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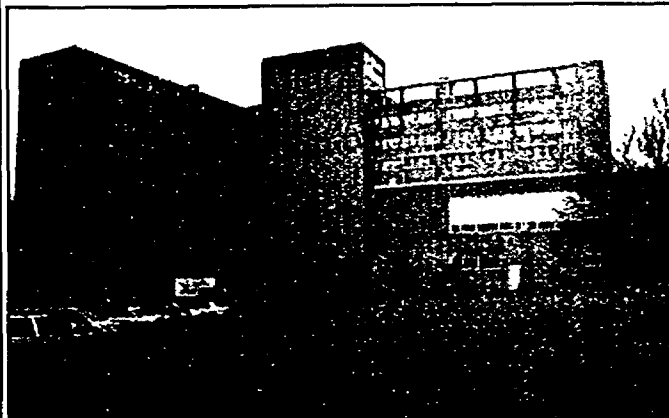
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Take Ill: state tries again for 7 Mile land



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Two buyers have backed away from purchase of Northville Psychiatric Hospital and adjoining state property. Now, the state plans on rebidding the land.

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Developers setting ambitious goals for the new year might want to take another look at the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile Road.

With the latest deal to purchase the state-owned 415 acres off the table as of last week, Michigan Department of Management and Budget officials confirmed Tuesday that they again will offer the property for sale in January.

"It's safe to say we are going to re-bid it," spokesperson Bridget Medina said. That decision precludes outstanding offers from two of the five companies

who pursued the parcel during a second round of bidding. The three developers that the state invited to proceed — all with bids topping \$76 million — subsequently withdrew their offers.

Representatives of Real Estate Interests Group, who Dec. 8 opted out of their sales agreement after a 75-day due diligence period, cited an inability to achieve what they needed to in the given time frame. The Bloomfield Hills company, like Grand/Sakwa of Farmington Hills before, declined to describe what conditions the extensive investigation revealed.

"I don't know that they really

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IT'S CRUNCH TIME

■ Northville businesses say final week will be telltale for '03

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

With Christmas mere days away, the shopping frenzy will peak this week as procrastinators pick up their final presents.

Downtown Northville merchants — stocked with gift suggestions — shared mixed reviews of their traffic of potential buyers last weekend. Despite extended hours Friday night, some business owners said frigid temperatures chilled enthusiasm for the candle-light shopping event sponsored by the Northville Central Business Association. Extinguished luminaries still lined some stretches of sidewalk on Saturday as midday shoppers bustled around town.

"I don't think they're really frantic yet," said Ronnie Cambra of the Kitchen Witch. "Ask again next Saturday."

Displaying one of her many kitchen-related stocking stuffers, the store owner replaced a cork-shaped candle in an empty wine bottle used for display. "They burn for three hours," she said.

Kitchen Witch customers have picked up a variety of items, Cambra said. Perennial favorites are "anything to do with baking," knives, and CasaStone-brand stoneware from Portugal, popular because it is microwaveable, oven-proof, freezer-safe, and reasonably priced, she said.

More conservative spending was a common refrain among



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

With shopping bags in hand, sisters Babs Woods, left, Denise Walters, and Carol Berberich, make the rounds Monday afternoon along Northville's North Center Street making some holiday purchases. Berberich was in town from San Diego visiting her siblings.

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Groups make pitches for community center building

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Cultural enhancement opportunities for the entire community. An initiative driven by teenagers enthusiastic about assuming responsibility. The Northville city council Monday night took up the unenviable task of choosing between proposals by two special interest groups.

Both groups have set their sights on the city-owned, brick, white-pillared building at 215 W.

Cady Street. Council members concurred at the end of Monday's discussion they need to establish criteria for evaluating the very different proposals. They also planned to invite back the teenagers to hear more details about their plan.

The Northville Arts Commission's "Art House" and the Northville Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council teen center are suggested successors to the senior adult services program at the Cady

Street building, which also has been home to a commercial enterprise, the Boy Scouts of America, and other groups.

The Northville senior program, administered through the community's parks and recreation department, will vacate the two-story 1,800-square-foot facility in June to move to the newly-renovated community center on Main Street. The city in October invited proposals from parties interested in



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The Northville Senior Center building's future is up in the air as a new center is being constructed nearby.

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Cuts force schools, communities into action

Schools play waiting game with final figures

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Northville Public Schools officials are waiting with baited breath while Michigan lawmakers decide what will be cut from school funding.

Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said Monday that a decision from House members was expected yesterday or today.

"We're hanging by our fingernails as to what the final reductions will be," he said.

The Michigan Senate and Gov. Jennifer Granholm approved a state budget reduction plan last week. Rezmierski said the state has a deficit of \$920 million, which includes a \$350 million shortfall in school aid.

Rezmierski said lawmakers need to make a decision this week on the budget as the next scheduled payment from the state to schools is supposed to be received on Dec. 19. Plus, state statute requires five business days before lawmakers can act on their decision.

"I don't think they're going to allow the legislators to start their holiday break until this issue is resolved," Rezmierski said.

Northville school district finance director John Street said school aid cuts are predicted to be up to \$100 per student per district in Northville.

"We're projecting a \$600,000 loss for the current year ending June 30, 2004," Street said. "Any



Leonard Rezmierski

cuts to the budget from the state are predicted to be twice as large as before," he said.

The district has a \$52 million budget and is about halfway through the school year.

"We met with the [school] board on Tuesday to discuss the funding situation," Street said.

Officials really aren't too concerned, however, about the overall affect the state cuts will have on local schools and students' education.

"I believe with the combination of our own budget reductions and the use of our fund balance that we'll be able to make up for the state cuts," Street noted.

"There won't be anything official until at least Wednesday [Dec. 17] as far as the amount that the state is going to cut," Street said Tuesday.

He said that another financial question looms as legislators consider the elimination of Section

20J of the State Aid Act, which could cost the Northville school district another half million dollars in cuts.

If the clause is eliminated from the act, it could cost Northville Public Schools \$321 per student.

"It is a big deal, however, in that we didn't receive any additional funding for the 2003-2004 school year," Street said. "We didn't get an increase, and not we're facing a cut. We're going to try to find a way to reduce our costs."

Fortunately, officials have financial plans set in several areas. "At least we did go into the year with contracts already settled on salary increases, medical insurance costs and other expenses," he added.

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Communities will need to get by with less, figures indicate

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

The impact of the state's cuts on funding to local governments will be more gradual than immediate for Northville city and township residents.

Local financial planners have spent the last couple of weeks tracking state legislation that is expected to reduce by approximately 5 percent revenue sharing municipalities throughout Michigan will receive this fiscal year. The city is bracing for an approximate cut \$35,000 in state revenue. The township expects to

see approximately \$135,000 less than projected at the start of the budget year.

"I think the residents need to know what's going on," said Northville Township finance director. "It is eventually going to affect everybody if the state doesn't come out of their economic issues."

Governor Jennifer Granholm's executive order, nearing consensus approval by state lawmakers at press time, would cut nearly \$380 million from the state budget. The revenue-sharing reductions would partially address the deficit in planned state spending, pegged at approximately \$485 million in the \$8.9 billion general fund.

The latest round of cuts in state revenue sharing would not

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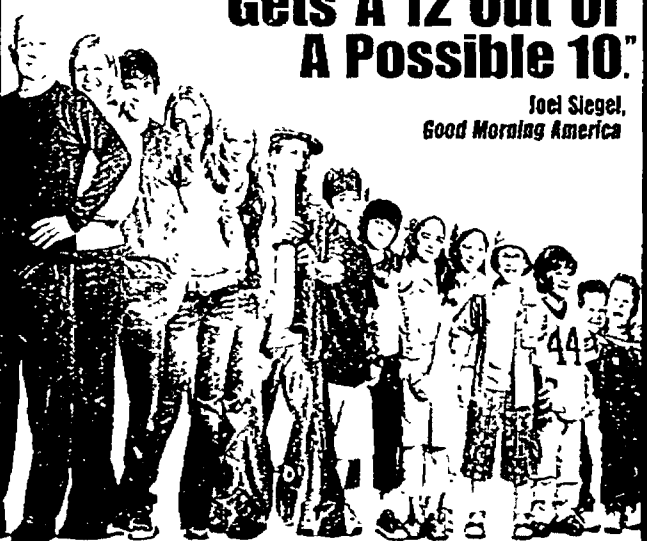
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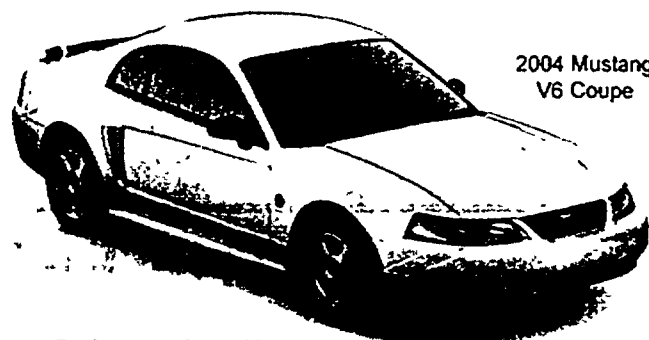
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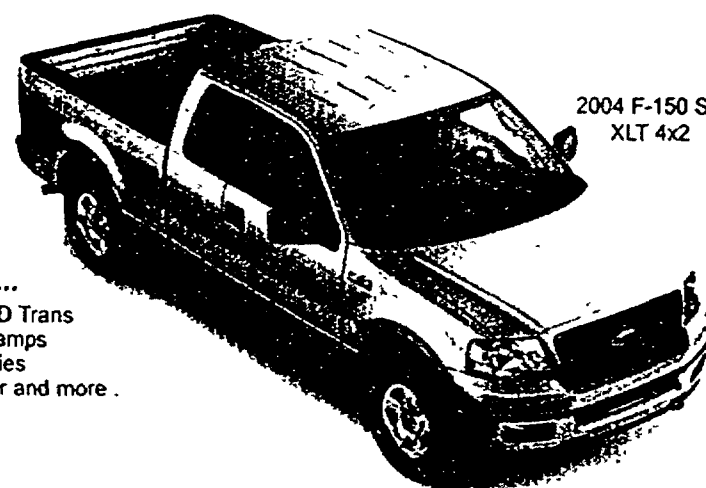
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PUPIL REJECTS RIDE: A local mom reported to Northville police an incident of child enticement after her 10-year-old son was invited to enter a van while walking to school recently.

The Amerman Elementary pupil was walking at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 3 on Baseline Road, just east of Grace, according to police reports. The boy described to police a woman with bleach blond hair and small gold hoop earrings who leaned out of a gold minivan with tinted windows and asked if he wanted a ride to school, the report says. The woman was approximately age 40 with an oval-shaped face and light-colored skin.

Northville officers sent the report to area departments and subsequently patrolled the neighborhood during the same hours.

TOO CLOSE BEHIND: A 25-year-old Northville woman following home a friend ended up being led to a jail cell.

An Northville police officer running radar on Novi Road near Eight Mile Road spotted a Mercury Mountaineer following another vehicle too close for his liking, according to reports. After he ordered the driver to pull aside, he detected an odor of intoxicants from inside her vehicle, the report says. Questioning revealed she has been at a bar in Novi with a sis-

ter and the sister's friend, who she was following, according to the report.

The woman told the officer she had two glasses of wine, the report says. "I noted that her eyes were glassy and dilated," the report said. Poor performance of sobriety tests, "a strong odor of intoxicants on her breath," arms waving for balance and swaying prompted the officer to administer a blood-alcohol-content test, which registered 0.20, the report says.

The officer transported the driver to the station for processing where she was lodged in a cell awaiting payment of a \$500 bond. Her court date was set for today, the report says.

DOORS DAMAGED: A Novi man who works in a downtown Northville restaurant reported to the police damage to his car during a Dec. 8 13-hour workday.

The report details approximately \$800 worth of kickmarks inflicted on the Ford Focus belonging to the victim's father. The employee discovered the dents on both sides of the rear of the car when he left work at 11 p.m. that Saturday night, according to police reports. The car was parked in the lot behind the restaurant, the report says.

The victim told police he had no idea who might have caused the damage and he had no enemies, the report says.

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi), along with nearly half of the Michigan state



Nancy Cassis

Senate, recently introduced a Marriage Protection Amendment to the state constitution that would define marriage as exclusively between one man and one woman.

If approved by a two-thirds vote in both houses of the Legislature, the proposed amendment will appear on next year's general election ballot.

Gary Glenn, president of the American Family Association of

Michigan, first called for the amendment in June when an Ontario, Canada, court overturned that province's one-man, one-woman marriage law in order to legalize same-sex marriage.

The resolution has been referred to the Senate's Government Operations Committee, chaired by Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, a sponsor of the proposal and will most likely be up for a vote next year, according to Cassis.

Glenn praised Cassis for "her leadership in protecting marriage here in Michigan from the same fate."

"At this time, the Legislature is very involved in improving the Michigan economy and ensuring that we have a balanced budget," said Cassis. "That is occupying our time, as well as looking at ways of stimulating the economy and bringing

back jobs. This resolution was offered in the spirit of defining marriage as a unique relationship between a man and a woman. We feel this has enormous ramifications socially and legally."

The Cassis Care and Competitiveness Package, which would eliminate the tax penalty on employer-sponsored health insurance programs, will also be on the Legislature's agenda next week.

"It was Bill Clinton on the federal level who signed the Defense of Marriage law during his administration, which defined marriage as between a man and a woman. We firmly believe its the citizens and not the courts who should decide this issue," Cassis said.

"We're proud of Sen. Cassis for taking a leadership role in defense of marriage," Glenn said. "And, we're

grateful that Nancy is standing up to preserve for our children and our children's children the institution of marriage between a man and a woman."

Nearly half of the 38-member state Senate — 16 Republicans and one Democrat — joined Cassis in sponsoring Senate Joint Resolution E.

With 18 sponsors, the amendment needs the support of only eight more senators to win the required 26 votes necessary for the two-thirds approval that will place the resolution on the ballot.

Michigan state law already defines marriage as exclusively between a man and a woman. However, similar laws in Ontario and Vermont were overturned by court orders that legalized same-sex marriage and civil unions.

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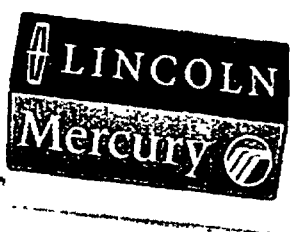
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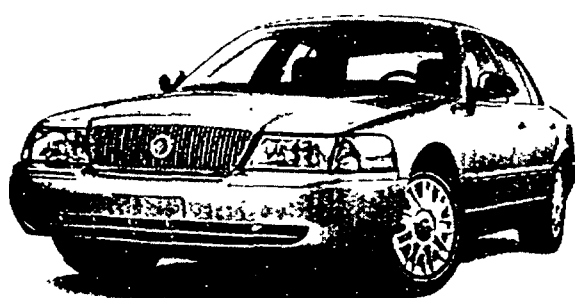
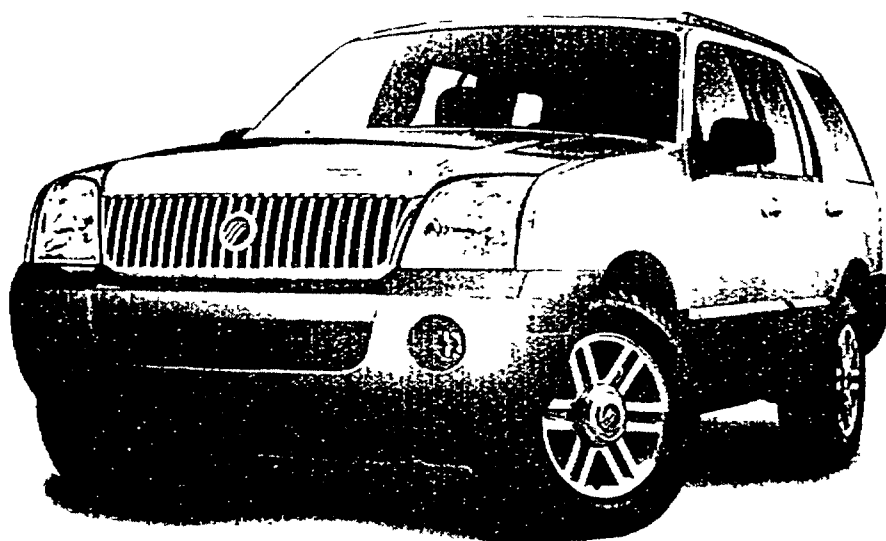
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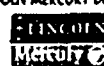
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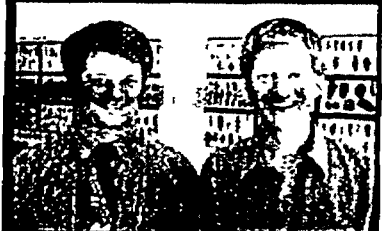
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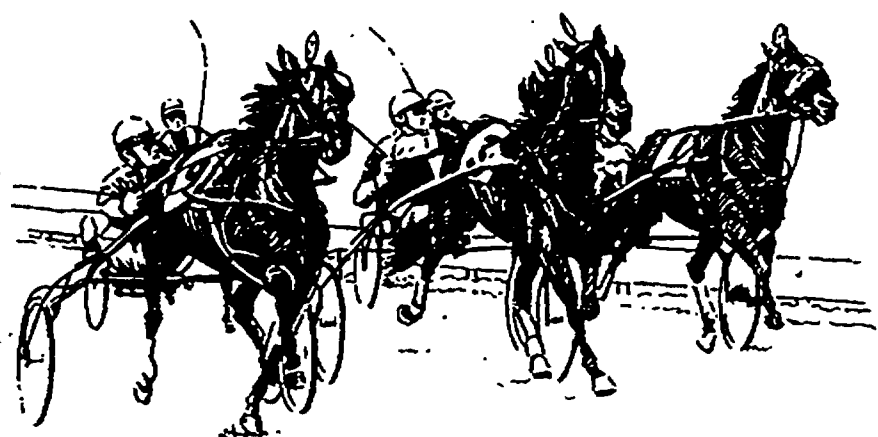
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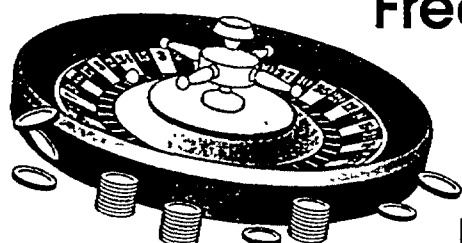
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Retailers count on final push for big sales

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merchants. "I think people are budgeting," Cambra said. "Our sales are not up to what they were last year."

Leslie and Rick Helwig of Novi said Saturday they were about finished with their gift selections. Browsing downtown storefronts, the couple planned to finish their day with dinner at Helen's Uptown Cafe.

Old and young bundled in coats, gloves and hats stopped in stores, took in a show, dined and picked up packages. Main Street restaurant workers loaded a sports utility vehicle with trays of food destined to feed a holiday party.

One grandma from Canton, one grandma from Livonia and two grandchildren from Plymouth came to town to attend the Marquis Theatre production of "Wizard of Oz." Barbara Leon waited with Michael Leon, 4, while Betty Marquardt took six-year-old Kate to get the car. "It was very, very good," Leon said. With only one gift left to buy, the Canton grandma said they were done visiting town for the day.

Dancing Eye Gallery late Saturday afternoon was crowded with customers selecting specialized art items and pottery pieces. Just east on Main, Chocolates by Renee too saw a steady stream.

"Today has been real busy," said Chocolates manager Margaret Hassler. Best-sellers for gift givers this year include boxes of assorted chocolates or truffles, chocolate-covered caramel corn, and peppermint baskets.

The turnout for the Friday night candlelight shopping was not what the merchants had hoped, Hassler said. "I would say previous years it's been busier in town."

The annual winter Handcrafters arts and crafts show Friday night, Saturday and Sunday drew lots of shoppers to the top of the hill at Eight mile and Center. Relocated to the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School during renovation

of the Community Center on Main Street, the annual winter show once again drew from in and out of town those looking for personalized, handmade or last-little items.

Joan Edwards of Northville was part of the crowd in the Hillside gym, strolling among the artisan's booths. She picked up a couple of little extras, she said. "I'm pretty much done."

"I like the way they decorate the little ornaments and stuff, the

"I think people are budgeting. Our sales are not up to what they were last year."

Ronnie Cambra
The Kitchen Witch

way they personalize," Edwards said. "I come up here every year and get one for my son and myself."

Shoppers stopped and inspected personalized piggy banks, laser-cut wood mat frames, fur ear muffs and scarves, and antique

silverware fashioned into chimes, vases and jewelry.

"We love shopping in Northville," said Linda Berriman. "We come to this craft show every year."

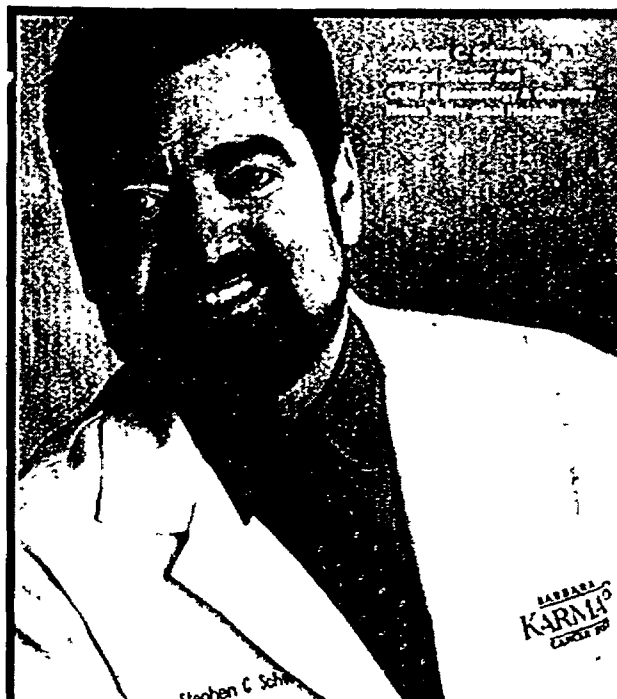
The Clawson resident was happy to find appropriate gifts of shirts imbedded with crystal designs, one with a Christmas tree and one with the word "whatever" for a 13-year-old recipient. Berriman said she had quite a bit of shopping to do yet. "I'm going

to buy a lot of things here today," she said.

Berriman's shopping pal, Cindy Simpson of Royal Oak, said her progress was "so-so."

"I'm further along than I thought I was, but I still have quite a lot to get."

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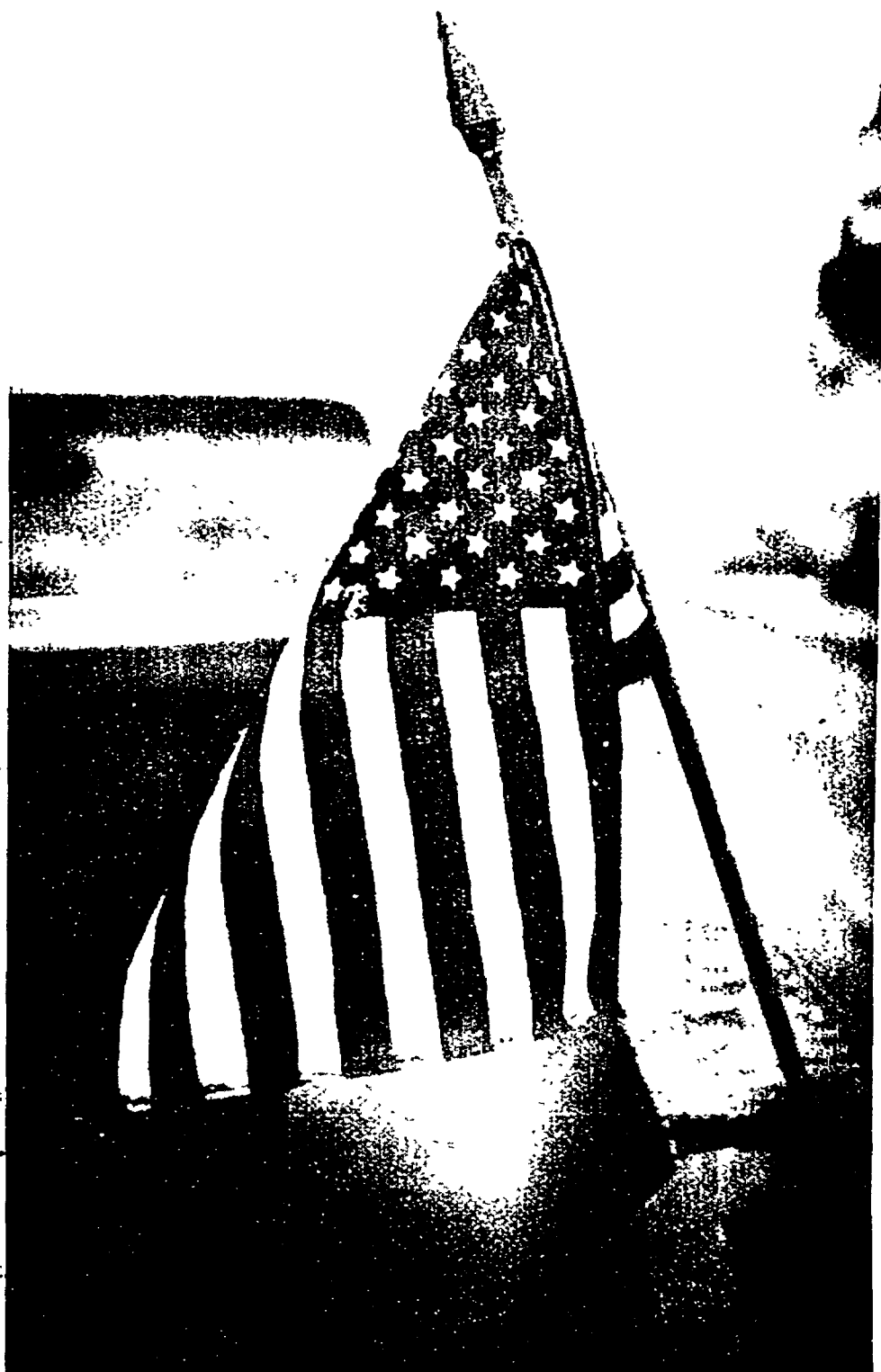
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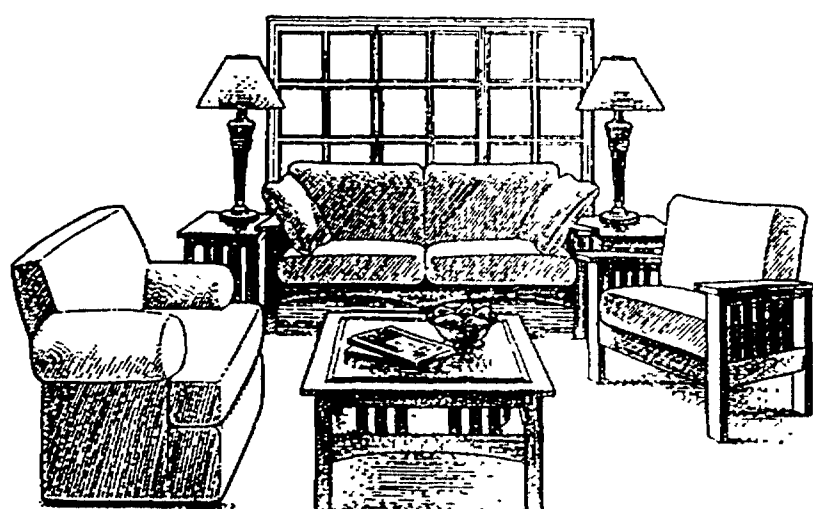
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Classic crafts make for gifts at Mill Race



By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Santa's workshop moved from the North Pole to Northville last week as 150 local elves hammered, sewed, sanded and wrapped holiday surprises.

The Northville Historical Society hosted the 25th annual children's Christmas workshop during two two-hour sessions last Saturday at Mill Race Historical Village on Griswold. A guard stationed at the New School Church door kept parents' prying eyes from the efforts inside.

The 1845 walls echoed with the chatter of children excited to bring home seven handmade creations for family members. Each session started with the tale of how their counterparts from another era — in the days before allowances and frequent trips to town — fashioned gifts from items discarded with the help of an older sibling or a helpful farm hand.

"It's insane. It's chaotic. It's hectic. Everyone has such a wonderful time," said Juliet Culp, who worked with her family to organize the event. Many of the children are hammering and sewing for the first time. "It's a new experience," she said. "The other thing about it is it's all surprises. How often do kids have surprises. They feel very adult about it — they've done it themselves."

While sisters Courtney and Grace Carmona waited their turn at one of the work tables, they said they were excited to surprise their parents, Michele and Lee. The

Hillside Middle School sixth grader and Amerman first grader attended the workshop for the first time.

They said the usual gift routine entailed each parent taking them shopping for the other, but this year they would not have to do that. "We have something we can give them from here," six-year-old Grace said.

The elves' list this year is still confidential, but gifts from previous years include whisks, chutney, a pop gun, birdfeeders and a rain gauge. "They're all quality items," Culp said.

The pupils in first through sixth grade waited at each station while a team of volunteers assisted their creation of a cookie cutter, kitchen tool, food item, ornament, toy, garden accent, and a universal item — notecards or a bookmark in the past. The helpers lead them through the seven tasks at hand, then usher them to their next project.

"We have this timed very carefully," historical society member Carole Jean said.

The activity is a year-long labor of love for her and husband Bill Jean, who started the workshops soon after the Historical Society in the 1970s began to assemble the village of historic Northville structures. Their daughter Juliet Culp, then in the first grade, now serves as the village office manager; her husband Todd Culp cares for the grounds.

Fifty volunteers are the senior elves working throughout the year, cutting, drilling, and preparing

various parts of the craft projects. "We have a lot of things done behind the scenes," Jean said. "The first ones coming through here are now major ones behind the scenes." The 25-year history of the event means a second generation of participation, she said.

Although parents help their children enroll for the workshop, what goes on behind the vintage walls is a secret until Christmas. "We try to keep all parents completely out of the building," Jean said. "We've gotten tough over the years. They used to come in rubber necking."

Despite the demand, the Historical Society likely will continue to limit the number of partic-

ipants, Jean said. The \$14 enrollment fee allows a \$2 budget for each item. "To pull this off for 150 is almost more than we can handle."

"We've always been full. We've always turned people away."

On Saturday, the little elves exited the old church with their plain brown paper wrapped presents tied with yarn, smiling and challenged to keep seven secrets for 19 days.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Cayla Rhodes, 9, uses a mallet to pound a piece of tin into the shape of a man-on-the-moon cookie cutter during last week's old fashioned kids craft activity day at Mill Race Village. The day was sponsored by the Northville Historical Society with additional staffing by Girl Scout Troop No. 134. Assisting Cayla is Kevin Clark, left.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

• THIS WEEK •

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

• COMING UP •

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

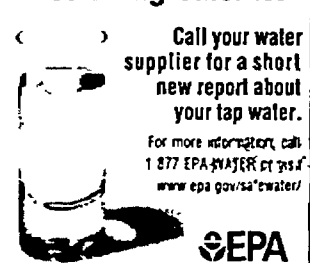
Service of Healing and Prayer

DATE: Jan. 5 (first Monday of each month)
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church (777 W. Eight Mile Road)
TIME: 4 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info
PHONE: (248) 349-1144

Northville Woman's Club meeting

DATE: Jan. 9
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville (200 E. Main Street)
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The meeting's topic will be "Healthy Women."
PHONE: (248) 349-5446

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By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Friends of Novi Parks members celebrated with cake and cocoa Saturday morning after Novi City Council members reached an agreement with Singh Development Company that could pave the way for the city's second largest park while allowing the West Bloomfield company to build 439 new homes in the city.

"For those who say the city of Novi won't work with developers, they're wrong," declared Mayor Lou Csordas. "For those who say the planning commission won't work with developers, they're wrong. For those who say city council won't work with developers, they're wrong. We will listen to your concerns, if you'll listen to ours."

While members of the Friends of Novi Parks, the Planning Commission and the city's Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission all trooped to the podium in favor of the project, support was not unanimous.

"For those who say the city of Novi won't work with developers, they're wrong."

Lou Csordas
Mayor, City of Novi

Wixom Road resident John Foley suggested that money should have been set aside for improvements to Ten Mile Road instead of park upgrades. Nagy said she's worried about the cumulative effects of projects like Singh's Quail Hollow and wondered if the city has the sewer capacity to support it.

Two Lyon Township Trustees made a rare appearance in Novi City Council Chambers. Trustee Steve Adams said 16,200 cars already use 10 Mile Road on Novi's west side on a daily basis. He said

projects already approved in his community will put another 23,000 vehicles on 10 Mile daily over the next four to five years.

"We must work with the state to four-lane it to keep it from becoming the worst road in the county," Adams said.

While saying that he wished he had a magic wand to make traffic go away, council member Bob Gatt suggested that not allowing Singh to build because of projects in Lyon Township and farther west would be "silly."

Planning Commission Member Gwen Markum urged approval of the plans, saying the "potential benefit to the city at large is enormous." Markum has long advocated expanding the city's trail system.

She and others said the Singh project would form a link in a chain that would eventually connect Kensington Metro Park, Maybury State Park and Wayne County's Rouge River Parks through a network of pathways.

City Manager Rich Helwig told council members that the asphalt and boardwalk

pathway Singh is proposing to build as part of the project would have cost the city in the neighborhood of \$1 million to build. He noted in a Dec. 10 memo to council that while that would have been a "pipe dream" for the city, Singh has agreed to complete the pathway by Halloween 2005.

Approval of the project, however, means regulars at The Links of Novi will have to find some place else to sink their putts in 2005. G. Michael Kahm, vice president of development at Singh, said his company has agreed to let the operators of the course stay open through the end of the 2004 season.

He said Singh plans to begin work on Quail Hollow next fall or the following spring. He said homes in Quail Hollow are expected to start at about \$500,000 and be built in phases over the next six to eight years, depending on the market.

Phil Foley is a staff writer for The Northville News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at pfoley@ht.homecomm.net.

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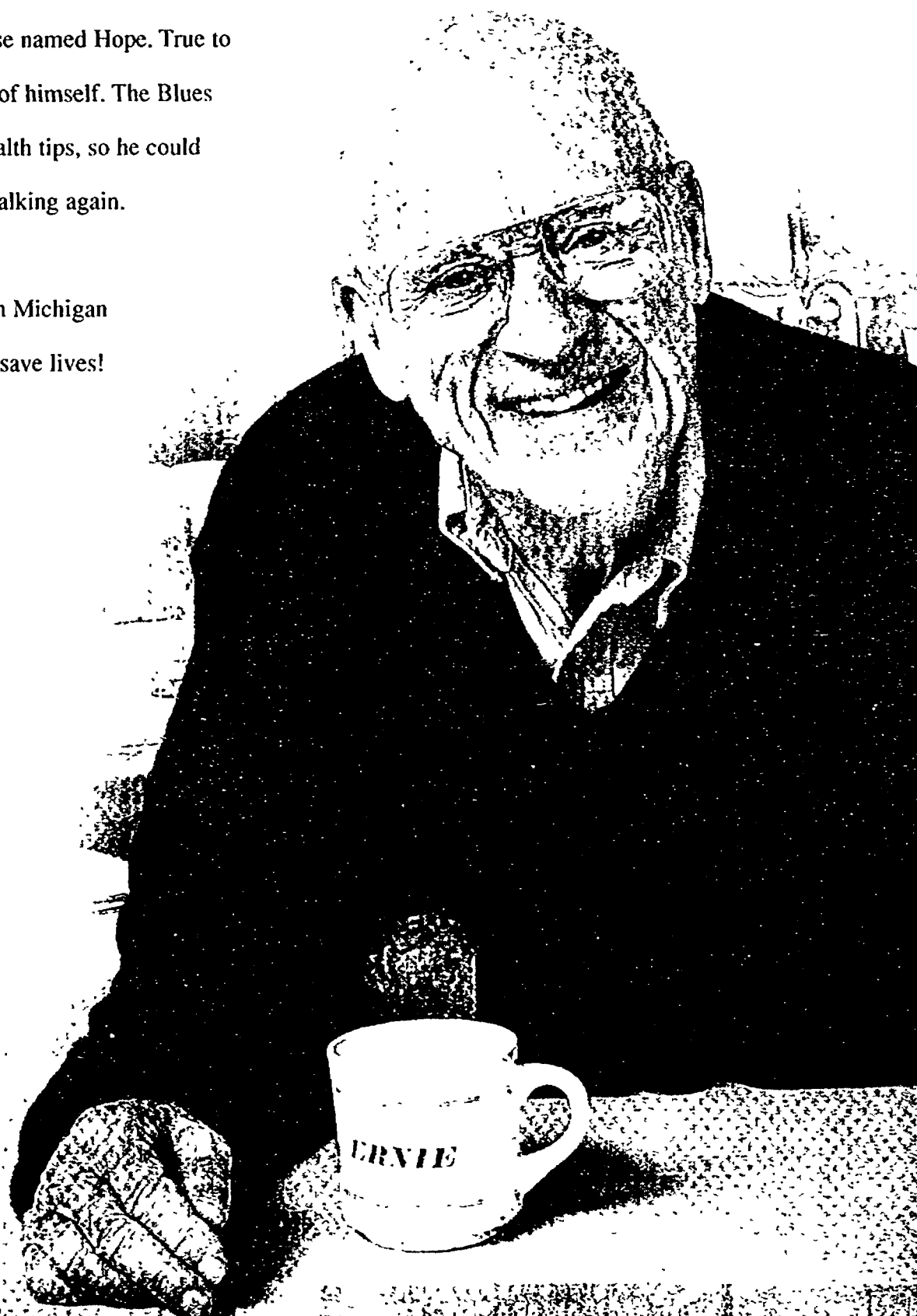


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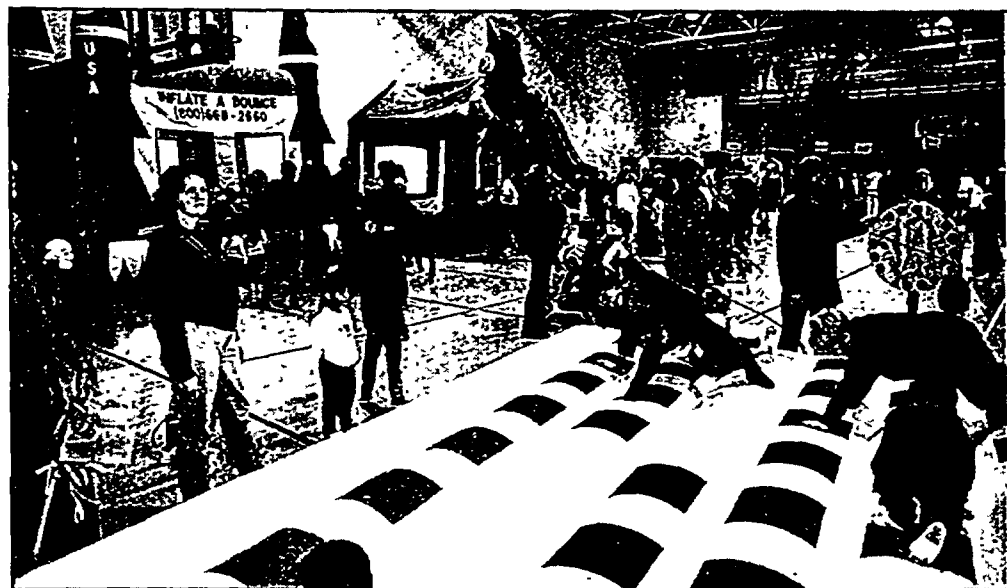
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Get ready to party: Northville Nite returns



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Kids and parents enjoy all the activities in the gymnasium of the high school during a previous Northville Nite event.

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Adults can try to conquer the "survivor" obstacle course, toddlers can bounce in the Balloon Typhoon and teens can hang during an open-mike night in a coffee house.

There is something for everyone at "Northville Nite," according to the parks and recreation department organizers of the seventh annual New Year's Eve celebration. The 5 to 9 p.m. event held Dec. 31 at the Recreation Center at Hillside has proved an extremely popular family outing in previous years, said Emily Sherman, special events and arts programming supervisor.

Early this week, 200 of 1,000 tickets were sold, Sherman said. "Usually it skyrockets after Christmas. We plan on selling out."

The entry fee includes all entertainment, swimming and dinner. The buffet-style meal will include baked chicken, mostaccioli, macaroni and cheese, ice cream, and other items, Sherman said. Activities include moonwalks, pooltime and a 28-foot rocking wall for adults to climb.

"We have things for really, really, really little kids," the program planner said. Meanwhile, children bouncing in inflatable structures will be divided by age group. The

fire engine slide popular in previous years also will be back.

Oak Pointe Church, which holds Sunday services at Northville High School, again will play a major role in hosting Northville Nite, Sherman said. "They are a huge part of the event," she said. "It's not just giving us money. They give us their time. They make a lot of the event happen."

Oak Pointe volunteers will repeat their carnival and goodie bag distribution to the youngsters. They also will set up a putt-putt golf course and coffee house, Sherman said. "I got calls saying 'you don't do enough for teens at Northville Nite,'" she said. Church members came up with the idea for the relaxed setting for refreshments, bands and an open-mike opportunity for teens.

In addition to Oak Pointe Church, sponsors of the event are the practice of Nuyen, Tomishen and Aoun; law firm Kelly & Kelly, Gardenviews, Northville Community Foundation, Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Banks, Northville Rotary Club, Northville Public Schools and Home Depot.

The four-hour event is timed to accommodate families. "A lot of the young kids get tucked out before the end," Sherman said. "They go home and go to bed. Parents still

can go celebrate wherever they want to go."

People interested in volunteering to help host Northville Nite should call Sherman directly at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Sherman said. "It's my first time with Northville Nite and I'm excited."

The New Year's Eve event has proved so successful in the past, the parks and recreation staff added a similar event March 20. Billing it as a beach party, the recreation brochure mailed to homes in November details how to register.

"March is the yuckiest time of the year in Michigan," Sherman said. "What else is there to do? So, we're planning to do the same type of event."

Tickets are available through the Hillside Middle School parks and recreation office at Eight Mile and Center. The cost is \$15 per adult (age 13 and up), \$10 for children ages 2-12, and \$5 for children up to 24 months. For more information, call (248) 349-0203.

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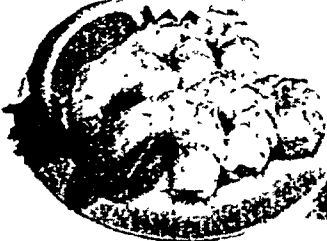
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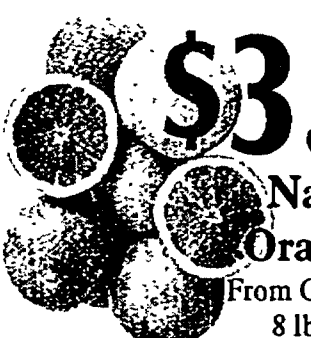
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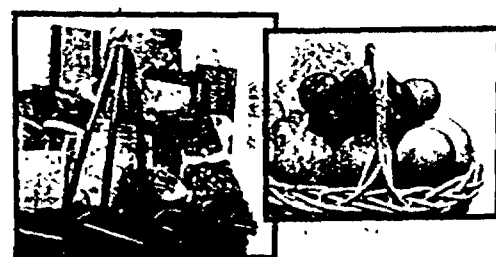
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Woman's Club gets into spirit of season



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Northville Women's Club chairperson for the day Linda Jo Hare, right, gets some help from Jan Radon during a presentation to its members last Friday afternoon at the Northville Presbyterian Church on interior decorating for the holidays.

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Eighty women applauded their admiration as Linda Jo Hare picked, fastened and pulled a pile of stuff into five striking holiday decorations.

The Northville Women's Club member was an impromptu guest presenter to her peers after the scheduled speaker, an interior designer who planned to talk holiday decor, canceled. Explaining her movements with a humorous bent while she worked, the stand-in in 40 minutes created a miniature tree, centerpiece, grapevine wreath, swag, and apple character after collecting her materials on a minimal budget.

"I'm going to do that for my party next week."

"What a great hostess gift!"

"I'd use that as a placecard holder."

The members assembled at First Presbyterian Church for the bi-monthly Friday meeting murmured appreciatively during her presentation.

Hare said she hoped to inspire the women to go home and take a second look at items they already own, or to embark on creating new, following her efficient examples. "Everyone has the artist inside of them," she said. "I want you to think about the artist in you today."

Hare said she purchased almost all the materials for Friday's projects at 50 percent prices that holiday merchandised already is dis-

counted. The women chimed in with Joann ETC, Frank's, Michael's, Kmart, and Comwell Pool and Patio as suggested sources for the picks that Hare worked into her arrangements.

The small clusters of greenery, flowers, berries or bulbs are priced under \$1 this time of year, she said. Club member Jan Radon, who joined Hare at the podium, made from green-and-red wired ribbon and a pipecleaner bows to add to the creations.

Miniature tree

Hare introduced an approximate 24-inch "Charlie Brown" artificial Christmas tree that she purchased for \$4 from Michael's. She had a "vintage" brass pot around home in which she anchored the tipsy tree with rice. Adding sparkling picks and one of Radon's bows revived the formerly forlorn tree.

Centerpiece

Half of a \$1.99 artificial garland provided the base for Hare's centerpiece. Audience members could see her fingers deftly moving around the table top, but when she lifted it for their inspection they gasped, then applauded.

Hare described as she inserted glitzy picks in the nest of garland. "You might want to pull some evergreen branches through the picks," she said. "It just makes it look more natural." Manufacturers now color

picks purple, blue, silver and colors to match any dining room, Hare said. She finished the full-service-florist look by inserting candles.

Wreath

The presenter jazzed up a grapevine wreath, first by winding a six-foot garland of ivy around it. Then Hare added glitzy picks, toward the bottom half of the circle of vines. When she completed the project with a big bow at the bottom, the group clapped their praise at the impact of her few changes.

Swag

The other half of the bargain evergreen garland looped into an upside-down teardrop, for hanging on a fireplace, doorway or door, Hare sug-

gested. She poked it with three glitzy picks and topped it with a bow. Satin-sheen bulbs — clustered in threes by a handy pipecleaner — perched up the strand in a several spots.

Apple critter

The final item Hare presented was a table decoration for nieces, nephews and grandchildren to take home after a holiday meal, she said. Starting with a Roma apple, she poked toothpicks for a head, arms and legs, in a seated position. Advising that gumdrops could be an alternative, Hare poked on the head and four marshmallow limbs, then three cranberries as a cap and mittens. Cloves depicted the character's eyes, nose and smiling mouth.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSINGS

The administrative offices will be closed on the following days in observance of the Christmas holidays:

Wednesday - December 24, 2003

Thursday - December 25, 2003

Thursday - January 1, 2004

Friday - January 2, 2004

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

(12-18-03 NR 103534)

Western Townships Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis 3:00 p.m. Monday, December 15, 2003

Regular meeting called to order at 3:10 p.m.

Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann.

Agenda - adopted as presented.

Minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2003 - approved.

Schedule of disbursement totaling \$966,069.83 - approved.

Operations & Maintenance Report for November 2003 - received and filed.

Director's Report for December 2003 - received and filed.

Personnel Policy; Sick Leave Addendum - approved.

Appointment of 401(a) and 457 Pension Plans Trustee - approved.

MDOT Performance and Indemnification Resolution - approved.

YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Chairperson
THOMAS J. YACK

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187 (or) by visiting our website at WTUA.org
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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE A REZONING PUBLIC HEARING

Date: January 13, 2004
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Northville Township Civic Center
41600 Six Mile Road

A public hearing will be held on January 13, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The Planning Commission will consider a rezoning request for 307 acres on the south side of Six Mile Road, east of Ridge Road from R-3 (Single Family Residential) and R&D (Research and Development) to PUD (Planned Unit Development).

The public is invited to attend this hearing and provide their comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the development proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

(12-18-03 & 1-8-04 NR 103770)

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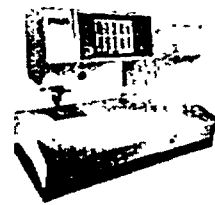
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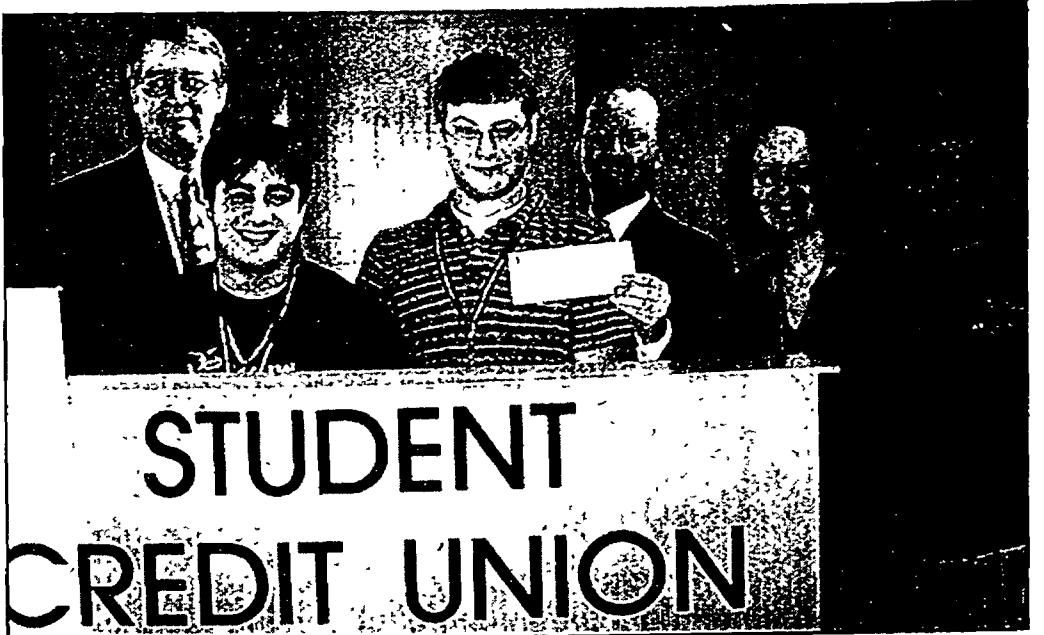


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PTA parents' children Kali Maisano, Rob Rushing, Nick Maisano and Russ Rushing throw the switch to light the Mothers' Club of Northville All Aglow Illumination for Education tree near the Northville gazebo on Dec. 12. The project raised more than \$10,000 for the enrichment of Northville school children.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Community Federal Credit Union CEO Jay Dunkerly (back, wearing glasses) makes a \$700 check presentation to the Northville Education Fund president Jay Dunkerly last week. The money will be used to help underwrite the cost of certain academic programs.



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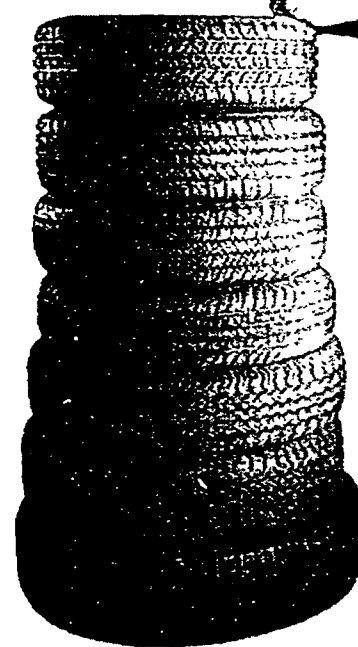
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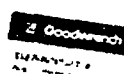
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State tries again to re-bid Seven Mile land

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Pulte Land Company
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Toll Brothers
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ROUND ONE
Pulte Land Company
\$70 million

Grand/Sakwa
\$68.5 million

Real Estate Interests Group
\$67 million

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have [stated their reasons]," Medina said. Tom Saxton, budget department director of land services, knows this is a challenging project, she said.

"There are a lot of the pieces of the puzzle that need to be worked out," Medina said. "Really, that's the only explanation that I've heard is that it's a complex project."

Northville Township supervisor Mark Abbo repeated his hope that the state considers local officials' input before next offering the property for sale. "We felt very much at risk the last time," he said. "It seemed the developers just wanted to walk all over our ordinances and I just wasn't happy with that. I'm not sure to what extent we can influence the state, but we can give it a try."

"I've been assured we'll have a chance to talk with them before they finalize their plans."

The state likely will set the bidding guidelines before the holiday break next Wednesday, Medina said. That will allow the process to begin after all return from a second holiday break Jan. 5.

"I think that's what they're reviewing right now, what the bid requirements will look like," Medina said.

Members of the Northville Township board of trustees, planning commission and planning department have hosted several meetings with potential hospital-property developers in recent months. Part of their package is a planned-use-development ordinance that the board adopted as part of a long-term plan for the Seven Mile Road corridor.

That plan calls for a combination of commercial and residential uses intended to both drive up land value while creating healthy tax base for the township.

"I recognize [developers are] in the business to make money, but the township is in the business to protect its interests..."

Mark Abbo

Northville Township supervisor

Township leaders have stressed their opposition to high-density, public-services-draining development that would cost the community character and quality of life.

Abbo said he wants to see balance between the interests of the township and whatever company eventually owns the parcel. Developers are stepping back because they realized the property is not a value at that price.

"I recognize they're in business to make money," he said. "But the township is in business to protect its interests and the interests of its

residents. I believe the process they used the last time forced the price up without the bidders fully understanding the dynamics of the property."

After more than 50 years as a hospital site, the state announced in November 2002 plans to close the facility, and offered it for sale in May. Residents in surrounding subdivisions have watched cautiously for months what would replace the combination of now-vacant buildings, dense woodlands and extensive grounds.

When the state initially placed the parcel on the market, the criteria to award the bid included:

- A minimum price of \$65 million to \$69 million.
- Developer qualifications and experience with projects of similar size and scope.
- Demonstrated ability to work with local units of government.
- Financial wherewithal to complete the transaction.

State officials initially targeted an expedited September 2003 closing date, identifying potential proceeds from the sale of the parcel as needed revenue to balance last year's fiscal budget. The state nixed the first round of bidding. Failure to consummate subsequent purchase agreements made that goal unachievable.

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Cady building's future discussed by city

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the building.

Council members Monday mulled the possibilities after a presentation by members of the Northville Arts Commission, led by Kathleen Tabaczynski, former arts programming supervisor for the parks and recreation department. Rachel Fields and Lisa Peterson Oct. 20 presented the youth advisory council's concept of a location for teens to socialize, congregate, study and host events.

Among the criteria the city administration suggested are:

- The ability to provide building operating costs (\$26,676 in 2003);
- Determining how the user will address the accessibility issues of the building, and;
- Determining whether the re-use fulfills an identified unmet community need. The parks and recreation commission was suggested as an appropriate proposal-evaluation committee as it represents the entire community.

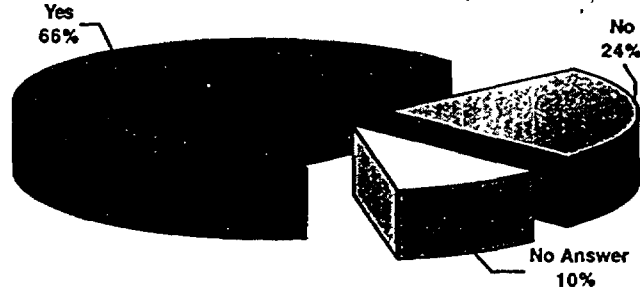
The Arts Commission presentation included results from a recent, and ongoing community survey. Responses still are welcome through the end of January at www.northvillearts.org.

Council member Jerry Mittman broached the topic of the two entities sharing the facility.

"We've got the concept from the youth group," Mittman said. "We've got the full plan from the arts group. We've got to weigh the merits of both groups."

Respondents Likelihood to Support the Arts through Membership

SOURCE: Northville Parks & Recreation Department



Council member Kevin Hartshorne, who said his personal preference was to give the kids a chance, said, "There is nothing as fragile as a new idea." If the teens are successful, he added, they soon will outgrow that building.

During Tabaczynski's presentation, she emphasized the arts commission goal of including the entire community. Detailed plans described program and activity offerings for community schools, local businesses, artists, community organizations, seniors, adults, teens, kids and families as a whole.

"We want to hear about their needs," Tabaczynski said. "I feel like there are some great opportunities to work together."

In addition to the idea of catering to the entire community, the Arts Commission, in the 29-page "Art House" plan, suggested four other criteria for evaluation:

• Financial viability. "The included business plan shows a five-year realistic budget."

• Benefit to Northville businesses. "Activities at the art center will draw more people into downtown Northville and in doing so increase business for area restaurants and stores."

• Appropriateness of the building. "The building has an ideal number of spaces in which to program classes and activities. The partitioning of the rooms is just right for running multiple classes simultaneously."

• Location. "The building is a prime location within walking distance to the downtown business district, library, senior center and city hall."

Not only convenient, Tabaczynski said, the location would allow individuals to just walk-in to see what's happening. The council reminded the

Arts survey shows support for more programming

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Community theater, concerts, exhibitions, a gift shop and adult art opportunities — in that order — are the top five on local residents' wish list for cultural opportunities.

The community's parks and recreation department, working in concert with the Northville Arts Commission, is continuing to survey residents about the need for art-related activities. To participate on-line, find the survey link at www.northvillearts.org.

The Commission also Dec. 2 hosted a community dialogue with the same goal of determining what programs and activities area residents would like to see offered. Positive feedback from those sources supported the commission's intent to create an "Art House" in the city-owned building on Cady Street.

"They asked a lot of really good questions," said Emily Sherman, recreation department special events and arts programming supervisor. "They wanted to know the implications of taking on a facility."

Another common comment was that the Arts Commission has done a lot with a little since the organization formed 20 years ago, she said. "They said the like what we're doing. We wish there was more for the arts."

The results provided good insight for the commission and recreation department, the arts programmer said. The concert the two bodies pro-

vide — Tunes on Tuesday, the summer and winter series — were praised, she said. At the same time, a clear need emerged for opportunities for local artists to exhibit, community theater, an arts gift shop and adult art education.

On the latter category, Sherman said, "We haven't done a lot with this primarily because we don't have a lot of space. There is a lot of setup involved."

Some of the specific areas in which people expressed an interest would require dedicated space, she said, a darkroom for photography, kiln space for pottery classes, a large room to rehearse community theater, a drying area for oils on easels, for example.

Encouraging in the results was that respondents expressed a willingness to support the arts through membership, Sherman said. She tallied the numbers at 30 surveys in, and again at 60 surveys in, she said.

"Every time I add people to the sample size, I get the same result," Sherman said. It was interesting to see that people were inclined to pay money to support the arts."

The current cost to be an Arts Commission member is \$25 for individuals, \$20 for seniors, \$40 for families, \$100 for businesses, \$250 for patrons and \$500 for sponsors.

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prospective tenants that the site of the soon-to-be former senior center also has been eyed for expansion by the post office at 200 S. Wing Street. Any organization that takes over the

former senior center needs to understand its stay may be temporary, Northville mayor Christopher Johnson said.

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City, township brace for impact of shared revenue reduction

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translate into layoffs or a dramatic drop in municipal services in the Northville community, but it does represent a continuing erosion of state support.

"It is so significant to us because it is our second-largest source of revenue," said Northville finance director Nickie Bateson. Property tax revenue accounts for 71 percent of the city's \$5.8 million total budget. State revenue sharing was projected to be 11 percent of the city's income to pay for police, fire, public works, and other services.

"We're working on preparing the budget amendments," said

Bateson, who plans to present them at the first city council meeting in January. The finance director is taking the conservative route, revising the spending plan by twice the cut by Lansing currently in the works.

With the governor's plan one step from reality at the start of the week, Bateson said, it is better to allow for 10 percent than the talked-about 5 percent. "It's never for sure," she said.



Jennifer Granholm

"We want to be more conservative because we're only half way through the fiscal year," she added.

Bateson's presentation to the council likely will include reductions in capital expenditures, training, and other spending more discretionary in terms of timing. "One thing we've held off on — council did approve another dispatch position in December," she said. "We have a desperately-needed position that hasn't been filled."

Also, two department of public works employees retired in the city this year, Bateson said. To ease the budget impact, the city will not fill the position of one worker, whose responsibilities included street sweeping, snow removal and gen-

eral DPW duties. Public works superintendent Paul Vertrees, who is retiring Dec. 31, will be replaced, she said.

Northville Township, just two months into their budget year, will not specifically address the state-revenue sharing reduction until further into fiscal 2004. Allowances for inflationary factors may provide room to absorb the shortfall, Kubitskey said. If not, she would take proposed budget amendments to the board in May or June, supported by months of hard spending data and a completed audit.

"We'll have to start tightening our belt on services we provide, in other words, watch our pennies,"

she said. "I'm not sure where yet. We'll have to trim a little here and there."

For now, double-digit-percent-age property tax revenue increases from the continued residential growth softens the blow of the 5 percent cut in the approximate \$1.5 million Northville Township budgeted to receive from the state. On the bottom line of the township's \$4.3 million total operating budget, the new revenue more than offsets the impact of the state cuts.

State revenue for 2004 was expected to account for 35 percent of the township's general fund. Income from Lansing "continues the downward trend from 2003 as well as the year before that and the

year before that. "You can see it's decline each year," Kubitskey said. "The person who lives in the township doesn't feel it yet." But when new construction in the township draws to a close, the services the municipality provides at current tax rate will be impacted the same way services supplied by no-growth communities have been now.

Daily Press & Argus reporters contributed to this report.

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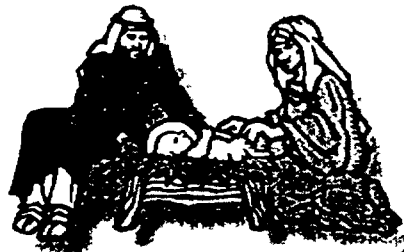
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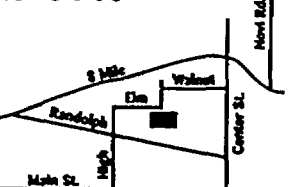
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Local leaders beset by a second consecutive year of state revenue sharing cuts now have ample reason for frustration.

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Things are tough all over, say state legislators currently supporting yet another 5 percent state shared revenue cut. Those cuts slice deep into local budgets already largely dependent upon such money.

Municipalities are not alone. Equal percentage cuts will also be made to higher education. And individual taxpayers will likely now have to wait until mid-summer for a tax rollback originally promised for Jan. 1.

Bottom line: individuals and bureaucracies alike will shoulder the burden.

Facing a \$920 million state budget deficit and a state statute which mandates a balanced budget, the state legislature and Gov. Jennifer Granholm have little choice but to pare spending from its \$38.6 billion budget. Or increase revenue.

Though we much prefer when legislators slice from their midst unnecessary fat, the current economic condition makes us question the trickle-down economics platform Republicans often blindly

trumpet.

Led for the past decade by GOP leadership, the state now finds itself amid economic chaos. How could this be? Weren't all those ballyhooed corporate rebates and small business incentives supposed to be the cornerstones for long-lasting economic stability?

Sadly, neither Republican nor Democratic leaders ever used prosperous times as a fulcrum for leveraging out sacred state and local bureaucracies. Whose fault was that? Who cares. Blame, like talk, is cheap.

Republican leaders are left with little recourse but to "pull themselves up by their own bootstraps," as they are prone to say to their more liberal counterparts. As such, we expect Republican leaders to be out front, leading the charge with ideas and sacrifice. Not cowering behind, bemoaning every democratic proposal.

We urge state and local leaders to use the current tough economic realities as a compass for the future.

Make structural changes within your revised budgets which provide safe harbor during tough times, and inspire new thinking long-term.

Ask not what your state has cut from you today. What can you cut for your state and community — in the hope of inspiring a better tomorrow.



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Northville Brownie Troop No. 67 member Madalyn Baron, right, stirs a cocoa mix last Thursday afternoon at the Cady Inn of Mill Race Village. She and her fellow Brownies were putting together hot cocoa mix gift packages that they'll hand deliver to residents of Allen Terrace today.

LETTERS

How about some credit for the township?

Northville Public Library, Northville Senior Center, Northville Parks and Recreation.

Not one mention of the Charter Township of Northville, which keeps the above services afloat — 80 percent township versus 20 percent city, plus the fact the citizens of the township have just loaned the city \$1.5 million dollars to help keep the Senior Activities afloat. This loan is for 15 years with no interest. Plus the fact that all of these services are located in the city and not in the township where they belong and plenty of parking.

We are two communities, not one. The township is 18 square miles. The city is 2.9. Township population is 23,000 and growing. The city is 156,200. If the township has need for additional millage the people must vote on it. The city council takes care of that. We like it our way.

The township had an opportunity several years ago to have a library in the township at Six Mile and Sheldon roads. Seventy acres were to be donated. The city fathers came to the meeting and protested loudly that they wanted the library in the city, making it more accessible for city residents to walk to, never giving it a thought that the township people had to drive miles into the city for this service. Plus, there would have been plenty of parking. Yes, the township residents are a giving people.

I challenge the township board — their right to use township monies, taxes, revenue sharing, grant — for the purpose of constructing a building in another community without a vote of the Township people.

The senior building: I understand there will be no dining room or an updated kitchen. I would hope that when the Wayne County lunch program is transferred to the new building that there will be tables and chairs to enjoy the lunches, plus a kitchen to help with special affairs.

Parking: the planners and city council had to have all of these services in one area on Main Street — city hall, fire station, library, senior center, parks and recreation, craft shows and Old Village School. Why weren't zoning ordinances followed? I understand there will be a few parking spaces behind a building and some around the corner. Now the citizens of the city are now faced and burdened with this problem: what to do about parking? Perhaps they will tear down a few houses and take away the charm of the community. Perhaps casinos will be next.

It really charges me up when I see the ads on television and don't see one mention of the Charter Township of Northville, the citizens that keep these services afloat.

Let's not forget the bus situation. The bus has a radius of five miles from Senior Center. Good for the city and unfair for township.

Trips to Ann Arbor: bus only leaves on Wednesday. I had two occasions for doctor visits on Thursday. Of course, no one was going on Wednesday but the bus could not go on Thursday. I was out. This isn't logical reasoning. It makes me wonder who sets up these rules. I had hoped that when the planners designed the senior building a space designated as a health department would have been considered. Many homebound residents need checks on blood pressure, sugar tests, hurried trips to doctors, needs for pick-up medicine and many other needs that are not covered by Medicare. This could be staffed by a nurse, and like other communities, volunteers help out. Also, a visiting volunteer could be set up to take an interest in those that have no others. This is my point of view.

Magaret Tegge
Northville Township

on the price we will pay? Yet, as taxpayers, that is exactly what we will be doing in buying drugs for seniors — buying only alleged American brands at whatever price they demand. No wonder drug companies' stock prices soared. The doors to our treasury's vault have been swung wide open for them.

For my part, the only money this "benefit" will save is my dues to the American Association of Retired Persons. Like many others, I resent its getting in bed with political thieves bent on ending Medicare.

Irene Piccone
Northville

Let's be mindful of the rights of children

Irene Piccone writes in a long and exhausting letter about the forward progress of the rights of women. What about the rights of children? She relates how in ancient times that woman were viewed as nothing more than chattels. But does she share with you in this letter what the fate of unwanted children are? That they were nothing more than second class citizens in the eyes of the Roman government? It was custom of that time that an unwanted child would be left out to die of exposure. If it were not for people of conscience, that life wouldn't be spared.

The people of conscience risked it all to save the lives of Jews during World War II. Some would even pay the ultimate price for going against their government, for what they did was right in the face of evil. Today, these people of conscience are doing what is right. They face the criticism of the left, for the left feels that it has the correct view, the only view. Yet these people of conscience are willing to stand up for what is right. They do have the right to say where their money is spent, how it is spent. They have the right to support the candidates that support their views, they do not need the leftists to tell them who to support, who to vote for.

As I read Ms. Piccone's letter, I was chilled, for I found her "attitude is uncomfortably close to that of the Germans who supported Hitler" as he began his maddening march towards the final solution. A solution that Hitler purposed was the murder of innocent lives. This murder of innocent lives today is called abortion. When I see the left clamoring for the rights of abortion, when I see the amount of hate speech that the Democrats are uttering and their followers applauding, "it reminds me of what I see on the History

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Thursday, December 18, 2003

The smell of cash rules politics

Sometimes quite separate but related events come together. Consider the (hardly new) subject of money and politics. Couple of weeks ago, a Michigan congressman charged he was promised \$100,000 for his son's congressional campaign if he would vote for the Medicare bill, thereby raising into full public notice the question of the subtle distinction between "contribution" and "bribe" in our political system. And last Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a ban on "soft money" contributions to political parties from companies, labor unions and wealthy people, arguing that too much soft money sloshing around increases the risk of corruption.



Phil Power

But first things first. According to news reports, Congressman Nick Smith, R-Addison, was grumpy about the cost of the Medicare bill, which only barely passed the House of Representatives after the Republican leadership kept the vote board open for more than three hours to allow for arm-twisting. Smith was one of the legislators whose arm got twisted, especially since his son, Bradley, wants to be his successor when he retires after next year's election. (The record should show that Smith, post-twist, still voted against the bill.)

Radio station WKZO-AM in Kalamazoo then released a tape of an interview with Smith in which he said, "They started out by offering the carrot, and they know what's important to every member, and what's

important to me is my family and my kids," Smith said. "Bradley, my son, is running for office, and so the first offer was to give him \$100,000-plus for his campaign and endorsement by his leadership."

In a Nov. 23 newspaper column, Smith wrote, "bribes and special deals were offered to convince members to vote 'yes.'" After word got out that the Justice Department was thinking of asking questions about bribery in the House of Representatives — that's a felony, folks — Smith backtracked. He said someone outside Congress had offered his son "substantial and aggressive campaign support," and that it was "technically incorrect" to say a bribe was offered. Smith also refused to name names, all of which suggests a second round of arm-twisting was more effective than the first.

Now, I'm no prude about this. Many years ago, I ran the Washington office of another Michigan congressman, so I'm familiar with what goes on in the hallowed halls of the Congress. And over the years I've had a reasonably direct involvement with the political process. I agree wholeheartedly with the old saying, "Money is the mother's milk of politics."

My dictionary defines a bribe as "something offered or given to a person in a position of trust to influence that person's view or conduct." In this case, "conduct" means "voting one way or another." So if the House leadership offered Rep. Smith special deals and promises of support for his son's campaign to get him to vote for the Medicare bill, isn't that bribery?

If it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck...well, draw your own conclusions.

But even if you judge that the Smith case — and, trust me, there are countless cases like it every day in legislative settings all over — is not outright bribery, it certainly contributes to a growing feeling of public cynicism about the way our political system works.

Frankly, I've always been surprised so few politicians get hit with a bribery rap, whether

in Lansing or Washington, especially given the enormously increased infestation of special interest money in recent years.

But who's gonna blab? Certainly not the legislators, who need at all costs to maintain working relationships with colleagues. And not the lobbyists, et al, whose careers (and employers) would be ruined if they start talking too candidly. I'm afraid they are becoming all part of the same system, linked in a web of mutual interest and collaborative exchange of access, favors, influence, money and votes. That's the reality of hardball politics in America today.

All of which explains why it took so long for the U.S. Congress to pass the McCain-Feingold bill to regulate soft money contributions to politicians. To the surprise of many, the Supreme Court last week upheld most of the bill. And guess what? The follow-up story in *The New York Times* concerned how both political parties were intent on figuring out how to get around the McCain-Feingold restrictions.

Before the public gets any more cynical about the political process, I suggest we cut directly to the chase and publicly fund elections in this country.

No "Political Action Committees."

No "soft money."

No exchanges of money and campaign support for access by special interests and lobbyists.

Other well-developed democracies — Great Britain, France, the Scandinavian nations — do it that way. Public funds are allocated equally to the parties to fund election campaigns. Private contributions are very strictly regulated and minimized. And, guess what? Their politics may be odd in many ways, but they are not as obviously corrupt as ours.

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

Trust me — there is good news...

I've got great news!

No, I haven't found a buyer for the Northville Psychiatric Hospital property, though that certainly would be nice.

No, I haven't found a way Northville, Northville Township or the Northville school district can avoid getting hit by these irritating budget cuts, though that certainly would be nice, too.



Chris C. Davis

No, I haven't come up with an easy solution for the question of how best to use the Northville Senior building on Cady Street, though that would be helpful.

No, I haven't heard anything new about that vacant former Farmer Jack location along Seven Mile Road, though finding a buyer for it would do worlds of good.

No, to my knowledge there's no miraculous overnight recovery for Garret Drogosch, who was injured in an inadvisable tackling drill, though if there's a kid who deserves one, it's him.

No, I don't know where Osama bin Laden is hiding out, though busting his chops a week after the U.S. found Saddam Hussein would be super.

No, I haven't generated the perfect idea to help deal with Northville's parking dilemma, though having one would put an end to a lengthy discussion and help merchants, too.

No, there appears to be nothing in the works to bring a spotlight along Six Mile Road near Northville High School, though proponents of such an item would like nothing better than to see one there.

No, a cause for the Maybury State Park barn fire hasn't been unearthed, though getting answers would certainly set aside a lot of concerns.

No, Northville Township resident Jennifer Granholm is still the governor of Michigan, although Republican die-hards who criticized our coverage of her campaign and swearing-in insist our doing so was evidence of a Democratic/liberal bias.

No, there's no breakthrough invention that can allow us to capture the warmth of July when the snow and ice of December make their way into our town, but wouldn't it be about the greatest item ever developed?

No, I haven't found 20 new swimmers to join the Mustangs' program, although getting those additional bodies would help more than words can describe.

No, there's no secret stash of the flu vaccine being hoarded anywhere around town, though I'm sure the lineup to get it would stretch from here to Plymouth if there was

one.

No, I don't have any easy answers about the Our Lady of Victory church expansion program that will probably sit well with residents concerned about the project, but — if you'll pardon the pun — I have faith that some amicable solution exists.

No, I'm afraid Interstate 275 between I-696 and M-14 remains the second-busiest thoroughfare in the state, although I'm sure those tired of the incessant traffic wouldn't mind waking up tomorrow and hearing a babbling brook, instead.

No, despite my best attempts at doing so, I've been unable to come up with a good way to stop the spammers on the Internet, although I'd laugh hysterically if a B-52 could drop sacks of junk mail through the ceilings of the clowns who make our e-mail lives such a pain.

And no, I don't see any way the Lions are going to escape their record-setting 24th consecutive road loss this Sunday, though if Alan Trammell helped the Tigers avoid being written into the Tome of Futility, maybe Steve Mariucci can do the same.

So what's so good? Well, two things, really — Christmas is next week, and the days start getting longer on Monday.

See? There is good news in the world!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (cont'd)

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uttering and their followers applauding, "it reminds me of what I see on the History Channel, all those Germans making the Nazi salute with gusto after hearing Hitler's tirades."

Have you ever witnessed an abortion in the third trimester or any other abortion? Have you ever seen the physical condition of a fetus after an abortion? Have you ever counseled a guilt-stricken young woman about her decision to murder that fetus? Ms. Piccone says she is pro-choice. Whose choice? Certainly not the fetus, for a fetus would choose life, not death. Ms. Piccone is not pro-choice. She is pro-death.

In a letter titled "Conservatives come in two different forms," this premise is wrong. You cannot be both politically liberal and fiscally conservative or politically conservative and fiscally liberal. Politically liberal denotes social programs such as school lunch program, Medicaid paid abortions and other social programs, which by nature is not fiscally conservative. You are either Liberal or Conservative but not both at the same time. There is but one form of conservatism.

Florence Pangborn goes to great lengths in describing the freedom limiting Patriot Act. Perhaps she needs to be reminded that Franklin Roosevelt after the bombing of Pearl Harbor had 77,000 loyal Americans of Japanese descent put into internment camps and their property taken away without due process. Then in 1960's Kennedy-Johnson administration had the names of the leaders of peace demonstrators on a list. This list was done with Congressional permission. It is the

Sedition Act of 1918 — an act that was further enforced by Franklin Roosevelt during WWII and was never repealed. In fact J. Edgar Hoover kept the list as a matter of status quo.

Dwight Wild
Northville

Society will evolve to accept all human life

This letter is in response to Irene Piccone's Dec. 11 letter to the editor, "Right-wingers creating abortion rights hazards." I was amazed as I read Ms. Piccone use the same arguments to support abortion that I would use to condemn it. We will look at her first argument, though any would suffice. She states, "At the time of the Roman Empire, a man could legally have his wife and children executed." I am in agreement with Ms. Piccone that this was an unfortunate part of history, one of many examples of a society sanctioning the violation of basic "unalienable" human rights.

It is a repeated fact of history that societies assign whole groups of people marginal utility and then deny them basic rights. The eventual outcome is a life of misery or in extreme cases, extermination. I would argue that it is the unborn, and in some cases partially born, and not women, who are one such group in today's American society. The unborn have been marginalized by court action, denied

representation and find themselves vulnerable to the choice of others. How barbaric we have become as history repeats itself again?

As I try to imagine what the reaction will be 100 years from now to the current prevalent practice of abortion, I envision a society that reflects in horror, a society that has progressed in its understanding of the dignity and acceptance of all human life, not just the perfect, useful, and convenient, a society of protection and nurture.

Merri Cullen
Northville

Writer seeks 'cowards' who destroy mailboxes

Definition of "coward," from Webster's Dictionary: "One who is destitute of courage; weak or ignoble; mean-spirited; contemptible; performs skulking execution of outrageous and malicious design; wanting of courage; not brave."

This identifies the persons who have been smashing mail boxes in our neighborhood over the past couple of months. In keeping with the above definition, these people sneak around in the middle of the night in fast vehicles and, of course, will never be caught to face up to their actions.

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Compared with gold and platinum, silver has always enjoyed the status of the more casual member of this group of noble metals. While it is never out of style, it is currently enjoying peak popularity as an accent to current haute hippie looks and Western wear. Aside from classic styles, silver jewelry is incorporating some fresh new looks in the form of bright enameling, pairing with pastel-colored gemstones, and designs with a decidedly Bohemian edge. sterling silver jewelry is stamped "Sterling" or "925," which is representative of the fact that sterling silver is an alloy of 92.5 percent silver and 7.5 percent copper (which is necessary to lend strength to silver, a relatively soft metal).

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WINTER STORYTIMES: The complete schedule of winter season storytimes will be available Dec. 1, providing details for the various programs offered by the Youth Department. These include ongoing storytimes for different age groups, including the TOT program for 2 and 3 year olds, Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds, and Kids Club for first and second graders. Registration for these programs starts in January. In addition, the library offers monthly drop-in programs, such as the Little Me Storytime for 10 months 2 years, and Evening Family Storytimes.

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Our only hope is that these individuals will eventually go away. In the meantime we'll just keep repairing their damage and hope that one day they will decide to become responsible citizens.

Fred J. Hendra
Northville

Thanks for help at Mill Race

On Nov. 20, several members of the Northville Mothers' Club and their families spent the entire day at Mill Race Village building shelves and moving historical materials to their new home in our future museum at 315 Griswold. The project involved carrying old and very heavy books and ledgers up and down several sets of narrow staircases and organizing them on the newly built shelves.

The new storage area is such an improvement over the old that it has to be seen to be appreciated. Not only did we gain valuable space in our very crowded archives in the Cady Inn, but are now able to access the many records previously stored in the Church basement in a clean, spacious, well-lit environment. It is very exciting to actually be using "315," which eventually will house the entire archives collection.

The historical society is fortunate to have such volunteers. Everyone cheerfully pitched in on a physically demanding and sometimes dirty job! Our thanks to the following volunteers: Joan Wadsworth, coordinator; Diane and Ricky Birdsall; Laurie Brain; Mary Ellen, Amanda, and Caitlin Darrish; Lisa and Alex Davis; Lisa Engles; Carolyn and Nathan Holloway; Marnie Mertz; Sally LePla Perry; Devon Rupley; Georgiana Rushing; Keiman Sedam; Libby Smith; Denise Taylor; Annalisa VanHouten; and Amy Zubor!

I would also like to thank my loyal volunteers who spend every Thursday and some Fridays working with me at the Cady Inn: Pat Allen, Sally Keys, Elaine Johnson, and Mary Harris.

Thank you all for helping keep history alive in Northville.

Sandy Basse
Archivist

Northville Historical Society
Mill Race Village

Vatican will wait on life start issue

The Dec. 4 Northville Record carried two letters flawed by failures of fact recognition and understanding by the authors. Ms. Denton urged that certain

humanitarian organizations, specifically including UNICEF, failed to value human life because they did not combat abortion in all cases. The author overlooked the fact that UNICEF operates to ease suffering and save lives in circumstances of extreme stress such as in areas of starvation, in refugee camps and in war torn areas. For example, in the Balkan War, the Pope declared that raped women should carry pregnancies to term. The Vatican stopped contributing to UNICEF, which with other agencies provided humanitarian aid such as food and shelter for women and children because it also offered abortion for women too weakened to be confident of surviving pregnancy. Those, Catholic or not, unwilling to accept the Vatican order to carry to term and family membership or abandonment, carried the offspring of an enemy rapist.

The Vatican shows little more respect for a women's right to control the function of her own reproductive tract than does a rapist soldier, and that is understandable since both operate under 2000 year old beliefs: First, that reproduction involves a man planting his seeds in a woman whose role is something like fertile dirt for males to control; and second, that making

more of your own kind of people promotes future dominance.

The first belief was rational until 300 years ago when microscopes were invented and spermatozoa and ova first could be seen; it became obsolete over 100 years ago when fertilization became understood. The second belief is now questionable as overpopulation in some regions is recognized to be straining resources such as fuel, water, food and medical care. UNICEF exercises a modern and non-parochial view as it operates all over the world to help suffering people of all beliefs. Withholding funds for humanitarian aid in order to deny women reproductive choice is a policy of the Vatican and the Bush government that may be considered compassionate conservative persuasion by some.

Others, whose fury disturbs Mr. Hart, see it as ideological arrogance or abuse of power. I suggest that it is a fading persistence of the attitude behind the inquisition and jihad that it is okay to harm anyone who does not yield to your religious beliefs, obsolete or not. It took 400 years for the Vatican to accept Galileo's discovery that the earth revolves around the sun but only 150 years to acknowledge that there might be some

truth to be idea of evolution. It was 1864 when Pasteur proved that life is a process that is continuous with no recurrent beginnings. With that experience, it could be nay year from now until 2264 that a Pope abandons the obsolete belief that human life begins with fertilization.

Brent G. Boving
Northville

Choosing sex is the choice

Choosing to engage in sex is the choice, not terminating the results. Every choice has a consequence. Women are not ignorant animals, incapable of decision making. Poor choices lead to denial of personal responsibility. Control of your own body includes control of your sexual urges, not changing your mind later and blaming your personal choice on impersonal government.

Mary Lapetz
Northville Township

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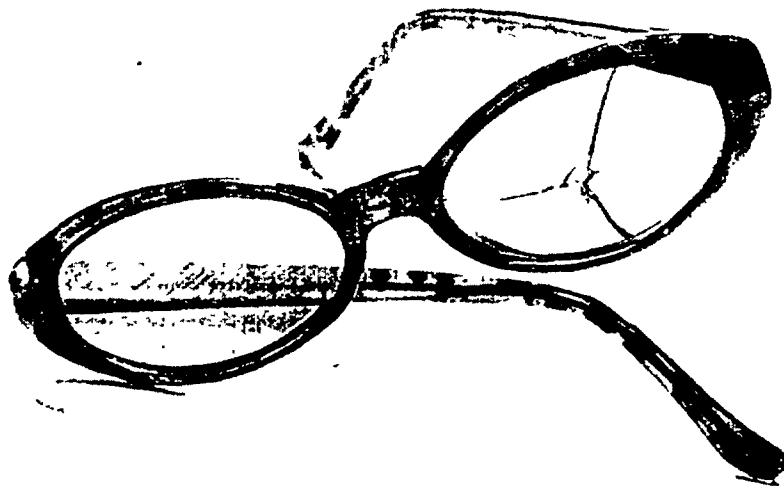


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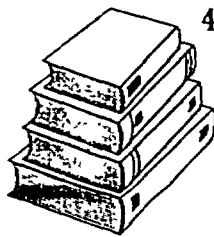


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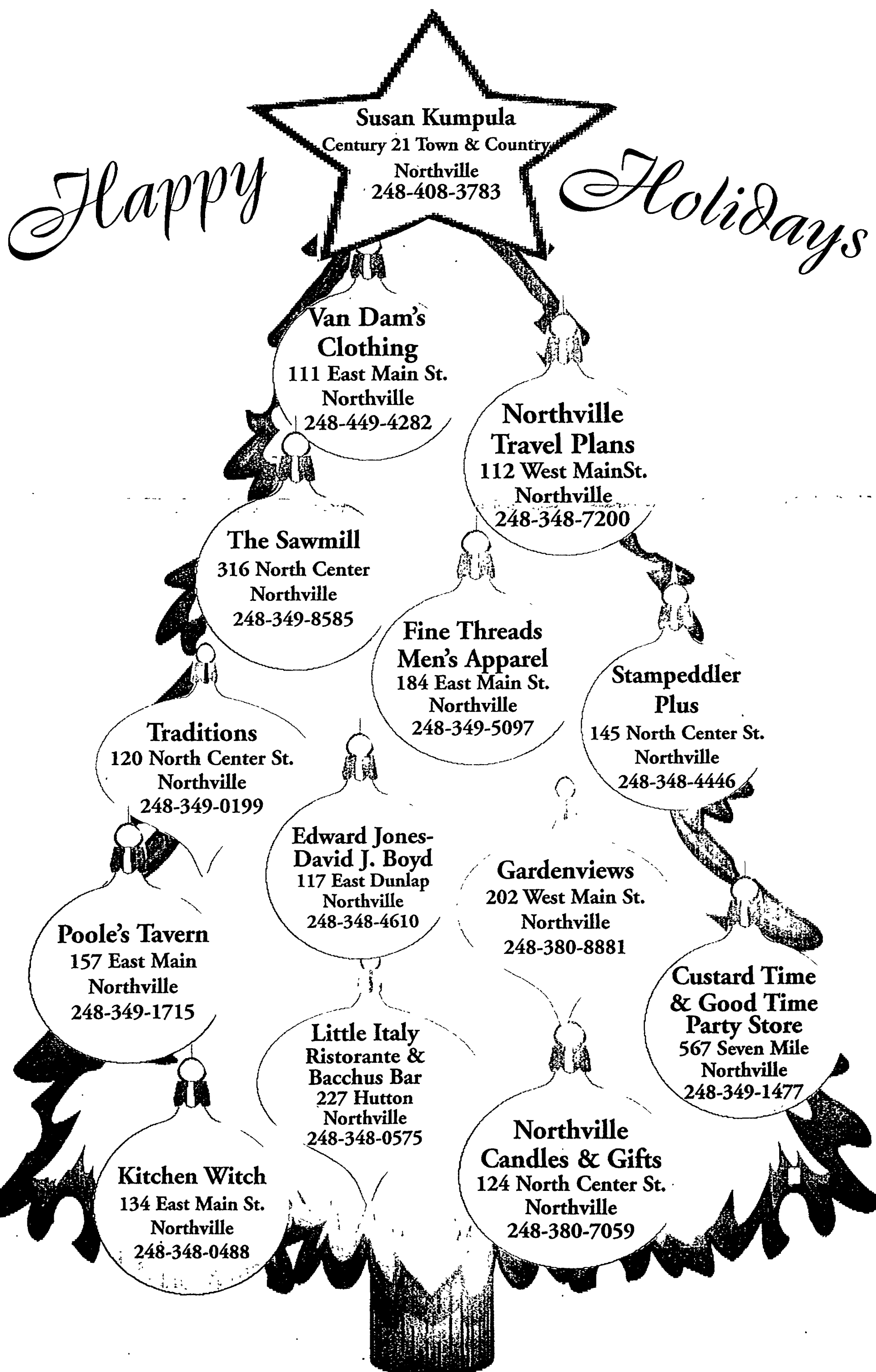
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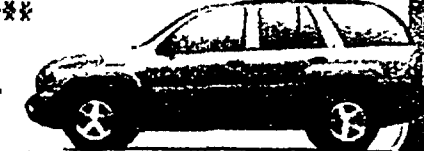
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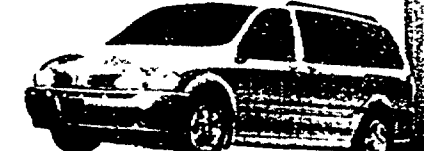
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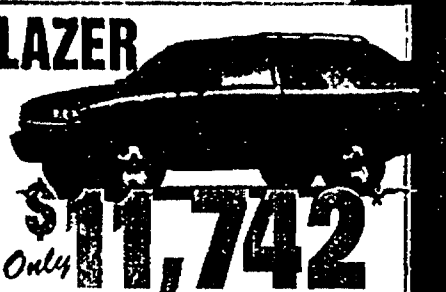
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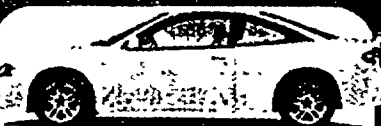
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On the road again

■ Mustangs get two wins away from home, three more trips to go before they come home

By Matt Simich
SPECIAL WRITER

The Northville Mustangs boys' basketball team has proven that they can overcome the opponent's home court advantage.

Coming off of a close win over South Lyon, they went on to end the first week of play with a victory over the Hartland Eagles as well. The Mustangs now stand 2-0 on the season. This is a huge psychological advantage since the first five games of this year's schedule are being played on the road.

Tuesday, December 9th, Northville kicked off the season playing the South Lyon Lions. It was a tough battle with the Mustangs turning the ball over 25 times during the game. The Lions took the lead near the end of the third quarter, but the Mustangs just would not quit. It was a cliff hanging fourth quarter as the Mustangs whittled away at the Lions to get a 47-44 victory.

Brett Asher earned his first

double-double of the season by scoring 14 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Following Asher were Mark Sorensen, Tim Singleton and Marcus Davis, scoring 9 points, 10 points and 9 points respectively.

In Friday night's game against the Eagles, the Mustangs were welcomed to a brand new school and the first game ever played on the Eagle's court. Hartland's varsity team consisted of mostly juniors and only four seniors.

Northville was in total control of the game from the start. The Northville starters included seniors Asher, Singleton and Sorensen with juniors Davis and Alan Shanoski completing the squad. Although the tip off was lost, the 'Stangs quickly set the pace for the opening quarter.

Playing forward, Asher kept pounding the ball inside to knock the Eagles off their guard. Sorensen picked the Eagle's pocket for a few key steals keeping the ball in the Mustang's hands. On the other end of the

court, the Northville cagers held Hartland to only 4 points in the first quarter.

The second quarter was no different from the first. The Mustang defense continued its dominance. Sorensen, on a stellar fast break, stole the ball and dribbled down the court, swinging the ball behind the back, and handing it off at the free throw line to Singleton for another basket. Davis and Asher established a presence down low and either went to the hoop or got fouled on the way up and converted it to a 3-point play.

"I was expecting a little more pressure from their defense," said Darrell Schumacher. "There seemed to be a couple of key players that were injured on their team."

Hartland got into foul trouble early making it even harder for them to recover. The Eagles, trying to slow the pace and shut down the Mustang's inside shooting game, went into a zone formation. But to no avail, the

Mustangs lead at the half by a score of 30-9.

The second half the Mustangs came out a bit sluggish as the Eagles rallied to score a quick couple of baskets. Coach Schumacher called a critical timeout to refocus the squad. The players then caught their second wind and came alive. As play continued, Hartland, was plagued by traveling calls and three second violations. Going into the fourth quarter, the Mustangs had a comfortable lead, which they never lost. The final score was 46-31.

"This is a hardworking group of young men," said Schumacher. "They are improving at a steady climb. We won this game by showing a lot of patience and we played better defense tonight."

Asher earned his second double-double of the season leading the team with 11 points and 12 rebounds while Davis earned 9 points. Tim Downing contributed 7 points. Sorensen,

Singleton and Shanoski dropped in 4 points each.

"It was good to get the first game jitters out of the way," said Asher. "This game felt a lot more solid. The scoring was spread around and we played better defense. We just did a lot of the little things right."

When asked if it was tough to be on the road so much at the beginning of the season Schumacher said:

"We miss the fans and their support," he continued. "But it's like a good Broadway show — you have to take it out on the road."

Looking toward the remainder of the season, Schumacher sees tougher times ahead. The teams in the WLAA division represent some challenging foes.

"It's a whole other world when we get to our league games," said Schumacher.

Come see the Northville Mustangs take on the Milford Mavericks tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Milford High School

Hockey match-up is classic

This can only be described as one heck of a rematch.

The Northville Mustangs hockey team skated away with a tight victory over the Novi Wildcats in the opening tournament of the year and have gone on to win every game since that date

to spark a season that looks to be one of the best they've had in a long time.

The Novi Wildcats, on the other hand, have won only one game this year, making this one of the roughest starts in the team's history. The thing about those losses though is none of them are really blowouts. One goal here and a goal there would have made them victories in a heartbeat — Novi is definitely better than their record indicates.

Whenever these two teams skate against each other, it's a classic match-up and one that any hockey fan should be eager to see. Strong goaltending on either side will make this a close game, and an impressive display of offensive skill will make it an exciting night for everyone on the ice as well as in the stands.

The nice thing about both of these teams sharing the Novi Ice Arena as their home rink is the fact that it should mean a packed house with plenty of cheering fans. Even when the Mustangs were down over the past couple years, the stands still managed to overflow with students, parents and fans when these two teams squared off.

Novi comes into this game trying to jumpstart their season. After suffering a loss to Northville in the second game of the year, the Wildcats have slid into a slump unlike any they have encountered before. They're a capable squad, and they know it — it's just getting all of the pieces of the puzzle to come together and getting that win that seems to be eluding them at this point.

The Mustangs come into this contest knowing full well that a win over the Wildcats is going to push their season into overdrive. They've taken on the top teams in their conference already and have fought through some pretty tough games to come away with some impressive wins. It also helps that they have the ability to notch some quick scores, as well as a defense and a goalie that have been rock solid all season.

No matter how this game works out, you can expect it to be a hockey contest that makes the glass shake and the pucks fly. Both teams are coming out to get the win over the other, and whoever gets the bragging rights will hold on to them until the playoffs when, hopefully, these two squads will square off again in the Regional tournament.

Like I've said a hundred times, I'm going to avoid calling a score on this one. I have too much respect for either team to try to decide which one is the better. I will say on paper, the Mustangs have things going in their direction — but never underestimate a cornered Cat.

GAME OF THE WEEK



Northville Mustangs
Hockey
vs Novi

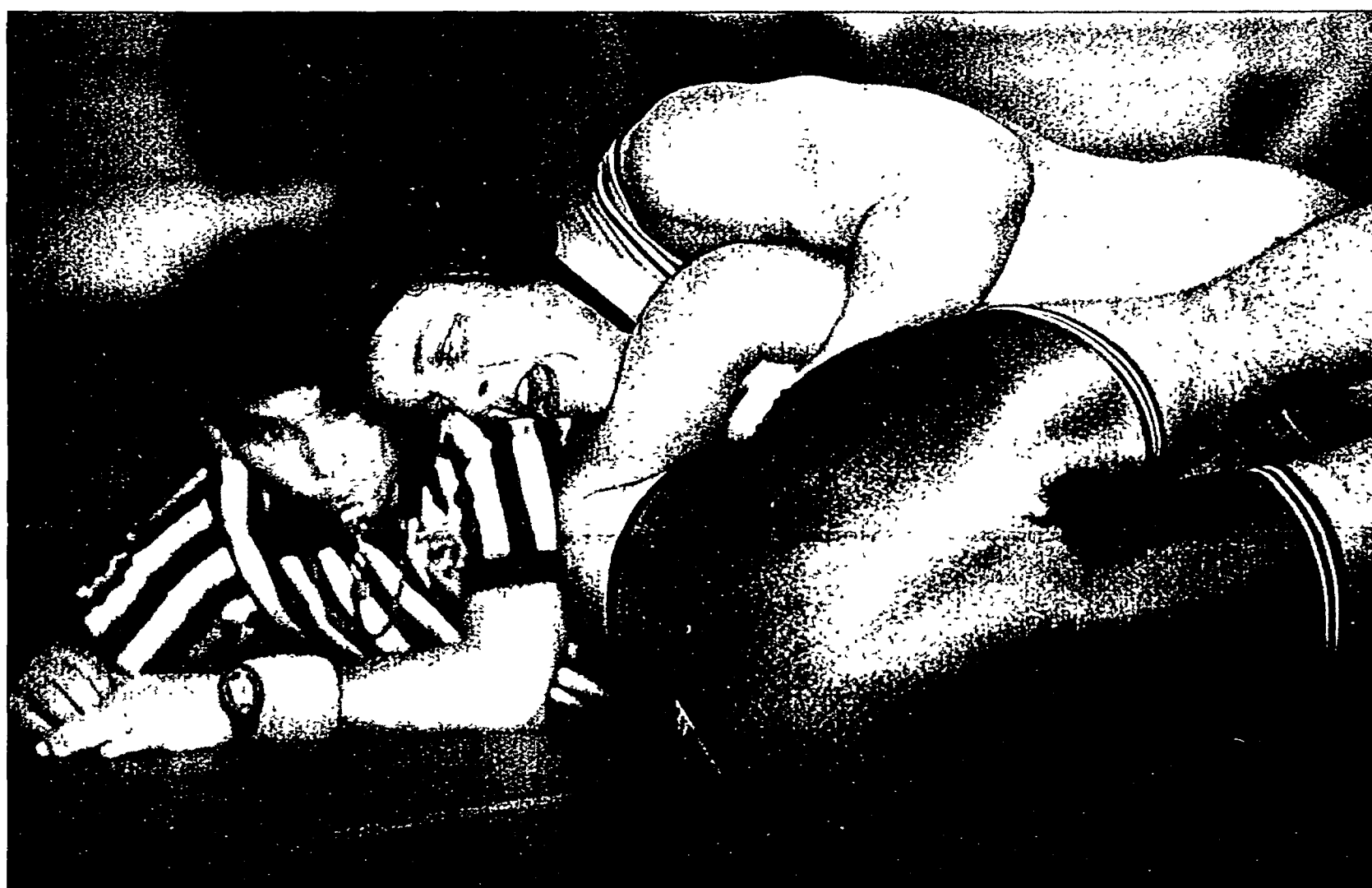
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in the losing effort.

In the 189-pound weight class, the scrappy Ben Mason earned a 10-3 victory for three team points with three take-downs, one escape and one near-fall, while Minier pinned his Novi counterpart in a lightning-quick one minute to add to his nine-point total so far this season.

Northville will be back in action when they take on Wyandotte Roosevelt January 3 at 8:30 a.m.

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As a referee looks for signs of a pin, Northville's Ben Mason seems to have the upperhand on Novi's Phil Cullen in the 189 weight class matchup last week at Northville High.

Lessons learned in tough losses

■ Northville falls to tough teams in Novi and at Davison tournament

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Sometimes, you have to learn your weaknesses by taking on those with great strengths.

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team, led by coach A.J. Grant, took a trip to Davison to compete in an annual tournament there — against some of the best wrestlers around. The Mustangs were able to be inspired by what they were witness to, specifically the five Class-A State Wrestling Championship ban-

ners that hang from the rafters and three of which came in the last four years.

Davison's philosophy is one that any wrestler could adopt: "As iron sharpens iron, so man sharpens man."

And losses, though painful, often sharpen athletes in the same manner. Northville took five losses at the Davison tournament, but they also found out the intensity and focus that a championship-caliber team brings to the mat.

Steve Minier, Joel Schanne and Jeff Ponder were undefeat-

ed going into the tournament and still managed to come away with an impressive 3-2 record for each.

A highlight on the day, especially for the fans who made the trek for the long day of wrestling, was junior transfer Jared Arter's win by fall in the 135-pound weight class against his opponent from Grand Haven. The victory was Northville's only pin against the strong Grand Haven crew. Schanne, Ponder and points-by-void gave Northville 20 points against the impressive team.

The Mustangs also competed in a dual meet, this one coming December 11. The Mustangs took on and lost the Novi in

their own gym. It was a loss that was hard to swallow, especially considering the Mustangs gave up 12 points via voids before the match even started. Northville finds itself with gaps to fill, specifically at the 103-pound weight class and at heavyweight.

The Northville wrestlers who did have a weight class to wrestle in did what they could to bring home a victory. Schanne earned a tech over his opponent in the second period for five points, while John Manica brought home three points in a grueling 16-12 decision in the 140-pound class. Ponder took on and defeated Novi's captain in A.J. Norris by a convincing score of 8-0 to add four points

Troy Engelland
Senior
Hockey

When it comes to the kind of game the Northville Mustangs boys' hockey team has been playing this year, it takes a leader to get things sparked and headed in the right direction. That leader, thus far this year, seems to be Engelland. The senior skater has seven goals and six assists in eight games — and he doesn't appear to be slowing down any. Expect to see his name plenty this year.



Athletes OF THE Week



Andrea Soloko
Freshman
Hockey

It's an impressive feat when a talented player scores a hat trick — and it's even more impressive when that player is a freshman. Soloko helped the Northville Mustangs girls' hockey team to their first-ever double-digit game as she notched three goals and two assists on the night. She's speedy, she's aggressive and she's more than capable of scoring goals — don't think this will be the only time she leads her squad to a big win.



SPORTS SHORTS

AAU Wolfpack tryouts

2004 Western Wayne Wolfpack (Northville) AAU 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.

Hockey clinics to be held

Suburban Hockey will hold two-day Power Skating and Puck Handling clinics for mites (ages 6-8), Power Skating & Stick Skills clinics for squirts (ages 9-10) and Checking and Scoring clinics for pee wees/bantams (ages 11-14) at the end of December at various locations. On December 22-23, Novi Ice Arena, the Onyx - Rochester Ice Arena, Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton and St. Clair Shores Civic Arena will hold Christmas Clinics, followed by Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills, the Ice Box Sports Center in Brownstown, Redford Arena and Ann Arbor Ice Cube on December 29-30. There will also be a holiday goaltending clinic for ages 8 & up on December 22-23 at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

The Mite Power Skating and Puck Handling Clinic will focus on individual skill development with an emphasis on balance and edge control, as well as stickhandling and puck control.

The Squirt Power Skating and Stick Skills Clinic will develop each player's skating skills with a focus on control, power, acceleration and speed, while enhancing individual puck skills by working on stickhandling, passing and shooting.

The Pee Wee-Bantam Checking and Scoring Clinic is designed to enhance the offensive and defensive skills for players, with comprehensive instruction in areas such as driving to the net, rebounding, one-time shooting, body checking technique, angling, stick checking.

These clinics fill fast, so don't delay. For more information on classes and schedules, call Suburban Hockey at (248) 478-1600 or visit www.suburban-hockey.com today.

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.

Registration has already begun. If interested, please visit Parks and Rec or contact them at (248) 449-9947.



Photo by John Heider

Northville Mustang Mike Presley gets tangled up with a Livonia Stevenson player near the face-off circle during a home game in mid-December.

Mustangs can't get by tough Churchill

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Northville Mustangs boys' hockey team learned a valuable lesson — they have to play their game and do it right from the start.

The Mustangs, who are coached by Brad O'Neill, took just their second loss of the season, this one coming against a third-in-the-state Livonia Churchill Chargers team, 5-2.

"It was a lot closer than the score indicates," O'Neill said. "Basically it was a 3-2 game until about nine minutes left."

And it would have been much closer had the Mustangs come out with the fire and vigor that have made them so dangerous this year. Instead, they came out rather tentative and looked as though they were testing the waters against Churchill.

The Chargers took advantage of the situation and scored the first two goals of the game in the first nine minutes of play — taking a 2-0 lead through the first period.

The second period of play was a bit different though. Northville came out strong and looked

poised and ready to play their style of hockey. They notched their first score as Derek Mohacsi took the puck into the Charger's zone with a defender draped over him. As he fell to the ice, he fired a wrist shot that found the upper corner of the net for the score. Mohacsi didn't even get to see his goal as he slid head-first into the boards before celebrating with his team.

The Chargers came back, assisted by a Northville penalty, and scored a powerplay goal for a 3-1 lead over the Mustangs.

The Churchill lead was cut to 3-2 as Blake Brattna took assistance from Nick Guerro and Pat Yutes and scored to enter the third period just one goal away from the Chargers.

Livonia Churchill took advantage of an early miscue in the early minutes of the third period. Northville had a one-man advantage, but a mistake cost them a short-handed goal and increased the Chargers' lead. Six minutes later, the Churchill skaters sealed the game with about three minutes to go as they scored on a powerplay for the 5-2 final.

"They are ranked third in the

state right now, and when we were five-on-five we pressured them at times," O'Neill said. "When we're five-on-five, we can play with anybody. But, when we make mistakes and have eight penalties like we did, we're not going to be able to play with a tough team like Churchill."

Northville junior Jimmy Gates took the loss on the night, making 24 saves as the Chargers out shot Northville 29-24.

"Jimmy made some amazing saves to keep the game as close as it was," O'Neill said. "He didn't have much help on a couple of those goals either."

The Mustangs are back in action tomorrow when they play Novi at the Novi Ice Arena at 6:30 p.m. Novi is currently 1-5 on the season. Northville beat the Wildcats in an earlier contest.

Northville fell to 6-2 overall with the loss and 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

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Northville tops Salem

You have to keep on chugging if you hope to be one of the top teams in your conference when they smoke finally clears.

The Northville Mustangs boys' hockey team kept the pace up in their conference play as they topped the Plymouth Salem Rocks, 2-1.

"They played hard against us," Northville coach Brad O'Neill said. "They stood us up all over the ice and it was an extremely physical contest. They are a lot better than their record indicates and they are definitely going to earn some wins along the way."

Northville seemed to have one thing going in its favor — conditioning.

"The big factor in that game seemed to be the fact that they used up all of their energy in the first and second periods playing the body," O'Neill said. "By the third period, they were kind of winded."

Northville basically dominated the entire third period as the puck barely left the Salem zone.

After a scoreless first period, the Mustangs were the first to get on the board as senior Troy Engelland took the puck in for a 1-0 lead off assists by Joe Vitale and Max Lenn.

With two minutes to go in the second, the Rocks notched a goal of their own off a powerplay to tie the game at 1-1.

"We really dominated the third period," O'Neill said. "Our conditioning seemed to be a major factor and Salem seemed a little tired. There was a lot of mad scrambling around their net, and we actually scored a goal that went in, but was waved off by the official."

But that didn't stop the Mustangs. In fact, the team came back just a few minutes later and sealed the victory on a Joe Vitale goal off a rebound that put the Northville squad up 2-1. He was assisted by his brother, Jake, and by Nick Guerro.

- by Sam Eggleston

Andrea Soloko gets hat trick as Northville blasts Bloomfield Knights

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

When this team comes together, their opponents had better expect one heck of a high-scoring game.

The Northville Mustangs girls' hockey team blasted the Bloomfield Knights with an 11-2 loss.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was freshman Andrea Soloko, who had a hat trick on the night with three goals and also notched two assists.

Northville started the game off with some high-intensity play following the first drop of the puck. Rachel Reuter slid a pass to Bridget Hughes, who quickly dished it off to Emily Doren for the goal and a 1-0 lead just two minutes into the game. The goal marks the first for Doren this year.

Six minutes later, Northville was at it again. This time, Caitlyn Crawford passed the puck off to Meredith Ponder, who fired a hard shot just wide of the goal. Jenny Forker picked up the loose puck and came around the opposite side and tucking the shot into the net for a 2-0 lead.

Kim Bagian slapped in the third goal for the Mustangs off a rebound from an Amy Cauzillo shot and less than 30 seconds later, Soloko scored her first goal of the night off a precision pass from

Crawford for a 4-0 lead heading into the second.

The 'Stangs got on the board just 35 seconds into the second period as Soloko stole a pass from a Bloomfield defender and skated the length of the ice before notching a quick goal.

Bloomfield pressed on their following possession, but outstanding play by goalie Ashley Crawford and defenders Annie Kirkpatrick, Marie McIntyre and Ponder found the puck being passed out to Kate Latham. The skater went down the right-hand side of the rink and let go a wrist-shot from 30 feet away that connected with the far post and ricocheted into the net for a 6-0 lead.

Soloko completed her hat trick four minutes later when she danced through the Bloomfield defense and took a shot. The Knights' goalie dropped to her knees, obviously expecting a low shot, and watched as Soloko's goal went over her glove side and into the upper corner of the goal.

The Knights managed to fight back against the Mustangs, and scored two unanswered goals to make it a 7-2 game before Bridget Hughes deflected a Cauzillo shot for a goal. A minute later, Northville took a 9-2 lead when Allie Spencer passed the puck to Soloko, who faked a shot and then dropped the puck back to Katie Kietala for the

goal. Cauzillo scored her first goal of the night with six minutes to go when she redirected a Stephanie Papich slapshot into the goal for a 10-2 lead — marking the first time in team history the Mustangs scored into double digits.

SCORING FEVER

In the end, to win a game is simple — all you have to do is score more points than your opponent. Well, the Northville Mustangs girls' hockey team has that down to a science and earned an impressive 11-2 win over the Bloomfield Knights. The victory marked the first time the 'Stangs have scored into double digits in team history.

Goal scored by

1. Emily Doren
2. Jenny Forker
3. Kim Bagian
4. Andrea Soloko
5. Andrea Soloko
6. Kate Latham
7. Andrea Soloko
8. Bridget Hughes
9. Katie Kietala
10. Amy Cauzillo
11. Jenny Forker

Assisted by

- Bridget Hughes/Rachel Reuter
Meredith Ponder/Caitlyn Crawford
Amy Cauzillo
Caitlyn Crawford
Unassisted
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Unassisted
Amy Cauzillo
Andrea Soloko/Allie Spencer
Stephanie Papich
Stephanie Papich/Kelsey Gunn-Boyar

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The final goal of the night came with less than a minute remaining as Kelsey Gunn-Boyar found

Papich, who's shot was stopped by the Bloomfield goalie. The rebound was picked up by Forker, who scored for the 11-2 final.

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Small swimming-diving team too much for South Lyon Lions

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Overall, it wasn't a bad start to the season.

The Northville Mustangs boys' swimming and diving team earned a 124-59 victory over their non-conference foes in the South Lyon Lions December 10 as they looked to their small squad of 18 boys to do what they do best.

"Our front guys are pretty strong this year," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "They should score a lot of points for us."

And score they did. In the 200 medley relay, Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Will Blickle and Brad Farris

combined for a 1:51.28 to take a first-place finish, while Chris Keady, Blickle, Chris Culklin and Farris took first with a 3:37.58 in the 400 free relay.

In the 200 free, Keady notched a first in 1:52.13, while Joe Hogan notched a 24.33 in the 50 free for a win. The 100 fly found Blickle notching a 59.38, while Keady took first in the 100 free in 52.24.

The 100 backstroke found Farris winning in 1:00.39, while Culklin recorded a 5:14.90 in the 500 free for first place.

The 200 free relay found Hogan, senior captain Aaron Flohr, Laabs and Keady combining their strengths for a 1:41.07. In the diving, first-year partici-

pant Brad Lemke took 160 points to win the specialized event.

The most exciting meet of the day was definitely the 100 breaststroke. South Lyon's Josh Gale earned the win in 1:13.33, but Northville's Hogan took second in 1:13.44 and Laabs took third in 1:13.48.

The Mustangs also competed in the Western Lakes Activities Association Relay meet. For the first time in a long time, Plymouth Salem didn't win the event after losing 11 top swimmers to graduation. Instead, Stevenson won with 254 points, Canton took second with 216 and Northville notched third with 2003.

"Teams like Stevenson,

Canton and Salem have 37 to 40 kids," Bennetts said. "We're exactly half their size. We had just enough bodies with every kid on the team to fill all the spots. If someone had slipped and cracked their head, we would have had to have scratched in an event."

Yet, the Mustangs escaped with three victories out of nine events during the meet.

The 200 backstroke relay team of Keady, Hogan, Schwartz and Farris won in 1:48.87, while the 400 individual medley relay of Blickle, Laabs, Hogan and Chris Folas won in 4:15.35.

The 500-yard crescendo, which has the first swimmer going 50 yards, the second going

100, the third going 150 and the fourth swimming 200 yards, found the Mustangs winning in 4:31.73. Flohr, Culklin, Farris and Keady all combined for the victory.

"Overall, we had some good swims," Bennetts said. "Overall, the depth of Canton and Stevenson forced them to have kids that couldn't swim the relay meet and I was in a situation where I couldn't afford to lose one. There's a huge difference between our squad and theirs, but I enjoy being around each and every one of my guys and they want to be here."

Northville is off for the holidays and will be back January 10 for the Salem Invitational.

SPORTS SHORTS

Learn to Skate programs

Novi Ice Arena will run two Holiday Break Learn to Skate Camps at the end of December. The first session will take place December 22-23, with another session running on December 29-30. Classes will be held from 11:00-11:40 a.m.

Holiday Learn to Skate camps are open to skaters ages 6 and up, with each group limited to just six skaters. The cost of enrollment is \$36, and skate rental is available for \$2 per day. As an added bonus, Learn to Skate camp participants are welcome to attend open skating immediately following class from Noon-1:50 p.m. free of charge.

Registration for the Holiday Learn to Skate Camp has already begun. Stop by or call the Novi Ice Arena at 248-347-1010 to register with a credit card.

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.

Tough tourney lets Mustangs test offense

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It wasn't the start the Northville Mustangs volleyball team wanted, but at least it gave them a chance to see their depth, who their starters are likely going to be and they were able to test-run their new offense.

Northville, which is coached by Rick Vander Veer, found themselves amidst a slew of talented teams at the Airport Volleyball Invitational.

"The airport tournament was tough," Vander Veer said. "We failed to make it out of the elimination round of pool play."

But they were able to finally

"I think once we get a few kinks worked out, we'll be OK and should finish stronger than last year."

Rick Vander Veer
Northville Volleyball Coach

see their team in action. "Most of the girls gave solid performances," Vander Veer

noted.

Junior Diana Deaibes had an excellent day, notching 10 aces and set for all the games the Mustangs participated in. Senior Katie Kneisel was the squad's leading blocker and helped with some offensive production as well. Junior Jessie Markstrom pitched in during the tournament as the team's leading passer.

One of the aspects of their game that has the Mustangs still testing the waters is the fact that Vander Veer has his squad using a new offense this season.

"We're running a different offense this year, so it's taking a little adjustment," he said.

Of course, the Mustangs have some things they'd like to work

on this year. Early-season tournaments such as the Airport Volleyball Invitational give teams and coaches a chance to see what needs to be improved on — and Vander Veer and the Mustangs were no exception.

"We also need to work on beefing up our blocking as a team," Vander Veer said.

The Mustangs are still looking strong for the 2003-04 season. They've got a lot of talent and some valuable experience.

"I think once we get a few kinks worked out, we'll be OK and should finish stronger than last year," said Vander Veer of the squad's second year under his tutelage.

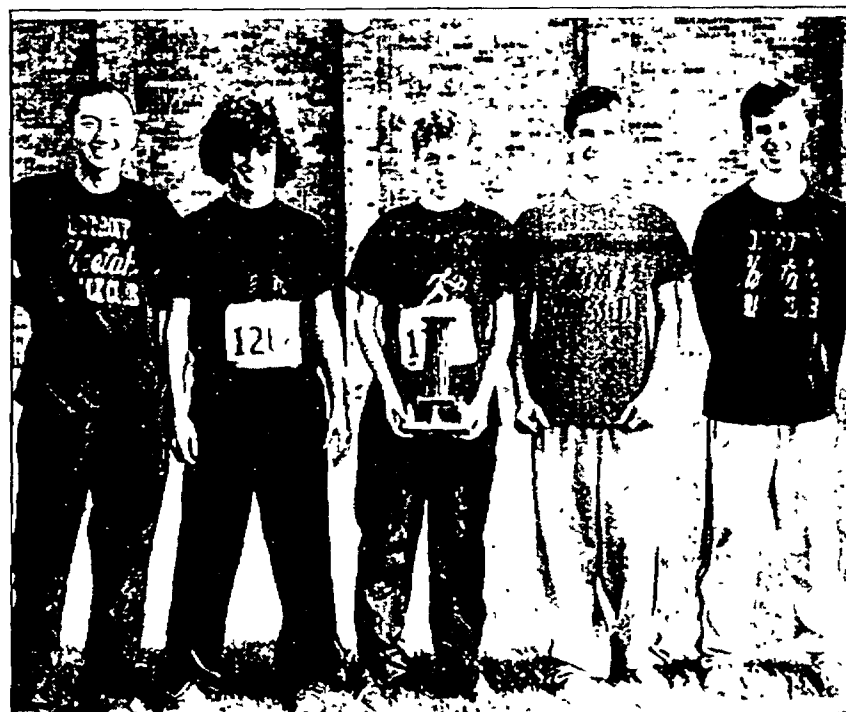
Northville is scheduled to be

back on the court Saturday when they participate in the Madonna University Invitational at 8:30 a.m. The squad will then be off until January 12 when they open their Western Lakes Activities Association schedule with a trip to Walled Lake Northern to take on the first-year varsity Knights at 7 p.m.

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Submitted Photo

The Northville harriers who went out and made their community proud at the national level are (from left to right): Masuru Yokomura, Nick Kolbow, Jasen Turnbull, Ian Gunn-Boyar and Josh Ermatinger.



Runners compete nationally

Five Northville students competed in the National AAU Cross-Country Finals in Dayton Ohio where they finished fifth overall in the country running for the Detroit Cheetahs Track Club.

The team consisted of Jasen Turnbull, Nick Kolbow, Josh Ermatinger, Masaru Yokomura, and Ian Gunn-Boyar. The local group competed in the 13-14 age group which ran a 4K race.

At the National AAU event thousands of athletes participated with over 250 runners from all 50 states in the 13-14 age group that the Northville boys competed in. The National event included 27 teams competing and numerous individual qualifiers. The group of five Northville runners competed first in an AAU Great Lakes Regional event in Centerline, Michigan where they finished first. They also participated in an additional USAF State event

at Cass Benton's cross-country course in Northville where they won again. For a tune up for the national meet they participated in the USAF Regional event in Cleveland, Ohio, where they again came home with a championship.

The team of five Northville harriers is affiliated with the Detroit Cheetahs Track Club which supports athletes through out southeastern Michigan. Jasen Turnbull was undefeated in the AAU series until the national event, with the Northville varsity cross country team standout who was rated in the few in the country for AAU had a slightly off day stumbling at the start of the rain soaked muddy even December 6th placing him 29th overall in the country.

Nick Kolbow, a Hillside Middle School Cross Country and Track Standout had great showings at the state and regional events finishing

just behind teammate Jasen Turnbull. Nick had an outstanding race at the national event placing him 16th in the country slightly ahead of his teammate Jasen Turnbull.

Josh Ermatinger had been one of the most consistent runners through the qualifying events and his strong performance at the national meet placed him in the top 75 medal winners coming across the line 63 in the nation. Also there were great showings by two of Northville's premier freshman varsity runners Masaru Yokomura and Ian Gunn-Boyar enabling the team to finish 5th in Nation. They finished 88th and 90th in the country.

Congratulations go to this young team. These strong performances bode well for the future of Northville High School's young cross country team. The sport should be very exciting to watch in the coming years.

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South Lyon
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(248)348-1920 | EDWARDS CAFE & CATERER
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24985 Haggerty Rd.
Novi
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1252 S. Commerce
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(248)624-5353 | COLONIAL MOTORS LTD.
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Milford
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(248)887-3771 | C & M SAND & GRAVEL, INC. &
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(248)349-2750 | MARQUIS THEATRE
135 E. Main St.
Northville
(248)349-8110 | MOE'S ON TEN
SEAFOOD GRILL
39455 West 10 Mile Rd.
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(248)437-8178 | HEALTH STYLES
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(248)486-1110 | JIM DANDY CAR WASH
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South Lyon | MARTIN'S TRUE
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131 E. Commerce
Milford
(248)685-9028 |
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(248)684-0356 | HEINSIGHT OPTICAL
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DISCOUNT PHARMACY
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New Hudson
(248)486-0720 |
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Milford
(248)684-6737 | HENRIKSON HOPPENS
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(248)887-1239 | MC NABB CARPET
31250 S. Milford Rd.
Milford
(248)437-8146 | NEW HUDSON
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New Hudson
(248)437-1200 |
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(810)750-8080 | HENRY FORD OPTIM EYES
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South Lyon
(248)437-7600 | KAPLAN CHIROPRACTIC
CLINIC
555 S. Lafayette
South Lyon
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8880 Pontiac Trail
South Lyon
(248)437-8989 | NORM'S TOTAL
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South Lyon
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Highland
(248)889-8118 | HIGHLAND FOOD CENTER
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(248)887-4048 | KEFORD COLLISION &
TOWING
39586 Grand River
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(248)685-0643 | NORTHVILLE LOCKSMITH
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(248)349-1477 | INCH MEMORIALS
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(248)478-1300 | SEASONAL EXPRESSIONS
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CENTER
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(248)887-3222 | UNITED BAKERY
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Novi
(248)347-0410 | PRESSON PRINTING
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Novi
(248)305-5300 |
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(248)437-4445 | TAREK SALON
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(248)685-9012 |
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Novi
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Northville/Novi WildStang gymnast Nika Frimenko warms up on for the floor exercise before an inter-squad meet last week at Northville High.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Intersquad meet gives plenty of insight

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Though it was an intersquad meet the Novi-Northville Wild 'Stangs' gymnastics team was competing in, they were competing nonetheless.

The entire team was split in two with a Green team taking on the orange team — and Green left their opponents a little envious as they squeaked out a 137.95-137.15 victory.

"It was probably one of the

best intersquad match-ups we've had since I have been the coach," Lindsay Shultz said of the event.

In the vault, Emma Platt was the top scorer for the team, earning a 9.15 for her performance, while Jacqueline Gazette collected an 8.9.

On the bars, Sara Wilchowski recorded a 9.4, while Sarah Hkhani-Pour went 8.85.

The beam found Jenn Mehl scoring an 8.85 and Courtney Paul not far behind her with an 8.7.

In the floor routine, Rachel Deneau put together an impressive performance, notching a 9.35 while Julie Foucher collected an 8.9.

"Our beam was a little shaky," Shultz said of things her squad is still concentrating on. "We had several falls, but it's so early in the season that I'm sure they'll gain more confidence in their skills and begin to stick their routines."

This team, according to Shultz, has a lot of talent to

delve into this year.

"This team has a lot of potential and I think they are eager to begin their season," she said. "They have been working hard at each practice to add difficulty to their routines and put them together for competition."

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CLUB HOCKEY

The Northville High School club hockey team has had difficulty moving the puck out of its own zone. This deficiency cost them in a recent game against a consolidated Farmington team on December 13 at Novi Sports Arena.

The Mustangs got on the board first as Jim Stevenson took a pass from Mike Sklut and shot one off the post. Stevenson then picked up the puck in the left corner and centered a pass to Michael Garbarz who made a nice deflection for a 1-0 lead. Goalie Robert Davison made some point blank saves as Northville coughed up the puck in their own end. Eventually Farmington took advantage of the Mustang mistakes when they knocked a rebound in from the corner of the crease to tie the score. With time running out in the first period, Farmington again dominated in the Mustang end and capitalized on a loose puck to finish the period up 2-1.

With Northville playing a man

short early in the second period, Farmington scored to go up by two goals. They came right back with a quick wrist shot from the slot to make the score 4-1. Things got worse for the Mustangs midway through the second period when Farmington scored again from the left slot to extend their lead to 5-1. Northville closed the margin to three goals when defenseman Andrew Gasparato blistered a shot from the point. Stevenson and Sklut tallied assists on the

goal. However, the Mustangs couldn't get the momentum back. Phillip Meek took over in goal midway through the game for Northville and made some key stops to keep the Mustangs in the game at 5-2.

The third period was relatively uneventful until Farmington scored in the last minute, as Northville again coughed up the puck in their own zone, to close out the scoring at 6-2. The Mustangs record is now 1-3-1 for the season.

Whalers get two big wins

The Plymouth Whalers kicked off their Eastern Conference road trip with a 5-4 victory in Peterborough December 11. The Whalers trailed 2-0 at the end of the first, but scored three goals in the second and two in the third to ice the win. John Vigilante led the Whalers with the game winning goal and also added two assists.

The Petes took the early lead with a power play goal from Liam Reddix at 2:07 and then Michael Tuomi tallied at 11:27 to give his team the 2-0 lead.

The Whalers came back in the second with three goals to take a 3-2 lead. Sean Thompson scored his second of the season at 2:17 and Gino Pisellini added his ninth goal of the year at 3:35 to tie the game. James Neal scored his first of the year at 11:41 to give the Whalers the lead.

In the third it was Plymouth continuing its scoring touch as Jonas Fiedler scored on the power play at 2:58 for a 4-2 lead. But Peterborough finally answered with a goal from Mike McKeown at 4:31 and Josh Patterson scored on the power play at 8:08 to tie the game at 4-4. But Vigilante capped off another solid outing with goal at 13:43 to secure the win. James Wisniewski also let his presence be known for the Whalers as he returned from injury to add three assists in the victory.

Whalers 5, Saginaw 1

The Plymouth Whalers used a complete team effort to knock off the Saginaw Spirit 5-1 December

5 at Compuware Sports Arena. Dearborn's John Vigilante paced the Whalers with two goals and one assist. Georgi Misharin scored the lone Saginaw goal.

Despite a low amount of shots on goal, 7-6 in favor of Plymouth, the Whalers still managed to take a 2-1 lead at the end of the first period. Plymouth struck first when Sean Thompson scored his first goal of the year at 5:23. Brent Mahon and Craig Cescon earned the assists. The Spirit quickly answered the call when Georgi Misharin scored less than a minute later. The Whalers then closed out the period with a goal from John Vigilante to take the 2-1 lead. Ryan Ramsay fed the puck to Vigilante who outwaited Spirit goalie Mike Brown and slid the puck underneath him at 15:14. Mike Letizia also assisted on the goal.

Plymouth took advantage of its chances in the second to build a 4-1 lead. Vigilante scored his second of the game and 14th of the season at 6:27 of the second. Tim Sestito and Erik Lundmark assisted on the goal. The Whalers followed with a power play goal as Mike Letizia took a pass from Ramsay and outwaited Brown for the goal at 17:44. Jonas Fiedler picked up the other assist.

Fiedler capped off the scoring with the only goal of the third period. John Mitchell and John Vigilante assisted on the goal at the 1:00 mark of the third. Paul Drew earned the win in net with 28 saves on the night while Brown turned away 13 of the 18 shots he faced.

DON'T MISS...

Members of the Skating Club of Novi will perform in the Skating Club's Holiday Exhibition, which will take place on Saturday, December 20 from noon - 2 p.m. at Novi Ice Arena. Skaters age four through adult will be skating to their favorite holiday music during this United States Figure Skating Association-sanctioned event. There will be a \$2 donation at the door.

The Skating Club's Melissa Bedell of Farmington Hills, who will compete along with partner Brandon Hanson in Novice Pairs at the United States National Championships in Atlanta from

January 4-11, will be among the performers at the Exhibition, along with Halie Bojovic, who recently finished 10th in the Senior Ladies competition at the Midwestern Sectionals.

Established in 1998 with 25 members, the Skating Club of Novi is a volunteer organization that has been a member of the USFSA since 1999. Since then, the club has grown to almost 150 members. In addition to the Holiday Exhibition, the Skating Club of Novi and Novi Ice Arena will also host the annual ice show in April, as well as the Tri-State Figure Skating Competition.

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MONEY MATTERS

Dogs come with a hefty price

It's Christmas morning and your children are all excited because you just got them a new puppy; we'll call her Belle. Before making the purchase, did you think about what it costs to own a dog?

For starters she'll need to be spayed. She'll also need annual vaccinations against diseases like Parvo, distemper and rabies. She'll have to be examined by a vet at least once a year; and she'll have to take heartworm medication. During the course of her life young Belle will likely develop ear and gastrointestinal infections, which will require swift medical attention. Further, she's a flat coated/Labrador retriever mix, and as such, could be prone to a condition called hip dysplasia, which, if serious enough can require surgery. She'll eat hundreds of pounds of food. She'll need to be exercised, bathed, brushed, chauffeured, petted and played with.

As Belle's example illustrates, the decision to adopt a pet comes with long-term financial and emotional consequences. Animals rarely do the choosing, so the onus is on prospective pet owners to take a thoughtful and intelligent approach to selecting a pet. If you are considering adopting a cuddly companion, consider these issues when making your selection.

Examine your lifestyle

Look for a pet that will fit easily into your lifestyle. If you live in a one-bedroom apartment, but would love nothing more than to have a dog, consider adopting a small pooch. You don't want to commit a bulldozer, for example, to a life of cramped living. Not to mention you'll likely have to pay a hefty pet deposit to house such a large animal. If you work long hours, you'll have to ask yourself how much time you're realistically going to be able to spend with your pet. Can you afford to hire a pet sitter to come over during the day and spend time with your dog?

What kind of home do you have? Is it decked out in expensive fabrics? Do Persian rugs adorn the floors? Dogs don't know the difference between a Karsten rug and rug from Target. If you love your home more than life itself, then an animal might not be a good fit. But, if you're willing to put up with an occasional infraction, consider adopting a calm older dog that's already house trained.

Purebred considerations

If you prefer a purebred to a mutt, be prepared to shell out some cash. A pet's price will depend on how popular a selection it is. And the more popular the breed the harder it is to come by. Rare breeds like the flat-coated retriever (FLC) are also expensive.

Consider spending some time researching the breed before you buy it. A good place to start is the American Kennel Club's (AKC) Web site at www.akc.org. There you'll find a variety of articles that will help you determine the breed that will fit your lifestyle. The article entitled, "Be a Responsible Dog Owner," is particularly good because it includes 102 easy-to-read suggestions for raising a happy and healthy dog.

The AKC also has descriptions of registered purebreds on their Web site, as well as links to breeder referral contacts, breed-specific clubs and rescue groups. Rescue groups are organizations that take in purebred dogs that have been abandoned or surrendered due to the death or illness of their owners. You can also phone the Human Society of America (HSUS) at (202) 452-1100 to locate a rescue group in your area. Ask for the Companion Animals section.

Many purebred animals are prone to hereditary diseases and conditions. After you've narrowed your search down to a couple of breeds that you think will make a good addition to your family, consult a good pet healthcare reference like the free online Merck Veterinary Manual at <http://www.merckvet-manual.com/mvm/index.jsp>.

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Dennis Engerer, at left, watches the results on the screen, as Physical Therapist David Sawecki explains to Ardith Borgia how the Biodex dynamometer measures her strength for rehabilitation therapy.

Meet goals for year at Northville Physical Rehabilitation

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Whatever your personal physical goals are for 2004, make it your best year possible.

The staff at Northville Physical Rehabilitation has the expertise, equipment and experience to help people achieve their individual goals, which could include:

- regaining muscle strength

and/or endurance;

- learning to use a new hip or knee joint;
- recovering after a long illness or serious injury;
- relieving chronic back or headache pain; or
- simply losing the weight gained over the holidays.

Northville Physical Rehabilitation is a full-service physical rehab agency providing physical, occupational and

speech therapy, and social services in the modern 4,000 square-foot facility located in downtown Northville.

"Many people in the community are unaware that they can receive the level of care that they might expect from a large hospital facility right here in their hometown," said Dennis Engerer, a licensed physical therapist who has operated the business there since 1985. "In addition to being of the best quality and affordable, medical care should also be convenient."

Some of their clients require very involved care, such as someone recovering from an auto accident or a stroke may want to have a facility as close to their home as possible. Even someone with as simple diagnosis as back or neck pain may prefer to be treated near home or work to minimize the inconvenience, according to Engerer.

The licensed staff utilizes the latest treatment techniques and most advanced equipment to treat a wide spectrum of orthopedic, neurological and general medical conditions that require physical rehabilitation.

Northville Physical Rehabilitation also offers personal fitness training, nutritional counseling services and a health wellness program. Affordable monthly memberships are available for the fitness programs, said Engerer.

"We have earned the reputation in the medical community that when a physician has a patient who requires immediate or preferential treatment, they can rely on us," said Engerer. "I am confident that we have the very best staff, the latest equipment and a broad range of experience to treat even the most

challenging cases."

The staff has provided restorative care to patients for almost 20 years, prescribing the right exercise program or physical therapy for a given diagnosis.

"People respond to physical treatment. Exercise is good medicine," Engerer said.

Northville Physical Rehabilitation has licensed physical therapists, an occupational therapist, speech therapist, physical therapy assistant, exercise physiologist, personal trainers and nutritional counselor on its staff.

In a typical day, the staff may treat a range of diagnoses from simple shoulder tendonitis to a person on the long road back from a spinal cord or brain injury, Engerer said. They use many tools to assist people from a complex piece of equipment to our own hands, he added.

"It's tremendously rewarding to assist individuals in maximizing their physical potential whether it is helping a senior citizen learn to walk again or a young athlete regain as much strength as possible. It's exciting to participate in the rehabilitation process," said Engerer.

In addition to seeing patients at its downtown Northville facility, the staff is available to treat patients in their homes or in an extended care facility if necessary.

"Our clients are referred to us by their doctors or case managers, but you don't need to have a physician's referral for the initial evaluation," said Engerer. "We welcome anyone who needs our services."

"We work closely with the referring agent to insure that they are kept informed of the patient's progress and potential

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for improvement," he added.

The staff can assist patients with obtaining a referral by sending its report and recommendation to their doctor. Most insurance plans cover physical rehabilitation. Northville Physical Rehab is approved by Medicare, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and most other insurance plans, according to Engerer.

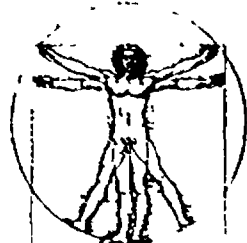
Prospective patients may call the office to make an appointment for an initial evaluation that usually takes from one to two hours. Typical treatments require about one hour per visit.

A treatment plan is established specifically for each patient's needs, physical capabilities and limitations. The duration of treatment is estimated at the time of the initial evaluation with periodic progress assessments conducted as needed.

"We accept some patients without medical insurance," Engerer said. "We will establish an affordable payment plan based on the treatment provided and the patient's financial ability."



Louise Austin, a physical therapy assistant, demonstrates a device used for strengthening and stabilizing the back.



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Elegant assets

Arch-topped windows deserve to be left bare

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I am bewildered by the windows on our sun porch, which are arched at the top. My shade shop man tells me I have to order shades or shutters that are custom-fit to the curves. I would love the way that looks, but custom anything is too rich for our budget right now. If we weren't on a busy corner, I'd just leave the windows bare. Should I buy inexpensive curtains and let it go at that?

A: You could, but you don't have to. Budget-crunch or not, you are rich, architecturally speaking. Arch-topped windows are usually too lovely to cover up. Dressing the lower panes only should provide sufficient privacy and light-control. So I say, leave the arches bare to let in the daylight and showcase their elegance, as the designers have done in the room we show here. They mounted semi-opaque honeycomb shades (Duettes from Hunter Douglas) just below the arch so they virtually disappear into the woodwork when they are raised.

Good news for your energy budget: Honeycombs are famously eco-smart. Thanks to layers of air trapped in the honeycomb construction, they provide terrific insulation, keeping the cold out in winter and the cool in when the air conditioner's on. Another feature to consider (were your budget a bit more robust) is a remote-control system that controls the shades at the touch of a button.

To investigate more options, check out www.hunterdouglas.com.

Enjoy design-snooping in other peoples' homes?

Grab your 2004 calendar and circle April 17-25, Historic Garden Week in Virginia. Every April for the past 70 years, the Garden Club of Virginia has opened the doors to some of the most interesting houses in the United States, spanning four centuries of American architecture, from the mid-17th to the early 21st.

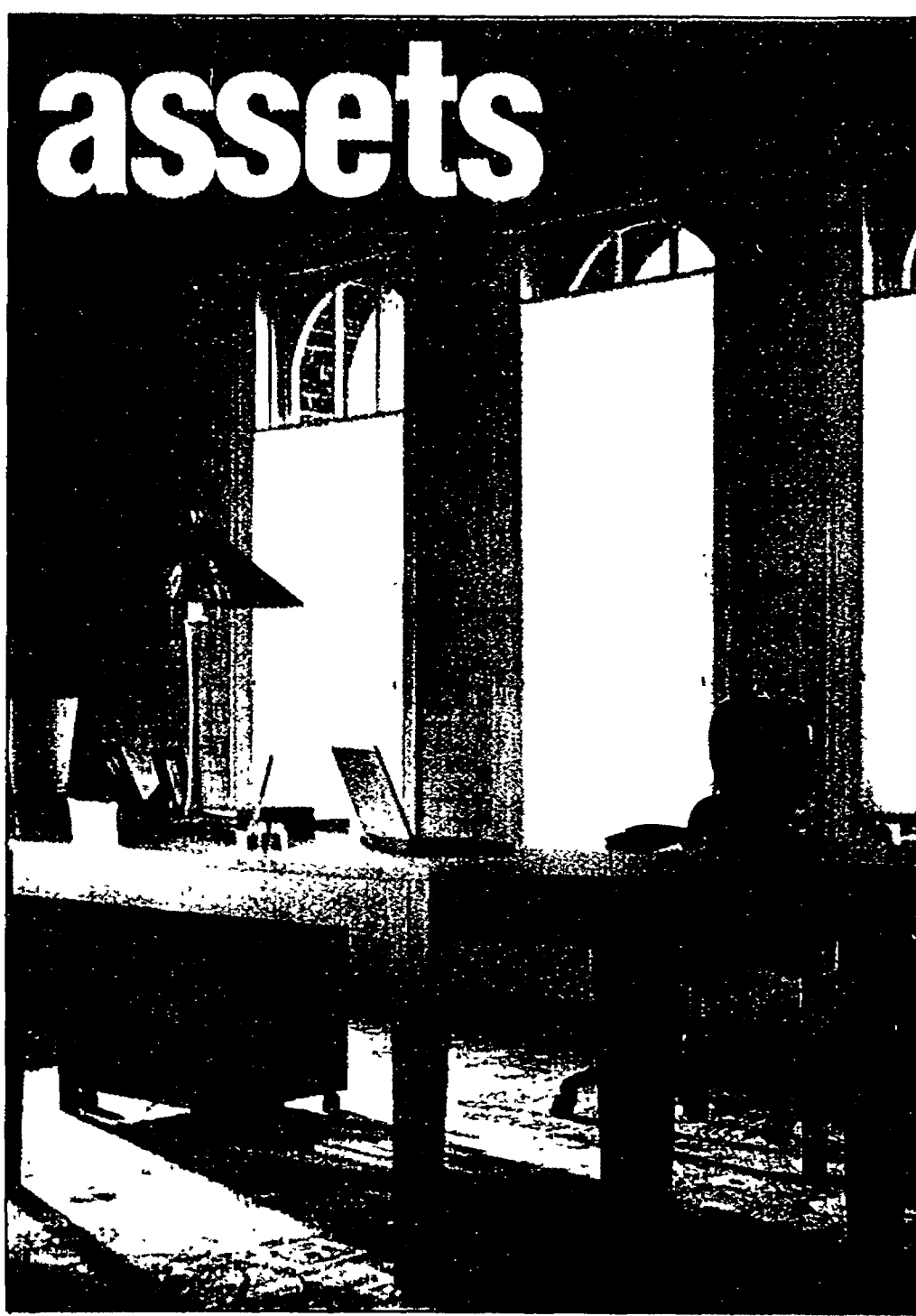
Many are historic, such as the homes of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and — of particular interest in this bicentennial year — Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Others represent contemporary ideas in architecture, including a design by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Ticket sales support important restoration projects — the ladies of the Garden Club of Virginia don't do dirt, believe me. Instead, they do over gardens and grounds of major historical interest, such as Jefferson's famed serpentine wall at the University of Virginia, his "academic village" in Charlottesville.

The event draws quite a crowd during an especially beautiful time of year in Virginia, which is why we're telling you to make plans now. Details at (804) 644-7776, or www.VAGardenWeek.org.

Q: I saw a great-looking canopy in a bedroom you once showed in your column. The fabric panels draped from a canopy holder shaped like a crown. I have been looking for one like it ever since. Please help.

A: Your local curtain and drapery shop should be able to help you. Or you can harness the magic of modern communications and click on www.brylance.com



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home.com (800-528-5150), which offers a gilded metal crown and two decorative tie-backs for under \$50. Their version takes a pair of window cur-

tain panels. How much easier could that be?

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Home
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Gretchen Voyle



If you want blueberries, buy them

Q: I have been trying to grow blueberries for five years. The plants are small and never grow. The leaves are kind of light green or yellow and then the plants die. How can I get blueberries?

A: Buy them. Blueberries are one of the most difficult small fruit crops to produce unless conditions are perfect. Your yellow leaves and lack of growth are an indication the soil pH is off. Blueberries are not for the faint of heart or those without lots of patience. Blueberries require a very acidic soil with a pH of 4.5 to 5. Very little of Livingston County is that acidic. A soil pH hundreds of times higher is common. So first, you need a soil test. Blueberries also need a sandy soil or a soil high in organic matter, like peat. They cannot grow with heavy soils because of their fibrous root system. Blueberries need a high water table, which means that the water is 14 to 22 inches below the surface of the soil all season. Since virtually nobody has this at his or her house, this usually means that you will be doing a great deal of watering. Drought can be damaging or fatal to blueberries if they aren't watered. Extremely cold winters with temperatures at 20 to 25 degrees below zero can severely damage blueberry flower buds and stems. No flower buds mean no flowers, which mean no blueberries. Blueberries do not produce a crop of things to eat for five to seven years at the earliest. Does any of this sound like fun yet? If you aren't willing to do all of this, go to a you-pick place or buy them by the big box and blueberry out.

Using chemicals to strip paint is a messy job

By Gene Gary
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I want to refurbish old kitchen cabinets that have been painted. Do you have any recommendations for removing paint from wood that won't damage the wood?

A: There are a number of paint-removal methods. Despite the method, it will be a tedious and messy process. Still, the reward at the end will be great-looking furniture or cabinets.

The most popular paint-removal methods for non-pros are commercial/chemical strippers and heat guns that soften the paint with heat. Both methods require removal of the paint with a scraping tool.

Chemical strippers come in water-based and solvent-based variety. The solvent one contains methylene chloride. Solvent-based strippers are probably the most preferred with do-it-yourselfers. They are relatively easy to handle and can be safer than using a heat gun.

The heat gun, if used incorrectly, can scorch the wood or even cause fires.

Although water-based paint removers are popular because of the ease in clean-up, I prefer the solvent-based product because it tends to work faster and is not as prone to raising the wood grain. However, you will need to take precautions when using solvent-based

Chemical paint-stripping

Removing paint from wood can be messy and tedious. Precautions include wearing a face mask or respirator, eye goggles, chemical-

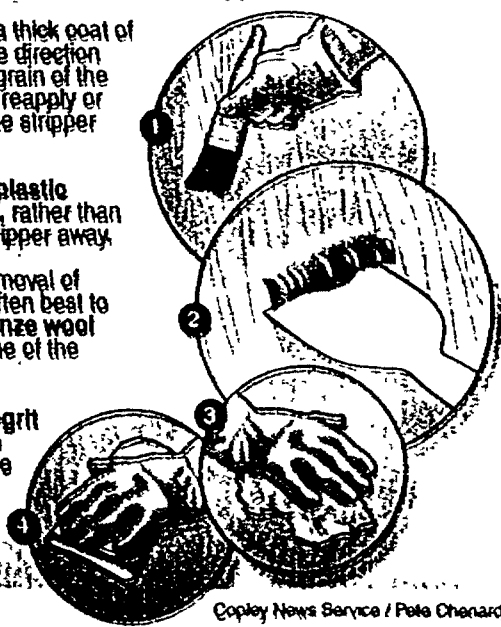
resistant gloves and old clothes. Some tips for the best results when using either a water-based or solvent-based chemical stripper:

1. Brush on a thick coat of stripper in one direction following the grain of the wood. Do not reapply or try to move the stripper around.

2. Use a stiff plastic scraper to lift, rather than smear, the stripper away.

3. For final removal of residue it is often best to work with bronze wool dipped in some of the stripper.

4. Use a fine-grit sandpaper to smooth out the surface.



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strippers. These chemicals are flammable and powerful. Adequate room ventilation is a must.

If the work is inside, you must use fans to ventilate the room.

Opening doors and windows is not enough.

The tools and techniques for using both products are about the same. Chemical strippers are

applied with a wide nylon or natural-bristle paint brush (consider using cheaper brushes which can be thrown away after the project).

Always wear a face mask, or respirator that fits well and is designed for the particular hazards you may face, whether it's dust, particles, vapors or solvents. Wear eye goggles and hand protection (chemical-resistant gloves) and old clothes/shoes.

Here are some tips for the best results when using either water-based or solvent-based strippers:

— Brush the stripper onto the surface in one direction only following the grain of the wood. Apply the stripper in a single, thick coat, approximately 1/8 inch thick. Do not reapply or try to move the stripper around.

— Follow the manufacturer's directions for recommended length of time to let it sit. This can vary from one product to another. Don't get in a hurry, allow the stripper to do its work. The chemical action of the stripper causes the paint to bubble up and releases its bond to the wood.

— Use a stiff plastic scraper. Metal can damage the wood's surface. Scrape with the grain of the wood. Don't try to work everything off at once. It may take a second, or even third, application to remove all the paint.

— Always lift rather than wipe paint or polyurethane from wood

surfaces using a plastic scraper. Lifting takes paint and polyurethane off of wood; wiping pushes it back into the wood.

— For final removal of residue, use bronze wool dipped in some of the stripper. (Some removal products, such as Fomby's Paint & Poly Remover, recommend a Paint & Poly Remover wash for a final surface cleaning).

— Use a fine grit sandpaper to smooth out the surface. After sanding, use a tack cloth to remove residue prior to applying a stain or wood preservative.

Prior to beginning the task, remove all of the doors and drawers in your cupboards (work on these components separately on a flat table surface) and all of the old hardware. Be sure to protect the floors and countertops with plastic dropcloths. Put layers of newspaper on the dropcloths to collect the chemicals as you work. Change the newspapers frequently to keep the mess under control. Cardboard comes in handy for cleaning softened paint or finish off your scraper. Once you have a clean wood surface, sanded smooth, you can apply a stain of your choice and complete the finishing process. Premixed stains are easy to use and available in a variety of colors and shades.

A finish coat of polyurethane will help protect the surface from penetration of dirt and grease, particularly in the kitchen environment.

Q: I want to buy a small Christmas tree with roots on. Then I can plant it in my yard. I have done this for two years and the trees keep dying. How am I supposed to do this?

A: The list is long but not impossible. First, buy a happy, lively tree. If the needles are dry or shedding, walk on by. Make sure the soil in the pot is moist. This is critical to survival. The tree should be outside where it is cold so it stays dormant at the time you are buying it. Some evergreens are more difficult to grow because they need a more acidic soil to thrive. If you aren't sure about your soil pH, trees that require more acidic soils are Fraser, Caanan, Nordman and Nikko firs. You might want to avoid these if you are unsure. When you bring the tree home, don't toss it into the back of the truck so the wind can whip the moisture out of the needles. When it gets home, put it in a protected place outside or in the garage and make sure the soil stays moist. This is the bad part: the tree can only be inside for a week or less. If it is in a warm house longer, the tree will begin coming out of dormancy and be killed by the harsh winter temperatures. Dig the hole in your yard immediately. Take the soil into the garage or somewhere it won't freeze into a concrete blob. Fill the empty hole with straw or other insulating materials. When your baby tree goes outside after Christmas, it needs to be planted in the ground out of the pot. It can readjust to the cold in the garage for a week if outside temperatures are bitterly cold. Take the tree out of the container and plant it no deeper than the original ground level in the pot. Water well to gently compact the soil. Mulch the soil surface with straw or wood chips. If you are able to put a cylinder of burlap around the plant attached to stakes, this will slow the wind for less needle damage. Make sure the burlap does not touch or cover the tree. Don't allow this tree to get Grinchy.

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Momentum continues to build for home sales

By James M. Woodard
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Home sales will remain strong through 2004. That's the prediction coming from the crystal balls of top real estate analysts.

We've had three consecutive years of record home sales. That momentum, bolstered by a strengthening economy, is a solid foundation for a continued robust housing market.

"With the economy improving, consumer confidence rising and jobs being created, a growing number of households will sustain strong housing demand," said David Lereah, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors. "Only a modest rise in mortgage interest rates will slightly dampen the pace of home sales next year."

One encouraging sign is an improving job market. There are substantial improvements in manufacturing and

other sectors, which creates more jobs.

"We expect 2 million jobs to be created over the next year, pushing the unemployment rate down to about 5.6 percent by the fourth quarter of next year," Lereah said.

The NAR projects a record of 6.07 million existing-home sales for 2003. That's up 9.1 percent from 5.57 million in 2002. New home sales in 2003 will grow by 9.7 percent to a record of 1.07 million units. Housing starts in 2003 should rise 6.1 percent to 1.81 million units, the most since 1978.

"Next year we're expecting 5.8 million existing-home sales and 1.02 million new home sales. That would be the second best year ever for each series. The number of housing starts next year is projected at 1.72 million," Lereah said.

The rate of home-price increases is expected to slow somewhat in 2004, but it will continue to be above the historic norm of 1 percent to 2 percent more

than the rate of inflation.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is projected to average only 6.4 percent in 2004, up modestly from an average of 5.8 percent in 2003 — the lowest in four decades.

"With tame inflation, mortgage interest rates are staying at very low levels much longer than many people expected. This is extending the period of favorable housing market conditions and sustaining historically strong sales activity," Lereah said.

Q: How much will homeowners insurance premiums rise in 2004?

A: The cost of homeowners insurance coverage is expected to rise about 8 percent in 2004, according to the Insurance Information Institute. Rates increased 6.9 percent in 2003.

Storms, hurricanes, floods, wildfires and other natural events are the key culprits in the rising premiums. Insurers have been saddled

with more than \$12 billion in catastrophic losses so far in 2003 and, amid increased competition, insurance companies are struggling to restore their capital and profits.

Insurance companies are also trimming coverage, including the elimination of guaranteed full replacement policies for homes. Also, some insurance providers are trying to reduce coverage in risky areas. Some are even removing themselves entirely from problem markets.

Q: Do most Midwesterners move to a more climate-friendly area when they retire?

A: Perhaps not most, but many seniors are still leaving the Midwest in search of better climates, according to recent U.S. Census Bureau data. The Midwest lost about 100,000 residents, age 65 and older, from 1995 to 2000. Retirees continue to be attracted to warm climates or interesting geography, such as mountains or coastlines.

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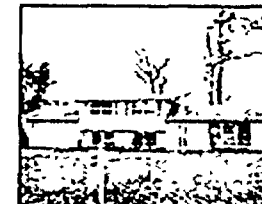
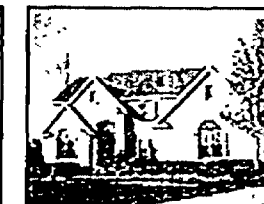
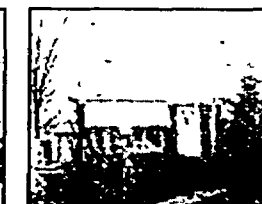
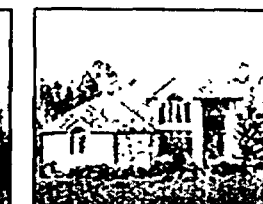







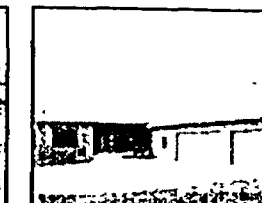
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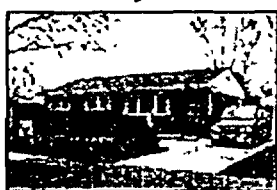
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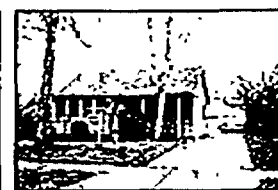
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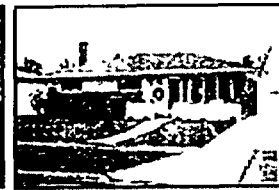
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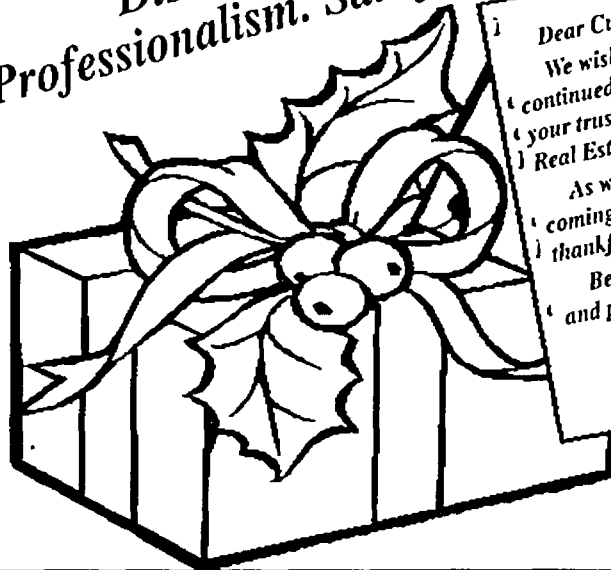


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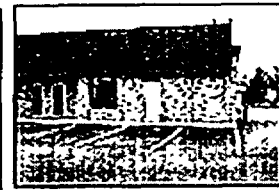
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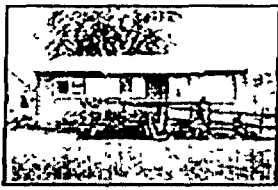
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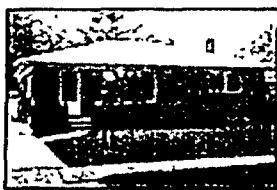
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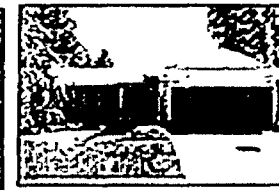
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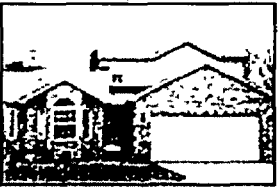
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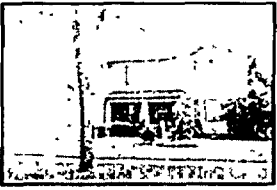
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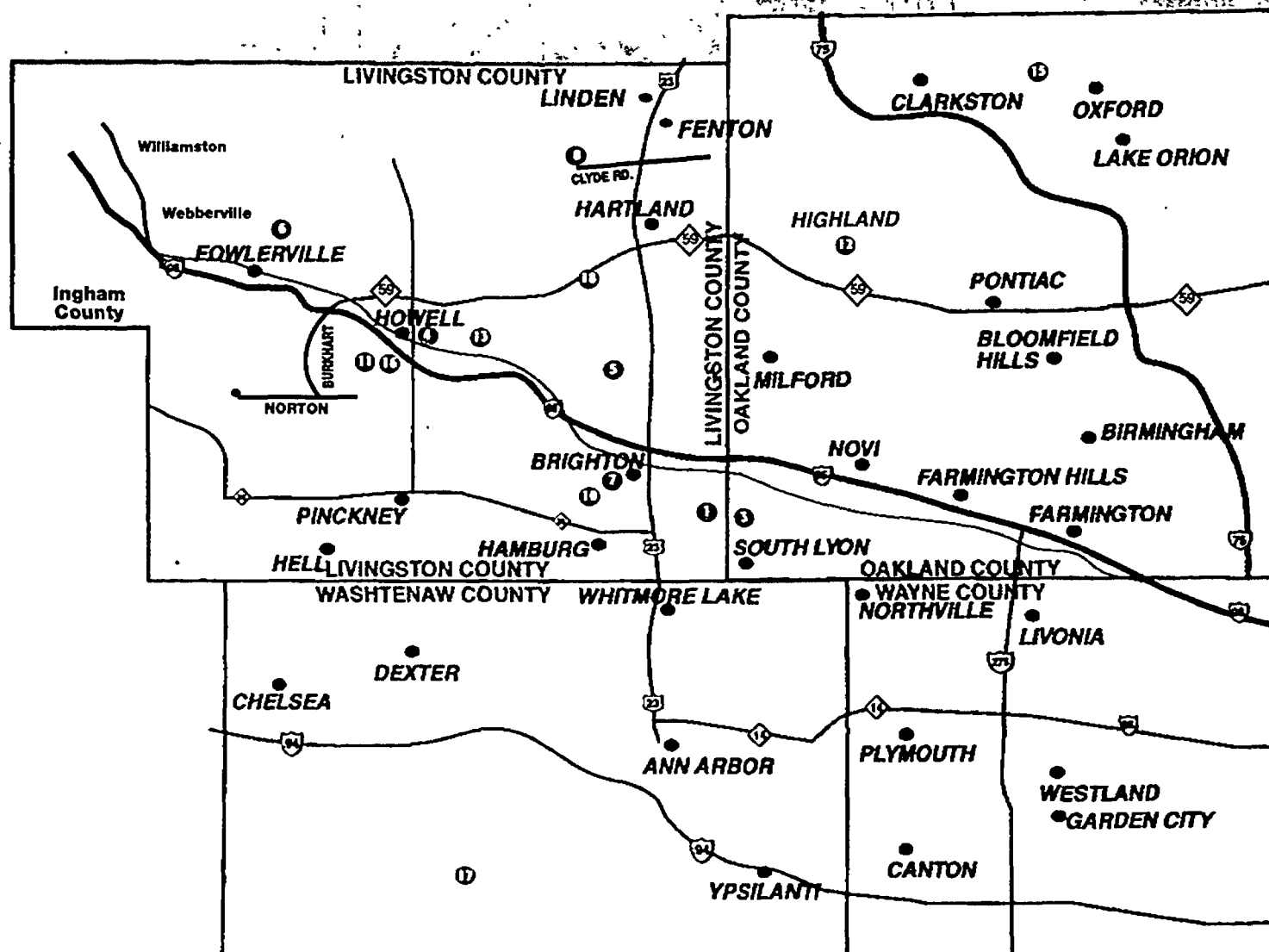
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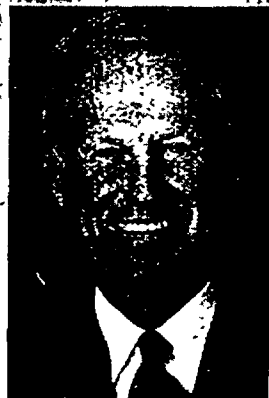
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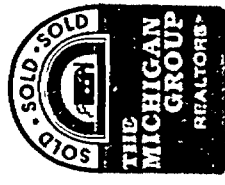
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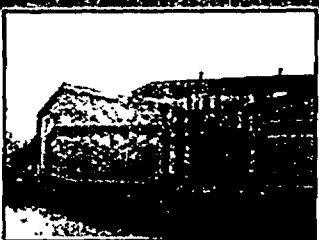
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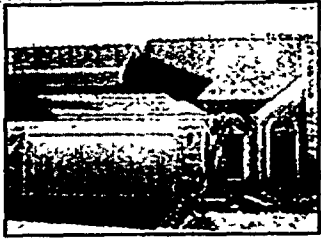
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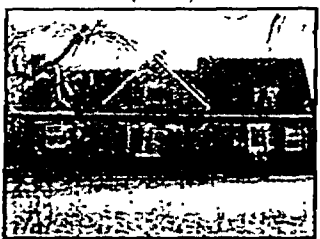
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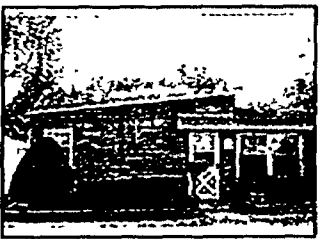
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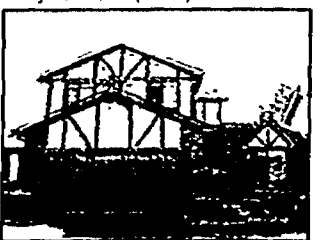
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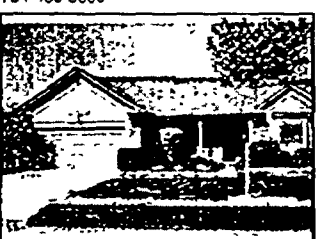
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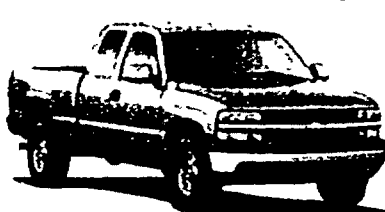
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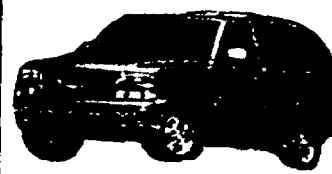
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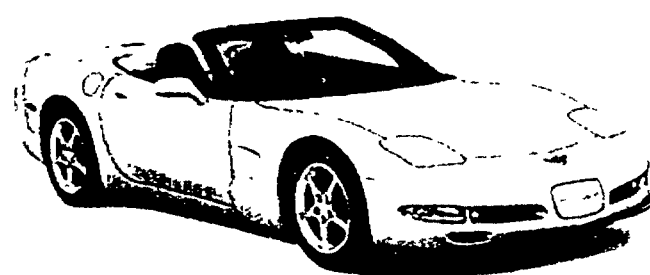
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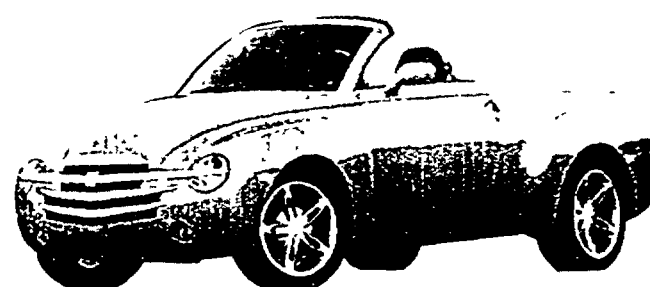
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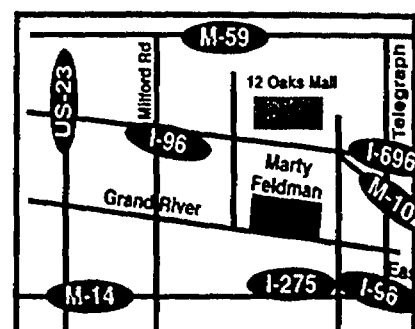
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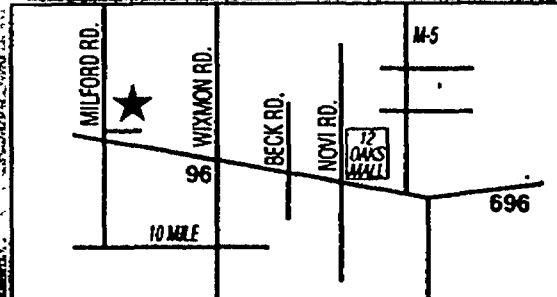
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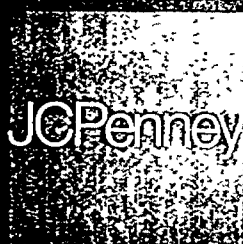
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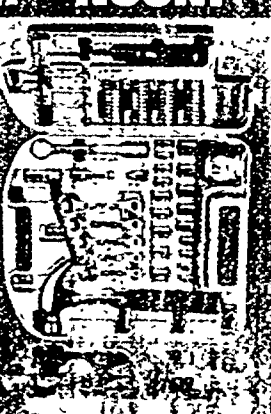
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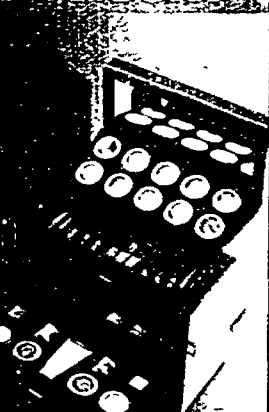
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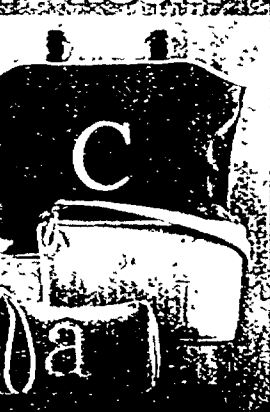
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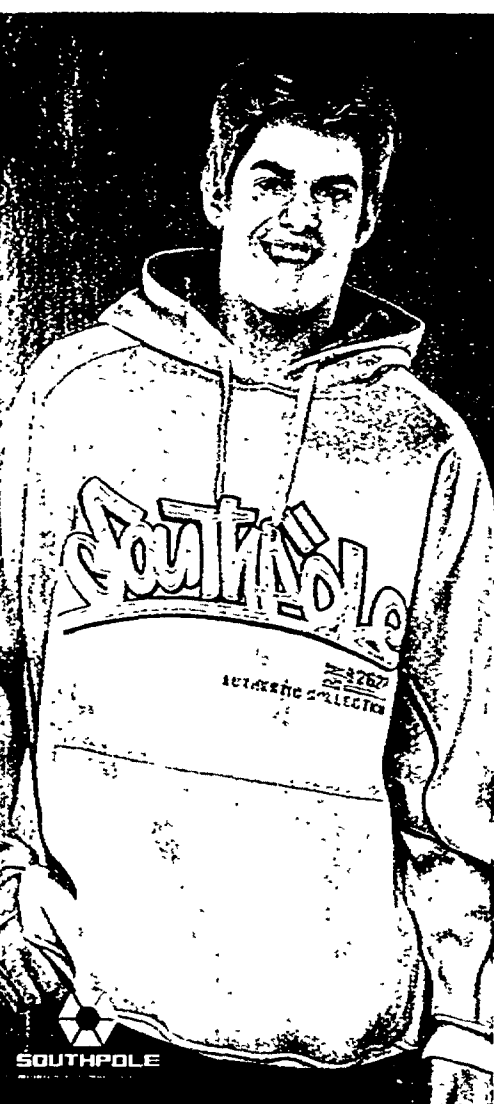
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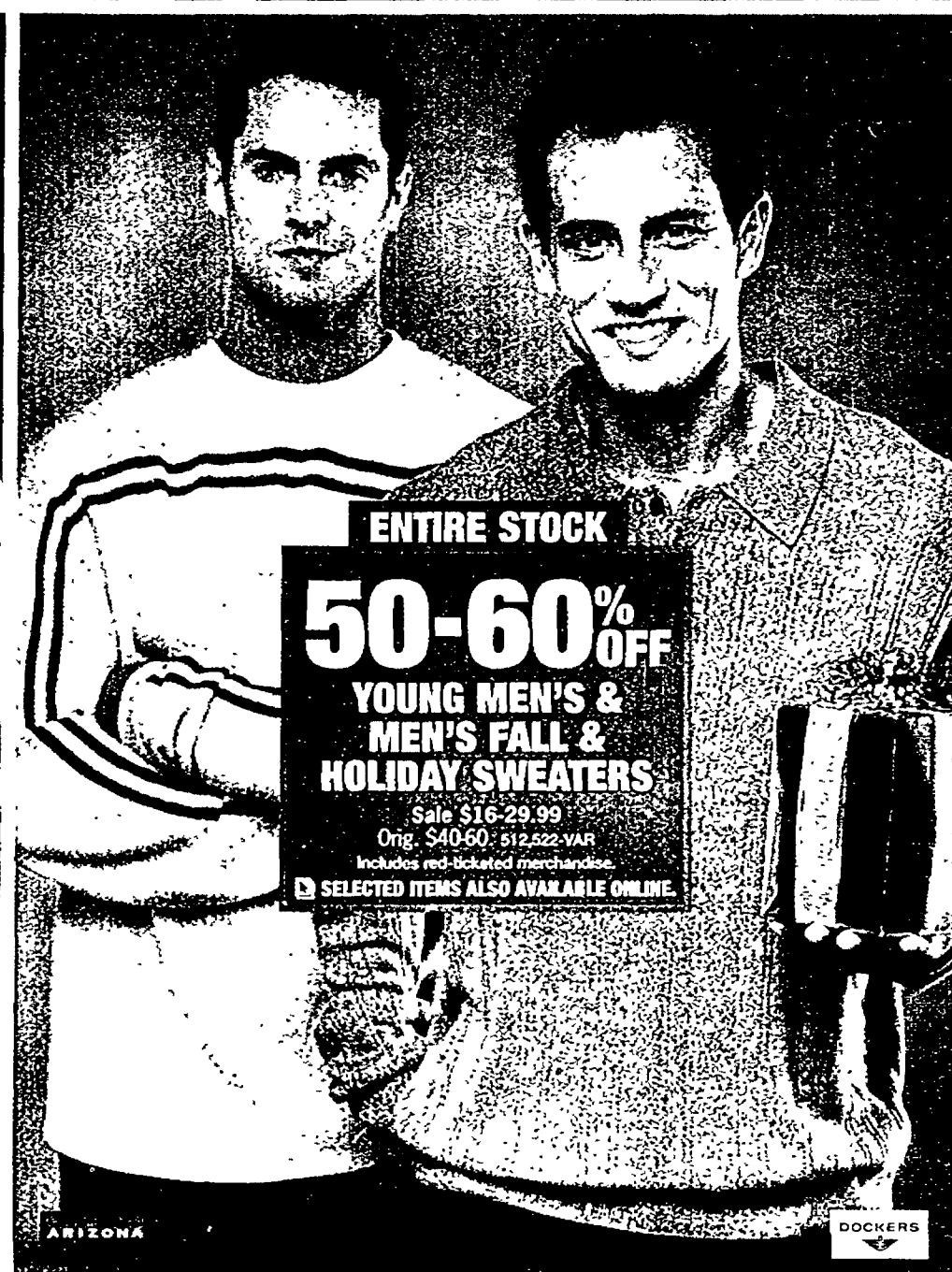
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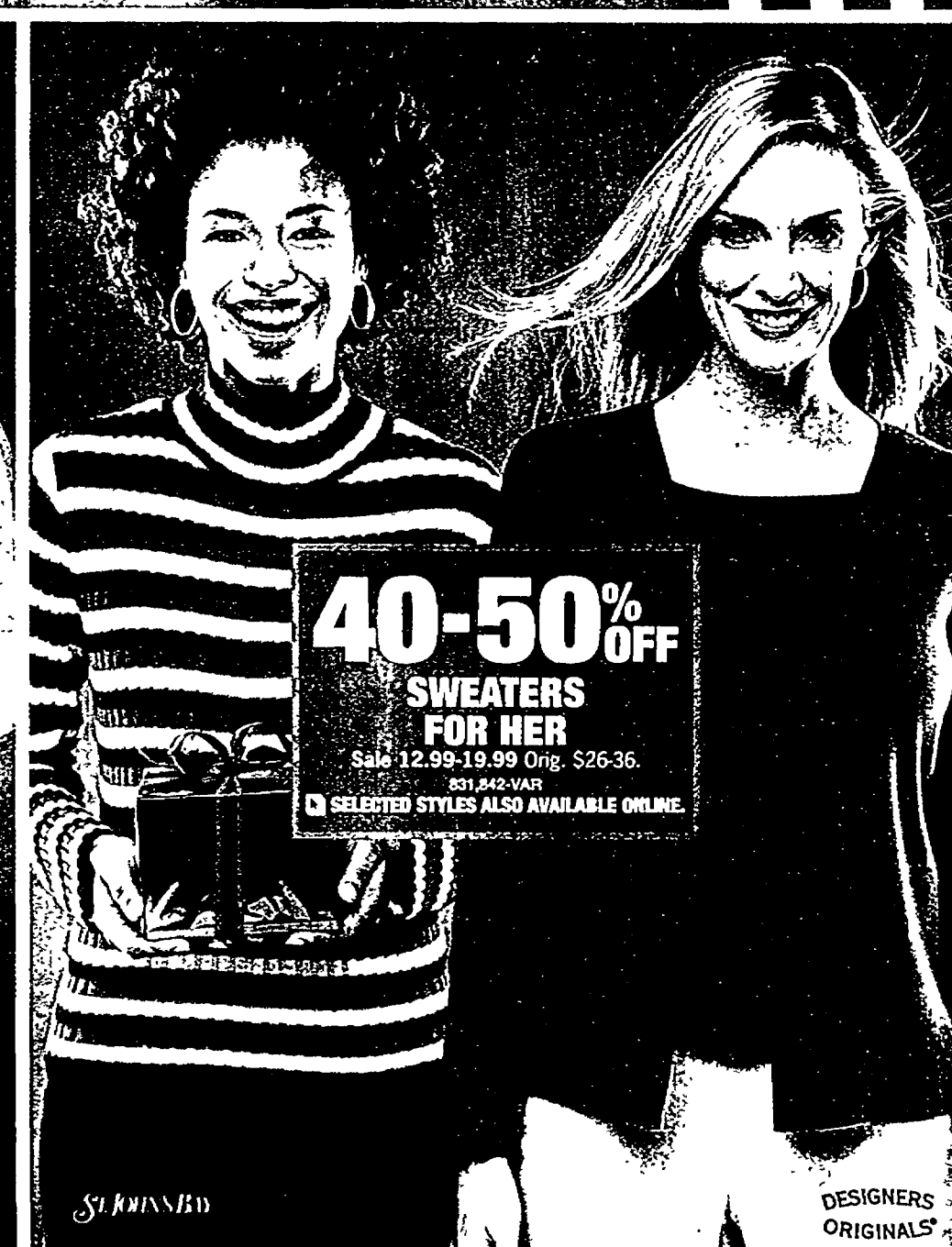
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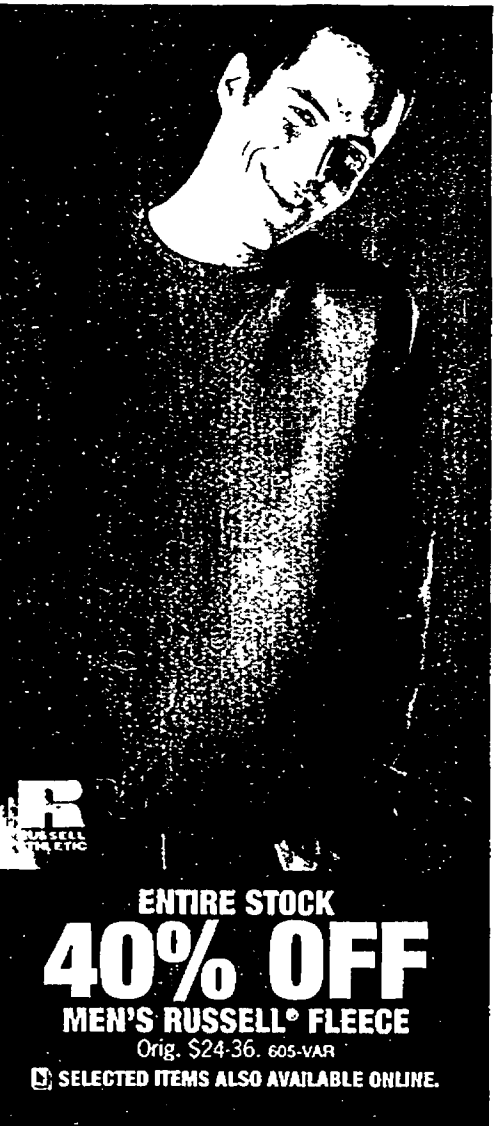
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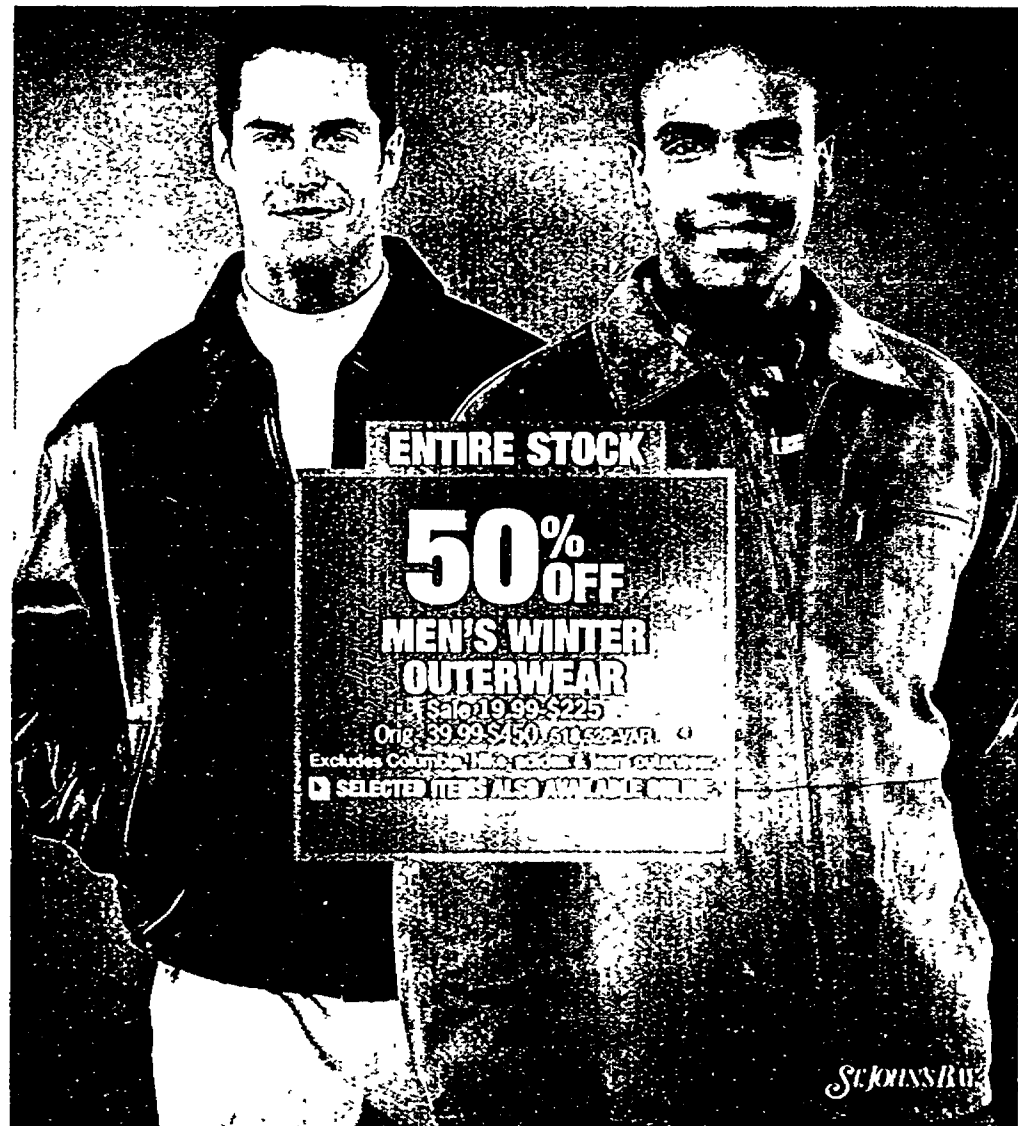
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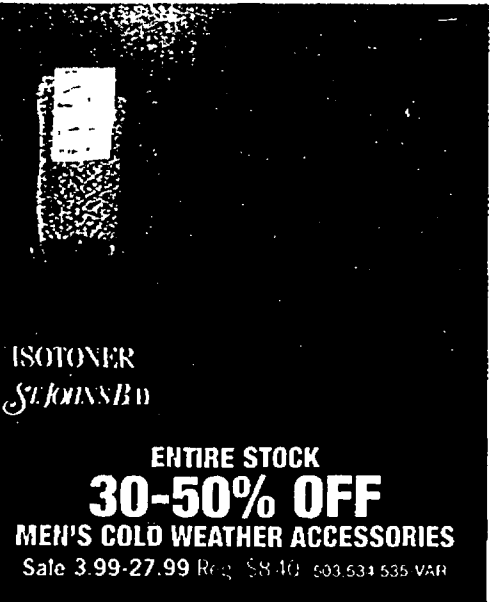
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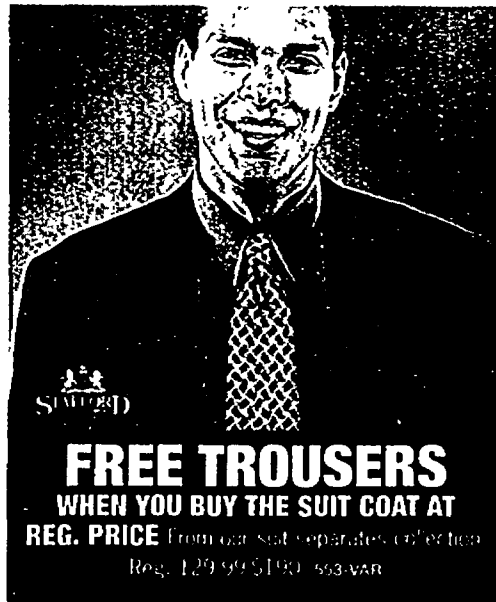
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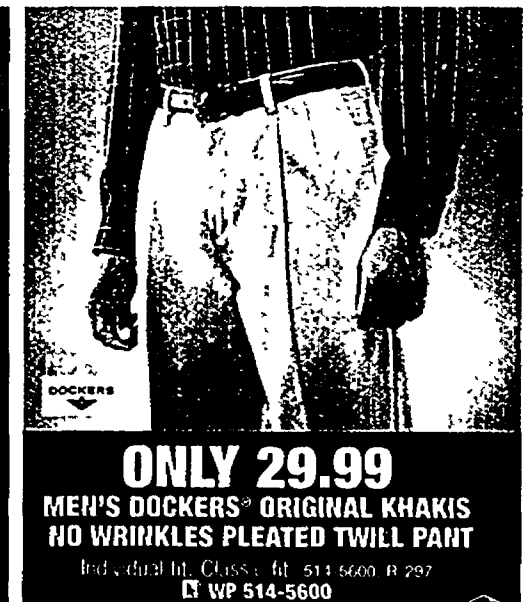
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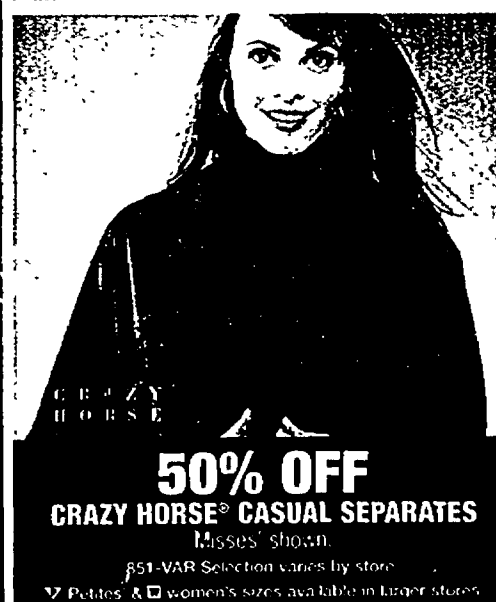
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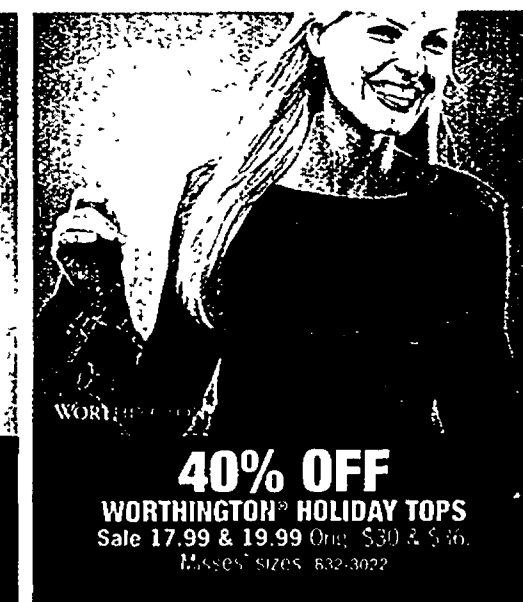
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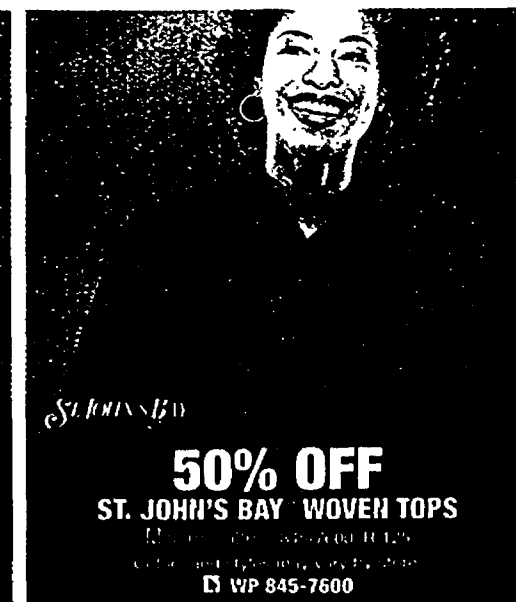
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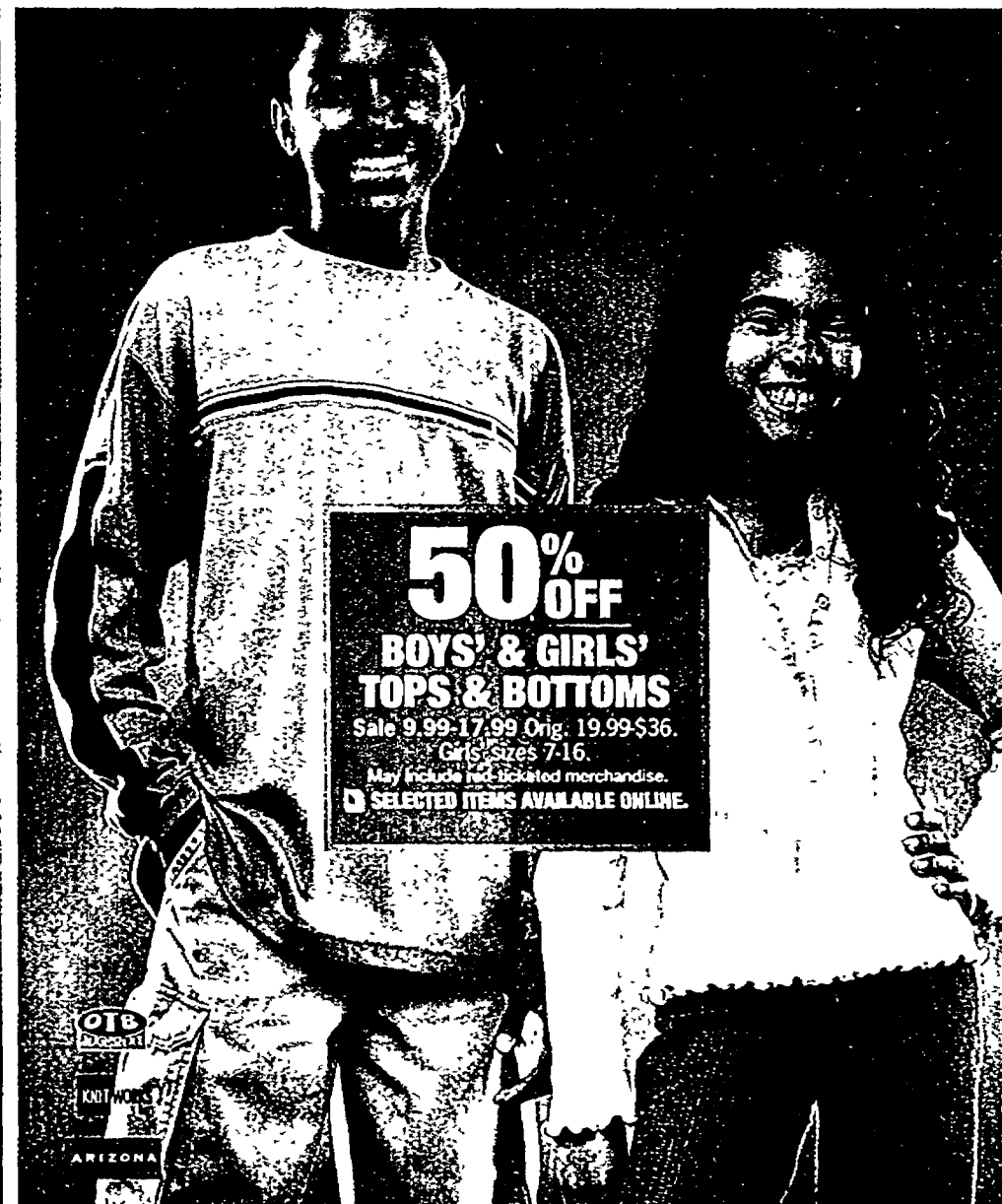
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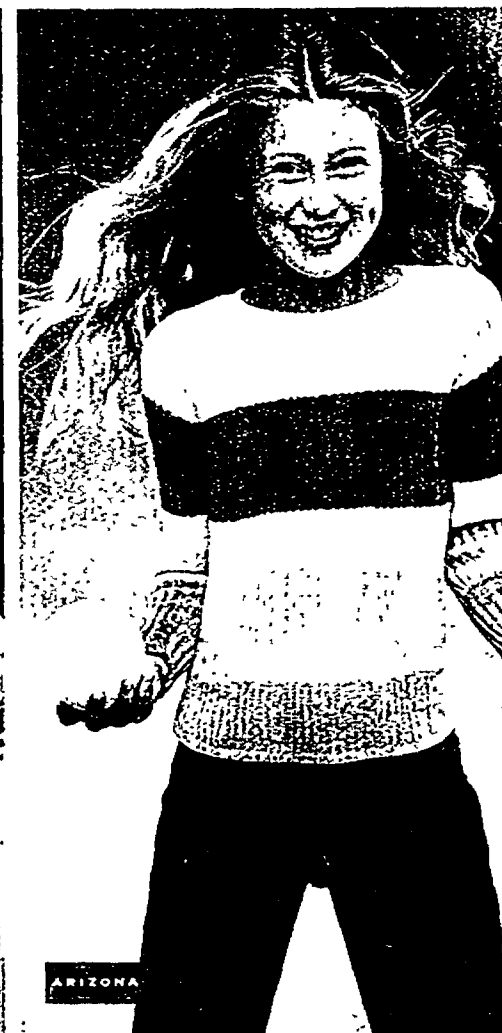
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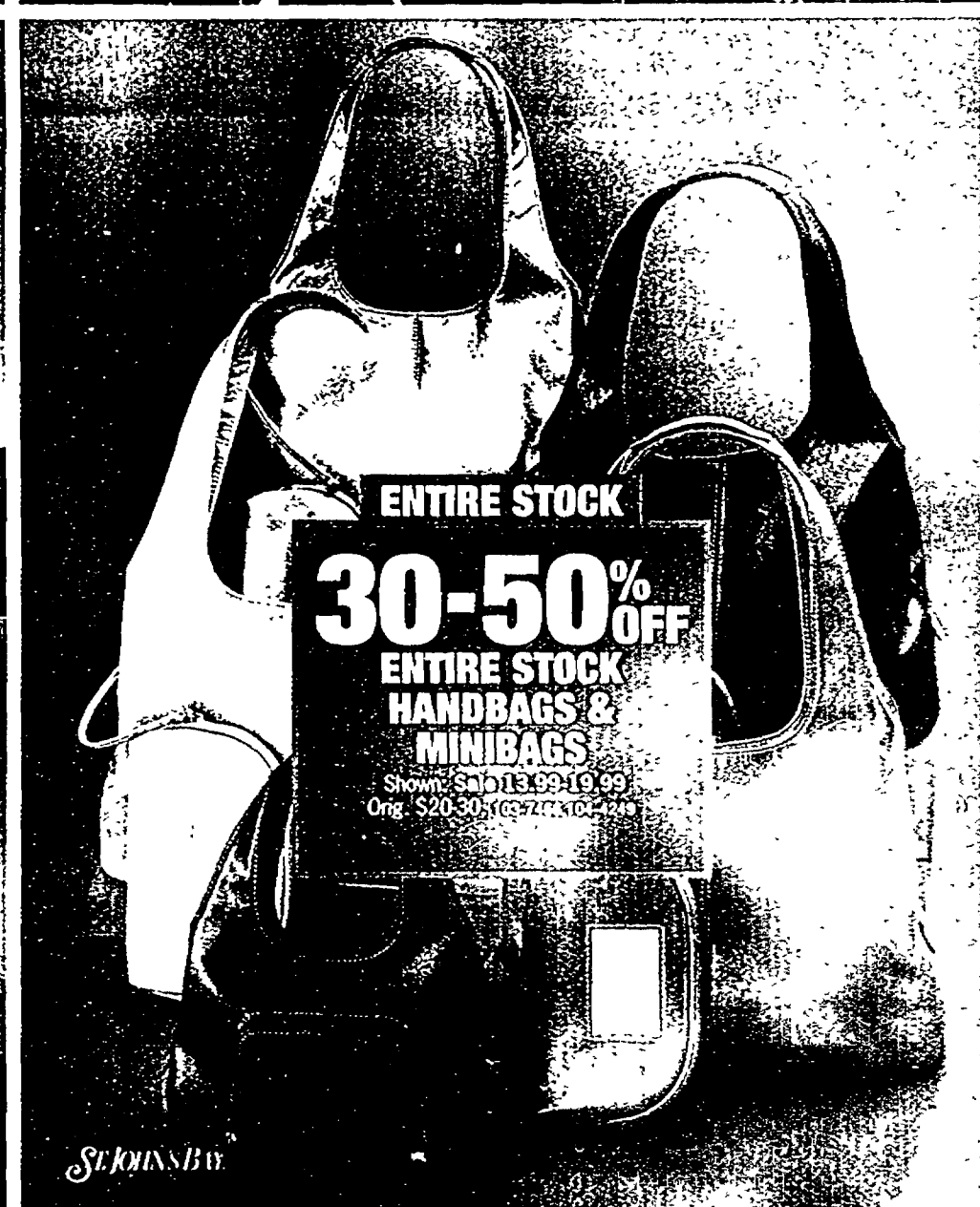
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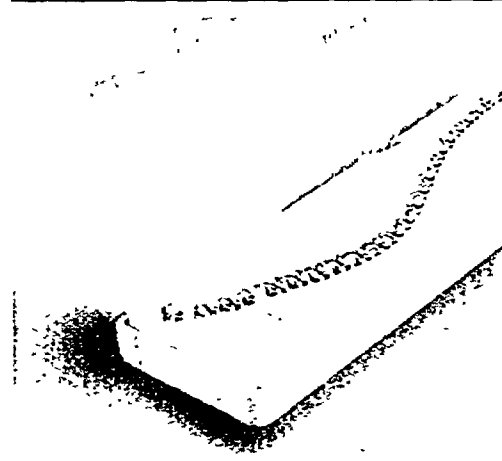
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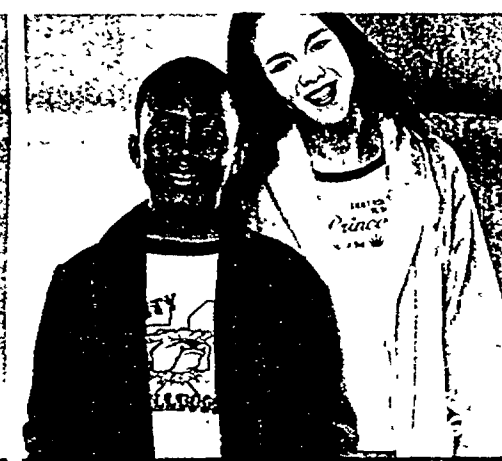
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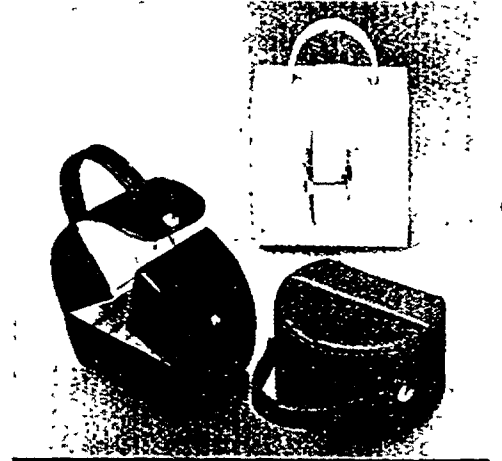
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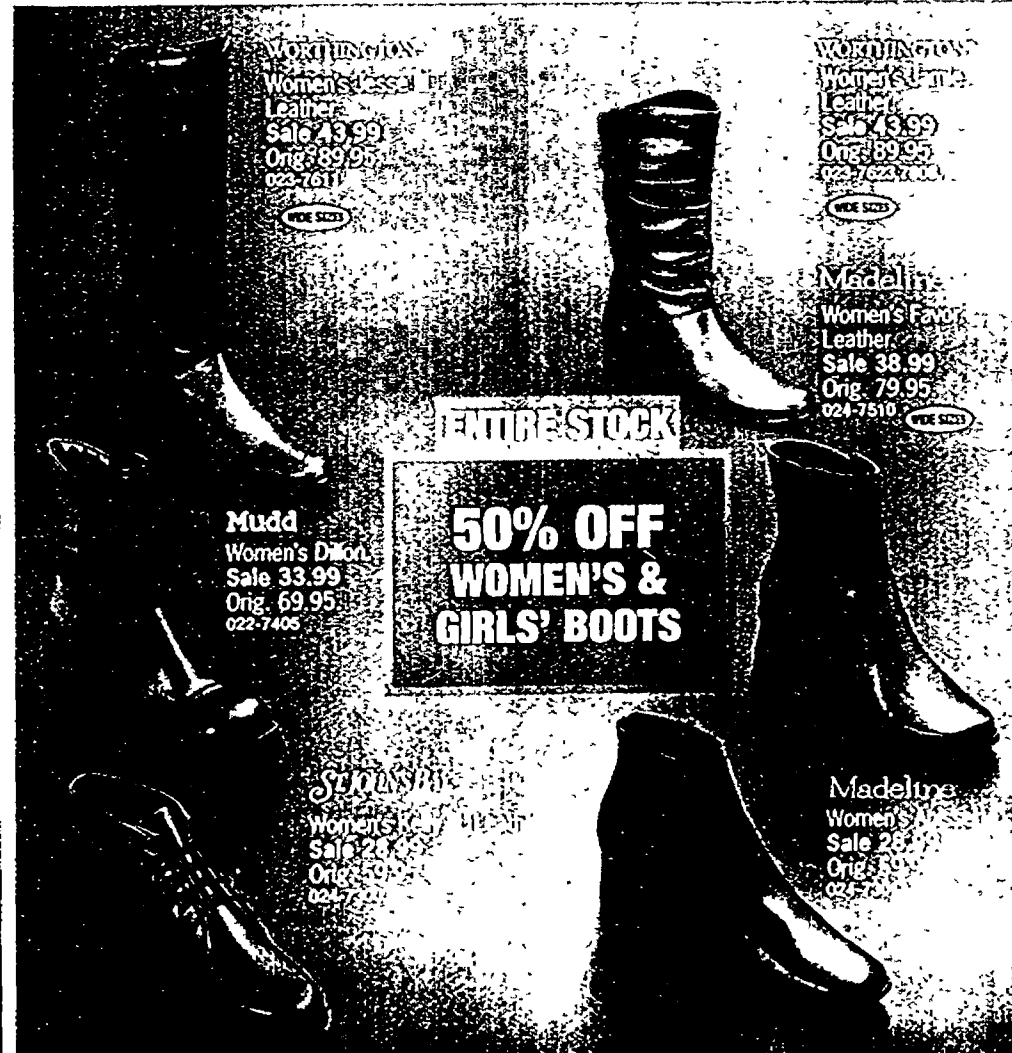
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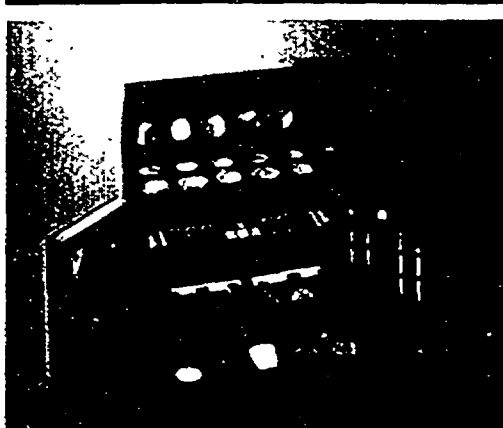
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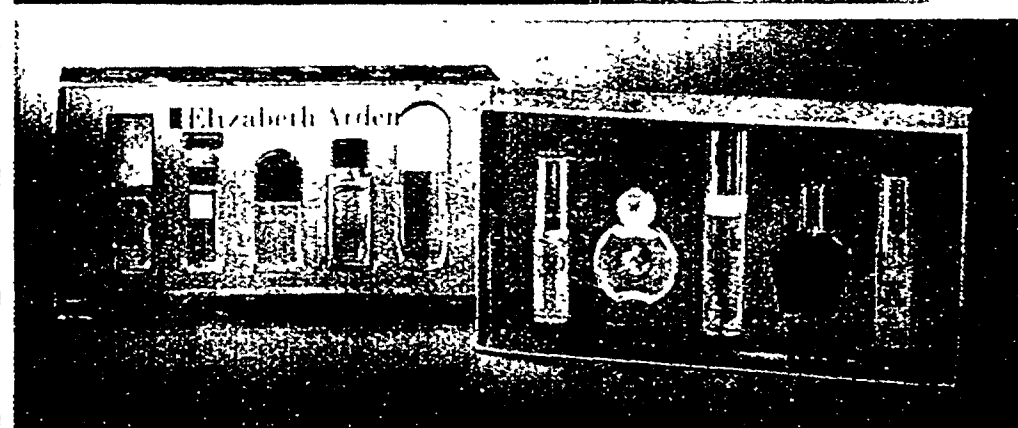
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Sale 29.99
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Orig. \$60 036-3315, JN-154
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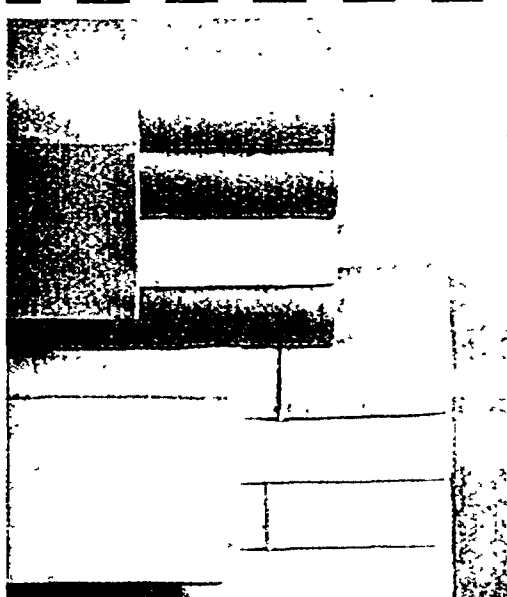
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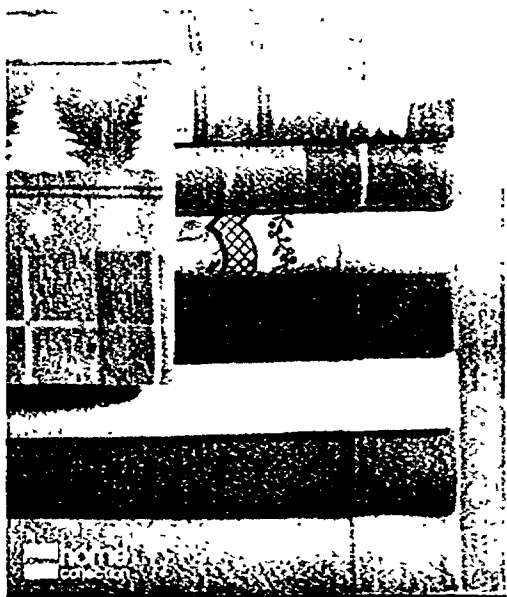
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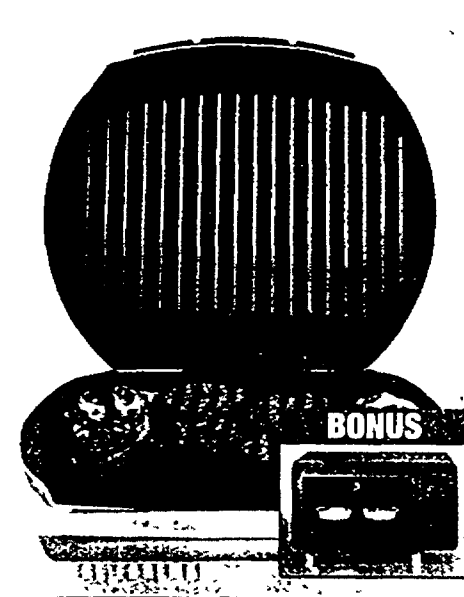
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40% OFF
DOWN
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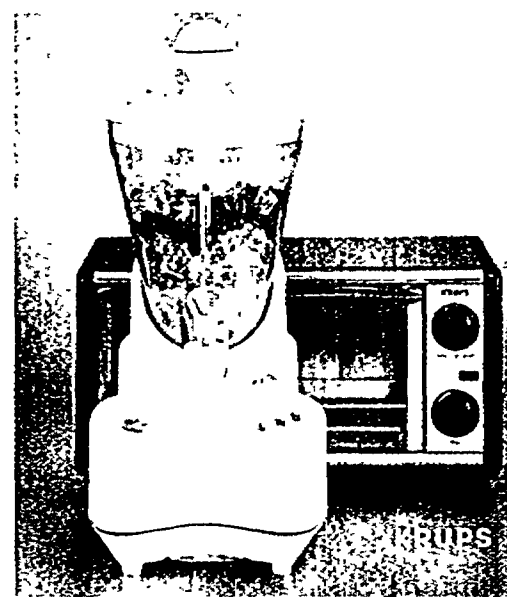
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50% OFF**
FLANNEL SHEET SETS Sale 17.49-34.99
Reg. 34.99-69.99, 723-VAR, R-992
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ONLY 99.99
GEORGE FOREMAN® XL JUMBO GRILL
Bonus: Ultravecton oven with purchase
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**ENTIRE STOCK
19.99**
SMALL APPLIANCES
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Orville Redenbacher® popcorn maker.
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**YOUR CHOICE
39.99**
**SMOOTHIE PRO OR KRUPS® TOASTER
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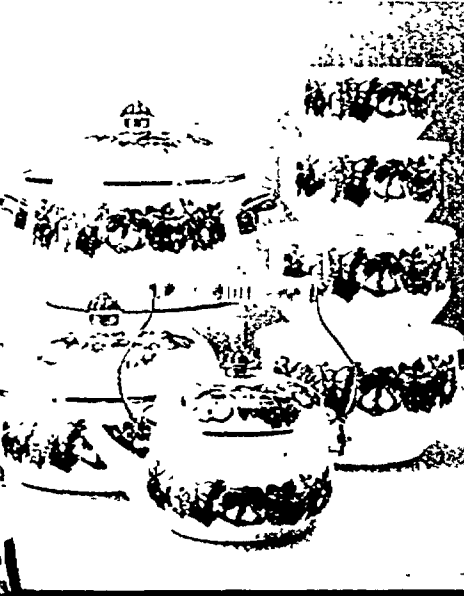
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BUY 1 GET 1 FOR \$1**
BED PILLOWS Reg. 9.99-139.99. 725-VAR
Excludes Therapeutic pillows. Second pillow must be of equal or
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**ENTIRE STOCK
40% OFF**
**SIMPLY ELEGANT,
ULTIMATE ELEGANCE
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TOWELS**
Sale 4.79-10.18 Reg. 7.99-16.99.
740-VAR
SELECTED ITEMS ALSO ONLINE.



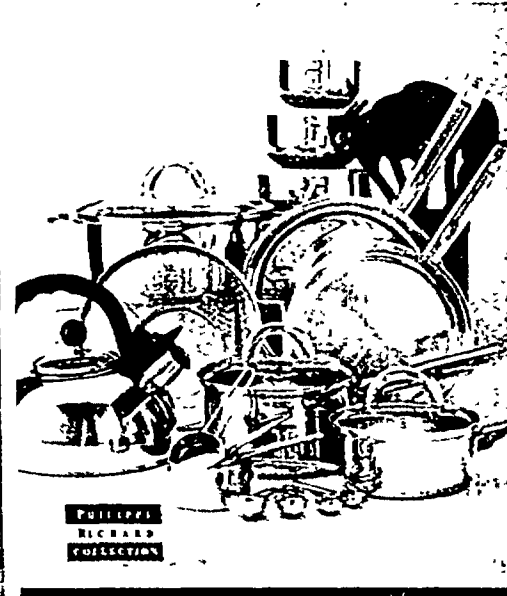
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WP 720-2085



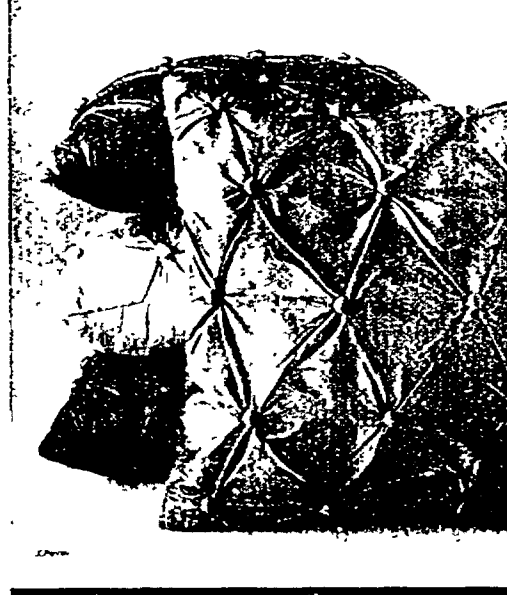
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KENSINGTON® GARDEN OPEN STOCK
Sale 14.99 Reg. 19.99. 782-3751R



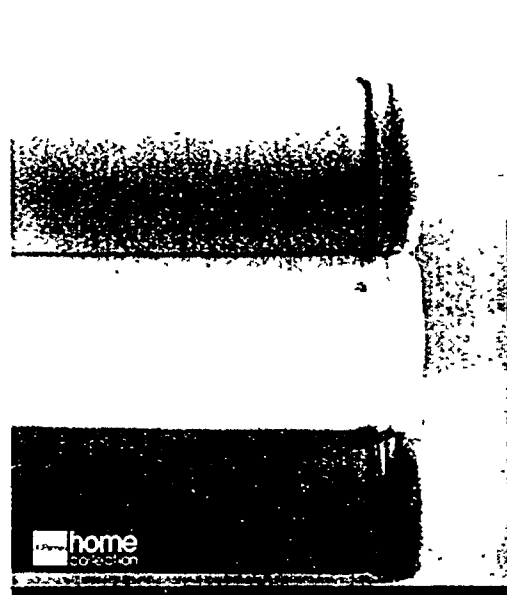
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49.99** After two \$10 rebates
**FABERWARE® 10-PC.
COOK 'N' EASE SET**
Sale 69.99 Reg. 79.99. HW-77. 782-1340
*First rebate on sleeve of bonus part; see
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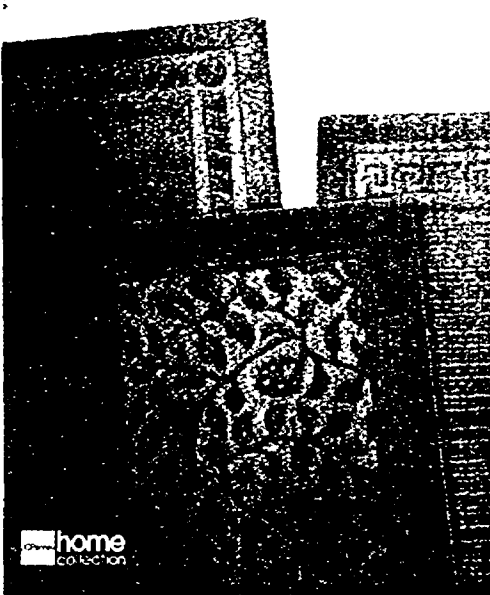
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32-PC. COOKWARE SET**
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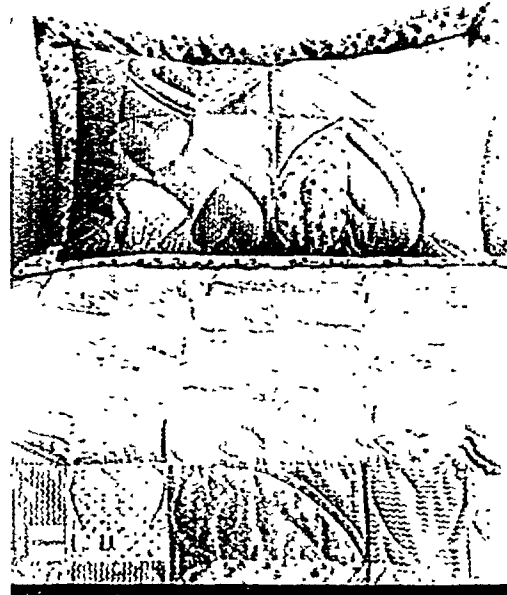
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DECORATIVE PILLOWS & SLIPCOVERS
Reg. \$18-219.99. 737-VAR
Second item must be of equal or lesser value.



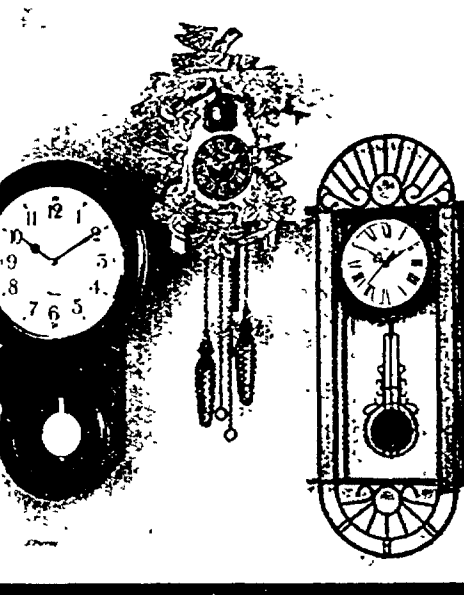
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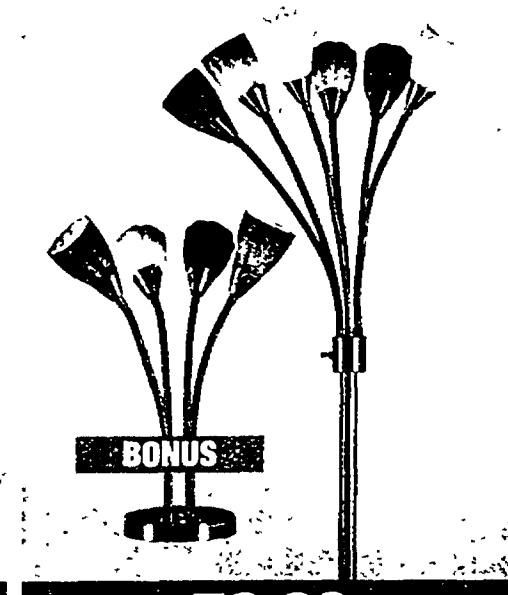
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25-50% OFF ALL LAMPS & SHADES



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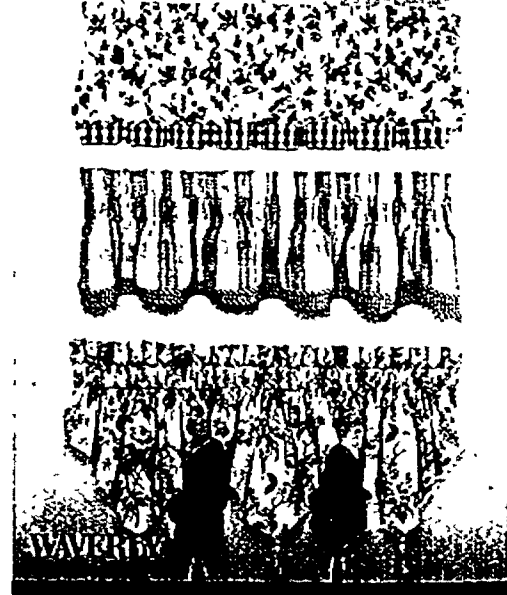
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20-50% OFF**
CUTLERY Shown: Pro Star® 15- and 22-pc.
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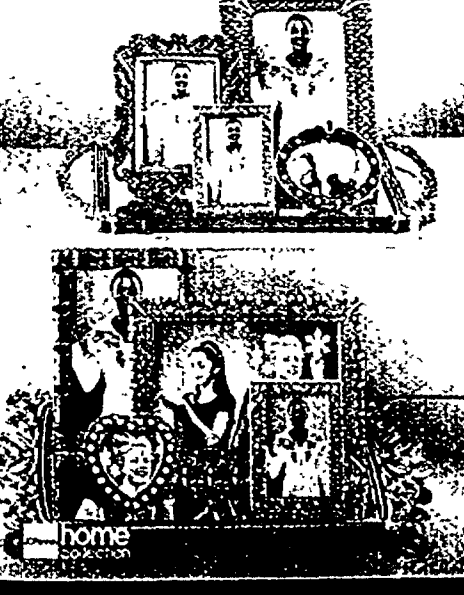
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ONE DAY ONLY!
1/4 CT.T.W. diamond pendant, earrings or ring.

10K gold. 271/471-4038

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10K 1/4 CT.T.W. 270/470-1117

10K 1/5 CT.T.W. 274/474-1120

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Diamond accent bracelet. 10K white gold. 283/483-4010

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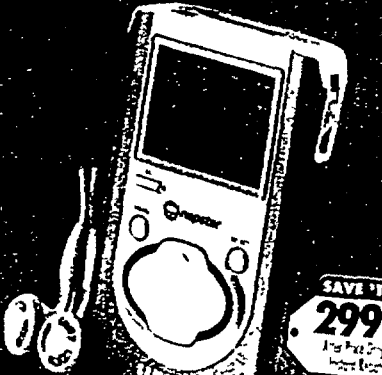


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PORTABLE CD PLAYER WITH CAR KIT AND REMOTE (DEJ360C) \$302.97

*Reduces or eliminates shipping during many active uses.



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3-CD MINI SHELF SYSTEM WITH REMOTE (MAS8037) \$311.76



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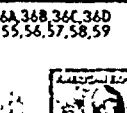
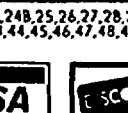
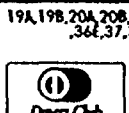
Full-color display True melody ring tones (7729) \$238.00

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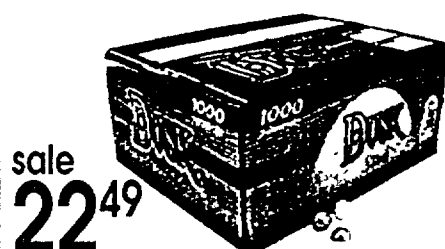


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Entire stock
of athletic
footwear
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PAINTBALLS
Reg. 34.99*
Limit 4 per customer
*Paintball merchandise not available in all stores

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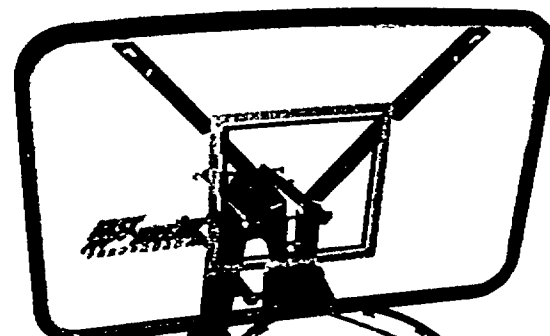
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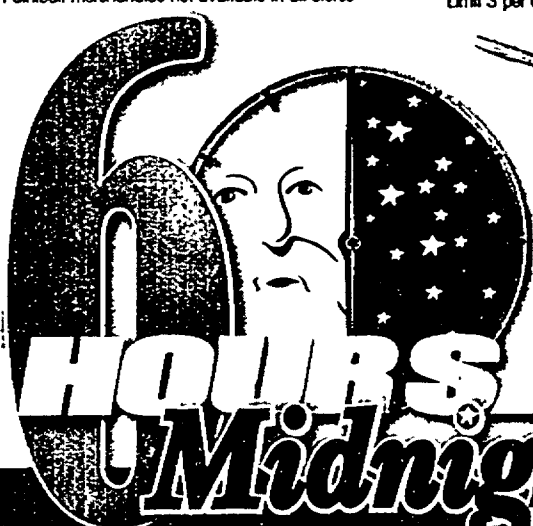
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Midnight Madness

Thursday 6pm-Midnight only!

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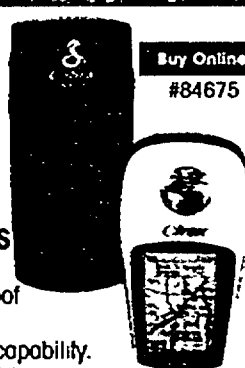


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SNOWBOARD PACKAGE
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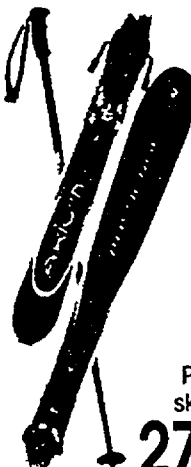


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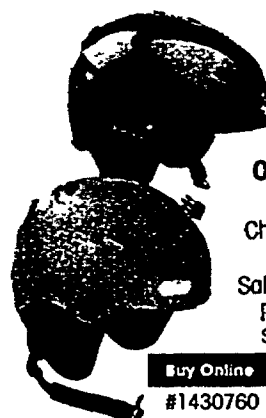
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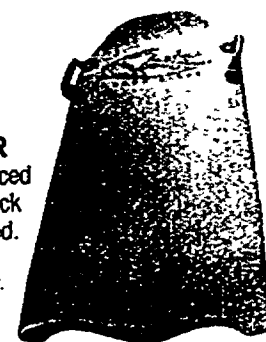


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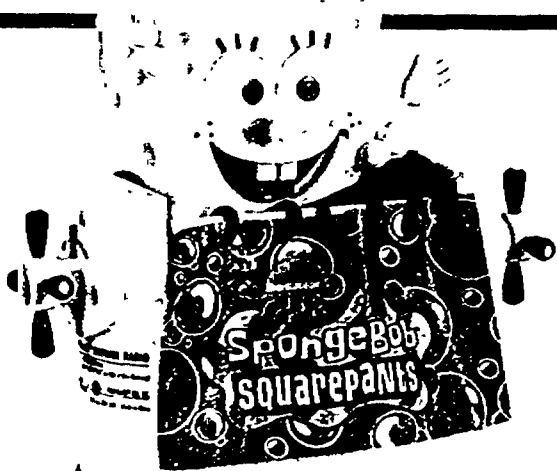
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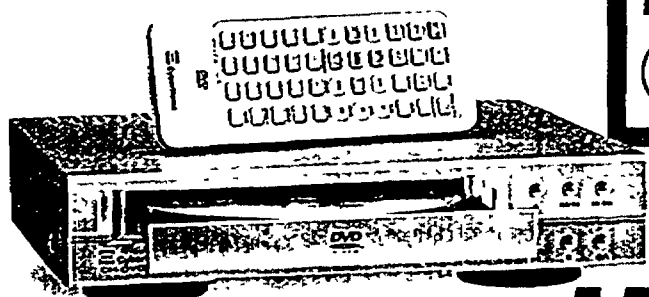
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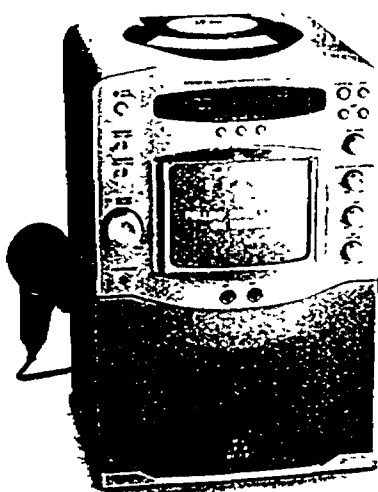
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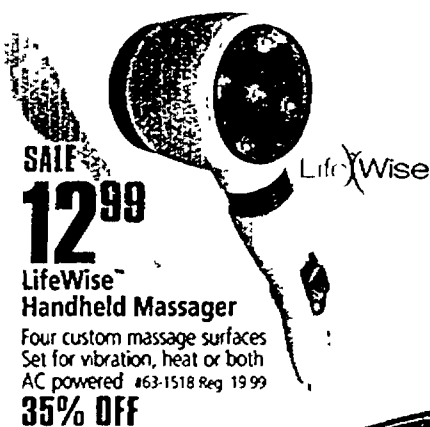


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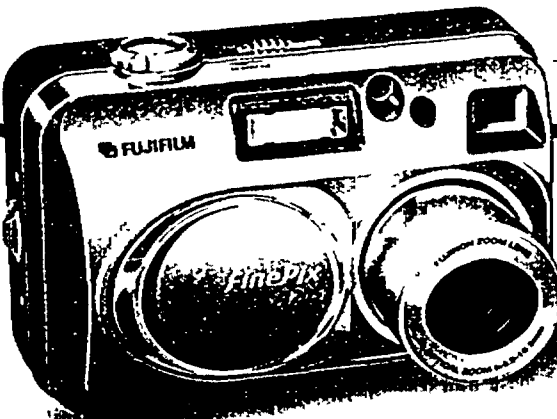
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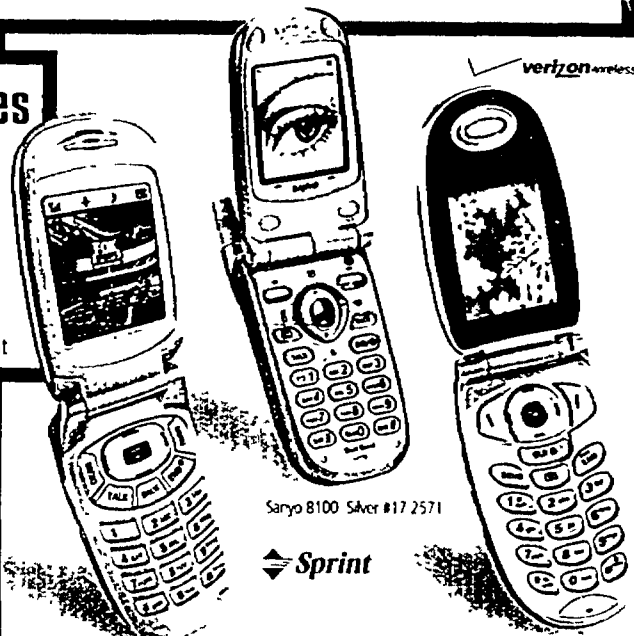
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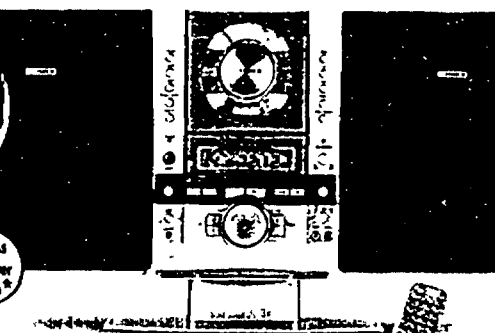
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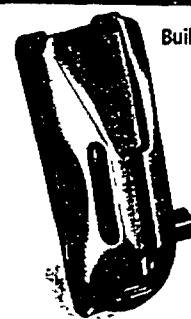


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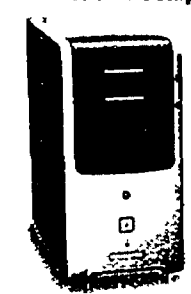
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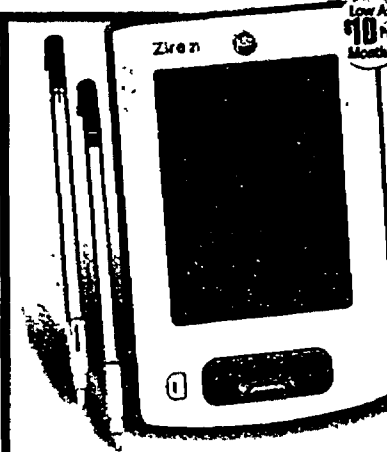


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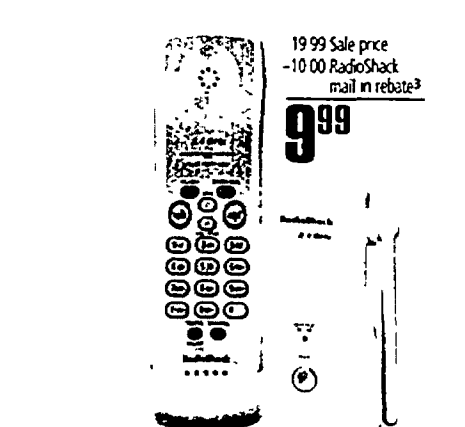
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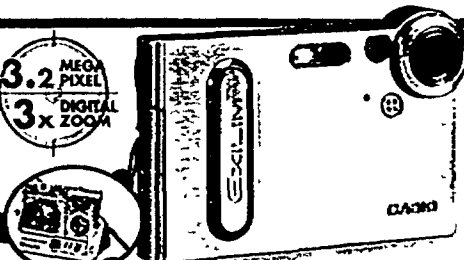
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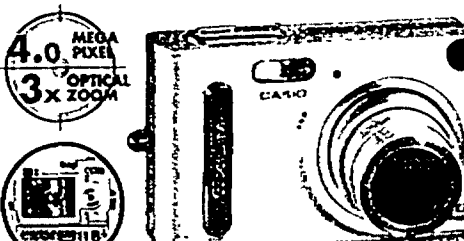
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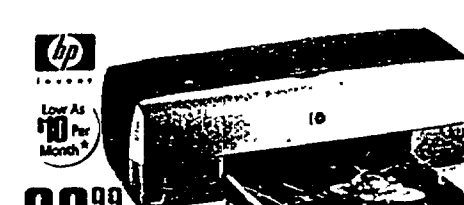
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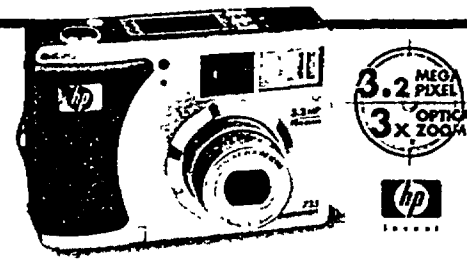
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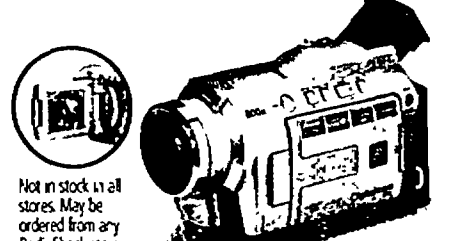
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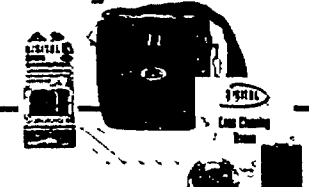


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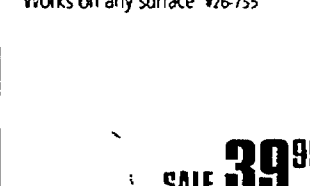
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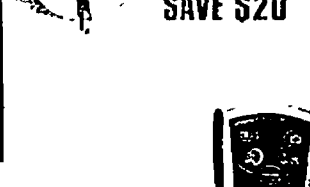
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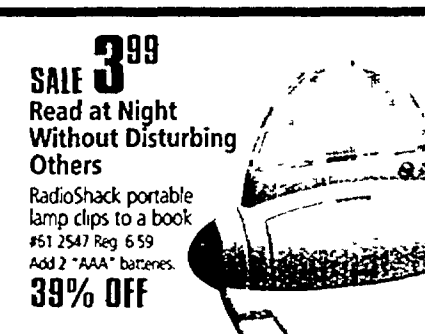
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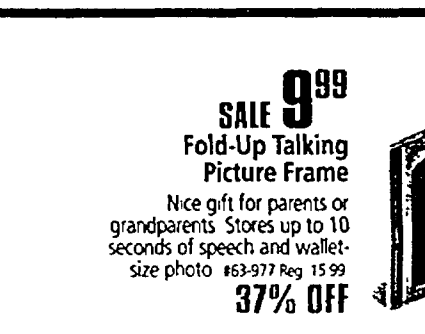
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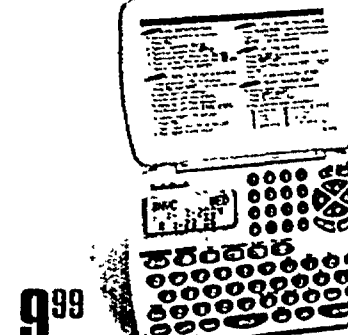
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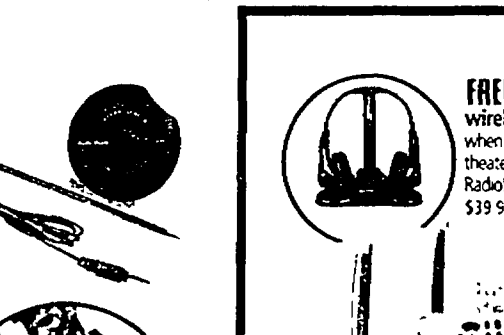
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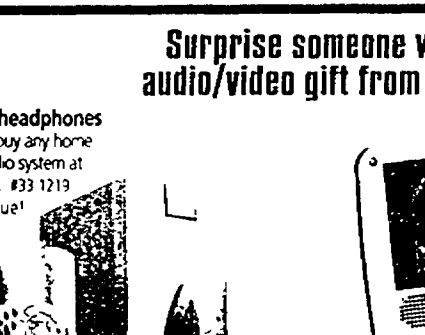
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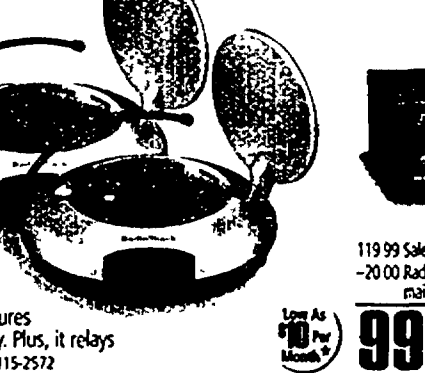
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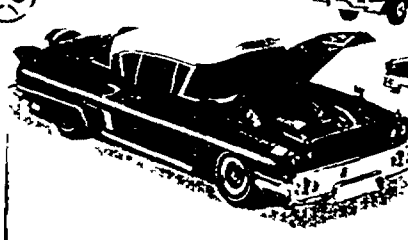
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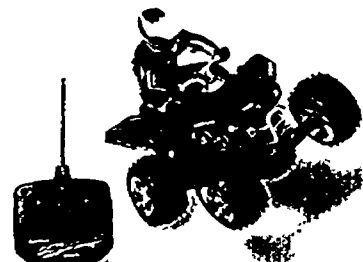
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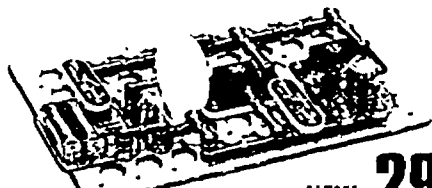
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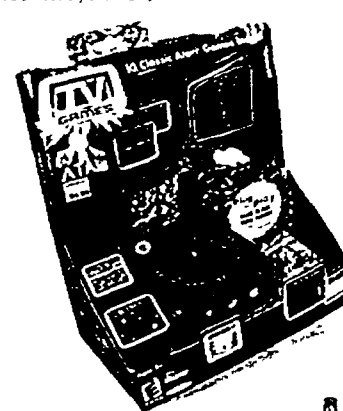
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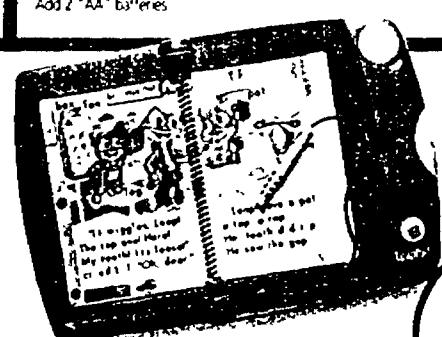
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Soft, textured rings create a cow after
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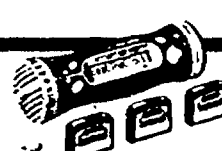
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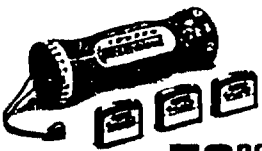
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BRAIN QUEST® with 3 cartridges.
Learn English, science, social studies.
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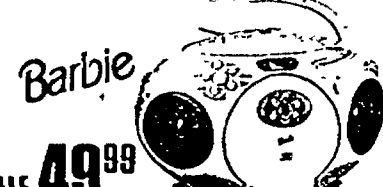
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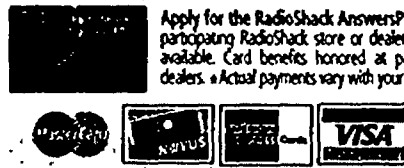


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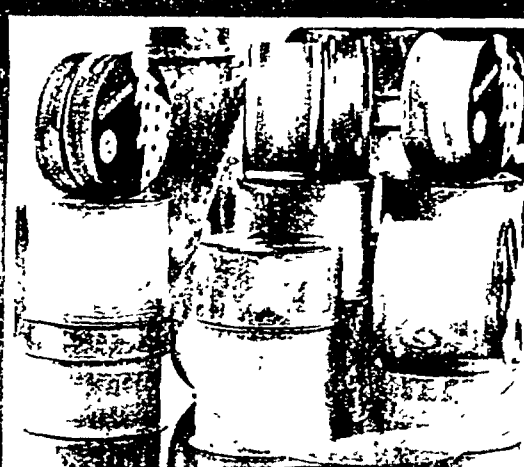
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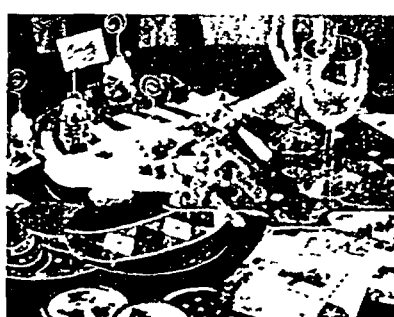


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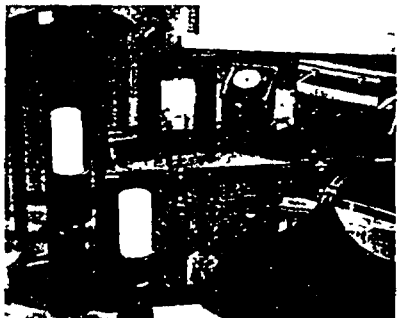
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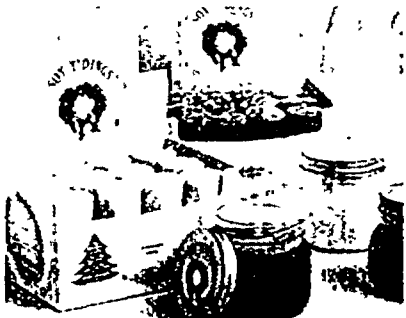
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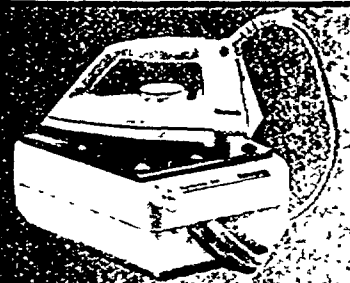
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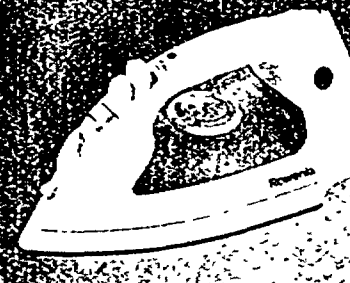
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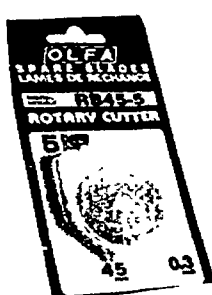
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Stainless steel soleplate
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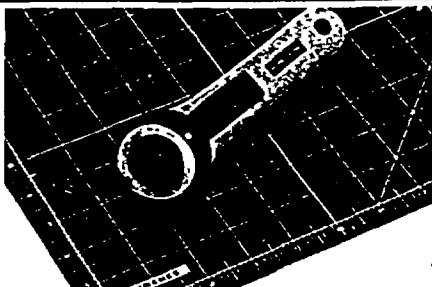
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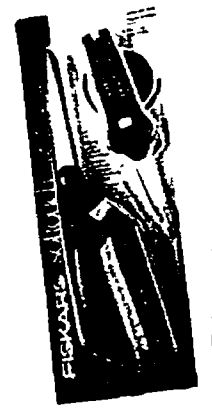
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steam
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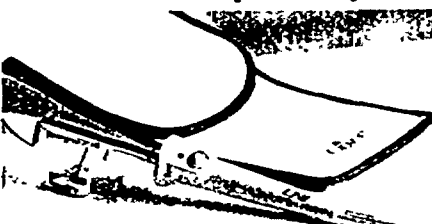
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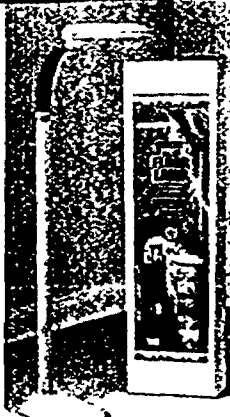
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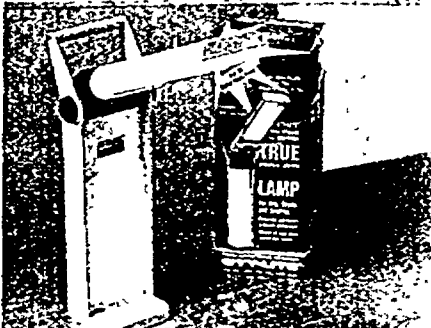
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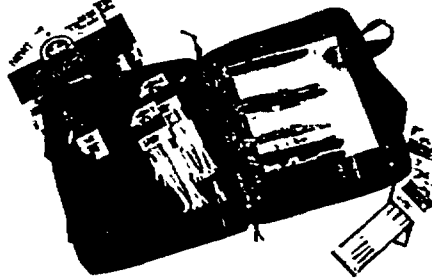
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13W Task
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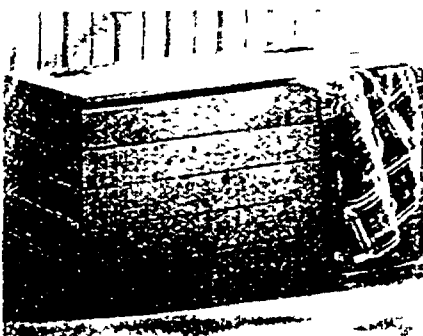
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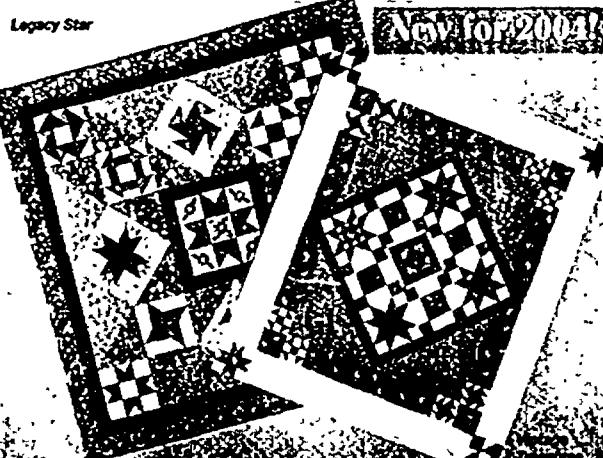
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Ask American Profile

Q Bob Barker has fascinated me for a long time. Please tell us about him, his life, and his family, so we can know what makes him always so happy.

—V.S., California

Bob Barker, who just turned 80, has hosted *The Price Is Right* for 32 years. Barker recalls that when he did a show at his college radio station, his wife told him that was what he should do. "She didn't say I was really good, she simply said that I did it better than I did anything else. And I decided that this is what I would like to do. I found it stimulating, fascinating, exciting, and I've enjoyed every minute of it," says Barker, who has won 15 Emmys during his career. In every show, Barker says he's looking for contestants who are fun. "You're always looking for those little nuggets that will make that particular show memorable," he says. Barker, who relaxes by simultaneously parting his dog, Winston, and scratching his cat, Dulce, recently established the DJ&T Foundation to fund grants, which support low-cost spay/neuter clinics. The foundation is named in memory of his wife, Dorothy Jo, and his mother, Matilda Valandra, who both were animal lovers.

Q My family and I are big fans of Steve Irwin, the *Crocodile Hunter*. Why doesn't he wear a wedding ring?

—Sara S., Florida

"It's dangerous," Irwin says. "Working with wildlife, there's always the chance of getting any sort of jewelry hooked up. Not only could I put my own life at risk, but also the animals we work to save. Terri and I love each other very much and she totally understands that in my line of work, I simply cannot wear one. Terri, also, for the same reason doesn't wear any rings." The couple first met in 1991, when Eugene, Ore., native Terri visited the Australia Zoo and watched Irwin doing a crocodile demonstration. He says that he saw her in the crowd, their eyes met and he forgot all about the croc that was trying to kill him. It was love at first sight and they were engaged four months later. Irwin recalls that on their first date, they went to a restaurant with a seafood buffet. "We both had our



The *Price Is Right* host Bob Barker.

Q Can you tell me how Trace Adkins is doing and list his fan club address?

—Arnie R., South Carolina

"I'm in better health and happier than I've been in years," says the Sarepta, La. (pop. 925), native. His career is going full blast, with his *Greatest Hits Collection* debuting at No. 1 on the country chart earlier this year and a new album, *Comin' On Strong*, hitting the streets this month.

"One of the biggest highlights of my career so far was when I became an official member of the Grand Ole Opry," he says. "I have such a reverence for the Opry as an institution and being a member is a huge honor for me. It was a total validation for me—as if the Country God had reached down and knighted me, so to speak." Now his biggest challenge is finding the balance between the demands of his flourishing career and spending quality time with his family. Married, with four daughters (two from a previous marriage), Adkins, 41, and his family live in the Nashville, Tenn., area. The Trace Adkins Fan Club address is: P.O. Box 121889, Nashville, TN, 37212-1889. You can also get information about the fan club by e-mailing fans@TraceAdkins.com.

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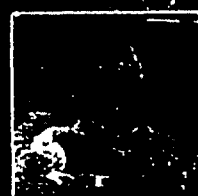
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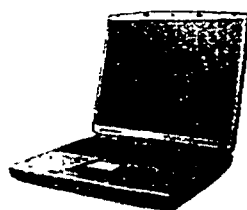
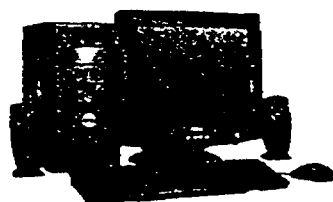
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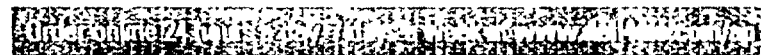
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Hometown Hero

The Computer Tutor

by LAUREL HOLLIDAY

Fours years ago, when Tim Wilken was 15, he heard on the news that only 15 percent of Americans over 65 knew how to use computers. That fact struck him as a real shame. Everyone should have the opportunity to learn about computers if they want to, he thought, no matter how old they are.

"It's what the new times is going to be," says Wilken, now 19 and a freshman at Spokane Community College, "and a lot of the seniors in my hometown of Sprague, Wash. (pop. 450)—all they knew about a mouse was one that runs around and squeaks." So Wilken decided that, as a 4-H project, he would find a way to share his knowledge of computers with folks who know a lot about raising wheat and barley and cattle, but know very little about the digital revolution.

By scavenging components at garage sales, Wilken eventually was able to piece together a few usable computers. He then approached local businesses and civic



Richard Sharp (left) smiles as teenager Tim Wilken teaches him to use a computer.

groups for help in finding a classroom, furnishing it, and wiring the town's first (and only) computer lab. The Sprague Chamber of Commerce provided a tiny office, a seniors club paid for telephone lines, and Microsoft donated software. Topping it all off, Wilken was awarded a \$5,500 grant from 4-H and an \$8,500 grant from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

"The more we learned about Tim Wilken, the prouder we were to support this great project," says Ken Thompson, who oversees the Gates Foundation's Community Access to Technology Program. "Tim brought a resource to his community that wasn't there before, and we applauded him for it."

Wilken thought he'd drum up interest in the new computer lab by passing out flyers, but it didn't take long for word to get around town about the amazing things he was doing. In addition to teaching whatever anyone wanted to learn about computers, Wilken also refurbished computers so he could lend them out to lower-income families in town.

"A lot of kids are doing better now in school because of them," Wilken says.

For some of Wilken's students, the first step was to learn to type. Tom Alldridge, a retired merchant mariner who moved to Sprague five years ago, can now type 35 words a minute thanks to Wilken's classes. Other students want to learn to use e-mail so they can get a better response from their grandkids, who write e-mails, not letters. Some of Wilken's students need to know how to use certain software applications in order to get a job.

"His patience helped me to not be so afraid of the computer," says Claudette Sharp, 59, who works for the Sprague Chamber of Commerce.

Wilken has had so many people taking his computer classes that his mother helps him teach occasionally, as does his good friend Micheal Thomas, 17. Students range in age from 9 to 91, but few are teens.

"I think the other kids think it's this 4-H thing and they aren't interested," Thomas explains. "But they're starting to be."

Thomas is hoping to attract teens to the computer lab because he wants them to help him out when Wilken is attending college in Spokane. Wilken insists his leave will be temporary.

"I'm coming home every weekend!" he says. "I built this computer lab, and I'm going to teach in it until I die."

Such devotion has not gone unnoticed. In 2001, Wilken was one of two Washington state teens to be awarded the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, which gave him some much-deserved recognition and a \$1,000 boost to his college tuition fund. ☆

Laurel Holliday writes books and articles in Seattle.

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Wilken outside his free computer lab.

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KANSAS—In 1923, Jim Cummings of Morrowville (pop. 168) watched an oil pipeline being built and decided to find an easier way to backfill a ditch than using men with shovels. He patented the nation's first bulldozer.

MICHIGAN—By the 1880s, the Michigan Stove Co. made Detroit the nation's stove capital and the company built a 25-foot-tall replica of a cast-iron stove for the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago.

MINNESOTA—For half a century, from 1880 to 1930, Minneapolis led the world in flour milling and earned the nickname "Mill City." The city honored its heritage last September by opening Mill City Museum in the 1878 former Washburn A Mill factory.

MISSOURI—Called the most trusted man in America, former CBS newsman Walter Cronkite was born in 1916 in St. Joseph.

NEBRASKA—Ruts made by covered wagons are visible at Rock Creek Station State Historic Site near Fairbury (pop. 4,262) where an 1857 station served Pony Express riders and travelers along the Oregon Trail.

NORTH DAKOTA—A rare albino bison was born last May on the Big Sky Buffalo Ranch near Granville (pop. 286).

OHIO—Founded in 1852, Findlay Market in Cincinnati is one of the nation's oldest open-air public markets.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Houdek loam, found only in South Dakota, was designated the state soil in 1990.

WISCONSIN—Whimsical trolls carved in tree trunks entertain along the Trollway in the town of Mount Horeb (pop. 5,860). ☆



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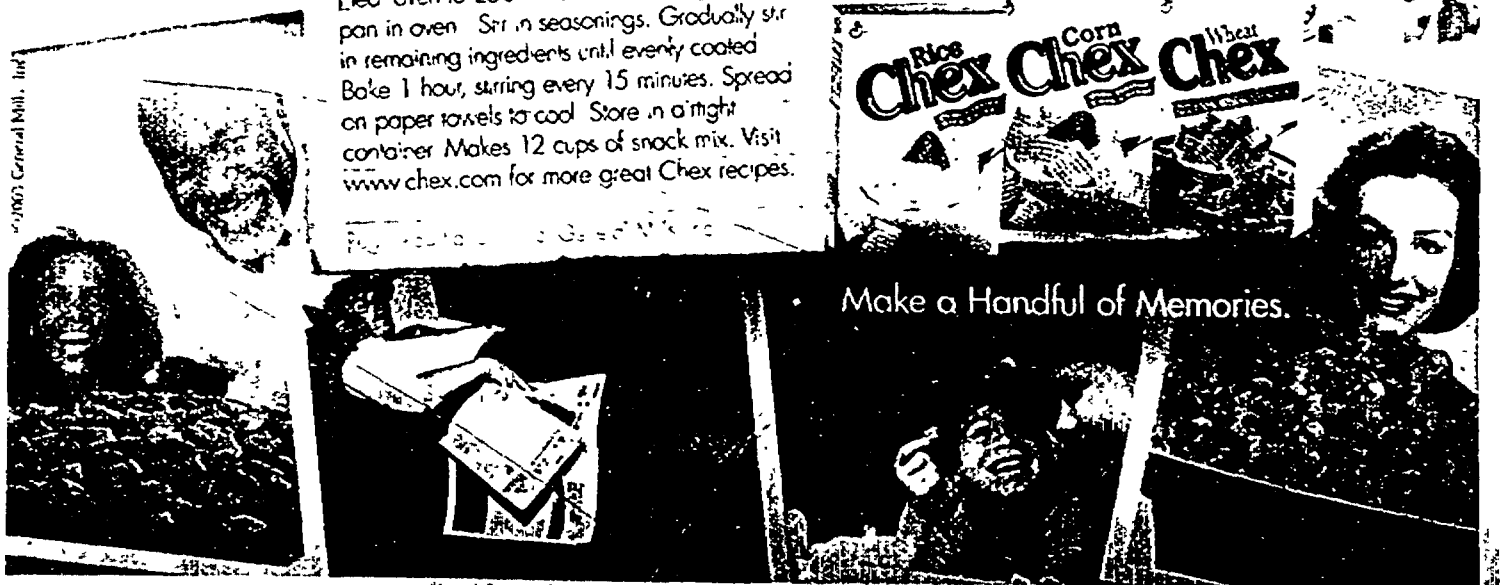
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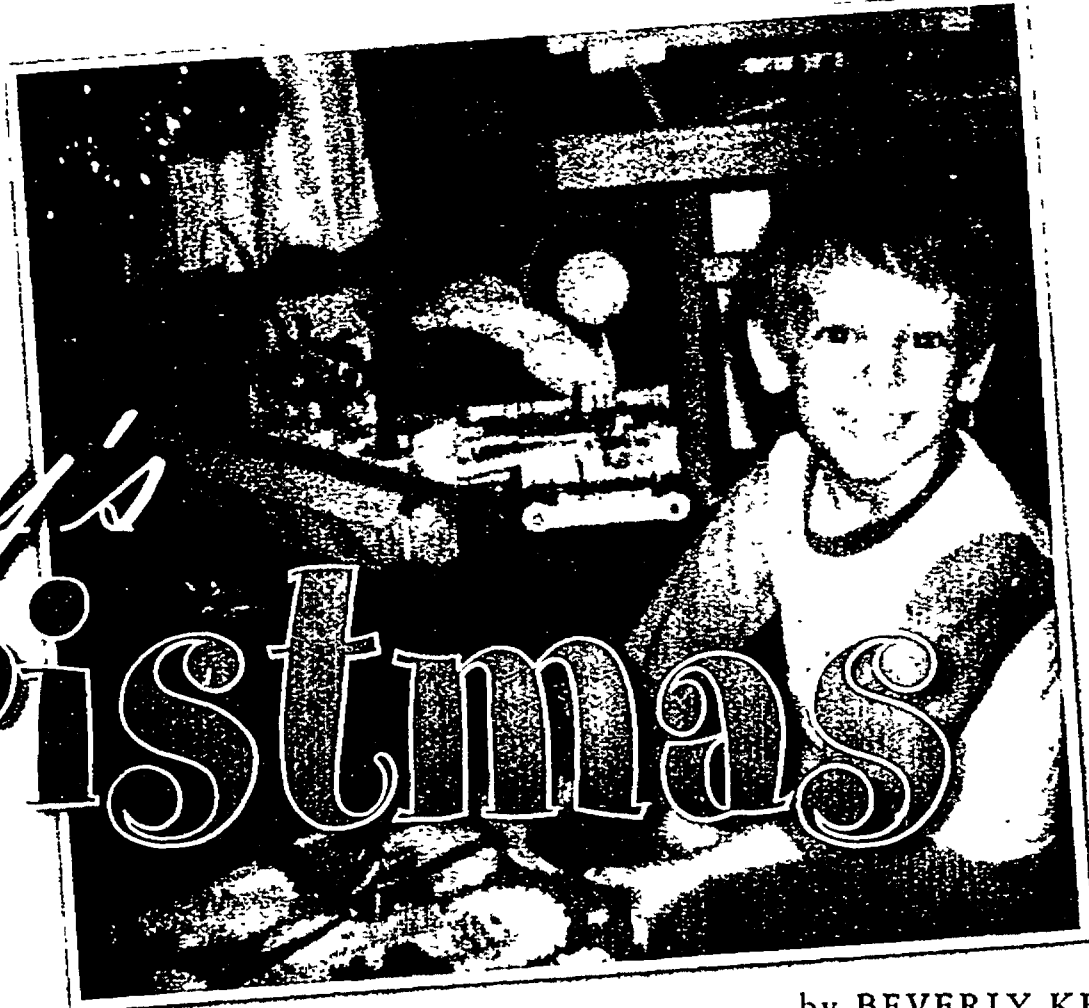
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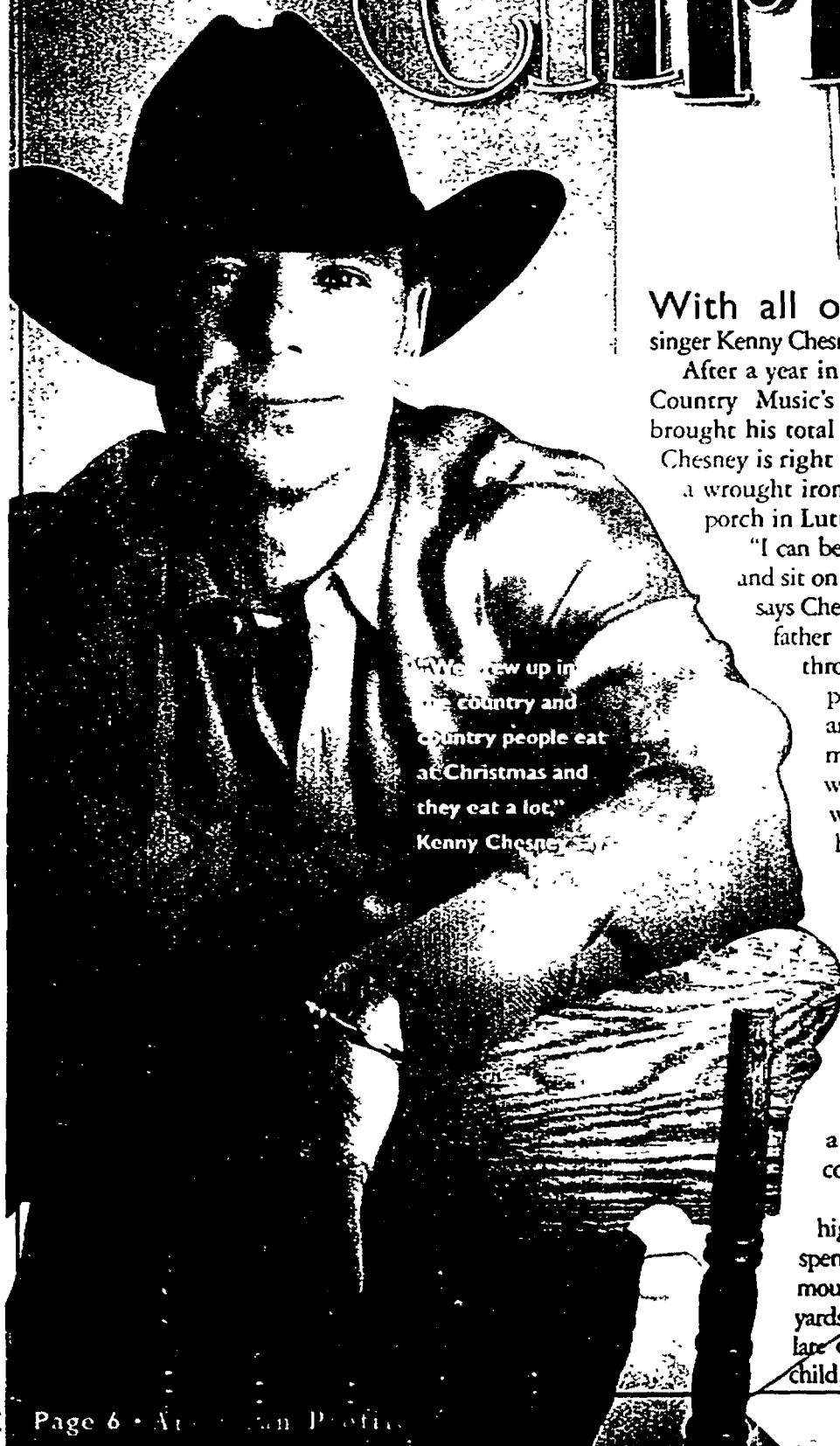
Make a Handful of Memories.



Kenny Chesney's Christmas



by BEVERLY KEEL



"We grew up in the country and country people eat at Christmas and they eat a lot,"
Kenny Chesney

With all of his heart, country singer Kenny Chesney believes you can go home again.

After a year in which he earned the Academy of Country Music's Top Male Vocalist award and brought his total career record sales to 12 million, Chesney is right where he wants to be—rocking in a wrought iron chair on his grandmother's front porch in Luttrell, Tenn. (pop. 915).

"I can be gone for two years and come back and sit on this porch and it's like I never left," says Chesney, 35. "I sat here with my grandfather before he died, when he was going through chemo for his lung cancer. This

porch and this house are a part of me. My mom and I lived here when my stepfather was in Vietnam. This house is very much a part of me.

"The comforts of home are something that you never grow out of. I've traveled all over the world playing music, but this is where, without a doubt, I am the most comfortable."

Chesney, the son of a high school coach and a hairstylist, spent 18 years in this eastern Tennessee mountain town, at times living only 500 yards away from the former home of the late country guitarist Chet Atkins. As a child, he didn't own a baseball, so he

would pick up rocks from the driveway and hit them with a broom handle, when he wasn't inside watching his grandparents' black-and-white television. While he never climbed up a water tower with paint in hand, his friends did. He had nothing but an abundance of time, which ironically is the one thing he lacks now.

"I love being from a place where everybody knows everybody and the main things in your life are family and friends and church and sports," he says. "Those four things basically consumed my whole life and I never ever thought about leaving here when I was growing up. Then I put a guitar in my lap one day and started playing music and haven't really quit yet.

"You learn right from wrong from growing up in a small town. You learn to treat people with respect and to treat people the way you want to be treated. I wouldn't be making the music that I make if I had grown up anywhere else," he says.

From football to fame

As a Gibb High School student, Chesney gave little thought to music because he was obsessed with playing football. "That's where I learned that it wasn't OK just to be good," he says of his football experiences. "That's where I learned to go the extra mile, to work really hard to achieve something."

After graduation, he attended East Tennessee State University and earned extra money by playing a Johnson City (pop. 55,469) bar called Chucky's five nights a week for tips. After graduation, he moved to Nashville, Tenn., and began playing at a rough honky-tonk called the Turf for \$5 an hour plus tips. He put together a simple demo tape that led to a music publishing deal, and eventually a record deal.



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Lucy Grigsby and her grandson taste what's cooking on her stove.

(Continued from page 6)

The first three years after releasing his debut album in 1993, Chesney toured incessantly with a crew that he hardly knew. As soon as he could afford it, he hired his former Little League teammates—Tim Holt, Daryl Hobby and David Farmer—to handle his tour management and merchandise. "I just needed a little part of me out there and I needed a part of home out there," he says. "It's turned out to be one of the best moves I've ever made. I could trust these guys with my life."

These days, Chesney doesn't get home too often because of his demanding recording and touring schedule. Although he may now fly in on a private jet, his family doesn't treat him any differently. A young cousin calls him "Ninny," and Chesney's photo is just one of many grandchildren's on the mantle in the home of his grandmother, Lucy Grigsby. In fact, she made it perfectly clear during this visit that any homecoming festivities would have to wait until she got home from church.

Like many Sundays, Chesney's mother, Karen, and her twin sister, Sharon, join the numerous aunts, uncles and cousins who share funny stories in the living room as they eat pot roast, potatoes, green beans, corn, deviled eggs, red velvet cake and banana pudding. Next week, Chesney will indulge himself in a similar smorgasbord when he loads up his car with gifts to make the four-hour trek from Nashville to Luttrell to spend Christmas Eve with his family.

"I'm on a diet basically all year, but when it's Christmas time, I come up here and eat chocolate pie and peanut butter candy," he says. "Eating is a big tradition in our family." Grigsby's four children and their families arrive around 6 p.m. Christmas Eve to begin dining and opening presents. "My grandfather died in 1990, so the first couple of Christmases after that were kind of tough, but that's basically the only tradition that we have."

One of his favorite Christmas presents ever was the Elvis Presley *Double Live* album that he received when he was 6. "I listened to that album over and over again," he says. "I used to sit with a hairbrush in front of a mirror and pretend that I was Elvis. Because it was a live album, I pretended the applause was for me."

All I want for Christmas

Despite his stardom, Chesney says he's just as easy to please now. "My mom hates when she has to buy me something for Christmas because she thinks I have everything and she can't buy anything for me, which is wrong. She said, 'What do you want for Christmas?' and she thought I was kidding when I said, 'I want a couple of canned green beans from my grandmother.' I want to be able to take it on the road and eat it."

This Christmas, Grigsby and her family will be unwrapping presents to the sounds of her grandson's first Christmas CD, *All I Want For Christmas Is a Real Good Tan*, which pays homage to his love of the Caribbean islands. *Thank God for Kids* has a calypso feel, *Jingle Bells* reveals a reggae influence and *I'll Be Home For Christmas* has such an island vibe that you can almost hear the waves crashing in the distance.

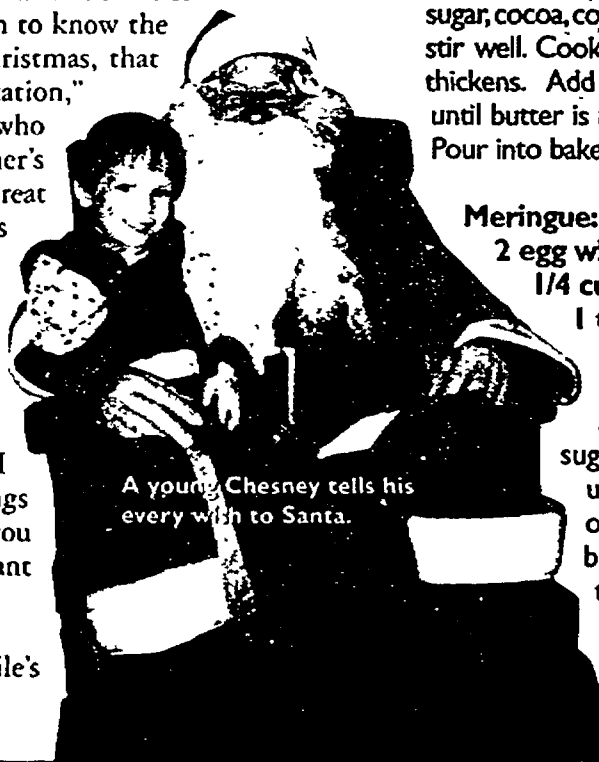
The album is a bit of a family affair because Chesney's mother and her twin sister join him on *Silent Night*. "The Grigsby Twins is what they were known as back when they were kids, singing around East Tennessee. My grandfather would haul them all over to sing for folks, wherever he could put them up. And now it's my turn to drag them all over and make them sing."

Country icon Willie Nelson joins him on *Pretty Paper*, while Alabama frontman Randy Owen chimes in on *Christmas in Dixie*. "I can't believe it took me this long to make a Christmas record because I'm one of those guys who just loves Christmas," he says.

All year long, Chesney looks forward to celebrating Christmas with his grandmother. "If I have kids one day, I really want them to grow up in this kind of environment and I want them to know the importance of family and Christmas, that it's not about getting a Playstation," he says. "I hope I have kids who can taste my grandmother's chocolate pie one day. It's a great tradition and I hope to pass that down too."

"I hope that I move back to a small town because I would like my kids to grow up in a small town. I want my kids to grow up like me and my friends grew up. I think that you appreciate things a lot more and it teaches you how to work hard and want something." ☆

Beverly Keel is American Profile's entertainment editor.



Grandma Grigsby's Chocolate Pie

Lucy Grigsby, Kenny Chesney's grandmother, shares her recipe for chocolate pie with American Profile readers.

For crust:
1 cup plain flour
1/4 cup Crisco shortening
1/4 cup cold water
pinch of salt

Mix flour, Crisco and water into a stiff ball of dough. Roll dough on a floured pastry sheet until it is paper thin. Place crust in a pie pan and bake for 10 minutes in a 400-degree oven. Sprinkle salt on crust before baking.

Pie filling:
2 eggs, separate and save the whites (to make meringue)
1 cup sugar
3 tablespoons cocoa
3 tablespoons cornstarch
2 cups cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons butter

In a sauce pan, combine egg yolks, sugar, cocoa, cornstarch and cream and stir well. Cook over low heat until it thickens. Add vanilla and butter. Stir until butter is melted and mixed well. Pour into baked pie crust.

Meringue:
2 egg whites
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla

Beat egg whites until stiff. Gradually add sugar and vanilla and beat until well blended. Pour on top of pie and brown under broiler in the oven. Watch carefully! It will burn easily.

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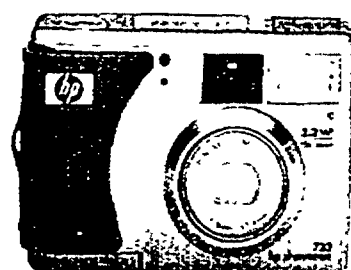
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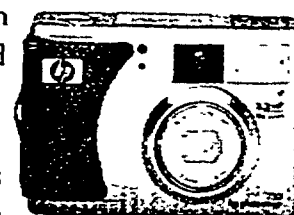


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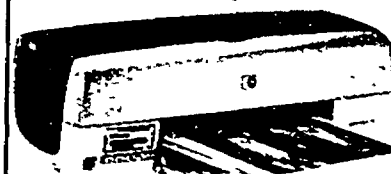
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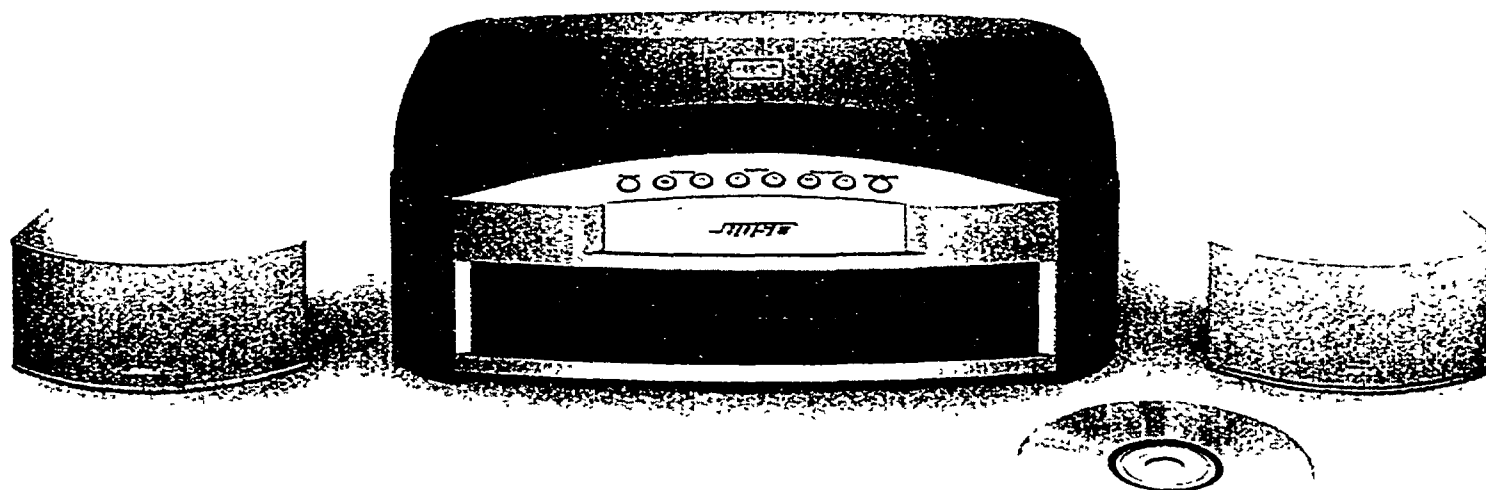
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Hear Them Ring

The central tower of bell manufacturer Schulmerich Carillons looks across Sellersville's rooftops to the spires of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, where a hand bell choir has been using Schulmerich bells since forming more than 20 years ago.

Schulmerich Carillons Inc. dominates the Bethlehem Pike entrance to Sellersville, Pa., (pop. 4,700) and the company's headquarters crowns the knoll known as Carillon Hill. One of the community's major employers, the maker of hand bells, bell towers, and sound systems is a part of the history of this northern Bucks County town, founded in 1738.

SELLERSVILLE

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"Schulmerich has made Sellersville 'The Bell Capital of the World,'" says Timothy Hufnagle, a local historian and former curator of the Sellersville Museum, located in a former schoolhouse.

The pike—the route of the Liberty Bell when it was moved to keep it from British hands—becomes Main Street before it crosses the railroad tracks and rises toward St. Michael's. The town was called Sellers Tavern after Samuel Sellers, who served as postmaster, county sheriff, and assemblyman in the late 1700s. It became Sellersville with the arrival of the railroad in the 1860s. Today, the restored Washington House—a Victorian-era restaurant—graces the downtown, along with a dinner theater, antique stores, and various small businesses. "It's still a place where everyone knows everyone," Hufnagle says. "Many Pennsylvania German family names have been a part of this community for generations."



Washington House has served as a downtown centerpiece since the 18th century.

Surrounded by wooded hills and cultivated fields, Sellersville grew around two gristmills, says Hufnagle, whose grandfather was fire chief and mayor for most of his life. The railroad brought tobacco and a cigar industry in the late 1800s. "There were two or three major cigar manufacturers here," he says, and local families rolled cigars in their homes as a cottage industry. The town flourished as people came to work in the factories and, later, in a machinery plant, which became the area's largest employer in 1904.

Today, like bookends at either end of town, the carillon tower and St. Michael's are the two most imposing structures—though the bell company is a relative newcomer, joining the community when founder George Schulmerich (1906-1978) moved his business from Philadelphia in 1950.

From the company's inception in 1935, Schulmerich developed sound systems for churches. His carillons and towers have graced such places as Boys Town, Neb., and the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor. A set of Schulmerich hand bells is now part of the permanent collection at the Smithsonian Institution.

Over at St. Michael's, the six-member hand bell choir, which calls itself Bells on the Hill, delights in playing its Schulmerich bells, choir director Carol Nace says.

"There's something special about a bell group; they have a special chemistry," Nace says. Two members have been with the choir since its inception, and one third-generation bell ringer still participates when her work schedule permits. "It's been a family kind of thing," Nace adds.

As befits a town that calls itself The Bell Capital of the World, Sellersville has a second hand bell choir. A Touch of Bronze—a group composed of Schulmerich employees—provides concerts for community organizations and nursing homes, and carillonneur R. Bruce Todd entertains at free summer concerts. Townspeople relax on blankets and lawn chairs, watching through a large window at the bell tower's base as melodic chimes emanate from cast bells connected to Todd's keyboard by a series of rods.

"We like to be good neighbors," says Scott Edgell, a Schulmerich employee since 1995. "We're very much like a small family."

Since the days when Sellersville was a stopping point for stagecoaches, trolleys, and trains traveling between Philadelphia and the Lehigh Valley, it's seen many changes—some of them rung in by Schulmerich bells—but some things haven't altered.

"We'll probably never have more than 4,800 people because we set aside our open space long before that kind of thing became popular," Hufnagle says.

"Sellersville is a place where business people used to be up at 5 o'clock to sweep the sidewalks, and by 7 p.m. the doors closed," Hufnagle adds. "That's changed, but it still has that small-town feel." ☆

Susan Stets writes from her home in Fairless Hills, Pa.



A Schulmerich Carillons employee assembles a bell in the "Bell Capital."

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INDIANA

Christmas in the Park—Petersburg, through Dec. 31. Drive through Homady Park and take in the holiday sights of more than 200 animated light displays, including nativity scenes, and Santa Claus and his elves. (812) 354-8155.

IOWA

Light It Up Discovery Days—Waterloo, Dec. 26-28. Kids can build kaleidoscopes, experiment with photography, and watch laser shows at the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium. (319) 233-8708.

KANSAS

Wonder Eve—Shawnee, Dec. 30-31. Kids will delight in this fun-filled event featuring live music, a reptile show, puppet show, hands-on activities, comedy skits, and lunch at the Wonderscope Children's Museum. (913) 268-4176.

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MINNESOTA

New Year's Eve—Prior Lake, Dec. 31. This family-friendly celebration features horse-drawn hayrides, storytelling, live music, arts & crafts, a bonfire, and cross-country skiing at Cleary Lake Regional Park. (952) 447-2171.

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New Year's Eve—Osage Beach, Dec. 31. This Mardi Gras-style celebration features a dinner buffet, live music, dancing, and a champagne toast and countdown at midnight at the Tan-Tar-A Resort. (800) 826-8272.

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Hearty Winter Fare

Nothing satisfies a hearty appetite more on a cold winter day than a hot, home-cooked meal. A rib-sticking stew served with fresh-baked biscuits will conquer any hunger, regardless of the weather.

While thumbing through the dozens of recipes *American Profile* receives each week, we thought these two were a perfect combination for a nourishing evening dinner.

Winter stew delight, a recipe submitted by reader Lee R. Sauers of Mifflinburg, Pa., is not your typical one-pot oven entree. Sauers' dish uses Italian sausage in place of the usual beef, plus it contains beans, cabbage, and tomatoes in addition to the vegetables found in most stews.

"It's a very good stew, and is easy to make," Sauers says. "It has been in my family for a long time."

Serve Sauers' stew with a batch of Charlotte A. Bryant's whipping cream biscuits and you've got a meal. "I can't make biscuits the way mama used to make them, but I have good luck with these melt-in-your-mouth biscuits," says Bryant of Greensburg, Ky. "They are a breeze to make, and my family really enjoys them." ☆

What's your FAVORITE recipe?

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RECIPE: Winter Stew Delight



Lee R. Sauers
Mifflinburg, Pa.

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Winter Stew Delight

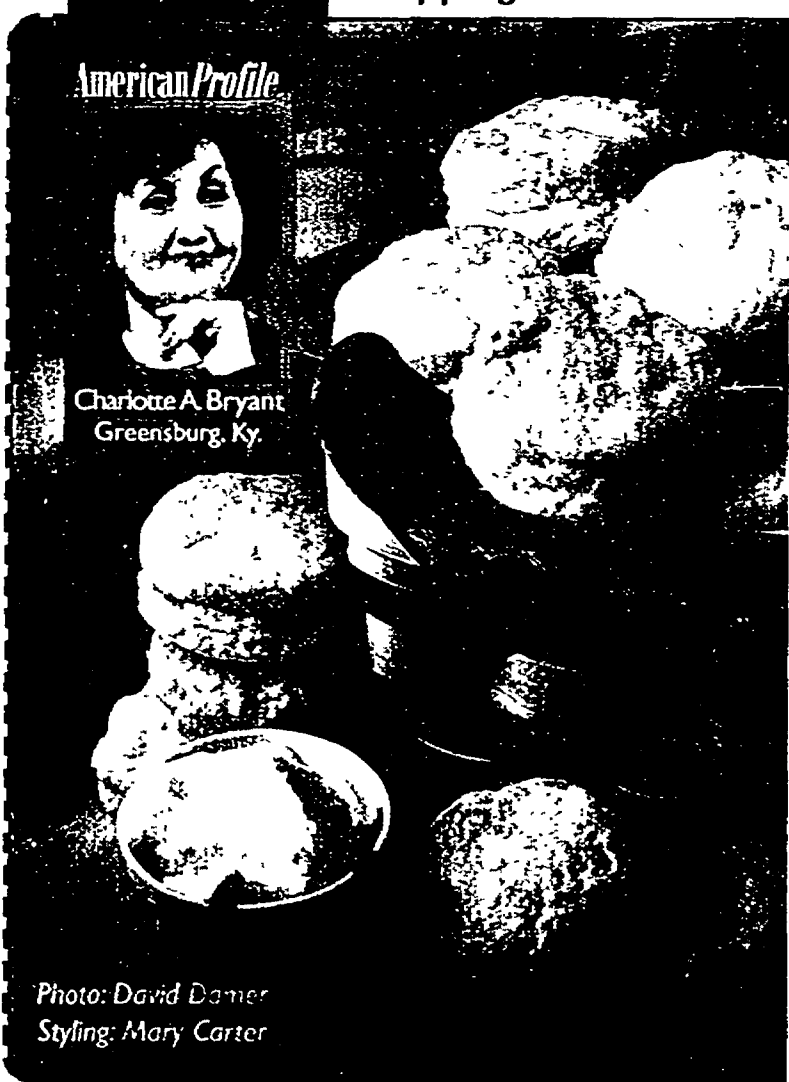
- 1 small head cabbage, chopped
- 4 medium onions, diced
- 4 medium potatoes, diced
- 1 28-ounce can tomatoes, diced
- 1 pound carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 pounds Italian sausage, fried and drained
- 4 cups beef or chicken broth
- 1 cup tomato juice
- 1 15-ounce can beans (kidney, black, or pinto)
- salt to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all ingredients in a large, oven-proof stew pot. Cover and bake 1 1/2 to 2 hours until tender, stirring occasionally. If necessary, add more broth or tomato juice. Serve with homemade bread or biscuits. Drizzle with vinegar if desired.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

Season with chopped basil, sage, or chives. This recipe yields several gallons of delicious stew, which freezes beautifully.

RECIPE: Whipping Cream Biscuits



Charlotte A. Bryant
Greensburg, Ky.

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Whipping Cream Biscuits

- 2 cups flour
- 1 1/3 tablespoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup whipping cream, plus 1 tablespoon
- 1 1/2 teaspoons flour (to dust rolling surface)

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Combine first four ingredients in a mixing bowl. Cut in butter, using a pastry blender, until texture resembles cornmeal. Add whipping cream and stir until dry ingredients are moist. Shape into a ball. Dust flat surface with extra flour. Knead dough five or six times. Roll out dough until it is 1/2-inch thick. Cut with a 2 1/2-inch round biscuit cutter. Place on a lightly greased baking sheet and bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden. Makes 10 biscuits.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

These biscuits are ideal for breakfast, served with stews and soups, and to show off home-made preserves.

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4-pound boneless pork loin roast
2 teaspoons cornstarch
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel
2 tablespoons orange juice
2 tablespoons dry sherry
1 can (16 oz.) whole cranberry sauce
1 large red onion, cut into 6-8 wedges OR 12 small whole onions, peeled

Combine cornstarch, cinnamon, salt and orange peel in small saucepan. Stir in orange juice, sherry and cranberry sauce. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened. Set aside. Place roast in shallow roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer. Roast at 325 degrees F for 1 hour. Place onion wedges around pork. Spoon about 1/2 cup cranberry mixture over roast and onions. Continue to roast for 30-60 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 150 degrees F. Let stand 5-10 minutes before slicing. Serve with remaining cranberry mixture. Servings: 16. Prep Time: 20 minutes. Cook Time: 120 minutes.

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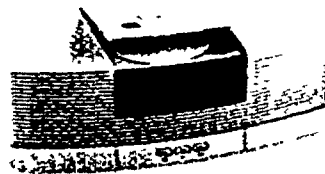
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