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Public input sought on plan

Meeting will take place in May on Seven Mile Road development

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Any motorist who has ventured into the multi-lane melee at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads can appreciate the desire not to replicate that intersection one mile south.

Traffic impact from development of the 415-acre former state psychiatric hospital site just west of Haggerty on Seven Mile Road emerged as one of the most pressing questions during a special

joint Northville Township Board of Trustees and Planning Commission meeting April 15.

After a Power-Point presentation by Brad Strader of the township's planning consultant Langworthy, Strader and LeBlanc, the local leaders and residents asked questions about specific effects of different aspects of the multi-use development, including traffic.

After the hour-long discussion, the leaders agreed to refer back to the planning commission this lat-

est draft of a planned-unit-development (PUD) for required input during a public hearing. That meeting likely will be in May, township community development director Jennifer Frey said, provided she is able to meet legal notification guidelines.

Meanwhile, LSL's Strader will hook up with an expert to study the vehicle counts that the potential hundreds of homes, school, neighborhood retail stores and commercial entities likely would generate. The conceptual plan the

officials reviewed portrayed "bubbles" of activity to guide prospective developers of the state site toward land use the township would prefer.

"That would help at the Planning Commission level to adjust the uses based on the traffic numbers revealed in the study," commissioner Robert Nix said. The planners might up the number of acres designated for the lots containing fewer houses per acre, for example.

Trustee Marv Gans, who serves

as board liaison to the planning commission, stressed that the "bubble" needs to be flexible. Echoing that caution, commissioner Jim Nield pointed out that much of the recent township development has been on former farmland.

"You're going to have a lot of surprises on this site," Nield said. Indeed, developers who in the past expressed to the state an interest in purchasing the site in

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Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Silver Springs Elementary School students, lit by the lights from a small stage, enjoy puppeteer Greg Johnson's production of "Beyond the Moon."

Famed marionette show thrills kids at Silver Springs

Puppets come to life, thanks to Johnson

Johnson Marionettes visited Silver Springs Elementary School last week, bringing many favorite friends, including Applesauce the dragon.

Famed puppeteer Ed Johnson began Johnson Marionettes more than 60 years ago before his death in 1998.

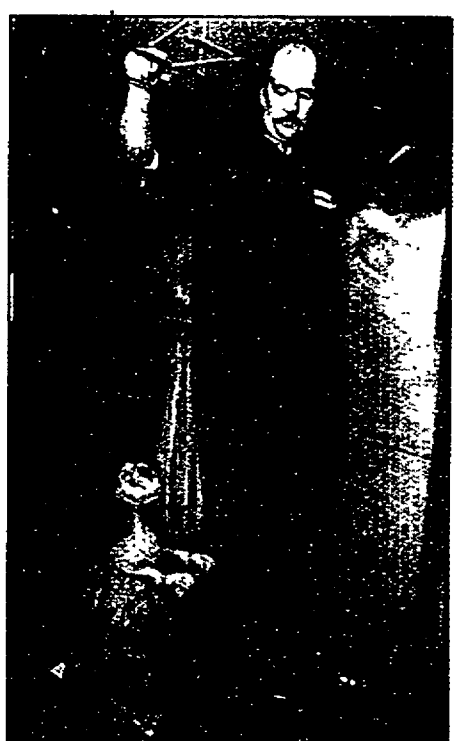
"Let's See Willy Dooit" was his imaginative marionette show shown on Detroit television. Ed practiced his craft with more than 600

TV programs and more than 15,000 stage presentations. His son, Greg, now carries on the family tradition, bringing many of his father's well-known puppets to area schools, churches and community events.

During the April 21 Silver Springs performance, Greg performed the show "Beyond the Moon" with many of his father's original puppets.

The space travel show provided an alternative form of storytelling for many of the students in the audience.

Greg Johnson's visit was made possible through the Silver Springs Elementary School Junior Enrichments Series.



Greg Johnson readies a marionette.

Church still wants to build new school

Our Lady of Victory appeals decision to turn down permit

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Passion provoked by a local church's plan to build a new school will peak again next Wednesday as the city's Board of Zoning Appeals takes the case.

The nine board members at their 7:30 p.m. meeting May 5 will review Our Lady of Victory's application for a special land-use permit, which was rejected March 2 by the Northville Planning Commission. The meeting will be in the Hillside Middle School auditorium, at the corner of Center Street and Eight Mile Road.

"We're looking forward to the appeal," OLV's Father, the Rev. Terry Kerner, said Tuesday. "We expect everybody will give us a fair hearing, and we'll be able to state our case again. We just want to build a new school for these little guys."

A crop of red-and-white lawn signs, touting "Keeping OLV Preserves Our Neighborhood," that sprouted earlier this week mimicked in color and typeset the "Preserve Our Neighborhoods" signs planted in front yards a couple of months ago.

That pro-school campaign and paid advertising were the latest volleys in the debate, which during the past four months has produced hours of testimony, Internet banter, reams of documentation, and an immeasurable rift between neighbors.

Opponents have stated their fears about increased traffic congestion and negative impact on neighboring property values, while proponents described an overcrowded, outdated existing

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Northville looks ahead

Local leaders praise partnerships, wary of state cuts

By Maureen Johnston
Staff Writer

Northville leaders praised cooperative accomplishments in the face of economic challenge and previewed projects to service the still-growing population during the annual State of the Community event last week.

Municipal, education and recreation leaders addressed 125 local merchants, residents and representatives during the Northville Chamber of Commerce's 90-minute luncheon at Meadowbrook Country Club. Local firm Vision

Computer Solutions, Inc., sponsored the annual event designed to connect chamber members with local decision makers.

Chamber chairperson Patti Mullen of Remerica Hometown One emceed the event and described the organization's upcoming activities. Vice Chair Steve Fecht followed with a slide presentation overview of community events.

Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson spoke first and listed specific accomplishments during the past year and addressed cautions for the year ahead. Johnson raised

a common afternoon theme: local budget concerns caused by state revenues sharing cuts.

The mayor emphasized the plus-side of local efforts, including near completion of the Allen Terrace renovation program, the projected June opening of the new Main Street senior center and potential downtown parking expansion plans.

Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo also decried the fiscal challenge of ever-dwindling state revenue con-

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville Mayor Chris Johnson speaks on the State of the Community during a lunch-time gathering of Northville city and township at the Meadowbrook Country Club last Wednesday.

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Lions lend a hand

Forrest Brown, right, and other members of the Northville Lions collected funds last weekend at the corner of Main and Center in Northville as part of their annual White Cane fundraiser. The annual event is a major source of funds for the philanthropic organization, and helps them assist the community with hearing and vision programs (including Leader Dogs for the Blind) and the Penrickton Center for multiply handicapped children.

Library Lines

Library hours

The Northville District Library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The library is located at 212 W. Cady St., near Northville city hall, with parking off Cady St. For detailed information about programs or services, or to request or renew library materials, call 349-3020.

Closed for training

On Friday, April 30, the library will be closed all day as the staff receive training on the new computer system, which will be in use for the public and staff starting May 6.

Book discussion group for adults

Join us for "Between the Lines", a lively

evening discussion group on the second Monday of each month. On May 10, the featured title will be "On Writing: a memoir of the craft", by Stephen King. The group meets at 7 p.m. in the Carlo Meeting Room, and all are welcome.

Youth book discussion group

Join us for a lively discussion of popular titles each month on the last Wednesday. Kids in 4th and 5th grade are invited to attend "Junior Books, Chat and Chow" to discuss "Half Magic" by Edward Eager. Middle and high school students will be talking about "No More Dead Dogs" by Gordon Korman, in the monthly "Books, Chat and Chow" group. Both groups meet on May 26 from 4:15 to 5 p.m.

Famie at Friends' author luncheon

Tickets are now on sale at the library for the

18th annual Friends of the Library Author Luncheon. Featuring the celebrity chef and award winning author, Keith Famie, the luncheon will take place on May 4 at 12 noon, at the Fox Hills Country Club. Tickets cost \$25, with proceeds going to the Friends of Plymouth, Canton, Novi, and Northville Libraries.



Keith Famie

Board meeting

The next meeting of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will be on May 28, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings, which are typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month.

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Area man's fish story makes 'Chicken Soup'

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Most people have read stories in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series of books, but how many people know someone who has had their story published in one?

The friends, neighbors and relatives of Luke Altomare of Novi can say they do.

Altomare's "fish" story was published in the new book, Chicken Soup for the Fisherman's Soul, scheduled for release May 18.

"It's the first story I've ever written for publication. It's been an interesting journey," said Altomare, who is not a writer by trade but has sold cars for the past 17 years.

One might wonder how a car salesman from Novi gets his fishing tale published in the series of inspirational books. It all began with Altomare's love of fishing.

His homemade oversized fishing lures have led to some personal recognition for Altomare, including appearances on Great Lakes Outdoors and Michigan Magazine television shows. His

lures were the subject of a previous article published in the Novi News on Feb. 3, 2000.

Dahlynn McKowen, one of the editors of Chicken Soup for the Fisherman's Soul, saw Altomare's Web site for his fishing lures. Four and a half years ago, she contacted him and asked if he knew any people with interesting fish stories.

Altomare sent her his story for the proposed book. As one of 1,500 stories of 1,000 words or less submitted for the book, it was one of 88 stories and the only one from Michigan selected for Chicken Soup for the Fisherman's Soul.

His story, simply titled "Johnny," is about a friend of his and his wife Terry's family. A group of men was fishing on Lake Michigan about four miles out of Ludington in Sept. of 1998.

Johnny, age 55 at the time, collapsed with what they thought was a heart attack. The Coast Guard quickly responded to their call for help. "They were courageous to come out to our boat in six- to eight-foot waves," said Altomare.

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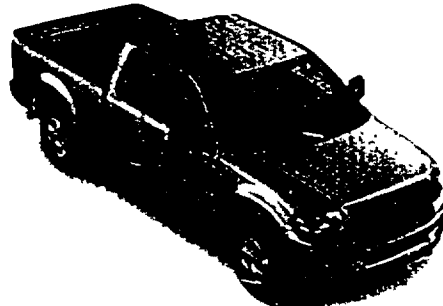
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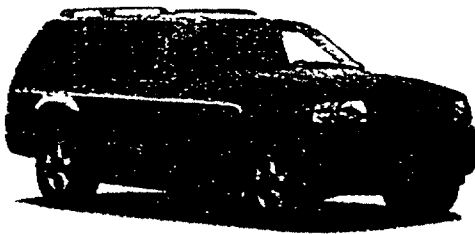
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Rezmierski: Development's impact would be big

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the end declined, citing most often the restrictions of the township planned-use, and the potential clean-up costs that accompany the state's as-is condition in the purchase.

Tom Saxton of the state Department of Management and Budget, which is handling the sale of the property, came from Lansing to hear local discussion of the revised plan. That Thursday's discussion was the board revisiting the PUD they put in place two years ago as part of a guiding vision for development of the entire Seven Mile corridor.

"Our initial reaction is this is great," Saxton said.

The state official agreed to meet in the next week or so with the township's subcommittee on the Seven Mile Road plan to ensure the state's and the township's interests — as well as those of a potential developer — match up.

In the end, the local leaders concurred that a traffic study

would provide at least one angle on potential impact there. Without question, Strader said, the number of vehicle trips generated by development of the former hospital site would significantly affect traffic in that area.

"A major improvement at Haggerty and Seven Mile would be needed," the planning consultant said. Traffic experts might recommend measures such as a median stretching from the corner that would require indirect left turns; a high-capacity roundabout; changes to the expressway ramps, or multiple ways to access the site, for example.

The planning commission and board trustees also dedicated considerable discussion to the site's likely impact on Northville Public Schools. Township leaders specifically identified an area of the site that they would like to see land donated for construction of a new elementary school which would be necessitated by the projected number of families that would move into these hundreds of new homes.

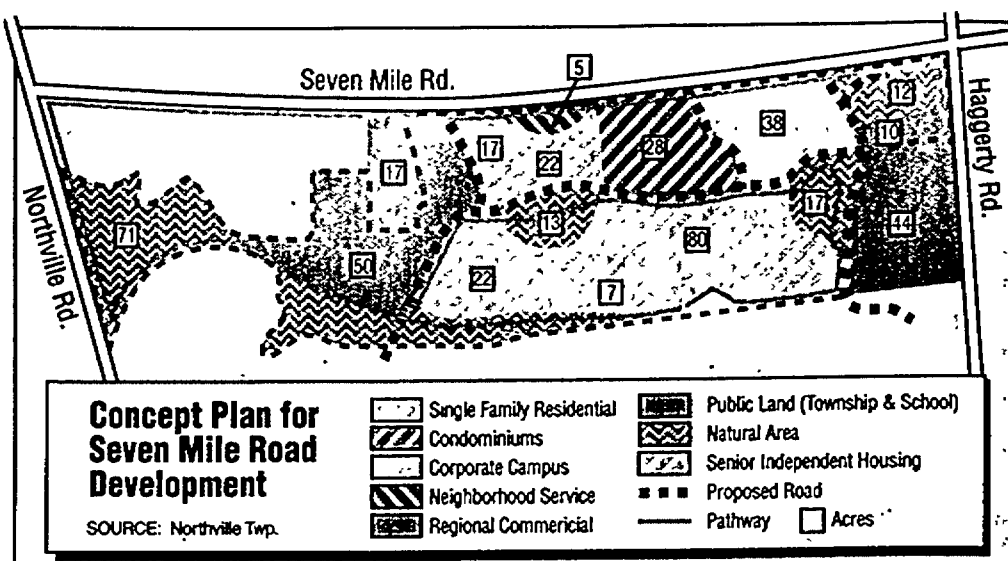
The impact on the district would be dramatic, said Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski. Without creation of a new elementary school to service the new families, Silver Springs and Winchester boundaries would have to be reconfigured like an "octopus," he said.

"Short of the high school, we're maxed out at all our buildings," the superintendent added.

With homes already under way, he said, the district will absorb another 300 new students by August.

Other points Strader made in his presentation:

- Residents on or near Winchester Drive expressed concern their street would not become a straight-away connector between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads. The PUD plan depicts the extension of Winchester north as a circuitous route through the parcel, leading to Seven Mile. However, Winchester south from its current dead-end point may need to be reviewed for modification somehow.

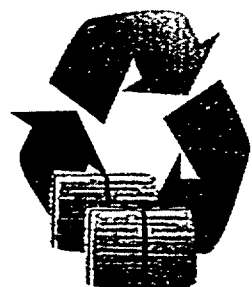


Some of the traffic study results based on the property uses outlined in the PUD bubbles — including big-box commercial on the site of the current Hawthorn Center — will be artificially high for the short-term. The Hawthorn

site currently is not part of the property for sale, state officials have stressed. Township planners targeted that area as the eventual most appropriate for location for commercial, in line with Haggerty Road

development to the south.

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and May 2

TIMES: 2:30 p.m.
LOCATION: 135 E. Main
Street, Northville.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$7:50,
no children under age three.

PHONE: For info, call
Marquis Theatre at 248-349-
8110.

• First Presbyterian Church Women's Retreat-Walking With Jesus: A Spiritual Journey

DATE: Saturday, May 1

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: First
Presbyterian Church, 200 East
Main Street, Northville

DETAILS: This retreat is
designed to renew your strength
and deepen your walk with Jesus
through inspirational praise and
worship and words of encourage-
ment to enrich your spiritual
journey. Early registration
through April 25/\$25. After April
25/\$30 per person.

PHONE: e-mail registration
inquiries to
fpc@firstpresville.org.

• Annual Arbor Day Seedling Give-away

DATE: Saturday, May 1

LOCATION: Northville
Township Civic Center

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to noon

DETAILS: Sponsored by the
Northville and Northville
Township Beautification
Commissions. Bring proof of res-
idency.

• Northville Co-op Preschool Open House

DATE: Saturday, May 1

TIME: 10 a.m.-noon

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty
Road.

DETAILS: Applications for
the 2004-2005 school year will
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year old programs.

PHONE: Contact Colleen for
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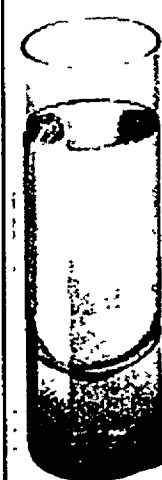
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engagement of the daughter,
Andrea Moretti, to Eric O'Neil,
son of Roger and Connie Frayer
of Livonia. The bride-elect is a
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School and a 2001 graduate of
Michigan State University. She is
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DATE: Sunday, May 2

TIME: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville First
United Methodist Church, 777
W. Eight Mile Rd.

DETAILS: Appointments pre-
ferred.

PHONE: Call Janet, 248-349-
6592

• Community Wide Healing Service of Prayer, Scripture, Sharing & Communion

DATE: Monday, May 3 (first
Monday of each month)

TIME: 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Chapel of The
First United Methodist Church of

Northville, 8 Mile and Taft Rd.
PHONE: 248-349-1144

• Friends of Maybury State Park Meeting

DATE: May 6

LOCATION: Northville
Community Library

TIME: 7 p.m.

DETAILS: To finalize sum-
mer activities at the park.

PHONE: 248-349-2687

• 5th Annual Juried Student Fine Arts Show

DATE: Saturday, May 8-

Thursday, May 13

LOCATION: First
Presbyterian Church, downtown

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DETAILS: 200 pieces of art
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photography, mixed media,
ceramics, sculpture, graphics,
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DATE: 7 weeks starting
Thursday, April 22nd.

TIME: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville
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DETAILS: This workshop will
meet for 7 consecutive Thursday
evenings and will help partici-
pants deal with normal grief
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others their own experiences.
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Senior Citizen Center.

PHONE: For further informa-
tion about other grief support
groups offered or to register for
this series call the New Hope
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• Northville Farmers Market

DATE: Thursday, May 6

through Thursday, October 28

TIME: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville
Downs Parking Lot-Corner of
Seven Mile and Sheldon Road

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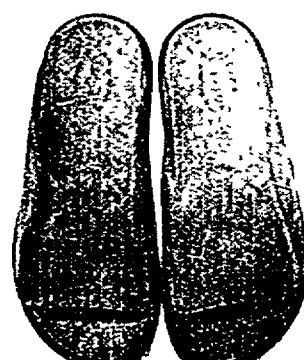
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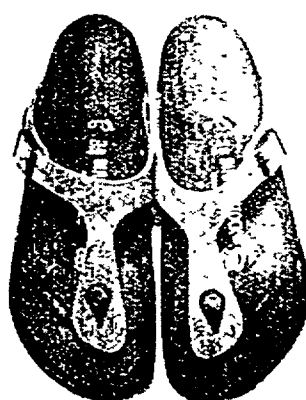
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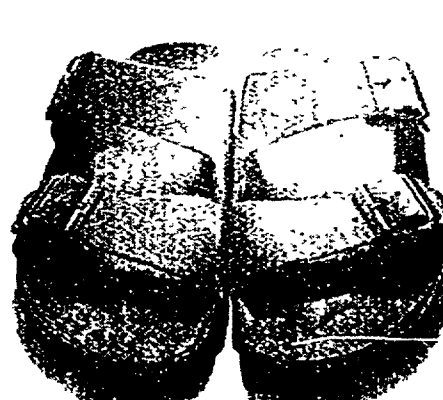
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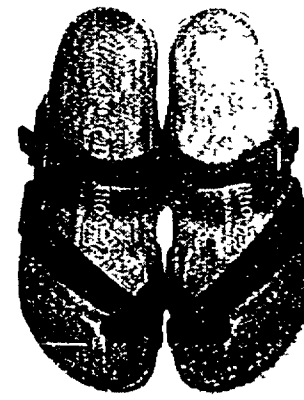
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Thornton Creek in line for improvements

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

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Keeping elementary students from slipping and sliding — along with adding some new playground equipment — tops the list of proposed bond improvements for Thornton Creek Elementary School.

If the proposed \$37.5 million bond is approved by voters on June 14, the second newest elementary school in the district will receive \$1.3 million of improvements and repairs.

It's work that district officials said is needed and unaffordable under the current economic climate.

Officials said increasing cuts in per-pupil funding from the state has left the district unable to allocate the necessary funding for capital improvements.

An increasing Northville population has also created a need for adding additional space to a portion of the district's nine buildings. Purchasing 10 new buses is also on the bond spending list.

For Thornton Creek, some spending comes in a more child-friendly package.

Northville Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for

Items included in the bond

Items Included In the Thornton Creek Proposed Remodeling:

- Install mechanical access panels at unit vents
- New temperature controls and thermostats
- Replace AC system at head end/server area
- Occupancy sensor/emergency lighting controls

- Corridor lighting
- Carpet replacement
- Vinyl floor covering
- Hard tile replacement
- Gym floor replacement
- Painting
- Phase I Playground
- Phase II Playground
- Technology

Source: Northville Public Schools

Administrative Services, David Boliho, said the gymnasium floor needs replacing.

"We can't keep it from being slippery," Boliho said. "It is so slippery it is a hazard."

The assistant superintendent said experts have been brought in and treatments have been tried, but students keep falling down.

"It is just a problem that has persisted since we opened the doors here," Boliho said.

The floor replacement will cost close to \$60,000. Another proposed improvement includes a new play area an additional play structure.

"Our plan is to make the kindergarten and early childhood area a little larger," Boliho said.

"It is an inadequate play area for the kids. There is just not enough active area."

In the first- through fifth-grade playground area, school administrators would like to add rubber landing pads at the ends of the existing slides.

Other proposed fixes include more than \$240,000 in new temperature controls and thermostats; occupancy sensor and emergency lighting controls; painting; close to \$200,000 in new carpeting; and technology upgrades.

Thornton Creek Elementary School was built in 1994 and opened its doors in 1995.

The December 2003 enrollment was 70 kindergarten students and 452 students in grades 1-5.

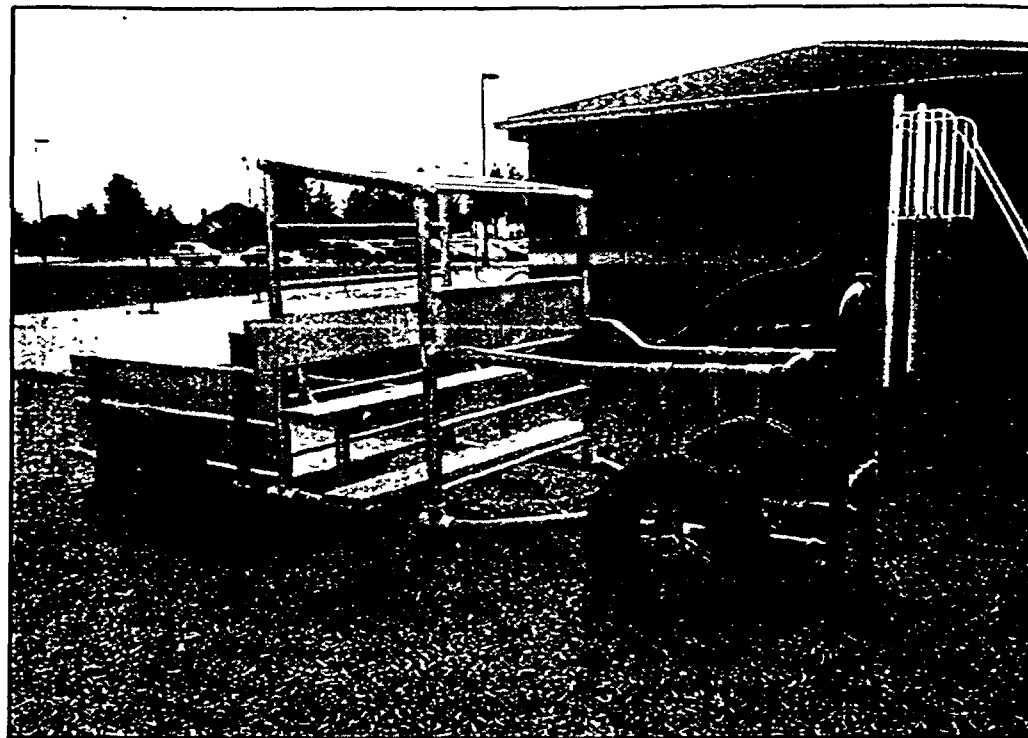


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A portion of the proposed June 15 Northville Public Schools bond is slated for enhancing the Thornton Creek kindergarten and early childhood area play area. District administrators say the existing area is inadequate.

According to a Northville Public Schools School Building Capacity and Student Growth study, subdivisions within the Thornton Creek attendance area are almost built out and enrollment is expected to remain stable.

If the June bond is approved by voters, residents owning a home with a market value of \$200,000 will pay about \$100 a year for 20 years.

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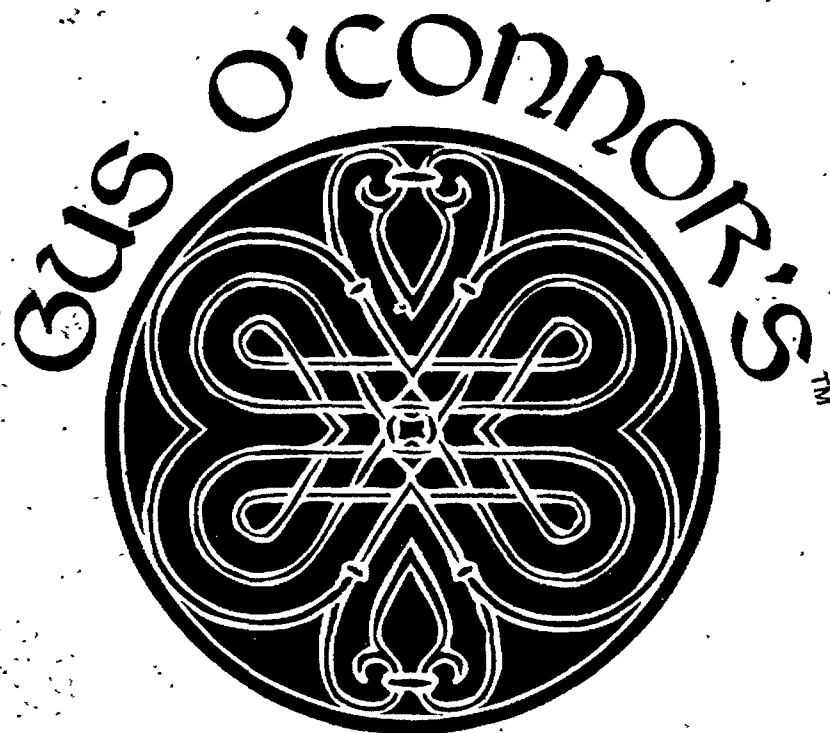
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Smudge Fundaes spread some zany fun

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

The Smudge Fundaes spread some zany fun inside Thornton Creek last week, teaching students some important messages along the way.

"We are the Smudge Fundaes and we are here to talk about a healthy body and a healthy mind," said duo Sandie Thomson and Suzanne Nicks.

The pair formed 10 years ago and has been spreading their musical messages, interactive games and life lessons throughout the United States and Canada.

The Smudge Fundaes April 21 Thornton Creek visit was aimed toward keeping elementary students in top spirits inside and out.

The fun started with a game based on teaching kids about eating healthy, including how many servings should be consumed each day from all the major food groups.

It was boys vs. girls in a friendly contest seeing who could answer the most nutrition questions correctly.

The boys took an early lead, but the game ultimately ended in a tie.

The game did not take place however, without some boos and jeers on each side, leading to the next Smudge Fundaes lesson — putdowns are never welcome.

"When you put people down or gossip, it is a form of bullying," Thomson told the kids.

"If things heat up and things get nasty and angry, you have to keep your cool," Nicks added.

Thomson and Nicks taught the kids the "no putdowns" song they all sang together.

And without missing a beat, Bernie the Bacteria appeared, grumbling and running through the crowd, squirting kids with smelly liquid.

"I thought Bernie the Bacteria was pretty weird," said fifth-grade student Garrett Maximiuk.

Bernie taught the young students the importance of brushing, flossing and visiting the dentist regularly.

They were also taught about another major mouth bummer — smoking cigarettes.

"Never light up," the duo sang

to the students. "Don't listen to a fool, be stubborn as a mule, smoking isn't cool."

Other lessons delivered through songs and games included the importance of not becoming a couch or computer potato, washing away body odor and always possessing good character.

Maximiuk said he learned the most in the beginning of the assembly.

"I learned that the food groups are important because if you don't get enough of all of them, you won't be healthy," he said.

Nicks said her favorite part of the program was the same at Thornton Creek as it is with all of the group's performances — "the reaction of the kids."

The Smudge Fundaes were brought to Thornton Creek by the school's Junior Enrichment Series.

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With some help from Thornton Creek Elementary physical education teacher Paul Durkee, center (in shower cap), Smudge Fundaes performers Suzanne Nicks, left, and Sandie Thomson present hygiene hints during their "Healthy Body" presentation last Wednesday morning.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Tips on living and surviving, courtesy of Smudge Fundaes

How to eat Healthy:

- 2-3 servings from the milk, cheese and dairy category
- 3-5 servings from the veggie group
- 2-3 servings from the meat, poultry and fish category
- 2-4 servings from the fruit group
- 6-11 servings from the bread, cereal, rice and pasta category
- Fats sparingly

How to survive a bully:

- Just remember two things: An ice cube tray and a shield
- The ice cube tray will always keep you cool no matter the situation
- The shield will block put-downs and let them roll right off your shoulders

Gross facts about bacteria:

- About 360 types of bacteria may live in a child's mouth and produce cavities
- Cigarettes contain about 4,000 chemicals and at least 60 of those chemicals are known to cause cancer

A tip on Personal Hygiene:

- You don't want BO, it's not the way to go, so scrub from head to toe

The Building Blocks of Good Character:

- respect
- self-discipline
- fairness
- integrity
- compassion
- trustworthiness
- honesty

Open Letter to the Community

April 29, 2004

Hard working and studious. This describes the young minds at Our Lady of Victory School. Each and everyday, I witness the eagerness displayed by my fellow classmates. Walking by the classrooms, any visitor can attest to the fact that every student is well behaved and ready to learn.

The OLV faculty plays a large role in helping students' progress. When a student does not fully comprehend a concept, the teacher spends extra time until the student is in full grasp of it. I have seen teachers stay after school for hours helping a child feel more comfortable with their understanding of the subject. Through my years at OLV, I have witnessed first-hand the compassion and strictness of the teachers. Every teacher only wants the best for his or her pupils.

This year has been quite an impressive year for OLV, both academically and athletically. In science, our seventh and eighth grade Science Olympiad team competed in the regional Wayne County tournament. The OLV team beat 33 other teams for a first place finish and qualified for the State competition on May 1. In math, our seventh grade Mathfax team placed first in the State and had a first place individual in the region. Our eighth grade Mathfax team also placed first in the State. Personally, I placed second in the nation. In history, two students placed in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) essay contest. I placed first in a statewide America and Me essay contest, competing against 6,000 students from across Michigan.

In athletics, our soccer team boasted an undefeated season. The OLV cross-country team placed very well in state competition. Also, our basketball teams did extremely well, bringing home almost a dozen trophies from regional tournaments. We look to have a promising track and field season as well.

Not only does OLV focus on helping its students, it also helps the community and the less fortunate. Annual service projects such as clothing drives, food drives, Easter baskets and "pennies for the poor" are all a top priority for students and faculty alike. In fact, the student participation in these service projects is astounding.

In summary, OLV is a great neighborhood school. Personally, OLV has provided me and, I believe, all students with a good educational foundation and a strong moral base. If our school is able to accomplish these impressive feats without a library, gym or science lab, imagine what we'd be able to do with a brand new, state-of-the-art school building.

On behalf of the students at OLV, I ask the Zoning Board of Appeals and the community as a whole to support OLV's land use request on May 5. All we want to do is to build a new school building across the street from our existing school. A strong school and a great neighborhood benefits not only students, but the community as well.

Sincerely,
Harrison Nguyen
Eighth Grade Student
Our Lady of Victory School



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'Real heroes don't wear a cape...'

Our Lady of Victory student's essay on his father wins state contest

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

When Hung Nguyen read his son's award-winning essay, he was speechless. "I was emotional when I read it," Nguyen said.

"I felt he reflected my past experience of when I got here."

Hung's wife, Loan Nguyen, said she cried.

"He (Harrison) always looks up to my husband, he always looks up to his dad," she said.

Our Lady of Victory eighth-grade student Harrison Nguyen placed first in the state in the Farm Bureau Insurance-sponsored America & Me Essay Contest with a moving essay about his father's journey to the United States.

The topic of this year's writing competition was "My American Hero," and Our Lady of Victory social studies teacher Cindy Hudson said eighth-grade students from 525 Michigan schools participated in the contest.

As the winner, Harrison will be honored at a May 10 ceremony in Lansing attended by government officials along with receiving a \$500 savings bond, \$500 cash and other accolades.

"I thought it was a very powerful, very moving essay," Hudson said. "I guess to me, this is where someone has really brought himself up because he wanted to achieve something. He wanted to achieve his goal and has tried to instill that within his son, within Harrison, and Harrison is a top-notch student. He works very hard."

Harrison, 13, said once he learned this year's topic, he knew right away he would write about his dad.

"My father tells me a lot of stories about his trip and journey to America," he said. "It is a very interesting, inspiring story. I am very proud of him."

Harrison said his life is touched by his father's journey for a better life from southern Vietnam to the United States.

Hung survived a brutal six-day boat trip, the Communist Coast Guard and time in camp as a political refugee.

Without knowing English, once he was

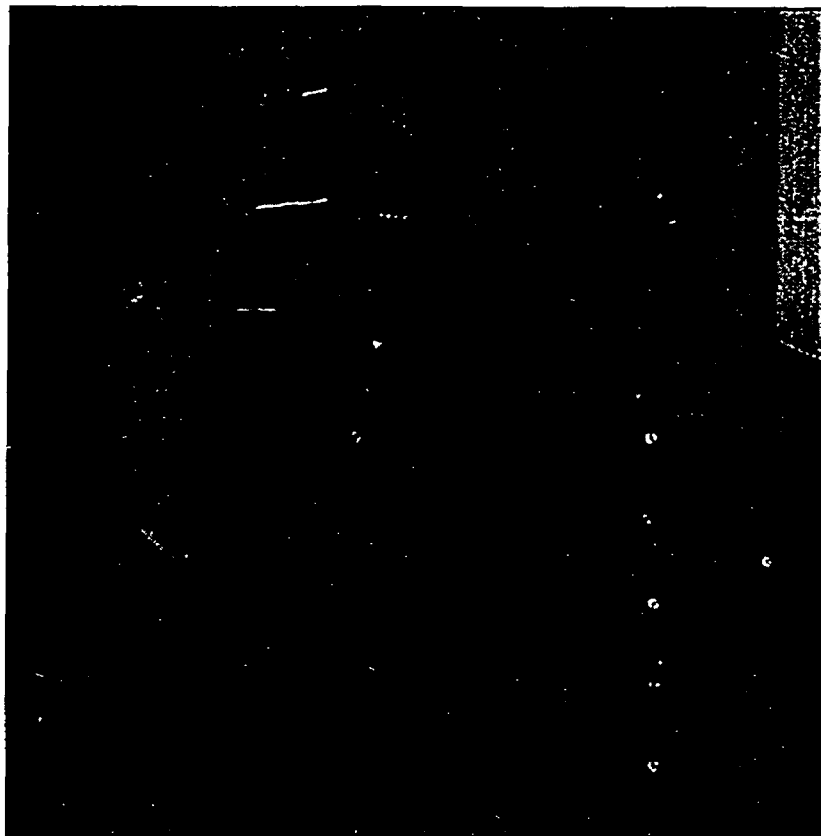


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Our Lady of Victory student Harrison Nguyen stands with his parents, Loan (right) and Hung Nguyen. Harrison took first place in the Farm Bureau Insurance-sponsored America & Me Essay Contest.

in the United States, Hung worked tough, minimum-wage jobs, slept in his car and studied for college under streetlights.

Hung eventually achieved a life rich in family, education and work ethic, qualities his son hopes to emulate in the future and wanted to portray in his essay.

"We never expected any less from him," Loan said. "He is our only child and we focus on him. He is really good at everything."

Harrison maintains all A's, is president of his class, a No. 1 finisher in Math Fax competitions, runs track and works as a golf caddy in the summer.

The eighth-grade student is also a member of the Our Lady of Victory Science Olympiad Team, taking first place in the Wayne County Science Olympiad Championship held last month. The team will compete in the state tournament May 1.

Harrison will attend Catholic Central High School next year on the maximum available scholarship.

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Harrison Nguyen's winning essay

"Dad, My Unsung Hero"
by Harrison Nguyen

What makes a true hero?

When I was young, my definition of a hero was a person with amazing superpowers, who could see through walls or stop speeding meteors from striking the Earth.

Only later did I realize that these "super heroes" were nothing more than a legend.

The truth is that the real heroes don't wear a cape.

They don't have the power to see through walls or carry the Earth on their back.

Their remarkable characteristics are what make them truly special, part of an elite group.

My hero is not someone famous.

He doesn't go into burning buildings or fight wars.

Still, he will forever be in my heart.

My hero is my father.

My father grew up in southern Vietnam.

My grandfather, an army officer, was killed in the war when my father was only 13.

He was a brilliant young man and graduated as valedictorian of his high school class.

When he reached college, the Communists had won the war.

He couldn't stand the way the new government took revenge on his family because of his father's past.

My father knew he must flee the country.

The six-day trip to a neighboring country on a stinky, run-down fishing boat with hundreds of other men, women and children was a success.

The refugees survived the Communist coast guard, the starvation, the brutal pirates and the hungry sharks.

After spending time in an overcrowd-

ed refugee camp on an isolated island, as a political refugee, my father gained admission to the United States.

Freedom was not my father's only ultimate goal.

Like many other immigrants, my father risked his life in search of a better future for him and his family.

Without knowing one word of English, he journeyed into the new world.

Working tough, minimum-wage jobs, he was constantly insulted because of his ethnic background and economic status.

Amazingly, he did not care what others thought about him.

Throughout the hard times, he always had his eyes on a college education.

He believed education would provide him a ticket to a better life.

For awhile, he slept in his old car and studied under streetlights since he couldn't afford an apartment.

Although his journey was a long one, my father has achieved the goals set out when he first arrived to this land of opportunity.

With an advanced engineering degree and four patents for automotive heating and cooling devices, he now works for one of the largest American companies.

He has been married for over 15 years and is the father of a very proud son who is willing to tell the story of his brave dad.

Many modern day heroes are commemorated for their work.

Although my hero exhibited true fortitude and perseverance throughout his life, he didn't receive an award for his magnificent characteristics.

My father's modest achievements are not the source of my inspiration.

Instead, his courage, determination, perseverance and focus make him a true hero in my mind.

Second City ready for move to Novi

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The Second City, the well-known Chicago-based comedy theater that recently closed its downtown Detroit location to move to Novi, is now going into Fountain Walk shopping center instead of the former Local Color building.

Linda Busse, marketing director for Fountain Walk, confirmed this week that the shopping center's management company has a lease on a temporary training center on Orchard Drive for the business.

"We are also working on a second lease to bring them to a permanent location at Fountain Walk," Busse said. "It's very likely that the theater will be on the north end near Galyan's Sports & Outdoor Adventure."

"We have been talking to Second City for a while now, and they are very excited about the property and think this would be a good home for them," she added.

Busse said Second City officials have been out to look at the property several times and like the entertainment aspects of Fountain Walk.

"We're thrilled that they are coming as Second City has a reputation not only locally but nationally. It's a piece of the entertainment component that we didn't have here," Busse said.

Busse noted that Virtually Perfect, a virtual golf training center, just opened at Fountain Walk, and Superior Tobacco, a smoke shop featuring quality cigars, will open midsummer.

Busse said she did not know what happened to the deal with Peter Paisley for the comedy store to open in the previous Local Color building, which closed several months ago.

Kelly Leonard, a Second City producer in Chicago, said, "The deal fell through with Local Color. It was really complicated. Phone calls were not getting returned. I flew out and looked at this new location and approved it about a month ago."

Leonard said that comedy classes have been up and running for about three weeks now and said they love the new location.

"I'm totally thrilled. When we opened up classes, not only did we retain all of the students that we had downtown, but even more at the Fountain Walk location," Leonard said.

"We think that this is a good spot for us in the sense that it seems very well located with easy access and plenty of parking. Ultimately, however, it's going to be us doing good shows that will bring the people," he added.

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Community Briefs

Household Hazardous Waste Day

If spring cleaning is under way at your address, the annual household hazardous waste day is timed just right.

On Saturday, May 1, the city and township of Northville are joining the city of Livonia to create this year's disposal location at Ford Field in Livonia. Located between Farmington and Lyndon, and Five Mile and Schoolcraft roads, the site is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This event is for the disposal of residential hazardous waste only. For more information, call Livonia public services at (734) 466-2655.

The items accepted are:

- Aerosol cans
- Any household chemicals
- Automobile/marine/household batteries
- Caustic/acid
- Computer equipment
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Gasoline/gas and oil mixes
- Herbicides/pesticides
- Insecticides/fungicides
- Kerosene
- Latex paints
- Medical waste (sharp items in containers only)
- Mercury items

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- Primers/turpentine/varnishes
- Propane tanks
- Transmission fluid/antifreeze

Latex (water-based) paint also may be disposed of properly on your trash collection day. Lids must be removed from cans to allow the paint to dry out prior to disposal.

Magic Show next Friday

Northville Parks and Recreation will present "Jasen Magic Live" from 6 to 8:30 p.m., May 7, in the Northville High School auditorium.

The start of the show blends magic, music and comedy into a fast-paced show that revolves around audience participation, mind-thumping effects and his unique personality, said Emily Sherman, special events and arts programming supervisor. The audience will laugh, gasp and wonder during the hour-long show, she said.

Tickets are on sale at the Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 West Baseline; \$12 for adults, \$8 for children ages 2-12, and \$5 for babies 13-23 months. Call (248) 349-0203 for information.

The nationally known magician gears his community performance

to a younger crowd, Sherman said, frequently pulling children from the audience to participate on stage. Audience members can meet the magician and watch his tricks up close at an after-show reception.

Council approves 'Art House'

The Northville City Council April 19 endorsed the Art Commission's "Art House" concept in the city-owned building at 215 W. Cady.

The local senior adult program that currently occupies the building will be moving to the Main Street center at the end of June. Civic Concern plans to transfer to a Seven Mile Road mall location for its new digs.

The Parks and Recreation Department, on a year-long trial basis, will operate the community arts facility in cooperation with the commission. The self-supporting proposal will provide additional instructional opportunities, gallery space for local artists, and other amenities.

Maybury abloom

Friends of the Maybury State Park report that spring flowers on the grounds accessible from the Eight Mile Road entrance are about to peak.

A walk along trails number four through six will include sightings of violets, trillium, trout lilies, blue cohosh, bloodroot, Dutchman's breeches and Mayapple. In order to preserve these rare varieties — and obey the law — Friends members advise walkers to only look and not touch.

Fine Arts Show opens May 7

The Northville Arts Commission May 8-13 will host its fifth annual juried fine arts show for Northville Public Schools students in grades 6-12. An opening reception for selected artists, families and friends will be 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 7.

The event will showcase approximately 200 pieces of art in eight categories: drawing, painting, photography, mixed media, ceramics, sculpture, graphics, and metals.

The show May 8 will open to the public at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street. Show hours are: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday; 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sunday; 2 to 5 p.m. Monday; 3 to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday.

In addition to co-sponsors First Presbyterian and the arts commis-

sion, supporters for the event are Carmine Bossio Interior Design, Busch's Food Store, Gardenviews, Northville Camera, Poole's Tavern, Stampdollar Plus, and Dr. Tim Kirk and Dr. Amy Crissman from Town & Country Eyecare.

For more information, call (248) 449-9950.

Filing deadline nears

Northville Township residents interested in seeking public office are facing a 4 p.m. deadline, Tuesday, May 11, to submit a petition.

All Board of Trustee seats are available this Nov. 2 election. Residents will select a supervisor, clerk, treasurer, four trustees, as well as precinct delegates. Candidates must submit a minimum of 20 signatures of fellow township residents registered to vote, but not more than 50.

Petition forms are available at the township clerk's office, 41600 Six Mile Road. The deadline to register to vote in the Aug. 3 primary is July 6; to vote in the November election, Oct. 4.

Newly mandatory requests for an absentee ballot also are available at the clerk's office.

Local Realtor earns honor

Susan Weber of Real Estate One in Novi has been awarded the Accredited Buyer Representation designation by the Real Estate Buyer's Council, Inc. of the National Association of Realtors.

Weber, a Northville resident for 22 years, joined more than 24,000 real estate professionals in North America who have earned the honor. The requirements include a comprehensive two-day course in buyer representation, a written examination on legal and practical aspects of client representation, and practical experience in the field of buyer representation.

Planning ahead

The Northville Central Business Association is seeking vendors for the downtown sidewalk sale Saturday, Aug. 7. The event runs 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., with set-up at 7 a.m.

The cost for an eight-foot space is \$40 per booth for crafters, and \$100 per booth for food vendors. For more information, call (248) 349-0522 and ask for Sally or Toni.

Northville Record staff writer Maureen Johnston compiled this report.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Preparing for the Poppy Drive

VFW Post 4012 members Dave Wilder, left, and its commander Lyle Avery, right, will be assisting Ladies Auxillary Poppy Chair Barb Cook, center, in her fundraising

efforts during the upcoming Northville Memorial Day and Fourth of July parades. The Poppy drive helps to raise funds for the post's philanthropic efforts.

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Birdies take flight in badminton tourney

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Birdies will be hit high and deep, strategically dropped and spiked when tournament play returns to town next weekend.

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department May 7-9 is hosting its third-annual Stephen Race badminton event at Hillside Recreation Center at the corner of Sheldon and Eight Mile Roads. The schedule starts with singles play at 6:30 p.m. Friday, followed by doubles play at 11 a.m. Saturday, and mixed doubles at 9 a.m. Sunday.

"If you've only seen outdoor picnic badminton, it's absolutely amazing to watch," said athletic supervisor Joe Barberio. "It's a different game."

Players use some techniques similar to tennis — lofting over, whizzing past or striking deep — to clear the stretched-taut net, the supervisor said, but the pace of play is much faster.

"The speed that they hit the birdie is unbelievable," he said. "It's so fast, sometimes I can't follow the birdie."

As many as 100 players are expected to report — racquet in hand — to Hillside's eight courts next weekend, said the supervisor, based on attendance numbers from the first two years. Players from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida and Michigan have signed up to play.

"Badminton people go anywhere to play," he said. Players last year ranged in age from 10 to 80.

Tournament director Daniel Leung spread word of the local event during his attendance at similar events in other areas, as well as through the Internet. The event honors the late Stephen Race of Indiana, who was instrumental in promoting the sport throughout the Midwest, Barberio said.

There is no charge to participate. Staff will sign in players the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Kathy Gunn watches a shuttlecock near her racket as she practices badminton at the Hillside Recreation Center. Gunn will be watching, but not competing in, the upcoming tourney at Hillside on May 7-9.

day of the event, but advance registration is preferred to create the tournament brackets. Winners will receive a T-shirt or mug.

Some of the recreation department's Tuesday and Friday night regulars will compete in the tournament. The sport during the last three months has continued to grow in popularity, Barberio said, with as many as 40 people showing up for the 7-9:30 p.m. walk-in program at Hillside.

Tournament players must provide their own equipment. There will be a company at the gym selling birdies and racquets, Barberio said, as well as servicing equipment as needed mid-play.

For more information, contact Barberio at (248) 449-9947.

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Mill Race Matters

While you are doing your spring cleaning, keep the Northville Historical Society in mind if you have some treasures you have finally decided to let go of. We are gathering pieces for our annual auction held at Mill Race Village on the Fourth of July. So if you have any items that you once loved and the love affair is over, please contact us — maybe it could become the love of someone else's life.

On Saturday, May 29, come and join gardeners in a friendly morning (8 a.m. to noon) of swapping plants and information. Bring whatever excess plants you may have. If you have no plants to bring, donations will be cheerfully accepted. There should be a wide variety of Perennials, Annuals, Wild Flowers, Shrubs and Trees. Northville Department of Public Works will again be supplying their "Black Gold" composted leaf mulch — please bring your own containers. Swap held rain or shine.

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Obituaries

William Anthony Parilo

William (Bill) Anthony Parilo died Sunday, April 25. He was born Sept. 12, 1921.

He served in the Naval Air Corps during World War II where he received significant secondary technical education. Upon being honorably discharged, he began work at Leece-Neville Division of Sheller-Globe Corporation as a floor sweeper at 50 cents per hour.

His initiative, work ethic, and education enabled him to work his way into the sales division. A man of his generation, he succeeded in his career from door to door sales to the eventual position of Vice

President in charge of Government Sales. Although Bill was involved in technical electrical sales, his theory of dealing honestly, with integrity, and always providing 5 percent more served him well.

Although he has many personal successes, in his mind the accomplishment he is most proud of is having put all five children through college with bachelor's and advanced degrees. He will be remembered most as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Bea; five children Bill Parilo, Jr., Peggy (Tom) Van Sickle, Pat Shockling,

Laurie (Tim) Johnson, and Dane (Anna) Parilo; six grandchildren, Jeff and Steve Van Sickle, Bobby and Elaine Johnson, and Preston and Baby Jackson Parilo; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be held Friday, April 30, at 11 a.m. at Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Arthritis Foundation, 17117 West Nine Mile Road, Suite 950, Southfield, MI 48075. Please designate for Arthritis Research.

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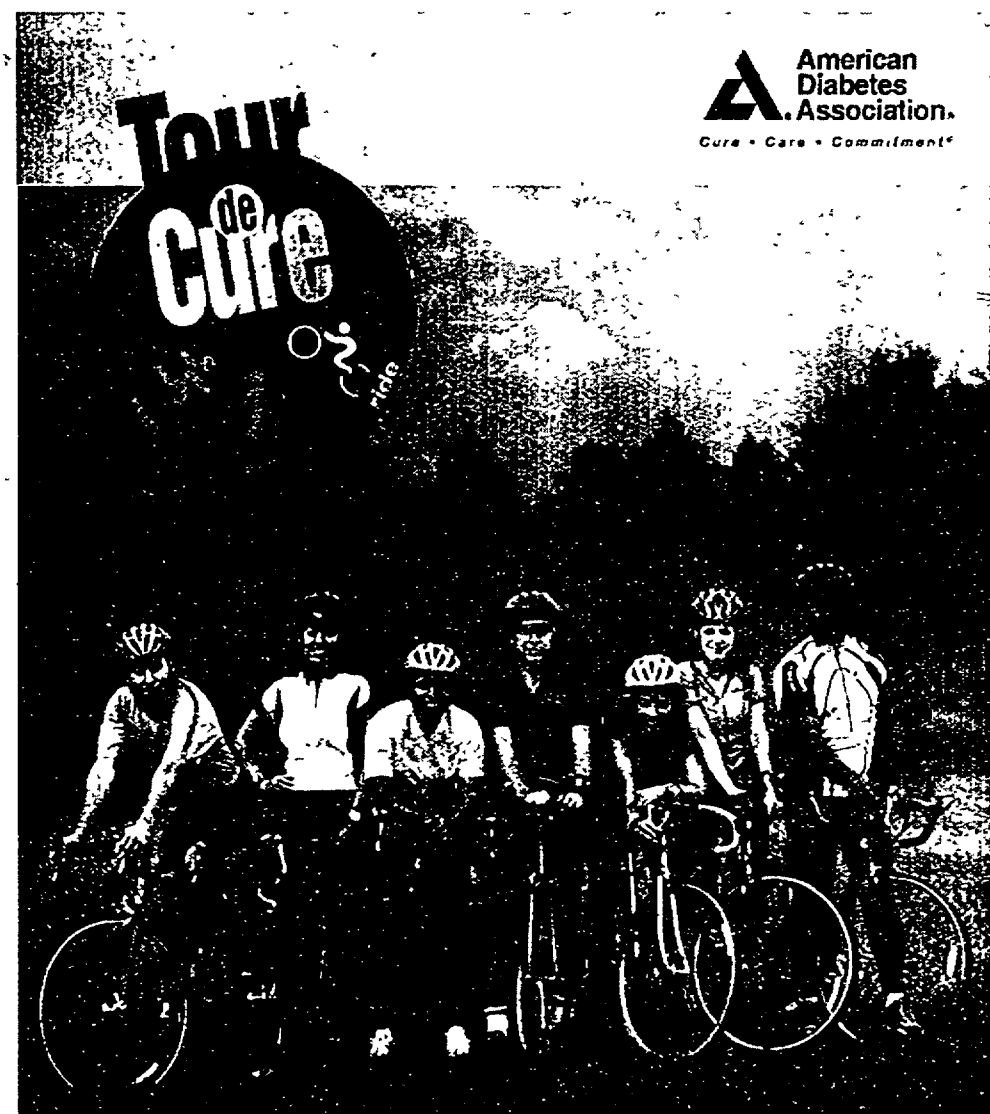
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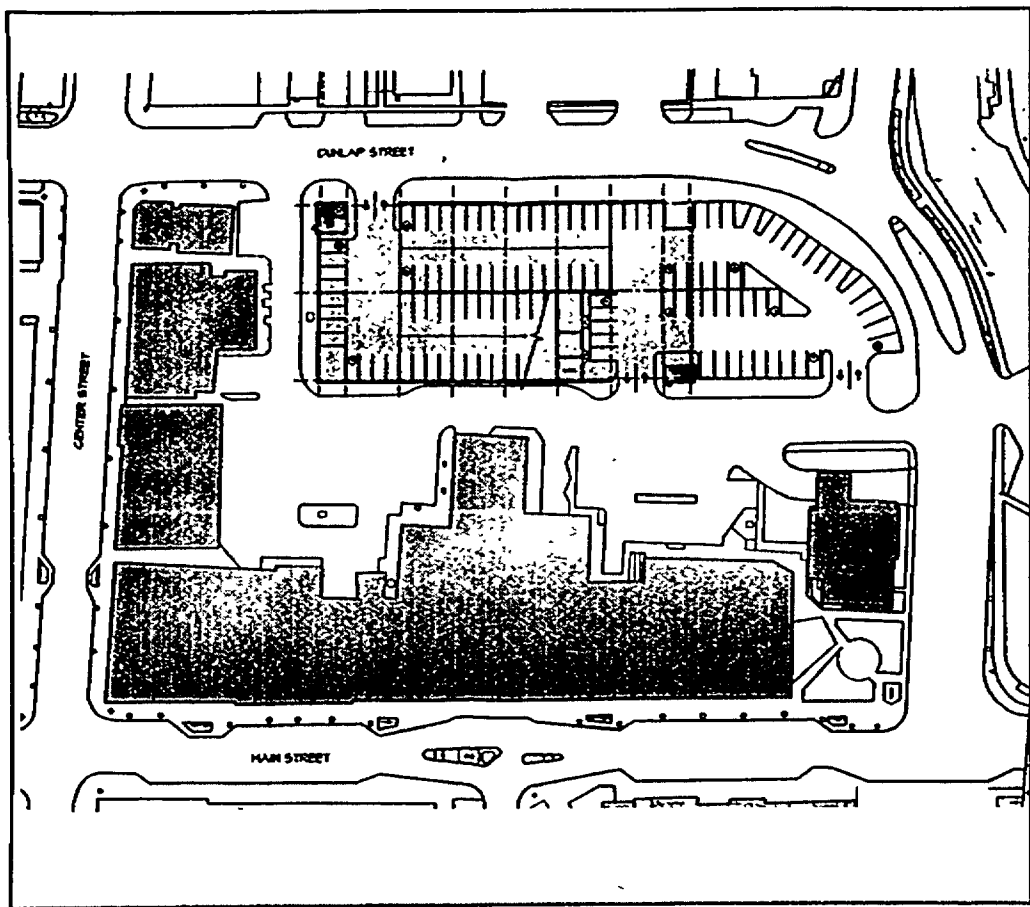
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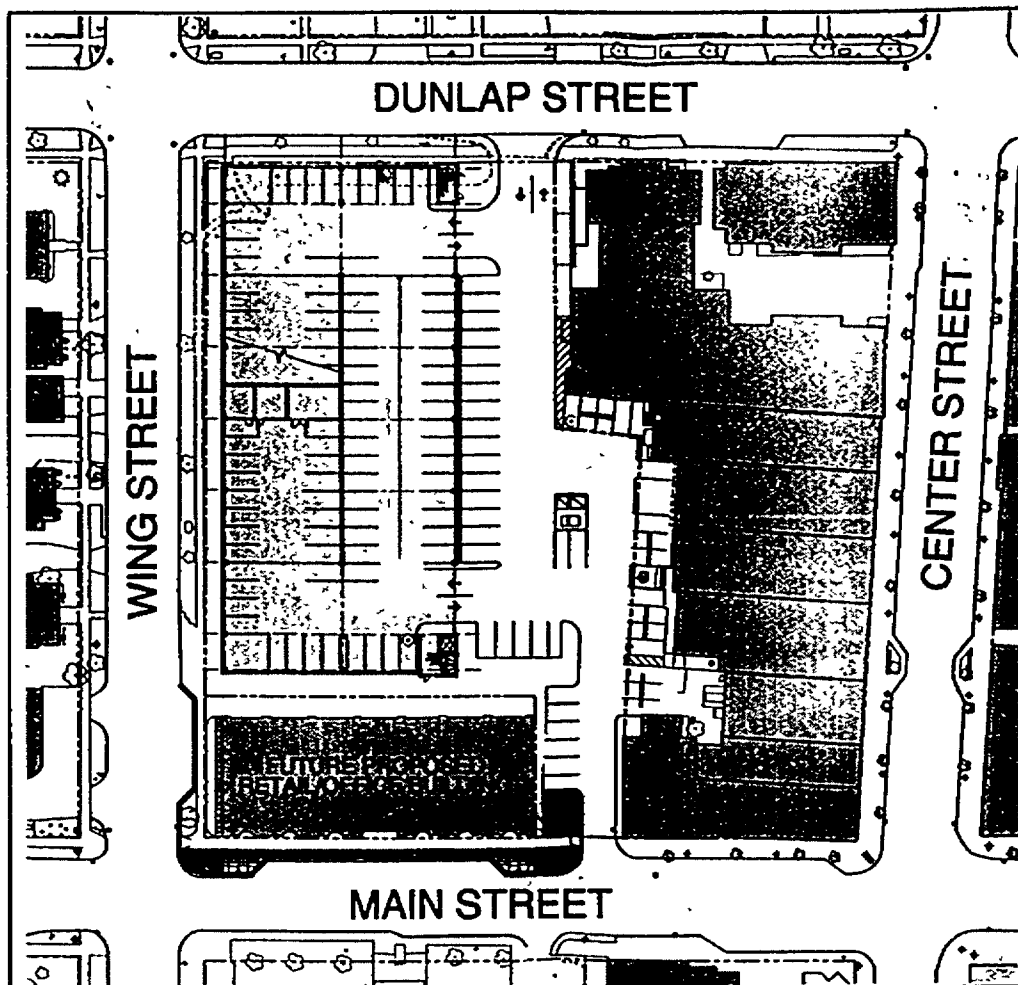
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Above, a map of the parking lot behind the Marquis Theater. At right, the deck proposed for the corner of Main and Wing streets.



Potential parking deck cuts into business

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Although the structure is still only a sketch, the shadow of a parking deck behind the Marquis Theater looms over Edward's Catering.

Talk around town about the imminent construction of a deck on Dunlap — which would swallow up the current café location — is scaring off catering business, owner Mary Pearce said. Luncheon walk-in, carry-out and delivery business has been fine, she said, but events scheduled with deposits well in advance is where she sees the pending project's influence.

"I know people are scared," she said. "People aren't going to give me thousands of dollars, and 'wait and see.'"

Pearce, who personally schedules the catering and special events for Edward's, said usually by mid-April she is booked through June with three dozen graduation parties, weddings and corporate events. Not this year, the business owner said, a downturn she attributed to a "wait-and-see" attitude regarding the parking expansion discussion downtown.

Northville's Downtown Development Authority scheduled a special meeting at 8 a.m. next Tuesday, May 4, to revisit the concept drawings of two so-called "table-top" decks on east and west ends of downtown. The deck proposed on Main Street at the corner of Wing would require demolition of the building occupied by Edward's to add to the open lot

area.

"I have a lease through the end of June of next year at the least," Pearce said. "I think it's important that people realize that nothing is going to happen here for quite a long time."

"I've gotten calls from people panicking," the business owner said. "Nothing is imminent."

Northville City Manager Gary Word stressed the city's support of the 18-year-old enterprise.

"I want the world to understand that we want that business to survive," Word said. "Nothing is imminent regarding a threat to her business or the building."

"Ultimately, there might be a deck there," the city manager said. "We're talking perhaps years away. We will work with her and the owner of the building to make sure the transition is as smooth as

possible."

Local businessman and developer Jim Long, as representative of his family's ownership of the 116 E. Dunlap building, has stated in the past support for his tenant and her continued presence in the community.

A couple years after Edward's 1986 opening in the former retail storefront, talk began about additional city parking replacing the structure, Pearce said. The conversation continues into this, her fifth year of owning the business there.

"I think eventually it will happen, but nothing will happen right away," Pearce said.

The downtown development authority's discussion on how to approach adding parking downtown has been deliberately painstaking after the electorate rejected an expansion program on

the ballot last November. The most recent discussion has focused on shorter-term parking management solutions, such as shifting employee parking further from storefronts to allow patrons easier access, and more stringent penalties for violations of parking time limits.

Battling the public perception of an imminent exit, Pearce said she has kept the Edward's Catering name out in front of the community at every opportunity. And people do respond to the long-established business' efforts, she said.

"We have a very, very strong team here right now," she said. At the Chamber of Commerce's recent Taste of Northville event, for example, Edward's earned "best restaurant" honors. Also, the soon-to-be-released Northville

Record's People Choice 2004 poll results showed Edward's has the "Best Dessert". (All the poll results will be published in the May 13 issue).

"I just really want people to know I'm not going anywhere," the business owner said. That is, once patrons resume the reservations that keep Edward's humming.

Edward's hours are: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays for catered events. Delivery service is available during normal business hours.

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The bride wore a dress of white satin and illusion. The bodice was embroidered satin and the skirt of bridal illusion with a chapel length train. Her veil was fingertip length. The matron of honor and bridesmaid wore floor length dresses of soft mist green with a chiffon overlay.

The bride carried a bouquet of white garden roses, pink spray roses and sedum eucalyptus. The matron of honor and bridesmaid carried pink garden roses, pink spray roses and sedum eucalyptus.

Jeanne Lent, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and bridesmaid was Karmen Barrette.

Dean Kolacki served as bestman. Mark Lyons, brother of the groom, Adam Abele and Michael Holbert as groomsmen. Reader was

Deidre Hope.

Church pews were adorned with white tulips and white ribboned bows. Alter pieces were of white and pink roses and eucalyptus.

A cocktail hour and dinner reception followed the ceremony at Northville Hills Golf Club with dancing to the Steve Somers Band.

The club was decorated with white lights, outdoor flowers and ivy covered columns. Table centerpieces were hydrangeas in whites and greens.

The couple honeymooned on Marco Island and have made their home in Northville.



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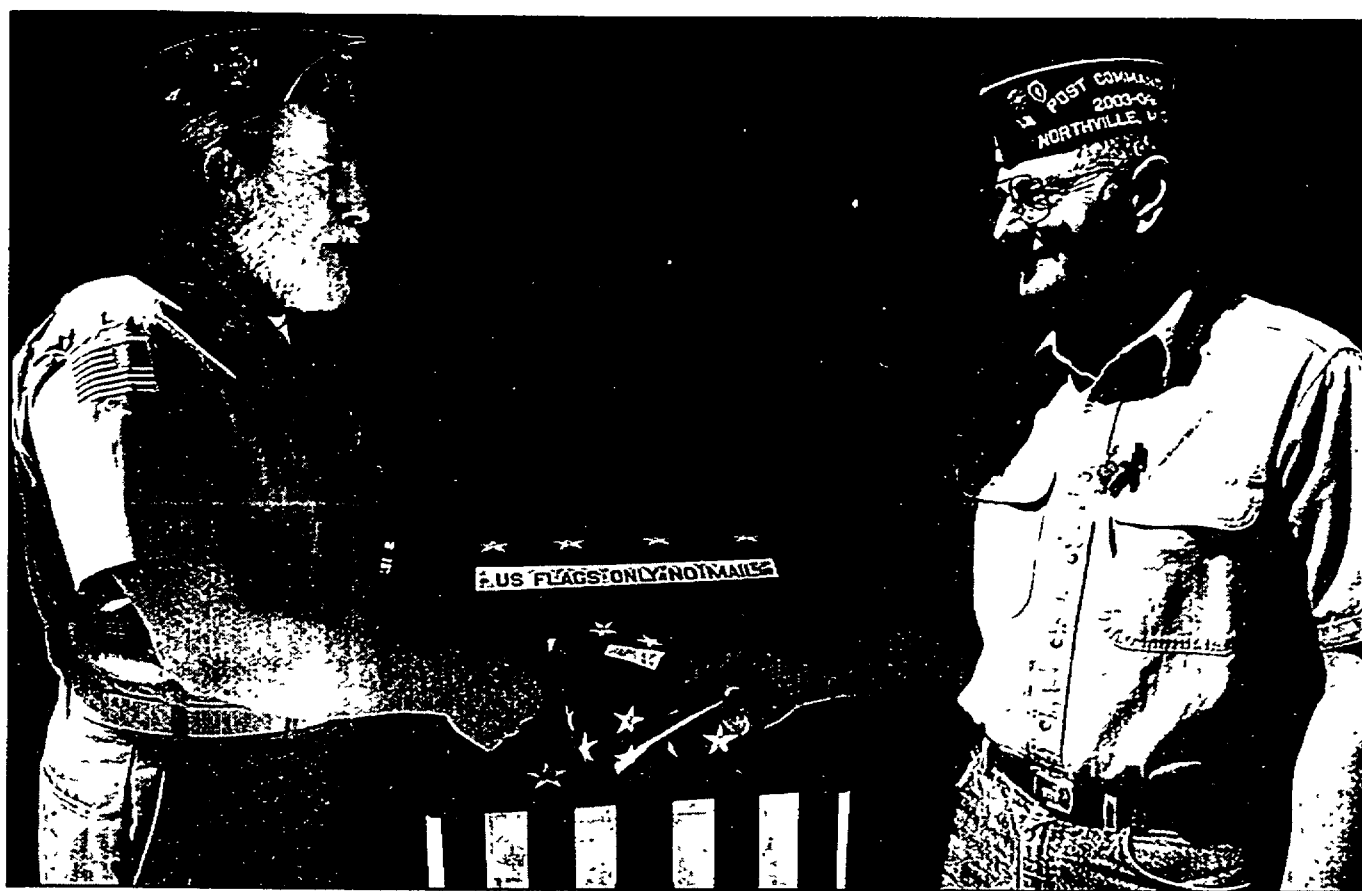


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Properly disposing of flags

Northville VFW Post 4012 Commander Lyle Avery, right, and Dave Wilder have a repository for no-longer-serviceable American flags outside their Northville Road head-

quarters. Citizens can deposit their old flags in the former mailbox and the Post will see that they're properly disposed of.

Our Lady of Victory still looking to build school

Continued from page 1

facility. Appeals board chairman Rolland Stapleton has said he and his peers will hear the application from the beginning before forming their opinions. Michael Nedelman, who specializes in land planning and use issues for the Farmington hills-based firm of Nedelman and Pawlak, will join local attorney Donald Samhat to present the congregation's case to the board.

The city's zoning ordinance specifically calls for a public hearing and written notification of owners of land within 300 feet of the property in question.

The parish is seeking to build a kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school and gym on the west side of Orchard Drive, between Main and Thayer streets, across the street from the current school built in 1952.

The Planning Commission on April 6 prepared for the appeals board a package of rationale to support its vote to deny the church's application. Counsel for the congregation on March 30 appealed the 6-3 vote rejecting plans for the new school.

In addition to the parish presentation, the appeals board will look at relevant official records, the notice of appeal, documentation of the planning commission proceedings, as well as the many photos and exhibits residents submitted to specifically address the city's criteria for granting a special land-use permit.

John Colizzi, who resides a couple of doors away from the proposed school site, is among the homeowners who oppose construction of a 77,000-square-foot school on the approximate 3-1/2-acre site. He said he and other Orchard Heights area property owners will attend the meeting Wednesday to stress their support for the Planning Commission's decision.

"We will say something — whether it will be addressing the seven criteria — we're not sure," Colizzi said. "It kind of depends on the flow of the meeting. We don't want to take up a lot of everyone's time saying what's already been said. We will be there in force."

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Providence Hospital takes part in heart study

People with heart failure live longer when they receive an implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD), according to results of the landmark Sudden Cardiac Death in Heart Failure Trial (SCD-HeFT) released March 2004. The trial showed that ICDs reduced death by 23 percent in people with moderate heart failure compared to those who did not receive defibrillators.

The 2,521-patient study, the largest ICD trial ever, included patients from 150 centers across the U.S., Canada and New Zealand. Including Providence Hospital, a member of St. John Health, only two other hospitals in Michigan participated in the study. They were St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, and Ingham Regional Medical Center, Lansing.

"The results of the trial show definitively that simple implantable defibrillator therapy will prolong life in patients with congestive heart failure," said study director and principal investigator, Gust H. Bardy, M.D., who presented the results at a late-breaking clinical trial session at the 53rd Annual Scientific Session of the American College of Cardiology in New Orleans. "The study also shows that amiodarone, when used as a prophylactic med-

ication, does not improve survival."

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is the No. 1 killer of Americans. It takes the lives of approximately 450,000 people in the United States each year, more than lung cancer, breast cancer, stroke and AIDS combined. Current medical evidence allows identification of 150,000 of those 450,000 and, with ICDs, protects them from sudden cardiac death.

Implantable defibrillators have been vastly underutilized, even though they are 99 percent effective in preventing sudden cardiac death, and often provide "pain-free" therapy that is typically undetectable by the patient. Despite their proven benefit, approximately 20 percent of U.S. patients currently indicated actually get them. The result has been an epidemic of unnecessary deaths from cardiac arrest. "This has been a very important trial for an even broader patient population confirming that ICD's save lives in people with no symptoms," said Christian Machado, medical director.

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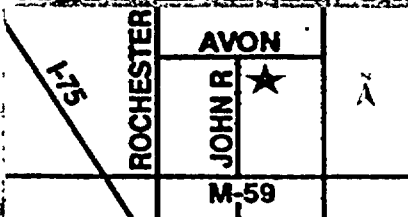
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Northville leaders wary of state cuts

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tributions. He also pledged to emphasize local interests in discussions with the state on development of the former psychiatric hospital property on Seven Mile Road.

"Be right on the fundamentals," Abbo said, citing the cornerstone of Northville's recent development success. He said diverse opinions and brokered compromise often form the best recipe for success.

"If you have two partners who think the same, then you have one partner too many... Success is not an accident."

Abbo said Northville residents should look with pride to forthcoming projects such as completion of the township civic hall and fire station, development of additional recreation areas, as well as continued conservation of open space.

Further emphasizing the day's "partnership" theme, Abbo complimented cooperation among city, school and township representatives on programs such as recreation.

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski, who spoke following lunch, told the assembled crowd

that residential growth continues to impact Northville's 6,000-student public school system. He said an upcoming \$35 million bond issue proposal and two Board of Education seats before voters June 15 further underscore Northville's proactive approach and ongoing challenge.

Rezmierski said all district facilities except Northville High School, which was expanded this year to accommodate the fall's 1,900-student population, will be at capacity without voter approval. The district's need for more physical space is best seen, he said, at Ridgewood Elementary School

where overcrowding has already required expansion one year after opening.

Rezmierski said the district also faces fiscal challenges. He said a recent audit revealed the district lost \$2.6 million in state funding this past year. But, he added, the district weathered the cutbacks without classroom cuts. "The classroom was, and remains, the highest priority there is," he said.

Rezmierski also praised the accomplishments and efforts of educators and students. He cited "sensational achievements" by youngsters, above-and-beyond efforts by teachers, and parental

involvement in particular programs.

"We are not living out of our memories, but off the inspiration of what's possible," Rezmierski said.

Traci Sincok, director of Northville parks and recreation, also addressed the crowd. She said the effective use of a shared-service agreement between the city and township have netted the entire community positive results. Sharing school district facilities is another component of that successful formula.

Among ongoing parks and recreation projects, Sincok listed

the "No Stoppin' Northville" community-wide fitness initiative, an off-leash dog park opened last year, June completion of a senior center renovation and continued regular programming opportunities.

At the end of the luncheon, new Chamber president, Jody Humphries, was introduced. Humphries' official begins work May 3.

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Humphries named chamber president

By Maureen Johnston
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Jody Humphries was named last Wednesday, April 21 as the new Northville Chamber of Commerce president.

During a chamber-hosted State of the Community luncheon held at Meadowbrook Country Club, Humphries made her first formal community appearance. She will report to her South Main Street office next Monday.

Residents and area business owners can meet Humphries in-person shortly thereafter.

A meet-the-new Chamber president event is planned for 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 12, at Poole's Tavern on East Main Street. Chamber vice chair

Steve Fecht, who led efforts to fill the vacancy created by Laurie Marrs' March 31 retirement, briefly described Humphries' credentials for the annual luncheon audience.

He said Humphries most recently served as membership director at the Detroit Zoo for six years. The Ann Arbor resident said she grew up in Wayne and has friends who reside in Northville.

"I've known (Northville) all my life, actually," Humphries said. The luncheon last week was her first opportunity to begin matching names and faces. She was chosen from a 150-applicant candidate pool, following a nine-week search, Fecht said.

"I was very impressed by everyone -- how nice everyone was," Humphries said. "(Northville) really is a community. You really don't see that anymore."

Farmer's Market returns next week

Next Thursday, the familiar buzz of vendors selling and customers seeking the colors of spring will return to the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Farmer's Market is back -- starting May 6 and running through Oct. 28. New this year, hours are revised to 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. from previous year's 5 p.m. close.

Shoppers once again will be able to find flowers, plants and vegetables -- the variety of offerings changing with the growing season. On opening day, the Northville Downs corner lot will be alive with the yellows, reds, purples, pinks and greens of bed-

ding and potted plants.

Similar to previous years, vendors also will offer a variety of arts and crafts, garden art, baked goods, and various handmade items. Eighty participants in all will set up booths this spring and summer, said Janet Bloom, chamber marketing/events director.

"It's growing by leaps and bounds," Bloom said. "There will be some of your favorites and some new products, plants and crafts."

Chamber staff has posted information about the market's return around town. For more information, call the Chamber at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.



Michelle Gorton and daughter Sierra, 4, purchase some zinnias during a visit to the Northville Farmers' Market last year.



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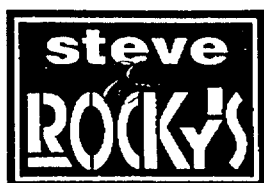
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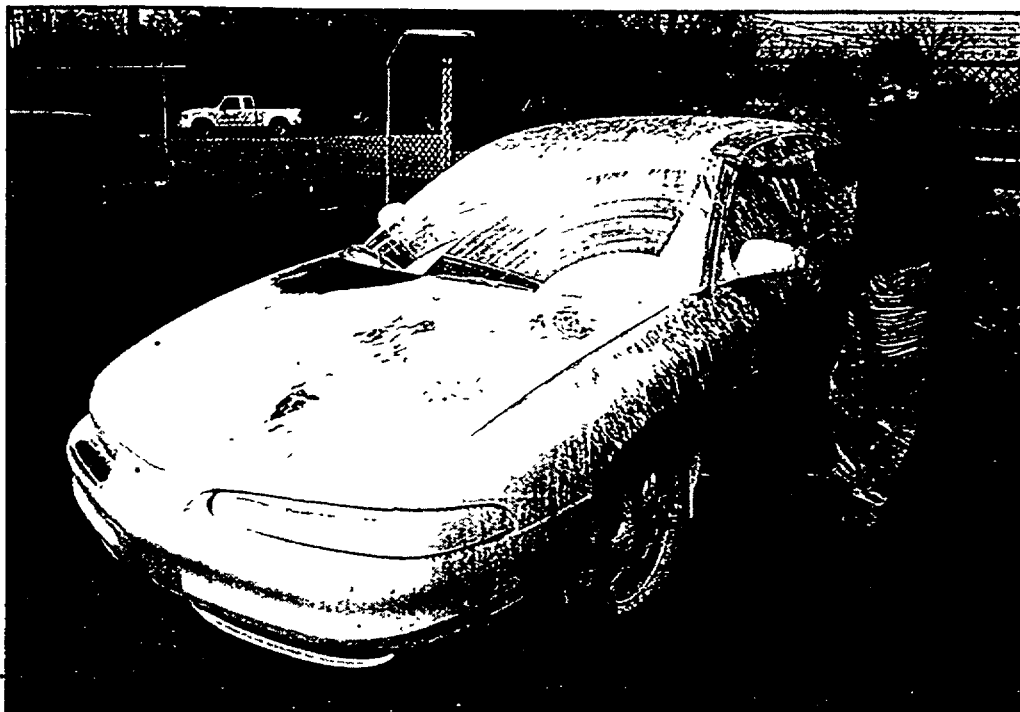


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Ruined by a paint accident

Robert Ahern, owner of Northville Collision, inspects a Northville resident's paint-splattered '99 Oldsmobile Intrigue at his Doheny Dr. shop last week. The car was "totaled" after it was coated by oil-based paints that fell off a delivery truck on I-96.

Novi Library has vision-aiding devices

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Vision loss can have a profound effect on a person's life.

Being able to read the daily newspaper or a label on a bottle of prescription drugs, for example, are important activities of daily living for many.

Members of the Novi Lion's Club are helping area residents with impaired vision with their donation of low-vision aids that can be checked out at the Novi Public Library.

About four or five years ago, the club donated more than 40 magnifiers to the library for public use.

And recently club members contributed \$1,460 for a display case for the devices.

"We thought if the devices were more visible — rather than behind the counter — that more people would use them," said Fred Young, president of the Novi Lions Club.

"We're really pleased to be able to donate something to the community," said Ed Kramer, second vice president of the club.

The low-vision aids come in many "different styles," such as lighted and non-lighted models,

hand-held ones, a large magnifier on a stand and several hands-free devices. Many are manufactured by Eschenbach, a company known for quality low-vision aids.

"A lot of the devices have the magnification levels on them," said Lucy Roehrig, head of Specialized Services at the library.

The Specialized Services department helps those with literacy, disability or mobility barriers to information access. Other staff members besides Roehrig include Mei Shih, librarian, and Carol Johnson, clerk.

Offerings in the department include special classes and programs; facility deliveries; a home-bound service; large print collection; literacy collection for patrons with an interest in English as a second language and adult basic literacy.

Adaptive technology available for those with vision problems includes an Optelec closed-circuit television magnifier, a Kurzweil reader that translates written text into audio format and a universal access Internet workstation equipped with an extra large monitor and talking Web browser software.

A device called "The Reading Edge" which scans printed material and reads it back is also available at the library.

The department also sponsors a Senior Book Discussion Group from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month and an e-mail reference service. Residents can e-mail questions at asknovi@tn.lib.mi.us.

"The purpose of the lending library on the low-vision aids is so that people can try out different ones before possibly buying one," Roehrig said.

"We do get a lot of elderly people who come in and take a couple home," she added.

Residents can check out the aids just like they would a library book and can take home two at a time for one month. There is no renewal when borrowing them.

Young noted that the Lions Clubs in Novi and Northville are in the midst of their White Cane Campaign, which goes on through the first weekend in May. Residents will see club members collecting donations at various intersections during the drive.

"All the money we raise goes back to charities that assist the visually impaired," Young said.

21-year-old named to Novi ZBA

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Most 21-year-olds are too busy with school, friends and other activities to think about being involved in city government.

But Justin Fischer of Novi is no ordinary 21-year-old.

This enterprising young man is so civic-minded that he recently captured a spot as an alternate member on the City of Novi's Zoning Board of Appeals.

He was appointed at the January 6 meeting. There were 10 applicants and four openings on the board, including the alternate spot. His term runs through January 2006.

"I just wanted to get involved," he said.

The Michigan State University junior, who's majoring in finance, will look for a job in the private sector when he graduates. But for now, he's helping decide important zoning issues in his community.

This summer, he'll be working at the Rochester office of Lear Corp., a Tier 1 automotive supplier, as a finance intern, as he did last summer.

"I really like finance," he said.

The son of Pat Fischer of Novi said he became interested in government while in college.

"I worked in Rep. Nancy Cassis' office and then in her Senate office for about four months each," he said. "She's definitely someone I admire. No one works harder than she does."

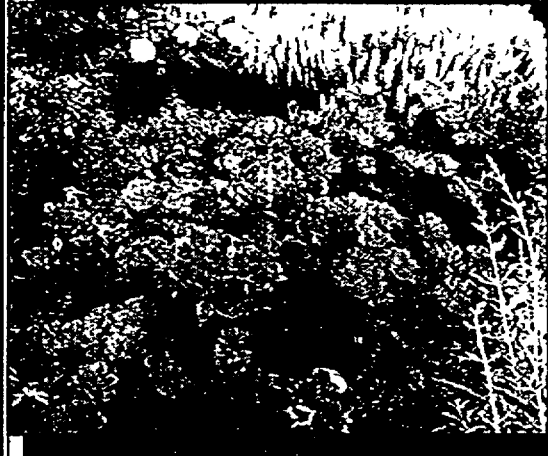
When interviewing for the post, Fischer said city leaders asked him why he thought he was the right person for the job.

"My response was that I felt that with my educational background, plus my knowledge of the city, combined with my experience in Sen. Cassis' office that these qualified me for the job," he said.

What makes his new position on the ZBA even more interesting is that Fischer is working as an intern for Congressman Mike Rogers (R-Brighton) in Washington, D.C., this semester.

So, he has to fly back to Novi whenever there is a ZBA meeting. Fortunately, his mother is supporting his cause. "Even though my mom's not interested in politics or government, she's willing to split the cost of the air fare with me," Fischer said.

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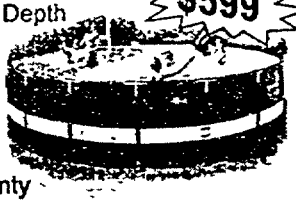
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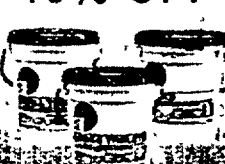
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While some seem not too amused, an audience member reacts with shock, left, to the fun theatrics of the Smudge Fundaes during their visit last week to Thornton Creek Elementary.

Diner serves up flavors of friendship

It's breakfast time, so Mel, Gary, Joe, Bill and Cliff are parked in the corner booth, talking some kind of business.



Maureen Johnston

Effie and her staff — gals regular customers call by their first names — are hustling between booths, serving up order-by-number morning meals.

And before a certain set of morning patrons meander to their seats, hot coffee arrives at the table of Doris and Fred Brownell, Ron and Gloria Dobransky, Joe and Marie Macura, and Lou and Margaret Denhof.

This comfortably predictable, family-like scenario years ago was the initial draw for the four long-time local couples. Now they credit the Northville Crossing restaurant with fostering friendships that have evolved into a vital, post-retirement lifestyle.

The family restaurant, with its row of vinyl booths and laminate tabletops, is one of Northville's landmarks virtually unchanged by the local development boom of the past decade. I rediscovered the diner (remember it as Mynx 20 years ago?) working on a recent story about Alex and Effie Alexandris. They were offering their restaurant for a spaghetti dinner to raise money to help restore the farm at Maybury State Park.

The four "Breakfast Club" couples — a.k.a. the "Egg Beaters" — were among the Northville Crossing regulars who broke routine to come in for an evening meal to support the cause.

Doris said she was wrapping up a seven-week stay in Florida when Margaret shared word of the at-that-time upcoming April 15 fundraiser. Of



Part of the regular morning breakfast crowd at the Northville Crossing restaurant, friends Ron and Gloria Dobransky, Fred and Doris Brownell, Joe and Marie Macura, and Lou and Margaret Denhof have expanded their outings to include trips to Florida, as shown here.

course, they would attend! And when the Brownells returned from the sunny south, they resumed their daily breakfast routine.

"There are a lot of people who are really regulars there," Doris said, citing her breakfast companions. "And I'm sure there is another set for lunch."

"Like the old guys in the corner booth," she said, citing fellow patrons always ready with a hello. "They're like family," she said. "If they're not there, we get nervous."

To illustrate their connection, she cited a recent conversation with the contractors when her daughter was in need of a local renovation recommendation. "I must have had 10 names within 10 seconds," she said.

The couples' daily entrance is a procession of greetings on the way back to their table. "Our husbands just shake their heads," Doris said laughing. "But they've gotten close, too."

The four core couples — and sometimes other diner patrons — now travel to Florida together, go dancing together, play cards at each other's homes, take in cultural events downtown and share the stories of their children's lives.

"Our entire social life has changed," Doris said. So, the initial, coincidental trips to the local diner — for this circle of acquaintances — created a new phase of friendships and an opportunity for new experiences.

Doris said she and her friends have this little restaurant — owned for the past 22 years by another Northville couple — to thank for fostering the community feeling in the town where their four families grew for 30 years.

"Life has been wonderful."

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Dave Raybin
Northville

Economy is recovering

The U.S. economy has been recovering vigorously for the past year. The Gross National Product and company profits have been vaulting upward.

This week, one of the top corporations in Michigan and the United States, General Motors, reported big earnings. A startling but revealing statistic in their earnings stands out as stark evidence that open trade throughout the world is a positive endeavor.

GM earned the biggest percentage of their profits — some \$275 million — from Asian sales, mostly from China. Yet some otherwise responsible politicians in our midst whine and complain about so called "outsourcing" and would like to erect a wall of fear around our state and society to capitalize on political anxieties.

I say — get with it! Let's see those weak-kneed propagators of fear start taking some positive actions and initiatives to improve Michigan's economy and bring jobs home.

What are those people in command of our economic fate doing? Let's quit the media games and plant our efforts into wooing more jobs and investment to Michigan.

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The impact of a Wal-Mart

It may have come as a sad surprise to us in Michigan when Wal-Mart surpassed General Motors as the world's biggest company. But it sure didn't



Phil Power

process grown into a competitive monster.

Just how monstrous? Plenty. Wal-Mart racked up \$256 billion in sales in the year ending Jan. 1. It operates nearly 3,000 giant discount stores and supercenters in the U.S. In Michigan, Wal-Mart has 45 stores, 23 supercenters and 23 Sam's Clubs in Michigan, which employ an amazing 26,113 "associates." According to The Economist magazine, eight out of every 10 American households shop at Wal-Mart at least once a year, and 100 million customers visit Wal-Mart stores worldwide every week.

When a company has this size and momentum, any little setback makes news. And so when 60 percent of the voters in Inglewood, a suburb of Los Angeles, turned down Wal-Mart's attempt to bypass the planning commission and build a new store, it made national headlines. Wal-Mart is beginning to experience problems in Michigan as well. The company has been trying to get zoning approval for a new store in Charlevoix Township for three years. A public hearing is supposed to be held in May, and advocates for the "This Is Our Town" opposition group claim the company's plans fail to

meet six out of nine requirements in the zoning ordinance.

The complaints about Wal-Mart are many. Its giant stores and supercenters chew up undeveloped land and spread sprawl. By buying up to \$15 billion worth of goods from Chinese suppliers each year, it is helping to destroy America's manufacturing base. Its business strategy of "Always Low Prices. Always" is based on heart on exploiting its 1.4 million employees, most of them poorly paid and without much chance of getting overtime.

The worst charge, in my mind, is that ruthless Wal-Mart is the chief engine of destruction for countless locally-owned "mom and pop" stores and, thus, the major reason for the hollowing out of previously thriving downtowns in little communities all over the country.

Some of my newspapers serve communities where Wal-Mart operates, so I thought it would make sense to check out the facts.

In Charlotte, a thriving community southwest of Lansing, Publisher Tricia Johnson reports that Wal-Mart, which opened in 1991, almost certainly caused the closure of a Carter's food store at a mall outside of town and probably had a hand in the closure of two small town independent grocery stores, Carl's of Olivet and Carl's of Sunfield. But, according to Johnson, "our downtown remains successful; both our strip malls are full, and we have a good number of niche businesses in the community, many of them downtown."

The same story seems to be the case in Howell, where Maria Stuart is the editor of Michigan's most rapidly growing daily newspaper, The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus. According to Stuart, when folks in downtown Howell heard that Wal-Mart was coming, "they were scared to death. Some local stores shut down after Wal-Mart opened, but many of them most likely would have closed down anyway."

Overall, Stuart says the impact of Wal-Mart has been less than many expected. "With the coming of lots of

'big box' stores in the Livingston County area, the independent stores are anxious, but they realize that if they give outstanding personal service, a good range of merchandise and fair prices, they'll do just fine."

Certainly, Wal-Mart had a part in the bankruptcy of Kmart, a Michigan company now trying to make it back to profitability. (Not that Kmart didn't bring many of its woes on itself.) And, Wal-Mart's efficiency and good management is forcing other competitors — Meijer and Costco come quickly to mind — to sharpen up. But that's simply the rigorous logic of a competitive, free market economy.

More worrisome, to my mind at least, is Wal-Mart's uncertain commitment to sustain the communities where it operates. "They work hard — and very shrewdly — on their reputation as a good corporate citizen," according to a competitor who choose not to be identified. Wal-Mart speedily joins the local chamber of commerce, allows youth groups to use its parking lots for car washes, and the like. However, according to Wal-Mart's PR office, the company spends 1.3 percent of its pretax profit (not counting contributions in kind) on philanthropic community relations, substantially less than the 5 percent spent by Meijer and Target, both big box store competitors.

I've always found shopping at locally-owned, downtown "mom and pop" stores far more personally satisfying than being just another number in Wal-Mart's relentless search for growth. And when word gets out that Wal-Mart might be coming to a community served by one of these newspapers, my first instinct is to advise folks in the downtown to batten down the hatches and get ready to compete like crazy.

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

The modern era and Highland Park

You'd never guess it, but our modern era was born in Highland Park, a tiny town where many of the side streets look like a scene from some post-



Jack Lessenberry

That's on the west side of Woodward Avenue.

Blocks away, over on the east side, a giant abandoned factory stretches for more than a block behind a shopping plaza that recently lost the city's only full-service grocery store. There is no marker, no tour guides to explain it.

But you can tell it was once something special, and it was. Ninety years ago, thousands worked here, creating the 20th century. One day in 1913, they took a picture of 12,000 of them surrounding the building, called "the most expensive photo ever made," since they posed on company time.

Ford Motor Company, that is. What was made here was the Model T, the car which put the nation on wheels. That changed everything; how we saw ourselves and our world. Fifteen million Model T's clattered out of this building.

Now, however, it is abandoned and forgotten. When Detroit was celebrating its 300th anniversary three years ago, nobody said a word about Highland Park, the city where the automotive revolution began. Ford did nothing, despite the pleas of Harriet Saperstein, whose

non-profit economic growth organization, HP Devco, is responsible for what tiny flickers of life exist in a city that by any reasonable measure, should be given up as lost.

Today, the most optimistic thing you can say about Highland Park is that it is in desperate shape. When the last Model T rolled off the line in 1927, it had something like 53,000 residents in three jam-packed square miles. They lived mainly in comfortable-to-elegant wood-frame homes.

The population today is barely 16,000, who are disproportionately old, jobless, terribly poor, and nearly all black. Unemployment was 22.7 percent last month. That was good news; it had been 24 percent.

Nearly half the children in the city live in deep poverty. The city is being run by an emergency financial manager appointed in 2001, after the city could not pay its bills. She found the records were in complete chaos.

Today, on the surface, things look even worse. The epidemic of arson that devastated many streets seem to have abated. But the city's one Blockbuster Video has closed. The Farmer Jack, which opened in 1997 to considerable fanfare in front of the old plant (shoppers entered the store walking under a glass-enclosed Model T) was replaced by a no-frills "Food Basics" store.

How did the city that put America on wheels come to this? What happened was "that a lot of people made money here and then abandoned Highland Park," said Saperstein, whose job is to be constantly on the lookout for anything that might bring in jobs.

Ford gradually phased out of the city after the Model T ended production in 1927. But that wasn't the end of Highland Park. For many more years it served as Chrysler's headquarters. But in 1987, Chrysler left town.

That finished the town. Nearly three-quarters of the city's tax base immedi-

ately vanished. To Chrysler's credit, it contributed \$5 million to start HP Devco, the cause for which Harriet, the wife of a physics professor at Wayne State, and a few faithful lieutenants have labored for years. They've had their successes, mainly an industrial park on the east side of town. One employer, Budco, Inc. has created more than 1,000 jobs. But it isn't enough. It is hard to see how the city can ever make it.

Titus McClary believes, however. He was elected mayor last fall, replacing a man who spent much of his time in Tennessee. "I think we've turned the corner," said McClary, 66, a retired policeman whose mother moved to Highland Park in 1952 because the school system provided free books.

The mayor is happy that the city was allowed to issue \$6.3 million in bonds earlier this year. That enabled Highland Park to pay pensions it had gotten behind on, and some other debts. "Now we just have to get some new business to move to the city." That won't be easy, he concedes, largely because of crime. There isn't much left of the city's police force, but sheriff's deputies now patrol Highland Park's streets.

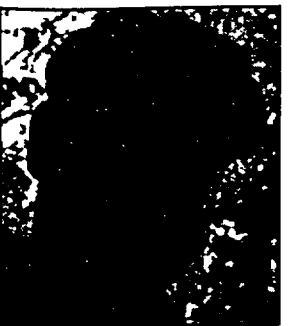
Saperstein thinks it would help a lot if the company that started it all would do its part. Repeatedly, she has asked Ford for some help. But Ford said no; they were putting their philanthropic efforts elsewhere. (A Ford spokesman didn't return a call for this column.)

"I do believe that Ford has more responsibility to Highland Park than it has shown so far," she said. The town sprung up, she notes, because of the automaker, which then left it to rot. Ford, she believes, needs a better idea.

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Moderation is the key to a healthy life

I've seen a lot of people over the years make the mistake of putting too much time and energy into one activity or another.



Ernie Harwell

They'd develop an interest and, suddenly, that's their whole life. I saw it in college, in the Marines, and in my time as a

reporter and broadcaster.

I've always felt that one of the most underrated "secrets" to living healthy is to lead a life of moderation. Whether it's working, eating, drinking, watching TV, spending time on the Internet, or even exercising. It's important to make sure we maintain a sense of balance. Don't overdo it.

Not investing too much in one aspect of our lives helps us focus and keep our perspective on what's truly important in life.

I believe it was Cicero who said, "Never go to excess, but let moderation be your guide."

It's worked for me over all these years, and I think it just makes good

sense.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

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 titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

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Novi Theatres presents 'Prince and the Pauper'

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Novi Theatres cast members will present the play adapted from the late author Mark Twain's classic story, "The Prince and the Pauper," May 14-16 at the Novi Civic Center Stage.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. May 14 and 15 and at 3 p.m. May 16.

The story revolves around a strange phenomenon that occurs when two young boys from different backgrounds become friends. When commoner Tom Canty and Prince Edward exchange clothes, they end up exchanging positions, too.

Nothing Canty can say can convince the Court that he isn't their lawful prince and heir. And, poor Prince Edward finds life as a beggar boy pretty rough.

The boys have many difficulties until they manage to once more exchange their clothes and

resume their original roles in life — each a better person for having lived for a little while in someone else's shoes.

Josh Gronlund plays the Prince, and Blake Gronlund plays the Pauper. This is the second performance with the Novi Theatres for the identical twins from Walled Lake. They first appeared in the recent musical South Pacific, according to Linda Wickert, artistic director.

Other cast members include Tim Markham of Novi as Miles Hendon, Devan Malone of Northville as Lady Olivia, Brianna Blossfeld of Novi as Lady Gwen, Krista Tice of Novi as Lady Jane and Courtney Morelock of Novi as Old Biddy.

The play is being directed by Laura Uiter, with Alex Lepola serving as assistant director. Stephanie Bommarito, a sophomore from Northville High School, is the stage manager.

John Verloove, lighting design-

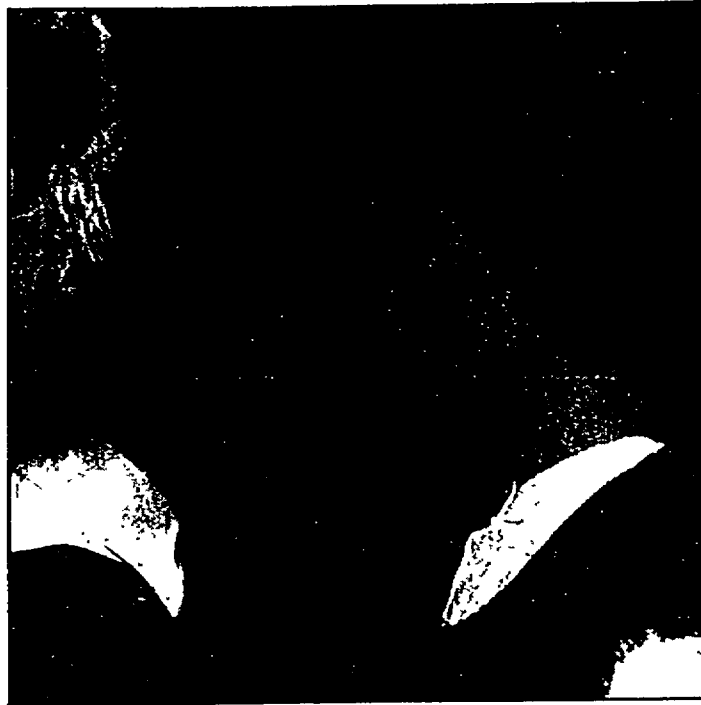
er, and Katie Monthei, set designer, are active in Wayne State University Theatres' productions.

Costumes were designed by Marilee Dechart and Alice Smith. "The play was chosen by a script committee formed by a group of adult actors who showed a great interest in the Novi Theatres. I found it to be a lonely job and was glad to have the input," Wickert said.

"We are always looking for new children's plays that afford us the luxury of a large cast, and we always choose classics with a big name appeal. By now, many children are familiar with the movie," she said.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. The "at the door" prices start at 5 p.m. on May 14. Performances are not recommended for children under age 3.

The Novi Civic Center Stage is located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.



Josh Gronlund will play the Prince, and Blake Gronlund will play the Pauper when Novi Theatres presents "The Prince & the Pauper," May 14, 15 and 16 at the Novi Civic Center Stage. The Gronlunds are identical twins from Walled Lake. The play, adapted from Mark Twain's classic, recounts the adventures of two boys from different backgrounds who exchange lives when they exchange their clothing. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 after 5 p.m. May 14. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

HAP funding targets chronic lower back pain

Health Alliance Plan (HAP) has awarded \$878,000 to the Center for Complementary and Integrative Medicine for an innovative chronic low back pain study. The center, located in Novi, is part of Henry Ford Health System.

The study, led by Robert A. Levine, Ph.D., co-director of the center, aims to improve the quality of care for chronic low back pain sufferers while reducing health care costs. The back pain study will involve 180 HAP members in metro Detroit.

"The goal of the integrative medicine-based program designed by Dr. Levine is to improve outcomes for patients while reducing potentially unnecessary surgery, high-technology testing, and pharmaceuticals," said Mary Beth Bolton, M.D., HAP senior vice president and chief medical officer.

More than 100 million people in the United States suffer from chronic low back pain. The disease is a significant, multi-billion dollar cost to American society, taking into account health care costs, time off of work and lost productivity.

Low back pain is traditionally treated with physical therapy to rehabilitate the patient and phar-

maceuticals, such as pain killers and anti-inflammatory drugs, to manage pain. In severe cases, surgery or injections are employed.

"HAP is providing a great service to the medical community by providing funding for a back pain program that will be easily reproduced throughout the health care system," said Levine.

Patients will initially be evaluated by Shlomo Mandel, M.D., a Henry Ford Hospital orthopedic specialist. Participants will then receive conventional care or one of two innovative approaches to treating back pain:

- **Comprehensive Integrative Care** — includes chiropractic manipulation, neuromuscular therapy, movement reeducation (breaks dysfunctional movement patterns), acupuncture, and hypnotherapy.

- **Streamlined Integrative Care** — includes therapy that restores neuromuscular balance, non-needling acupuncture, a joint mobilization technique, and hypnotherapy. Both services employ hypnotherapy to enable patients to be aware of how their subconscious mind drives automatic reactions that can lock back pain in place. Patients are trained in self-hypnosis, which they can use to suppress automatic reactions.

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Court Proceedings

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 16.

- Jasun Anwat Overton — felonious assault, domestic violence (second offense notice-2 counts), sentence enhancement (third offense).

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 19.

- Howard Lincoln Dell — Felonious assault, domestic violence, unauthorized telephone tap, sentence enhancement (second offense).

- Amy Marie Krause — No account check (three counts).
- Justen Steven McBroom — Breaking and entering.

- Derrick Delorean Collins — Possession of controlled substance less than 25 grams, sentence enhancement (3rd offense).

- Michael Terry Gore — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense), driving while license suspended (second or subsequent offense), unlawful use of plate.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 20.

- Robert Murray Bookmyer, Jr. — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense felony).

- Daniel Les Fauer — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense felony), sentence enhancement (second offense).

- Donnie Allen Watson — Home invasion - second degree.

- Corey Allen Honeyman — Home invasion - second degree, home invasion - third degree, sentence enhancement (third offense).

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 21.

- Melonie Renee Burton — Uttering and publishing (two counts).

- Terry Cooper — Delivery and manufacture marijuana.

- Jeffrey Paul Lemieux — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense felony), driving while license suspended.

felony), driving while license suspended.

- Matthew James Luther — Probation violation of financial transaction device, sentence enhancement (third offense).

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 22.

- Ronald John Broden — operating under the influence of alcohol per se (third offense felony), unlawful use of plate, driving while license suspended, sentence enhancement (third offense).

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 23.

- David Scott Clement — Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense).

- Juan M. Gomez-Bejarano — Conspiracy-FTD, financial transaction device (two counts).

- Abel Alberto Guiza-Suarez — Conspiracy-FTD, financial transaction device (two counts), sentence enhancement (second offense).

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In tune at Ridge Wood

Nora Schankin, bassoon player with the Ann Arbor Symphony Wooden Quintet, demonstrates her instrument to an assembly of Ridge Wood Elementary

School students on Friday morning. The visit by members of the Ann Arbor Symphony was made possible through the school's Junior Enrichment Series.

Latin American recording star performs at high school

Justo Lamas set for April 29 concert at NHS

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

About 800 students are expected at Northville High School today for a special performance by Latin American recording artist Justo Lamas.

Lamas will perform inside the high school auditorium 9 a.m. April 29 for about 140 Northville kids along with hundreds of other high school students traveling from as far as Battle and Swartz Creek.

Northville High School Spanish teacher Emily Serafa Manschot is responsible for organizing the event.

"He is a very popular singer from Argentina and he is now singing in the United States," she said. Manschot said Lamas' objectives through his performance are promoting Spanish to foreign language students, delivering information about the culture of Argentina and staying away from alcohol and drugs.

His songs are described as reinforcing the concepts of self-esteem and respect for others.

"He is the whole package," Manschot said. "He really is."

The Spanish teacher said she originally invited Lamas' manager to speak to her students.

The manager asked if Lamas could come too and Manschot replied yes without realizing the impact the artist makes.

"I didn't know how it would go over at first," Manschot said. "But it has gone over like wildfire."

The concert is touted as an energizing, uplifting experience with plenty of interaction.

Many students attending the concert will be invited on stage to dance with Lamas' wife, a professional dancer. Manschot said the school is very excited for the event.

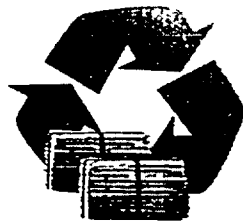
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On Campus

Novi resident Carrie E. Wasalaski was named to the Dean's List at Western Michigan

University for fall 2003 semester. She also received her Bachelor of Business Administration Degree

in Business Management. She is the daughter of Larry and Elizabeth Wasalaski.



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Marie Snyder sinks an eagle as Mustang golf earns wins

Senior golfer Marie Snyder must have been thrilled when her ball bounced once before she was able to putt it in for the eagle last week in a dual meet. If she wasn't excited, we're sure the rest of her team was.

Snyder's success just added to the play the Mustangs have been putting forth recently. They even set their team-best record for finishes at the always-strong field of the Brighton Invitational.

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Boys track just can't top Canton

Illness was just one of the things that slowed the Mustangs boys track team from getting victory against their WLAA rival Canton last week. The meet wasn't all for naught though as the squad still racked up a few first and second-place finishes to increase their experience and confidence.

— See Page B2 for details

Ruggers finally get season on track with a little help

The Northville-Novu Knights rugby football club was in full swing at the Michigan Cup tournament until their numbers started dwindling from "previous" commitments by the members of the team. Thankfully, they had a little help from their friends.

Ruggers from Livonia's squad jumped on board to help Northville-Novu make a clean, 3-0, sweep of the tournament to win their bracket.

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Steve Minier finds new friend in old Livonia Stevenson foe

Northville senior and current rugby player Steve Minier had been tossed around more than once on the wrestling mat while grappling up one weight class. One of those who had done some of that tossing was Livonia Stevenson's Joe Bargerstock. Well, low and behold, when the Knights rugby team found itself low on players, Bargerstock and some of his teammates from Livonia's team were more than happy to help out. The result? The Knights won the match and rumor has it that Minier doesn't mind having been thrown around after all — it seems Bargerstock is a darn good fellow and now one of Minier's friends.

Mustangs get big WLAA wins on baseball diamond

Thanks to some impressive pitching across the board from the likes of Brian Tellish, Steve Besk and Mark Sorensen, the Northville Mustangs pounded out some big wins in Western Lakes Activities Association play as well as a solid win in the Clarkston Invitational Baseball Tournament last week.

Northville has seen some strong batting and some very strong pitching for this time of year and both the offense and the defense plan to continue their growth and excellent play to try to reach their goal of a division and conference title.

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Crawford ties school record

Northville senior gets pole vault mark as Mustangs trample Western Lakes rival Canton Chiefs

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Much like trying to go back to work after a long vacation, coming back into sports after Spring Break isn't easy for anyone.

The Northville Mustangs girls' track and field team could have had their first meet after the break go one way or the other. Either they were going to get a decent victory or they were going to lose by a decent margin — it was most definitely the earlier choice. The Mustangs used their extreme depth in talent, determination and dedication to pound out a 100-37 shelling of the Canton Chiefs April 22.

"We were extremely pleased today with the performances put in by the entire team after being gone for a week," Northville coach Nancy Smith said after the meet. "If today is an example for the rest of the season than we can look forward to great things ahead."

The Mustangs made noise across the board as they pounded out a win in their division to help jump out to a good start for their division-title hunt. In the field events, Liz Watza started her squad out with an impressive performance with a throw of 27-feet-9-inches in the shot put while fellow hurler Jenna Sioff took first in the discus with a season-best performance of 82-1. Diana Deabis took third with a hurl of 81-1 in the discus as well.

In the high jump, Andrea Watts wasn't about to let first slip out of her grasp as she went airborne with a jump of 4-10. Emily Weaver impressed her competitors and the coaches with a jump of 4-6 on her first competitive jumps on the season.

The pole vault found the Mustangs remaining very competitive as senior Amanda Crawford cleared 7-6 to tie the school record — a feat she had hoped to accomplish even last year when she was vaulting for

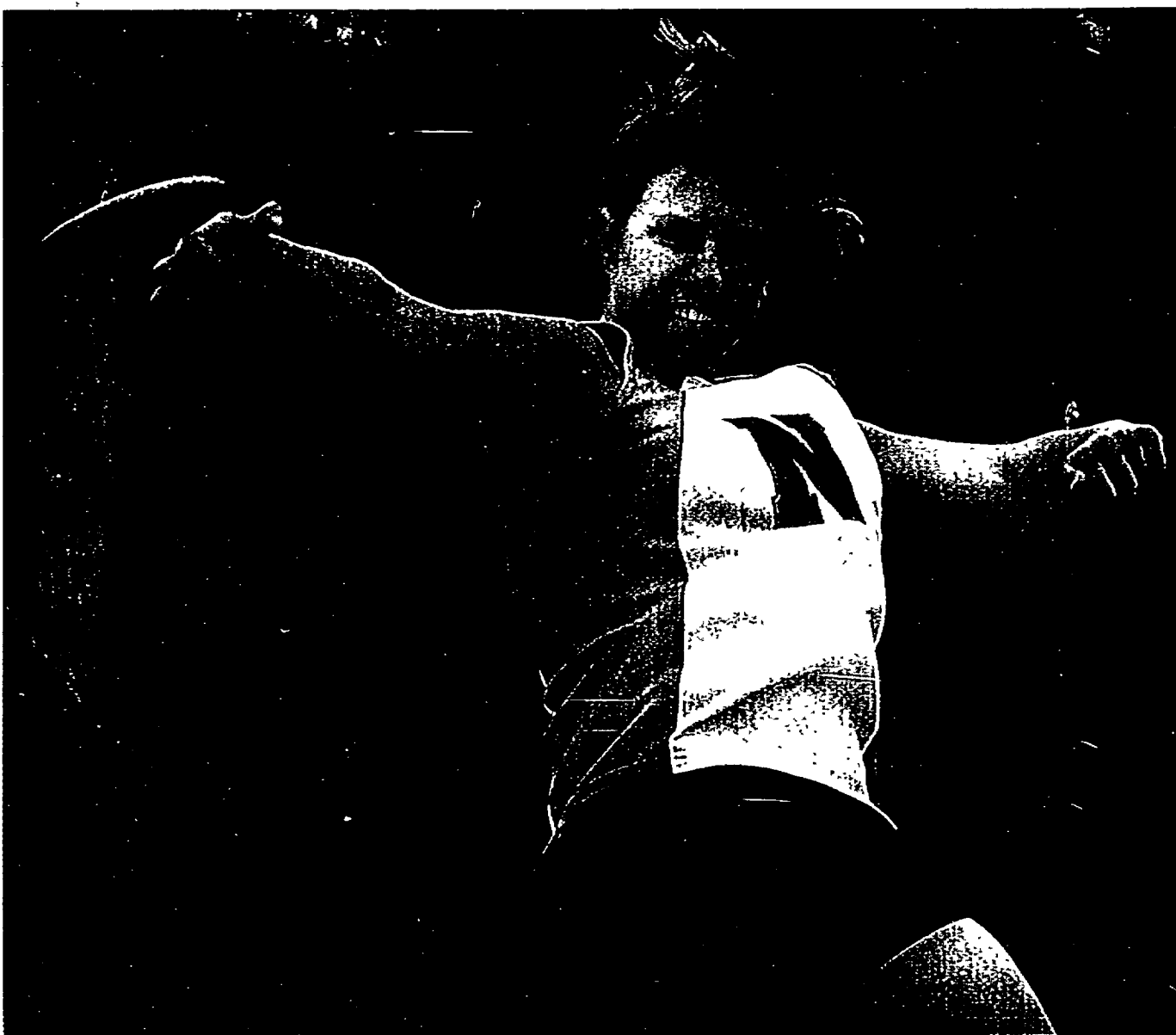


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Mustang Jenna Sioff throws a first place-finisher of 82'1" in discus during last week's home meet against Canton.

the first time ever. In the final field event of the day, Erica Dobson took second in the long jump, clearing 14-9, while Kari Oshanski went third with a 13-11 and Laura Keys leapt 13-6 for fourth place.

Northville wasn't shy about showing off their depth in the running events either and start-

ed where the field events left off — on top.

The 3200-meter relay team of Bryn Smetana, Kate McClymont, Megan Keiffer and Devon Rupley took first in 10:32 — a whopping 45 seconds faster than Canton. Oshanski and Watts combined their talents again, but this time in the

hurdle events. Watts took third in the 100 hurdles with a time of 18.1 seconds and first in the 300 hurdles in 51.3 seconds. Oshanski took second in the 100 hurdles with an 18.0 and second in the 300 with a 53.4.

Northville's sprint relay teams were more than impressive on the day with all three

capturing a first-place finish to help propel the Mustangs to victory. The 400 relay team of Emily Kreichelt, Jamie Somerville, Melissa Brais and Julie Foucher ran a 54.7 second race while the 800 relay team of

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Mustangs squish foes with red-hot bats

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

So what is a good word to use in place of domination? How about M-U-S-T-A-N-G-S?

The Northville Mustangs softball team made no quarrels about being the best team on the field as they crushed both Wayne Memorial and Fordson, 23-0 and 18-0, respectively.

"The offense was great," Northville coach Jean Calabrese said of the victory over conference foe Wayne. "Everyone was hitting the ball and hitting it hard."

The game, which lasted just three innings before being called by the officials, found Jane Kruszewski and Lisa Mueller combine for Northville's second no-hitter of the year.

"We capitalized on mistakes and generated runs using a variety of tools," Calabrese said.

"We were able to score with hits and bunts."

But the game wasn't perfect for Northville. In fact, on the defensive end of the ball they had one bad throw.

"It didn't cost us anything," Calabrese noted.

Overall, the squad did an outstanding job.

"We just played well," Calabrese said. "It was a big win for us because it was our first conference game of the year."

And even when they aren't playing conference schools, Northville is ready to get the mercy victory just as they did against Fordson, 18-0.

Mueller earned the victory on the mound, going all five innings of the mercy victory and throwing four strikeouts and allowing just four hits.

On the offensive side of the game, Erin Fleishaker and Kim

Northville finds successes even in loss to rival

It was a loss, but it didn't feel so much like a loss to the Northville Mustangs softball team.

The squad, coached by Jean Calabrese, fell to Canton April 23, 6-0.

"That really doesn't tell the story," Calabrese said. "We out hit Canton, but defensively we didn't play as well as we can."

The Mustangs gave up five errors in the field and three walks on their way to the loss while Canton was quick to make the best of the opportunities that were given to them.

Jane Kruszewski pitched a complete game and took the

loss.

Though they lost, the Mustangs made it into one heck of a showing. Kim Larson made two highlight-reel catches as she dove for hits in right field for the outs. Christy Badeen made a diving catch at third base and Laura Zima and Kruszewski teamed up to stop a suicide-squeeze attempt.

Zima also combined with senior Erin Fleishaker and her freshman sister, Elise, at shortstop to pick off a runner from first.

"These plays showed the type of heads-up ball this team is capable of playing," Calabrese

said. "We are young and we are still putting some things together but we have the talent to make our mark."

The key is to attempt to eliminate the mental mistakes that are hurting the squad.

"If we can cut down the errors, we will be competitive with everyone in our league," Calabrese said. "We need to keep positive, keep hitting, field the ball and run the bases. We are pretty solid. We just need to be solid against the good teams and not get intimidated."

— By Sam Eggleston

Amanda Crawford Senior Track and Field

Crawford said last year that she hoped to learn pole vaulting to the point that she would tie the school record. Well, guess what? That's right, Crawford earned that goal and reached the 7-foot-6-inches mark in the Mustangs recent win over the Canton Chiefs. Crawford doesn't mind vaulting — she was also a gymnast who vaulted in the winter.



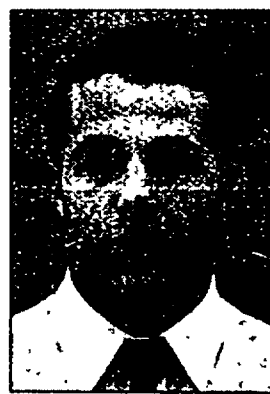
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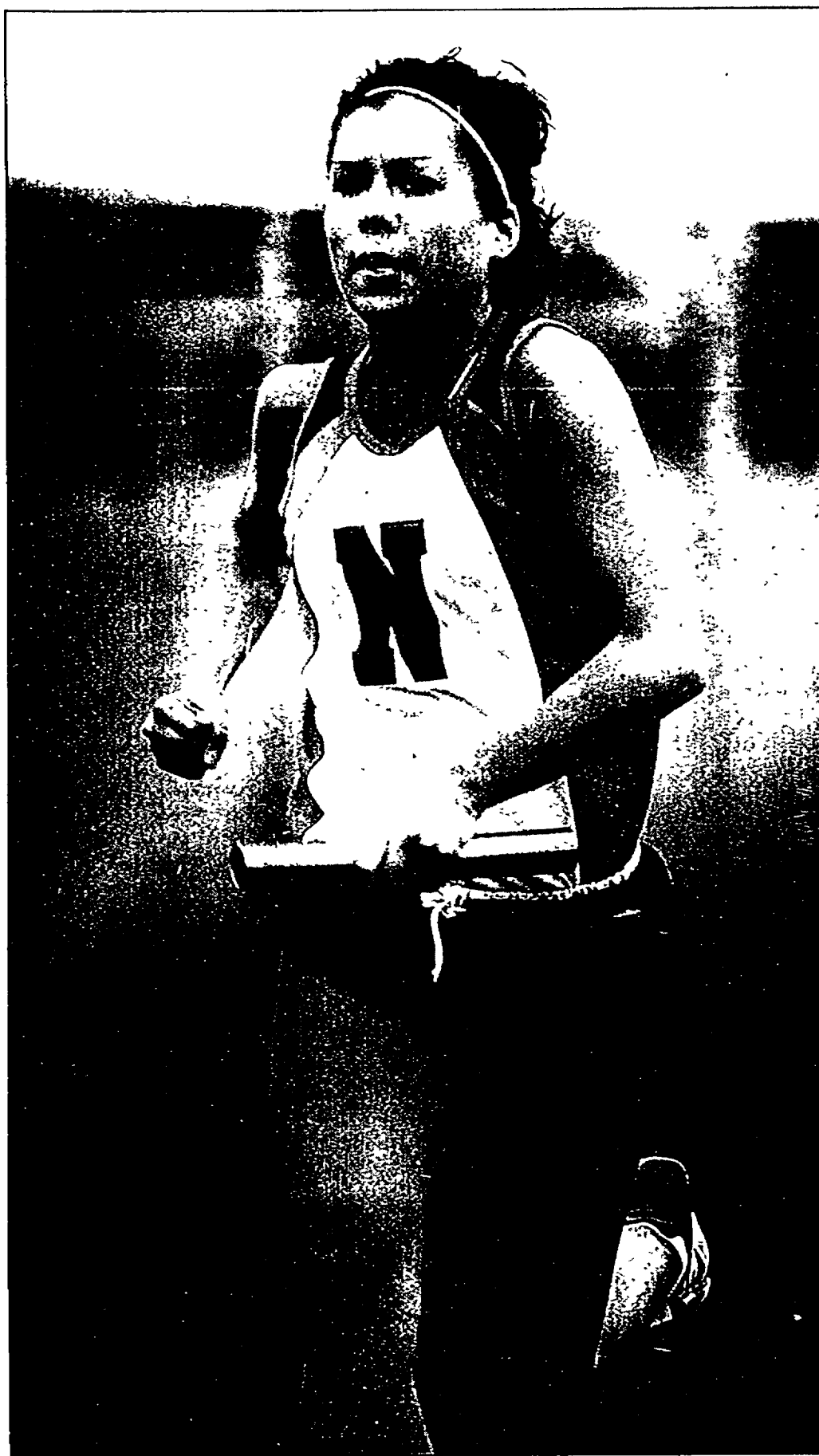


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Ben Mason Senior Rugby

You have to give this guy credit — he's not afraid of anything. Mason, who was also a wrestler going up a weight class in the winter, is a key component to the Northville-Novu Knights rugby team. Something about pain much just delight him as he weighs about 180 pounds and plays prop on the front line. He's scrappy, that's for sure.





Mustang runner Allcia Watts competes in the 4x200 meter relay race during a home meet against Canton.

Mustangs dominate Plymouth Canton Chiefs

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Kreichelt, Laura Keys, Brains and Foucher took a 1:53 for the victory. The 1600-meter relay team ran to victory in 4:27 as the team of Watts, Smetana, Brains and Rupley put together some impressive times for the win.

"For us to sweep all four relays is a great accomplishment and shows us how strong our team is getting and how important teamwork is," Smith said.

Kreichelt had another impressive day in the sprints as she took first in the 100 in 13.1 seconds and first in the 200 with a 27.8 time. Foucher also had impressive runs, taking third in the 100 in 13.4 and second in the 200 in 29.2 seconds.

"This one-two combination is a great asset to the program," Smith said. "The best part is that they are both freshman and we have them for three more years."

Having such strong sprinters is a credit to the growth the track team has experienced over the past few years and the athletes it now draws.

"We haven't had many great young sprinters over the last few years and these two will definitely leave a mark on the program," Smith noted.

And not to be outdone, Smetana captured the 400 in an all-out sprint, finishing in a time of 1:05 — her fastest of the season.

The distance corps continued to show its strength as they swept all the points in the 1600, 3200 and 800 meter races.

In the one mile run, McClymont took first in 5:41 while Molly Gavin snagged second in 5:50 and Liz Hrivnak was third in 5:52. In the 800, Rupley captured first in 2:29 while Hrivnak showed great promise with a second in 2:38 and McClymont was right on her tail with a 2:43 for third.

To finish off the distance events, the Mustangs turned to

their high-stamina athletes and Gavin, Megan Sheremet and Andrea Moehle answered the call. Gavin earned the victory in the event, running a 12:20 in the two mile while Sheremet took second in 13:03 and Moehle was third in 13:11.

"The distance squad continued to be successful and continues to improve from meet to meet," Smith said of her squad that continued "striving for improvement."

The Mustangs will be back in action today when they visit Livonia Churchill at 4 p.m.

"This is always a tough meet and our most competitive," Smith said. "I know we can compete with Churchill. It won't be an easy win for either of us."

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Photo by John Heider
Mustang hurdler Andrea Watts clears a barrier in the 300 meter race during a late April home meet against Canton. Watts won the race.

Boys just can't get the best of Canton

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It wasn't the way the Northville Mustangs had imagined their first big meet after Spring Break to work out — but that's the way the cookie crumbled nonetheless.

The Mustangs boys track and field team fell to the Canton Chiefs, 83-54, and found some very extremely odd situations holding them down.

The first sign of trouble was when sickness held down the top flier on the team.

"Alan Shanoski was sick and got second in the high jump at six feet," Northville coach Bill Cornelius said.

But that didn't deter other leapers on the team. Senior Bill Brown flew 21-feet-5-inches for a personal best jump and the top spot in the long jump.

The Mustangs also earned points with a first in the 4-by-800

with a time of 9:29.7. In the 1600 run, Tim Dalton took first in 4:42 and finished a close second to teammate Colin Keiffer in the 800 with a 2:06.5.

The 3200 was Northville race without a question as freshman Jasen Turnbull looked to let the conference know he's running to be the best in the event. Turnbull won in 10:18.

Rob Steiner, Dalton, Keiffer and Momchil Filev combined their talents in the 1600 relay and won with a time of 3:36.

"Although Canton won most of the events, I was encouraged by the performances of our second place athletes," Cornelius said.

Ken Schleh took second in the discus with a throw of 121-9, while Filev ran to second in the 110 hurdles in 15.5 seconds and second in the 300 hurdles in 23.3 seconds.

Brown took second in the 100 meter dash in 11.3, while taking

a 23.3 in the 300 for second.

The 4-by-100 relay team of Tim Downing, Filev, Mike Cornelius and Brown ran and excellent time of 44.4 seconds for second.

"We lost several close races so we are looking forward to a rematch with Canton at the conference meet," Cornelius said. "I think we are going to surprise some people against this year at this Saturday's Observerland Relays at Churchill High School where we finished third out of 19 teams last year."

Field events start at 3:30 p.m. and running events kick off at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Northville will first host Churchill today at 4 p.m.

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Tennis getting big wins

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Even with the pleasures of Spring Break still fresh in their memories, the Northville Mustangs boys tennis team managed to make the best of their first two games back from vacation.

The squad, which is coached by Chris Ford, earned an 8-0 win over the Canton Chiefs April 20 before topping Livonia Churchill 7-1 two days later.

Against Churchill, the Mustangs took every flight except four singles.

"Jackson Knoll was down in Texas at a soccer tournament, so we moved Chris (Irvine) down with Matt (Lewicki) and put Bret Eathorne at four singles," Ford explained. "Barring any injuries, we plan on having everyone back to their flights this week."

Though Eathorne didn't earn

a victory, he still put forth a strong effort before falling to Phil Sulejmani, 6-1, 6-2.

The rest of the Mustangs helped keep the ship afloat though and earned wins through the remainder of the flights. At one singles, Jason Spruit topped Trevor Kogut, 6-0, 6-1, while John Lee topped Glenn Woznia, 7-5, 6-1 in the second flight.

At three singles, Brian Bensette beat Mike Ligeski, 6-4, 7-5.

The doubles flights held the broom of domination as they swept through their charger foes for victory. At one doubles, Lewicki and Irvine combined their talents — just like last year — and beat Even Be and Mike Layne in three sets, 6-4, 6-7, 6-2. In two doubles action, Colin Ackerman and Jeremy Riseman topped Casey Green and Pete Schrader, 7-5, 6-0.

The third doubles flight of

Lance Dehne and Nate Mehili earned a 6-0, 6-1 win over Mike Han and Austin Be. The fourth doubles flight also earned a win as Ashtyn Saltz and Verun Shekhar beat Rich Simkon and Kyle Andersen, 7-6, 6-4.

"Everyone is playing very hard and we're looking forward to the rest of the conference," Ford said of his squad's 3-2 overall record and 2-0 league standing. "We have four matches this week and I hope everyone stays healthy."

Ford said the trouble with having such a packed schedule is the fact that there is no time to really practice.

"You can't work out any kinks," he said. "You don't want to tinker too much in games either. But, everyone is in the same situation. With rain outs and stacking situations, I have to say I like our chances

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The Novi-Northville Knights rugby football club goes into action with a line-out play last week. Being hoisted is Steve Minier, while Mike Subu and Ben Mason do the hoisting. The other squad is Brighton, who the Knights defeated, 10-0.

Knights get game back on right track

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Just when the season looked like it might as well be over for the Northville-Novu Knights Rugby Football Club, they scrapped together three back-to-back wins to get it back on the right track.

Unfortunately, those wins weren't all done by Knights. The squad, which went 3-0 in the Michigan Cup Rugby Tournament last week, had to even borrow players from Livonia in their final match of the day to complete their roster — but it didn't phase the squad any.

"The kids who chose to not show up here missed the most fun day of all," senior starter Ben Mason said after the tournament went asked about having to recruit to field their team.

The third game, which found Northville, Novi and Livonia players happily working together, found the Knights pounding out a 19-0 victory over their foes from St. Joseph's.

Mike Menghini scored the first try for the Knights, taking in the ball during the first half for five points before Livonia Stevenson's Joe Bargerstock, a senior, sent the two-point kick through the uprights for the 7-0 lead to end the first half.

The second half of the third game was all about teamwork as well. Northville senior Steve Minier, showing what has helped make him a true athlete for the high school through his career, carried the ball in for a try and the 12-0 lead before Stevenson senior Steve Bronsted hauled in a score of his own. The second try was followed up by Bargerstock's two-point kick for the final, 19-0.

The second game of the tournament was probably the truest showing of the Knights' potential this year. The squad faced off against a very competitive Howell club and watched as the Highlanders took the ball in during the first half for the lead. The Northville-Novu squad was determined though and that was a facet of their game which was shown in great detail as Novi senior and team captain A.J. Morris backed the ball up deep in the Howell zone before recovering it and giving it up to Mike Subu, who thundered into the try-zone for the score.

The Knights were far from being finished with the Highlanders. The squad took the ball over in the scrum before flipping it out to the backs who fed the ball out wide in a sweeping run up field. Novi sophomore Liam Dillon tossed a lateral to Michael Garipey and then ran interference as Garipey took the ball in for the try for a 10-5 lead at the half.

In the second stanza, the Knights were all about winning. The squad's defense played a strong game of field position as Mason ran down a clearing kick for a text-book tackle deep in the Howell zone. The pressure applied by the Knights continued to grow until Howell fumbled a pitch in their own try-zone before Menghini dove on it for the Northville-Novu try and the 15-5 victory.

The first game was notably the

Dearborn makes short work of Knights rugby

There are certain signs that a season isn't going well in the game of rugby. Losses are one of them and players not showing up to practice is another.

The Northville-Novu Knights are currently suffering from the latter and looked as though they were going to suffer from both until the Michigan Cup tournament raised their spirits (see story, this page).

"In order to play rugby well, people have to come out to the practices," Knights coach Ron Cornell said. "You can't come to the game without any effort during the week, it's too late to teach the game at that point."

And it was obvious that the Knights were a squad that was in need of more than a handful of lessons about the game — and Dearborn was more than happy

to give one to them.

Dearborn didn't waste any time administering one very clear punishment to the Knights who thought they could play without any work involved — the message stated that the game should be played by those who want to put in the time to know what it takes to be successful. The message came in the most easy to understand form that could be thought of — a 27-0 spanking.

It appears as though Northville-Novu has but two choices — learn the game to the point that they can compete or continue to be the punching bag for every team they face on their non-tournament schedule.

— By Sam Eggleston

Most important for the Knights. After back-to-back losses to begin the season, the rugby club was looking to get any kind of positive reinforcement to help propel their season. That reinforcement came in the form of a 10-0 victory over Brighton's killer "B" squad. The Knights jumped out to a 5-0 lead on a try by Novi senior Jon Postema before Northville junior Joe Prain hauled a score in during the second half. The score came

as Prain blocked an attempted clearing kick, scrambled for the loose ball and bolted into the zone for the score.

The Knights are currently 3-2 on the season.

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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 Colts' 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:

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Fee \$126.00
June 14-18, Monday-Friday
Class #2340.401, Grades 3-5, 8:30 a.m.-noon
Class #2350.402, Grades 6-9 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Novi Wildcat Boys & Girls Shooting Camp (Grades 3-9)

This shooting camp will be packed with instruction, techniques, and the drills a player needs to shoot the basketball well. Emphasis will be placed on 3-point shooting, free throws, shooting of the dribble, and spot shooting. Awards will be given to shooting contest winners. Gym clothes and shoes are required.

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July 26-30, Monday-Friday
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For more information, call Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 449-9947.

Basketball camp

The Novi Wildcats girls' basketball team will be holding a summer basketball camp for interested players from third grade through incoming ninth graders.

The camp, which costs \$126 per player, focuses primarily on the fundamentals, but advances further for the older players to the point that the incoming freshman will be taught the offense, defense and team philosophy of the high school programs.

Campers get a T-shirt, a basketball and a certificate of completion for attending the camp and will be taught by varsity coach Bill Kelp as well as the varsity players. There will also be trophies given out for various contests throughout the week and individual awards.

The camp will consist of two sessions each day from June 14-18. The first session — for third through fifth grades — will run from 8:30 a.m. until noon while the second — for sixth through ninth — will run from 1-4:30 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the high school field house each day.

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Novi boys dominate Lakeland Eagles

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It seems as though the only competition the Novi Wildcats boys track team had when they took on Lakeland last week was themselves.

The Wildcats were simply dominant, crushing their Kensington Valley Conference foes, 108-29.

The name of the game seemed to be sweeping for the Wildcat track and field stars. In the pole vault — an event the squad was unsure of in the beginning of the season but definitely sure of now — Dan Coleman captured first

place with a vault of 10-feet-6 while Chris Machisak took second and Chris Alberty captured third with 10-6 and 9-6 as their respective heights.

In the 100-meter dash, Dave Davis, Chris Dalton and David Carnegie took the top three spots. Davis crossed the line in 11.19 seconds while Dalton finishing at 11.29 and Carnegie notching an 11.49 finish.

The Wildcats also swept the discus event. Junior hurler Ryan Pritchard took first with a throw of 136-1, while Dan Sprys took second with a 121-6 and Sok Yong Hong took third with a throw of

113-8. Pritchard also captured first with a throw of 46-5 in the shot put.

In the 1600-meter run — more commonly known as the mile — the Wildcats were busy sweeping yet again. This time, Mark Moore took first in 4:49.09 with teammate Amol Huprikar nipping at his heels in second with a 4:49.14. Finishing third in 4:53.83 was Scott Bergeson, who has recovered nicely from an injury suffered in wrestling during the winter.

Novi also swept the 800 run as Mark DuFresne took first in 2:10.44 and Nick Preketes took second in 2:10.47. Taking third

was Eric Tingwall in 2:12.96.

It appears senior Trent Sisson has his hands full fending off the up-and-coming youngsters in the 400 dash. Sisson ran to first in 52.40 seconds, but was trailed by just 1.16 seconds for the second place spot. Earning that position? None other than the younger Sisson in younger brother Brad.

Taking first in the long jump was Carnegie, leaping to an 18-8.75 finish while Mark Saurer jumped 18-5.75 for second. In the high jump, Peter Andrews cleared 5-5 for first place with Brad Spisich taking second with a 5-5 as well.

In the hurdles, Novi wasn't lacking in any way. Jerod Schell took second in the 100 hurdles in 16.05 seconds while Saurer took third in 16.61 seconds. In the 300 hurdles, Carl Yiu took first in 42.20 seconds and the always-impressive Saurer took second in 43.25.

The 200 meter dash found Carnegie earning yet another victory, finishing in first with a time of 23.88 seconds while Brandon Coles took third in 24.11. Also taking a second place finish for Novi was Scott Wagner in the two-mile event as he finished in 11:01.1.

In the relays, the Wildcats looked very strong. The team of Kip Miller, Spencer Ornes, Moore and Huprikar won the 4-by-800 in 8:36.44 while Davis, Josh Woods, Jarrell Woods and Christopher Dalton won the 4-by-100 in 54.95 seconds. In the 4-by-200, Davis combined with the Woods brothers again as well as Yiu to win in 1:33.22.

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Mustangs stay on top of WLAA with two victories

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

For the Mustangs baseball team, keeping on top of their conference is one of the first things on their to-do list — and they haven't strayed from that.

The Mustangs, who are coached by Mickey Newman, pounded out conference victories over Wayne Memorial and Canton last week in very convincing fashion.

Against Wayne, the Mustangs cranked out a 6-1 win before moving on and topping Canton 11-0 in a five-inning mercy.

Against the Chiefs, senior hurler Mark Sorensen looked golden on the mound.

"He was unbelievable," Newman noted.

Sorensen threw the full five innings, allowing just one hit, no walks, no runs while striking out seven. Out of his 50 pitches on the day, Sorensen had 41 strikes.

On the offensive end of the game, the Mustangs didn't appear to be missing a beat. Sorensen knocked in three runs and junior catcher Matt Williams blasted in two.

Crossing the plate were Brendan Buckley, Steve Besk, Sorensen, Charlie Thomas and Brett Asher — all of them scored twice.

"We hit the ball real well," Newman said. "We took advantage of our opportunities, scored and had just about a perfect performance other than a few defensive lapses."

And more importantly, the Mustangs were able to get each and every one of their players into the game.

"It got them experience playing a team in the division," Newman said. "It's helpful in case we need some of the other guys to come through for us later in the season. It was a beautiful day and all of the guys came to play."

And that was basically the same attitude the Mustangs had two days prior when they hosted the Wayne Memorial Zebras in a 6-1 victory.

On the mound, Besk looked stellar, throwing six innings with no earned runs, three walks and

Northville baseball has fair showing at Clarkston tourney

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

There were lessons to be learned at the Clarkston Invitational baseball tournament last week — and the Northville Mustangs were quick to take notes.

After losing 9-4 against a strong Lapeer West squad, the Mustangs jumped out and played an impressive defensive game to win 2-0 over a very competitive Portage Central team.

Against Portage Central, the Mustangs looked to Brian Tellish to lead the way from the mound — a call that he answered with seven innings, giving up just two hits, walking six and striking out seven batters on his way to the win.

"Brian had to get himself out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the seventh to secure his shutout and the victory," Northville coach Mickey Newman said. "He did a real nice job for us."

The Mustangs scored the first run of the game in the first inning. Matt Williams, a junior catcher, cranked out a single before being replaced on the base running by Charlie Thomas — a sophomore. Thomas stole second and watched as Brendan Buckley stepped up to the plate with two outs and cranked out a base hit to drive in the run for the 1-0 lead.

"That proved to be the game winner," Newman said.

Just in case, the Mustangs

tacked on an additional run in the sixth. Once again, Williams earned a trip to the base with a hard single before Jimmy Cicala smacked a double to drive in the score.

Unfortunately, the Mustangs weren't able to start the tournament with that kind of play. The squad took a lump against Lapeer West with a 9-4 loss.

Lapeer jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first, staggering the Mustangs and finding the squad in a position they weren't used to being in. Northville started eyeing a way to come back in the contest.

"We started off very slow," Newman said. "Then, we tried to chip away at their lead."

The Mustangs scored one in the first off an RBI double by Tellish before taking on three more on a two-run double by Matt Williams and a score of his own.

"Then we couldn't keep it going," Newman said. "We just couldn't score the rest of the way." Taking the brunt of the loss on the mound was Doug Thomsen, who was relieved by Andrew Smith. Smith threw three, allowing one hit and striking out four.

"That was a very positive sign in that game," Newman said of Smith's performance.

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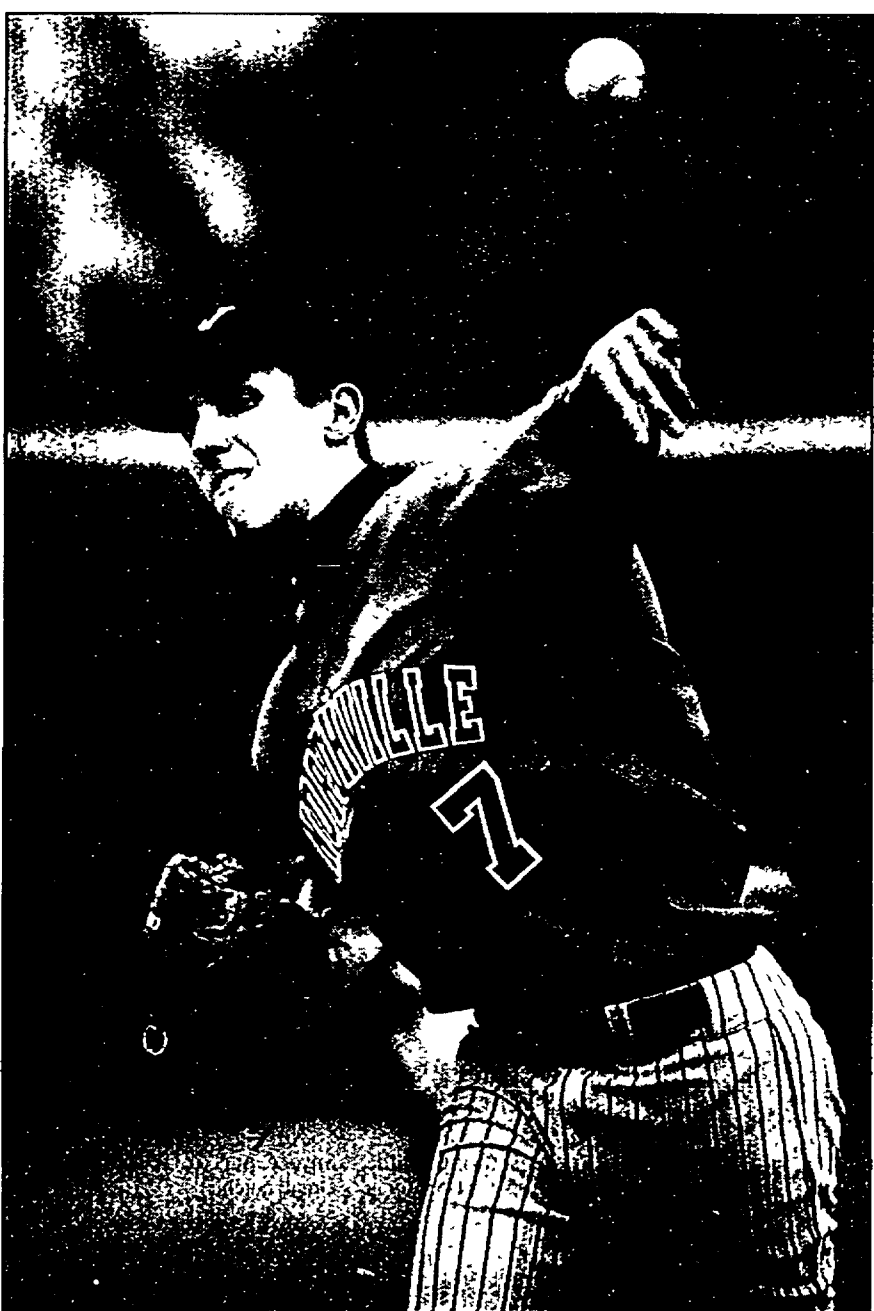


Photo by John Heider
Mustang pitcher Steve Besk fires one to a Wayne Memorial batter during a Northville home game in late April.

Sorensen then singled in two during the third inning before Jimmy Cicala was walked to force in a run.

After the third, the Mustangs benefited from just a base hit by Williams.

"We kind of didn't hit the ball after that," Newman said. "We played pretty good defense though, and that really helped."

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Northville gets back to earning wins

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It seemed to be very clear to the Northville Mustangs lacrosse team that if they didn't start playing the game they knew they were capable of, then they might as well not play at all.

The Mustangs responded in turn, earning a 4-2 win over visiting Grand Rapids Catholic Central April 25 to stop what appeared to be a horrendous start of a losing streak following back-to-back losses.

The Mustangs knew the field conditions were less-than-favorable after a constant drizzle came to a stop just prior to the noon start time. The field, with shaggy grass carpeting the entirety of it, was wet and somewhat slippery for both squads.

The Northville stick handlers knew they had to play much improved games over their last two contests and did just that as they showed better ball movement, more communication and crucial defensive play that helped keep Grand Rapids off balance throughout the game.

The Grand Rapids squad was the first to get on the board, scoring in the first quarter for a 1-0 lead before Nick Thurber followed it with a score for Northville to knot the game.

Thurber took a pass from Mike Bernabei and slammed home a bounce goal for the 1-1 game.

The second quarter was scoreless for both squads though the Mustangs were able to keep the ball in their offensive zone throughout the majority of the stanza. In the third, both teams were nailed with a couple of technical fouls and Northville could only watch as Grand Rapids fired home a shot to take the lead once again, 2-1.

And then the picture became clear for the Mustangs. Either they could go out and finish the game playing some of their best lacrosse or they could just throw their hands up and call it quits. In true Northville fashion, they chose the first option.

The Mustangs came out in the fourth looking to own the remainder of the game and that was exactly what happened. Zach Elker, a sophomore, rotated the ball out to Peter Vacketta, who quickly found Andrew Melie streaking through the defense. Melie fired the shot home for the score to tie the game.

Moments later, Tim Arnold added a backhand on a pass from Melie to put Northville up 3-2 with just five minutes left in the game.

With time expiring and the

Canton whips on Mustangs

Taking the brunt of a big loss is never easy to swallow — but the Northville Mustangs lacrosse team had to choke it down recently.

Northville took a 15-2 beating from the Canton Warriors April 23 as they couldn't seem to get either the offensive or defensive facet of their game actually rolling.

After Canton climbed to a 9-0 lead in just the first quarter, the end result of this game seemed to become extremely clear. The Mustangs had trouble clearing the ball out of their end of the field and when they did they struggled to find an open shot.

Finally, Geoff Perrin took the ball in to score an unassisted goal in the second quarter, but

the Warriors racked up three more goals for a 12-1 lead before the half.

Trying to find a combination that worked, the Mustangs pulled their starting goalie in favor of Andrew Buran, who played an impressive game as he stopped 70-percent of the shots he faced and allowed in just three goals through the second half of play.

The Mustang defense applied pressure to the Warriors and got a break in the final stanza as Nick Thurber hit senior attack Peter Vacketta with a pass. Vacketta fired the shot home, scoring the final tally of the game for the 15-2 loss.

— By Sam Eggleston

Grand Rapids squad starting to apply much more pressure, the Mustangs knew they needed an insurance goal. Jackson Doyle took possession of the ball and quickly fired a pass to Andrew Kemmer. Kemmer drew the defense before lobbing pass to Geoff Perrin, who fired home the shot past the Grand Rapids goalie to secure the victory.

A new face on the squad for

the game was Neal Gallagher, a freshman from the junior varsity squad that has been pulled up to help the Mustangs at the varsity level.

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Northville High School varsity golfer Marie Snyder contemplates her putt near the pin in an April contest at Tanglewood.

Marie Snyder nails eagle, 'Stangs win

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTSWRITER

The Northville Mustangs girls golf team is more than ready to figure out just where they need to cut strokes off their scores — thank-fully they've had the luxury of winning while they've pondered the situation.

Most recently, the squad defeated Plymouth, 192-252, after topping both Churchill and Franklin in conference play, 175-206 and 174-199, respectively. The 'Stangs also had a nice showing at the Brighton Invitational, tying for third place with a 343.

"I was extremely happy with that," Northville coach Trish Murray said of the Brighton Invite. "Whenever you can place ahead of Grosse Ile, you're doing something right."

The Mustangs finished tied for third along with Kingswood Cranbrook with their 343, but Grand Blanc won the event with a 319 and Dexter finished second with a 332. Grosse Ile finished with a 352. There were 18 teams at the event.

Layne Scherer finished 10th in the tournament with an 81 on the day as she shot a 44-37 through the two rounds of play. Therese Juthage and Marie Snyder both recorded 85s on the day. Juthage shot a 41-44 and Snyder shot a 42-43. Andrea Phillips recorded a 93

with a 47-46, showing while Lauren Grigsby shot 51-53 for a 103.

"If you divide that up, it's 80 a girl," Murray said. "We were just 11 strokes back from first."

The team recorded a best-ever finish for the Mustangs at the tournament with the third-place finish.

In dual meet play, the Mustangs had a good time taking on the Plymouth Wildcats at the Hickory Creek golf course. Snyder earned the medalist position, shooting a 44 on the day while Juthage shot a 46. Allison Grant carded a 50 while Susan Snyder shot a 52. Also playing but not scoring for the Mustangs was Grigsby with a 59 and Jessica Reuter with a 56.

"It's a beautiful course," Murray said of Hickory Creek. "It's in great shape."

The girls on the squad were complaining about the amount of strokes they gave up on their short game — something Murray was more than happy to hear.

"That means they're aware of it," she said. "Now they're just telling themselves that they have to chip and putt, chip and putt."

Against Churchill, the Mustangs also had a nice showing. This time, they shot a 174 to Churchill's 199. The Northville golf team had two girls tie for the medalist position as Scherer and Juthage each shot a 42. Marie

Snyder put together a 44 and Grant notched a 46. Playing but not scoring were Phillips with a 50 and Grigsby with a 51.

"I told this kids that I think we're a better team than a 174," Murray said, noting their scores have been much lower on their home course of Tanglewood in the past.

The Mustangs' earliest match was April 20 against Franklin — a match the squad won with ease, 175-205.

Scherer earned a 42 for the medalist position while Snyder and Grant each carded a 44 in their performance. Juthage shot a 45 to round out the Northville scoring.

Phillips shot a 47 and Grigsby recorded a 54.

Snyder's performance in the meet found her recording her first-ever eagle.

"She did it on a 264 and a little uphill," Murray said. "I'm sure she scared the daylight out of the group in front of her."

Mustangs get WLAA win against Warriors

By Matt Simich
SPECIAL WRITER

Last Wednesday the girl varsity soccer team went against the Warriors of Walled Lake Western and came away with a shutout, 7-0, thanks to some great defensive play and a stunning offense.

The Mustangs got right to it as the game started. Senior Lauren Hill led the Northville herd into Warrior territory. The defense of the Warriors was good but the aggressive front of Amy Cauzillo, Lindsey Blair and Hill wore them down. This set up Jen Kritch for the first goal of the game coming with 22:08 left in the first half.

After the Mustang goal, the Warriors tried to fight back with some shots of their own. Northville goalkeeper Katie Weickel was there to stop the Warrior's only two shots of the entire game. Each time Walled Lake had the ball in Mustang territory, the defensive line of Loren Tacconelli, Kim Trentacosta and Kristen Slack would nab the ball and quickly get it to the midfielders who passed it to the forwards in the zone.

After the brief offensive surge by Western the Mustangs pushed back again. Constant pressure on the Warrior's net for about five minutes led to another Stangs' score with Tacconelli setting up Danielle Toney for the second goal scored at 16:02.

With a two-point lead the Mustangs wanted more. Jessica Walsh hit the crossbar in a shot from just outside the box narrowly missing. The score at the half was 2-0 with the Mustangs leading.

'Stangs top Saline

On Saturday the Mustangs hosted the Saline Hornets. Northville struck first and fierce with two goals coming early. Lauren Hill, assisted by Danielle Toney, scored the first point. The second goal went to Toney with an assist from Whitney Guenther. Later in the half Brittany Boen scored assisted by Toney. Going into the half, the Mustangs led 3-0.

Midway through the second half Lindsay Hill slide tackled Saline's forward, which led to a Hornet penalty kick and goal with 21:40 left. A minute late Toney teamed up with Lindsey Blair to make the score 4-1. The Hornets were unable to answer back and the Mustangs took away another victory.

— By Matt Simich

"In the first half we were playing against the wind," said Meteyer. "But our girls settled down and used it in the second half. You have got to keep the ball on the turf when you're playing in the wind and that's what we did."

The second half started out fast with intense energy from the Mustangs. Walled Lake had trouble keeping up. Northville would not let the ball enter their end of the field as the outplayed the Warriors. At 34:55, Toney scored her second goal of the game with assists from Hill and Brooke Richard.

Just two minutes later the Mustangs kicked in another goal. Kritch, with a little help from Hill, took credit for her second goal at 32:44. This brought the Mustang lead to 4-0 with lots of time left.

The Warriors did not stand a chance as everything slowly fell apart. During the next 13 minutes the Mustangs were in control shutting down both the Walled Lake offense and defense. Mustangs Brittany Boen and Vanessa Bailey both had good looks at the net with

their shots but it was Kritch's shot that went in for the hat trick and a 5-0 lead. Unfortunately it came with a price as Kritch severely sprained her ankle and left the game. Not to be discouraged, the Mustangs used the depth on their squad to continue their drive.

At 11:22 Bailey connected with another assist from Hill. Up by six points to zero, the Mustangs proved that they did not need the home field advantage. A final goal came from Blair with 1:14 left in the game. Assisted by Boen, Blair's shot sailed over the goaltender's head. As the clock ran down, the Mustangs led the Warriors 7-0.

"Walled Lake is a much improved team despite what you say today. They just don't have depth on their bench," said Mustang Head Coach Ron Meteyer.

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

Tennis getting wins

Continued from B2

more than some other schools."

Against Canton, the Mustangs were simply perfect. In the first flight of singles play, Spruit defeated Zack Hoernsechmeyer, 6-0, 6-1, while Lee beat Steve West, 6-2, 6-3. The third flight found Bensette topping Shinya Hanafusa, 6-0, 6-1, while Irvine beat Nirusan Loganaphan, 6-1, 6-0.

The first doubles team of Lewicki and Knoll beat Mike Keesey and Sam Kaufman, 6-4,

6-3, while Ackerman and Riseman topped Alex Marinica and Alex Fablszewski to earn points for Northville.

The third doubles team of Mehill and Dehne topped Matt Shichtman and Mike Pater, 7-5, 6-1, while Saltz and Shekhar topped Duke Kapelasnui and Nimit Desai, 6-2, 6-3.

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Youth Soccer

Express 3 Stompers 2: The Stompers and Express played a good back and forth game April 25 with the Express prevailing, 3-2. The Express goals were scored by Peter Boylan and two from Jake Robideau. The goal scorers for the Stompers were Michael MacDonald and Kevin Woods. The MVP's for the Stompers were Frank Griffiths and Patrick Cowher. Both boys made good plays in the backfield and the midfield to limit Express scoring opportunities and help the Stompers set up the offense.

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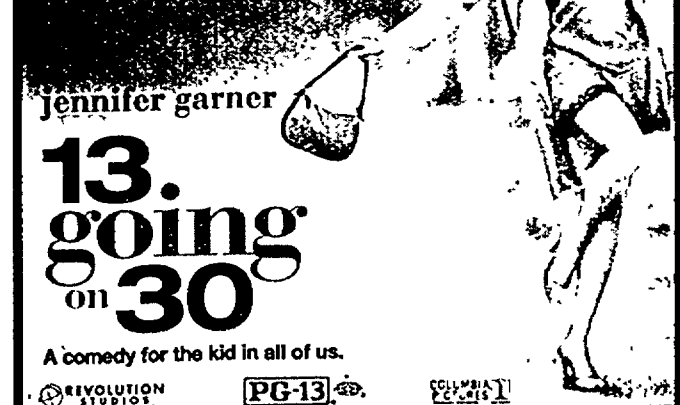
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Research mortgages before shopping for a house

If you'll be shopping for a home this summer, consider including mortgage programs in your list of items to research. When it's time to finance your purchase, you'll be much more prepared to negotiate a loan that's right for you.

The two most common types of mortgages are the 30-year fixed-rate loan and 15-year fixed-rate loan. Fixed-rate loans have interest rates and monthly payments that remain constant from year to year. The loans are attractive to homeowners who live on fixed incomes or who simply want the peace of mind knowing their monthly payments won't change.

The one-year adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) has also become popular in the last few years. Most ARMs are fixed for a period of time and then increase by a certain amount at preset intervals. The one-year ARM has a fixed-rate for 12 months, while other ARMs, known as hybrid ARMs, have fixed-rates for three, five, seven and ten years, with annual rate adjustments thereafter. ARMs are attractive to borrowers who plan to stay in their homes a short time. The initial fixed rate period can enable borrowers to save money for their next home purchase.

30-year vs. 15-year loans

When deciding between a 30-year loan and a 15-year loan, borrowers should consider how much home they want to buy and how quickly they want to build equity.

Monthly payments are typically less for 30-year loans because the interest is spread out over a longer period of time. Though fixed-rate 30-year loans typically have higher interest rates than 15-year loans, they provide borrowers with a significant tax benefit. Mortgage interest is tax deductible thus borrowers can claim more interest each year, which reduces how much federal income tax they have to pay.

Fifteen-year loans, while they don't provide as good a tax benefit as 30-year loans, are a great way for borrowers to quickly build equity in their homes. In addition to enjoying lower interest rates, borrowers also pay much less interest over the life of the loan because the loan term is shorter. This concept is illustrated well in the following example from Bankrate.com. Let's say you take out a \$150,000 mortgage at an interest rate of 6.64 percent for 30 years. Your monthly payment (principal and interest) would be \$961. Over 30 years you'll pay a total of \$196,304 in interest. If you reduce your loan's term to 15 years at the same interest rate, your payment would increase to \$1,274, but you'd pay just over \$79,000 in interest.

A potential disadvantage of a 15-year loan is the extra money homeowners have to pay each month. The borrower in the example must fork over an additional \$300 a month, or \$3,600 a year. Borrowers who consider 15-year loans should think about whether the extra money they'll pay each month could be funneled into other more lucrative investments.

ARMs also enable borrowers to put any money they save during the initial fixed rate period into other investments. The low, fixed rate is particularly attractive to first time buyers who wish to forgo the less expensive starter house and jump right into big home. If you're considering an ARM for a house you might not otherwise be able to afford with a fixed-rate mortgage, know how much your rates and payments can rise over the life of the loan. Ask your lender whether you have the option of converting the loan into a fixed-rate loan if interest rates begin to increase.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) offers tips for shopping for the best mortgage including a glossary of terms and a mortgage shopping worksheet. Visit <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/homes/bestmortg.pdf> to view this guide.

Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League. Send financial questions to "Your Money Matters" c/o the Michigan Credit Union League, P.O. Box 8054, Plymouth, MI 48170-8054, or e-mailed to mcd@mcu.org.

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Monica McCracken, Carol Lee Van Dusen and Lynne Santi help patrons at Mirror Mirror relax and renew with facials, massage, beauty services and much more. Visit the day spa's website at www.mirrormirrorofmilford.com.

Mirror Mirror helps patrons feel fairest of all

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

--You don't need a special occasion to pamper yourself, believes Carol Lee Van Dusen, owner of Mirror Mirror in Milford. It's more like a necessity for your well being.

"Taking time to pamper yourself is tantamount to your survival," she explains. Her day spa, located in the heart of Milford is the perfect spot to relax and renew. It's her specialty to pamper clients and send them home refreshed.

Their new 900-square-foot expansion allows them to serve their customers more fully by adding facials and massages to their fantastic line of beauty salon services. The spa packages are a perfect way to make you or someone you love feel special. Mirror Mirror makes it simple by

offering a menu where you can customize your package. You can try any combination.

There are five packages that feature light lunch and/or refreshments. Take the day and enjoy the Luxury Package with a European Facial, Swedish Massage, Spa Pedicure and manicure. Top it off with light lunch and refreshments. There's delightful fare such as fresh fruit salad with scone, pasta salad with croissant, (tuna, Greek or vegetarian), chicken salad with croissant or shrimp cocktail. The grand finale is an elegant dessert that's almost too pretty to eat in chocolate, fruit or nut. Their gourmet food is provided by Colasanti's. Another selection, The Escape Day package includes a spa pedicure and manicure with light lunch and refreshments. They're more than happy to honor special requests; after all, it's your

special time.

"I try to make that day very special for someone," said Van Dusen.

The personalized service they deliver at Mirror Mirror is what truly sets them apart. For example, how about an elegant long stem rose for a special occasion? They'll arrange to have one delivered from The Village Florist to top off the event. All special requests are considered ahead of time, right down to the preference of beverage, so all you have to do when you arrive is check in and relax.

A gift certificate makes the perfect Mother's Day or birthday gift. It's one of the easiest ways to score big points, says Van Dusen. Mirror Mirror makes it even easier by offering them on-line at www.mirrormirrorofmilford.com. She's particularly proud of the website which "gives us the ability to share what we do best, with as many people who want to come here." They list everything from their full line of salon services to their mission statement and philosophy.

Carol Lee Van Dusen clearly loves her job and her warm and positive attitude is reflected throughout her business and employees as well. It's also reflected in her personal success.

"This is the best job because it's a 'feel good' business. When people make that appointment they know it's a special spot just for them. We like that and we acknowledge that. We take the time to take care of them," she explained.

That level of commitment to customer service begins with Van Dusen and flows down through her 12 employees, which she describes as her extended family. The staff consists of outstanding stylists and technicians, Lynne Santi, Judy Jankowski, Kari Boetsch, Tina Lee Worrell, (also a nail tech) and owner, Carol Van Dusen. Her phenomenal estheticians and massage therapists include Marzena Kubacka, Diana DeLisle and Sherry Nowak. They stay on top of it all with continuing education. The girls who keep it running smoothly include coordinator Monica McCracken, assistant coordinators Carol Heinz and Margie

DETAILS

Address: Mirror Mirror is located at 546 North Main Street downtown. For a great spa experience or just a great haircut, call (248) 684-4490.

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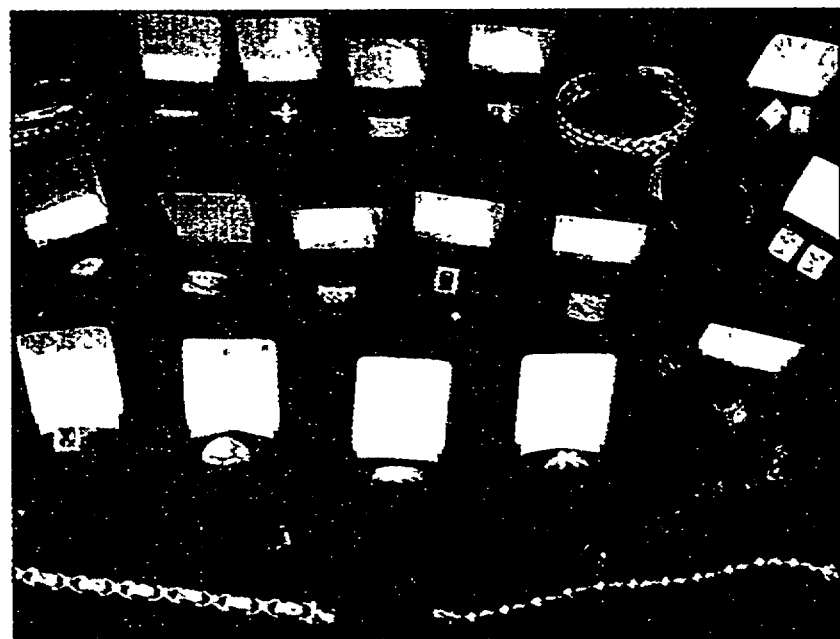
Zahn. Ron and Trish McKee are their "financial people," she adds.

Another way they accommodate customers is by keeping well-stocked with their favorite salon items. They carry over a dozen product lines, she pointed out.

They're also a source for unique and reasonably priced gift items. Van Dusen carefully shops for unique items for personal use or gifts such as jewelry, hats, and purses. It's a convenience factor for busy women. Often these are time savers by eliminating one more stop... shopping for a gift. Or perhaps it's just another way for customers to treat themselves. It's all wrapped up in a beautiful Mirror Mirror bag.

Mirror Mirror has comfortably found its home, being a perfect match for the village of Milford, with its ambience and friendliness.

"The business people in town are so very in tune to what people want," said Van Dusen, and she strives to be a fitting example of that in her establishment. Even their location suits their services perfectly- tucked away on a quiet side street in a quaint historical building with easy access. Mirror Mirror welcomes the entire family from kids to grandparents. They're located at 546 North Main Street downtown. For a great spa experience or just a great haircut, call (248) 684-4490. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, closed Wednesday and Sunday.



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A cool solution FOR A HOT room

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
 Copley News Service

Q: We have a wall of tall, really nice windows in our dining room. I had ceiling-to-floor draperies made almost the first thing after we moved in. I should have waited. Who knew the afternoon sun poured in those windows? It's so hot this time of year, I have to draw the drapes, which makes the room dark, and to my mind, depressing. I HAVE to keep these expensive draperies. Help me with this problem.

A: With pleasure — sheer pleasure, to risk a pun. Add another layer to your windows, sheer "glass" curtains, as they used to be called. Time was when sheers were part of every well-dressed window's ensemble. Fitting close to the glass, as the name implies, these sheer fabric panels cut the glare and diverted the elements without blocking the light and plunging the room into gloom.

Today, you can revive that old-fashioned idea with new-fangled technological advances that make sheers, well, sheer genius for windows with problems like yours.

In the room we show here, the sheers are not curtains as we've known them, but an entirely new category of window coverings that combines the soft look of traditional curtains with the convenience of a blind.

"Luminette Privacy Sheers" open and close when you pull on their cord. Twist the wand and the soft fabric vanes rotate for whatever light control you need. Totally closed, you get total privacy. (For a closer look, visit www.hunterdouglas.com.)

As you can see in this dining room, the sheer "shadings" fit



Luminette Privacy Sheers are a new type of window covering that controls glare and privacy with the twist of a wrist.

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right into the traditional scheme, never mind how high-tech the engineering behind them.

Q: My husband's about to kill me! He's painted the living room ceiling twice already and I still see missed spots and streaks that will make me crazy, I know, if we don't get rid of them. He says he's beginning to feel like Michelangelo! Save my marriage!

A: The geniuses at Glidden Paint have already done it.

They've come up with a new latex paint for ceilings that goes on — pink! — and turns white as it dries. Your husband will never miss another spot, thanks to their "EZ Track" technology.

Q: We're looking to convert our attached two-car garage into a family den. We need to accommodate a large desk, the TV, and many books. Complicating our plans, there's a post (supporting two I-beams) right in the center of the

space! Can you suggest any ways to turn that liability into an asset?

A: Seems to me that's a likely answer to your book storage problem. Cover the post in narrow floor-to-ceiling bookshelves, opening on all four sides. You might extend waist-high shelves to the back wall, dividing that space in two. One side would be a perfect place for the TV and a couple of comfortable seating pieces on one side. The desk can go on the other side.

'Topsoil,' whatever's on top, can mean a variety of things

Q: I am so mad because I ordered topsoil from a company and when I got home and saw it dumped in my driveway, it was big lumps of clay. I already paid for it and they won't take it back. Can I sue them because this is not topsoil?

A: First disclaimer: I'm not Legal Aid. Second disclaimer: there is no legal definition of "topsoil." Topsoil is only what happens to be on top at the time of sale. This could be beach sand or stuff for adobe bricks or anything in between. Sadly, this appears to be a relatively common problem. Here's how to prevent it happening again. Go to the business that has topsoil for sale and ask to see it. Take along a little plastic sandwich bag. If it fits what you have been imagining, order some and ask for a handful. Put it in the bag. If something else gets delivered, now you have something to discuss with the business. What to look for in decent topsoil includes several parts. You would like to have some organic matter. This will make the soil dark. It doesn't have to be inky black. You also want some mineral soil included. This is the stuff that is gritty to the feel. It brings phosphorus and potash to the soil. If you take damp soil and rub it between your thumb and forefinger, it shouldn't smear and feel like wet bath powder. This indicates there is too much organic content. These soils are hard to get wet initially and hard to dry out when wet. They blow away when dry. When wet, they can compact into a good imitation of asphalt. When tested for nutrients, they have some nitrogen but virtually no phosphorus or potash. Much of this soil is removed when excavating ponds. When it is dug up, many times, a gray, clay-like material comes with it. This is called marl. Marl is decayed limestone. Limestone is very alkaline and this isn't what you want. If you can squeeze the damp soil and it forms a ball that is very dense, it will bring this undesirable quality to your yard. And the last disclaimer: All topsoil comes with a bazillion weed seeds. Nature has provided well and there is always a storehouse of potential plant materi-

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Gretchen Voyle



al available. This is to be expected.

Q: I was looking at my trees on my property and they all have some kind of horrible growth on the trunks. This stuff is in gray-green patches and is kind of flat with ruffled edges. I know that it is going to kill these trees. I scraped some off but would it be better to pour bleach on it?

A: Relax and put down the bleach and putty knife. You're looking at the lowly Lichen that is about as harmful as a dried leaf. Anything that you don't recognize doesn't spell death or destruction, unless you're watching the Sci-fi channel. Lichens are unusual plants in that they are a combination of two kinds of primitive plants: a fungus and an alga. They have come together for the mutual benefit of each other and at no other life form's expense. They grow where they have no other plant competition. Lichens live off atmospheric moisture and make their own food. You can find different types attached to tree bark, rocks, fence posts or on barren soil. They take nothing and give nothing. By scraping or bleaching, you will be doing way more damage to your trees than the silly lichens. By leaving the lichens, nothing is going to happen. Your lichens are probably one of the foliose group that has a distant resemblance to leaves. There is another common group, which are called crustose lichens. Just as their name implies, they can look sort of crusty. Lichens are most noticeable in the spring and fall when the air is cool and humid. Most look dried up during dry weather. All are harmless critters to be enjoyed, not feared.

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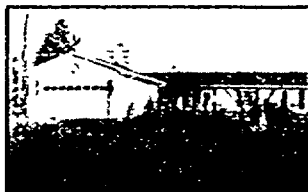
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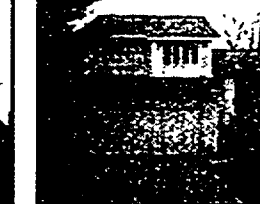
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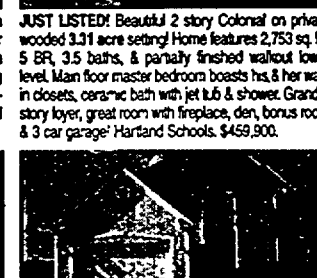
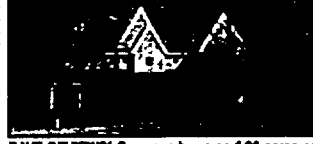

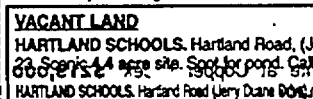
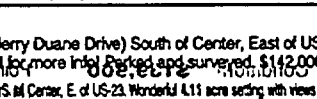
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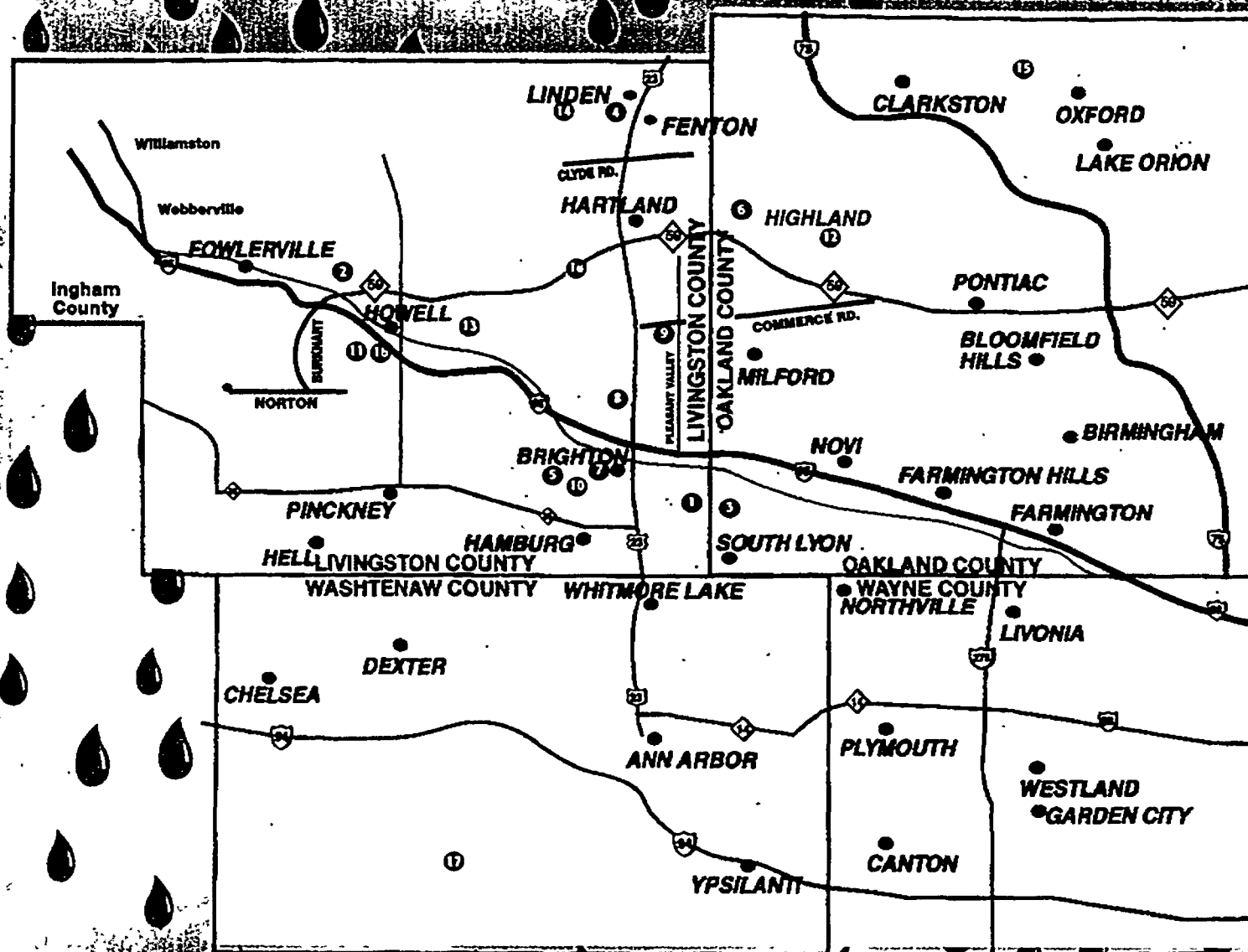
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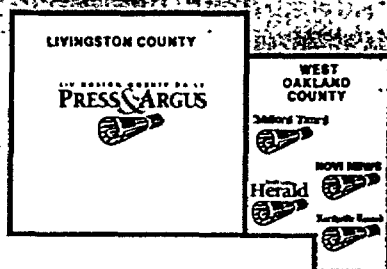
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Has openings on the second shift for Production Workers. Shift hours: 3:30-midnight, Mon-Fri. Competitive pay & benefits. Apply in person during office hours, 8-4pm, Mon-Fri. 7867 Lochin Dr. Brighton 48116. Applications only. (248) 446-1488. Applicants will be taken until May 5, 2004.

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Good Pay. Experienced or inexperienced. Or full Crews. (248)249-0222

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Needed immediately for growing local company servicing Dish Network & Direct TV. Fax resume to: 810-632-4501

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Fast growing repair facility seeking generator service tech. Previous generator experience a must. Inspect, troubleshoot and repair generators. Excellent driving record and own tools required. Great benefits. Fax resume to: 248-926-4365 or email to: genserv@genpowerproducts.com

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SOUTH LYON Antiques, Pops, misc., furniture, snow plow, tack, side/side fridge, stove, Thers. 9-4. 60750 Pontiac Trail. (248)437-0856

SOUTH LYON 1146 Chestnut in Trotters Pointe Sub. 4-30 thru 5-2-04, 8-4. Girls 4-8, some designer, Little Tyke toys

SOUTH LYON 3 families. Sat. May 1, 9am-5pm. Patio umbrella, crafts, latter, adult & kids clothes, housewares, more. 60825 Marjorie Anne.

SOUTH LYON Multifamily garage sale Thurs. 29th thru Sun. May 2nd, 8-4. Hidden Creek Sub. off 9. W. of Pontiac Tr. - 720 West Hills

SOUTH LYON 882 Heathside, off Wellington. Fri. 9-5. lots of good stuff.

SOUTH LYON May 1-2. Solid Oak dinette set, Bose Wave radio, ping pong table, light fixtures, Sony Hi-8 camcorder, 3-35mm cameras, scanner, 2 ink jet printers, more. Lyon Trail Sub, 21838 Lyon Trail, S. of Nine Mile, off Pontiac Trail

SOUTH LYON - May 1, 9am. Thru out collectibles: pocket knives, pottery, furniture, household. 815 Hagadorn Ct.

SOUTH LYON - Annual City-wide Yard Sale! May 1st & 2nd, 9-5pm. Rain or Shine. Sponsored by the City of South Lyon. 100's of homes!! 1000's of bargains!!

SOUTH LYON - Big 2 family sale! April 30 & May 1, 9am. Kids stuff & household items. 963 Devon Ct., N. of 9 Mile, E. of Pontiac Trail.

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SOUTH LYON - Community side yard sale at Northville Crossing located off 8 Mile between Pontiac Trail & Beck Rd. May 1st & 2nd, 9am-4pm.

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WHITMORE LAKE Neighborhood garage sale, Five Mile Rd. betw. Hollar & US-23. Sat. May 1, 9-4pm.

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HOWELL - Awesome Moving Sale! Thurs.-Sun. April 29-May 2, 9-6pm. 317 Lakeshore Pointe Dr. located off Golf Club Rd., bet. Latson & Grand River

Moving Sales

MILFORD Dining suite, TV cabinet, couch, dinette set, more. May 1, 8-4. 167 Wilderness Lake Crt. off Commerce Rd. (248)685-0144

NORTHVILLE 446 Grace St., Fri. 10-4, Sat., 10-3. (248) 924-2199

NOVI - HUGE Sale! Sat., May 1, 10-4pm. Pabo furniture, grill, tools, video games, & much more! 45076 Courtview Trail, (9 Mile & Tah).

Clothing

WEDDING DRESS Formal gown with long train, lots of bead work, size 12. \$165. Call (248) 437-1724

Baby & Children Items

DOLL HOUSE - Victorian style. Complete w/furniture, carpet & gazebo. \$650/best. (248) 685-8527

Household Goods

"EARLY AMERICAN RESTORED DUMPSTER" Furniture & Household goods. Call (248) 486-2534

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Childer's Crib/ youth bed, 6 pc. maple, original \$3500. Exc. cond. \$950. 248-486-1737

COUCH, 3 pc.; leather sectional, taupe, good cond., \$800. Cherry, drop leaf table, closed 48", fully extended 102", rarely used, \$200. (248) 330-2920

DINING ROOM SET Light oak contemporary/additional, 2 captains chairs & 4 regular w/boos pads. \$400/best. Contemporary hutch, medium oak, \$400/best. (248) 887-2373

DINING ROOM SET: Walnut table w/2 leaves, 6 chairs, lg. hutch. \$450. (810) 229-4123

For sale: sleeper sofa, love seat, and tables, \$125; 3 piece bdrm. set, \$180; Queen water bed frame w/padded rails \$70. See photos at <http://home.comcast.net/~starriget2sell/> /FFS.html; Tel: 248-396-6630 (eve)

GLIDER 2 seat, table in middle, Amish made, 3 yrs. old, \$150. The Little Green Machine Carpet cleaner, \$30. (248) 349-8638

KING SIZE MATTRESS/BOX SET. New in plastic, brand name, \$175. (810)225-1282

OAK KING WATERBED SET, Oak Entertainment center, Craftsman Radial arm saw, work benches, ladders & misc. tools. Call after 5:30, 248-921-0632

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Oak Mission-Style Futon w/ 8 in. mattress. Never used, excellent condition. medium oak with durable custom removable mattress cover and 2 pillows. This is a nice piece of furniture as well as a comfortable bed. Paid \$700 asking only \$250.00 Tel: 248-446-8060

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PUSH CARPETING 75 yds. Beautiful charcoal color. Two weeks old. Cost \$600. Sell for \$100. (517) 337-3054.

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Contemporary Sage Green with multi colored (burg., rust, beige) throw pillows (4). Set is slightly larger than average. Used only 1 year by single retired woman. Excellent condition. Paid \$1800 at Art Van. \$600.00 obo Tel: 248-446-8060

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

TWIN SIZE ADJUSTABLE HEAD AND FOOT BED W/ MASSAGE and wireless remote. Hospital like functions.

Only used for 3 months with Beautyrest mattress protected. This bed is in excellent condition and cost \$1600 new. Must sell for only \$500 Tel: 248-446-8060

Appliances

WHITE Whirlpool matching washer/dryer. Heavy duty super capacity plus. Exc. cond. 6 yrs. old. \$325/set. (810) 225-6238

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ROUND 18ft. 4 1/2ft. deep above ground pool. New in '02. All accessories & chemicals included. \$750/best. You remove. (734) 878-3183

Boats/Boys

If you're selling an item for \$100 or less

OVERSTUFFED Sleeper sofa, full sized, brown. Great cond. \$100/best. (810)225-0704

POWER WHEELS Barbie VW Beetle, 6 volt w/ battery, like new, \$85 Call (517) 223-4231

Building Materials

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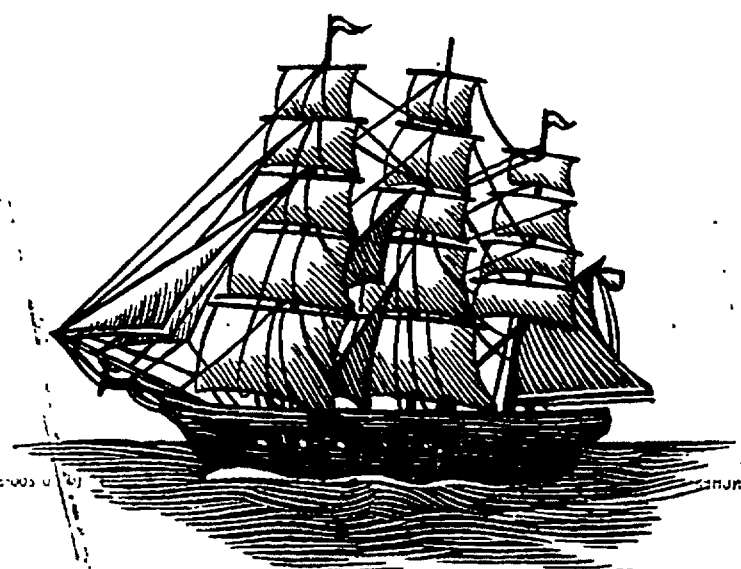
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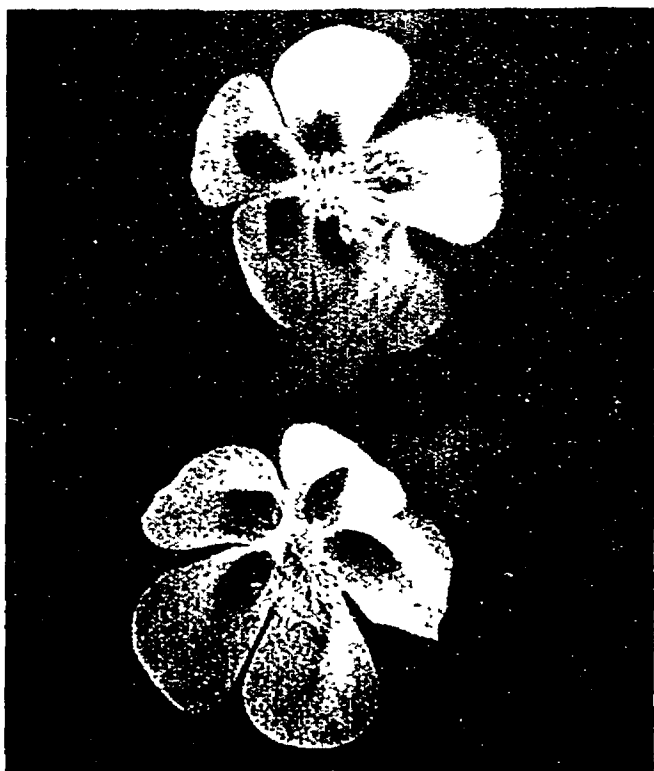
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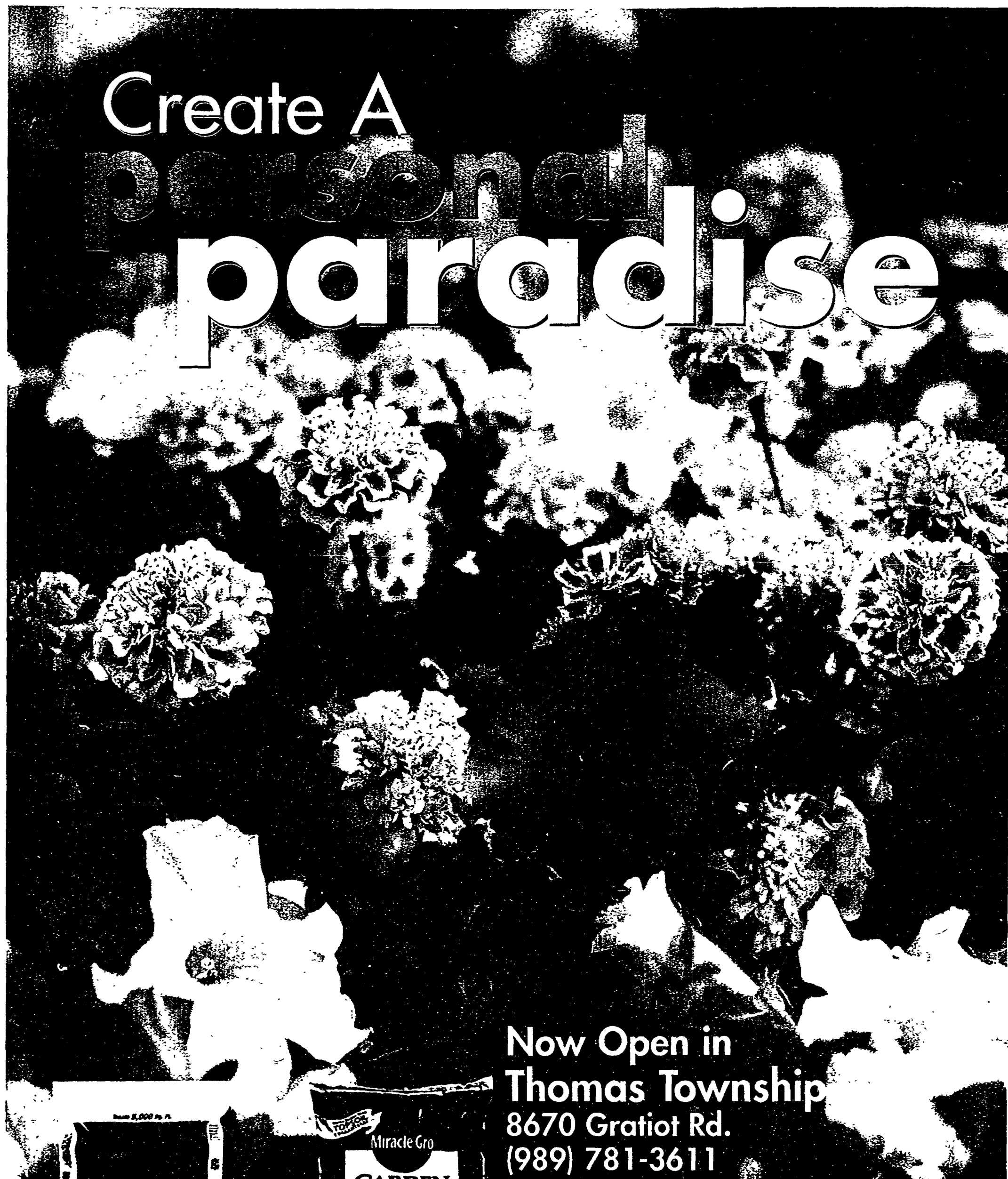
(675407) **\$9.99**



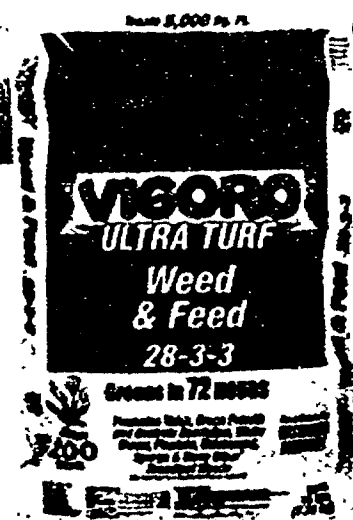
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28-3-3 fertilizer formula. 16 lbs. Controls more than 200 types of weeds while feeding the lawn. Formulated for most varieties of grass.

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28-3-3 fertilizer formula. 14.5 lbs. Builds thick, green turf from the roots up while killing more than 50 types of broadleaf weeds. Fertilizers help grass fill in where weeds once were.

\$1088

(196355)

15,000 Sq. Ft. 43.2 lbs. (229369) **\$2994**

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Lawn Weed Control



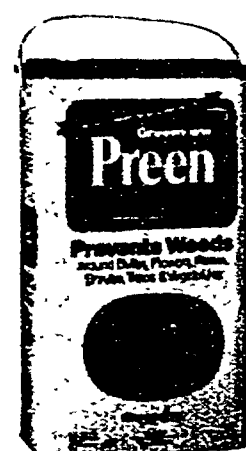
Control Weeds Without Damaging Your Grass

- Avoid spraying on windy days to reduce over spray damage
- Spray weeds early, before they mature and produce seeds
- Use broadcast applications in early spring or when weeds first appear
- Spot treat weeds in summer months to minimize stress on the lawn



Weed & Feed
12,500 Sq. Ft.
18-2-9 fertilizer formula. 50 lbs. Controls dandelions and over 100 other broadleaf weeds.

(333096) **\$1997**



Preen® Granules
15 Lbs.

Prevents weeds around bulbs, flowers, roses, shrubs, trees and vegetables. 2,000 sq. ft. coverage.

(700945) **\$1997**

5 Lbs. (933740) **\$897**



Preen 'N Green®
22-1/2 Lbs.

Prevents weeds and fertilizes around bulbs, flowers, roses, shrubs, trees and vegetables. 1,800 sq. ft. coverage. 9-17-9 fertilizer formula.

(700913) **\$2197**

6-1/4 Lbs. (933732) **\$997**



Miracle Gro® All-Purpose Plant Food 10 Lbs.
15-30-15 fertilizer formula. Use on vegetables, flowers, shrubs, fruits, trees, lawns, evergreen and house plants.

(781762) **\$1374**

5 Lbs. (651699) **\$662**



Garden Feeder

Feed and water at the same time. Versatile four ways to feed — gentle spray, jet spray, attach to a sprinkler or attach to a wand.

(272980) **\$662**



Tree & Shrub Fertilizer Spikes 12-Pack
Spikes help promote lush, green foliage by supplying nutrients directly to the roots.

(438536) **\$794**

SPRAYERS AND SPREADERS



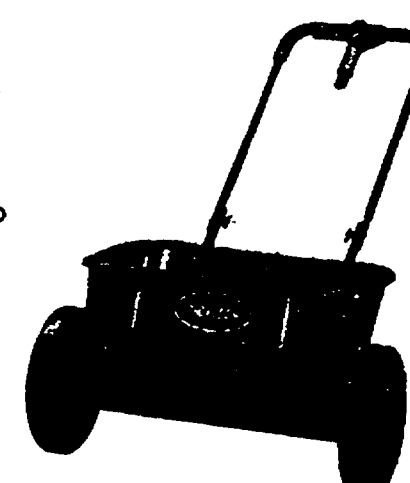
SpeedyGreen® 2000™ Broadcast Spreader
Pre-assembled. Hopper holds more than 8,500 sq. ft. of lawn fertilizer. Perfect for mid-sized lawns. Spreads a swath up to 5 ft. wide.

(573035) **\$2496**



Vigoro Broadcast Spreader
Fully assembled. Hopper holds up to 10,000 sq. ft. of lawn fertilizer. Handle folds down for easy storage.

(381047) **\$2896**



AccuGreen® 3000™ Drop Spreader
Hopper holds more than 10,000 sq. ft. of lawn fertilizer.

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5 Lbs. (655275) **\$747**



Turf Builder® Sun & Shade Grass Seed 20 Lbs.

All purpose mix for use in sunny and shady areas. Great for new lawns, bare spot repair or reseeding.

(816268) **\$45**

10 Lbs. (816257) **\$2688**



Turf Builder® Perennial Ryegrass Grass Seed 15 Lbs.

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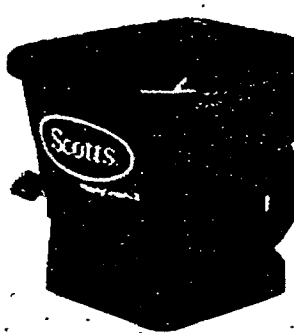
3 Lbs. (816518) **\$998**



Turf Builder® Contractor's Mix Grass Seed 25 Lbs.

Multiple use mixture for tall fescue lawns. Ideal for new lawns, repair, or reseeding. Contains tall fescue and annual ryegrass.

(138834) **\$3598**



HandyGreen® Hand-Held Rotary Spreader
Great for small applications of fertilizer, lawn seed or ice melt. Easy-to-use on/off trigger.

(159185) **\$1147**



Starter® Fertilizer 5,000 Sq. Ft.
20-27-5 fertilizer formula. 17.7 lbs. Apply when planting new seed, sod, plugs, or over-seeding.

(896470) **\$1197**



Ultra Turf® Starter Fertilizer 5,000 Sq. Ft.
20-27-5 fertilizer formula. 18 lbs. Use to promote strong root development and accelerate growth.

(607369) **\$896**

GRUB CONTROL



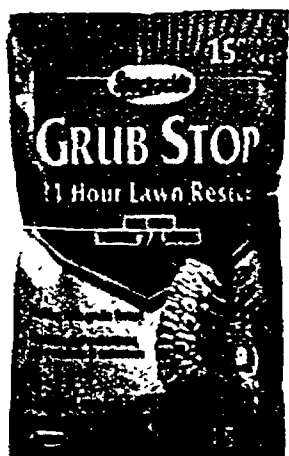
GrubEx® Season-Long Grub Control 5,000 Sq. Ft.
Kills grubs before they damage your lawn. One application controls grubs all season long. Apply anytime spring through summer.

(236467) **\$1888**



Grub Stop Once & Done™ 15 Lbs.
Treats up to 5,000 sq. ft. Kills Grubs now and prevents them all season long. No watering in necessary.

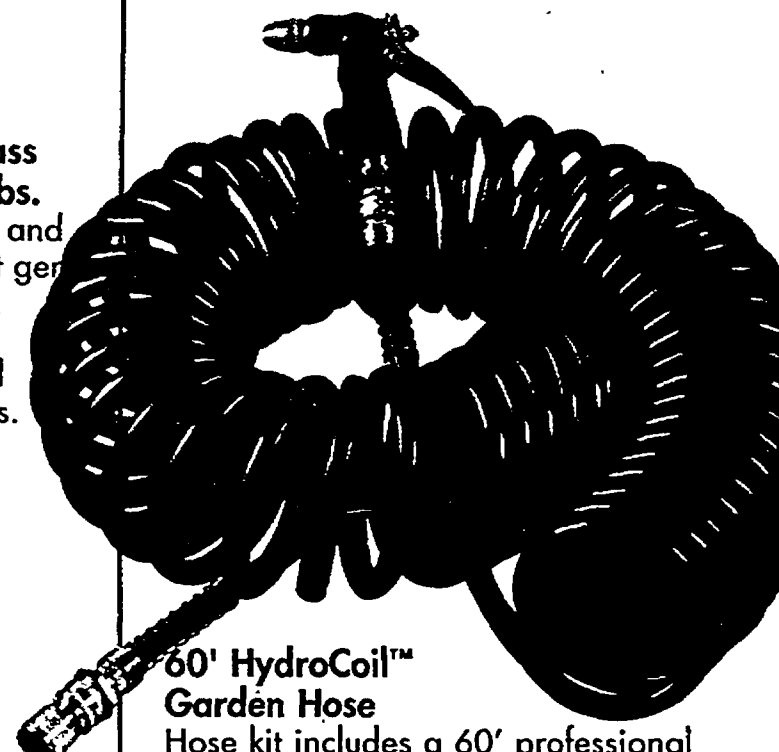
(309712) **\$1797**



Grub Stop™ 24 Hour Lawn Rescue
Treats up to 7,500 sq. ft. Kills grubs within 24 hours. Also kills sod webworms, mole crickets and cutworms.

(126874) **\$1898**

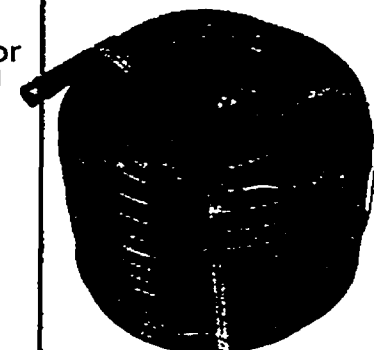
WATERING



60' HydroCoil™ Garden Hose

Hose kit includes a 60' professional grade hose, brass EZ connector set, a pro-grip nozzle, and an indoor faucet adapter.

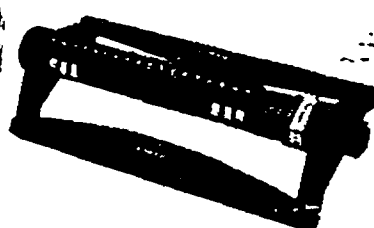
(350683) **\$2990**



5/8\"x150\" Medium-Duty Hose.

Crush-proof connectors.

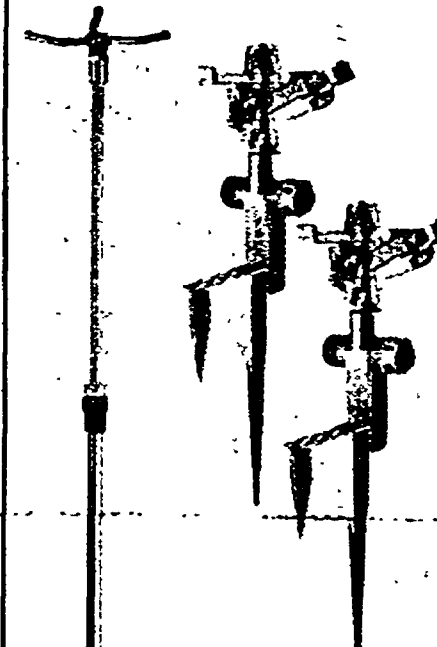
(224632) **\$29**



Turbo Oscillator

Water up to 3700 square feet of your lawn with this fully adjustable sprinkler.

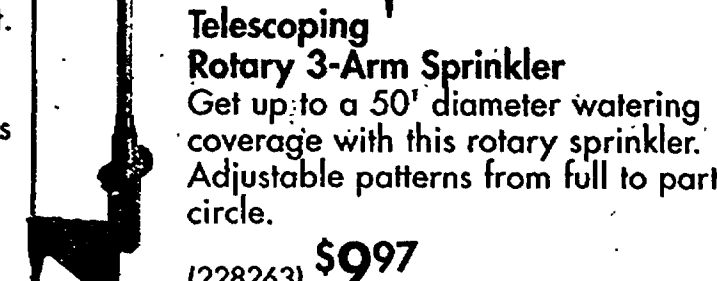
(172849) **\$1996**



2-Pack Step Pulsating Sprinklers

Sprinklers adjust from partial to full circle and covers from 30' to 85'. Connect two or more sprinklers for more coverage.

(229577) **\$1697**



Telescoping Rotary 3-Arm Sprinkler

Get up to a 50' diameter watering coverage with this rotary sprinkler. Adjustable patterns from full to part circle.

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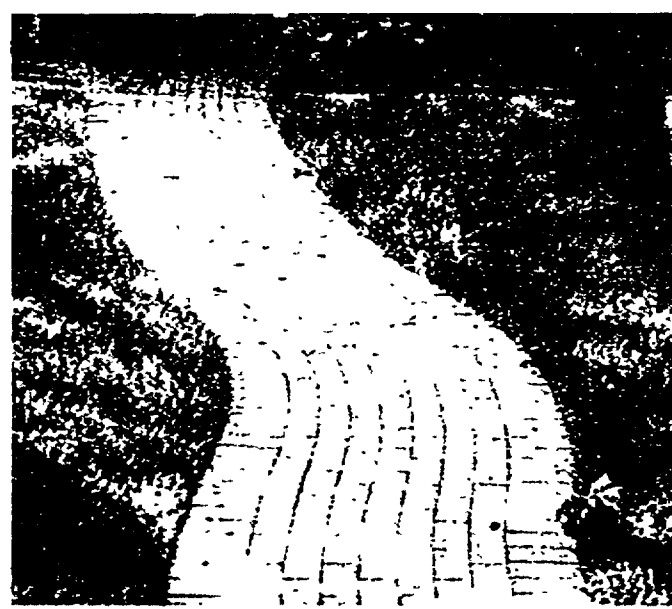
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16" Brickfaced Stepping Stone

These stones are ideal for patios, walkways, and paths. Great accent to your yard or garden. 1 square equals 1.72 sq. ft.

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Holland Paver

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Paver Base 50 Lbs.

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Marble Chips 50 Lbs.

Place these marble chips to conserve soil moisture, insulate plants and prevent soil erosion.

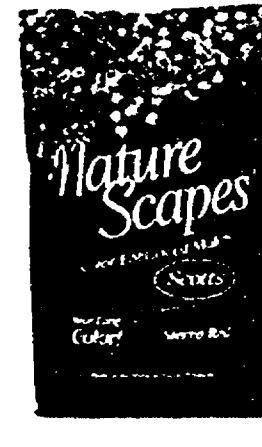
(419497) **\$279**



Pea Gravel 50 Lbs.

Ideal for walkways and flower beds, pea gravel insulates plants from extreme temperatures.

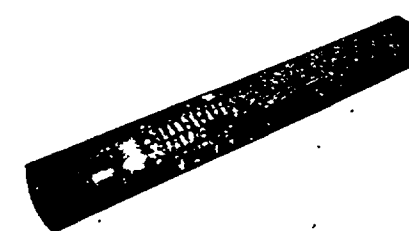
(930120) **\$299**



Nature Scapes Red Sierra Mulch 2 Cu. Ft.

Use this mulch to conserve soil moisture, beautify your landscape and add long-lasting color.

(647218) **\$448**



4'x50' Commercial-Grade Landscape Fabric

Contractor grade fabric helps stop weeds without chemicals.

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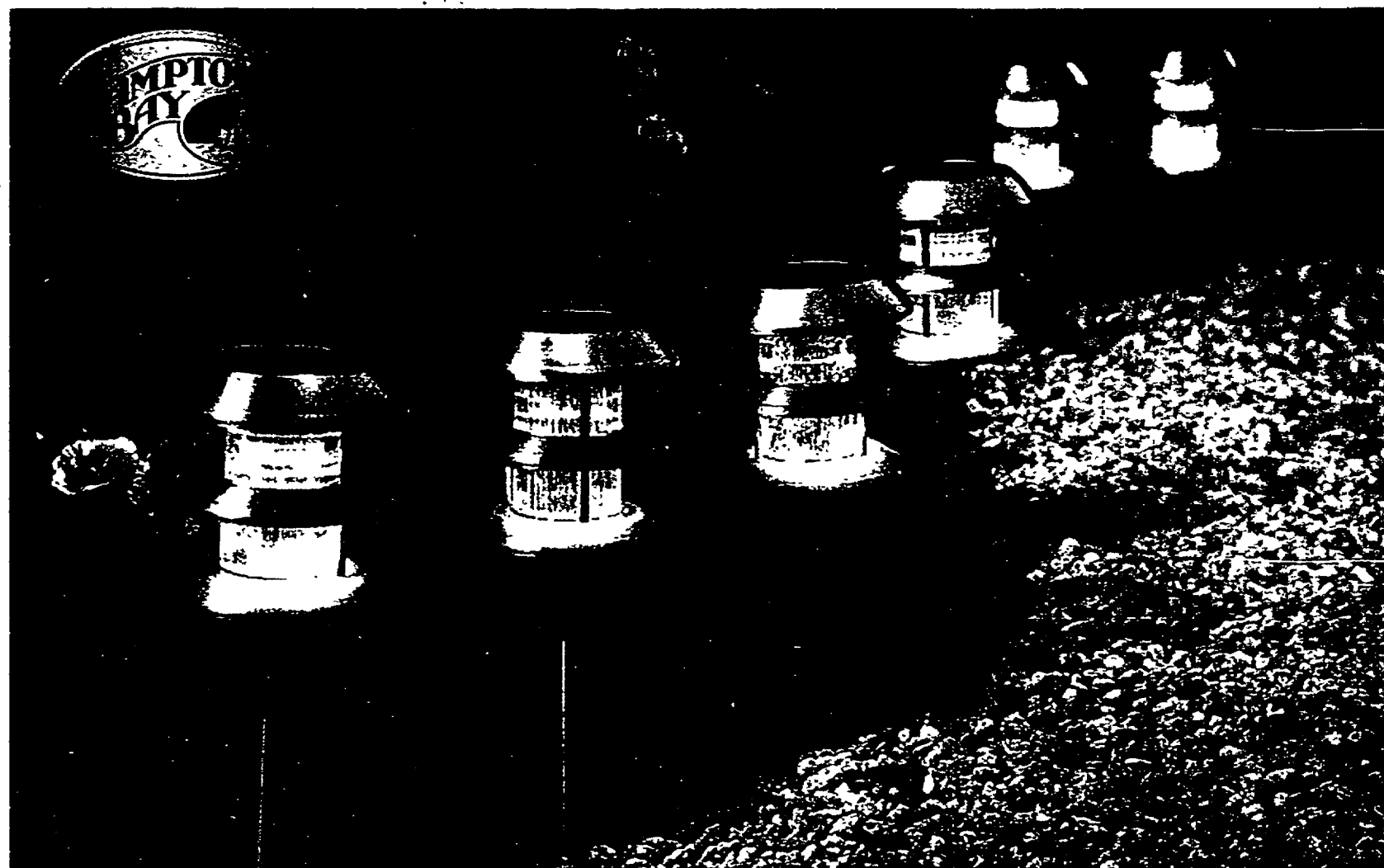
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6-Light Metal Solar Light Kit

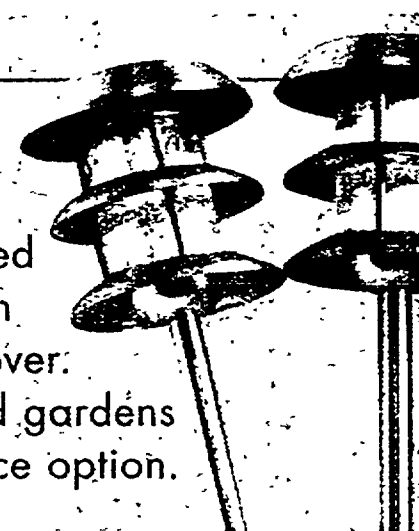
New technology in the voltage multiplier increases brightness and "lights on" time with fully charged batteries. Easy to install, no wiring required. Metal construction in a stylish aluminum finish. (445291)

\$59

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Put Solar Units in Today & Have Lights Tonight!

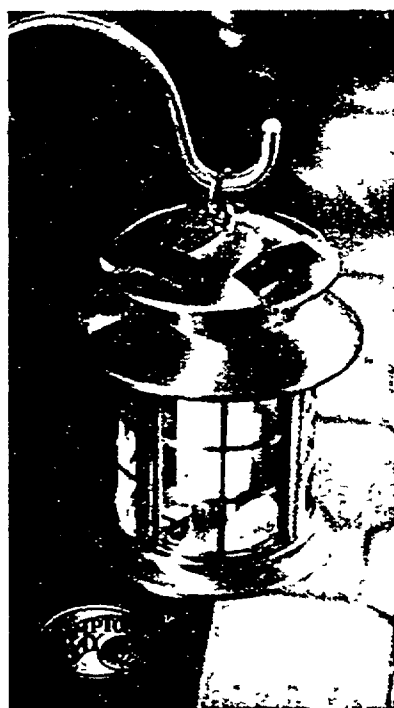
There's no wiring or digging required to install solar lighting. Just put them in the ground and let the sun take over. Add soft highlights to pathways and gardens with this affordable, low-maintenance option.



Convertible Tiffany Die-Cast Lantern

Bronze-finished metal lantern with dual amber LED lighting and rechargeable batteries. Mount on included shepherd's hook or stake, or can be set on a tabletop.

(577588) **\$34.97**



Convertible Metal Solar Lantern

Copper-finished metal style mounts 3 ways: on shepherd's hook, stake or tabletop. Super-bright white LED with rechargeable batteries.

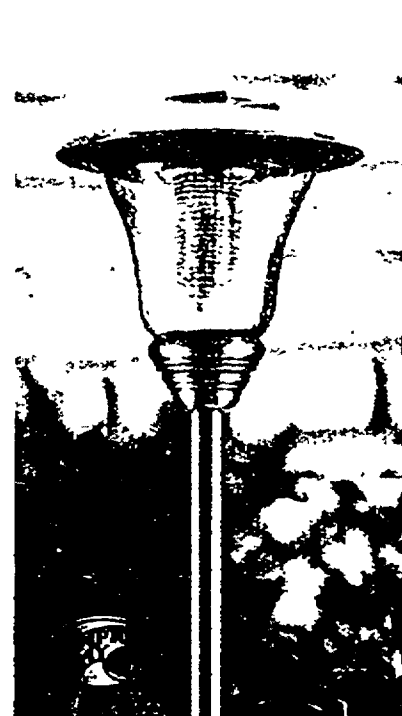
(577674) **\$29.97**



Convertible Metal Solar Lantern

Die-cast aluminum construction with black finish. Super bright white LED. Includes rechargeable batteries, shepherd's hook and stake.

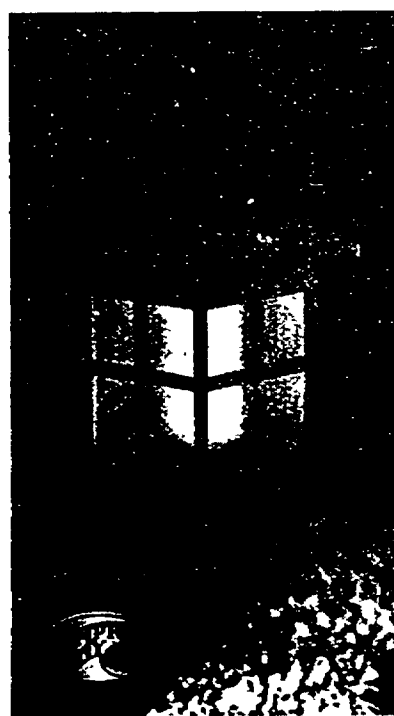
(585083) **\$24.97**



Die-Cast Solar Light

New technology in the voltage multiplier provides brighter, longer lasting light. Die-cast aluminum construction with pewter finish. Includes rechargeable batteries. Lifetime warranty.

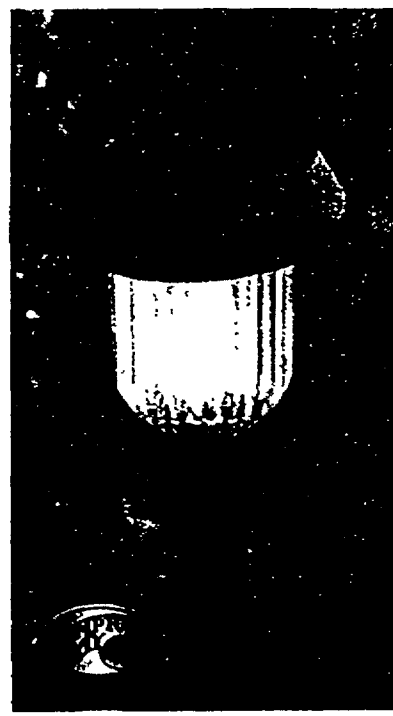
(428529) **\$19.97**



Convertible Metal Solar Light

Metal construction with black finish. Includes super bright white LED, rechargeable batteries, plus stake and shepherd's hook for additional mounting options.

(444197) **\$19.97**



Plastic Solar Light

Super-bright white light lasts longer with new technology and rechargeable batteries (included). Sturdy plastic construction in black.

(427629) **\$9.97**



Cobra Mist Stand

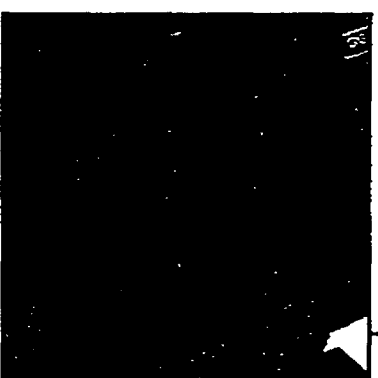
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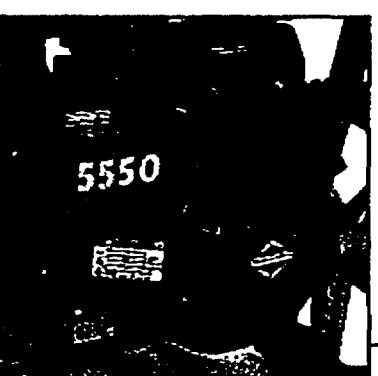
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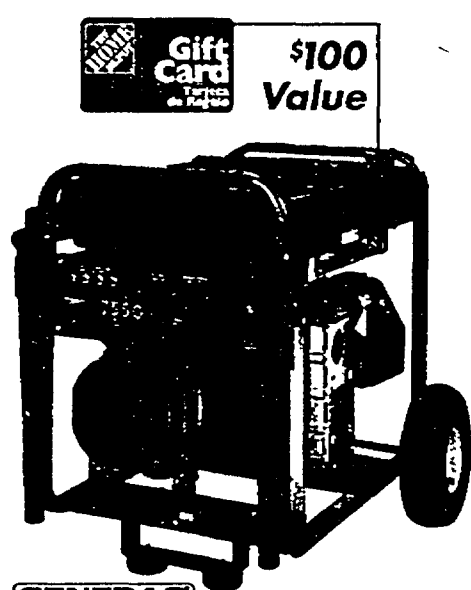
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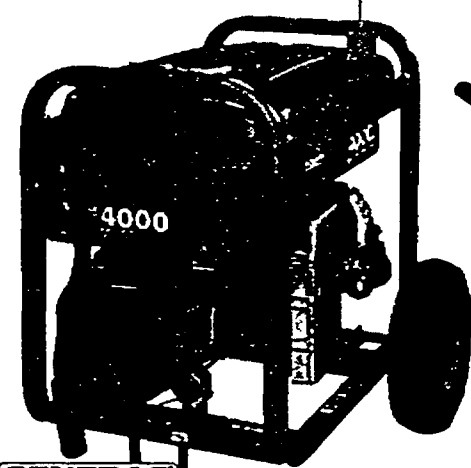


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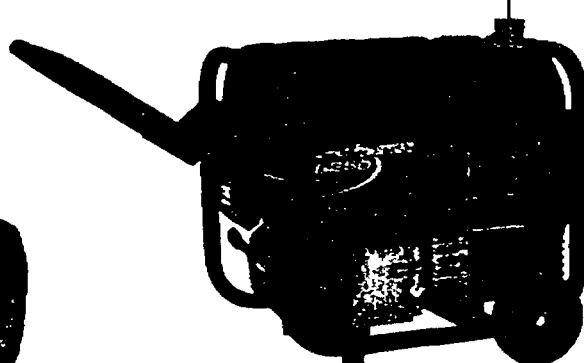
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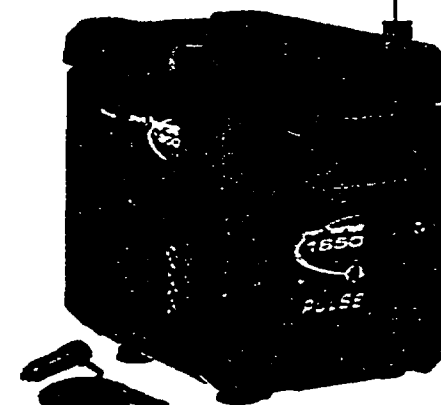
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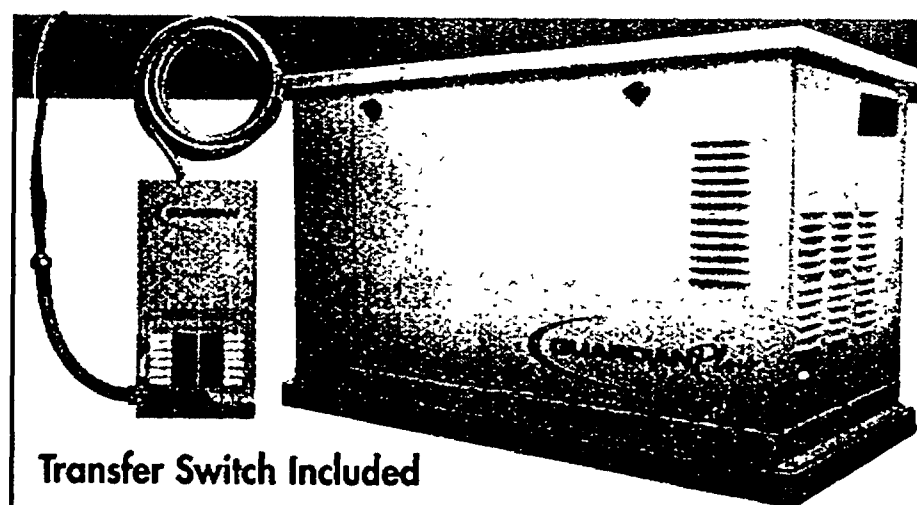


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|-------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| Price | \$1099 \$31 Per Month* | \$729 \$23 Per Month* | \$499 \$16 Per Month* | \$399 \$17 Per Month* | \$399 \$17 Per Month* |
| Engine | 15 HP Generac® OHV engine | 7.8 HP Generac® OHV engine | 10 HP Briggs & Stratton® OHV engine | 3.5 peak HP Briggs & Stratton® engine | 6 HP Briggs & Stratton® engine |
| Output | 7550 rated watts, 13,550 surge watts | 4000 rated watts, 6600 surge watts | 5000 rated watts, 6250 surge watts | 1500 rated watts, 1850 surge watts | 3000 rated watts, 3750 surge watts |
| Fuel Tank | 7-gallon tank, 11.5 hours run time | 4.5-gallon tank, 14 hours run time | 6-gallon tank, 12 hours run time | 1-gallon tank, 3.5 hours run time | 3-quart tank, 2.5 hours run time |
| Features | Pneumatic wheels, electric start with installed battery, fully pressurized oil system, charger, full electronics package, automatic voltage regulation and 12-volt DC outlet, 25' extended panel cord with 4 outlets | Pneumatic tires, electric start system with installed battery, fully pressurized oil system, charger, full electronics package with idle control, automatic voltage regulation and 12-volt DC outlet, Super Silencer™ muffler | Low oil shutdown to protect engine if oil is low, (4) 120V outlets, (1) 120/240V twist-lock outlet, 2-year warranty | US Forest Service campground approved muffler, cast iron cylinder sleeve for longer engine life, includes (2) 120-volt and (2) 12-volt outlets | Portable, compact vertical design with 14" wheels, fully assembled-no tools required, built-in extension cord wrap, reversible handle, 2-year warranty |
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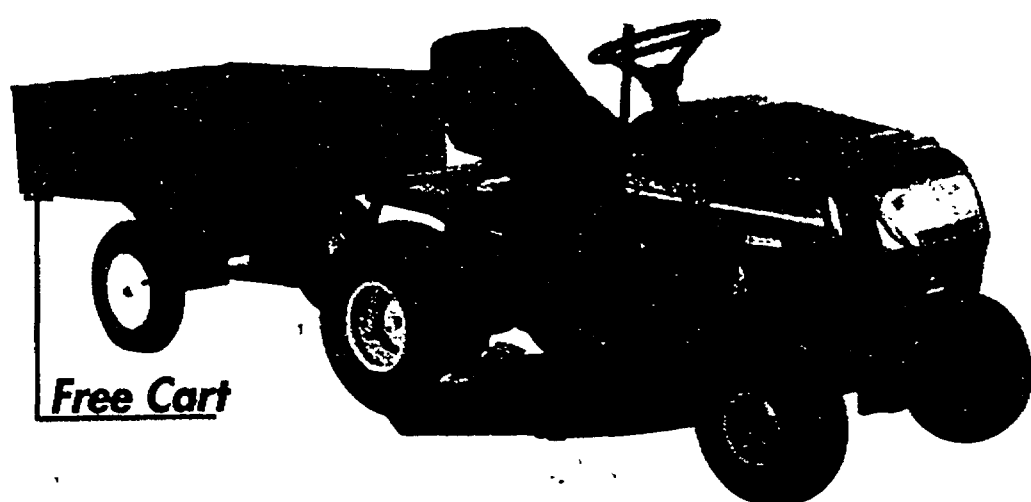
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(109389)

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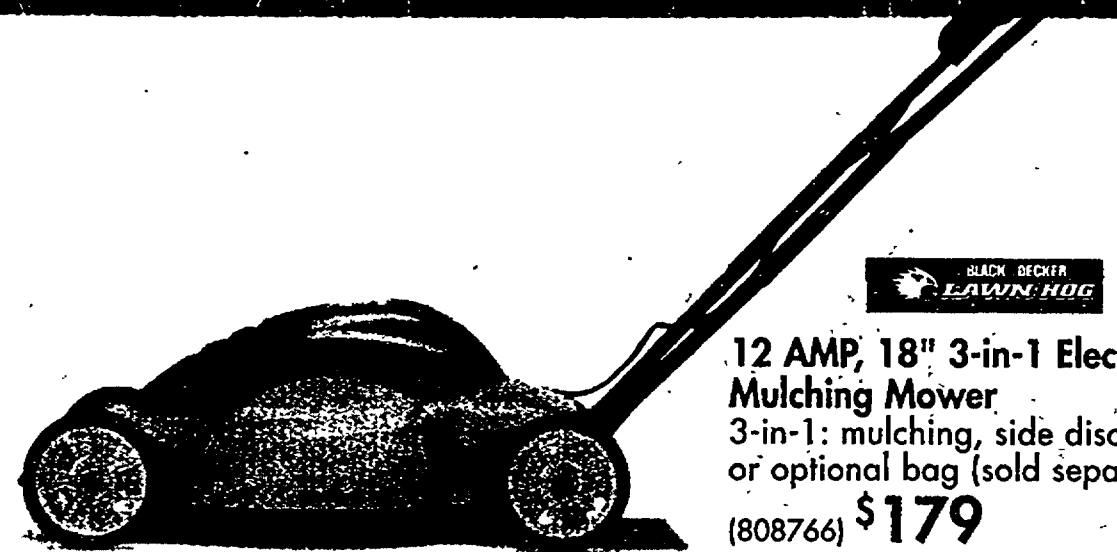
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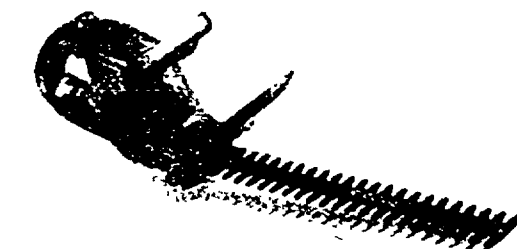
12 AMP, 18" 3-in-1 Electric Mulching Mower
3-in-1: mulching, side discharge or optional bag (sold separately).
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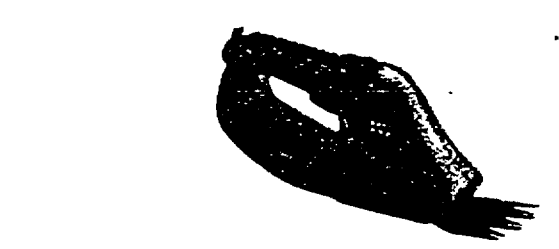
14.4-Volt 22" Hedge Hog® Cordless Trimmer
22" blade. Up to 7/16" cutting capacity. Double-sided, dual action reciprocating blade.
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12-Volt, 12" Straight Shaft Cordless Trimmer/Edger
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1.8 AMP 9" Straight Shaft Electric Trimmer
9" cutting width. Bump feed, 0.065" line.
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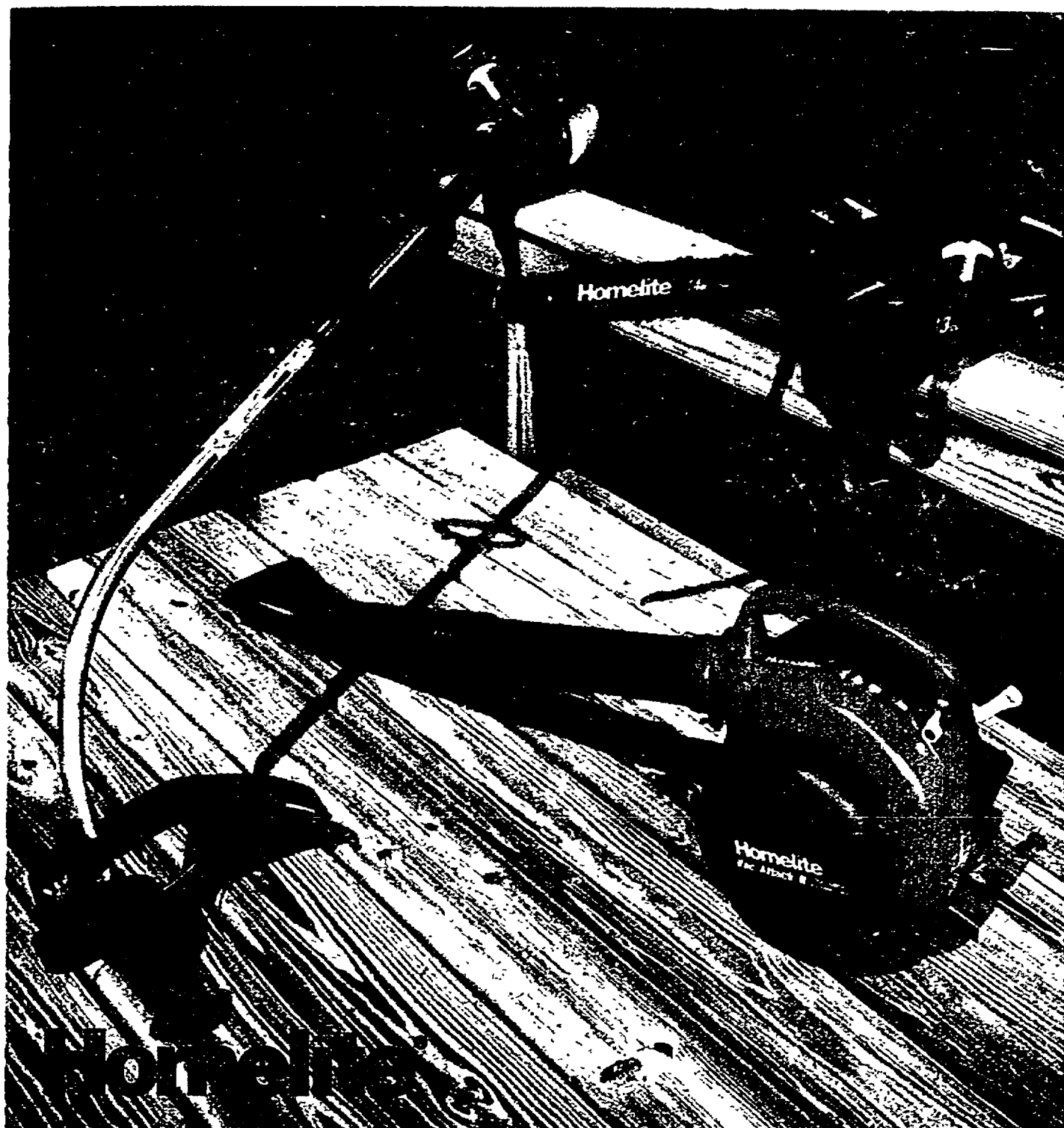
12-Volt Rechargeable Cordless Hard Surface Sweeper
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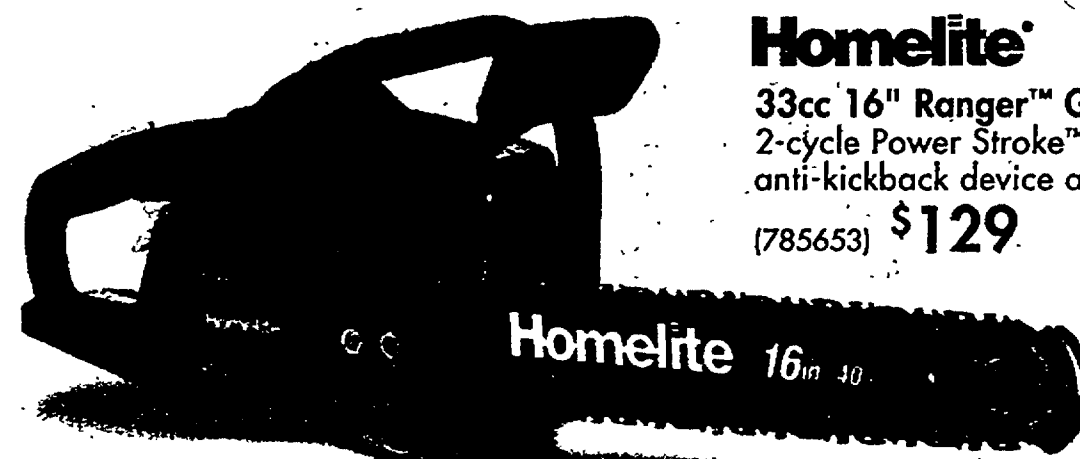
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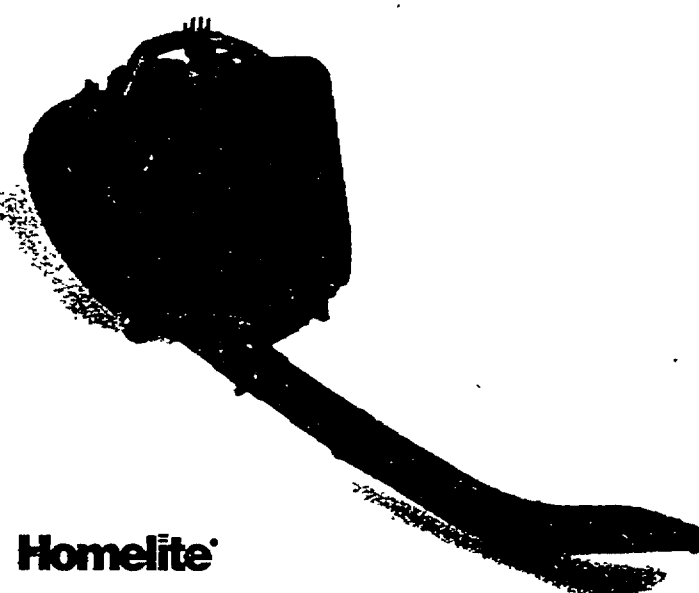
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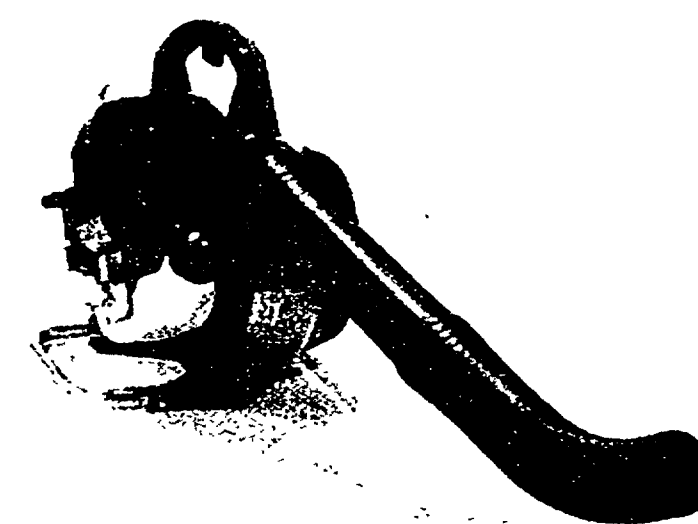
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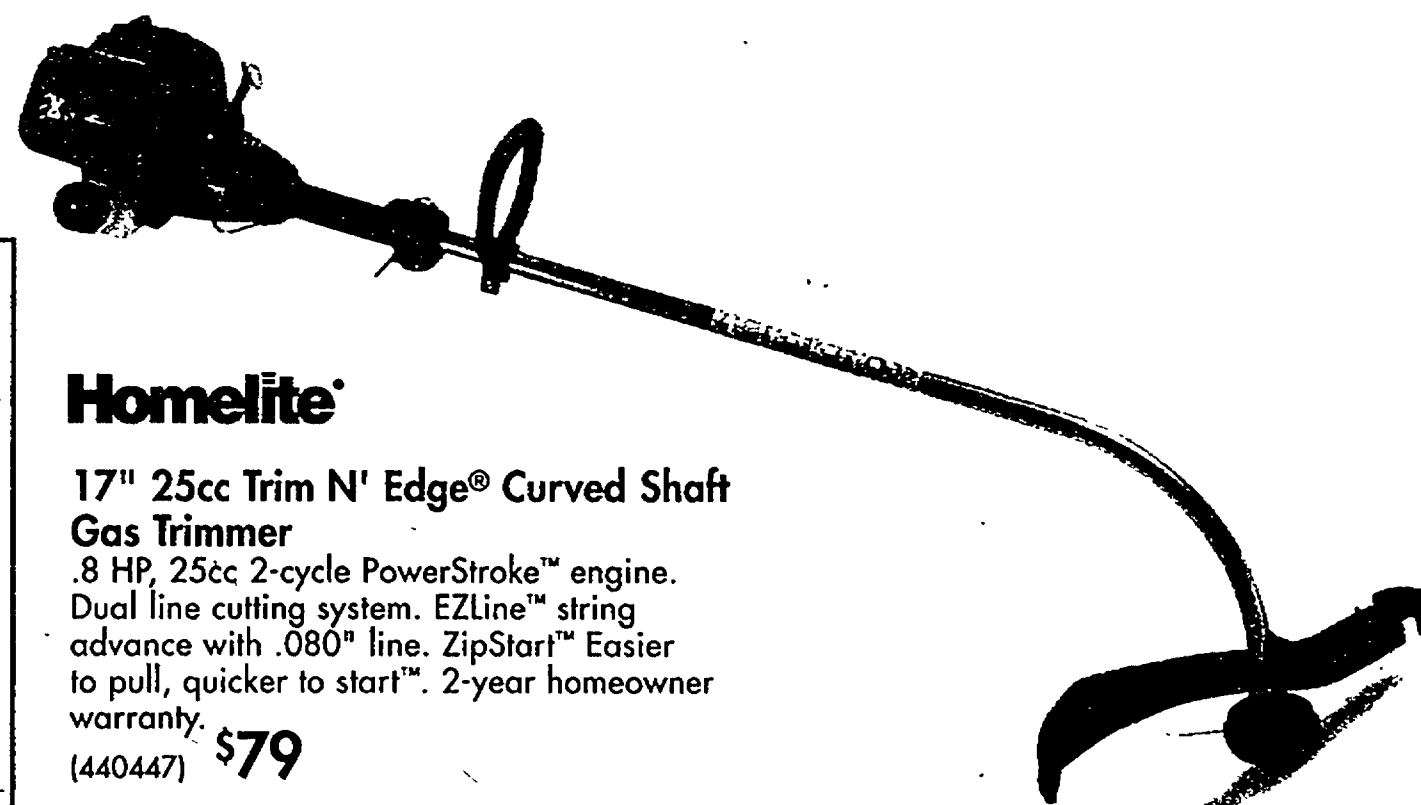
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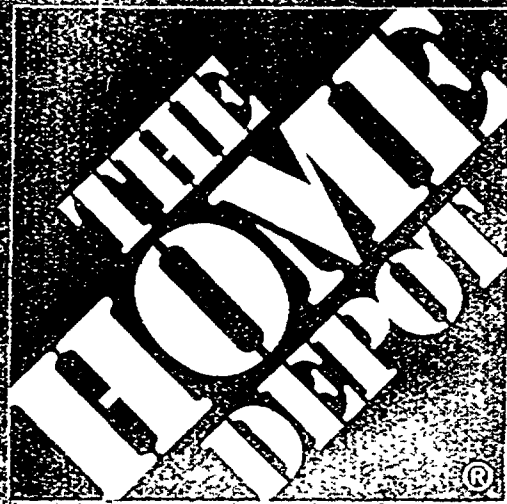
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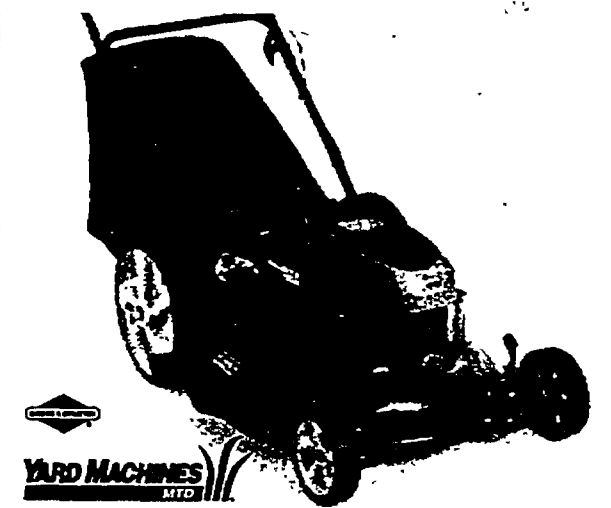
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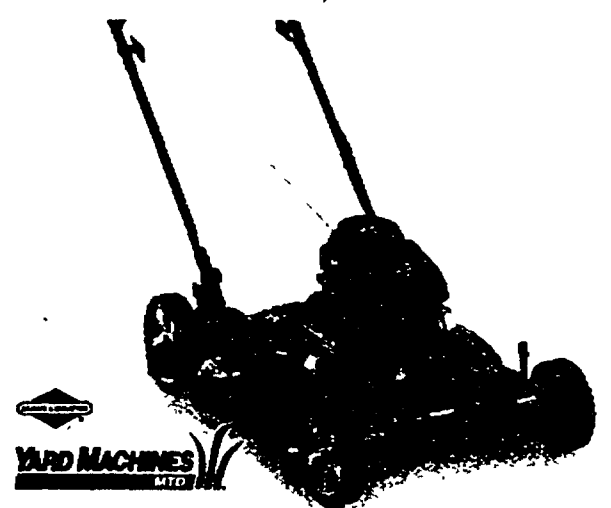
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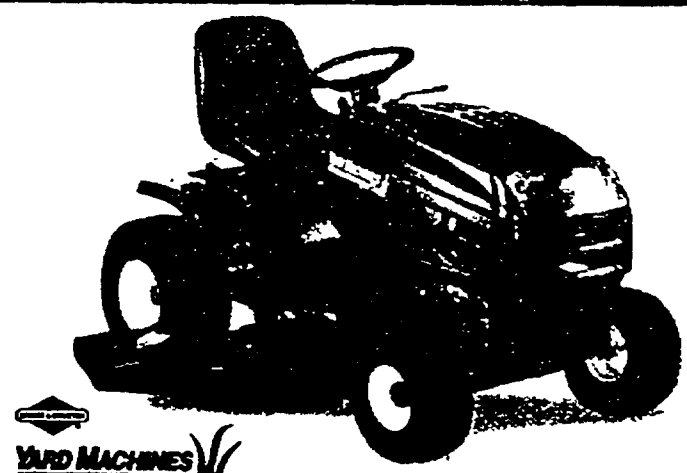
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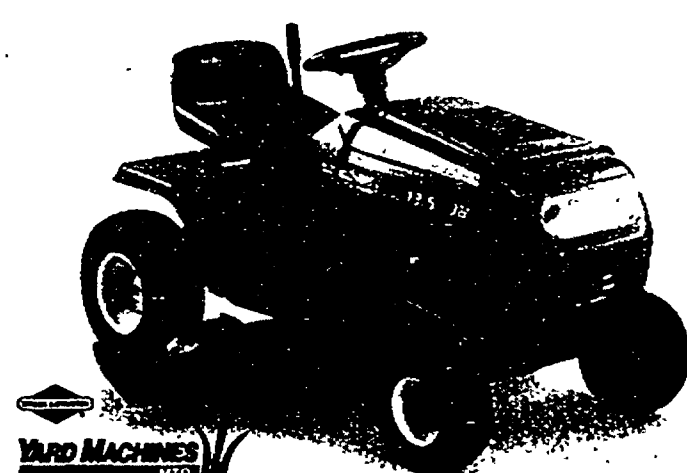
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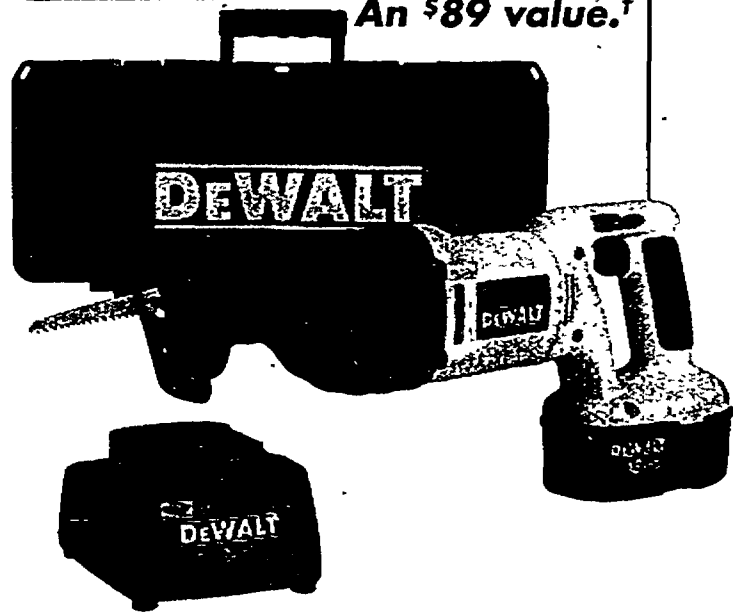
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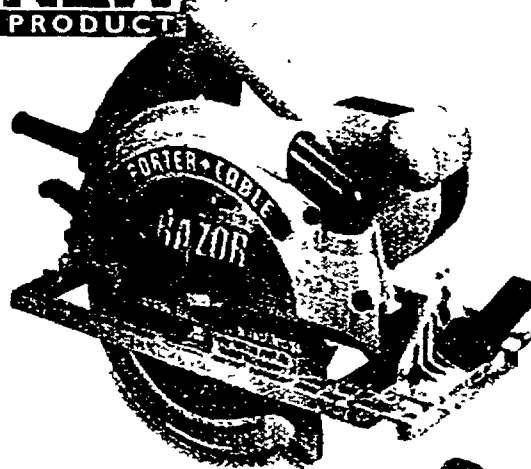
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| Description | 18-Volt XRP™ Hammerdrill Kit | 18-Volt XRP™ Drill Kit | 14.4-Volt XRP™ Drill Kit |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Price | \$269 was \$289 | \$249 was \$269 | \$189 was \$199 |
| Chuck Type | 1/2" ratcheting chuck | 1/2" ratcheting chuck | 1/2" ratcheting chuck |
| Max Torque | 450 in/ lbs. | 450 in/ lbs. | 400 in/ lbs. |
| RPM | 0-2,000 RPM with MAX 3rd speed, 34,000 BPM | 0-2,000 RPM with MAX 3rd speed | 0-1,800 RPM with MAX 3rd speed |
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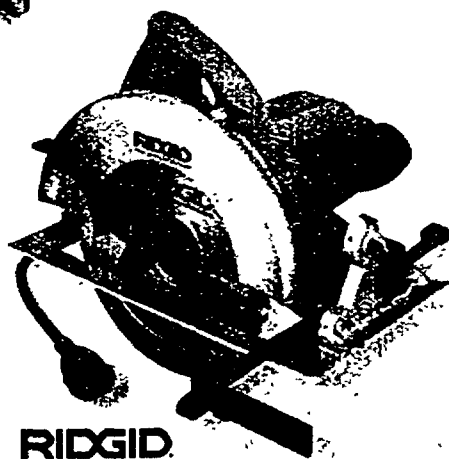
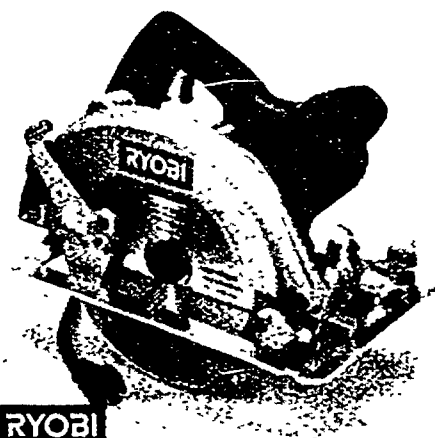
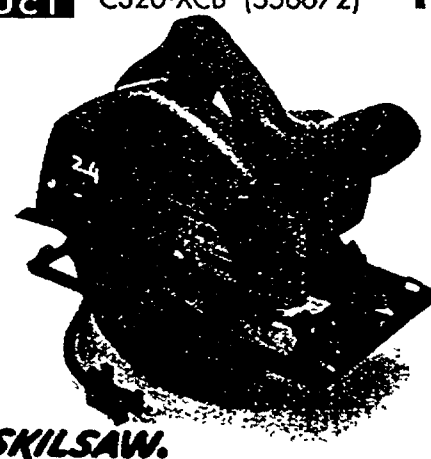
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7-1/4" Sidewinder Circular Saw
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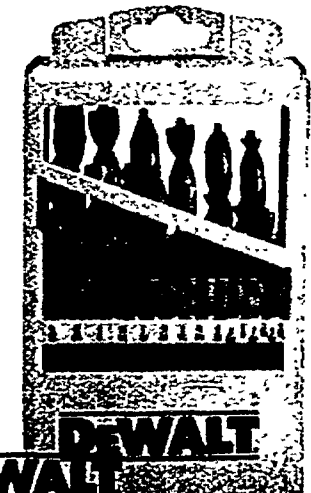
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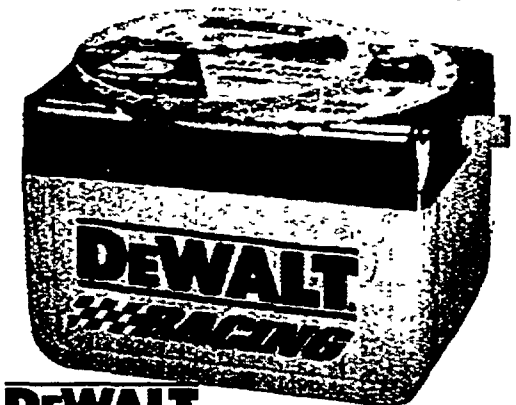
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|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Price | \$119 | \$7997 | \$4997 |
| AMP/Weight | 15.0 AMP / 11.5 lbs. | 13.0 AMP / 12 lbs. | 13.0 AMP / 13.9 lbs. |
| Speed | 5800 RPM | 5500 RPM | 4600 RPM |
| Bevel Capacity | 0-50° with 45° quick release at 0-15° | 0-51.5° with 26 and 61.5 degree stops | 0-45° |
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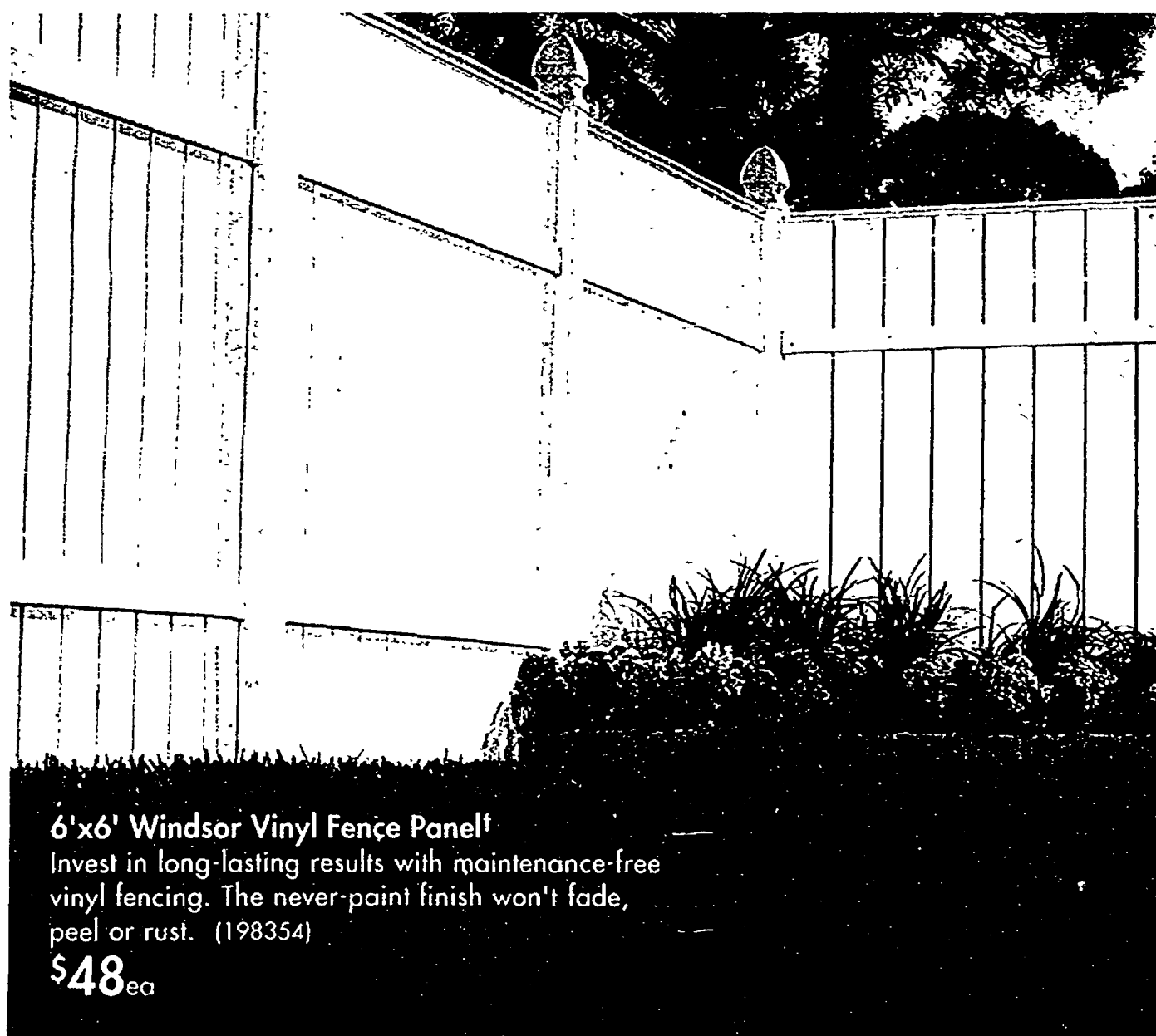
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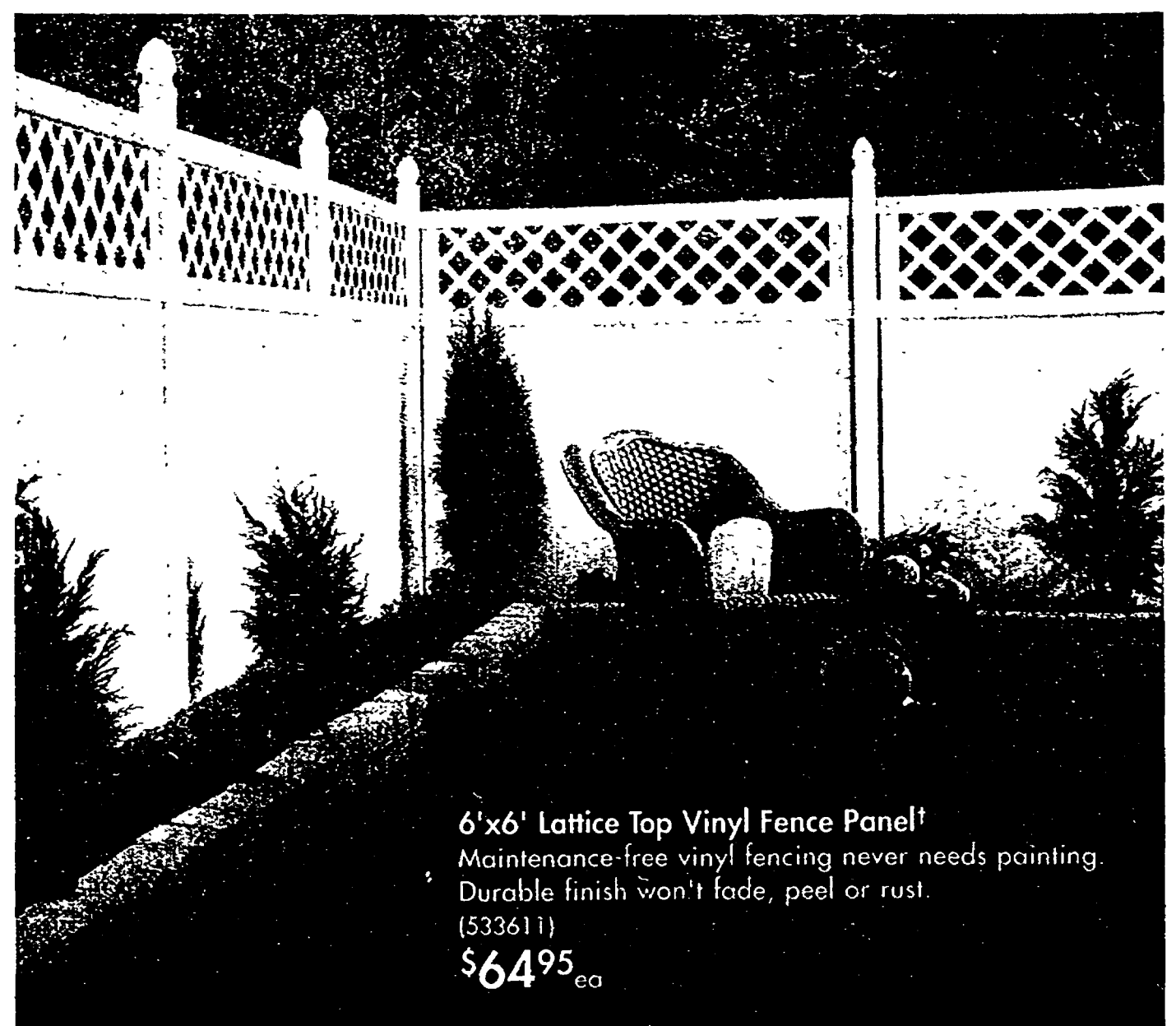
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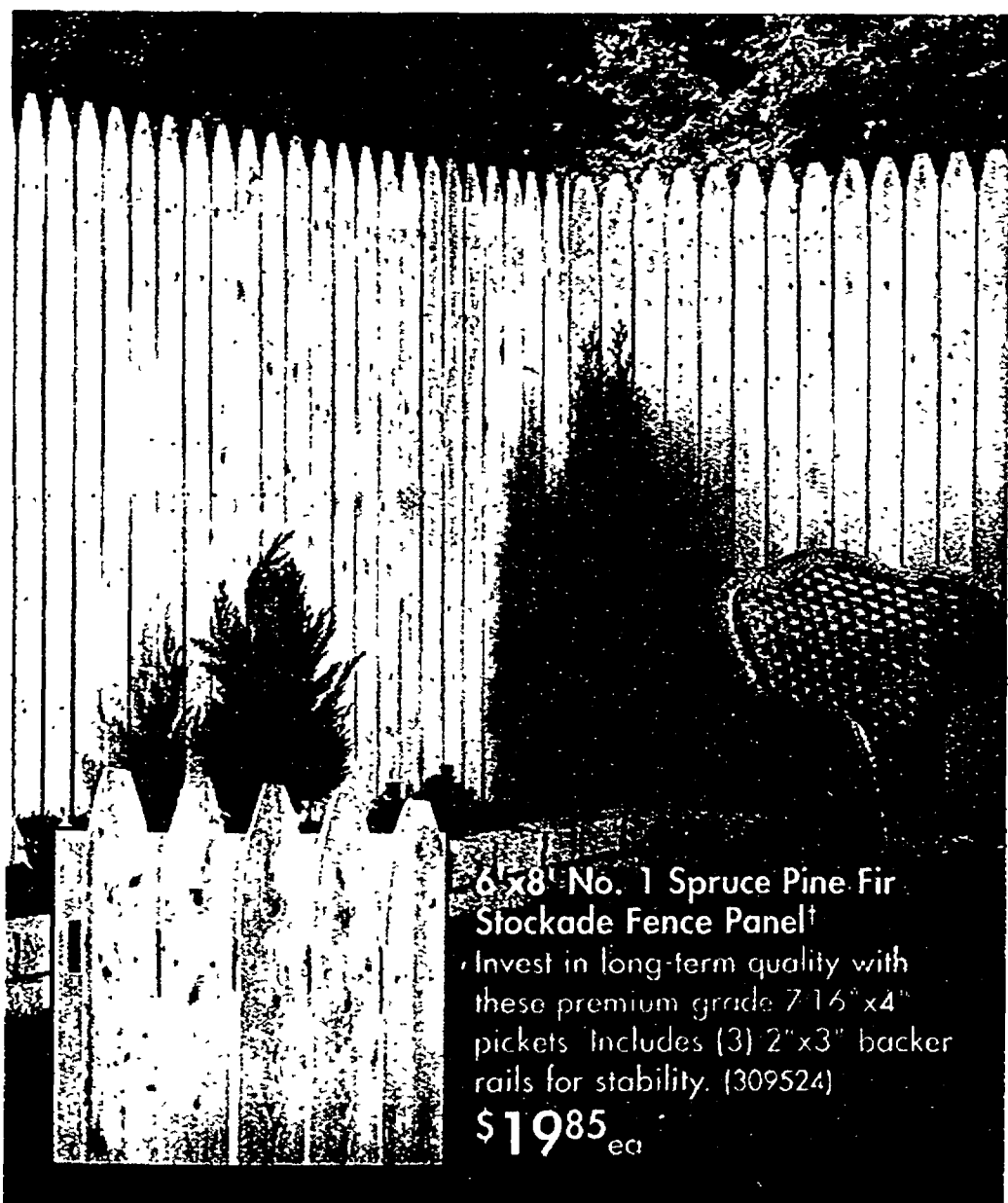


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Classic look with added durability. Treated to resist insects, rot and decay. Rough sawn front and back. (169757)

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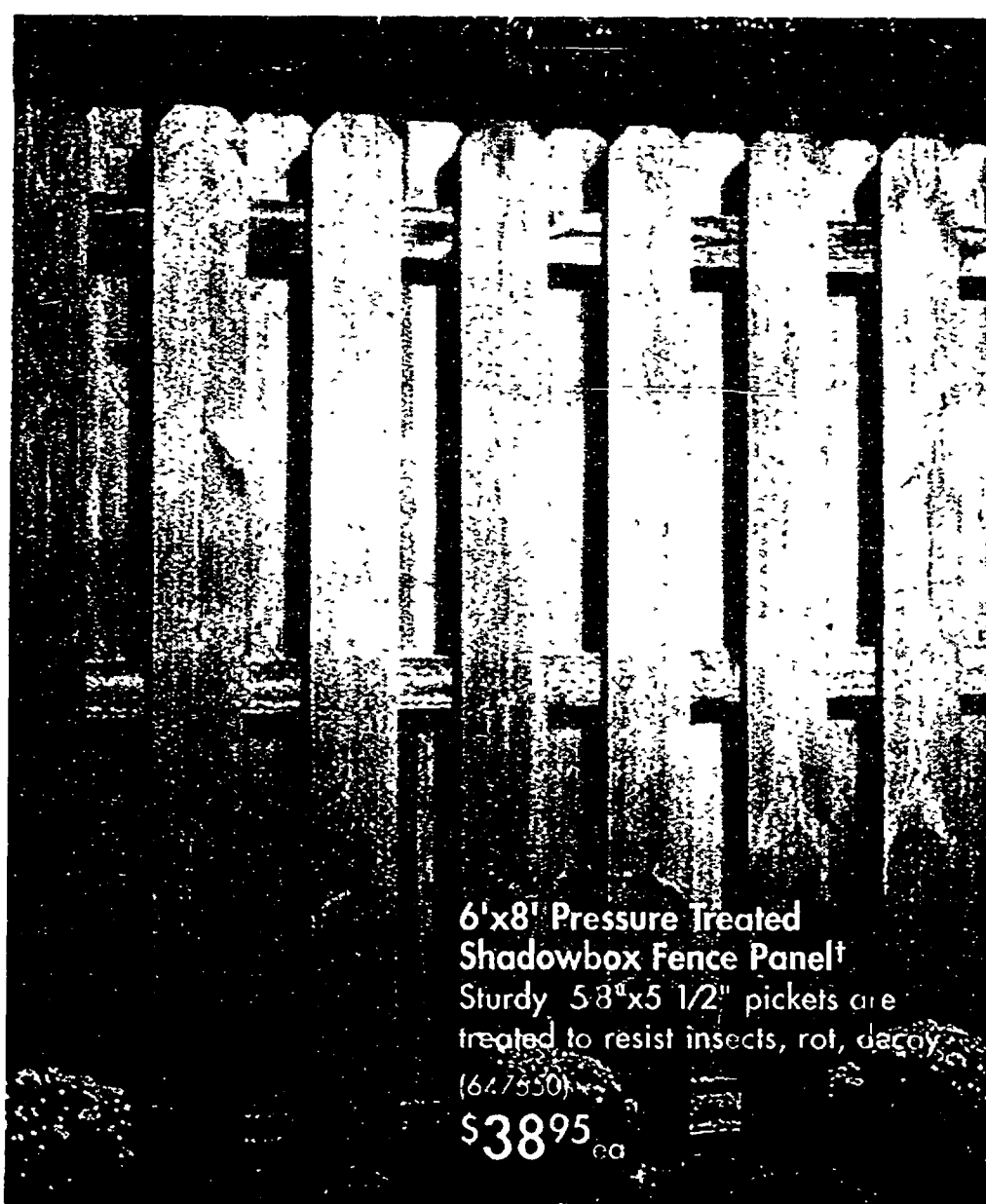
6'x8' Premium No. 1 Pressure Treated Dog-Eared Fence Panel† (897671) **\$36.95** ea



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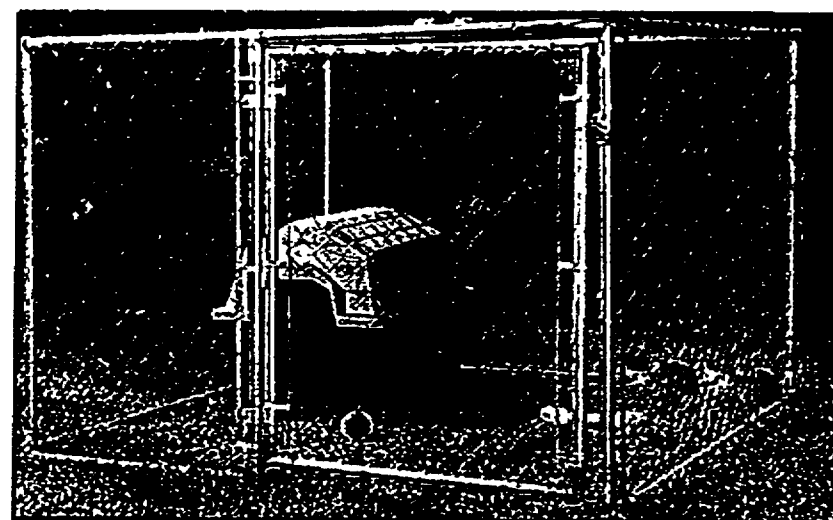
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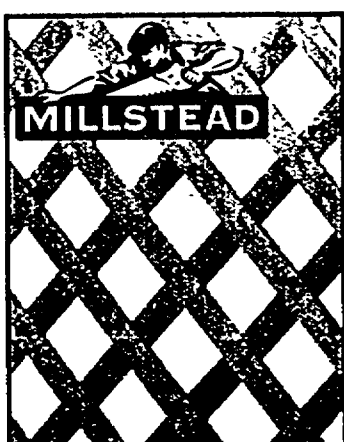
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#2 Pressure Treated Lumber

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| 2"x10" | \$797 | \$1097 | \$1479 | \$1939 |
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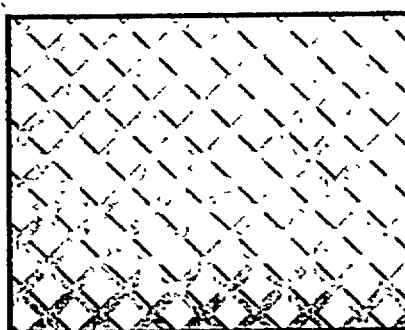


1/2"-4'x8'
Pressure
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Lattice Panel
(441925) **\$6⁹⁷**

3/4"-4'x8'
(430297) **\$11⁹⁹**

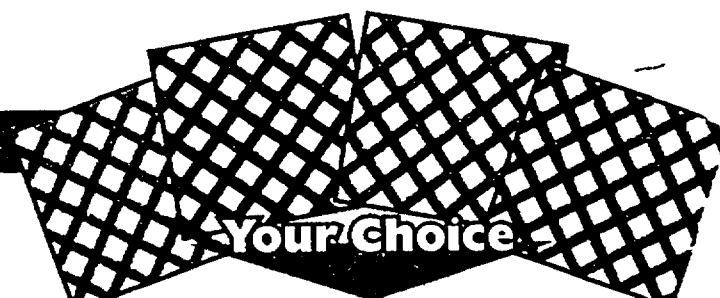
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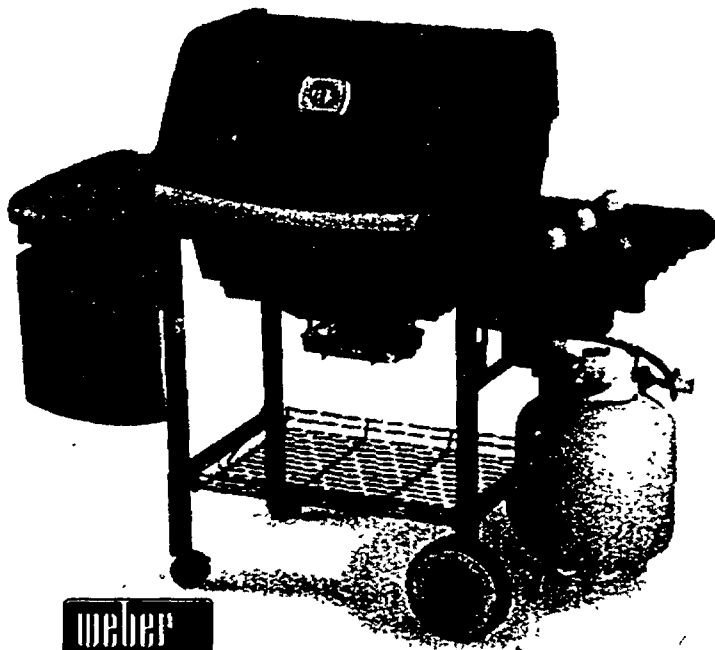
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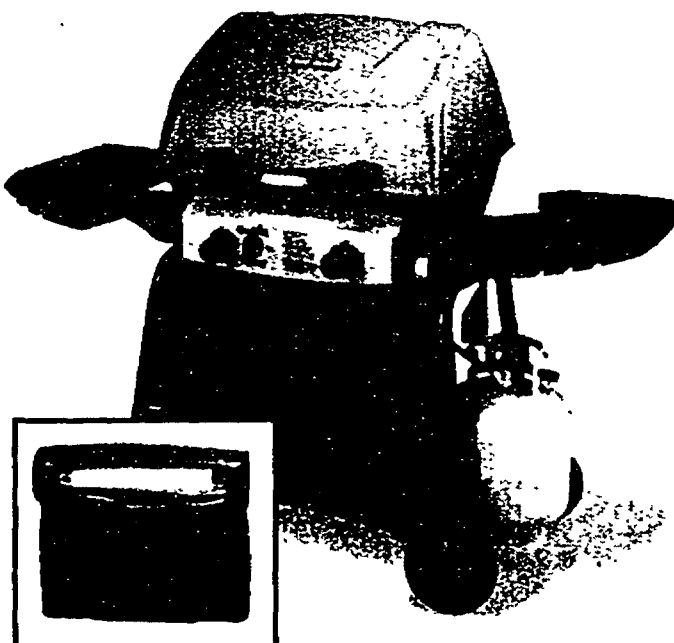
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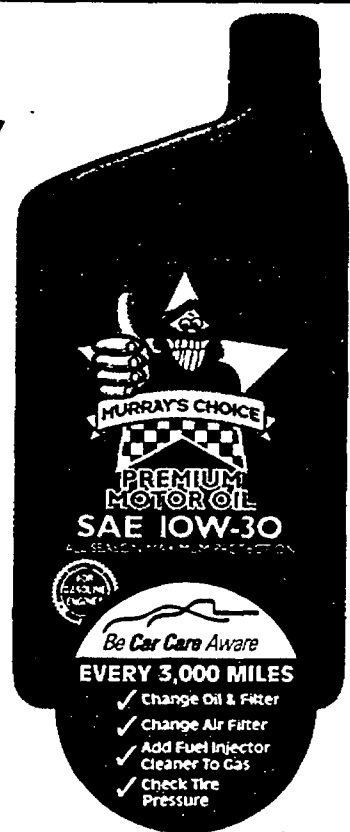
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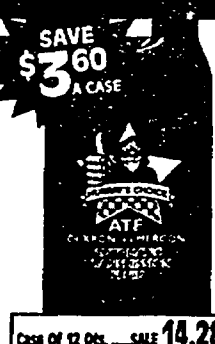
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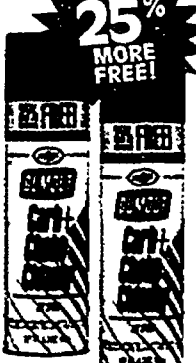
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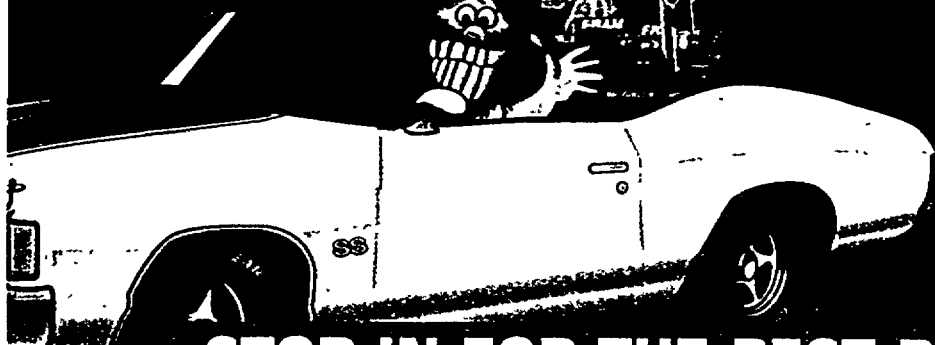
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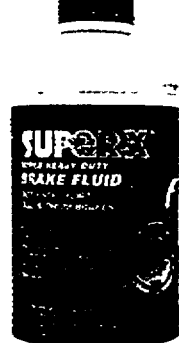
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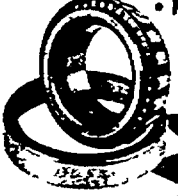
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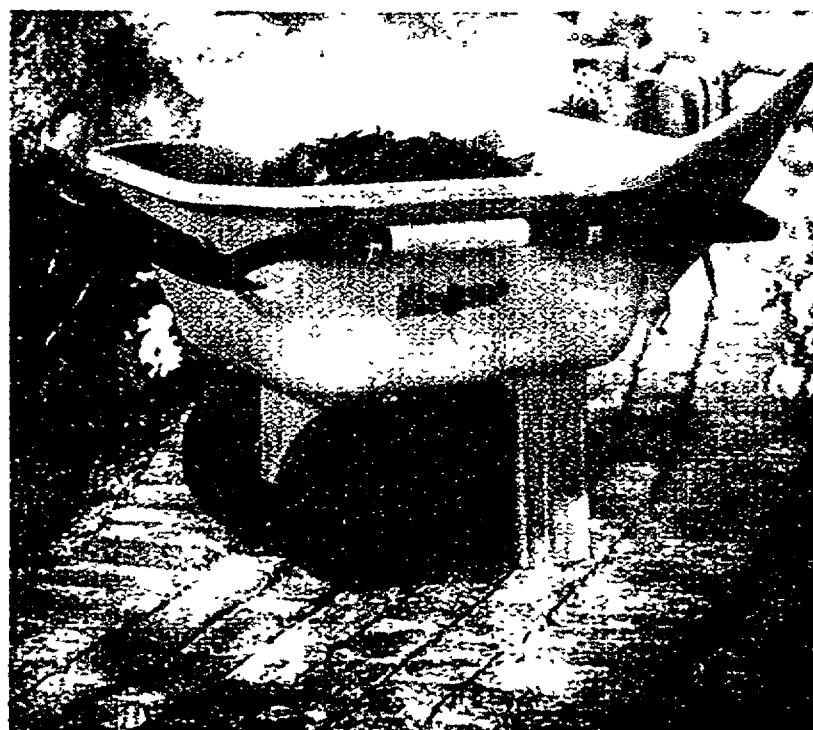
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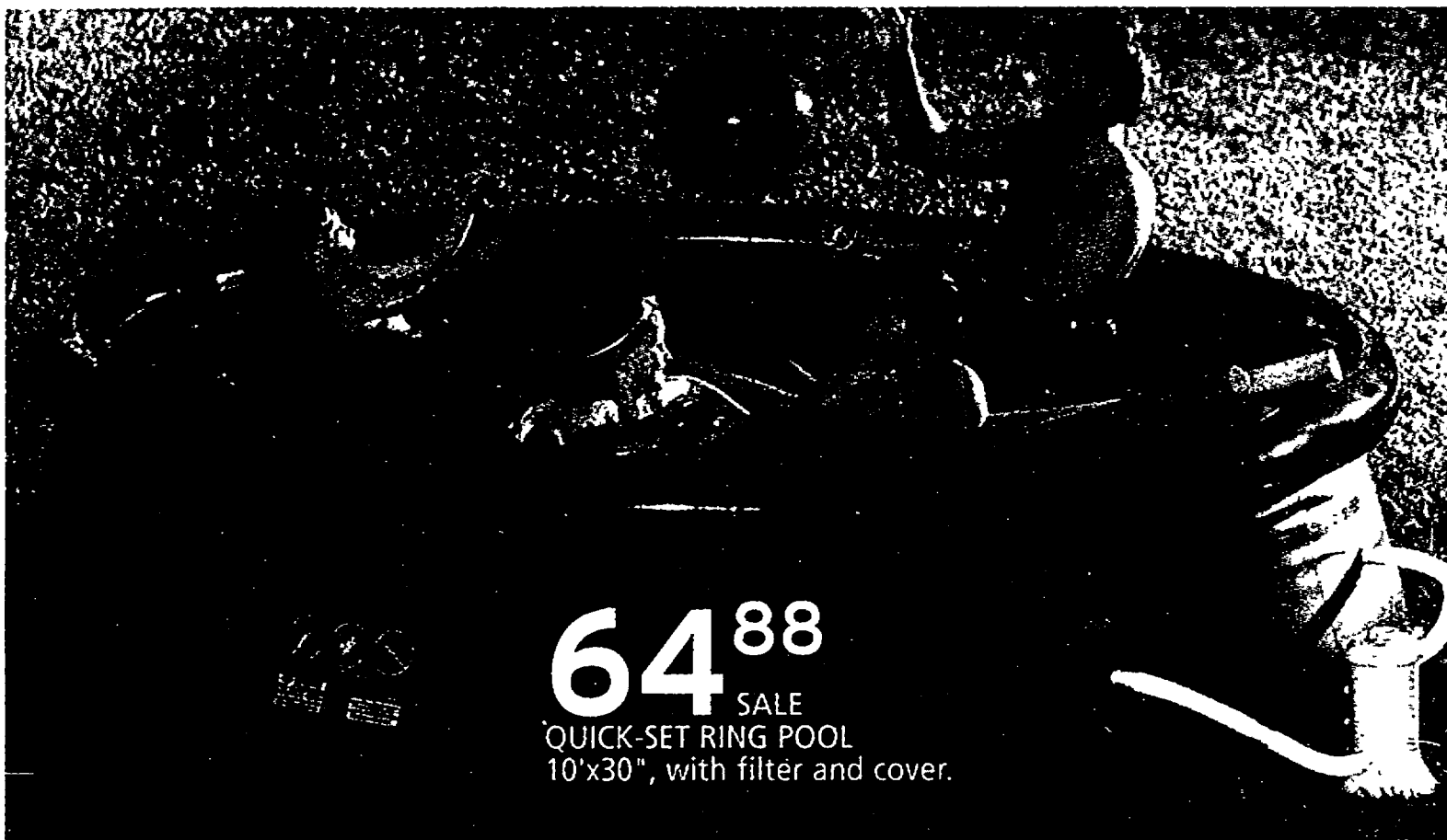
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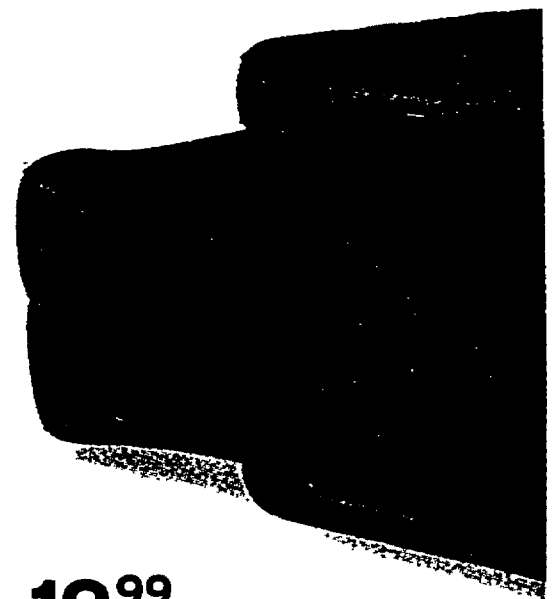


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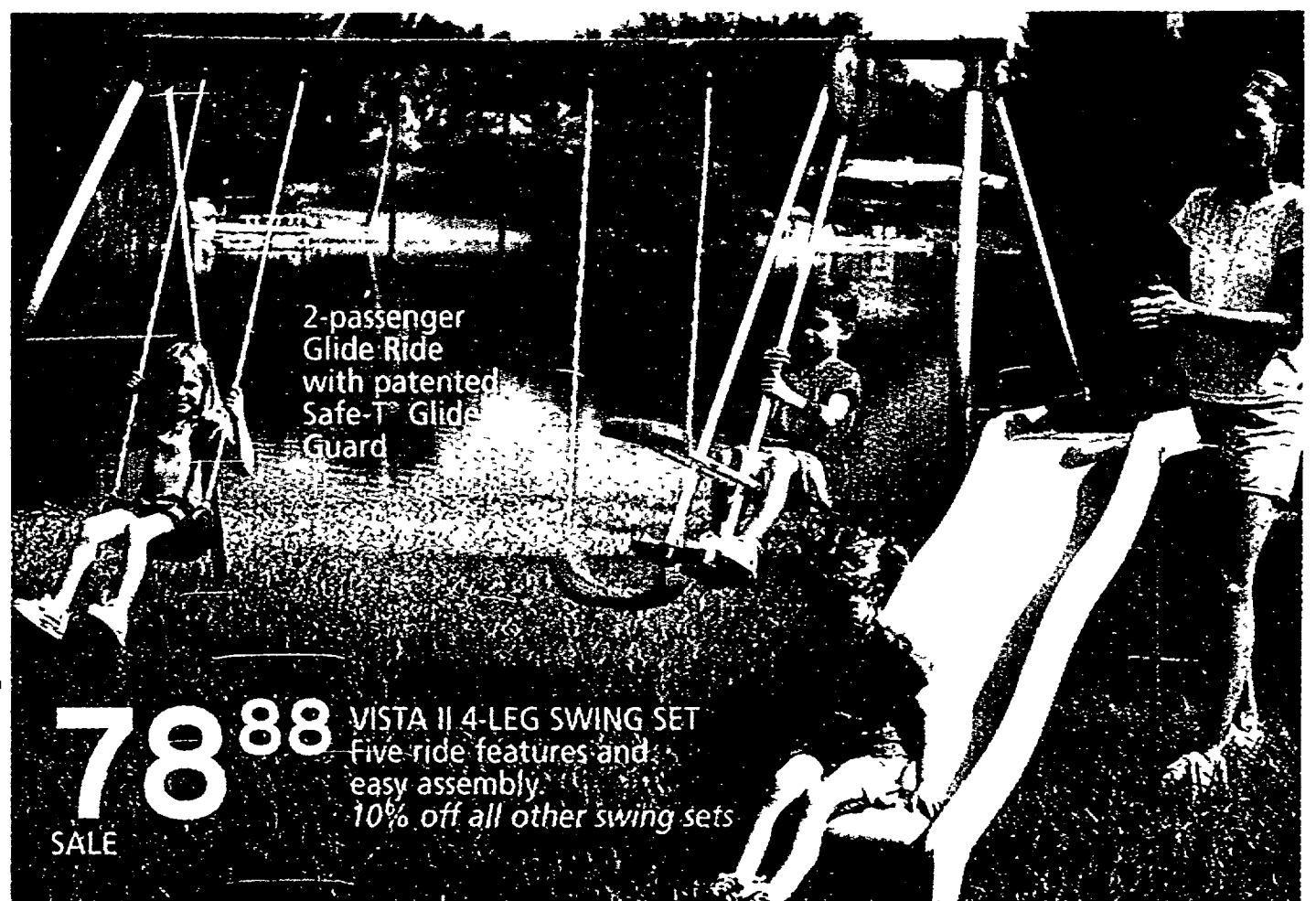
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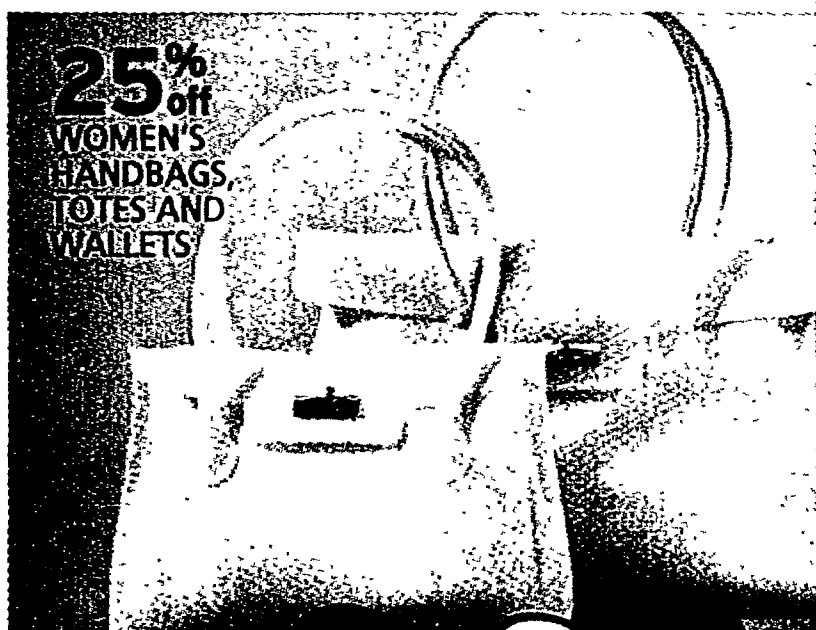
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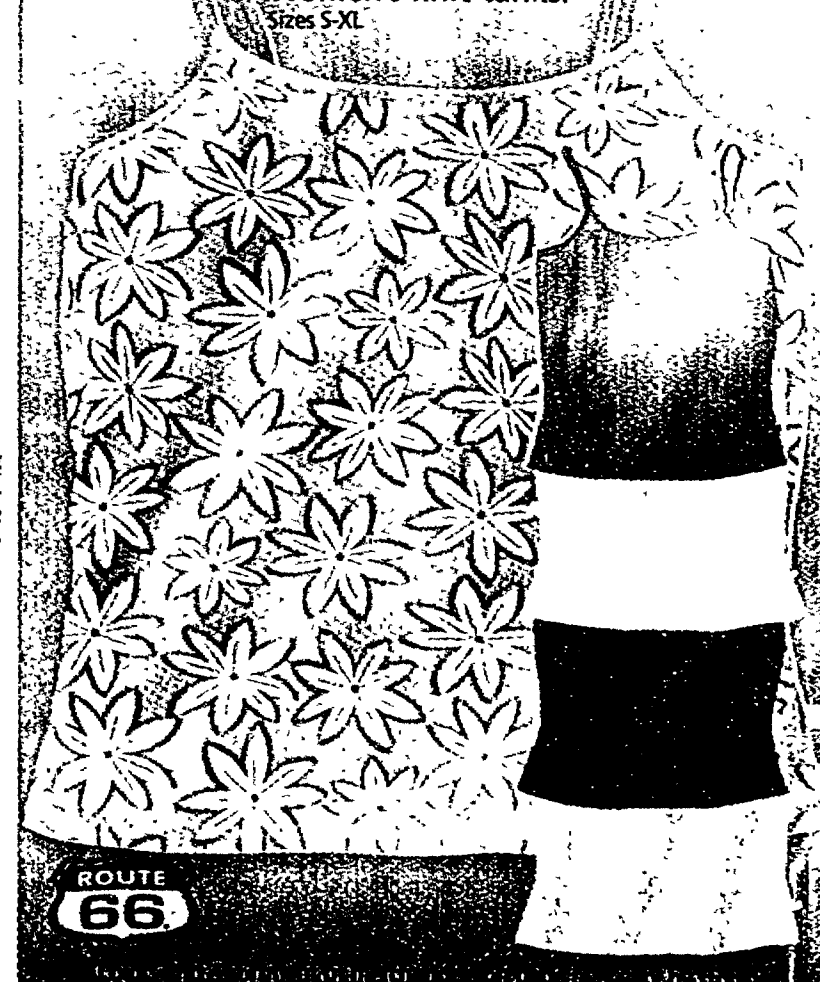
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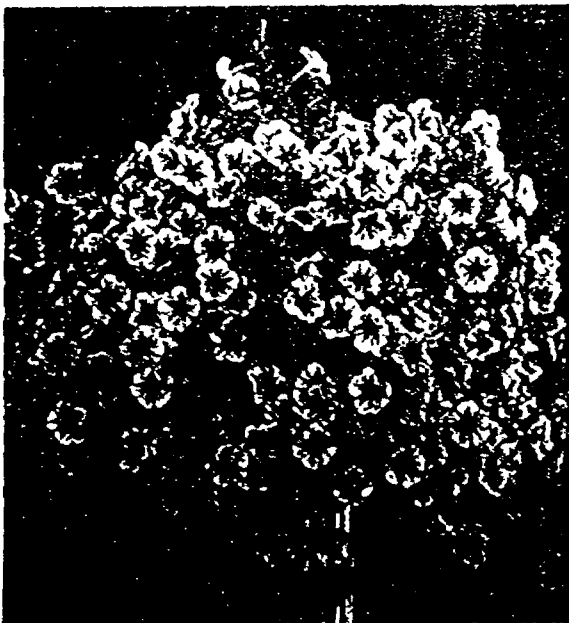
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Confessions are tough. Real tough. But, sometimes a confession can set the record straight, and I want to give credit where credit is due. Before I talk about my confession though, let me say a few other things first.

Let me start by explaining the photo in this letter. You know, when I meet people in town they usually say "Oh, yeah, I know you, you're Dr. Tina. I've seen your ad with that picture of you and the cute little baby boy." Or they remember my story in the local paper that got me recognition for loving Starbucks!

Years ago something happened to me that changed my life forever. Let me tell you my story.

Back then I was a student aiming for an MBA by day and waiting on tables by night. During this time I started developing a painful hand condition known as "carpal tunnel syndrome." In my case it was a gradual onset. At first my hands became weak and I had little or no grip strength. The pain in my hands was so intense, I had a hard time carrying trays and at times, turning the key in the ignition of my car was painful. Already tired of living off of pain killers, my family doctor painted a future with more pain pills, diuretics, and possible surgery. And I was only 19 years old! I decided against all of it. But, there's more...

As fate would have it, I had a hard time with Macro Economics. Let's just say figuring out the gross national product was not my strong suit! Well, around the same time I was looking for a new job that would be easier on my back than waiting on tables. I applied for a front desk position at a doctor's office. During the first week, I let the doctor know about my problems. He does an exam, takes some films, and then "adjusts" my spine. The adjustment doesn't hurt; it actually feels good. I get relief and my carpal tunnel symptoms go away. Oh, did I mention that this doctor is a chiropractor? It works so well for me and I'm so impressed with the other "miracles" in his office that I eventually go to chiropractic school myself.

Now for William, the cute baby boy I am holding in the photo. He is a solid boy. This kid is tough! Well believe it or not, William was born premature. So the first few weeks out of the womb were rough. He had the typical problems associated with being a pre-mie, low birth weight, jaundice, increased risk of infection and a nasty case of colic. However, William did have one advantage...he had been adjusted by me. The birthing process was a rough one and I had found that the first bone in his neck was out of alignment. The results were immediate and of course it did not hurt him. Children respond quickly. They are not like adults, they haven't had their problems for years. William gets a spinal check-

up on occasion just to make sure everything is in place.

It's strange how life is, because now people come to see me with their carpal tunnel syndrome problems. Also they come to me with their headaches, migraines, chronic pain, scoliosis, whiplash from auto accidents, sports injuries, asthma, numbness in limbs, shoulder/arm pain, backaches, just to name a few.



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Several times a day patients thank me for helping them with their health problems. But I can't really take the credit. My confession is that I've never healed anyone of anything. What I do is perform specific spinal adjustments to remove nerve pressure, and the body responds by healing itself. We get tremendous results. It's as simple as that!

Being a chiropractor can be tough, because there's a host of so-called experts out there. They tell people a lot of things that are just plain ridiculous about my profession. But the studies speak for themselves, like the Virginia study that showed that over 90% of patients who saw a chiropractor were satisfied with their results. That's just incredible!

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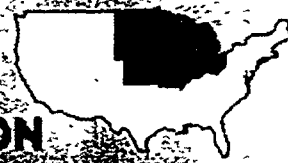
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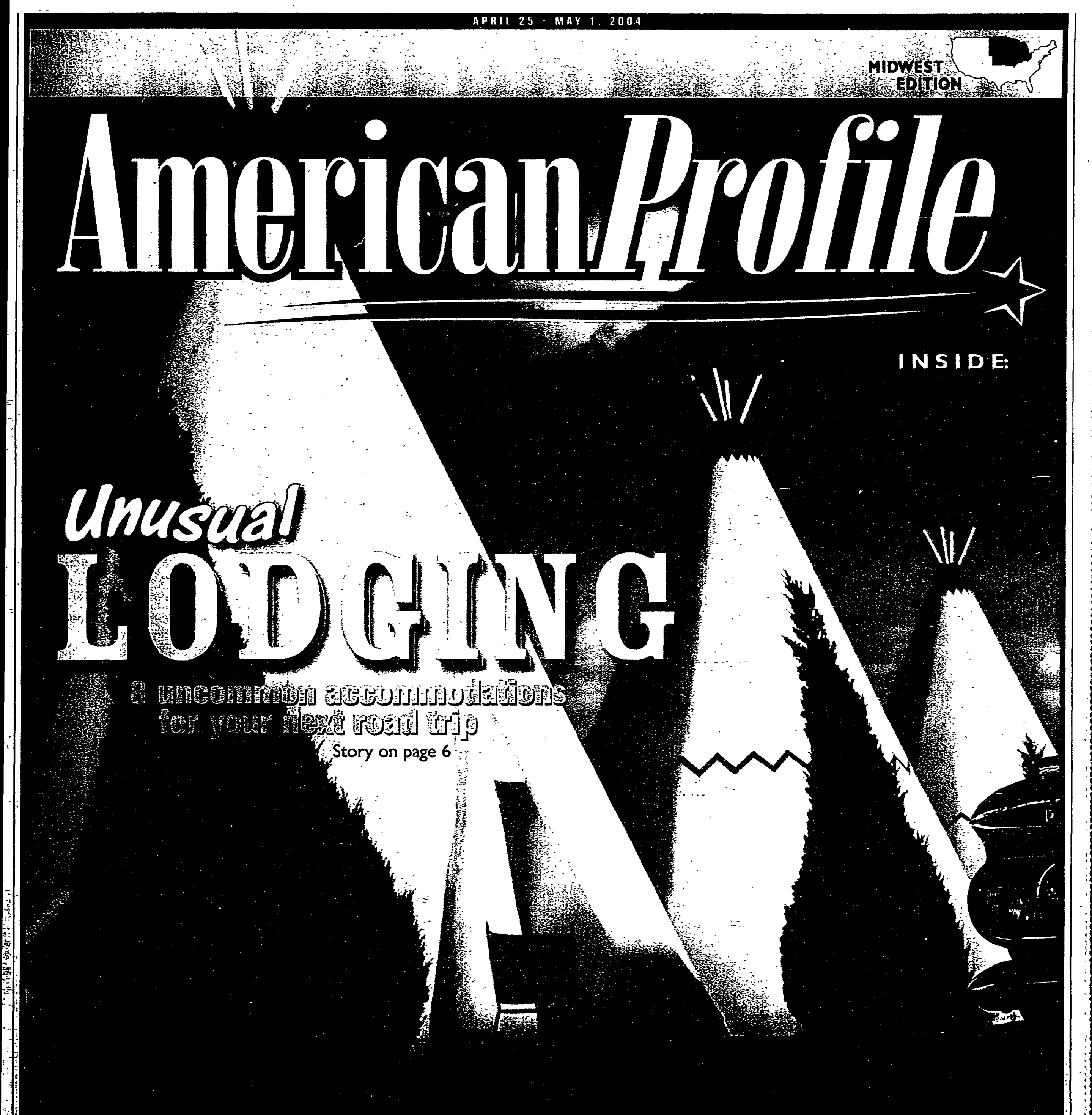
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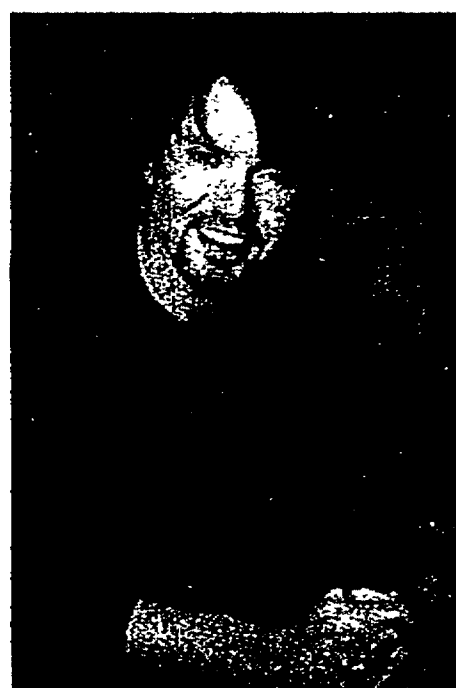
Q I would like to know more about Raul Malo, the lead singer of the Mavericks.

—Lisa L., Oregon

Born to Cuban parents in Miami on Aug. 7, 1965, Malo decided his destiny at age 11 when he saw Elvis Presley in concert. He spent his high school years playing in bands before forming the Mavericks in the late 1980s as the group's lead singer and songwriter. The title song from their 1992 MCA Records release, *From Hell to Paradise*, detailed Malo's family's dramatic exodus from Fidel Castro's Cuba in 1959. The Grammy-winning band went on hiatus in the late 1990s, and Malo pursued a solo career, producing albums for K.T. Oslin and Rick Trevino. In 2001, he released his first solo album, the Latin-infused *Today*, which blended many of the Mavericks' hallmarks. Malo reunited the band in 2003, co-producing a self-titled album. His current project is *The Nashville Acoustic Sessions*, with a group of renowned musicians, but he will record a second solo album this summer. "I'm not writing anything this time around," Malo



Raul Malo performs as a solo act and with the Mavericks.



Jeff Bates is a new country star.

Medal for Distinguished Service from the Department of Defense for his efforts. He organized a rescue mission to retrieve two of his EDS employees who were taken hostage in Iran in 1979, and helped reform the Texas public school system in the 1980s. He and his wife, Margot, have been married 47 years, and have five children and 15 grandchildren.

Q What can you tell me about Jeff Bates and his song *The Rainbow Man*?

—Betsy T., Illinois

Bates grew up as the adopted son of a Columbia, Miss., (pop. 6,603) sharecropper and his wife, and always thought he was "different." As he says in his song, some people think he looks Mexican, while he always suspected American Indian and African-American lineage. At 30, he tracked down his biological mother and learned that she was Apache, Cherokee and Irish. "I was so torn, scared to death," he remembers of the meeting. "We talked for hours, and when I would ask her what happened, she would cry and tell me about leaving me with her parents. I suspect it was because she was young and wasn't mature enough to take care of a child. She totally regretted giving me up and was genuinely glad to see me." Still, he didn't continue the relationship because, "I didn't need a mama. I just wanted to know my background." Bates has been surprised at how much people have identified with the song. He's gratified, too. "The point I was trying to make was that we've all got a heck of lot of differences, but if we focus on our similarities, we'll all be a lot happier." ☆

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reports. "This will be an album consisting mainly of some of my favorite songs by contemporary writers, and it may feature a special duet." He lives in Nashville, Tenn., with his wife, Betty, and their three sons.

Q What is Ross Perot up to these days?

—Ruth C., Wisconsin

The Texas businessman, who became famous as an independent presidential candidate in 1992 and 1996, has stepped out of the political arena. He can be found toiling away at his Plano, Texas, office at Perot Systems Corp., where he serves as chairman of the board. He founded the technology services

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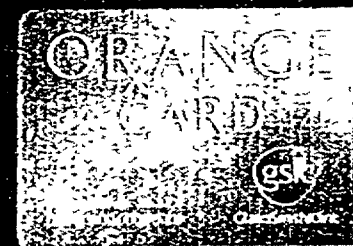


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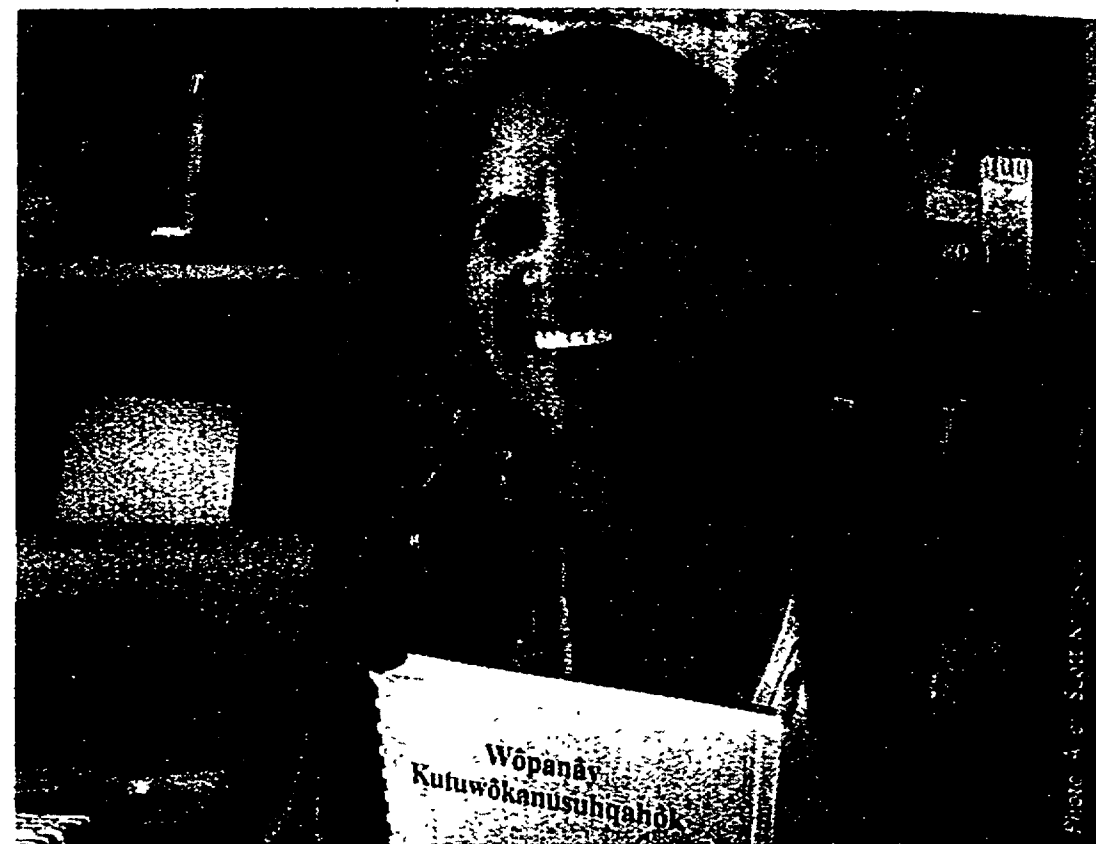
In Her Own Tongue

by GAYLE
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TAYLOR

The dream started more than a decade ago. Cape Cod, Mass., resident Jessie Little Doe Fermino saw faces that seemed familiar, faces that looked like they belonged to her own tribe, the Mashpee Indians. But the words they spoke had no meaning for the then-37-year-old social worker. When the dream returned again and again, she began to suspect it was a vision and that something was being asked of her.

"One day as I was driving to Woods Hole, I saw a sign for Sippewisset," she recalls. "That's when I realized the words I was hearing had to be Wampanoag."

Her vision began to take the form of a question: Would today's tribal members welcome back their native language, a tongue that had languished for more than 150 years? She posed the question to the two area Wampanoag tribes, the Mashpee of Cape Cod and the Aquinnah of Martha's Vineyard, not convinced that she would get the unanimous support she was seeking.



Jessie Fermino painstakingly compiled a dictionary in her native language.

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Amazingly, not a single tribe member was opposed. Some felt the vision hinted of an ancient prophecy that predicted the tribes would abandon their language but it would later return to them.

As she began research, Fermino discovered that Wampanoag was one of 33 Algonquian languages, and it had two distinct dialects—*island* and *mainland*. Fortunately, much of the Algonquian language had been preserved in Colonial documents. "We were the first North American nation to have an alphabetic writing system," Fermino says.

Then, in another stroke of luck, she was able to find in Boston one of the 12 remaining King James bibles translated into Wampanoag in 1655 by missionary John Elliott.

But soon things began to get more complicated, starting with spelling. "People spelled words however they felt like spelling and so the Wampanoags did the same thing when they started writing," Fermino says. And when Fermino began looking at linguistic analyses of her ancestral tongue, she realized she was in over her head. "I had no background in linguistics, so I couldn't understand it," she says.

Undeterred, she applied for a one-year fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study with world-renowned linguist, the late Kenneth Hale. It was a productive partnership that would blossom into friendship. "He was my professor, my mentor, and my best friend," she says.

But by year's end, Fermino had only begun to grasp the Algonquian language. Her goal of compiling a dictionary, she realized, would require graduate studies. So for another three years she juggled family, work, and studies, while also beginning to teach what she knew to tribal members.

Today, Fermino has developed a language curriculum for her students, who range in age from 12 to 78. Some even come to class with infants in tow. Her dictionary-in-progress has grown to 6,800 words. Two of her advanced students have begun teaching, freeing her up for research. And on a personal level, Fermino converses with her children in Wampanoag, although, she quips, "they keep asking how to tell me to shut up."

Fermino's quest is hardly unique. Similar efforts to revive indigenous languages have blossomed across the country in the last few decades. In 1978, the American Indian Language Development Institute was launched in San Diego with the goal of training potential teachers for the Yuman language group, which includes the southwestern Hualapai, Havasupai, and Mohave tongues. Today, more than 20 language groups are represented, says Professor Akira Yamamoto of the University of Kansas, one of the institute's founders.

At the time of European contact, some 600 native languages were spoken across North America, Yamamoto says. Today, only about 210 survive.

For Fermino, bringing the Wampanoag language back to her tribe has solidified her own sense of what it is to be an American Indian. "It feels like I'm living my life in a good Indian way," she says. ☆

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MISSOURI—Thespian Hall, built between 1855 and 1857 in Boonville (pop. 8,202), is the oldest theater in continuous use west of the Alleghenies.

NEBRASKA—Built in 1873, Neligh (pop. 1,651) Mill is the state's last 19th-century flour mill with its original equipment intact.

NORTH DAKOTA—Each April, endangered whooping cranes swoop over the state while migrating from Texas to Canada.

OHIO—Herb gardeners and cooks savor thyme in Gahanna (pop. 32,636), "Herb Capital of Ohio," and home to the Ohio Herb Education Center.

SOUTH DAKOTA—The first election west of the Mississippi River took place Aug. 22, 1804, at Elk Point (pop. 1,714) on the Lewis and Clark expedition. The party elected Patrick Gass to the post left by the death of Sgt. Charles Floyd.

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Singing the blues

If you want something more down to earth, try digging up the roots of the blues in Clarksdale, Miss., home of the Delta Blues Museum. "Here in Coahoma County, we have a rich history with musicians like Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters, who were born or lived here," says Bill Talbot, innkeeper and co-owner of the wryly named Shack Up Inn.

Accommodations are a "six-pack" of shotgun shacks slightly renovated and furnished with mismatched furniture and a potent dose of memorabilia. Once tenements for sharecroppers, today's tenants are more likely to be blues-minded tourists from far-flung places such as Japan, South Africa, and Latvia.

In addition to soaking up history, tourists can drink in live music at the Commissary, the on-site club that's a remnant of its former identity as a plantation, and at actor Morgan Freeman's juke joint called Ground Zero.

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You'd better pack your swimsuit if you expect to enter Jules' Undersea Lodge in Key Largo, Fla. That's because the front door of this one-of-a-kind, two-bedroom subterranean apartment is 30 feet underwater. Submerged in a mandrake lagoon along the Atlantic coastline, the place is a real dive in the truest sense.

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Aluminum trailer living in Bisbee, Ariz.



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Guests must dive into the subterranean apartment at Jules' Undersea Lodge in Key Largo, Fla.

With rates starting at \$250 per person for groups of four to six, it's not for everyone, although it has hosted an eclectic group of notables ranging from former Prime Minister of Canada Pierre Trudeau to Aerosmith's Steven Tyler. For details, call (305) 451-2353 or log on to www.jul.com.

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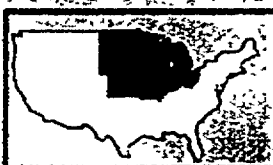
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INDIANA

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IOWA

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KANSAS

Spring Flea Market—Atchison, May 9. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, this 35th annual market features more than 150 vendors displaying new and used items, plus food on Main Street. (913) 367-4948.

MICHIGAN

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Spring on the Square—Liberty, May 15. Welcome spring with arts & crafts, food, children's activities and live entertainment during this festival on the town's historic square. (816) 792-6134.

NEBRASKA

The Earth Tour—Ashland, through May 15. Learn about the International Space Station through hands-on demonstrations, simulations and models at the Strategic Air and Space Museum. (402) 827-3100.

NORTH DAKOTA

Spring Steak Fry—Hazen, May 14. This 20th annual community event features a grill-your-own steak dinner with all the fixings and dessert, plus live folk music at the Hazen Golf Club. (888) 464-2936.

OHIO

Dulcimer Days—Coshocton, May 14-16. Features hammered and mountain dulcimer workshops, vocal contests, a gospel sing, concerts and jam sessions at Roscoe Village and Coshocton Lake Park. (800) 877-1830.

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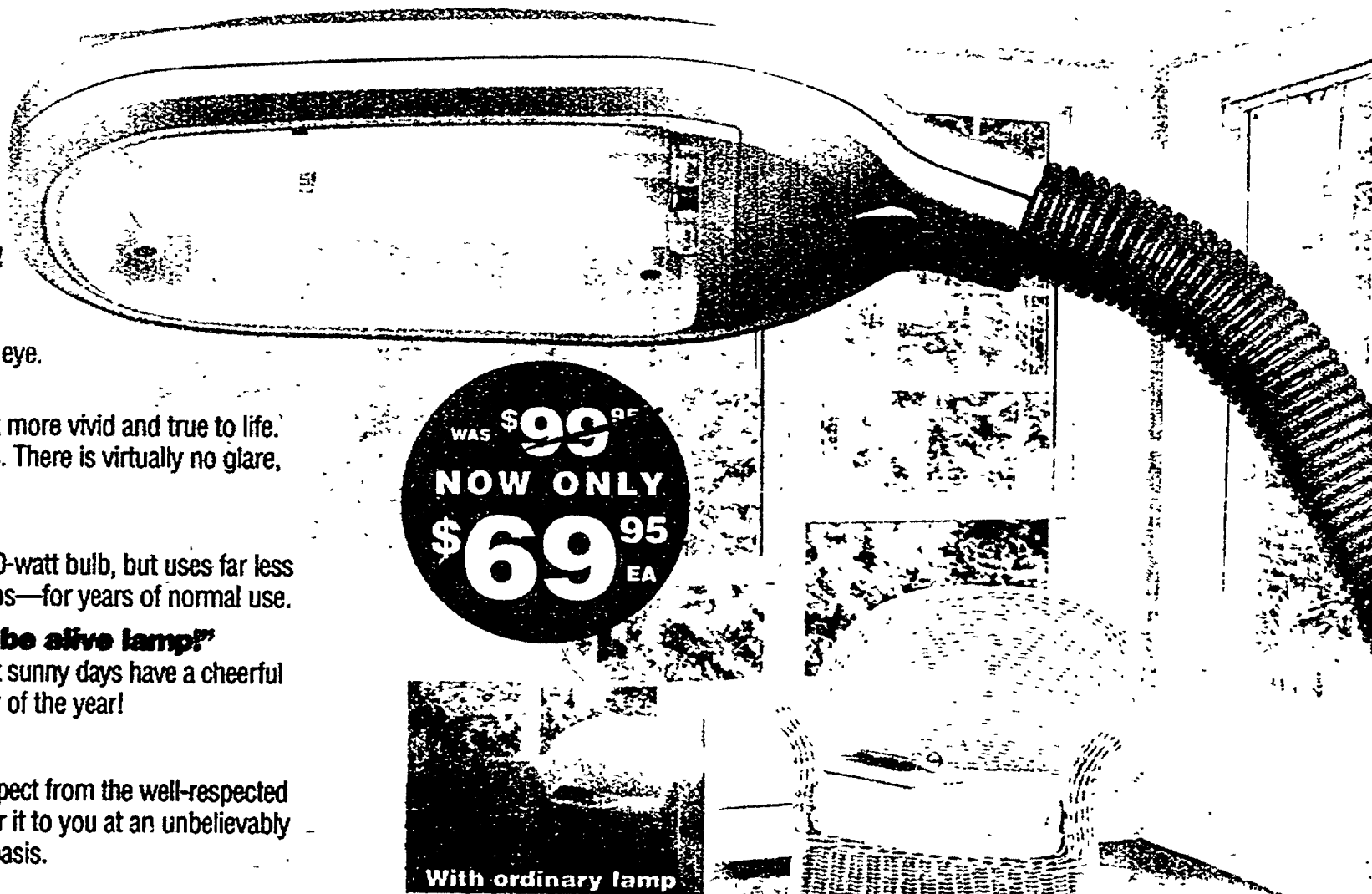
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Diabetes Prevalence & Prevention

Diabetes is a familiar subject for Arline Y. Lillibridge. Her father had the disease for 30 years, as did most of his brothers and sisters, and she was diagnosed with Type II diabetes two years ago.

Still, Lillibridge doesn't let diabetes—which affects more than one in every 20 Americans—rule her life. In fact, she tries to stay in charge by watching her diet and staying active in her hometown of East Granby, Conn. (pop. 4,745).

"Exercise is critical," says Lillibridge, 64, who attends a water fitness class twice a week and builds walking and other activity into her day. A gourmet cook, she also assesses favorite recipes for healthier ways to prepare food that is lower in fat and calories.

"I use sweeteners instead of sugar and I get creative with salads, by using different types of lettuce, a few firm cherry tomatoes (the soft ones have more sugar), cucumbers, celery and peppers. Then I add a chicken breast cooked on the grill." She also mixes her own salad dressing to avoid the excess sugar and fat in some products.

In addition to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, Lillibridge takes an oral medication—prescribed by her doctor—daily that helps her body use the insulin it produces.

"Being healthy takes discipline and commitment," she says. "My motivation is I want to live and have a long, happy, healthy life."

Preventing diabetes

Ninety percent of the time diabetes is a preventable disease. People can reduce their risk of developing the disease by taking charge of their life, says Carole R. Mensing, a registered nurse and president of healthcare and education for the American Diabetes Association (ADA).

Maintaining weight in a normal range can help reduce a person's risk of developing Type II diabetes and losing just a few pounds can move people out of danger and into the safety zone, says Mensing of Farmington, Conn. (pop. 23,641).

"The cause of diabetes is a mystery, although genetics, obesity and lack of exercise play roles," Mensing adds, explaining

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that people who have diabetes are at greater risk for kidney failure, blindness, heart disease and amputation due to nerve damage and circulatory problems.

Adult or Type II diabetes develops when the body does not properly use the insulin it produces. Insulin is a hormone needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy. Type II diabetes is the most common form and usually is found among adults. In recent years, a growing number of young people have been diagnosed with Type II diabetes, according to the ADA. Experts attribute lack of exercise and being overweight as the reason.

An estimated 13 million people in the United States have been diagnosed with diabetes, and another 5.2 million have the disease but don't know it, according to the ADA. In addition, 20.1 million Americans have pre-diabetes, which means they are at risk for developing the disease. Diabetes often goes undiagnosed because many of its symptoms seem harmless. They can include:

- Frequent urination
- Excessive thirst
- Extreme hunger
- Unusual weight loss
- Increased fatigue
- Irritability
- Blurry vision

Taking charge

It's important to see a doctor if you think you may have diabetes. The disease can only be confirmed through laboratory tests. In the meantime, people can use these diet and exercise recommendations to reduce their risk of developing the disease:

- Skip seconds at meals and reduce serving sizes.
- Snack on vegetables and sugar-free soda.
- Build meals around lean, broiled meat and plenty of fresh vegetables.
- Reduce your fat intake by using a butter substitute and cutting out fast food.
- Be active. Wear a pedometer (which automatically measures the distance you walk) and try to walk 10,000 steps throughout the day by using the stairs, and parking far from your destination.

"The path for preventing diabetes for many people is living a healthy lifestyle that includes exercise and a balanced diet," Mensing says. "When you do, you decrease your chances of developing diabetes and the life-threatening complications it can cause." ☆

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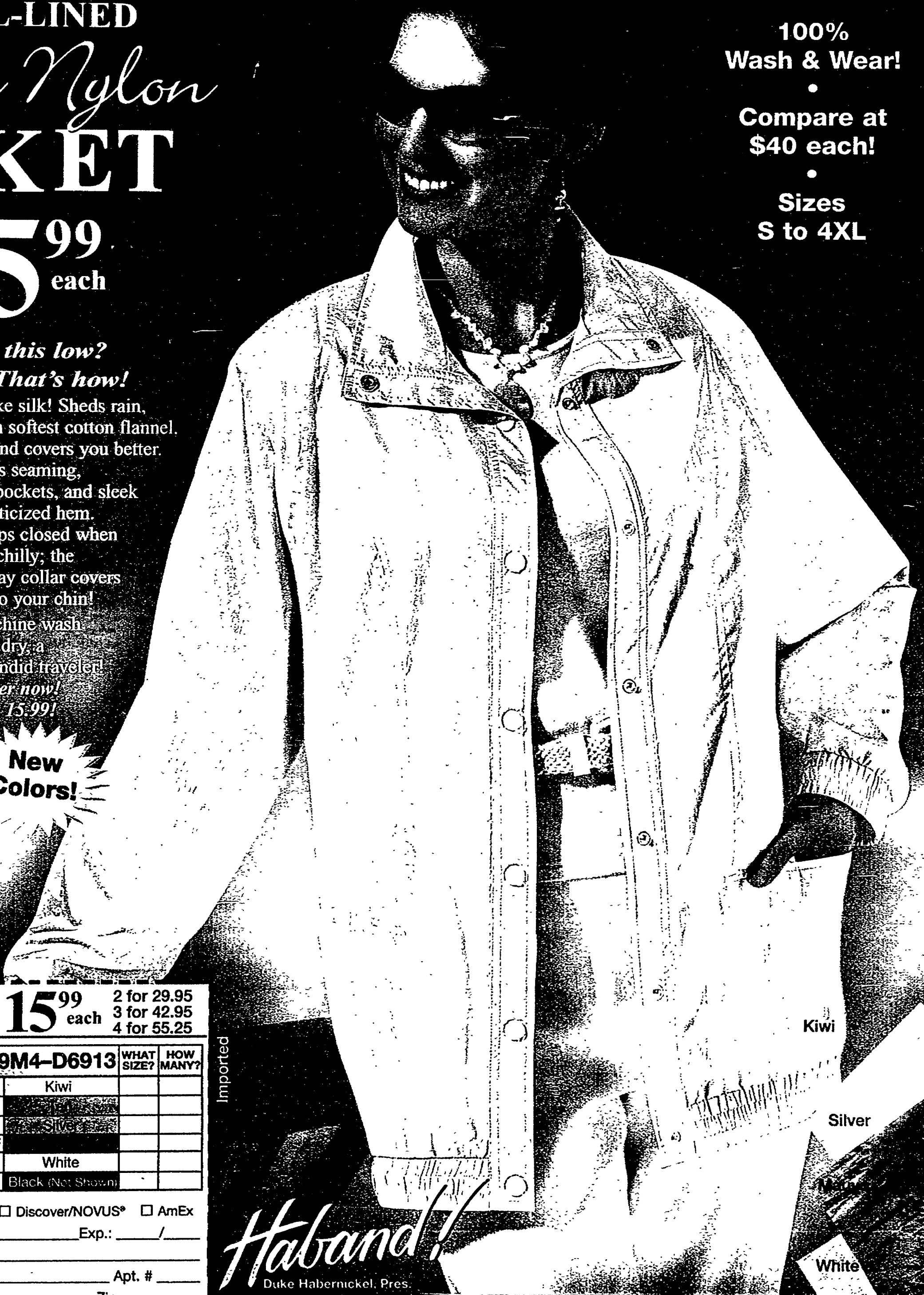
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As an eager crowd looks on, members of the group take turns bending down to run their pristine gloves over the course pavement. They shake their heads with collective disgust at the grimy results. The inspection takes less than a minute.

"By unanimous consent," shouts Karsten, the group's bell-ringing spokesman, "we hereby declare this street filthy. And we order that these streets be cleaned by the citizens of Holland." The edict is greeted with cheers and applause.

Later, true to his declaration and in preparation for the afternoon parade, hundreds of Holland's 30,000 citizens—children and adults alike, wearing wooden shoes and costumes of the late 1800s—turn out to joyfully splash pails of water onto the street and scrub it clean with stiff-bristled push brooms.

The cleaning of the streets is just one of many traditions that mark Holland's annual Tulip Time festival, a celebration of springtime, flowers, and the town's rich Dutch heritage.

Holland's first residents were primarily city dwellers from The Netherlands. They arrived in western Michigan, on the banks of Lake Michigan, in the late 1840s, hopeful for the future and committed to their leader, Dr. Albertus Christiaan Van Raalte. But they were utterly unprepared for the swamps and woods they discovered. It is said that the settlers didn't even know the correct way to cut down a tree—ignorantly chopping the trunk so trees fell toward them rather than away from them. American Indians in the area apparently took pity on them and offered the newcomers a practical frontier education.

A spirit of friendship and unity remains a hallmark of the town today, summed up by the Dutch word *welkom* (welcome). At no time is *welkom* more obvious than during Tulip Time, scheduled May 1 to 8.

The celebration originated in 1927 when a local high-school teacher suggested the community adopt the tulip as its flower in honor of Holland's Dutch heritage. The idea took root. Since then, Tulip Time has blossomed to include flower shows, parades, *klompen* (wooden shoe) dancing, amusement park rides, and Dutch cos-

tumes, crafts, and food. The celebration is one of the largest flower festivals in the country, drawing about 1 million visitors annually who want a glimpse of the town's more than 6 million tulips.

But Holland is more than a tulip town, even though the flowers, windmills, and Dutch-themed shops put the town's ethnic heritage front and center. In fact, the town's 350 businesses range from office furniture manufacturing and soft drink bottling to Hope College, a four-year, liberal arts institution. There's even one surprising commodity: "Any Heinz pickle that can be bought in North America comes from our plant in Holland," says Melanie Scholten, who grew up in Holland and now works for the visitors bureau.



Tulip Time features amusement rides.

Unfortunately, there's one well-known Dutch business that no longer survives, even in Holland, Mich.: "Nobody really carves wooden shoes by hand anymore," admits Rick Klompmaker, a hobbyist carver—his name literally means "shoemaker"—who gives demonstrations of the old-fashioned craft.

But whether they wear one-of-a-kind poplar originals or the modern equivalent from the DeKlomp Wooden Shoe Factory, one thing is certain—as long as their Dutch history is remembered, the people of Holland, Mich., will have unusually clean streets beneath their wooden-clad feet. At least for a day or two each year. ☆

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Wooden shoe dancing.



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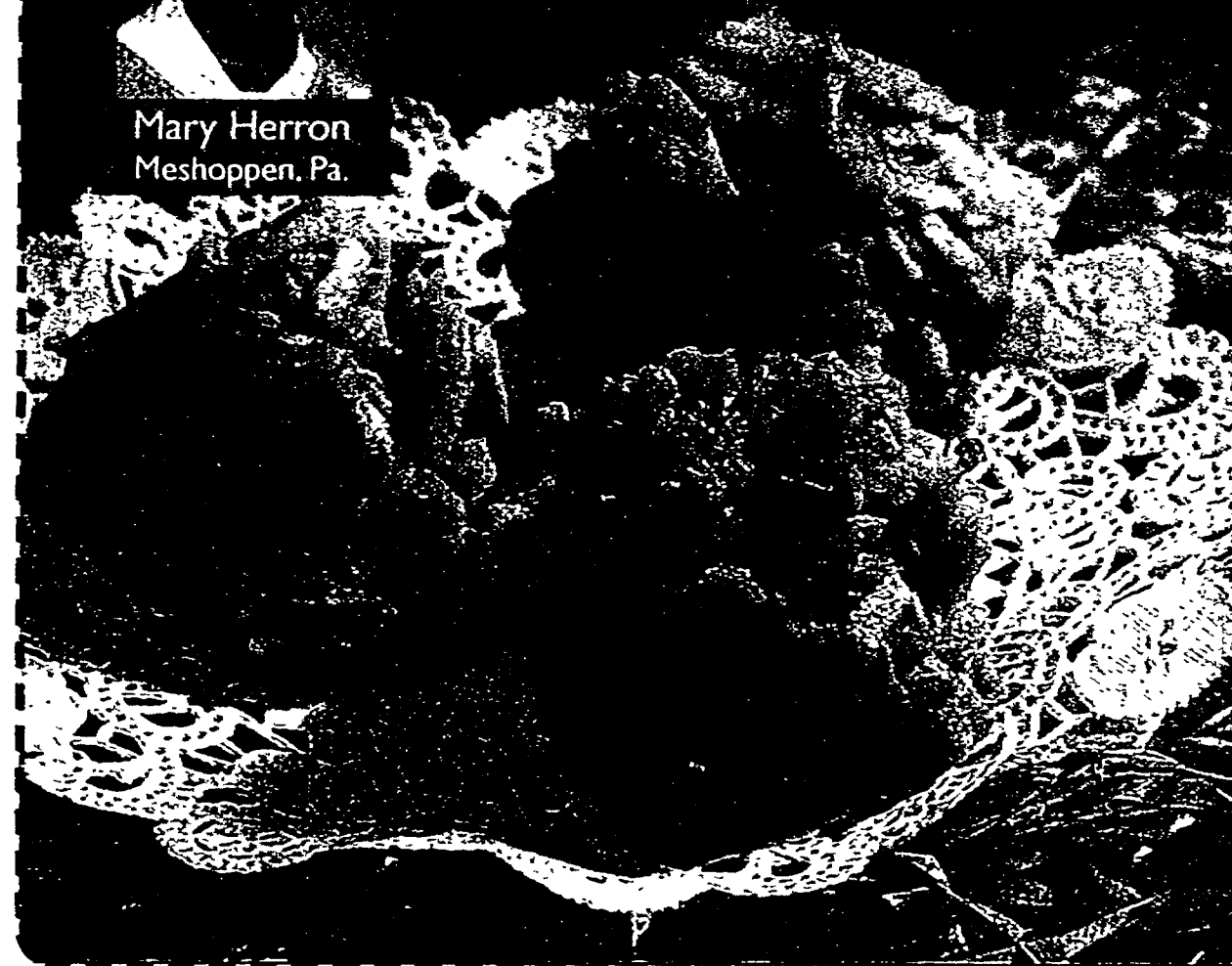
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Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Stir vanilla and food coloring into the sweetened condensed milk until evenly blended. Fold in coconut until well mixed. Drop by teaspoon onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until delicate brown. Cool on a flat surface. Makes about 30 cookies.

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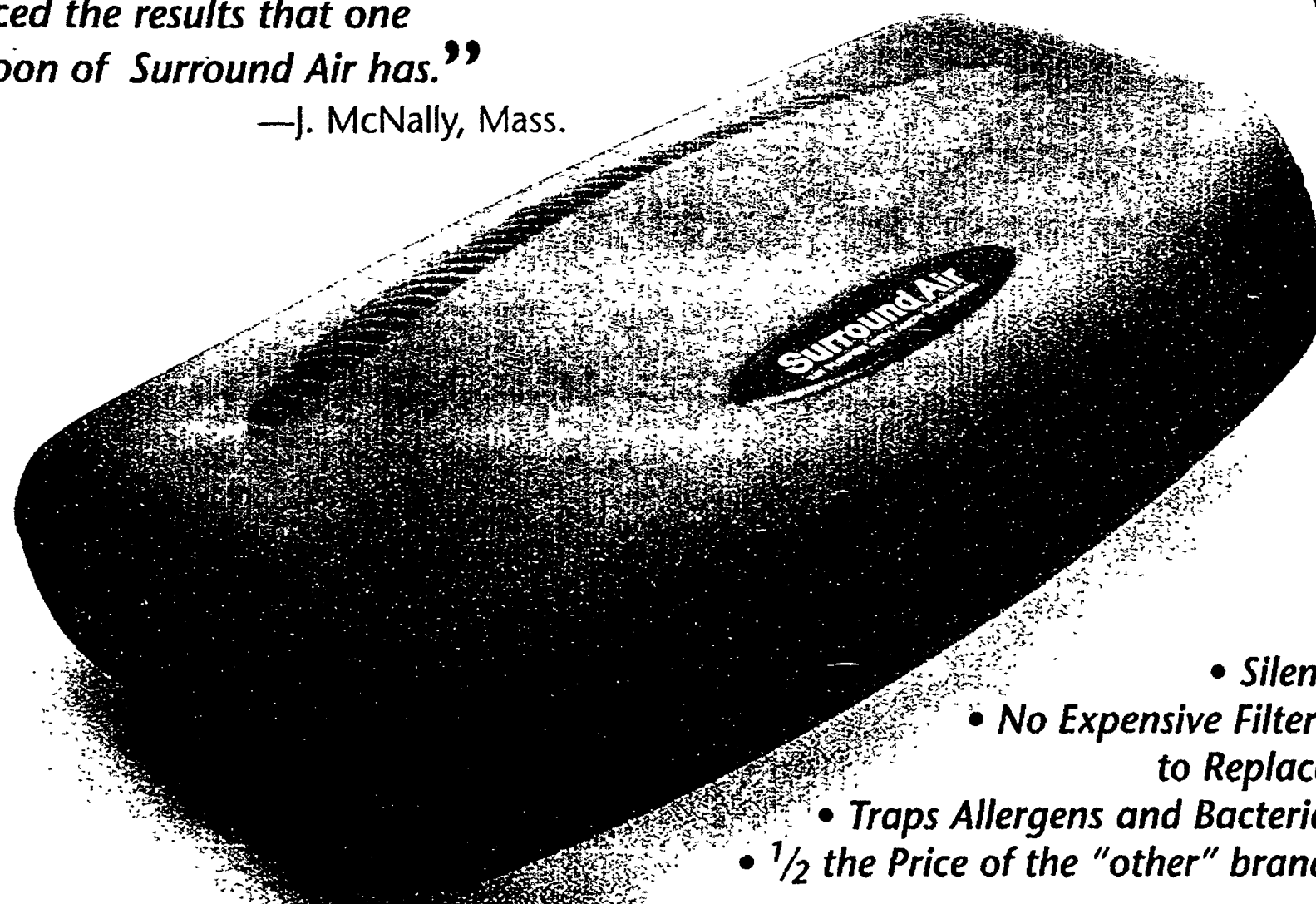
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