. Which isn't to say it's a difficult task; it just takes a while to separate the seeds, especially when the process is new. (It's a little bit like removing the seeds from watermelon in order to juice the fruit — not something you'd choose to do every day, but it's doable.)

Of course, you can buy bottled pomegranate juice in some supermarkets and at Mediterranean specialty stores. But that ease removes the very tactile pleasure — and challenge — of plucking the seeds from the fruit.



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POMEGRANATE CHEESECAKE

(Serves 10)

1-1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/4 cup melted butter
1/2 cup water
1 (1/4-ounce) package unflavored gelatin
3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, at room temperature
3/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 pomegranates
1 cup heavy cream

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine cracker crumbs thoroughly with melted butter, and press into the bottom and up 1 inch on the sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Bake for 10 minutes. Cool completely.

Place the water in a small saucepan and sprinkle the gelatin over the water. Let set for 5 minutes, then heat, stirring until gelatin has dissolved fully. Set aside to cool.

Mix the cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until fluffy. Mix in gelatin. Set aside.

Remove seeds from pomegranates. Whip the cream until stiff. Gently but completely mix cream cheese and 1/2 cup pomegranate seeds into the whipped cream. Spoon into prepared, cooled crust. Smooth out the top. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until set. Store remaining pomegranate seeds, covered, in the refrigerator.

To serve, remove cheesecake from pan. Top with remaining pomegranate seeds.

— Source: Pom Wonderful, growers of the Wonderful pomegranate in California

least 6 hours.

Prepare grill to medium heat or preheat oven to broil. Remove meat from marinade, reserving marinade. Thread meat onto six skewers (preferably metal). Cook, turning often and basting once with marinade, until meat is well-browned outside but pink in the center (about 10 to 15 minutes on grill; less time if broiled). Serve with rice pilaf.

— Source: Pom Wonderful

ARUGULA SALAD WITH POMEGRANATES AND TOASTED HAZELNUTS

(Serves 6)

1/3 cup hazelnuts
1 pomegranate
6 generous handfuls of arugula or mixed greens, washed and dried
1/2 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1-1/2 tablespoons aged balsamic vinegar
6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper

To toast hazelnuts, spread the shelled nuts in a shallow pan and roast in a 275-degree oven for 20 to 30 minutes or until the skins crack. To remove skins, rub the hazelnuts while warm with a rough cloth. Chop coarsely. Remove the seeds from the pomegranate.

Put the greens in a large salad bowl and add the vinegars, olive oil and salt and pepper to taste. Toss, making sure all the leaves are evenly coated. Taste and adjust the seasoning as necessary. Add the toasted hazelnuts and pomegranate seeds, toss again and serve.

— Source: From "Chez Panisse Fruit," by Alice Waters

LAMB KEBABS WITH POMEGRANATE MARINADE

(Serves 6)

(Note: Baste the kebabs early in the cooking process so that the marinade has at least 5 minutes to cook through.)

1/2 cup pomegranate juice
1/4 cup salad oil
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced or pressed
2 lb. boneless lamb shoulder or leg, cut into 1-1/2-inch cubes

In a large bowl, stir together pomegranate juice, oil, lemon juice, salt, pepper and garlic. Add lamb and stir to coat. Cover and refrigerate at

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(Serves 1.)

You can mix the juices and the optional vodka up to a day ahead, and store, covered, in the refrigerator. Add the sparkling water just before serving.

1/3 cup pomegranate juice
1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 cup sparkling water
3 tablespoons vodka, optional
In a large glass, mix pomegranate juice with orange juice, sparkling water and vodka, if desired. Add ice cubes.

— Source: the Pomegranate Council

Shepherd's Pie receives touch of the Caribbean

By Marie Oser
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CARIBBEAN SHEPHERD'S PIE

(Serves 6)

Picadillo Filling
1-1/2 teaspoons olive oil
1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper
1/2 medium onion, chopped
1/4 cup green bell pepper
1 (12 ounce package) ground beef
alternative
1 (14-1/2 ounce) can Mexican stewed tomatoes
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1/2 cup golden raisins
1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro

Mashed Potato Crust
3/4 cup enriched soy milk (2 percent fat)
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1-1/2 cups water
1 tablespoon olive oil
1-3/4 cups Barbara's Mashed Potato Flakes
1/4 teaspoon sea salt
Paprika for garnish

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a 2-quart ovenproof glass casserole, heat oil 1 minute in the microwave on full power. Add onions and green peppers, cover and cook 2 minutes. Add ground beef alternative and cook 4 minutes. Add tomatoes, lime juice, raisins and cilantro, stir to mix thoroughly and cook 3 minutes, stir and cook for 2 minutes. Set aside.

Combine soy milk and lemon juice in a non-reactive bowl and set aside. Place water and oil in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat on the stove. Remove from heat and add the soy milk mixture, mashed potato flakes and salt. Stir until smooth and mixture has thickened.

Spread mashed potatoes evenly over the Picadillo filling and sprinkle with paprika. Place uncovered casserole in preheated oven. Bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown.

Our rendition uses a soy-based ground beef alternative to create the Picadillo filling, and fresh lime juice, golden raisins and Mexican stewed tomatoes combine to replicate the tropical penchant for a balance of warm spice and citrus flavors.

Wholesome and widely available, Barbara's Instant Mashed Potatoes make quick work of the topping that forms the crust. Soy milk is used in cooking much the same way as cow's milk, and may be "clabbered" in the same manner by adding either lemon juice or cider vinegar and set aside to sour. When making the potato topping, lemon juice is combined with soy milk to produce "soy buttermilk."

This easy dish is started in the microwave and finished in the oven in under an hour. Caribbean Shepherd's Pie is delicious and satisfying accompanied by a colorful rice pilaf and toasted pita pockets.

Master chefs need not apply to cooking clubs

By Jennifer Jones
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It's 6 p.m. Do you know where your dinner is?

For many, the answer lies buried in the kitchen "junk" drawer on a local restaurant's take-out menu. Who needs to know the skills of dicing and sautéing when you've got at least one working finger and a phone? Thirty minutes to an hour later, voila. Dinner is served — right to your front door.

The above situation was the norm for six New York City professional women until they got the bright idea to combine their rudimentary cooking skills and watch them divide and multiply. Years later, their cooking club is still cooking and inspiring others across the country to do the same.

"We started out the same way with two or three of our usual recipes and we expanded our cooking repertoire," says Cooking Club member Cynthia Harris. "What's good is it's low pressure. A lot of people are afraid of cooking for 10 people, but when it's a cooking club, everybody cooks. It's meant to be experimental. If one dish flops (which they inevitably do now and then), there are other things to eat."

You don't have to be Julia Childs to start a cooking club. On the other hand, it isn't just the blind leading the blind, either. With so many cookbooks on the market and access to the Internet, finding easy recipes to try among friends is a cinch. If your friends are still breathing after sampling your Broccoli-Spinach Surprise, move on to something a little more challenging next month.

"I think the most important thing is attitude. Attitude is everything. It really is all in being around people who are fun and low-key. It can't be competitive. We did this so it wouldn't be. You're not out to be the best cook in cooking club," Harris says.

"You're cooking things for the first time. Inevitably, you're going to foul something up, but you're around friends so that's OK. If that happened around other people, it would've been devastating."

Edmee Reel of Clemson, S.C., has had experience in a similar cooking club and agreed that a willingness to learn together is an important ingredient.

"You want a good mix. People who have cooked all their lives and have their own ways of doing things aren't always receptive to new ways of doing things," Reel says. "You need to be open to the suggestions and

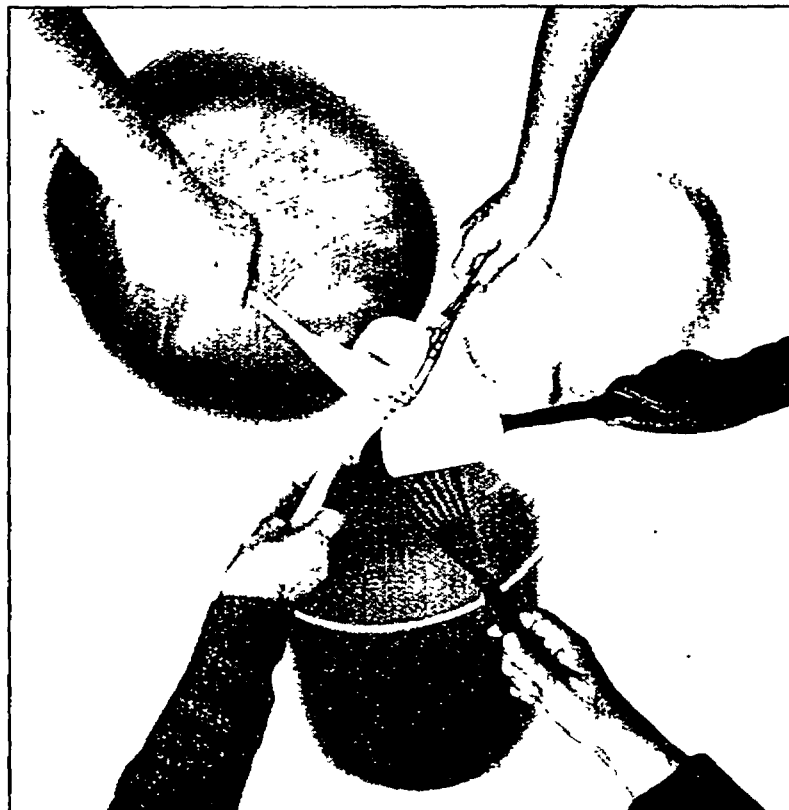


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not have a know-it-all attitude. That will ruin a cooking class pretty quickly."

Also, don't go overboard when getting a club together in terms of how many cooks you'll allow in the kitchen. Consider how many people can comfortably squeeze into your house or apartment, as well as how many different dishes you can sample without exploding.

"If you have 20 to 30 people, you can't do it in someone's home. Six or eight people is a good size and that makes it easy on the hostess," Reel says. "Get a group that enjoys being together."

A common gripe about cooking from scratch is cost. True, building an arsenal of herbs and spices might cost a bit up front, but once you get 'em, you've got 'em for a good while. Besides, you don't have to cook the most expensive item you can wrestle into your wok to impress your fellow chefs.

"Everyone just cooks according to what her current pocketbook allows. If you have a

little more money at the time, maybe you'll make sea bass. If things are a little tight, you might stick to a dish with just vegetables," Harris says. "The more you cook, the more you stock up, and those spices last you forever."

"However, fresh herbs are worth splurging on. Plus, if you're making a meal for six people, you can actually use more than one basil leaf and make it worth your while. And there's always plenty to take home."

To mix things up and get out of the kitchen, organize an outing to a local cooking class to observe a pro creating a special dish. Incorporate these new skills into your own dishes.

"Meet every month no matter what, even if it's just two people. Make sure you keep it up," Harris says. "That's why we came up with Wine Duty. It's your get-out-of-jail-free card when things are busy and you just haven't had time to make something. You can still come and bring wine."

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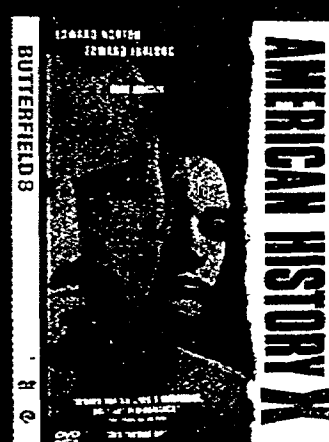
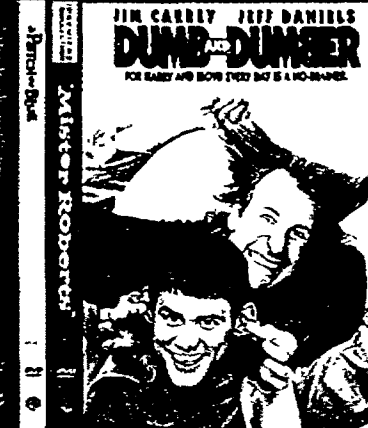
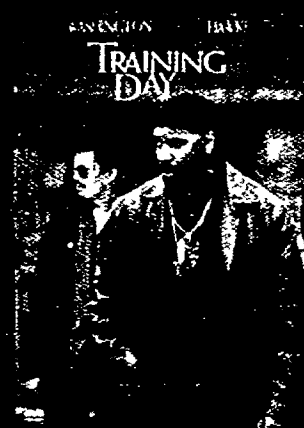
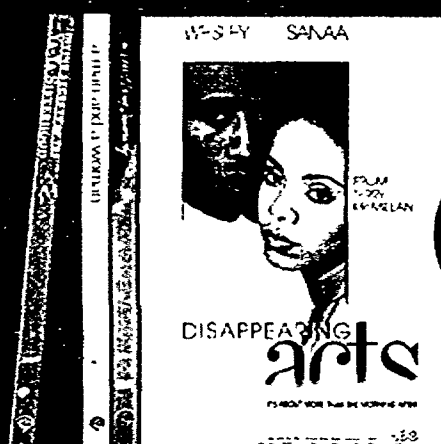
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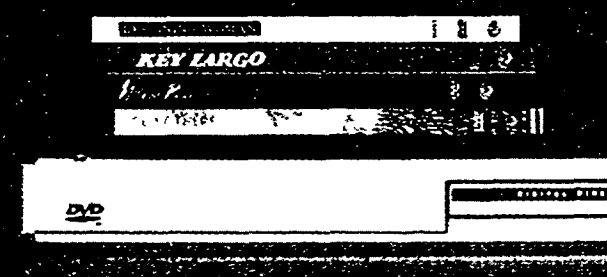
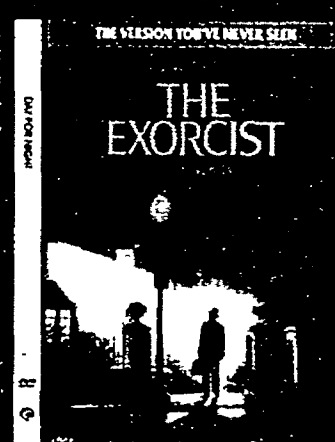
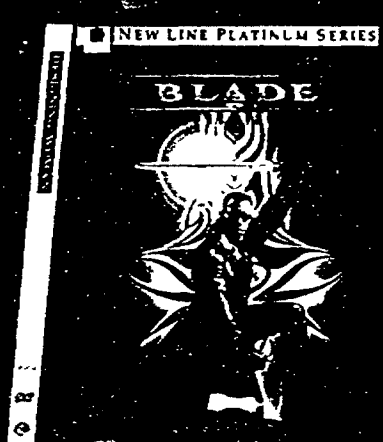
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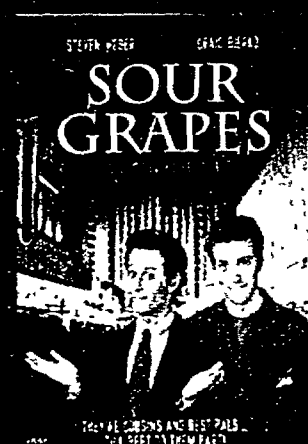
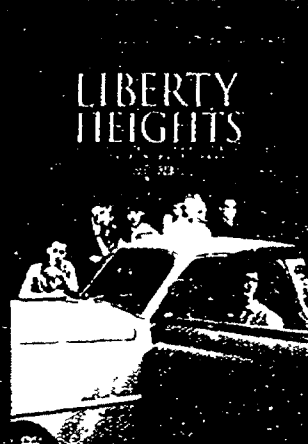
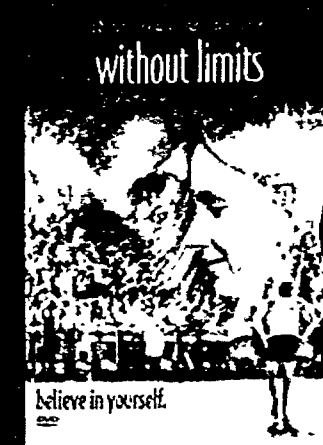
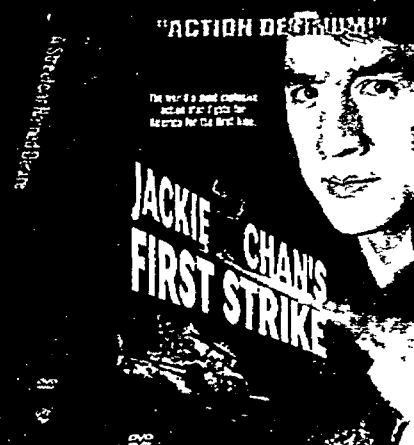
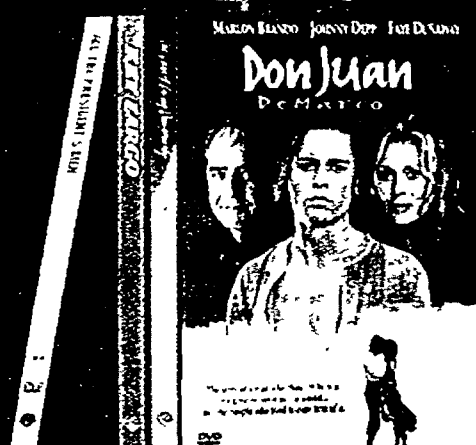
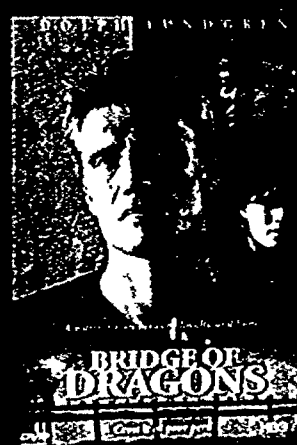
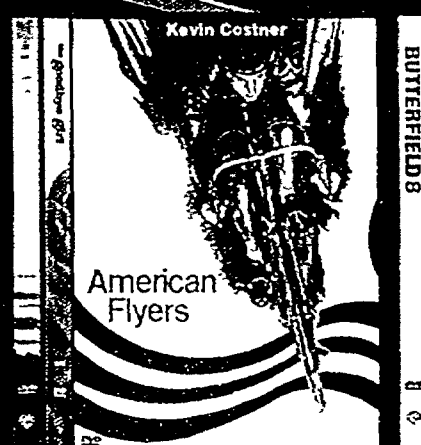
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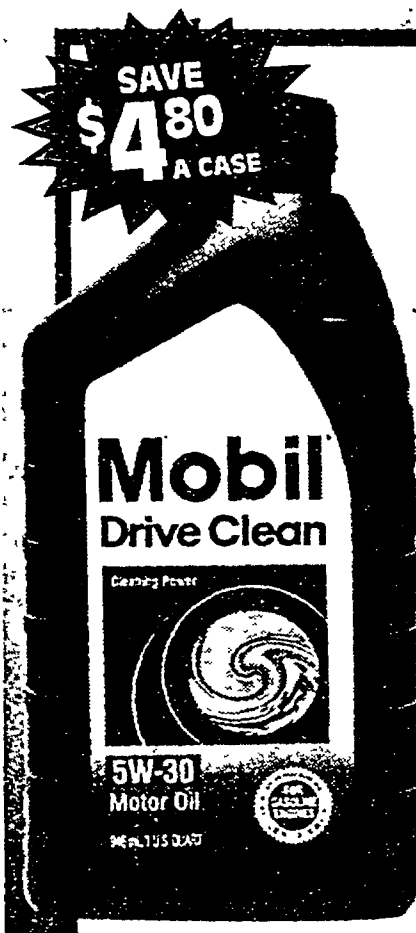
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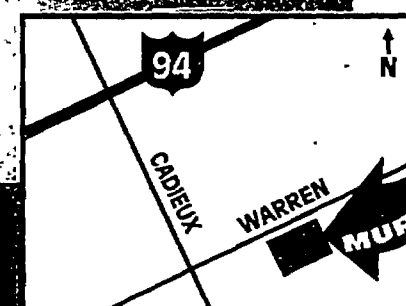
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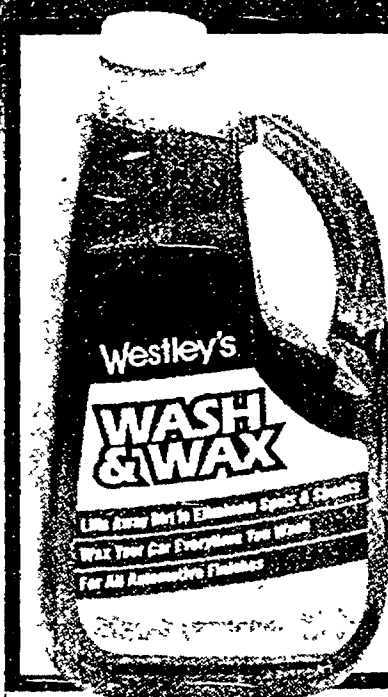


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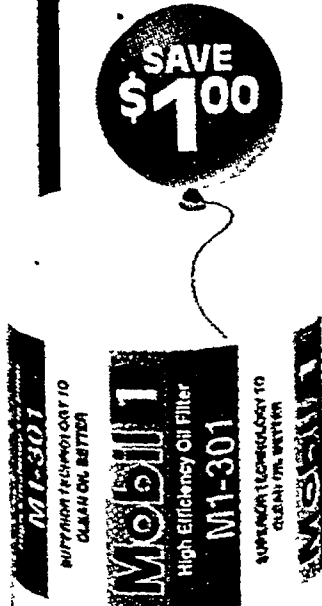


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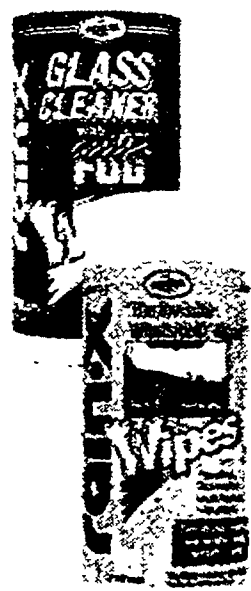


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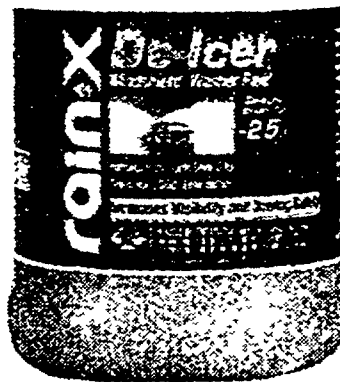
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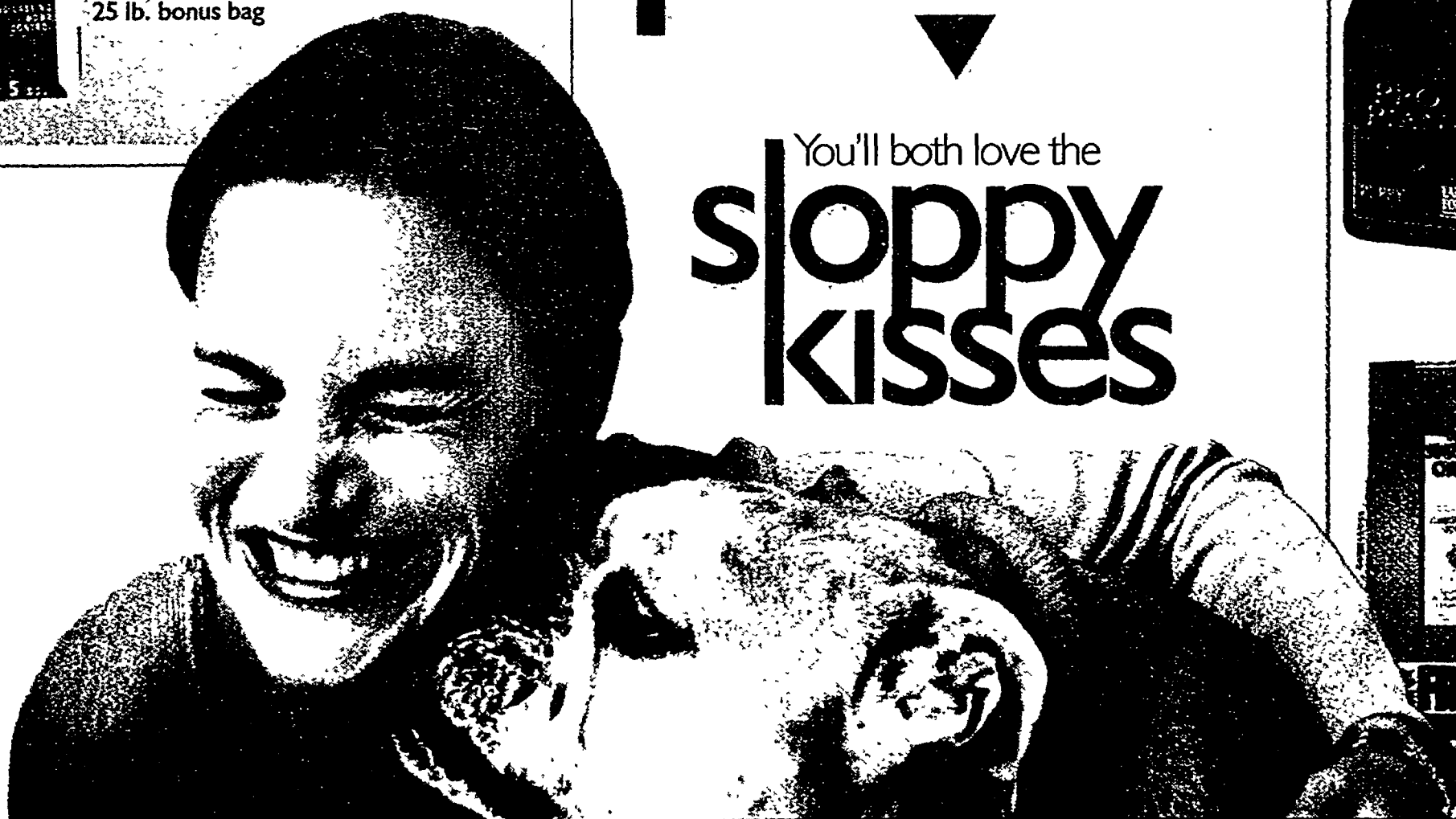
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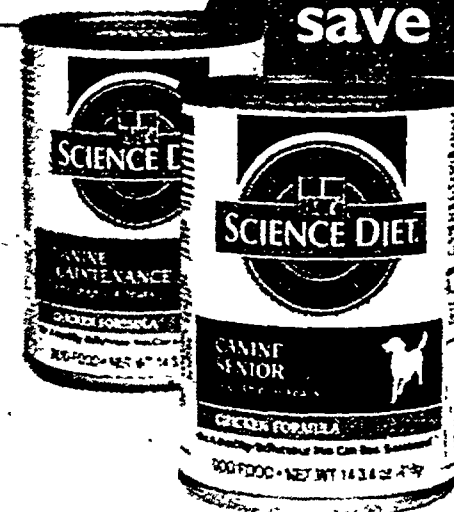
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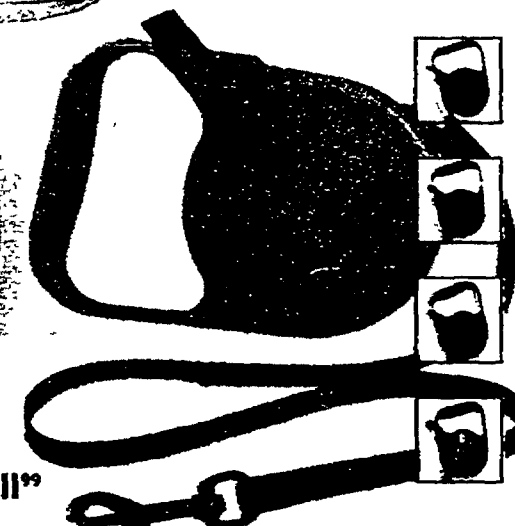


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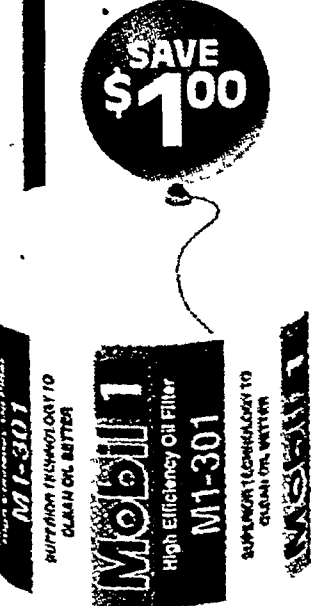
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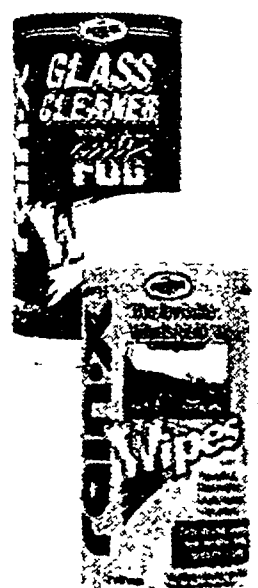
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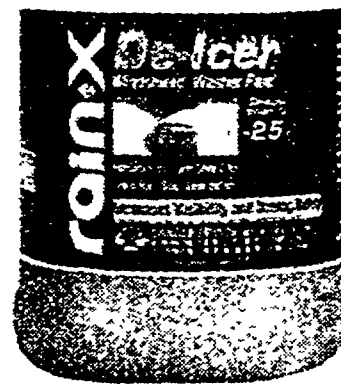


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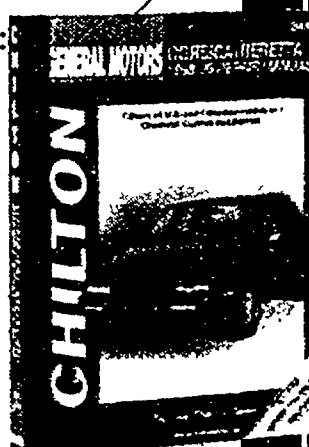
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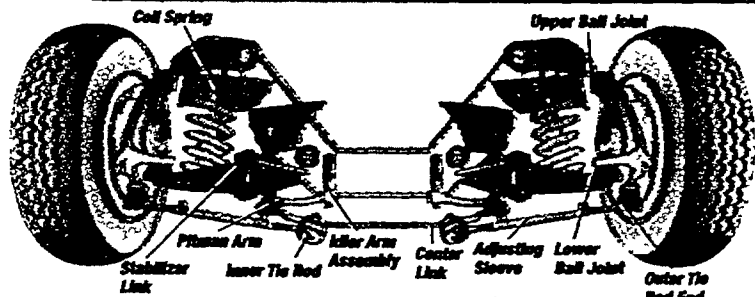
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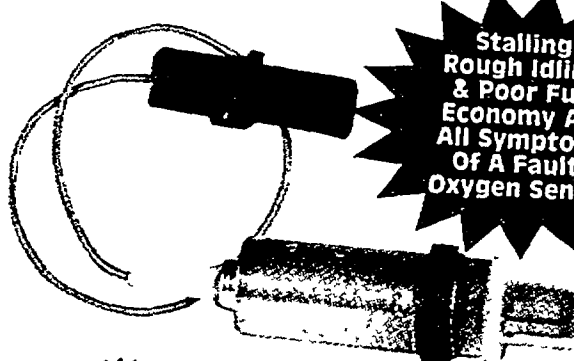
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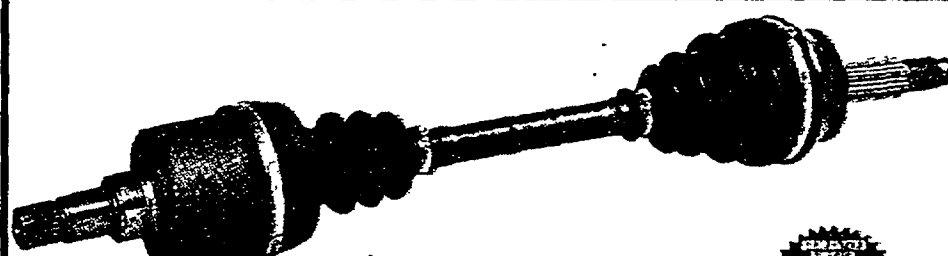


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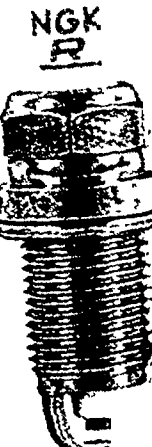


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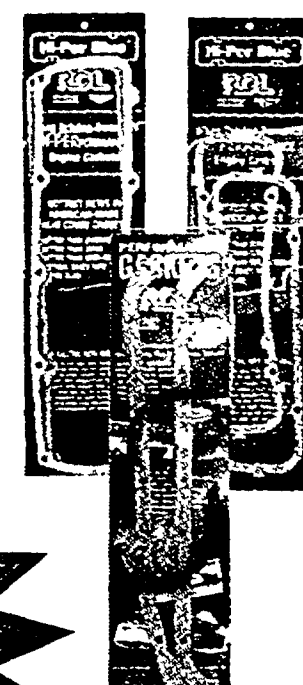


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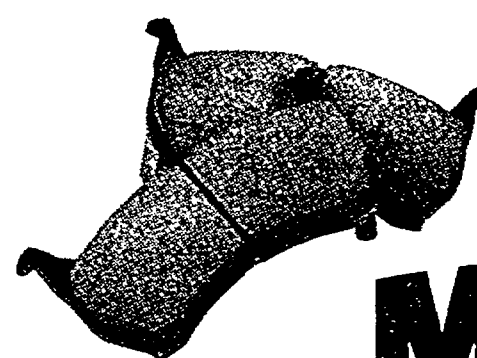
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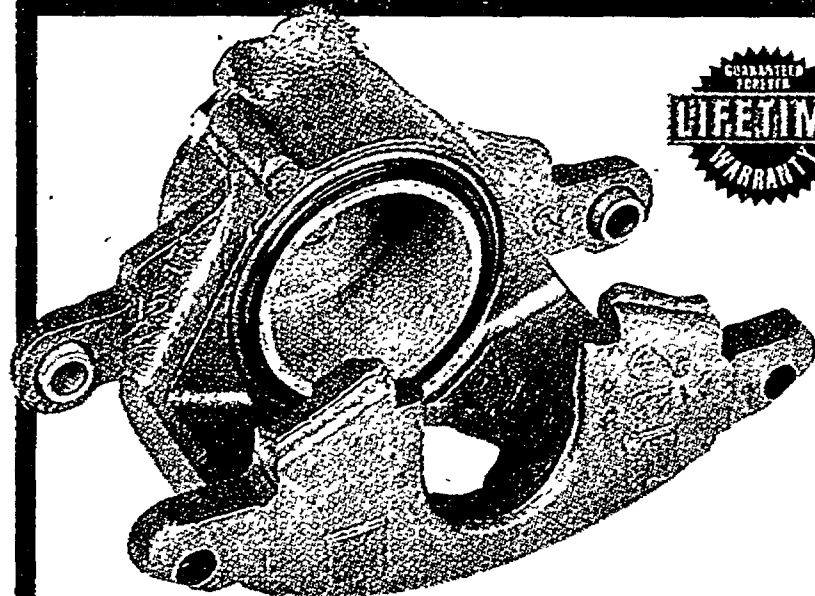
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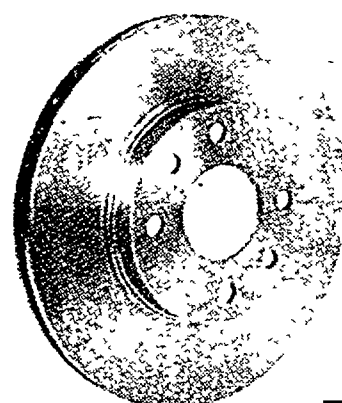
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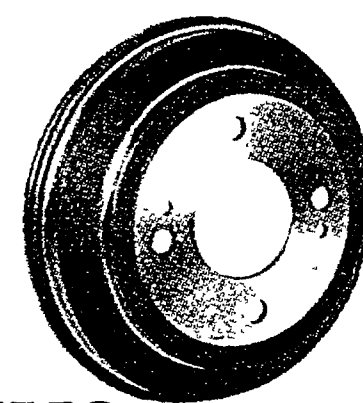


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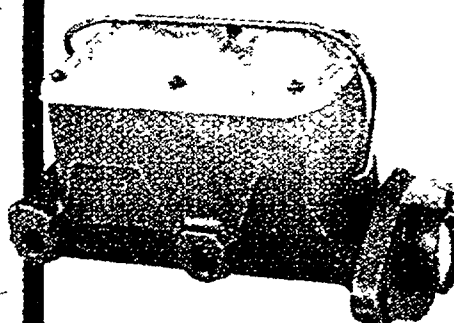


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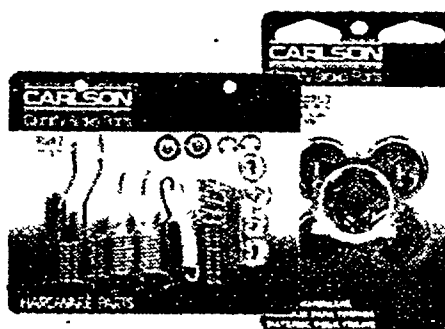
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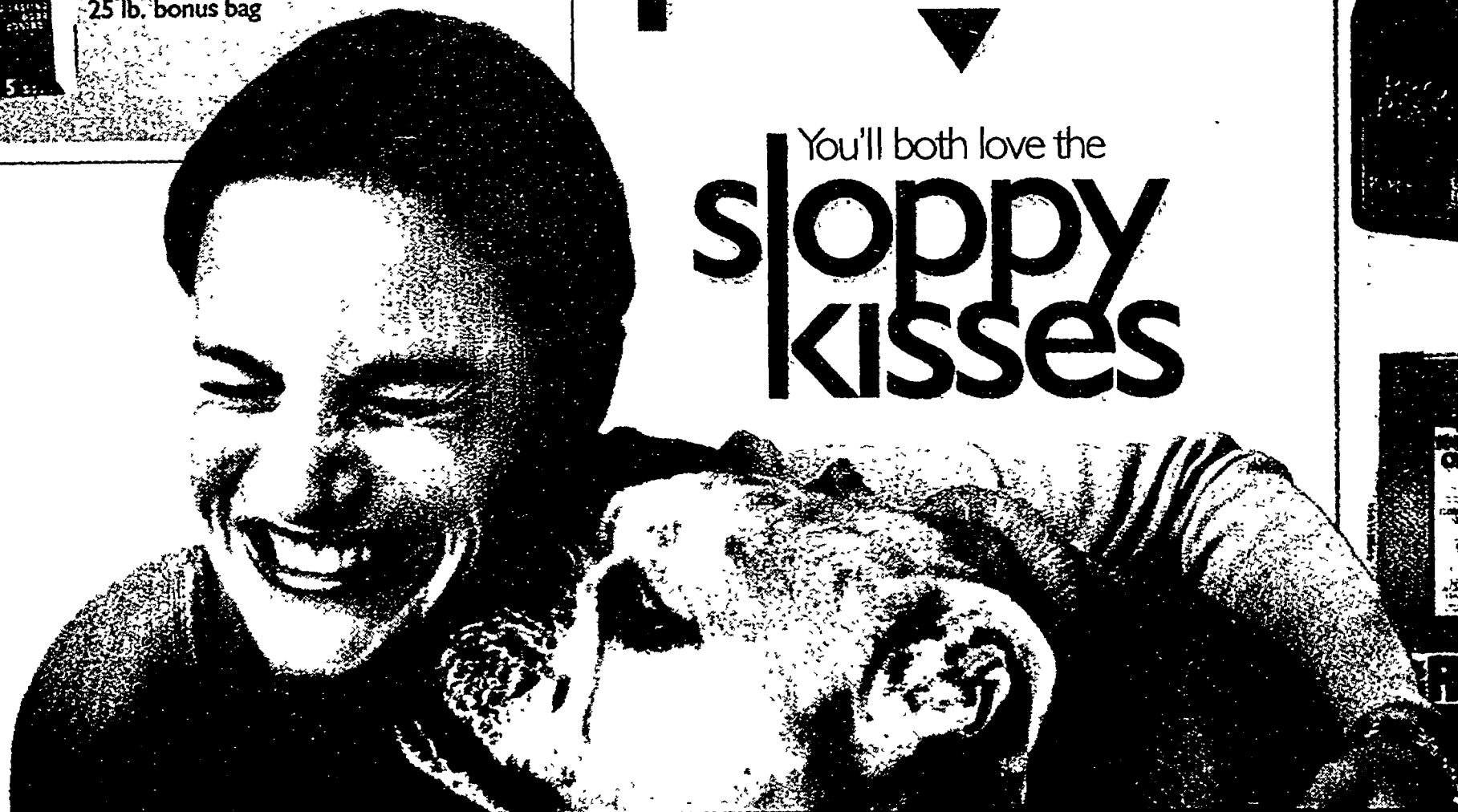
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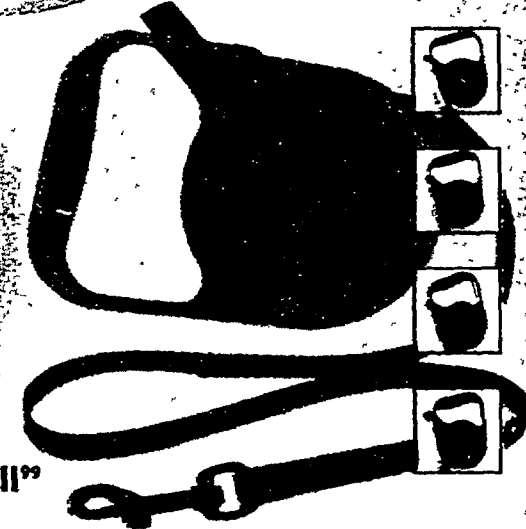
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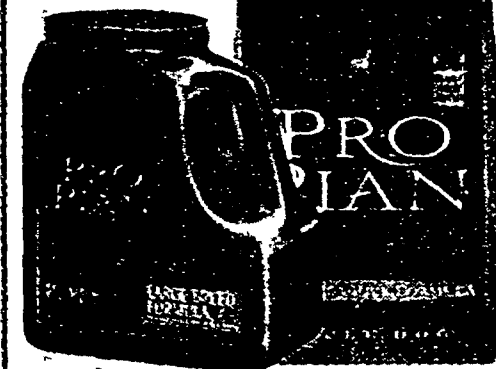
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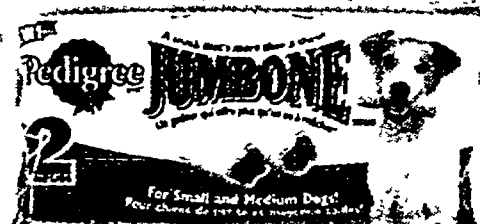
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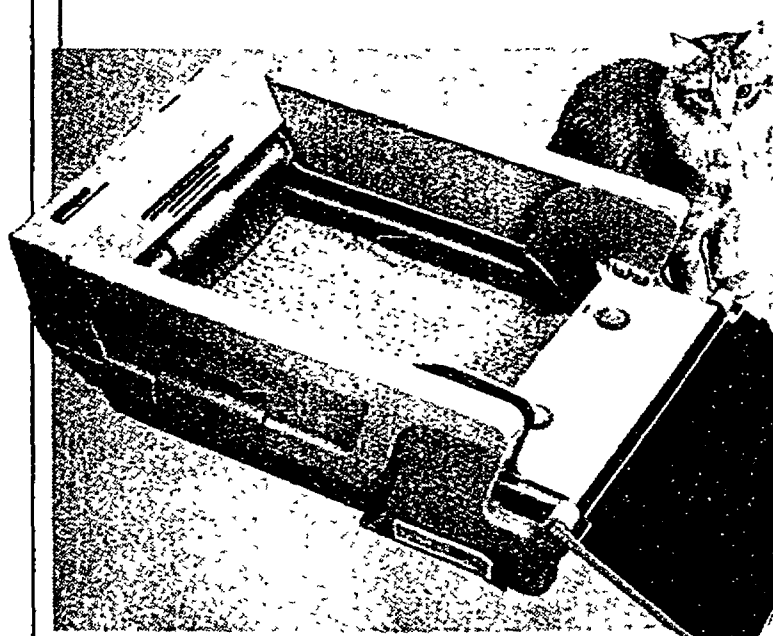


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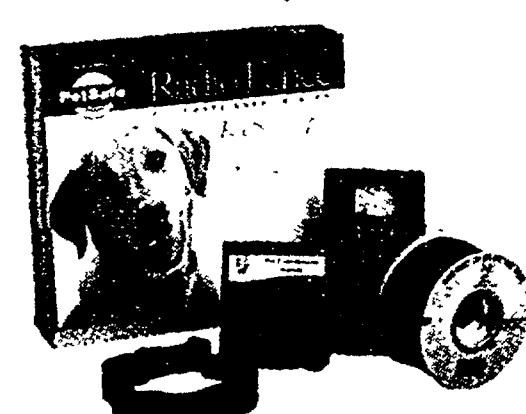
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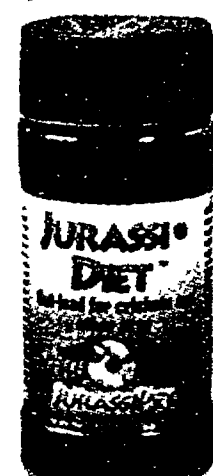
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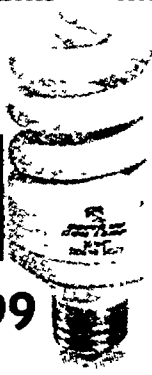
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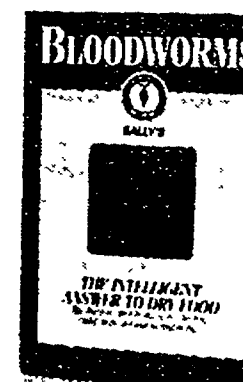


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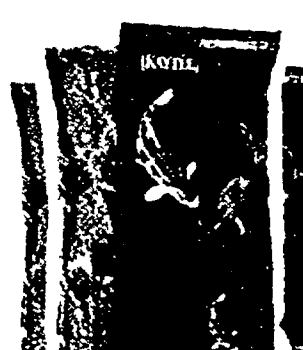
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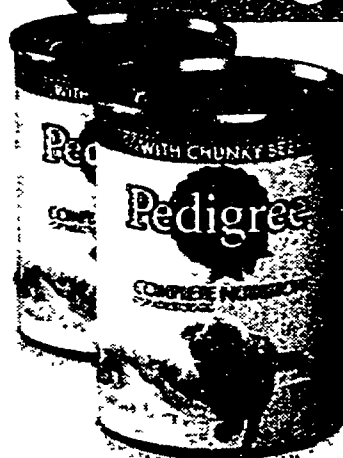
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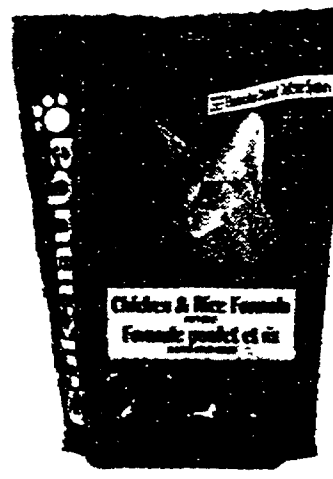
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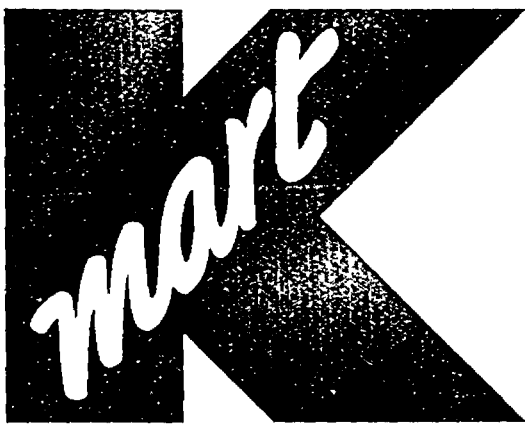


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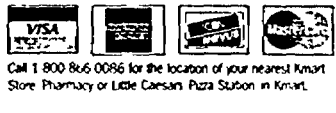
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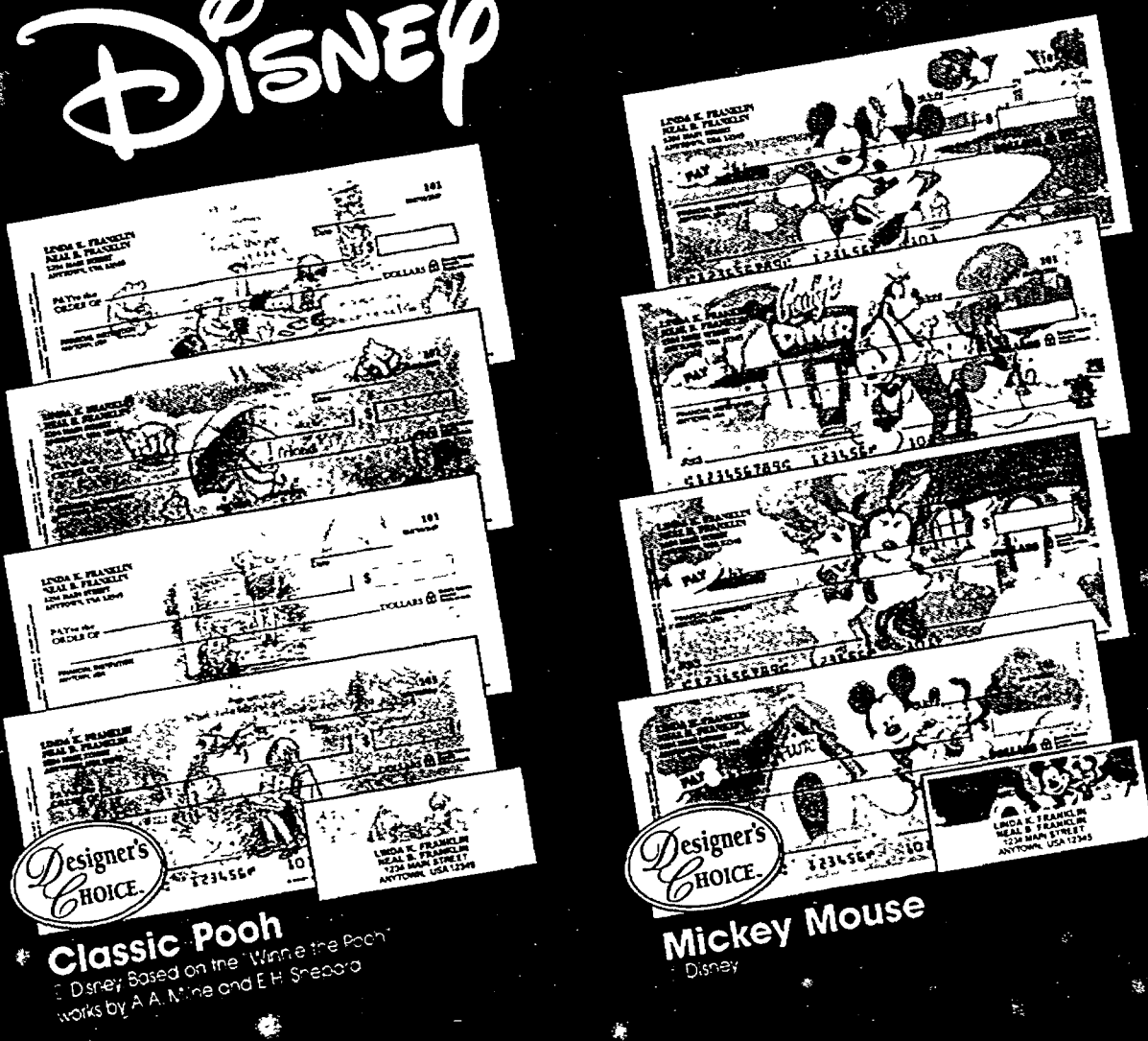


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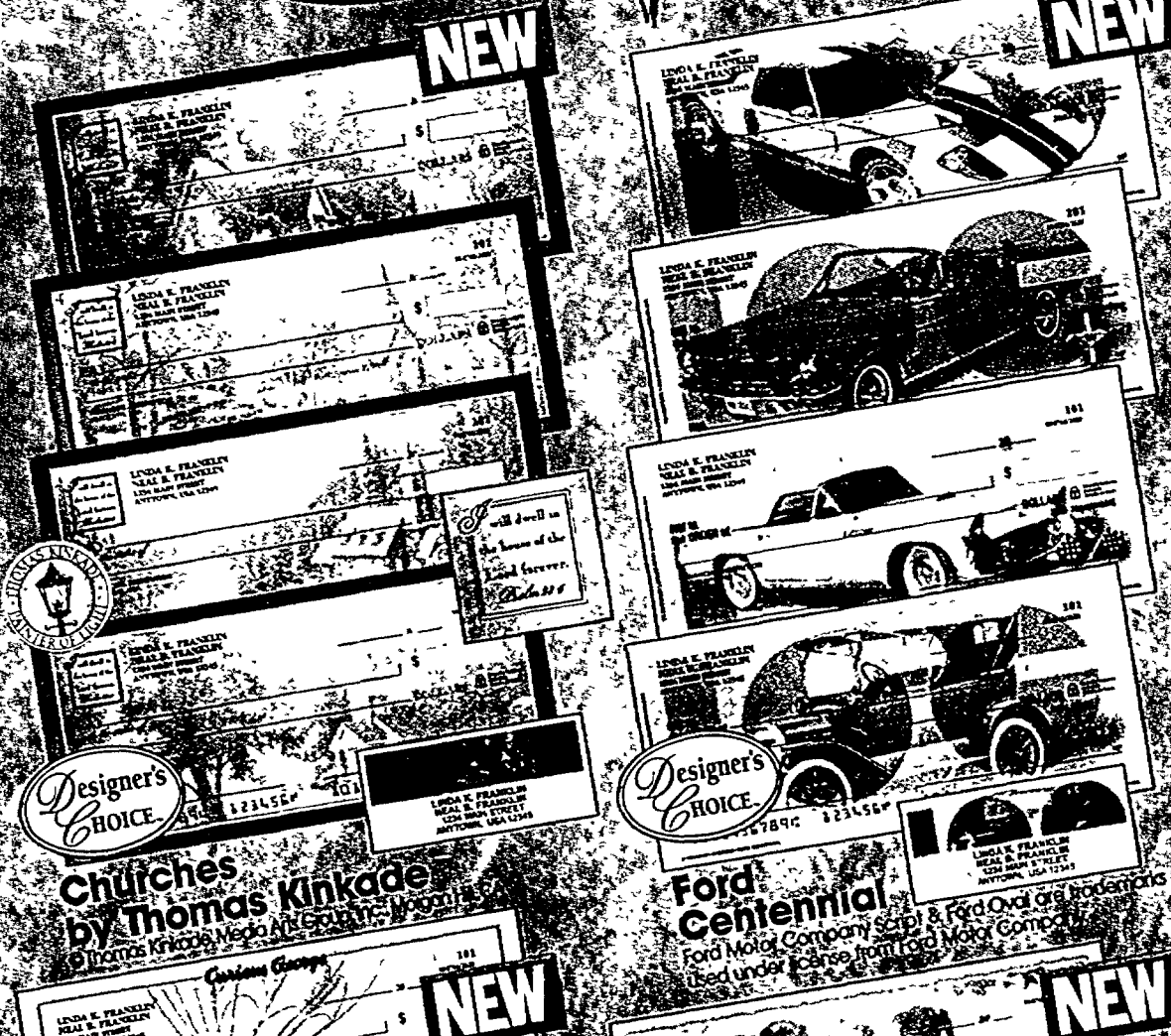
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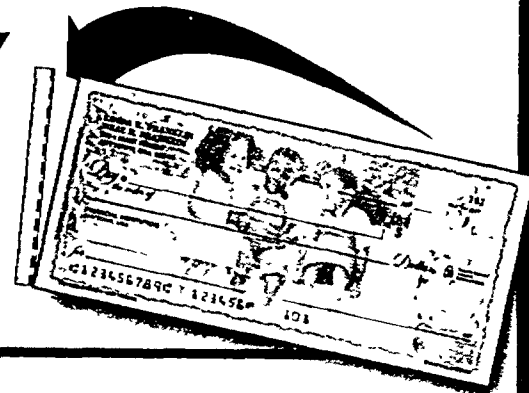
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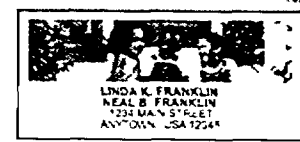
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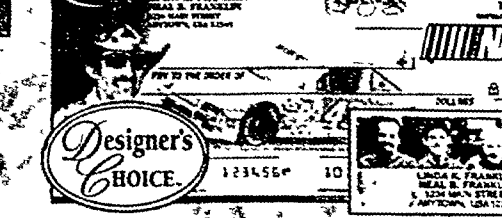
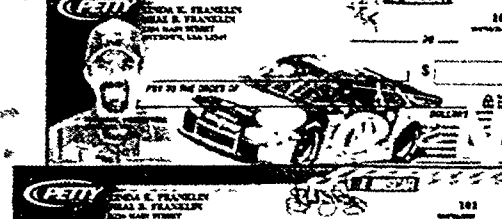
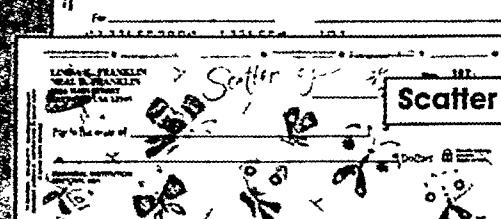
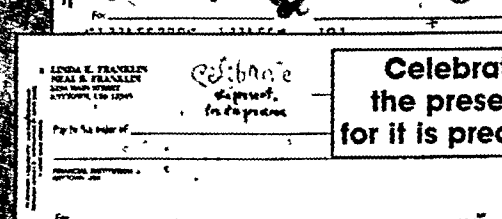
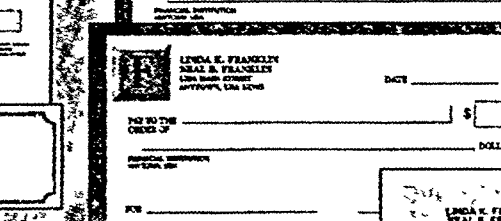
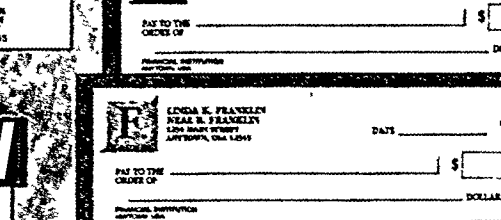
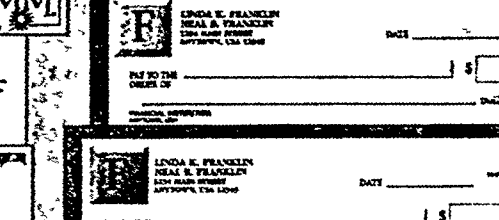
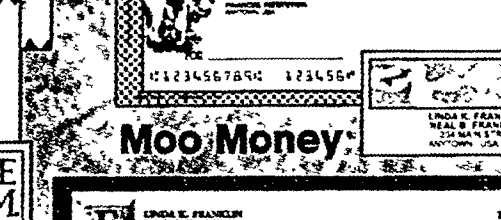
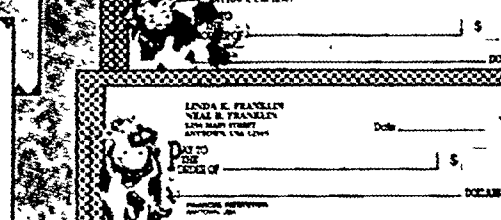
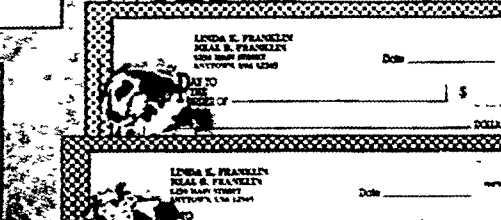
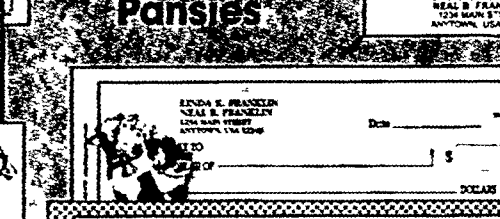
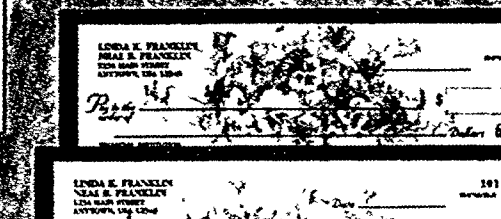
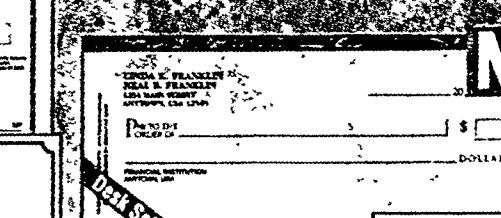
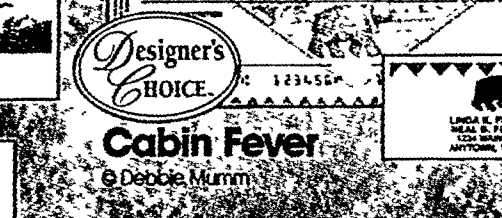
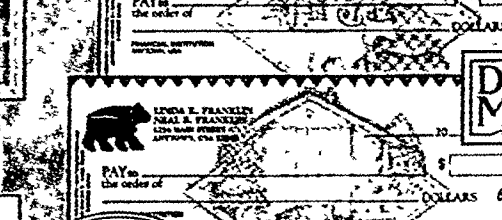
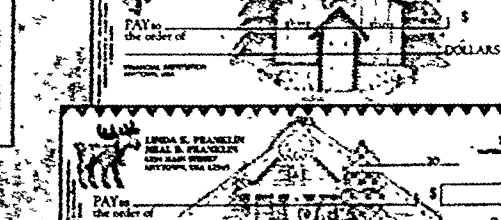
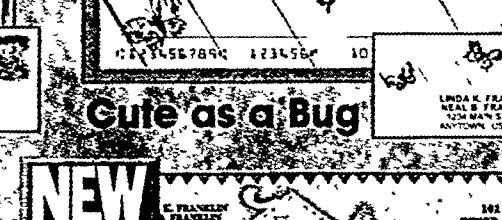
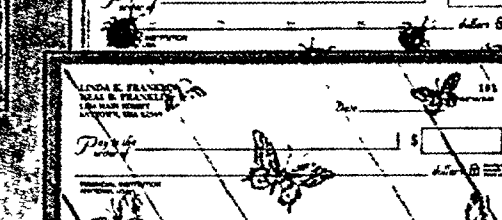
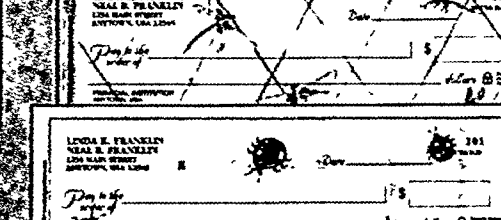
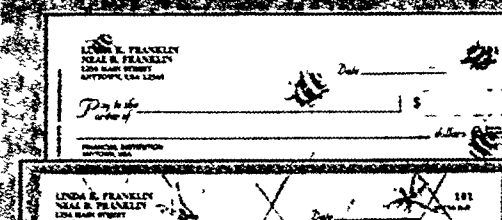
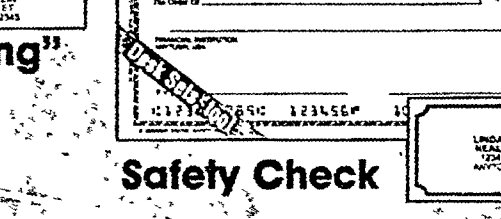
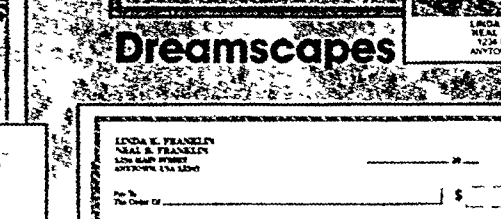
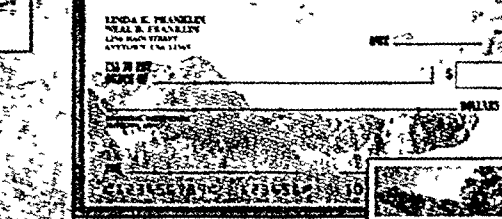
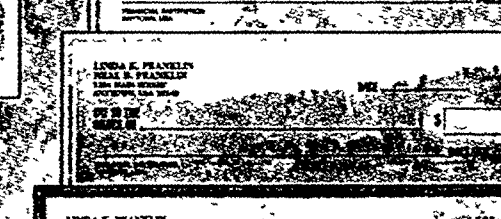
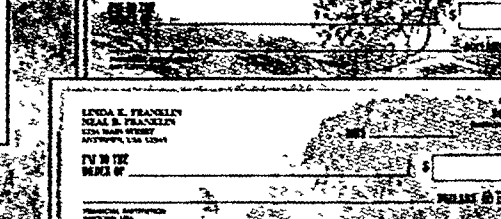
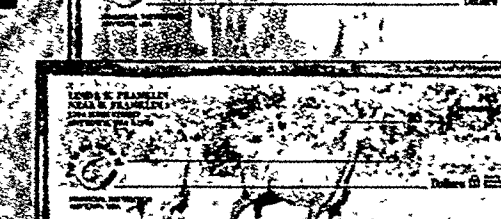
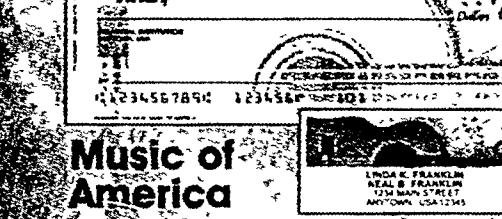
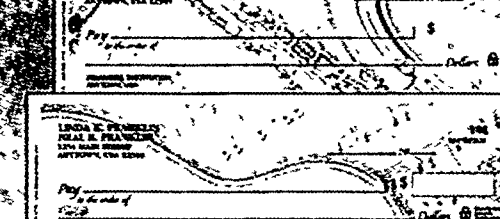
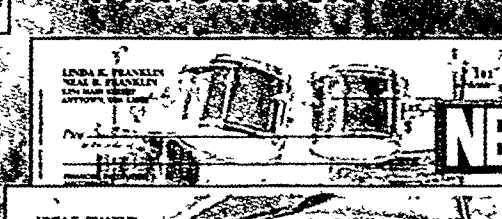
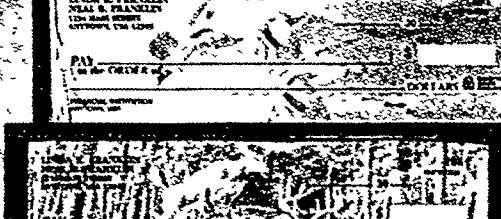
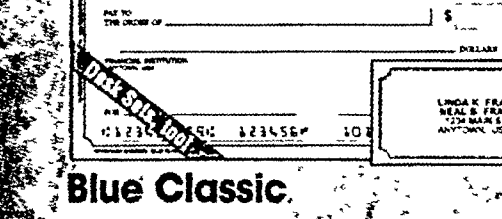
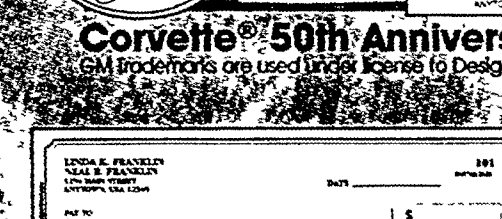
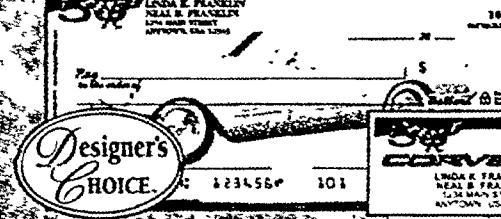
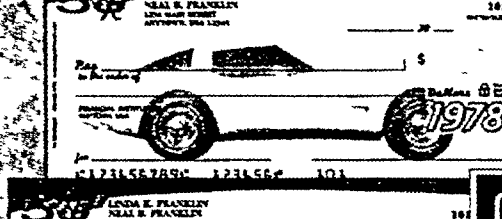
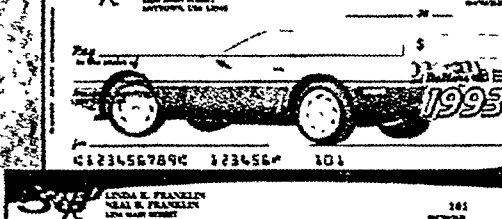
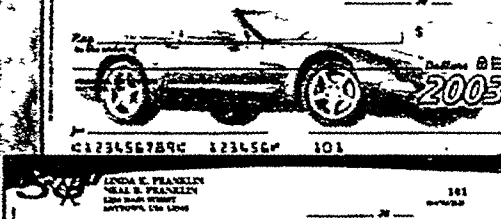
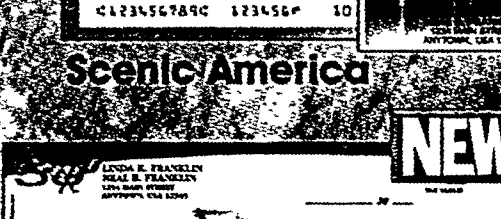
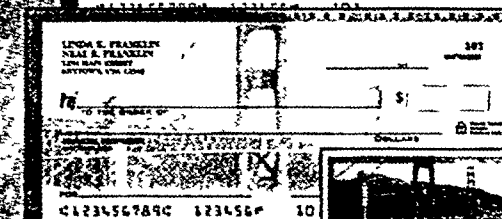
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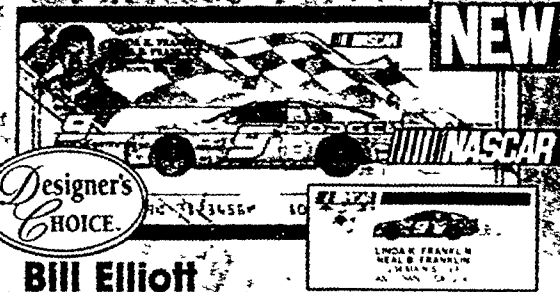
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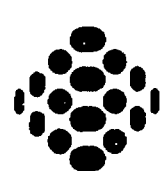
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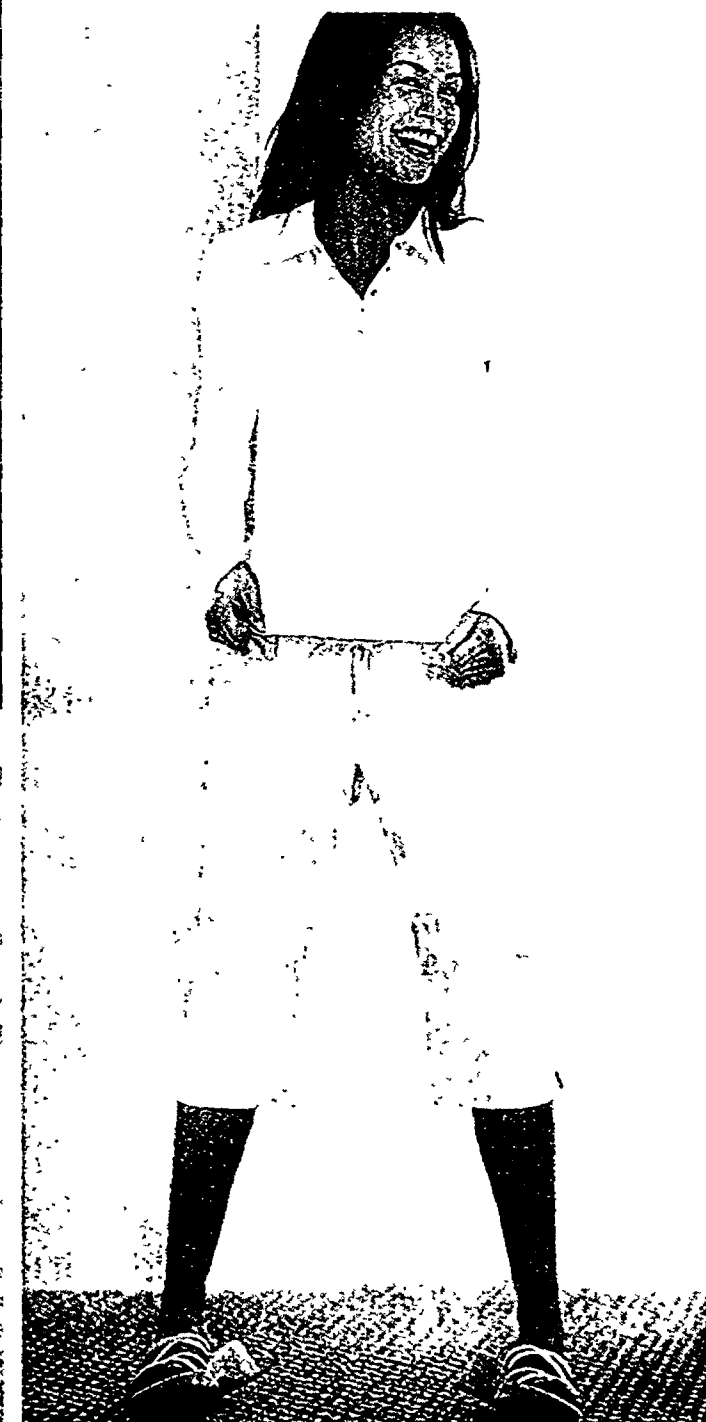
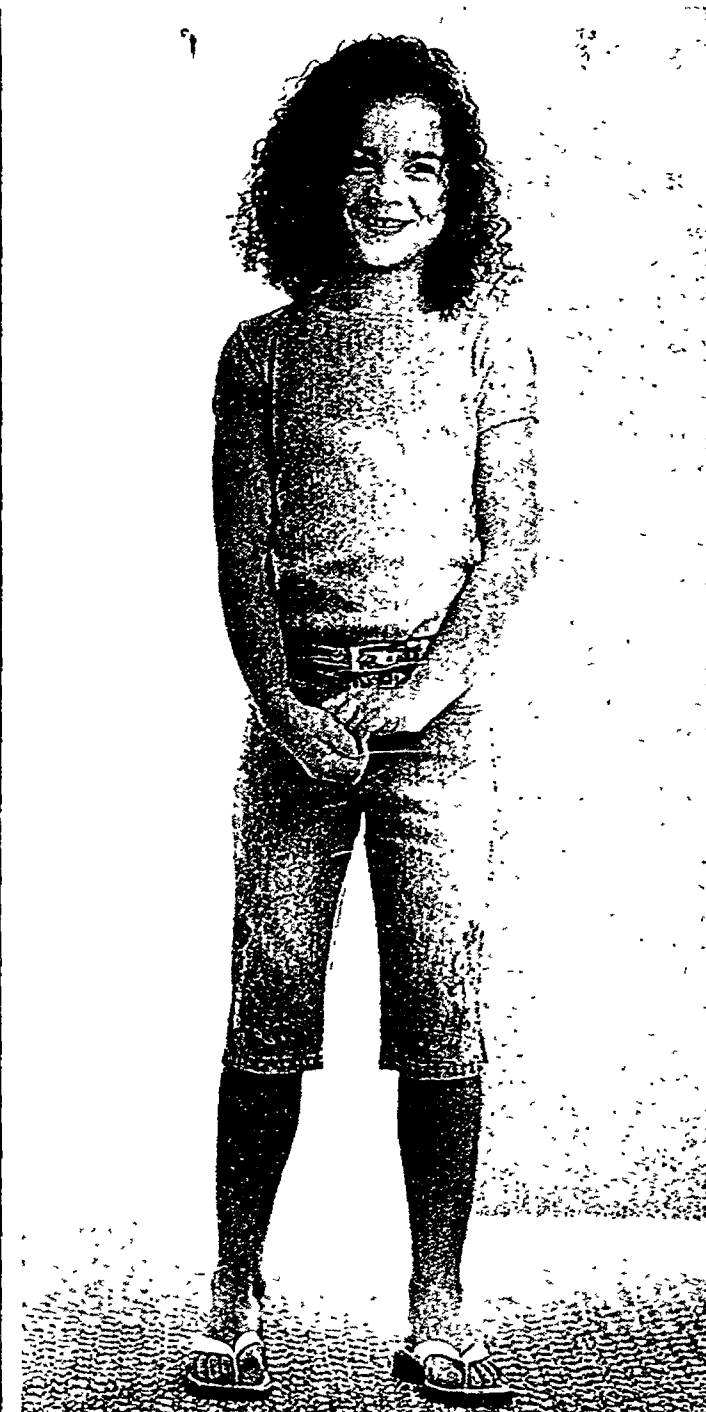
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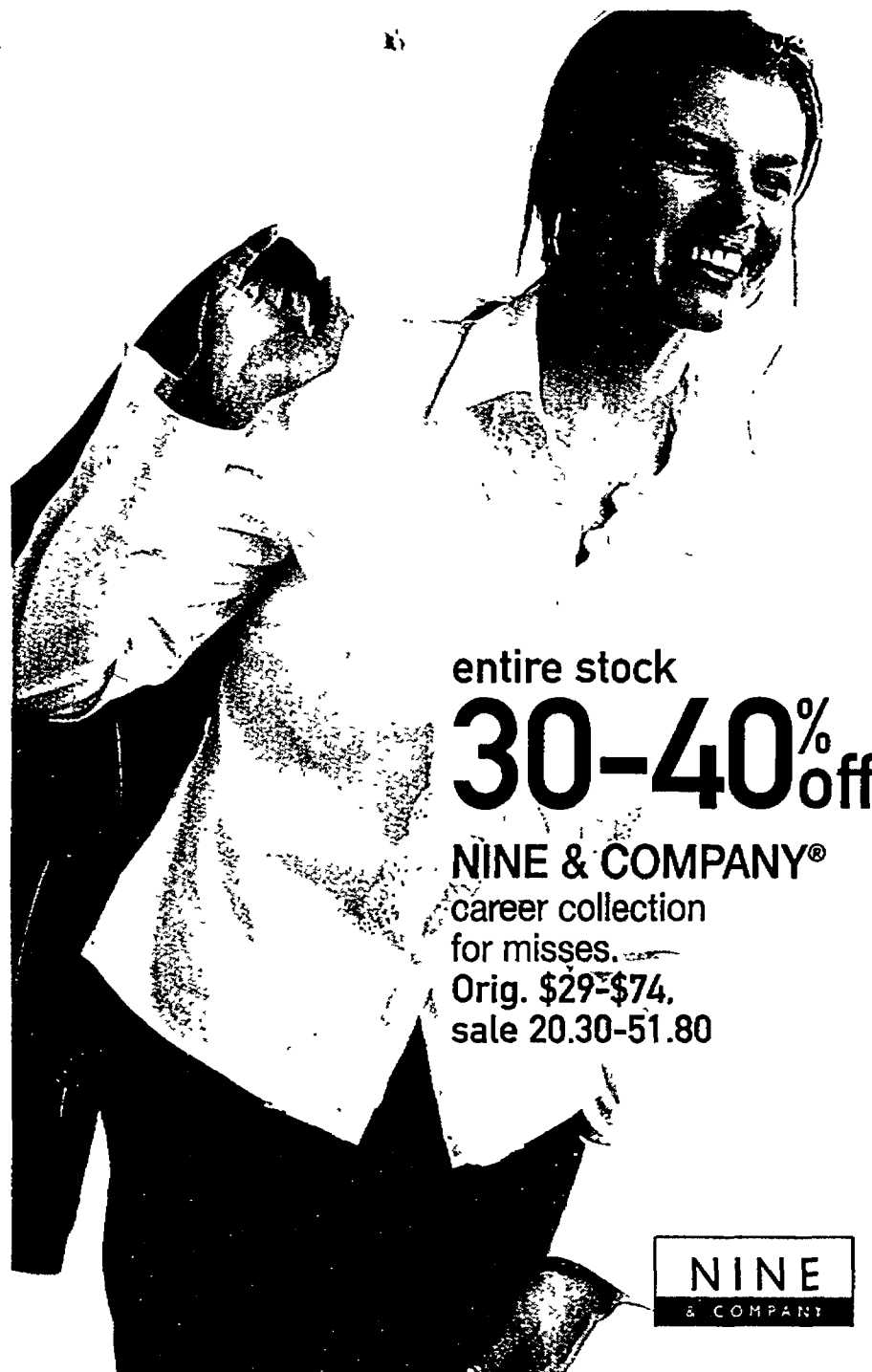


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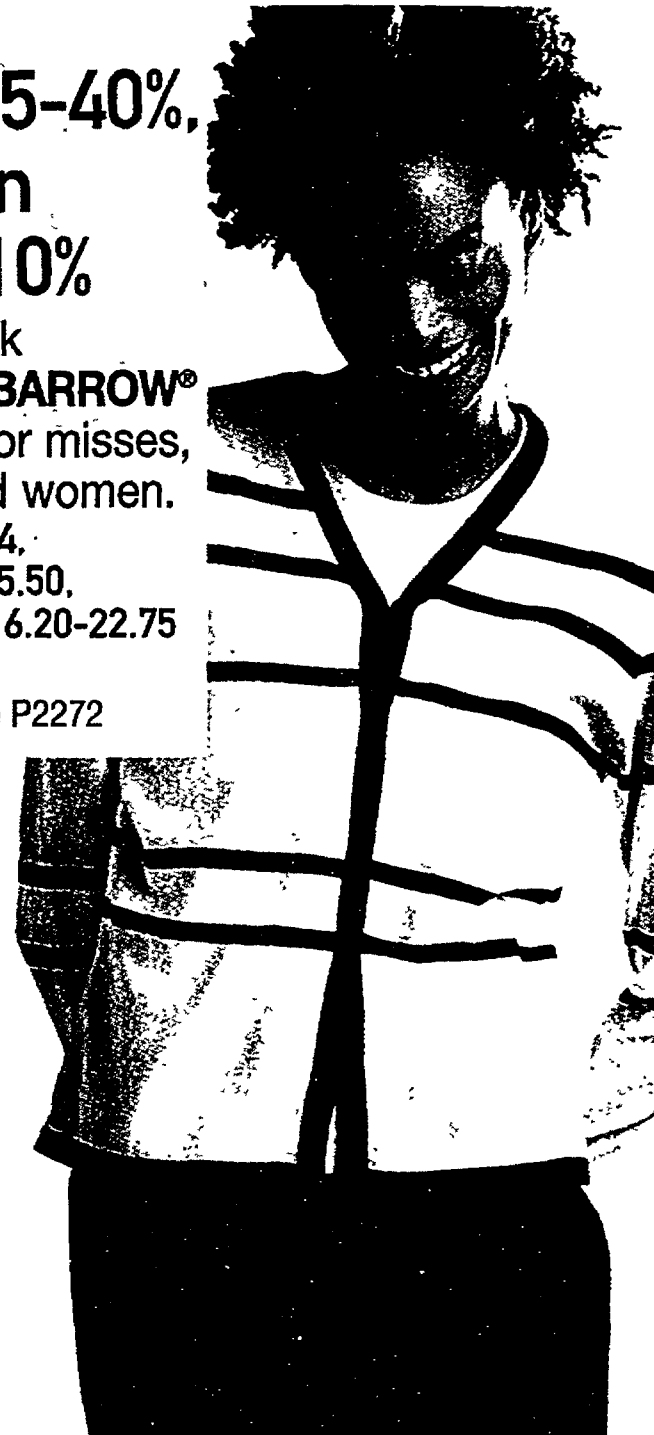
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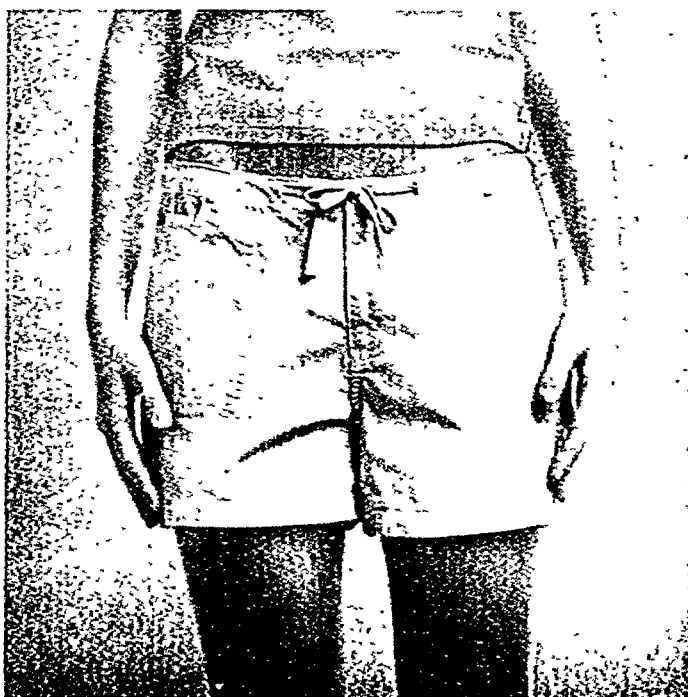
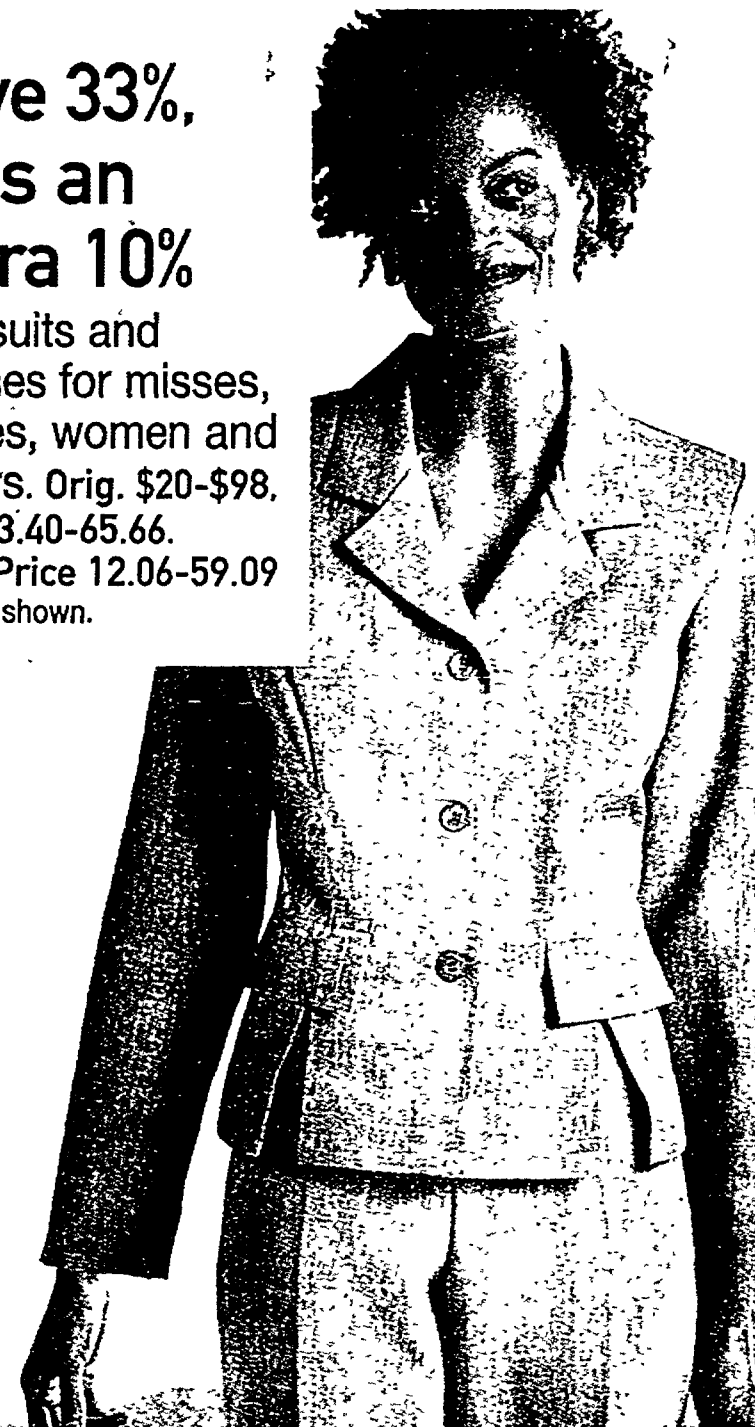
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tops for juniors.
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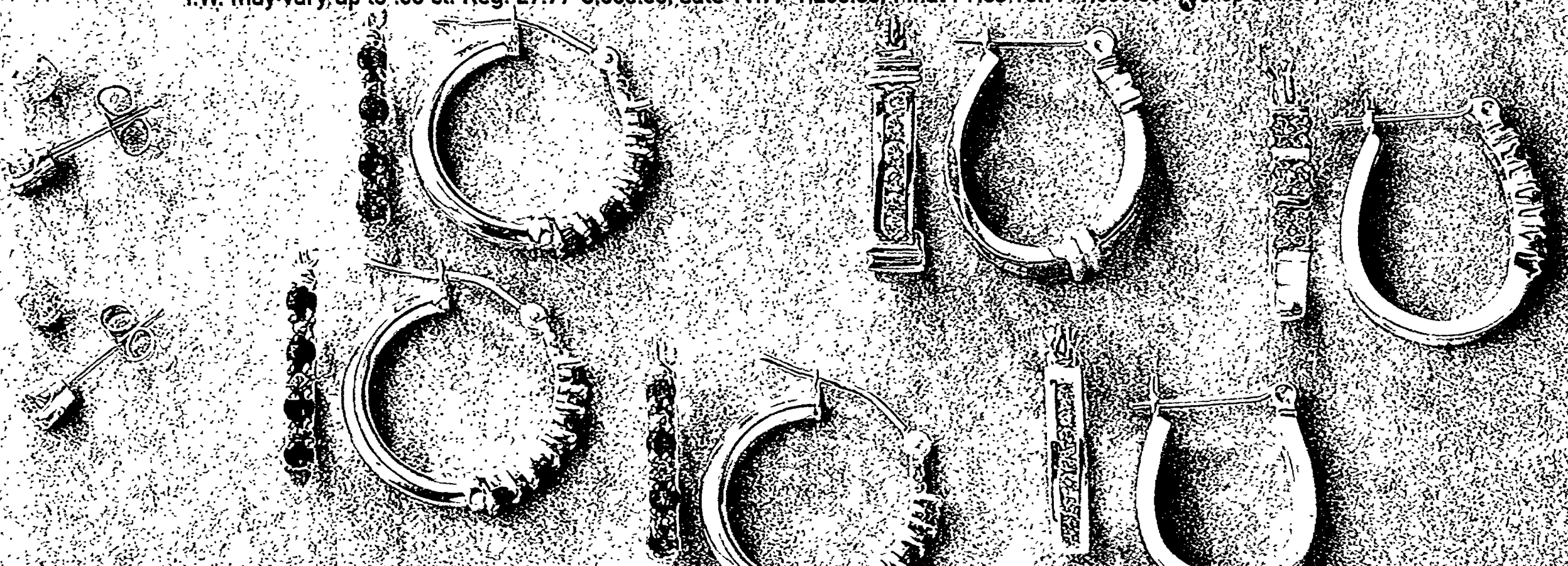
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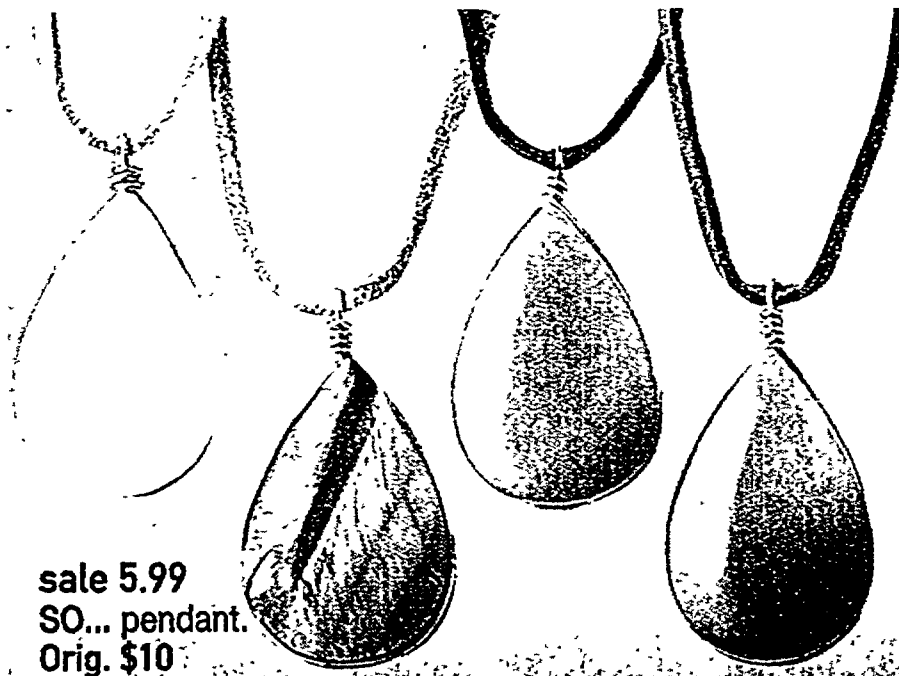
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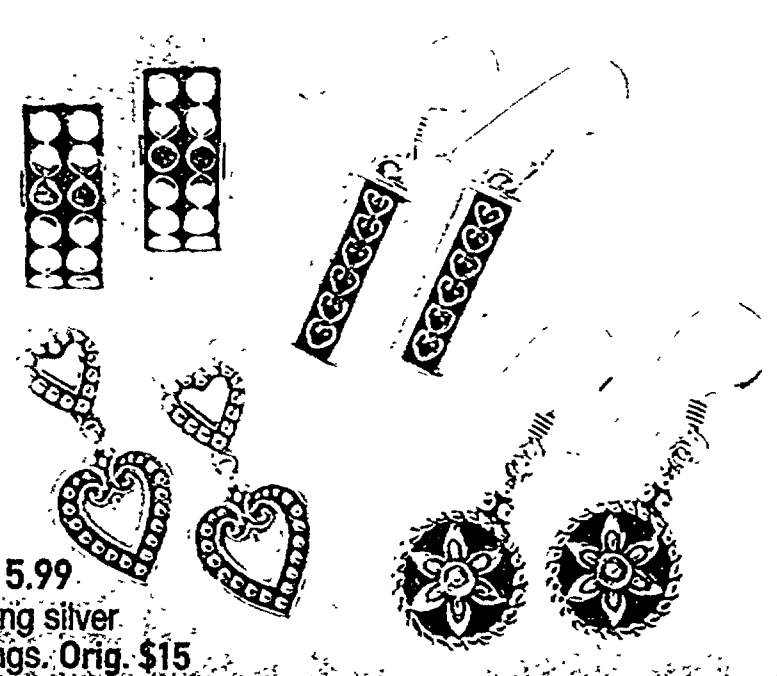
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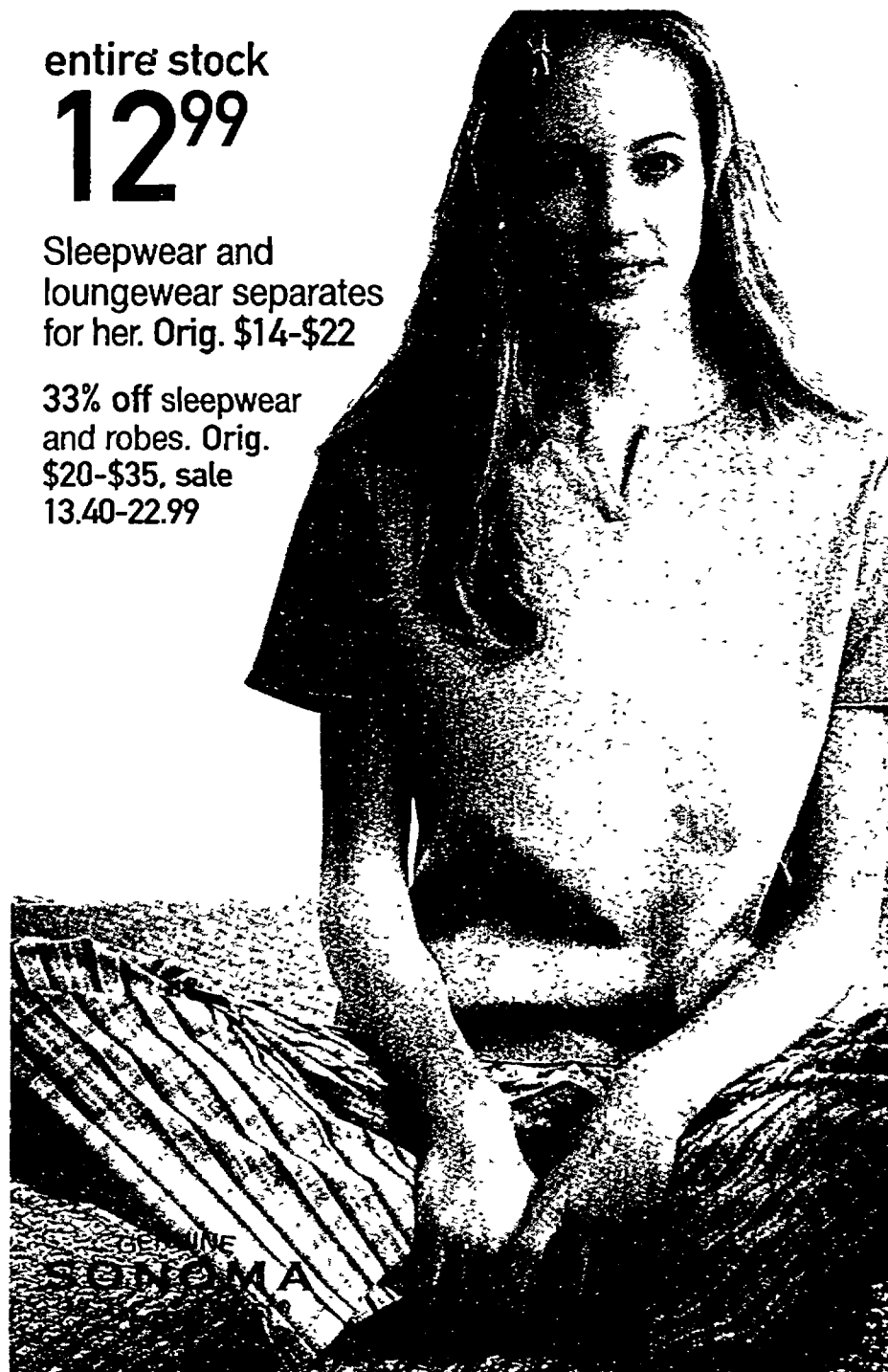


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Sleepwear and
loungewear separates
for her. Orig. \$14-\$22

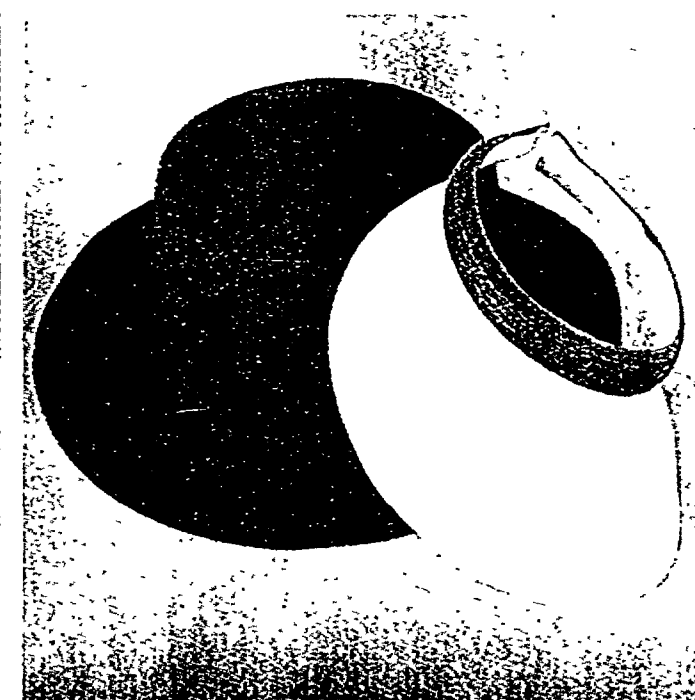
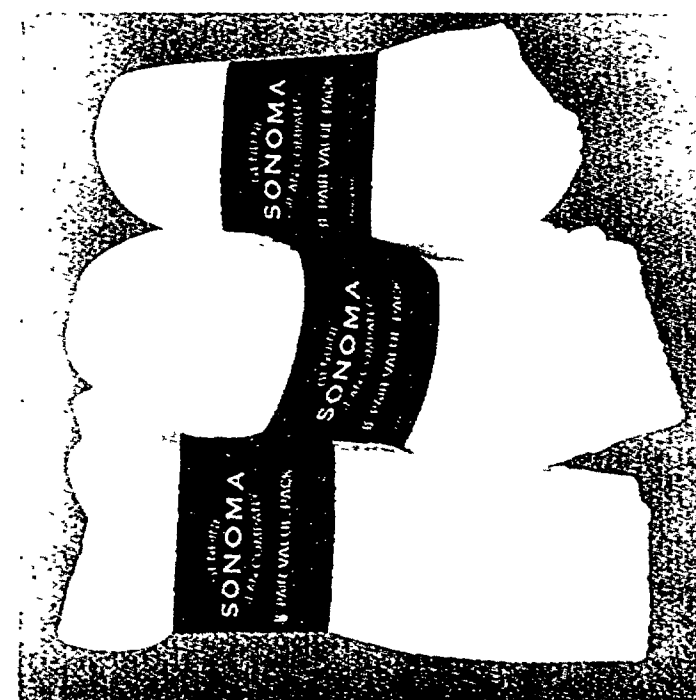
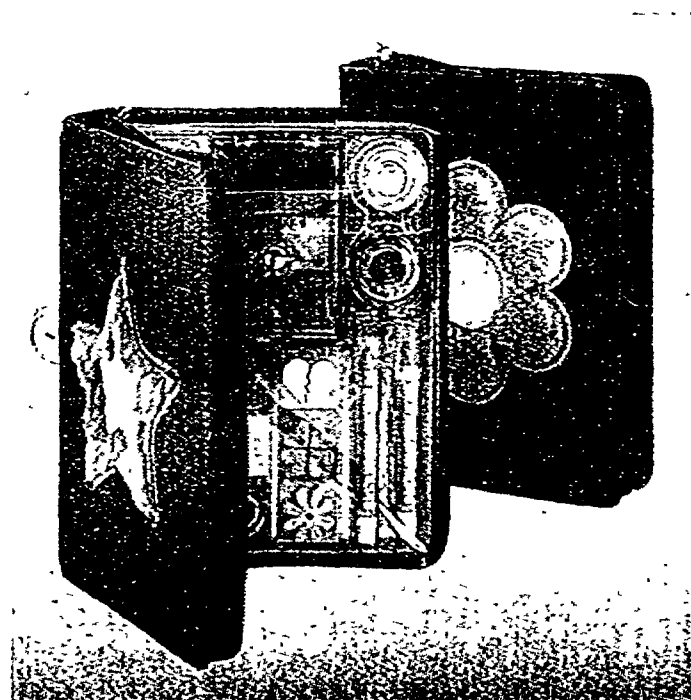
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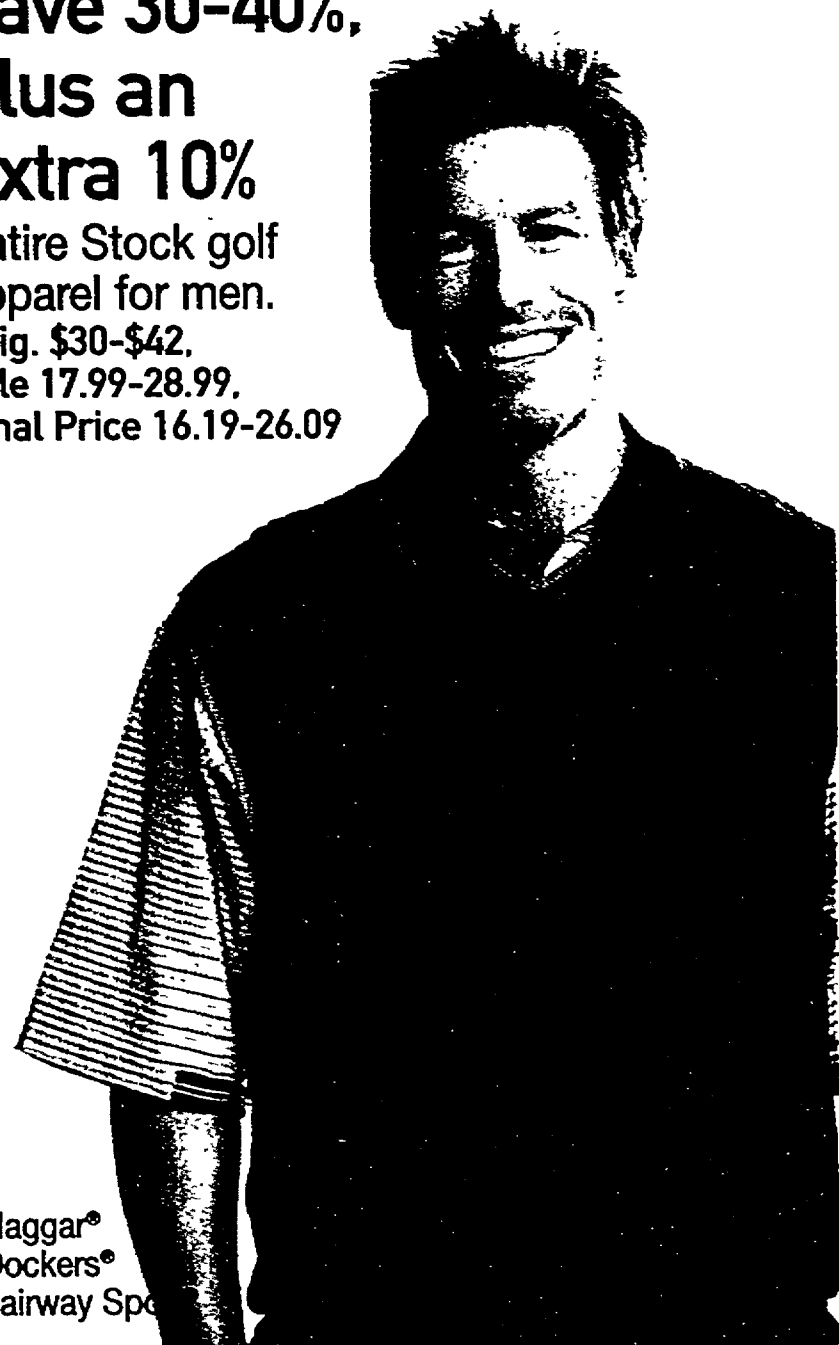
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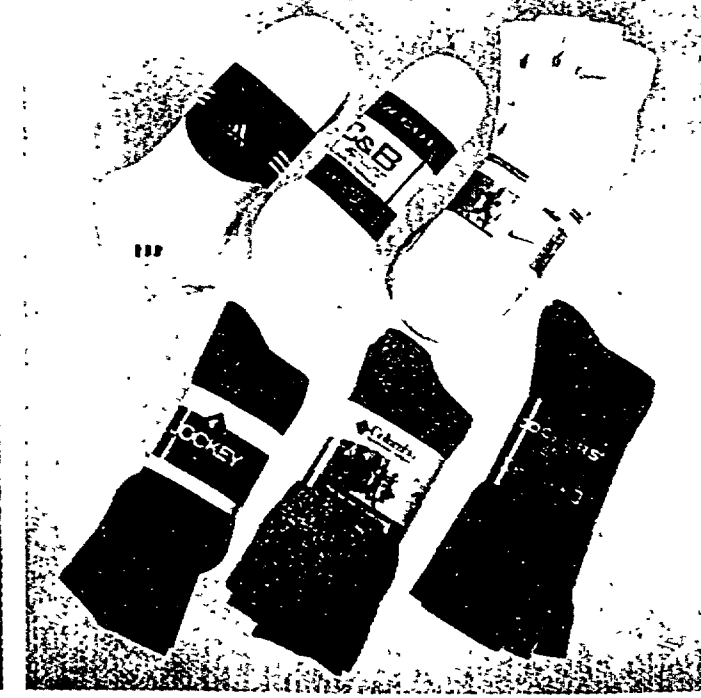
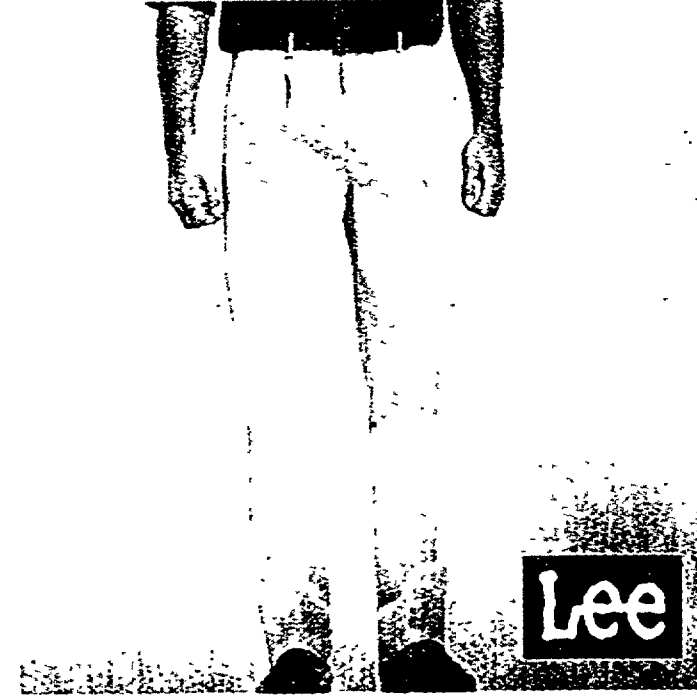
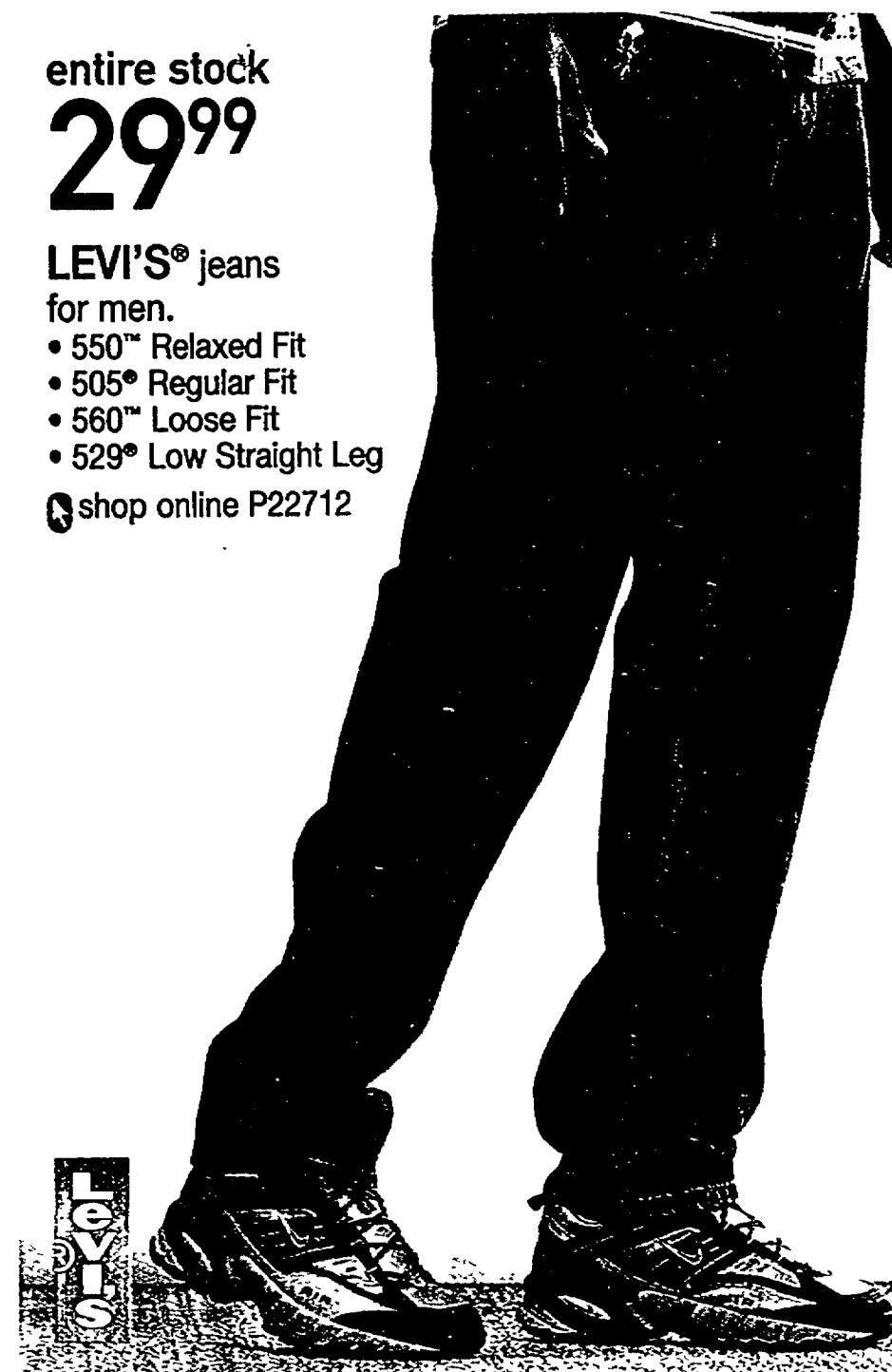


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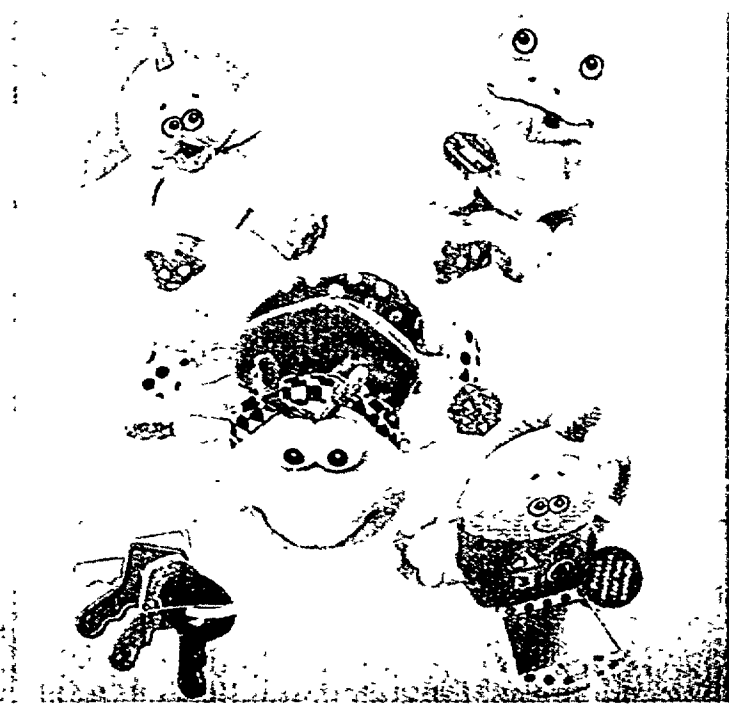
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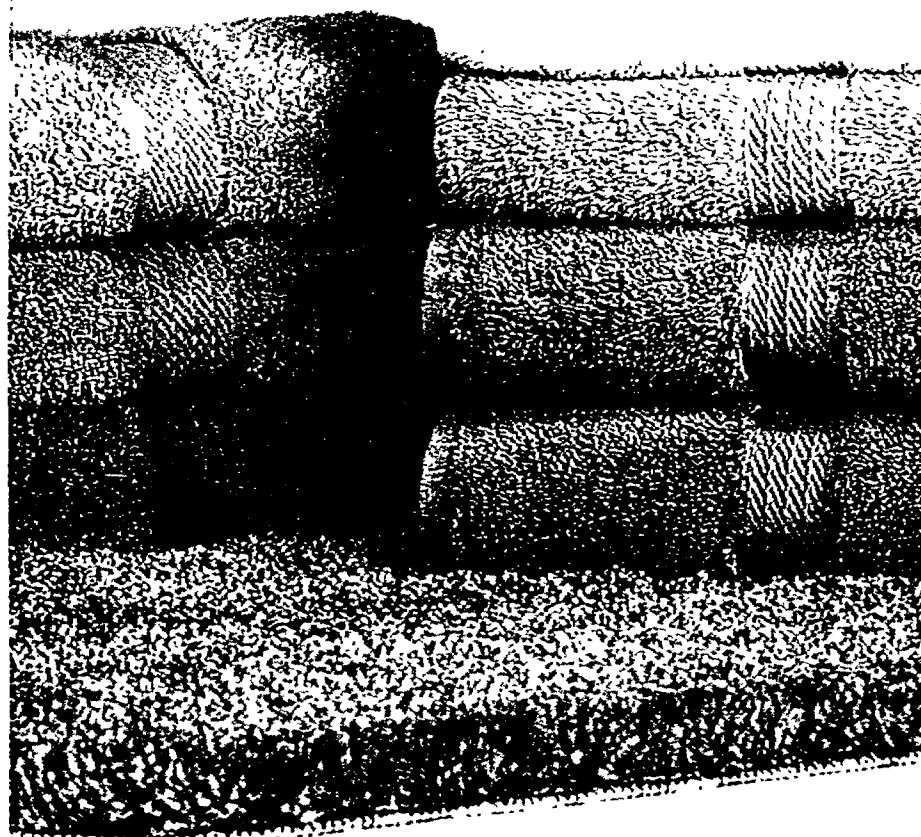


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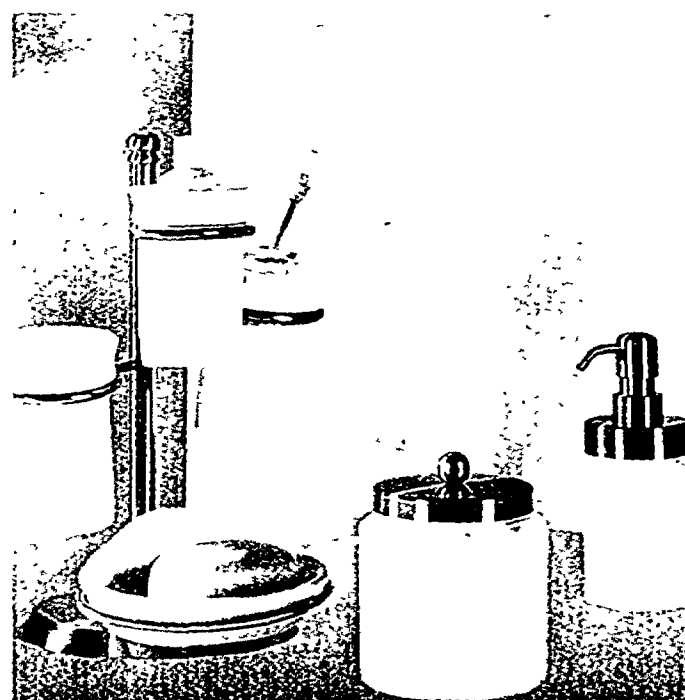
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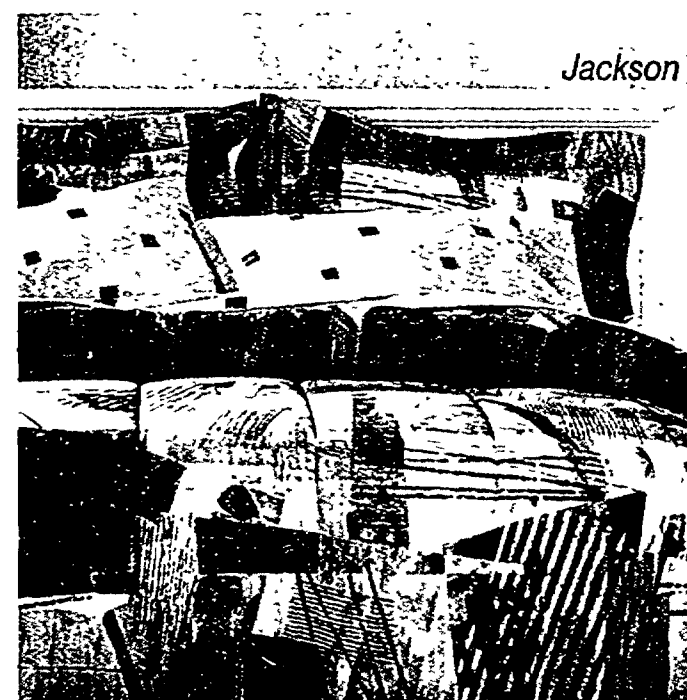
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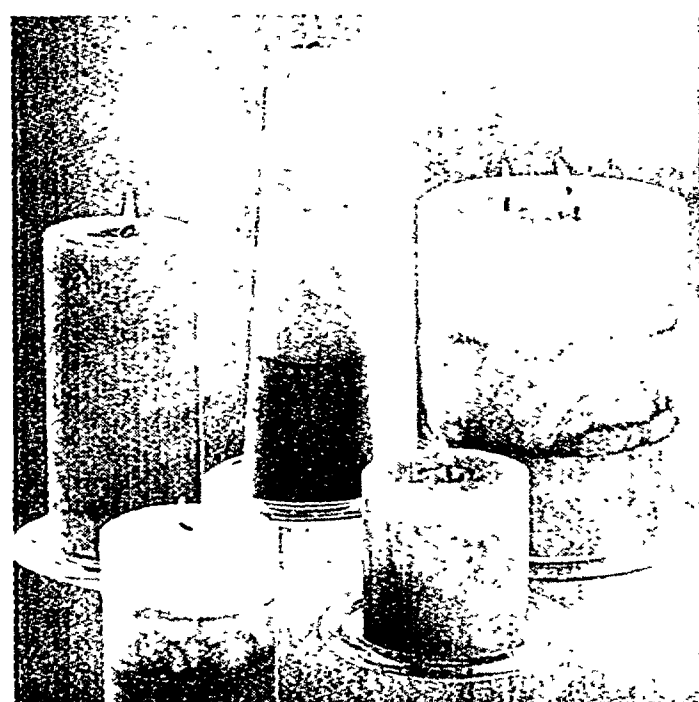
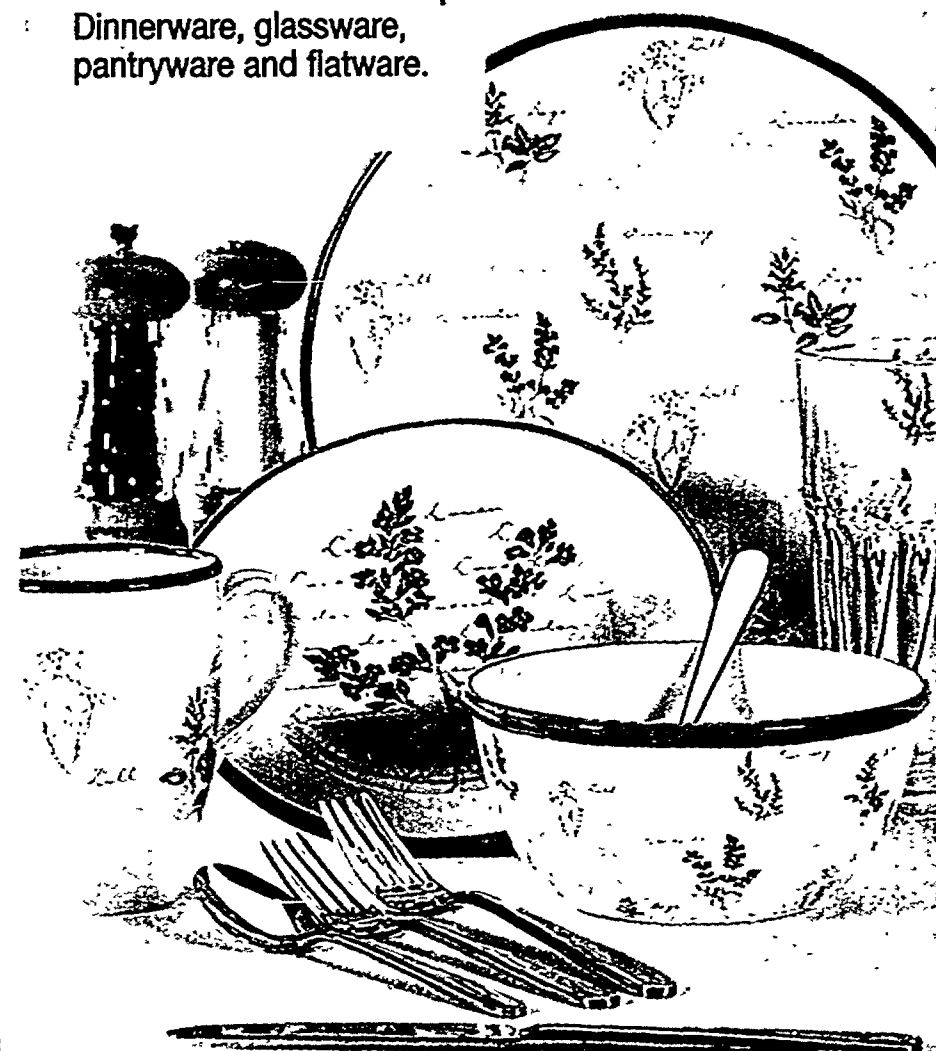


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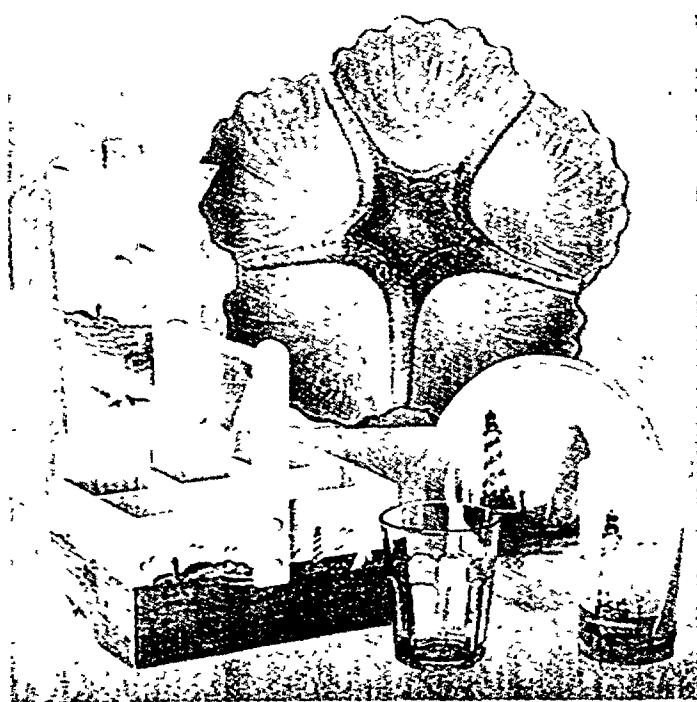
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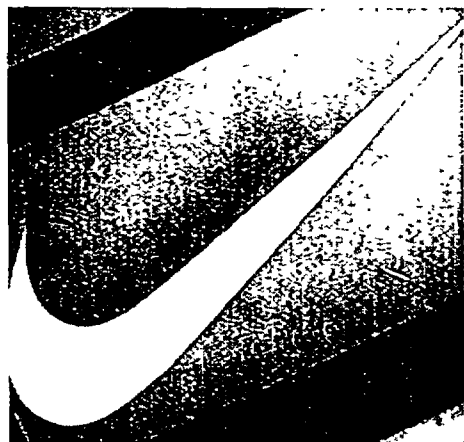
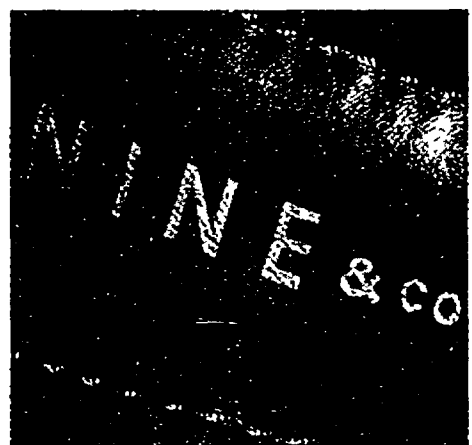


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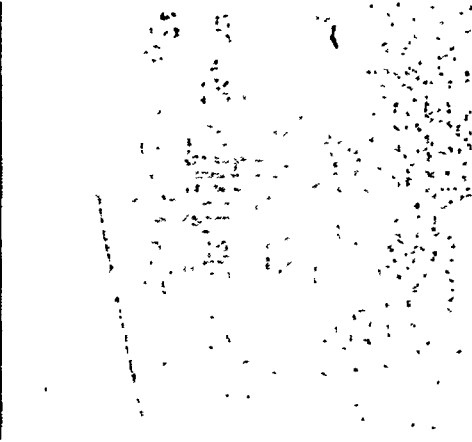
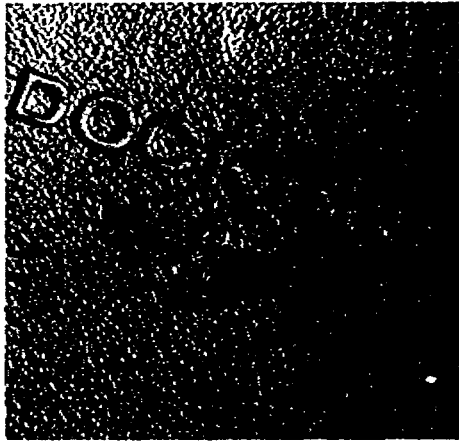
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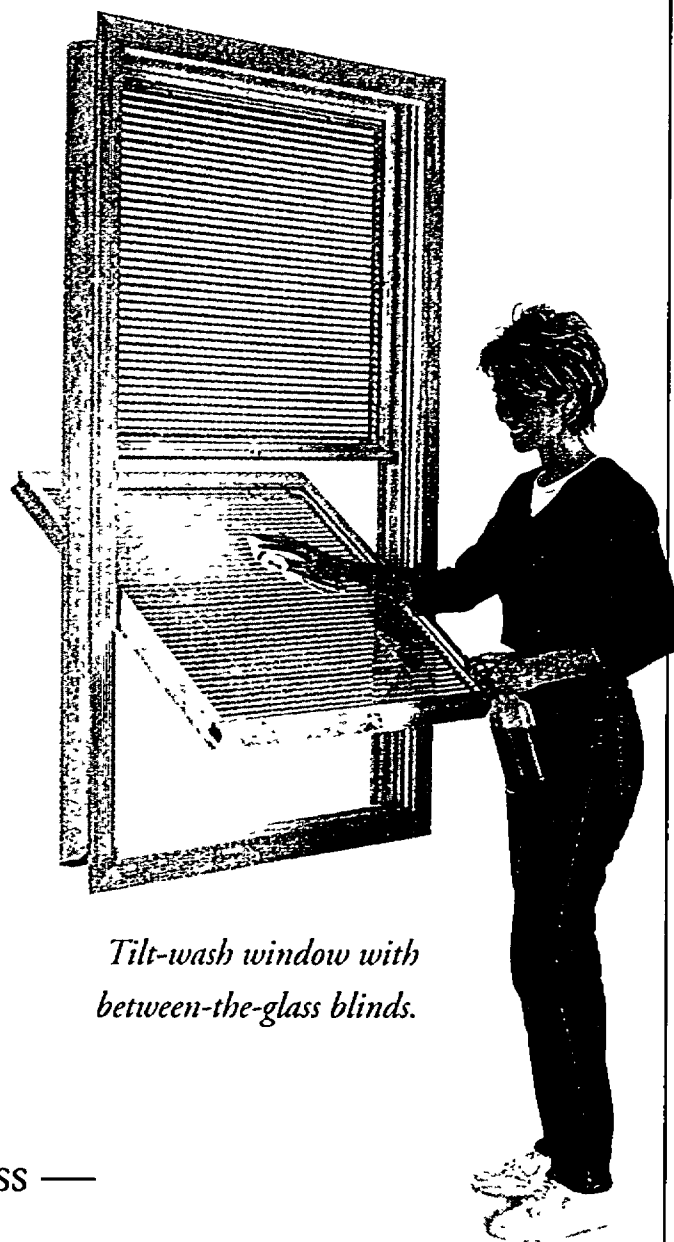


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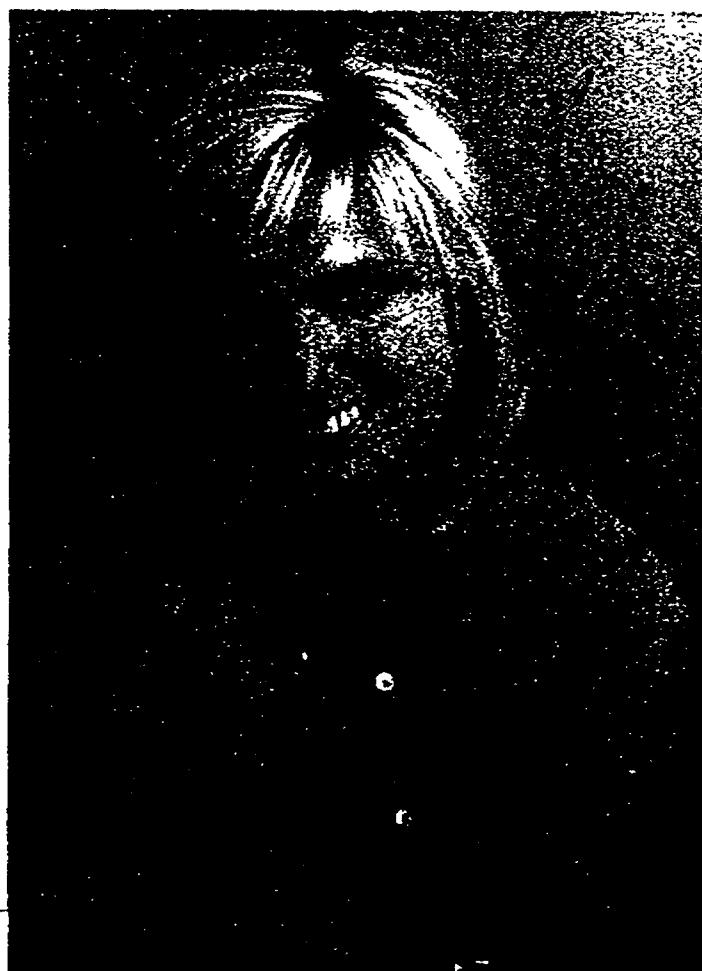
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Ask American Profile

Q I enjoy Courtney Thorne-Smith's performance on ABC's *According to Jim* and remember her from *Ally McBeal*. Where is she from, and how did she get her start in show business?

—Kay M., Ohio

Courtney Thorne-Smith was discovered while in high school when 20th Century Fox was looking for a new talent to play Charlie Sheen's girlfriend in the film *Lucas*. The Mill Valley, Calif., native then decided to pursue acting as a career, canceled her plans to attend Pennsylvania's Allegheny College, and moved to Los Angeles. Thorne-Smith, 35, has been successful in picking television series. Besides *According to Jim* and *Ally McBeal*, she starred in *Melrose Place* for five seasons. She also starred in the short-lived series *Day By Day*. Her movies credits include *Summer School* and *Revenge of the Nerds II*. Thorne-Smith has starred in several plays. She lives in Los Angeles and enjoys relaxing with her dogs. She likes to read, work out, and spend time with friends in her spare time. And she has taken up writing. She has had features in *SELF* magazine and is now a contributing editor to that publication. She's also written for *InStyle* and *Allure*.



According to Jim, she's on ABC.

Q My son says Dick Clark is in his 80s. I say no way. How old is he? What's he up to now?

—Ethel G., Tennessee

Dick Clark, known as "America's oldest living teenager," is 73 years old and working harder than ever. He's a whirlwind both behind the camera and in front of it. Check out any number of awards shows throughout the year and chances are his company, dick clark productions, has put it together: *The American Music Awards*,

The Daytime Emmy Awards, *The Golden Globe Awards*, and *The Academy of Country Music Awards* are produced by his company.

In fact, he shows up on camera to interview nominees and winners on a number of the shows. He still produces and hosts the *Bloopers* specials and welcomes in the New Year with *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve*. His company also produces the new NBC series, *American Dreams*. Since one of the major plot lines follows a teenage girl who dances on *American Bandstand*, he appears on that show, too, though it's in footage from the original show.

Q Is author James Clavell still alive? I don't see new books by him anymore.

—Carmen K., California

James Clavell, best known for his sprawling 1975 novel *Shogun*, died in 1994. He was 69 years old. Born in Sydney, Australia, Clavell spent his childhood traveling all over the world, including time spent living in Hong Kong. His father, like his grandfather, was in the British Royal Navy, and they used to tell young James about all the exotic places they'd seen. When he came of age, Clavell also went into the military. He was a POW for three years during World War II. When the war ended, he went to college, where he met his wife, an aspiring ballerina. Her work led him to visit a movie set, and that changed the course of his life. His first screenplay was for the film *The Fly*, starring Vincent Price. His first novel, published in 1962, was *King Rat*, which went on to become a movie. Clavell became a U.S. citizen in 1963 and had a thriving career as a writer, producer, and director, with films such as *The Great Escape* and *To Sir, With Love* among his works. He was survived by his wife and their two children. ☆

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Grisley's interest in log structures began in 1976 when a neighbor gave him an old, rundown cabin to use as a tool shed. Curious, he began researching these simple dwellings and discovered that American pioneer settlers were quite ingenious in the materials and construction methods they used. Intrigued, he began scouting the southern Illinois countryside for the few log cabins that have survived the ravages of time.

To rescue a cabin, Grisley first must move it. With help from a volunteer crew of family members and friends, he dismantles the structure piece by piece using a backhoe and plenty of muscle. He numbers each log and takes photographs to help in the re-assembly process. Finally, everything is loaded onto a truck and hauled away to his farm.

"It's a challenge to put them back up as close to the original design as possible," he says. "I'll change roof lines or add porches of my own design, but most of these cabins are put back together log for log the way I got them."

Grisley has purchased cabins from individuals and at auction, but many are free for the taking. One was given to him by an elderly woman who told him it had been built by her great-grandfather after the Civil War. All he had to do was promise he would sit it back up exactly as it was. Another gift came from a woman who had built a grand house within view of a lowly cabin.

"She wanted that thing gone so bad that she gave it to me if I would just move it. Two days later we were out of there. Now she's got a bigger yard to mow, and I've got a 1854 log cabin to enjoy," he laughs.

"He loves doing this. Sometimes he works from dawn till dusk," says Katy Lockwood, Grisley's friend and business partner. Several years ago, the couple opened Olde Squat Inn Bed & Breakfast using four rustic cabins, each "modernized" with indoor plumbing, electricity, and antique furnishings.

"If these walls could talk, just imagine the stories," Grisley says as he strolls amid his relocated cabin community.

"You can't help but imagine who first used them," he adds. "Sometimes, we find carved dates and names, and that's one of the emotional highs, finding something that no one has seen for 150 years."

With pride he adds, "This is the largest private log cabin collection in the state of Illinois and probably the United States. I knew if I didn't save them, they would be torn down, and I just couldn't let that happen." ☆

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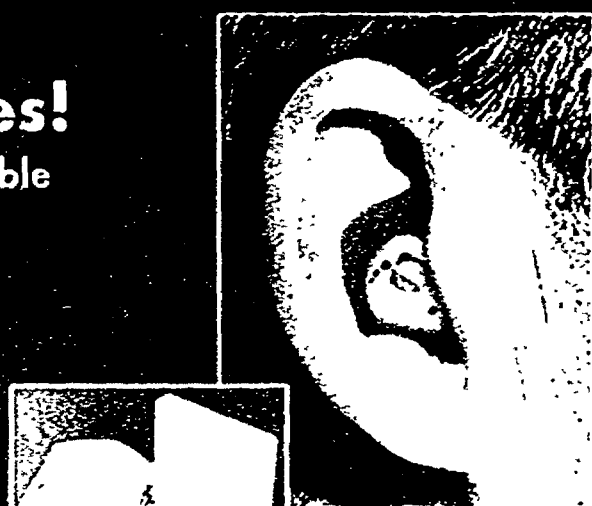
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INDIANA—Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne houses the nation's largest genealogy collection in a public library.

IOWA—A shifting Missouri River left Carter Lake (pop. 3,248) bordered by the river and Omaha, Neb., but the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1892 that the town still belonged to Iowa on the river's opposite shore.

KANSAS—Champion bricklayer Jim Brown, an Oneida Indian, laid 125 to 150 bricks a minute while paving streets in the 1920s in Goodland (pop. 4,948).

MICHIGAN—Ice climbers thrill to the challenge of picking their way up 200-foot frozen waterfalls at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore on Lake Superior near Munising (pop. 2,539).

MINNESOTA—Black bears can be observed in the wild at the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary in Orr (pop. 249).

MISSOURI—For 50 years, volunteers and members of the Kiwanis Club in Carthage (pop. 12,668) have operated Kiddieland, a tyke-sized amusement park.

NEBRASKA—A "wreath of roses" quilt owned by the Museum of Nebraska History in Lincoln is believed to be the oldest surviving quilt made in the state. Martha Allis Hollins stitched the quilt for her 1861 wedding.

NORTH DAKOTA—Built by Norwegian immigrants in 1880, Aal Lutheran Church in Mayville (pop. 1,953) is believed to be the state's oldest church.

OHIO—Erie County and Huron County are known as "the Firelands," a term from the Revolutionary War when the area belonged to the Connecticut Western Reserve. After British troops burned towns in Connecticut, the homeless moved here.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Amanda Clement, 16, of Hudson (pop. 402) umpired a baseball game in 1904 in Iowa at Hawarden (pop. 2,478) when the regular umpire failed to show. She became the first female paid umpire.

WISCONSIN—Joseph Barta of Spooner (pop. 2,653) carved 100 life-size figures depicting the life of Christ, along with 400 miniatures. This largest collection by one carver is displayed at the Museum of Woodcarving in Shell Lake (pop. 1,309).

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Hometown Spotlight

by RENÉE DESPRES

A Handshake Across the Border



Ramiro Vezada, plays "Poncho" Villa, to mark the bond between Columbus and the Mexican town of Palomas.

When Mexican Gen. Francisco "Pancho" Villa led an attack from Palomas, Mexico, into the American border town of Columbus, N.M., in 1916, the law of unintended consequences kicked in and decades later has helped ensure the health of both communities.

It seems that in 1966, on the raid's 50th anniversary, the towns celebrated a *Fiesta de Amistad* ("Festival of Friendship") as an across-the-border handshake commemorating those killed during the raid on

The town's old depot now serves as a museum.



Columbus and nearby Camp Furlong, an Army base established during the Mexican Revolution. Ten American civilians, eight U.S. soldiers, and an estimated 142 members of Villa's army were killed.

The festival of friendship was largely forgotten until 1998 when a peddler came through Columbus with old copies of the magazine, *The Southwesterner*.

"My dad had a collection, so I bought one," says Norma Gomez, president of the Columbus Historical Society. The 1966 issue contained a story about the *Fiesta de Amistad*, during which the Mexican state of Chihuahua (which includes the town of Palomas) had donated sycamore seedlings to Columbus.

"The goal was to tie both countries together in a new sense of respect: as a gesture of friendship," Gomez says. The sycamore seedlings planted along the main avenue of Pancho Villa State Park now provide shade from the hot desert sun.

Impressed by the magazine article and its account of that early festival, Gomez started writing elected officials about reviving the event. "Let's commemorate everybody who died. These are very real communities. We share history and a lot of ties," she told them. "Let's do this to show the government that there's human resource potential in Columbus and Palomas to bring real economic development to the area."

So, since 1998, the New Mexico town of 1,765 has held the *Fiesta de Amistad* on the second Saturday in March to celebrate peace, diversity, and friendship with the village of Palomas (pop. 15,000), three miles to the south. Brightly clothed dancers perform to the strains of Latin music, while residents of both towns enjoy a parade and a barbecue. A *cabalgata* of horsemen and women ride from Mexico into the United States.

True to Gomez's vision, growth is happening in Columbus. "We're the second-fastest growing city

in New Mexico," Mayor Martha Skinner says. Population nearly tripled from 1990 to 2000, a jump that includes retirees, artists, and those simply looking for a small-town way-of-life.

Trade is up at the Columbus/Palomas port of entry—the legal border crossing between the two towns. When New Mexico exports to Mexico increased by 215 percent from 1999 to 2000, the U.S. Congress appropriated \$3 million to enlarge the port.

New water and sewer lines recently have been built, and a water treatment plant is under construction. "Both sides are concerned about water quality and sewage, and we're working together to make that happen," Skinner says.

It's a concern shared by Pete Alvillar, whose three-year term as mayor of Palomas ended in November 2001. "Columbus and Palomas meet constantly looking at public health issues," he says. "We share the same aquifers."

Alvillar is president of the new binational Rotary Club of Columbus/Palomas, which is raising money for children's scholarships and plans to build recreational facilities where children can play soccer, baseball, basketball, and other sports.

"We're a border town," Alvillar says. "We have the problems that any border town has—people who run illegal aliens, drug dealers, vagrancy, and poverty. But we are working together for the future of our children."

That future might lie in learning the lessons of the past. "We need to learn about the history on both sides of the border in order to expand and learn," Gomez says. "If you don't learn it, then you'll repeat it." ☆

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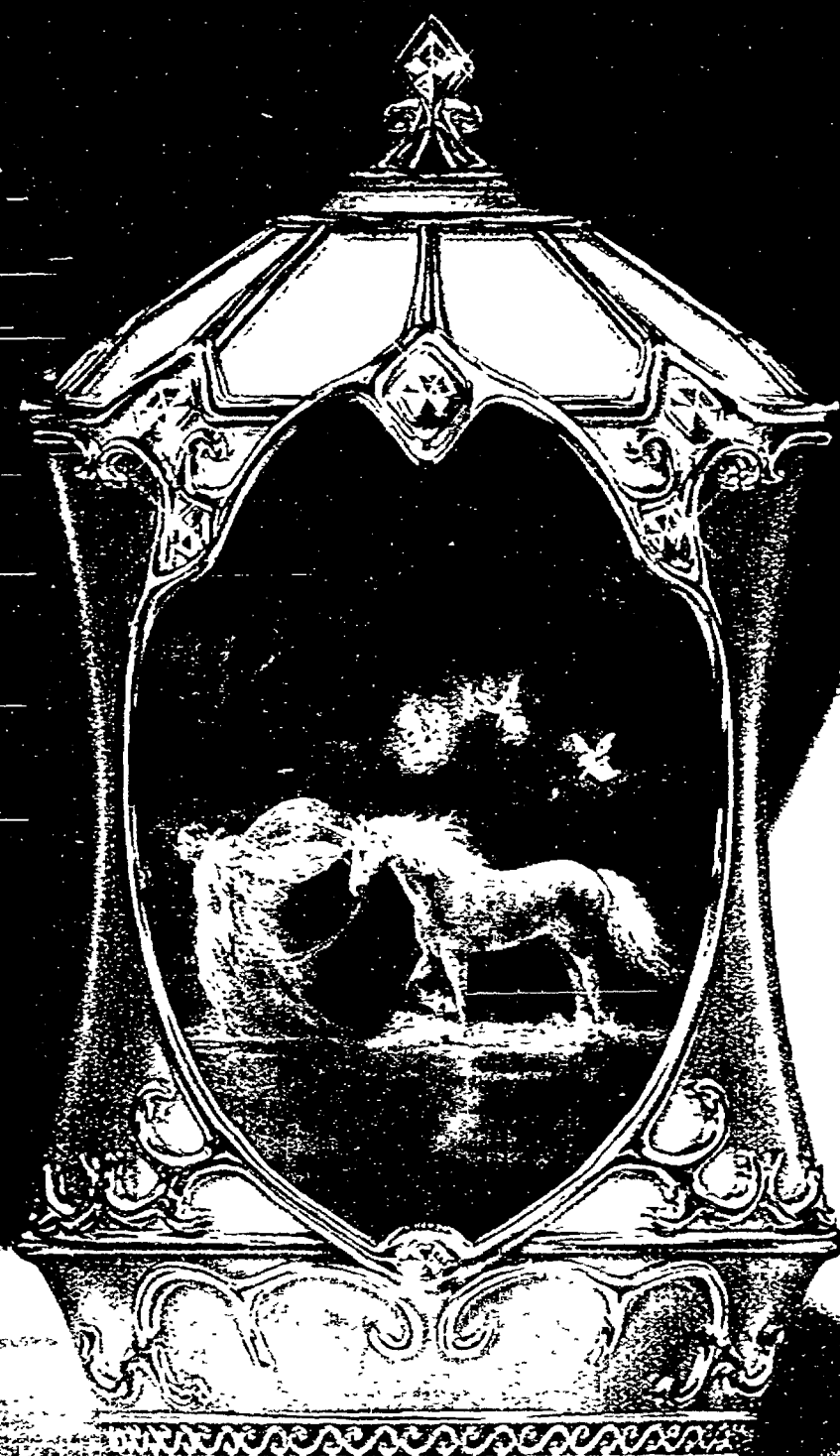
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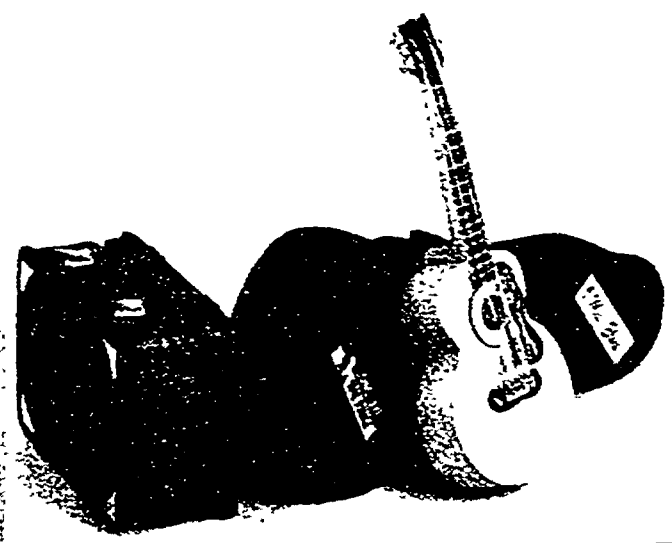


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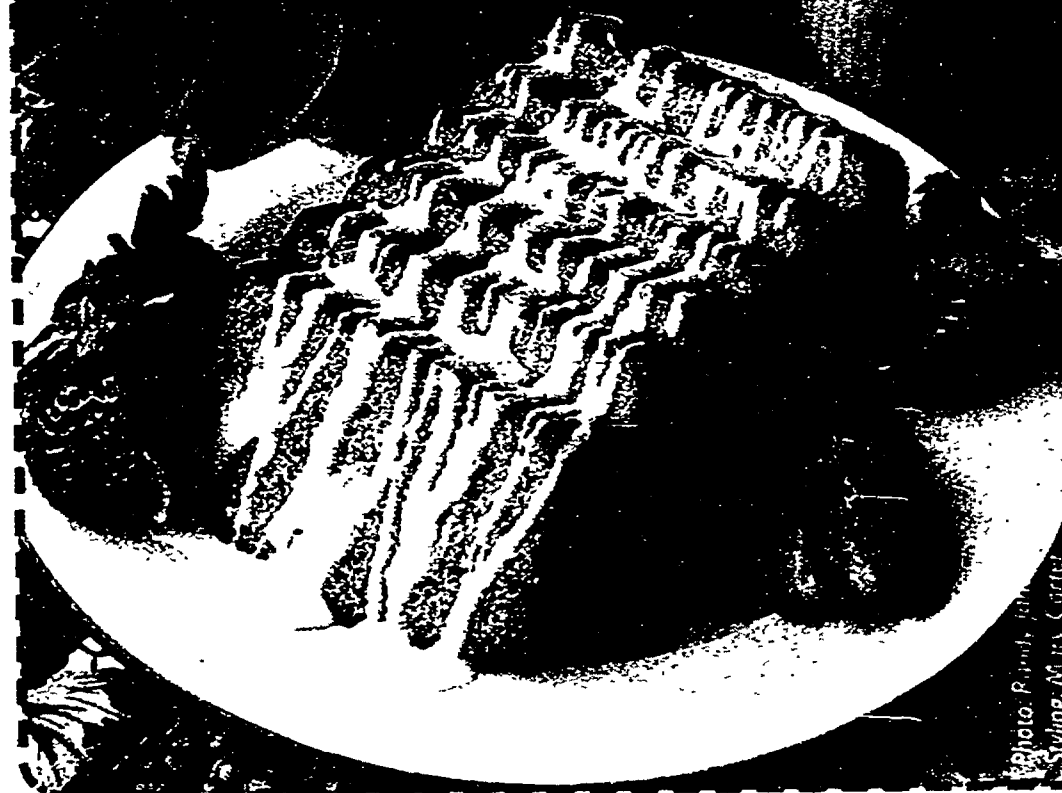
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RECIPE: Friendship Bread

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Jim Evans
Kensington, Md.



- 1 cup of vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 3.4-ounce box instant vanilla pudding
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/3 cup chopped black walnuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Combine oil, sugar, vanilla, eggs, salt, and cinnamon in a large bowl. Add flour, milk, soda, pudding, baking powder, and walnuts, if desired. Mix well. Grease two large loaf pans and sprinkle with a mixture of sugar and cinnamon. Pour in bread mixture and sprinkle any leftover sugar mixture on top. Bake for one hour.

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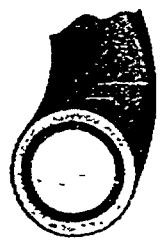
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(By Frank K. Wood)

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cessfully resist fattening foods — even your favorite desserts.

- What never to drink if you're taking high blood pressure medicine. This fruit juice may drive your blood pressure to toxic levels.
- This "miracle soup" not only helps reverse cholesterol levels and improves blood flow, but also satisfies salt cravings without raising your blood pressure.
- 13 ways to control stress. You'll live longer and happier with these proven tips.
- Add years to your life! Doing this may reduce your risk of heart attack or stroke and improve the quality of your life.
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- Why you should eat more peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.
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- Exercise warning! Whatever you do, do not exercise after drinking this common beverage ... especially if you have high blood pressure. The results could be disastrous.
- Help sweep artery-clogging plaque out of your body by adding this fat to your diet.
- Hospitals that heal your heart ... and hospital treatments that can kill. How does your hospital care compare in the "survival game?"
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