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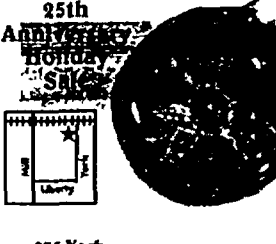
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DATE: Dec. 11 - 17
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TIME: Call for info
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DATE: Dec. 12
LOCATION: Northville Chamber of Commerce (195 S. Main Street)
TIME: 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.
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DATE: Dec. 12
LOCATION: Downtown Northville bandshell
TIME: 6 p.m.
DETAILS: Names of honorees recognized through contributions to the Mothers' Club will be displayed on an illuminated board in front of the Mothers' Club Christmas tree. Proceeds benefit educational enrichment opportunities for Northville school children.
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"The Christmas Shoes" stage presentation
DATE: Dec. 12, 13

LOCATION: Northville Christian Assembly (41355 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 7 p.m. (Dec. 12); 4 p.m. (Dec. 13)
DETAILS: The musical drama depicts the lives of two families struck with holiday crises. Tickets are \$5 per person. Children ages 4 and younger are free.
PHONE: (248) 348-9030

Handcrafters Arts and Crafts Show
DATE: Dec. 12, 13, 14
LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center (700 W. Eight Mile Road)
TIME: Call for info
DETAILS: More than 100 juried artisans will have crafts and arts available. Admission is \$2. Baby strollers are not permitted.
PHONE: (734) 459-0628

Northville Goodfellows newspaper sale
DATE: Dec. 13
LOCATION: Various intersections in Northville
TIME: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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DATE: Dec. 14
LOCATION: Call for info
TIME: 7 p.m.
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Kid's Karaoke Contest
DATE: Jan. 11 (Registration deadline is Dec. 15)
LOCATION: Call for info
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• COMING UP •

Northville Woman's Club meeting
DATE: Dec. 19
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
DETAILS: A new member tea will be made part of the meeting, which will focus on music of the holiday season.
PHONE: (248) 349-5446

Northville Nite
DATE: Dec. 31
LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center (700 W. Eight Mile Road)
TIME: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
DETAILS: The New Year's Eve celebration is family-oriented. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and \$5 for tots.
PHONE: (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411

Northville Woman's Club meeting
DATE: Jan. 9
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
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DETAILS: The meeting's topic will be "Healthy Women."
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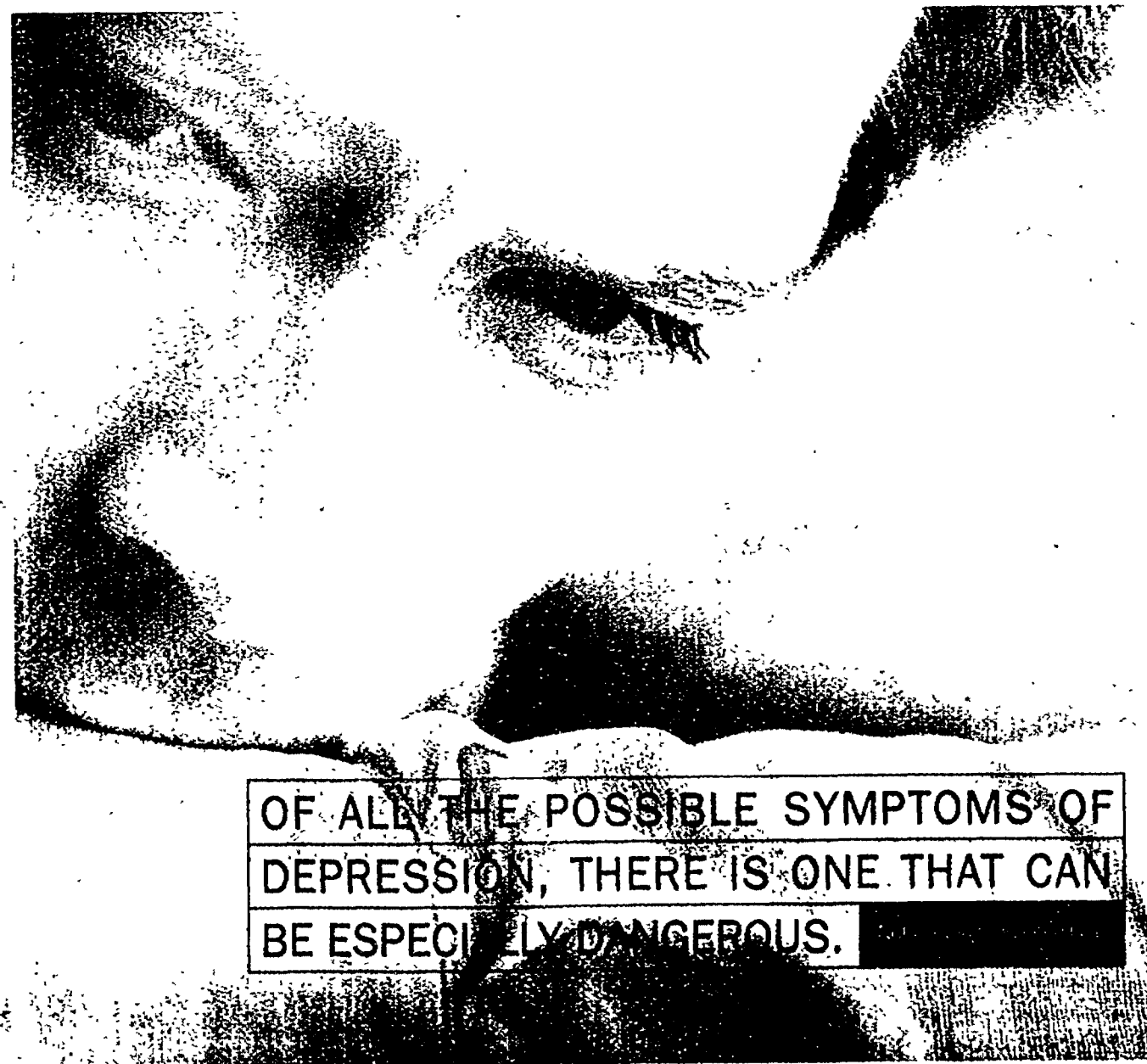


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Missing ash tree parts has resident puzzled

By Chris C. Davis
EDITOR

Celia Larsen is stumped — literally.

The Northville resident can't figure out why someone would apparently remove about a dozen tree stumps from an area near Hillside Middle School, which had been trimmed to provide an outdoor classroom area and community walkthrough.

"There are a lot of stumps we can get, but these were ideal for kids," Larsen said.

The stumps were created when representatives from Tommy Tree, a Northville, tree-trimming company, donated their time to cut down about 50 ash trees on the school site. Larsen got the idea to convert stumps from the trees into sitting places for students and passers-by along Eight Mile Road. The stumps were cut to be free from the ground, but were heavy enough so

they couldn't be easily moved, Larsen said.

Tommy Tree was the latest in a series of volunteer efforts made to beautify the area. Larsen said two or three years' worth of Eagle Scout projects had also helped make the Hillside Middle School area more picturesque and navigable. Workers had cleared invasive species shrubs from the location, too.

Larsen said the cutting of the ash trees was initiated out of concern of

dead limbs falling from the ash trees falling and injuring pedestrians below. The cutting took place before Thanksgiving. Only a short time after Thanksgiving did Larsen notice the stumps were gone.

Larsen said she wasn't sure why the stumps were removed, but was hopeful the person or people responsible for moving them would return them to the site. The stumps were not infected by the emerald ash borer — an insect pest that has decimated much of the ash

tree population throughout the state. Still, ash tree limbs shouldn't be relocated, authorities say.

"I'd like them back, and I'm sure the kids and the folks who walk through that area would, too," she

said.

Chris C. Davis is the editor of the Northville Record. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 114, or cdavis@ht.homecomm.net.

Lawn ornament theft thwarted by clerk

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

An alert Farmington Hills police officer helped Novi Police capture a grab-and-run bandit who struck Glenda's Nursery on Grand River Nov. 30.

Northville resident William Troher, 44, was arraigned in the 52-1 District Court Dec. 1 on charges of second degree retail fraud, larceny and battery. He was slated to be back in court for his first appearance before Judge Robert Bondy Dec. 10 after posting 10 percent of a \$3,500 cash bond.

According to police reports, a clerk at Glenda's spotted a man putting garden pots and

reindeer Christmas lawn ornaments into the back of a van sometime before 8:15 a.m. Nov. 30. When the clerk tried to stop the man, he was knocked to the ground and the man sped off.

The clerk was able to get a partial license number, which Officer Kohls and Sgt. Conquest broadcast. Lt. David Molloy noted that a Farmington Hills officer found that when the "O" at the end of the number provided by the clerk was changed to a "D," it revealed a van registered to Troher.

Officer Kohls and Sgt. Conquest went to Troher's Ely street residence. Molloy said when they confronted Troher, he confessed to taking the items. The officers recovered two pots and

two reindeer, worth about \$320.

Molloy noted that Troher was already facing to larceny charges stemming from an incident in May in Livonia.

Molloy urged local residents not to confront thieves like the clerk at Glenda's did. "Your personal safety is not worth \$500 worth Christmas ornaments and some flower pots," said the detective. He said people should write down the suspect's license plate number and call police immediately.

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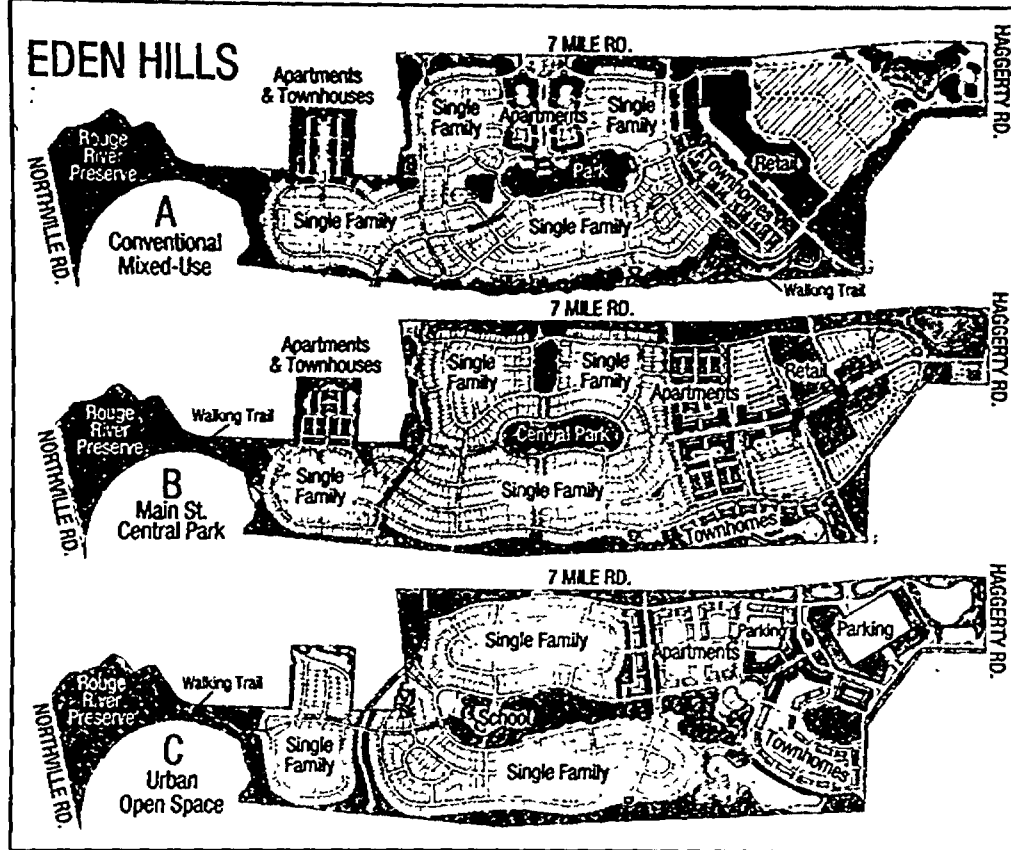
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Real Estate Interests Group had come up with three proposals to redevelop Northville Psychiatric Hospital property along Seven Mile Road. The Livonia-based firm pulled back from its multimillion-dollar plan this week, becoming the second developer to do so.

Keep the holidays bright

Public safety experts offer tips to stay safe this year

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

The stockings may be hung by the chimney with care, but that still doesn't mean your holiday season won't include a trip to the emergency room or local urgent care.

Northville resident Sue Smith is urging local residents to take an extra moment to make sure their holiday is a safe one. Smith, a registered nurse and the trauma coordinator at Detroit's Children's Hospital of Michigan, said that emergency room numbers at area hospitals are rather deceptive.

She said that while the number of children visiting the emergency room appears to remain constant throughout the year, the types of injuries change significantly around the holidays.

"There are about 400 fires nationwide involving holiday dec-

orations annually," she said. "Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, they all include candles," added Smith.

Along with candles, holiday wrapping tossed into a blazing fireplace and past their prime holiday lights draped on a too dry tree are other major sources of holiday tragedy.

Home safety at the holidays, said Smith, is mainly a question of common sense. For instance, if you've had your tree lights a few years and aren't 100 percent sure about them, toss them and get a new UL-approved set.

"Most of the serious burns we see come from fires started by lights that were too old," she said. According to Smith, it's just not worth the risk to squeeze one more season out of a worn string of lights.

She added it's also important to make sure you only use lights

approved for outdoor use outdoors. Using indoor lights outside, Smith warned, adds the risk of electrocution to the risk of fire.

Second to fire, she said, are spill/scald injuries during the holidays. Most of these, she said, could be prevented by adults simply paying more attention.

"You're with people you love, but no one's keeping a close eye on the kids," she noted. As a result, small children frequently tug on a table cloth or the cord to a crockpot with disastrous results. Last year, she recalled, one child was brought to the emergency room with burns suffered when they pulled over a crock pot and a head injury from being hit by the crock pot.

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2nd developer says 'no thanks' to 7 Mile

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said Tuesday. "We were unable to resolve our outstanding issues with the state. We elected not to proceed."

Representatives of the Bloomfield Hills-based developer, who have met with township officials several times during the past two months, wrapped up their 75-day due diligence period with a no-thanks to the state Department of Management and Budget. In May, the state formally put the parcel for sale with a minimum \$65 million bid and other qualifications.

"DMB is going to be conferring with our legal counsel and professional real estate consultant," said Erica Waltmire, a department communications assistant. "From there, we're going to determine what we're going to do."

"We would like to handle it as soon as possible," Waltmire said. "We don't have time frame right now."

REI was one of five companies in July to bid on the property. Grand/Sakwa of Farmington Hills Sept. 5 withdrew its \$76 million offer; Rock Construction Co. of Livonia declined the state's Sept. 8 invitation to proceed with their offer of \$76.7 million for the property; Pulte Land Company of Royal Oak bid \$72 million; Toll Brothers of Farmington bid \$65 million.

"We're really not interested in any organization that feels it's an opportunity to take the money and run."

Mark Abbo
Northville Township supervisor

"If the state can re-bid it again, hopefully everyone will come in with calmer, cooler heads and get a more realistic price," said township Trustee Brad Werner. Trustees and planning commission members repeatedly have stressed their opposition to large-scale development at the price of the community's character and quality of life.

Like Grand/Sakwa, REI declined to comment on what their month-long investigation at the Seven Mile Road site revealed.

"With our existing contract and time commitment to the state, we were unable to achieve what we needed to in the given time frame," Weaver said. He also said that if the state offers the parcel for bids again,

his five-partner buying group would be interested.

"I think we'd be in a strong position to be awarded the bid again," he said. "It all depends on what the state elects to do with their property."

Township supervisor Mark Abbo said he plans to talk with state officials about their plans.

"I think the township will be interested in taking a more active role in the process used to sell the property going forward," he said.

Local leaders have encouraged selection of a developer sensitive to the township's zoning ordinances and the potential impact that development will have on the community as a whole, Abbo said. "We're really not interested in any organization that feels it's an opportunity to take the money and run."

The multiple meetings and attempts to bridge the gap between developer proposal and township vision are part of the process, Weaver said. "Zoning is a very difficult and time-consuming effort."

The developer complimented the professionalism of township and state staffs. In response to a question, Weaver said, "We never purported or planned on pursuing legal avenues with the township."

"It was the logistics of completing the transaction within 75 days," he said. "It really didn't have anything to do with the price or the township."

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Dog park seems so far, so good

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Fred Shadko's home movies of Northville's temporary dog park acquainted the Northville city council audience with the frolicking, socializing...and cleanup that goes on there.

The dog park enthusiast joined Northville Parks and Recreation Department personnel Dec. 1 in presenting a status report on the fenced-in area the council endorsed six months ago. There has been enthusiastic participation and minimal complaints, recreation director Traci Sincok said.

"It is not uncommon to see as many as 25 dogs and 30 to 40 residents in the park," Shadko said. "While the dogs run and play, the owners run with the dogs, socialize and pick up after their pets."

With a maximum of 250 dogs allowed into the system, the department has sold passes for 226 dogs. Several park users attended the council meeting to show support for the facility in the open space behind Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street.

Council members acknowledged the pet lovers' participation. A year remains in the 18-month trial period for the dog park con-

cept that the council initially approved.

Councilman and dog owner Tom Swigart was among the supporters of the park experience, calling it a "non-discriminatory" activity. Pet owners are a diverse group, including people a range of ages, situations and backgrounds.

The staff presentation included responses from a dog park survey sent to 202 users; 50 responded. Among the findings:

- People enjoy most at the park watching dogs socialize with dogs.

- More than three-quarters of the park users drive there.

- An overwhelming majority of users visit the park more than twice a week.

- Most people visit the park on weekday evenings.

- More than 70 percent of respondents said they would like an additional dog park site.

- Users observe their peers following park rules nearly all the time.

A dog park advisory committee developed a 40-minute education seminar for potential park users. The recreation department required class attendance to be eligible to purchase a dog park pass.

The group meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday each month at

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Fred Shadko
Northville resident

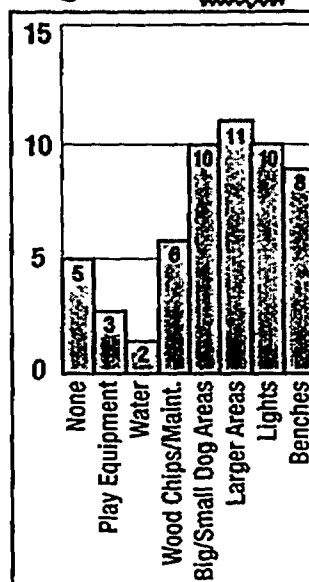
Northville City Hall.

Dog park user fees and donations have far exceeded the maintenance expenses for the park. Sincok told the council. One negative, she reported, was that the continuous use has turned grass to mud in several areas. Maintenance crews have woodchipped the areas, but a better solution would be "resting" a portion of the three-quarters-of-an-acre grounds, she said.

The staff also reported that of the registered park users, 138 live in Northville Township, 66 in the city, and 20 to school district residents. The advisory committee also has scheduled special events at the park.

Maureen Johnston is a staff writer for the Northville Record.

Suggestions for improvements at the Dog Park



SOURCE: Northville Parks and Rec. Dept.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Zoe, a Pembroke Welsh corgie romps around Northville's Dog Park last Saturday afternoon with his owner Scott Boschert, right. Boschert brings his dog to the park along Cady at least twice a week and sometimes daily.

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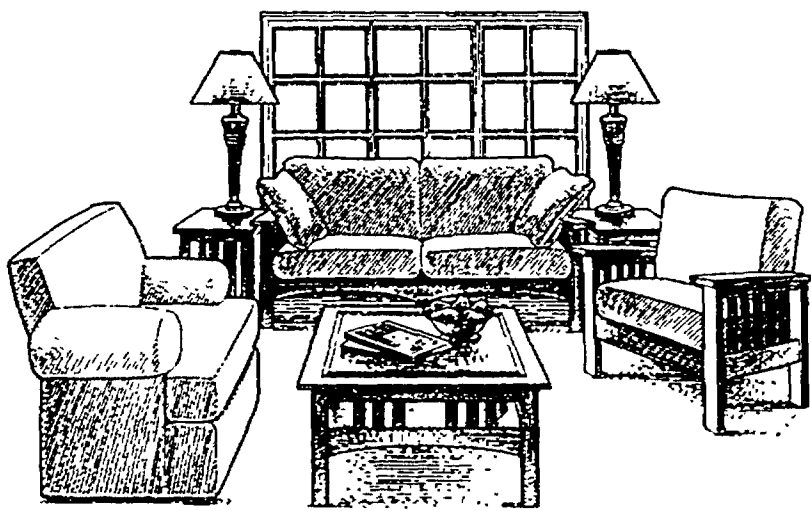
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NHS voices carry melodies of holiday season

By John Heider
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Six chimes players. Five-dollar tickets. Four months of practice...three song conductors...two nights' performance...and one symphonic band.

These (and perhaps even a partridge in a pear tree) will all come into play during tonight's Northville High School 2003 Holiday Concert, beginning at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

Mary Kay Price, a teacher of choral groups at Northville High since 1982 remembers the first holiday concert in 1983 when "there were more people on stage, 30 singers, than there were in the audience," which held 20.

Before rehearsing with the acappella, select boys' group Back Beat, Price talked about how Northville fostered interest in its popular choral groups over the years.

"It's very neat," said Price. "The best thing, what makes it strong is that every student is welcome and we have a very diverse group."

Freshmen through seniors, the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville High School Choir Director Mary Kay Price, left, directs an underclassmen group of singers on a recent weekday. They were limbering up their voices in preparation for the upcoming holiday concert in the school's auditorium.

seasoned singers and the relative novices, Northville's music department allows all of its singers to shine in the annual holiday concert.

Knowing not all of her singers will continue to pursue choir after high school, Price said that performing in the concert has its benefits.

"It's exciting for the kids. It may be the only opportunity for them to sing in front of a big group."

Mary Kay Price
Northville High School

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Northville High boasts the largest number of singers in state schools, according to Price, with fully one-third of the student body (or 550 kids) singing.

One of those singers, senior Nick Detrych, said he thought when the Friends, Alumni, Teachers, and Students Choir sings during the holiday concert - a certain element needed better representation:

"There really should be more

teachers" he said. "I'm kind of like calling them out."

Another senior, Mike Calabrese, a tenor, who like Detrych has performed in all holiday concerts since his freshman year, reflected on why he reserved 10 tickets. "My parents really like it, my grandparents, even their friends. My sister may be coming up from Purdue. It's a lot of fun."

For Calabrese, there's something special about the holiday concerts. "Christmas music always has a spot in my heart. Alumni come back and the Christmas season brings out the family and friends... as sappy as that sounds."

While tickling concert-goers ears with diverse songs ranging from Johan Sebastian Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and Pachelbel's "Canon" to more contemporary takes on the "Twelve (and a Half) Days of Christmas" and "All I want For Christmas is You" - the music department will delight the eyes with subdued lighting, decorated Christmas trees, colorful flowers and garlands of greenery throughout the auditorium.

Performing tonight are Varsity Choir 3B, Girls' Ensemble, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Chorale, MChoir, Treble Makers, Back Beat, FATS Choir, and Symphonic Band 11-12.

Directors Price, Mark Kremski and Paula Joyner-Clinard will conduct a wide range of choral groups numbering from nine to near 90 in the concert that's sure to go more than two hours.

The usually sold out concert of Christmas time and spiritual music fills the 1,000-seat auditorium to the point additional seating is brought in to handle the overflow crowds, according to Price the school's chief chorale instructor.

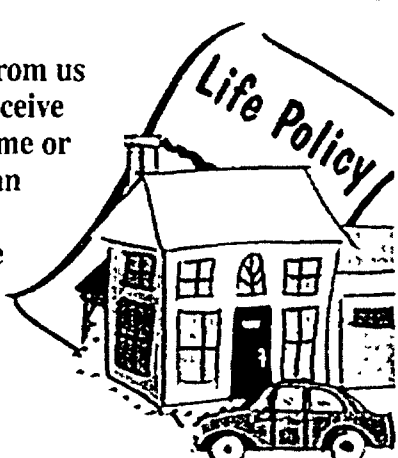
For information on ticket availability for tonight's performance, call the high school at (248) 344-8420.

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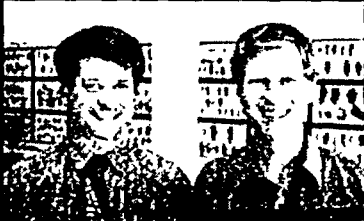
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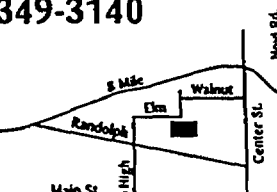


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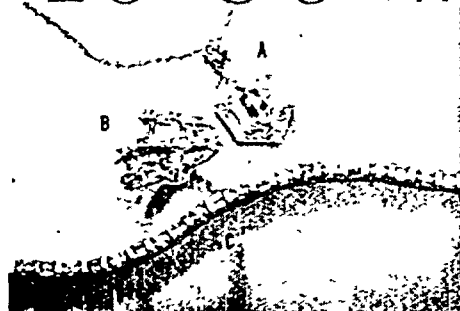
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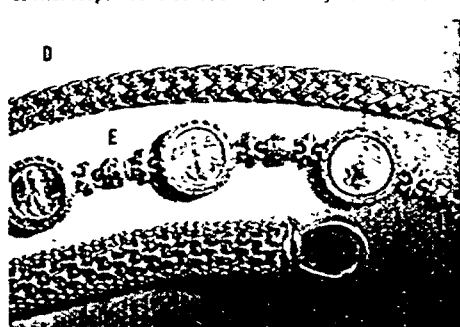
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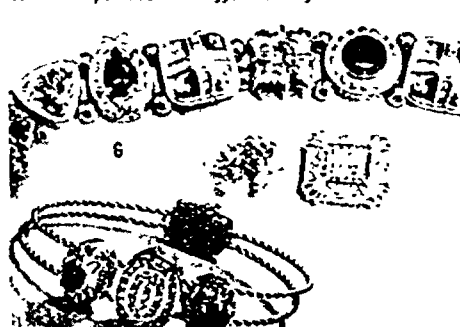
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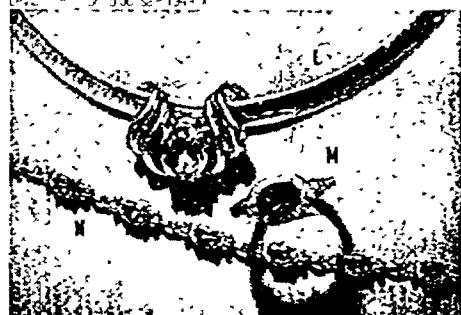
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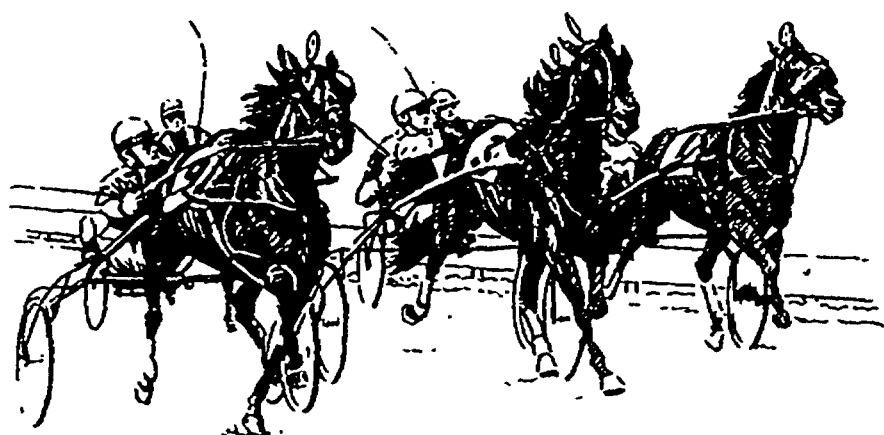
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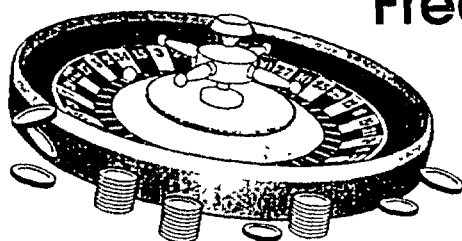
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Forum gives lowdown on city parking issue

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willing to walk a couple of blocks, parking would not be such an issue.

• There needs to be better directional signs for where people can park.

• The current mix of yellow signs, orange signs, signs with dots and parking-prohibited signs are too confusing.

• The size and appearance of the proposed deck in part accounted for the defeat of the parking improvement proposal.

• Taxpayers will not approve a proposal to fund a project without seeing what it looks like first.

• Traffic circulation and concentration in the entrance/exit area of a deck is a concern.

In response to a question, Wortman said he could not pin down the exact number of spaces the city needs. The projected need depends on the development.

DDA member Margene Buckhave, who outlined the city's short and long-term parking committee efforts, said adequate parking is crucial for her stores. "Maybe 10 percent of my business is Northville people," she said. "We are very much a destination downtown."

A strong downtown serves the entire Northville community, the mayor said. He cited Northville Township leaders' recent consideration of the potential impact of

Do the orange dots work?

Local resident and business owner Neil Mansilla offered to personally sandblast orange dots from downtown parking lots.

Shifting the dot designation that allows parkers with a permit to remain all day in selected slots was a recurring theme in discussion at a special meeting at Northville City Hall Monday night. Resolving the need for additional parking is a moving-people issue, not a building issue, Mansilla said.

Several audience members concurred spaces used by downtown employees prevent convenient access for potential patrons.

Relocating employee parking to a lot on the south side of town would temporarily address the problem, DDA member Greg Presley said. "The way the downtown will survive is to provide close in, convenient parking for two publics — the patrons and the employees," he said.

The City Council Nov. 10 directed the administration to look into the prevalence of people abusing the minimal parking fine. Audience members cited specific vehicles as repeat offenders who must view a \$5 daily fine as the cost of a prime parking spot.

Resident Juliet Culp earned a laugh when she said everyone knows the trick of rolling your car back two feet when the three-hour limit is set to expire. Then the chalk line the enforcement officer marked on the tire no longer matches the chalk mark on the pavement.

The painted circles system that the city adopted last year is intended to allot all-day spaces on the far side of the city lots for downtown employees, while reserving the three-hour limit, closer-to-the-businesses slots for patrons.

developer plans for a retail center on the outskirts of town.

"Without a downtown, we know all our property values are going to go down," said Jay Wendt, planning commission president. "We can't be short-sighted. We need to

look ahead five, 10, 15 years."

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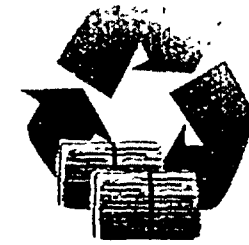
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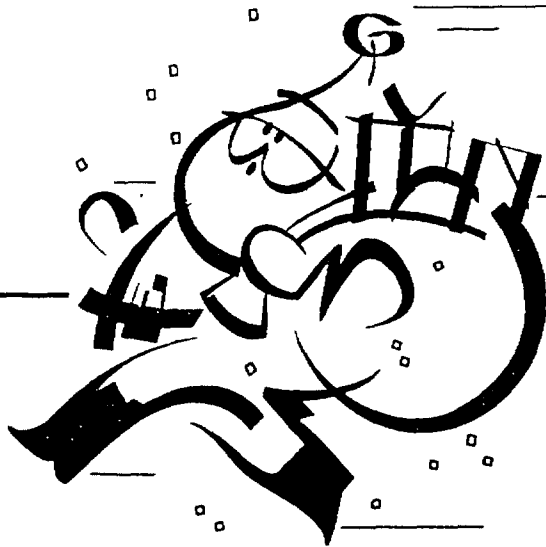


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By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Marie Frederick likes the color scheme of her new kitchen. The wider countertop and stainless steel backsplash behind the stove are fine, too.

A resident of the city-owned Allen Terrace apartments for 13 years, Frederick and 109 of her neighbors recently re-settled into their homes after work crews displaced them during three day-times as part of the ongoing renovation project. Complete kitchen re-dos, plumbing and electrical repairs, updated heating and air conditioning units, new windows and doorways, and partial terrace replacement are an \$865,000 chunk of the \$1.36 million improvement plan city voters approved in November 2002.

In only three days per apartment, contractor Rapid Redec completely tore out old and put in new kitchens, said housing director Joanne Inglis. Natural oak and neutral surfaces replaced dark cupboards, worn floors, and gold and green countertops.

"They really did a good job," Inglis said. It was a little disconcerting as they rolled the first 25 one-piece countertops up the stairs, but overall the project went just as planned, she said.

"I love it," Frederick said. "I



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Allen Terrace housing director Joanne Inglis, right, visits with 13-year resident Marie Frederick in her recently remodeled kitchen last Monday morning. The Northville senior housing complex recently replaced the kitchens' cabinets, countertops and flooring at a cost of nearly \$300,000.

love the light above the hood and stove. It seems like we have more cupboard space and the counters are a little wider."

While residents were unable to prepare dinners at home, the housing commission purchased some. Others were donated. Local restaurants who con-

tributed meals were Michelle's Hearth, Little Italy, Jet's Pizza and Main Street Catering, Inglis said. Selling the old cabinets raised \$1,600 that the housing commission applied to the cost of purchasing additional meals and boxes to pack kitchen items.

Residents of the four apart-

ments per day that the project displaced relaxed or dined in the building's only vacant apartment. It was a case of neighbors ensuring their peers were comfortable and fed, Inglis said. "It made my job a lot easier."

Workers this week were removing the boiler original to

the 1978 building. A toasty temperature and slight start-up smell evidenced the new equipment online.

"As you can feel, it's working well," Inglis said. Over the next two months, crews will replace four a day individual heating and cooling units.

Contractors installing the new doorways and windows are about one-third done, Inglis said. They started with the south wing, they will finish on the east. Now they are on the west wing, working their way down from the fourth floor. They targeted an end of January completion for that portion of the project.

Progress on the activity room was a little behind schedule, Inglis said, in part due to a mid-project change in the flooring. The complex's holiday dinner still was planned in the room yesterday, Inglis said, on cleaned-up concrete instead of the new tile.

Inglis said she expects the inside projects to be completed by the end of February. Repaving of the parking lot is scheduled for spring. Also this week, an elevator inspection service will evaluate a contract to renovate the original 25-year-old shaft, an approximate \$80,000 renovation project planned for March.

Allen Terrace is the city's only independent-living facility. Including 10 couples, 110 men and women ages 57 to 96 call 401 High Street home.

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Church project has neighbors asking questions

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through eighth grade 77,000-square-foot school. The approximate \$12 million facility tentatively is scheduled to open in fall of 2005 to ease overcrowding at the current Our Lady of Victory School attached to the main building.

Homeowners in close proximity to the Thayer Boulevard church and school plan to attend the hearing with a collective voice. Residents of the Clement to Rogers, Main to Fairbrook area — a grassroots group called the Orchard Heights Homeowners Association for the 1920s development there — met Monday to regroup their formation in 1996 when the parish previously planned expansion.

Consensus concerns were about the size of the proposed building, safety of the children and increased traffic volume through those established-neighborhood streets, said John Colizzi, one of 25 residents who gathered at the Northville Public Library Monday.

Colizzi, who for 26 years has owned a home on West Main just down from the proposed school site, said his neighbors are concerned about overbuilding.

"We're opposed to a commercial type building in a residential type neighborhood," he said. "It's not harmonious with the neighborhood. It's a matter of overbuilding, safety, traffic and expenses to the city, which is to the people."

More traffic means more wear on roads, therefore increased maintenance costs, he said. Also, property owners fear their values will go down because of the stream of cars in and out of the lot for school, for Mass and for evening special events.

Since the 1996 expansion proposal went by the wayside, the approximately 200 homeowners in the Orchard Heights area heard the parish's consideration of an alternate school location, then saw the focus return to their neighborhood with acquisition of adjacent property. It was "disheartening" to see the church submit to the city with essentially the same plan submitted seven years ago, said Thayer resident Mike McClish said.

"I don't think it's going to be any surprise on the part of the parish council or Father [Terry] Kerner the strength of the opposition," he said. "We look at this universally in this neighborhood as defending our homes. It is nothing less than that."

Colizzi appealed for city adherence to standards for safety, har-

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John Colizzi

Orchard Heights Homeowners Association

mony with the residential character, and prevention of an adverse effect on the neighborhood.

"We don't want to make it a religious thing because it's not," he said, adding that some people who live in the Orchard Heights area attend Our Lady of Victory. "We have to make that clear. It's not the church."

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Twice now, developers eyeballing the former Northville Township Psychiatric Hospital site have backed away from purchase of the Seven Mile Road property. Given the

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Livonia-based Real Estate Interests Group declined to say what it was that had the company getting cold feet.

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\$76.5 million unless all the T's have been crossed and I's dotted. Making that kind of an investment in the absence of an extraordinary amount of back-ground-checking is a surefire route to financial ruin.

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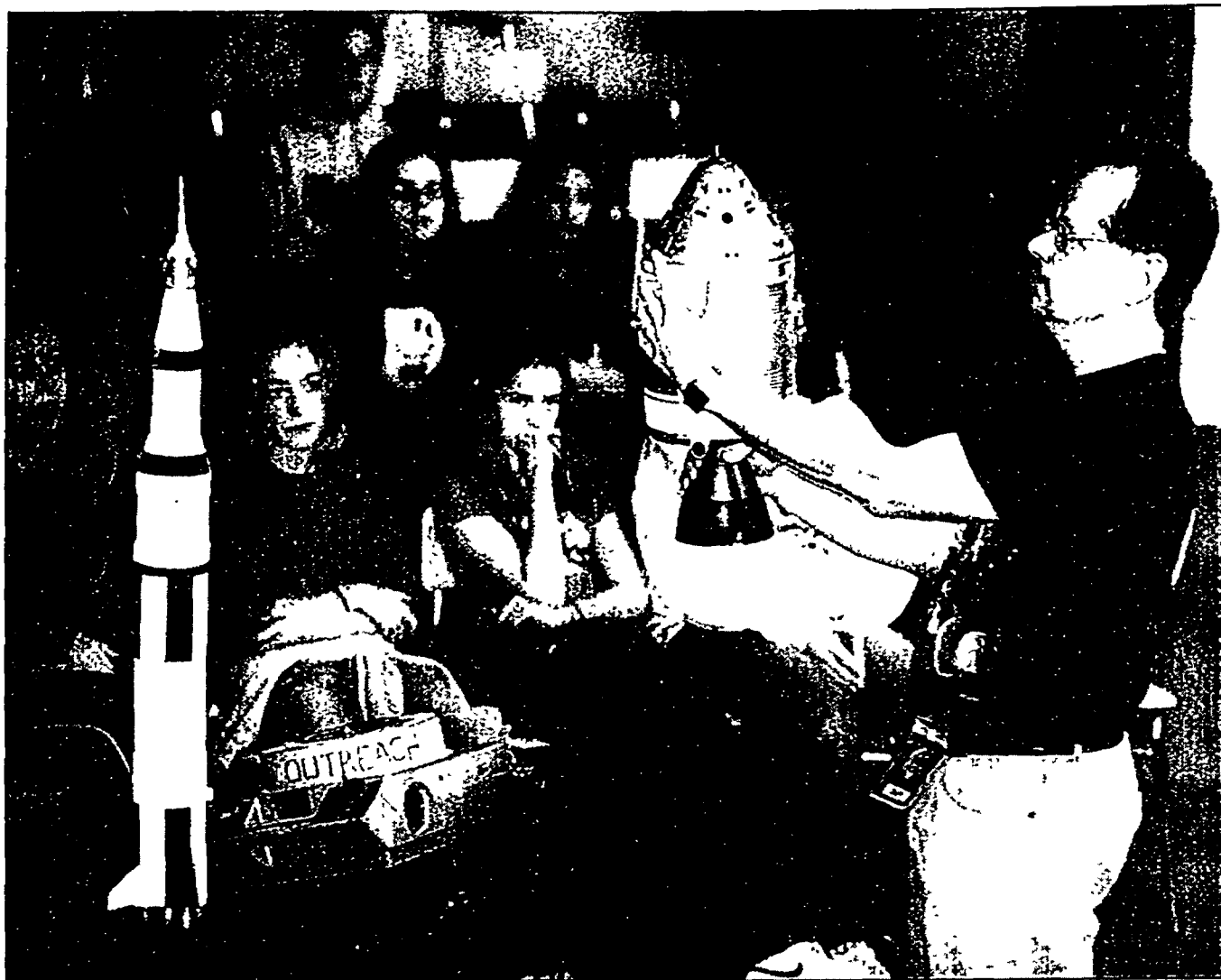


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Matt Linke, of the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum presents "Journey Through Space" last Thursday morning to a group of Meads Mill students. With an example of the Saturn V rocket at left and its lunar module, right, Linke talked to the kids about what it means to explore space and what their role in that exploration could be.

LETTERS

Density is a problem with Grand Sakwa plan

Last week the Record published my letter concerning the former Detroit House of Corrections property, purchased by Grand Sakwa. I listed problems and suggestions relating to the developer's current housing plan. Unfortunately, the Record left out the word "concentrate" from this sentence: "Concentrate the housing units allowed by current zoning away from the sensitive natural features of the site, such as the Johnson Creek, steep creekside slopes, floodplain, and wetlands." This concept of concentrating housing units to conserve valuable natural features and farmland is one of the main focuses of current bipartisan land use efforts, such as Michigan's Land Use Leadership Council, made up of state leaders from all perspectives.

Northville's Planning Commissioners usually discourage developers' requests for high-density that result in a high total number of housing units. But on this parcel they should encourage high-density (without an increase in units). Because of its unparalleled natural beauty, and its proximity to freeway arteries and our beautiful downtown Northville, this parcel can support a highly desirable high-density community.

Many of us would rather look out onto nature, than neighbor's yards. Many would rather walk and jog through woods and along streams, than on sidewalks. Many would rather hear birds than traffic. I know a lot of people who would pay a premium to live in a spectacular setting such as this.

This property has a stream that is so unusually cold and clean it supports an endangered species, the red-sided dace. It has trees larger than I have seen anywhere in this area, and some of the tree species, such as hackberry, are very unusual. There is little to protect them under the Northville Township Tree ordinance, because they can be cut as long as new trees are planted elsewhere. But trees surrounded by landscaping do not replace the complex web of nature that these woodland trees support.

For this parcel, Grand Sakwa is already proposing a trail system and preservation of wetlands that are unbuildable. But their plan calls for houses to be built on the bluffs overlooking the creek, and a road crossing the creek to get to them. This would be a fantastic area for a recreational trail system, reached by a foot bridge. Instead of being enjoyed by a few, it could be appreciated by many. Instead of threatening the creek, Grand Sakwa could permanently preserve this invaluable asset.

Grand Sakwa has plenty of room on this parcel to realize a profit by building high-end condos, perhaps with indoor and outdoor recreational facilities, surrounded by a nature preserve. This would provide a highly desirable housing option not yet available in this area, and could make Grand Sakwa and Northville Township leaders in wise development.

Right-wingers creating abortion rights hazards

At the time of the Roman empire, a man could legally have his wife and children executed, although it was frowned upon. Later, until not long ago, when a woman married, her property became her husband's and she was then totally dependent on his good will to support her. Our law books contain cases in which the issue was not if a husband could "discipline" his wife, but how thick the stick could be with which he beat her. And we all know that in a country whose revolution had the slogan "no taxation without representation" women were taxed but had to fight and endure incarceration and other abuses for eighty years before they were allowed to vote. There are so many other violations of women's rights in the past which society allowed and enforced.

Yes, there have been improvements after hard fought, even bloody, fights to let women exercise what were really their inalienable rights. Still the fight is not over. Those who want to keep women in a status of inferiority have lost on many fronts, and their last ditch effort is to deny women the right to choose if they wish to continue with a pregnancy. These so-called "pro-lifers" support George W. Bush's withholding of \$43 million voted by Congress to aid the family planning agency of the UN that would prevent hundreds of thousands of women from dying from maternal deaths and from botched abortions as well as causing hundreds of thousands of abortions and children born with HIV.

The latest assault is the bill allegedly outlawing the fictitious "partial birth abortion," signed with great pomp by President Bush. This bill really seeks to outlaw all second trimester abortions as well as chip away at all abortion rights. So, after all these years, a bunch of politicians are stepping between a woman and her physician in a medical decision. Oh yes — they are trying "to save a life," but what is really being saved are the votes of the ultra-right-wingers for the 2004 election, making sure they don't abandon Mr. Bush as they had abandoned his father.

I try to imagine what the reaction will be 100 years from now to the fact that a woman's fundamental right to control her own body was a political football used to garner votes. I think it will be viewed with the same disbelief as we view the Roman Empire's law. And as to the women involved in following the men leading the assault on their rights, it will be a repetition of the tale of the Pied Piper who led the rats into the sea.

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Conservatives come in two different forms

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I'm translating HigherEd-ese

There's been lots of complicated and very political haggling in Lansing about how best to deal with this year's state budget deficit, which was at last count, \$930 million and rising. But make no mistake, behind the smoke and mirrors and spin and counter-spin, our political masters are in the process of making a set of fundamental



Phil Power

policy decisions that certainly will damage Michigan's ability to compete in the world economy — and could wind up condemning us to life as Mississippi North. It's now clear that state support for our public colleges and universities will be cut yet again this year. It doesn't make much difference whether this year's reduction is 6 percent or 3 percent, because higher education as a whole has absorbed more cuts in state appropriations over the past three years than any other sector. All told, I'd guess the net overall effect of these cuts is pretty close to 20 percent. Looked at another way, they will have cost each student at the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus almost \$1,500.

The short-term cost is that university boards will be forced to increase tuition yet again, making it still tougher for families of ordinary income to send their kids to col-

lege. According to the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, Michigan rates a D+ for college affordability, and that was before this year's round of cuts. The long-term cost is, if anything, worse. Our public universities are already losing gifted faculty members and researchers to private institutions. Class size is going up. Buildings are deteriorating. Morale is not good. It will take years and years to undo the kind of damage that is being done to our public universities, once ranked as among the nation's very best.

Of course, the political system — both the legislature and the executive branch are complicit in all this — will respond that times are tough, that higher education has had a pretty cushy deal over the past few years and that any cuts to university budgets can easily be passed on to the students and their families.

A picture-perfect example of this sort of pass-the-buck thinking was produced last month by Speaker of the House Rick Johnson. In a letter to newspaper editors responding to the 5,000 college students who wrote letters objecting to further cuts for higher education, the Speaker made these points followed by my translation into ordinary English, in italics:

• "Protecting our state's students has been — and continues to be — one of my priorities. I'm proud to have fought to keep the Merit Award scholarship intact (sic) for students who do well and achieve, along with the Michigan Competitive Scholarship, the Tuition Grant Program, and the Michigan Educational Opportunity Grant."

I'm all for higher education, so don't blame me for all this.

• "It is sometimes misunderstood, but the ultimate decisions as to how our universities balance their budget are not done by the legislature. The decisions are made by university boards. Constitutionally autonomous, the ultimate decision to consolidate programs or raise your tuition is made locally and unfortunately is insulated from any pressure or direction by the legislature."

Go blame university governing board members for any tuition increases. The legislature's decision to slash state funding for universities has nothing to do with their tuition decisions. Anyway, if it was up to us legislators, your tuition increases wouldn't be so high.

• "I would encourage you to continue the energy and momentum you have generated and to work directly with your university board to directly affect how your schools (sic) appropriations are allocated."

Don't bother me any more with your whining about state appropriations. Go after those nasty board members, instead.

Speaker Johnson, of course, is not alone among our political masters in self-serving hypocrisy. He's just more obvious about it.

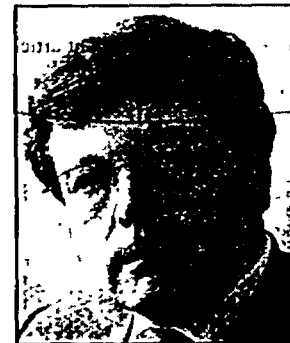
This kind of disingenuous rhetoric merely masks the enormous and largely silent policy shift that has taken place over the past 30 years or so. Time was that investing public funds in the education of each citizen was considered an appropriate thing to do because of the public benefits brought about by educated people. But now the dominant idea is that higher education confers a private benefit mainly to the individual receiving it, and therefore the costs of education should be shifted to students and

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There are monsters all around us

Cheryl Matthews kisses her husband and two baby sons goodbye every morning, and goes off to spend the day dealing with people who rape and ruin the lives of little children as young or younger than hers.

"I guess it has a certain effect. I mean, I don't let my kids go see Santa by themselves," she said. For six years, she has been in charge of prosecuting child sexual assaults in Oakland County, Detroit's largest and most affluent collection of suburbs.



Jack Lessenberry

No, she doesn't have a firm conviction about Michael Jackson's guilt or innocence. She has seen cases where

children do make false charges. "People in the public eye have a spotlight on them and probably do attract these types of accusations," just by virtue of their celebrity. "On the other hand, if I was accused of sexually assaulting another boy a few years ago, as he was, I wouldn't be found within 500 miles of a child." And while they aren't definite proof of anything, Jackson's public statements about liking to sleep in bed with children "definitely set off my ped-o-meter," sending a warning that something was not normal here.

We live in a highly sensationalist society where round-the-clock broadcast media daily trumpet any news of scandal, especially of a sexual nature. There also seem to be more sensational cases, from Elizabeth Smart to Michael Jackson,

involving children. Could it be that the problem is overblown?

"Sadly, I think it is underreported," said Matthews, who has prosecuted hundreds, perhaps more than a thousand, such cases. At 40, she looks considerably younger and much more like an elementary school teacher than one of the area's toughest prosecutors. "You see a lot of affluent, upper-class men who target kids from the lower-classes, from broken homes, who are needy and vulnerable."

Earlier this fall she won a conviction against one Robert Basat, who told many young boys that he would die unless they gave him their semen. "There are certain people whose crimes are so egregious they should never see the light of day."

Society may not have to worry about Basat; he got 50 to 80 years. But what frustrates her is that so many others get away. She just lost a case where she is convinced the man, a well-known area businessman, had molested little boys.

"But victims take back their testimony all the time. Often, they are under tremendous pressure to do so." Some can't even testify at all. The 4-month-old, for example, with gonorrhea. Looking at some of the cases she's handled is enough to make even an old liberal think on-the-spot execution might not be such a bad idea.

Oddly enough, Matthews doesn't seem to be completely jaded. "I think I have the ability to look at an individual and see when they have a chance and may be able to be turned around, but also recognize that there are times when society should give up, when rehabilitation isn't possible any more."

Even in some of those cases, she is able to have some sympathy for a monster. "We had one recently — he was a bad guy but he had a horrendous life. His mother used to put cigarettes out on him when he was a baby. You feel some empathy, though you don't want them ever on the street."

Ironically, she never wanted to do this kind of law. After a couple of years doing corporate law in Manhattan, she realized she was well-paid but bored, and took a considerable pay cut to join the prosecutor's office in 1991.

When she was first asked to head the sexual assault unit she recoiled. Finally, she agreed to do it for a year, and ended up staying, largely because she felt the work was so important. But though she rightly takes some satisfaction at the monster she's put away, to an outsider, the bottom line is deeply depressing:

Child molesters have perhaps the highest recidivism rate of any criminal. "The average one has 14 victims over his or her lifetime — and they aren't all men, she said.

Most do not get sentenced to forever in prison — and they are eventually released, older, wiser, more cunning. Nor does she see much hope that many can be rehabilitated; she doesn't even think castration, chemical or physical, would do any good even if legal, which it isn't.

Still, somebody has to keep up the fight. Matthews hopes to do so soon in a different arena. Next year, she plans on running for county circuit judge, a post that would be concerned exclusively with "family court" matters, including sexual crimes against juveniles. "I think I have the ability to be fair," she said.

Those who know her have little doubt of that. However, if she is elected, let's hope there is another bulldog in her office with the skill to put the real creeps away, and the discretion not to label a 16-year-old boy a sex offender for life because he went too far with his girlfriend who was two months under the age of consent.

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GUEST COLUMN

Retirement isn't all golf and rest

There are more of us who are closer to retirement than we ever were. The population puts most of us in the pre-retirement stage of development. Some of us are being given packages to help us retire. (Downsizing and loving one's job is



Paul Melrose

just enough different experience that I will write another column later in the winter that addresses that issue specifically.) The feelings around retirement ought to be normal and retirement, which comes at the end of a

long professional career, should be easy, neat and quick and simple. For some that is true; that is wonderful. For others retirement is more complex.

The reason that retirement cannot be so simple is because it is a major transition in life which involves loss. Whether it is chosen and planned for, or made necessary all

of a sudden without preparation there are still the features of loss and mourning which are a part of retirement. The Business Psychology Research Institute highlights four stages of retirement grief: denial, depression, anger and acceptance. The stress of the change of life, called retirement, throws one into some kind of turmoil, however brief, or well managed. Because there are issues of loss many of the strategies for coping with any kind of death or loss become important. Knowing that this is a loss gives the retiree a structure around which to organize his/her major life change.

What are some of the things to help make a better retirement? First, expect that it might be complicated. Don't expect it to go "right." You may always miss your work. So, make up a new job, something to do in retirement. Set up a new schedule. Set up a new "office," as a new workspace, to get your new life started. Find something you like to do or give yourself permission to try out a number of things. Be aware of how this change in your life may impact those around you, from your spouse, to your children to your friends.

It is important to maintain a positive attitude; look for opportunities. But, in the face of a loss that cannot always

happen. There needs to be room to grieve, to miss the work environment. Even with jobs you are glad to leave recognize that even to change routines, to miss the familiar, to not hang out any more with the friends who made the job fun, or tolerable, all speaks to the necessity of new routines, appropriate for the new stage of life, and both new friends and ways to keep in touch with the important old friends, as well.

For men especially, to stop working is almost to lose one's identity. I no longer work; I no longer do something. But, as it has been said many times, you are somebody. Who you are has to do with the kind of person you are, the knowledge you have, the roles and relationships that bring out different parts of

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Main Street Bank receives approval from state

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

A new financial institution, Main Street Bank, will soon be coming to downtown Northville.

CEO Rick Shaffner and president Audrey Mistor announced last week that they have received approval from the state's Office of Financial and Insurance Services to organize the new bank.

Main Street Bank is one of only two commercial bank charters granted by the state this year. The other charter was granted in Saginaw.

"It's a very difficult process. If you think about it, who has the strongest monetary system in the world? It's the United States. Bank charters aren't just handed out. There was only one charter granted in 2002 and only one in 2001," Shaffner said.

"We met with the state of Michigan in January to start the process. So, it's been almost a year," he said.

"The application is five inches thick," he said.

Shaffner noted that applicants also have to receive approval for a new bank from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

"We should have our approval from the FDIC this week," he said.

The bank will be located at 201 E. Main Street in the heart of

"Area residents and businesspersons are readily embracing our plans to create a community bank in Northville."

Rick Shaffner
Main Street Bank

downtown and will be the only community bank based in Northville.

"Our plan is to open in late first quarter of 2004," Mistor said.

"Main Street Bank will be uniquely positioned to support the community, given its local management, directors and investors," Shaffner said.

Six of the bank's nine directors, including Shaffner and Mistor, live in Northville, and one lives in Livonia.

Shaffner said \$8.5 million is needed to open the bank.

Shaffner, who has been in the mortgage business for 25 years, said the idea for the new bank actually began when he met Mistor several years ago.

"It's been a dream of both of ours. I've started two other busi-

nesses before, and I like to create things," Shaffner said.

"We met through a mutual acquaintance, and he was in search of someone to be president of the new bank," Mistor said.

Mistor has been in the banking business for 23 years — 20 years at Michigan National Bank and two years with Republic Bank, both in Farmington Hills. She has been working for Shaffner on trying to establish the new bank for the last year.

"Northville doesn't have its own community bank. We found that people are really excited about having a bank here. We are thrilled to be able to offer the service that this community deserves," Mistor said.

"Keeping with our local focus, we intend to raise the capital needed to open the bank through local efforts," Shaffner said.

The bank's proposed holding company, Main Street Bancorp, Inc., is selling shares of its stock through a registered stock offering to Michigan residents only.

Shaffner and Mistor are currently meeting with potential investors.

"The offering is being very well received. Area residents and businesspersons are readily embracing our plan to create a community bank in Northville," Shaffner said.

Mistor said less than half of the shares offered are available.

Shaffner owned a mortgage company, Lender Ltd., that was at the Main Street location for seven years. He sold the business to Jim Wickham, the company president, and the business recently moved its headquarters to Hamburg. The firm has 18 offices

located throughout the state.

"They moved out, we gutted the building, and the bank will be in place of that business," he said.

Main Street Bank will lease the space from Shaffner, who said the bank should open in mid-February 2004.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News and the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

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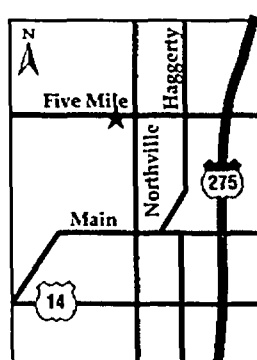
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PHIL POWER (cont'd)

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their families. A system of public support for higher education has now become a structure of user fees.

At the U-M's Ann Arbor campus, for example, state appropriations made up around two-thirds of the General Fund and tuition about one third back in 1970. Today, the situation is perfectly reversed, with two-thirds of the General Fund coming from tuition and other fees and one third from public support.

I suppose there's not much anybody can do about the situation now. The budget is badly out of whack. The political sys-

tem as a whole is deeply interested in evading responsibility. Higher education is an obvious target. And by the time Michigan's competitive weaknesses start becoming obvious to all, those now holding public office will have retired at public expense.

Phil Power served as a Regent for the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also 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

PAUL MELROSE (cont'd)

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Dr. Paul Melrose is Director of Clinical Services at the

Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeast Michigan. The Center has an office in Northville. The Staff of the Center can be reached at www.samaritancoun-

selingmichigan.com., or through (248) 474-4701. Dr. Melrose can be reached at www.paulmelrose.com or at (248) 474-4701.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, December 19, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. for an Employee Appreciation Luncheon.

The Administrative Offices are located at the following addresses:
Township Civic Center 41600 W. Six Mile Road
Township Financial Center 41660 W. Six Mile Road
Township Public Services/ 16225 Beck Road
Water & Sewer

The Department of Public Safety and the Fire Department will remain open. The offices will re-open on Monday, December 22, 2003 at 8:00 a.m.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CMC
CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF NORTHVILLE

(12-11-03 NR 102653)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF FIRST AND SECOND READING AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 170 ARTICLE 20 DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS

Date: December 18, 2003
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Northville Township Hall
41600 Six Mile Road

A first and second emergency reading of the Ordinance, and adoption of the revision will be held at the Board of Trustees meeting on December 18, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall meeting room, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. A complete copy of the proposed ordinance revision is available at the Township Hall office.

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

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CMC
CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF NORTHVILLE CLERK

(12-4/11-03 NR 100476)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF 1ST PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Thursday, December 18, 2003
Name of SAD: QUAIL RIDGE SUBDIVISION
Purpose of SAD: Road Improvement
Special Assessment District (SAD)

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions signed by the record owners of land whose area constitutes more than 51% of the total area of the hereinafter described Quail Ridge Subdivision Road Improvement special assessment district, the township Board believes the project to be in the best interests of the subdivision and the township; and to create a special assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

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

Quail Ridge Subdivision

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees, of the Charter Township of Northville will meet at Township Hall, located at 41600 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan on Thursday, December 18, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose

of reviewing said petition and hearing any objections thereto. Said petition may be examined at the office of the township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing.

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

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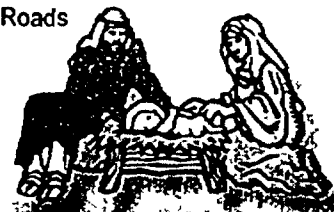
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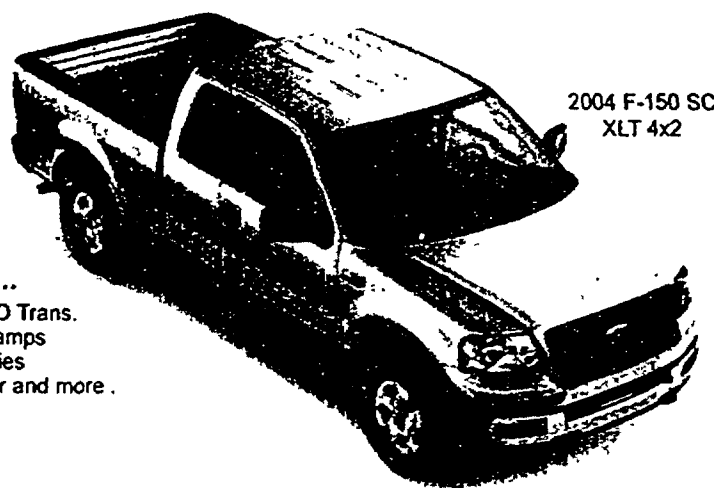
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Impenetrable Gates



Mustang net-minder Jimmy Gates keeps an eye on the puck, left, and a Livonia Stevenson defender during a home match last week at Novi Ice Arena.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Stellar Northville goalie frustrates top-ranked Stevenson as Mustangs skate away with victory

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

■ Walled Lake Northern no contest for Mustangs

If anyone isn't surprised by the way Northville has been playing hockey as of late, it's Brad O'Neill.

The Northville coach, who returned to the squad after a short hiatus, has led his squad to a 5-1 record and a win over one of the toughest teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Northville knocked off top-ranked Stevenson 3-1 December 3 in a game that proved the Mustangs are here to play.

Starting things off was senior captain Troy Engelland, who took assistance from juniors Keegan Malone and Nick Guerro before slamming the puck home against Stevenson goalie Ryan Dennett for a 1-0 lead at 9:30 in the first period.

The goal, which is just one of many points Engelland has earned thus far this year, came off the powerplay which was something O'Neill said he hoped his kids would be able to do.

"Special teams games," he said. "We've worked on that aspect of our game and were happy to see it work for us. We've got a talented group of

It wasn't much of a contest, but the Northville Mustangs hockey team did what they had to do in as little time as possible.

Northville earned a 12-0 victory over the young Walled Lake Northern Knights after just two periods of play.

Though the mercy-rule set in place by the Michigan High School Athletic Association states a contest to be ended after a 10-goal difference between two teams, the rule doesn't go into effect until the end of the second period.

players, and the more we take advantage of special teams the better off we are."

Northville notched another goal, this one early in the second period, to help separate them from the powerful Spartans.

Joe Vitale, a junior, notched the score as he beat a slew of Stevenson defenders before rocketing a hard shot in for the score and the 2-1 lead.

Stevenson, which is a perennial hockey powerhouse in the WLAA, wasn't about to be denied though. Brad Fisher took

The victory put the Mustangs at 5-1 on the season and sitting pretty in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"We still have to play Churchill, who's a tough team," Northville coach Brad O'Neill said following the Stevenson win earlier in the week. "We have to play our games one at a time. If we play solid hockey, we should do all right."

"Right now, we're going to be happy about this win, but we know we're going to have

the puck around the back of the Northville net and slid a hard pass to Dave Kubert, who fired it at the goal. Northville goalie Jimmy Gates went down for the puck, seeming to snag it before it crossed the line but the goal was called by the official.

Northville shook the score off and held tight to their 2-1 lead over the Spartans.

The Mustangs' offense continued to push against the tiring Spartans and eventually got a major break on a two-minute penalty for delay of game called on Dennett, Stevenson's start-

to go out and play our best hockey each and every game. If we're prepared, and we do it one at a time, we should do well in the league."

Northville had three players score two goals on the night. Jake Vitale, Blake Bratinna and Donny McKinnon notched two apiece in the victory.

Earning multiple assists were Derek Mohacsi, who had three, and Vitale, who had two.

The win went to sophomore goalie Scott Ozog, who earned his first shutout as a varsity goaltender.

ing goalie, with 3:49 left in regulation play.

Northville pressured the Spartans, keeping the puck in their zone throughout the majority of the powerplay, and eventually was rewarded following the end of the man-advantage. Stevenson pulled their goalie with 1:36 left in the game.

Senior Blake Bratinna disrupted the aggressive Salem passing, stole the puck and fought in the corner to release onto open ice. The speedy senior then broke away from the

pack, drew the only Spartan defender and dished the puck to Engelland who put it in for the score with 30.6 seconds left in the game.

The goal put the contest out of reach and gave Northville the 3-1 victory over their WLAA foes.

"It was a big team win," O'Neill said. "Individually, everyone played their role and played it well. We knew we had to have an outstanding team effort to beat Stevenson, and we did."

Gates played an outstanding game between the posts, stopping a slew of Stevenson shots, including a barrage in the third period that found Gates on his back three times, yet still managing to stop each attempt before icing the puck.

"He's been solid for us all year," O'Neill said. "We knew he would be a guy to look to for big saves, and he did it tonight just like he's done it all year. The kind of effort he puts forth in goal makes us that much better up front."

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Wrestlers pumped and ready for Novi

It sure seems like wrestling is the sport of sports at Northville High School these days. Not only does the team boast some decent numbers, but they boast some serious talent to back it up.

After an impressive showing in the Lake Orion Wrestling Invitational,

with a large part of that win going to the seniors, the Northville Mustangs grapplers are eager to take on no one other than Novi today at 6:30 p.m.



Sam Eggleston

The meet, which will be at Northville High School, will find the much improved and very determined Mustangs hosting a Wildcat squad that is returning back to the roots of their past with some serious athletes looking to get some big wins. This year, Novi is without a superstar the likes of Josh Churella and the many others that have come and gone on the north side of the Baseline. Novi comes in with a lot of talent of their own, and a coaching staff that has a ton of experience working their kids into a frenzy.

Northville, on the other hand, has a first-year coach in A.J. Grant. The stand-out wrestler for Clarkston and U of M has a way with the kids though, and has managed to bring them to a level that may not have been expected from this team. To support that level is a thick group of talented grapplers that are not only determined and dedication, but extremely excited about this season. They can taste the blood in the water and they're ready to start a frenzy of their own.

Though this could prove to be a great match for the early days of the season, everyone has to remember that it's just that — the early days of the season. Expect both teams to be very competitive, yet still working on perfecting their techniques that will hopefully find plenty of Novi and Northville grapplers competing at the state level this year.

The Mustangs are quite capable of winning this meet, but so is Novi. Though this meet is going to take place during the same time as a holiday concert at Northville High, the dedication should be decent and the wrestlers should be ready and geared to have some very grueling matches.

Expect this to be one of the best early-season meets either team is going to have this year. Expect the intensity to be very high and the excitement to be through the roof.

Northville may have the upper hand in this one, but I'm not going to dare try to give a final score. I learned that lesson a long time ago when it comes to picking between these two teams.

All I can say is expect one heck of a meet.

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GAME OF THE WEEK



Northville Mustangs

Wrestlemania

Steve Minier
Senior
Northville

A captain is picked because he's a leader and is willing to put it all out on the line. Minier is well aware of that as this is his second year in the position with the wrestling team — and it's a great fit for the grappler. Minier earned five-straight wins by falls and his performance was recognized by the Lake Orion Wrestling Invitational administrators as he was given the Most Outstanding Wrestler award in the 145-275 pound categories.



Athletes OF THE Week



Jimmy Gates
Junior
Hockey

When it comes to stopping a puck, there's probably no one better at doing it in the Western Lakes Activities Association than Gates. The Northville junior is not only quick, he's fast. What's the difference? Quick means you're not going to get a shot past this guy's hands and fast means he's back in position to stop you every time you have him flat on his back on the wrong side of the net. That's what makes Gates so darn good.



Minier earns honors in tournament

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Oh captain, my captain. Steve Minier is well aware of the responsibilities of a team captain. The 2003-04 season marks his second year as a captain with the Northville Mustangs wrestling team. It takes leadership, dedication and a lot of heart and it sure doesn't hurt to get a few wins while you're at it.

Minier started the season off with a bang as he took the tech-

niques he learned from first-year coach A.J. Grant and put them to use on the mat on his way to five-straight wins by fall in the Lake Orion Wrestling Invitational December 6.

Minier's performance earned him recognition by the tournament directors as they awarded him with the Most Outstanding Wrestler trophy in the 145-275-pound weight classes.

Minier's leadership ability and wrestling technique was put to the test when the Mustangs were matched up against the South

Lyon Lions. Northville was down by five points and only a pin would earn the victory for the Mustangs.

Minier came onto the mat, steadied himself and pounded out a pin just like he had done in the three matches prior to the win over South Lyon.

The Mustangs, as a team, finished out the tournament by beating South Lyon and Rochester Adams and earning a tie against host Lake Orion. Plymouth Salem managed to best the Mustangs by five points,

and eventual tournament champions Holt took a win over Northville as well.

Final numbers and point totals can be very deceiving though — the fact that Northville is currently voiding in two weight classes and still managing to hold their own against some strong competition speaks worlds of the talent depth for Northville.

The talent was definitely showcased in the Orion Tournament. Senior co-captain Joel Schanne was undefeated on

the day, earning two wins by fall, two by voids and one five-point tech. Jeff Ponder was also undefeated, earning two victories with pins and three on points.

The Mustangs also found Adam Blunk earning three wins by fall, while John Manica brought home two wins via pinning of his opponents and Nick Giammarco, Nick Didia, Justin Swanson, Brad Ashby, Bill Riegner and Ben Mason all had one win by fall and some earned various wins on points.

They say that the first win

wrestler earns is the one that will stick in their minds the longest. Dave Cain now has that memory, as he earned his first win via a 7-6 victory over the 171-pound wrestler from Rochester Adams.

The Mustangs will be back in action today when they play host to the Novi Wildcats at 6:30 p.m.

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Overtime thriller

■ Girls' hockey team escapes a tough University Liggett squad

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Some teams seem to get a little stressed out when it comes to overtime play, but not the Northville Mustangs girls' hockey team.

For the second time this season, the Mustangs earned an overtime victory. This one came in a 4-3 final over the University Liggett Knights.

The Mustangs were down to just 53 seconds remaining in the overtime period when their offense turned up the heat. The squad found themselves pressuring the Knights before Stephanie Papich fired off a quick wrist-shot that was deflected by Sam Pope into the lower-right corner of the goal to earn the victory.

"We didn't start with our normal zip," Northville coach Bill Holden said following the game. "But after the first period, we dominated the game at both ends of the ice."

The Mustangs found themselves down 1-0 following the first period, but bounced back nicely as Andrea Soloko found Amy Cauzillo skating free. Cauzillo, a junior, took the puck around two defenders and snapped a wrist-shot into the lower-left corner of

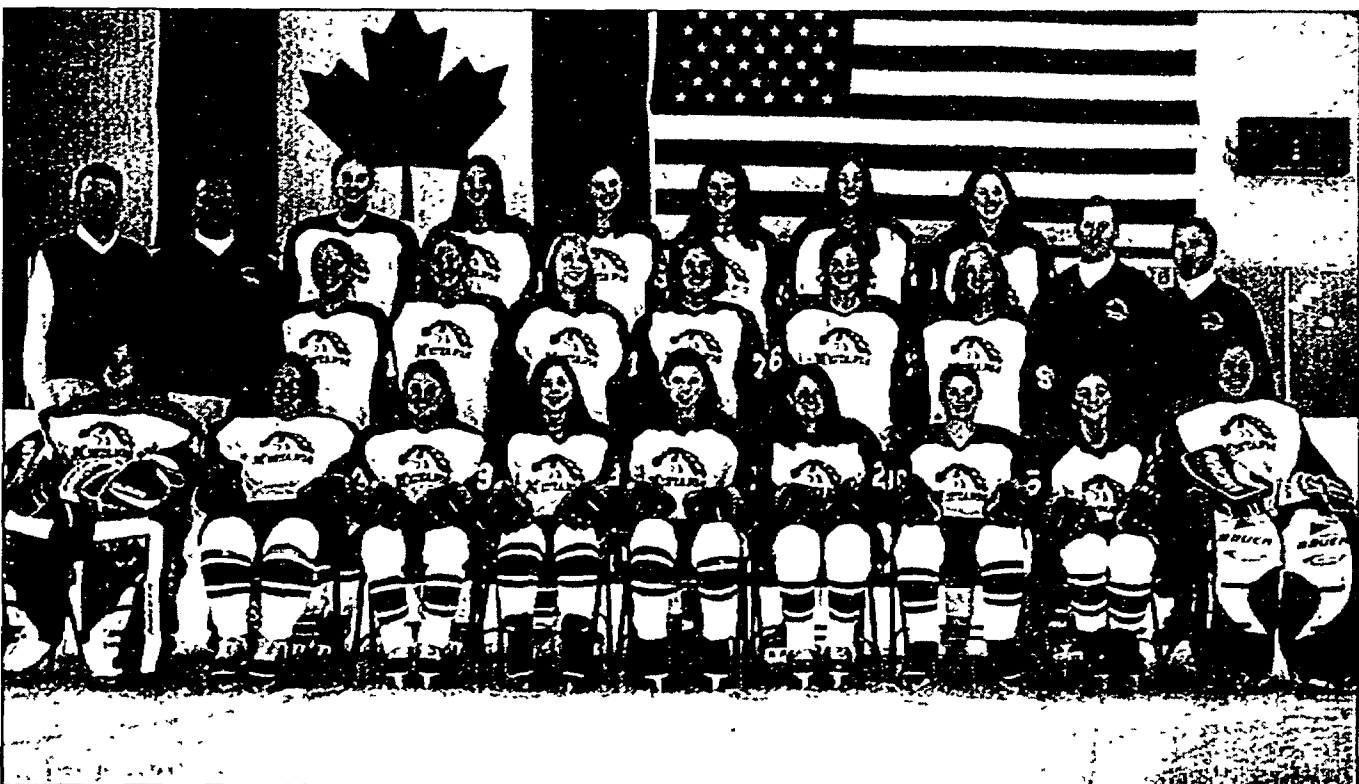
the goal to tie the game at 1-1.

The Knights fended off a variety of Northville attacks through the remainder of the period and then took the puck down and scored late in the second to take a 2-1 lead over the second-year Mustangs.

Northville wasn't worried though, and once again came through with a strong performance to open the period. Soloko took a hard shot that deflected off a Liggett defender and ricocheted into the corner of the rink. Cauzillo jumped on the puck, slid a pass to Jenny Forker who one-timed the puck into the goal to knot the game up.

The Knights tried to seal the game with another goal midway through the third after a scrum erupted in front of the Mustang net, causing the puck to fly into the air and between a diving Mustang goalie in Danielle Bigi and the crossbar to get the goal and the 3-2 Liggett lead.

Three minutes later, the Mustangs tied the game again to force overtime. Forker passed the puck to Pope, who waited momentarily in the corner for the Liggett defender to make her move. Pope fired a hard shot, which Papich redirected into the goal for the 3-3 tie at the end of regulation.



Row 1: Ashley Crawford, Allie Spencer, Caitlyn Crawford, Bridget Hughes, Emily Doren, Meredith Ponder, Rachel Reuter, Sam Pope, Danielle Bigi; Row 2: Assistant Coach Corless, Assistant Coach McIntyre, Jenny Forker, Kelsey Gunn-Boyar, Stephanie Papich, Katie Hietala, Sam Gumina, Kate Latham, Coach Holden, Assistant Coach Crawford; Row 3: Danielle Werner, Marie McIntyre, Anne Kirkpatrick, Kim Bagain, Andrea Soloko, Amy Cauzillo

Northville's defense held strong throughout the overtime period to help the Mustangs seal the victory. Defenders Annie Kirkpatrick, Sam Gumina and Marie McIntyre frustrated the Liggett forwards with key breaks on passes and clearing rebounds from in front of

the net. "I think this was one of our best defensive games of the season," said Bigi, the goalie.

The Mustang goaltender made 18 saves off 21 shots on goal, while Liggett's goalie was peppered with 32 shots on goal, mak-

ing 28 saves.

Forwards Caitlyn Crawford, Emily Doren, Bridget Hughes, Meredith Ponder, Allie Spencer, Katie Hietala, Kim Bagain and Rachel Reuter kept pressure on the offensive end of the rink as they skated on various lines

throughout the night.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Girls A.A.U. Basketball Club

Michigan Motion, Girl's A.A.U. Basketball Club, will be holding open tryouts at Novi Middle School on Saturday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 14. Times are from 9-11 a.m. for 10u, 11u, 12u and 13u and noon-2 p.m. for 14u, 15u, 16u and 17u on Saturday. For Sunday, times are noon-2 p.m. for 10u, 11u, 12u and 13u and 2:30-4:30 p.m. for 14u, 15u, 16u and 17u.

Please arrive early to check in. The times listed are start times, so have your shoes on and be ready to go. Your age as of Dec. 31 is your age group. There will be a \$20 fee to tryout and a parent or guardian must sign you in.

For more information, call (248) 486-1515 between 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

More Girls Basketball Tryouts

2004 Western Wayne Wolfpack (Northville) A.A.U. Girl's Basketball Tryouts will be held Tuesday, Jan. 6 and Thursday, Jan. 8 for 14's, 15's and 16's from 7:30-9 p.m. at Northville High School; Sunday, Jan. 11 from 5-6:30

p.m. at Hillside Middle School (Northville Recreation Gyms) and Monday, Jan. 12 from 7:30-9 p.m. at Northville High School for 12's and 13's; and Tuesday Jan. 13 and Friday, Jan. 16 from 4:30-6 p.m. at Hillside Middle School (Northville Recreation Gyms) for 11's.

For more information contact Jeanne Holmes at (248) 347-6425

AAU Girls Basketball Tryouts

The Legion AAU girls' basketball team will be holding tryouts Dec. 13 at Andover High School. The time and details are available at www.legionbh.com or at legionbb@hotmail.com.

There is a \$20 fee to participate in the highly-competitive tryouts, and there will be teams in age groups from 10 years of age through 18-year-old players.

For more information, email legionbb@hotmail.com.

Ski and snowboard club registration

Northville Parks and Rec is currently taking registrations for the popular ski and snowboard club. All students in middle school and high school are

encouraged to participate and membership includes luxury motor coach transportation to local ski areas on Friday evenings and some Saturday evenings as well as group lift tickets, rental equipment discounts and lessons at Mt. Brighton Ski Area. The club membership is limited to 300 participants.

The fee is \$135 for city and township residents, \$138 for school district residents and \$145 for non-residents. Please bring a current school photo and last year's club ID card.

Also, adult chaperones are needed for trips and will receive complimentary skiing.

For more information, please contact Northville Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

Want to play some hoops?

Northville Parks and Rec will be hosting a Women's Winter Basketball League starting January 28, 2004. The cost to join is \$395 per team and the season will run through 11 weeks.

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Not a bad season at all

Northville Premier Orange U13 Boys won the Michigan State Premier Soccer Fall Division 2 Championship. With a record of 8 wins, 2 ties, 2 losses, the team won with dedicated teamwork and discipline. Pictured front row, left to right, Mike Simms, Paul Olexa, Eric Makinen, Nick Putman, and Eric Helse. 2nd row, left to right, Nathan Hrivnak, Ryan Gage, Zach Tigani, Nick Scabassi, Cameron Burdette. Back row, left to right, Pat Griffin-asst coach, Chris Long, Matt Sims, John Hatzis, Trenton Buycks, Nick Kristock, and Coach Andy Vanover. (Not pictured John Doniklan).



Submitted Photo

Equestrian team does school proud

2003 Northville High School Equestrian Team highlights include: Michigan Interscholastic Horsemen's Association, District #11, Finished 4th out of 15 teams, Meets held at Shiawasee and Fowlerville fairgrounds, many events have 40-50 competitors, Lindsey finished first in Trail, Laura first in Hunt Bareback, Travis several top placings in the speed events, Renee second in Hunt Equitation, Melanie first in Saddleseat pattern, Christy first in jumping, Two seniors on the team Laura and Travis, two juniors Lindsey and Renee, and two sophomores Kristi and Melanie. Pictured from left to right: Melanie Thomson, Travis Otremba, Laura Prendergast (standing), Renee Christopher (standing), Lindsey Scheer, Kristi Anderson. Co-Captains Laura and Lindsey Coach: Angela Thomson Asst. Coach: Natalie Thomson.



Submitted Photo

Northville Cup winners

October 9th was an evening of exciting U10 Boys soccer at Ford Field. The Rockers and the Arsenal faced off for the Northville Cup. The Rockers dominated the first half racking up 2 goals. The Rockers put a 3rd goal into the net to start off the second half. Then the Arsenal side kicked into high gear with two goals scored by Jonathan Armaly and a third by Cameron Armstrong to tie the game. The Rockers came back with a fourth goal to take the lead again. The Arsenal team responded by scoring again to tie the game. With emotions running high the game went into a 5 minute sudden death overtime period. Arsenal player, Cameron Armstrong received a great pass and went in to score his 3rd and the game winning goal for an amazing finish to a drama packed game. First Row (from left): Christian Hoppens, Christopher Leja, Ryan Fitzgerald, Justin Puccio. Back Row (from left): Andrew Slayton, Cameron Armstrong, Alex Wozniak, Jonathan Armaly, Luke Davis, Jack Pritchard, Danny Simms, Ben Thomas. (Missing Drew D'Amour). Back: Coach Rod Kotylo.

There's more to this coach than Xs and Os

By Matt Simich
SPECIAL WRITER

Darrel Schumacher has been a fixture at Northville High School for over 30 years. Students have experienced his caring and no nonsense attitude in the classroom, on the football field, and on the hard court.

He starts his third year as head coach of the varsity basketball team and has high expectations for himself and the squad.

As the season begins, let's take a look at the man behind the chalk and the whistle.

Coach Schu, as he is affectionately called, was an athlete during his own high school years. He grew up in East Jordan, which is a small town in Northern Michigan. Schumacher played the point guard position for his basketball team and had the opportunity to play in college but he turned the offer down. He decided to major in engineering at Michigan Technological University. He completed his degree, however he was not satisfied. So he went back to school to get his teaching degree in math from Ferris

State University.

"There is no better job than teaching," said Schumacher, even after all these years.

It was during his student teaching that Schumacher started to coach. He coached the freshman football team at Fremont High School back in the late 1960s. Coaching was something that he liked doing.

"Coaching is just another way for me to teach kids," Schumacher humbly says. And once he started he never stopped.

Schumacher came to Northville in 1970 and didn't take him long to find a place on the coaching staff. He became the assistant coach for the freshmen football team and later that year he was asked to coach basketball.

"When somebody gives you a chance you got to see what you can do with it," said Schumacher.

Now he has accumulated over 30 years of coaching experience and memories. Most recently, Schumacher had the head coach positions for varsity basketball and football but thought it time

that the football program needed "a new breath of life."

After the 2001 football season Schumacher decided to mainly focus on coaching basketball. Working with the basketball players these days he looks back on his own high school career and wishes he could have played with the talent and intensity that some of the players play with today.

"Every player brings something different to the table," said Schumacher. He encourages the players to do the best that they can on and off the court.

When asked to summarize his coaching and teaching career through the years, he said, "I had fun and I loved the challenge."

This Tuesday kicks off the season for the Mustangs basketball team and coach Schu is looking forward to what this group of athletes can do. Good luck to the team and the coach.

Matt Simich is an intern for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

UNDERCLASSMEN SCORES

Regina 5,

JV Girls' Hockey 3

In Northville's Inaugural JV Ice Hockey game, Regina scored three unanswered goals in less than three minutes in the final period to beat the Mustangs 5-3.

The Mustangs in their very first JV game, took a two goal lead on a couple of impressive scores. The first goal was scored when Amy Simkins passed to Lisa Fishbeck deep in the Regina end of the ice. Lisa quickly centered the puck to Lesley Roumayah who shot the pass into the back of the net to score the first ever JV goal.

Less than five minutes later Clair Eley's shot went wide of the goal, but Erin Morrell took the rebound off the boards and shot on an almost impossible

angle. The puck bounced off the fallen goaltender and on to the stick of Michelle Oldham who quickly added to the Mustang lead by scoring Northville's second goal.

Regina answered with two goals of its own before the end of the period to tie the score at two goals apiece. Leecce Criswell was outstanding in goal in just her first game turning back twenty-one Regina shots. Within the first minute of the third period Anjoli Saran broke through the defense and dumped the puck behind the Regina goal, Regina's defense tried to clear the puck, but Laura Zima stopped the clearing attempt just inside the blue line and passed the puck to Jean Lacey who's shot deflected off a defenders skate and into the

path of Kat Watkins who out skated the defense to blast the puck by the goaltender.

"I believe Regina players, the fans and even our own players were impressed by our performance," said Scott Corless, the squad's head coach. "The game could have gone either way."

Late in the third period Heather Cox shot what appeared to be a goal, only to deflect off the goalie's arm at the last second. Both Megan Beger and Megan Bostwick missed goals by inches. Both of Erika Fill's shots hit the post in the final period. Rachel Tucker, Sarah Comai and Trista Williams each played outstanding defensively for the Mustangs, keeping both the puck and the opponents away from the goal.

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■ Cheerleading team turns into two squads for 2003-04 season

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

There's a new team in town — well, more like an old team with a new look.

The Northville Mustangs cheerleading team has been officially divided this year. One group, coached by Melanie Obrigkeit, will continue to cheer the Northville Mustangs sports teams on to victory as the "Sideline Team" while a crew coached by Sarah Hawthorne will be the competitive squad for the 2003-04 season.

The sideline team will be seen and heard at Northville athletic events, leading the crowd in a variety of cheers and showcasing their talents. The team, much like their competitive counterparts, boasts a deep talent base. Captains on the squad are Alli Gray, Vicki Speyer and Suzie Boll and they, like captains in all other sports, will be expected to lead their squad on and away from the sidelines.

Joining the trio of captains are Lindsay Williams, Holly Kellogg, Katie Kudyba, Katie Meisner, Andrea Manney, Jamie Thompson, Jeannine Batchik, Juli Peterson, Marie Ambler, Kim Sebastian, Katie Scott and Michelle Pike.

Also on the team are Nick Sanders, Reis Renneker, Dusan Brhlic, Jason Horowitz, Ken Delano and Shawn Speyer — proving that it's not just girls who make a cheerleading squad tick. The addition of boys adds a strength element the Mustangs haven't had in the past and will allow the sideline team to perform a variety of stunts.

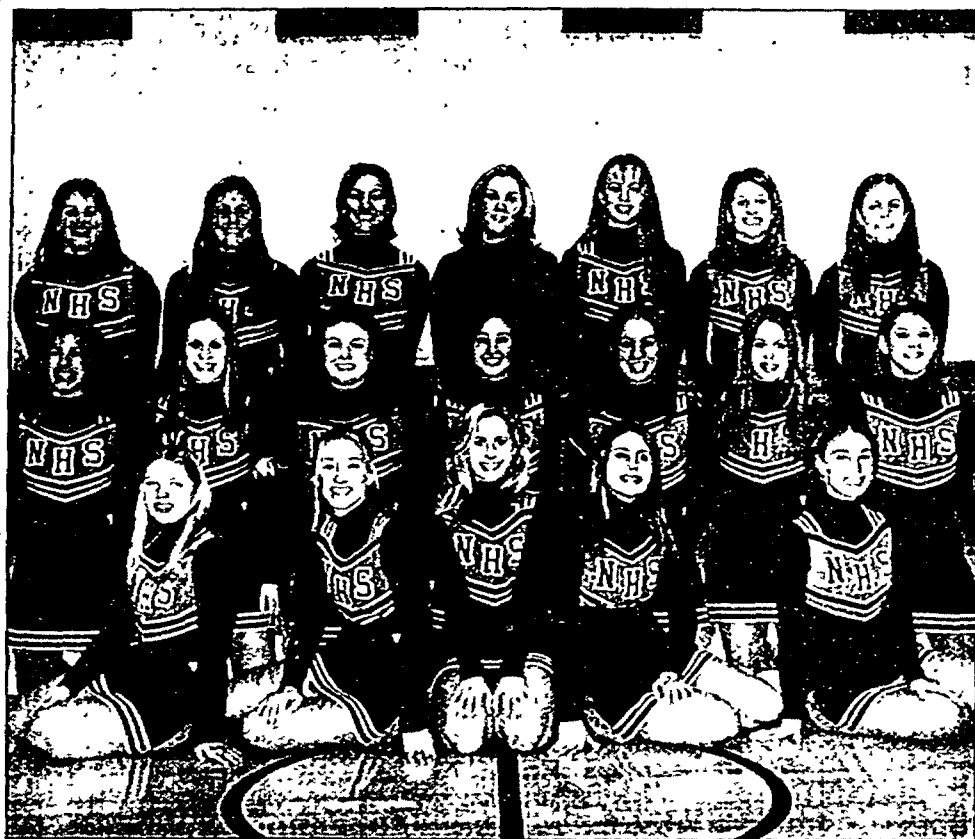
On the competitive team, which will present an always applaud-worthy performance at a variety of competitions, is a group of girls that have a lot of experience and a lot of talent. Many of the names on the squad are the same as the sideline team, showing that cheer is definitely not just a sport, but a way of life for some of these athletes.

The girls that are on both teams are Manney, Williams, Gray, Kellogg, Thompson, Batchik, Peterson, Pike, Boll, Sebastian, Speyer and Scott.

The girls not on the sideline squad yet still have some major competitive spirit include Andrea Firlit, Margaret Bacigal, Rebecca Johnson, Alicia Watts, Jean Hanley, Stephanie Brown, Ashley Flohr and Alison Ryan.

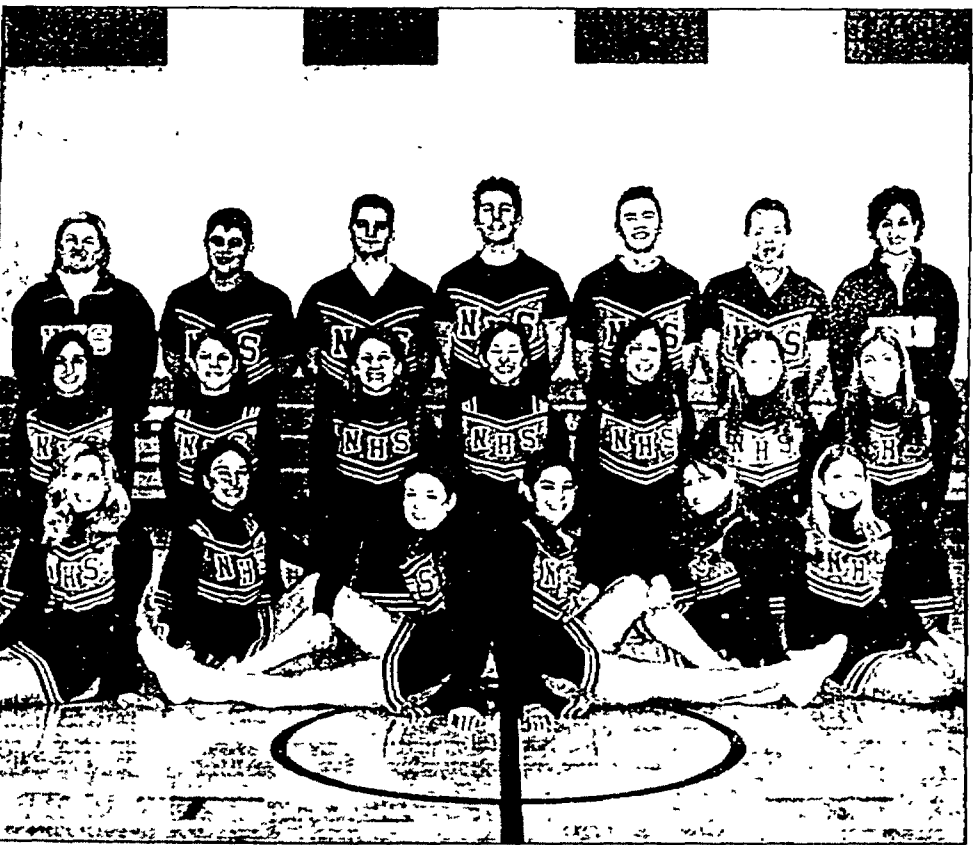
No matter which team takes the court, sideline or assembly, expect to see some major Mustang spirit.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

The competition team includes: Row 1: Andrea Manney, Margaret Bacigal, Lindsay Williams, Andrea Firlit, Alli Gray
Row 2: Rebecca Johnson, Kim Sebastian, Holly Kellogg, Jamie Thompson, Alicia Watts, Jean Hanley, Vicki Speyer
Row 3: Suzie Boll, Stephanie Brown, Juli Peterson, Coach Hawthorne, Ashley Flohr, Jeannine Batchik, Michelle Pike
Missing: Katie Scott, Alison Ryan



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Sideline squad includes: Row 1: Lindsay Williams, Alli Gray (captain), Holly Kellogg, Katie Kudyba, Katie Meisner, Andrea Manney
Row 2: Jamie Thompson, Vicki Speyer (captain), Jeannine Batchik, Juli Peterson, Marie Ambler, Michelle Pike, Suzie Boll (captain)
Row 3: Coach Seifert, Shawn Speyer, Jason Horowitz, Ken Delano, Reis Renneker, Dusan Brhlic, Coach Obrigkeit
Missing: Kim Sebastian, Katie Scott, Nick Sanders

It's cheerleading competition time already

Northville's competitive cheerleading team, under the coaching of Sarah Hawthorne, will begin its season at the Universal Cheer Association's Regional Competition December 13.

The competition is scheduled to be held at Plymouth High

School, located on Beck Road, and will start at noon.

According to Hawthorne, the team has been working hard to perfect their routine.

"We only had a few weeks to put together the routine and every girl has had to display and enormous amount of dedi-

cation and determination," she said.

"They have worked extremely hard and I am very proud of them all."

This year's team includes Margaret Bacigal, Jeannine Batchik, Suzie Boll, Stephanie Brown, Andrea Firlit, Ashley

Flohr, Alli Gray, Jean Hanley, Becky Johnson, Holly Kellogg, Andrea Manney, Juli Peterson, Michelle Pike, Allison Ryan, Katie Scott, Kim Sebastian, Vicki Speyer, Jamie Thompson, Alicia Watts, Lindsay Williams and Coach Hawthorne.

CLUB RESULTS

Northville Club Hockey

The Northville club hockey team opened their season against the Howell club team at the Novi Ice Arena November 12.

The entire first period was scoreless with some nice saves by Northville's goalie Phillip Meek, especially during a first period Howell powerplay. Northville goalie Robert Davison took over in the second period and made some great stops against the Howell offense. After a face-off deep in Northville territory, a Howell shot from the point was deflected twice and then went in with just three minutes left. Northville responded when forward Evan Clough flipped a wrist over the goalie's blocker, unassisted. The third period was scoreless and the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

The Club team faced off against Harper Woods Notre Dame on Friday November 21. It was an exciting match up with Notre Dame scoring the first goal with a little over two minutes left in the first period. Defenseman Xander Dobref assisted center Ryan Pyatenko in scoring the first Northville goal. Pyatenko snapped a quick shot off the post and in the net. Just thirty seconds later, defenseman Andrew Gasparotto assisted Dino Bernabei in scoring the second Northville goal. With three minutes left in the second period, Pyatenko won the face off back to Gasparotto, who rocketed a slapshot that was tipped in by winger Jim Stevenson. Disaster struck in the third period when Notre Dame scored three unanswered goals to win the game 4-3.

On November 26th, Northville

got its first victory of the season in a contest that they controlled from the opening face-off against Dexter High School at Veteran's Park Arena in Ann Arbor. Alan Kursu opened the scoring when he took the puck from Michael Garbarz in front of the goal and flipped a backhand over the Dexter goaltender's glove hand. Though Northville dominated play, including numerous chances on the power play, the Mustangs failed to add to their lead and the first period ended with the score 1-0 despite nearly all of the play occurring in the Dexter zone.

One minute into the second period, Mike Sklut carried the puck in on the left wing, made a nice fake, and backhanded a pretty goal into the net to extend the lead to 2-0. Dexter came right back with a breakaway, but Mitch Gayner hustled back to break up the play and save a goal. The Mustangs couldn't keep the Dexter team off the board though, as they finally scored on a rush in the second period to cut the lead to one. Dexter came close to tying the game with both teams short a man, but goalie Robert Davison made a point blank save to preserve the lead. Evan Clough scored to put the Mustangs up by two goals when he picked up the puck from Gayner and scored on a backhand.

In the third period Northville continued to control the play and Davison made a big save midway through the period with Northville short a man to preserve the two goal lead. The 3-1 final score did not indicate how thoroughly the Mustangs dominated the game. Northville evened its record at 1-1 for the season.

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Soccer champs!

The WAZA FLO soccer club won the Western Suburban Soccer League's U-13 select division fall championship and tied for first in U14. The team had members from Novi and Northville. Team members include: (Back row from left) Maria Gjeshaj, Dana Grabowski, Rachel Baker, Ashley Triplett, Olivia Lewis and coach Dennis Brose. (Middle row from left): Katie Hendrickson, Abigail Blackburn, Sarah Tindall, Sarah Marilley, and Amanda Hult. (Front row from left): Sara Talon, Cassie Zena, Melissa Kosztowny, Kerry McWhirter and Laura Bou-Maroun. Not pictured is Sarah Green.

Don't Miss...

The Grand Valley State University Lakers will defend their Division II college football national title Saturday in Florence, Alabama when they take on the University of North Dakota in the title game.

This year, the Lakers will be bringing along a local player who made his mark in Northville and is now an integral part of the Laker's success — Brandon Langston.

Langston, who originally went to the University of Toledo on a football scholarship, transferred to GVSU last year and has made an impression on the coaches, fans and faithful.

This year will mark the third-straight Lakers appearance in the national title game after

Grand Valley State beat Texas A&M-Kinrossville last Saturday 31-3.

Last year, the Lakers beat Valdosta State 31-24 to clinch the national title.

Don't miss seeing Langston in action, as you can tune into the championship game will be televised on ESPN at 4 p.m. this Saturday.

Novi hockey remains winless with 4-3 loss

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats have nothing they can hang this loss on.

Sure, they were without shooter Jordan Collins due to an injury, and they were playing in their first Kensington Valley Conference game of the season — but they were also up by three goals in the first period and ended up losing the game 4-3 against the Howell Highlanders.

The Wildcats took a 3-0 lead off their first eight shots of the game to simply dominate the first period of play. Most of their shots were out near the blue line and all of the goals came against starting goalie Trevor Bushong, who was replaced with less than five minutes left to play in the first.

Bryan Ellis started the game off on the right foot as he took assistance from Mark Eberline

and Chris Zarem before rifling home a shot for a 1-0 lead.

Just a few minutes later, Tom Ciaverilla scored, and Steve Rousseau notched a third for the Wildcats for a 3-0 lead with plenty of time left in the first period of play.

Howell, however, wasn't about to be dismissed so easily. After gathering their bearings, they came out in the second period looking for some goals.

Novi, who fell to 0-4 overall and 0-1 in the KVC, found the Highlanders earning two goals in the first 10 minutes of the second period. Justin Ingram scored the first goal of the night for Howell just a few minutes into the period, and then assisted on a Chad Rutzel goal with about five minutes left in the second to cut the Novi lead to 3-2.

In the third period, the Highlanders tied the game on a loose-puck goal that found

Novi's goalie down on the ice as the rubber found the back of the net off an Eric Miras shot. Then, with 3:37 left on the clock, Howell won the game as Jon Madden notched a final tally to make it 4-3.

Howell climbed to 4-0 with the victory, and 1-0 in the KVC.

Novi will be back in action when they play host to South Lyon December 17 and then play Northville at Novi Ice Arena December 19. Both games start at 6:30 p.m.

Northville already beat Novi once this year — marking the first time in four years the Mustangs have escaped with a win over the Wildcats.

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Who has the time to get their dove limit? Not me

Well, hunting season is in full swing and there seems to be controversy in the air yet again.

Surprisingly, the defenders and haters of hunting aren't doing it over the white-tailed deer, but instead the newly designated-as-huntable mourning dove.

According to the Department of Natural Resources Web site, mourning doves are one of the most abundant and widely distributed birds in the United States. Their current continent-wide population estimate is over 400 million in the fall migration.

Currently, there are only 10 states with a ban on mourning dove hunts as Michigan recently joined 39 other states on the go-ahead-and-shoot list.

To tell you the truth, I consider myself an avid and enthusiastic hunter. I grew up with



Sam Eggleston

it, learning how much it can relieve the monetary pressures on a family to subsidize an income with a freezer full of game meats. I still hunt to this day and can be credited with convincing my wife not only the benefits, but the experience of hunting as she, too, enjoys

deer hunting and has expressed interest in trying other kinds of hunts.

I also plan on teaching my 2-year-old daughter the values of hunting and the correct ways to do it. I've always felt that hunting not only made me a more capable individual, but also taught me valuable lessons on safety, correct procedure and responsibility. Those are lessons that I would never think twice about handing down to the next generation.

And here I sit, week after week, reading the letters in the Northville Record regarding mourning dove hunts. Some readers are for it, others against it.

I have to say, as a hunter, I'm for it.

With such a healthy population, hunting is hardly going to have a major impact on the doves as a whole. That's why

it's called wildlife management — and there are experts who keep a tally on everything in order to make sure no significant impact is felt by the species in question. It goes on with every hunted animal in Michigan — and it's worked well for a number of years. There's really no reason to believe it won't continue working.

I'd like to add that I really have no interest in hunting mourning doves. That doesn't mean I won't eventually give it a go, as I enjoy the chance to dine on various game — though it would take one tasty bird to overcome my preference for partridge. What that does mean is I won't be out getting my "bag limit" every day during the season. Nor, I must say, will my wife. Or my dad. Or my sister. In fact, the majority of the hunters I know can't

spend the time necessary to get the bag limit each day of the season. In fact, most of them are lucky to be able to do it once a month.

Much like fishing, the limits are set based on the population and yet those limits are hardly ever reached on any given day by a hunter or an angler, let alone every day.

I fully expect that the mourning dove population will be just fine and, with continued management, could turn into one of the more enjoyed game birds in Michigan. Just as I suspect this column from me won't quell any of the concerns of those out there who think hunting is such a dastardly deed or who

just love all the little animals that populate our great state.

Of course, most people don't bother to sit back and think about what happens if populations boom — not just in mourning doves — and Mother Nature decides to take over in wildlife management. It's not a pretty sight, and I've seen it first hand... but that's another topic for another column.

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MONEY MATTERS

The gift that keeps on giving? It's your Christmas bonus invested wisely

Christmas mornings did not always greet my family with wall-to-wall presents spilling from under the tree.

The explanation my older brother gave me for these "lean" Christmases went something like this: "Santa's elves just didn't work as hard as they should have making the toys. That's why there are fewer presents than

there were last year."

Oddly I accepted this explanation as if God himself had uttered it even though my friends were getting brand new Schwinn bicycles with

Mary Davis

pink handlebar tassels. Why were the elves in my toy section such slackers, I wondered?

About the time it dawned on me that Santa didn't actually exist, I realized that the size of my mother's Christmas bonus check was proportional to the level of lavishness she bestowed on her kids at Christmas time. We didn't talk about money in our household but I wish we had.

If you're fortunate enough to receive a Christmas bonus this year, consider taking a portion of it and spending it on yourself. You deserve to treat yourself for all of your hard work. Then think about using the remaining amount on things that will provide you and your family with some long-term financial benefits.

Pay off high interest credit card debt. Nothing rings in the New Year like a zero balance on your credit cards. If you're wondering which debt to attack, start with your high interest rate credit cards first. On a balance of \$8,000, even with a relatively low interest rate like 9 percent, you're still paying upwards of \$750 a year in interest alone. Imagine what you could do with the extra money you'll be saving by paying off your credit card balance.

Set up an emergency fund. If you don't have the cash to cover at least three to six months of living expenses, add your bonus to your emergency fund.

Invest it in a Roth IRA. This investment vehicle allows you to fund your retirement with up to \$3,000 after tax dollars per year. Unlike a traditional IRA, where your contributions may be tax deductible and your dividends are taxed, contributions to a Roth IRA are taxed but your earnings are tax-free and penalty-free provided you begin withdrawing funds after you turn 59.

You can participate in a Roth IRA even if you're participating in another retirement plan as long as you don't contribute more than \$3,000 to any IRA contribution you have. (For individuals 50 and over the total allowable contribution is \$3,500.) And your non-working spouse can also contribute the full amount to his/her Roth IRA as long as he or she has an earned income of equal to the amount of their contribution. There are income restrictions. Typically you're eligible to make full contributions to a Roth IRA if you're single, head of the household and your adjusted gross income doesn't exceed \$95,000. Likewise, if you're married and file jointly, you are eligible if your adjusted gross income is less than \$150,000. Consult your financial institution's IRA specialist to determine if a Roth IRA is the right choice for you.

Open a Christmas Club Account. In January, consider opening a Christmas Club account with your bonus money. Most credit unions and many banks offer them. This way, when it's time to shop for the holidays again, you'll have all the money you need. And you'll earn interest rather than making big interest payments to finance next year's holiday shopping.

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Polished Outlook provides private rooms with a peaceful atmosphere for all massages and body treatments.

Polished Outlook's an oasis for personal pampering

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

There is a luxurious oasis for the ultimate in stress relief located just off Main Street in downtown Milford. Polished Outlook is a full-service salon, day spa and boutique known for its intimate atmosphere and elaborate beauty treatments.

"With today's fast-paced lifestyle, you need to relieve that stress — a spa treatment is the ideal solution," said Mona Ruggers, owner of Polished Outlook, Inc. for the past 17 years.

Polished Outlook offers traditional salon and spa services for men and women with advanced skin care technology. The selection of body treatments includes Swedish massages, facials and body wraps, a full array of hair

services, manicures for natural nails, and its famous hydrotherapy, "pedi-care."

Although the majority of its clients are women, more men are taking advantage of the spa's services, Ruggers said.

Nationally, men purchase 35 percent of all spa services, according to Ruggers. She said many male customers regularly come in for facials, pedicures and massages. She also has one male professional on her staff.

"It's not a girl thing to do like it used to be," Ruggers said. "Men especially like the hot stone treatments."

Heated basalt lava stones are used for facials, pedicures and massages. The hot stone massage incorporates Swedish massage techniques placing warm stones in the hands of the massage specialist and

along pressure points of the body.

"The hot stone massage is the ultimate in stress relief," Ruggers said. "The heated stones impart a soothing deep tissue experience, a perfect warm-up for winter."

This year, Polished Outlook offers the new Chocolate Raspberry Smoothie. No, it's not for eating but a manicure and pedi-care for treating your hands, arms and feet.

"At last, there's a way to enjoy chocolate without the calories," Ruggers said.

The hands and arms are immersed in heated raspberry or chocolate paraffin for the ultimate in moisturizing. The manicure includes a chocolate nut exfoliate followed by a hand and arm massage with a choice of chocolate whipped cream or very berry sundae sauce.

The pedi-care begins with a chocolate and raspberry foaming foot bath. The legs and feet are buffed and exfoliated with a chocolate nutty scrub enhanced with Vitamin B and avocado.

Polished Outlook also has its own private-label line of cosmetic and skin-care products formulated to improve all skin conditions, hydrate and renew your skin.

"Our 21st century treatments provide the latest anti-aging technology and other skin care benefits," said Ruggers.

The salon will create a more polished outlook for customers with a mini-makeover. After a complimentary consultation with its expert hair designers, your hair will be cut, shaped and styled into the perfect look for you. A cosmetic application suited to your facial structure and skin tone is included in the mini-makeover.

Heat massage therapy chairs are located throughout the salon so customers can enjoy the additional treatments while having their hair done or getting a manicure or pedicure.

Polished Outlook is not just for individual treatments, offering special packages for holiday and wedding parties. The business is open until noon on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve for customized individual or group treatments.

The day spa offers bridal programs for the wedding day including a bride's brunch and a pre-rehearsal dinner spa package. They are already booking appointments through June 2004, Ruggers said.

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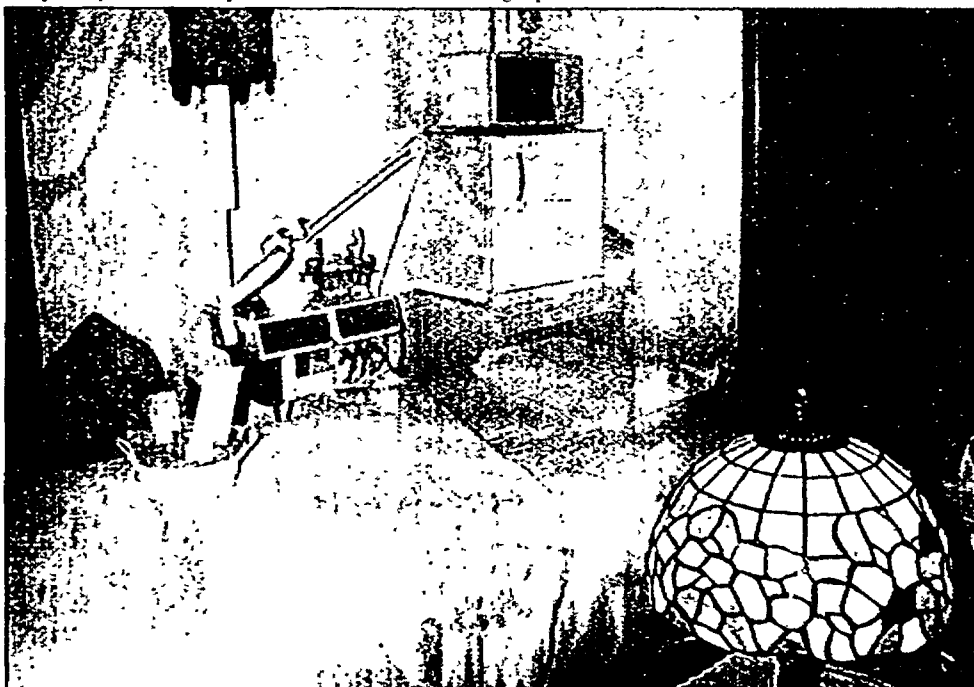
beauty treatments. Ranging from two to eight hours, the packages provide a combination of facials, manicures, massages, pedi-cares, hair designs, cosmetic applications and body therapy treatments.

Gift certificates are available for numerous spa packages in any amounts or for clients to customize their own packages. Individually prepared, boxed and wrapped, gift certificates can be ordered in person or on its web site, polishedoutlook.com.

"What better gift than a gift of caring and preventive health care," said Ruggers. "Christmas is our biggest gift season."

The boutique offers a large selection of exclusive gifts for all occasions with candles, chakra herbal teas, dolls, lamps, purses, decorative home accessories, and its own line of spa and skin care products.

Polished Outlook recently was chosen as one of the top 200 salons in the nation by Salon Today Magazine, according to Ruggers. Her business is a member of the Day Spa Association and The Salon Association.



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Old World looks on a shoestring budget

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: We are doing over our kitchen on the proverbial shoestring and need help. Our idea is to create an Old World look, using our old cabinets (oak). They are too good (and too expensive) to replace. I've never refinished anything, but I'm willing to learn how. Also, my wife has her heart set on marble countertops, but they are way out of our budget. Any suggestions here?

A: Smart you. If your old cabinets are in good shape, refinishing rather than replacing saves days of work and lots of dollars.

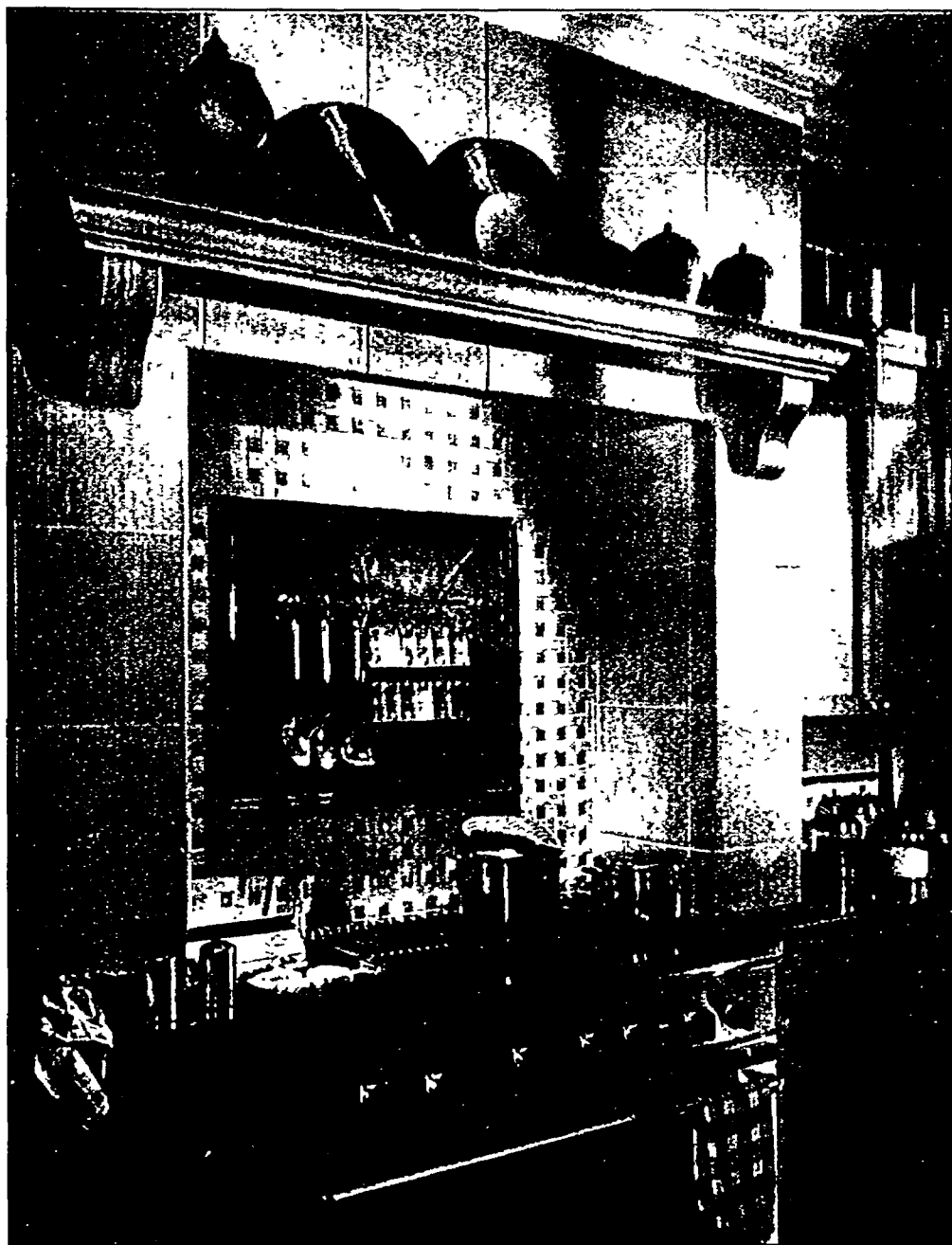
A tip for beginners from "Wood Beautiful," the how-to magazine from Minwax: Stripping the old finish can be tedious, noxious and discouraging. The experts' advice: Call in an experienced furniture stripper to do the dirty work. Then you can take over, if you like, sanding the bare oak smooth for staining whatever color carries forward the particular Old World look you have in mind.

And remember, you don't have to limit yourself to wood tones; new stains come in a bewildering of choices (Minwax itself offers more than 60, from deep blue to hunter green and antique red; have a closer look at www.minwax.com).

You'll find an equal variety of styles in new cabinet hardware that will change the very attitude of your cabinets.

More good news for your wife: If you can't afford marble countertops — which can be delicate and demanding — new porcelain stone ceramic tiles look for all the world like the real thing.

For example, Crossville Porcelain Stone/USA (www.crossville-ceramics.com) offers a range of authentic-looking colors, developed by uber-designer Barbara Schillemeister, ASID, and made in large sizes



Mantelpiece and porcelain stone tiles form a hearth-warming focal point for a kitchen.

that heighten the illusion of natural marble. Our photo shows Crossville tile (from the Empire Series) at

work in a remodeled kitchen, on the counters, walls and backsplash framing the cooktop.

Best news: Not only is porce-

lain stone practically indestructible, it costs an arm and leg less than real stone and is lots easier on the housekeeping crew.

Q: Can I share a tip with other home decorators? I travel a lot on business and always make a point of staying in the best hotels because I've found some of my own best home-decorating ideas in my hotel rooms.

A: Stealing towels, bad; stealing ideas, great! Our tipster is right on: Interior designers who do hotels have to get it right on three important counts.

1. Accommodations must be totally attractive and comfortable.

2. Durable, but not look it.

3. Central to the unique "personality" of the hotel, just as you would set a decorating theme at home.

Some tips from Lisa Silver, ASID, who recently remade an old hotel in Greenwich, Conn., into an ultra-posh retreat in Tuscany — or so she'd make you believe.

Her careful attention to authentic detail turns a night at the new Delamar Greenwich Harbor Hotel into a field trip for decorating junkies. Among her professional tricks: Use wallpaper that looks like labor-intensive Venetian plaster (but is lots less fragile).

Frame the bathtub and vanity with mahogany-stained wood panels. Invest in one piece of hand-painted furniture (she likes armoires as entertainment centers). Collect and display art that's original, not necessarily expensive. Include something antique in every room to "make it feel like home."

It all adds up to ultra-luxe idea-shopping that's worth the hour's trip up from Manhattan (you can even go by yacht in season: Check it out at www.thedelamar.com).

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Home
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Gretchen Voyle



Rain gauge a cheap but handy gift for gardeners

Q: I have several friends who are kind of amateur gardeners. They manage to kill stuff each growing season. Is there something that I could get them as an inexpensive gift to save some innocent plants?

A: They key word here is "inexpensive." Yes, there is an inexpensive gift for the gardener. It's a rain gauge. Most run under five dollars and some are only two or three bucks. The major thing that becomes apparent when dealing with plant problems is that environmental stress is number one with a bullet. The rest of the list are insect problems and, in last place, disease problems. One of the biggest of the environmental stresses is lack of water. Many people don't know when to water. You have to know how much Mother Nature has donated before you start dragging out the hose. Most established plants will be very happy with one inch of water per week. That's either out of the sky or direct from the hose. The cheapo rain gauge tells all. The other watering problem occurs when we are having little or no rain for weeks and the plant tender thinks that the lawn sprinkler system will supply adequate moisture. It doesn't happen. Lawn sprinkler systems are designed to keep lawns nice. Grass could probably be happy with an eighth of an inch of water a day. For plants with deeper roots, the drought continues while the sprinkler runs. So stick a glittery star on your gift at the one-inch mark. For the card: "an inch a week is what you seek." Sounds kinda mystical. Check the local nurseries or hardware stores for the buy of a lifetime.

Q: I have talked to several people in the last year that tell me that they were bitten by brown recluse spiders and had bad allergic reactions. How common are these spiders and why are people getting attacked?

A: They aren't. Brown recluse spiders aren't attackers and aren't common. Spiders, including brown recluse, don't attack people. If humans or pets get spider bites it's because the spider was being squashed or threatened. Spiders don't need you to bite. The insects and their relatives that do bite you are seeking a blood meal. This is so they can lay viable eggs. Spiders don't need blood, especially yours. They don't seek you out. If you stick your hand into old boxes in the garage or sit down on a pile of junk in the attic, it might happen. Just the name alone tells a lot. They are brown and reclusive. They aren't hanging around your living room ceiling. Brown recluse spiders have mandibles or mouth parts that can't grasp your skin. You can push against them and make it happen but they can't do it on their own. They are also very uncommon in Michigan. You can have a bad reaction to an insect bite and when it has swelled, there isn't much of a way of distinguishing a spider bite from a bug bite. Brown recluse spiders have a body that is one-fourth to one-third of an inch in length. They range from orange-yellow to dark brown. They have six eyes instead of eight like other spiders. They also have a marking on the top portion of the body that the legs are attached to called the cephalothorax. It looks like an upside-down violin. Not stripes. Not spots. So don't stomp every brown spider with a marking on its back into a grease spot. The bites are being misidentified.

Gretchen Voyle, MSU Extension-Livingston County horticulture agent, can be reached at (517) 546-3950.

Foundation chips in \$50M toward rentals

By James M. Woodard
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

News about the shrinking availability of affordable rental housing is often eclipsed by information about supply and demand in the housing market.

The facts are dismaying. Many rental units are being converted into condominiums to meet demand created by the swelling number of first-time buyers. And for those units that remain, the cost of rent is skyrocketing, or they are so in need of basic maintenance that they are nearly uninhabitable.

But organizations do exist that are vitally concerned about the plight of the people caught in the rental crunch. One is the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur

Foundation, which recently announced a 10-year, \$50 million effort to preserve and improve the nation's supply of affordable rental housing.

The program will provide a resource for national and local nonprofit organizations that own and operate rental properties. Part of the \$50 million is expected to buy, refinance and renovate units that might otherwise become too expensive or rundown for low and moderate-income families.

Another portion of the money will fund research, policy analysis and public education about the growing shortage of affordable rentals and strategies to address the crunch.

"Rental housing of all types is an essential component of a bal-

anced national housing supply," said Jonathan Fanton, president of the foundation. "Virtually all of us, at one time or another, have relied on rental housing, and for millions of people, affordable rental housing is a necessity."

"Our foundation expects to directly support the preservation of 100,000 existing affordable rental units in urban, suburban and rural markets. We will also encourage additional preservation investments by public and private sector sources and stimulate public policies that give a new generation of owners the motivation and means to preserve at least 1 million affordable rental units in the decade ahead."

The foundation plans to be flexible with its money, it was reported. It will enable nonprofit organi-

zations to buy and improve a large inventory of rental housing in locations nationwide.

In addition to physical upgrades, such as replacing of windows, roofs and kitchens, the owners will bring in new services and amenities, including child care and after-school programs, computer and Internet access, community centers and playgrounds.

To help owners successfully manage the rapid expansion of their rental portfolios, a portion of the money will pay to strengthen staffing, information systems and other organizational aspects. The program is named "Window of Opportunity: Preserving Affordable Rental Housing."

About 35 million U.S. households live in rental housing, the

foundation said. That's about one-third of all households in the United States. All but 5 million of those households live on annual incomes of \$60,000 or less. About 12 million unsubsidized renter households spend more than 35 percent of their income on rent, exceeding the 30 percent level considered affordable.

"Affordability is the primary issue for renters today," said Nicolas Retsinas, director of Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies. "Adjusting for inflation, incomes among the bottom two-thirds of renter households have been virtually flat for three decades. Meanwhile, rents have climbed substantially."

Call the MacArthur Foundation at (312) 726-8000 or check out www.macfound.org.

Poinsettias are easy to grow

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I was able to keep last year's poinsettia alive all year. It sent out a lot of new growth and it looks pretty nice. I have heard there is some special way to get it to bloom. How do I go about the process of making it bloom for Christmas?

A: I am afraid that this Christmas you will have to buy a new plant that is already in bloom if you want a blooming plant. Poinsettias are sensitive to the changing day-length and they need a couple of months worth of short days and long nights before they will bloom.

In a home environment, where people turn the lights on as it gets dark outside, the poinsettia doesn't get a long night. The lights will fool the plant into thinking that it is still summer. Even streetlights outside a darkened room can keep a poinsettia from blooming.

Next year, beginning around Oct. 1, the plant must be kept in total darkness for 14 continuous hours every night. Covering it with a box and placing it in a closet is good. The nighttime temperature must be between 60 degrees and 70 degrees. It needs bright sunlight during the day and it should be blooming between Thanksgiving and mid-December, depending on the cultivar.

Poinsettias provide a bright focal point indoors when the landscape is so drab outdoors. The colorful part of a poinsettia is specialized leaf

called the bract. The real flowers, pea-size, are found in yellow and red clusters at the end of the branch.

When choosing a plant, here is what to look for.

Good quality plants have dark green leaves all the way to the bottom, no dead spots on the leaves and true flowers that are just starting to bloom. If the yellow powder-like pollen is dispersed and dried up or the true flowers are dried up, skip that plant. If any of the bracts have dried and dead edges, skip that plant, too. If the lower leaves are turning yellow, or fall off with just a slight tug, go to the next plant. If you turn over a leaf and it is covered with small white insects, don't buy it.

Another problem with many new poinsettias is that they are brittle and lose branches easily. Look for plants with vertical stems and few horizontal ones, especially if it is going to be taken home in a paper sleeve.

Some growers install a plastic ring on the pot that supports the branches about 5 inches above the pot rim. Plan for the right day to buy your plant. Do not expose the plant to near-freezing temperatures while taking the plant from the store or leave it in the car while doing more shopping.

Once home, don't expose the plant to drafts of any kind (especially plants on the floor) or direct sunlight. Keep the soil evenly damp all the time. Check the plant daily at first, until you determine how much water it will need. Big plants use a

lot of water. They prefer temperatures from 65 to 75. The cooler temperature makes the flowers last longer. Putting it near a heat-generating appliance (TV, photocopier) will shorten its flowering lifetime.

If it dries out, it will begin losing leaves. If it is over-watered or left to sit in water, the roots and then the whole plant will die.

Poinsettias are members of the spurge family. They contain a milky sap that can cause a rash, but the flowers and bracts are not poisonous, as many people believe.

They are native to Mexico and Central America, where they grow as shrubs to more than 6 feet tall. The Aztecs cultivated them hundreds of years ago. In the 1800s, the United States' first ambassador to Mexico was Joel Poinsett. He was also a botanist, and he brought the plants that now bear his name to his greenhouse in South Carolina.

If you want high quality, new varieties or different sizes of plants, you will have to shop at a florist, greenhouse or nursery, not at the grocery store or hardware store.

Until recently, poinsettias were finicky. They would lose their bracts at the slightest change in temperature or watering. Taking them home on a cold day could do them in. The new ones have much longer-lasting bracts, sometimes even until spring.

Poinsettias are beautiful plants that come in many shades of red and pink. Some newer varieties

Get the most out of poinsettias

■ Place the plant in a bright spot away from hot drafts, such as from a heater.

■ Keep the plant moist.

IF YOU WANT YOUR PLANT TO BLOOM NEXT CHRISTMAS:

■ Once it finishes blooming in February or March repot the plant into a larger pot and use lightweight, commercially prepared potting soil.

■ Place the plant in a sunny location outdoors once danger of frost has passed.

■ With every watering, feed the plant with a diluted 20-20-20 water-soluble fertilizer.

■ Prune by "pinching" its growing tips monthly to encourage compact, spreading growth.



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are mottled or even come in yellow. There is also a wide selection of sizes available, from a 4-inch plant that can be worn as a corsage to 6-foot trees.

Although poinsettias are easy to grow, they can have problems. Any crop that is grown in large quantities can have insect or disease outbreaks. The worst insects to control in your home are white fly and spider mites. Look for them before you buy the plant.

Do not use insecticide soaps on poinsettias, because it is more likely to kill the plant than the pests. Spider mites can be washed off with water. White flies can be controlled with a pyrethrum-based insecticide or malathion.

Several other plants make great indoor decorations in the winter. Try cyclamen, azaleas, hydrangea, miniature roses, orchids, African violets, anthurium and any others that your florist recommends.

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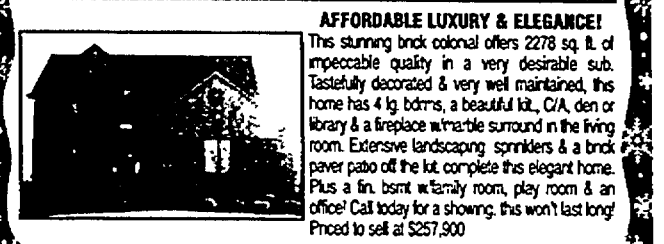
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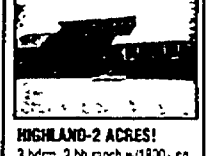
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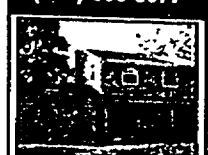


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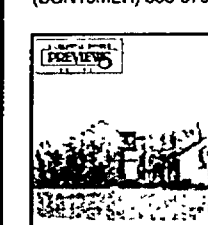
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2195 sq. ft., 3 br., 2 bath, large family room, fenced yard, close to schools & town, asking \$245,000. Dexter Real Estate, Inc. (734) 426-8387

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ATTENTION INVESTORS multi-family unit available in the City of South Lyon \$164,900
Call for DETAILS
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LYON TWP.
Ranch on 1/2 acre lot 3 bd, LR w/FP, DR has lg win overlooks yard. Updated. Kit w/snack bar, updated bath, partially fin. bsmt w/pos rec. rm & storage area. Newer furn. & c/a \$178,000 2312656
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CHARMING Historical colonial Great location close to w/way Has character w/whispered kit & ady DR. Newer updated BA, beige crt. Front multi-prpse rm, 17x10 used as study. Spare rm 11x7 entry level currently used as BR. \$154,900 ML23034913
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South Lyon 3400

SOUTH LYON
BEAUTIFUL colonial on large lot, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, family room w/FP & doornail to deck, hwd fl. in dining rm, kitchen has pantry, partially fin bsmt w/ret rm. Library, storage area & 2 car att gar. \$244,900 ML222119628
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Whitmore Lake 3460

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 1,400sq ft ranch, 5 wooded acres. Hardwood floors 2 car garage Bsmt, air Built 1999 \$280,000 (734)647-4785, days (734)332-4726, eves

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White Lake 3450

WHITE LAKE
STUNNING LAKEFRONT CONTEMP HOME. 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, million dollar views of the sunsets overlooking White Lake. Cathedral ceilings, all new hwd floors, large master suite, 5th bedroom could be office or library. \$719,900 Code 41722
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6,200 sq. ft. 2,800 sq. ft. office
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12,800 sq. ft. 1,200 sq. ft. office,
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Office Space. Attractive 3
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swim, newly remodeled, 1 br.,
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x-way access, w/ heat. Lowest
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BRIGHTON
• 1 & 2 Bedroom
• Very Clean
• All Appliances
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Farmington Times & all Real
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Creative Living Section for
publication date of Dec. 22nd
is Monday, Dec. 22nd &
Monday, Dec. 29th at 4pm
Daily Press Argus dead-
line for Thursday & Friday
Dec. 25th & 26th
January 1st & 2nd is
Wednesday at 12 Noon

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Fully equipped kitchen. Quiet
Country setting, close to
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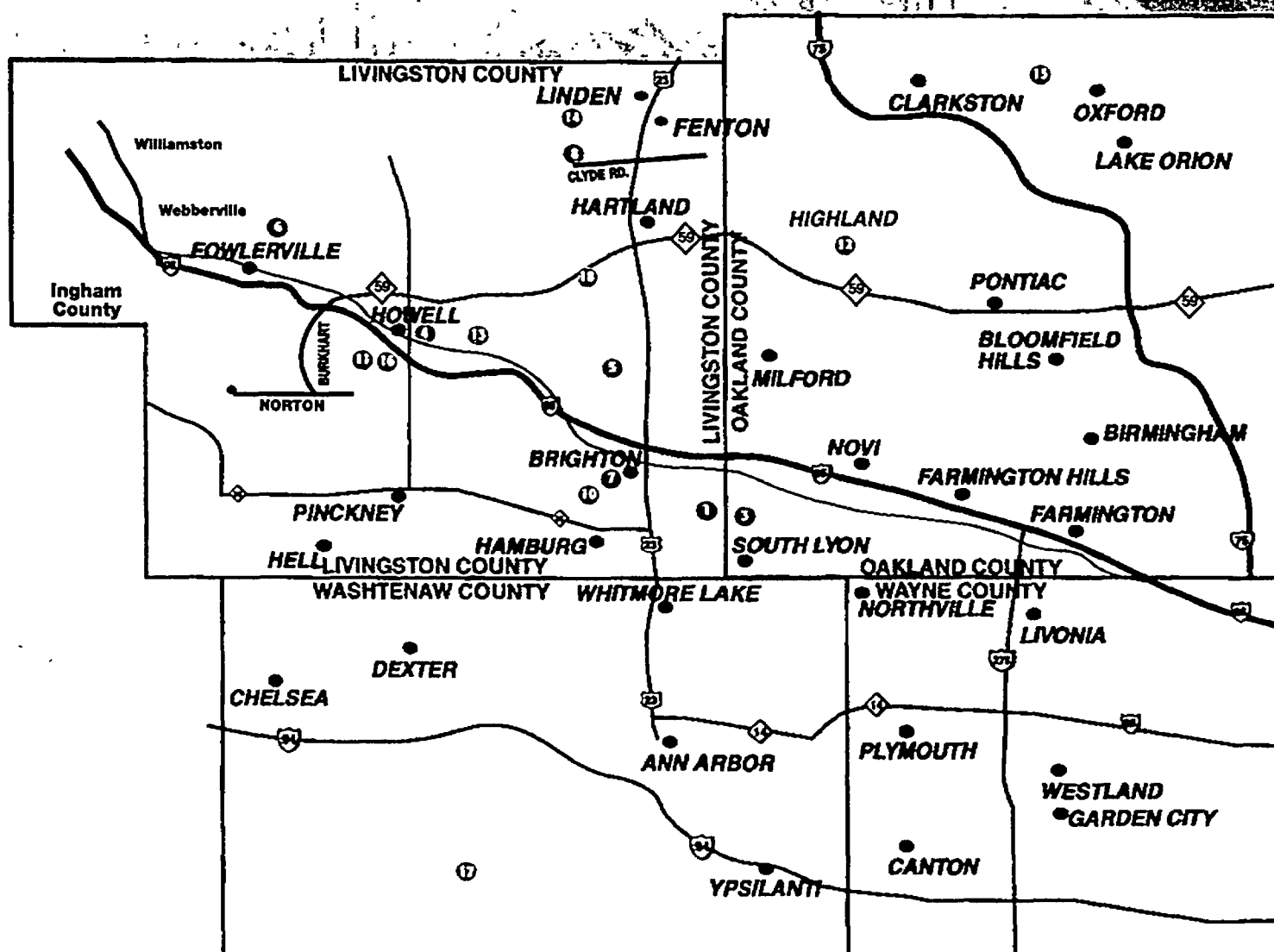
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LIVONIA - Clean and neat. Huge lot, fenced yard, big kitchen, beautiful hardwood flooring, basement with dry bar, extra parking space. Home warranty. \$159,900 (SA120) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Lakes of Northville beauty. Wonderful home on premium lot deep in sub. First floor master + 2 additional large bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Large kitchen with ceramic counters and extra cabinets. Professional landscaping and decking, sprinklers, lighting & home warranty \$369,900 (21WHE) 248-349-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Large colonial. Nice corner location in a wonderful sub. 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths. 2 car garage. Newer carpet and roof. Fireplace in great room. Eat-in kitchen & separate dining room. Very large living room. Master bedroom with walk-in closet & full bath. \$274,900 (90TAD) 248-349-5600



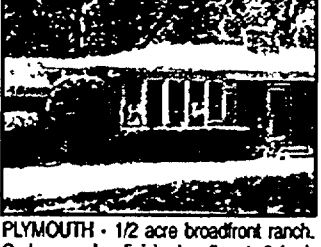
NORTHVILLE - Remodeled 2-story condo. Don't miss... HDWD, crown molding, fireplace, central air, fresh paint, finished basement, all appliances stay. Large kitchen, newer windows, private fenced patio, DR, attached gar. Walk to downtown. This is a keeper Gas & water included. \$205,000 (16QUE) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Premium location on large lot. This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick bungalow offers character and charm with covered ceilings and hardwood floors, spacious room and Florida room. Large master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Beautiful perennial gardens. \$254,900 (42PEN) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Spacious 3 bedroom home. Newer vinyl windows and downspout, 1.5 baths, 2.5 car garage, updated furnace and central air, newer siding, gutters and carpet. Great walkout to brick paver patio. Larger fenced yard. Home warranty. Must see! \$139,900 (068IR) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - 1/2 acre broadfront ranch. Curb appeal + finished walk-out, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, dining room, family room, living room, fireplace, deck, 2 car attached garage, all appliances, mature trees, private updated thruout. \$244,900 (158RD) 734-455-5600



LAKE ORION - Still brand new! Premium site backing to woods. Very private 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths with open kitchen to family room with soaring ceilings. Double staircases, whirlpool tub in master suite. Near Webster Elementary \$307,900 (21VOS) 248-349-5600



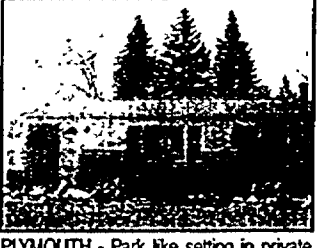
NORTHVILLE - Historic Northville Vintage charm gracefully updated with newer windows, furnace, hot water heater, air conditioning, roof and more. Baths recently remodeled by current owner/architect. The investment is golden, lifestyle is sterling & potential is priceless. \$329,900 (34RAY) 248-349-5600



WALLED LAKE - Welcome home. Totally updated 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo in desirable area. Professionally painted, custom moldings & custom lighting. Newer appliances included. Condo offers basement and garage. Close to schools, lake & M-5. A must see \$135,900 (53HAR) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Castle Garden ranch. Updated 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, 2 car attached garage, finished bsmt, central air, & furnace (97), roof tear off (00), vinyl windows, remodeled kitchen & baths. Hardwood, Berber, Pergo flooring. Maple cabs, solid pine 6 panel doors thruout, downspout off FR. \$221,624 (76HOU) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Park like setting in private backyard. 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch! Open floor plan w/cathedral ceiling, refinished hardwood floors. Newer kitchen w/ceramic, pull up bar seating, Kraftmaid cabs, appl incl, sunny dining area w/ceramic fl, casement windows w/view of yard. Bsmt & gar \$207,000 (31LAK) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - A special place to live away from the urban crush. Master suite to match any Foyer, library, dinette and kitchen in hardwood floors. Kitchen has a tone of oak cabinets and appliances. Double door entry to library with built-in bookcases. \$629,900 (72KAT) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Welcome home. Professionally decorated 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch end unit in desirable area. Newer appliances included. Walk to pool and tennis courts. Home offers fireplace, cathedral ceilings and full basement. 1 car garage and deck. \$182,500 (43COU) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Plymouth ranch. Beautiful brick 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with newer furnace, roof and windows. Hardwood floors. Large yard and deck. Finished lower level. Oversized 2 car garage. \$204,900 (19RUS) 248-349-5600



SOUTHFIELD - Great opportunity. Brick ranch on approx 1 beautiful acre with 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, family room, large eat-in kitchen. Knotty pine interior for up north feel. Partially finished basement with built-in bar, MBR w/WIC & built-ins. Newer roof, furnace, HW/H, C/A & alt 2 car garage. \$179,900 (14FOR) 248-349-5600



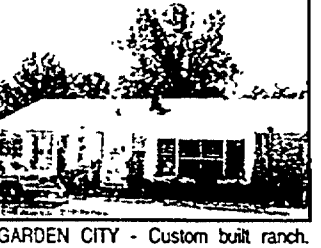
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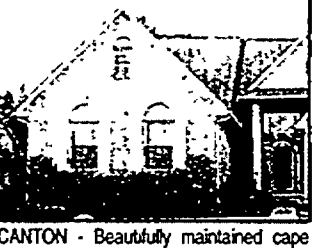
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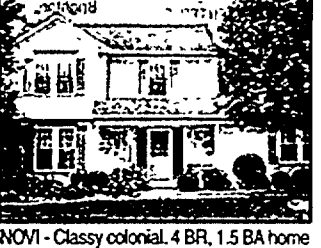
DEARBORN - All brick beauty! 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath tudor style colonial with hardwood floors, coxed ceilings, old world charm, family room and finished basement. \$192,500 (40WAR) 734-455-5600



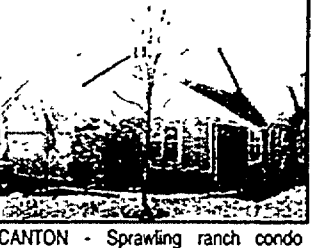
GARDEN CITY - Custom built ranch. Unique floor plan surrounds in ground pool, offers large living area + 2 kitchens, 2 laundry areas, separate heating & cooling. Newer furnace & central air units, vinyl siding, newer roof, attached garage, all sitting on approximately 1/2 acre lot. \$193,500 (11DAW) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Beautifully maintained cape cod backing to woods and golf course offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3+ car attached garage, basement, private patio, 1st floor master suite with his and her walk-in closets, great room with gas fireplace and cathedral ceiling. \$399,000 (36GLE) 734-455-5600



NOVI - Classy colonial. 4 BR, 1.5 BA home on approx. 1/2 acre park like setting. Newer hardwood floors in foyer kitchen & family room. Newer carpet. Formal dining room, doorways, AC, glass blocks, storm door, lighting & outdoor lighting. 2 car gar w/overhead storage access from upstairs. \$299,900 (66SHE) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Sprawling ranch condo. Fantastic 2 bedroom, 2 bath end unit backs to the 11th hole. Sit on your deck & watch the golfers or join in. Spacious unit w/hardwood flooring, gas fireplace in great room w/custom mantel, white kitchen w/all built-ins. Jetted tub & double sinks in master. \$274,900 (32THI) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Elegant victorian. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on approximately .62 acres in the heart of the historic district. Complete renovation/addition in 1998. Custom kitchen, master bedroom suite, library w/lead glass doors. 9' ceilings on 1st floor, 2nd floor laundry & attached garage. \$849,900 (24RAN) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Move in condition. 3 bedroom brick ranch with 1 bath room, eat-in kitchen, dining L, spacious living room, all vinyl windows, 2 car garage. \$150,000 (63SIL) 734-455-5600



YPSILANTI - Newer construction. Large 4 bedroom, 2 full & 2 1/2 bath colonial built in 1995 offering 2 car attached garage, finished basement, 2 way fireplace in master bedroom & master bath. Special features include vaulted & cathedral ceilings, skylights, jacuzzi tub & more. \$257,900 (80JUS) 734-455-5600



CANTON - 3 bedroom townhouse. Great location offering 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, basement, attached garage. Newer windows, H2O, roof and siding. Kitchen appliances, spacious master suite with a wall of closets. Area pool and club house. Great parking and quiet community. \$147,700 (64BED) 734-455-5600



NOVI - Better than new! Why build? This 2 year old 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bath colonial has all the upgrades. Cherry cabinets, granite counters, Jack & Jill baths, 2 story foyer & family room, conservatory, princess suite, finished lower level with bedroom, bath & family room. Backs to woods too! \$699,000 (10CHE) 248-349-5600



NOVI - New condo listing. Charming Crosswinds condo with 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Features many updates. Home located at back of condo complex for maximum privacy. 1 car garage with opener. Includes all appliances. Great location close to major expressways. \$174,500 (76PON) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON - Walk to downtown. Absolutely immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with 1+ car garage, finished lower level, updated kitchen w/oak cabinets. Living room with covered ceiling, hardwood under carpet, neutral & move-in ready. Don't miss this one \$189,900 (17GLE) 248-349-5600



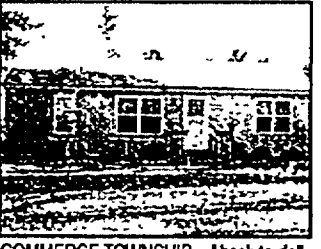
WESTLAND - Quiet suburban retreat. 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with 2 car attached garage, newer roof, bath, windows, furnace and central air + large deck with gazebo. 1st floor laundry, full wall fireplace with insert. Take a look. \$159,900 (70GLO) 734-455-5600



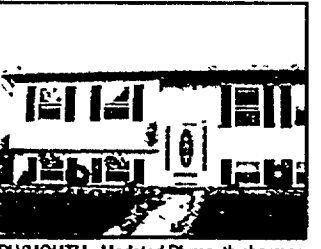
SOUTHGATE - A perfect 10' 4' bedroom cape cod with 2.5 baths, 2 car attached garage, basement with glass blocks, master bedroom with full bath & jacuzzi tub, great room with fireplace, dining room, cedar deck, brick paver walkway, central air, sprinklers, gorgeous, gorgeous thruout. \$259,900 (25MOR) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - This is a winner! 3 BDs, 1.5 bath open fl plan ranch w/large rooms, hwd flrs, 2.5 car gar, central air, completely updated thruout w/3 season Florida room, fin bsmt, maintenance free ext. extra deep lot w/sprinkler system, large shed, S Redford schools on dead end street w/park. \$166,900 (60SAL) 734-455-5600



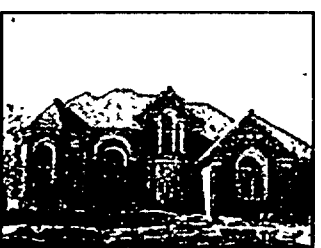
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP - Absolute dollhouse. You will love this wonderfully updated 3 bedroom ranch. Very open floor plan featuring open kitchen, dining and 2nd great room. Wonderfully updated bathroom. Great lot and location. Newer siding and roof. Walled Lake schools. \$159,900 (39BAL) 248-349-5600



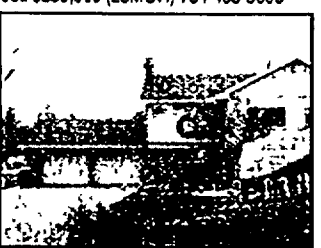
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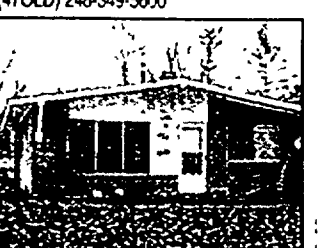
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Novi, MI 48375

REPOSITION FIELD AGENT
needed for Milford Co. Must be
25 yrs of age & have a clean
driving record. No exp. need-
ed. Please call (248) 684-8725

Retail Sales/Service

HOLIDAY HELP
Special 1-5 week work
program. Flex hours. We train.
All students 18+ & others may
apply. Can continue when
classes resume. Conditions
exist. Apply now, work begins
soon! Mon-Fri., 9am-5pm.
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Troy 248-655-0130
Rochester 248-601-3212
Waterford 248-681-4788
winterbreakwork.com

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Exp. only in Cornish & tyn-
pine. Benefits available. Good
Pay Call (248) 939-0646

SALES Novi MGA seeks expe-
rienced sales Rep to market
life & disability products to
agents. Wage & benefits. Fax
resume to 248-675-4559

SNOW REMOVAL company
looking for sidewalk help. ATV
exp. a plus. Year round work.
Call Mike (248) 467-6555

Help Wanted General (5000)

SNOW REMOVAL
Drivers, equipment operators,
laborers, & drivers with
truck/plow. Call Total Outdoor
Services, (517) 552-4640

SUPPORT STAFF NEEDED
for 2nd & 3rd shift. Must have
valid drivers license, flexible
schedule, & be available on
weekends. Starting wage
\$8.25. Contact Lana at:
517-545-9921 or Kim 517-
548-9029 betw. 8-4pm

TEACHERS/ TUTORING NEEDED

TEACHERS/ TUTORING NEEDED
Premium \$\$\$ for
Speech Therapy and
Music Lessons
National in-home service
Great pay! Great part time job
Fax resume to 734-844-0076
Email Club217@comcast.net

TEAM BUILDING FACILITATORS

At the Howell Conference &
Nature center Facilitating
team building for adults. Sat.
position. Call 517-546-0249
for more info

TELLER SUPERVISOR

Standard Federal Bank, ABN
AMRO group, will be
interviewing for a Teller
Supervisor for our White Lake
Office, 9120 Highland Road.
Duties include, but are not
limited to the following:
Supervise dept. functions,
coordinate daily activities for
Tellers, observe, teller
performance, interviewing,
training and recommend
salary increases, disciplinary
actions, promote and sell bank
services, investigate customer
inquiries, prepare reports,
conduct teller audits, balance
branch, locate and resolve
teller differences, conduct
weekly sales meetings, ensure
quick and efficient service to
customers, ensure adherence
to company policies and
procedures, and maintain a
complete understanding of
federal regulations. Must have
a high school diploma and
some college, customer
service experience and
training, and cash handling
experience. Send resume to
Human Resources, 4815 State
St., Saginaw, MI 48603 or fax
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M/F/D/V

Vending Route Supervisor

CVC has an immediate
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Supervisor based out of its
Livonia location

In addition to leading and
directing the daily activities
of vending route drivers in the
East Michigan region, this
position ensures timely
and complete customer
service and satisfaction

While vending and cus-
tomer service experience is a
plus, interested candi-
dates should have demon-
strated success in a leader-
ship role

EEO
Please email or fax resume
Fax (231) 780-0404
njacobs@ecvc.com

Help Wanted General (5000)

TELLERS - PART TIME
Seeking part time Tellers
for the VGS office, start-
ing wage is \$10.20/hr.,
more with exp., plus bene-
fits. Prior bank or credit
union exp. beneficial
however, not required.
Apply in person at any
branch location.
Equal Opportunity
Employer
First National Bank
101 E. Grand River
Howell, MI 48843

Office Clerical (5020)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/ RECEPTIONIST

Wixom based construction
company is seeking an
accounts payable clerk/
receptionist. Candidate must
be experienced in MS Word &
Excel, handle multiple phone
lines, open & distribute mail.
Previous construction
experience desired. Please
send resume & salary
requirements to Box 0755
Observer & Eccentric, 36551
Schoolcraft Rd Livonia, MI
48150

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

For growing remodeling com-
pany Exp. only Professional &
consistent. Microsoft Office
2000 & QuickBooks Pro Fax
resume to (517) 545-9597

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Full-time position in Brighton
starting March 1, w/ training
to begin immediately w/ cur-
rent staff, who will be retiring
3/1/04. Will train on organiza-
tions, database & website.
Proficiency in Word Perfect &
Word is a must. Must be orga-
nized and able to multi-task,
greet the public, & work occa-
sional evening functions (8-10
per year). Starting salary
range, \$22,000 - \$25,000/yr.
plus benefits. Qualified ap-
licants send resume to:
Executive Officer
3186 Marri Rd. Howell, 48855
by Dec. 26.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION

Part-time 7 am to Noon
Computer and phone skills a
must. Could eventually work
into a full time position if
desired. Involved with order-
ing, invoicing, quoting.
Accounting skills a plus.
January hire target. Please
send resumes to:

PROMESS INC.
(A 20 yr Brighton
Manufacturing Company)
P.O. Box 748
Brighton, MI 48116

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Full-time & part-time entry
level. Computer skills. Flexible
hours (517) 372-3365

CONSTRUCTION LOAN

Administrative Assistant
for Howell based Mortgage
Company with 2-3 years mini-
mum experience required.
Familiarity with mortgage lend-
ing, construction draws and/or
title insurance industry is also
required. Applicant must be
self-motivated, customer服-
ice oriented and computer pro-
ficient to function in a fast
paced high energy work en-
vironment. The incumbent will
receive a competitive mon-
etary compensation and benefit
package. Please fax resume to
Director of Operations at
517-552-7243

Office Clerical (5020)

GENERAL OFFICE/CLERICAL
Must be friendly, organized,
reliable & able to multi-task.
Answer phones, data entry,
scheduling, general clerical
for busy office. Full time. Novi
area. Fax resume with salary
requirements: 248-449-6153

OFFICE ASSISTANT/Part Time

For professional setting. An-
swer phones, data entry, filing.
Basic computer knowledge
required \$10/hr. 248-735-0012

RECEPTIONIST/ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

CPA firm in Brighton is
looking for a Receptionist/
Administrative Assistant with
typing exp. Accounting exp. is
a plus. Must be a person who
takes initiative and is flexible.
Send resume, references &
salary requirements to:
Personnel, 225 E. Grand River,
Suite 104, Brighton, MI 48116

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Part time
\$8 an hour
Call Kim At
(248) 676-2510

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(Plymouth, Michigan office)
Full-time administrative support
for fast pace office.
Requires an individual to be
professional, proficient, cus-
tomer oriented, and demon-
strate time management skills.
Must be skilful in Microsoft
Word and Excel. MacroSoft
Degree with 2-3 years exp.
If you are this candidate,
please submit your resume
with salary requirements to:
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No Phone Calls, please

SECRETARY-PART TIME

3 Days per week in engineer-
ing office. Proficient in the
use of both DOS & Windows
XP operating systems. Detail
oriented. Send resume to:
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Whitmore Lake MI 48189

Dental (5040)

BRIGHTON TEAM oriented
office searching for Hygienist
to join our Soft Tissue Mgmt
Program approximately 10
hrs/week, Tue 3pm-8pm.
Thur, 7am-12pm. Call for an
interview 810-229-6624

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Busy Nov. office in need of
highly motivated team player
for full time position. Exp.
preferred but not necessary.
Please phone
248-669-4030 or
fax resume to 248-669-3530

HYGIENIST-PART TIME

Looking for a part time,
hygienist for a very profes-
sional comfortable family or-
iented dental office in
Farmington Hills Call
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PART TIME ASSISTANT

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self-motivated, articulate
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If you are looking for a chal-
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position with a great team, call
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tise. Contact Mr. Green
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Our team of dental profes-
sionals is in search of the
right career-minded person
who knows the value of
communication skills &
enthusiasm. Insurance
billing & computer exp.
necessary. We're offering
this challenging full-time
position with exciting bene-
fits. Please call Denise at
Provident Family Dentistry
in Novi, (248) 471-0343

Medical (5060)

Admissions/Marketing
For assisted care in Livonia.
Medical related experience,
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aggressively market. Excel
experience 248-802-8899

APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING

Clerk. Full-time position avail-
able at busy multi-specialty
office in Milford. Duties
include: answering phones,
scheduling appointments via
computerized system & filing.
Exp 4 plus Fax resume &
cover letter to 248-685-3991

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Needed for serving Nursing
Homes. Must be energetic and
have strong communication
skills. Part time, flexible
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LPN WANTED

for part-time Day Shift every
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Attention Rita Ashley Court
of Brighton, 7400 Chalfis Rd.,
Brighton, MI 48116
Fax 810-225-8281

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Fax 810-225-8281

MA with experience wanted in

Brighton. Venupuncture pre-
ferred. Full time, and some
Sats. Fax resume to:
(810) 225-7558

MEDICAL ASSISTANT needed

in Milford, front & back exp.
benefits. Full or part time. Fax
resume to (248) 684-2251

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Full time position available at
busy multi-specialty practice
in Milford. Experience
required. Benefits available.
Fax resume to 248-685-3891
Attn: Medical Asst. position

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Full time or part time in
Northville office, please fax
resume to (248) 348-1170
Attention Kelly

Med cal (5060)

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RN's \$21+ LPN's \$17+
Experience pay,
graduate nurse program,
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to schedule an interview

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patient rehabilitation and of-
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residential facilities in provid-
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motion of life skills. Psych
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afternoon or midnight shifts
with rotating weekends avail-
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217 or 206 for an interview

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NOW HIRING

Exp. line cooks & waitstaff.
Apply between 2-4pm at
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Professional (5100)

Accounting Clerk NATIONAL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION

In Brighton is seeking an
individual to join their
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Receivable experience
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Medicaid billing prepara-
tion thru General Ledger
Reconciliation, payroll pro-
cessing (ADP) and bank
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Fax resume & salary
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Sales (5120)

A FEW GOOD WOMEN...

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Great benefits including 401K.
Up to \$770/week guarantee
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**WE ARE GETTING
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• Looking for someone
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Northville/Novi Area
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BRIGHTON BOWL has po-
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For senior male Sunday only.
5 hours Nov. area. Retiree
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D.J. Music for all occasions
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(517) 223-8572 after 6 wkdys

Positions Wanted (5340)

33YR. old male, seeks full
time employment, near
10M/Haggerty Data entry,
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rent general BA from MSU. Wage
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615-4964

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UM Grad 248-348-2982
uolmgrad1@hotmail.com

Child Care Services (5360)

**ALL ADS APPEARING
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EXP. BABYSITTER Available,
18 mos & older. Novi area
(10 Mile & Beck). Reasonable
prices. Lic # DG630257383
248-349-8798

Child Care & Babysitting Services (5370)

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S. LYON MOM w/ extensive
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toys, crafts, fun & love. For
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Ref. please. 734-416-0969

SEEKING CARETAKER for 4 mo. old son at our Milford home. Please call for interview. (248) 676-8281

Elderly Care & Assistance (5400)

**CARE GIVER/FRIEND
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Registered care giver to help
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keeping, cooking, companion-
ship, manicures/pedicures,
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references. Please call Susie
(248) 787-1817

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**MICHIGAN CERTIFIED
TEACHER** needed in the area
of computers. Part time
position. Evening hours.
Please contact: 248-573-8165

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Full or Part time for Childcare
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Call Freddie, 248-887-9575,
248-887-3013

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Substitute positions available
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Applications may be obtained
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9898 E. Grand River (behind
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To tutor your child (K-12) 12
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Pointe Exp. in Autism, ADD,
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Prepare for the State
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Announcements & Notices

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SINCE many ads are from outside the local area, please know what you are buying before sending money.

The Holidays are Here!!

Lose weight, Get Healthy!
Natural Safe, Doctor Recommended
Call 888-221-8988

Card of Thanks

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LOST St. Nick medal w/ class like ring w/ green stone, possibly on chain (517) 545-0069

LOST 12Z, BLUE Sapphire & white gold pendant Brighton area Reward 248-879-0437

7000-7780 MERCHANDISE

Absolutely Free (7000)

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Barrels, tomato baskets door shelving, fencing, posts, weed eater (517) 545-0560

BEDFRAME - Twin w/ bottom mattress (248) 486-4891

BICYCLES - 1 man's 26" w/ coaster brake 1 lady's 26" w/ coaster brake (248) 486-3055

CHRYSLER ski boat 15 ft. no motor or trailer Delivery possible (810) 299-4146

DOG Handsome tan & white lab Strong 3 yr old Needs good home w/ room to run Great with Children Moving must find home 517-545-6841

FREE 2 Buildings. Wooden You tear down & move off site. Howell 517-546-4430

FREE FIREWOOD. Hardwoods already down. You cut at own risk. Call (734) 663-4356

KITTEN - 1 male orange Tiger female Calico cat 517-548-4120

LAB MIX puppies beautiful Ready for Christmas Webberville (810) 459-1569

SEARS kenmore white electric dryer, good cond. You haul (248) 684-5048

Auction Sales

Auction Sales (7060)

Absolutely Free

STARCRAFT 1969 Tent Trailer Canvas nipped 517-223-9065

To Good Home, Grey Tote Persian, Spayed Female Deceased, (517) 223-4116

UPRIGHT FREEZER Good working condition (810) 220-2084

VERTICALS for 12 doorwall patio table and 1 sheet dark paneling (810) 227-5020

WATER SINKER you haul Novi area (248) 349-4529

Antiques & Collectibles

Antiques & Collectibles (7020)

Antiques Bought! Postcards china dishes, perfume bottles, military 248-624-3385

CRIB 200 yrs old \$200 Antique crib w/ original mirror \$400. Call after 5pm (517) 546-7662

HOLIDAY DOLL SHOW - Dec 14th Wayne Twp. Manor 35100 VanBuren Rd., Wayne 11am-3pm \$5 734-455-2110

Arts & Crafts

Arts & Crafts (7040)

LOOM 36" Nylon LeClere folding w/ warp mill & board boards yarn reads All for \$650 (517) 546-8392

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Wonderful Antique Auction

Primitive - Glass - China - Stencils - Pottery - Clocks - Oil Lamps - Tiles - Furniture - Handmade - Prints & Lithos - Tobacco Related - Toys - Caskets - Tramp Art - Advertising - Big Little Books - Bookends - Baseball Cards - Rugs - Paperweights - Much More!

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Rummage Sales & Flea Market

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7100 Estate Sales

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Dec 11 12, 13, 10am-4pm

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Leather sectional sofas,

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FOUND CAT young female, declawed 8 Mile betw Tower & Curry (248) 437-3143

FOUND COCKER black female, Pine Creek Ridge Sub Brighton. 810-227-8474

FOUND LAB - 12/5 Meadowbrook Glen Sub (248) 349-7447

LOST cat, gray, front declawed, Mason & Truitt 11/27 (517) 223-9798

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LOST 10/25 in Howell, Brown Tiger Cat w/White chest. Reward (517) 545-4679

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LOST 12/1 - Latson & M59, Beige Himalayan, female, needs meds. (517) 552-4905

LOST 12/5, 2 small red & white beagles, M & F, Marr & Oak Grove Rd. 517-548-5720

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AUTOMOTIVE/REG. VEHICLES

Boats & Motors (8020)

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POLARIS, 1992 500 SP, XC 100 suspension, fuel injected, heaters, reverse, Cover \$1000. Bob. (517) 548-5072

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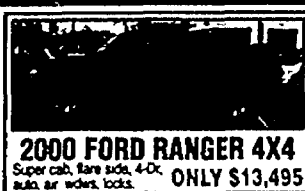
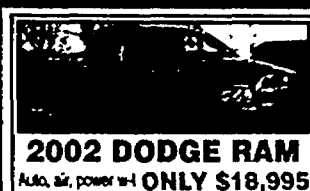
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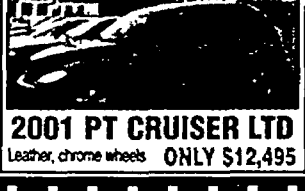
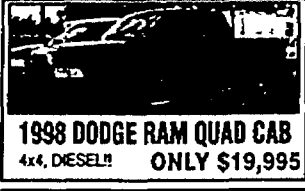
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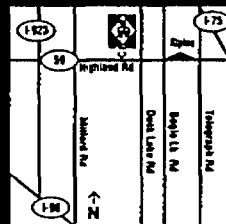
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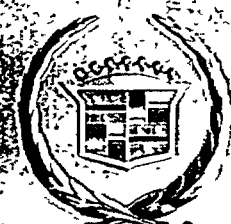
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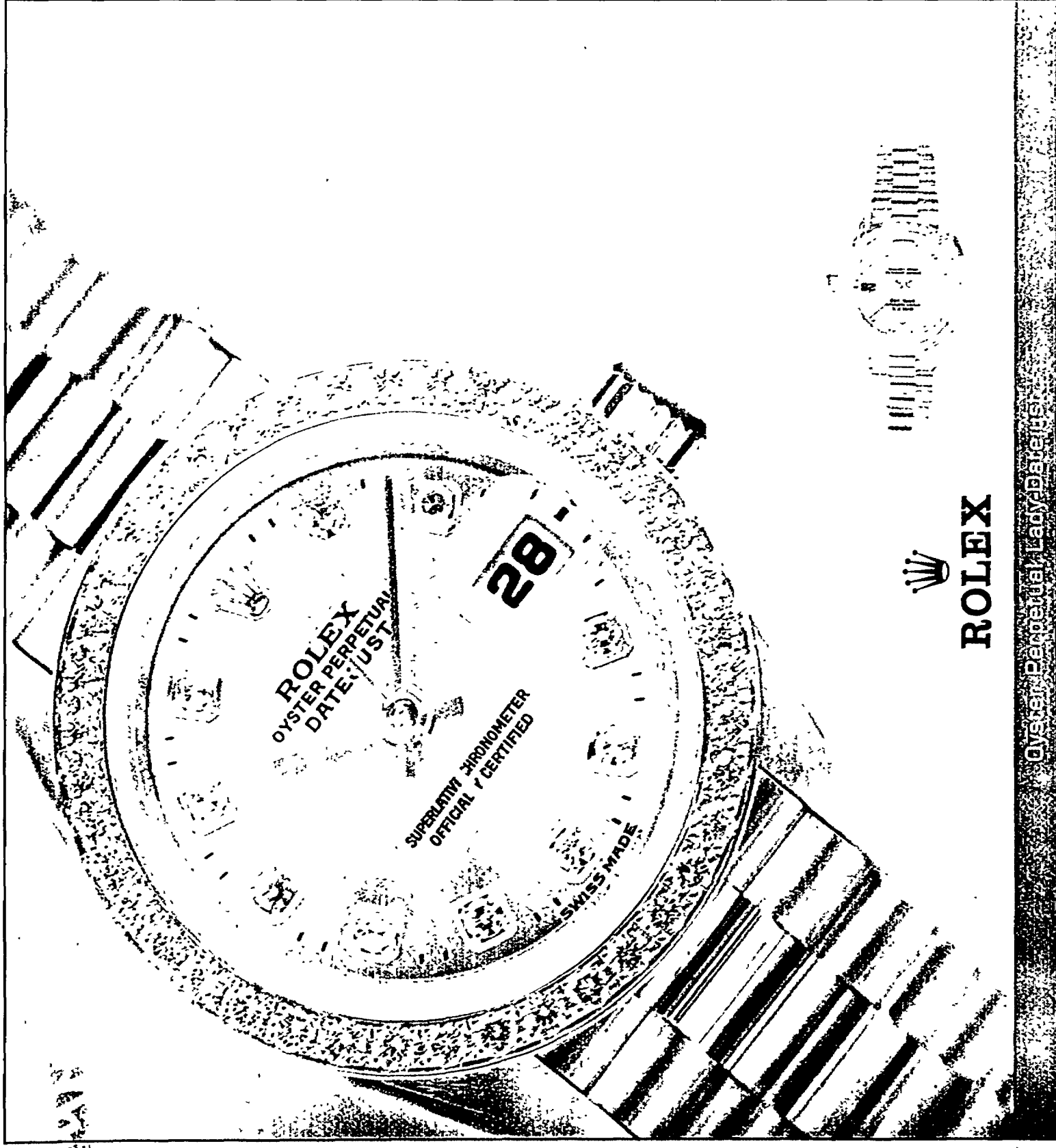
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And a pickle in a Christmas tree

In our house, it isn't the star on the top of the tree that goes on last, it's the pickle. Yes, strange as it may seem, the last ornament placed on our Christmas tree is a glass pickle.

The Christmas Pickle tradition comes from Germany. The pickle, the last ornament added to the tree, gets buried among the branches. On Christmas morning, the first person to find the pickle receives a special gift and has good luck for the entire year.

I just discovered the Christmas Pickle tradition last year, but it has already become one of our favorites. Our pickle is continually relocated right up until Christmas morning.

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so neither of my children can cheat by locating it ahead of time. We may get a little silly with the pickle, but we have fun and that is all that matters.

Pickle that make each family's holiday memorable. In the pages of this edition of Gift Guide, you will find some of the traditions around the world that you may wish to implement in your family. Also included are tips for dealing with family, gift ideas and more. Take a few minutes from the holiday hustle to read and relax.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Remember to pamper self during holidays

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

It's that time of year again — when women typically shift their focus to others. Between entertaining and shopping they are often too busy to take care of themselves.

But a little pampering can help them stay healthy, relieve stress and give them the energy they need to get through a hectic schedule. Here are some ideas from local businesses on how to look and feel better during the holidays.

Exercise

Curves of Brighton and Howell can get you on the right track to looking and feeling good in 30-minute sessions. Staying fit and working out has benefits that last long beyond the workout, notes Channel Downing, owner of the Howell Curves and co-owner of Curves in Brighton, along with sister, Jill Saxton.

"One of the first things I hear about is the energy, especially from the ones that work all day and then go home and crash. They soon find they have more energy," said Downing. For those who make the commitment, there are so many benefits other than losing weight. Health-wise, it can help battle colds and bacteria.

"You're better able to fight off these infections if you're in good health," she said.

The older ladies often notice an improvement in mobility. You might call it adding a little spring to their step. It might be just the little things like climbing the stairs or bending over a bit more easily.

Of course there's nothing like exercise to help lower your stress level.

"I notice a lot of customers come in with stress. They walk in with a frown and when they leave, they're smiling," Downing said. Downing notes the ladies come with fitness in mind and get something more than they bargained for. They network with all kinds of people and soon form new friendships that last long after the gym.

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ous spa is geared exclusively to pampering. Stop by for a manicure or book an all-inclusive package that includes a group of services — including lunch or dinner. Even a simple cut is something more.

"It's never just a shampoo. Here you get a head massage," said Corti. A massage is also included in every pedicure or manicure.

Treating yourself to a day at the spa is a great way to prepare for a special event or a party night. Try facials or makeup application to put the sparkle into a special party night. "It's a day to make you feel like you look," said Cortis, and you'll be pleasantly surprised by the mirror.

Massage

When you really need to relax, try the ultimate — a full-body massage.

"A massage is one way that psychologically allows you to turn your brain off," said Becki Frederburg, massage therapist for Duane Karr & Associates in Milford. In addition to the relaxation it provides, mas-



Photos by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

Above, Scappare's stylists offer head massages with each cut. Stylists Michelle Morris, left, and Laura Richardson can give you a fresh, new look for the holidays while they reduce your stress and make you feel great. At right, Mary Racliffe enjoys a massage from Becki Frederburg, a massage therapist at Duane Karr & Associates in Milford.

sage can relax, remove toxins and improve your circulation, she said. Those who say they don't have the time are exactly the ones that need it most.

"A lot of people think they don't have the time, but they should make the time because then they can handle their every day stress better," Frederburg said.

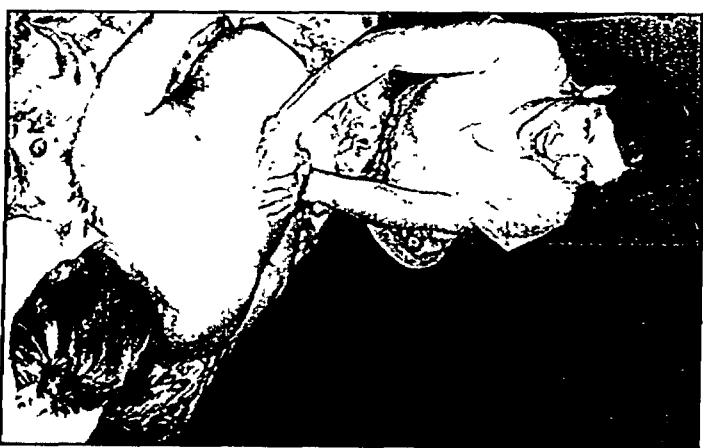
And it's as popular with guys, children and the elderly, too. You can choose from several different kinds of massage, such as relaxation, therapeutic, sports or pregnancy. Scented or unscented oils can add to the tranquil experience.

"If you feel better, you'll have a more relaxed presence about you, once you get the stress out of your system," she pointed out.

Whisper smile

How about asking Santa for a whisper smile? Dr. Robert Hyland of Brighton says it's a real confidence and self-esteem builder for his patients and holidays are a great time of year for that. Hyland offers two systems at his Howell office: Trays with bleaching solutions, which are worn by the patient each night for three weeks, and one-hour whitening with lasers.

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notes Dr. Hyland. There's some prep time, but most of it is done in a little over an hour, he said.

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'12 Days' celebrates Christmas liturgical season

By Matt Buedel
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But regardless of the song's birthplace and time and its intended meaning, there are those who welcome the tune's popularity as a lasting remnant of a traditional Christian celebration nearly lost in their opinions to the commercialization of the Christmas holiday.

"I'm indebted to the song," said Bishop Keith Ackerman, head of the Episcopal Diocese of Quincy, Ill. "It may be the only thing left in the culture that reminds us of the 12 days of Christmas."

Traditionally, each of the 12 days was celebrated, and "virtually every single day had a festivity related to it," he added. The 26th, the first day, corresponds with the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. Dec. 27th is the feast of St. John the Evangelist, an apostle and the traditional author of the fourth Gospel. The 12-day Christmas liturgical season ends with Epiphany on Jan. 6, the feast which, among other events, celebrates the visit of the wise men to

the young Jesus, symbolically representing the world's recognition of the Son of God.

One interpretation of the song, and the version with which the Rev. Chas. Layden is familiar, compares the lyrics to those of underground railroad songs — apparently innocent words intended to impart a hidden message.

Layden, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ottawa, Ill., first came across accounts of the song's origins while studying for his license in sacred theology with a specialization in sacraments and liturgy at San Anselmo in Rome.

"In Europe, the tradition of giving gifts on all 12 days is still a very much alive celebration," Layden said. "Liturgically, it doesn't make sense to put up a Christmas tree right after Thanksgiving."

The song supposedly held hidden meaning for Catholics persecuted in England at a time when openly practicing their faith was a violation of the law, and could result in penalties as stiff as death. According to that theory, the lyrics served as a memory aid for children learning the tenets of their faith.

The "true love" sung at the beginning of each verse referred to God, and each gift given to "me" is given to every baptized person. The partridge in the pear tree represented



Graphic by SAMANTHA COFFEY/COPY NEWS SERVICE
While its intended meaning might be disputed — Christian traditionalist believe "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is full of religious symbolism — the song that tests your memory is still a favorite Christmas carol.

late 18th century in France. The point of the song was for a leader to recite a verse. A child would then say the subsequent verse, until someone made a mistake and had to pay a penalty, be it a kiss or a piece of candy.

The meaning of the song is, at best, murky, and the historical accounts are varied, lending it a mythical status. But the purpose of the song, at least for Ackerman and Layden, is definite.

"For us, this song is nostalgic. We may not really know the meaning," Layden said. "It has to do with ritual, and ritual is how we celebrate our faith."

Traditions of the season draw generations together

By Deirdre O'Shea
COPY NEWS SERVICE

As Americans celebrate Christmas with a signature mix of cozy commercialism and solemn reverence, we adapt the colorful traditions of our myriad heritages — decorating, giving gifts, telling stories to our children and cooking the recipes passed down through generations.

Many of the American customs we associate with the season come from England. The culture of the British Empire traveled to the New World with its colonists, whose descendants, a century later, absorbed the moorings of Victorian England. As in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," we give tidings of good cheer, are generous of spirit, give to the less fortunate, sing Christmas carols, prepare feasts and honor the importance of family. It was the Victorians who began exchanging gifts on Christmas. Gifts in Britain were previously exchanged on New Year's Day or on Twelfth Night.

Decorating Christmas trees, a custom from Germany, became popular in England when Queen Victoria's German husband, Prince Albert, brought the tradition, which had entranced him as a child, to Windsor

Castle. His tree was decorated with glass ornaments from Germany, candles, candy, fruits and gingerbread. Our Santa Claus (from the Dutch Sinterklaas, for St. Nicholas) is Father Christmas to the children of England. He also comes down the chimney and places gifts in children's stockings. British children write him letters and loss them into the fireplace. Father Christmas reads the smoke that wafts up the chimney.

In the Netherlands, Dutch children are told that Sinterklaas sails from Spain on his feast day, Dec. 5. They fill their shoes with hay and sugar for his horse and in the morning find the shoes filled with gifts.

"Learning about the Christmas customs of various nations helps us to understand the wide variety of traditions that families have practiced for many centuries around the globe," said Bill Egan, a Christmas historian whose Web site, Christmas World (www.christmas-world.com), is a joyous exploration of the Christmas music, holiday traditions and celebrations in more than 50 countries.

In Catholic Mexico, the festive ritual reenactment of the birth of Christ draws communities together. Las Posadas, "The Inns," plays out Joseph and Mary's search for lodging for

slowly burned, leaving the entire Yule season.

Yuletide (meaning "the sun's turning"), or the winter solstice, is an important time. One myth says that on Christmas Eve the dead walk the earth. Families used to sleep together for protection. It was also thought that fortunes for the coming year would be decided.

The determination of luck is a common Christmas theme. In Denmark, celebrations take place at midnight on Christmas Eve. During dessert, rice pudding is served in which a single almond is hidden. Whoever finds the almond will have good luck for the coming year.

Christmas is special in the city of Bethlehem. At the Church of the Nativity, built on the site where Jesus is said to have been born, a 14-point silver star adorns the spot where the manger stood. The church is lavishly decorated every Christmas. On Christmas Eve a service begins with moving processions from Shepherds' Field — the site where the angel of the Lord appeared before the shepherds bringing news of the birth of Jesus — to the church. Only a few hundred people can attend the Mass, but in Manger Square television screens are set up to broadcast the service to the attending faithful.

Annini, who asked a friend, Giovanni Vellita of Greece, to create a manger scene. In Italy, the figures, or pastori, have become a genre of folk art. Nearly every French home at Christmas time displays a crèche. Each area in France has its own way of making figures for the crèche from wood, pottery or clay. Small painted clay figures called santons, or "little saints," are made by craftsmen in the south of France. In addition to the usual Holy Family, shepherds and Magi, the craftsmen also produce figures of important local people. The beautiful craftsmanship of the santons is highly valued, and molds for the figures exist from the 17th century.

In Greece, the main symbol of the season is a shallow wooden bowl with a piece of wire strung across the rim; a spring of basil wrapped around a wooden cross dangles from the wire. Water is kept in the bowl to keep the basil fresh. Once a day, the cross and basil are dipped into some holy water and used to sprinkle water in each room of the home. This ritual is believed to keep the away the evil laizanoi, mischievous goblins that appear only during the 12 days from Christmas to Epiphany.

From Scandinavia comes the Yule log, originally an entire tree that would be brought into the home and

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Shopping easy for members of Red Hat Society

By Candy Parent
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

It started as a silly gift to a friend, but it's now taking over the world.

The Red Hat Society, a social group for women over 50, grows every year.

According to the society's Web site, there are 39 chapters in the area — each made up of about 20 women who want to dress up, have fun and enjoy each other's company on a regular basis.

"We believe silliness is the comedy relief of life and, since we are all in it together, we might as well join red-gloved hands and go for the gusto together," says the Web site. "Underneath the frivolity, we share a bond of affection, forged by common life experiences and a genuine enthusiasm for whatever life takes us next."

Of course, as the numbers of women joining The Red Hat Society continue to grow, manufacturers are providing a variety of clothing, gifts and scrapbooking supplies for the women in red.

That makes shopping for gifts for members easy — if you know where to look. For example, Scrap Tales, located at the Tanger Outlet Center on Burkhardt Road at 1-96, has notepads, bookmarks and a poetry book called "Girlfriend Wisdom."

The store also offers scrapbooking supplies and will soon carry a rubber stamp, says Sandy Pepinski, owner.

Pepinski has sold tons of products to members of The Red Hat Society.

RED HAT INFORMATION

■ Scrap Tales
in the Tanger Outlet Center on Burkhardt Road at 1-96 in Howell (517) 545-9329

■ Lady Rebecca's Choice
107 E. Grand River Ave.
Downtown Howell
(517) 545-3090

■ Parkside
located at Nine Mile and Pontiac Trail between CVS and Burger King in South Lyon (248) 437-8353

■ Red Hat Society
www.redhatsociety.com

"They love it," she says.

Parkside in South Lyon offers adorable stuffed bears, decorated in red hats and purple hoars. Have the person's name embroidered on the hat for a personal gift any member is sure to love.

Lady Rebecca's Choice in downtown Howell has a variety of items in the appro-



Photo by CANDY PARENT/HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Parkside in South Lyon offers adorable stuffed bears wearing red hats and purple hoars. The hats can be personalized for the perfect gift for the holidays.

scarves and hat pins can make the perfect gift for a fellow member.

Dresses, jackets, coats, jewelry, hats,

'Tis the season to be giving

Follow holiday donation tips from Better Business Bureau

The holiday season is a time for giving, and many charities step up their appeals this time of year.

Make certain your donations go to charities worthy of your support. When an unfamiliar organization asks you to make a donation, don't be too quick to make a decision. Instead, plan your giving and always demand accountability of the charities receiving your gift.

If you are in doubt, check out the organization with the Better Business Bureau. The local BBB has evaluated and reports on more than 100 local Michigan-based charities based on a comprehensive set of 20 Standards for Charitable Accountability.

For more information, contact the Better Business Bureau at (248) 644-9100 or visit www.bbb.org.

The BBB Wise Giving Alliance can also help. With decades of experience in evaluating national charities, the Alliance provides the facts and analysis that all donors can use to make more informed giving decisions. How a charity spends its money, whether it is ethically governed, how truthful its solicitations are — these are among the aspects of each national charity examined in a report prepared by the Alliance. What's more, these national charity reports are freely available at the Alliance Web site: www.give.org.

At www.give.org you can also find useful information about handling telephone appeals.

The BBB advises

■ Whether on the phone, at the front door, or on the street, ask for the charity's full name and address. Get full identification from the solicitor. Give the identification more than a passing glance. Appeals should identify the charity and clearly describe the program. Make checks payable to the name of the charitable organization and not an individual.

■ Don't be pressured into giving on the spot. Charities want your money today — and tomorrow. If the solicitor uses high-pressure tactics, such as intimidation, harassing calls or visits, contact your BBB to file a complaint or call your local police department.

■ Statements such as "all proceeds will go to charity" can be misleading. What is left after expenses — the proceeds — may be just

from charities, donating cars to charity and child sponsorship organizations, along with other topics of interest to donors.

During the holiday season, solicitations take place over the telephone, through the mail, door-to-door, over the Internet, or on the street. You have time to "think" when you receive a charitable appeal by mail, but there usually isn't time to think when the doorbell or telephone rings or when the street solicitor holds out the hat. The Better Business Bureau encourages you to give, but give wisely.

penies. Ask how much of your gift will fund the charity's programs. If the sale of candy, magazines, books, etc. is involved, make sure you find out the exact amount the charity will receive.

■ With mail appeals, keep in mind that it is against the law to demand payment for undelivered merchandise. If the charity sends you merchandise, you are not obligated to return it or pay for it.

■ In the case of large gifts, it is always best to request a copy of the organization's annual report, list of board members, and the latest financial statement of the organization before contributing. And if you have any doubts about the organization, contact your local BBB for a report.

Before you give

Whether making a donation during the holidays, or anytime during the year, to help you give with greater confidence, here are a few quick tips from the BBB for dealing with the solicitations you receive:

■ WATCH OUT FOR NAME CONFUSION. Look carefully at the charity's name on the appeal. Many of the more than 850,000 organizations that have received charitable tax-exempt status from the IRS raise money for the same cause, and names that sound similar to those of well-known organizations can be

used to confuse.

■ QUESTION VAGUE APPEALS. Make sure the charity's appeals clearly identify the nature of the charity's programs. For example, if the charity says it's helping the homeless, does it explain how it is helping (through shelter, food, or medical care, for example) and where it is providing this help?

■ BE WARY OF EXCESSIVE PRESURE TO MAKE AN IMMEDIATE on-the-spot donation. Charities should welcome your gift whenever you want to send it.

■ REMEMBER: NOT ALL SOLICITING GROUPS ARE CHARITIES. If you want to take a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes, make sure the organization is tax exempt as a charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. To verify a charity's tax status, visit the following IRS site: www.irs.gov/charities/page01_id=15053.00.html.

■ CHECK WITH OUTSIDE SOURCES. Check with your appropriate state government authorities to verify that the charity is registered to solicit in your state. In Michigan, that is the Office of the Attorney General. Also, as noted above, contact the BBB Wise Giving Alliance for information on national charities, or the Better Business Bureau that serves your area for information on local charitable organizations.

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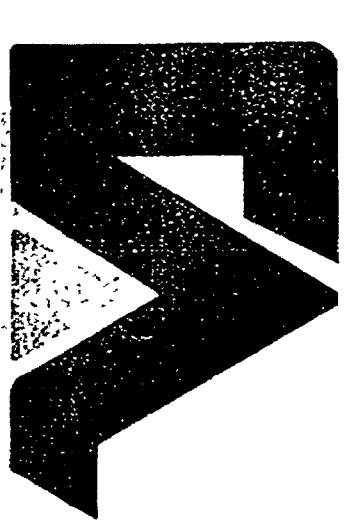
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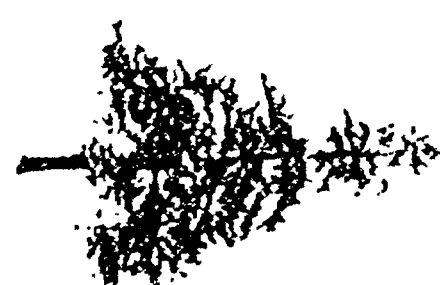
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Christmas carols make the season merry

By Pat Stein
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It's hard to imagine Christmas without carols — the music of the Yuletide season. The Christmas carol tradition, and many of the carols that are still sung today, date back nearly 1,000 years to when St. Francis of Assisi introduced carols to church services in the 12th century. As a patron of the arts, St. Francis inspired the composers and poets of the day to create Christmas music.

Lighter, more joyous Christmas music was introduced in Italy during the 14th century Renaissance — the time of Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo. "Good King Wenceslav," a popular carol that's part of the contemporary Christmas music repertoire, was penned by Victorian clergyman J.M. Neale using an old Swedish tune from 1592.

"O Come, all Ye Faithful" is an 18th century composition and "Silent Night" was composed as a Christmas lullaby for an Austrian village in 1818.

Despite the popularity of Christmas music during the Renaissance, there followed a period when carols were considered inappropriate in churches. In America, many reformed churches considered music an abomination when incorporated into a Christmas service.

Christmas carols were banned in England by Oliver Cromwell between 1649 and 1660.

Cromwell, who also abolished the monarchy, thought Christmas should be a solemn occasion — not a day for song and rejoicing.

When carols couldn't be sung in churches in Europe during the stern Reformation period, they were sung in playhouses. The famous "Passion Play" was staged in Oberammergau, Germany, in 1634 and it has continued to be performed ever since. Seven decades later, the music of Felix Mendelssohn and George Frederic Handel was adapted and used as Christmas carols. Handel's "Messiah" was performed in colonial America in 1770, two years before its first performance in Germany.

Inspired by Martin Luther, Protestants embraced Christmas carols, but many had to flee Europe for the New World in search of religious freedom. They brought Christmas carols with them.

Historians believe the first American

Christmas carol was written in 1649 by John de Brebeur. It was called "Jesus is Born."

In England, poets wrote carols that dealt with the life of the Christ child. The best known of these carols is Nahum Tate's, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

At one point, carols took the place of psalms in Christmas Day services in England and, as is customary in churches today, the congregation would join in the singing of the carols.

Although there are no formal surveys of the top 10 most popular Christmas carols of all time, it's safe to say that some of the aforementioned carols would make the list, along with such standards as "The First Noel" and "Away in the Manger."

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" is interesting because, while it seems whimsical, the song was written in England as a "catechism song" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith during the period when it was a crime to be a Catholic and Catholics were prohibited from practicing any aspect of their faith even in private.

The song's gifts originally were hidden references to the teachings of the Catholic faith. The two turtledoves signified the Old and New Testaments, the eight maids a-milking are the Beatitudes and the 10 lords a-leaping the 10 Commandments.

Today, the religious significance of the gifts has largely been forgotten. Instead of examining the hidden meanings of the gifts, economic experts have speculated on what the one-time cost of the gifts in the song would be.

A survey by PNC Bank indicated a grand total of \$58,405.09 for all of the presents (including 12 partridges in 12 pear trees, 36 calling birds, 20 pipers piping and 40 maids a-milking).

According to the PNC Bank "Christmas Price Index" of 1999, a pair of turtledoves costs \$50; a partridge in a pear tree costs \$199.99; six geese a-laying totaled \$150; the three French hens rang up at \$15; four calling birds could be purchased for \$280 and five gold rings sold for \$250.

The services of the song's nine ladies dancing cost \$3,932.72 while the maids a-milking earned only minimum wages for a grand total of \$41.20.

It cost \$3,433.99 to hire 10 leaping lords, \$1,179.36 for 11 pipers piping and \$1,277.64 for 12 drummers drumming.

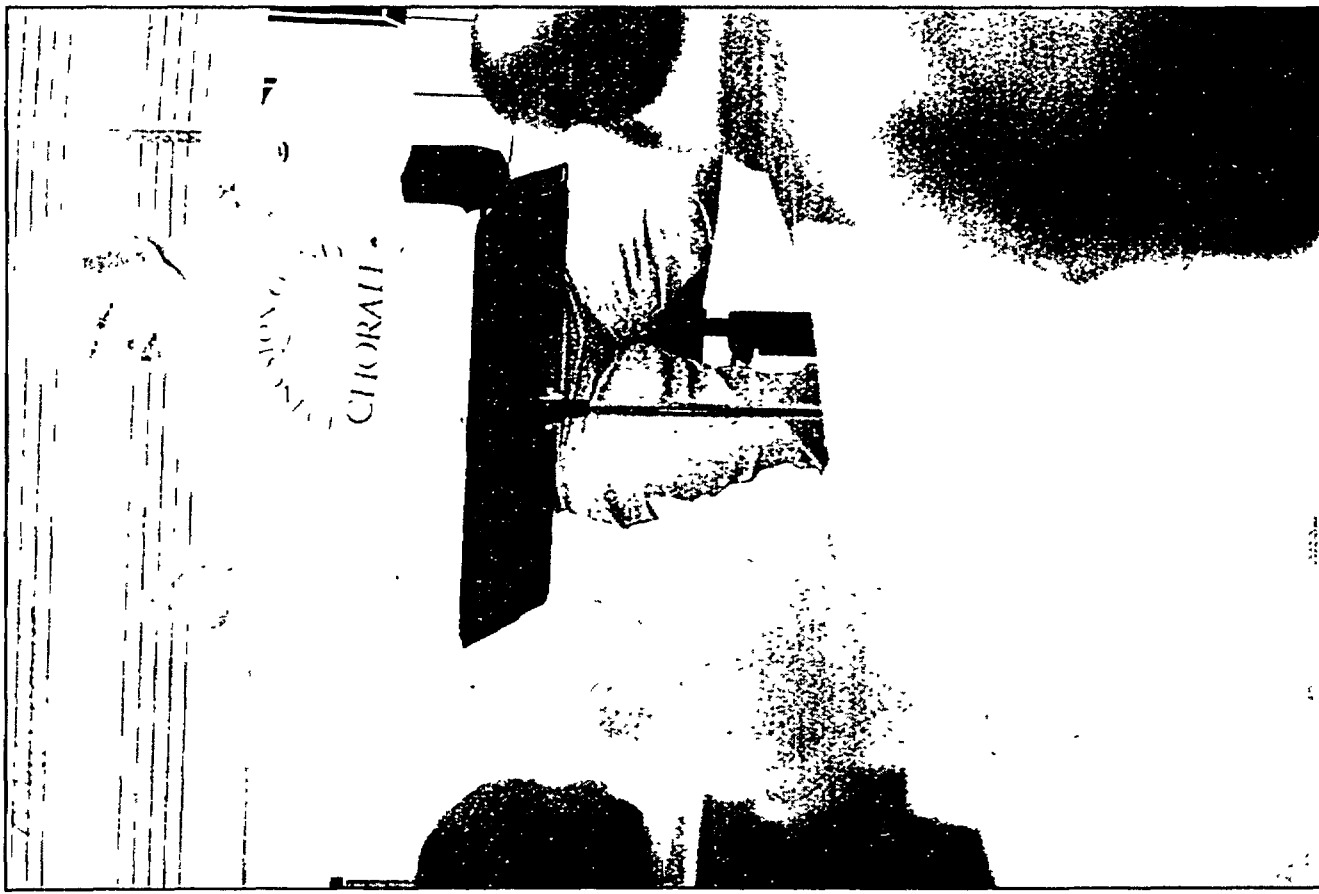


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Instructor Dr. Marilyn Jones leads the Livingston County Chorale group during a recent practice at Brighton High School. The Chorale performs throughout the year.

Enjoy the holiday season with these special events

By Candy Parent
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Christmas is just two weeks away. Enjoy the season by visiting Santa, making donations and participating in other holiday events around the area. Happy Holidays!

■ Through Dec. 15 The Highland Business Association, in cooperation with the Highland Goodfellows, will hold its Red Box

program through Dec. 15. The HBA will distribute red boxes to local businesses to collecting non-perishable food items.

The items are then turned over to the Highland Goodfellows who use them to help fill their holiday baskets.

For more information call (248) 889-1422.

■ Weekends through Dec. 21 Santa Claus will be at the gazebo in downtown Northville from 6-9 p.m. Friday and noon to 3 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 21.

■ Dec. 12 Celebrate the season with a Candlelight Walk through downtown Northville, sponsored by the Northville Central Business Administration.

For more information, call (248) 349-7640

■ Dec. 12 All Aglow Tree Lighting Ceremony, sponsored by the Mothers Club of Northville, is from 6-11 p.m.

■ Dec. 12-14 Handcrafters Show at Hillside in Northville.

■ Dec. 18-19 Snacks with Santa, including a snack, a hayride and singing holiday songs, will be held at Kensington Metropark Farm Learning Center.

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'Tis the season for dealing with family differences

By Scott Hilyard
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Mom's in the kitchen insisting the turkey gravy be stirred in a counter-clockwise direction. Her son's wife, who was taught to stir gravy in alternating up-and-down motions, sighs deeply, making her stroke and buries an amount of resentment toxic enough to cause physical damage.

Dad's on the sofa describing the skills and savvy he needed to land the Johnson account to a group of relatives and sub-relatives who have not the slightest idea who Johnson is, what kind of account he's talking about, or for that matter, what it is that Dad does for a living.

Though he would have preferred to watch "It's a Wonderful Life" in the rec room with the others, Uncle is instead outside shoveling snow. That's after fixing the broken ceiling fan in the basement and right before he gets to the dripping faucet in the bathroom.

Nephew is in the garage preferring the company of a bottle of Bud, a pack of cigarettes, and a Ford Explorer.

Daughter's socializing, moving from group to group, room to room, and wondering at each stop, "How is it that I'm so normal, and my family is so whacked?"

Merry Christmas.

Pass the dysfunction.

The way people generally deal with conflict or bad behavior in a family setting is fight or flight — argue about it or get the heck away

from it," said Rick Kirschner, an Oregon-based author who along with friend and colleague Rick Brinkman has written "Dealing With Relatives (... Even if You Can't Stand Them)" (McGraw-Hill/Contemporary Books, \$12.95).

The holiday season is a time for family gatherings, and family gatherings are a time for enduring a complicated mix of emotions and experiences — fun and stress, contentment and resentment, happiness and bitter despair, full-bodied bliss and abject terror. You love them, you hate them. You go to them, you avoid them.

Kirschner and Brinkman (they're both licensed doctors of naturopathy) have written a book that aims to deconstruct the weaknesses inside families and offer tips on how to deal with the dysfunction. "Dealing With Relatives" identifies eight family characters, and then discusses the ways to minimize their most annoying traits.

"We call it 'giving them a glimpse of greatness,'" said Kirschner. "The idea is to appreciate their good intentions, show them how their behavior is self-defeating and then offer them options. It really can work and help clear the air."

Most families are brimming with most of the eight personality types, the authors describe in the book. They are:

• General. This relative is in charge, and you better snap to it if you know what is good for you.

• Martyr. Always doing for others and playing the guilt card to try to be appreciated.

• VIP. Boasting, bragging, one-upping, demanding to be the center of attention, this

Very Insecure Person is a legend in his own mind.

• Pleaser. He'll do what you tell him to do, and tell you what you want to hear, but never what he needs to say.

• Judge. Ever nitpicking and complaining, nothing is ever good enough for him.

• Meddler. Intrusive and irritating, the Meddler will stick his nose where it doesn't belong and try to take over your life.

• Rebel. With tantrums and arguments, the Rebel holds others responsible for his own feelings of insignificance.

• Mystery. Talking to him is like talking to smoke, or he may disappear completely.

The book doesn't just identify the characters, it also offers coping strategies to bring some sanity back to a stressful family gathering. For instance, in dealing with a boastful VIP, Kirschner recommends trying to turn the monologue into a dialogue.

"If someone is holding court at a family function, don't let them," Kirschner said. "Instead, ask questions, ask them to be more specific. There's lots of obstacles you can throw in their path, and every time you derail them, you've helped yourself and others who have to suffer the blowhard."

Judges can be minimized using a strategy Kirschner calls "return to sender."

"A relative is going on about how much she hates your haircut. You can sit there and feel bad about yourself or you can say, 'Really? I love this haircut.' Or, 'I really appreciate the way you care about my appearance.'"

Meddlers can be controlled by turning the tables on them. Meddle with the meddler.

Holiday exercise easier than think

December brings so many unique situations. The kids are home from school, relatives are in from out of town and you are freaking out about last minute gifts, you need. So if I start writing about staying with an exercise program through the holidays, it may lead you to believe I have been into the egg nog a bit too much. But I have an unusual suggestion — get your exercise accidentally!

I know the word accidental usually is not associated with something good, but in this case I assure you becoming an accidental exerciser is a good thing. A recent study compared 235 healthy, but inactive adults who were introduced to exercise. One group participated in a traditional gym workout of between three to five 60-minute sessions of moderate-intensity exercise per week. The other group added at least 30 minutes a day of moderate-intensity lifestyle activity. The results:

	Lifestyle	Gym
Calories burned per day	840	690
Systolic blood pressure decrease	3.63	3.26
Diastolic blood pressure decrease	5.38	5.14
Body fat percentage decrease	2.39	1.85

The evidence is clear — you can get results by incorporating a little more focus and activity into your daily life. Clearly, combining lifestyle activity and traditional gym participation is the way to really jump start your fitness, but not getting to the gym this holiday season is no reason to abandon all hope and wait to take your place in the New Year's resolution line to get active and lose unwanted weight.

The key is to focus on opportunities to add lifestyle activities that do not take you away from your daily agenda that help burn calories and keep you moving. You can even trick your guests and children into becoming accidental exercisers without them even realizing it. Here are some tips on how you can start today!

Instead of saying, "I'll just shop online. It's easier and I can do it from the comfort of my easy chair," say, "I'll head out for the perfect gift. I will take the stairs so I can get extra steps in today. I will carry my bags instead of renting a locker."

Instead of saying, "It's snowing and cold. I will just rent a movie for the kids and watch TV," say, "Anyone up for a game of twister?"

Instead of saying, "There's nothing to eat in the house and I am tired. I will just order pizza," say, "Let's run to the store and while I'm out let's get the ingredients for that new veggie soup I wanted to try."

Instead of saying, "The parking lot is a zoo, let's follow that person for a close spot. I think he is leaving," say, "I will take the first spot I see, get extra steps and save time by not circling the lot."

I know these may appear as overly simplistic ideas but the vital point is to change our thinking and focus. We are always looking for the path of least resistance, asking ourselves, "What is the easiest way to get this done?" Rather, we need to learn to stray off the ever tempting path of least resistance and enjoy the detour. Instead of looking for the easiest way to do something, or the magic solution on the infomercial, begin to look for the most active way to accomplish the same task.

We are to a degree, a product of our environment if we allow it. Years of technology and convenience has deeply altered our thought process from active to passive solution. This thought process is at the root of so many of our health problems, including obesity, heart disease etc. We would rather wait several minutes for an elevator than jog, for the steps, etc.

CHRIS KLEBBA



the parking lot for several minutes rather than walk a little, rent a locker versus carry our bags. We even fight at work for that executive (close to the door) parking spot or even worse for a close parking spot at the health club so we can get in and out quickly from our exercise session. And our children (and some of us) would even opt to play a video sports game versus physically playing the game. Steps and movement in our modern life have become a nuisance and inconvenience and this mindset is being passed on to our children.

Unfortunately the human body is built for the exact opposite — movement and activity. Start thinking in terms of how many steps can I get in today. Maybe purchase a pedometer and make a game out of it, you'd be surprised how many steps you can get in while returning to "Rockin' around the Christmas Tree." Enjoy striving off the path of least resistance and look for opportunities to add activity each and every day. Start to become an accidental exerciser today and bring your kids along, you will feel a lot better for it!

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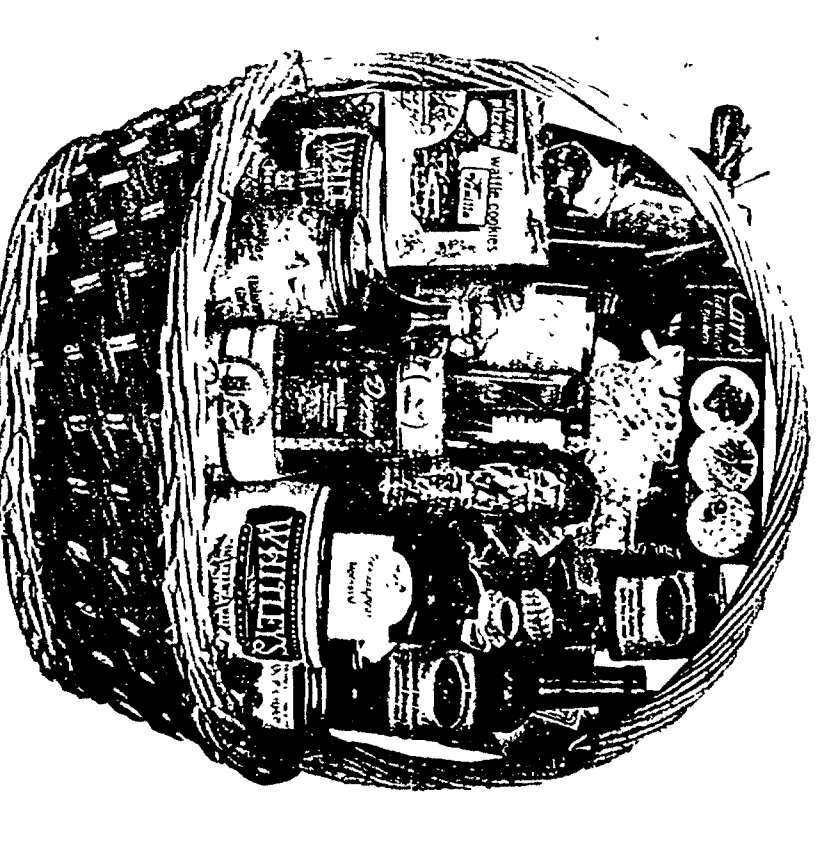
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By Pat Stein
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"It was the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there..."

There's hardly a holiday tradition that is more universally cherished than the Christmas stocking. Legend has it that the custom of hanging Christmas stockings for Santa to fill with gifts (for good little boys and girls) or lumps of coal (for those who have not been so good) began in the olden days.

The legend tells of a kindly nobleman whose wife had died of an illness, leaving the widowed man and his three unmarried daughters in despair.

To make matters worse, the widower lost all his money in bad investments and had hardly enough money for food and shelter, much less for dowries for his daughters.

In those days there wasn't much chance of a woman getting married if she didn't have a dowry. The family moved into a peasant cottage where the daughters did their own cooking, sewing and cleaning.

One night after they had washed their clothing,

they hung their stockings from the mantel to dry. As luck would have it, St. Nicholas was traveling through the village where the impoverished nobleman and his daughters lived and heard villagers talking about their plight.

That night, St. Nicholas stopped by the cottage and, looking through the window, spied the stockings hung out to dry over the fireplace.

Also seeing that the family had already gone to bed, he took three small bags of gold from his pouch (some versions of the legend say three lumps of gold) and threw them down the chimney. They landed in the stockings.

In the morning, the daughters discovered their stockings contained enough gold to provide them with the dowries needed to get married.

The nobleman was able to see his daughters wed and lived a long, happy life.

Word of the family's good fortune spread through the village and then throughout the land.

Soon, people everywhere were hanging their stockings by the fire in hopes that St. Nicholas would fill them with treasures.

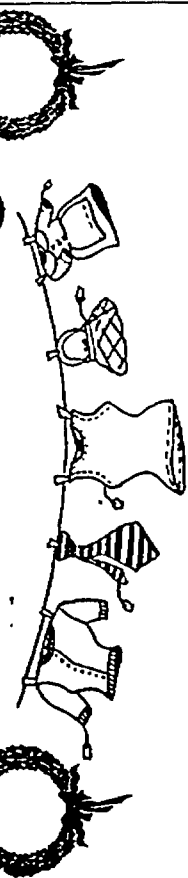
In more modern times, an orange in the toe of the stocking has come to symbolize the piece of gold.

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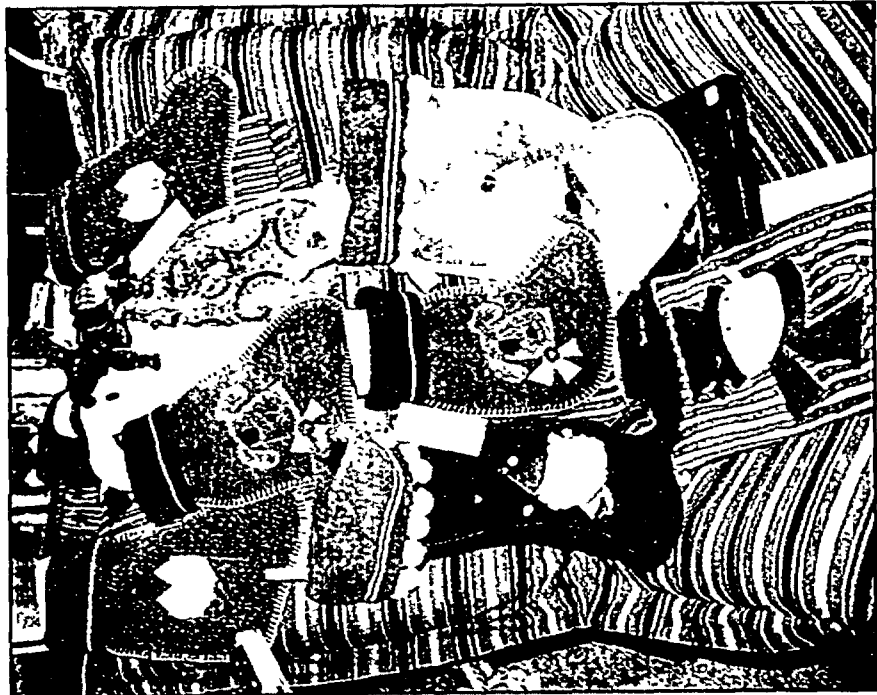
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Nutcrackers more than decoration

By Pat Stein
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The origin of the first nutcracker is a mixture of legend and history. The first nutcracker is believed to have been carved in Germany some 250 years ago and it really was made to crack nuts — especially walnuts.

As nutcrackers became popular throughout Europe and elsewhere in the world, they were carved in a variety of styles and depicting a variety of figures, from chimney sweeps to bakers and sellers of birds and cloth.

Over the years, nutcrackers have become highly collectible pieces of Yuletide ephemera.

The legend says the first nutcracker was made by a farmer who was very wealthy, but miserly and lonely.

Walnut trees grew on his property but he could not be bothered to crack the shells to extract the nuts. He put up a reward for anyone who could come up with a way to crack the walnuts.

An old puppet carver in the German village of Seiffen is said to have come up with the idea for the nutcracker — a figure with jaws strong enough to crack nutshells.

The farmer rewarded the carver with a special workshop and gave all the residents of the village German fruitcake studded with walnuts.

The message of the nutcracker is that it

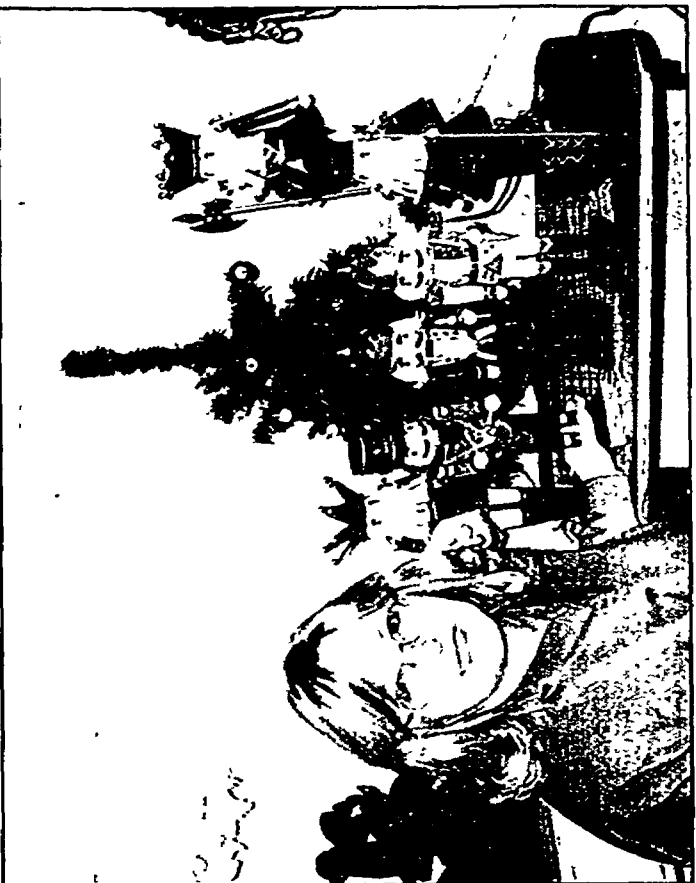


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Kathy Louiselle shows off some of the variety of nutcrackers available at Nana's Niche & Corner in Milford. For more information, call (248) 684-1975.

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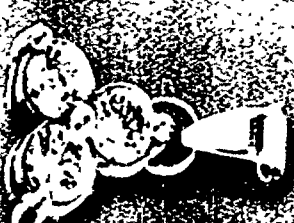
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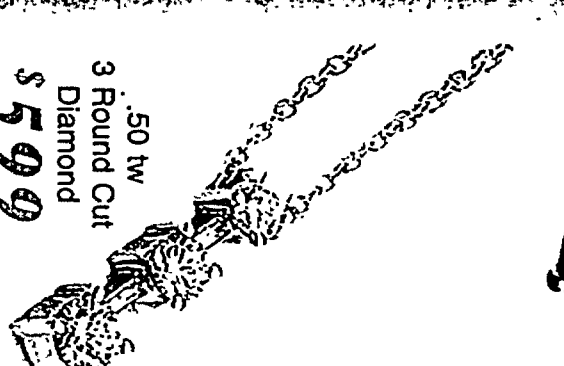
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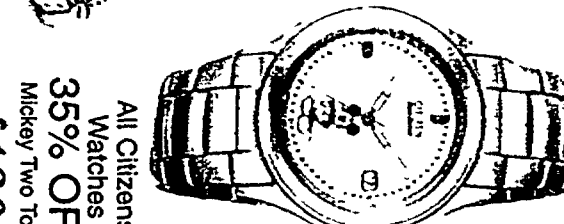
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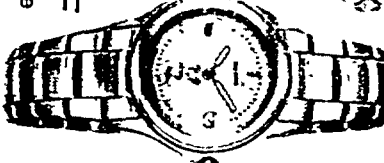
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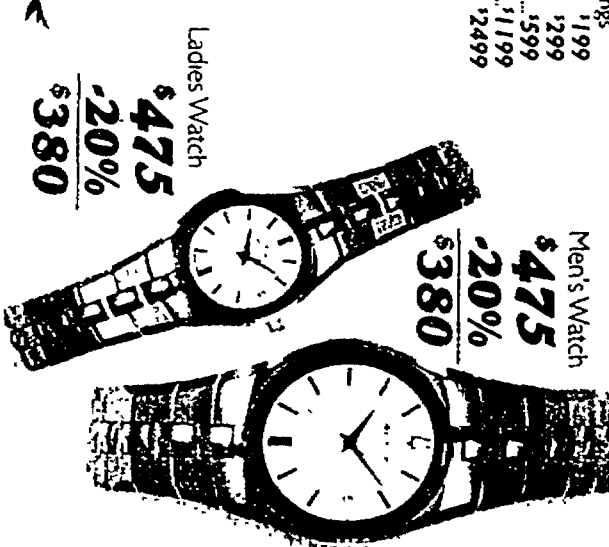


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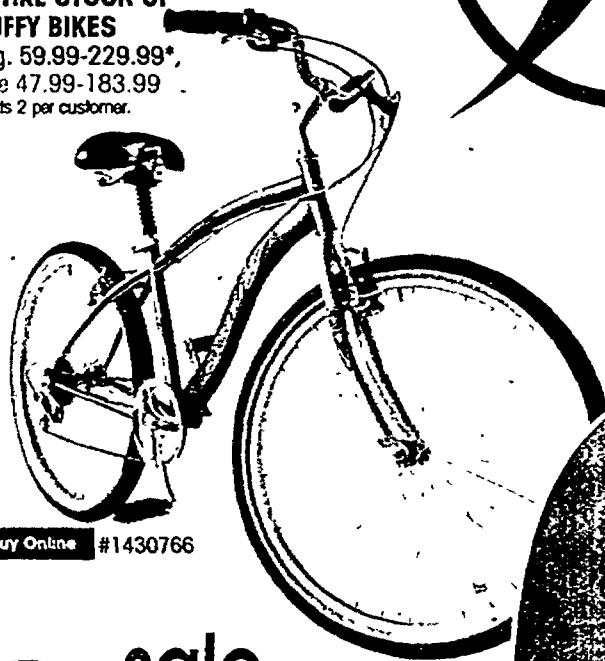


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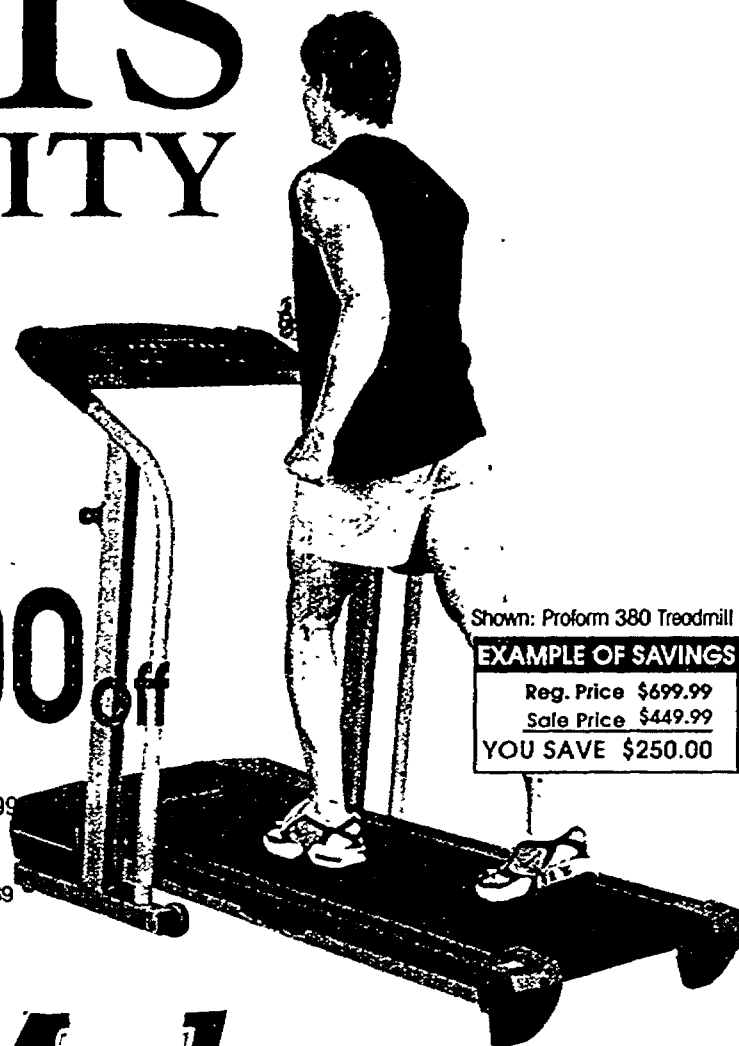
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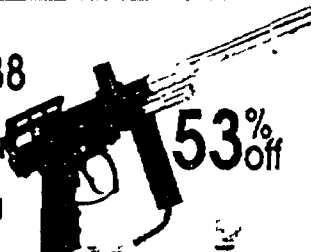
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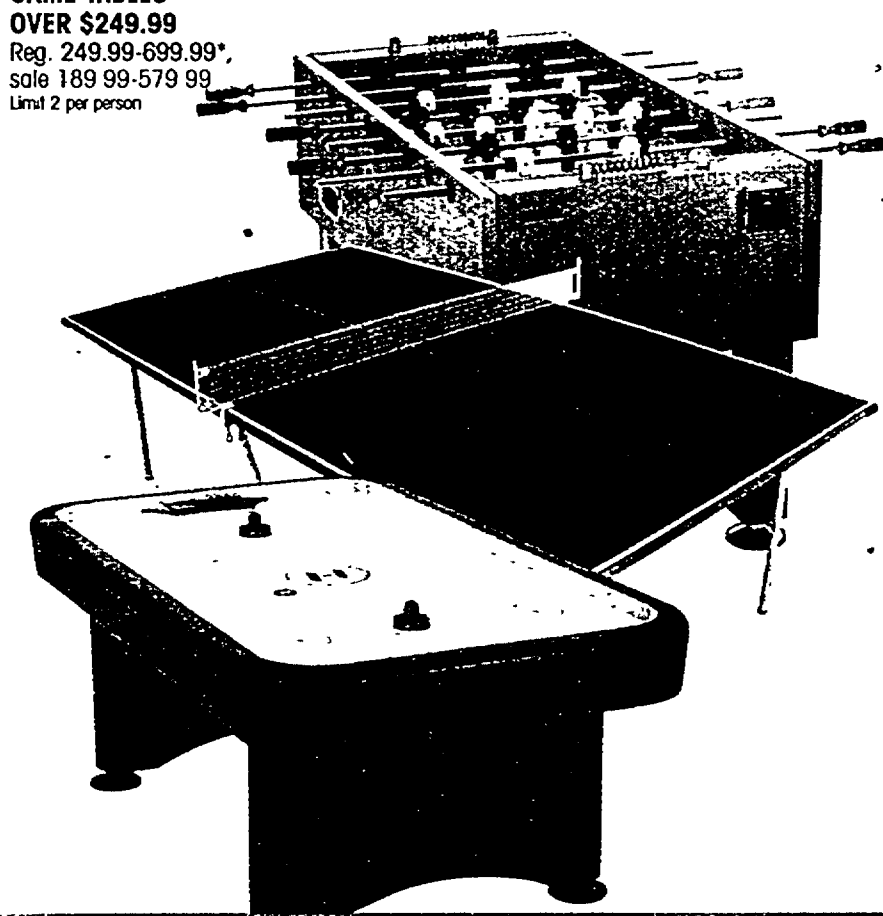
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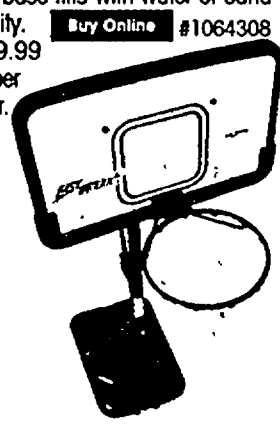
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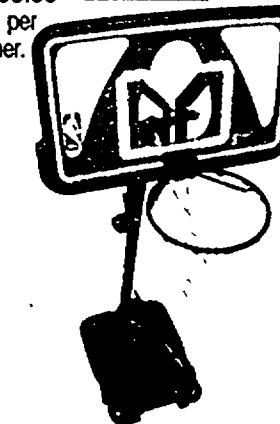


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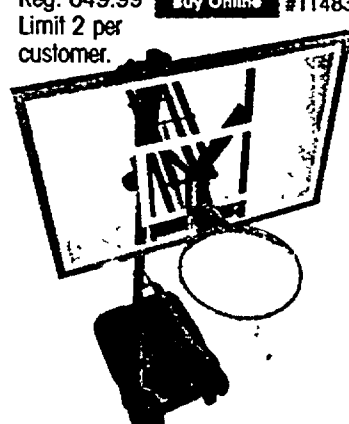


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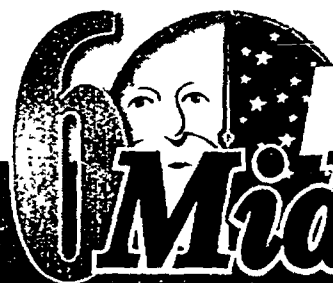
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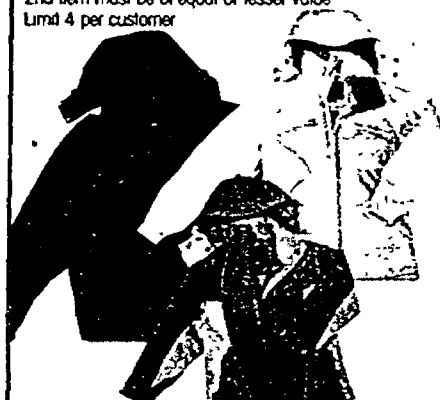
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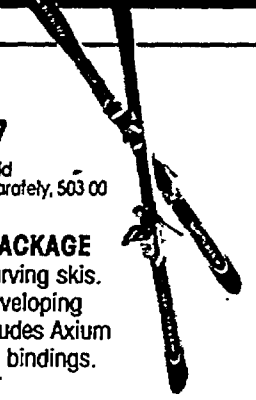


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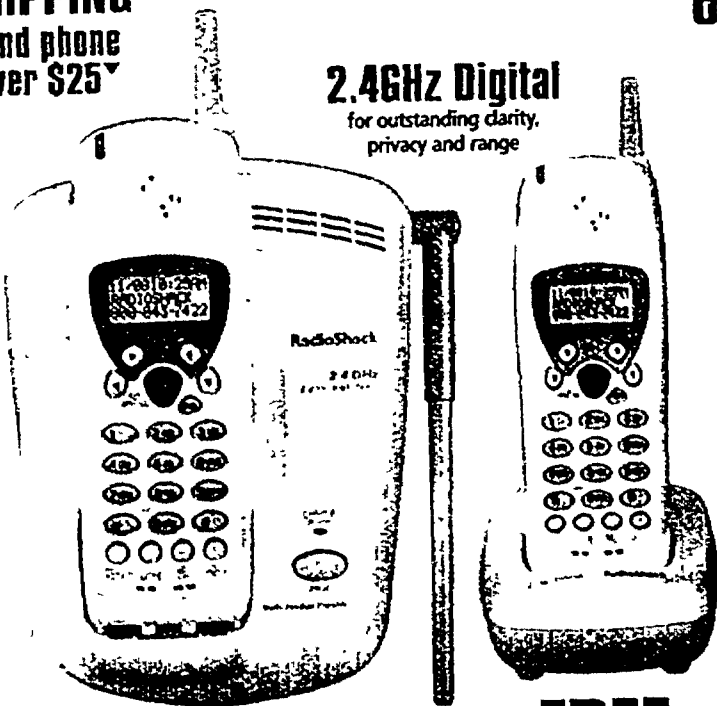
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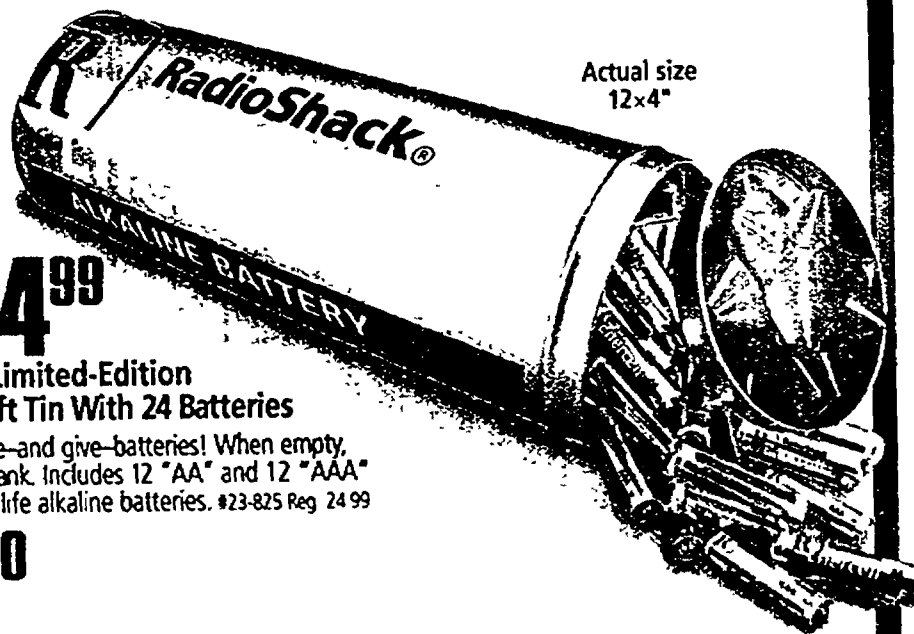
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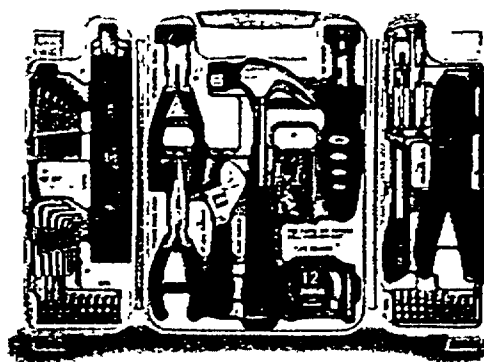
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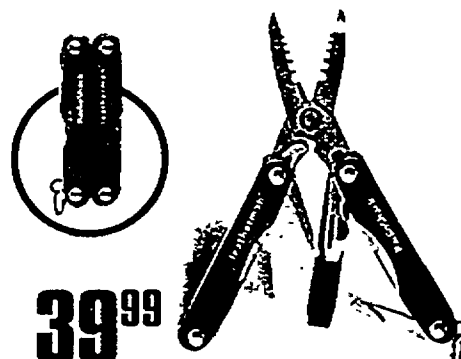


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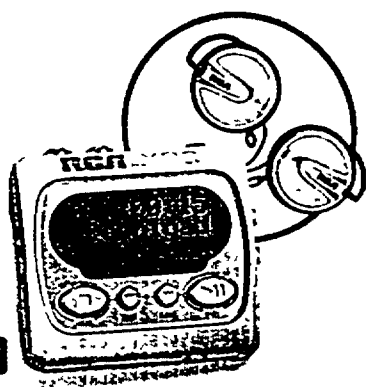
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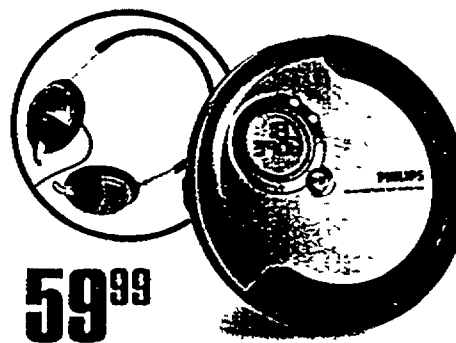
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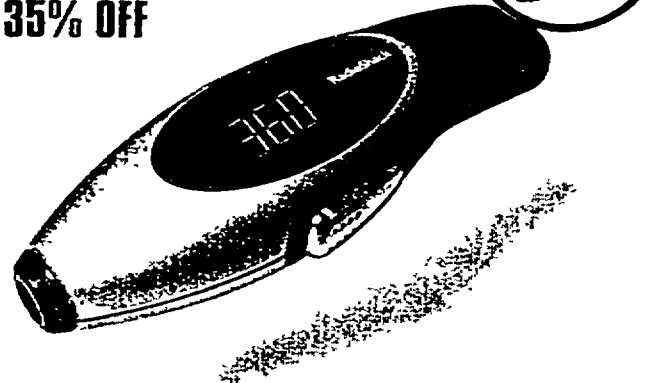
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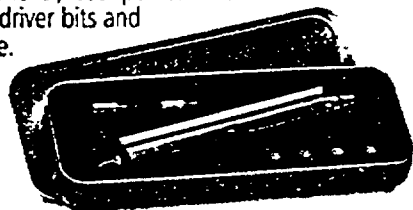
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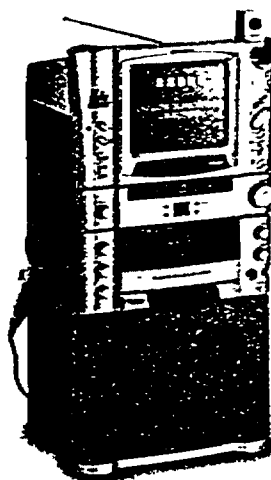
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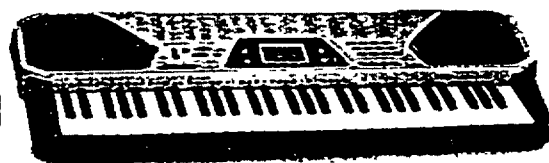


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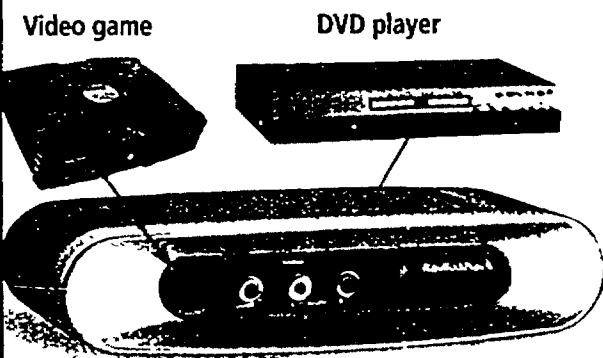
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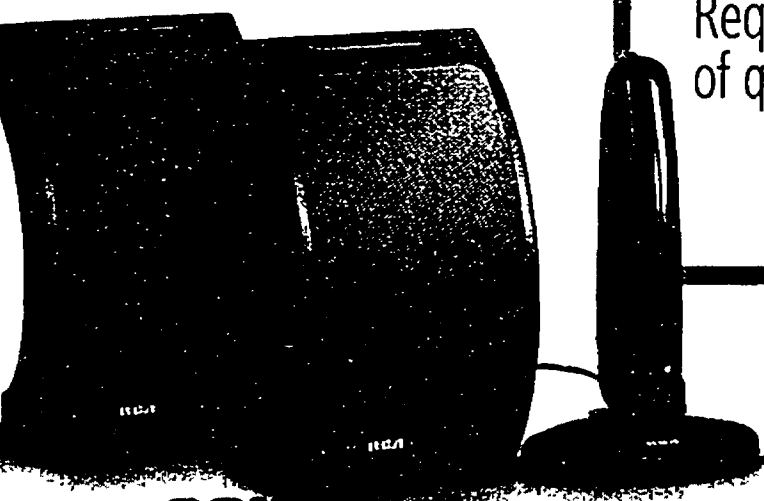
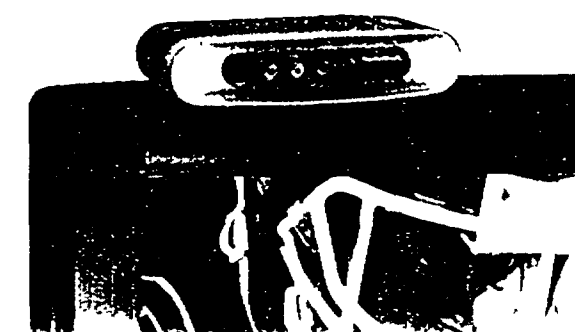
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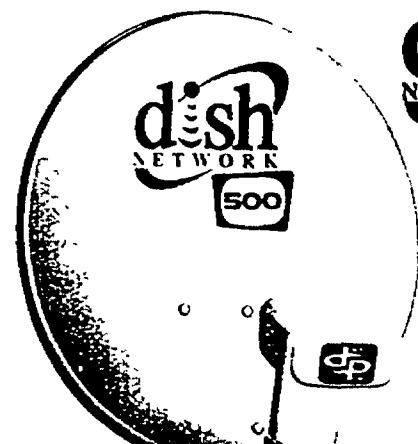
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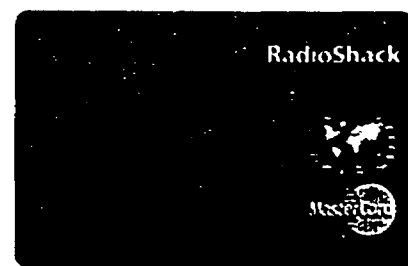
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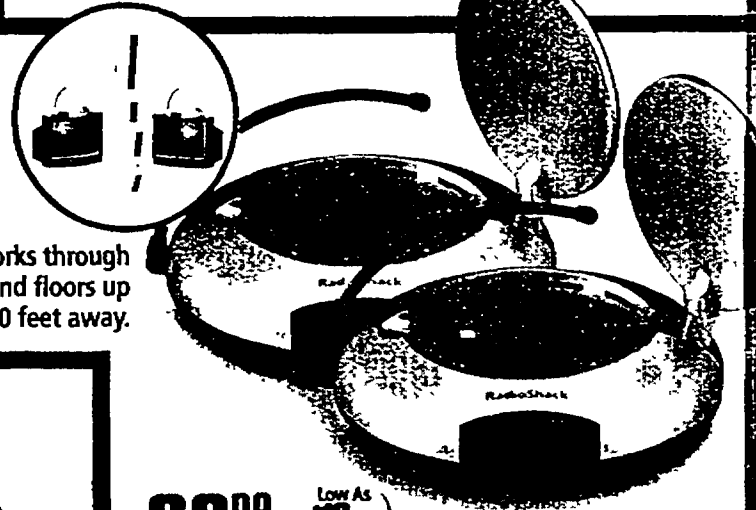
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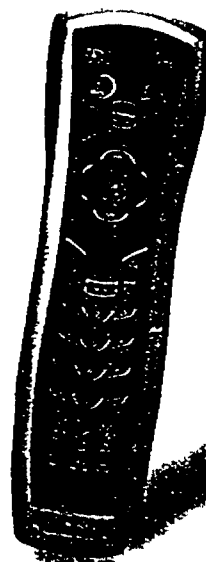


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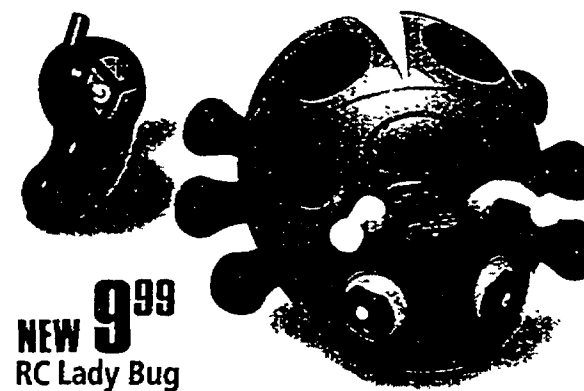
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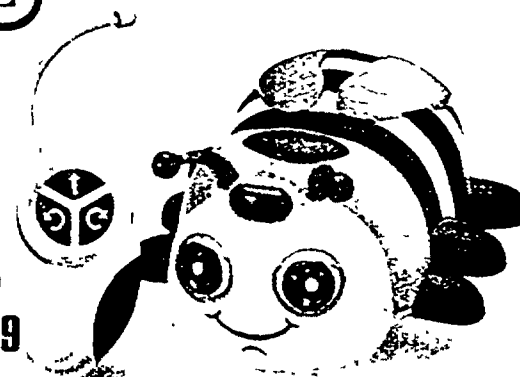
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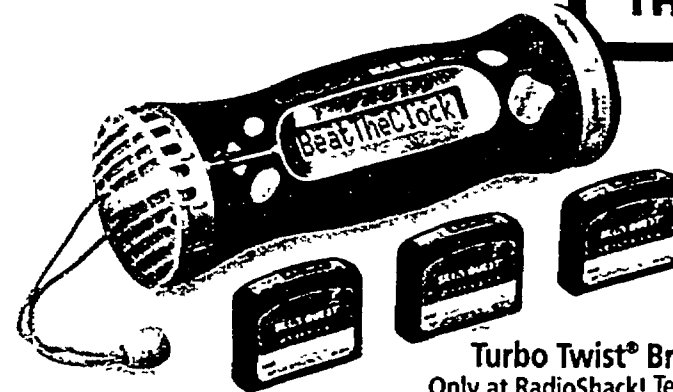


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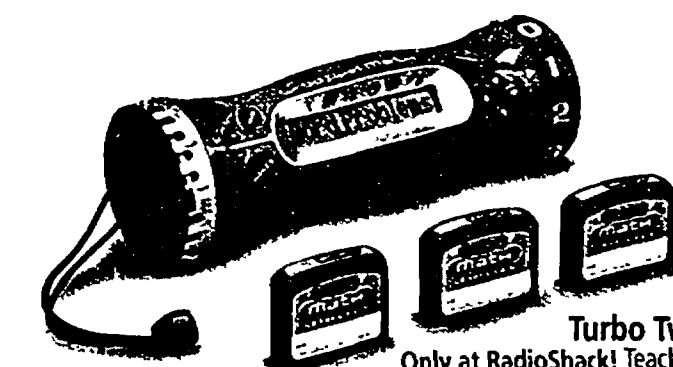
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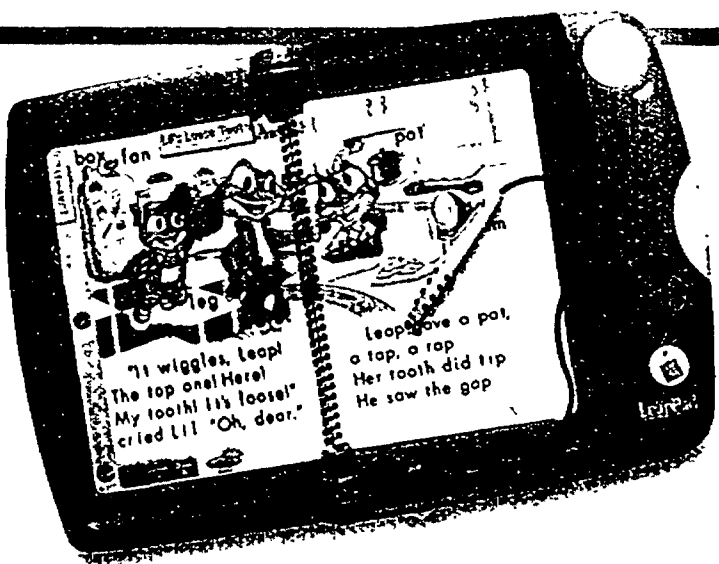
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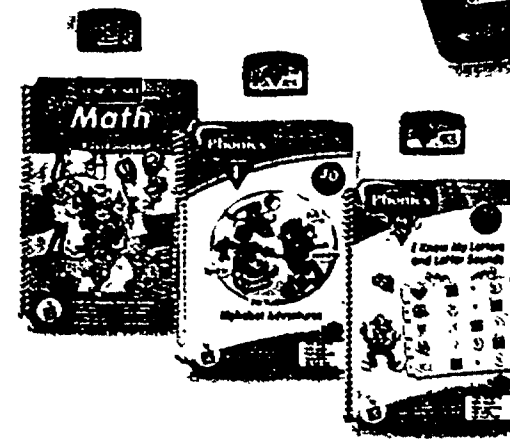
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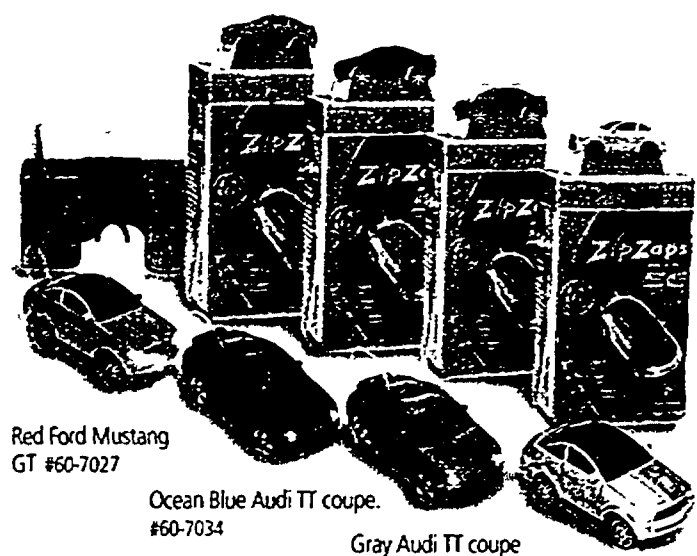
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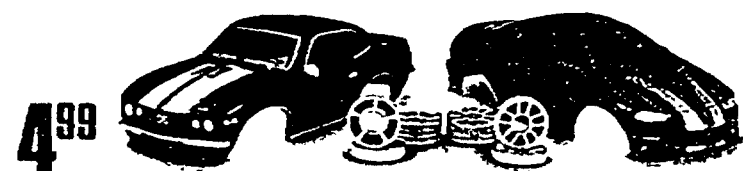


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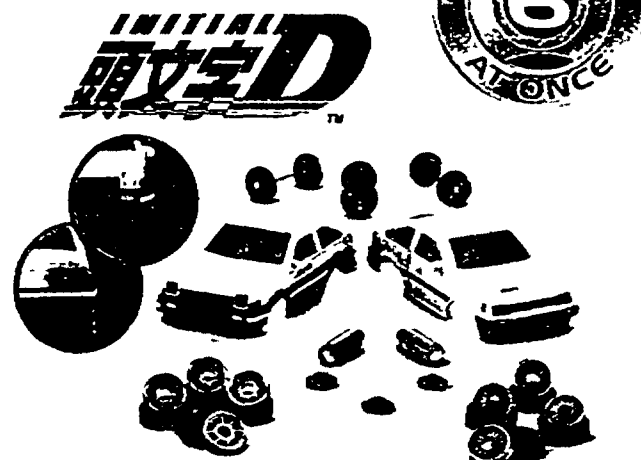
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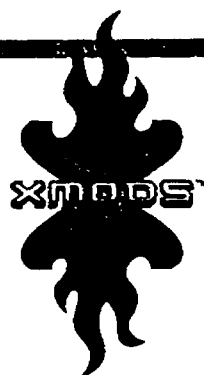
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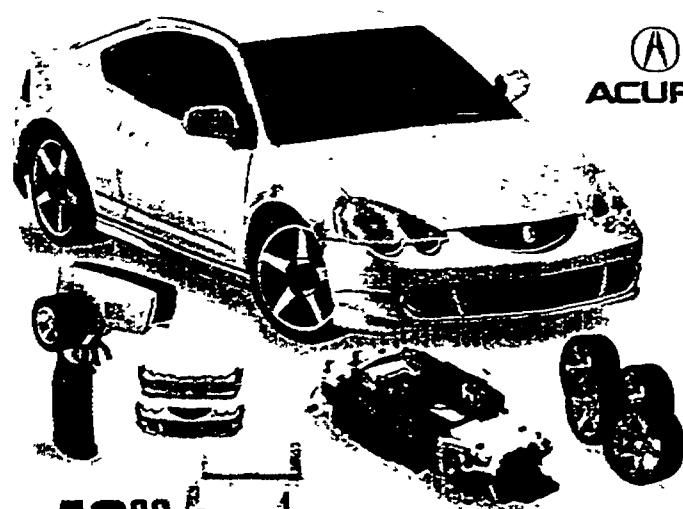
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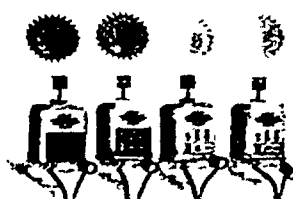


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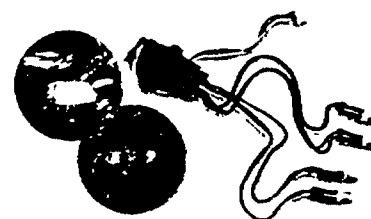
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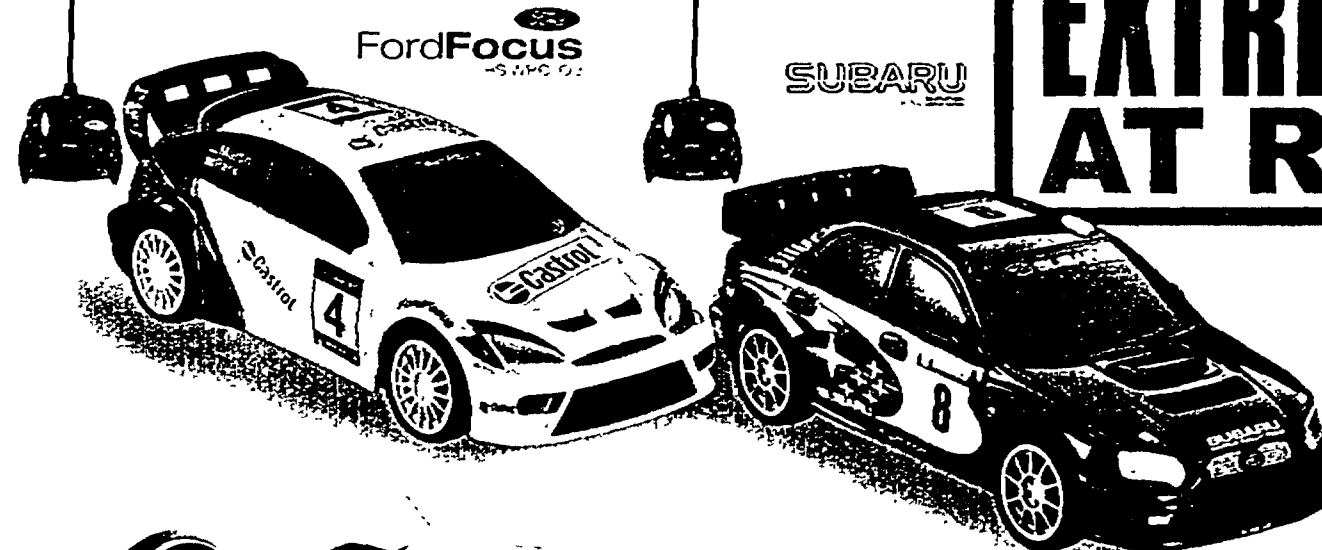
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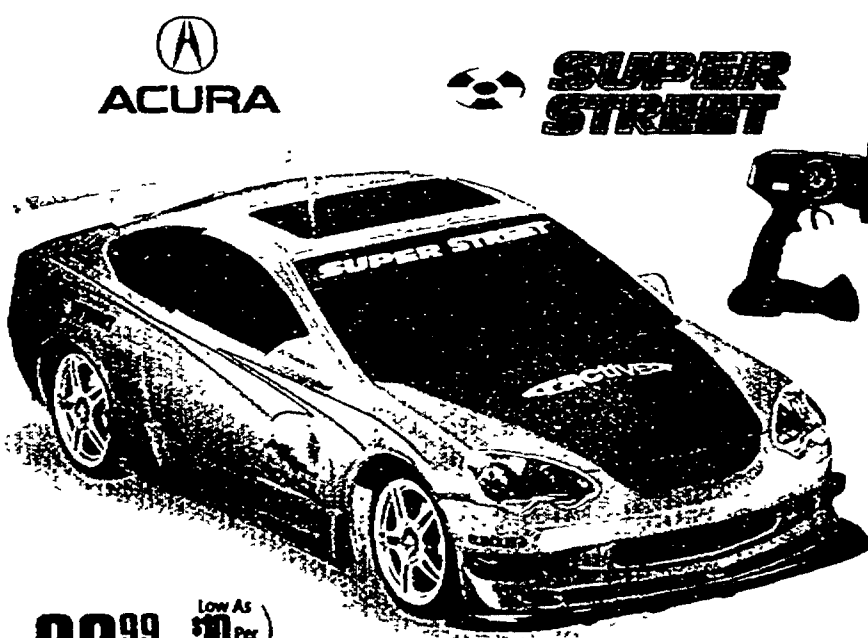
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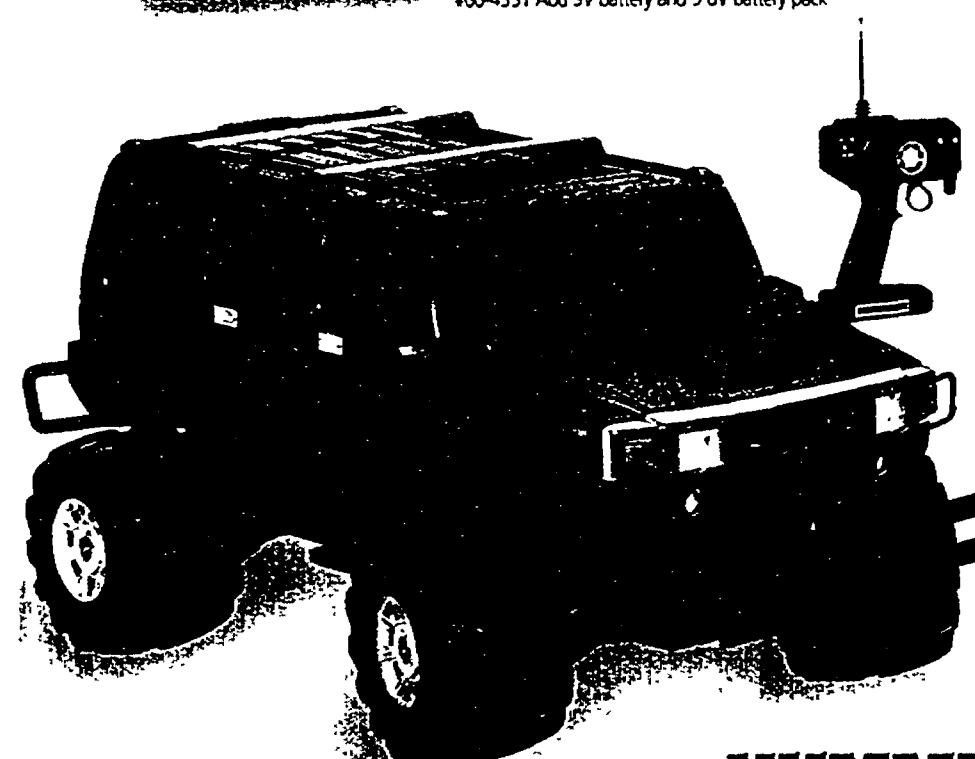
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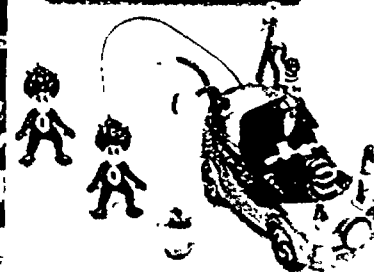
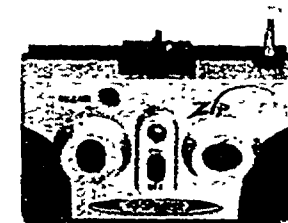


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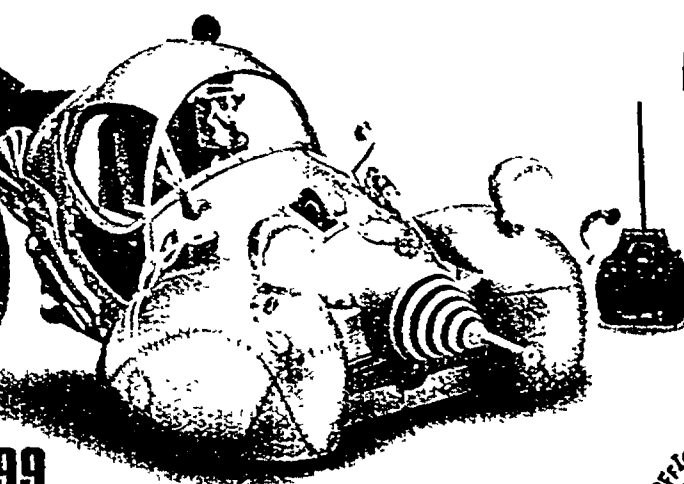


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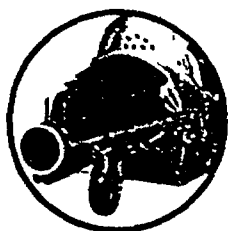
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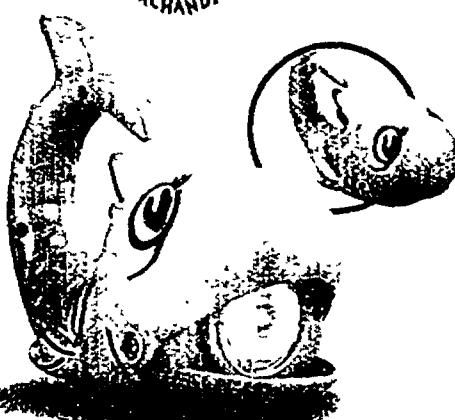
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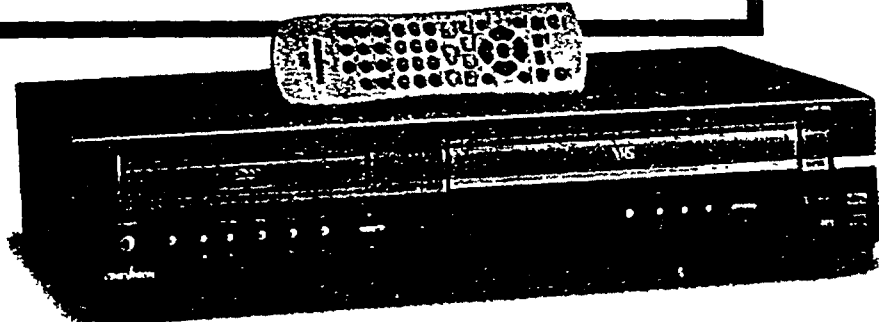
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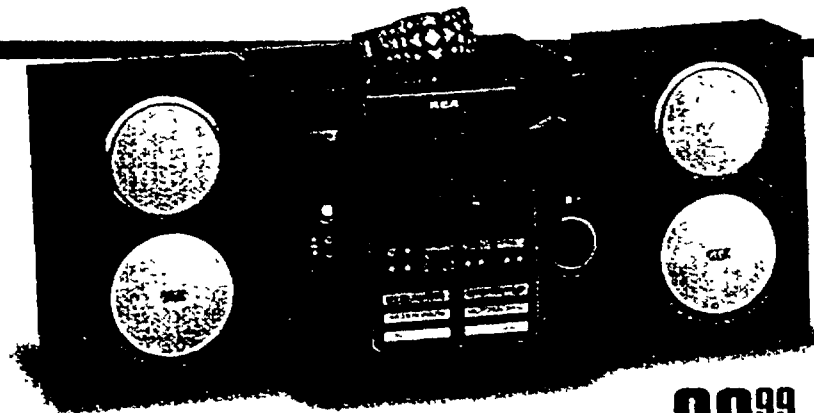
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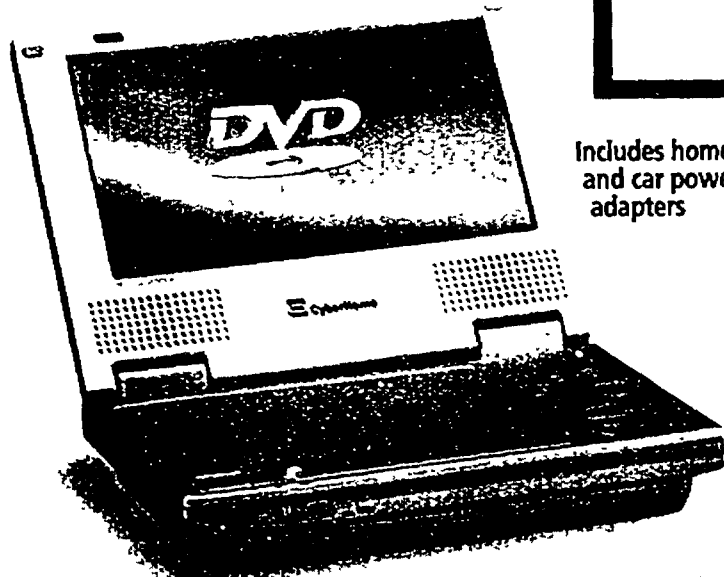


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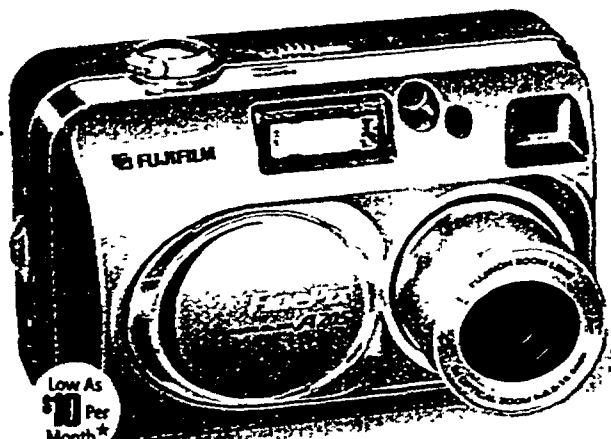
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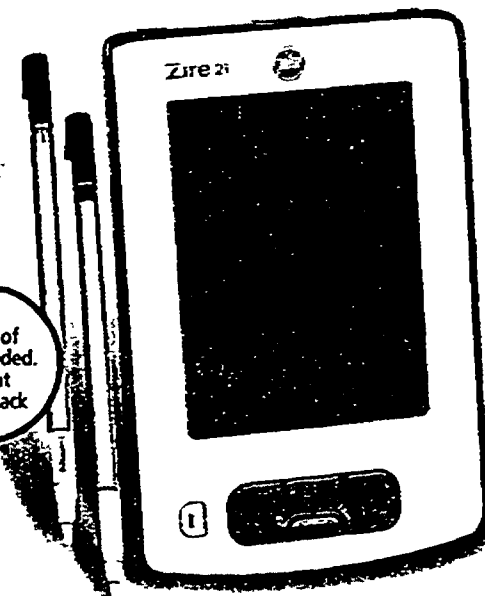
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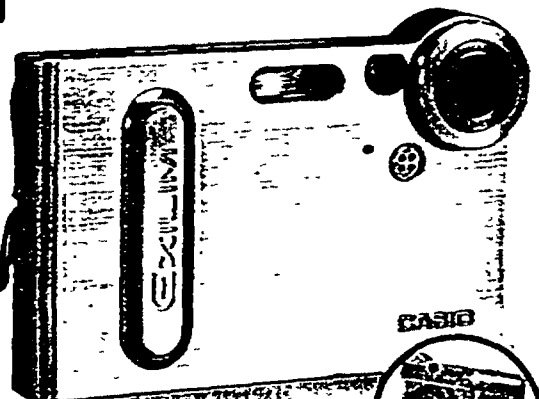
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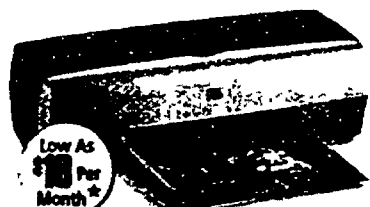
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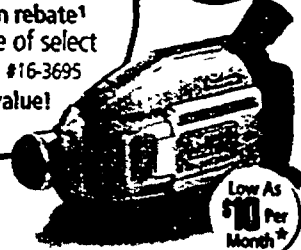
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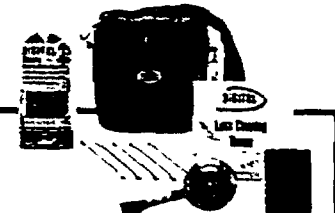
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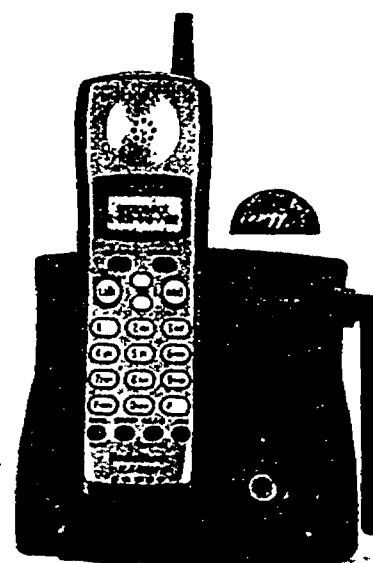
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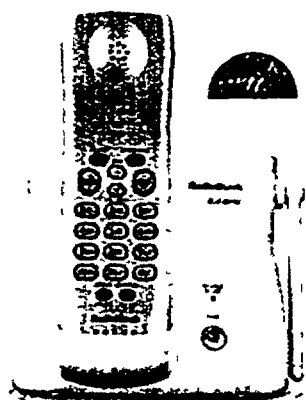
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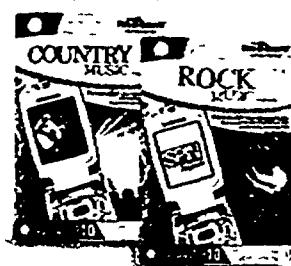
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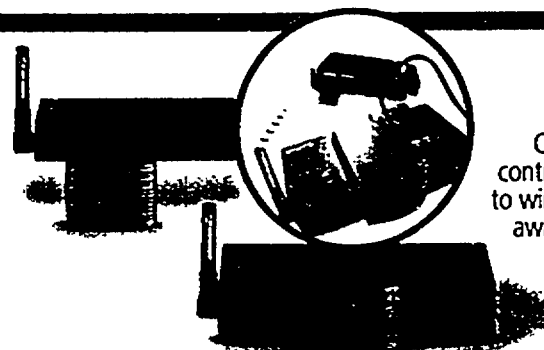


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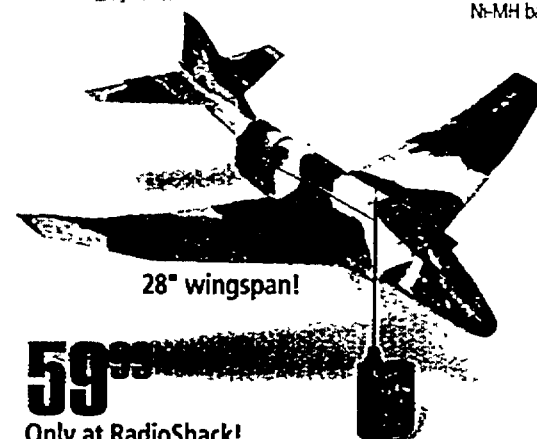
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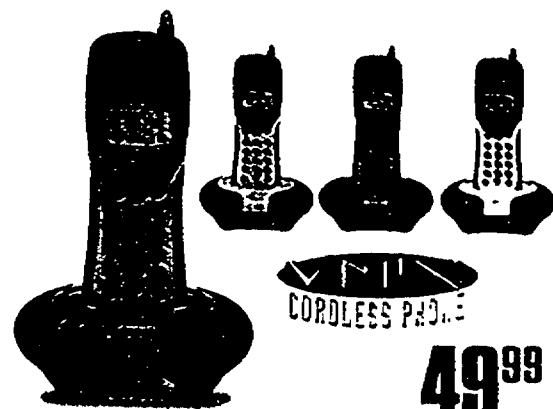


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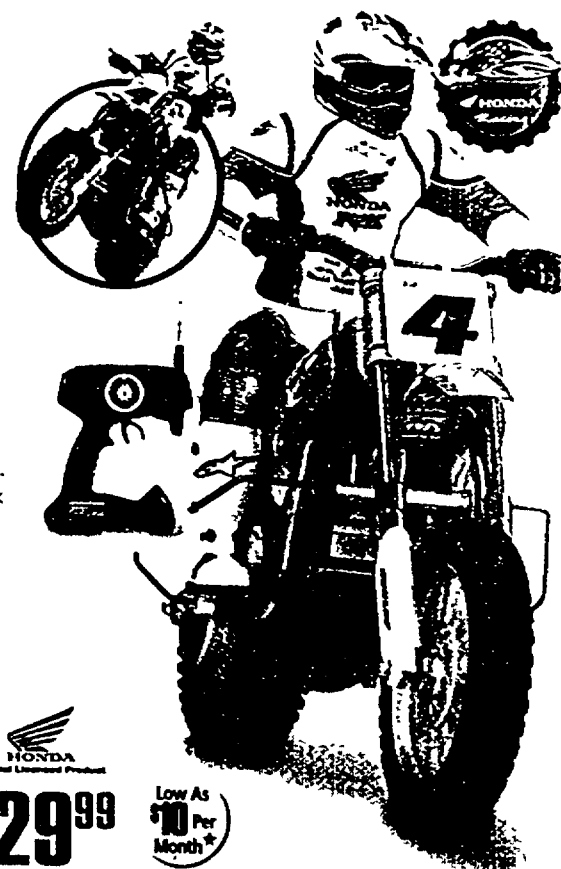
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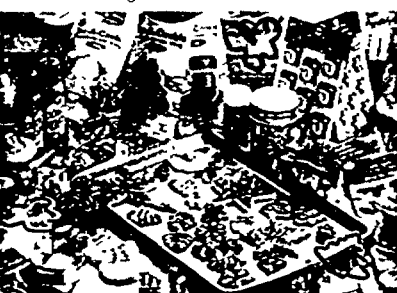


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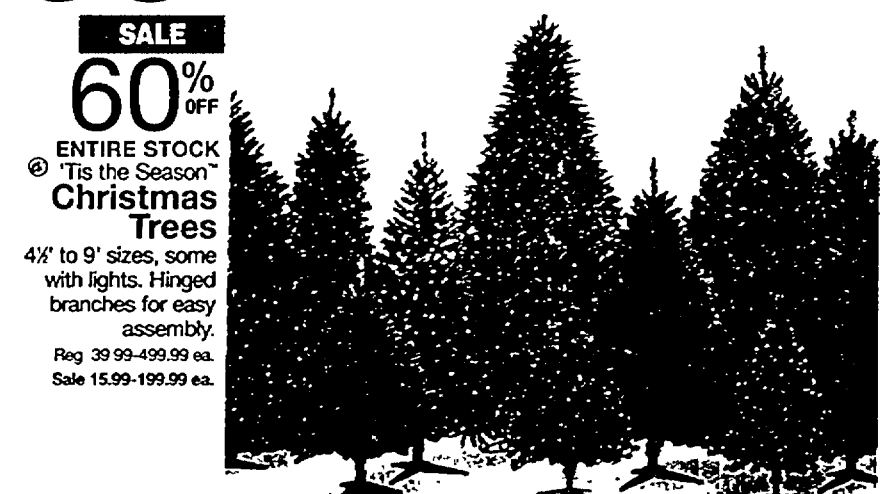
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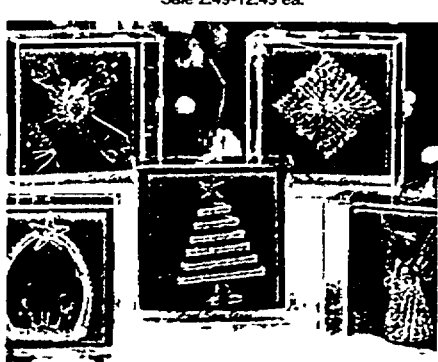
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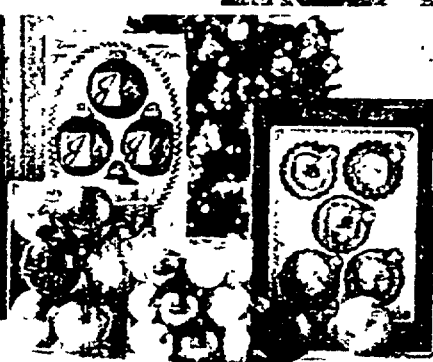
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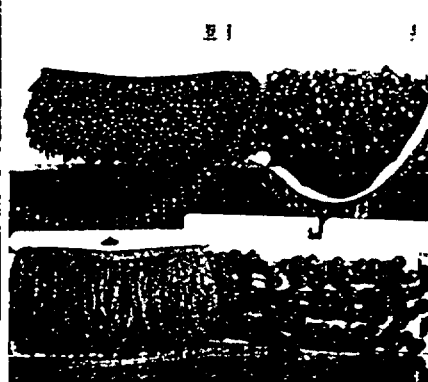
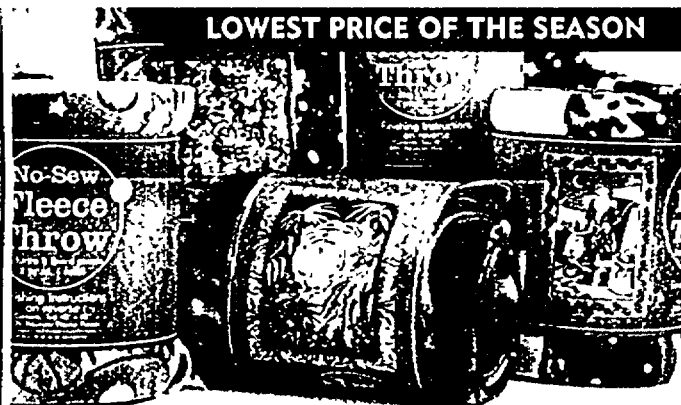
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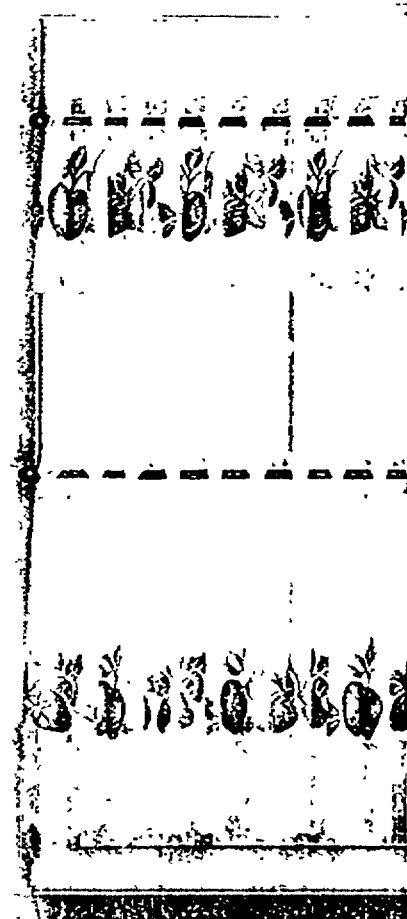
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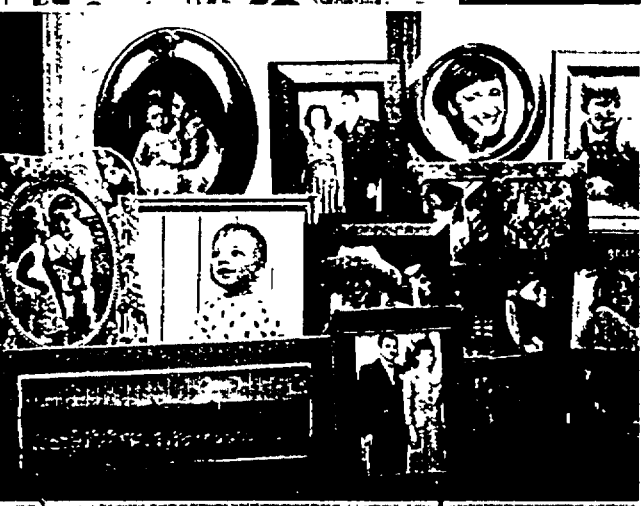
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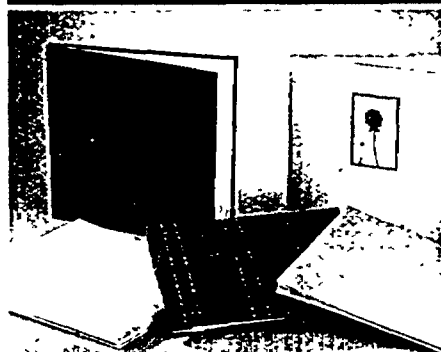


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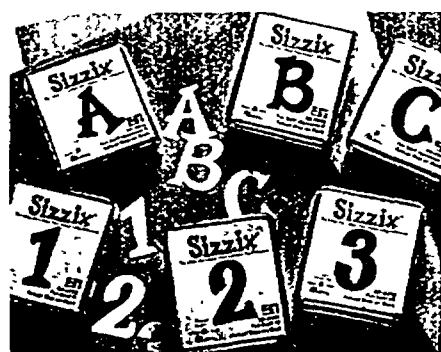
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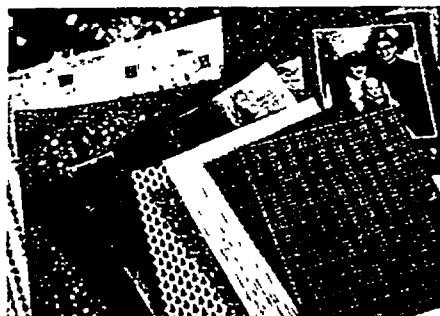
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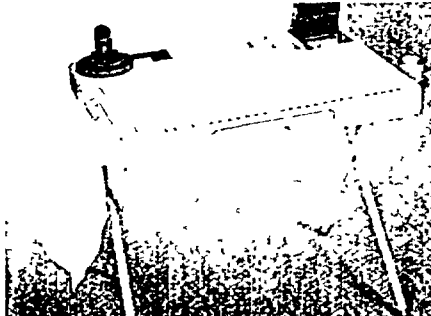
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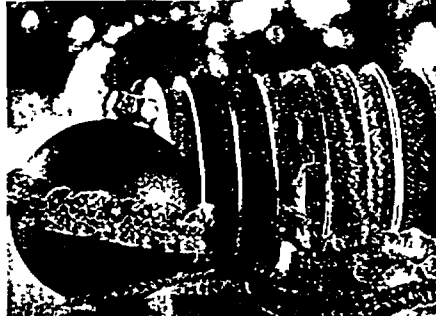
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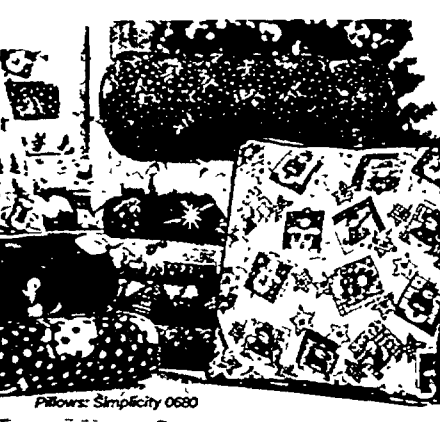
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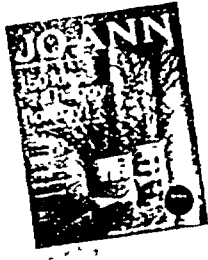
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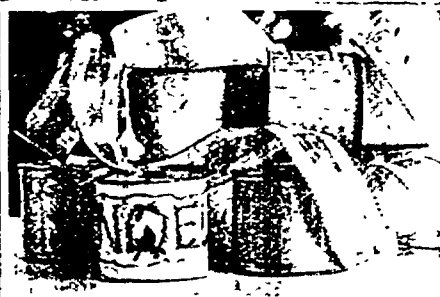


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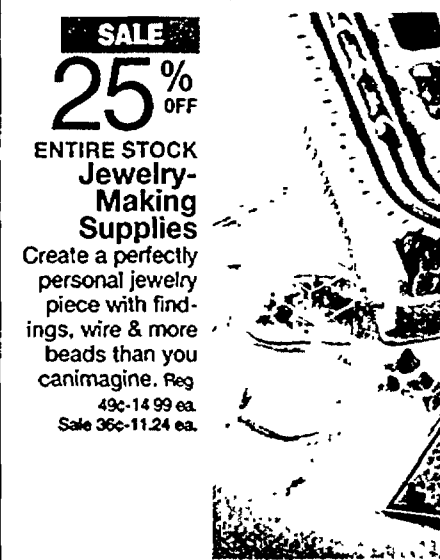


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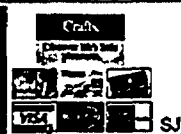


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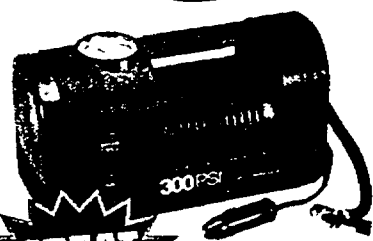
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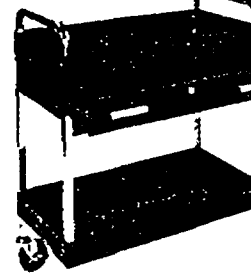


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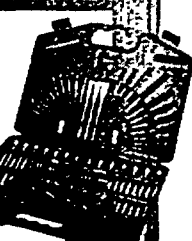
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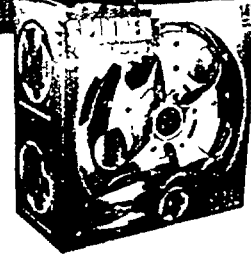
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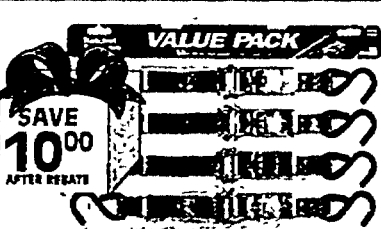
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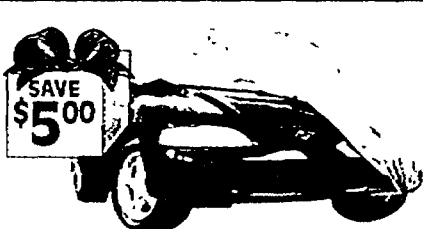
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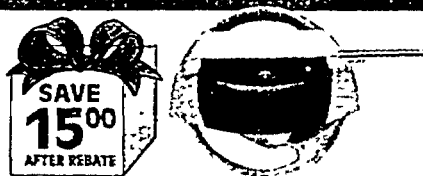
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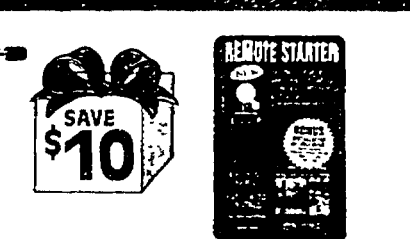
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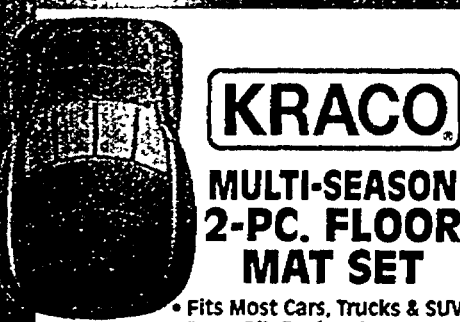
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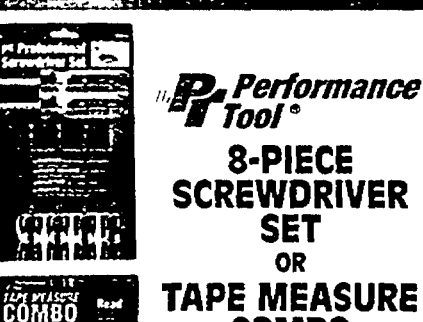
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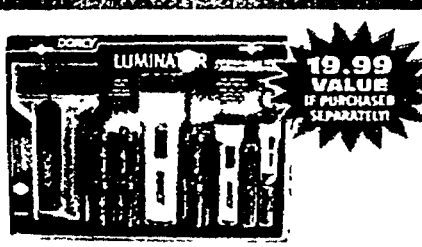
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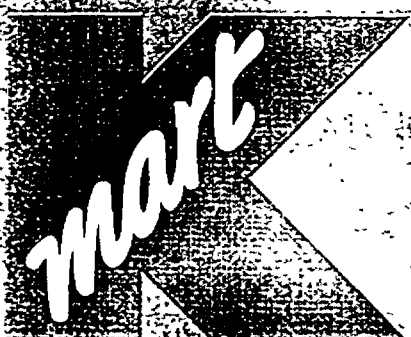
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10-kt. gold.

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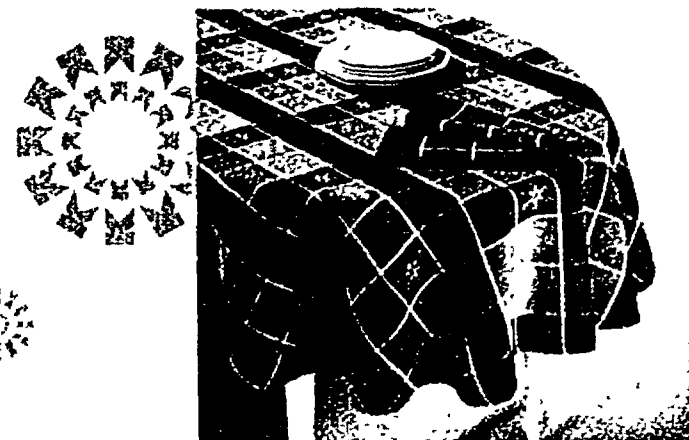
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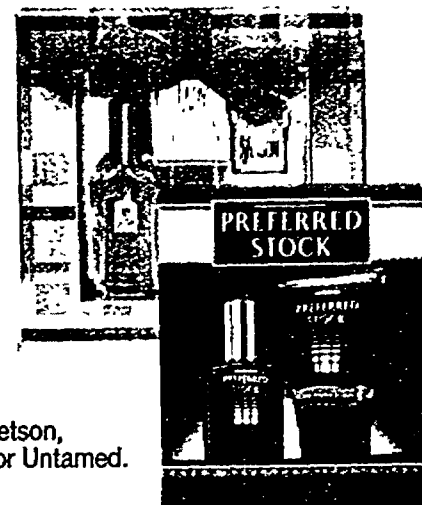
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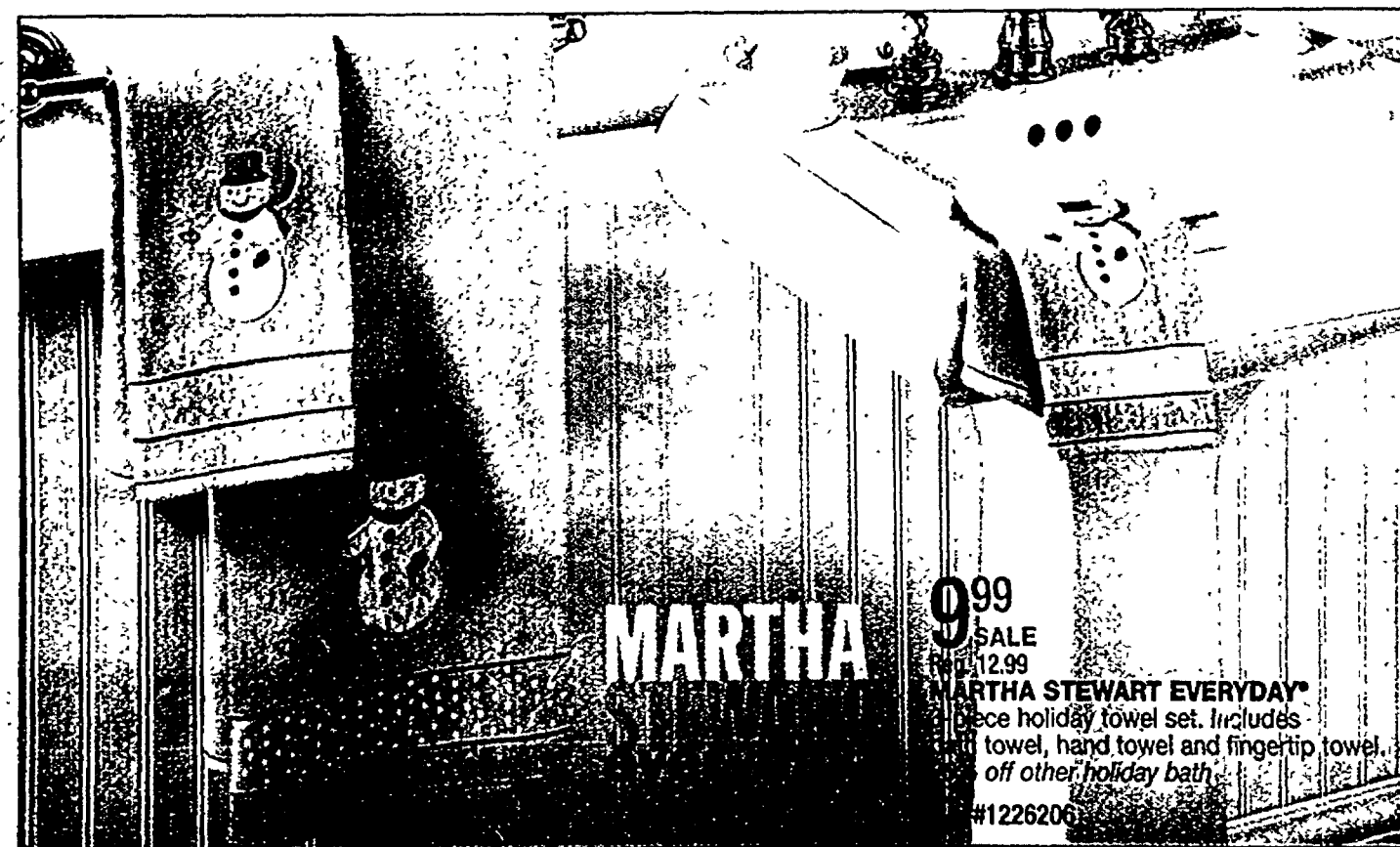
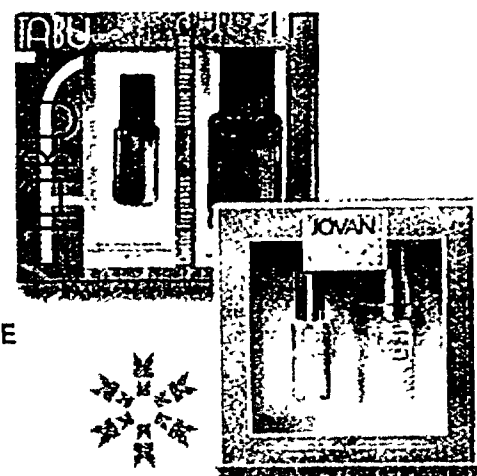


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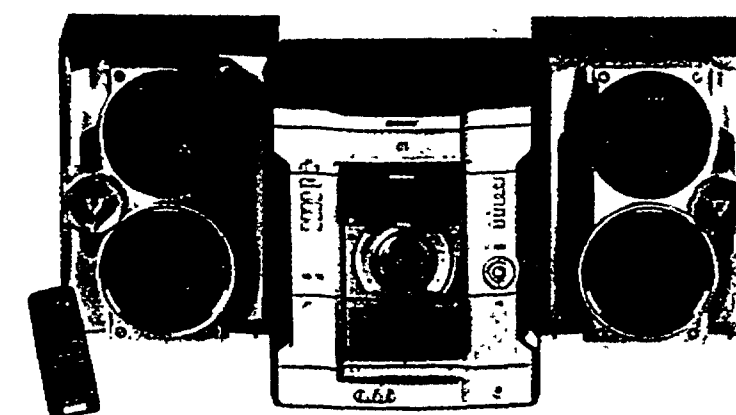
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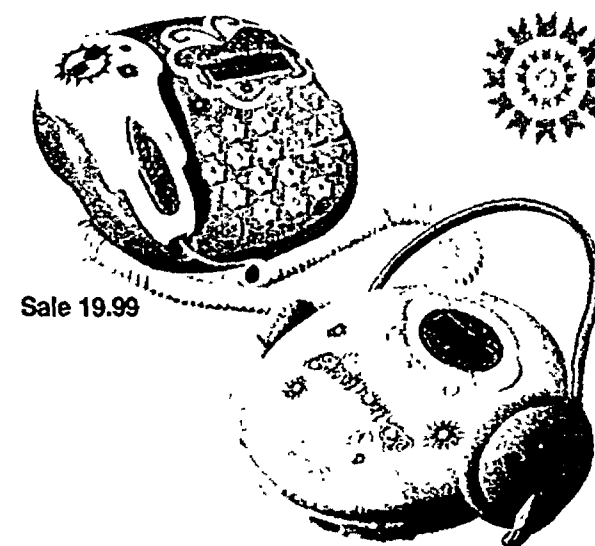
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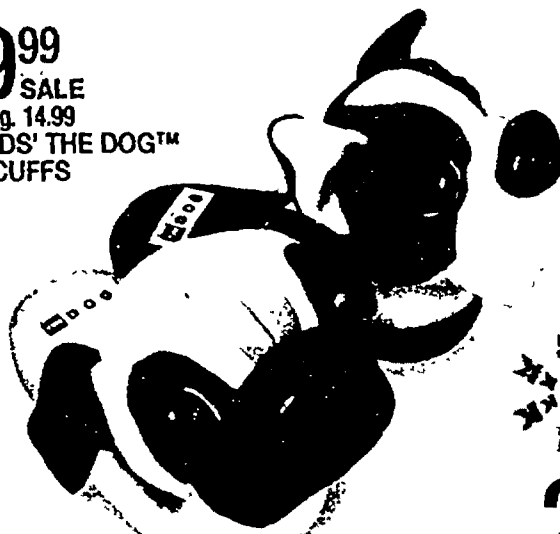
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8.99 Reg. 12.99
SALE ROUTE 66®
Women's ¾-sleeved knit top with
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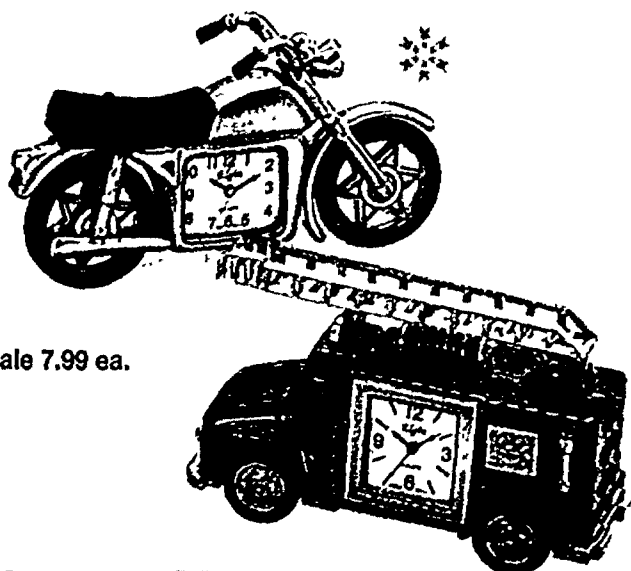


1/2 PRICE
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SALE BASIC EDITIONS®
Women's wide-width ankle boots.



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SALE SELECT MEN'S CASUALS

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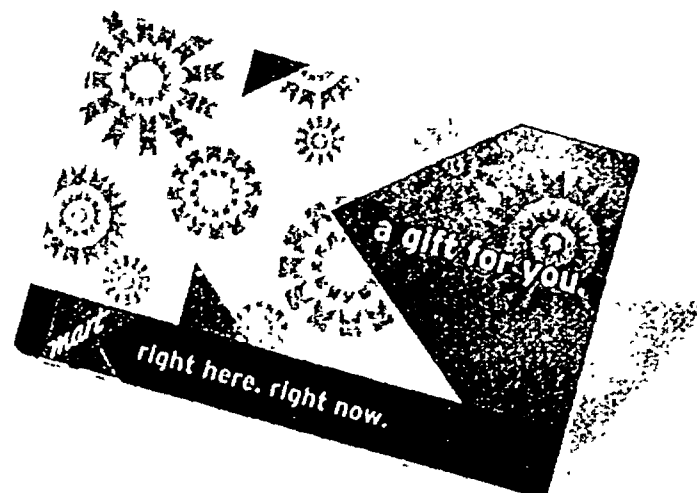


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20% off ALL MINI CLOCKS
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Gift Cards available only at Kmart locations. Gift Cards are available in any denomination. Redeemable at any Kmart location.



14⁹⁹ CAR ACCESSORIES
 SALE 4-pc. multiseason or textured mat set;
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 Expressions seat cover.
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39⁹⁹ REMOTE CAR STARTER
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 Reg. 79.99, Sale 19.99
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 PENDANT OR RING. 10-kt. gold.
 Ring size 7; 4½-10 by special order



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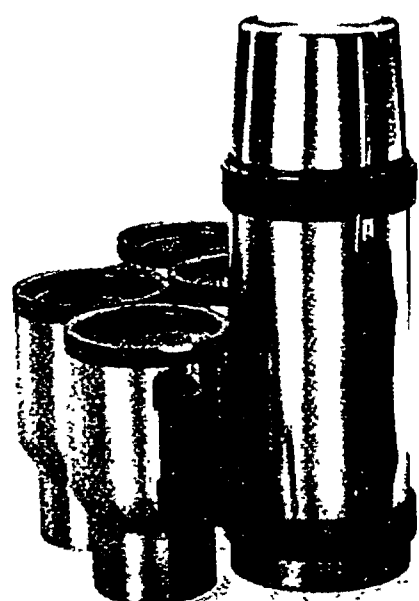
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DISNEY®. Women's long-sleeved fleece and brushed fleece. Sizes S-XL



2/\$7
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LOVEMATES®
Women's stretch slippers.



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SALE

NORTHWEST TERRITORY®
Stainless steel vacuum
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Sold in the Sporting Goods Dept.



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stool with pump.



NEW!

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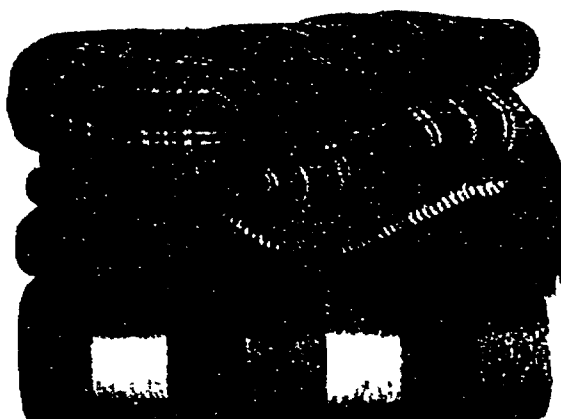
20% off

MARTHA STEWART EVERYDAY®
Tabletop coordinates and kitchen towels.
Includes place mats, chair pads, tablecloths,
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ALL THROWS



12.99
SALE

MARTHA STEWART EVERYDAY®
Twin flannel sheet set.
All other flannel sheet sets,
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SALE Reg. 16.99
ROUTE 66®
Women's athletic pants.
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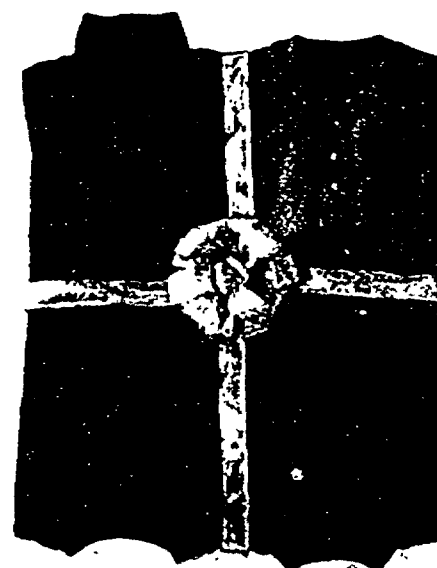


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ASHLEY TAYLOR™
All women's packaged
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BASIC EDITIONS®
Men's and big men's
brushed fleece.



50% off BASIC EDITIONS®
Men's or big men's*
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*Crews, mocknecks or henleys



30% off ENTIRE STOCK OF MEN'S
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All thermals.
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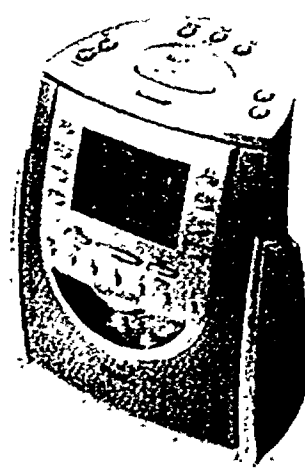
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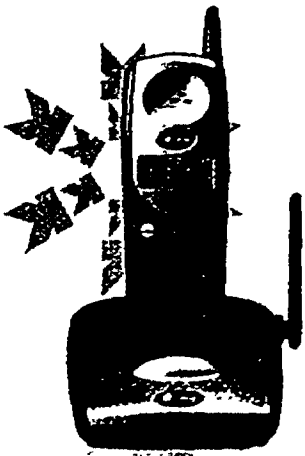
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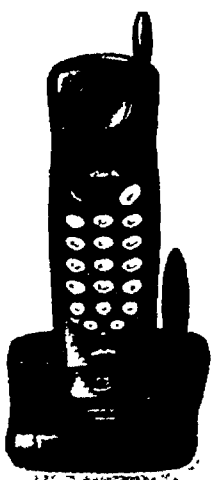
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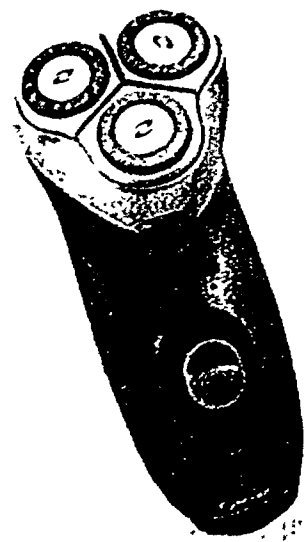
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SALE
TIMEX®
CD clock radio with front-loading
CD player, digital tuning with
18 presets, nature sounds
and triple alarm.
#1309623



39⁹⁹
SALE
AT&T
2.4GHz cordless
phone with caller ID.
#1415222



17⁹⁹
SALE
VTECH
2.4GHz cordless
phone with speed dial.
#1413156



34⁹⁹
SALE
NORELCO
Reflex
rechargeable
razor.
#6613X



17⁹⁹
SALE
EUREKA®
The Boss bagless
easily converts to
hand vac. #1648
#1412097



NEW!
36⁹⁹
SALE
BLACK & DECKER
780-watt corded hand vac
includes 14 accessories
that allow for 100's
of applications.
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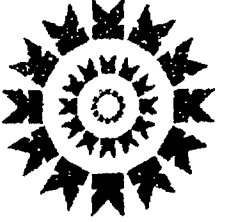
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SALE
MEGUIAR'S®
ARMOR ALL
Gift pack.

NEW!
18⁹⁹
SALE
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4.8V DustBuster®
wet and dry cordless hand
vac with 2-speed power
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accessory storage.
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#1415230



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SALE
DIRT DEVIL®
Spot Scrubber with a rotating
brush that gently lifts deep-
down dirt, spots and spills.
Extra-long power cord. use
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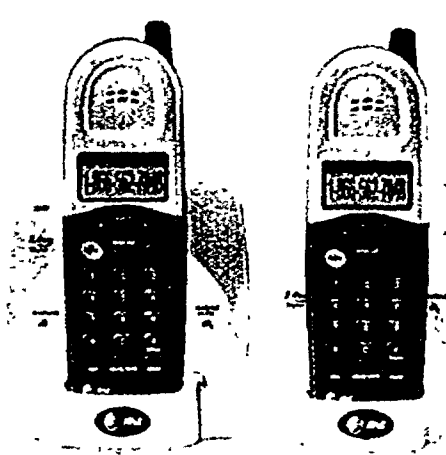
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heads. Sale 19.99
*Model 4300



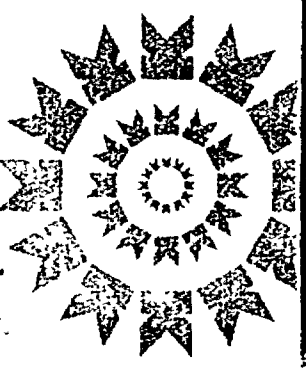
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59⁹⁹
SALE
AT&T
2.4GHz dual-handset cordless phone
with caller ID, call waiting, intercom and
call transfer between handsets, and
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#937502



29⁹⁹
SALE
KITCHEN APPLIANCES
Toastmaster 1.5-lb. breadmaker, Hamilton Beach indoor
grill with timer and auto-off or Rival 16" oval skillet with
glass lid.



BONUS!
8-pc. set includes enamel buffet
server, 3 serving trays, 3 storage
lids and cookbook. A \$30 value!



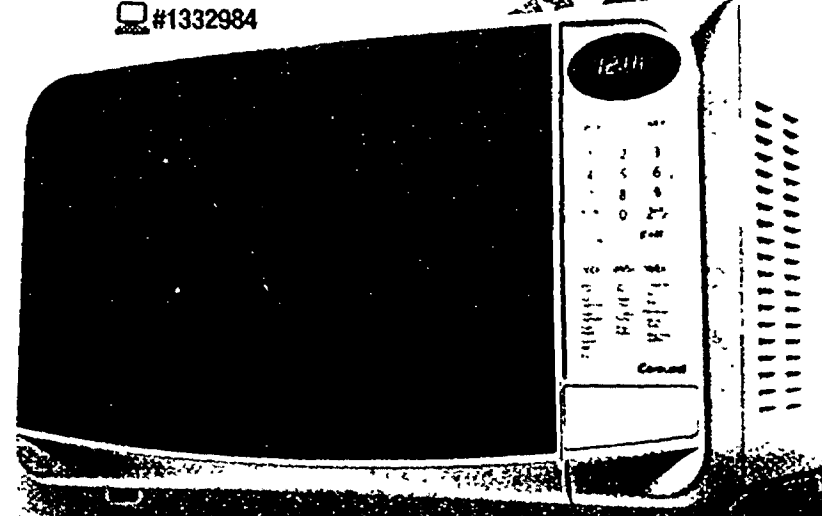
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SALE
RIVAL
18-qt. roaster with
8-pc. bonus set.
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Holds up to an
18-lb. turkey

20% off
ALL HOLIDAY
RED AND GREEN
STORAGE BOXES



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SALE
SHARP
1.0-cu.-ft. 1,000-watt
digital microwave.
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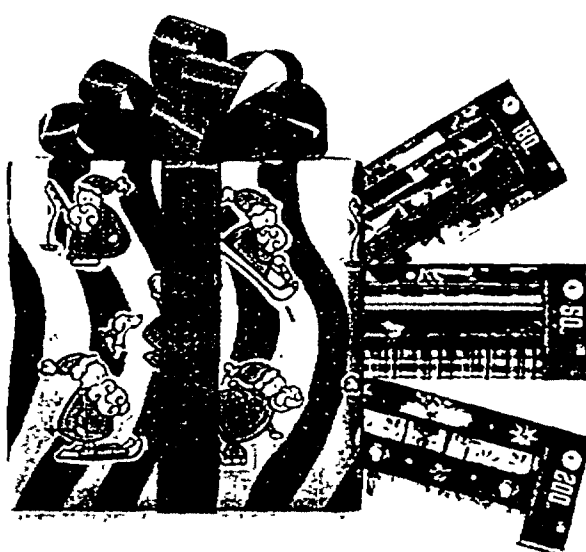


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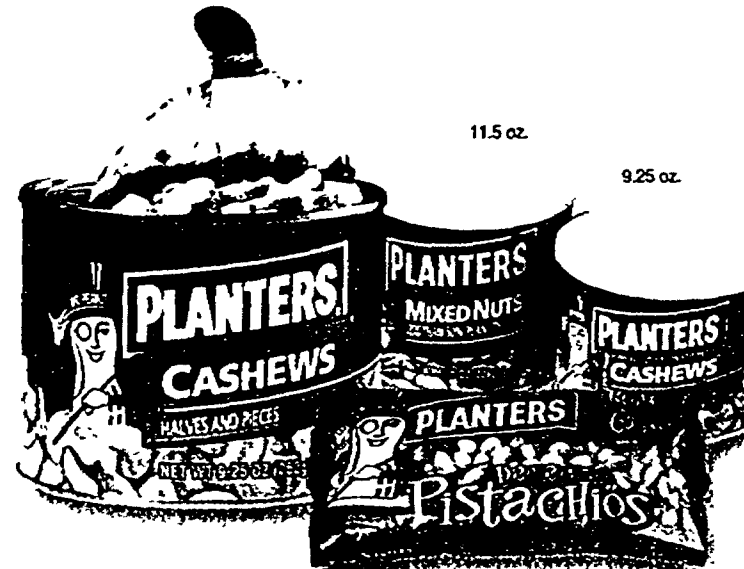
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Holiday wreaths
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Multiroll wrap.
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BATH GIFT SETS
Body Fantasies candles,
Sale 2/\$10
SALE



2/\$4 PLANTERS NUTS
Items shown or cocktail, 20 oz.
SALE



2/\$5 PAPER GOODS. Hefty foam plates,
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cups, 50-ct. 16 oz.
SALE



25% off TRIM A HOME®
Multipack; 12-ct. glass, 13-ct. glass,
60-ct. glass or value pack ornaments.
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33% off ALL BOXED
HOLIDAY CARDS
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33% off 14" ANGEL OR
SANTA CONE
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99¢ SNACKS. Pringles, 5.13-6 oz.;
Bugles, 7.5 oz.; Chex Mix, 8.75 oz.;
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SALE

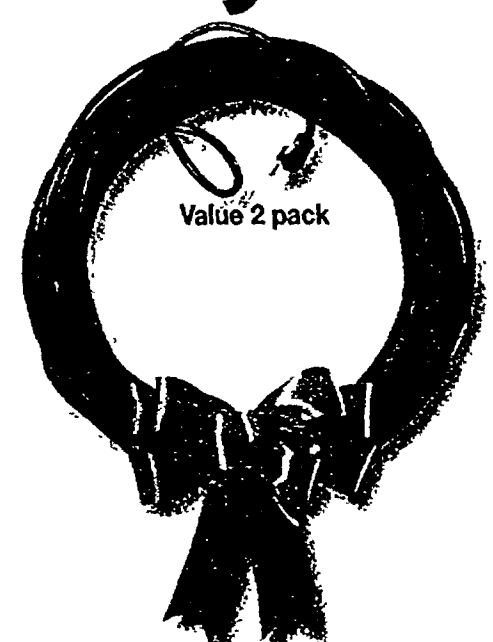


50% off ALL REVLON
Cosmetics and
implements

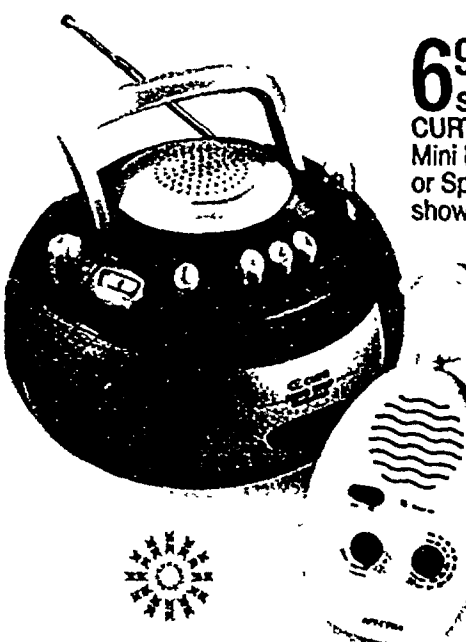
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\$59 KODAK
Advantix C750 zoom camera kit.
Includes: camera, 5-rolls 400-sp. APS film,
2-rolls black and white APS film and
a carrying case.
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OUTDOOR EXTENSION
CORDS. Value 2-pack
35' green or 50' orange.
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Sale 14.99



6.99 SALE
CURTIS
Mini boombox
or Spectra
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SALE
JOE BOXER®
Men's boxer briefs.
Sizes S-XL
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JOE BOXER®
Men's novelty
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20% off all other
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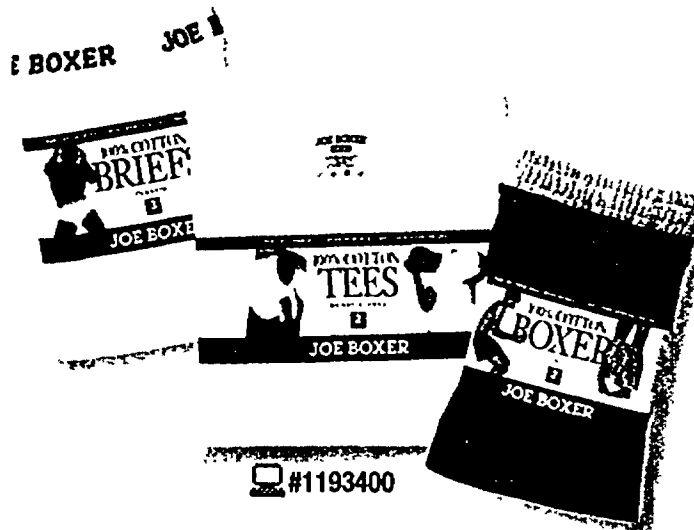


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SALE
Reg. 9.99
JOE BOXER®
Men's slippers.

JOE BOXER



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SALE
JOE BOXER®
Men's novelty boxers. Sizes S-XL.
20% off all other men's hanging boxers



2/\$10
SALE
JOE BOXER®
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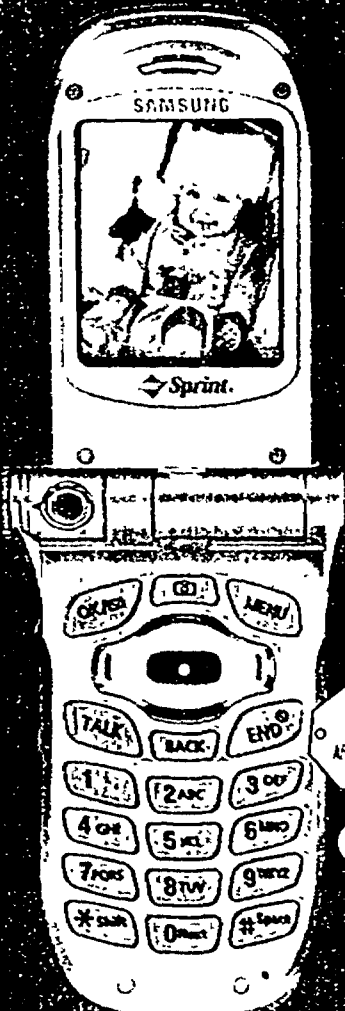
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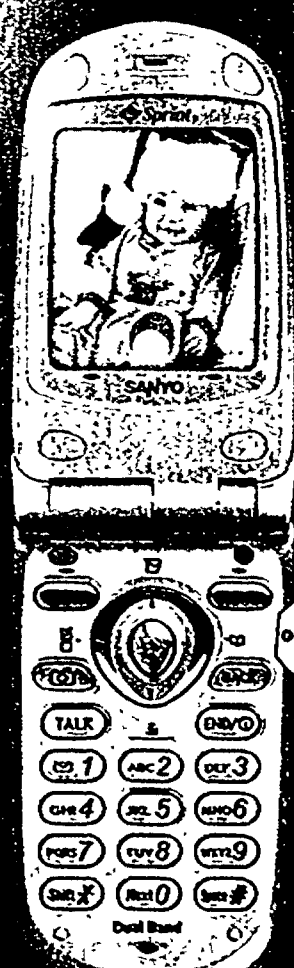
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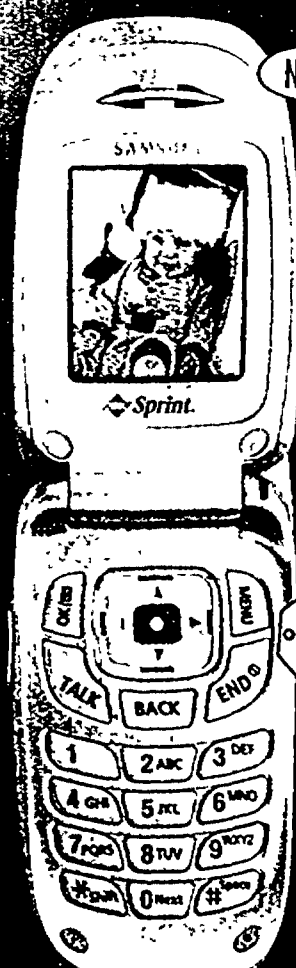


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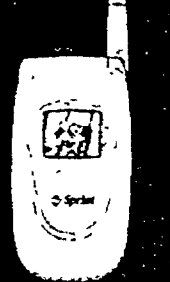
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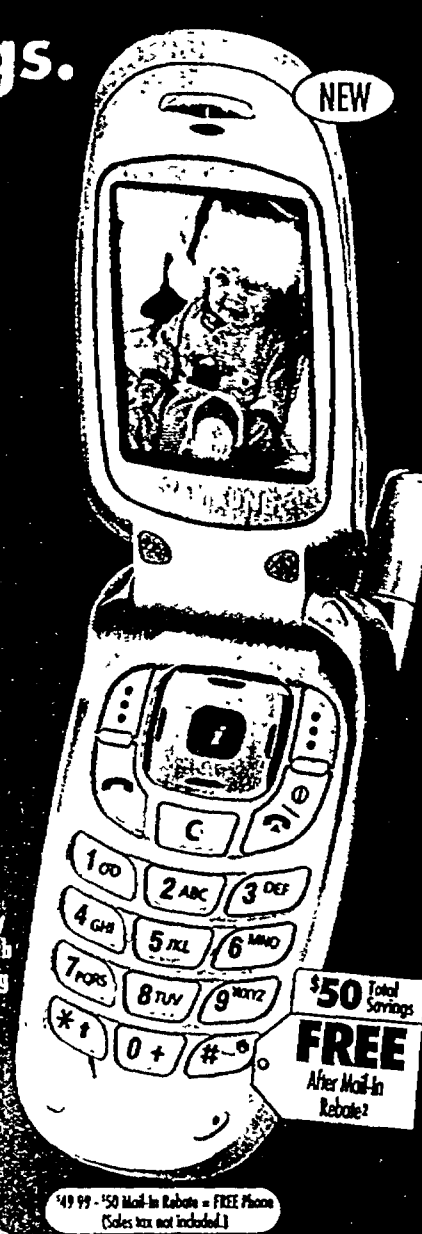
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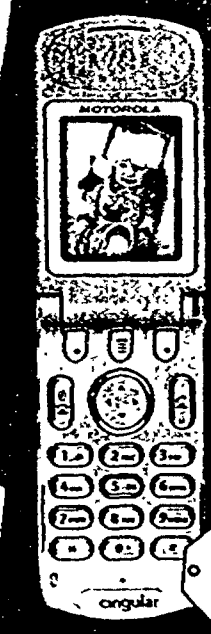


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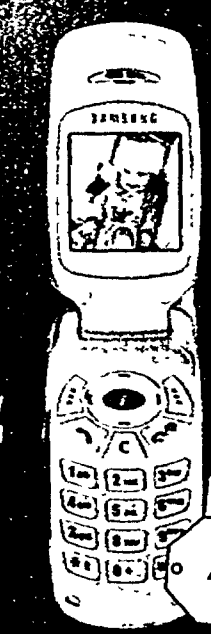


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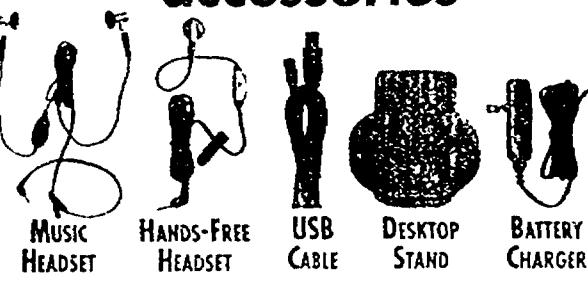
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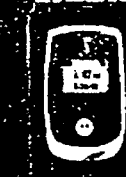
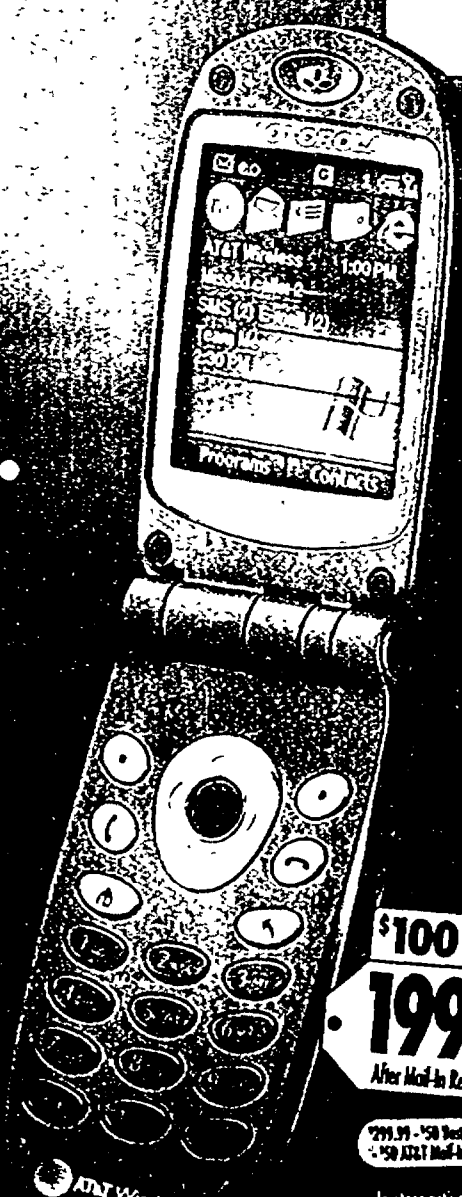
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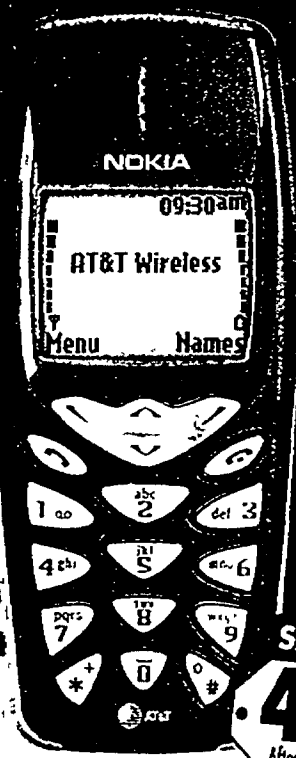
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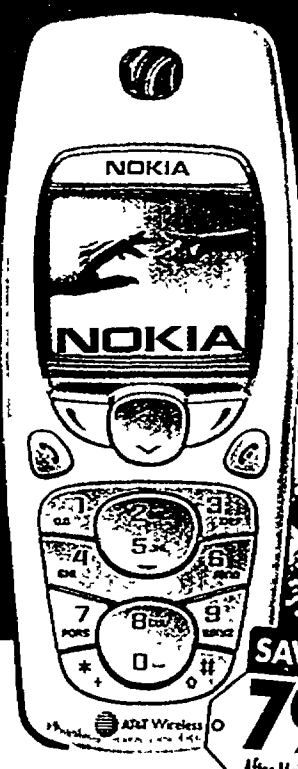
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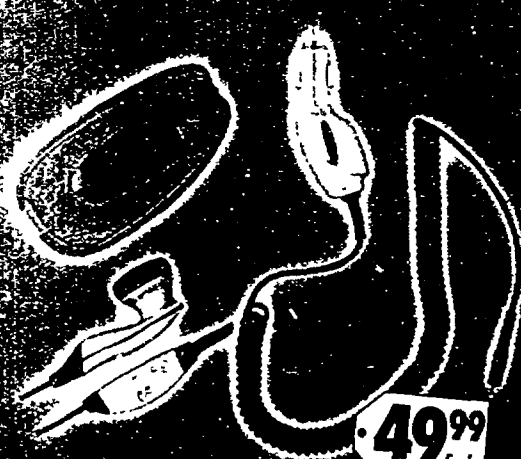
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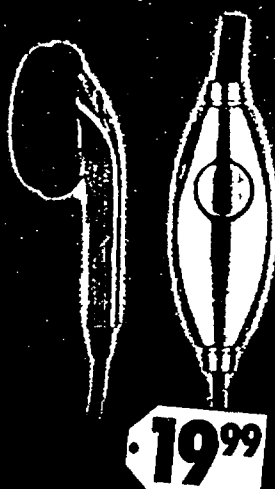
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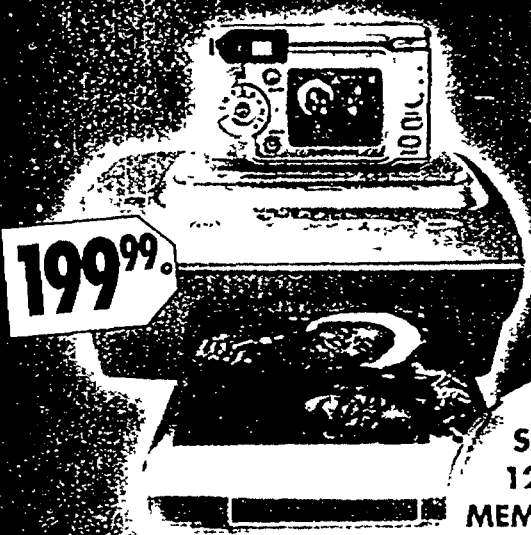
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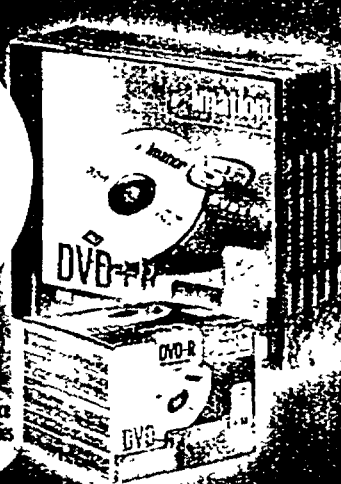
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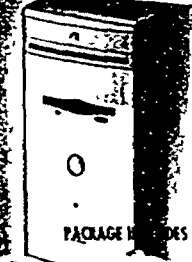
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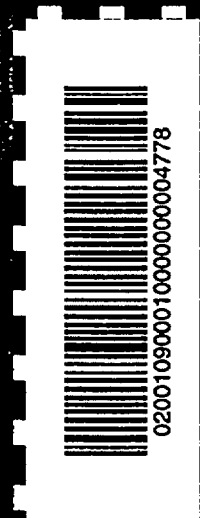
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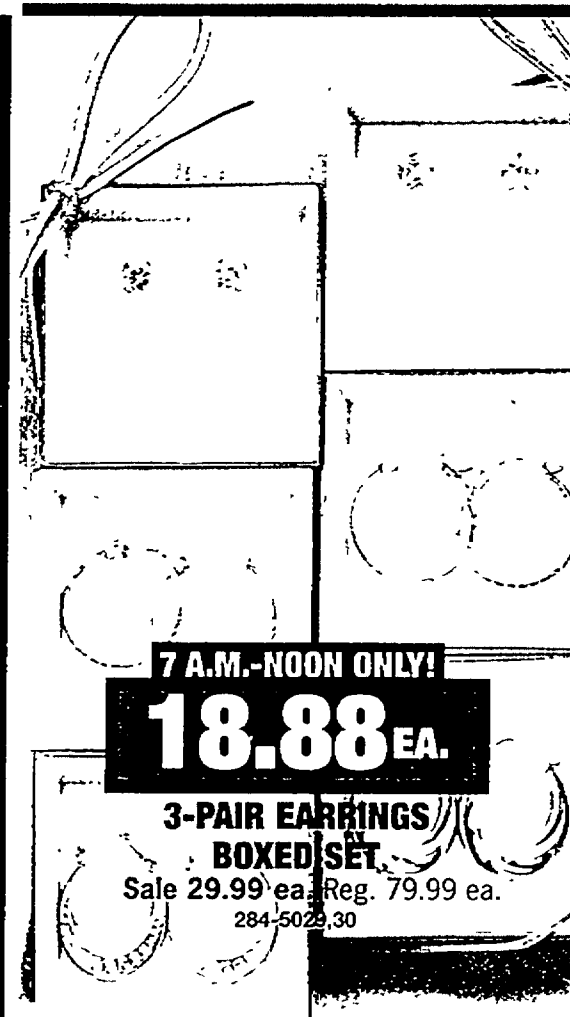
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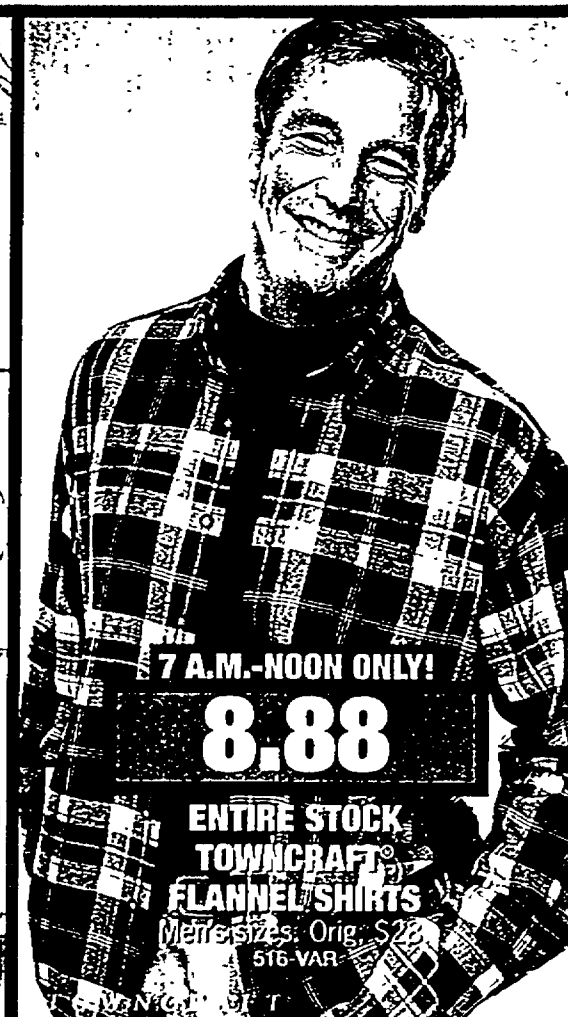


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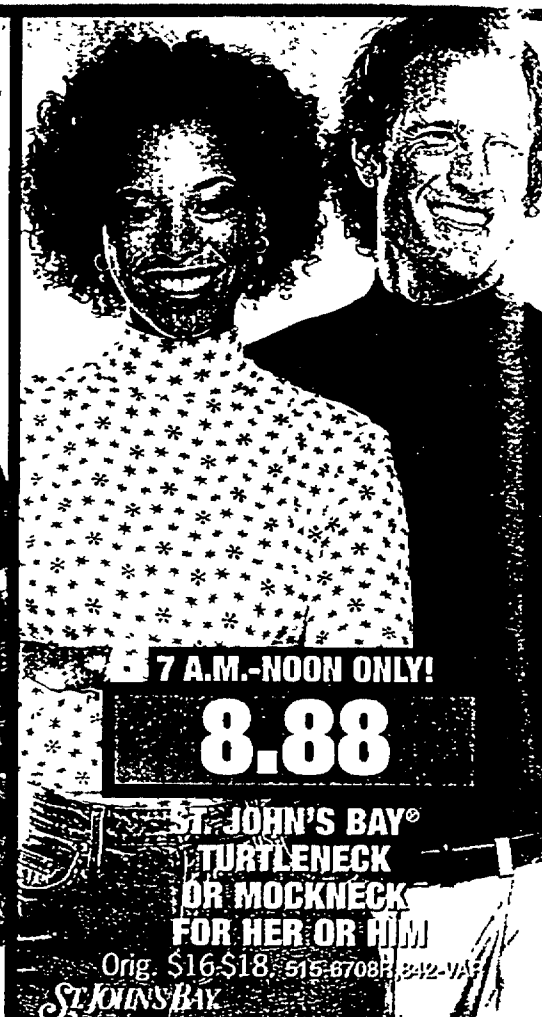


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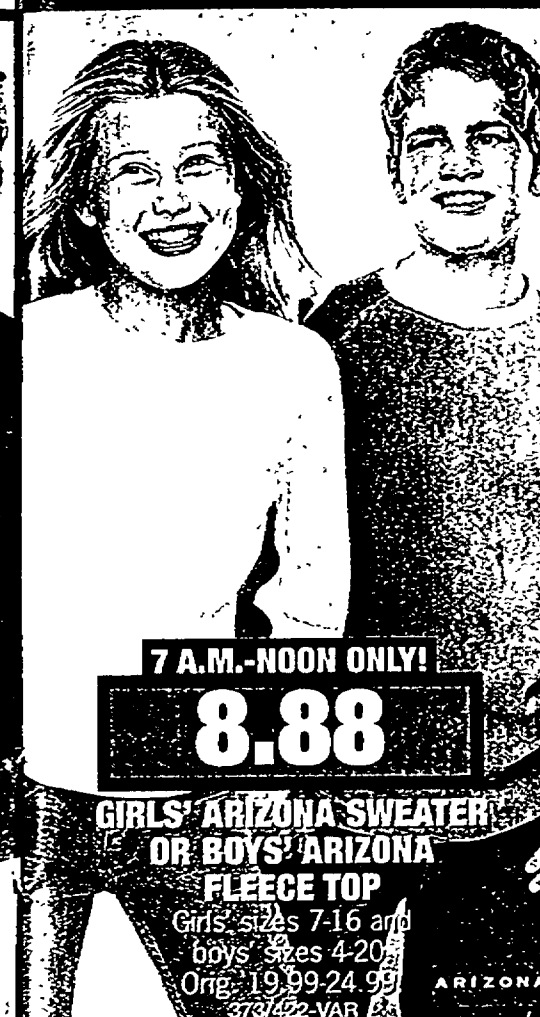


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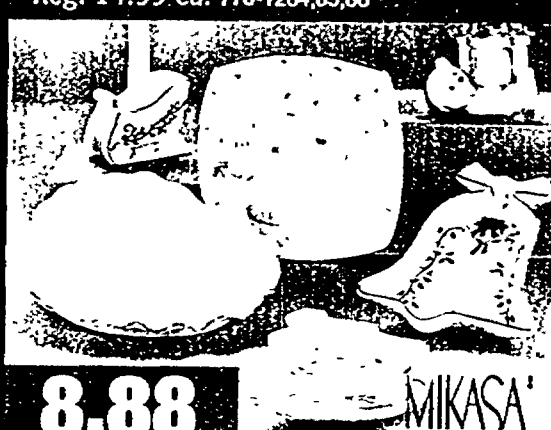
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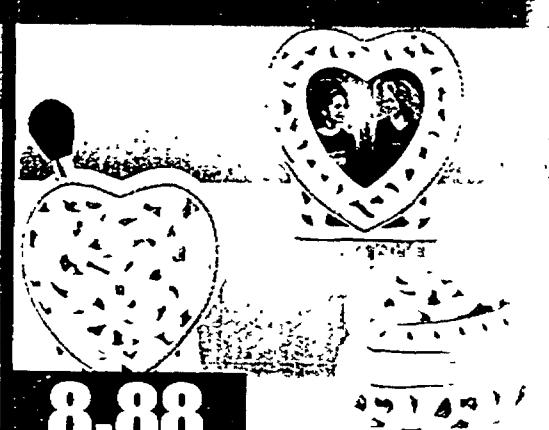
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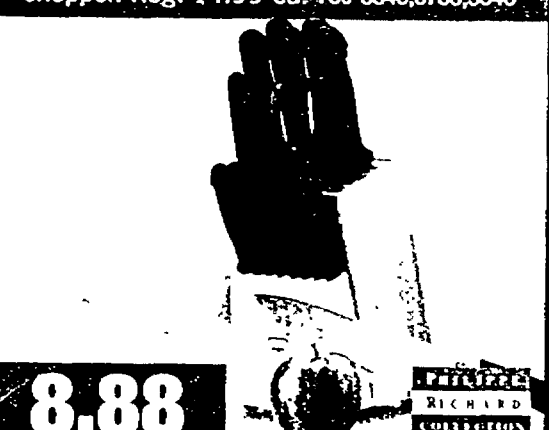
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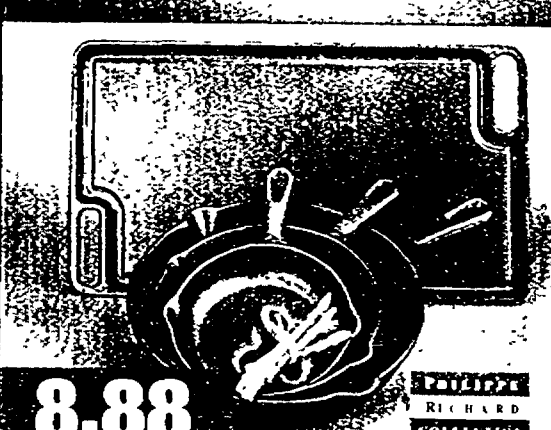
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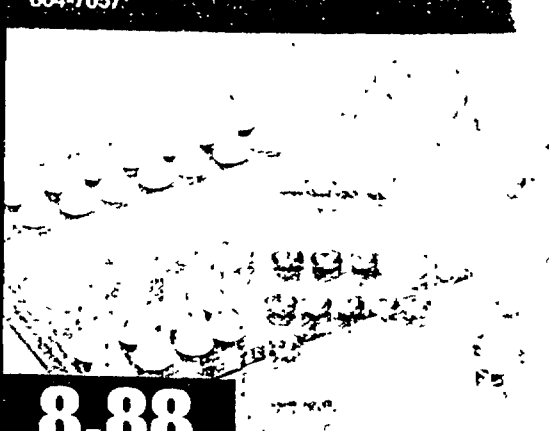
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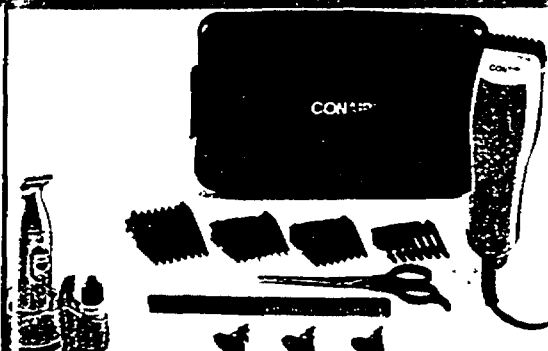
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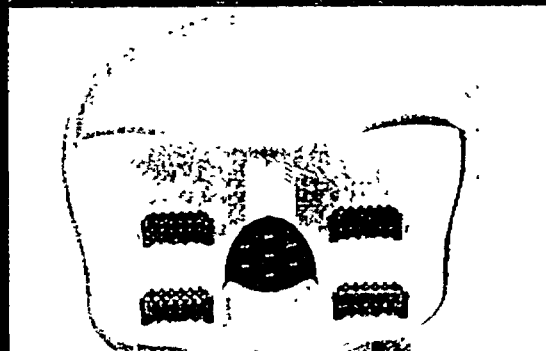


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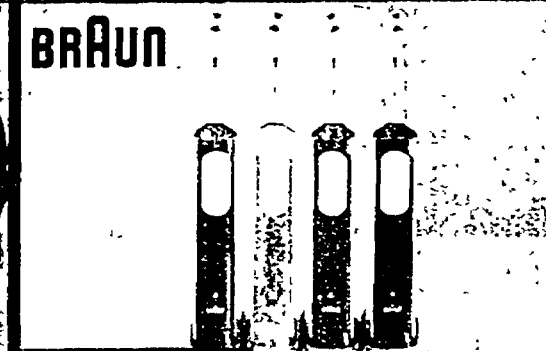


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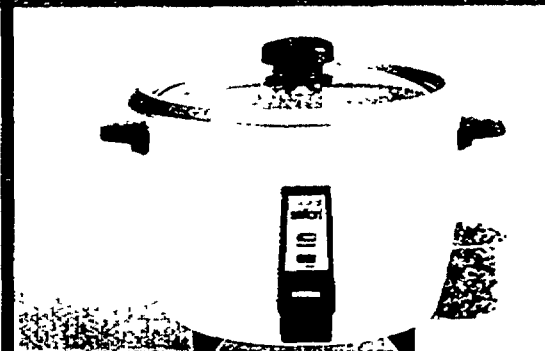
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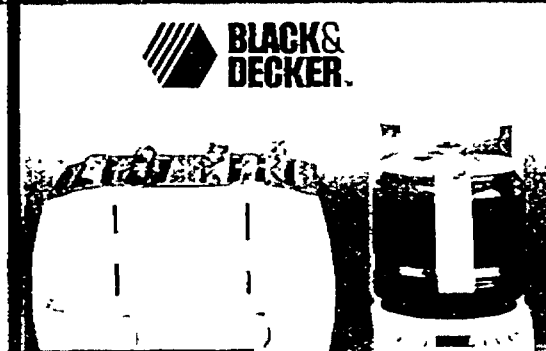


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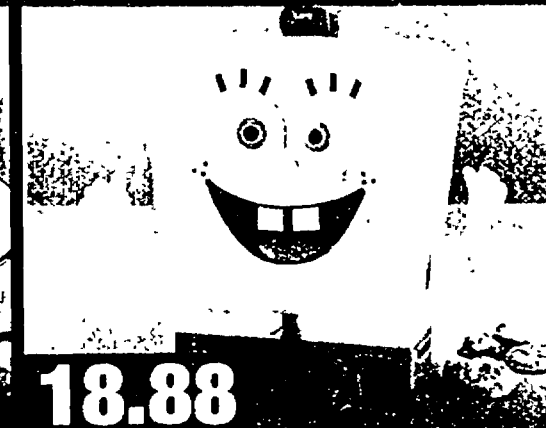
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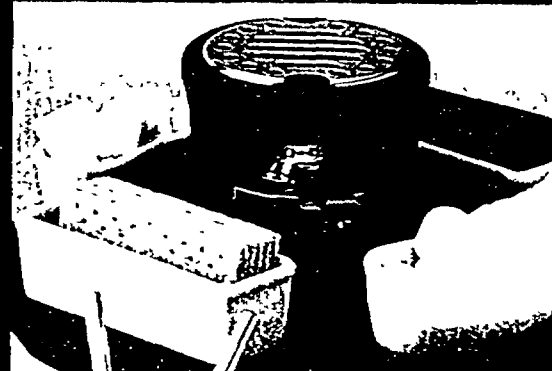
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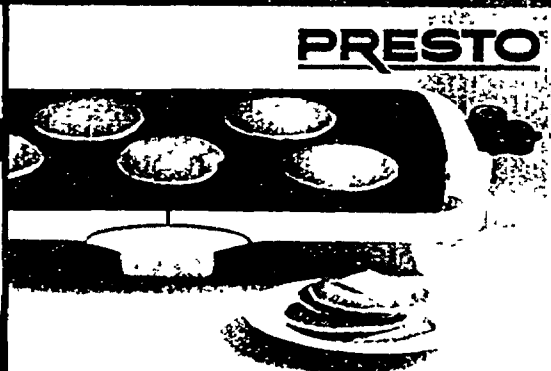
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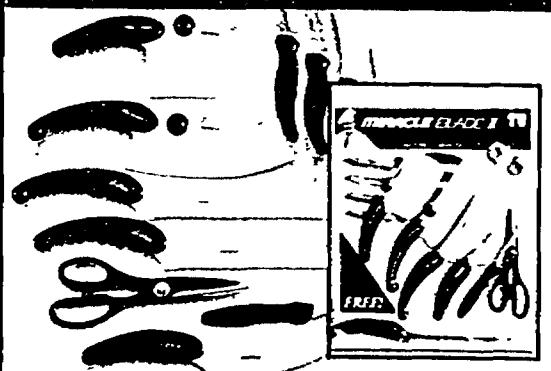


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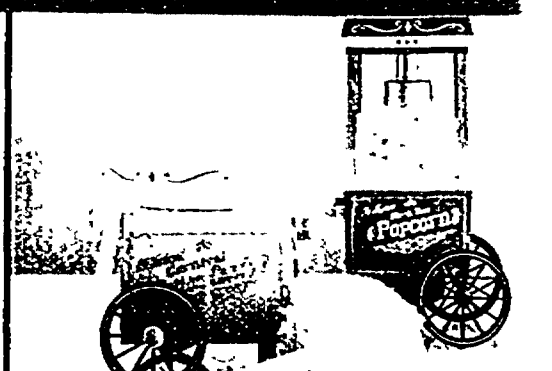


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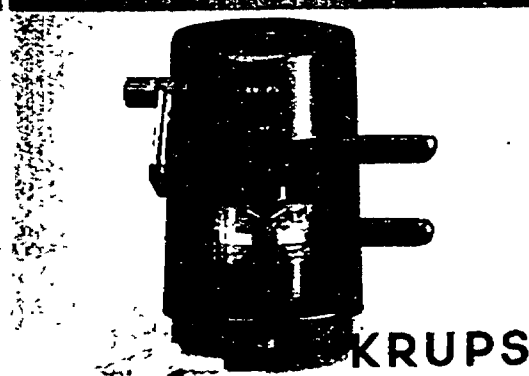
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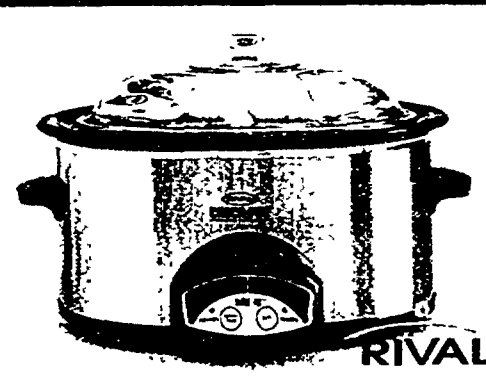
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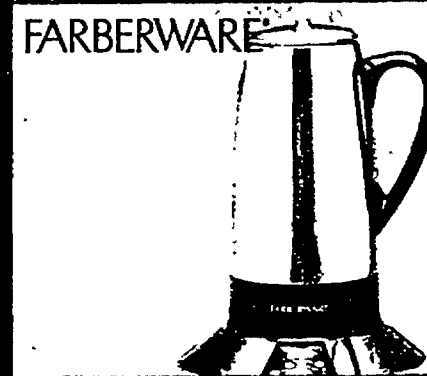
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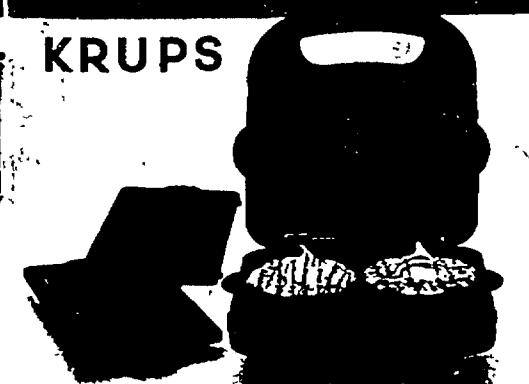
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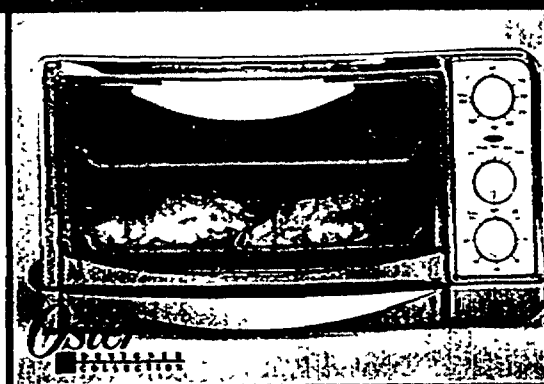
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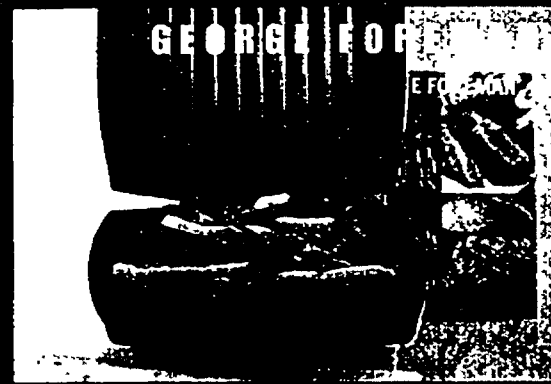
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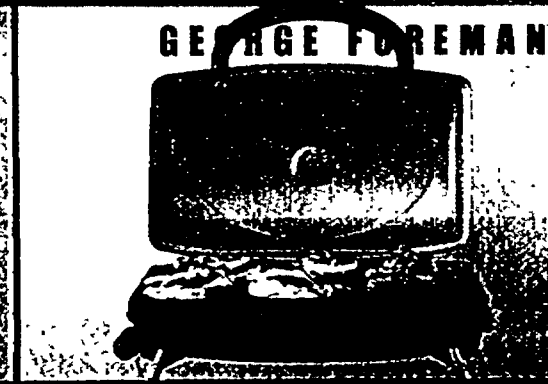
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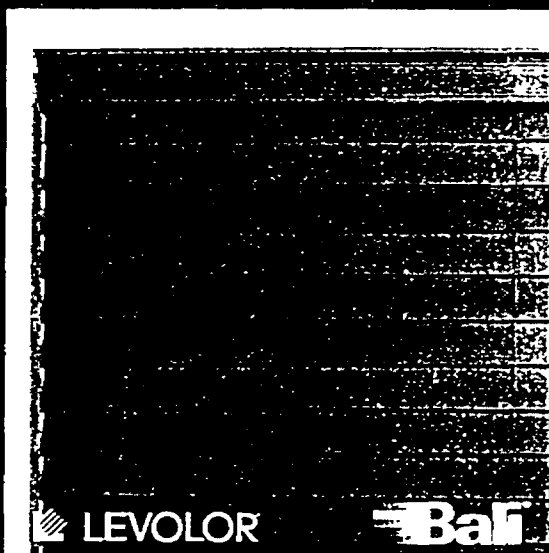
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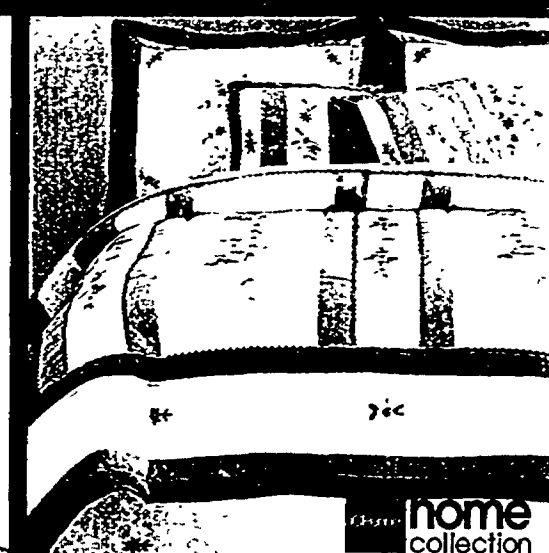
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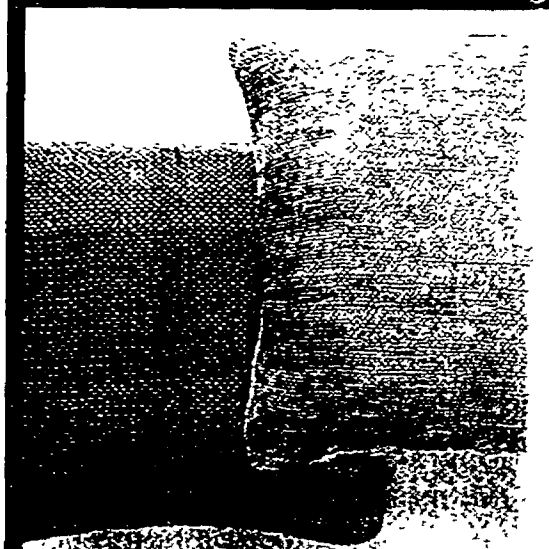
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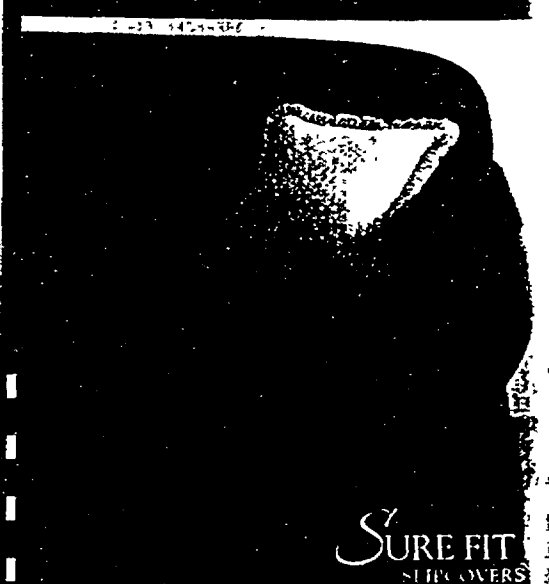
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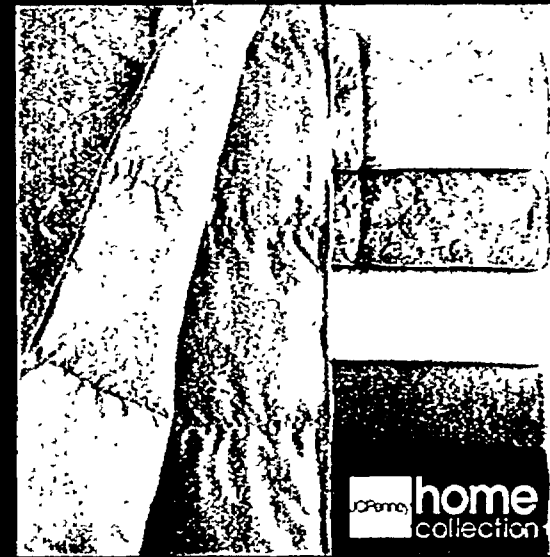


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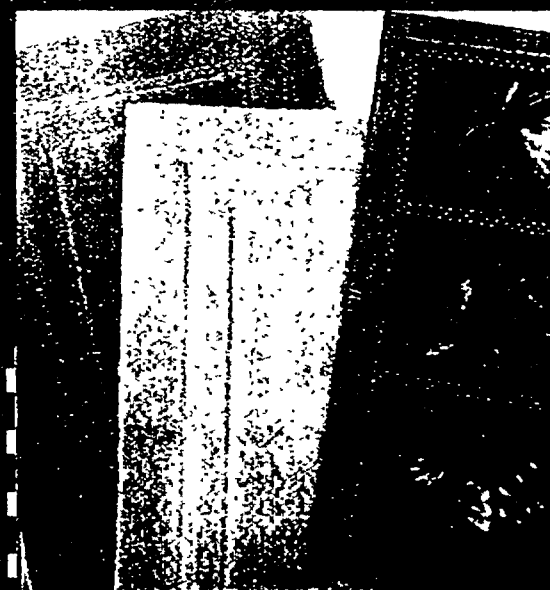
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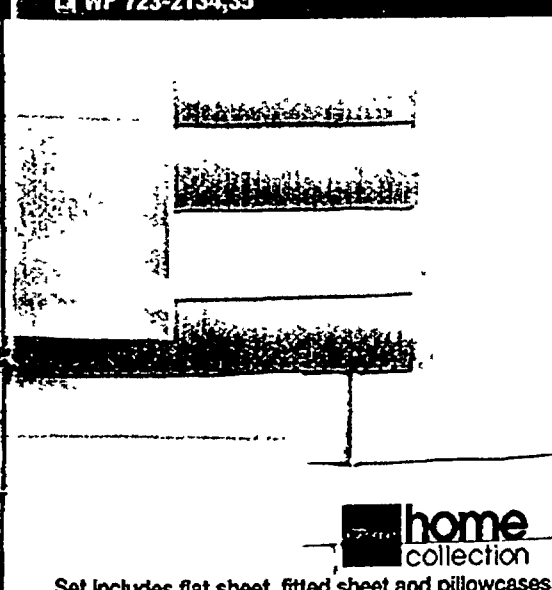
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277-2330, 2630, 2020

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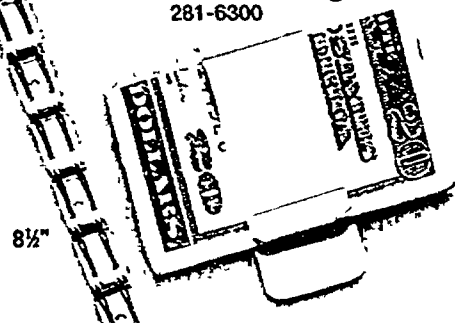


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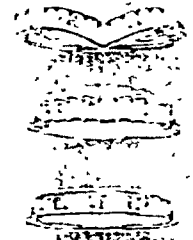


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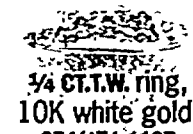
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1/6 CT.T.W. rings,
10K gold.
274/474-1019, 20, 21



1/4 CT.T.W. ring,
10K white gold.
274/474-1197



1/4 CT.T.W.
pendants,
10K white gold.
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Pearl/diamond
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earrings or
ring, 10K
white gold.
279-4218,
3218, 2218



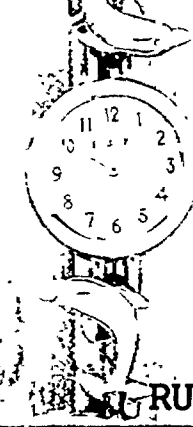
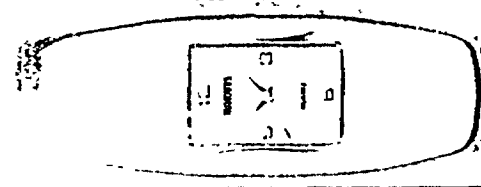
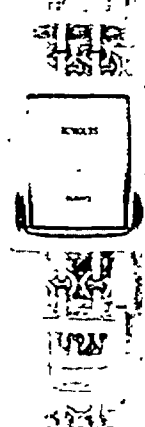
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gold, or 1/4 CT.T.W. earrings,
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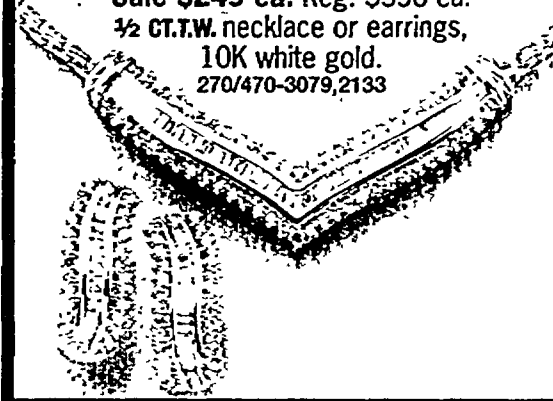
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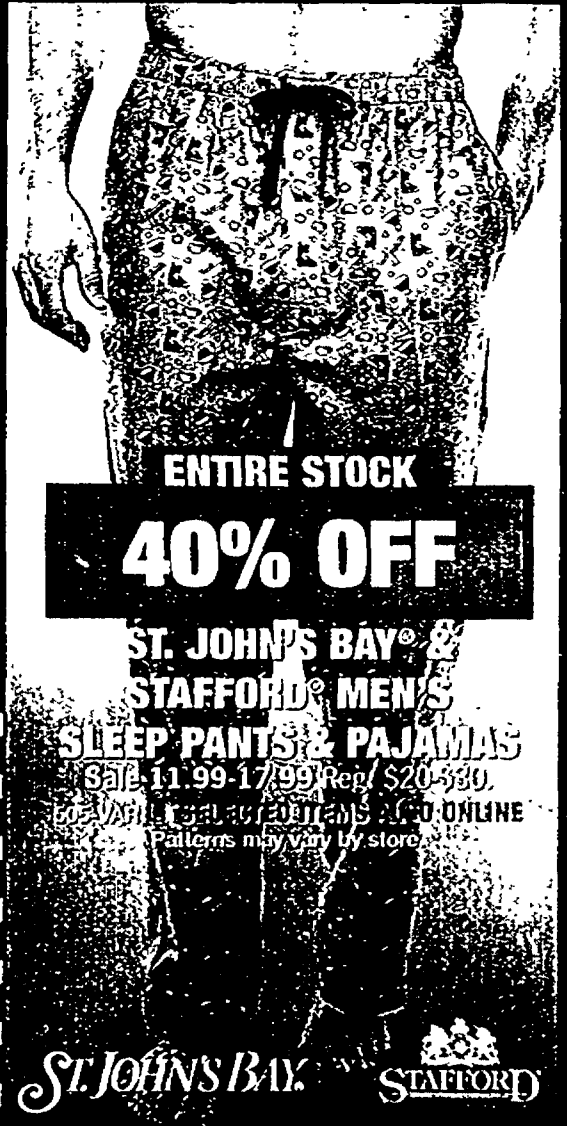
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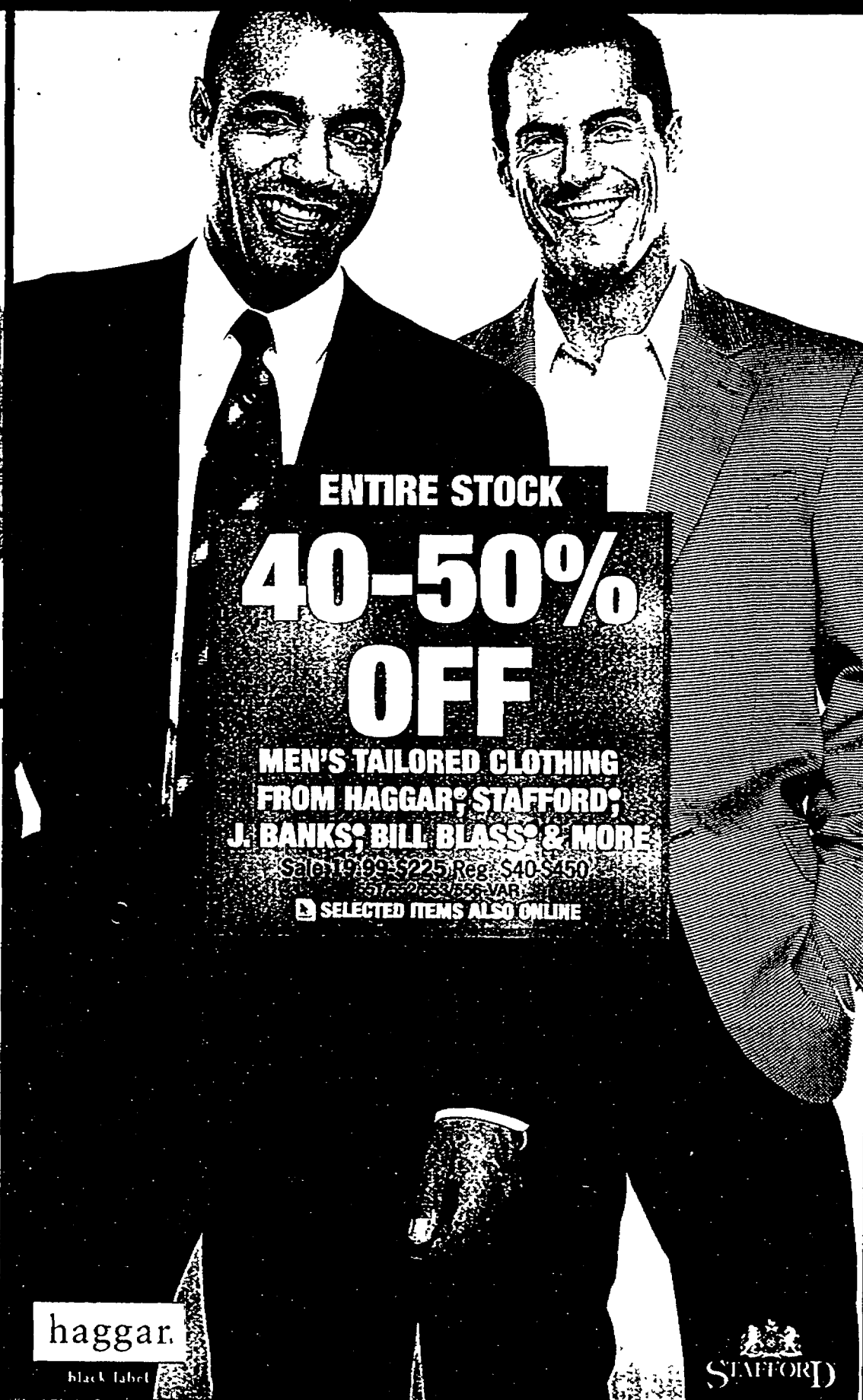
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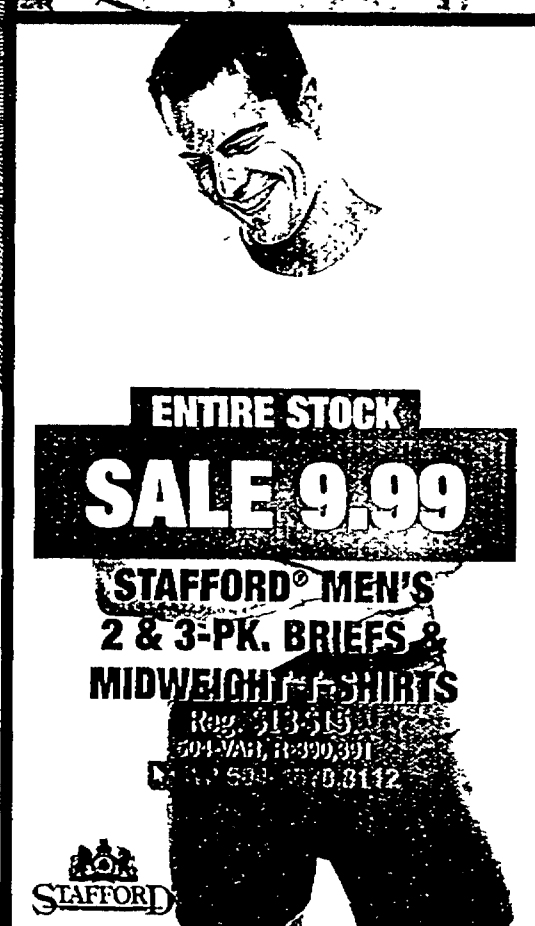
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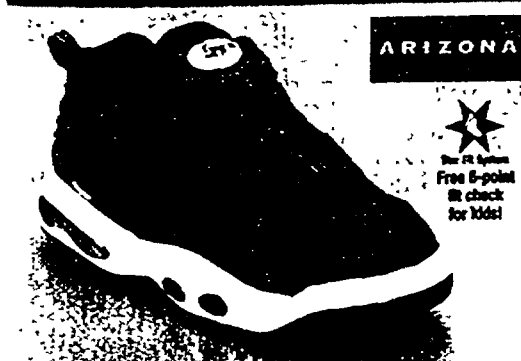
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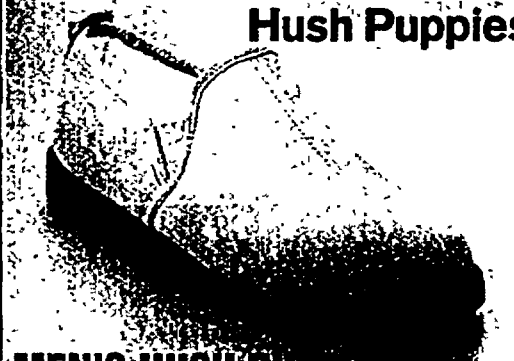


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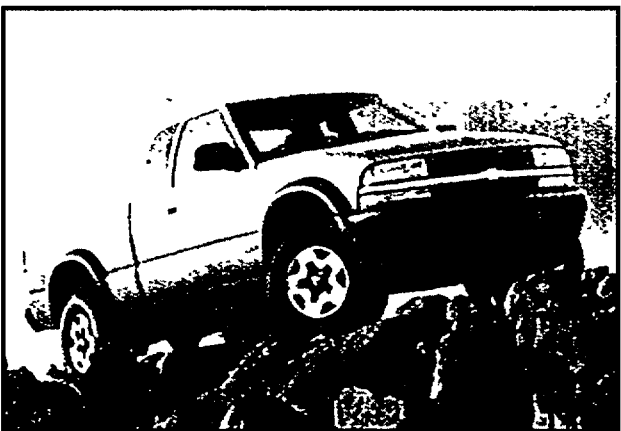


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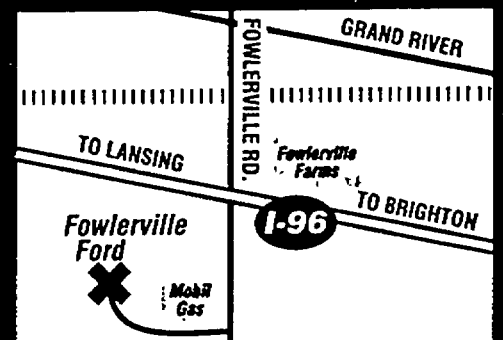
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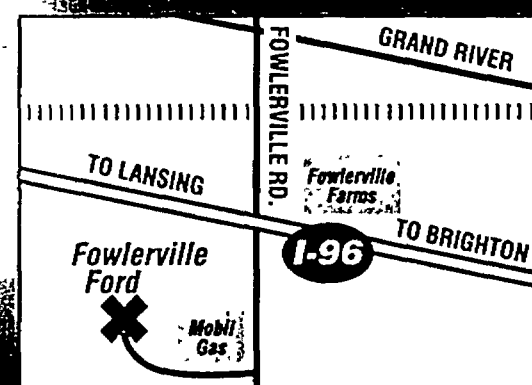
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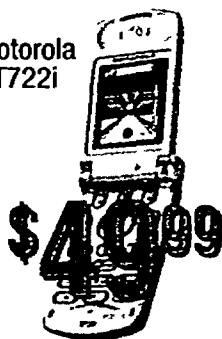
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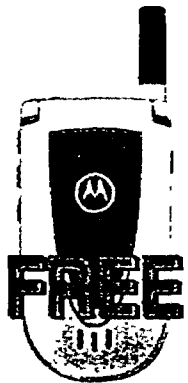
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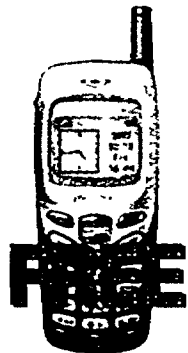
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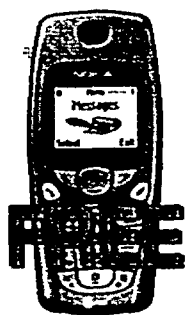


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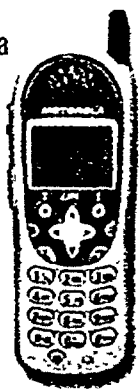


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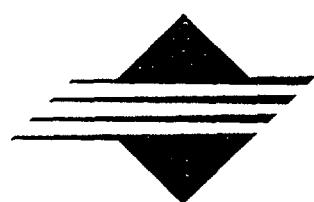
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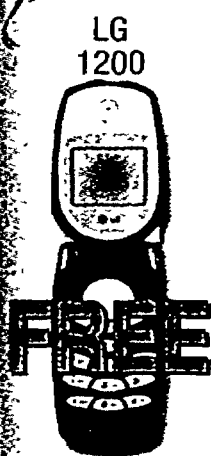
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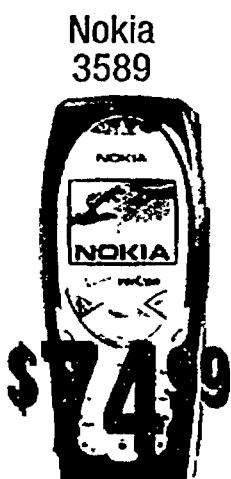
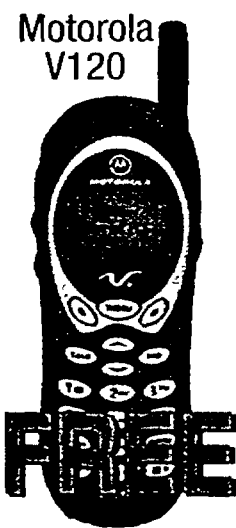
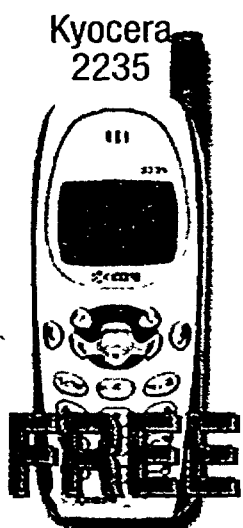
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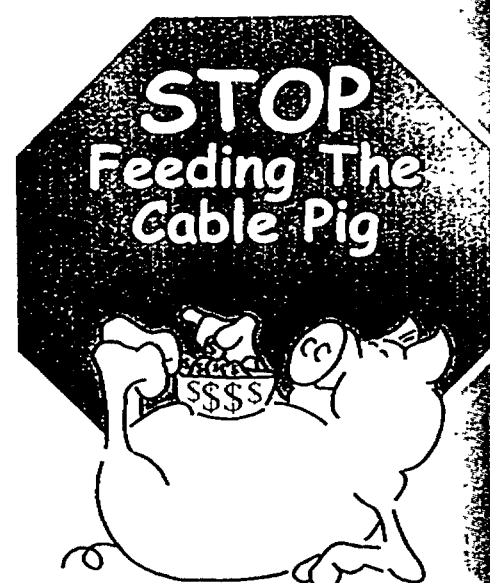
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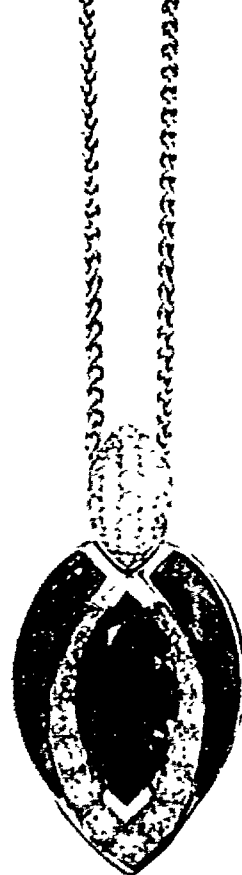


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Q Earlier this year, I saw a man singing with the Dixie Chicks on CMT. Could you please tell me who he is?

—S.P., Wisconsin

That was none other than pop music icon James Taylor (*Fire and Rain*, *You've Got A Friend*, *Up On The Roof*) joining the Texas trio onstage for *CMT Crossroads*, a show that pairs country music stars with singers from other musical genres. For the Chicks, performing with Taylor was a lifelong dream come true. "My mom and dad love James Taylor, so we listened to him on road trips to Colorado and it's definitely the soundtrack to my life as well," says Chicks' lead singer Natalie Maines. "I remember when I saw him for the first time live—I was in high school in Dallas at the Starplex—and I had always known that this was what I wanted to do. This is so awesome, the sound of the crowd in the middle of every single song. I just had constant chills for two hours and I think that was a turning point in my life. I think that show changed my life." Taylor, in turn, is flattered by the Chicks' compliments. "It's gratifying to hear that," he says. "One of the nicest things is people telling you that your music struck a chord or resonated with them."

Q David Morse of *Hack* is one of my favorite dramatic actors. What can you tell me about him?

—Janette S., Texas



Hack's David Morse.

Hack isn't David Morse's first series. He played Dr. Jack Morrison on *St. Elsewhere*, which aired from 1982 to 1988. Morse, 50, has built up an impressive list of credits over the course of his career. He made his film debut in *Inside Moves* and has co-starred in *The Green Mile*, *Proof of Life* and *Contact*. Although he's made movies with Tom Hanks, Russell Crowe and Sean Connery, Morse says the theater is his first love. He made his Broadway debut in *On the Waterfront*. He went on to win the Drama League Award, the Drama Desk Award and an Obie for his starring role in an off-Broadway production of *How I Learned to Drive*. He worked in more than 30 productions with the Boston



Natalie Maines, Martie Maguire, James Taylor, and Emily Robison on CMT Crossroads.

Repertory Company from 1971 to 1977. Morse was born in Massachusetts and now lives in Philadelphia, where *Hack* is filmed, with his wife and children—twin sons and a daughter. He and his wife decided to move to Philly to be closer to his wife's family after the 1994 earthquake in Los Angeles destroyed their home.

Q Ernest Tubb was a great singer of the honky-tonk style. Can you tell me when he died and where he was from originally?

—Frank G., Illinois

The honky-tonk legend known as the Texas Troubadour was born in Crisp, Texas, in 1914. At age 15, he heard a record by Jimmie Rodgers, often referred to as the Father of Country Music. Tubb was floored by the music and immediately bought a guitar and learned how to play it. At age 22, he made a trip to meet Rodgers' widow, who was so impressed by the young musician that she gave him one of her husband's guitars and helped him get a recording session with a small record label. Though it took a while, Tubb's career finally took off, with his signature hit, *Walking The Floor Over You*, selling an amazing 400,000 copies in 1941. Tubb became a huge star and continued to perform until 1982, when declining health forced him off the road. "There's nothing I love more than singing for a live audience," he once said. He died from emphysema in 1984. ☆

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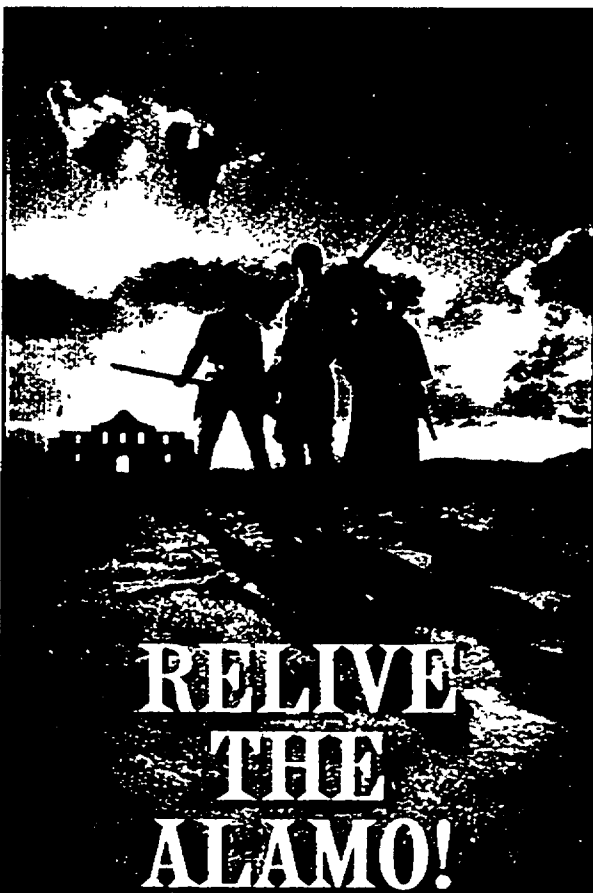
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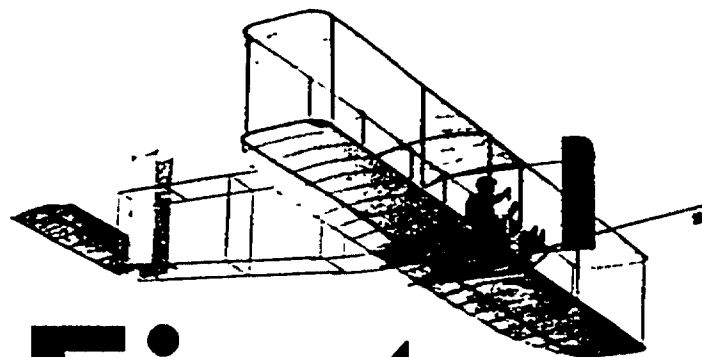
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First in Flight

by STUART ENGLERT

The brisk ocean breeze blowing over the sand dunes near Kitty Hawk, N.C., offers a hint of the weather Wilbur and Orville Wright might have faced on a blustery December day 100 years ago.

A 60-foot granite monument atop Kill Devil Hill marks the location where the Wright brothers flew into aviation history on Dec. 17, 1903. On that chilly morning, Orville piloted the brothers' flying machine into a 27-mph wind, soaring 120 feet in 12 seconds—the first manned flight of a powered airplane.

"They mainly chose Kitty Hawk because of the wind," says Darrel Collins, 48, a historian at the Wright Brothers National Memorial.



Darrel Collins signs an autograph.

Collins, who grew up in nearby Manteo (pop. 1,052), fell in love with the Wright brothers' story while working as a seasonal ranger at the national memorial in 1977. "This section of the beach was devoid of trees," adds Collins, explaining why the brothers from Dayton, Ohio, chose Kill Devil Hill for their experimental flights. "There were high dunes and soft sand to land on."

Today, Kitty Hawk (pop. 2,991) is a resort community that caters primarily to sun seekers who come to North Carolina's Outer Banks seeking rest, relaxation, and recreation, including beachcombing, hang gliding, fishing, windsurfing—and to learn about local maritime history and the Wright brothers' historic flight.

Townpeople take great pride in the fact that Kitty Hawk is known around the world as the site of the first successful airplane flight. The actual flight took place five miles away in the present-day Kill Devil Hills, but Kitty Hawk received the notoriety because the Wright

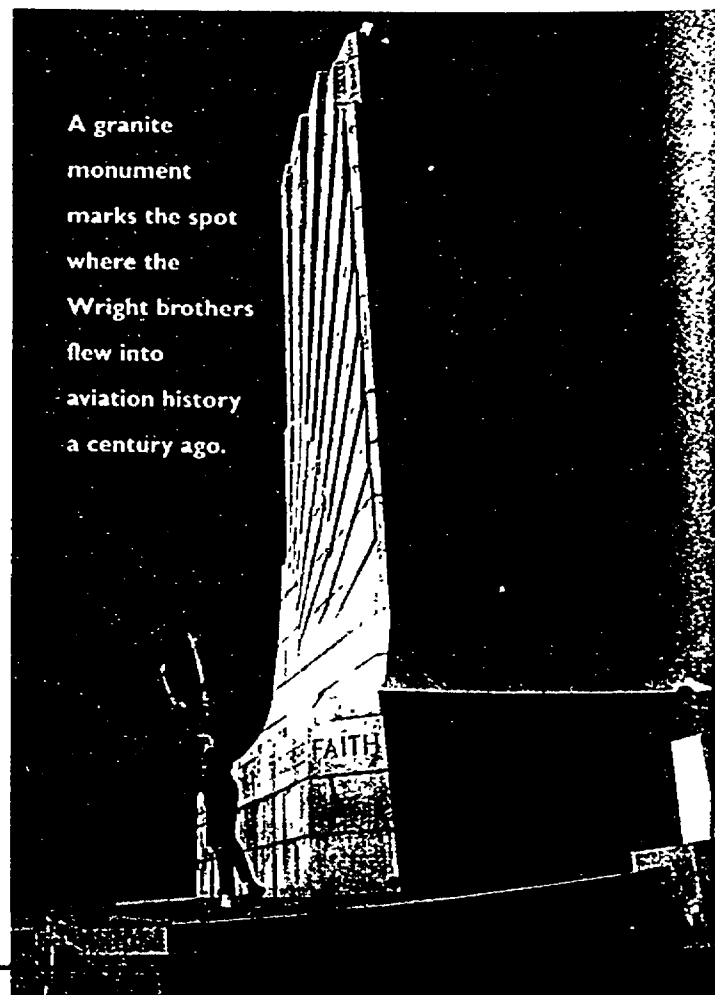
brothers telegraphed the news to their father from the U.S. Weather Station in Kitty Hawk.

In November, state and local dignitaries dedicated a Monument to a Century of Flight in Kitty Hawk. The monument features 14 wing-shaped stainless steel pylons, ranging in height from 10 to 20 feet, arranged in a 120-foot orbit, signifying the distance traveled during the Wright brothers' historic first flight.

The pylons are engraved with hundreds of the most significant aviation achievements over the past century, says artist Glenn Eure, who developed the concept for

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A granite monument marks the spot where the Wright brothers flew into aviation history a century ago.



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Remembering the Alamo



Re-enactors, including Jack Edmondson, (second from left) rehearse a skit at the Jim Bowie Festival in Vidalia, La.

Jack Edmondson, 50, spent much of his youth searching for an authentic portrayal of Texas history. One look at him today, and it's obvious that he's accomplished that role.

Rangy and sporting mutton-chop sideburns, he often dons the ruffled white shirt and black great coat of Alamo hero Jim Bowie, completing his costume with a Bowie knife in a leather scabbard. His already deep, strong voice easily falls into the syrupy Southern drawl of a time when Texas struggled for independence from Mexico.

To the delight of school children and civic groups around the country, the Burleson, Texas (pop. 20,976) resident, earns his living writing about and portraying Texas heroes, such as Bowie and Sam Houston, dressing as they dressed, speaking as they likely spoke.

For younger audiences he focuses on the more heroic moments, leaving out human foibles. With adult audiences he extends the popular notions surrounding people such as Bowie, who, as Edmondson explains, sold land he didn't own in a time before laws defined the deals as fraud.

"While it is true my brothers and I may have sold vast acres of land across Arkansas and Louisiana, if it was then immoral it was not then illegal," Edmondson says, his voice drawling to replicate Bowie's accent.

"These are not dusty old facts," says Lucile Davis, a board member of the Tarrant County Historical Society in Fort Worth, Texas. "Jack's performances bring history to you and make it personal."

"There are people who have the history in their head," she adds. "He does it as if he's there and living it again."

Edmondson's interest in Texas history began as a child, when he realized that popular culture doesn't always accurately portray historic events. Specifically, he recalls seeing the portrayal of Davy Crockett in the 1950s television show, and then later watching John Wayne's depiction of Crockett in the 1960 movie *The Alamo*.

"These two stories weren't the same, the depiction wasn't the same, and I wanted to know more," he says.

He became so enamored that he wrote his senior paper at Fort Worth County Day School on key Alamo figures. He says classmates even prophesied that he would one day portray Bowie, who died in 1836 leading about 200 Alamo defenders against a Mexican army of more than 2,000.

In fact, Edmondson's resemblance has earned him several television appearances. He has depicted Bowie in two documentaries for The History Channel, an Alamo documentary for the Discovery Channel, and an episode of *Unsolved Mysteries*.

With a passion for the past, Edmondson spent nearly a decade teaching history at the middle and high school level, working in both Texas and Arkansas.

His first historical portrayal came in 1986. Mike Waters, a close friend, organized a program at the Alamo in San Antonio honoring the state's 150th birthday. Waters portrayed Sam Houston, president of the Texas Republic, and he needed someone to depict Alamo commander William Barrett Travis.

Edmondson, whose interest in theater included a smattering of acting classes, mail-ordered period clothes and had a coat custom made for his first performance. The experience was life altering.

In 1989, he gave up teaching to focus on writing, and continued performing as Bowie or Houston as a hobby. By the early 1990s, more and more organizations started booking him. He never expected his hobby to earn him a living, but he now works through a local agency that books him for 200 to 300 performances annually.

He also writes under the name J.R. Edmondson, penning books such as *James Bowie—Frontier Legend. Alamo Hero*, published in 2001. "I'm not rich, but I get by and I have a good time," he says.

His focus is the Texas revolution, which began in 1835 after Gen. Santa Anna rose to power and declared himself dictator of Mexico, creating a military rule that riled Texans to fight for freedom. The battle at the Alamo a year later remains one of the nation's most remembered moments in history.

"The Texas revolution only lasted six months, but you can spend your life trying to delve into the facts and controversy," Edmondson says.

He hopes his performances leave audiences curious. "It's very effective in planting a seed, particularly in young people," he says. "That makes them want to do more research on their own." And for Edmondson, that's what it's all about. ★

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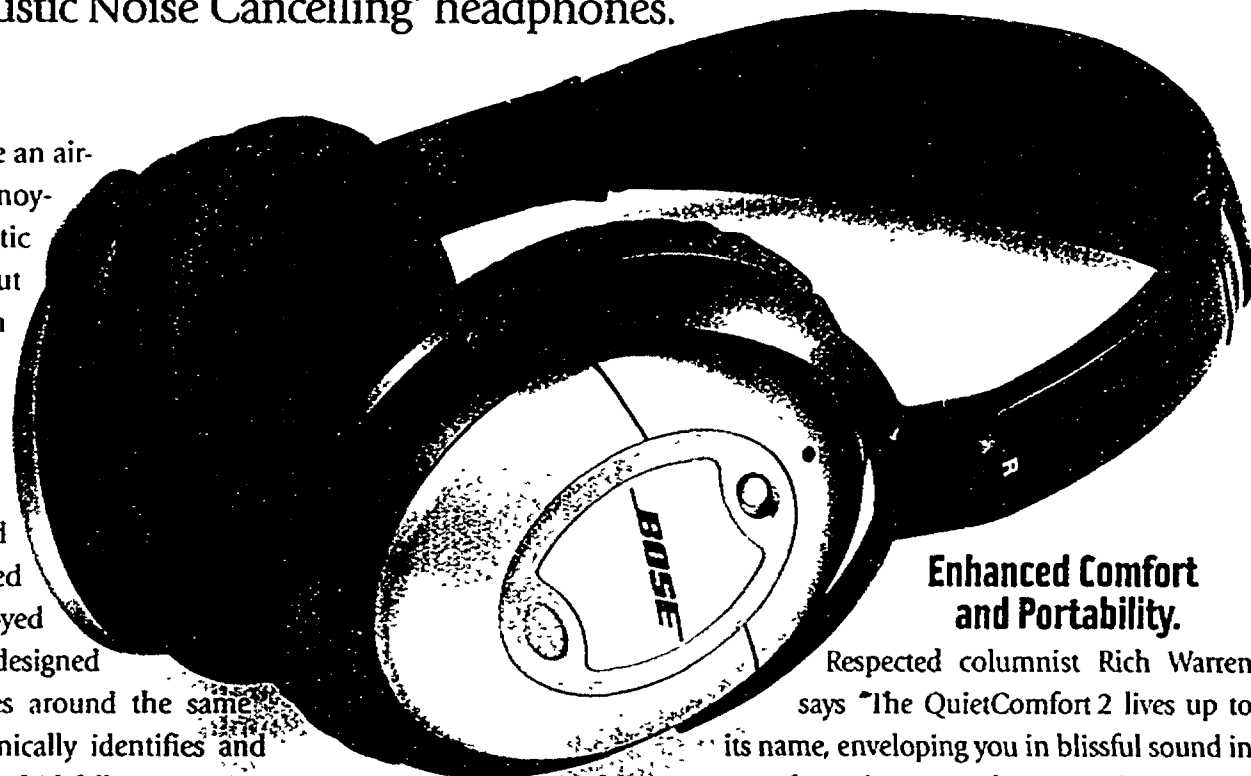
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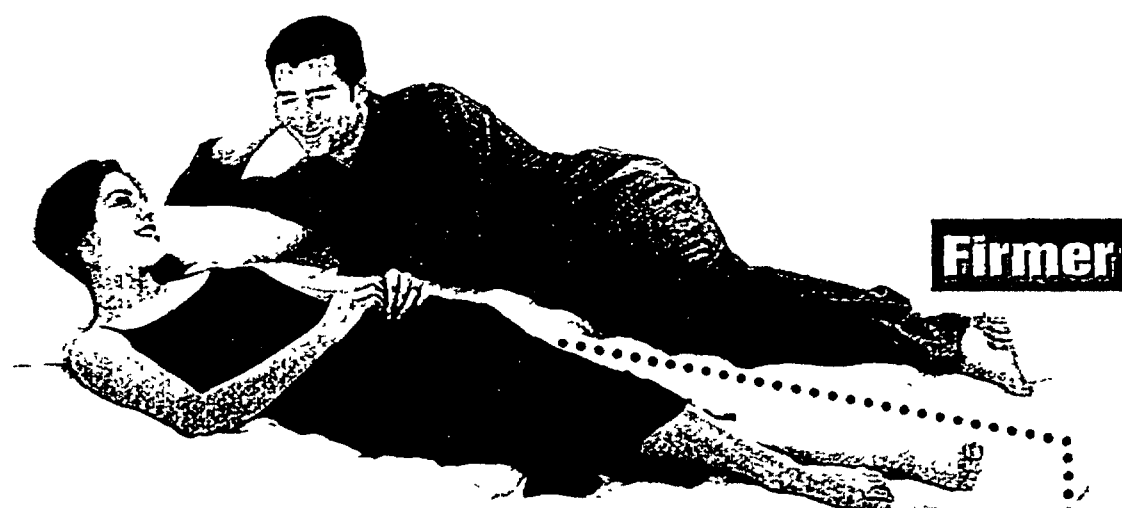
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by PAMELA KOCK

Gifts for the Mailman & Others

With the holidays coming, you'd like to show your appreciation to those hardworking folks who provide services to you and your family. The mail carrier, babysitter, maid, your children's teachers, and many others, deserve a little something, but how to decide what's appropriate?

One important thing to remember is that not everyone celebrates the same holidays, or does so the same way. If you're shopping for someone you don't know very well, avoid gifts that scream "Christmas," such as Santa figurines or items with religious connotations. That doesn't mean that a gift would be unappreciated, if only in terms of an end-of-year bonus.

Cash tops the list of what most people want for Christmas, and it's almost always appropriate. Most people who render services regularly consider it a tip, not a gift. The amounts given vary widely, so use your budget and common sense as a guide. Make sure cash, if given, is in fresh crisp bills—and only write personal checks if you're absolutely certain they won't bounce.

Mail carriers are not allowed to accept cash gifts, so to get around this, and to personalize your gift, consider giving gift certificates or gift cards instead. Certificates for fast food restaurants, movie tickets, grocery stores, department stores, and malls are universally appreciated.

For those who provide child-care services or teach, it's always nice to get your children involved in the gift selection. Gifts don't have to be expensive to be meaningful. While you'd think that teachers receive more kid-crafted items than they know what to do with, most are treasured. Teachers also appreciate gift certificates for stores that sell school supplies.

While many people still enjoy receiving homemade foods such as cookies, candy, and jams, our society has become suspicious of such items, (and some people have food allergies) so it may be best to offer the pre-packaged variety instead. If you're set on giving homemade foods, be sure to clearly label the package inside and out with your name and, if appropriate, the ingredients. A tactful and generous way to provide the ingredient list is to include the recipe.

Whatever you decide to give your hard-working service providers, the most important thing to include is a heartfelt word of thanks. ☆

Pamela Kock is a frequent American Profile contributor.

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the \$1 million monument a decade ago. "They stood up like troopers during the hurricane," adds Eure, referring to Hurricane Isabel, which lashed the Outer Banks in September.

Winter is typically the slow season for visitors to Kitty Hawk, but that won't be the case next week. More than 100,000 people from all over the world are expected to attend the 100th anniversary celebration of the Wright brothers' first flight. The reservations-only event, scheduled Dec. 13 to 17 at the Wright Brothers National Memorial, will include a re-enactment of the brothers' historic flight.

"I've been studying the work of the Wright brothers for the past five years and now to have the chance to experience their first flight is incredible," says Kevin Kochersberger of Honeoye Falls, N.Y.

Kochersberger and Terry Queijo of Trappe, Md., are both scheduled to pilot a replica of the Wrights' 1903 Flyer on Dec. 17. Which pilot takes the controls first will be determined by the flip of a coin, just as the Wright brothers did a century ago. If the Flyer survives the 10:35 a.m. attempt, the other pilot will try to fly the plane at 2 p.m.

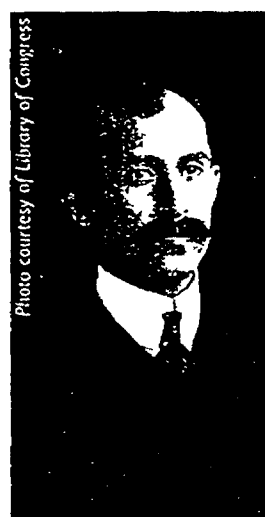
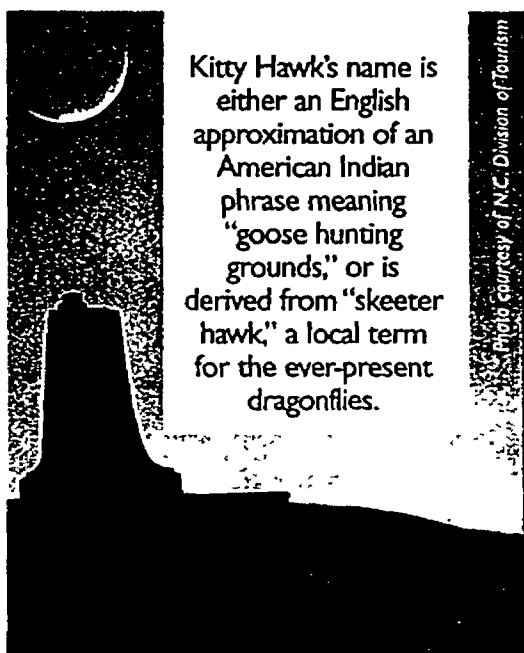
The centennial celebration may be the most significant event in Kitty Hawk since the Wright brothers took to the skies there 100 years ago. Kochersberger and Queijo are depending on a stiff ocean breeze, their piloting skills, and the durability of the Flyer replica for two seamless flights and two soft, safe landings. ✨

Stuart Englert is American Profile's senior editor.

Artist Glenn Eure poses at the Monument to a Century of Flight in Kitty Hawk, N.C.



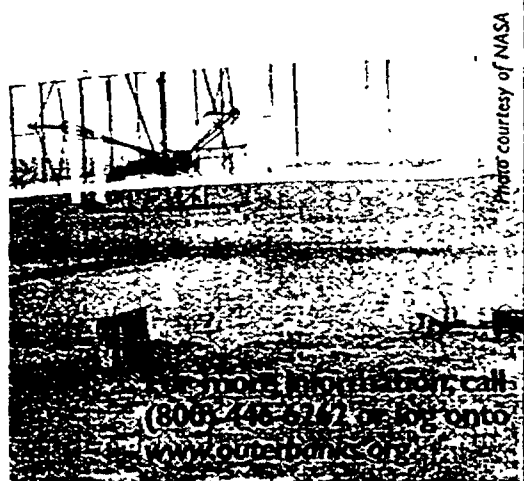
Kitty Hawk's name is either an English approximation of an American Indian phrase meaning "goose hunting grounds," or is derived from "skeeter hawk," a local term for the ever-present dragonflies.



Orville Wright.



Wilbur Wright.



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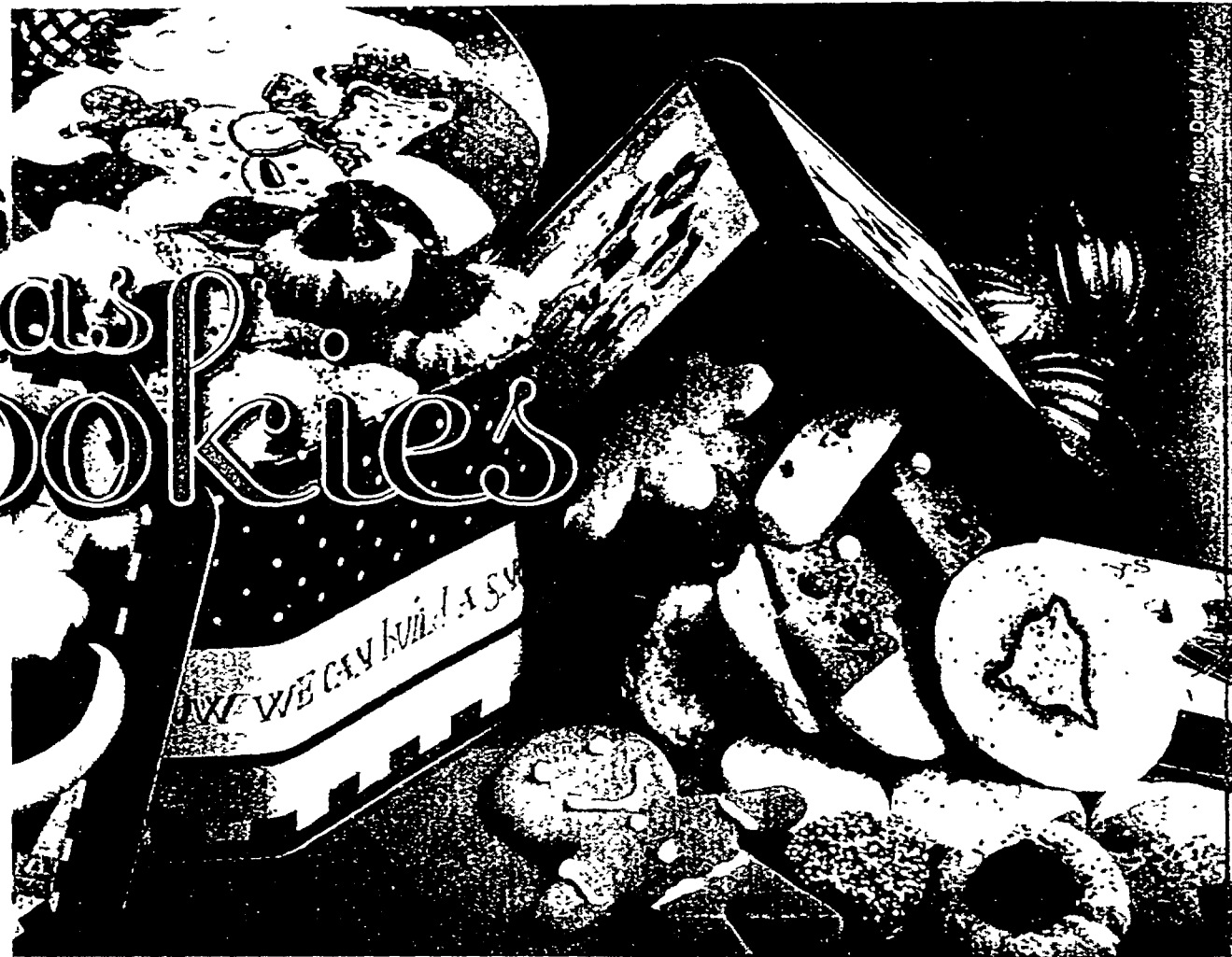
Cover Story

Sharing Christmas Cookies

by MARY MILLER



Sue Pochop prepares to pop a tray of cookies in the oven.



Each year, on the day after Thanksgiving, the modest home of Don and Marge Reichardt is transformed into a Christmas cookie factory. For nearly 30 years, the Reichardts have made the holidays a little brighter in their hometown of Watertown, Wis., (pop. 21,598), by baking treats for neighbors and friends and delivering sweet packages of Christmas cheer.

"We always try something new every year," Marge says, noting that the family baked and decorated 56 kinds of cookies last year. "When we ask people who get our cookies what they want next year, they tell us, 'We want more cookies and more kinds.'"

Over the years, the Reichardt cookie-baking crew has grown along with their family, as has their list of recipients, which has swelled to more than 60. The 2003 crew, with Don and Marge at the helm, included daughters Sue Pochop and Lea Fischer, daughter-in-law Christine Reichardt, and sister-in-law Marlene West. Five granddaughters, ranging in age from 3 to 13, represent the family's third generation of cookie elves.

During the month-long process, the family keeps busy most evenings and weekends until Christmas Eve, mixing, rolling, cutting, baking, and decorating thousands of cookies. Last year, the Reichardts gave away more than 45 boxes containing about 12 to 15 dozen cookies each. Another 20 to 30 bags, containing three to four dozen treats, went to teachers and co-workers.

Although the Reichardts' 9-by-10-foot kitchen seems small for the large volume of cookies baked, they have the process down to a science. A black vinyl

three-ring binder, containing hundreds of tried-and-true recipes, is pulled from the cupboard. Marge's Kitchen Aid mixer churns on the countertop next to her double oven. The remaining kitchen counters hold precariously stacked cookie sheets and platters, six to eight deep, waiting to be popped into the oven or filled with decorated cookies.

The 6-foot oval dining room table serves as the cookie-decorating center. With assembly-line precision, members of the Reichardt crew work elbow-to-elbow, using white frosting and colored sugar to give cut-out bells, stars, candy canes, and snowmen a special holiday dazzle. Some younger members of the crew can't resist their own creations.

But the Reichardts have a rule: If you eat more than you decorate, you're off the cookie crew.

As Christmas draws near, bagging and boxing cookies also requires team effort. A 4-by-8-foot piece of plywood, propped on wooden sawhorses in the unheated garage, becomes the packaging line. "We walk around filling boxes until our fingers are too numb to pick up any more cookies," Marge says.

The Reichardts admit that their annual undertaking is a little hectic, but they can't seem to stop themselves from doing it. "She (Marge) buys boxes on sale every year the day after Christmas, and then we have to fill them up the next year," Don quips.



A jovial Marge Reichardt rolls dough into cookies.

Their recipients are glad they do. "It just makes the season more meaningful," says Beth Mueller, whose family has received cookies from the Reichardts for 12 years. "When Don comes to the door, it's almost like one of those heartwarming Hallmark commercials you'd see on TV that make some people say, 'Right, like that really happens.' For us, it does every year."

Christmas cookie recipes
Marge Reichardt shares a few of her family's favorite and heirloom cookie recipes with *American Profile* readers.

All Day Cookies

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup Crisco shortening
- 1/2 cup sour milk, buttermilk, or sour cream
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 5 cups flour

Mix all ingredients together. Form dough into four ropes and refrigerate overnight. Slice rope into 1/2-inch cookies. Sprinkle each cookie with 1 teaspoon of red, white and green sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 to 7 minutes. Makes six to eight dozen.



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Did You Know...

ILLINOIS—Greenup (pop. 1,532) is nicknamed the "Village of Porches" for its 1860s downtown buildings with overhanging porches.

INDIANA—Near Milltown (pop. 932), hundreds of shoes dangle from a tree. The Shoe Tree, as it's known, has been a landmark for 25 years.

IOWA—The renovated 1913 Hotel Pattee is located in Perry (pop. 7,633), not Perryville, as suggested in a previous edition.

KANSAS—The Mennonite Heritage Museum in Goessel (pop. 565) honors the Russian immigrants who settled the area in 1874 and brought seeds of Turkey Red wheat, which helped grow the state's wheat industry.

MICHIGAN—In 1894, shoe clerk and woodworker Orville Gibson in Kalamazoo introduced his handcrafted mandolins and guitars with carved tops and backs instead of flat ones. He founded the Gibson Mandolin-Guitar Manufacturing Co. in 1902 to manufacture the instruments. The company now is headquartered in Nashville, Tenn.

MINNESOTA—In 1950, William Marvy of St. Paul developed the red, white and blue swirled "weatherproof" barber pole seen outside barbershops across America. The William Marvy Co. currently is the nation's last manufacturer of barber poles.

MISSOURI—Actress Ginger Rogers had made 19 films when she paired with Fred Astaire in 1933 for *Flying Down to Rio*, the first of 10 movies together. Rogers was born in 1911 in Independence.

NEBRASKA—U.S. President Gerald R. Ford (1974-1977) was born Leslie King Jr., on July 14, 1913, in Omaha, and was renamed after his stepfather.

NORTH DAKOTA—The 10th Space Warning Squadron at Cavalier Air Force Station near Cavalier (pop. 1,537) uses radar to scan for sea-launched intercontinental ballistic missiles. Thanks to reader Bruce Clark for the clarification.

OHIO—Cathy Guisewite, whose *Cathy* cartoon about a single career woman debuted in 1976, was born in 1950 in Dayton.

SOUTH DAKOTA—The state's first reported earthquake on Oct. 9, 1872, was centered near Sioux City, Iowa.

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Chocolate Dipped Creams

1 cup butter
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup flour
1 cup cornstarch
1/8 teaspoon salt
Powdered sugar for rolling
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips, melted
Chopped nuts, coconut, chocolate jimmies

Cream butter; add sugar gradually; add vanilla. Sift flour and cornstarch together; blend into creamed mixture; chill. Shape teaspoonfuls of dough into balls, triangles, and crescents or bars. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at

375 degrees about 12 minutes. Cool; roll in powdered sugar. Frost the top of each cookie with melted chocolate, then immediately dip in nuts, coconut, or jimmies. Makes about six dozen.

Aunt Thelma's Butter Cookies

4 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 pound butter or margarine, softened
2 cups sugar
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
1/4 cup milk (sweet or sour)

Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, and salt. In separate large bowl, combine butter, sugar, eggs, and vanilla. Cream together and add milk. Then gradually add flour mixture, beating until well blended (about 3 minutes). Refrigerate dough until easy to handle. Preheat oven at 375 degrees. Roll part of dough on lightly floured surface to 1/8 to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut with cookie cutter. Lift with spatula, if

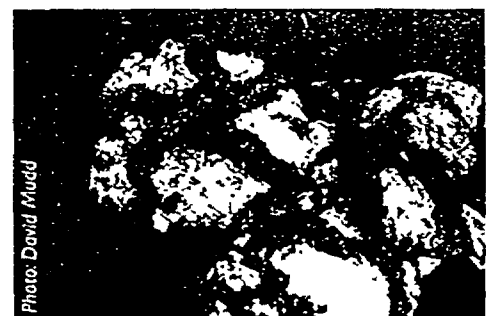
necessary, onto greased cookie sheet and sprinkle with colored sugar. Bake 12 minutes or until golden brown. Makes six dozen.



Cupcake Cookies

40 graham crackers, finely crushed (3 cups)
1 cup whipping cream, unwhipped
2 cups miniature chocolate chips
1 cup brown sugar
1/4 pound butter, softened
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients together. Fill small candy liners (smaller than the smallest cupcake liners) with dough. Place side-by-side on cookie sheet. Bake for 10 minutes. Cool and frost with white or chocolate frosting. Makes 100 cookies.



Chocolate Crinkles

2 cups sugar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
4 ounces melted unsweetened chocolate (cool)
2 teaspoons vanilla
4 eggs
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
Powdered sugar as needed

Mix sugar, oil, chocolate, and vanilla. Mix in eggs, one at a time. Stir in



Don Reichardt delivers a box of fresh-baked

flour, baking powder, and salt. Cover and refrigerate at least three hours. This is very important for the cookies to turn out. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Take only enough dough out of the refrigerator that you will need for a cookie sheet so the dough stays cool and stiff while you work with it. Shape dough by rounded teaspoons into balls. Roll in powdered sugar. Place 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes. Makes about six dozen cookies.

Good Cookies

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup margarine
1 cup white sugar
1 cup vegetable oil
1 cup Rice Krispies
1 cup oatmeal
1 cup coconut

1 cup nuts
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 1/2 cups flour

Mix all ingredients together. Roll into walnut-size balls and flatten on a greased cookie sheet. Sprinkle each cookie with 1 teaspoon of red, white



Claire Reichardt, 3, samples her work.



cookies to grateful neighbors in Watertown, Wis. and green sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes. Makes about six dozen.



Gingerbread

1/4 cup boiling water
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup dark brown sugar, firmly packed
1/2 cup dark molasses
3 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons ginger
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon cloves

Pour water over butter. Add sugar and molasses. Mix well. In separate bowl, sift flour, baking soda, salt, and spices together. Add to molasses mixture. Blend. Chill thoroughly. Roll dough on floured surface to 1/8 to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut with cookie cutter. Place on greased cookie sheets. Bake at 375 degrees about 10 minutes. Makes about four dozen cookies, depending on the size of the cutter.

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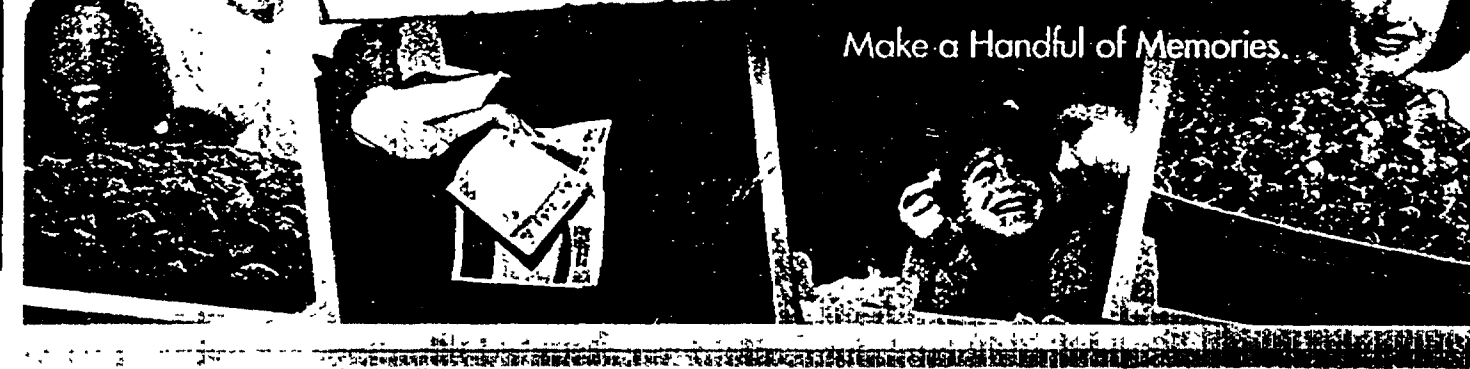
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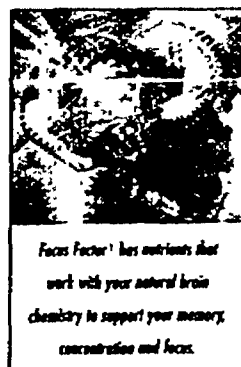


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While reviewing the many recipes submitted to *American Profile*, these two stood out as great desserts to bake for an office party, Christmas get-together, or New Year's Eve celebration.

Reader gaël P. Mustapha of Green Valley, Ariz., submitted a new twist on an old standard: her apple crisp contains peanut butter.

"My mother made this wonderful recipe, sort of a cross between a pie and a cobbler," Mustapha says. "Mom thinks the original came from *Ladies' Home Journal* in about 1951."

If you're not nuts about peanut butter, you might prefer the taste of coffee and toffee in the Italian-style recipe submitted by Glenna Tucker of Millwood, W.Va.

"This is a great dessert for a special occasion," says Tucker of her tiramisu (pick-me-up) torte. "It will be the talk of the meal because it is scrumptious."

The dessert is an ideal finish for a holiday dinner. You can bake it a day ahead. The flavors blend together and improve overnight. ★

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RECIPE: Apple Peanut Butter Crisp

American Profile



gaël P. Mustapha
Green Valley, Ariz.

Photo: Adam Barn
Styling: Cheryl Barnes



Apple Peanut Butter Crisp

- 6 to 8 green apples, pared and sliced
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 3/4 cup flour
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup margarine

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Arrange apple slices in bottom of a lightly oiled 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Mix lemon juice and water and pour over apples. Sprinkle cinnamon on top. Mix remaining ingredients until crumbly. Spread evenly over the apples. Bake for about 40 minutes, or until golden brown.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

Serve with a small scoop of vanilla ice cream or a dollop of whipped cream. Mix two tablespoons of caramel sauce with a tablespoon of peanut butter for a decadent sauce.

RECIPE: Tiramisu Torte

American Profile



Glenna Tucker
Millwood, W.Va.

Photo: David Damer
Styling: Mary Carter



Tiramisu Torte

- 1 18-ounce package white cake mix
- 1 cup strong brewed coffee, room temperature
- 4 egg whites
- 4 Heath candy bars, chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour two 9-inch round baking pans. Beat together cake mix, coffee and egg whites on low speed until moistened. Beat on high for two minutes. Fold in chopped candy bars. Pour batter into pans and bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until tested done. Set aside to cool. When cool remove cake from pans and cut horizontally to make four layers.

Frosting

- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 cups whipping cream
- 1/3 cup chocolate syrup
- 1/4 cup, plus 6 tablespoons strong brewed coffee, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 Heath candy bar, chopped

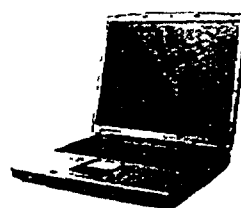
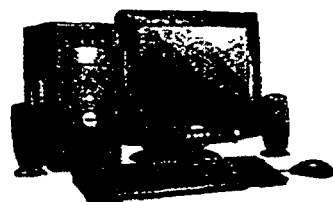
In a chilled bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Add whipping cream, syrup and coffee. Whip until thick and creamy. Stir in vanilla. Blend well. Spread frosting equally over each cake layer. Top with the crumbled Heath bar.

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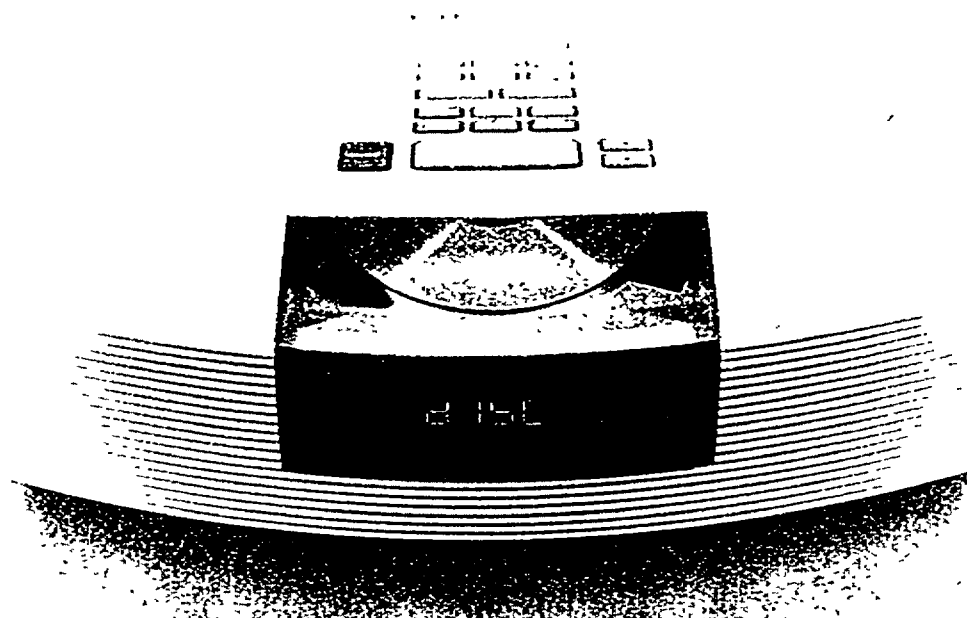
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