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Putting their best foot forward, Northville Parks and Recreation athletics supervisor Joe Barberio, right, and staff member Charlie Gabbeart hope to sign up a lot of local residents for a local adult co-ed kickball league.

New league puts a kick in Friday nights

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

It's the kick of soccer, the field positions of softball and a Friday night out.

The Northville parks and recreation department this season added a new athletic offering — adult co-ed kickball. The sport that generations babyboom through "X" enjoyed in their schoolyards will return to Northville Friday nights mid-May through June.

Charlie Gabbeart, kickball coordinator, has fielded several calls for potential teams for the new sport. There still is time to

sign up for the eight-team league before the first manager's meeting April 28, he said.

Anyone interested can call athletic supervisor Joe Barberio at (248) 449-9947. Forms are available in the Hillside Recreation Center.

"Kickball has been really hot on the east side of the metro area for the past several years," said department director Traci Sincok, "Royal Oak, Ferndale, Oxford Township."

Parks and recreation staffers, who might round up a team of their own to participate, became acquainted with the flashback phenomenon via their counter-

parts on the east side.

Gabbeart said his grown son has enjoyed playing co-ed kickball in Oak Park for the past three years. "That's where I got the idea to bring it closer to home," he said. The local league is an opportunity for adults of all ages.

"This is a blast," the kickball coordinator said, noting that it requires only a roster of willing teammates and a red rubber ball. The team entry fee is \$240 per team, with \$48 returned if the team does not forfeit. Additional fees are \$18 for non-residents and \$12 for the umpires.

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City leaders look to save open spaces

Council hopes to preserve city's few remaining park-like settings

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

City leaders are looking to create a legacy of land for future generations by designating a few remaining open spaces as parks.

Northville Parks and Recreation Director Traci Sincok last week led the City Council through photos and information about a dozen park-like settings in the city. The council in turn directed her to glean from the city attorney additional information on ramifications of park designation.

Sincok's photos included areas easily recognizable, off-the-beaten path, and daily-driven-past. They ranged from heavily wooded to wide-open grass to playground-equipped lots.

An open-space committee — comprised of the recreation director, Councilman Jerry Mittman,

Mark Russell and Matt Cowles — worked from the city's land-use plan to designate open space in the city. In addition to a description of each city-owned parcel — ranging from one-half to four acres — the committee listed the budget impact and a recommendation to leave undeveloped, create a landscape plan, and/or designate as a park.

The committee also looked at privately owned open space listed on the city Master Plan.

"We almost have an obligation to our future generations to preserve our open spaces," said Councilman Kevin Hartshorne.

He stated the consensus sentiment as he and his counterparts considered what formal park designation might mean for each of the sites they discussed.

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Books for Babies gives children a head start

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Fourteen-month-old Sophia Zervos gave a huge grin while looking at pictures of babies in the book "Baby, Boo!"

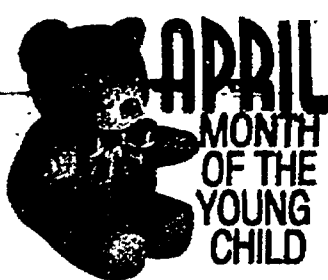
The book was a gift from Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski on April 7, and the first delivery of the district's Books for Babies program.

The program, administered through the Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center, was created to welcome parents and their newborns into the public school learning community.

Delivered with the complimentary book was a packet of information, an age-appropriate developmental chart, ways to raise a reader and writer, a list of Internet resources for new parents and data on the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Great Parents, Great Start program.

"It's a wonderful help," Rezmierski said.

Partnered with Eileen Freeman, Northville Early Childhood



Center program coordinator, the superintendent places high priority on informing caregivers that good readers come from homes where it's valued and the desire to read begins with the warmth and security of lap-time reading.

What you do at home before your children enter school is key to their success and reading together is one of the earliest shared experiences of parents and children, Rezmierski said.

Freeman explained the program was ultimately designed for targeting babies birth to age 3 while providing a link to the district.

The program is in keeping with Gov. Jennifer Granholm's Project

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Board revisits plan for Seven Mile site

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Behind the green sprigs of a new spring at former Northville Psychiatric Hospital site on Seven Mile Road lies a tangled mesh of past conditions to correct and potential for future development.

Scrutiny during the past year of the township's last and largest-unsold property — 415 acres in the center of Northville Township — revealed to local planners additional information to incorporate into projected plans for development there. The planning commission and board of trustees will look at a revised planned-unit-development (PUD) outline tonight during a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Hall, 41600 Six Mile Road.

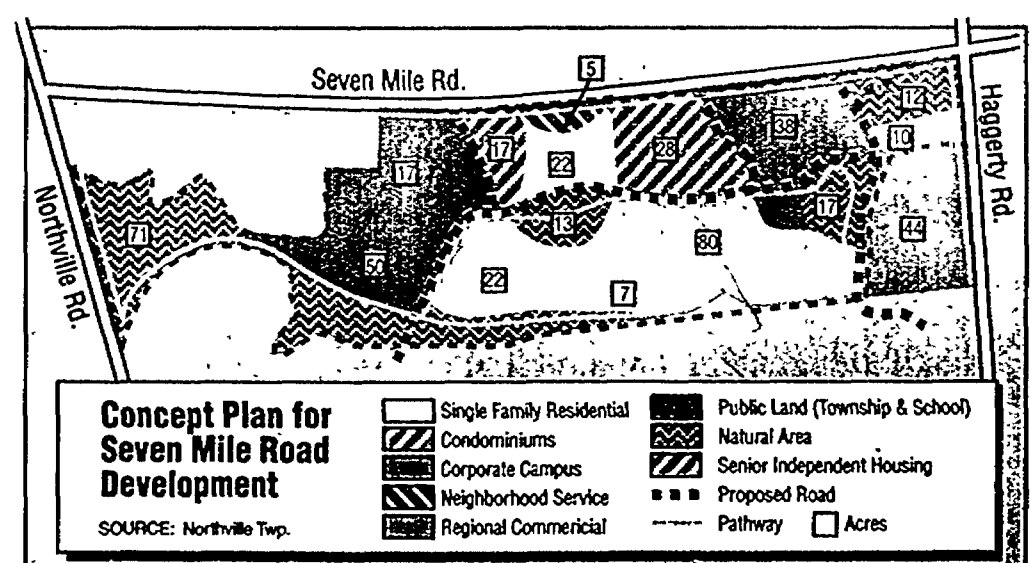
Fifty-plus years occupation of the state facility created dozens of buildings to demolish, environmental issues to clear up, dumping grounds to clean up, and above- and below-ground tunnels to address. A series of developers'

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Planning Commission
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multi-million-dollar offers for the prime location — made and withdrawn — leave the status still-for-sale-by-the-state.

"We're looking at what makes sense for the re-development of the whole property," said Jennifer Frey, township director of community development. Frey, with the township's planning consultant, Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc & Associates, drafted design guidelines the board will examine tonight. The plan presents a general arrangement of buildings, roads, storm-water facilities, and open space.

"Several developers that pursued the possible acquisition and development of the property have indicated that the existing conceptual PUD plan is too rigid and



does not offer the ability to carry out a creative mixed-use development on the property," the report states.

The new concept plan depicts "bubbles" of development type — single-family residential, corpo-

rate campus, condominiums, public land, senior housing, open space, and so on — along with acreage estimates between Northville Road to the west and Haggerty Road to the east, on the south side of Seven Mile Road.

The planning commission endorsed this layout on March 30, forwarding it for the board's review tonight. It differs from the original PUD concept the board

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Bond will fund improvements at Amerman

This is the second in a series of stories examining the \$35.7 million June 14 Northville School District bond proposal.

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

In two months, Northville voters will decide whether or not approving a \$35.7 million bond issue is worth an increase in taxes. Residents owning a home with a market value of \$200,000 will pay about \$100 a year for 20 years if the bond request passes.

In return, school administrators will purchase 10 new buses along with improvements and in some cases additions on nine of the district's buildings.

Amerman Elementary School, one of six elementary schools, is scheduled for \$2.1 million in improvements and technology upgrades.

One of the most voluminous improvements is a complete overhaul of the school's lighting system.

The building, built in the mid 1950s, possesses lowly lit hallways, covered skylights in the classrooms and out-of-date lighting technology.

Northville Public Schools Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services David Bolitho said per recent legislation, the lighting system will include sensors, disabling the lights when the room is unoccupied.

The new lighting system is

Items included in the Amerman remodeling

Items that are included in the Amerman Elementary School proposed remodeling:

- Replace existing unit ventilator
- New temperature controls and thermostats
- Classroom lighting
- Miscellaneous lighting
- Occupancy sensor/emergency lighting controls
- Fire alarm systems
- Clocks and PA systems replacement
- New building alarm system
- Carpet replacement
- Roofs
- Replace ceiling tile and grid
- Gypsum board ceiling bulkheads
- Window treatments
- Abestos abatement
- Phase II playground (replace swings and climber)
- Technology

Source: Northville Public Schools

scheduled to pay for itself in about six years, resulting from the decrease in energy output and increase in electric bill savings.

Along with the integrated lighting system, new carpeting is proposed for the building.

Bolitho said the existing carpeting, installed in 1989, will be replaced with a 15-year grade floor covering.

The proposed removal of the current carpet will include a complete asbestos abatement priced at \$94,000 to remove the underlying vinyl asbestos tile.

"There is a school of thought out there that says due to kids' allergies we should probably tile every classroom, but teachers prefer carpeting for a warmer atmosphere," Bolitho said.

New mechanical controls, painting, a new PA system and replacing ventilators at \$15,000 a room also makeup the list.

A portion of the \$2.1 million will also go toward a code-compliant fire alarm system.

"The system will have strobes as well as sirens," Bolitho said. "That is really the right equipment to have."

Bolitho said with increasing homeland security issues, all increases in safety measures are prudent.

Technology improvements are additionally scheduled for Amerman.

Computers that are three years out of the designated life cycle will be replaced with new ones, Bolitho said.

Speaking on behalf of Amerman parents, president of the Amerman Elementary School's PTA Dale Maisano said Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski and Northville school board president Joan Wadsworth

will face many questions during the school's April 20 PTA meeting.

Maisano said there are parents who are concerned Amerman is being neglected by the bond proposal.

"They are not against the bond they just want to see as much given to our school as they do for other schools," Maisano said. "We have an older school, we have a very crowded school and we are kind of limited as to where anything can be added to our school. That is the problem being on the corner."

Silver Springs, Winchester and Ridge Wood elementary schools along with Meads Mill Middle School are scheduled for additions under the current bond proposal.

Maisano said Amerman parents understand an addition may be logistically impossible, but a



Photo by MARK A. HICKS

An outdated lighting system and blocked sunlights are two of the items receiving improvements at Amerman Elementary School if the June school bond is approved by voters.

bond-related answer to class-size concerns would be appreciated.

"I know there is a concern with class sizes, that is a huge issue," Maisano said.

"Twenty-seven to 30 students per classroom is a very large number. We know that when you have less students, it is easier on the teachers and better for the students."

Maisano said if it could be worked out where Amerman could get some extra teachers that would be great, but she knows dealing with Northville's continual growth is a hard task.

"It is a hard issue to deal with," Maisano said. "I wouldn't want to be in their shoes."

Amerman Elementary School has a total enrollment of 523 students and projected enrollment for next year is 528.

The district's \$35.7 million bond proposal was approved by members of the school board March 9.

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CAN'T PHONE HOME: The parent of a Silver Springs Elementary student went to the Northville Township Police Department last week reporting a missing cellular phone. The woman told police on Wednesday, April 7, that a Verizon Wireless phone was taken out of her son's bag. She said the phone was taken around noon on March 31 while her son was in gym class, leaving the bag unattended. The phone was valued at about \$360.

JOINT EFFORT: Members of the Northville Township Police Department assisted township firefighters last week at a local gas station fire. At about 5:40 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7, the department received the call that

fire fighters were on the scene of a fire at the Mobile Gas Station on Six Mile Road. An employee notified authorities after noticing flames at the gas station's car wash.

According to the report, the fire was sparked from the neon "touch free" sign on the roof of the car wash. A CO2 fire extinguisher was used to put out the fire and damage was estimated at about \$500. No one was injured.

OBSCENE CALLER: A Northville Township resident called the police department about 3:40 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, reporting an obscene message on her answering machine. Upon arrival, the woman played the message directed toward her 12-

year-old daughter for police. According to the report, the message was left by a young male attempting to disguise his voice. The message said the young girl was seen at a strip club and received a tattoo. Police said the call ended with a scream. The Northville Township woman did not recognize the caller's voice.

MORE MISSING CLUBS: A resident living in the 15000 block of Bay Hill Drive went to the Northville Township Police Department the evening of Tuesday, April 6, reporting his golf clubs were stolen. The man said his brown leather "U.S. Open 1999" golf bag was stolen while inside his garage. The Northville man said the last time he saw the

clubs was about 10 p.m. March 30. He noticed they were gone the next afternoon. According to the report, the man's wife was home and he was not sure if the garage door was left open all night. Inside the bag were two wedges, a full set of irons, putter, driver, a full set of woods, golf balls and a rain suit.

The bag and its contents were estimated at \$3,500. On April 2, a man living in the 45000 block of Riviera reported his University of Michigan golf clubs set was stolen from his garage.

KEEPS GOING AND GOING: A Livonia man was arrested last week after he was caught shoplifting a large batch of Energizer batteries from Meijer.

The Northville Township Police Department was notified of the shoplifting incident about 3:45 p.m. on Monday April 5 by Meijer loss prevention officers. The Meijer employees told police the 49-year-old male entered the store, grabbed a shopping cart and filled the cart with packages of batteries from the front lanes. After placing 16 packs in the cart, loss prevention officers said, the man then began stuffing the batteries in his pants and jacket pockets.

When all the packages were concealed, the Livonia man allegedly walked out without paying. Loss prevention officers told police they recognized the man after stopping him in 2003 for stealing the same items.

Northville Township police arrested the man and took him to the station.

CASE CLOSED: The Northville Township Police Department recently closed a counterfeit currency case. According to the report, at about 1 p.m. on Monday March 22, A representative from Northville High School called police reporting a counterfeit \$50 bill.

The cafeteria employee told police she was counting the days cash when she noticed the fake cash. She did not know who paid with the bill, other than it was a lunch-time patron. The bill was forwarded to the secret service by township officers and the case was closed.

Take a bow

Northville resident Jeannie Mitchell recently completed her master's degree in the art of teaching through the distance learning program at Marygrove College. The 1995 Northville High School graduate received her bachelor of science from Michigan State University, graduating with honors.

Jennifer Singer, a senior at Greenhills School in Ann Arbor, was chosen as a National Achievement semi-finalist. The Northville resident is honing her skills in forensics. Singer has qualified for the state finals for the past three years.



Jeannie Mitchell



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Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski delivers a book to 14-month-old Sophia Zervos and her mother Lisa, symbolizing the beginning of the district's Books for Babies program.

Books for Babies program gives kids a head start

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Great Start, launched during the governor's first State of the State address.

Granholm's initiative challenges adults to recognize education begins at birth, not when a child enters school.

Books for Babies is funded

through a Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency early childhood initiative grant.

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Early Childhood Center offers a variety of programs for youngsters

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

April is the Month of the Young Child and a time when the Northville Public Schools celebrates its Early Childhood Center.

"We have been here for years and years," said Leonard Rezmierski, Superintendent of Northville Public Schools.

Rezmierski said there is a direct corollary between the center's concentration on developing the community's young children and the achievements of public school graduates.

"I don't want to tip my hat, but I am aware of some phenomenal awards for our graduating class," Rezmierski said. "Where we feel the warm results of the program is on that warm day in June."

The center offers five programs meeting the varying needs of the community's parents and children.

Offered at schools throughout the district, the programs available are Parent and Child, Kids' Creative Corner, Child Care, Wondergarten and Kids' Club.

Northville parent Lisa Zervos said she is a strong supporter of Northville's Early Childhood Center. Her son, Nicholas, participates in classes at Thornton Creek Elementary

School.

"I can't say enough good things about the program," she said. "We're sad it's going to end."

Nicholas will attend kindergarten next year. "He just thrives," Zervos said. "He looks forward to every day. He is in school socializing and has made wonderful friends."

Zervos describes the early childhood centers environments as warm and loving.

"The kids do very creative projects," she said. "Things I would never think of at home. It has been great for him."

Her 14-month-old daughter Sophia, the first recipient of the district's Books for Babies program, is a future member of the Early Childhood Center, Zervos said.

Eileen Freeman, Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center program coordinator, credits the warmth and success of the classes with the center's underlying philosophy and welcoming environment.

Program curriculum is inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach to education.

Behind the philosophy is the theory that every child is unique and valuable.

"The philosophy is full of potential and respects each child," Freeman said.

Looking through the hallways of the cen-

ter's main location at Ridge Wood Elementary School, produces a sight of numerous photos.

The photos are of students, their work and their thoughts and ideas of the world around them.

"We focus on taking the time to be good observers of children," Freeman said. "We find out what interests them so we can create experiences with meaning."

The environment of the center's classrooms also shows the center's philosophy of making the students feel comfortable.

"We like to create a more home-like environment," Freeman said.

"Our rooms include natural light, curtains, natural items and many opportunities for kids to explore."

The center employs about 75 staff members, many of whom are certified in early child development and education and have been with the center for a long period of time.

"We do our planning on the interests of the children," Freeman said. "Supporting their strengths along the way."

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Center collecting items for the little ones

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Helping children who never benefited from a baby shower or gloating grandparent is the goal of the Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center this month.

In observance of April is the Month of the Young Child, the center organized a local drive to collect new receiving blankets and sleepers for babies up to 24 months.

"We usually try to do a community service project each year for Month of the Young Child," said Eileen Freeman, Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center program coordinator.

The drive is a collaborative

effort between the center, The University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Education, the Wayne County Executive's office and Child's Hope.

Child's Hope is a child abuse prevention council working diligently this month since April is not only Month of the Young Child, but also Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The collaborative goal is making sure babies in Wayne County will never go without clothing again.

"We're sponsoring a baby shower for babies that never had a baby shower," said intern Yvette Clark of Child's Hope.

Clark said the organization came up with the idea after receiving a call from the

Michigan Family Independence Agency.

"They had an infant they needed to put into foster care and this infant had nothing to wear," Clark said. So, we took it upon ourselves that we needed to have a baby shower."

Freeman said making a local donation is very easy.

All interested residents need to do is look for the purple box placed at three locations throughout Northville and place a new blanket or sleeper inside.

The purple boxes are located inside Thornton Creek Elementary School, the Early Childhood Center main office at Ridge Wood Elementary School or the

Northville Public Schools Main Street administrative building.

Purple boxes are also located at The University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Education administrative offices.

Babies in Wayne County identified by protective services will receive the donated items.

A wrap-up event will take place April 29 at Henry Ford Estates in Dearborn, honoring all organizations participating in the donation program.

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April 30 concert celebrates Month of the Young Child

Area residents are invited to a family concert celebrating April is the Month of the Young Child.

The event sponsored by the Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center will take place 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Main Street band shell in downtown Northville.

A special performance by the Gratitude Steel Band, promises to make the event special.

And before the concert, members of the Early Childhood Center encourage all

attendees to look for paper hand prints on display at downtown businesses.

The hand prints collectively represent the value young children bring to the community and each sole print symbolizes an individual with original ideas and experiences.

"It is a time to celebrate young children and what they bring to the community and to our lives," said Joanne Payne, Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center assistant program coordinator.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 170

Article 20 Development Options, Section 20.4 Standards for Site Design for all Development Options J. Architectural Design, 3.

An Introduction and First Reading of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance will be held at the Board of Trustees meeting on April 15, 2004 at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

The amendment is Article 20 Development Options, Section 20.4 Standards for Site Design for all Development Options J. Architectural Design, 3.

The public is invited to attend and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Clerk's Office, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. Complete copies of the proposed changes are available at Township Hall from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

(4-8/15-04 NR 124327)

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Notice is hereby given that the Northville Parks and Recreation will accept sealed bids until, Tuesday, April 20, 2004 11:00 a.m. local time, at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, at which time all bids received shall be publicly opened and read aloud for:

Audio System Purchase and Installation
Service Pantry Equipment Purchase
Interior Furnishings Purchase

Specifications, bid documents and proposal forms may be obtained from the Northville Parks and Recreation Department by calling (248) 449-9941.

The City of Northville reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities in the best interest of the project.

(4-15-04 NR 125397)

TRACI SINCOCK, DIRECTOR
NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2004-05 BUDGET

In compliance with Act No. 43, State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and Act No. 2, State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968, ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2004-05 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

JILL F. O'SULLIVAN

Vice President for Finance and Business Services

Published: April 15, 2004

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS FILING DEADLINE FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE & TOWNSHIP PRECINCT DELEGATE

A candidate who wishes to seek a position on the Charter Township of Northville Board must file a nominating petition and an Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2004. A candidate who seeks a township office must file with the township clerk's office; a county clerk is not authorized to accept filings from candidates who seek township offices.

Candidates who wish to run for Precinct Delegate must complete and file an Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 and may file at the township clerk's office OR the Wayne County Clerk's Office located at 207 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit.

Petition and affidavit forms can be obtained at the Clerk's office located at 41600 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A notice will be published and posted in the Clerk's office of the list of the candidates, for township offices, who have filed nominating petitions as they will appear on the official primary election ballot (168.554) and the same will become records open to public inspection. (168.555).

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(4-15/22-04 NR 125130)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 170

ARTICLE 3 General Provisions, Section 3.1 K.

Article 3 General Provisions, Section 3.1 O.

Article 37 Temporary Uses Events, Structures and Buildings, Section 37.1

Date: April 15, 2004

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Northville Township Civic Center
41600 Six Mile Road

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The amendments include:

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Article 3 General Provisions, Section 3.1 O.

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City looks to preserve open spaces for parks

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For example, in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to what degree would the city need to make accessible each park-designated location, they posed.

Also, how would making Mill Race Historical Village a public park affect its current use? And, can a city-owned area designated as a park remain in its natural state?

Those were among the questions Sincok will take to attorney James Kohl.

In a letter on park procedure to Sincok, Kohl stated that the council — assuming the city already owns the land — can simply pass a resolution designating the property as a park. "Undesignating" a park is more difficult, he wrote.

The attorney cited the City Charter Section 8.8 that provides: "The city may not sell any park or



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville's Joe Denton Park at the southeast corner of Eaton and Seven Mile is one of the sites being considered.

any part thereof unless approved by three-fifths of the electors voting thereon at any general or special election." Also, according to Kohl, "undesignating" would be difficult if funds were provided to create a park in perpetuity.

That question resulted from discussion of the City Hall Park, approximately .7 acres at the corner of Wing and Cady streets. Landscaped by the Northville Garden Club and maintained by the city Department of Public Works, the area has been used for community activities such as an Easter egg hunt or picnics.

If the council acted on the committee's recommendation to formally designate the site, would the library as a separate entity ever be able to expand in that direction, the council asked.

Designation of city parks will not be on the April 19 agenda, but the council will resume discussion at a future meeting, City Manager Gary Word said.

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City outlines potential parks

Frequent visitors to Northville's outdoor settings — walking the steps down to Ford Field, or the steps back in time to Mill Race Historic Village — likely are unaware they are not city parks.

The locations the City Council will consider at a future meeting assigning the official status are:

• **Lot 374** — This city lot is 2.67 acres located north of Main Street and west of Rogers Street. In April 2000, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended to the council that this site be preserved as open space in its existing form as it serves as a natural buffer, drainage area and habitat for diminishing wildlife.

• **Joe Denton Park** — Approximately half an acre on the north side of Seven Mile Road between Eaton and Spring drives, this park was dedicated to former city police chief Joe Denton. Currently maintained by the city Department of Public Works, the area serves as a neighborhood open space and contains only trees and shrubs.

A previous poll of neighborhood residents showed they did not want a playscape in that area, parks and recreation director Traci Sincok told the council in a April 5 presentation. Also, there is a sign at the site designating the honor to Denton.

• **City Hall Park** — An area with many mature trees, this grassy .7-acre area at the corner of Wing and Cady streets is maintained by the city's Department of Public Works. Further beautification efforts are denoted by the Northville Garden Club park bench at the corner.

• **Ford Field** — This is an active recreation area just over four acres, west of Griswold Street. Currently maintained by the parks and recreation department, the two Ford Field parcels must remain park space in perpetuity due to requirements of grants used to acquire and develop the site.

• **Ford Field East** — This linear two-acre parcel behind the WaterWheel Center is accessible only through private property, Sincok pointed out. The council members discussed eventual possible improvements to the site, as well coming up with a more appropriate name.

• **Gazebo/Bandshell** — Maintained by the public works staff, the gathering space of approximately .13 acres is the main venue for community concerts downtown. The council members discussed modifying the Main Street area to improve traffic flow and adding space to the site.

• **Mill Race Village** — The Northville Historical Society

operates the city's three-acre site, according to a lease agreement. In recent years, the parks and recreation department has provided collaborative programming at the collection of historic community buildings.

• **Baseline/Carpenter Park** — This one-acre site at the corner of Baseline and Carpenter streets in Cabbagetown has outdated play equipment and needs improved maintenance efforts, Sincok reported. In 1999, neighborhood residents met to evaluate the current features and review potential improvements, but a formal concept site plan was not adopted. Proposed new landscaping and play equipment would cost in excess of \$50,000, Sincok estimated.

• **Maplewood** — Originally purchased for a city park, this three-acre wooded site serves as a neighborhood open space in the northeast corner of the city east of Grace Avenue.

• **Allen Drive Lot** — Located at Allen Drive and Novi Road, this half-acre of open space is scheduled for new entrance landscaping and signage by the city, Sincok reported.

Northville Record staff writer Maureen Johnston compiled this report.

Engagements

Maddaford-Hansen

Terri Luter and Bob Maddaford of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Maddaford, to Danny Hansen, son of Rick and Dara Hansen of Livonia.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Northville High School and is currently attending Michigan State University, graduating in May 2004.

The groom-elect is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and is currently attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

A June 2005 wedding is planned.



Danny Hansen and Megan Maddaford

Hooper-Clemens

Keith and Karen Hooper of Northville announce the engage-

ment of their son, Christopher Lee Hooper, to Jennifer Elizabeth Clemens, daughter of Thomas and Laura Mauch of Dunnellon, Fla., formerly of Livonia.

The groom-elect graduated from Northville High School in 1993 and will receive a master of arts degree in public relations/organizational communications from Wayne State University in 2004. He is currently employed by Inductoheat, Inc.

The bride-elect graduated from Churchill High School in 1991 and will receive a bachelor in science degree in education from Wayne State University in 2004. She is currently employed by Mesaba Airlines.

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Community Events

• **Johnson Creek Protection Group meeting**
DATE: April 19
LOCATION: Northville High School forum room
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Ryan O'Connor, associate program leader from the Michigan Natural Features Inventory program will talk about the Johnson group and how its local efforts fit into stream preservation.
PHONE: (734) 761-1010

• **Rummage sale**
DATE: April 23
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Congregational Church (21355 Meadowbrook Road)
TIME: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
DETAILS: Call for info.
PHONE: (248) 348-7757

• **Presentation: Jews For Jesus**
DATE: April 24

LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Road)
TIME: 9 a.m.
DETAILS: David Brickner, executive director of Jews For Jesus, will speak about the history of the interdenominational group and what it stands for.
PHONE: (248) 374-5909

• **First Presbyterian Church Women's Retreat-Walking With Jesus: A Spiritual Journey**
DATE: Saturday, May 1
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
DETAILS: This retreat is designed to renew your strength and deepen your walk with Jesus through

inspirational praise and worship and words of encouragement to enrich your spiritual journey. Early registration through April 25/\$25. After April 25/\$30 per person.
PHONE: email registration inquiries to fpc@firstpres-nville.org.

• **Northville Co-op Preschool Open House**
DATE: Saturday, May 1
LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Rd.
TIME: 10 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: Applications for the 2004-2005 school year will be accepted for our 2, 3 and 4 year old programs.
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Council will consider Art House proposal

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Supporters of expanding art opportunities in town are expected Monday night to make their pitch to use a city-owned building as their base.

The Northville Arts Commission's proposal for an "Art House" in the approximate 1,800-square-foot building at 215 Cady St. is on the agenda for the regular City Council meeting, City Manager Gary Word said Tuesday. Local seniors, moving to their own new Main Street headquarters at the end of June, will vacate the facility, built in 1963 to house the community's scouts.

Arts Commission member Ken Naigus in an April 5 appearance before the council said his group members were scrutinizing their proposal's budget to prepare for next week. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 19, in the City Hall council chambers, 215 W. Main St.

Local resident and fiscal watchdog Ron Bodnar said he hopes the council members carefully consider who they allow to occupy the city-owned building. He suggested there are other potential uses for the building, including offering it for lease to a commercial enterprise, such as a professional services firm.

An engineering firm occupied the brick building between the

scouts and the seniors, Word said. "There's no other formal proposal that is being considered by the city at this time," he said.

Providing a home for the arts commission could prove costly to the taxpayers, Bodnar warned. He said he carefully reviewed the commission's 30-page proposal.

"I honestly don't see how it can work," he said. "There doesn't appear to be a way that they can do any of the great things they propose to do in this document without great additional expense to the taxpayers."

The building's annual expenses are \$23,000-\$25,000, including utilities, insurance and staff time for maintenance inside and out, said Traci Sincok, director of the parks and recreation department. The department would collaborate to provide programs for the venture with the arts commission on a one-year trial basis, she said.

The commission's proposal includes use of the facility:

- For art lessons.
 - To showcase local artists' works.
 - To house a small retail operation.
 - As a lecture location.
 - As a coffee house setting, for dramatic readings, poetry "slams," and vocal performances.
- The arts group is very committed to adding to the recreation department's current art offerings, Sincok said.

Also, it is not the intent of the commission's Art House to compete with downtown merchants, the director said. In fact, the opposite is true.

"That's where we want to complement what they're doing," Sincok said. She cited the department's past success in offering fitness classes in cooperation with the WaterWheel health club.

The new Center Street art-supply store — "Awakening...The Artist Inside" — is an example of a business owner who would host classes in the facility, Sincok said. "We're all about collaboration, rather than going out to create something new to compete."

When arts commission member Kathleen Tabaczynski, former arts programming supervisor for the parks and recreation department, in December first pitched the concept to the council she emphasized her group's goal of including the entire community.

The detailed "Art House" proposal described program and activity offerings for community schools, local businesses, artists, community organizations, seniors, adults, teens, kids and families as a whole.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Displaying some of their art and hoping to utilize the Senior Citizens' Center on Cady as the new home for the Northville Arts Commission are, from left, Laurie Fowler, Emily Sherman, Kathleen Tabaczynski, Sonia Swigart, Sue Taylor and Susan Vitili. Joining the group are Tabaczynski's kids John Michael and Cullen.

Two incumbents, two newcomers file for openings on school board

Two incumbents will face two newcomers in June's school board election.

The end-of-the-day April 12 filing deadline produced four candidates interested in two open board of education seats.

The school board candidates are board president, Joan Wadsworth; board trustee, Judith Wollack; and Northville residents Robert Sochacki and Cheryl Drogosch.

Wadsworth and Wollack

announced their intentions to run again during the board's March 9 meeting.

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Local man looks ahead with faith after car crash

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

After serving as lector for his church's service last Thursday night, Dennis Patton chatted with fellow parishioners, then headed to a Brighton theater with his wife Susan for an encore viewing of "The Passion of the Christ."

The 52-year-old South Lyon father of three said this Easter season affected him unlike ever before; he had volunteered for a lector role for Our Lady of Victory's Good Friday Mass as well. "It's funny, we were just having this conversation," he recalled, planning to refresh the content of the "Passion" message. "This seemed like the right thing to do."

That was just before he cautiously entered the intersection of Nine Mile and Rushton roads, only to be T-boned by a car coming from his left. The Easter season that started with a renewal of Patton's faith became a test of it, as he was forced to embark on a

many-month regimen of rehabilitation.

For the other driver, the accident may turn into an ordeal of another variety.

Green Oak Township police turned the case against the other driver over to the Livingston County prosecutor's office for review, Chief Robert Brookins said Tuesday.

Because the investigation still is open, the chief said he was unable to comment further. "I will say alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash," Brookins said.

Green Oak Township firefighters used hydraulic tools to free Patton, who was trapped behind the steering wheel of his Chrysler Concorde. The collision, which occurred around 9:30 p.m. April 8, caused significant damage to the vehicles, Brookins said.

"If you look at the photos, they were very, very lucky people," he said. "That's a significant crash. That's not your average fender bender."

Susan, 43, who returned home

Saturday from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, suffered minor injuries. "She still has some residual confusion and tiredness, and wasn't in the greatest shape today," Patton said.

His wife stayed by his side throughout his surgeries, Patton said, only to be admitted herself mid-day Friday with delayed after-effects.

Thankfully, their three children, ninth-grader Shayla, sixth-grader Sarah, and second-grader Patrick, are on spring-break from Gabriel Richard High School and Our Lady of Victory School right now, he said.

"The kids have been very helpful," their dad said. Thursday and Friday nights, close friends and neighbors stepped in to care for the children.

"There have been a lot of people," Patton said. "Tons of phone calls, lots of people stopping in. We've got more food than we could ever possibly eat."

A call at the start of the week from the state manager of Patton's

employer, Aflac insurance, telling him not to worry about anything lifted a weight from his mind. The self-employed Ann Arbor district sales coordinator remarked wryly that he has the insurance coverage he needs.

The doctor's orders are that Patton cannot put any weight on either leg for three months. "They're basically trying to get me into a position I can be in a wheelchair," he said. Crutches and rehabilitation will follow.

Patton, who underwent 7-1/2 hours of surgery on his injured

legs and right foot Friday, said details of the events immediately following the crash with the Cadillac sedan are "sketchy."

But he does recall the moments just before his side of the car was crushed by the oncoming vehicle. "The lights were right there," he said.

What he remembers next was "excruciating" pain in his left leg — jammed into the engine compartment up to his hip — until his rescuers cut him to release the pressure.

"My leg was kind of just hang-

ing there, over on my right leg," he said. Surgeon Michael Chrissos has since inserted a rod in Patton's left leg and pins to repair his dislocated and broken right ankle.

Patton said he knows his wife, children and extended church family are behind him and he will draw on his faith to get through this ordeal.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Drama camp in Northville

Acting coach Stefanle Mallasch works with Northville Parks and Recreation drama campers Allyson Manor and Natalie Wiest, right, in improvising a spy scene last Monday morning at Hillside Recreation Center. The camp is running from Monday through Friday and hopes to give its students a basic grounding in the elements of theater and acting.

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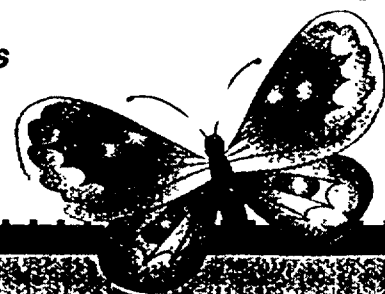
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Board revisits plan for Seven Mile site

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adopted two years ago in the mixture of land uses and density allowed.

"From the township's perspective, we feel this is a better plan," Frey said. "I can't predict how developers will respond to it."

Rather than specific location designation, the bubbles allow flexibility for the developer, Frey explained, while still maintaining the township's desired land-use concepts. "As we learned more about the site, we had to respond to that," she said.

"In order to get and preserve additional natural features, we had to give something," she added. Among the key elements

the plan suggests:

- Single-family homes running along the southern border of the former hospital site. Developments accessible from Six Mile Road — Maple Hill, Lakes of Northville, Parkstone and Northville Trails — literally would back up to those home sites.

- Donation to the township of 50 acres of the 415 total, just south of the 17 acres already owned by the township along Seven Mile Road, east of the state police post. Part of that acquisition would be used as the site of a future elementary school, which would be needed to house the additional children projected inside the new homes.

- 75-foot-wide greenbelt of trees maintained along Seven Mile Road.

The biggest objection from potential developers of the site has been related to the strict zoning of the site, said Mitch Irwin, director of the state Department of Management and Budget, which is handling the sale of the property. Added to that concern was the myriad of issues that would accompany the state's as-is condition of the sale.

"We think it's a step in the right direction," Irwin said. "We want to continue to work with the township to get to a mutually agreeable plan."

The state certainly accepts that zoning ordinances are the domain

of local officials, the director said. "Once they establish their direction, we'll work to get the best value for the state and the community of Northville," he said.

During the planning commission's review of the township's guide for development, they discussed the designation of the current 44-acre Hawthorn Center site at 18471 Haggerty Road as the location for most of the development's commercial component. Ten acres to the north they suggested there might be restaurant pads overlooking a pond at the most northeast corner of the property.

The Hawthorn property may not be part of the state's land for sale currently, Frey said, but the

commission's charge is to plan for the long-term development of the property which fronts on its east side the otherwise commercial corridor of Haggerty.

Hugh Murphy, senior vice president/regional manager for the Staubach Company, stressed to the commission that the Hawthorn property is not for sale. After a couple of bid rounds failed to produce a deal, the management and budget department in December 2003 brought in Staubach, a real estate consultant, to aid in marketing the property.

"This is definitely going in the direction the state wants," Murphy said of the PUD revision. "It is a very promising concept to move forward."

Board Trustee Marv Gans, who serves as liaison to the planning commission, posed to Murphy a oft-raised question about the rationale behind the state's past minimum bid price of \$65 million for the former state hospital property. He cited an appraisal of \$39 million for the parcel.

Murphy said the task at hand is to sell the parcel for the most money possible. His job as representative for the state is to work with the township to move the process forward, he said.

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Township seeks variety of land uses on former hospital site

By Maureen Johnston
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The 415 state-owned acres on Seven Mile Road are a mixture of rolling hills, now-vacant buildings, wetlands and dense woodlands.

That mixture of topography — and Northville Township leaders' desire to diversify tax base within the site's development — demanded a variety of desired land-use guidelines. The township's planning consultant — Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc & Associates —

helped local planners document proposed uses for the property, including:

1. Commercial — The northeast corner of the development would allow for sit-down dining establishments; drive-through facilities would not be permitted. If market demand did ultimately force the Hawthorn Center to move to a more affordable location, the planners envision big-box retail, grocery stores, or large plazas along the Haggerty Road corridor.

2. Corporate campus —

Buildings could vary in scale from one to 10 stories. The planners urge the use of public art, as well as cutting-edge design features and high-quality materials. This land-use could provide a park-like setting, provide employment opportunities within the township, and improve the current tax base.

3. Neighborhood service — These establishments, designed to serve the residents of the new development, might include a pharmacy and convenience retail store.

4. Public land — The planned-use-development requires some usable land be dedicated to the public, in this case the township is suggesting .50 acres. Approximately 20 acres would allow for an elementary school site to help offset the impact of the proposed development on Northville Public Schools. Approximately 30 acres would allow for township recreational and cultural facilities. The concept plan suggests location of this land adjacent to the 17 acres already owned by the township.

The concept plan includes four categories for single-family residences, and two for multiple-family uses. Among the suggestions for the neighborhoods are a proposed road network that discourages cut-through traffic, and encourages layouts to promote pedestrian activity, as well as overall design character.

5. Single-family estate lots (2+/- units/acre).

6. Single-family larger lots (3+/- units/acre).

7. Single-family medium lots (4+/- units/acre).

8. Single-family smaller lots (5+/- units/acre).

9. Condominiums (10+/- units/acre; up to 22+/- units/acre if in mid-rise buildings).

10. Senior independent housing (10+/- units/acre; up to 22+/- units/acre if in mid-rise buildings).

11. Preservation, open space and parks.

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Internet crime unit nabs suspect

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Sheriff's Internet Crime Unit announced late last week the arrest of a 37-year-old Indiana male, apprehended after meeting who he thought was a 14-year-old female for sex.

John Roach, spokesman for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, said John Brodbeck from Decatur, Ind., planned on meeting the girl at a Northville Township fast-food restaurant while he was in Michigan on business. Investigators said Brodbeck was to meet the presumed young girl, go to a nearby hotel for sex and then drive back to Kalamazoo, where he was staying for business, before heading home to Indiana.

Roach said the modular-homes

salesman was confronted in the parking lot of the undisclosed Northville restaurant chain on April 6 by deputies.

The arrest occurred without complications. "They (deputies) had been chatting with Brodbeck for about three to four weeks," Roach said. "The suspect then requested a meet with what he thought was the underage girl and they selected the location."

Roach said the man was led to believe the girl he thought he was corresponding with lived in Northville. Wayne County investi-

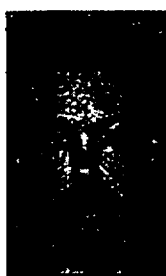
gators continue to work with the Decatur Police Department to seize Brodbeck's computer and perform forensics.

The suspect, who is married and has two boys ages 9 and 6, has been charged with two counts of illegal use of the Internet.

If convicted, he faces 20 years in prison and automatic placement on the Michigan Sex Offender Registry.

Lt. Ray Garbarino with the Northville Township Police said the department was aware of the arrest, but had no involvement with the case. Roach said Brodbeck was released from county jail after posting 10 percent of a \$250,000 bond.

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Take time to enjoy the spring

Winter finally seems to be losing its grip on the area. The first jab was delivered late last month when spring made its official arrival... even if it did so amid gray skies and cold temperatures. Next came the recent steady state of the mer-

curry hovering in the mid-50s and lower 60s. (If you looked carefully, there were even bits of sunshine poking through the clouds.)

And with Daylight Savings Time arriving almost two weeks ago, we were an hour shorter on sleep while taking another step in the journey to knock out what seems to have been one of the colder winter snaps in recent memory.

Spring is more than a chance to cast away the bitter chill of a January night. It's an opportunity for renewal and new opportunity. So much of that optimism can get lost in the daily grind of our lives that we lose sight of the bigger picture.

What about that other resolution — to lose weight? No excuses now. Even a few minutes each day of walking does wonders for the heart and mind.

That New Year's resolution you made — the one where you said you'd help the community? — it got pushed to the back burner because the dark and cold of the last three months. With days getting longer and warmer, now's the chance to do something good.

What about that other resolution — to lose weight? No excuses now. Even a few minutes each day of walking does wonders for the heart and mind. (You'll probably notice the buds starting to pop out on trees and the tulip shoots worming their way from the soil, too.)

True enough: we're going to encounter days in the next few weeks when a coat and gloves are still needed to keep off the cold, but winter is starting to reel from the seasonal beat-down being delivered by spring. Take some time and enjoy it.

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Dressed in 1800's garb and as part of their Head West activity day, Meads Mill Middle School students Lexy Stieber, Austin McHenry and Erin Caldwell, right, team up to transport their wagon as they explore new lands around the school. Students spent the day outside learning about how pioneers had to find their way in the wilderness and brushed up on map and compass reading, weather observations, and how disease affected people.

Looking for outstanding teachers

There may be only two opportunities left, but nominating an outstanding Northville teacher for the Northville Record's monthly feature teacher contest is still a great idea.

Sadly enough, the number of nominations the paper has now is zero.

If that number does not increase, just like April, the second Thursday of next month will be absent accolades a local teacher deserves.

In the past, the contest has generated a warm response. Brigitte Clavon Knolton sent the paper a very nice note

after realizing her nomination was chosen as a winner earlier this year. "Thank you very much for featuring Mrs. Modrack for Teacher of the Month

in the Thursday, February 12, 2004 Northville Record," Knolton wrote. "I was so excited when I found out that my nomination made it through. Mrs. Modrack is well deserving of this honor." The Northville mom said the article meant a lot to her.

Modrack had significantly helped Knolton's son while he was a student in her Thornton Creek Elementary School first-grade class.

In her nomination, Knolton wrote, "Mrs. Modrack extended herself in so many ways to make sure that (my son) received the best tutoring and provided extra enrichment tools so that he would improve his reading skills. Mrs. Modrack would always encourage (my son) and tell him that he could do it and made him feel extremely confident with himself."

Knolton honored her son's first-grade teacher, saying she is one of those teachers that will always be remembered throughout your lifetime and her name will never be forgotten.

It is hard to believe there are not more parents, students or co-workers who feel the same way about a Northville teacher.

And remember — there is no statute of limitations governing when you must nominate an awe-inspiring educator.

Knolton waited one year after her son was out of Modrack's class.

The intention of the contest is to acknowledge teachers for their hard work and inspiration of the community's children and no nomination is ever too old.

And if brightening someone else's day isn't inspiration enough, just think, your odds of being chosen winner with zero other nominations pending is pretty good. To nominate a public or private school teacher, please send the teacher's full name, school address and phone number along with a statement of no more than 200 words indicating why the instructor deserves the Feature Teacher recognition.

Nominations should be delivered to 104 W. Main Street, Northville 48167 or via e-mail to vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.

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LETTERS

Thank you to some wonderful volunteers

The Week of April 18 is National Volunteer Week. During this week Northville Youth Assistance wishes to thank the City of Northville, the Charter Township of Northville, the Northville School District and all of the many volunteers who are currently helping our local youths, have gone through training or have helped in the past. We are truly grateful for your time support and dedication.

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Youth Assistance Program is a gem

Recently I had the pleasure of hearing

Rosalind Wiseman speak to students and parents at Hillside Middle School. Ms. Wiseman's speech was very meaningful, and I know that the female students who heard her were touched by her words. Her presentation made me reflect on how fortunate the Northville community is to have speakers of this caliber brought to them.

I saw Mary Ellen King (NYA program director) and thanked her for her efforts and involvement in bringing Ms. Wiseman to Hillside.

I have known Mary Ellen King since I started as a school social worker almost 15 years ago.

I have seen her program grow from a small but powerful mentoring program to the vast array of community outreach services she provides. These services include homework tutors, camp scholarships, community detention alternatives, speakers, prevention services for juvenile offenders, community needs assessments and when necessary family counseling.

Mary Ellen King and her Northville Youth Assistance Program have become an invaluable resource for our school staff and the students we work with.

The Northville Community is enriched by her programs and fortunate to have her. Thanks, Mary Ellen, for everything you do.

Valerie Kaplansky
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The race toward racinos

Winston Churchill once famously called Russia "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma." A fair description, it seems to me, of the so-called "racino" bill, now mysteriously Topic A in Lansing scuttlebutt.



Phil Power

seven horse racing tracks, including Northville Downs in Southeastern Michigan.

The measure would permit as many as 2,000 machines at each track, yielding the half-raising prospect of as many as another 14,000 slots in Michigan, not counting the four new "tracks" investors want to build as convenient locations for more slots.

Readers of a statistical bent will be interested to learn that slots are already spinning at the three Indian casinos in Detroit and 21 other tribal locations around the state. Indeed, devices for gambling now abound in Michigan: slots, roulette wheels, lottery games, Keno and pull-tab lottery tickets.

When he learned I intended to write about racinos in this column, my colleague at this newspaper, Jack Lessenberry, snorted "Personally, I think we need another 2,000 video gaming terminals like we need another poisoned cattle feed scandal."

What is mysterious is just why such a blatantly single-purpose bill — a favorite of House of Representatives Speaker Rick Johnson, the Michigan Farm Bureau and various owners of

horse tracks, who feel racinos are the only way to save the declining horse racing industry in Michigan from competition by the gambling casinos — has stayed alive for so long.

"Greed is the root of all of this, on all sides," explained Bill Ballenger, publisher of Inside Michigan Politics. The state is experiencing its third straight year of \$1 billion-plus budget deficits, and after two years of hard budget cutting there's not a whole lot left to cut. Terrified of being charged with raising taxes, however, the Lansing political class is devoting its considerable collective imagination to dreaming up ways to increase state income without calling it a tax.

The House Fiscal Agency estimates that the number of slots initially authorized if the bill passes — 500 at each of seven tracks or 3,500 in all — would yield between \$73 million and \$137 million to whatever governmental unit gets a slice of the take. Eventually, Lansing insiders are talking \$200-\$400 million, which would go a long way to help balance the state's budget.

Which, in turn, explains why Gov. Jennifer Granholm has a love-hate relationship with racinos. She doesn't like the House version of the bill and, in any event, doesn't want it to come to a vote in the Senate "until the budget has been taken care of."

But for a governor trying to balance a budget badly in deficit, several hundred million dollars of added revenue (arguably not the result of a tax increase) is not to be taken lightly. A long-time Lansing lobbyist recently told me, "Without the budget crisis, there would be no chance — no chance! — this bill would ever see the light of day."

Another problem with the racino bill is that it would cost the state a vital income stream for economic development and jobs. At present, certain American Indian tribes with gaming casinos have agreements with the state to pay 8 percent of their net slot machine take to the Michigan Strategic Fund; last year, the state's share

amounted to more than \$13 million.

These agreements would be legally terminated if casino-style gaming were to be extended by the state, and "casino-style gaming" certainly includes racinos. Losing this funding for the Strategic Fund would certainly end an effective and successful state economic development program.

Worse, the prevailing Lansing gossip is that a clever deal is cooking to link the racino bill to an effort to raise cigarette taxes by 75 cents a pack. Under the scheme, racinos, having already passed the House, will be brought to a vote in a skeptical Senate. Meanwhile, the cigarette tax increase, now the subject of intense debate in the House Republican caucus, would be brought to a vote in the House.

This kind of cynical log-rolling should be exposed for what it is: Linking a bad idea (racinos) to what might well be a good idea (increasing the cigarette tax). Added to prevailing cynicism about the bill is all the talk about finding ways to deliver a slice of the racino take to Detroit (to buy the votes of the Detroit legislative delegation), to various state agriculture programs (to buy the votes of rural legislators), etc., etc.

As if all this were not enough, most polls (including some paid for by horse track interests) indicate most voters don't want Michigan to turn into Las Vegas North.

The racino bill represents a mysterious device to resolve the riddle of the state's budget deficit.

The enigma to me is why the legislature and Gov. Granholm don't simply say "no" to a bad idea and get on with the business of trying to lead the state.

Phil Power, in addition to being the Chairman of the company that owns this newspaper, is also the Vice Chairman of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which uses funds from American Indian casinos in some of its programs. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

Teddy Roosevelt's last Bull Moose

The leading representative of the party of Teddy Roosevelt came to Michigan last week, to hold a town hall meeting in a city where there really aren't any Republicans, and visit a state where, four years ago, he over-



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whelmingly won the Republican presidential primary. Hundreds crowded into a law school auditorium at Wayne State University in Detroit to see Arizona U.S. Sen. John McCain, one

of the very few politicians today that has what used to be called charisma, and who small children might think of as a hero.

"This is a man who should have been president," said former State Sen. Joe Schwarz, a friend and admirer who is now running for congress from a southern mid-Michigan district that includes Lenawee and Hillsdale counties.

Many in the audience plainly agreed. While the crowd was bipartisan, it mainly consisted of people who think George W. Bush's presidency has been a failure and that his reelection would be a disaster.

What they want to know now was whether U.S. Sen. John McCain, conservative Arizona Republican, would consider running as Massachusetts Democrat John Kerry's candidate for vice-president.

That idea has excited a lot of people. McCain has a quality of instant presence that makes people sense that he is somebody. As, indeed, he is. The son and grandson of admirals, he spent five years being tortured in North

Vietnamese prisons during the years Bush may or may not have been showing up for the Alabama National Guard.

"There is no way Bush wins if that happens!" one excited law school student said.

But whether or not that's true, it's not going to happen.

"The vice president has only two duties," McCain teased. "Presiding over the Senate and inquiring after the health of the president." Turning serious, he told them he thought he could get a lot more done in Congress.

Later, when I had a chance to talk to him privately, I asked him directly whether there was any way he would consider an offer. Though they are of different parties, McCain and Kerry are friends.

He told me, flatly, no. He couldn't do that, he said, because "I feel that, one, I would be leaving my party, whether I nominally did so or not, and I don't want to do that. I am a Republican. I believe in the party of Lincoln and (Theodore) Roosevelt."

That answer showed, I thought, a deep understanding of our political system — and also some shrewd common sense. Many Democrats who are ecstatic about the thought of a McCain-Kerry ticket would have a fast change of heart once they discovered that on many issues, ranging from labor to the military, McCain is a conservative Republican.

Republicans would forever regard him as a traitor, and Democrats would never really trust him. Besides, it seemed clear McCain would feel that to do something like that would be bailing out on his commander-in-chief in wartime. So he'll campaign for President Bush's re-election.

Not that this is easy. "We are not close friends, but we have a cordial relationship," he told me when I asked about how he got along with the President. Others say only the first part of that is really true.

John McCain would love to be presi-

dent. But he is 68 now, and realistically will be too old for another run. Four years ago, he came out of nowhere to give Bush a stiff challenge for the Republican nomination, winning a shocking upset in New Hampshire.

Nobody gave him any chance in Michigan, and indeed the party snubbed him, something that outraged Schwarz, who like McCain, had served in Vietnam. Schwarz ended up running a McCain primary campaign that ended in humiliation for former Gov. John Engler. McCain's candidacy later ran out of money and steam, partly because hard-line conservatives didn't trust his talk about campaign finance reform and criticism of tax breaks that gave too much to the rich.

But it made him a national figure, and also resulted in a lasting friendship between himself and Joe Schwarz, two gruff straight shooters who have a politically unusual attachment to integrity, honesty and common sense.

While many like to talk about Teddy Roosevelt, these two men really are Republicans in his mold. They believe in rugged individualism — but they also believe in fair play, the environment, and that government has a duty to prevent monopoly corporations from strangling the economy.

They know that many in their party are closer to Enron and Ken Lay than to Roosevelt and Lincoln, and they hate that more than they can say.

But they intend to go on trying to redeem their party. I asked John McCain if he remembered what TR had done when he lost the nomination. "It was stolen from him!" he said. He knew, as did I, that Teddy then started his own party. But he wouldn't go there, not even verbally, not, at any rate, yet.

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Other practical ways to live a healthy life

We hear a lot about how we should eat better and exercise to stay healthy. And there's no doubt about it, we need to do those things.

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Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

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School Briefs

SCIENCE ALIVE: The education group Science Alive visited Northville elementary schools last week with their animal presentations. The group presented the programs, Animal Friends and Environmental Adaptations on April 5 at Winchester Elementary School and Animals Have Class On April 6 at Thornton Creek Elementary School. A visit to Moraine Elementary School is planned later this month. Science Alive is a hands-on science education organization utilizing personalized, interactive classroom presentations with live animals.

REGISTER TO VOTE: The last day residents may register to vote in the June 14 annual school board election is Monday, May 17. Citizens may register at a Secretary of State branch or Northville clerk's office. Absentee ballots will be available in the Northville Public Schools business office Tuesday May 25. An absentee ballot may also be requested by calling (248) 344-8444.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Moraine Elementary School needs volunteers for its upcoming spring

Fun Fair. Organizers estimate it will take about 100 volunteers to make sure the 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 4, event is a success. Along with volunteers, the fair also needs a clown. No experience is necessary and the uniform and job training will be provided. For more information about becoming a clown or volunteer, call Corinne Madias at (248) 449-9322 or Cathy Doolittle at (248) 344-4663.

NHS INFORMATIONAL FAIR: Northville High School will be hosting an evening event to inform incoming freshmen and their parents of the various athletics and activities offered by the school. The fair will take place at 7 p.m. April 29 inside the high school cafeteria. Representatives from each sport and club will be at the event, providing information and answering questions.

SELF-DEFENSE CLASS: Northville Youth Assistance and the Northville PTSA Parent Awareness Committee are sponsoring a free self-defense class for parents and their children 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, April 26 in the Amerman

Elementary School gymnasium. All participants must pre-register by Monday, April 19. To register, call (248) 344-1618 or send an e-mail to youhassistance@northvillemich.edu.

COLLEGE FUNDING: Meads Mill and Hillside middle schools' PTSA's present College Funding Night 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in the Hillside Middle School forum. American Express Financial Advisor William Mullally will focus on different college funding options during the hour-long program. The

program is free and coffee and refreshments will be served.

SENIORS' PROM: The 14th Annual Senior Citizens Prom will take place 4-6:30 p.m. April 28 at Hillside Middle School. This year's theme is "Under the Sea." Students will serve as waiters, waitresses, event decorators and senior dance partners. Entertainment will be provided by the NHS Jazz Ensemble. Hillside Middle School Assistant Principal Laura Kelly is working closely with the life-skills classes, art classes and physical education classes to make the event possible.

DRIVER EDUCATION: Applications for Segment One driver education classes are now available in the Northville High School office. There is a fee of \$315 that covers Segment One in the summer 2004 and Segment Two in the fall and winter 2004-2005. Application deadline is April 23. For more information, call Linda Murphy at (248) 344-8427.

ALL-NIGHT PARTY: The Northville High School Senior All-Night Party will take place from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. June 5 inside the school. Although party details are

kept secret until the event, some features will include great entertainment, food, games and fun. Tickets are \$80 and checks made payable to Northville Senior Class Party may be dropped off at the High School office or sent to Fran Oakland, 21958 York Mills Circle, Novi, MI 48374. Parents interested in helping with the event may call Helen Detrych at (248) 348-7543.

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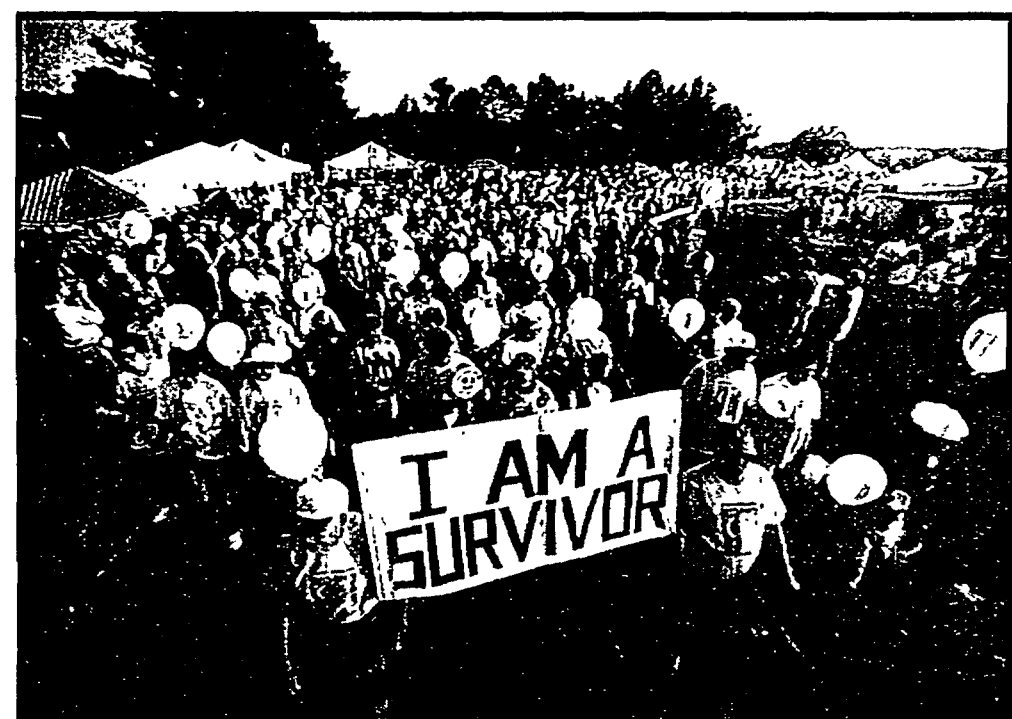
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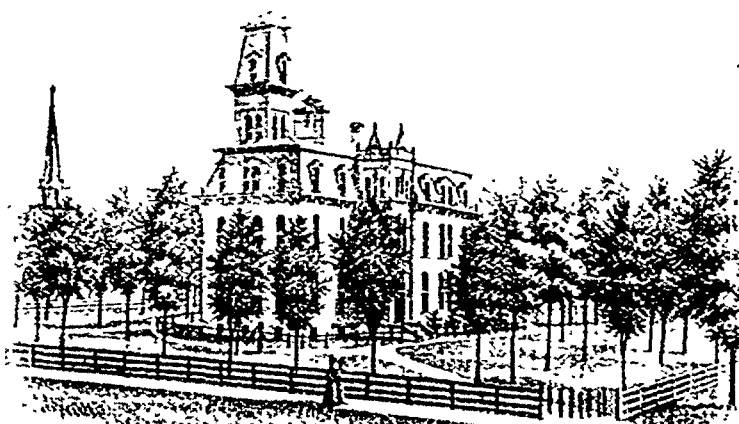
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Our Lady of Victory takes first at Science Olympiad

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

An excited group of students from Our Lady of Victory took first place in the 2004 Wayne County Science Olympiad Championships held late last month in Redford.

Members of the Cougar's Science Olympiad team beat 33 schools at the March 20 competition held inside Thurston High School, keeping their first-place title won in 2003.

The team of seventh- and eighth-grade students received 21 medals awarded for first- through 10th-place event finishes and the coveted first-place team trophy.

"The kids love it," said Valerie Barnes, team coach. "They really enjoyed the tournament and were so excited."

The private-school crew collected 407 points during the regional competition, beating the second-place middle school team from Grosse Pointe by 24 points.

Hillside Middle School collected 198 points, placing 12th and Meads Mill Middle School collected 182 points, placing 15th.

The 23 scored events counting

toward the Cougar's team trophy and individual medals ranged from identifying nearly 100 fossils, listing the time period and historic relevance to building robots for a game of robobilliards.

One of the largest challenges was a Rube Goldberg event titled Mission Possible.

Team members designed a device using about 20 different simple machines, working together to achieve one task.

"It is kind of like the old Mouse Trap game," Barnes said.

Other events included forestry identification, forensic crime scene processing and mystery powder testing.

The Science Olympiad tournament activities are balanced between varying science disciplines such as biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology and follow the format of board games, TV shows and athletic games.

Barnes said the group of 15 kids works hard, putting in hundreds of hours per event.

Each student on the team participates in between two and four contests and is coached 100 percent by parents.

Barnes said at least one person must step forward as a volunteer from each family in order for their children to be considered for the team.

"There is an awful lot of parents putting in a lot of effort," she said. "We kind of do it out of our kitchens and dining rooms."

The team now looks forward to the Science Olympiad State Competition, taking place May 1 at Michigan State University.

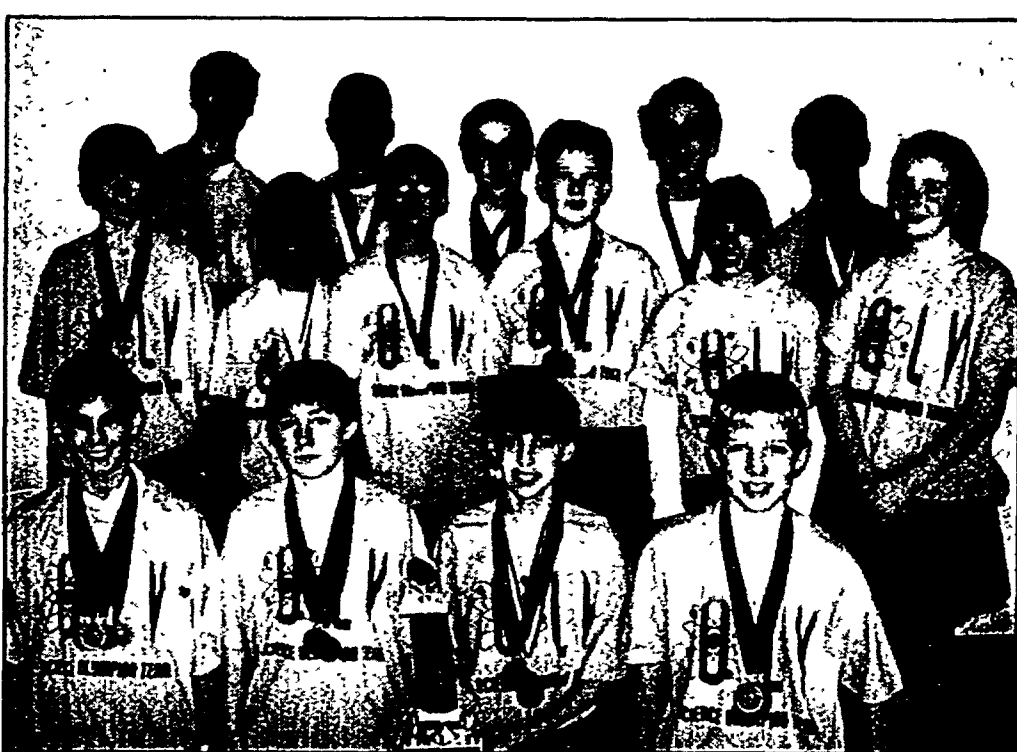
The top 15 teams will receive medals.

"This could potentially be a big year for us," Barnes said. "We have a very, very good chance at medaling as a team at states."

In 2003, the Cougars were four points away from 15th place and therefore a medal.

"We're really keeping our fingers crossed," Barnes said. "For the kids to go up there to the big stage inside the MSU auditorium would be such a thrill for them. I'm really hoping because they have been working so hard."

The team was awarded a one-week break after the Wayne County tournament, but started back with fervor earlier this month.



Members of the Our Lady of Victory Science Olympiad team display their medals and first-place team trophy during the 2004 Wayne County Science Olympiad Championship. Pictured from left to right: front row: Ryan Obarzanek, Ryan Gage, Lukas Barnes and Garrett Quick; middle row: Brian Murphy, Shane Joychan, Arun Dutta, Bill Waterstreet, Hilary Youtsey and Caitlin Williams; and back row: Brandon Stapp, Harrison Nguyen, Joe Broderick, Steve Broderick and Matt Tolacz.

The students on average will spend about four to 10 hours a week preparing for next month's state competition.

"It is quite a thrill to see the kids working so hard on some-

thing other than video games," Barnes said.

The Our Lady of Victory Science Olympiad team is financially supported by the school's PTO.

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 or vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.

On Campus

Northville resident Lindsay Hill has been named a recipient of the RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan 2004 "American Dream" Scholarship.

Northville resident Michelle Morelli was named to the Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. She is a graduate of Ladywood High School and is majoring in French at Dominican University, River Forest, Ill. She has been the president of the French Club, a member of the Campus Activities Board, in student theatre and has worked backstage for professional shows held at Dominican. She has also studied abroad in Strasbourg, France.

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Healthy Solutions moves to new location on Main Street

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Mario Schwarz-Cole the other day fielded a phone call from a woman seeking low-carb marshmallows.

Downtown's Healthy Solutions has a lot of unique products — some tailored for the latest diet craze — but that, he told her, his health food store did not have. Schwarz-Cole listens to his clientele and plans stock for the long-term.

"I'm not anti-Atkins," said Schwarz-Cole, who co-owns the store with his wife Darcie. "I'm not pro-either. Everyone always goes on binges." The two schooled nutritionists stress moderation with their steady clientele, and provide products to supplement those healthy efforts.

"If you eat all protein or you eat all carrots, you're going to have problems," the jovial merchant said. "Moderation is the key."

The two 35-year-olds spent the last two weeks moving their inventory of herbs, vitamins, bath and body products and informational literature from their store on Mary Alexander Court to a new location, next to the Marquis Theater, on Main Street. The Franklin couple is banking on greater visibility than the one-way-street site where they purchased the business from Mike and Christine Farrell three years ago.

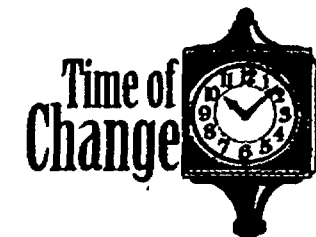
Walking near his new location, the business owner recounted a recent conversation between passers-by when they said "a health food store is coming to town." "I've been here," he stressed.

Prior to owner Inge Zayti's recent boutique on the premises, the Northville Coffee Bean Company occupied Main Street slot. The back wall is now filled with Healthy Solutions' intriguing brown-jar stock of 120 bulk herbs, for use as teas, herbal extracts, aromatherapy and potpourri.

"I have not found a store in the Detroit area that has more than I do," Schwarz-Cole said. "Customers tell me that if they can't find it anywhere, they can find it here."

Even before he neatly lined each jar and bottle on the shelves this week, Schwarz-Cole could describe in detail the contents of the products.

"We're trying to do the shopping for the customer so they don't have to figure out if they're higher quality products," he said. "We carry products from compa-



nies that have been in business 40 to 50 years that sell exclusively to health food stores, not on the mass market."

The business owner contrasted his products with those found on many grocery store shelves where consumers are left to select for themselves.

"We don't carry any synthetics," he said. The Healthy Solutions owner said he is rewarded by helping his clientele learn what will help them.

"Our biggest draw is that we have the knowledge and I don't mind sharing it with people," he said. "My biggest advertisement is a satisfied customer. I want people to say this guy helped me with my problem, you should go see him."

In the new store, Healthy Solutions will continue to carry products for people with food allergies to wheat, dairy or peanuts, for example. The couple also will add lines, including beauty products less harsh to the skin.

When a nutrition novice enters his stores, the business owner will patiently describe the five food tastes: salty, sweet, bitter, pungent and sour.

"If you overdo any of them, you will have certain problems," he said. His business is the herbs and natural medicines to correct the imbalance.

The owner gauges newcomers to the store by their eye color, the temperature of their handshake, the moisture in their skin, their skin color and so on. He is ready with the questions about lifestyle and diet, too.

"It's all about balance," he said. "Your body is a scale and if you tip it either way, you're going to have problems. Your body will survive," he continued, but eventually overcompensation to fix a symptom will surface even 10 to 15 years down the road.

For good health, the merchant suggests a daily regime of a good multi-vitamin and essential fatty oils in the form of fish or flax-seed oil. There again, he cited the need to clear up pop-culture concerns about mercury levels in fish products; the label on his products say they are tested and pollutant-

free. "There's a lot of thing you see and hear on TV," he said. "For the people who want to be educated, this is the place you want to be."

Schwarz-Cole estimated 60 percent of his customers become regulars, establishing life-long healthy habits. Many are women, he added. "Females take better care of themselves than men do."

The native of Czechoslovakia said he grew up surrounded by a tradition of herbs as healing. "The things we were taught by our parents and grandparents were actually beneficial," he said. A 1991 return trip to Europe convinced the young man a health food store

was his vocation. He keeps handy the library of well-read volumes on the field he has consumed since then.

Store hours are Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The new Main Street location might dictate additional hours, Schwarz-Cole said.

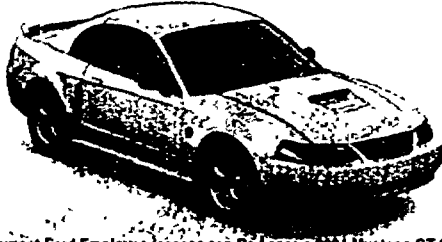
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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mario and Darcie Schwarz-Cole recently relocated their health food store, Healthy Solutions, from Mary Alexander Court to Main Street hoping to bank on greater visibility among potential patrons. Specializing in bulk herbs, the stores stocks 120 types for use in teas, herbal extracts, aromatherapy and potpourri.

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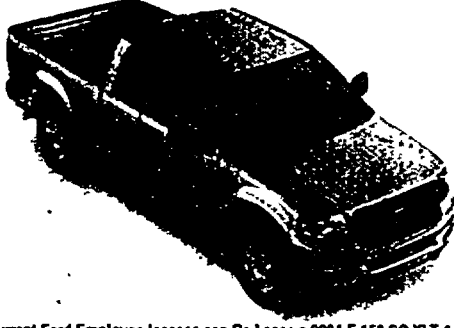


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Clarkson receives the award.

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Northville Parks and Recreation is accepting sealed bids for the installation of voice and data cabling at the Senior Community Center building located at 303 West Main Street.

Specifications may be obtained at the Northville Parks and Recreation Office, 700 West Baseline Road, Northville, MI 48167. (248) 449-9941. Questions regarding the specifications may be directed to Mike Grady, Gracon Services, Inc. (517) 349-4900.

Bids will be received at the Northville City Clerk's Office, 215 West Main Street Northville, MI 48167-1524 until Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. local time at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid documents must be submitted on the forms furnished and must be completed in full. Each bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope with the words "Voice and Data Cabling" written on the envelope.

All bids submitted are to remain firm for a period of 60 days after the official bid opening.

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WOLVES FEAST

Northville lacrosse gets punished by healthier Clarkston

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

On one hand, the Northville Mustang lacrosse team was plagued with injury. On the other, they seemed to be a little less-than motivated.

No matter what the reason, the Mustangs were on the wrong end of a big-time beating as they fell to the Clarkston Wolves, 14-2.

The Clarkston game was a real disappointment," Northville coach David Aktary said. "While I'm certain that our significant number of injuries hurt us that game, our worst enemy was our own lack of motivation and presence of mind."

The Mustangs were trapped and mauled by a vicious pack of

Wolves, finding themselves down by four goals in the first quarter of play before taking an even harder beating in the second to trail 9-0 at the half.

We simply made poor decisions, got flustered and let them take the win from us," Aktary said. "We did a lot of learning at that game — which is better to have come early in the season, rather than ending post-season play."

In the third quarter, the Mustangs were able to get the ball rolling in their direction slightly despite three more goals from Clarkston. Mike Monticciolo fired a hard pass to Nick Thurber, who danced past the Wolves' defense and slammed home a shot for a score.

"Based on our performance that game, we're going to make some fairly large changes."

David Aktary
Northville lacrosse coach

Not long after, Zach Elker added a goal of his own after a scramble in front of the net found him picking up the ball and rocketing

the shot home.

In the final quarter, the Clarkston squad put the finishing touches on their domination and added two more goals to seal their win, 14-2.

Aktary said that he expects there will be more than a little change made with his squad.

"Based on our performance that game, we're going to make some fairly large changes," he said. "First, we're going to improve individual ground-ball performance, focusing on technique and hustle."

And that's not nearly all. "Second, we're modifying our defense to be much more aggressive, taking calculated risks," Aktary added. "Third, we're going to put in another clear that

creates more options for our goalies and long-sticks, as our existing clear was a weakness of which Clarkston took full advantage."

The squad has plenty of time to work on their expected changes in style and play. The varsity squad has a near-three-week break before taking on Canton April 23. The first home game of the season will be when the squad takes on Grand Rapids Catholic Central at noon April 25.

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Northville tops Novi
The Northville Mustangs girls golf team had to take on Novi at the Wildcats' home course. In the past, that might not have been a big deal, but this year the Wildcats are much improved and had a decent showing. Luckily, Northville had a better one with some of their top players coming through for them yet again.

The Mustangs also filled an open date on their schedule with a match against the South Lyon Lions at Downing Farms. The result? Northville had their best showing of the season thus far and are looking to improve their game even more.

— See Page B3 for details

Good cause and good bread

So you want to run, do you? Oh, and you want to raise some money for a good cause while you're doing it? Well, we have just the answer for you — the Solstice Run.

In its second year of existence, the Solstice Run is currently accepting registrations for runners in its summer event. Last year, the impressive turnout during the inaugural year produced \$12,000 for Northville Parks and Recreation. This year, just imagine what it could raise with your help.

The race will be having a promotional stop at Great Harvest Bread Company in Northville, located on East Main Street across from the band shell. There, prospective runners can pick up a race application and ask questions of legendary runner Doug Kurtis as well as Alan Whitehead.

The event will be April 24 from 9:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. and will give runners the chance to sign up, ask questions and even snag an autograph from Kurtis himself.

Don't miss out on the race event, the autographs or even the tasty bread that owners David and Julie Cole produce for your taste buds' delight.

Tennis can't quite get cross-town rivals in close matches

The Northville Mustangs boys tennis team knew that beating Novi would be one of their biggest challenges in the early matches of the season. Unfortunately, they weren't able to get the win they were looking for — but they sure did give those Wildcats a run for their money. Expect to see this squad playing some impressive tennis through the rest of the year.

— See Page B2 for details

Did you know?

The Northville-Novl Colts are expanding? Due to the high volume of interested participants each and every year, they cheer-leading and football squads have decided to allow an increased number of individuals to join their ranks.

As many of you know, the Northville-Novl Colts have a strong tradition in this area and to become a part of that is nothing to scoff at. Sports teaches team work, leadership and responsibility to our youth. Why not let your kid in on some of the action too?

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'Stangs start season nicely

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was quite the week for Northville baseball.

The Mustangs, who are coached by Mickey Newman, opened their season with a loss before bouncing back to earn four straight wins over South Lyon and Dearborn Edsel Ford in double headers.

In their first game, Newman watched as his boys fell 4-3 against a solid West Bloomfield squad.

"They mastered the swinging bunt before we did," Newman said of West Bloomfield. "That was the only real difference."

And the fact that the game marked Northville's first time on a ball field for the year and just their second time outside Bloomfield, on the other hand, had played just the day before.

"That helped them out," Newman said.

The Mustangs pitched a trio at their opponents. Brian Tellish threw for three innings, giving up one hit, two unearned runs and walked three with a single strikeout. Steve Besk hurled one inning, allowed two runs and walked two with a strike out. Mark Sorensen threw for three innings, struck out four and walked just one.

On the offensive end of the game, Besk went 2-for-3 and stole a base and scored a run. Brendan Buckley hit a double while Jimmy Cicala had an RBI single in the game.

Against South Lyon, the Mustangs had little trouble. In the first game, they thumped their foes 12-1 after an eight run inning in the seventh blew the doors off the hinges. Sorensen threw for six innings, allowing three hits

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Courtesy Photo

The Northville Mustangs softball team is all smiles as they pose for their team photo. The squad, which is coached by Jean Calabrese, is currently 2-2 following a double-header sweep of Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Northville evens out record

Softball now at .500 with double header over Edsel Ford

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

You win some and you lose some, but you sure and heck can't complain when you start the season at .500.

The Northville Mustangs suffered through way too many early-season injuries to escape the start of the year unscathed, but they recovered nicely in time to even it all out.

In a double header against the South Lyon Lions, the Northville Mustangs found themselves on the wrong end of both games as they fell 11-0 and 9-5 against a strong squad (see story, this page). Not long after, the Mustangs rebounded nicely, pounding Dearborn Edsel Ford in two mercy games of a double header, 12-2 and 15-0.

"I'm very happy with these young ladies," assistant coach

Jim Long said. "They worked very hard in the pre-season and we have a lot of talented. This is a real young team and a very promising softball team."

Against Edsel Ford, the Mustangs made sure to keep the pressure on through the five innings of play in the first game. Jane Kruszewski collected nine strikeouts and gave up just one walk in the dominating performance. She scattered just five hits.

"We played nearly flawless softball," head coach Jean Calabrese said. "Our defense was strong and executed the plays."

Kim Larson collected three hits, including two doubles, in the performance. Sophomore Emily Doren earned two hits in the victory as well.

In the second game, the

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Plagued by injury

It was a rough way to start the season, but the Northville Mustangs softball team knew they had to take a couple lumps this year to know where they needed to seek improvement.

The squad, which is coached by Jean Calabrese and assistant Jim Long, fell twice to non-conference foe South Lyon in a double header April 5, 10-0 and 9-5.

"It was just our second time outside," Long said. "The weather had been a bit chilly before that."

The Mustangs may not have earned the victories they were looking for, but they put up some decent numbers nonetheless. Sophomores Christy Baden and Bridget Hughes both earned two hits in the game — unfortunately that was all they were able to muster in the first game.

"We did not play very well and seemed a bit unsure of ourselves," Calabrese said. "We had

only been outside one day previous to that game day and it really effected us. We also had a lot of injuries including all three pitchers."

In the second game, the Mustangs made a better stand but ended up leaving six base runners stranded through the contest.

"We had our opportunities," Long noted. "The girls just had some first-game jitters. We didn't play the way we are capable of playing."

In the second game, Baden had two hits and scored two runs while Jane Kruszewski earned two hits as did Elise Fleishaker. Sophomore Emily Doren had two RBIs in the game.

"South Lyon is a good team and I don't want to take anything away from them, but we just didn't play our game," Calabrese said.

— By Sam Eggleston

Mark Sorensen Senior Baseball

They say that Mark Sorensen is throwing harder now than he has in his entire career on the mound — that's pretty impressive considering he had a smoldering fastball in his youth as well. Sorensen is definitely the guy to beat at this point when it comes to playing Northville. Everyone who plays him is just going to hope they can give it their best shot or they'll wind up taking a strike before they can blink.



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Erin Fleishaker Senior Softball

If there's one thing for sure, Fleishaker is a competitor. Not only was she a key player in volleyball this year, but has proven to be an inspiration and key component in softball as well. Returning from a shoulder injury that still has her at less than 100-percent, Fleishaker helped throw a no-hitter and smacked more than one pitch around offensively as well.



SPORTS SHORTS

Northville Mustangs football meeting

The Northville Mustangs football team will hold a meeting for players and parents April 27 at 7 p.m. in the forum at Northville High School. The meeting is open to all interested players, as well as interested eighth grade students. It is a chance to meet the coaches and to learn about the Northville football program.

For more information, call Bill or Judy Prain at (248) 348-2073.

Learn to Skate/Tot Time

The Artic Edge Ice Arena in Canton, located at 4415 Michigan Avenue, is offering a Spring Learn to Skate program for various levels of instruction. Tot Time is held on Tuesdays or Thursdays, classes for Learn to Skate will be held on Thursday and Saturday. A new Adult class is starting this session on Thursday from 6-7. All classes are eight weeks ending June 5th, 2004. Call (734) 487-7777 for more information.

Ice Skating Workshops

The Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club is presenting a series of seven ice skating workshops for adult ice skaters interested in synchronized skating. Sessions are held at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Drive in Ann Arbor on Sundays through May 16th. Skating times vary from week to week.

Additional information is available from AAFSC Synchro Director, Erin Donovan at erin@hockettes.com or Debonaires team member Donnie Durant at (734) 434-7076.

Mustangs start out with wins

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and striking out 11. "We just exploded in the seventh," Newman said. "Jake Dumbleton started us off with a two-run single and Steve Bask hit an RBI single."

Following that performance wouldn't be easy, but junior Matt Williams managed a double to score two runs before Buckley showed up at the plate twice in the inning to go 2-for-2; scoring two runs, hitting for two RBIs and stealing two stolen bases.

The second game wasn't as productive and the defense didn't contain the Lions as well — but Northville still earned the win, 10-7.

Bask started the game on the mound and was on fire from the plate. He threw four walks and seven strike outs for the win while allowing five hits and four earned runs.

The Mustangs were behind 4-2 heading into the fourth inning when Jeff Richards slammed a nice RBI single to help the Northville squad to a three-run inning.

The game stayed close and ended up tied at 5-5 heading into the sixth inning before Bask planted a triple and scored two to put his squad up 7-5.

Tellish ended the inning with a two-run single before a wild pitch scored the 10th and final run for the Mustangs.

"That was good for us," Newman said. "A late rally, come-from-behind-to-get-the-win game."

During the double header, Buckley stole six bases, including three thefts of third base.

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Mickey Newman
Northville Baseball Coach

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Mustangs can't edge Novi

Tennis forces game to final matches against Wildcats

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was as close as they come in terms of winning and losing in tennis.

The Northville Mustangs tennis team, coached by Chris Ford, knew they would have their hands full against cross-town rival Novi, which is coached by Jim Hanson. What neither team expected was the fact that they would make it such a close contest.

In the end, it was the Wildcats of Novi that escaped with the non-conference win, beating out Northville 5-3.

"It was a very close game," Ford said. "It came right down to

the wire."

That it did. The Wildcats and the Mustangs were pretty much evenly matched from head to toe, with both squads bringing plenty of experience and talent to the table.

In the first singles match-up, senior Suraj Ramachandran squared off against Northville junior Jason Spruit. Ramachandran brought his state-tournament experience to the court and escaped with a convincing 6-1, 6-0 win over his opponent.

In two singles, Northville senior Brian Bensette just couldn't get the best of Novi junior Prasanna Venugopal. The Wildcat earned a tough-fought 6-

2, 6-1 win over his Northville foe.

Three singles went to the Mustangs. Chris Irvine, a junior, slammed out a 6-3, 6-3 victory over freshman Wildcat Roshan Ramachandran. The victory must have inspired Ashtyn Saltz of Northville. Though the junior didn't win, he fought a 6-2, 7-6(4) duel with sophomore Kyle Goodman.

In one doubles play, the Mustangs got the edge on the Wildcats. Seniors Matt Lewicki and Jackson Knoll scraped together a 7-5, 6-4 win over Novi seniors Drew Doster and James Peurach.

The results weren't the same in two of the next three doubles

matches. The victor took the upper hand in three set matches across the board, forcing some of the tightest play either of these teams will see all year.

"The winning team in this one was going to be the team that made the fewest mistakes," Hanson said. "Northville played hard, but we managed to get some tough wins away from them."

In the second flight of doubles play, Kevin Lai, a freshman, and sophomore Eric McQueen of Novi topped senior Jeremy Reisman and junior Colin Ackerman, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

In the third doubles flight, Northville seniors Nate McHill and Lance Dehne topped junior

Richie Fettes and senior Jeff Korb, 6-7, 6-1, 6-2.

With one more flight left, the Mustangs and Wildcats knew it all came down to this. Novi sophomore Ryan Heffernan and junior Justin Namu escaped the barrage of seniors Bret Bathune and Varun Shekhar for a 2-6, 7-6(5), 6-3 victory.

"That was the kind of meet that could go either way," Ford said. "Both teams played good tennis matches."

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Northville-Novu Colts are expanding their numbers

Change allows for more participants

The Northville Novi Colts Youth Football and Cheerleading programs are expanding for the 2004 season to allow for more participants!

This educational and fun program is available to boys and girls from ages 8 through 14, with certain weight and residency restrictions.

New registration forms will be accepted to fill available spots effective through May 1 at 11 a.m. Registration forms are available at both the Novi Civic Center located on 10 Mile Road just south of Taft and at the

Northville Parks & Recreation Department located at Hillside Middle School at 8 Mile and Center. You can also download registration forms from our Web Site at www.northvillenovicolts.com and mail them to the designated registration individuals.

A lottery drawing will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at the Novi Civic

Center. All new registrations will be drawn randomly. If a team becomes full, the remainder of registrations will be placed on a waiting list. All individuals will be notified of the results of the lottery drawing. You need not be present to participate in the lottery process.

Members of the Colt's organization will be present at the

Novi Civic Center May 1 from 9 a.m. until noon to answer questions. You may also contact the following individuals with questions about the program and registration process:

Football: Renee & Bill Ince, (248) 349-6734

Cheerleading: Brenni Polanski, (248) 374-0897

Fleishaker, Mueller throw no hitter

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Mustangs were even more convincing. They earned a 15-0 mercy victory in five innings.

Erin Fleishaker, a senior, and sophomore Lisa Mueller each pitched two innings in the no hit, no walk ball game.

"Do to injuries, they both saw limited time but were extremely effective," Calabrese said. "The team was alive and looking like the team we as coaches knew we had. They saw and know what they can do."

Freshman Elise Fleishaker had two hits and her older sister, Erin, scored three runs coming off a shoulder injury.

"The doctor gave her clearance to play, but she's not quite at 100-percent yet," Long said. "She can throw underhand, but can only throw a limited amount overhand."

Thankfully, the Mustangs will have a week to recuperate thanks to Spring Break.

"A week off will help these ladies a lot," Long said. "Hopefully they all come back healthy and ready to play."

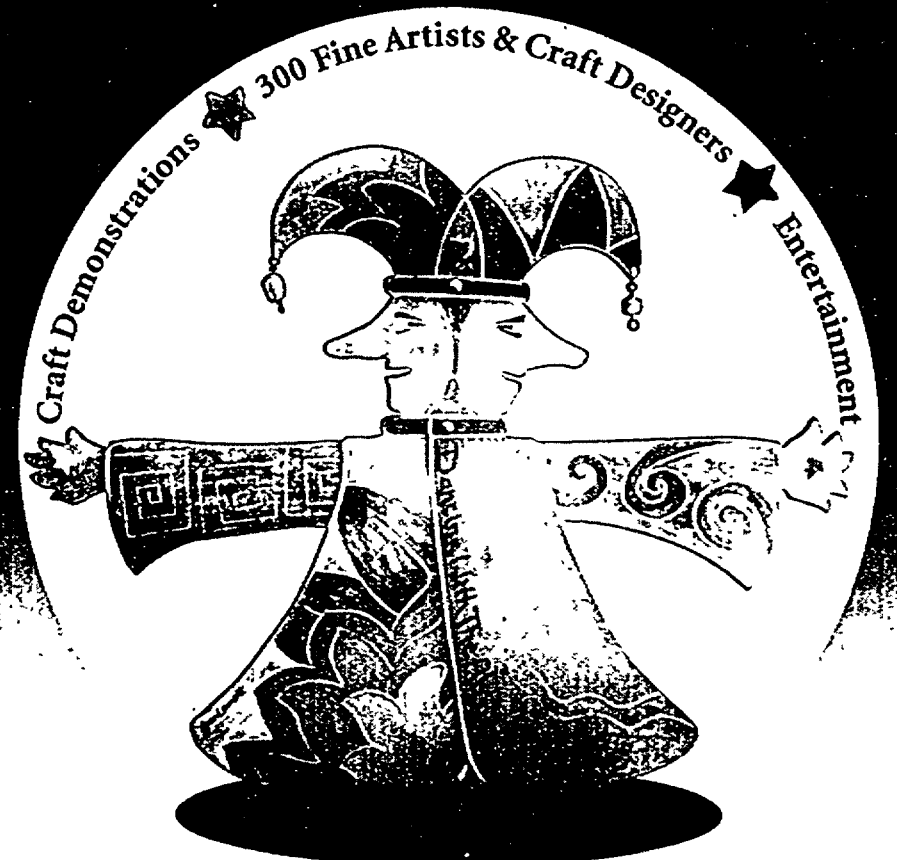
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It's not every day a team gets to take a trip to Pennsylvania to play some hockey — and it's definitely not every day that team gets to bring home a national championship. The Honeybaked U14 hockey team did just that as they took on and defeated the California Waves, 3-2, April 4. The first goal of the game was scored by Eric Kowalski, followed up by Anthony Schooley in the second. In the third, Aaron Palushaj racked the winning goal for the victory. In goal was Brad Phillips. Palushaj scored eight goals and four assists throughout the tournament to mark him as one of the top players in the national showcase. Players on the team include: Eric Artman, Chris Dyer, Frank Grzeszczak, Evan Jones, Eric Kowalski, Anthony Leone, Aaron Palushaj, Brad Phillips, Matt Rust, Austin Saber, Anthony Schooley, Steve Shafer, Christian Steingraber, Corey Tropp, Mac Watts and Andrew Yarber. The coaches are Dave Liimatta, Brian Jardine and Larry Knapp.

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Businesses plead for health care assistance

It's impossible these days to avoid advertisements for the latest abdominal shapers or aerobics machines, not to mention the guaranteed weight-loss gimmicks. Judging by the audiences that tune in the mega-sports events such as March Madness, one would think that America is a nation obsessed with fitness and physical activity.

But that's a false assumption, says the U.S. Department of Human Services, which notes that fitness problems such as obesity have reached epidemic proportions in the United States.

Faced with unlimited options for comfort, an over-abundance of food and entertainment delivered right to our overstuffed recliners, we Americans are gorging ourselves on the good life. We deserve it, we rationalize, because we work hard and spend long hours at our chosen occupations.

It's also virtually impossible these days to avoid advertisements and news reports about another favorite American contact sport, the upcoming Nov. 2 election. Like March Madness, November Nuttiness has become a made-for-television event filled with fouls, fights and free throws.

But this is no spectator sport. It calls for participation. Unfortunately, the participants — registered voters — may head for the exits before the final playoff begins. Four years ago, barely half of the nation's voting age population of 205 million people even bothered to show up at the polls. Like our weakening physical condition, we are also in danger of letting our political muscles atrophy.

That's one reason the National Federation of Independent Business is about to launch a fitness program for small-business owners and politicians alike that is not based on a passing fad, but whose roots can be found in a document more than 200 years old. The First Amendment to the Constitution, better known for its protection of free speech, also asserts our national right "to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Small businesses in America have a big grievance: conditions preventing them from obtaining fair and affordable health-insurance coverage for their employees and themselves have become unbearable. In the last decade, employer-sponsored health coverage has changed dramatically. Premium increases, which were virtually non-existent in the mid-1990s, have re-emerged with a vengeance. In 2003, increases of 15 percent to 20 percent were common.

To ensure that the increasingly grim health-insurance picture for small business is clearly understood by those who will be facing voters in November, NFIB is preparing a nationwide effort to petition the government, primarily the U.S. Senate, to pass legislation allowing small businesses to band together to purchase affordable health insurance.

The Senate, having swallowed a heaping helping of hokum by labor unions, big businesses, liberal health groups and state officials threatened by the idea of Small-Business Health Plans, has let its legislative system become clogged.

By exercising their political muscle with a national petition drive, small-business owners are going to send politicians a strong message that obtaining fair and affordable health coverage is their Number-One priority. They will hold those who fail to shape up accountable on Election Day.

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

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Advertorial



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Tom Thesler's sons, Bill (left) and Jim Thesler, lead the charge for customer service at Thesler Equipment on Pontiac Trail in South Lyon.

Thesler Equipment gives trustworthy service

When you are investing in lawn and garden equipment, it makes sense to look for the best deal. But price alone isn't enough these days. What you also want is reliability, top notch service, and a company you can trust.

Thesler Equipment Co. has been a fixture in the South Lyon community since Tom Thesler first opened the business in 1965. Now the next generation has followed in his footsteps and continues the family reputation for quality sales and service. Tom's sons, Bill and Jim Thesler, their wives, Mary and Patt, along with Bill's daughter, Sara, lead a staff of 18 employees in the family-held business.

"Customers tell us that, when they come here, they're treated with respect, and we take the time to care for their needs properly," said Jim Thesler. "Our staff is more professional, and most of our core group has been with us 10 years, plus."

Bill Thesler adds, "It's a family atmosphere here... it's like we're one big family."

Thesler is a major dealer for the John Deere Equipment Company, which carries one of the broadest lines of lawn, garden, and landscaping products. The reliability of the product is one reason Thesler represents the company.

While you can find John Deere products at the big box stores, Jim notes that Thesler carries the same models at the same price, which is due to contractual agreements with the John Deere Company. The difference, however, can

be found in Thesler's customer service.

"The advantages are the service we provide behind the product. We deliver it to the customer, and during the warranty period we include free transportation if there is ever a warranty problem," Jim said. "The other stores don't have a parts and service department. So, during the life of the machine, you are dealing with just one company. And," he added, "We are experts in what we do because we have been doing it for so long."

Inside the store and at the outdoor displays are a wide range of full-size tractors, tractor attachments, commercial mowers, and walk-behind equipment such as mowers, blowers, edgers and spreaders. All the hand-held tools needed for gardening and landscaping are also displayed, such as trimmers, chain saws, blowers, cut off saws, power pruners, hedge trimmers and tillers. Thinking ahead to next winter, Thesler is the place for snow equipment, such as truck blades, salt spreaders and snow-melting products. And there are also fun accessories and even replica toys made to scale for the young at heart.

"There are people that come in every year to get a John Deere hat, or to let the kids sit on the equipment," Bill said.

Now that spring has finally decided to make an appearance, it might be wise to get the mower or tractor in top running condition. Thesler is the place to go for seasonal tune-ups. "Some want us to do it for them, and others want to do it themselves," observed Jim.

For those who are of the do-it-yourself

variety, Thesler offers a tune-up kit and all the accessories needed to get your lawn and garden equipment in top shape.

John Deere is not the only major brand name that Thesler Equipment carries. They also offer other reliable resources such as Scag power equipment, Stihl chain saws, LandPride landscaping and agri-maintenance equipment, Curtis tractor cab systems, Redmax commercial power equipment, Bobcat, Kawasaki, Toro walk behind mowers and Briggs and Stratton, to name a few. Thesler also carries a number of brands of zero-turn-radius mowers in a variety of sizes.

When it comes to Thesler's well-known service, it's not just limited to the big names — they will repair any make or model.

"Our philosophy is that if they meet us, try us, and like us, maybe they'll like our products as well," Jim said.

Thesler Equipment is also one of the few businesses that will come to the customer's home to pick up equipment for repair — a great convenience for those with a busy schedule or who don't have the ability to bring in their equipment. Thesler will also provide on-site demonstrations of their products.

Bill Thesler points out they have a large service shop and well-trained technicians to repair, weld, maintain and adjust any equipment. Replacement parts are available for all the brands they sell as well as a wide variety of oils, fluids and filters. In addition, Thesler custom makes hydraulic hoses and battery cables.

DETAILS

You'll find exceptional service, including pickup and delivery, at Thesler Equipment Co. The company has been ranked as one of the top 25 John Deere dealers nationwide every year since 1985, and is located at 28342 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon, just one mile south of I-96.

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Hours at Thesler Equipment are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Other maintenance tasks they can perform include sharpening mower blades and chain saw chains and repairing small tractor tires. Winter storage is also offered as a service to those with limited space.

Used equipment, leasing options, and on-site financing are other customers options.

Thesler Equipment customers are not only residential homeowners and landscapers, but also governmental organizations such as schools and parks and recreation departments.

"We want your business for the long-term," Jim said. "Our customers are people, not just a sale."

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Cool kitchens can be warm, too

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
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Q: I know the buzz is all about warm country kitchens, but that's way too sentimental for my husband and me. We're into cooler stuff, I mean, our house has a lot of art deco, things mostly found on eBay. We do want a comfortable kitchen — that's where our friends will be — so I'm wondering if we can mix some natural stuff with the retro furniture.

A: But of course. Disparage "warmth" if you will, but hard-edge modern design needs it for comfort and livability. And no material offers more warmth — to both the eye and the soul — than natural wood. Dark-finished or light, wood is nature's oldest building material. We humans have been living with it since history began, so small wonder we understand — and identify with — its graining, colors and textures.

Wood can be new, too, depending on the way it's used. In the kitchen we show here, the overall attitude is sleek and modern, as defined by the squared-off art deco design, with its stainless steel and squared-off furnishings. What keeps it from being off-putting and cold? I vote for the richly glowing wooden walls of natural-finished cupboards. They provide deft backgrounds for the dark-finished woods of the center island, cooking and cleanup cabinets.

More naturals are at work on the countertops and underfoot in the subtle multicolors of the flooring.

You'd be hard-pressed to find a, well, cooler mix of period design and contemporary convenience that's also warm and inviting.

Q: Want the latest for that kitchen or bath you're remodeling?

A: Cast an eye on the exciting *Health at the National Kitchen and Bath Show*, just wrapped up in Chicago early this month. New



This ever-so-sleek kitchen still features naturals like wood and stone.

products go from the sublime to the almost-silly, with lots of newsmakers in between. Among our favorites:

■ Professional-grade cooktops for the home kitchen: Manufacturers such as Dacor (www.dacor.com) loved the phrase "from simmer to sear" for describing their new touch-control panels.

■ Out-of-the-box styling — take that literally — for new plumbing fixtures. Capizzi (www.capizzi.com) introduced its new Gaudi series of toilets and sinks undulating with weirdly wonderful curved seats, tanks and bowls. Julien showed sinks complete with sculptured backsplashes that can slow your rubber gloves and hold a knife rack, even a flower pot. A dozen manufacturers offered spa-bath sinks made of inventive materials like

glass, colored and draped or swagged, and such metals as hammered copper and bronze, cast in a fell swoop with softly jagged edges. Bathtubs got back on their feet — not old-fashioned claws, but modern squares — or were slung into footed cradles of swirling wrought iron.

■ Combo products: Making a big rush at the American market, Korea's LG manufacturer (www.lgappliances.com) surprised everyone with a side-by-side refrigerator featuring a TV screen in one door (also offers VCR, DVD and AM/FM radio capabilities).

LG also double-teamed a microwave with a built-in coffee maker, a microwave with a toaster and, of course, the two-for-one washer/dryer combo that does everything but fold your clothes.

■ Totally new appliance: Idrolux USA (859-225-3728) brought its Italian sensuality and sense of design to a collection of self-tanning devices. Already a hit in Europe, the combo-show-ers/suntanner unit can be retrofitted to your bath. There are also tanning units that hook on the side of your own glass shower enclosure or simply mount to the wall of a bedroom or bath and plug into your regular outlet. Closed, you see a full-length mirror; open, and 10 tall light tubes let you do it up brown.

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It's not too late for crabgrass preventer

Q: Why does even simple lawn care have to be so confusing? I want to put down crabgrass preventer for my lawn. One store tells me I'm too late because it has to be done in February. Another tells me that the date is April 20. Am I too early or too late? I also need to reseed the bare spots. So when do I do this?

A: Make a springtime resolution to stop suffering. Bad advice will always be with us. There's still time for crabgrass preventer. Don't time your application to the calendar. After all, this is Michigan, and every spring is different. Time your application to the blooming of a spring flowering shrub called forsythia. This is the shrub with the arching branches that blooms with brilliant yellow flowers. You don't see leaves, just flowers. As the flowers begin to fade on the forsythia, put down your crabgrass preventer. The reason for this is because about two weeks after the forsythia is done blooming, your crabgrass seeds will begin germinating. If you put the crabgrass stuff down earlier, major rains can send your application into the ditches and on the way to Oakland County. The earlier you put it on, the more opportunities there are for a big downpour. But before you buy anything, stop and consider this gem of information. Crabgrass preventer keeps all seeds from germinating. That includes the bad seeds and the good seeds. It doesn't discriminate or make value judgments. If you put down your new grass seeds and use crabgrass preventer, nothing is coming up. If you put down the crabgrass stuff and then scratch up the soil to sprinkle in your seeds, you've broken the chemical barrier that prevents the bad seeds from germinating and they come up along with the grass.

So choose your choice: seeding versus crabgrass preventing. If you're undecided as to which to pick, consider thickening the existing lawn first. If you are left with bare spots from missing crabgrass, good ol' Mother Nature will fill those spots with something, and it won't be desirable lawn grass. If

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Gretchen Woyle



the lawn is skimpy, seed this year and fertilize and water to create a robust lawn. Next spring, prevent crabgrass and don't seed. The ideal seeding time is coming up; April 15 to May 15 is usually mild weather with adequate rain to make lawn renewal easier.

Q: I couldn't help myself and bought some of these boxes that have hosta roots and peat in a plastic bag in them. When I got home and opened the boxes, there are some tiny pale leaves pushing on the plastic. I know I can't put them outside but what do I do with them?

A: Congratulations, you're the new mommy of some short-term indoor plants. Buy some soil-less potting mix for indoor plants. It's made of Canadian peat, vermiculite or perlite and is very lightweight. Pot up your struggling babies, water well and put in a sunny window. Even bright, indirect light will do fine. If you leave them confined to plastic purgatory, they are doomed. Refrigerating them can also be hard on the plants once they have begun to grow. The goal of the stores is to offer low-cost, bare-root plants. That's noble, but they get them in February. Bare-root plants in a bag that traps moisture plus a warm building equals plant growth. They are doing what they are programmed to do: grow. Help them along by watering them and maybe applying a tiny bit of fertilizer. By the end of May, your now adolescent plants will be ready to go out and meet the garden. Since they are indoor beauties, be prepared to cover them if it is going to frost.

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

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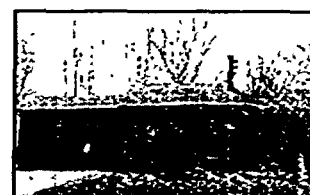
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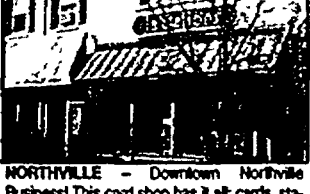
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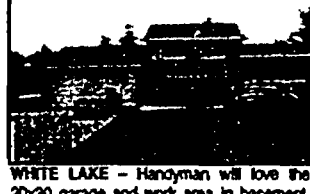
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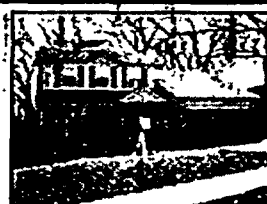
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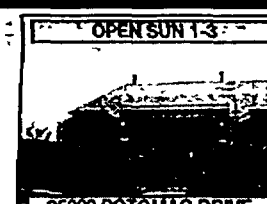
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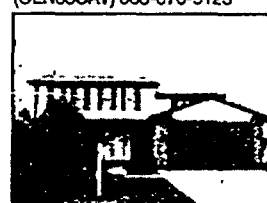
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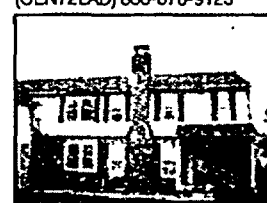
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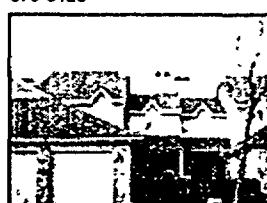
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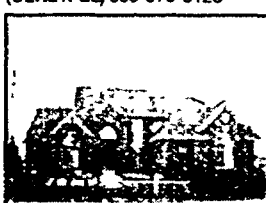
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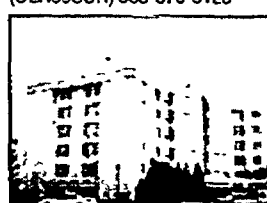
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FARMINGTON HILLS Incredible Words cannot describe this 5BR, 3 1/2 BA 2-story home has been remodeled T/O and looks like a \$1 million! The 1 acre lot features a beautiful in-ground pool with bar and entertaining area. Trees & gardens Wow!

(F21WEL) 248-349-5600 \$619,000



DEARBORN Opportunity Knocks Once 4 BR, 3 BA brick home. Freshly painted, newer neutral carpeting. All newer appliances in KIT. Walking distance to church, school, shopping, parks & restaurants. LR with FP. Formal DR and finished basement.

(F47MOR) 248-349-5600 \$285,000



NORTHVILLE Golfer? This Is For You! Beautiful home w/ extensive upgrades. 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA, first floor MBR, maple cabs & floors V/O. Gourmet kitchen w/ stainless steel appls & granite. Professionally landscaped & invisible fence.

(F77BAY) 248-349-5600 \$649,900



PLYMOUTH Entertaining Home at its Finest! Stunning contemporary w/ 3 story atrium. KIT w/ granite counter, ceramic flr, newer S/S appl., 6th W/O w/ full kit, exercise area, sauna, hot tub, private treed deep lot w/ Gunite pool, 3.5 c. gar.

(F77WES) 734-455-5600 \$665,000



NOVI Beautiful 3 Bdrm Colonial Prem. elevation w/ pos 4th bdrm/study in prot. fin. bsmt. Loaded w/ upgrades, custom touches! 2.5 baths, kit w/ island counter opens to fam. rm. w/ gas tpic, vaulted ceilings in mstr ste & fam. rm.

(F298UT) 734-455-5600 \$209,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Contemporary 4BR, 3 1/2 BA home on wooded lot with finished W/O LL. Island kitchen, newer neutral carpet, ceramic floors, wet bar, volume ceilings & skylights. Master bedroom w/ huge WIC 2 Furnaces, 2 A/C units.

(F48WAT) 248-349-5600 \$424,900



REDFORD Clean Brick Bungalow This one is move-in ready! 3 BR, 1 BA home w/ water for you! Newer windows, furn., A/C, hardwood floors, appliances, updated KIT cabs, freshly painted. You've got to see the inside of this one!

(F44KIN) 248-349-5600 \$128,900



WESTLAND Like New 3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch with many updates. Family room w/ fireplace & cathedral ceiling. Newer kitchen, baths, Walkside windows, track lighting. Huge deck plus paver patio, 2 car garage & much more.

(F25AVO) 248-349-5600 \$174,900



COMMERCE Enjoy Sweeping Views! Wonderful 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial sitting on lovely Edgewood Park Golf course. Updated windows, roof, furnace, CA appliances, brick paver patio, deck & extensive landscaping, +2 c. att. gar. & bsmt.

(F42EDG) 734-455-5600 \$299,950



DEARBORN HTS Meticulously Maintained Solid brick 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath ranch w/ updated KIT flr, counter top & cabinets, updated bath w/ Corian counter & ceramic tile, 2 c. att. gar, fin. bsmt w/ bar & poss 4th bdrm. A real must see!

(F55CEM) 734-455-5600 \$164,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Beautiful House And lot. You're going to love this custom built 3BR, 2.5BA ranch on nearly 1.5 acres. Spacious & open floor plan. FFL fireplace in FR & LR. Fin bsmt, plaster walls & coed ceilings. Updates too numerous to mention.

(F90VIL) 248-349-5600 \$365,000



WALLED LAKE Updated Ranch The adorable home has a lot to offer! Updates include: furn., C/A, windows, carpet, kitchen, electrical, HW/H, light fixtures & more. Lake privileges. Close to downtown. Move-in and enjoy!

(F07LAD) 248-349-5600 \$164,900



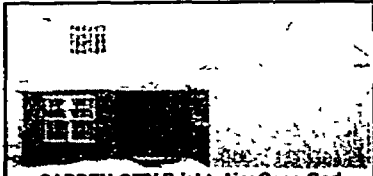
PLYMOUTH Immaculate 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial on quiet cul-de-sac. Natural fireplace in FR & finished bsmt w/ carpet & paneling. Large deck & patio for the warmer nights in huge yard. LG master bedroom w/ WIC. Ceramic tile in foyer & kit.

(G7ANN) 248-349-5600 \$227,900



REDFORD Clean & Cozy Ranch 2 bdrm spacious liv rm freshly painted. Updated kit & bath, lg den. rm., terric fln. bsmt, newer roof, furnace, elec. & H/O. Also a 1 car gar.

(F65DALL) 734-455-5600 \$99,900



GARDEN CITY Bright, Airy Cape Cod Detach Condo. 3 BR, 2 BA, GR w/ gas tpic, FFL, bsmt w/ daylight windows, 2 c. att. gar, vaulted ceiling, DR, oak kit w/ snack bar, h/wd floor.

(F238IR) 734-455-5600 \$204,935



NOVI Cleanest Home in Novi? This is it! 3 BR, 2 BA, updated KIT, beveled glass entry door, hardwood floors, newer furn, HW/H, air cleaner, updated windows and doorwall. 14x30 deck in privately fenced yard. Award winning "Now Schools"

(F32SYC) 248-349-5600 \$224,900



WESTLAND Welcome Home Awesome 4 BR, 2 BA Cape Cod w/ all the updates. Newer windows, C/A, updated kitchen hardwood floors. Beautiful yard with a garden. Too many items to list. Livonia Schools.

(F43HEN) 248-349-5600 \$209,900



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Colonial 3 BR, 1.5 BA home is totally updated. Natural fireplace in FR. Beautiful hardwood floors in kitchen & hallway. Newer kitchen cabs & countertops. Florida room screened/stormed l w/ doorwall from FR. 2 car att. gar.

(F80ASP) 248-349-5600 \$239,900



PLYMOUTH Must See Cape Cod 4 BR home w/ luxurious mstr ste. Jack & Jill bath, 3 BA up, library, formal din. rm, loft, dynamic fin. bsmt, butter entry, 4 c. att. gar, 2 way tpic, gourmet kit w/ walk-in pantry, 6th in surround sound, sprinklers & security

(F99LAN) 734-455-5600 \$614,900



GARDEN CITY New Community Very Nice Detach Condo Ranch w/ 2 full baths, tpic, daylight windows in bsmt, 2 c. att. gar, spacious flr plan, DR, kit w/ snack bar. Pleasure to show! Bldr pays tax!

(F268IR) 734-455-5600 \$195,475



LIVONIA Gorgeous Ranch! Approx. 1/2 acre lot w/ beautiful views. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, KIT w/ white bay cabinets. 2 car attached garage, maple floors, loop shap carpet. Vaulted ceiling. Master w/ WIC, sprinklers, fireplace. Footings for 4 seasons room.

(F84SUN) 248-349-5600 \$264,900



NOVI Welcome Home Dunbarton Pines presents this 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial on large lot. Extensive crown moldings, great room w/ brick FP, library w/ wet bar. Master BR offers walk-in closet & BA. Huge deck & Northville Schools.

(F46FOR) 248-349-5600 \$349,900



ROMULUS Golf Course Home 18th fairway gorgeous colonial. 2 story foyer, open floor plan, library & GR. Huge master w/ w/ pool tub. Bridge Design. Many updates. Additional homes available in this sub

(F84GAT) 248-349-5600 \$264,900



SUMPTER A Little Bit of Country Approx. 1.64 acres w/ 2 homes on property Bonus 800 sq. ft. home great for renter or in-laws. Completely remodeled. LG pole barn w/ heat, elec. & cement flr. Call for details.

(F21MAR) 734-455-5600 \$199,900



GARDEN CITY So Many Major Updates LR w/ bay wind., cove ceiling, renov. kit w/ raised pan/L Hickory cabs, Corian, ceramic tile flr, stainless appl, sink & back splash. Newer vinyl windows, roof, furn, CA, mstr bdrm w/ doorwall to cedar deck, 2.5 c. gar.

(F67MAR) 734-455-5600 \$149,900



NORTHVILLE Country in the City Beautifully maintained sprawling ranch in Northville Estates. Great landscaping, private setting, just under 1/2 acre, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, FR, FP, recent new carpet, beautiful patio & wooded backyard C/A, newer roof.

(F55SUM) 248-349-5600 \$264,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Great Buy For this great starter home. Newer Walkside windows. Full finished basement. Hardwood under carpet. Fresh paint. Large garage and fenced-in yard.

(F08ETO) 248-349-5600 \$85,000



WESTLAND A Special Colonial 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath home w/ bright kit w/ wall appl, fam. rm. w/ gas tpic leading to private yard w/ pool & hot tub. fin. LL, & 2 c. att. gar.

(F398RY) 734-455-5600 \$199,900



BRIGHTON Walk to Downtown Wonderful end unit ranch w/ 2 bdrms, 1.5 baths, 2 c. gar, bsmt, GR w/ gas tpic, doorwall to deck backing to woods. Bring your fustiest buyers!

(F32FOR) 734-455-5600 \$164,900



WOODHAVEN Excellent Location Charming 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/ 2 c. att. gar, fin bsmt, fam rm w/ tpic, lots of storage.

(F67CAB) 734-455-5600 \$189,900



NOVI Affordable Condo Clean & neutral 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath 2 story. Remodeled kitchen floor, cabinet & counters-03, HW/H-03, all appliances-02/03 newer furn & C/A under 10 years. Great location in complex. Patio off dining room.

(F25STO) 248-349-5600 \$153,800



FARMINGTON HILLS Cute Starter On great wooded lot. 2 BR ranch w/ updates. LR w/ vaulted ceiling & recessed lighting newer kitchen & bath. 2 car garage w/ opener. Fenced yard. Light, bright & neutral t/o. A must see

(F14COR) 248-349-5600 \$138,900



NORTHVILLE Golf Community Condo Pleasure to show! Fav 1st flr mstr, open flr plan, 2 story foyer, curved staircase, ceram. tile in foyer, & kit w/ granite tops, 42" cream cab. & stainless appl., cath cell in fam. rm w/ gas tpic, deck, full bsmt & 2 c. att. gar.

(F73LYO) 734-455-5600 \$374,900



CANTON Fabulous Colonial Wonderful 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/ 2 c. att. gar, full bsmt, gourmet kit, mstr ste w/ cathedral ceilings, fam. rm, 2nd flr laundry, CA & much more.

(F95CLO) 734-455-5600 \$304,900



WAYNE A Honey For The Money! Great home in great neighborhood. 3 bdrm brick ranch w/ all appliances, freshly painted t/o & armed. occupancy

(F02HAY) 734-455-5600 \$127,777



BROWNSTOWN Ranch Style Condo Lovely 2 BR unit w/ neutral decor. Vaulted ceilings, plant ledges and large KIT w/ many cabinets. Super clean & across from commons area. One car attached garage. All appliances newer and stay. Unit only 3 years old.

(F64STO) 248-349-5600 \$124,000



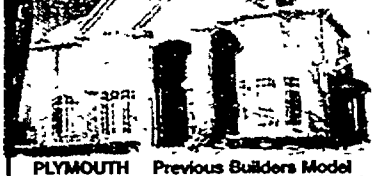
WEST BLOOMFIELD Lake Living At Its Best 3 BR, 3 BA 2-story home in quiet bay location on Walnut Lake. Spacious master ste w/ his & her baths & WIC. GR w/ travertine marble fireplace and great view of lake. White kitchen & sun-filled breakfast room.

(F85COM) 248-349-5600 \$899,000



CANTON Wooded End Unit Ranch Sharp like new 3 bdrm, 2 bath condo offering 2 way tpic, great rm, formal din. rm, 1st flr laundry, bsmt, 2 car att. gar in excellent condition.

(F40HOG) 734-455-5600 \$304,755



PLYMOUTH Previous Builders Model Lg. 4 bdrm, 3 full & 2 1/2 bath colonial built in 2000 w/ 3 c. att. gar, fin. bsmt, GR w/ gas tpic, library w/ bay window. Sitting on a lg corner lot.

(F81CHA) 734-455-5600 \$549,000



WESTLAND Very Nice Bungalow Wooded floor plan, huge updated oak kit, h/wd flrs, newer roof, windows & furnace. Lg. deck in fenced yard.

(F01FLO) 734-455-5600 \$135,000



WESTLAND Adorable & Affordable! 3 BR brick ranch in great neighborhood. Spacious kitchen and living room. Nice dining area open to KIT & living room. Freshly painted. Newer HW/H. Beautiful yard w/ patio & built-in BBQ. FFL area. Close to shops.

(F32STE) 248-349-5600 \$114,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Beautiful Chelsea Park Tucked away in the Woods of Chelsea Park. Designer perfect. Neutral decor. Cooks delight kitchen w/ granite & hardwood, formal LR & dining area. FF laundry Jack & Jill bath & princess suite.

(F06CHA) 248-349-5600 \$633,000



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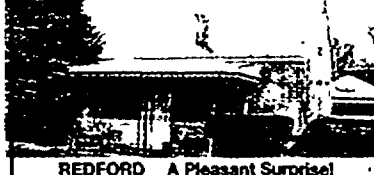
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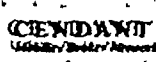


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2 part-time Receptionists needed for Midland Real Estate Office. Applicant should be friendly, dependable and have good communication/phone skills. Experience a plus. Evenings (4-7) weekdays or weekends (Sat. 10-5 & Sun. 12-4) Call 248-685-0077 for an interview or fax resume to 248-685-0177.

Help Wanted-Dental (5040)

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Experienced, Full time. (248)437-8189

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Experienced. Needed part time for a Northville Office. 248-347-0707

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Plymouth office seeking energetic, self-motivated experienced full-time Dental Assistant. 30-35 hrs/wk. Resume required w/ references. Come join this fun team! Call (734) 453-8650

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Are you looking for a position that will allow you to use all of your skills in a fun, fast-paced environment? We are a rapidly expanding dental office looking for a full time Dental Assistant to join our team. If you are energetic, willing to learn, & seeking a position with room for advancement, call Diane at (810) 229-6624

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Experienced full-time, for a beautiful new Novi office. Looking for team oriented individual that is dependable, energetic, with good communication skills. 248-349-7560

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Needed for modern, family & cosmetic office. Livonia. 1-275 and 8 Mile area. 35 hours plus. Salary negotiable. Latex free. Call 734-542-4999

DENTAL HYGIENIST Major

Mon-Thurs. Experience necessary. Fax resume to: 248-685-0942

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Our growing practice, south of Fenton, is seeking an exceptional individual who is a self-starter and enjoys team work and involvement w/people. Call 248-676-0838 for interview.

Dental Office Coordinator

Great opportunity, friendly staff & patients, modern office, full time, Nov. 248-476-5800

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST

Looking for an enthusiastic, highly responsible person for a part time, possible full time dental receptionist in Northville & Novi Area. Please fax resume to 248-465-1180

ASSISTANT/FRONT DESK

Part-time with possibility of full time with benefits. If you are energetic, personable and organized you need to join our dental team! Experience preferred but not necessary. Please fax resume to: Dawn at 248-889-5643

ORTHODONTIC OFFICE

is searching for highly motivated Orthodontic Technician to join our team. We desire coworkers who are enthusiastic, energetic & competent. We focus on expert communication with patients & high organizational skills. Exp. preferred but will train qualified person. Call Val at 248-344-8400, Mon thru Thurs. 9-4pm.

Help Wanted-Medical (5040)

Alternative Health / Chiropractic Office

looking for motivated, multi-talented, patient friendly person. Full time. Front office. Great pay. No weekends. Send resume to: D.H.S., 35955 W. 10 Mile Rd., Ste 112, Novi, MI 48375, or fax 248-477-8320

CAREGIVERS

Seeking Professional skilled caregivers with experience. CNA or HHA preferred. Part time & flexible hours. Days & weekends available. Serving Green Oak Twp., Brighton, Howell, Hartland, & Oakland Only. Homebased Caregivers. (248)539-4570 9am-5pm.

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for busy Oncology & Infectious Disease position practice. Experience necessary. Send resume: Newland Medical, 22301 Foster Winter Dr., Southfield, MI 48075, Attention J. Tozer, or email: tozer@newlandmedical.com

HOME CARE NURSES

For Oakland & Wayne County (586) 979-8770, 9-5pm, Monday-Friday.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Part time for family doctor in Highland area. Exp. preferred. Fax resume to: 248-889-2696

Help Wanted-Medical (5040)

MEDICAL BILLERS

EXPERIENCED Needed for busy Novi Medical Billing Company. Strong in status work for all types of insurance. Knowledgeable and current with ICD-9/CPT coding. Experience in understanding and working an A/R. Excellent communication skills. Must have at least 3 years experience. Fax resume to: 248-553-5826

MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER

For pediatric practice. Fax resume to: 810-220-1321 or mail to c/o Job Opportunity, 8550 W. Grand River, Ste. 300, Brighton MI 48116

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

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NEW ASSISTED LIVING IN HOWELL SEEKING RN

As Resident Services Coordinator. 517-540-1926

NURSES

MEDNOLLE OF HOWELL RN's \$21+ LPN's \$17+ Experience pay, graduate nurse program, flexible scheduling & benefits. Please call (517)548-1900 to schedule an interview.

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Home Care Agency looking for full time office manager for the Brighton/Howell area. Exp. in home care preferred. Please mail resume to: Watson Health Care Inc., 5909 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, MI 48197 or fax to 734-528-5060.

RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANTS

Willowbrook Rehabilitation provides all disciplines of outpatient rehabilitation and off-site residential care to adults recovering from Traumatic Brain Injuries. We are currently seeking dynamic individuals to work at one of our beautiful residential facilities in providing assistance to our clients in the development and promotion of life skills. CNA's, Direct Care Workers, COTA's, Rec Therapists or Psych majors preferred. Full or part-time morning, afternoon or midnight shifts with rotating weekends available. Call (810) 227-0119 ext. 217 or 206 for an interview.

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Experienced. Full or part-time. Highland Vet Hospital. Fax resume to: (248)529-6161

Help Wanted-Food/Beverage (5040)

BAKER

Epoch Events artisan bakery in Novi has immediate need for a Baker for late afternoon/night shift. Prior bread baking exp. helpful. Prefer experience with preparing and baking artisan style breads, using hearth and convection rack ovens. Comprehensive & competitive wage & benefits available. Part of the Epoch Restaurant Group. Fax resume to: 248-755-6016 or call Brian @ 248-755-7222, x206, or email resume to: hr@epochrestaurantgroup.com

BREADFAST COOK Full time.

Apply within, Olden Days Cafe, 118 N. Grand, Fowlerville. (517)223-8090 Ask for Chuck

COOK-Experienced.

WAIT-STAFF-Part-time. Apply: Starling Gate Saloon, 135 N. Center St., Northville

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Exp. Apply in person. Fred Devlin, Taper's Outlet Mall, 1475 N. Burtchard, Howell, or fax 517-545-0578

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Now hiring mature, team oriented person for management opportunity in our cafe. Apply in person, ask for Chef Chris, 116 E. Dunlap, Downtown Northville.

LINE COOKS, with exp. only.

Dishwashers & Bessers. Free golf! Coyote Golf Club Apply in person: 28700 Milford Rd., New Hudson

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Experienced Post Bar in Novi. (248)465-9600

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Golf privileges. Competitive wages. Catfalls GC. (248) 486-8777

Help Wanted-Professional (5110)

LICENSED PRESCHOOL TEACHER

Needed for the 2004-2005 school year. Brighton area. Please send resume to P.O. Box 534, Brighton, MI 48116

Help Wanted-Sales (5120)

10% Discount "RENEW & SAVE"

April Special Renew your ad and ask for the April special and receive a 10% discount off the cost of your ad.

Call 888-999-1288 today!

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Help Wanted-Sales (5120)

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Experienced. Great opportunity. Flexible hours. Call for interview, (517) 304-5566

MANUFACTURED HOME SALES

Full time new home sales in South Lyon. Experience necessary. Fax Resume to: Celebration Homes 248-437-2296 or call Kristen at 248-437-3443

REAL ESTATE CAREER

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Looking for someone who loves working with people & new situations.

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Call for your consultation today.

Kathy Solan (248) 684-1065

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Broker/Lender seeks 2 exp. Loan Officers. Marketing support & strong processing. A private office. Call Mike at (810) 225-7777, ext. 1503.

SELL THE AMERICAN DREAM

Real Estate is Booming! We're looking for self-directed individuals who want unlimited earning potential with an industry leader. Training available, flexible hours.

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TUTORING by certified highly qualified teacher with BA, MA from U of M - D. Call Barbara Bigelow at 248-887-3016 248-802-7489

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Business Opportunities (5740)

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Readers (5740)

READERS: Since many ads are from outside the local area, please know what you are buying before sending money

6000-6780 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements & Notices

Default of Rental Payment

Sale of household & personal items by sealed competitive bid. Kenneth Schoppe, Paul Hanna II, Jason Laperna, Natasha Goins, Robert Darroco. Sale Date 4/26/04, 1:00pm. U-Stor South Lyon, 271 Lotte. (248) 437-1600

NON PROFIT Donations for homeless, disabled, seniors. Will pick up. (248)225-0425 TRUCK DONATION NEEDED.

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Cards of Thanks (6390)

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Moreira to St. Jude. May the sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9th day, your prayer will be answered. Publication must be promised. \$0.

Lost & Found - Goods (6360)

FOUND in Tyrone Twp 1 computer & 2 digital cameras. Call Deputy Dorsey, 517-546-2440

7000-7780 MERCHANTISE

Absolutely Free (7000)

AGED HORSE MANURE - Will load (248) 685-9507

Antiques/Collectibles (7020)

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Absolutely Free (7000)

ATTENTION: PET LOVERS. HomeTown Newspapers encourages ads which offer pets for free. HomeTown Newspapers suggest you charge a nominal price for your pets. It offers for free the ads may draw response from individuals who may use your animal for research, breeding or other purposes. Please be sure to screen respondents carefully. Your pet will thank you!

CAT - Female, spayed, declawed, 2 yrs. old, very loving. Moving. (517) 552-0280

COMPOSTED horse manure Will load. Pleasant Valley & Spencer (810) 227-9969

FIREWOOD cut in sections, ready to haul. (248)889-3375

Horse Manure/shavings m/c. Will load. M-59 & Linton area. (517) 546-0525

KITTENS 4 wks. old. Ready to go in 3 weeks, make your pick now! (517) 540-6070

LOVING home needed for cat. All shots, fixed. Call for details (248) 676-8281

MICROWAVE WITH CART & cross stitch sewing machine in cabinet. (810) 227-2887

OLD CHICKEN MANURE Bring your pick axe! (248) 437-1546

PIANO - Works perfect. You move. Brighton area. (810) 220-2805

RAT TERRIER Has papers. 1 yr old, black & tan. (734)878-1346

REFRIGERATOR Stove, & dishwasher. All in good working order. (248)437-1485

REFRIGERATOR - Works great. You haul. Brighton area. (810) 225-6026

RIDING MOWER, 1986 Craftsman, 12hp. Runs, needs work. (517) 545-8920

SNOWMOBILE, older, not running. You pick up. Call 313-268-4063

STANLEY 8x16 roll-up garage door. (248) 437-0579

TV, 27IN. color, Zenith console, good cond (810)227-4931

WOODBURNING STOVE Black Bart. You haul. 734-232-0272

Antiques/Collectibles (7020)

Antique Pump Organ Works. Best offer, you pick up. (517)546-2623

ANTIQUE WALNUT DINING ROOM SET - With 6 chairs. Best offer. (248) 437-4241

Antiques Bought! Postcards, paper dolls, dishes, perfume bottles, Shelby bone china, military. 248-624-3385

NEW & OLD PUB/ BAR MIRRORS

Neons, starting at \$50; lamps, steins, adv pieces, Budweiser, Corona, many brands. Logo pool table lights & pub tables/stools. Redwings, Nascar, Bud, Guinness, etc. Nascar, Harley. You can't believe all the stuff. Fri. April 16, Sat. April 17, Sun. April 18, 9-5pm. all 3 days. 1664 Fowlerville Rd., Fowlerville, 1-96, ext 129, S. 1.5 miles.

OAK ROLL TOP DESK - \$900 Dark buffet w/mirror & dark dining table (517) 545-5658

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Spring cleaning? We managed & sell your items through internet auctions. Call for details. 248-672-6486. Brad

Arts & Crafts (7040)

WATERCOLOR CLASSES For adult beginners. Weds. Mornings, 10-12pm. Susan Schewe, certified instructor. Call Wendy. (248) 837-4273

Auction Sales (7060)

Huge CLOSEOUT Auction. Most items are ABSOLUTE!!! Tractors, Backhoes, Garden Tractors, Dozers, Compact Diesels and More! Sunday April 25th, 2004, 12 NOON Sharp! Held at Imlay City Fairgrounds, Imlay City, MI. 1 mile North of I-69 on M-53. Sale held indoors! Trucking available for a fee. Big Selection at auction prices. Open to both the public and dealers. Jim Calvert, Don Holchak Auctioneers. E-mail calvertauction@aol.com. Fax: (586) 749-8341. Recorder (586) 749-8836. For More Information, NO BUYERS PREMIUM.

NURSERY AUCTION located on Ford Road approximately 2 1/2 mi. west of Meijers at 50750 Ford Rd. Sat., April 24, 2004 Starting at 10:00am Large quantity of trees & shrubs. All dog or baled. Come see and save!!! LUCAS NURSERY

Rummage Sale/ Flea Market (7090)

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VENDORS NEEDED St. Paul Lutheran Laper 6th Annual Flea Market Sat. May 1, 9am-3pm Booths: \$25/inside; \$10/outside 810-678-2907

7100 Estate Sales (7100)

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CANTON Fri 4-16 & Sat 4-17 9-4 pm Sofa, loveseat, bedroom furniture, household items, tools, many other items, 1735 Morrison, 1 block W of Lilley, S. of Ford Rd.

CHERYL & COMPANY ESTATE SALE April 15, 16, 17, 10am-4pm 190 Eastview 1-75 to M-24 East, to Flint Rd. turn right to Miller, go right. Sports equipment, mounted deer & antelope heads, computer, antique, solid brass bed, elephant & duck collection, Mission lounge chair, craft & Christmas items, plywood, some tools, men's clothing take more. 734-753-5083

ESTATE SALES Clean outs, buy outs, auctions, residential & commercial. (810)229-0799

HIGHLAND ESTATE SALE, April 16, 17, 9am to 4pm. 2251 N. Midford Rd., between M-59 and Middle Rd.

NOVI Estate Sale, April 17 & 18, 8-5pm. 47727 Mockingbird Ct.

Garage Sales (7100)

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BIG BENEFIT SALE! Furniture, plants, records, too much to list! Clothes, shoes, many sizes. \$1/bag room. Fri. & Sat. 9am-6pm. M-36 or 106 to Gregory, follow signs.

Farmington Hills - Huge Garage Sale! Furniture, tools, retro items, pet supplies, tons of great stuff! 21640 Hamilton - near Middlebelt & Shawwassee. 4/15 to 4/17, 9-6. Tel: 248-994-7311

GARAGE SALE SOUTH LYON 65240 & MILE (RUSHTON) 4/15-17 9-5 CLOTHES, TOYS, HOME, OUTDOORS. HOLIDAY. SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Household Goods (7160)

* \$100 - double pillow top, full size mattress/box set. New in plastic, w/warranty. Can deliver. 248-941-4206

* \$110 - double pillow top, queen size mattress/box set. New in plastic, w/warranty. Can deliver. 248-941-4206

* \$200 - double pillow top, king size mattress/box set. New in plastic, w/warranty. Can deliver. 248-941-4206

* BORN SET Brand new, 4 piece set in boxes. Must sell \$299. Can deliver. 248-941-4206

* COUCH AND LOVESEAT, still in crate. With warranty. Can deliver. Retail \$900. Sacrifice. \$425. 248-941-4206

* LEATHER SOFA AND LOVESEAT, Brand new, still in pkg. Value \$2000; must sell, \$795. Can deliver. 248-941-4206

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AMISH QUEEN LOG BED, \$150, incl. mattress set "in plastic", never used. (734) 891-6965

AMISH QUEEN LOG BED, \$150, incl. mattress set. New, never used. (810)225-1282

APARTMENT FURNITURE for sale, Kitchen, Bathroom, Livingroom. (248)348-5948

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HARTLAND - MOVING! Furniture, tools, motor home, priced to sell. 2554 Sun Terrace, M-59 to Bullard. April 16-18, 9-4pm.

HOWELL Yearly sale, tools, dirt bikes, furniture, camper, horse equipment, household, sporting, clothing, toys, baby items. Great prices! 1466 S. Argentine Rd. 9am-5pm. April 15, 16, 17.

NEW HUDSON MOVING SALE 4/15, 16 & 17: 8-6. Furniture, household items, chandeliers, tools & much more! 59251 Preston Ct. off Martindale bet. Pontiac Trail & Grand River.

NORTHVILLE 4/17-18: 9-5. Multi-family. Northville Estates, 8/Beck, 21405 Summerside

NORTHVILLE -433 Baseline, E. of Center, S. of 8 Mile. Toy Sale to benefit the American Diabetes Assn. Fri/Sat. 9-2pm.

NOVI Rummage Fri. April 23 9-5pm. & Sat. April 24 9-1pm. Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook. Betw 8 & 9 Mile

NOVI. CLEANED out attic & closets. A little bit of everything. Fri. Sat., April 16, 17, 9-30-4pm. 4958 Yorkshire, Jameson Green Sub. N. of Ten, between Novi & Ta. Rds.

SOUTH LYON Moving Sale! April 16, 17, 18. 8-4pm Furniture, Antiques, Housewares. Everything must go! Restocking daily! 435 Lyon Ct. N. off 9 Mile, E. of Pontiac Tr.

SOUTH LYON Moving Sale! Kitchen supplies, clothing, furniture. Sat. 4/17 9-4pm. Sun. 4/18, 9-1pm 11707 Shorecrest

SOUTH LYON - Mega Sale! 4 family. Moving out, in & on. Furniture, household, antiques, clothes, tools & more. Thurs-Sat., 4/15-4/17. On Tillson Dr., bet 9 Mile & Silver Lake Rd. Rain or Shine!

SOUTH LYON - Huge Sale! Furniture & Appliances. Antique furniture, rocking horse, Noah's Ark, doll house, & more! Great stuff, Great prices. Thurs & Fri. 8:30-5pm. 6941 Seven Mile Rd. corner of 7 Mile & Angle Rd.

SOFA SLEEPER Full sized. Pastel colors. (517)404-2460

TABLE SET: 2 end tables, coffee table, & sofa table. Country pine. \$500. 248-887-8478

TEMPEREDIC STYLE memory foam Queen Mattress Set. New in plastic. Cost \$1800. Must sell, \$650. 810-225-1282.

TWIN BEDROOMS SET 3 Piece, provincial style, walnut wood. \$450 Early American colonial hutch cabinet, solid maple. \$325. (248)349-5616

WHITMORE LAKE - Fri & Sat. 10-4pm. Furniture, appliances, tools, more! 20-E Shore, at Main. 248-345-0449

Household Goods (7160)

Appliances (7180)

Kenmore Catalyst Washer & 27" Gas Dryer. New \$1,600. Sacrifice. \$350 (washer only) or \$600 (both). 810-229-8388

STOVE Beautiful Glass top stove \$450 248-797-4521

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FOUND older male, yellow lab, collar, no tags, near Bull Run Rd. Call (517) 223-3804

FOUND CAT orange Tabby, 8 MI. near Northville Crossing, out all winter. (248) 446-8920

FOUND CAT Young male, black/brown/white, off Millford rd. (248)685-7502

FOUND CAT Tiger striped w/ white paws, on Millford Rd. (248)684-5240

FOUND DOG, female Chow mix, North Burkhart & W. Allen. (517)545-9024

FOUND DOG, male puppy, rust color, near Dam Site Inn. (810)231-6778

FOUND SHIH-TZU Male, white & black, near North Shore Sub. on Crooked Lake. 517-546-8829

LOST Toy poodle, female, red collar, North Shore Sub. on Crooked Lake. 517-546-8829

LOST DOG Rottweiler, 11 yr. old, Yorkie. Taken out of driveway, Doboro Rd. (248)437-8805

1947 CHRIS CRAFT Deluxe runabout. Restored. Asking \$12,500. 248-486-6862

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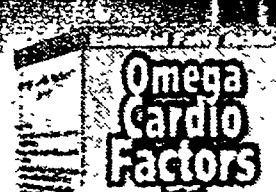
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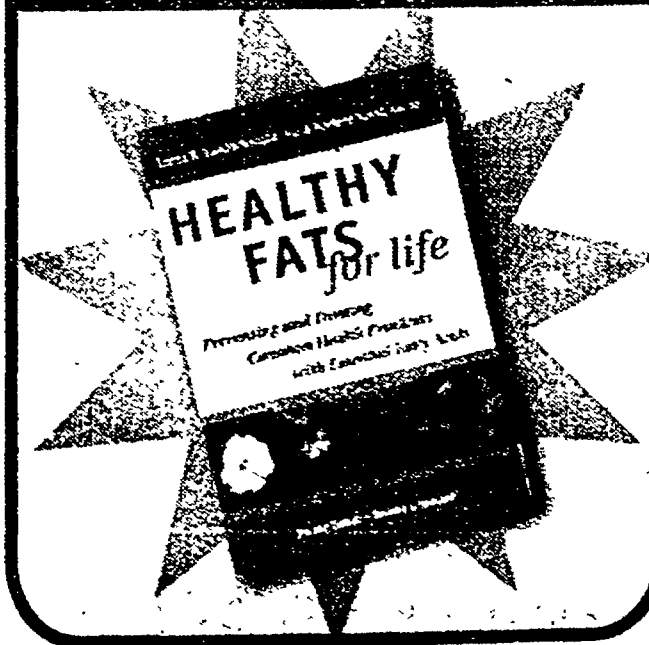


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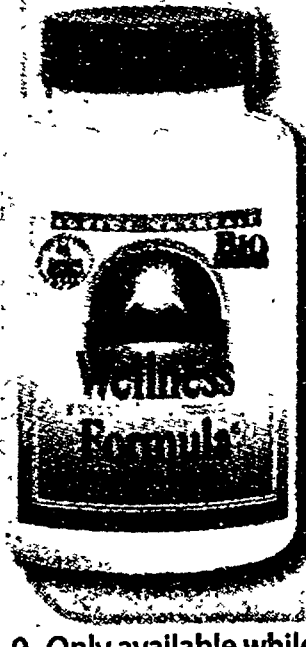


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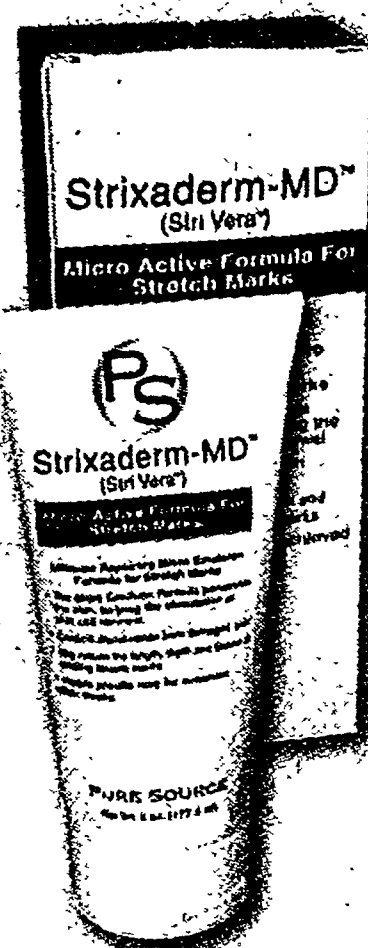
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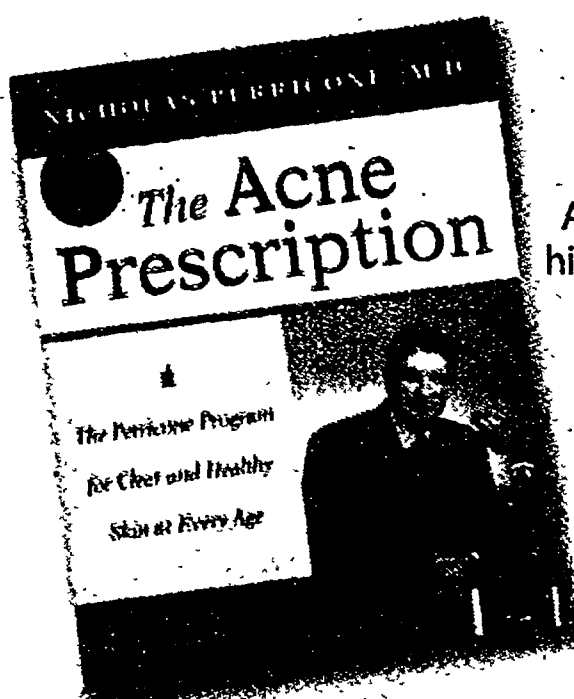
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In an 8-week double-blind placebo trial of 60 overweight individuals, use of HCA at a dose of 440 mg 3 times daily produced significant weight loss as compared to placebo.



Yerba Mate to Boost Metabolism

Yerba Mate contains a chemical called mateine, which was thought by many authorities to be identical to caffeine without the jitters. But like caffeine it has a stimulating effect on metabolism, turning more calories into energy. Researcher's also found the improvement in mood, and that takes the temptation out of fattening comfort foods.

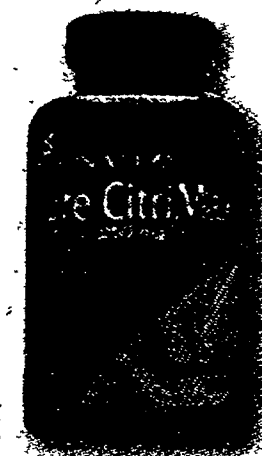


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The friendly expert team members at Better Health and Vitamin Outlet will give the best individual advice to help you lose the weight and keep it off.



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Pure Citrimax
Curbs Your Appetite
90-250mg Capsules
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\$11.19

Drinking Water

FROM EVAMOR

0.5 liter Retail: \$1.09

89¢

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\$1.59

6 pak (1 liter/ea) Retail: \$11.95

\$8.99



Yerba Mate

FROM NATIVA



Premium Brazilian Tea
25 Tea Bags
Retail: \$6.95

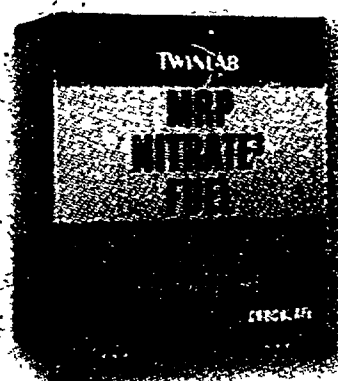
\$5.25

- It will boost your ability to burn calories. It doubles your energy without caffeine jitters.
- It soothes moodiness—and curbs emotional eating.

MRP Nitrate 3 Fuel

FROM TWINLAB

CHOCOLATE
VANILLA
COFFEE



Box of 20 Packets
Retail: \$67.95

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AM/PM Protein Fuel

FROM TWINLAB

CHOCOLATE
VANILLA
COFFEE



2 Jugs Retail: \$49.95

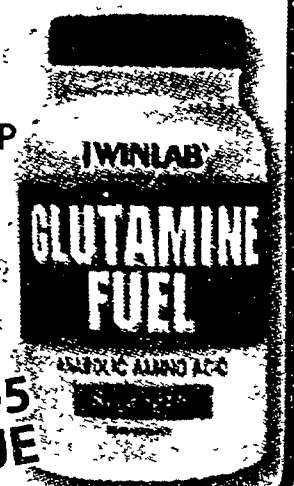
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Glutamine Fuel

FROM TWINLABS - 18oz

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Glutamine NOS

FROM MET RX



1000g Retail: \$44.07

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Total Nutritional Drink

FROM MET RX

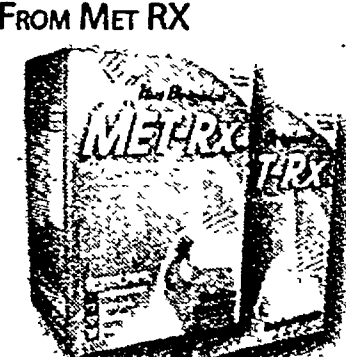


6.25lbs Jug Retail: \$79.99

\$59.99

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FROM MET RX



20 Packets Retail: \$55.85

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- MetRX Shaker Cup
- MetRX Visor



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What are Net Carbs?

2g

Sometimes referred to as "impact" or "effective" Carbs, Net Carbs are the carbohydrates that provoke a metabolic insulin response when consumed.

In other words, they are the "bad" Carbs that low-carb dieters seek to reduce or eliminate in their diets.

Net Carbs are determined using a simple calculation. Take the Total Carbohydrates (all of the carbohydrates found in a food), and subtract all the fiber, and appropriate portions of the other types of carbohydrates (based on their glycemic index) such as fiber and Sugar Alcohols (Maltitol, Sorbitol, Isomelt).

The result is the Net Carb count. For example, a food that has 15 grams of total carbs and 9 grams of fiber has (15-9)=6 Net Carbs.

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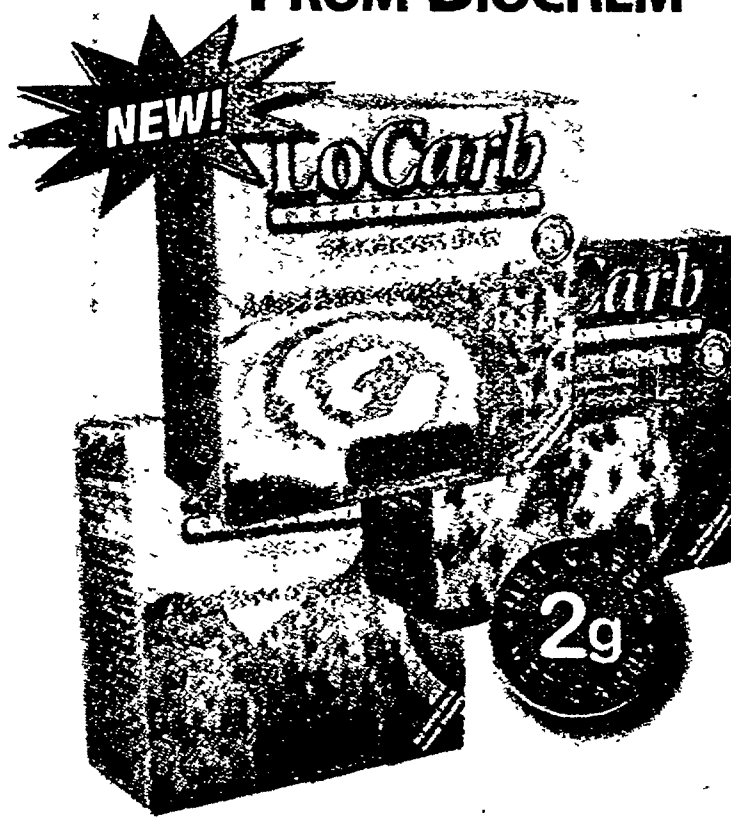
Fuze Slenderize FROM FUZE

18 oz Bottle Retail: \$1.59 ea.

This delicious fruit blend not only tastes wonderful but has an infusion of citrimax which does two great things: Curb your appetite and inhibit cellular fat production. Slenderize is also sugar-free for those watching carbs.

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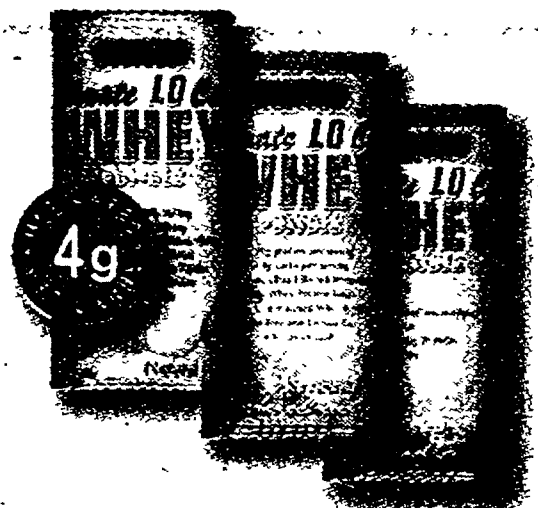
Low-Carb Snacks FROM BIOCHEM



Low-Carb Breakfast Bars by the Box
Blueberry Muffin, Cinnamon Bun, Banana Nut, Chocolate Croissant, Chocolate Doughnut

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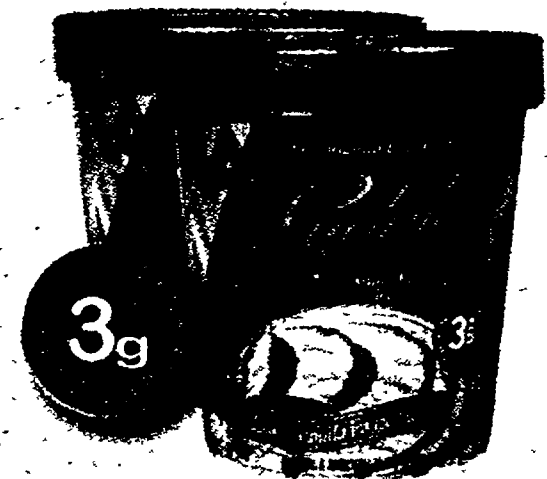


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Ice Cream Pints
Super Premium Ice Cream
FROM ATKINS
1 Pint Retail: \$3.99

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The same Super Premium ice cream that's in the individual serving cups is now available in pints. Plus, three new flavors.



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Super Premium Ice Cream
FROM ATKINS
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These bars are delicious, convenient and just plain fun to eat.



Coming Soon

Fudge Nut Brownie

Rich and Chocolatey
FROM ATKINS

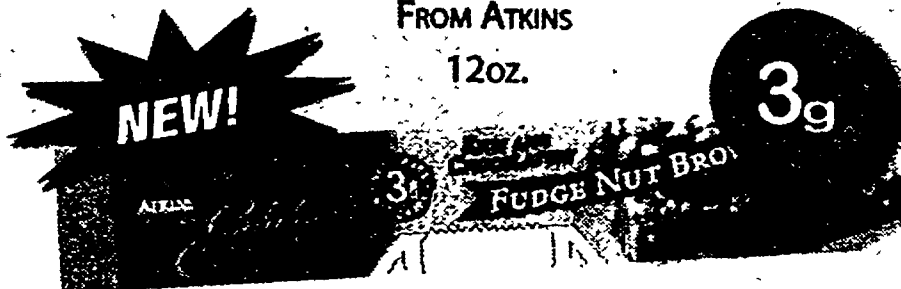
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Candy Bars

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FROM ATKINS
Retail: \$1.49 each

1 to 4g

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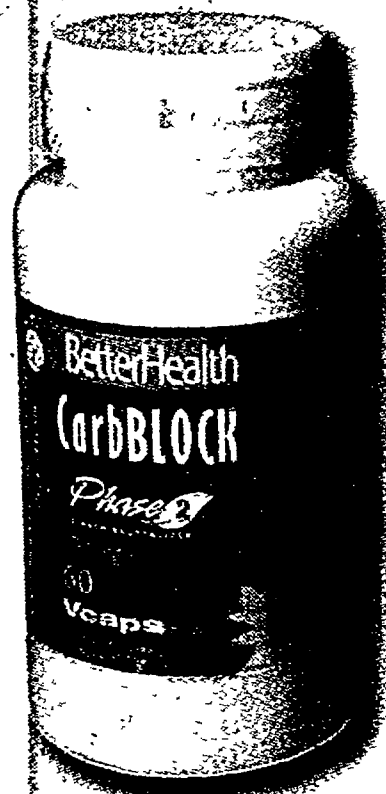


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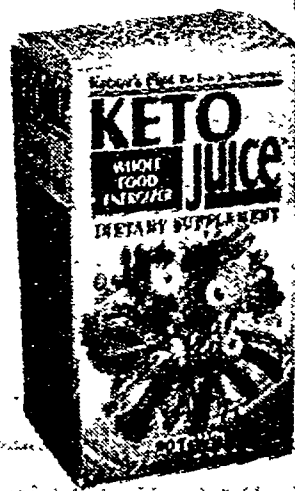


KetoJuice Energizer
Whole Food Energizer

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Energize your low-carb diet with a broad array of nutrients from fruits and vegetables without the carbs,



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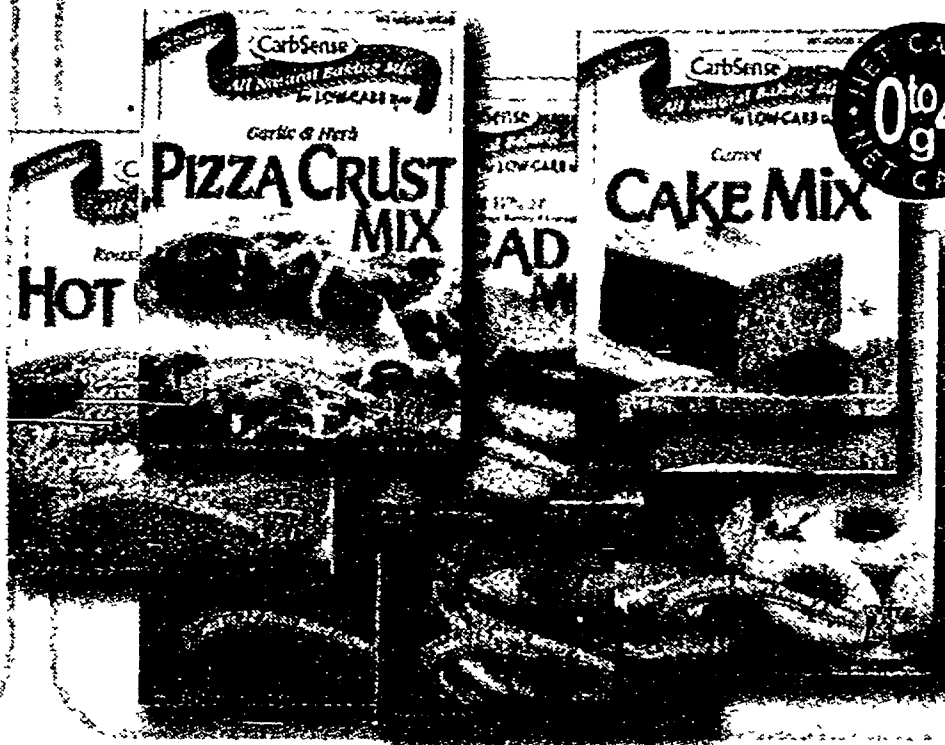
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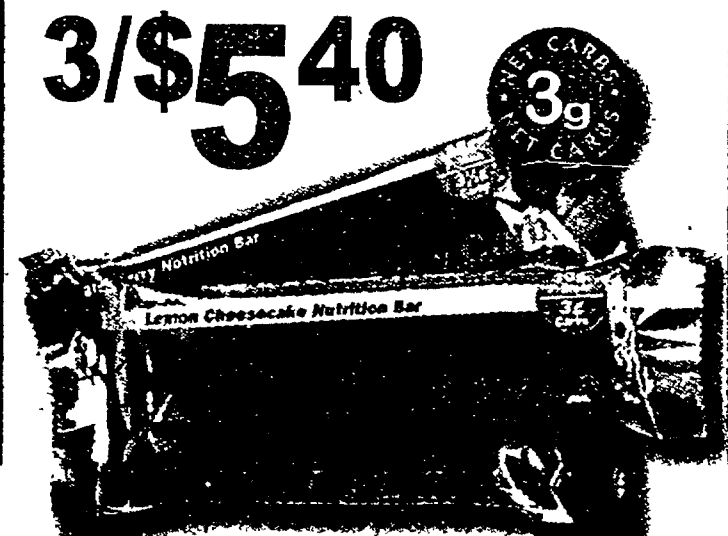


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Carbsense Bars

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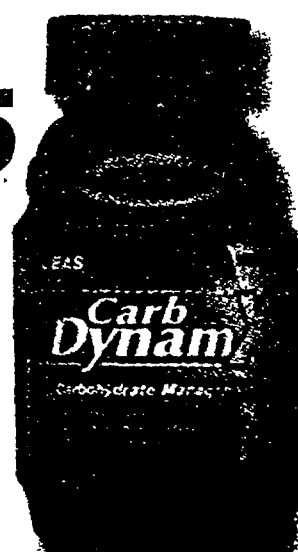


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Berry Smoothie, Cookies & Cream, Chocolate Cream
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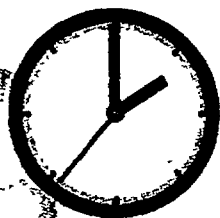
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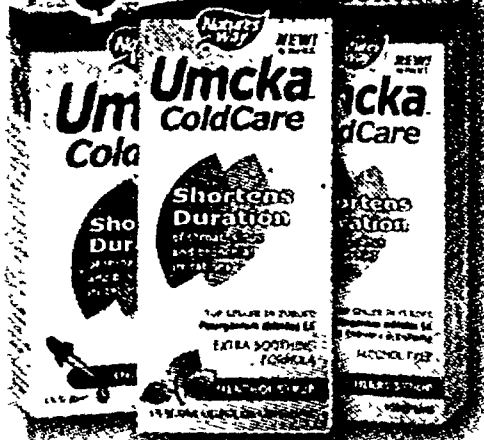


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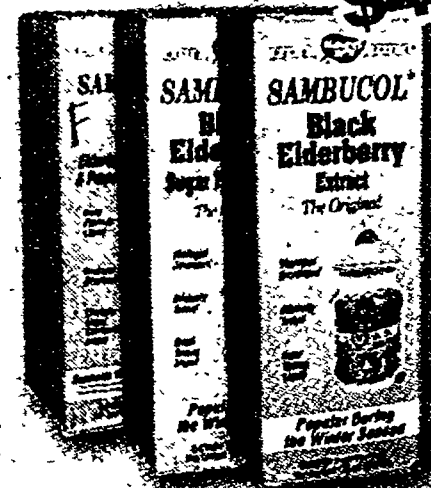
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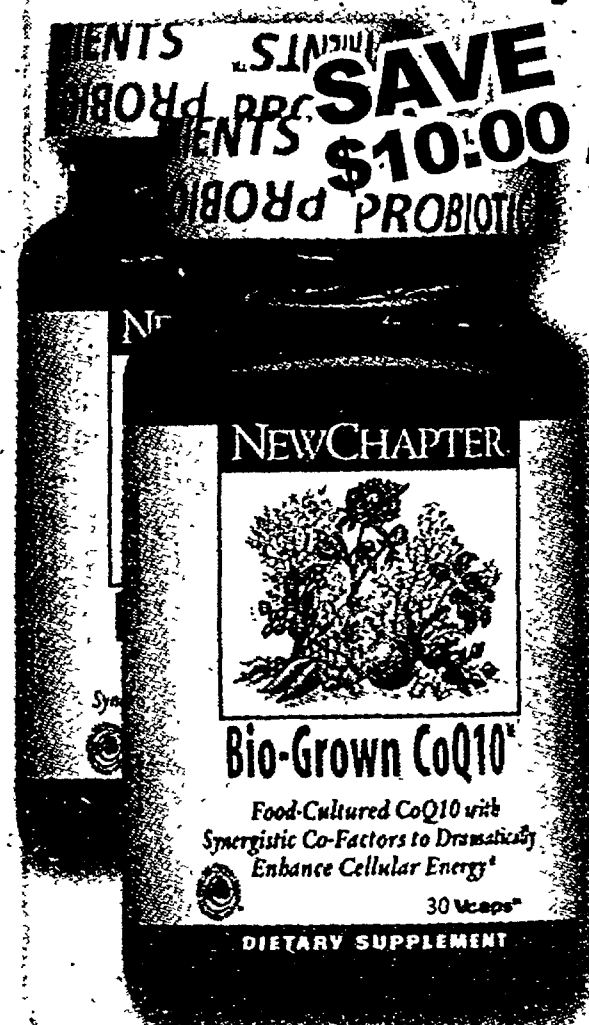
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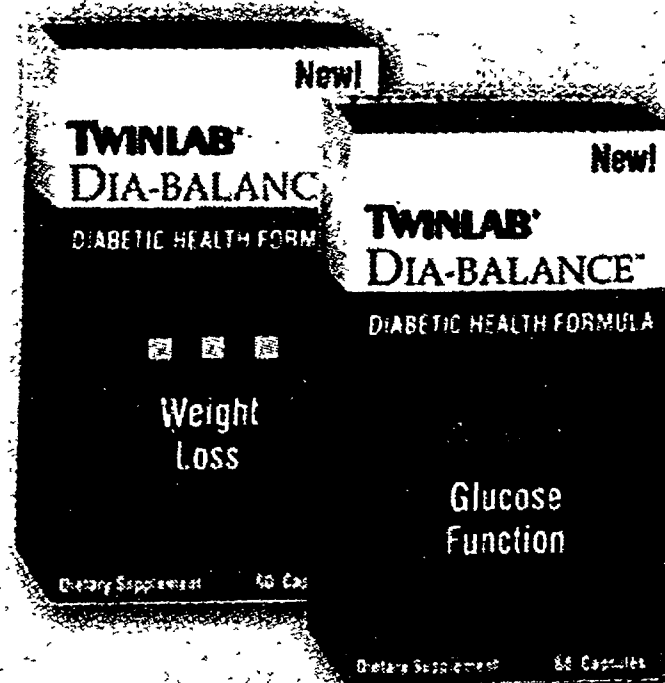


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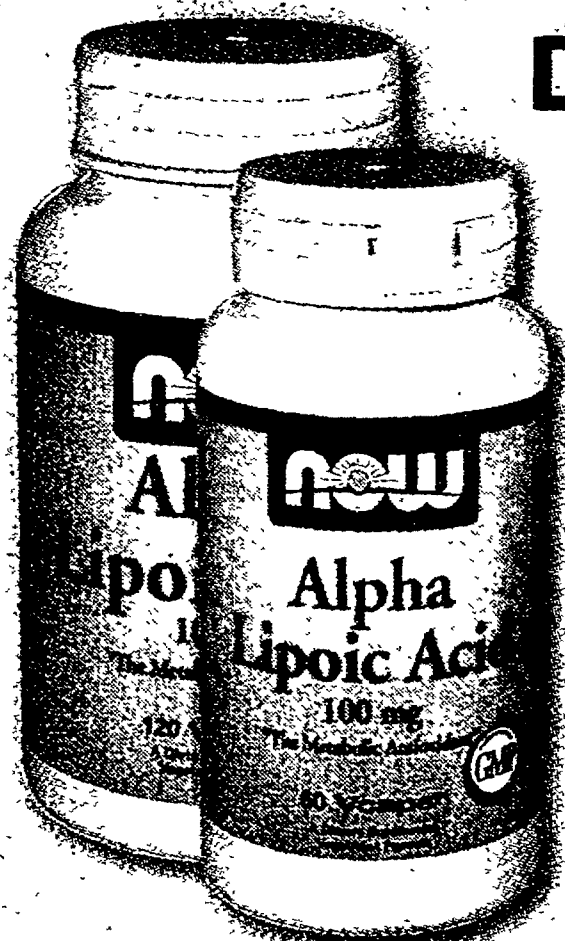
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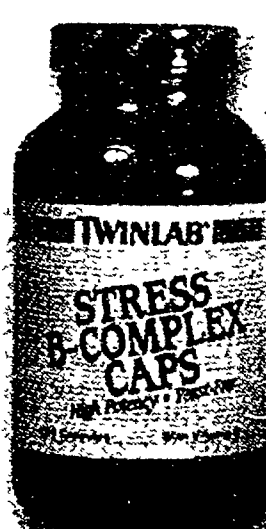
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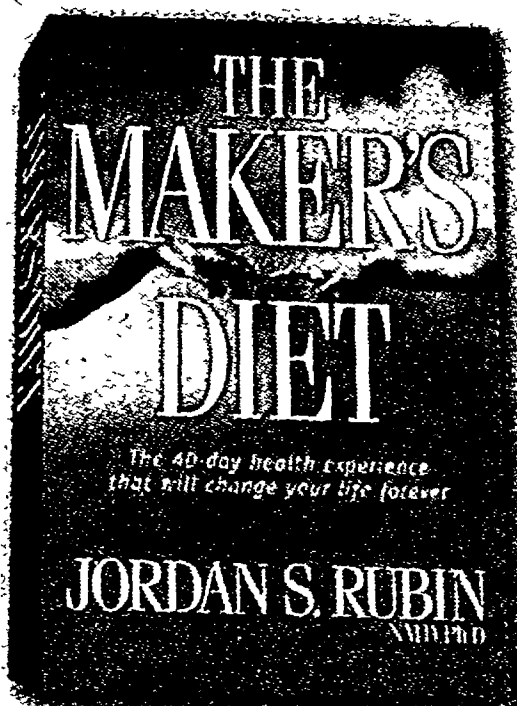
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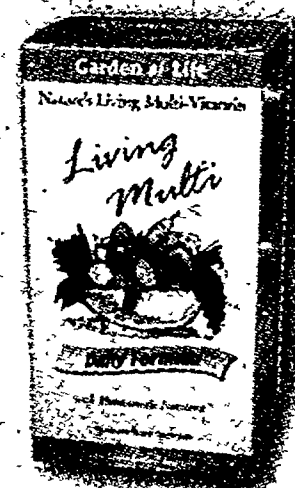
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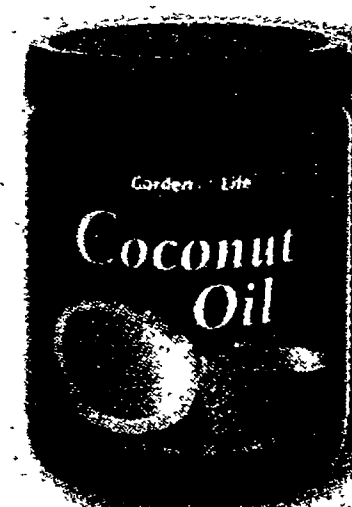
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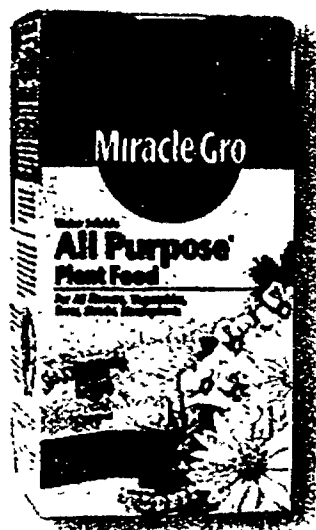
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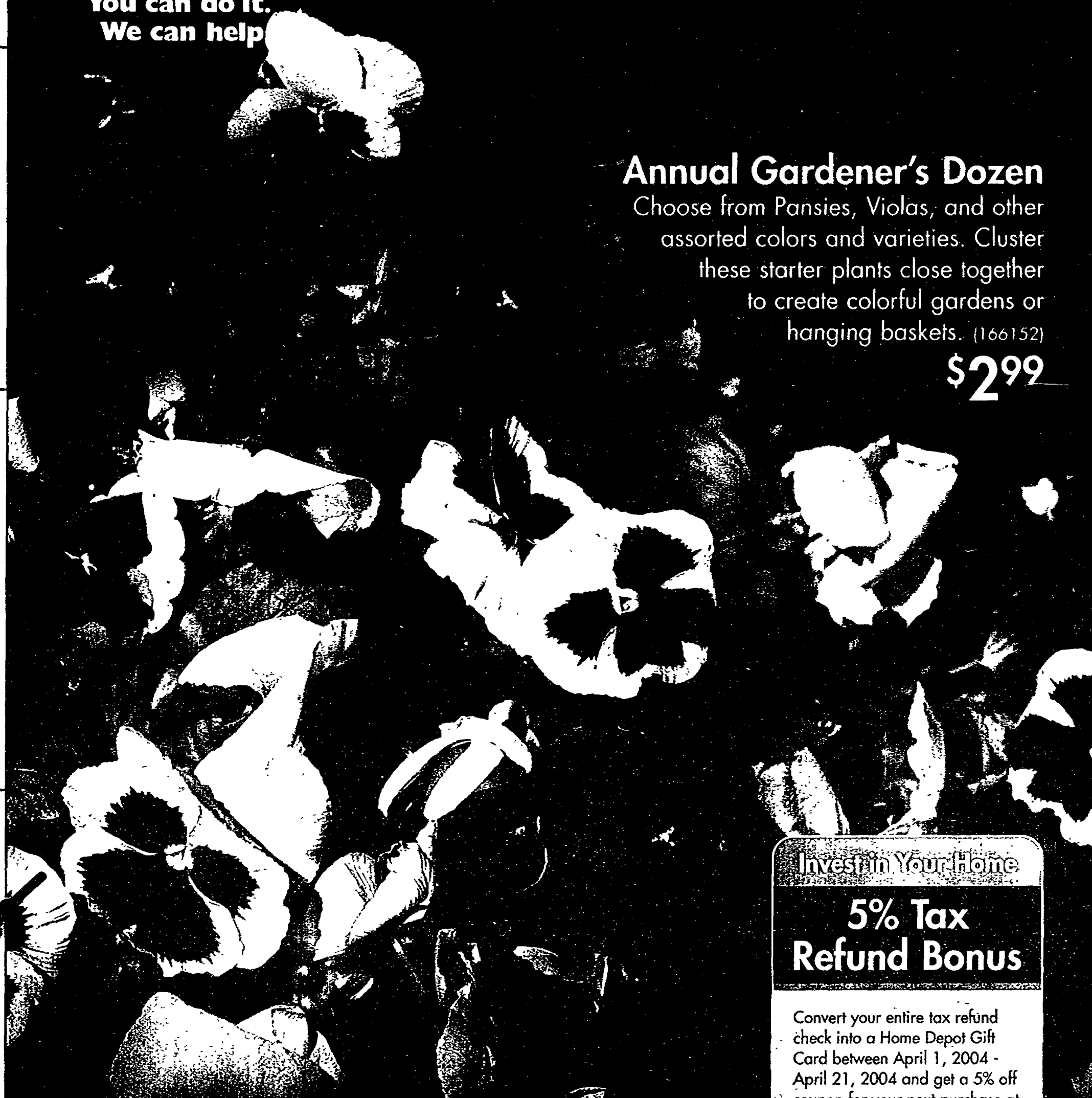
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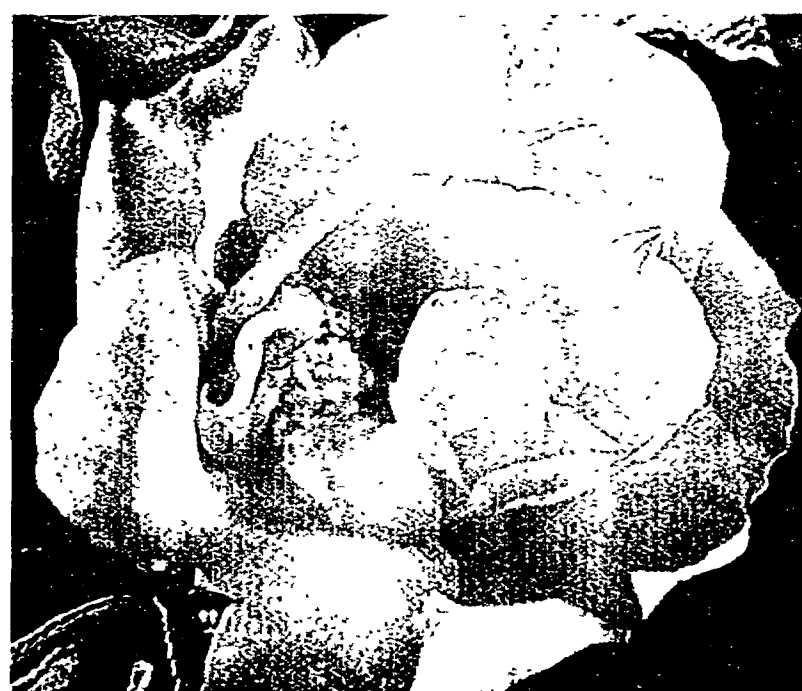
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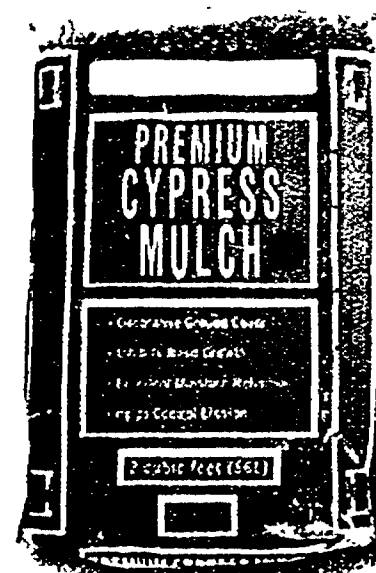
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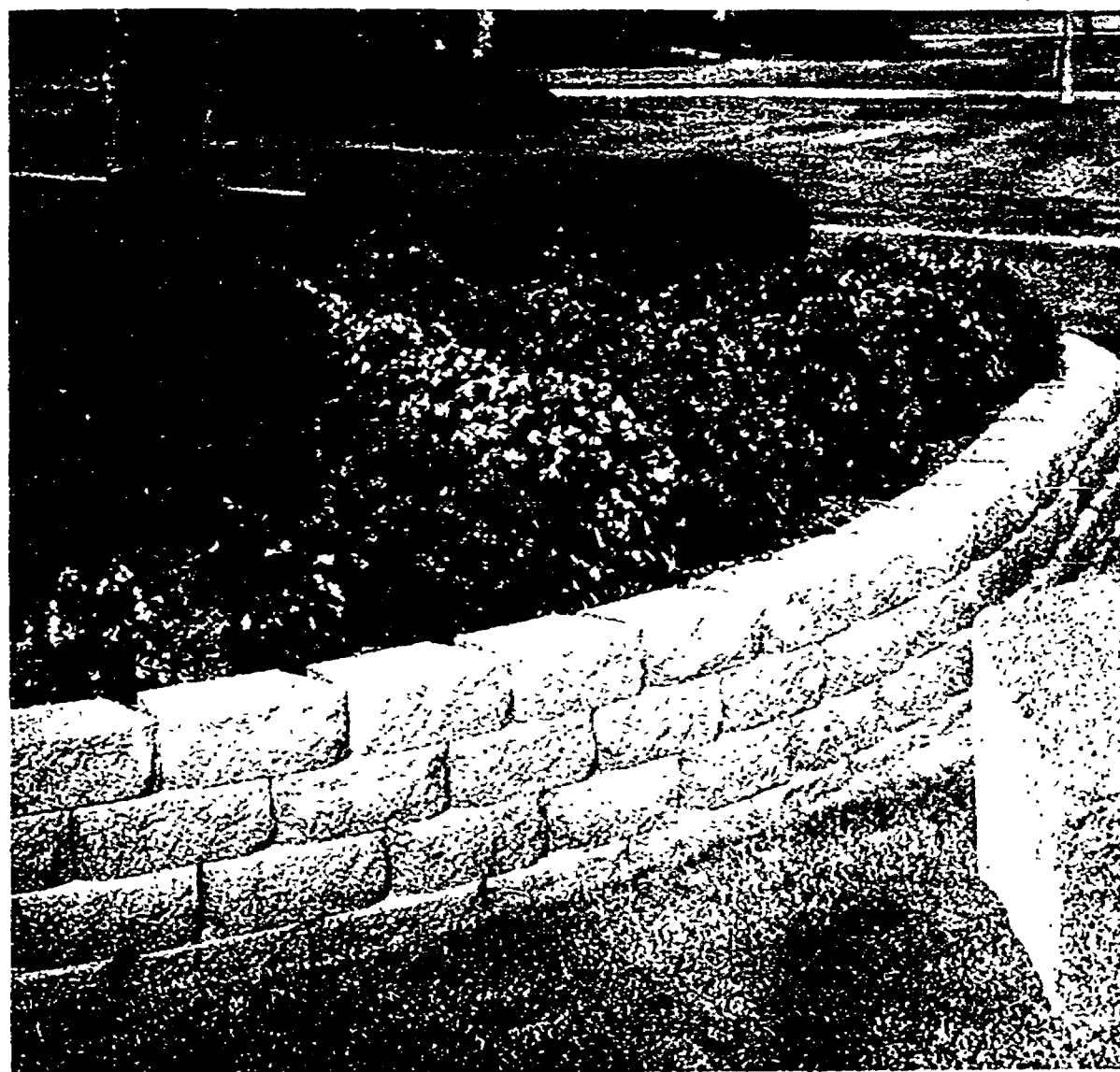


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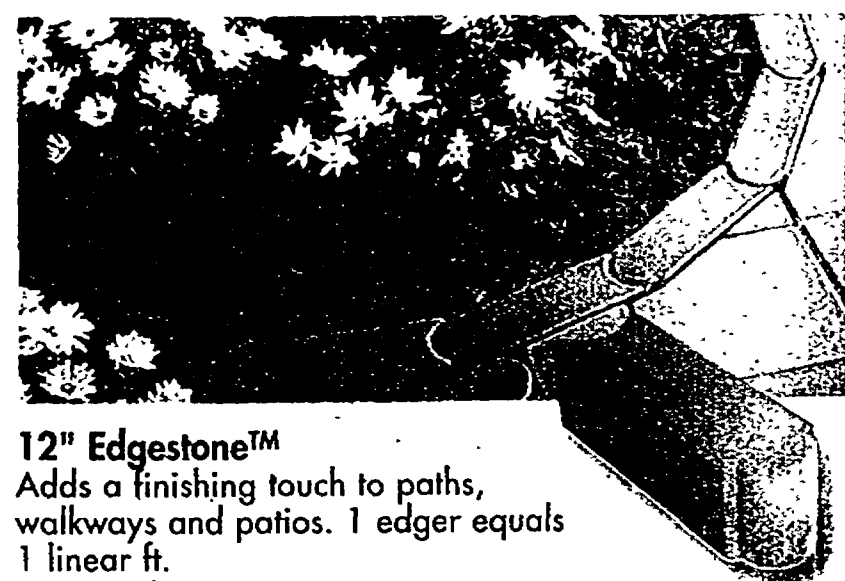
LANDSCAPING STONE



12"
Retaining Wall Stone
These simple to install stones are an ideal finish to any landscape.

(513117)

\$149
ea.



12" Edgestone™
Adds a finishing touch to paths, walkways and patios. 1 edger equals 1 linear ft.

(504216) **\$129** ea.



16" Brickfaced Stepping Stone
These stones are a great addition to any yard. 1 paver equals 1.78 sq. ft.

(915130) **\$297** ea.

Landscape Lighting by **MALIBU**



20-Light Tier and Floodlight Low Voltage Kit
Create a complete lighting system for your yard and walkways. Plastic construction kit includes 14 tier lights and 6 floodlights, bulbs, 88-watt transformer/timer and 100' of low voltage cable.

(648835) **\$3996**



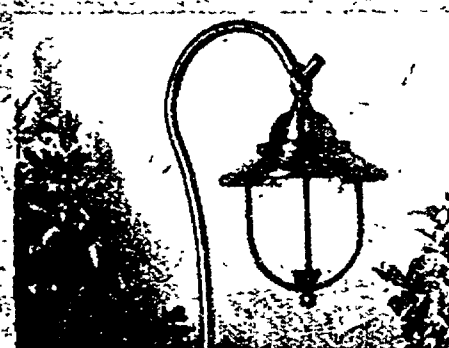
4-Light Floodlight Starter Kit
Cast metal construction in a black finish offers non-corrosive, long-lasting durability. Includes (4) 50-watt halogen floodlights with bulbs, 300-watt transformer and 100' low voltage cable. Expandable kit allows up to 100 watts of additional light.

(117424) **\$12900**



4-Light Floodlight Starter Kit
Sturdy cast metal construction includes a non-corrosive, long-lasting finish. Kit includes (4) 20-watt halogen floodlights with bulbs, 121-watt transformer and 50' low voltage cable. Expandable kit allows up to 41 watts of additional lights.

(501504) **\$6900**



Lantern Walklight
Light is solidly constructed in antique copper-finished metal. Includes 18-watt wedge-base bulb.

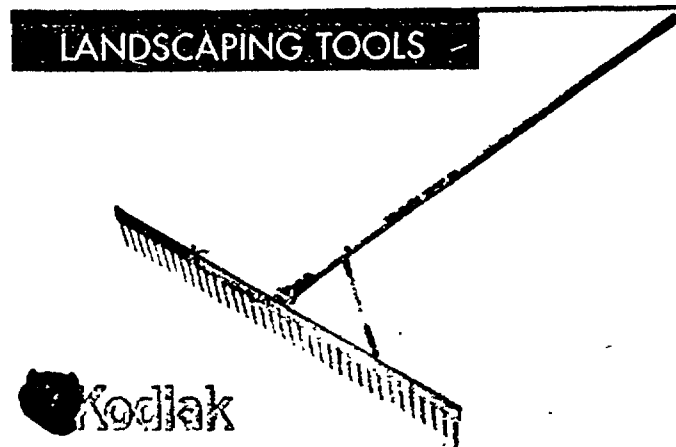
(329992) **\$2597**



Walklight
Place 4-5' apart along driveway, path or garden's edge. In an architectural bronze finish. Includes 1- and 4-watt wedge-base bulbs.

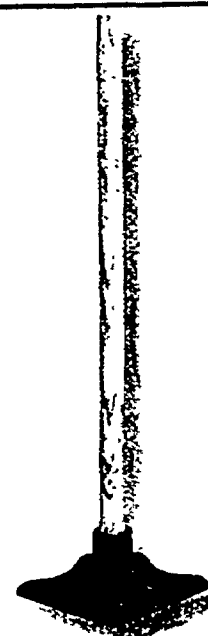
(323456) **\$2497**

LANDSCAPING TOOLS



Kodlak
36" Aluminum Landscape Rake
The round tipped teeth on this rake help to prevent gouging of your lawn surface.

(231339) **\$3672**



8"x8" Tamper
Ideal for packing and leveling soil, sand, and amendments.

(765761) **\$2187**



Easy Gardener

4'x50' Commercial-Grade Landscape Fabric
Contractor grade fabric helps stop weeds without chemicals. Allows water to reach the roots.

(492892) **\$2196**

Hurry in For



A Lawn Weed Killer Hose-End Spray

Treats up to 16,000 sq. ft. Just attach bottle to hose and spray to kill dandelions, clover, chickweed and other weeds without harming the lawn.

\$6⁹⁸
(461570) qt.

B Lawn Weed Killer Concentrate

Treats up to 16,000 sq. ft. Kills dandelions, clover, chickweed and other weeds without harming the lawn.

\$5⁹⁸
(461577) qt.

C Lawn Weed Killer

Ready-to-use spray kills dandelions, clover, chickweed and other weeds without harming the lawn.

\$3⁹⁸
(461603) 24 oz.

BUYER'S GUIDE

New! Basic Solutions™ by Ortho® a product line exclusive to The Home Depot®

This line of products provides the basic solution to your lawn and garden problems including:

- Insects in your lawn & garden
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For your ease and convenience, Basic Solutions™ is offered in granular, concentrate and ready-to-use formulas that are designed to get the job done at a terrific value!

Basic Solutions™ — only at The Home Depot!



Total Vegetation Killer Concentrate

Treats up to 200 sq. ft. Kills weeds and prevents plant growth for up to one year.

\$7⁹⁸
(461335) qt.



Total Vegetation Killer Concentrate

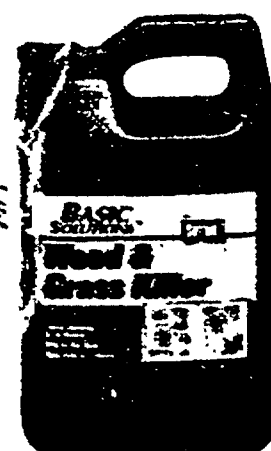
Treats up to 800 sq. ft. Kills weeds and prevents plant growth for up to one year.

\$15⁹⁸
(461099) gal.



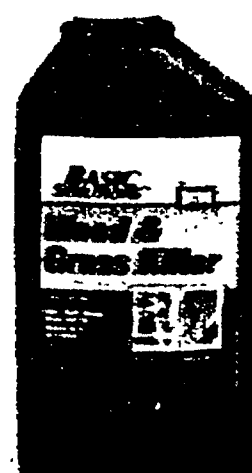
Grass & Weed Killer
Kills to the root. Starts working in 24 hours. Rain-fast in 2 hours.

\$2⁹⁸
(461376) 24 oz.



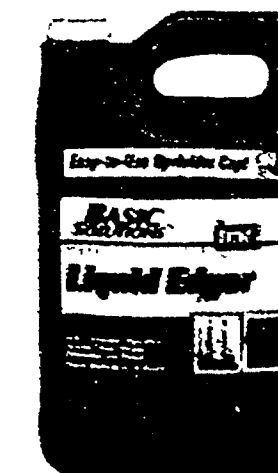
Weed & Grass Killer with Sprayer
Kills to the root. Starts working in 24 hours. Rain-fast in 2 hours.

\$7⁹⁸
(461410) gal.



Weed & Grass Killer Concentrate
Makes up to 10 gallons. Kills tough weeds — roots and all.

\$14⁹⁸
(461509) qt.



Gallon Liquid Edger
Use the sprinkler cap to spread liquid around trees, shrubs, driveways and patios to kill unwanted vegetation. Starts working in 24 hours.

\$4⁹⁸
(461632) gal.

Basic Solutions™, by Ortho® an Affordable Lawncare Choice



A Lawn & Garden Insect Killer Hose-End Spray

Just attach hose and spray to cover up to 16,000 sq. ft. Kills on contact and keeps killing for up to 4 weeks. Kills ants, fleas, ticks, crickets, and more.

\$998

(461359)

qt.

B Lawn & Garden Insect Killer Concentrate

Treats up to 10,000 sq. ft. Kills on contact and keeps killing for up to 4 weeks. Kills ants, ticks, crickets, and more.

\$898

(461372)

qt.

C Lawn & Garden Insect Killer Granules

Treats up to 8,300 sq. ft. Kills surface and sub-surface insects. Also kills ants, fleas, ticks, molecrickets, and more.

\$697

(461672)

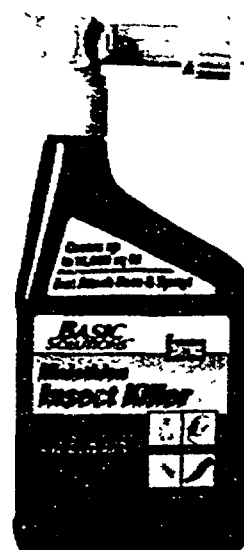
10 lbs.



ORTHO

Wasp & Hornet Killer
20-foot range of spray kills on contact.

(461699) **\$247** 15 oz.



ORTHO

Malathion Insect Killer
Kills insects on ornamentals, fruits, roses, flowers, trees, shrubs, citrus and vegetables.

(411547) **\$998** qt.



ORTHO

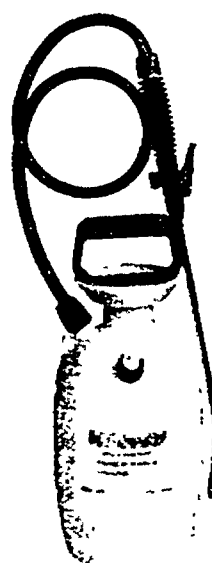
Dial 'N Spray® Hose-End Sprayer
Add product, set dial and spray. Mixes as it sprays, no pre-mixing.

(781770) **\$997**



Vigoro Broadcast Spreader
Fully assembled. Hopper holds up to 10,000 sq. ft. of lawn fertilizer. Handle folds down for easy storage.

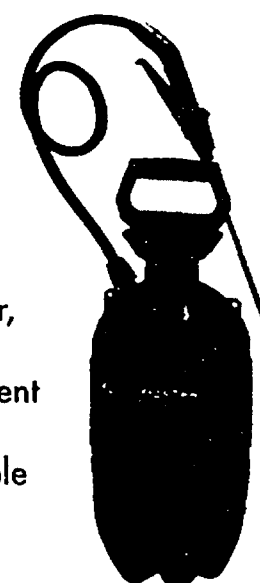
(381047) **\$2896**



FLOMASTER

1 Gallon Premium Sprayer
E-Z Pump for easier, high-efficiency pumping. Translucent poly tank with poly wand and adjustable poly nozzle.

(501388) **\$1397**



FLOMASTER

2-1/2 Gallon Premium Sprayer
Automatic pressure relief valve. Chemical-resistant poly flow control with lock-on/off feature.

(199452) **\$1797**

FERTILIZERS



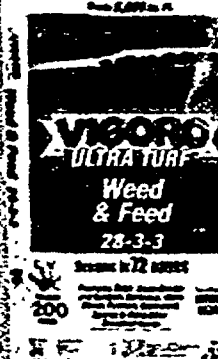
VIGORO

Ultra Turf® Pre-Emergent Crabgrass Control Plus Fertilizer
5,000 Sq. Ft.
30-3-4 fertilizer formula. 17 lbs.

(606433) **\$1199**

15,000 Sq. Ft. Coverage
• 51 lbs. (606553)

\$2998



VIGORO

Ultra Turf® Weed & Feed
5,000 Sq. Ft.
28-3-3 fertilizer formula. 16 lbs. Controls more than 200 types of weeds while feeding the lawn.

(642774) **\$847**

15,000 Sq. Ft. Coverage
• 48 lbs. (643654)

\$2397



VIGORO

Ultra Turf® Starter Fertilizer
5,000 Sq. Ft.
20-27-5 fertilizer formula. 18 lbs.

(607369) **\$896**



Scotts

Turf Builder® Sun & Shade Grass Seed
20 Lbs.

All purpose mix for use in sunny and shady areas.

(816268) **\$4500**

10 Lbs. (816257)

\$2688



Scotts

Turf Builder® Contractor's Mix Grass Seed 25 Lbs.
Multiple use mixture for tall fescue lawns. Ideal for new lawns, repair, or reseeding.

(138834) **\$3598**

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BLACK & DECKER.

4.4 AMP, 12" Electric String Trimmer/Edger

This isn't just a Special Buy, this is a special opportunity for our customers who have small lawns. Now you can give your yard a professionally manicured look without putting a major dent in your wallet.

- 4.4 AMP motor
- 12" cutting width
- 2-year full warranty

(463655)
\$34⁹⁷

Groom'N'Edge® rotating head for edging with edge guide

AFS™ Auto Feed Spool System—No bumping required!



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12-Volt, 12" Straight Shaft Cordless Trimmer/Edger
12-volt battery. 12" cutting width. Automatic feed spool, 0.065" line. Groom'N' Edge® rotating head. 2-year full warranty.

(683958) **\$89⁹⁷**



5 AMP, 14" Curved Shaft Electric Trimmer/Edger
5 AMP motor. 14" cutting width. Automatic line feed, 0.065" line. Telescoping handle. Groom'N' Edge® rotating head. 2-year full warranty.

(385582) **\$49⁹⁷**

TORO

12 Volt, 8" Straight Shaft Cordless Trimmer

Cordless 12 volt battery. 8" cutting width. Bump feed line advance, .065" line. Ergonomic handle. Easy 2-piece snap together assembly. 2-year full warranty.

(424666) **\$49⁹⁹**

TORO

4 AMP, 15" Trim & Edge® Straight Shaft Electric Trimmer

Variable Cutting System®. Bump feed 0.065" line. "No tool" assembly. Dual trigger handle, edge guide and vegetation guard. 2-year full warranty.

(805491) **\$39⁰⁰**

TORO

3.9 AMP, 12" Straight Shaft Electric Trimmer

3.9 AMP motor. 12" cutting width. Bump feed, 0.065" line. "No tool" assembly. 2-year full warranty.

(912359) **\$29⁹⁴**

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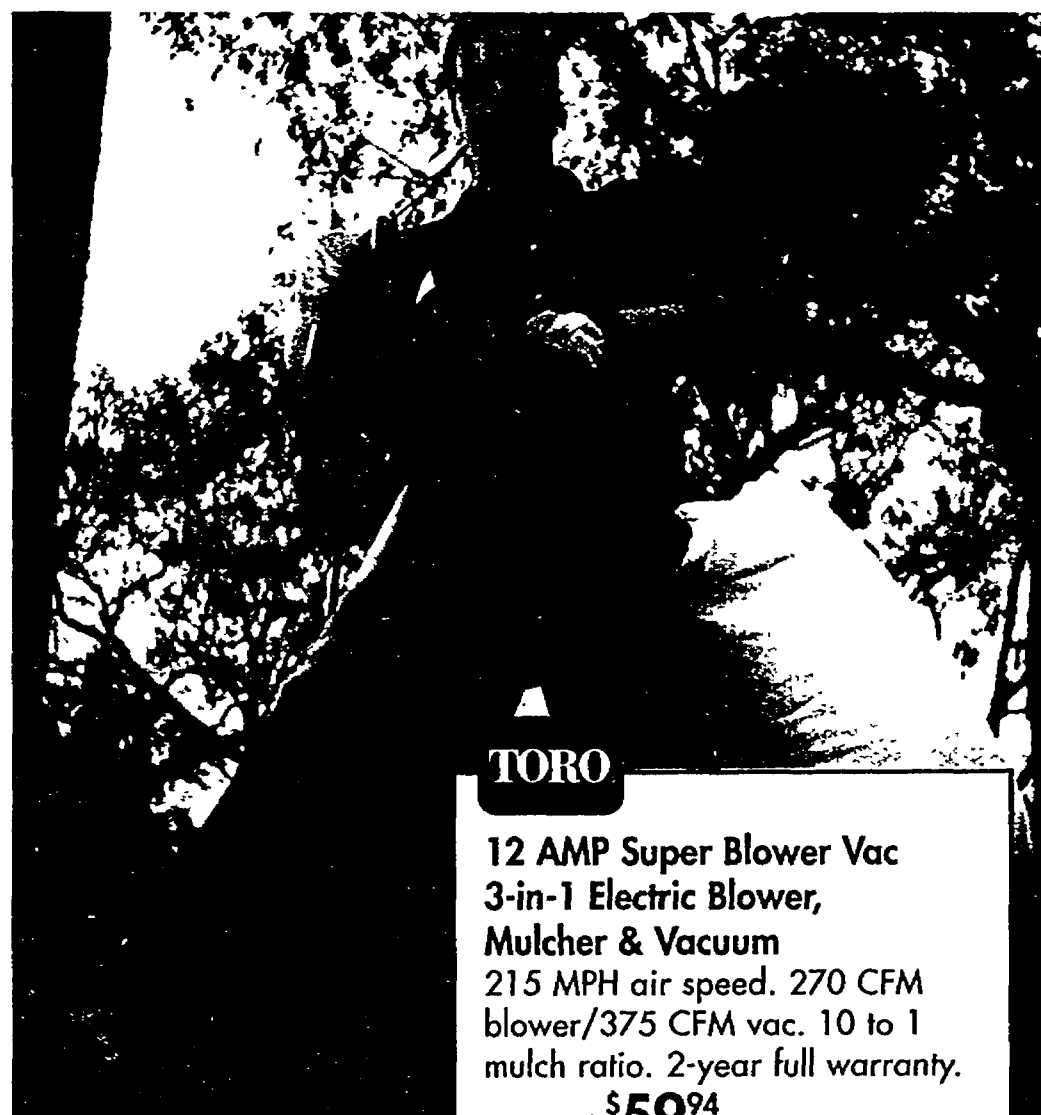
1.8 AMP, 9" Straight Shaft Electric Trimmer

1.8 AMP motor. 9" cutting width. Bump feed, 0.065" line. Lightweight and easy to assemble. 2-year full warranty.

(862860) **\$19⁹⁷**

Outdoor Projects Easier with the Right Tools

PORTABLE POWER



TORO

**12 AMP Super Blower Vac
3-in-1 Electric Blower,
Mulcher & Vacuum**
215 MPH air speed. 270 CFM
blower/375 CFM vac. 10 to 1
mulch ratio. 2-year full warranty.
(812790) **\$59⁹⁴**



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1.5 HP 10" 2-in-1 Electric Chainsaw/Pole Saw
2 saws in 1: saw converts to 10" chainsaw. Trigger start system. Low kick-back safety device. Case not included. Cuts up to 20", 10" bar. 1-year warranty.
(502760) **\$98⁰⁰**

3.5 HP, 16" Electric Chainsaw with Case
Not shown.
(814244) **\$89⁹⁶**



ECHO

21.2cc Extended Life Gas Blower
2-cycle Echo engine. 145 MPH air speed. 365 CFM air volume at housing. 2-year homeowner/1-year commercial warranty.
(639468) **\$159⁰⁰**



Homelite

30cc Vac Attack II® 3-in-1 Gas Blower, Mulcher & Vacuum
PowerStroke™ engine. 200 MPH air speed. 420 CFM blower/420 CFM vac. 12 to 1 mulching ratio. Includes sweeper and wet leaf nozzles. 2-year warranty.
(304735) **\$99⁰⁰**



Homelite

45cc 18" Timberman® Gas Chainsaw
45cc PowerStroke™ engine. Safe-T-Tip anti-kickback device. Deluxe case included. Anti-vibe handle. 2-year homeowner warranty.
(335132) **\$179⁰⁰**



Homelite

33cc 16" Ranger™ Gas Chainsaw
2-cycle Power Stroke™ engine. Safe-T-Tip anti-kickback device. Deluxe case included. 2-year homeowner warranty.
(785653) **\$129⁰⁰**

BLACK DECKER
HEDGE HOG 22

14.4 Volt 22" Hedge Hog® Cordless Trimmer
22" blade. Up to 7/16" cutting capacity. Double-sided, dual-action reciprocating blade. 2-year homeowner warranty.
(810016) **\$69⁹⁷**

BLACK DECKER
LEAF HOG

12 AMP Leaf Hog® 3-in-1 Electric Blower, Mulcher & Vacuum
200 MPH air speed. 415 CFM blower/335 CFM vac. Push-button switches to vac. 10 to 1 mulching ratio. 2-year warranty.
(684118) **\$64⁹⁶**



TORO

7 AMP Power Sweep® Electric Blower
140 MPH air speed. 170 CFM air volume. Thumb switch start. 2-year full warranty.
(225618) **\$29⁹⁹**



ECHO

30.1cc 14" Gas Chainsaw
2-cycle engine. Tip guard anti-kickback device. 2-year homeowner/1-year commercial warranty.
(686033) **\$199⁰⁰**



Poulan

40cc 18" Wild Thing™ Gas Chainsaw
2-cycle engine. Reduced nose radius bar. Case included. 18" bar. 1-year warranty.
(449192) **\$149⁰⁰**

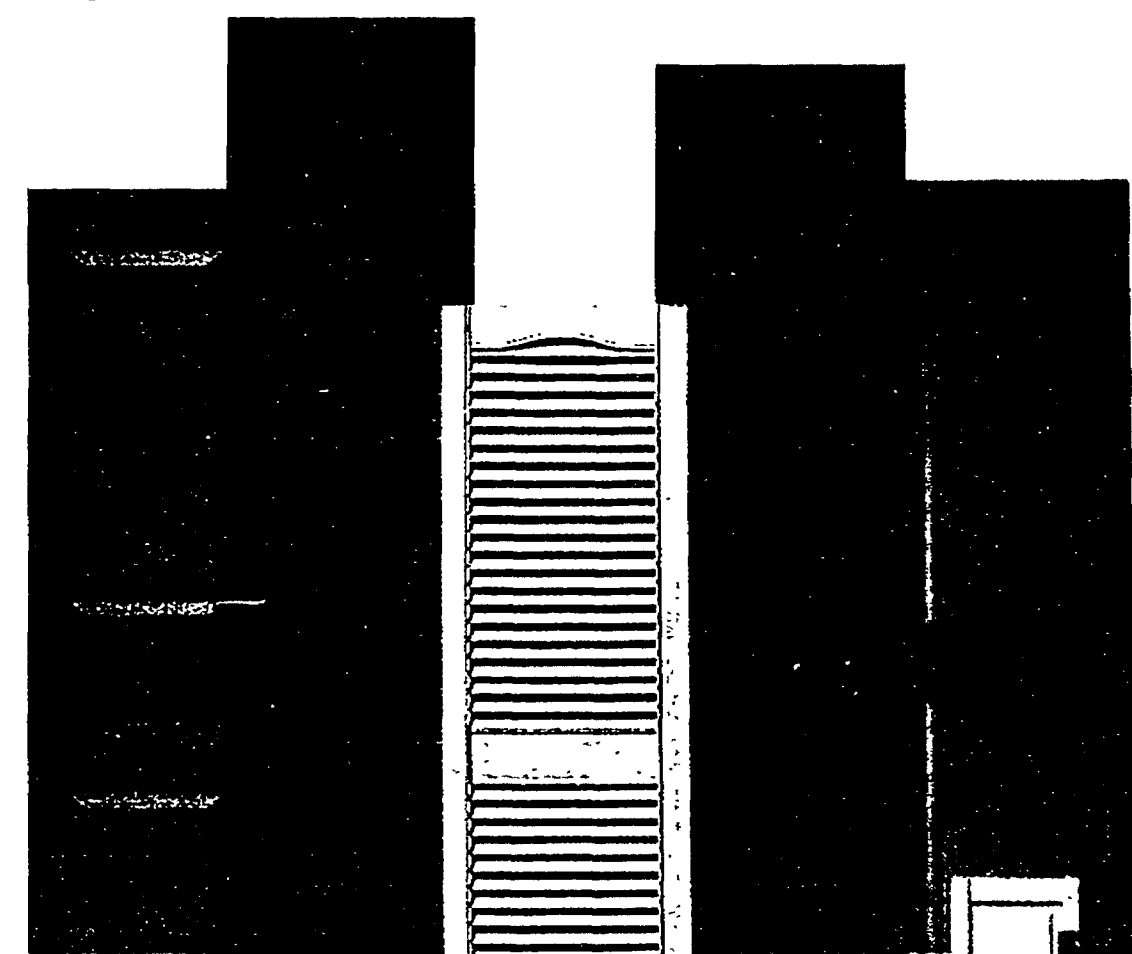
BLACK DECKER
HEDGE HOG 24

3 AMP 24" Hedge Hog® Electric Trimmer
Up to 3/4" cutting capacity. Double-sided, dual-action reciprocating blade. 2-year homeowner warranty.
(252678) **\$69⁹⁷**

Add or Replace Shutters for a Dramatic Update

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Exterior shutters are constructed of durable, maintenance-free vinyl. Solid colors are molded through to prevent scratching, fading and flaking. Available in-stock or through special order.

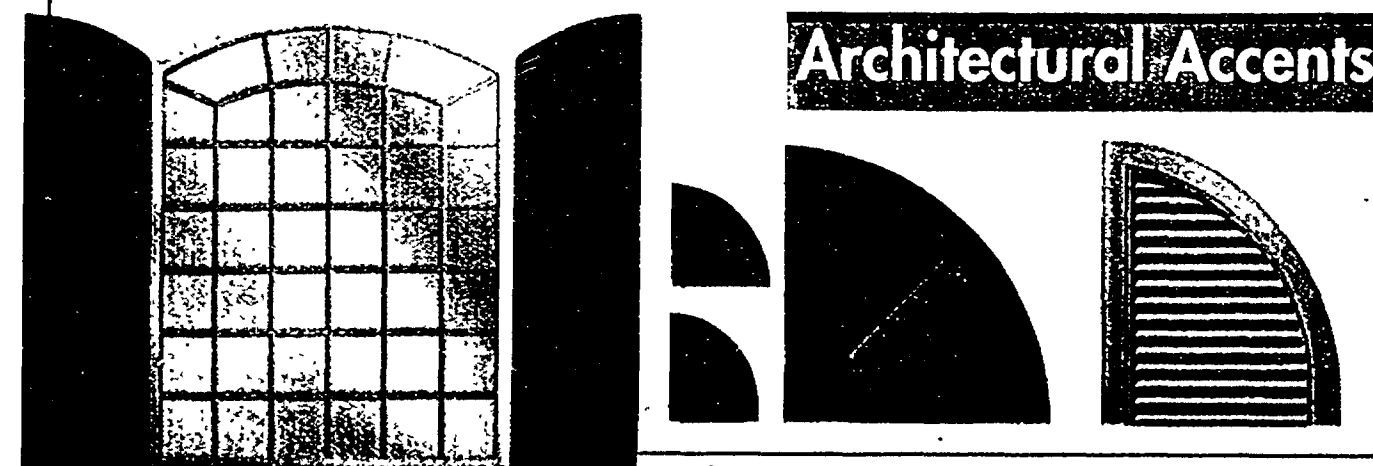


Special Order Exterior Shutters

Custom shutters are available in 17 colors plus paintable styles.

Our Rapid Ship program delivers them direct to your home in just 7 to 10 days. See an Associate for details.

Architectural accents from Builders Edge® add dramatic flair to your home's exterior. Dress up your windows by adding quarter rounds to your shutters or add a window header to your windows or doors. Available in assorted styles and colors to match or contrast any décor.



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Make Your Home Look New Again with Decorative, Low-Maintenance Exterior Trim

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Never Rot® Mouldings, a Lasting Solution

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Install easily with nails or glue

Cuts and Nails Better than Wood

Use standard saws, no splintering or cracking

Improved Insulation Value

70% better than wood, 1600% better than aluminum

Never Rot® Benefits

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Never Rot® Door and Window Systems

Come to The Home Depot® for the industry's only Never Rot® exterior door frame and window trim that have a 10-year finish warranty against fading.

8' Brick Mould
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\$827

12' Shingle Mould
(248340)
\$1098

12' Drip Cap
(250153)
\$759

12' Quarter Round
(248350)
\$627

7' Garage Door Thermo Stop
(120690)
\$499

12' Trim Plank - 1" x 4"
(245908)
\$2199

8' Flat Utility Trim
(246520)
\$1099

Complete Exterior Door Frame Set
(247962)
\$4295

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Enhance the comfort, look and long-term value of your home with Andersen windows. Their fine craftsmanship and detail add beauty, while their superior performance offers the peace of mind of knowing you chose the best. That's why more builders buy Andersen than any other brand.

BUYER'S GUIDE

Selecting Your Windows

When choosing windows, it is important to invest in quality and performance. Money saved on cheaper windows can result in higher energy bills and replacement costs later.

Windows and patio doors with wood frames and low-maintenance exteriors provide added strength, stability, durability and insulation.

Double-Hung Windows

These slide up and down, offering a more traditional look. Today's best models feature counterbalance mechanisms for easy operation and tilt-in sashes for easy cleaning.

Casement Windows

These swing open and shut, like a gate. They provide maximum ventilation and an unobstructed viewing area. They are generally more weathertight as well.

Gliding Windows

These slide back and forth and are a good choice next to patios and walkways.



400 Series Tilt-Wash Double-Hung Window

Quality construction includes attractive clear-pine interior sashes and maintenance-free white Perma-Shield® vinyl-clad exteriors. Grilles and screens sold separately. 24310. (471812)

\$205⁰⁰

SIZE	SKU	price
2832	(470739)	\$195 ⁰⁰
28310	(471820)	\$216 ⁰⁰
2842	(470800)	\$226 ⁰⁰
3032	(425623)	\$205 ⁰⁰
30310	(472204)	\$226 ⁰⁰
3042	(471038)	\$237 ⁰⁰
3046	(471073)	\$247 ⁰⁰

Our Best-Selling Andersen Window

Choose the premium-quality 400 Series

Tilt-In Feature

Clean both sides of window from inside house

High Performance™ Low-E Glass

Insulated to save 30%-40% on energy costs

Andersen

Superior Insulation Features

Materials like High Performance™ Low-E Glass, wood, vinyl and Fibrex® give this window excellent insulating properties. Careful design, durable weatherstripping and quality craftsmanship seal windows tight to keep weather out.

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200 Series Tilt-Wash Double-Hung Window

Quality construction includes attractive clear-pine interior sashes and a maintenance-free vinyl-clad exterior. Grilles/screens sold separately. 2436.

- Tilt-in feature allows you to clean both sides of the window from inside your home
- Convenient dual-sash design provides maximum ventilation

(513590)

\$143⁰⁰

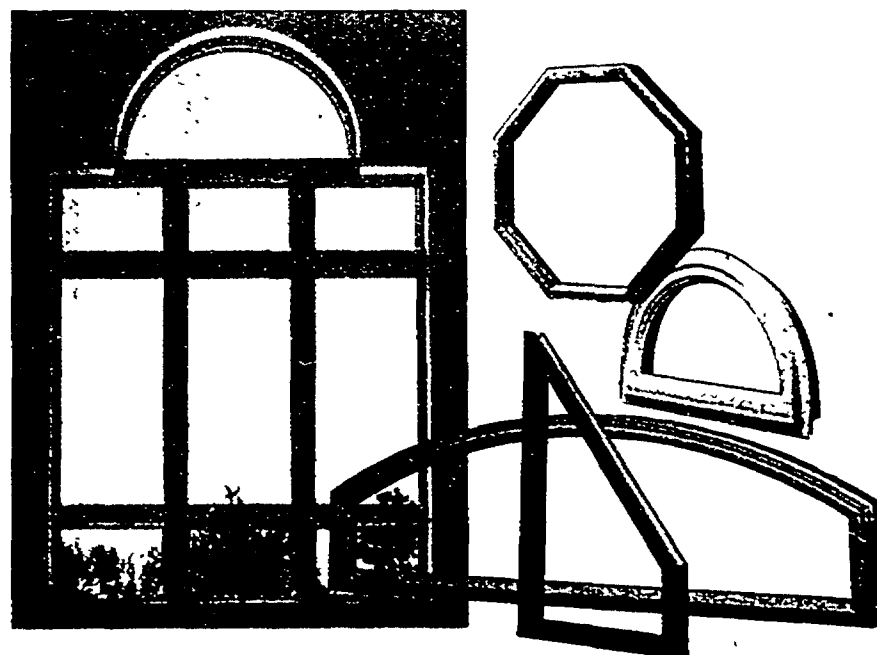
SIZE	SKU	price
2440	(516593)	\$154 ⁰⁰
2840	(514612)	\$162 ⁰⁰
2849	(512809)	\$179 ⁰⁰
3036	(508498)	\$158 ⁰⁰
3040	(513010)	\$169 ⁰⁰
3049	(518922)	\$186 ⁰⁰



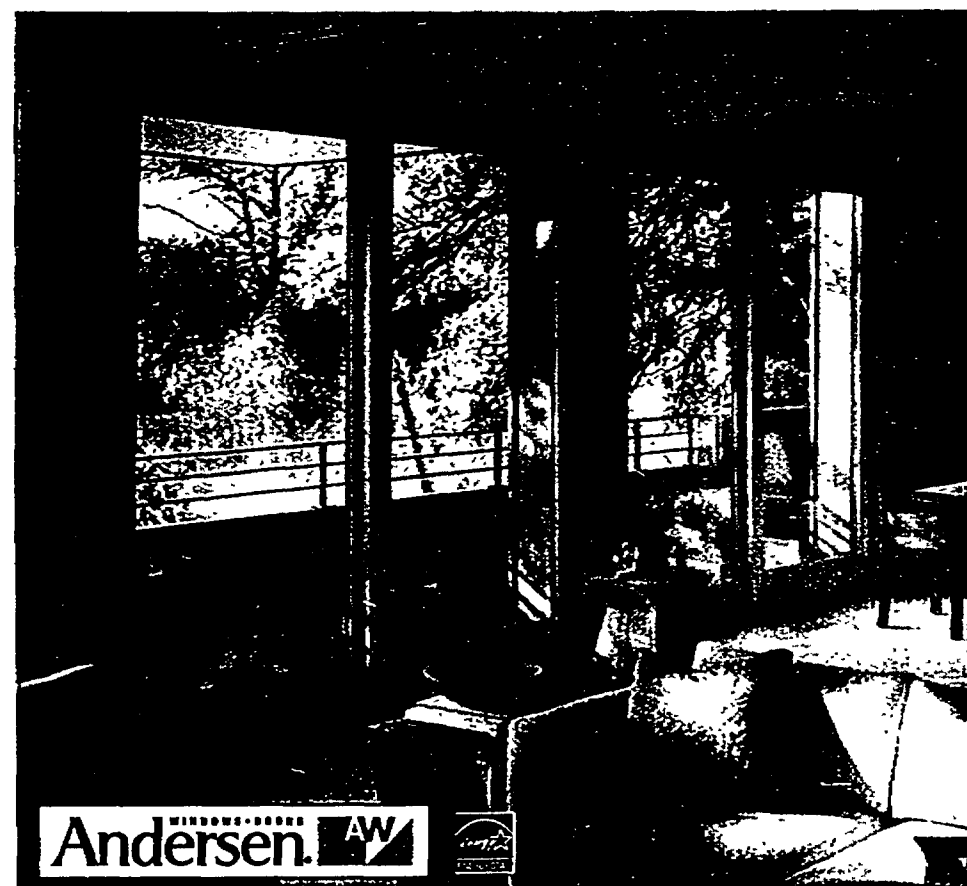
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Special Order Windows

The Home Depot expends your window selection with an extensive choice of special order styles, including casement, awning, gliding, bay and arch windows. Choose from a variety of decorator colors and glazings. Fixed and arch windows are available in custom sizes. Stop in today and pick up your FREE window brochures in our Millwork department.



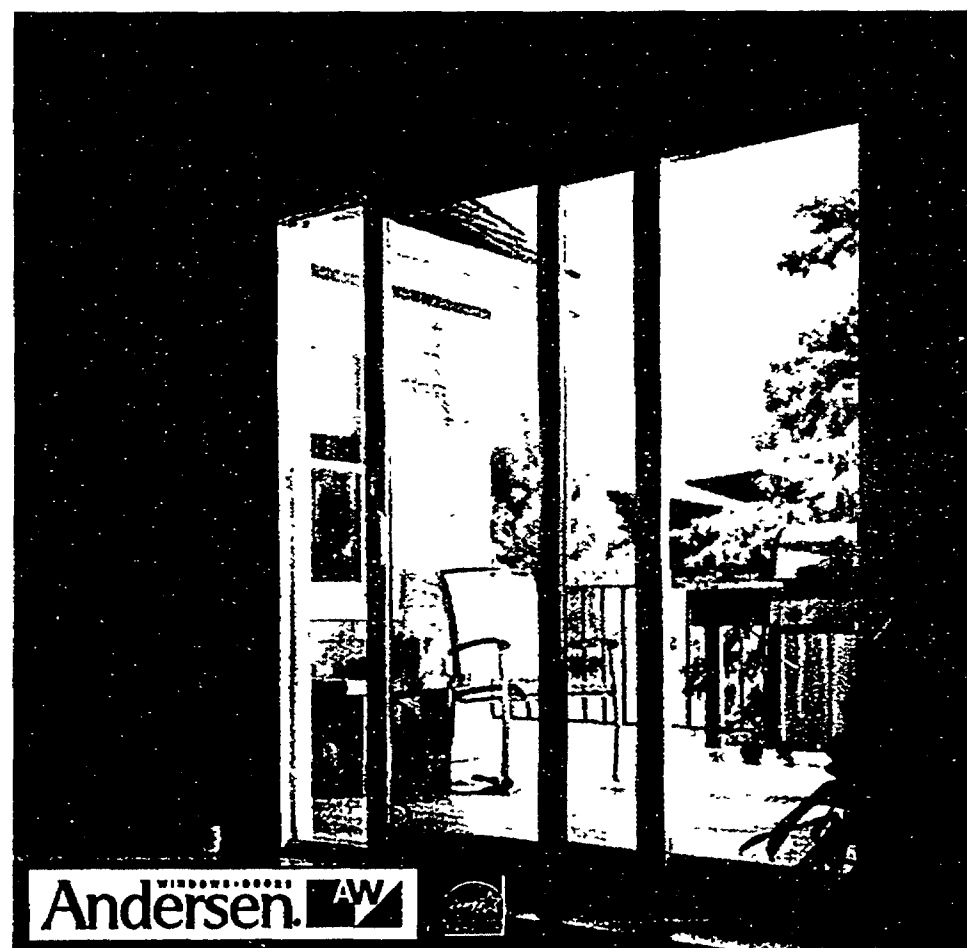
PATIO DOORS



6' 400 Series Frenchwood® Gliding Patio Door

Invest in durability and good looks, with patented dowel construction, reachout lock, clear-pine interiors and low-maintenance exterior. High Performance™ Low-E insulating glass enhances safety while reducing UV transmission, heat transfer and fading. Screen and hardware sold separately. 20-year limited warranty on glass; 10-year limited warranty on non-glass parts. Energy Star® qualified.

(616238) (616222) **\$952⁰⁰** That's only \$25 per month.*



6' 200 Series Narroline™ Gliding Patio Door

Count on trouble-free glide. Insulated Low-E glass reduces heat gain. Natural pine interiors, low-maintenance exteriors. Screen and hardware sold separately. 20-year limited warranty on glass; 10-year limited warranty on non-glass parts.

(297913) (298000) **\$765⁰⁰** That's only \$22 per month.*

**Patio Doors
Installed
for You**



**Basic patio door
installation starting
at \$389⁰⁰**

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BUYER'S GUIDE

Choosing the Right Patio Door

Patio doors are an important component of your décor and often a focal point of your home's exterior. They create an inviting entryway, enhance the view, admit natural light, provide weather protection and improve energy efficiency.

Wood

Built for long-lasting durability and weathertightness.

- Aluminum- or vinyl-clad doors require little maintenance and protect exterior wood surface from the elements
- Interior may be finished with paint or stains

Vinyl

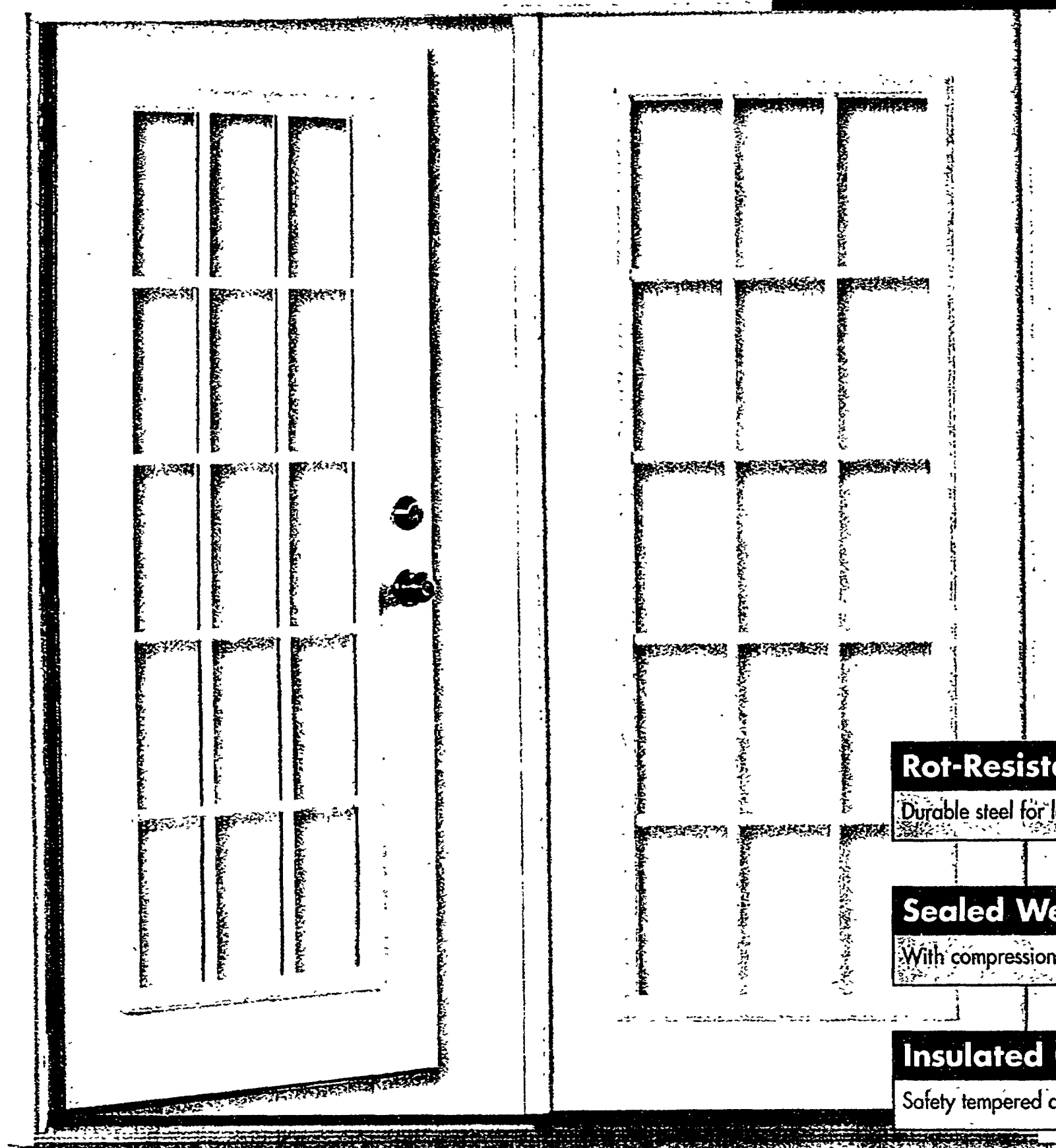
Enjoy carefree good looks with maintenance-free vinyl. Never paint again!

- Vinyl won't peel, rot, flake or corrode
- Reinforced panels and welded corners create a strong, weathertight seal

Steel

Choose premium-quality steel construction with reinforcement features for added security.

- Steel security strike plates and lock blocks resist forced entry
- Most styles include an energy-saving, insulated foam core



Enhance Your Patio

Masonite® **6' 15-Lite Steel French Patio Door**

Rot-resistant frame with safety tempered insulated glass and high-performance compression weatherstripping. Factory primed white. Lifetime warranty.
(373478) (387035)

\$288⁰⁰

That's Only \$10 Per Month*

Rot-Resistant Frame

Durable steel for low-maintenance ease

Sealed Weathertight

With compression weatherstripping

Insulated Glass

Safety tempered and energy-efficient

Special Order Patio Doors

Choose from an impressive selection of gliding and hinged styles in sizes to fit virtually any new or remodeling project. Hinged doors are available in both inswing (opening into the home) and outswing (opening to the exterior of the home). Consider an array of custom options including hardware styles, special colors and finishes, screens and grilles, plus weatherproofing and energy-efficiency features. See a Millwork Associate for help with your selection.



Entrance with Our Variety of Door Styles



6' Aluminum Clad Patio Door with Venting Sidelites
Special order, low-maintenance extruded aluminum clad exterior. Pre-bored for your choice of lock and deadbolt. Unique venting sidelites bring in the feeling of outdoors.
\$1803⁵⁶

That's Only **\$45**
Per Month*



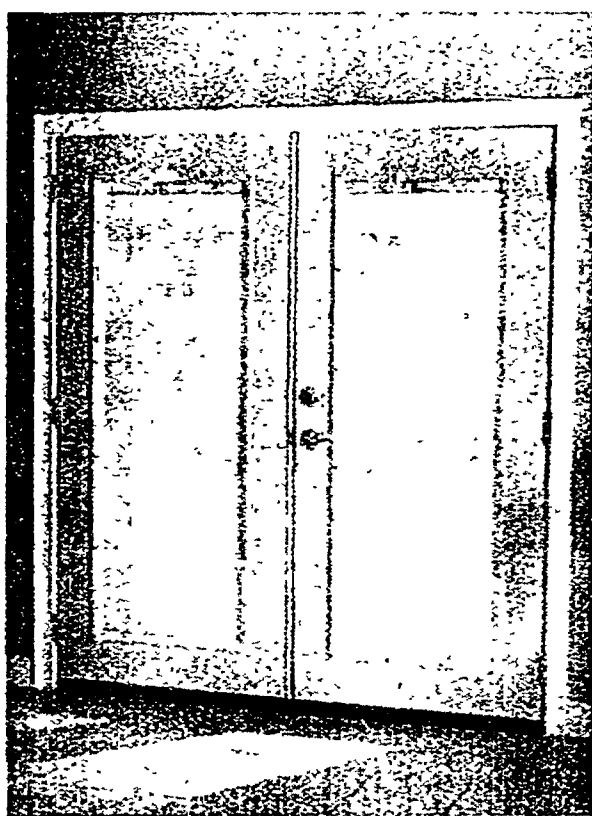
6' Center Hinged 15-Lite Patio Door
Pine interior and French door styling create an updated look. Low-maintenance aluminum-clad exterior and insulated Low-E glass. Built to last. 10-year warranty.
(550309) (550311)
\$699⁰⁰

That's Only **\$19**
Per Month*



6' 1-Lite Smooth Fiberglass Patio Door
Special order door is dent-resistant fiberglass. Will not rust, crack or split. Safety tempered glass. Reinforced lockset and deadbolt bores. High-performance compression weatherstripping and bottom sweep seal out weather.
\$608⁰⁰

That's Only **\$19**
Per Month*



6' 1-Lite Mini-Blind Steel French Patio Door
Lifetime warranty, rot-resistant frame and steel security plate. Internal blinds between the glass allow for simple cleaning. Single touch adjustment easily opens/closes blind.
(765193) (765122)
\$499⁰⁰

That's Only **\$17**
Per Month*



6' Vinyl Patio Door with Oak Print Interior
Choose a high-performing door that enhances your decor. Oak print interior, etched glass and brass hardware (included) make a pretty patio opening. Lifetime warranty.
(810046_279625_810047)

5600 Series
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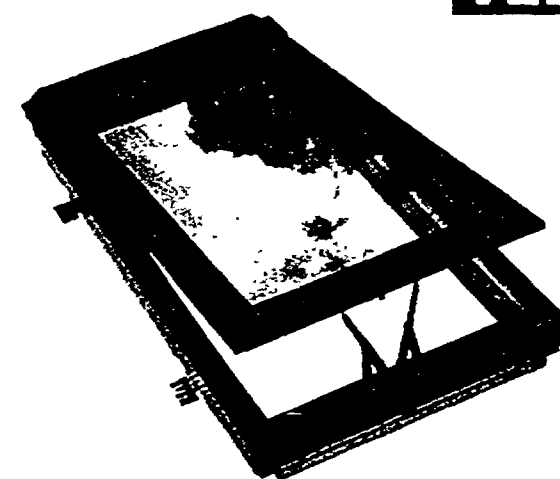
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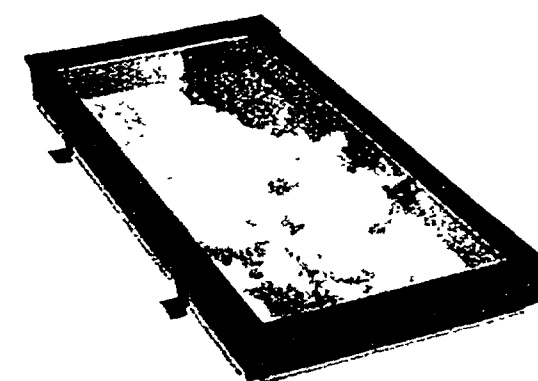
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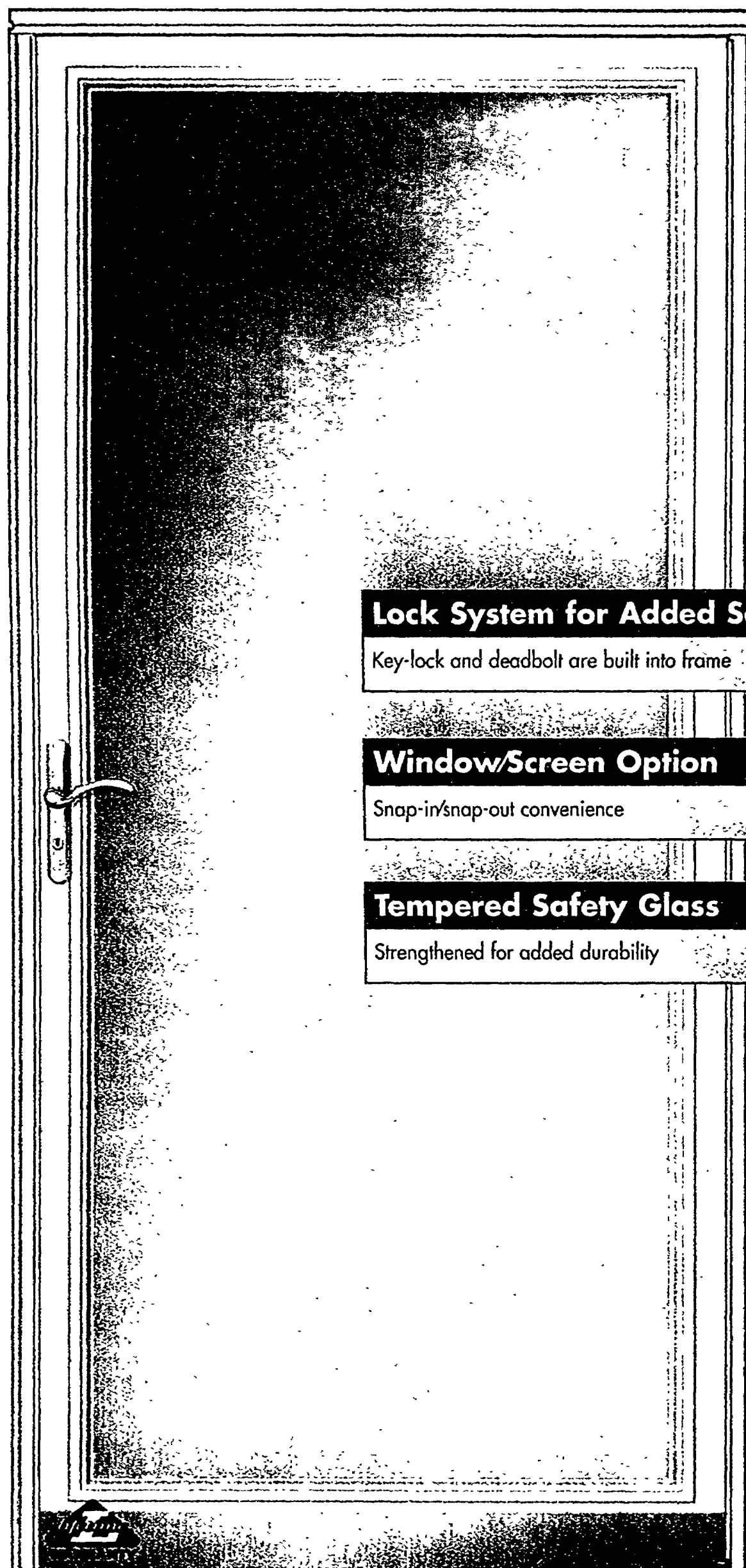
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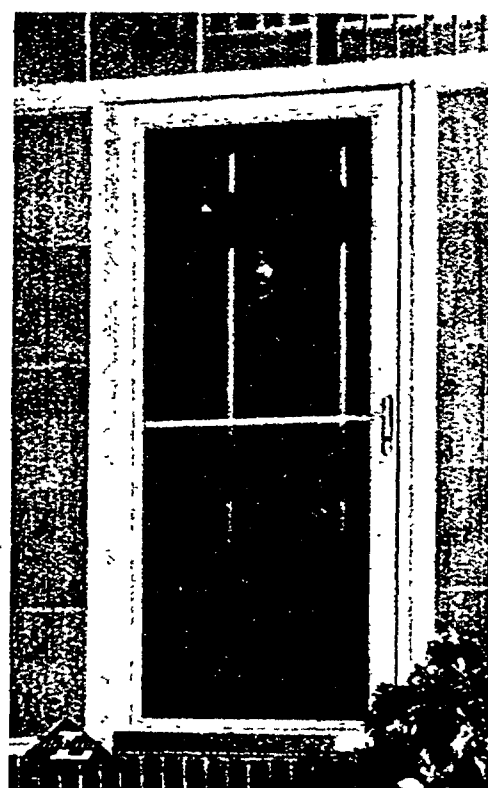
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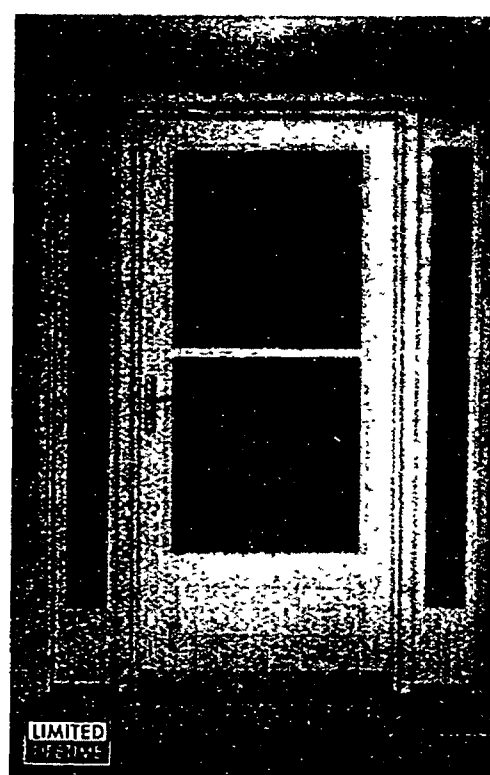


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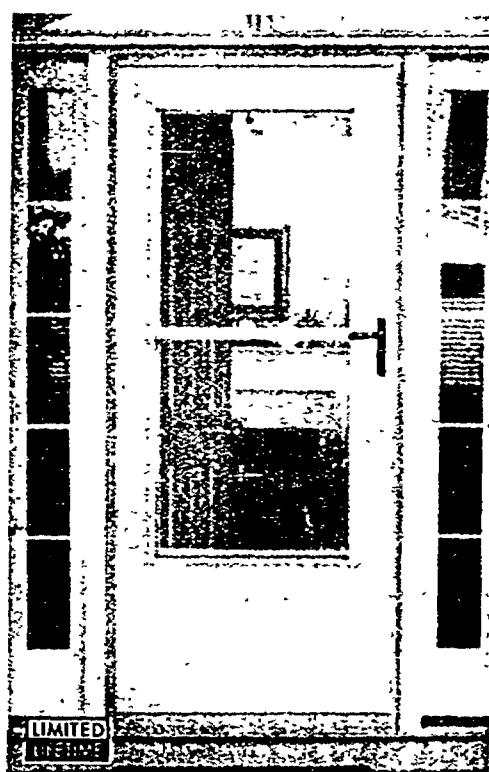
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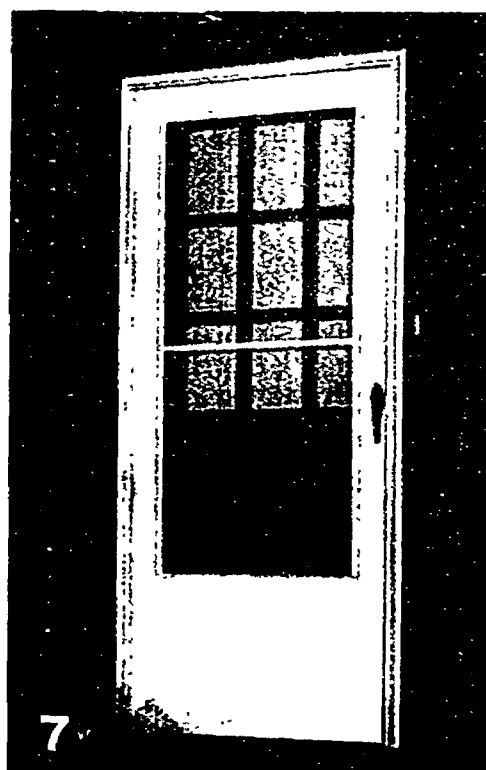
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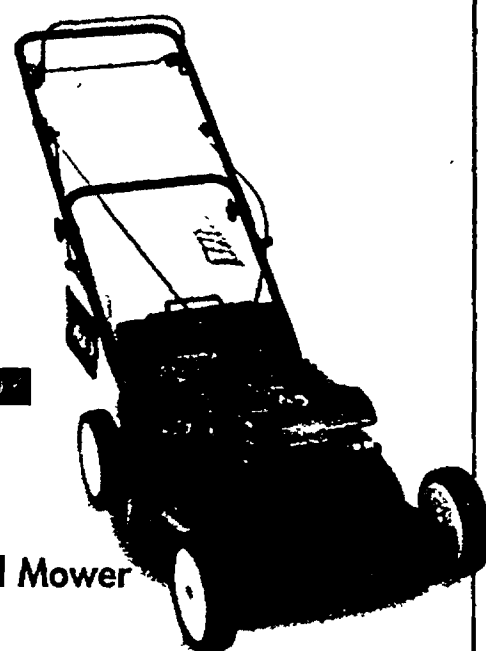
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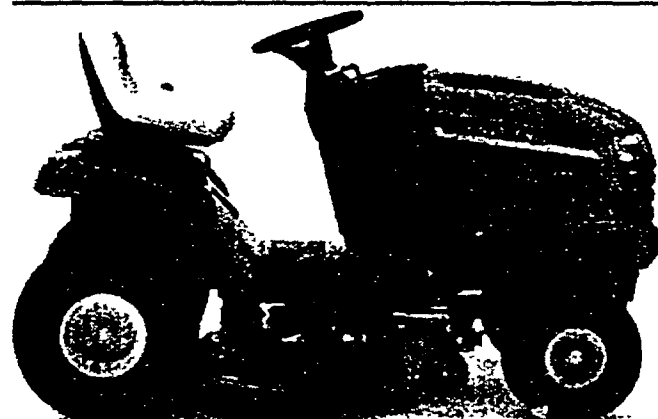


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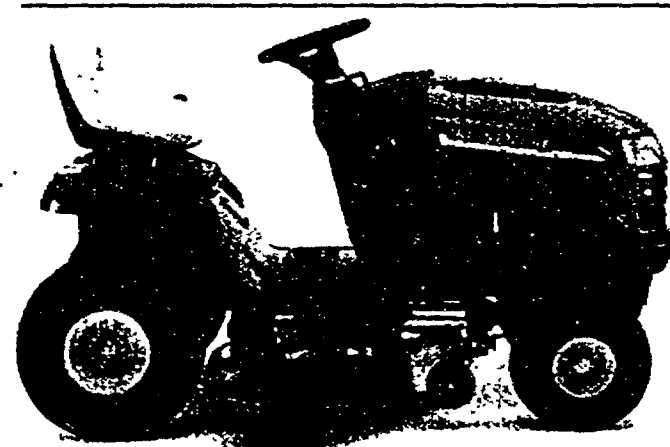


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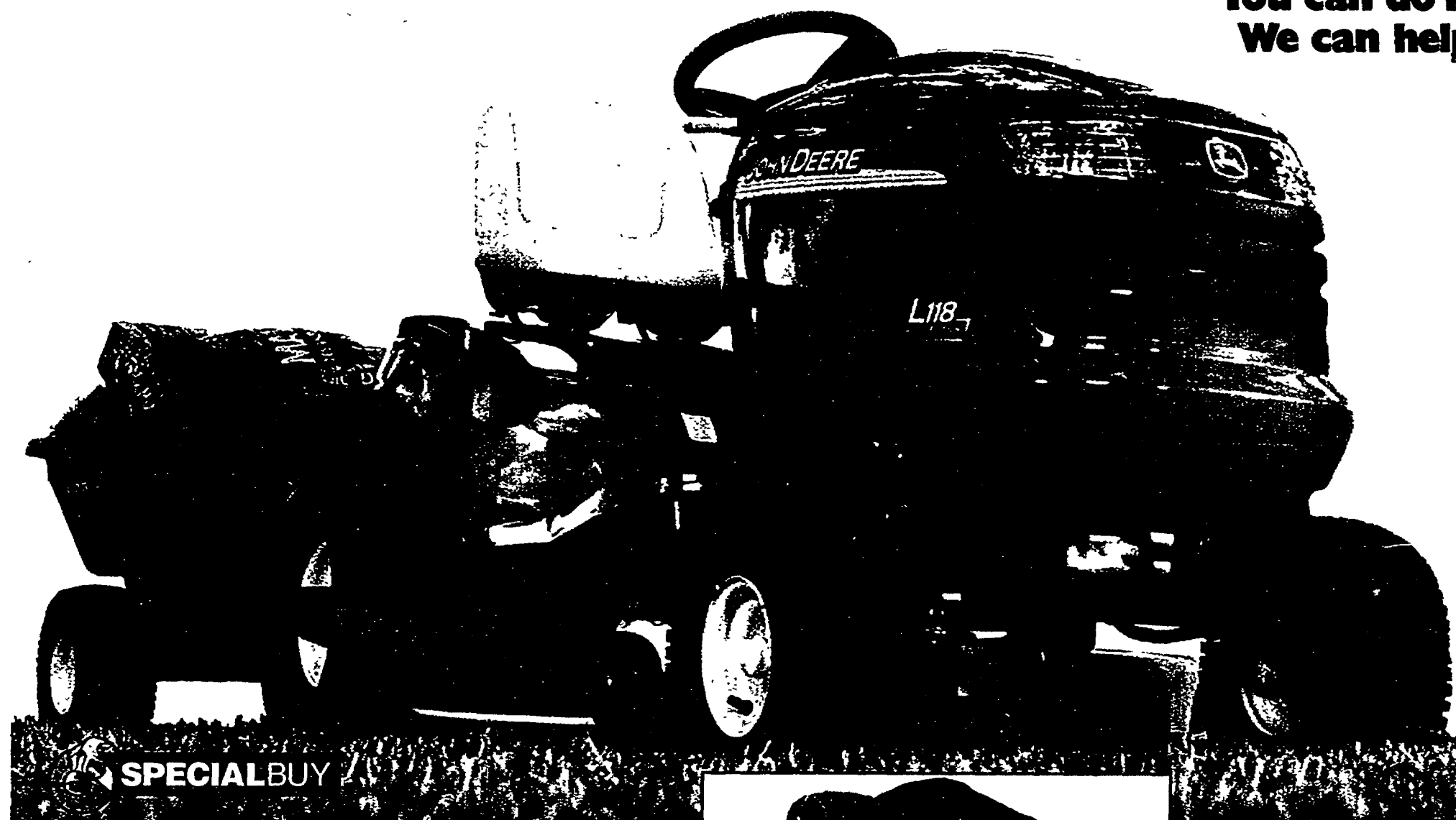
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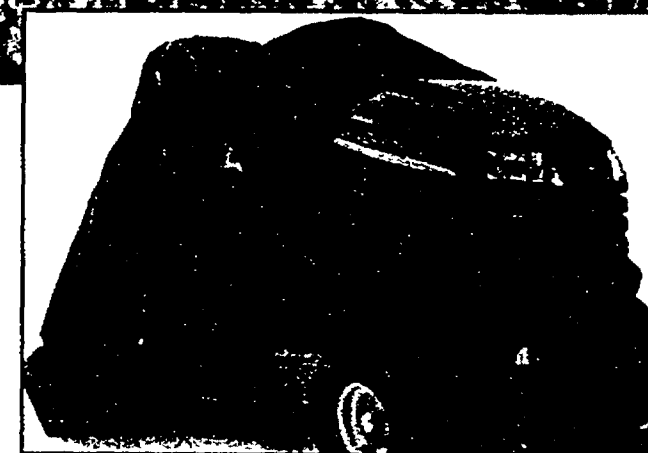
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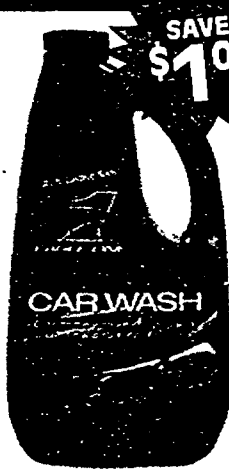
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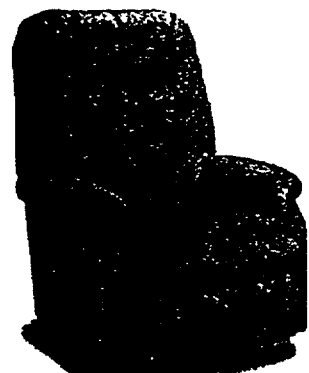
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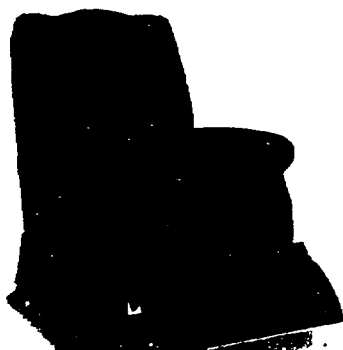
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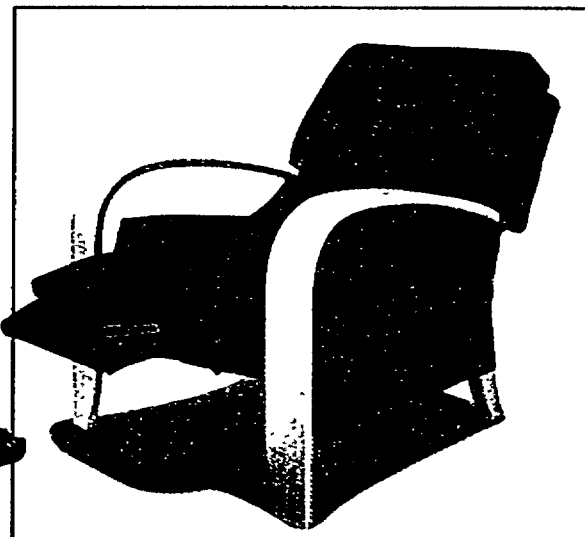
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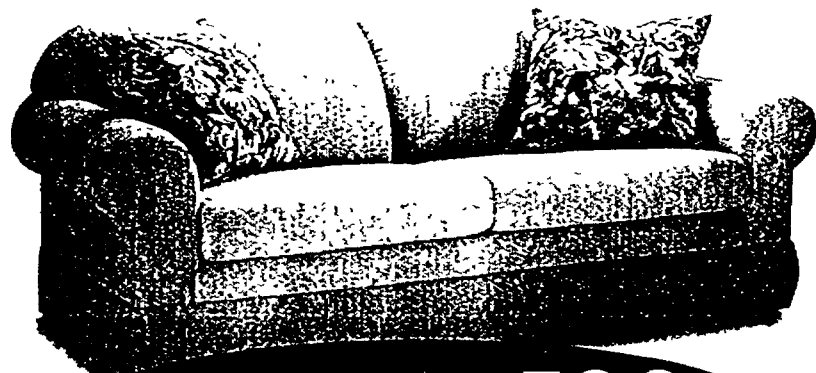
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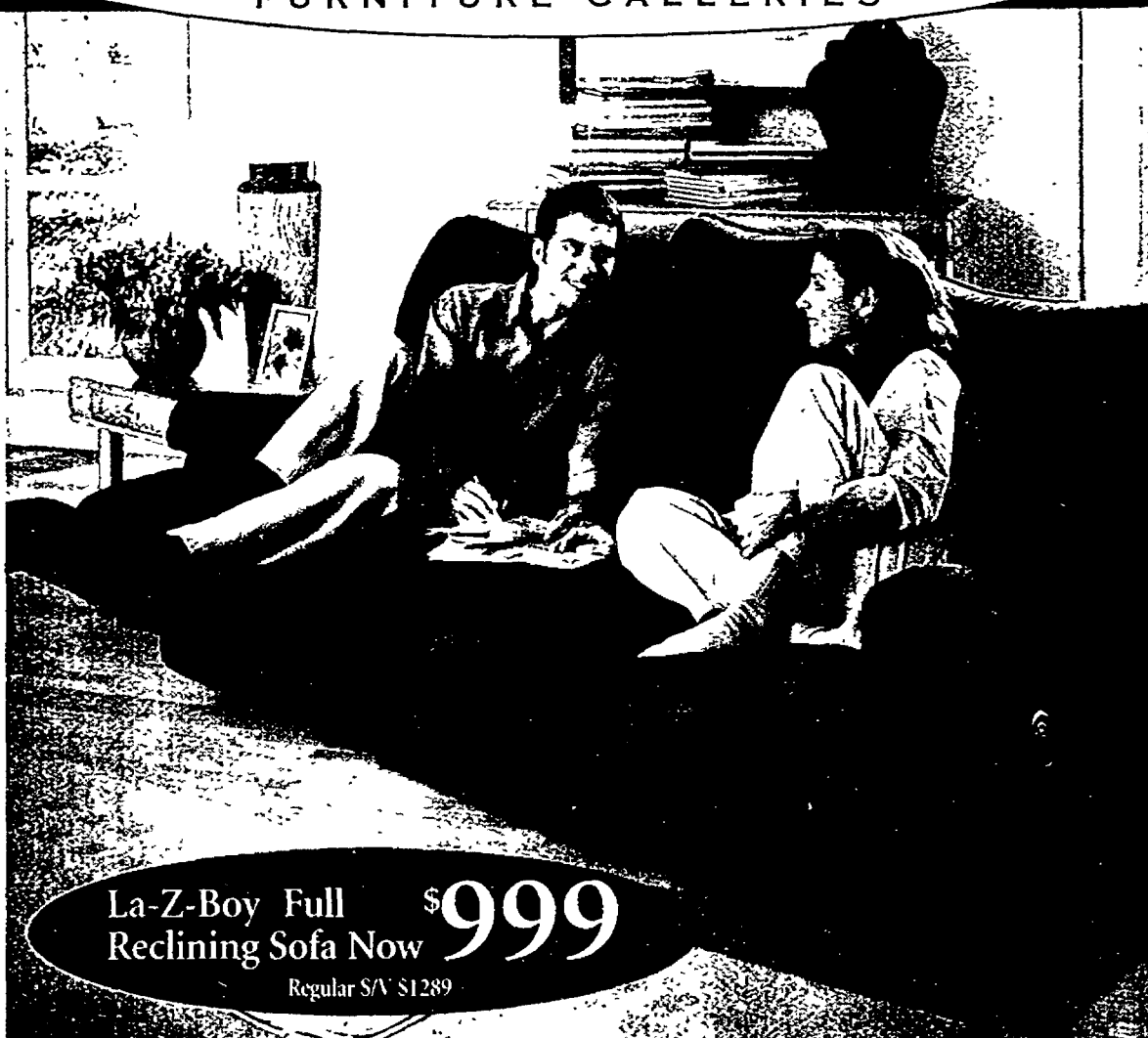
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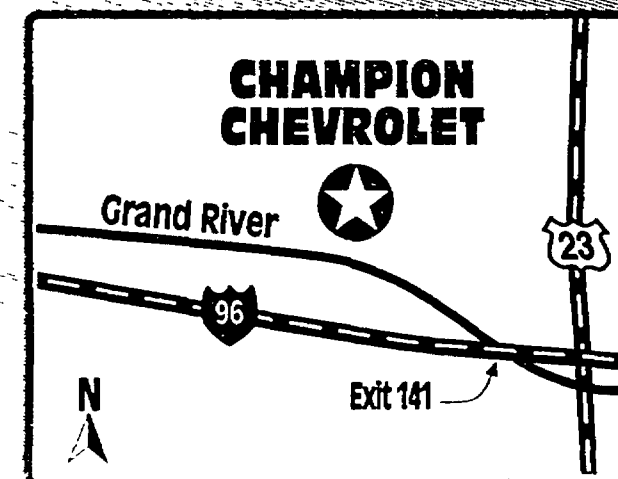
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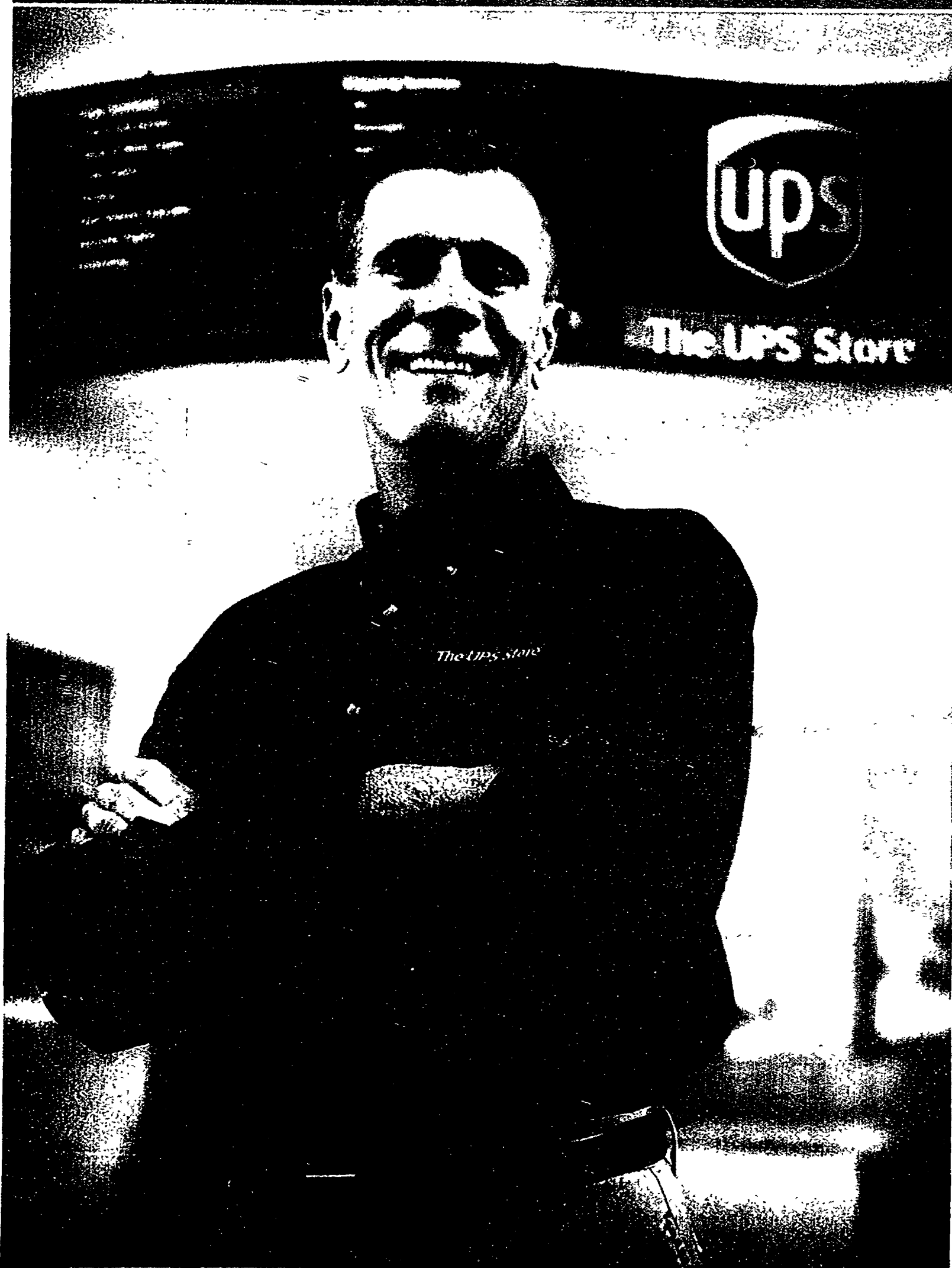
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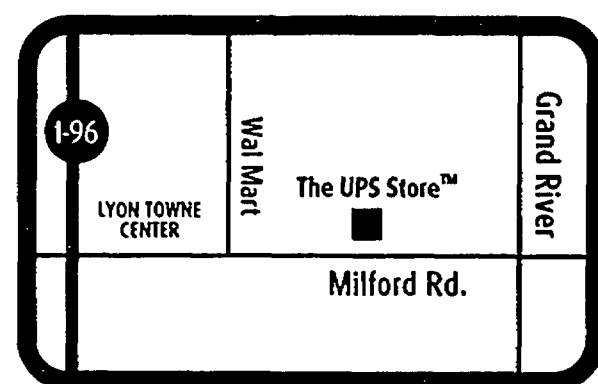
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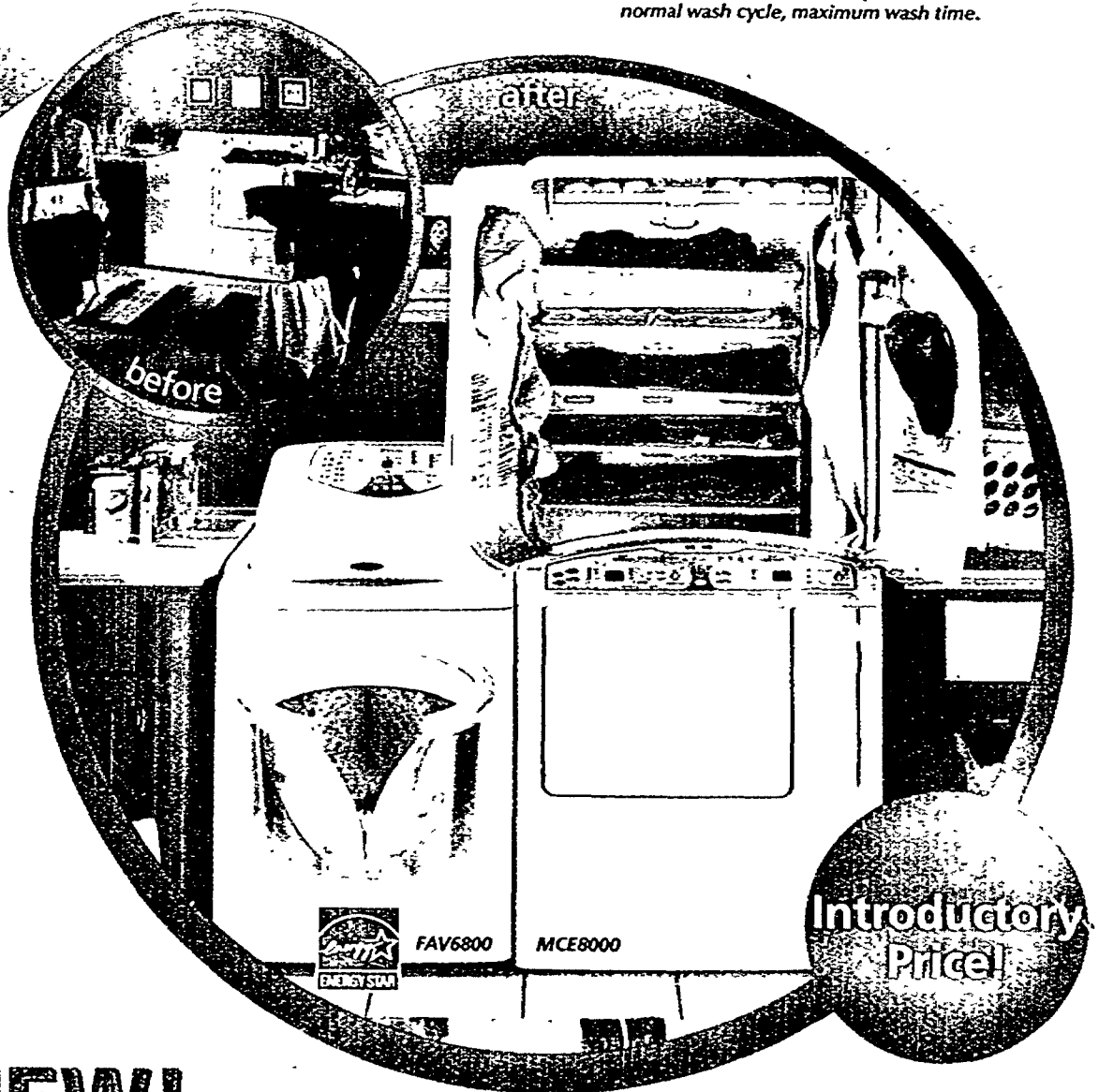
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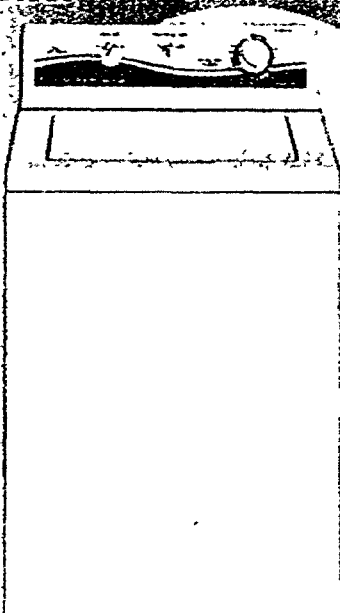
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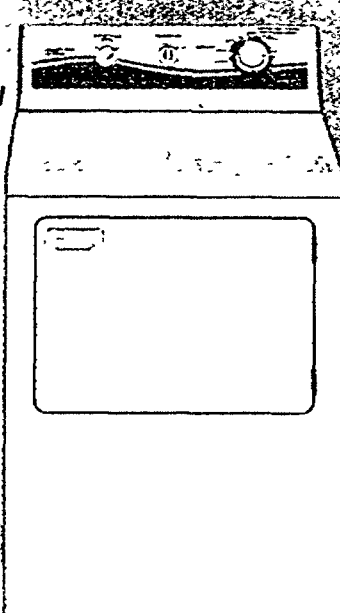


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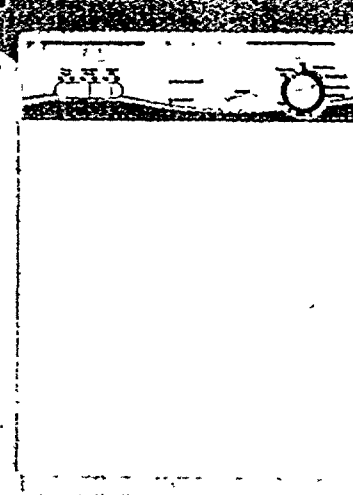


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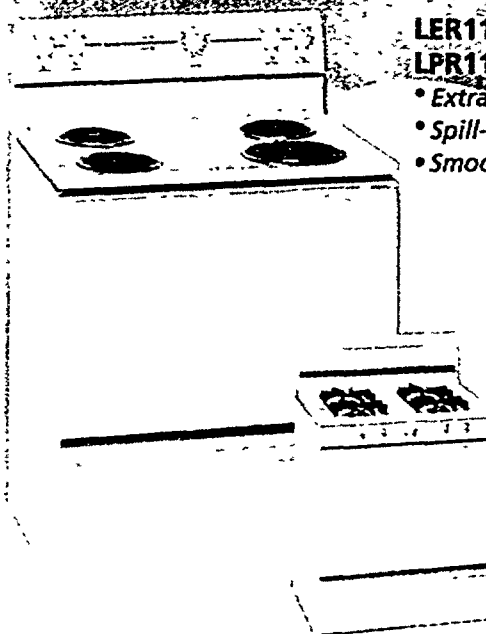
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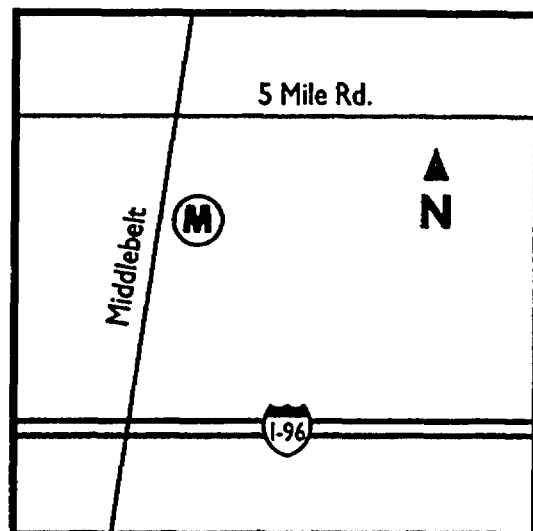
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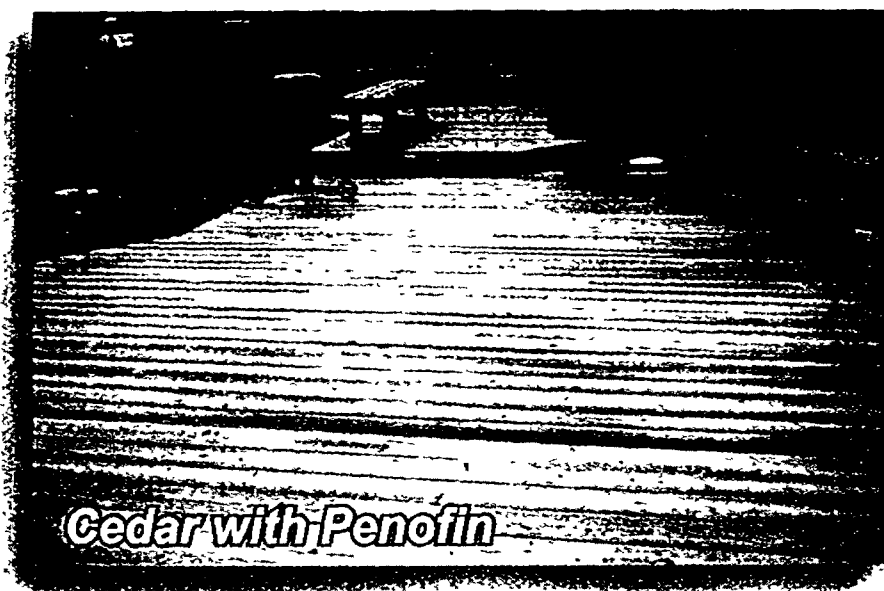


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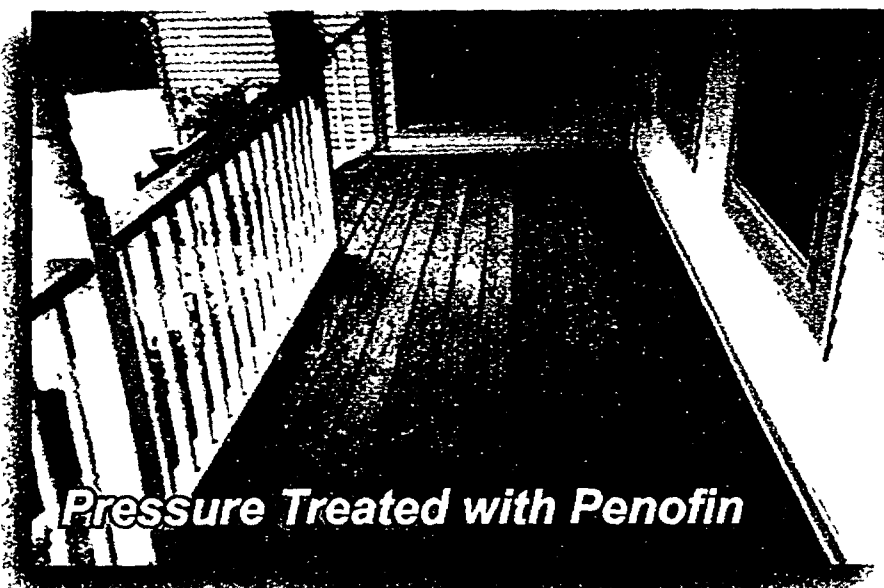


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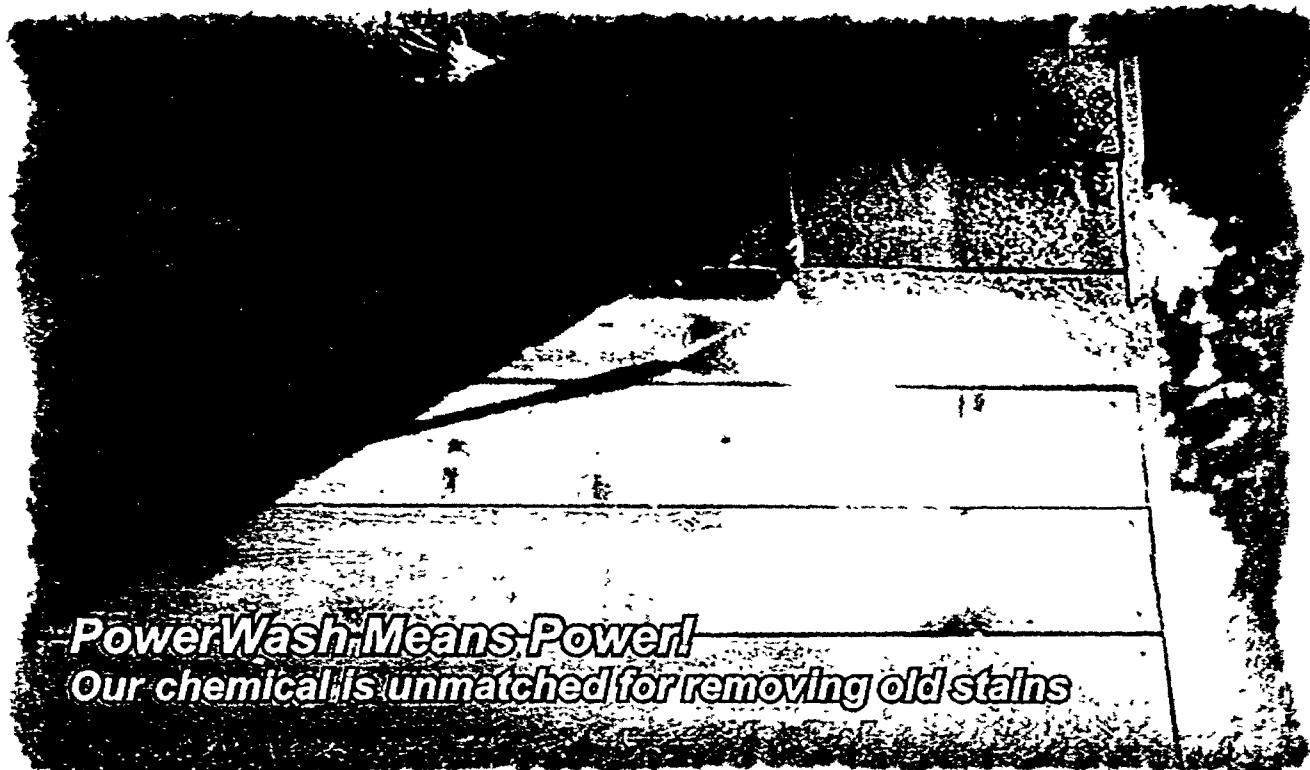
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Q What can you tell me about the Flame Worthy Awards?

—John R., Colorado

The Flame Worthy Awards, scheduled to air at 8 p.m. ET April 21 from Nashville, Tenn., are the official awards show of the television network CMT. "First and foremost, they are fan

voted," CMT spokeswoman Jama Bowen says. "It is country music's only fan-voted awards show and it is also country's only music video awards show, so that is what really makes it special."

This year's host is Dolly Parton. "I think the *Flame Worthy Awards Show* is one of the very best awards shows on TV today," Parton says. "I am very honored to have been awarded the hosting job this year. Don't miss us!"

Although this is CMT's answer to the MTV Video Music Awards, there will be no "wardrobe malfunctions." That doesn't mean, however, that CMT's live broadcast of the show will be boring or predictable.

"You never know what is going to happen and I just might do anything!" Parton says.

Unlike the Country Music Association Awards and the Academy of Country Music Awards, the Flame Worthy Awards, now in its third year, are a very relaxed affair. The stars dress more casual and aren't nearly as nervous as they are at other awards shows. "It's not your standard, very serious, proper awards show," Bowen says. "It's very fun."

Unlike traditional awards show, the Flame Worthy Awards have very unique categories, such as Fashion Plate, Hottest Female and Male and Concept Video, in addition to the regular categories such as Breakthrough Artist and Video of the Year.

As for what "flame worthy" actually means, Bowen explains: "The best way to understand the term 'flame worthy' is to try to visualize a time when you've been at a live con-



Alison Krauss (left) and Shania Twain will perform at the 2004 CMT Flame Worthy Awards.

cert and the performance has been either moving or rousing or just so infectious that you found yourself on your feet and everybody is holding up their lighters and you have all those flames in the venue. That is 'flame worthy,' something that moves you to your feet."

The 2003 Flame Worthy Awards was quite poignant, marking the last public appearance of country music legend June Carter Cash. Her husband, Johnny Cash, was given the special Visionary Award for five decades of immeasurable contributions to American music. Cash was too ill to attend, so June accepted in his honor.

"The tribute was hosted by Vince Gill and we had taped messages from Bono of the group U2, the Dixie Chicks and his daughter, Rosanne Cash," Bowen says. "Of course, Johnny Cash's *Hurt* video was a huge part of that."

This year's show will feature performances by Parton, Sheryl Crow, Shania Twain, Alison Krauss and Union Station, Martina McBride and Toby Keith. ★

Dolly Parton will host this year's Flame Worthy Awards on Country Music Television, April 21.

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DISCOVERING Sacagawea

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Fifteen years ago Amy Mossett

began a personal quest to discover the truth in the conflicting historical accounts of Sacagawea, the young American Indian woman who served as an interpreter in 1805 for Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their epic journey to the Pacific Ocean.

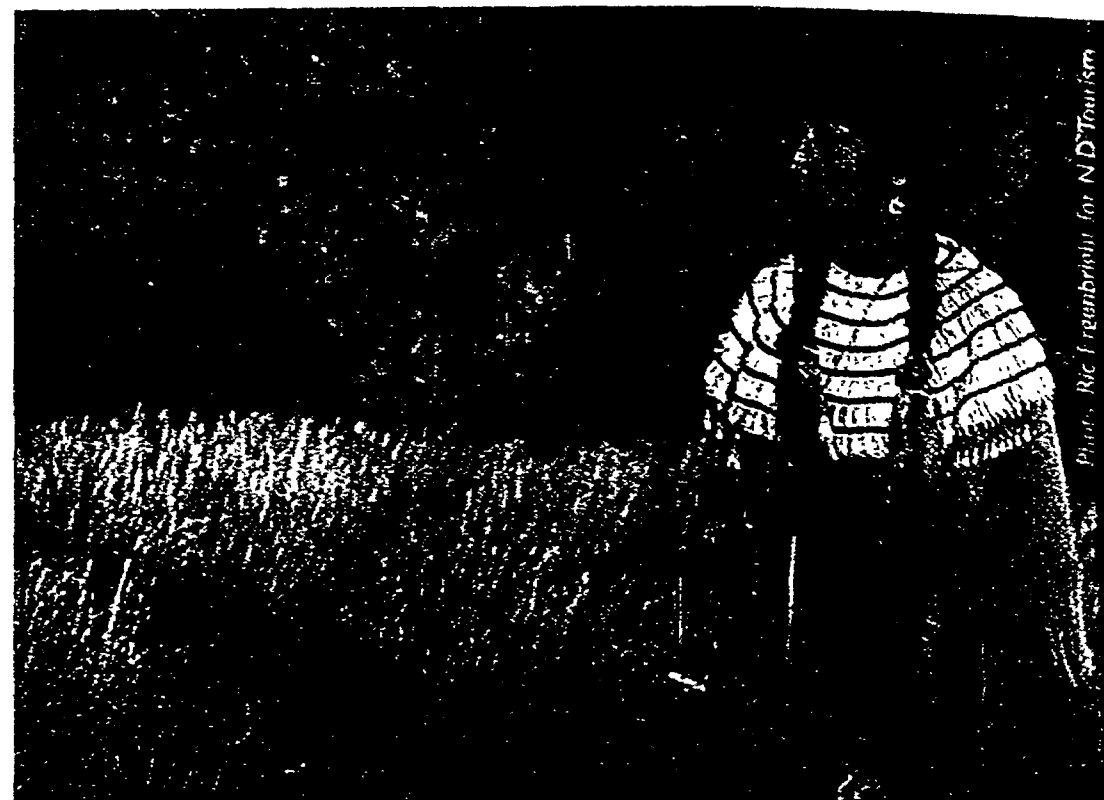
"In grade school, our non-Indian teachers couldn't teach us that Sacagawea grew up at one of our Hidatsa villages one hour

away from our school," explains Mossett of New Town, N.D. (pop. 1,367). "They didn't know enough about our culture or our local history to supplement what they were teaching us out of the written social studies books. I wanted to know more."

Mossett delved into both oral and written histories of tribes that claim Sacagawea as a member. Now, with the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition being observed, and renewed



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interest in Sacagawea, Mossett finds herself "on an incredible journey" of her own.

Dressed in deerskin leather and moccasins adorned with beads and porcupine quills, Mossett travels the country sharing her perspective on Sacagawea's life. "There is such fascination with Sacagawea's story," she reflects, stroking the otter skins attached to her black braids. "Sacagawea, a teen-age Indian woman, has become the most celebrated woman in American history."

Still, it's the broader message about her American Indian heritage that Mossett most values. "This is the first time we've been asked to present our point of view to an international audience from our Native American perspective," she declares. "I hope that what we are doing might help break down some barriers between cultures."

People often are surprised to learn that the Mandan and Hidatsa were peaceful, agricultural-based tribes, and that when Sacagawea, a Shoshoni, lived among them, they inhabited a large network of villages, which functioned as a major trading center on the upper Missouri River.

Like her ancestors, Mossett plants a traditional garden with old seed stock handed down through the generations. She is teaching her daughters—Cedar, 20, Nicole, 18, and Jenna, 15—traditional tribal customs such as gardening, basket weaving, and quillwork.

"Everything we needed for survival and sustenance was here on the prairie, and it still is around us," reflects Mossett, whose Indian name is Squash Blossom. "I want my daughters to develop a greater sense of respect for the Earth and living things."

In 1999, Mossett, a former marketing instructor at Fort Berthold Community College in New Town, was appointed to the board of directors of the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. She now is employed as the council's tribal involvement coordinator, working with 35 tribal delegates who represent most of the tribes that Lewis and Clark encountered.

Mossett works from her home on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, where the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara) are headquartered. She also has undertaken another project with links to history and heritage. She is recording tribal elders, translating President Thomas Jefferson's 250-word "Indian vocabulary," into the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara languages.

Mossett's knowledge of Sacagawea has opened doors for her to teach audiences from coast to coast about her heritage. But she still believes the most valuable lessons she teaches are the ones she learned from her elders and is passing down to her teen-age daughters. ☆

Candi Helseth is a freelance writer in Minot, N.D.

The spelling, pronunciation, and meaning of Sacagawea's name vary, depending upon historical sources and tribal languages. The Shoshoni spelling is Sacajawea, which means "boat launcher," while the Hidatsa prefer Sacagawea or Sakakawea, which translates to "bird woman."

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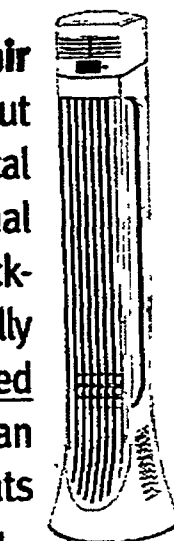
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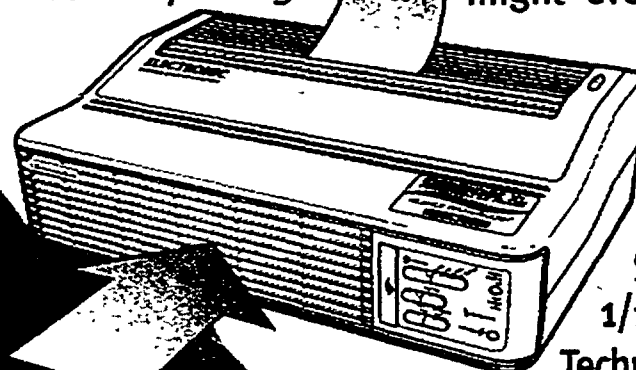
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A Family Retraces the Path of Lewis & Clark



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In May 1804, Capts. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set off from winter camp near St. Louis with their party of men—dubbed the Corps of Discovery by President Thomas Jefferson—on an epic journey to the Pacific Ocean. The expedition's mission was to follow the Missouri River to its source and explore the interior of the rapidly growing nation, which a year earlier had doubled in size with the purchase of the Louisiana Territory.

by VICKI BROWN

My family and I climbed with difficulty more than 800 feet up a short stretch of Lolo Trail along the Idaho-Montana border, uneasily eyeing the steep drop-off through the forest to our left as we imagined the hungry and exhausted Corps of Discovery struggling through snow at the same spot. A slight misstep could—and did—send their horses tumbling into a ravine, a thought that crossed our minds even in the July sunshine. As we reached a clearing, a spectacular vista of the Bitterroot Range opened before our eyes, stunning even my talkative young son into silence.

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark walked this path to the Pacific Ocean.

That knowledge was as breathtaking as the view—still so like the untouched wilderness that Lewis and Clark witnessed two centuries earlier. “Finally, we understand a little bit of what they faced,” I said to my husband, Chris, son Colin and daughter Hannah.

West to the Pacific

For 200 years, the heroic journey of Lewis and Clark through an unknown wilderness has captured the imagination of Americans. Generations admired their heroism, stubborn determination, and incredible luck, all diligently recorded in journals detailing the dangers and discoveries of the more than 8,000-mile roundtrip journey across the continent.

“You cannot get a good, true sense of what the wilderness of the Northern Rockies was like—what it must have been like to be out here with no modern conveniences, no information, no communication with anyone from back East—without making the journey,” says Tom Griffith of Boiling Springs, N.C. Last year, he and his wife, Sarah, set out on April 15 in

A keelboat plies the lower Missouri.



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their RV and arrived at Fort Clatsop National Memorial in Oregon in July.

“When we got to Fort Canby (Ilwaco, Wash.) and could see the ocean,” he says, “I had such a great feeling of accomplishment, such a sense that we had done something. We had gotten here.”

In his journal, Clark expressed similar feelings on Nov. 7, 1805: “Great joy in camp. We are in view of the ocean, this great Pacific Ocean which we have been long anxious to see . . .”

As the Corps of Discovery’s bicentennial began in 2003, my family retraced



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Writer Vicki Brown and her family aboard a keelboat at Lewis and Clark State Park in Onawa, Iowa.

much of the two-year, four-month, and nine-day trek through the present-day states of Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington. We added Wyoming on our return trip, because John Colter, a member of the expedition, left the Corps on its return trip to explore what is now Yellowstone National Park.

We hoped to recapture a sense of their adventure with our own 28-day odyssey (one day for every month they were gone). Like other "Lewis and Clarkers" we met, we were fascinated with their determination in the face of adversity and the amazingly peaceful nature of the military expedition—just one member of the Corps and at least one Blackfeet Indian died.

"We beheld a most beautiful landscape."
—William Clark, Aug. 25, 1804

Our reward was discovering the country from St. Louis, Mo., to Fort Clatsop, near present-day Astoria, Ore. We saw bison, pronghorn, and prairie dogs, hiked through grasslands and old growth forest, climbed into replicas of the expedition's keelboat and pirogues (flat-bottom canoes), swam in a crystal clear river in the Columbia River Gorge, and waded in the Missouri at the Headwaters State Park in Montana. Finally, like Clark, we thrilled to the sight of the Pacific Ocean.

The explorers made fine companions. Their journals bracketed our experiences with such gems as Lewis' poetic description of the Great Falls of the Missouri and Clark's steady refrain of "We proceeded on," no matter the hardship. Scientific discoveries and heroic feats aside, the members of the expedition loved the wilderness and reveled in the joy of hiking the

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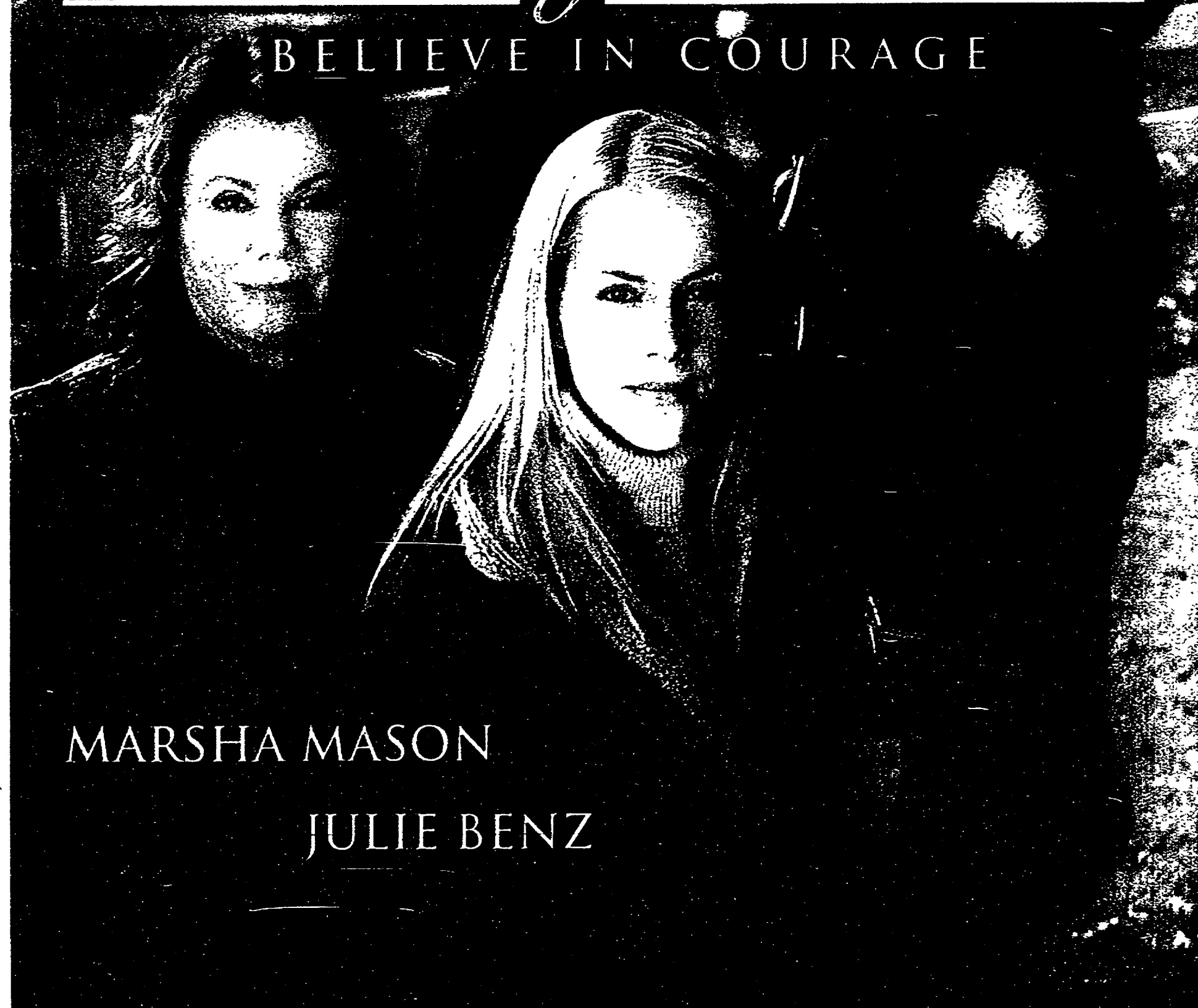
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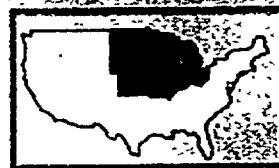
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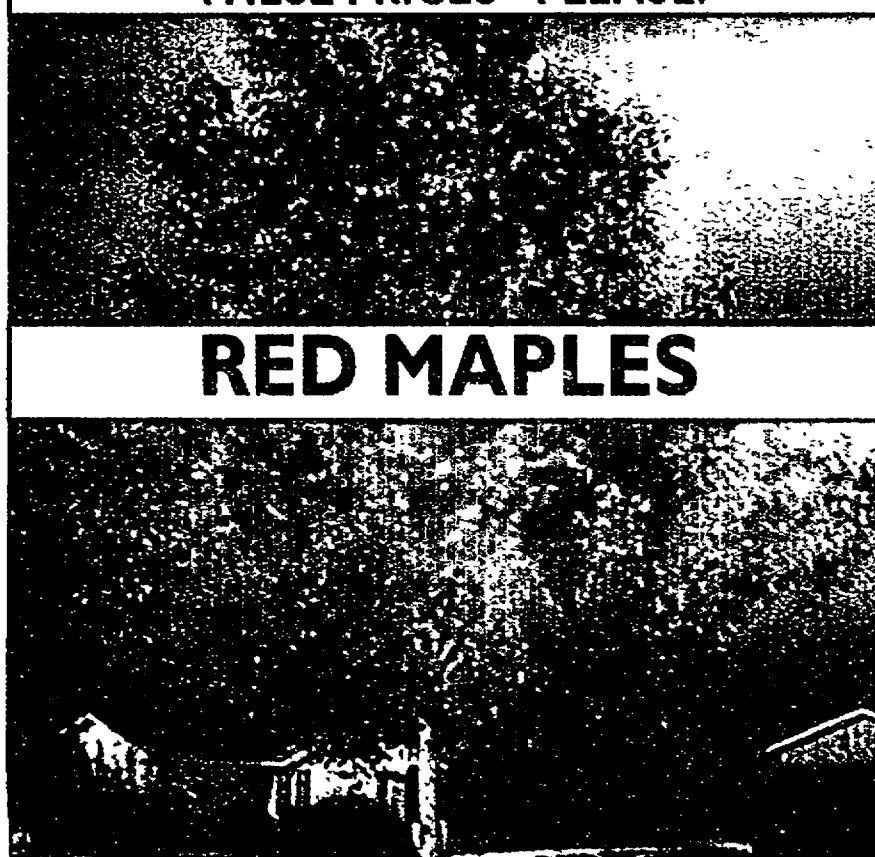
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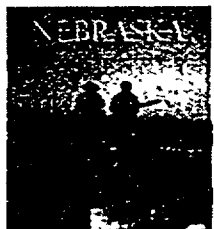
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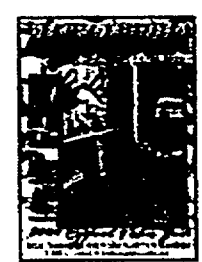
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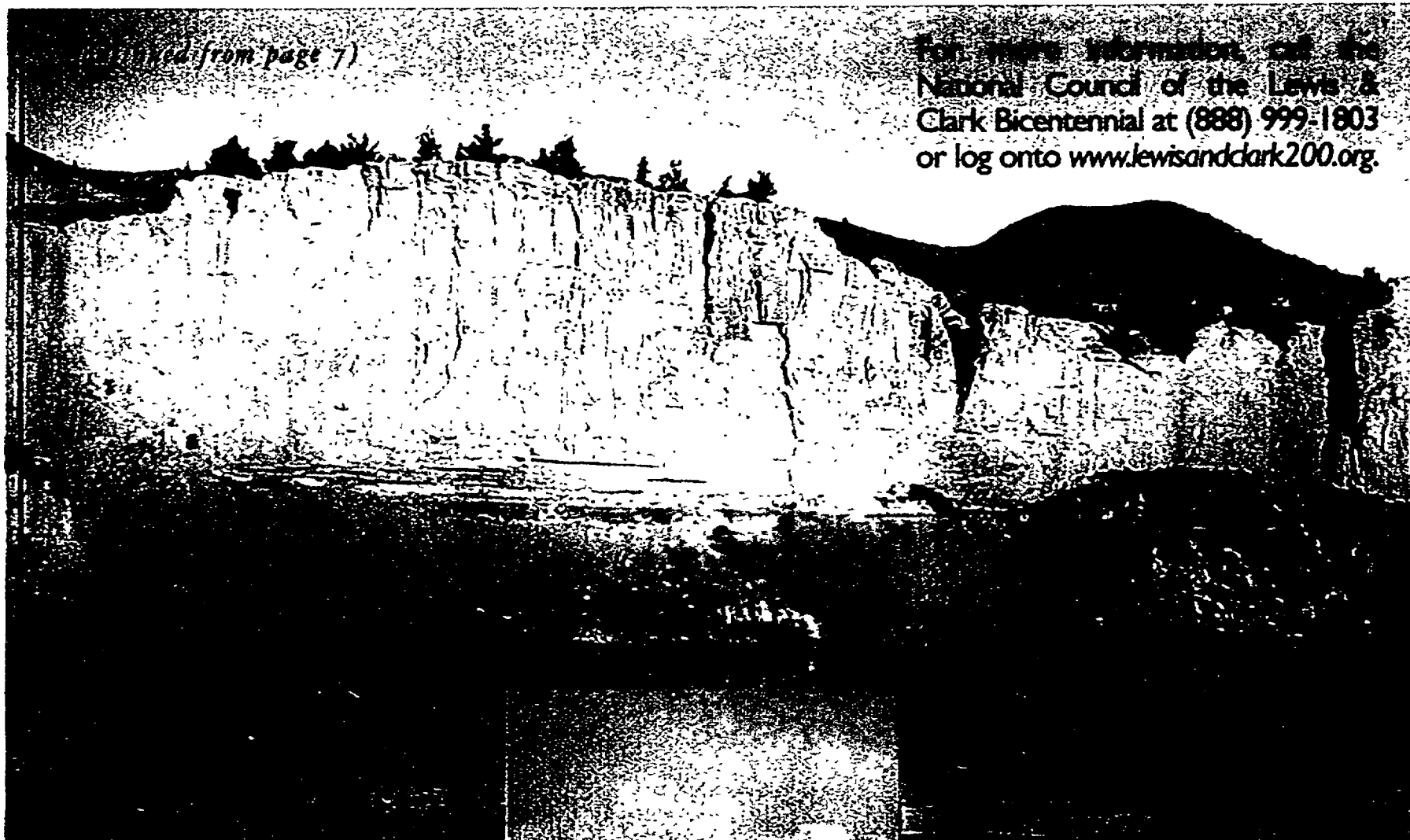
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A view of the Pacific Ocean.

banks of the Missouri River and the wonder of bison. "Having for many days confined myself to the boat, I am determined to devote this day to amusing myself on shore with my gun," Lewis wrote in his Sept. 17, 1804 entry.

Those who tread their path will find rivers have been dammed and towns built over many campsites. But the anniversary has inspired the rescue or restoration of many sites along the trail—a restored grassland around the Spirit Mound at Vermillion, S.D., is one—as well as generating a host of grassroots events. Bicentennial events include historic re-enactments, one major traveling exhibition of expedition artifacts, and a series of marvelous interpretive centers that recount the epic journey.

gawea (pronounced and spelled different ways depending on which Indian tribe you ask), a Shoshone woman captured by the Hidatsa in a raid. The Corps hired her husband, Touissant Charbonneau, as an interpreter. But it was her services as an interpreter and sometime-guide that were crucial to the success of the journey many times over, most notably when the Corps, in desperate need of horses to cross the Rockies, finally found the Shoshone. In an unbelievable coincidence, she recognized the chief, Cameahwait, as her brother, ensuring they would get the vital horses.

A modern traveler armed with a guidebook, imagination, and the journals can recapture the sense of adventure whether traveling by bike, river, highway, or on foot. Transportation shapes the trip, because much of the wild and scenic Upper Missouri is inaccessible by automobile, but even where the landscape has changed, nearby parks or wildlife areas offer glimpses of what members of the expedition saw.

And like the Indians they met, the people who live along the trail are a discovery, too.

"I've learned how incredibly diverse our country is," John Stephenson says. The 65-year-old from Carbondale, Colo., was biking the trail from Missouri to

Oregon. "There are some awfully nice people out there in America. They've fed me, welcomed me into their homes, invited me to spend the night. I've been amazed."

Re-enactors such as the Lewis and Clark Honor Guard, who have portrayed the Corps for 15 years, can transport their audience back in time, too. Walt Walker, who plays Sgt. Patrick Gass, was among those conducting demonstrations at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls, Mont., on a Sunday in July. Walker says there is much to admire about the individuals who completed the journey two centuries ago.

"They embody personal integrity, flexibility, and the spirit of exploration that is America," he says. "They went there, they came back, and they kept really good records."

"We will call these people our friends."

—A Mandan chief

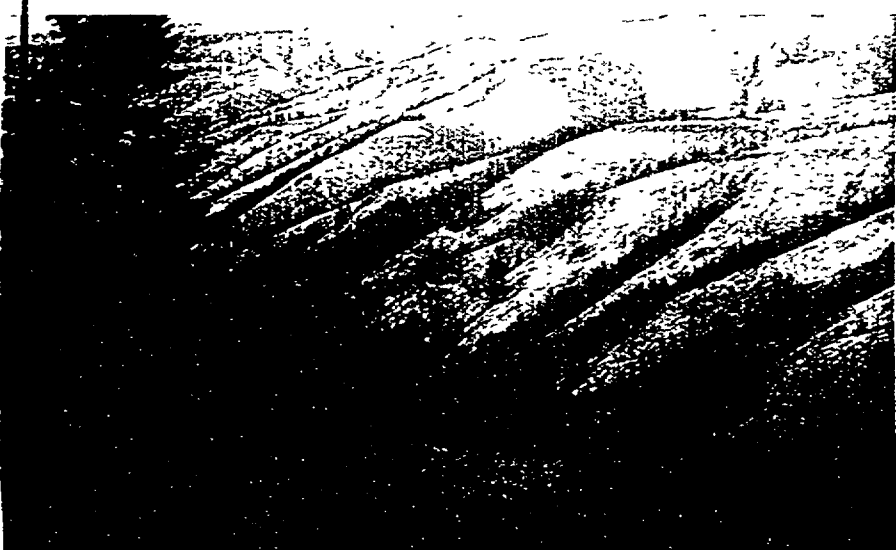
American Indians along the way hope the anniversary will remind the nation of the value of their culture and the important role the various tribes played in aiding the Corps. From the Mandans who provided information, to the Shoshone who sold them horses, to a Nez Perce woman who convinced tribe members not to kill the starving and sickly group who had stumbled out of the Bitterroot Mountains, the Corps never would have made it home without the Indians.

"Native cultures have been trying to be heard and this will help," says Matt Schanandorie, a Mandan and Hidatsa tribe member and an interpreter at the On-A-Slant Village at Fort Abraham Lincoln near Mandan, N.D., where visitors can step inside earth lodges.

If America has an Odyssey, it is the Corps of Discovery, says Robert Archibald, a historian and head of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Council.

"It's the quintessential American story about moving out, seeing what's around the next bend in the road or river." ☆

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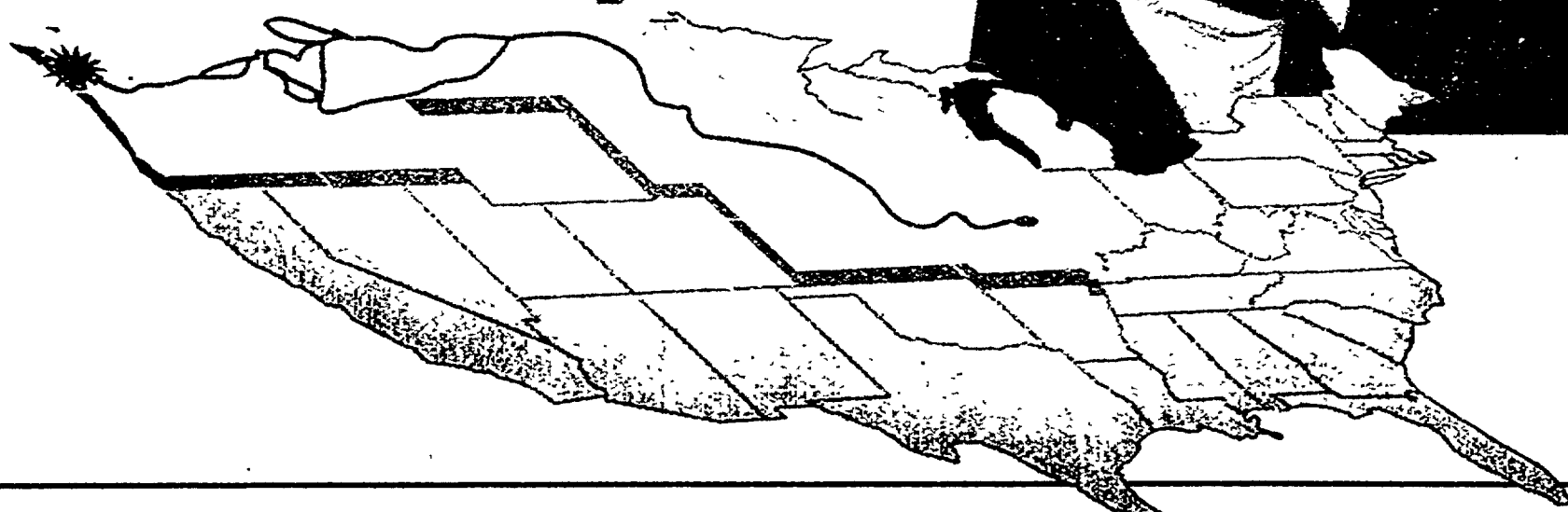


Mountain ranges were a tremendous obstacle to cross.

"I have been astounded at the number of people who are following Lewis and Clark's path," David Borlaug says. Some 35 million people are expected to travel part of the route during the bicentennial.

Borlaug, president of the North Dakota Lewis and Clark Foundation, works at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center in Washburn, N.D. Nearby, Fort Mandan boasts an excellent reconstruction of the winter quarters near the Knife River Indian Villages. Here, they met Sac-

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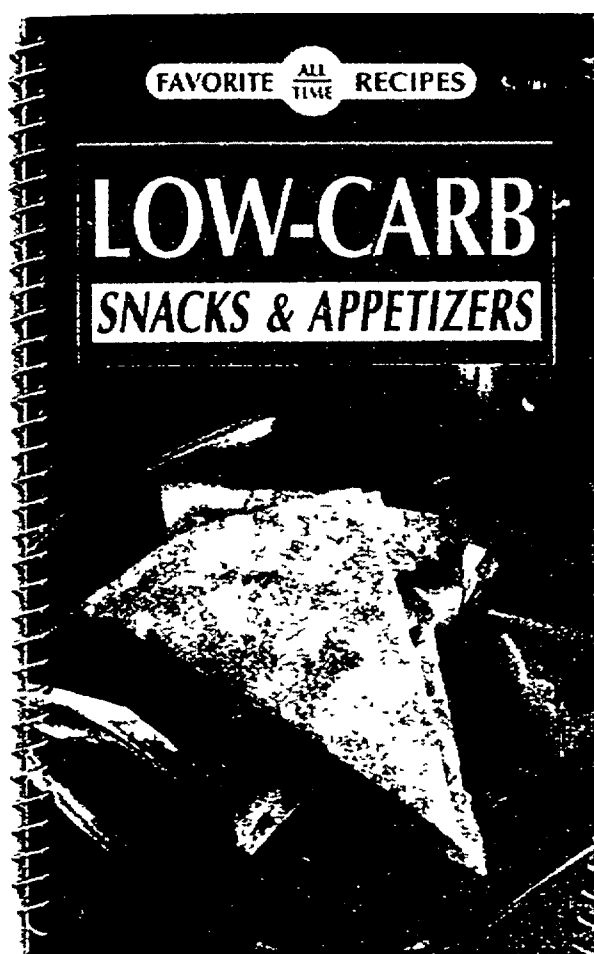
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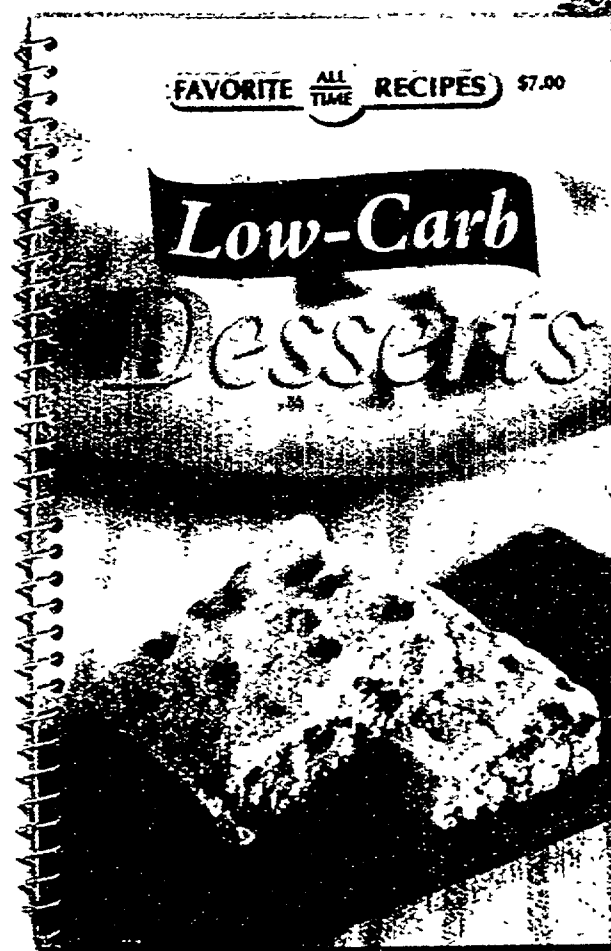
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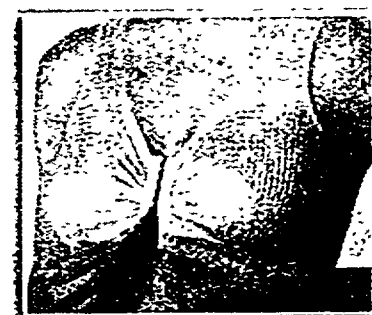
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Prairie Dog Town

by CURT ARENS

On most Tuesday afternoons, teacher Joan Faith stays two hours after school to help community volunteers cut fabric and stitch together cuddly versions of Lynch, Neb.'s (pop. 276) mascot, the prairie dog, or "Lynch Dawgs" as they're known locally.

"We have a good time visiting and kidding each other about the personality of each of the prairie dogs we make," says Faith, who has taught at Lynch High School for 31 years.

Scorned by ranchers because of their burrowed holes in local pastures, black-tailed prairie dogs made quite a fuss around

here 200 years ago when Capt. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark and their expedition discovered the noisy ground-dwelling rodents while passing through the region on Sept. 7, 1804, on their epic journey across the continent.

Near Old Baldy, a treeless conical hill seven miles north of present-day Lynch, members of the expedition spent an entire day trying to coax a prairie dog, which they called a "barking squirrel," out of its underground burrow. They eventually succeeded by pouring water down the hole.

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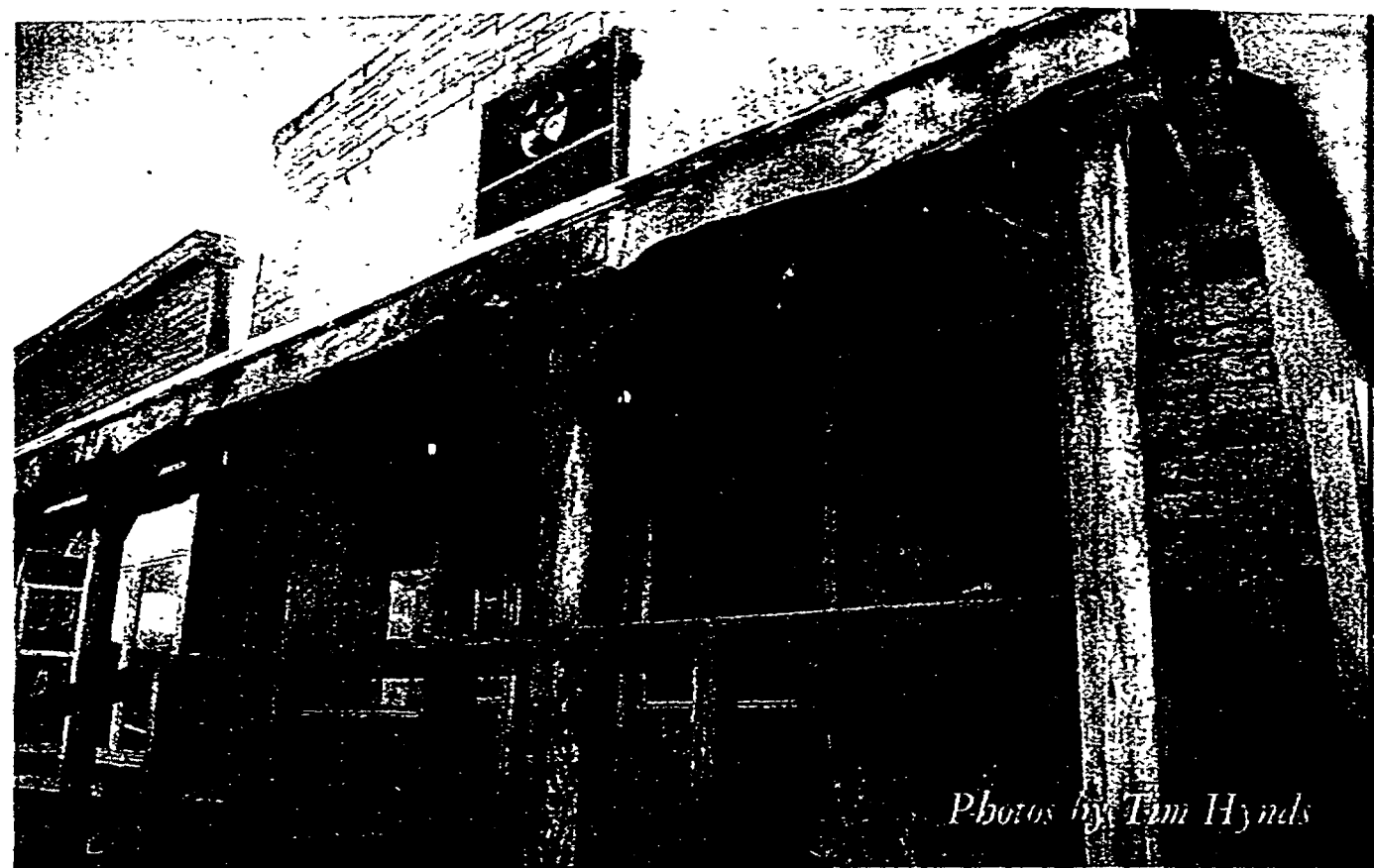
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A sculpture of the town's mascot welcomes customers at Grandpa's Country Cafe in Lynch, Neb.

Louis and eventually to Washington, D.C., and President Thomas Jefferson the following spring when a few men were sent back with botanical and scientific specimens collected during the expedition up the Missouri River. The rest of the group proceeded on to the Pacific Ocean.

With the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition this year, Lynch residents are positioned to tell about the town's prairie dog heritage.

LeRoy Purviance and his wife, Kathy, Lynch natives and owners of Ponca Valley Oil Co., first broached the subject three years ago by developing a webpage routing Lynch's Lewis and Clark ties. "Everybody laughed," Purviance says. "But we hired a young local high school student, Robert Vesely, to develop the website (www.lewisandclarktrail.cjb.net)."

Since then, the prairie dog has caught on. Retired Niobrara, Neb., minister Sandy Carpenter and his wife, Donna, boast a 4-foot chainsaw carved prairie dog in front of their business, Grandpa's Country Cafe. "I've had lots of people stop by just because they saw the prairie dog," Carpenter says. So the Carpenters have fun with their "dog," dressing him up with earmuffs and scarf for comfort on crisp mornings.

At Purviance's urging, Faith designed the original Lynch Dawg and enlisted volunteers to create copies of the furry rodent—1,000 of them so far—and sell them across the country.

It takes three to four hours to make each individual "Dawg," Faith says. Some are thin and some are fatter, depending upon who is stuffing and stitching. The volunteers that range in age from the very young to over 80 years old take turns at different aspects of production. "We find a job for everyone who shows up," Faith adds.

Proceeds from the sales go toward Lewis and Clark-related

community projects such as the development of a new recreational-vehicle park and construction of an overlook along a county road near Old Baldy. Purviance says the additions are needed to accommodate the large influx of tourists following along the Lewis and Clark trail. "We know we can't handle everyone, but we're going to do the best we can," he says, noting that the town is planning a large "old-time carnival" celebration on Labor Day weekend to mark the anniversary.

"It takes a lot of work to build pride in a little community," Purviance adds. Lynch residents have done their share, keeping the 50-year-old Lynn Movie Theater in town alive by utilizing volunteer help and supporting their 20-bed Niobrara Valley Hospital in an age when viable rural hospitals are hard to find.

Despite their poor reputation with ranchers, prairie dogs have given Lynch residents a point of pride—and a mascot—linked to one of the nation's greatest journeys of discovery.

Now, that's something to bark about. ★

Curt Arens is a farmer and freelance writer and photographer at Crofton, Neb.



Joan Faith and other volunteers create cuddly versions of the "barking squirrel" discovered by Lewis and Clark in 1804.

For more information about Lynch and its prairie dogs, log onto www.lyncine.com or www.lyncine.us

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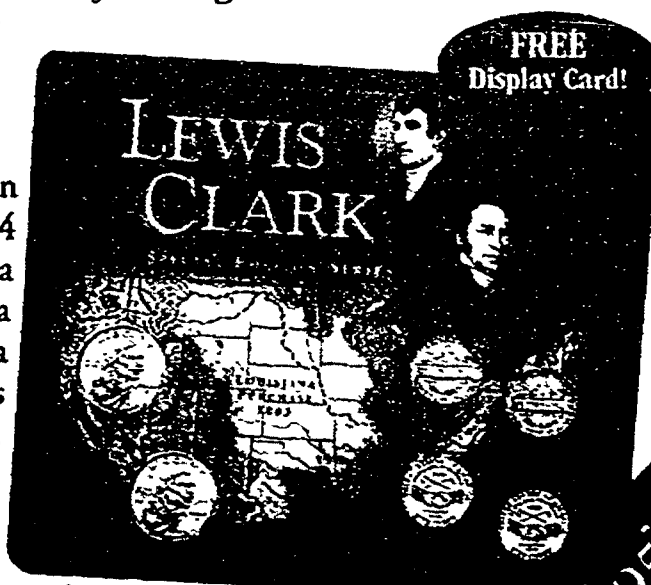
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- 1 and 1/2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 6 strips bacon, crumbled (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all ingredients, except cheese, and spoon into a lightly greased 8-by-8-inch casserole dish. Sprinkle cheese evenly over the top. Cover with foil and bake for 20 minutes. Remove foil and bake an additional 10 minutes, until golden and bubbly.

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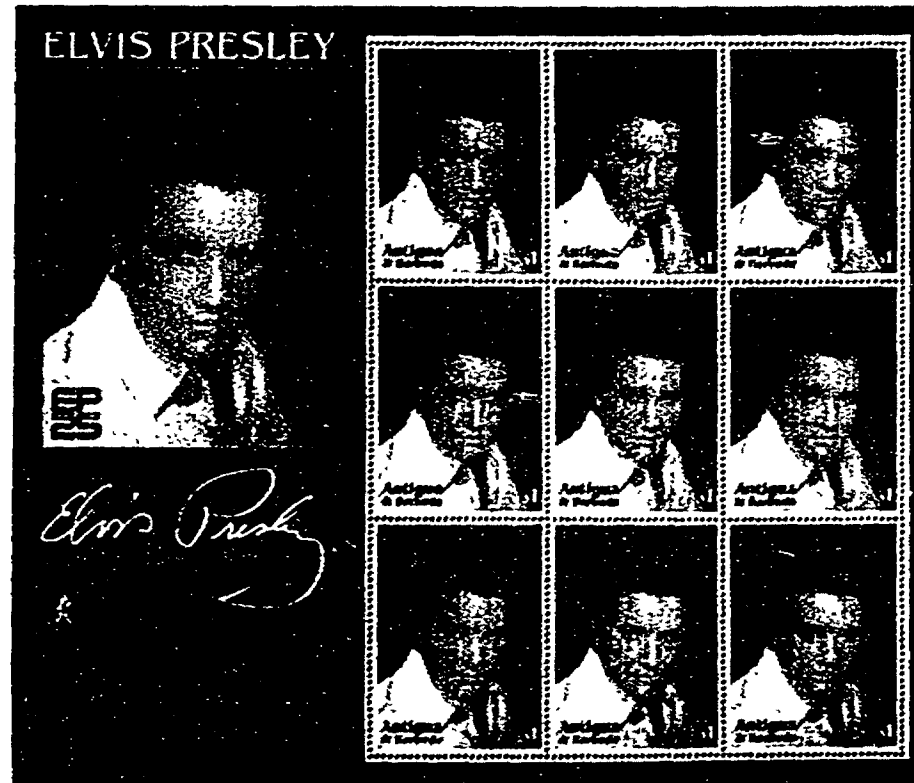
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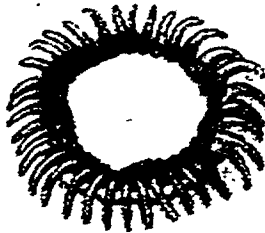
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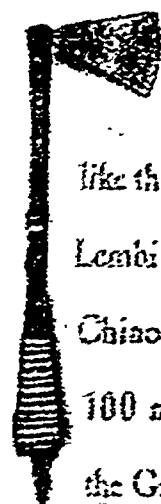
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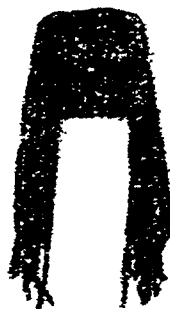
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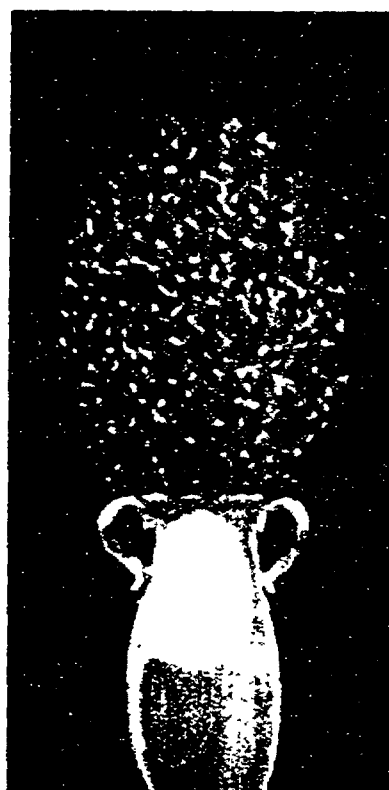
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