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Carsten Becker, right, holds the hand of his daughter Eileen, 5, moments before she left for her first day of kindergarten at Northville's Winchester Elementary School yesterday.

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HAPPY RETURNS

Northville students head off to school — some for the very first time

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The Cousino family celebrates the first day of school the same way every year.

Mark Cousino ritually takes the morning off work and spends the morning making a breakfast of pancakes and bacon for his family.

The Northville clan then walks hand-in-hand from their home to Amerman Elementary School.

This year, their walk required more hands and added emotions. Along with seeing their fourth-grade daughter, Vanessa to school, the couple sent their babies to kindergarten.

The Cousino's 5-year-old twins, Leah and Halle, left the home empty and embarked into the real world.

"There may be some weeping with my coffee," mother Patricia said after dropping the girls off.

Patricia took a moment alone by the school yard fence collecting her thoughts and stopping some tears after the first school bell rang.

"For me it is going to be difficult. (I have) mixed feelings because these are my last two children and it is two at the same time I am sending off," she said. "People say that it's silly, that I should be jumping up and down because I am going to have some break and some time off, but at the same time these were my little pals that were entertaining me and keeping me busy for the last five years."

The Cousino's took photos of the girls throughout the big moment, watching the girls greet fellow classmates and line-up for their teacher with ease.

"I'm really excited for kindergarten," Leah said.

The petite, blond told her mother she is grown up now.

"They have been ready since pre-K," Mark said.

Attending preschool along with participating in the Northville Public Library's summer reading program and practicing their early morning routine was all part of the Aug. 25 preparation.

Patricia also read the girls books about going to kindergarten and discussed what the first day would be like.

School supply shopping, complete with new backpacks, was another part of the experience.

The girls will attend school for a half-day, easing Patricia into the new schedule.



Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/NORTHVILLE RECORD EDITOR

Patricia Cousino stands with daughters, Leah and Halle before their first kindergarten class yesterday at Amerman Elementary School.

"I think it will be enough time for them to get out there in the world and enhance their social skills and learn all of their academic things they need to learn and for me to have my little break," she said.

"It is easier for them to realize that they are going to school because they have a nine-year-old sister," Patricia said. "The biggest thing for them is they wanted to go to the cafeteria and have lunch."

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For a comprehensive look at yesterday's first day of school, see page 7A.

Dispatch approved

Township board ratifies contract agreement; new dispatch plan set for fall

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Public safety officials expect emergency calls to be answered "Northville Community Dispatch" as part of a consolidated system by the end of next month.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees last Thursday voted 6-1 to approve a contract to provide lock-up and dispatch services to the City of Northville. The City Council July 26 in a 4-1 vote endorsed the agreement.

City Clerk Sue Hillebrand dis-

patched the contract.

Now both the municipalities' emergency calls will be routed through the township's Six Mile Road police headquarters.

Proponents of the plan have said when the consolidation is complete, combined efficiency will

produce cost savings and residents will experience the same or better service.

"If they call, the call will be answered with the appropriate response, whether it's police, fire or ambulance, whatever location they're at," said Northville Police Chief James Petres. "The response will be the same."

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Mollee the lifesaver

Cooke student saves drowning sister's life

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The first day of class was extraordinary for one Cooke School student.

Mollee Morse received a celebrity welcome after educators and school officials learned of the 14-year-old's heroic act during summer break.

On Saturday, Aug. 7, the Northville student saved the life of her 16-month-old sister by alerting family members the toddler was floating face-down in the family's pool.

"Mollee alerted us immediately," said mother, Jenifer Morse.

"In a situation like that minutes and even seconds are so important."

Kenedee Morse was transported to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and survived the incident unscathed.

"The baby is perfect," Morse said. "It is all so unbelievable, but she is perfect."

The proud mother credits Mollee with the miracle. Her teenage daughter is severely cognitively impaired and unable to verbally communicate like other children.

Morse said it was when Mollee's playful pool sounds turned to loud panic, family mem-

bers immediately looked her way and saw Kenedee face down in the pool.

"She was blue and wasn't breathing, but she had a pulse," Morse said.

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Mollee Morse, a Cooke School student works with Northville High School's Karen Paterson. Morse recently helped save the life of her 16-month old sister.



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we're ready to flip the switch, as it were," Petres said. Once there, they will require training on the higher-technology equipment in their new workplace.

Likewise, the city officers — who will continue to patrol city streets — will see changes in the information that appears on the screens in their cars. "Even the officers will have some training they will have to get," the chief said. The township's fingerprinting and mugshot methods are more sophisticated than the city's current ink and Polaroid equipment, he said.

Not all smooth

The combined system will translate into routine changes for the Northville city department. "It's going fairly well," Petres said. "I think the officers have concerns. We're doing what we can trying to make the transition as smooth as possible. It's going to involve a learning curve for everybody."

There is a range of opinion, similar to the community at large, the chief said. "Some think it's a good thing. Some think it's a bad thing. Some are in the middle — as long as it works, it's OK."

City entry into the contract prompted a group of local residents opposed to the concept to initiate a campaign to recall the mayor and council members who voted for it. Like he had at past council meetings, Northville Volunteer League

co-founder Larry Parks Thursday asked the trustees to oppose — or at least postpone — committing to the joint dispatch agreement.

"Our communities are different," Parks said. "Joining dispatch and lockup will strain the relationship."

Opponents to the plan have questioned the cost savings for the city over the long-term. Other repeated concerns are the potential increase in response times within the larger volume of township dispatch calls, the perception of losing a city entity, as well as fears that total public safety consolidation will soon follow.

Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said the two municipalities have successfully cooperated in the past to provide recreation, senior, youth assistance, and library services. Leaders continually consider the city's interests alongside their own as part of strategic planning, he said. "I don't think it's going to strain a relationship."

Snider cited 15 months of studying the feasibility of the contract. The township and the city will realize cost savings by combining dispatch operations, he said.

"This makes every sense public safety wise to do this," Township Police Chief John Werth added. "Our department can make it work."

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Wayne County rejects recall language

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Wayne County officials rejected recall petition wording Tuesday and stalled resident efforts to oust Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson and Councilman Kevin Hartshorne.

"We were stunned," said Kathi Tarrant-Parks, co-founder of the Northville Volunteer League. The group pursued unseating the mayor and three council members after their July 26 vote to contract the city's lock-up and public safety dispatch services with Northville Township. The status of the remaining two petitions will be determined Monday.

A Wayne county spokesperson said the commissioners' job by statute is to determine whether the petition language is clear. League co-founder Larry Parks filed the paperwork with Wayne County because that is where both Johnson and Hartshorne reside.

"We're in the process of deciding how to proceed with Wayne County," Tarrant-Parks said. The league's options include re-wording and re-submitting the petitions, or taking the ruling to appellate court.

"We're going to move forward with Oakland County."

On Aug. 30, Oakland County officials will judge the clarity of the same petition language Mayor Pro-tem Carolann Ayers and

councilman Jerry Mittman reside in Oakland County. The brief petition wording cites the council's vote to contract dispatch services.

"Our attorney pointed out to them a precedent had been set in Oakland County that wording could be based on one legislative action," Tarrant-Parks said. "You can't get clearer than what we had. The language was taken right out of the minutes."

Petition approval would require the activists to collect signatures from at least one-quarter of the number of people who cast votes in the 2002 governor's election in the district where the officials are being recalled, according to the election code.

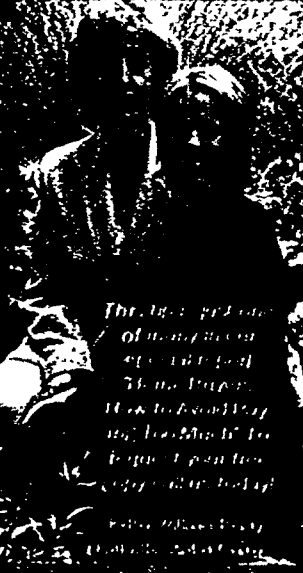
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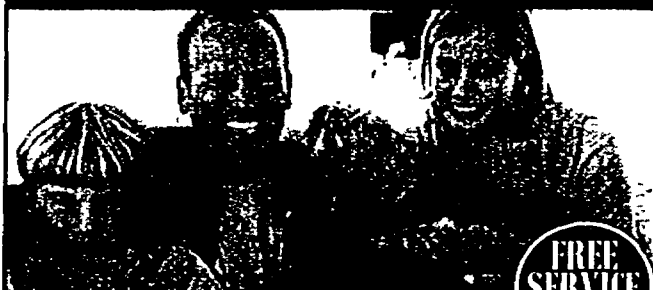
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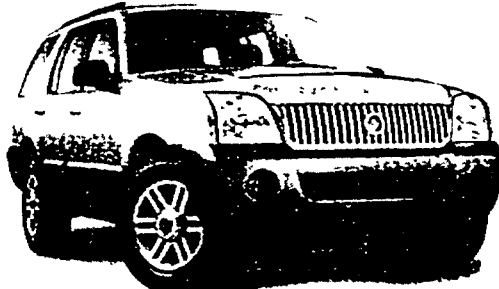
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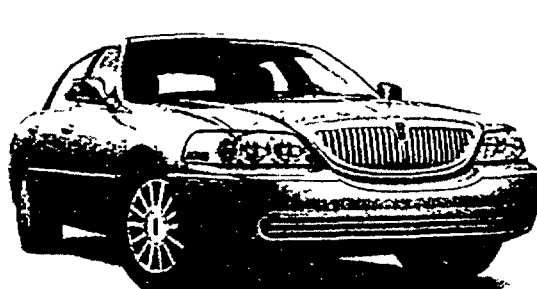
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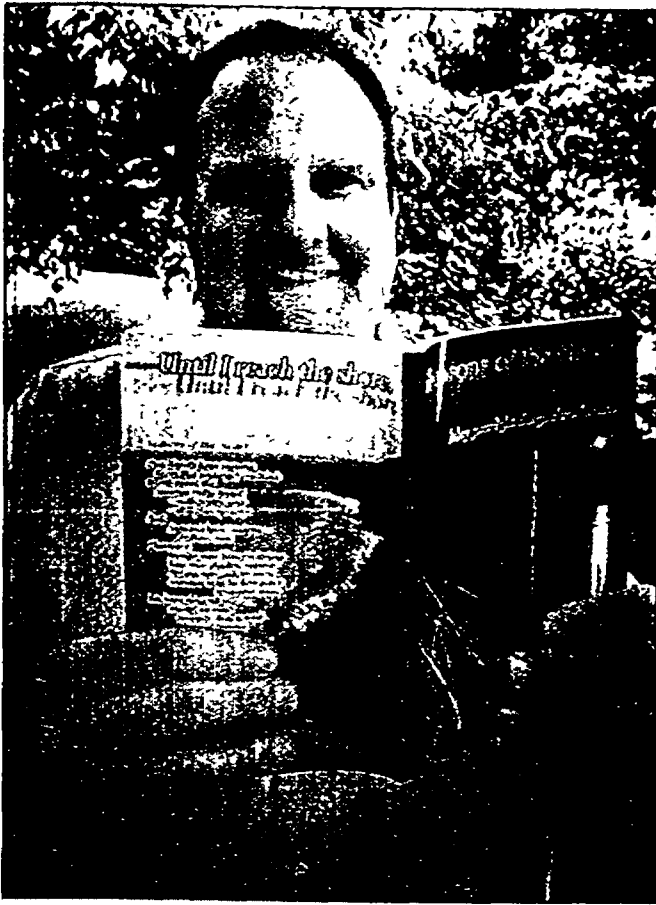
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Author!
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NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville author and photographer Mark Davio with his book, "Seasons of the Heart."

The write stuff

Davio's first work has poetic seasoning

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Earlier this month, marketing man turned aspiring author Mark Davio saw the fruits of a seven-year passion when his first book, "Seasons of the Heart," hit store shelves.

Davio's home-based company, Artisan Spirit Publishing, produced the 142-page collection of more than 100 original poems and nature/landscape photography.

"I felt this project was something that was mine," said Davio, 33. "I wanted to own it. It's really something I've taken to heart and just love doing."

A Northville resident who grew up in Novi and holds an MSU bachelor's degree in employee relations, Davio said his "career" came out of the blue in 1997. After an unsatisfying sales stint at a local company, he decided to try writing. "When I started writing, it was just for fun," Davio said. "About 2001 I decided to take it more serious."

Davio targeted the Internet initially. His first published piece, "Rocketeer," was about his writing and, he said, finding it into the unknown.

He ultimately quit sales and picked up "odd jobs." Currently working evenings on a pizza delivery route, Davio began working on "Seasons" in earnest this June, he said.

"I've arranged the book spring, summer, fall, winter," Davio said. "It kind of goes through the seasons of the heart. There are obstacles we have to overcome, little growing pains and things like that. It also goes through the happy times and joyous occasions."

Davio also produced book-marks featuring his poetry and digital photography, which sell for \$2.50 at select independent bookstores.

Children's writing is also on the horizon, Davio said. He has a 10-book deal with a Michigan publisher, which includes a series of educational adventures, such as the "Statue of Liberty and Grand Canyon."

Self-taught, Davio said he's "definitely" improved.

"I found out after I turned in my first kids' book that my grammar stunk," Davio said. "Editors, school teachers help me edit. I've probably invested over \$1000 in books over the last three years,

also all on writing."

Artisan Spirit has helped his quest. The original plan was to create a community art newsletter called "Artisan Spirit News," but Davio switched gears when his partner backed out.

He's now seeking submissions for original material on his website, www.artisanspiritpublishing.com, and has a "how-to" book idea on publishing and marketing a book under 90 days.

"There's quite a bit of work involved — more work than money, so you have to really go after it," Davio said. "I just have to pretty much pace it out."

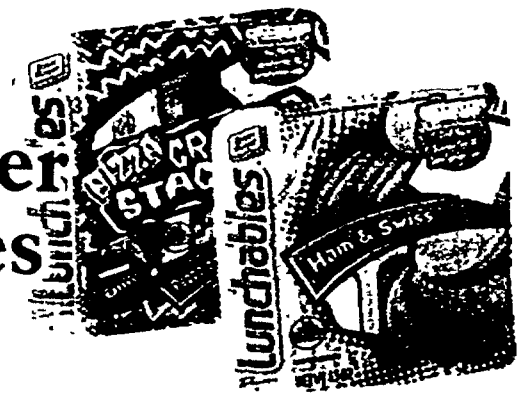
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"Seasons of the Heart" is available locally at Books Abound in Farmington, Books Connection in Livonia, and Read it Again Books in Novi for \$13.45. It also can be purchased via Book Clearing House at www.bookch.com/new.htm, or (800) 431-1579.



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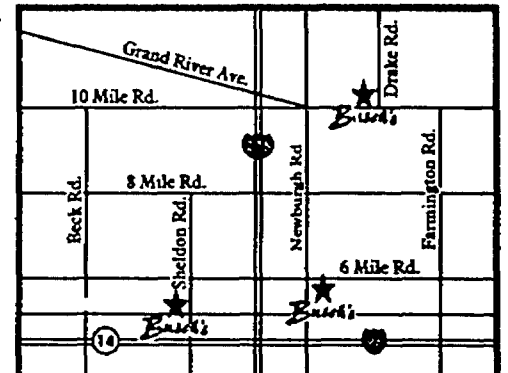
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OBITUARIES

Annabelle C. Runstrom, 74

Annabelle Runstrom of Northville died August 21, 2004. She was 74. Mrs. Runstrom was born on August 10, 1930 in Holloway, Mich. to the late Oscar Sulkowski and Ida Mead.

She had lived all her life in the area and was raised in Salem, moving to Northville when she got married and then later moving to the border of Northville and South Lyon. She was a Supervisor Cook at Ypsilanti Regional Psychiatric Hospital. She loved flowers, gardening and working in the yard. She was a great cook, mother and wife, and just a wonderful all around person.

Survivors include her husband, Fredrick J. Runstrom; three sons, Bob (Barb) Runstrom of Plymouth, Fred Runstrom of Idaho and Edward (Nancy) Runstrom of Montana; one daughter, Betty (Stephen) Bruton of Canton; seven siblings, Betty, Wilma, Ruth, Janette, Hank, Sam and Chuck; twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Dorothy and two brothers, Sonny and Art.

Private family services were held.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter, Metro Detroit Region-Chapter Office, 20300 Civic Center, #100, Southfield, Michigan 48076.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Northville.

Gerald "Joe" Saint Clair, 56

Gerald "Joe" Saint Clair of Baraboo, Wisc. died August 17, 2004. He was 56. Mr. Saint Clair was born December 5, 1947 to the late Adelbert and Ollie Schmitz. He graduated from Northville High School and took pride in his enrollment in the Mississippi Band of the Chippewa Tribe, located at the White Earth Reservation in White Earth, Minn.

Survivors include two sons, Raymond Saint Clair of South Lyon and John Saint Clair of Northville; one daughter, Taylor Saint Clair of Baraboo; one grandson, Samson Saint Clair of Northville; one brother, Bruce Schmitz of Northville; and three sisters, Virginia Moon of Northville, Nancy Ohio of New Hudson and Theresa Jordan of Walled Lake. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A memorial was held August 24, 2004 at the V.F.W. Hall in Northville. Interment will be at the White Earth Reservation in White Earth, Minn. at a future date.

Memorials may be made to the Taylor Saint Clair Trust, in care of Baraboo National Bank, Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Arrangements were made by Picha Funeral Home, of Lake Delton, Wisconsin.

Thomas Martin Chalk, 69

Thomas Martin Chalk of Northville died August 18, 2004. He was 69. He was a teacher for 30 years and was a member of K of C Cardinal Mooney Council, Loyd Order of the Moose-Northville and The Fraternal Order of the Elks-Plymouth. He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Parish.

Mr. Chalk is survived by children Anne Marie (Bryan) Noyes, Thomas (Julie) and Timothy (Valerie) and eight grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother William (Patricia), niece Karen Chalk Mendham and dear friend Mary Anne Callahan.

A Memorial Mass will be held Friday, October 15, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Northville.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Hospital or Providence Hospital Hospice.

'School's Open': AAA offers safe driving reminders

Between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. - pick-up time at most schools and day-care centers-is the most dangerous time of day for children under 13 years of age, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. That's when the most children are killed by motor vehicles.

Drop-off time — between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. — accounts for 11 percent of child motor vehicle deaths. Taken together, the time periods when children are either coming from or going to school or day-care accounts for more than one-third of all child vehicle deaths. As the school year begins, AAA's annual "School's Open" campaign

reminds motorists to use caution in school zones and residential areas, where pedestrians, bicyclists and other motor vehicles, including school buses, operate during drop-off and pick-up times.

"Motor vehicles remain the number one cause of death for children ages 2-14," says Richard J. Miller, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Loading and unloading children from school buses and passenger cars requires careful attention and deliberate action."

During 2002, the last year for which data is available, 88 children under age 16 lost their lives

in traffic crashes in Michigan, and 9,269 were injured. Restraint use in Michigan is lowest for children ages 11-15 (74.3 percent).

In its "Schools Open" campaign, AAA emphasizes that driving carefully begins with focusing on basic traffic safety practices, such as the proper use of seat belts, child safety seats and booster seats.

"It's vitally important that all children age 12 and under be properly restrained in the back seat," said Miller. "Caregivers often don't realize they need to alter the type of child safety seat as children grow, which means that booster seats are under uti-

lized or used incorrectly. Typically, children between the ages of 4 and 8 are candidates for booster seats."

Miller urges motorists to follow these safety tips:

- Slow down in or near school and residential areas.
- Drive with your headlights on — even during the day — so children and others can see you.
- Look for clues such as school safety patrols, adult crossing guards, bicycles and playgrounds, that indicate children may be in the area.
- Scan ahead between parked cars and other objects for signs that children could dart into the road.

• Practice extra caution in bad weather.

• Always stop for school buses that are loading and unloading students when red lights are flashing (unless you are driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway).

• When using a booster seat, always use the shoulder harness. Don't tuck it behind the child's back. Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight across the lap/upper thigh area and the shoulder belt fits snug crossing the chest and shoulder to avoid abdominal injuries.

Sale leaves mark on city streets

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

All that remains of the successful sidewalk sale downtown at the start of the month is happy memories — and some white street markings.

The series of numbers, letters and "T" lines drawn up and down Main and Center streets soon will be gone, said Ron Bodnar, co-president of the Northville Central Business Association that hosted the Aug. 6-7 event. "We take responsibility," he said. "We have made a notation in our play book for next year."

"Just a rain will help us." It was not a permanent paint applied to city streets, as suggested at the Aug. 16 city council meeting. Bodnar said, "It says on the can — it will disap-

pear in 30 days or less."

The white markings are drawing attention because of the amount of the spray used, he said. "We got overly ambitious. We marked it so well — nobody wondered where their space was. It was all the extra numbers that caused the problem."

The owner of Copy Boy Printers, 342 E. Main St., said he sampled the product on his own driveway. "It comes off with water. It is degrading."

"If it doesn't degrade sufficiently, we're prepared to get a power washer and get it off ourselves. We don't like it anymore than anyone else."

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HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

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The Oscar Mayer Weinermobile made a special appearance at Hiller's Market on Center Street in downtown Northville from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 13. Shoppers were invited to have their picture taken by the 2000 model and receive free Weinermobile whistles. Hotdoggers Michael McKloskey and Erin Baroska are pictured with Novi residents Victoria, Emily and Michael Tomkinson.

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POLICE REPORTS

Larceny from auto

Several items were taken recently from a Ford Expedition parked overnight outside a Glenhill Drive home.

The vehicle owner called Northville police around 8 a.m. Aug. 17 after discovering the cell phone he had left on his passenger seat was missing, according to police reports. Further investigation revealed the \$300 briefcase he had in the backseat, as well as the \$150 planner and wallet he had inside, also were missing, the report says.

The victim told police he had canceled the cellular phone service and the rental car cards he had in his wallet, the report says. On Aug. 18, the man called the station to report that his passport and \$3,000 laptop computer also were in the briefcase, the report says.

Six suspected

The owner of Sizzling Sticks Cafe, 144 Mary Alexander Court, recently reported \$180 in damage to his outdoor furniture.

As he cleaned up his restaurant near closing time Aug. 17, the owner said three males and three females in their early 20s tipped over patio chairs, according to police reports. He told them they could sit there, but not to handle the furniture in that manner, the report says.

One of the males used profanity, according to the report. The owner left them alone, finished closing and there was no damage, the report says.

The next morning, four chairs, a table and an umbrella where the six had been seated were spray painted orange, the police report says. The owner said he believes the youths probably caused the damage, but he is not certain because he did not see

them do it, the report says. He told police he could point them out if he saw them again.

'Trip' ends in arrest

Two male Northville residents, one 17 years old and the other 18, were arrested Aug. 17 at about 11:30 p.m., not long after allegedly smoking marijuana from a home-made bong in a black, 2004 SUV.

The vehicle was seen "weaving within its lane" while heading west on Six Mile Road, according to the police report, and was pulled over in the Brooklane subdivision at Highland Lane. Police detected the odor of burnt marijuana and saw shavings in the vehicle, the report said. Police confiscated a clear sandwich-type bag with marijuana inside, a plastic pop bottle with foil used as a bong, and two full, unopened, glass bottles of Corona.

The duo was booked at the police department without incident on charges of possession of narcotics and narcotics paraphernalia, and minor in possession of alcohol. Their court date is set for today at 8:30 a.m. in the 35th District Court.

Meijer theft

Three area youths allegedly made the Meijer store at Haggerty and Eight Mile roads the destination for retail fraud last week.

A 17-year-old Livonia male allegedly attempted to leave the store on Aug. 15 at about 6:30 p.m. with two bottles of Green Apple Smirnoff Vodka valued at \$25.98. According to the police report, the complainant stated observing the suspect select the two bottles and go into the furniture area, where he "concealed them in his sweatshirt front pocket" and then left.

He was arrested, booked and

released without incident. His court date is set for Sept. 1 at 8:30 a.m. at the 35th District Court.

On Aug. 20 at about 2 p.m., a 16-year-old male allegedly attempted to leave the store with a \$69.99 Rampage CD Player. The police report stated he concealed the system in a black bag. Later that day at about 9 p.m., a 17-year-old allegedly placed \$79.96-valued headlights in his left shorts pocket, police said.

Cars damaged

A couple living in Northville Park Place reported their vehicles damaged by rocks Aug. 18 at about 11:30 p.m.

The 19-year-old man said he had parked his 2002 Ford Escort in the complex's car port and discovered the rear window broken out by "two large rocks," and the front window cracked, according to the police report. Damages were listed as \$600. The 18-year-old woman's 1994 Ford Ranger also had its rear window broken, with damages listed as \$300 on the report.

The boyfriend told police that the girlfriend "had her window broken in Canton about a month ago." Neither named any suspects.

Bike found

Last Friday, a blue and yellow men's bicycle was found in the yard of a 57-year-old man who lives in the 15000 block of Portis in Plymouth.

The bike, a Magna Electroschock No. 8504, is being held at the Northville Township Police Department's evidence garage. No records matched. For more information, contact the department at (248) 349-9400.

Dead body found in Salem landfill

By Kate Phillips
HOVETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Police are still searching for clues to help them identify a body found Friday afternoon in the Onyx Arbor Hills Landfill in Salem Township.

An autopsy was unable to determine when the victim died, or from what cause. Authorities do not know if the death was due to homicide.

"The Washtenaw County Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy at U of M," said Det. James Bundshuh of the Michigan

State Police, Ypsilanti Post. "The cause of death is undetermined at this time."

Although initial reports said that the deceased was an older man, the autopsy revealed that the man was approximately 30 years old, about six feet tall, with medium-length light brown hair. He was missing a tooth, and his left front tooth and several other teeth were fully capped. The man was found wearing a light-colored, striped pull-over and dark sweat pants.

Police say that they do not know where the body is from

because the landfill handles garbage and recycling brought from all over Southeast Michigan.

Authorities hope to know more about the cause of death when additional lab reports become available.

"We are waiting for lab and toxicology reports," Det. Bundshuh said. "That could take a couple weeks."

In the meantime, authorities are trying to match the body to missing person reports.

"We're currently looking into that, as we speak," said Bundshuh.

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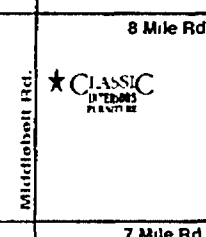
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Northville Record

New camera club offers forum to share tips, showcase style

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

When it comes to parks and gardens, Northville is a photographer's paradise.

A club taking shape this fall is offering local photographers an opportunity to share their images of this area and elsewhere in a new forum. Northville Arts Commission chairman Ken Naigus and Northville Camera Shop owner Tom James formed a new camera club that will begin meeting next month.

Naigus invited interested camera enthusiasts to bring three samples of their work to share. They can be action, landscape or portrait, prints, slides or digital, he said. Photographers at any level of experience are welcome, he said.

"To get started, we're not going to put any limits on it," he said. "We'll let the group decide what they'd like to do. We'll let it take its course based on who comes."

The first meetings are set for 7:30 - 9 p.m. Sept. 14, Oct. 12 and Nov. 9 at the Art House, 215 W. Cady. The tentative format will be an open forum, James said.

Regular monthly meetings likely will include members showcasing photos, critiquing

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each others' work, and presenting information on technique, style and composition. Special events could include guest speakers, field trips, seminars, field shooting, and group or invitational shows.

"They could get input and feedback on what they did," Naigus said. The two club founders considered establishing a theme for meetings, discussing experiences shooting landscapes one month, for example.

"As a camera club, we could create a competition or an invitational exhibition from our members," James said. There are opportunities to benefit through affiliation with similar clubs in other cities, he said.

"The immediate Northville area has many fine photographers," James said. "Having it locally would definitely be something they'd like to see."

Customers he has told about the club enthusiastically endorsed the concept, he said. It was Naigus' initiative and the

newly available space of the Art House that are making the plan possible, he said.

This is a different path for the arts commission, familiar to area residents through their summer concert series and public sculpture program, Naigus said. The commission chairman is scheduled to share samples of his hobby during an upcoming travelogue series at the Art House, showing slides of his trips to national parks in the West. Sept. 23; the Southwest, Oct. 21, and Midwest, Nov. 18.

"He's into photography — a proper venue would benefit his style," James said. "I would benefit from a group setting where other photographers share their ideas and experience."

A minimal membership fee will cover any club costs, James said. The founders are planning to spread word of their new club via the city Web site, a targeted mailing list, literature distributed around town, local-access cable channel, and word of mouth.

Anyone interested in joining, can e-mail Naigus at kdn@comcast.net or James at northville-camera@sbeglobal.net.

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Northville Camera's Tom James (pictured) and Ken Naigus will be starting the Northville Camera Club soon for amateurs and pros alike. James is shown in his shop's Main St. gallery.

James didn't shutter when starting local camera club

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Tom James jumped in with both feet when he entered Northville's world of photography full-time.

Last November, he purchased the camera and custom frame shop at 117 E. Main Street from long-time owner Bill Richardson. Earlier this year, he finished transformation of the

store interior to include a tall, 14-by-85-foot gallery. This fall, he is helping found Northville's Camera Club.

A resident of Northville five years, James was a past patron of the shop before becoming owner. Now his fellow photographers purchase from him digital and film camera equipment and accessories, as well as photographic and custom-framing services.

Familiarity with his hometown clientele prompted James to launch current endeavors of the new club and rotating collections by well-known artists. Window shoppers through July and August saw the first gallery offering of "Cuba: Then and Now." James displayed that collection of 70 black and white prints eye-level the length of the space through last week.

Starting tomorrow, the gallery

will feature Monte Nagler's photographs through Oct. 11. The fine arts black and white photographer, who studied under Ansel Adams, is best known for his panoramic landscapes, James said. The artist will attend the opening reception 6-9 p.m., Aug. 27.

Works by the Farmington Hills resident are in collections of the Detroit Institute of Arts, GM, Daimler-Chrysler, Ford,

BASF, IBM, General Electric and other museums, James said. All his award-winning photographs are limited editions, he said.

Hobbyists who have not visited Northville Camera Shop recently will see a completely revised layout, starting with the new gallery on the left. The framing counter is now at the back of the store, with showcases and shelves of merchandise

nearer the entrance.

To accentuate the height for the gallery, he revealed the vintage building's original tin ceiling. He added a wall to increase his exhibition space.

"I love it," James said. The store owner said local reaction has been positive to the changes he has made and his plans to continue to bring in high quality exhibits.

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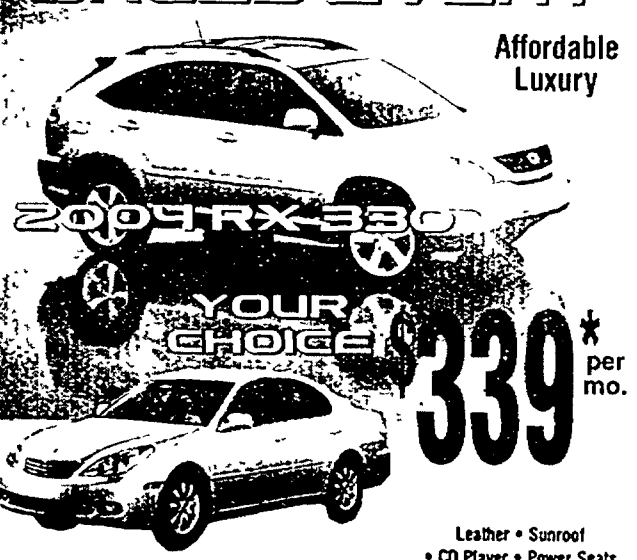
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Return to me....

As summer comes to a close, students pour back into local schools



One of us is ready for kindergarten

I can still feel the grasp of her little hand, waiting in line to enter the school. "Can my mom go in with me," she asked.

Well, I did it yesterday. Like hundreds of other Northville moms, I took my little daughter to her first day of school.



Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Veronica Kane Johnston entered kindergarten Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004.

I'm still feeling a sense of disbelief.

As I watched her little form disappear behind the blue doors of Winchester Elementary

School, I felt an overwhelming sense of sorrow. That line of little people with their oversized backpacks are headed toward the adventure of education, I repeated to myself, not away from the crowd of parents like me, who briefly lingered.

Deep down, I also felt a sense of serenity. The wide smile and welcoming words of Veronica's teacher helped with that. I know my girl is where she belongs.

Veronica and I have been talking since she attended Safety Town in June about the whole new life that awaits her in these classrooms. On Wednesday, she dressed in the "first-day outfit" we had selected. I pinned on her nametag. I snapped photos.

Kindergarten Eve was all preparation for the Big Day — we chatted during dinner about the Wondergarten teachers we just met and the fact that preschool playmate Maggie was in the same class! Then it was trying on shoes, a couple of final pages in the "Ready for Kindergarten" workbook, a long bath, clear sparkly fingernail polish and bedtime.

These past weeks I've been tending to the practical aspects of Veronica's school attendance: confirming her Wondergarten slots, buying new clothes for the longer and longer legs, checking in with her dad on the change in her schedule. It was Wednesday when the permanent change in our lives really registered.

My daughter — my only child, my constant companion since her arrival five years ago — now has embarked on an adventure of her own. When she traveled in my adult circles — like accompanying me on reporting assignments — people described her as "articulate" and "sociable."

With her February birthday, she is middle-of-the-pack with her classmates, so I'm hoping she'll be neither a shrinking violet nor a Bossy Parker. I'll be interested to hear her teacher's assessment of her behavior as they get to know each other.

Her teacher, the new central character in her life, I've turned over the main responsibility for nurturing my daughter's scholastic abilities to a series of professionals. This is one of the main areas that I feel a little pang of loss in my heart. But at the same time, I feel in my head that Veronica is SO ready to be challenged by a new environment, new teachers, and new playmates.

A steady regimen of home lessons produced competence with shape, color, number and letter principles. Preschool experience told me she can play well with others and take direction. All summer, she got a kick out of the

"sound it out" game in response to "what does that say?"

She's ready, willing and able. This is a good thing.

Then why do I feel sadness? The other day I looked through Veronica's baby book, an extremely detailed record of milestones in her little life so far. Her baptism certificate, first steps, first words, first holidays, first trips, first curl, various anecdotes and on and on. I stuck on the first page a favorite photo of eight-week-old Veronica's face tipped up, the inception of her inquisitive nature.

With my daughter's first day of kindergarten now come and gone, I can relate now more than ever to comments about the pace of life. I just brought her home from the hospital and — blink — she is in kindergarten.

I'm comforting myself with what I imagine as her conversations with her new classmates. It won't be:

• Did you see how hard my mom was crying after she dropped me off?

• I think my mom was the only one taking notes at Wondergarten orientation.

• If my mom tells me one more time that two of my uncles attended Winchester...

Yes, I know Mom will be the furthest thing from her mind.

More likely it will be:

• Hi, my name is Veronica. Can I play?

• Our teacher is pretty. I like her hair.

• Can I borrow your sparkle crayons and stencils?

But, my Kindergarten just might think to herself:

I still like it when Mom hugs and kisses me. Before and after school.

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Top: Winchester Elementary School students say the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the 2004 school year yesterday morning. Above: Maureen Johnston says good-bye to her daughter Veronica, 5, as she heads off to kindergarten at Winchester Elementary.



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Above: Patricia Cousino hugs her two daughters, Halle and Leah. Far left: Avery Rentz, 5, presents an apple to her new kindergarten teacher. Middle: Julia Scavnick, 5, prepares for her first day of school.

Ridge Wood Elementary portables not ready for first day

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Fifth-grade parents of Ridge Wood Elementary School students attended the Northville school board meeting Tuesday night, wondering why necessary portables were not ready for their children's first day of school.

Ridge Wood parent Lisa DiRado spoke before members of the board voicing concern her daughter's classroom was not ready, wondering what was in store for the fifth-grade students in the meantime and asking why a call to her home was made the day before saying her daughter could not bring her backpack because there was

no where to put it.

DiRado said she knew it was not the worst thing that could happen, but was concerned with the short notice and lack of communication.

Rumors the kids may not begin school until Aug. 30 were disseminated among the fifth-grade parents.

"It is really in your best interest to get the correct information out," she told members of the board.

Other parents at the rear of the meeting room echoed her concerns.

"The reason it was not done is the contractor failed to meet his time limit," said David Bolitho, Northville schools assistant superintendent for

administrative services. "Needless to say we're not going to use that contractor anymore."

Bolitho said the portables are on the school grounds and are awaiting fire Marshall approval for student occupancy.

District officials said the target occupancy date is Friday, Aug. 27 and school programming would be provided in the meantime.

Northville students began school Aug. 25.

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with their sister and they don't realize they only go half day. So when I told them they needed another year they were kind of disappointed.

"They are very independent so I don't have any worry whatsoever for them to adjust well and love kindergarten and just enjoy every minute of it. If they could go for the whole day, I'm sure they would like to."

The Amerman mom said shadowing her own emotions is the fact she is happy for her girls.

"It is just exciting to see this happen and realize how fast time goes when you have an infant with you and then they are learning how to walk and all these

things and go through all these milestones and boom there they are five years later - they are in school," Patricia said.

"And to think you have had those kids for five years and you have cared for them and protected them so much and then you know they are going to be on their own, it is fun to just guess, boy how are they going to do? Did everything what I taught to them and told them (sink in?) Well this is the time when they are going to prove if things were set right and if they really listened or not."

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District welcomes new teachers

But tight economy makes hiring rare statewide

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Before the first school bell rang yesterday morning, a slew of fresh teachers were officially welcomed into the Northville Public Schools district.

Thirty-five teachers participated in the district's new teacher orientation. The program included three days of intensive training and activities.

But hiring new teachers at a time when many are being fired is a luxury not all school districts statewide afforded.

"Look at how we compare to districts state-wide in terms of dealing with budget crunches," said Ken Roth, Northville school board treasurer. "Fifty-two percent of the districts statewide have laid off employees and 75 percent have not filled open positions."

Roth said a recent survey conducted by members of the K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future served as testament to the district's perseverance, especially amid tough economic times.

The coalition is a group of statewide education organiza-

tions working together toward full funding for public schools, community colleges and universities.

The survey conducted in June reveals that between January 2003 and May 2004, 273 districts laid off about 5,900 employees and 393 districts did not fill open positions.

According to survey data, 36 percent of Michigan school districts have frozen salaries and benefits for some employees.

"It is a very gratifying time for us," said Katie Doerr Parker, director of human resources for Northville Public Schools. "We have a wonderful group of new teachers and it is our good fortune because of the misfortune of others. I think other districts unfortunately have had to lay off some really highly qualified personnel and we've been able to hire some of those individuals."

Parker attributes the district's ability to hire new teachers while other districts are issuing pink slips to Northville's growth.

"The only reason we were able to hire is because of the number of people who left and

the growth," she said. "That is the only thing that keeps us viable."

Parker said 16 positions are due to resignation, retirees and leaves of absence and 19 positions are attributed to Northville's growth.

District officials welcomed nearly 375 new students into the district this school year. A final count is pending.

Despite the excitement, district officials said the decision wasn't without fret. Procuring funding within the district's 2004-05 budget was an arduous task.

"It is something that we waited a long time to do because we were dependent upon the state to say OK and finally it got to the point where we felt that it was going to be iffy, but they had pieced it together enough to make us comfortable," Parker said.

The Northville Public School District received 1,100 resumes.

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New Northville School District teacher Derek Williford, right, and others listen to mayor Chris Johnson as he welcomes them to the community during an orientation day last Wednesday.

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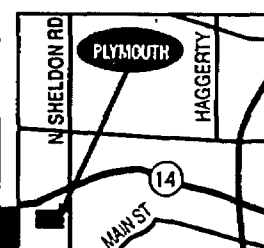
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MOLLEE: Cooke student returns to school as lifesaver

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The mother and her husband, Doug, were hosting a family reunion at their Belleville home when the episode occurred.

Morse ironically explained there was a household full of people when Kenedee was found in the in-ground pool.

"We were all right there," she said.

One of Mollee's aunts started cardio pulmonary resuscitation on Kennedy right away before help arrived.

Manlynn Bachorik, principal of Cooke School, said she is proud of Mollee and the message she sends to others.

"The world looks at our students as people who do not have

very many abilities, but as their educators we know that they do," she said. "Mollee to us is a hero and to her mom and dad she is a hero. She saved her little sister's life."

Bachorik said Mollee may not be able to talk fluently, but she can communicate her needs.

"She definitely understood it was dangerous, there was something really wrong and it scared her," Bachorik said. "She knew she needed help."

Mollee began her second year at Cooke School on Monday.

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School golf outing set for Oct. 2

Free lunch program

Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency recently announced the policy for free and reduced price meals and free milk program for all schools, pre-schools, child care centers and Head Start Programs in Wayne County participating in federally-reimbursed child nutrition programs last year. The policy outlines household size and income criteria for determining eligibility. For example, a household with four individuals and income below \$34,873 is eligible for reduced meals and income below \$24,505 for free meals and milk. Application forms will be mailed to families meeting requirements last year and at the principal's office in each school. Households may apply for benefits at any time during the school year.

ACT Web site

ACT launched a new Web site for students taking the col-

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lege admissions exam. The new site features information that changes according to the needs students have throughout the year. Services and information include online registration, early scores and score reporting; information about the ACT exam; free test preparatory questions and information, college search and online applications; financial aid need estimator; and the ACT store. View the new site by visiting www.actstudent.org.

Foreign exchange

Explore new cultures and foster an international friendship by hosting an English speaking foreign exchange student. A 16-year-old female stu-

Annual golf outing

The Old Village and Cooke schools' Annual Golf Outing will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 at Woodlands of Van Buren. Entrance fees include: golf and dinner for one, \$100; dinner only, \$30; hole sponsorship, \$100, or contest sponsor, \$50. Raffle and door prize donors are also needed. Old Village and Cooke schools service handicapped students from 14 school districts in Wayne County. The proceeds from the scramble will be divided evenly between the two schools and will be used to support music therapy, leisure recreation and student equipment needs. Registration deadline is Sept. 13, but advance support from donors and entrants is sought. Registration forms are available from Old Village and Cooke schools.

Compiled by Record Education Reporter Victoria Sadlocha.

Bus schedule

The 2004-05 Northville Public Schools Bus Run Schedule is posted on the district's Web site. To view the schedule visit www.northville.k12.mi.us and click on "Administration and Board."

School board meeting

The next Northville Board of Education meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14 at Old Village School, 405 W. Main Street. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.



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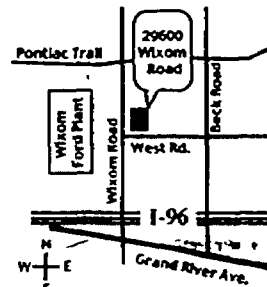
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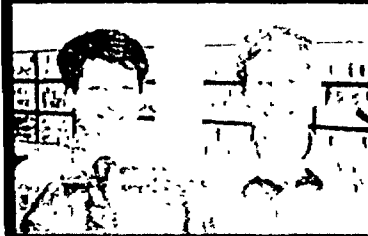
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(sales of over 300 cars in one year). Former customers can count on the same exceptional service from Gaylord and his wife and partner, Linda.

"We've kept our customers over the years. Some people we've sold 10-12 cars. Their kids are still coming to see us," said Linda Thomas.

Perhaps it's Gaylord's sincere and unpretentious attitude that makes customers feel at ease.

He says there's no big secret to his success.

"Treat others as you want to be treated," is his simple philosophy.

Gaylord's love of cars began with a career at Livonia Transmission, where he retired from the Ford Motor Company after 28 years. It was then he decided to pursue a lifelong ambition, working at a dealership.

"I've always wanted to sell cars. This isn't work, I'm living a dream," he explained.

General Sales Manager, Robert Menton recognized an exceptional opportunity for Gaylord Thomas, and his wife, Linda, to join the team at Hines Park Ford. The transition has been a smooth one for Thomas, who's happy to join the existing staff of top-notch personnel. He's pleased to find a positive and upbeat attitude at Hines Park, including Menton, the sales and support staff.

Gaylord's wife, Linda, is quite simply the icing on the cake. Not formally an employee of Hines Park, she works under Gaylord's direction. She's his partner in business as well as life, an invaluable key in making sure things run smoothly. She'll remain at his side at Hines Park, where this Milford High School graduate feels right at home.

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Leading the troops

New Silver Springs principal combines military training, educational excellence

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Young in appearance yet seasoned in experience, new Silver Springs principal Scott Snyder anxiously guides the way into the new school year.

"I am so ready for this opportunity and this job," Snyder said. "I feel really comfortable here."

Methodical and eager, the 36-year-old figurehead said he feels confident about his first school leadership role.

Prior to accepting the Silver Springs offer, Snyder spent three years at Lincoln Consolidated Schools in Ypsilanti as an assistant principal preceded by assistant principal positions at all three school levels.

Semper Fi

And although this may be his first principal position, leadership is not a new concept to Snyder.

The idea was fully introduced to him during six years spent in the U.S. Marines.

"That is where I'll forge my leadership skills from," Snyder said. "I was given so many leadership skills at such a young age."

Entering the Marines after high school and serving in the Gulf War, Snyder said the experience made him a more grounded and realistic person.

Comprehending the scope and importance of leadership and other necessary skills was gravely important, he said because another person's life depended on it.

The new principal credits his military background for other aspects of his professional disposition including a direct comparison between troop welfare in the service and in the hallways.

"I am very attuned to my teachers' and students' welfare," Snyder said. "I also pay a great attention to detail. The military teaches you a lot about appearance and pride."

Past foot forward

After serving in the military, Snyder received an associate's degree from Rancho, San Diego, followed by a bachelor's degree with a major in English Language Literature and minor in Spanish

SILVER SPRINGS

Name: Scott O. Snyder
Profession: principal of Silver Springs Elementary School
Age: 36 years old
Marital status: married with a one-year-old son
Resides: Ypsilanti
Hobbies: golf, traveling, music, literature and investing

from The University of Michigan.

While attending the Ann Arbor university, he spent a semester abroad studying Spanish in Ecuador.

Snyder completed a master's degree in educational leadership from Wayne State University and aims to complete his Ph.D. in the future.

The new leader does however mesh his educational background with work experience. "There is such a huge gap with what is taught in theory and what really happens here," he said.

The 2004-05 school year makes six years in the educational arena for Snyder.

Prior to serving as an assistant principal, he taught Spanish and reading to kindergarten through sixth grade students.

He vows attention to students and prior principles learned will impact his career at the elementary school.

Moral Macarena

Permeating Silver Springs with the Moral Macarena is an example of some of the goals Snyder has set for the future of the Northville school.

Set to the tune of the popular dance song, Snyder uses unique lyrics to infuse the petite students with the democratic core values of wisdom, justice, courage, compassion, hope, respect, responsibility and integrity.

"Those are the things I know about," he said. "I want to incorporate a common language among the students."

Snyder hopes the spirit of combining the song, dance and important message will permeate the entire district.

"It is about more than standard-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

New Silver Springs Elementary School principal Scott Snyder, left, goes over a textbook with learning consultant Diane Vanston.

ized tests, it is about more than MEAP scores," Snyder said. "I'm just as dedicated to developing good hearts as good minds."

The new principal said that is why he introduces concepts like integrity opposed to honesty.

"I choose broader words that incorporate other philosophies," he said.

From here to infinity

Maintaining an already elevated level of academic excellence is another challenge the new principal is examining closely as a means of satisfying others' expectations.

"Any time the bar is set so high that would probably be the most challenging aspect," he said.

As Silver Spring's principal, Snyder will focus on five areas: Implementing prescribed curricula to the fullest, fiscal responsibility, parent satisfaction, professional development and systems growth.

The detailed-oriented principal keeps a binder outlining his development in each of the five areas to keep focused, a methodical tool picked up from his past experiences.

He will also make student involvement a high priority. Examples include having fifth-grade students recite morning announcements and asking students to greet visitors at the school.

"I'm just very proud to be here and be a part of Northville," Snyder said. "I'm excited. I feel Northville is going to develop me as a leader and take me to levels I've never experienced."

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Principal, Silver Springs Elementary

I've never experienced. There are a lot of keen minds at the central office and that is making me a better person, and I admire that and esteem it very highly."

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Divine Providence

New parochial principal answers a call to the community

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Growing up, school was never Carl Hall's favorite place.

In fact, the new principal of St. Paul's Lutheran School in Northville thought the last profession he would ever enter was education.

"You always have the kids who just love school and they can't wait," Hall said. "I was not that child. I dreaded school."

That was until he reentered the classroom. Now Hall believes he's found his professional calling.

"After my first experience student teaching I absolutely loved it. It is the best profession in the world," Hall said. "And I still feel that way."

The 53-year-old principal turned his prior disdain for school into a positive. For the past 32 years Hall has spent in the Lutheran school environment, he's accentuated learning must be fun.

"I think that is so important," he said. "Learning needs to be fun, but it also needs to be treated with respect and that is important. And I don't mean catchy little things, I mean the actual learning. Our world is so complex now, kids have a lot to learn and the key is to make it fun."

Lutheran calling

When Hall was in high school he asked his Presbyterian parents if he could become a Lutheran.

"They were happy," Hall said. "You could ask your parents a lot worse things than that."

He calls his pathway divine providence.

"It wasn't planned by me," he said. "It wasn't like my parents were Lutheran teachers, and I just followed in their footsteps. I went another way completely and wound up here."

A Detroit native, Hall attended Lutheran West in the city. He received a bachelor of science degree in education from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska and headed back home for a masters of education in reading from Wayne State University.

His entire career has been in a Lutheran school environment, and Hall practices what he preaches.

The principal's three children, ranging in age from 19 to 26, attended parochial schools.

"There are many positives of a

ST. PAUL'S

Name: Carl Hall
Profession: principal of St. Paul's Lutheran School of Northville

Age: 53 years old
Marital status: married 32 years with three adult children

Resides: In a 1898 farm house in Carleton

Hobbies: music, playing guitar, athletic events, reading, traveling, people and officiating high-school basketball

Lutheran education," he said. "The discipline, the academic standards, the family atmosphere and cooperation of the parents. Those are the ingredients of a successful education."

Hall recommends all parents do the same.

"If you start your children in a quality, Christian school at a young age, it will help parents immeasurably raise their kids in a way I think most people would want their kids to be raised," he said. "We are pretty mainstream. We are not unusual. A lot of it is basic, but innovative too. If you can present the basics in an innovative way then that is what you want to do."

Hall said a Lutheran education is for everybody, not just members of a Lutheran church.

"It is not a Lutheran school for Lutherans," he said. "It is a Lutheran school for everybody that wants a good quality education and quality Christian education."

Eager Northville beginnings

"The school is great and is tailored to my past experience and the people have been absolutely fantastic," he said. "Northville is a beautiful city, and I'm very interested in becoming a part of the community."

The building alone impressed the new principal.

"This is a nice facility. There are not a lot of schools like this, especially Lutheran schools," he said. "It is such a substantial building. It looks more like a high school to me than an elementary school. I was so impressed when I walked in."

Nestled on a hill behind Hiller's Market on Elm Street, the pre-through sixth grade school boasts a full-size gymnasium, large classrooms, music room, computer room and science lab.

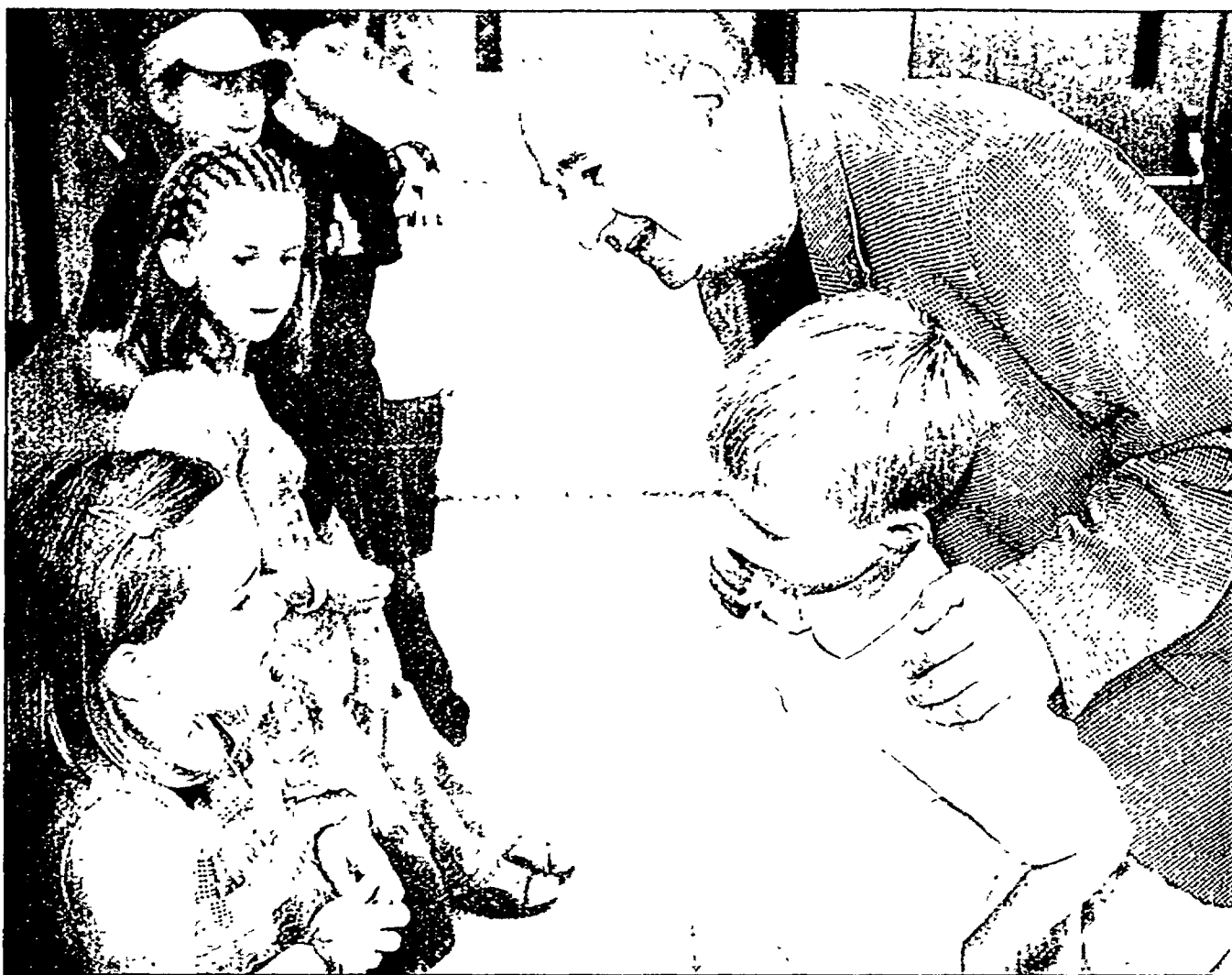


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

New St. Paul's Lutheran principal Carl Hall talks with students Jordan Kowalski, 5, left, and Jesse Jenter, 8, during a registration day for the 2004-05 school year.

Enrollment for the school year beginning yesterday, reached more than 75 students. Increasing the number of students is one of Hall's goals. Beginning next year, the school will be pre-school through eighth grade.

"We have a good message, a great product, great teachers and we really need to share that with people," he said. "I just want to share what we do here. I believe the school and a Lutheran education will really sell itself. It is just people have to know."

New year, new themes

"Enjoy the day that God has planned for you" is Hall's theme for the 2004-05 school year.

"Notice it has the word enjoy in there," he said. "Sometimes we think so much of everything is

work, work, work, but learning is not work, it is enjoyment."

The theme additionally emphasizes the importance of living life one day at a time.

"I think a lot can be accomplished by that," Hall said. "Sometimes we worry and fret over things in the long term. I'm not opposed to long-term planning, but sometimes we focus so far into the future we never appreciate the day we've been given."

It is important to the new principal his students receive a quality Christian education while appreciating the gifts each day brings.

Focusing on students is another important part of Hall's mission for the downtown school. He will teach classes in the afternoon while serving as a figurehead.

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Hall's passion for student involvement was honed and cemented in the last 15 years spent as principal of Holy Ghost Lutheran School in Monroe.

Prior to his time in Monroe, Hall spent 17 years as a teacher, coach, athletic director and principal.

"I'm hoping to combine my experience with the challenges that face all schools and are sometimes unique to Lutheran and parochial schools," he said. "Hopefully my experience in those areas will benefit us here."

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Township Hall update

The new township hall, coming up at the southwest corner of Sheldon and Six Mile roads, should finally be finished in about a month.

"It's Oct. 2, is really the date we're shooting for," said Paul Rivetto, the township's representative with Plante & Moran. "It's very doable, very realistic. We've got somebody out there every day."

The construction is about 84 percent complete, according to an Aug. 11 memo from the finance department. Certain landscaping features may be completed past the deadline.

"Whether it's all ... 100 percent, that I can't guarantee," Rivetto said. "Right now we're focusing on the building."

The fire headquarters, which was occupied last month, is 97 percent complete.

Time for tasers

In a few months, Northville Township's 30 police officers will add electronic tasers to their gun belts.

The board of trustees unanimously approved the purchase of eight X26 tasers, which eject two darts that pierce suspects' skin or clothing, emit an electro muscular disruption and stunt mobility for about five seconds.

"This is another tool we can use before ultimately we, God forbid, have to use lethal force," Police Chief John Werth said. "I would rather have that available before I go to my gun. It saves injury to the suspect as well as the officers."

Two members of the township's special weapons and tactics team have been using the tasers for about eight months, Werth said. With a range of about 20 feet, the weapons require an eight hour training session — including an option to actually be struck by the taser.

Officers currently handle resisting suspects with empty

hand control (joint locks punches and kicks), intermediate weapons (batons), and chemical aerosol (pepper spray). The tasers would be used as a third or fourth option, following verbal warning, Werth said.

Effectiveness can be hindered by factors such as narcotics and adrenaline. There are no long-term effects and the .162 amps of electricity are "well below safe limits," according to a township memo.

"There are some out there it's not going to affect," Werth said. "The ones that have died, there have been other precipitating factors there."

The tasers, which will be purchased from Taser International, will cost the township about \$6,427, which was not in the original budget for the year. An additional \$2,000 of the price tag will be provided by a Risk Avoidance Prevention grant from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

Police should receive tasers by October, Werth said.

Community Park: moving along

The underground rubble has been removed from the up-and-coming Community Park expansion, and there's a clear number in sight for the unexpected costs: \$560,000.

That was the "ballpark" figure given by Director of Public Services Don Weaver at last Thursday's board of trustees meeting. According to Weaver's report, this current phase will include paving, landscaping and irrigating the entrance drive and turning circle; paving the entrance to the nearby Arcadia Ridge neighborhood and the road just south of the two parking lots; installing one lacrosse field and one soccer field; and going ahead with a playground, restrooms and picnic pavilions.

Postponed for now will be: six sand volleyball courts, three bas-

ketball courts and a baseball diamond near the far north end of the property. Two soccer fields originally planned as game fields will be practice fields for now, making three such fields total. Paving of the three parking lots is being held off, although gutters, curbs and gravel will be placed. Storm sewer installation was completed earlier this week, and grass seeding also began this week in order to reach a critical fall planting date.

Said Weaver of the postponements, "They can always be added in the future once we have money for that."

Pavement: patience wearing thin

Victor Kudyba lives on off the small stretch of Six Mile Rd. near Ridge that's never been paved. At last week's board of trustees meeting, the 18-year resident spoke his mind on the situation.

"The pounding of the trucks on the pot holes ... literally shakes my house," Kudyba said, referencing 18-wheelers and vehicles on their way to the nearby Onyx Arbor Hills Landfill at Napier Road. "That's minor compared to the dust and some of the other issues. Six Mile is a major, busy road."

He attributed use of the dirt road, which runs about two-thirds of a mile, to cracks in his ceiling, and asked how the conditions would play on Toll Brothers' Steeplechase subdivision sprouting up just down the road.

"This is not three houses — this is a development that goes between Six and Seven Mile," Kudyba said, who had previously called the township to check

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whether the developer could be required to commit to paving.

"I don't see anything amiss ... to approach the developer," Trustee Marv Gans said, "and at least get a commitment, yes or no, at this point and time."

Director of Public Services Don Weaver said he had heard from the marketing department of Toll Brothers, which took over the project from Mocerri Companies.

"They don't have it in their budget to do that," Weaver said. "We can't force developers to make off-site improvements. What's been done (previously) has been done voluntarily."

Fund your dreams

Katana Abbott, CFP, will be appearing at the Northville Senior Community Center at 303

West Main St. Aug. 31 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. to present "Smart Women Finish Rich." Based on David Bach's best-selling book and designed for women of all ages, the seminar covers seven steps to financial security and "funding your dreams." All attendees will receive a free 23-page "Finish Rich Workbook." Call Jim Staschke at (248) 347-7440 or the center at (248) 349-4140 for reservations. It's a free event.

REI ready for appearance

Soon-to-be the sole owner of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital land, Real Estate Interests, Inc. is poised to bring a concept plan before the planning commission Aug. 31. They'll have an open discussion before coming back at a later meeting with a preliminary site plan.

Initial talks have been held between the township and developer throughout the month. The State of Michigan, from which Real Estate Interests is purchasing the land, has set a Sept. 30 deadline to close the deal.

"They seem very cooperative," Planner Maureen Osiecki said.

"They'll bring the plan in next week, and we'll see what happens."

Painting the town green

Thanks to a grant received from the Michigan Department of Forestry, Northville Township soon will receive 170 trees for homeowners' associations to plant along the right of way entrances to their neighborhoods.

Planner Maureen Osiecki said that prices will range from \$245-\$315 per tree, which includes planting costs and a one-year guarantee. Options are: two different types of pear trees, Lindens, Crabapples, Sugar Hackberries and White Oaks.

All homeowners associations will receive letters with a form on which they'll indicate how many trees they want, Osiecki said. The associations will be required to pay for half the cost of each tree.

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Fit for a Prince

Wandering horse finds way home with help of police, neighbors

By Kim Kovelle
RECORD STAFF WRITER

An evening stroll beyond his corral turned into a late night, one-mile adventure for a limping, 22-year-old horse named Prince.

Last Sunday evening, Martha Kuciban's Chestnut Arabian Gelding sauntered away from his home in Northville Township near the southeast corner of Ridge and Seven Mile roads.

"I left the (gate) open at night so he keeps walking," said Kuciban, explaining that a hair-line fracture in Prince's back left leg requires movement to heal. "I put him away in his corral ... with his grain and his hay. He contains himself very well ... and he can't run at all. At night he just goes in and stays there."

That night, Prince had different plans. Discovered by neighbors at nearby Ridge Court, the horse was close to home when Police Officer Dave Roberts arrived at the scene. It was almost 10 p.m.

"They were keeping it in the location just by feeding it apples," Roberts said. Noticing no saddle or reins, Roberts called in another officer, and with the neighbors led Prince southbound along Ridge — not realizing in the dark that his destination was nestled back in the trees, a few steps in the opposite direction.

After securing Prince at the farm of Milan George, who lives on Six Mile Road, the officers set out.

Finding Prince a home

"The two of us just basically flooded door to door in the Napier/Ridge area," Roberts said.

"We went to every person we could think of. All the people that owned horses stuck together. They were more concerned about the welfare of the animal" than being jarred from sleep. Some offered their stables.

But, Roberts said, "We just kept striking out."

George said there haven't been any horses on his farm — one of the last in the township — for decades. However, there was a barn for Prince.

"This was a large barn for machinery," George said. "There were several people; they were helping the two officers. They left after they secured the horse. It was very tame. The officers, they are really super. They did a lot of work."

After checking at least 15 houses and Maybury State Park, the officers accepted a stable offer from Victor and Esther Kudyba, who also live on Six Mile. Because Roberts noticed the steed's limp "getting really obvious," he arranged with another neighbor to hitch a horse trailer to transport Prince.

But again, Prince had other ideas.

"When we arrived there, we got the horse out of the barn and he wouldn't go in," Roberts said. "He really took to me for some reason. He followed me back."

For the rest of the night, Prince stayed in an empty stall in the Kudybas' barn, which sits on their 2.5-acre plot of land they call Cedar Hill Farm.

"They literally walked him all the way to our house, which is probably about a mile," Esther Kudyba said. "It was a beautiful horse, and I felt so bad when I saw

"I'm pretty impressed that someone would walk a horse two miles and take all the effort."

Martha Kuciban
Resident, Northville Township

him limping."

Still without a solid lead, Roberts wrapped up at nearly 2:30 a.m.

The next morning, Kuciban immediately realized Prince was gone and called the police. Esther helped Kuciban with a ride and transporting Prince to his corral, and Roberts went back the next evening to update as many neighbors as he could.

"I'm pretty impressed that someone would walk a horse two miles and take all the effort," Kuciban said.

She was also "stunned" that her injured horse held up. But, when the gate's open, Kuciban said she'll have an eye on her wandering friend.

"Now he's not allowed to be out anymore unless I'm outside with him," Kuciban said. "He's grounded."

Kim Kovelle can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or via e-mail at kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville Township resident Martha Kuciban was recently reunited with her Arabian horse "Prince" who walked away from his home for a short time.

CHURCH EVENTS

Women of the Word

The Tuesday Ladies Bible Study, Women of the Word, welcomes you to our study of the Book of Luke, entitled Grace Under Pressure. The study begins on September 14, from 9:30-11:15 a.m. or from 7-8:20 p.m., at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Rd., north of Eight Mile. The \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available for children through age 5 in the morning. For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

SYNOPSIS

AUGUST 19, 2004 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, August 19, 2004

TIME: 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

PLACE: 41600 W. Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Abbo.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Supervisor, Sue Hillebrand, Clerk, Richard Henningsen, Treasurer, Trustees: Marjone Banner, Shirley Klokenga, Mary Gans, Brad Werner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas: Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - approved with corrections

2. Appointments, Petitions, Resolutions & Announcements: None

3. Public Hearing: A. SAD - Northville Commons Pathways B. R & D Tax Abatement P.H. C. R & D Tax Abatement Decision D. Set Budget Public Hearing for 9/16/04

4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: Resident questioned paving plans for Six Mile Road. City resident spoke opposing the Dispatch Contract

5. New Business:

A. Municipal Building Project-Progress Payment-approved

B. Municipal Building Project-Change Orders-approved

C. Dispatch Contract-approved

D. SAD introduction-Pine Creek Street Lighting-approved

E. Road Closure-approved

F. Hidden Ridge at Grande Vista Condominium-Storm Drainage Agreement-approved

G. Public Safety-Copy Machine purchase-approved

H. Public Safety-Taser purchase-approved

I. Community Park Change Order D-approved

J. Community Park Progress Payment & Progress Update-approved

K. SMART Contract-approved

L. Northville Road Pathway Change Order #1-approved

M. Request for Traffic Signal-approved

N. 2004 Budget Amendments-approved

O. 2005 Preliminary Budget-approved

P. Grant for Coldwater Springs-approved

Q. Parks and Recreation Mission Statement-approved

R. Quail Ridge SAD payment-approved

S. Tree Planting Bid-approved

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Ordinances: None

8. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$3,917,992.91-approved

9. Board Communication: Reports from the following were given: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Chip Snider, Mary Gans, Marjone Banner, Shirley Klokenga, Brad Werner

10. Any Other Business that may properly be brought before the Board of Trustees:

11. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

(8-26-04 NR 159444)

MARK J. ABBO, SUPERVISOR
SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

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Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Tuesday, September 28, 2004.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

(8-19/26 NN, NR 157463)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF 1ST PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Thursday, September 16, 2004

Name of SAD: Pine Creek Estates Subdivision
Purpose of the SAD: Lighting Improvement
Special Assessment District (SAD)

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

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

Pine Creek Estates Subdivision

Please Take Further Notice that the Board of Trustees, of the Charter Township of Northville will meet at Township Hall, located at 41600 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan on Thursday, September 16, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said petition and hearing any objections thereto. Said petition may be examined at the office of the township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing.

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

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Join the club tonight

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors are hosting a fall membership drive from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m., tonight, Aug. 26, and again, Tuesday, Sept. 7 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.

The group welcomes and socializes with new people moving into Northville and surrounding communities; as well as established residents. People who visit the library during the membership drive can join the club for 2004-05 for \$20, Martin said. Light refreshments will be served while they learn about Newcomers' different activities and interest groups. For more information, call membership chairperson Andrea Sellers at (248) 446-1246.

Soccer signs OK

Members of the Northville High School girls' soccer team earned signs near the city's school district boundaries to honor their 2003-4 state championship.

The City Council voted Aug. 16 to put up the signs on Taft Road, on Novi Road, at Eight Mile and Beck roads, and on west Eight Mile Road. Northville Public Schools will pay for the \$150 signs; the city's department of public works will place the signs.

Volunteer steps forward

Jacqueline Bousha added two hats to her wardrobe last week.

The city council Aug. 16 appointed the four-year resident to fill vacancies on the Northville Senior Advisory Council and the Housing Commission. Her terms will expire March 31, 2007, and Sept. 15, 2007, respectively.

Taxes due next week

City of Northville 2004 summer taxes are due no later than Tuesday, Aug. 31. City Hall offices are open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

SKRUFF continues

SKRUFF IV, the upcoming Suburban Kids Rockin' Under Ford Field concert, will begin at 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11.

The bi-annual event, organized by teens for teens, will feature bands from hometown Northville's The Mellowship to East Lansing's Oracle Forever. Three other bands also are scheduled on the hour, through 10 p.m. Concessions will include pizza, pop and water. Admission to the event is \$5.

SKRUFF is produced in partnership with the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Northville Parks and Recreation, and Northville Youth Assistance. All profits from the event go to sustaining it.

Buy a brick

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Around Town



teams or other organizations can become a permanent part of the new Northville Senior Community Center with a \$100 donation.

Purchasing a personalized, engraved brick provides funding for landscaping and exterior improvements around the 303 W. Main Street building. The deadline to purchase a brick is Oct. 1.

For more information, call the center at (248) 349-4140.

Spoonin' yumies

During Victorian Festival weekend American Spoon owner Kim Behmer, is having the American Spoon Head Chef Chris Chickering will head into town for the Victorian Festival.

Kim Behmer, owner of Northville's Center Street American Spoon store, invited the chef Friday evening and noon-2 p.m. Saturday for cooking demonstrations and tastings. They will also be serving hors d'oeuvres.

Scholarships available

Students who plan to attend Schoolcraft College in the winter 2005 term are eligible to apply for faculty academic scholarships.

The \$500 awards are available to students who have completed at least 12 credit hours at Schoolcraft before the fall 2004 term and who register for six or more credit hours in the winter term.

Scholarships are department specific and applications must be submitted to individual departments. The deadline to apply is Oct. 7. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at (734) 462-4433.

Single Place Thursdays

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., every Thursday hosts Single Place programs. The evening begins with social time at 7:30 p.m., opening and announcements at 7:45 p.m., with the program to follow at 8 p.m. The cost is \$5. For more information, call Sandy at (248) 349-0911.

Neighbors in need

Local assistance organization Civic Concern has moved to the Highland Lakes Shopping Center, 42951 Seven Mile Road. Residents seeking to donate non-perishable food and household items can drop them between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Mondays.

Wednesdays, and the first and third Friday of the month. For more information, call (248) 344-1033.

Planning a party?

Bookings at the newly renovated Northville Senior Community Center include an October wedding reception, birthday party, holiday party, employee Christmas party and senior open house.

During the weekend of the July 3 grand opening at the center, the staff distributed more than 300 brochures describing the rental options. At their meeting Thursday, members of the Senior Advisory Council board discussed ways to spread the word about the facility's availability.

Rental income is key to making the center operation self-sufficient. The recreation staff is charged with marketing and scheduling the meeting rooms, living room, banquet room and gym contained in the 303 W. Main Street building.

The City of Northville and Northville Township equally shared half the \$2.9 million expense of completely renovating and expanding the Northville

Public Schools-owned building. The township loaned the remaining half of the project cost to the shared recreation department, which oversees the joint senior program. For a complete listing of rental rates and rules, contact the recreation department at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1401.

A day of art trip

The Northville Arts Commission is hosting a trip Oct. 20 to the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum and Garden on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University.

Following lunch at a Midland restaurant, the trip will continue inside the architectural studio and private residence of Alden B. Dow, then as a drive-by tour of some of Dow's other architectural highlights in Midland. The \$80 fee includes round-trip motor coach transportation, entrance fees, hot lunch buffet, and driver gratuity. For more information, call (248) 449-9950 or (248) 349-3650.

Have a community item you want reported "Around Town?" E-mail Record Staff Writer Maureen Johnston at mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net



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The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of St. Mary Mercy Hospital on September 28, 29, 30 and October 1.

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SENIOR LIFE

Northville Record

Senior center is home base for local travel planning

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

When a group of Northville senior citizens traveled to New York city last summer, they saw the Statue of Liberty, ground zero of the Sept. 11 attacks, the Empire State Building and more — by making a single reservation.

Leaving the details of complicated arrangements to professionals is the main benefit of group travel, said Sue Koivula of the Northville Senior Adult Community Center. On a bi-monthly basis, the senior adult services coordinator arranges for six travel companies to present upcoming plans to area residents considering day trips, overnights or longer vacations to neighboring communities, throughout the country or across continents.

"The companies we're working with I wanted to make sure they were quality companies," Koivula said. "I really believe we have the best of the best."

"The biggest part is — when you're going to an area you don't know — you have the expertise of the travel company."

Despite the home base of the senior center, the age limit for travel is 21, she said. "Just because we bring them from the senior center doesn't mean you have to be a senior to participate. These are fabulous trips."

The next travel show at the 303 West Main Street center is 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

Representatives from the travel companies stop in

Northville the second Tuesday every other month to describe trips and answer questions, Koivula said.

Register early

The coordinator advised potential travelers to sign up as soon as they decide on a destination. "Our spots fill up," she said. "Those who hesitate could lose out."

When Northville numbers alone do not fill an outing, the tour companies often book local seniors with residents of surrounding Novi, South Lyon, Plymouth and Wixom to offer the benefit of group rates.

Koivula has first-hand experience with some of the trips. In June 2003, she acted as an escort, joining her patrons on the Escapades Tours New York trip. "That was just a fabulous trip," she said. "We were always one step ahead of whatever was happening."

For the big city visitors, that meant not having to find a parking space, comfortable hotel accommodations, dinner in the city's tallest building, a four-hour guided motor coach tour through Manhattan, a view of the former World Trade Center site, and free time for independent exploring of the sights and sounds of the city. "I think we touched the entire gamut of things to see there," Koivula said.

During the return motor coach ride, Escapades Tours owner Karen Schwarck described future adventures to her travel companions, including a river barge trip this summer, the coordinator recalled.

"That's the bonus of the travel companies — they take that stress of the vacation away for you."

Sue Koivula
Senior Adult Services Coordinator

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"By the time we got home, she had 10 checks for deposit on that trip," she said.

Schwarck, like some of her counterparts in the group tour business, is a former senior center director so she is familiar with the wants and needs of her clientele, Koivula said.

"That's the bonus of the travel companies — they take that stress of the vacation away for you."

"What a great way to go see the city," the coordinator said. "It was mind-boggling. I fell in love with the city."

The destinations described on literature displayed at the center range from Switzerland to Chesaning to the French Riviera to Saugatuck. Koivula's four-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Checking out their travel and entertainment options from printed brochures at the Northville Senior and Community Center are, from right, Isabelle Cholakian, Eve Cumbo, Ann Williamsen and Ann Wilson.

day excursion on Mackinac Island, and travel companies' trips to Branson and Hawaii trips are among the most popular extended outings, she said.

Popular day trip destinations are Tigers' games, downtown Detroit theaters, the Purple Rose Theater, flea markets, and the International Auto Show. "One year we had a whole family come to the auto show," she said. "It's a nice way to be able to go."

"We have a nice variety of what we do."

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108, or mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net.

SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Upcoming events at the Northville Senior Community Center:

- Wednesday, Sept. 1: Bridge Noon
- Thursday, Sept. 2: 8 a.m. TOPS Meeting; 9 a.m. Massage (by appointment); 12:30 p.m. Pinochle; 1 p.m. Walk at Maybury
- Friday, Sept. 3: 9 a.m. Strength training; 9:30 a.m. grocery shopping (Hilliers at 5 and Haggerty and Farmer Jack; Noon Euchre; 1 p.m. movie
- Monday, Sept. 6: closed (Labor Day)
- Tuesday, Sept. 7: 9:30 Grocery shopping to Meijer; 11:30 a.m. lunch program begins at the senior center café 12:30 p.m. Pinochle
- Wednesday, Sept. 8: 9 a.m. foot reflexology; 9:30 a.m. Shopping to Westland Mall; 11:30 a.m. SeniorFest Picnic at Waterford Bend Park (6 Mile and Northville Roads); 12:00 bridge.

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Teach your children well

This week local children officially began their academic school year. But we hope some of their most valuable life lessons will be ones already taught to them long before arriving inside a new classroom.

Parents of children young and old should take time to establish guidelines, reinforce old messages and provide support for children on the verge of becoming instantly overwhelmed.

If they have not already, parents and children should have open — and frequent — discussions about public safety, public conduct and individual responsibility.

Parents should use the new school year as yet another opportunity to remind young children about time-honored themes: stay on the sidewalk, don't talk to strangers, walk in groups and look both ways before crossing the street.

Older students should be reminded that enthusiasm should be tempered by responsible actions. Some students will be driving to school for the first time, in some cases carrying with

them friends and siblings.

They should know a new school year brings with it suddenly increased traffic, young children darting into streets without looking and myriad other roadway distractions.

Older students should understand driving is a privilege, not a right. It carries with it an unspoken responsibility to drivers and pedestrians alike: that you will pay close attention to conditions around you and navigate them safely.

Additionally, driving students should again be reminded about the harsh realities facing those who use drugs and alcohol in combination with driving.

This week marked a new school year. We hope local parents will continue to pass along to their children lessons of courtesy and respect, prudence and sound decision-making.

Such are lessons we each should renew, practice and pass along community-wide. In time, we all come to learn: Life is the toughest teacher, because she gives her tests first. And her lessons after.

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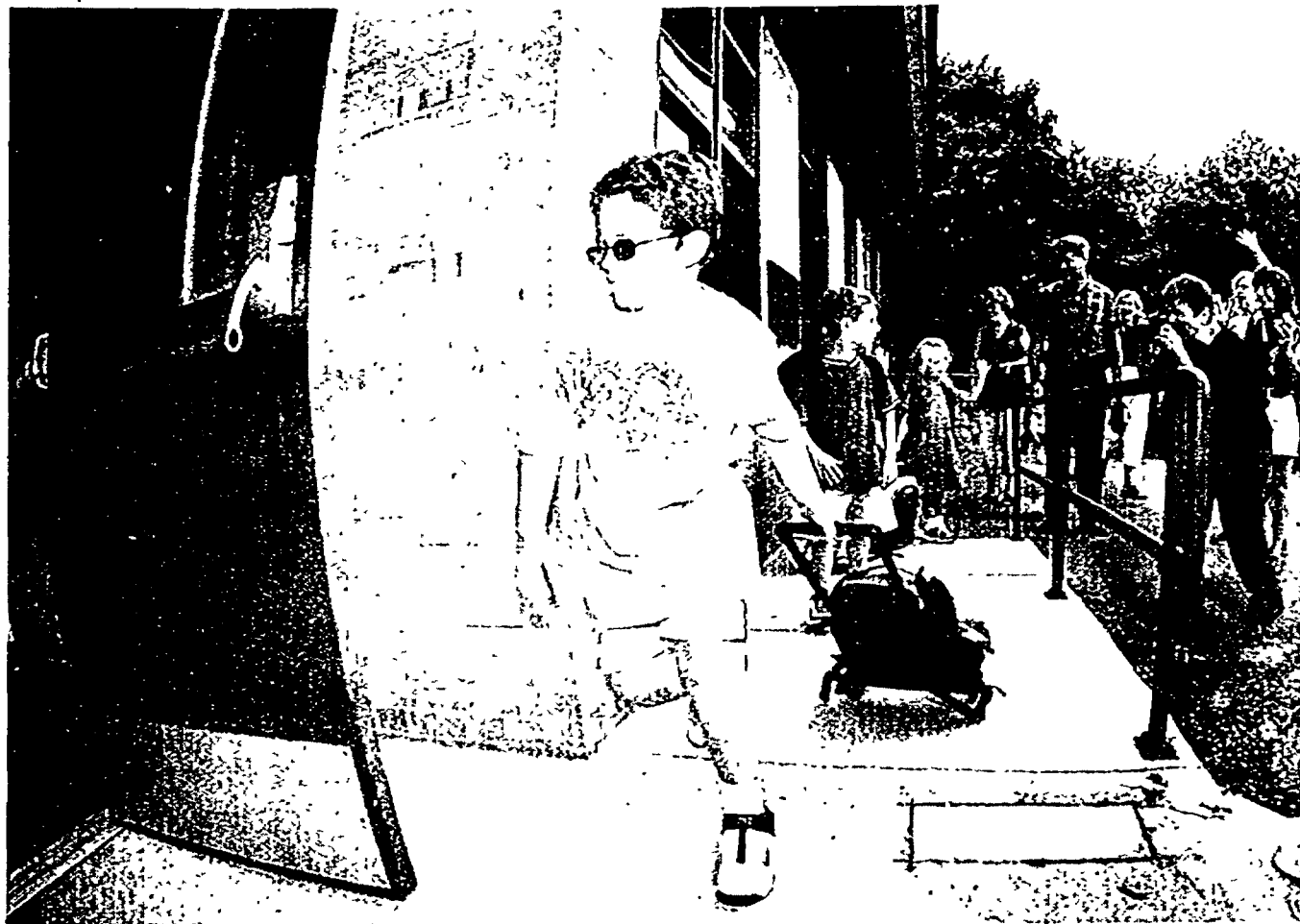


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At Amerman Elementary School, students returned yesterday, toting all manner of books and backpacks.

Recall is a waste

We support the Northville City Council's vote on consolidated dispatch and lock-up and think it is time more pro forces speak up for the combined services between the City of Northville and Northville Township.

The combined dispatch services and lock-up agreement provides the citizens of the City of Northville with the benefits of improved services (such as an increase of dispatch staffing, a better lock-up facility, availability of better technology) at a substantial cost savings.

The recall of council members on this single issue is a waste of taxpayer funds.

We refute Mr. Park's assertion that city residents would be glad to accept additional millage for these services to bring City equipment and facilities to required standards.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Bales
Northville

Recall is right move

In response to your article of August 19th with regards to the recall of the mayor and three councilmen, for Ayers, Johnson and Mittman it is just about twenty years too late. We feel that Hartshorne definitely contributes a different opinion to the council. Resident voters go ahead and make my day. Vote Ayers, Johnson and Mittman out. As former thirty year residents of Northville, we still follow the events in town via the Northville Record on line.

Bob and Donna Black
Republic of Panama
(Former Northville Residents)

'Our Lady' has rights

There is something bothering me about the situation that arose with the Our Lady of Victory problem. First let me say I am a member of the parish and do not pretend to understand all the complexities involved in the building of the school other than the fact that a replacement was badly needed and the negotiations seem to have gone on forever. But despite the frustration and disappointment these numerous delays must have caused our clergy I have never heard any of them use a derogatory word against anyone, which is

more than can be said about several of those quoted in (the Northville Record).

In regards to those who live closest to the church it is understandable why they would be the most concerned. However, I am puzzled as to why they chose to build or buy homes so close to buildings that by their very nature generate a certain amount of activity. Certainly they must have been aware of it. After all, the church and school have been there for over 50 years. I grant you I live far enough away not to be disturbed by it but along with hundreds of others live close enough to the railroad to hear it thunder and whistle through the city. But we knew it was there when we moved in. We can hardly complain about the noise, but no doubt some do.

Terry Clancey
Northville

'Our Lady' too big

Why are neighbors opposed to the school expansion of Our Lady of Victory? It can best be explained by five simple words: "It's too big" and "It's unsafe!"

This would be like your neighbor's house being torn down and replaced on the same lot by a house five to seven times its size just 25 feet from your home. Think of a 77,000 square foot commercial type building, with (air conditioning) operation at all hours, possible usage from 8 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., seven days a week, again as close as 25 feet from a residence. Think of a traffic situation that has been documented to be unsafe to pedestrians (school children and others), vehicular traffic, and homeowners.

We hope this situation can soon be resolved in the best interests of the city and its citizens.

John Colizzi
Northville

Bush needs to go

Recently, I sent a letter urging my fellow women to go to the polls and vote for a new administration. I hesitate to write again so soon, but a letter criticizing me written by one Brian Justusson impels me to answer. Apparently, he has swallowed the facade of George Bush as the "good guy" and "tough guy on terrorism" as well as the positive labels

put by this administration on destructive environmental policies.

The "good guy" put his arm around policemen and firemen after 9/11 and subsequently cut funds for them from his budget, causing many policemen to lose their jobs. Many others are in Iraq and therefore unavailable to fight forest fires out west or crime in the cities. Also his slogan "No Child Left Behind" required certain changes and standards in education, but the funds were not appropriated. And Head Start was severely slashed.

Mr. Justusson reiterated the canard that the UN Population fund had participated in programs in Third World countries of forced abortions and sterilization. The source of his "news" is a "pro-life" web sight. This speaks for itself, but still let me say that the NY Times has repeatedly said that this is false, the last time in an editorial entitled "Expendable Women" showing how Mr. Bush's holding up money appropriated by Congress for that fund has been held up, causing the death of hundreds of thousands of women, holding up medical care for them and their children and its efforts to stop the sexual trafficking of women, and the spread of AIDS and HIV. So much for the "good guy" and "compassionate guy" facade.

Mr. Justusson also lauds this administration on making us more secure against terrorists. But the biggest gaps in our security are still wide open. Only 5% of the ships bringing cargoes into our ports are inspected. Machines needed to properly inspect them have not been bought. In addition, our nuclear plants are wide open for blowing up by terrorists. A Bill Moyers program showed his reporter and a crew of cameramen going into areas allegedly restricted from the public at four or five nuclear plants without anyone even asking what they were doing there. A truck loaded with enough explosives could damage such a plant so that the casualties resulting would dwarf those of 9/11. Another major gap is not reining in Russia's nuclear bombs so that they cannot get into terrorist hands. This administration has not bothered to sufficiently fund any such effort.

To list all the reasons why we should get rid of this destructive administration would be very long. But I cannot help but add this last note. I have been donating small sums to the Blinded Veterans Fund for over twenty years. Of course, I expect them to urge me to donate again and again. But this year there was an added note. I just received a letter stating that it had a heavier load now because of the Iraq war. Good job, Mr. Bush.

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(248) 349-0203

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City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
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City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
(248) 449-9905

Historic District Commission
Every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
(248) 449-9902

Housing Commission
Every second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.
Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

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Monthly public library meetings are typically scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (248) 349-3020.

Northville Area Senior Citizens Advisory Council
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Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
(248) 349-4140

Parks and Recreation Commission
Every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W.

Baseline
(248) 349-0203

Planning Commission
Every first and third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
(248) 449-9902

Youth Assistance
Every second Tuesday of the month at 8 a.m.
Youth Assistance Office, 775 N. Center St.
(248) 344-1618

Board of Trustees
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COMMENTARY

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Poor economic news means real fixes are needed

People look at the world in fundamentally different ways. The British philosopher Isaiah Berlin once famously wrote, "The fox knows many things, but the hedgehog knows one big thing."

I couldn't get that line out of my head as I looked at last week's economic news.

Michigan's unemployment rate for July went up three-tenths of a percent, which means another 15,000 people are out of work, cut mostly from manufacturing jobs. Our jobless rate, 6.8 percent, is well above the national rate of 5.5. This is another slice of bad news in a dismal long-term trend: We have lost 21 percent of our economic backbone — manufacturing jobs — since 2000.

These losses are the result of many things, as the fox knows full well. They include enormously increased productivity in manufacturing which means that lots of companies

can make lots more things using lots less labor, and "offshoring," which means shifting work to places like China where labor is much cheaper. Significant overcapacity in the U.S. automobile industry is



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CHAIRMAN, HOMETOWN COMMUNICATIONS

another factor; so are rigid labor contracts that make assembly labor a fixed cost and result in terrible cost pressure on the supply chain.

The one big thing that the hedgehog knows is simply this: Those manufacturing jobs are never coming back. They're over, done with.

Sure, we'll retain some auto assembly plants, if only because their labor contracts prevent the auto companies from shutting them down.

And there will be a substantial residue of auto-related high-tech jobs in flexible manufacturing, engineering, research and development. But the mass production of motor vehicles that placed Michigan at the head of the

Industrial revolution nearly a century ago is a phenomenon that has been tailing off for decades.

"So," says the hedgehog, "what are we going to do about that?"

I'm afraid most of the foxes in Lansing are still running around, chasing their tails, spinning economic data, proposing short-term fixes and generally misunderstanding the radical changes that are now sweeping through the Michigan economy. As a result, they are proposing remedies that are wholly inadequate to the scope of the problem. (Better buggy whips wouldn't have saved the horsecart industry in 1915, either.)

Here's a hedgehog's checkoff list of the big things that must be addressed if Michigan is to adapt and take advantage of the economic changes now underway:

- Fix the budget. Michigan has for years faced a built-in structural budget deficit of more than \$1 billion each year. Legislative yapping about cutting spending here and there is nothing more than nibbling at the margins. We must either radically downsize state spending or find ways to get enough revenue to sustain

state services.

- Fix the tax system. The Single Business Tax is complicated, out-of-date and hurts our ability to compete when national companies consider locations in Michigan. The state sales tax is levied on goods, not services, although the service sector of the economy is the one that's going to grow in the future.

- Fix the demography. The experts are right. Demography is history. Too many highly educated young people are leaving Michigan for other places like Chicago and San Francisco. We need to find better ways to recruit members of the "creative class," the folks who will invent new products and manage new businesses.

- Fix the universities. State appropriations for the 15 public universities have fallen nearly by a quarter in the past three years. But everybody knows that our universities are our greatest source of brainpower, research inventions and business leaders. Moreover, graduates of our universities — whether from instate or out-of-state — disproportionately stay in Michigan. Tolerating a slow demise of our best universities is outrageous, and will cost us mightily in the long run.

- Fix the schools. Most schools are improving, but too many inner city kids who don't drop out still get a terrible education. We can't develop a highly skilled labor force when 20 percent of school-leavers are illiterate and lack simple math skills.

- Fix health care. Health care costs add up to \$12,000 per car manufactured in Michigan. They bulk up the cost of hiring a worker by as much as \$7,000 per year. A national solution is years away, but surely we can take small steps in Michigan.

- Fix the culture. In some places, the community culture still holds that a high school diploma is all that you need to get a good-paying job. Elsewhere, too many folks are addicted to the idea that working for some large company is the route to security.

Compare this to the mentality in Silicon Valley, and you'll see how far we have to go.

If we're going to address the hedgehog's one big thing, we need to focus our attention on a few basics. Let the foxes fiddle around with the little stuff. Listening, Gov. Jennifer Granholm? Listening, members of the legislature? Listening, Michigan citizens? We all better be.

I'm afraid most of the foxes in Lansing are still running around, chasing their tails, spinning economic data, proposing short-term fixes and generally misunderstanding the radical changes that are now sweeping through the Michigan economy.

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Broomfield is a politician we could use more of today

There's little doubt that if he had wanted to, William S. Broomfield could be the senior GOP member of Congress today. Modest and self-effacing, short and dapper, he first went to Washington when Dwight D. Eisenhower was re-elected in 1956, and stayed till Bill Clinton came.

Nobody pressured him to leave. He hadn't had a really tough re-election since 1958. "I just felt that it was time for me to hang it up. I felt burned out — I really resented the quorum calls, things like that," he said in an interview from his home in Maryland, where he lives most of the time these days. 82 and hale.

Politically, he was a mem-

ber of a species that is almost extinct now — the honest, hard-working bipartisan, who strove for consensus and unity, especially on foreign affairs, and dedicated himself otherwise to constituent service.



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And while he liked making things happen, he actually preferred making them happen behind the scenes, not in front of the camera. He had a quaint idea that it was his job to help and work

with whatever president was in office. Not surprisingly, he made few enemies. "I honestly can say I liked working with all the presidents, and I still have letters from all of them."

They liked him too; he

was one of Lyndon Johnson's favorite Republican congressmen: LBJ even appointed him U.S. ambassador to the United Nations' general assembly for a year, even though Broomfield voted against most of his Great Society legislation. Somehow, the congressman found a way to disagree without being disagreeable.

He also knew Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Bush. Who was his favorite? He doesn't even want to go there. But he is proudest perhaps of the time when, facing a potential impasse over the first Gulf War, he and U.S. Rep. Stephen Solarz, a New York Democrat, quietly went to see the first President Bush and hammered out a deal on legislation supporting the coming war to liberate Kuwait. "He called me from Camp David to tell me how much he appreciated what I had done," Broomfield said. He is still a Republican

through and through: always has been, since he grew up in leafy Royal Oak, where his father was the town dentist and the biggest political attraction was the radio speeches of The Rev. Charles Coughlin, bombastic lord of the Shrine of the Little Flower.

Broomfield was of a generation of Republicans — Gerald Ford was another — who was inspired by U.S. Sen. Arthur Vandenberg to turn their party from its traditional isolationism to bipartisan internationalism. Broomfield was only 26 when he took on and upset an old mossback state legislator.

Eight years later, he ran for Congress in a swing district that included most of Detroit's Jewish population. As he remembers it, the issue was decided when his opponent equivocated over support for Israel, and he pledged to back the fledgling Jewish state, a promise he always kept.

When he started, he rep-

resented all of Oakland County. By the time he left in 1993, it had grown so much it was divided into several congressional districts. Broomfield went to many a Republican National Convention, though never in a prominent role. Next week, he'll watch the convention on TV, but won't miss being there a bit.

But what he does miss is an atmosphere of civility. He isn't about to publicly criticize Dick Cheney, but he is appalled at a world where the vice-president uses unprintable language on the floor Senate. He thinks harsh and strident rhetoric from both parties is destructive. "I hope that it can change back to a spirit of bipartisanship. This hurts us a lot. The idea that one single party can do everything on these complicated issues doesn't make sense."

His generation got the nation safely through the Cold War. He does have one regret: he never served in the majority. He arrived two

years after the Republicans lost control of the House and left 36 years later, two years before they got it back. Had he stayed, he would have been head of Foreign Affairs.

"That would have been nice. But you know, the thing I enjoyed most of all was taking care of people's problems, my constituents' problems, you know."

There probably will never be a book about Bill Broomfield, though the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm has an exhibit till Nov. 12 on his life and career. Call (248)-656-4663 for information.

But I can't help wonder if we'd all be better off in we had fewer Tom DeLays, and more of Broomfield's like today.

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Age-old wisdom perfect for young guys today

I have a couple of teens in my youth group who tease me about my age. Now, believe me — I'm not old, but they enjoy messing with me.

Let me take you back a few years: To a time when Grandpa was the greatest guy on the planet (next to your dad of course); a time when your parents would take your family on vacation to your grandparent's house. Yes, those are the times all children look forward to. I say that tongue-in-cheek, knowing that those can be pretty boring, as grandparents don't have the same quality of

toys that children do. Nor do they usually have PS2 or Xbox.

One thing you hopefully learned, though, was that grandparents have a lot of wisdom. It's usually heard while sitting in the family room. Grandpa puffing on his pipe. At least that's how it's supposed to happen.

The stories weren't all that bad, but children had to listen for the wisdom. That difficult. It wasn't that smart. Grandpas are smart, smarter than 7-year-olds.



Sam Belanger
PASTOR, ASSEMBLY OF GOD

The wisdom that comes with age might tell you this: Guys, treat the ladies in your lives with respect. Be her knight in shining armor, the one she can only hope to keep forever. Be the one with honor. Open the door for her. In this day and age of fairness and feminism, pay the bill for the night out on the town. Even if she tries to pay, don't let her. But let her make the decision about where to eat or what to do on a boring Saturday afternoon.

Another bit of wisdom that comes with age...Trust your parents. In almost every way, trust them. They may not understand you completely, but they have invested years in raising you. They have given thousands of dollars toward your betterment. Believe me when I say they have your best interests at heart. I'm

not saying they are perfect, but immeasurable wisdom has been gleaned from teens who learn to believe in their parents.

Take your future seriously. As a youth worker, I am afraid of the lack of drive I perceive in some teens. Not all teens, or even most teens, but enough teens. Your future will not be handed to you on a silver platter. You have to reach out and grab success by the horns. It doesn't matter how successful or unsuccessful your parents are. You can do it. This next phrase may seem overrated, but I'm going to say it anyway: Do your homework and study hard. Dream big and reach big, and you will have a good chance at succeeding in life.

One bit of wisdom that Grandpa would give is this: Be careful whom you pick for friends. Choose them

wisely. They will determine whom you become. Listen to me, teens. Countless numbers of your friends will go relatively nowhere in life, and if you continue to hang out with them, you will wind up at the same destination. Don't think you'd ever do drugs? You may not, but hang out with the drug crowd long enough, and you will begin to take on their values. Chances are, before too long, you will "try something." You may be special, but you aren't that special. Friends will either encourage you or deter you, but they will always influence you.

One last ounce of wisdom Grandpa might have poured into your life. If you are five or six years older than your sibling, help him. Begin to act like a leader or manager by helping train up your younger siblings, and you

will be prepared for the "real world." You will be the first to get that promotion at your job, even as a teenager, because you are a leader by nature. Store managers are always looking for responsible, mature teens to hire and promote.

Grandpa may have slowed down a bit. His hearing may not be quite as good as it used to be. His eyesight may be failing, but one thing is for sure. We can learn a lot of wisdom from our elders.

So guys, get out there and be the leaders you were meant to be!

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

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NORTHVILLE'S OFFICIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

— To submit information about local events to "What's Going On?" please e-mail to nrevents@ht.homecomm.net. —

Charity Event

Steak Grill Out

Marine Corps League Detachment 162 will be having a steak grill out from 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (or until the Steaks sell out whichever comes first) Saturday, Aug. 21 at the VFW Post 4012 located at 438 S. Main St.

Come and enjoy the best steaks in town for the best price. All proceeds are used to help local veterans and veteran organizations. Steaks are \$8 for a 10 oz. and \$12 for a 16 oz.

Come grill with the Marines and support your local veterans. For more information, call (248) 390-5481 or visit www.semperfil62.org.

Classes & Workshops

Art Classes for Children

From 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. through Aug. 30, Awakening...The Artist Inside in conjunction with Northville Parks and Recreation is having an art class for moms, dads and kids ages 3-5. Class fee is \$98.

Awakening...The Artist Inside is located at 111 N. Center St. For more information, call (248) 347-0807.

Divorce Recovery Workshop

For those going through divorce, contemplating divorce, or who have been divorced for any length of time, a workshop at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville will help you heal and grow.

The workshop is held from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Thursdays Aug. 19-Sept. 30. For more information, call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org.

Library Lines

Library Hours

The Northville District Library is open 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday and is closed on Sundays for the summer.

The library is located at 212 W. Cady St., near Northville city hall, with parking off Cady Street. For information about programs, services, or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

Library Board Meetings

The Northville District Library Board of Trustees typically meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the library. The public is welcome to attend.

Internet Class

Learn the basics of the World Wide Web from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24. Register at the library's information desk.

Local Events

Farmers Market

The Farmers Market is open every Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. until Oct. 28. Arts and crafts, garden art, baked goods and various handmade items are for sale.

Located in the Northville Downs parking lot at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads. For more information call (248) 349-7640.

Family Night at Maybury

Maybury State Park is having a family night every second Sunday of the month at the Hickory Shelter from 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. through Oct. 10. Each night features a new theme. Activities vary from crafts to stories and songs.

Bring a flashlight, bug spray and blanket. The program is free. The events are sponsored by the Friends of Maybury State Park.

Open House

The BraveHeart Center is having an open house from 3 p.m.-8 p.m. Aug. 19. Stop by and enjoy food courtesy of local restaurants. Special giveaway prizes will also be offered.

BraveHeart Center is located at 126 Main Center. For more information, call (248) 449-8232.

Victorian Clothing Sale

There will be a Victorian clothing sale from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. on

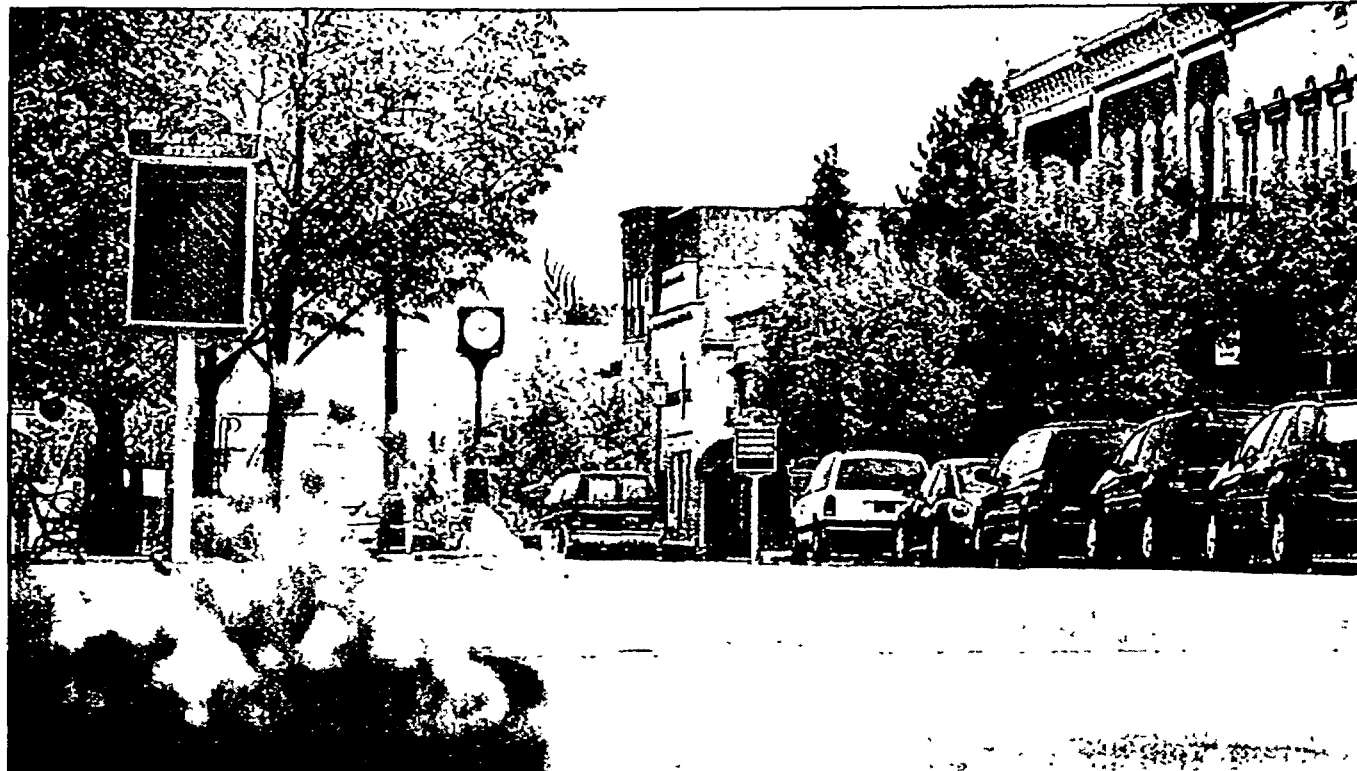


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Downtown Northville is the place all year around, for a myriad of events and outdoor activities.

Sept. 12 at Mill Race Village in preparation for Northville's Victorian Festival. For more information, call (248) 348-1845.

Victorian Festival

Northville's 16th Annual Victorian Festival takes place Friday, Sept. 17 to Sunday, Sept. 19, beginning Friday at 6:30 p.m. with a parade.

The streets will be closed to traffic for the next two days as the community is transformed into a Victorian village complete with period costumes, free horse and carriage rides, trackless train rides, strolling musicians and storytellers.

Festival hours are 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (248) 349-7640.

Historical Home Tour

Sponsored by the Northville-Novi American Association of University Women. For more information, please call 248-924-2180.

Art Market

Northville's annual Art Market held Saturday, Sept. 18 and Sunday, Sept. 19 during Northville's renowned Victorian Festival, is a juried art show featuring over 50 fine artists from around the country.

The Art Market lets residents and visitors show, sell, and purchase high quality original art in this important fundraiser to benefit the activities of the Northville Arts Commission. For more information, call (248) 449-9950.

Cemetery Walk

Re-enactors will portray some of Northville's prominent past citizens buried in Oakwood from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10.

Dressed in period costumes and standing at their characters' graves, they will tell history tales of their subject's life.

Tickets are \$10 adults and \$8 students and can be purchased beginning in September at Mill Race Village, from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

every Sunday.

The cemetery is located on West Cady Street. For more information, call (248) 348-1845.

Looking for You

Car Wash

Get a car wash and help fund softball field improvements and equipment purchases for Northville High School with your donations. Saturday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Rocky's Restaurant parking lot, 41122 W. Seven Mile, (between Northville and Haggerty Roads). For more information, call (248) 380-2712.

Open Basketball

Open basketball is coming to the Northville Senior Community Center, Tuesdays in the summer months from 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. It is \$3 per person to play. Dates: Aug. 24, and Aug. 31.

The Northville Senior Community Center is located at 303 W. Main Street. For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

Auditions

Play Auditions for the production of "Halloween Madness" will be held at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21, for children 8 years-old and up.

An audition includes singing "Do Re Mi" from "The Sound of Music" and reading a poem. For more information, call (248) 349-8110.

Cider Mill Opening

Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill is opening this season from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sept. 4 through Nov. 21. Gather the family and get into the spirit of fall with fresh apple cider, doughnuts and caramel apples.

Wine tasting is also available. Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill is located at 714 Baseline Rd. For more information, call (248) 349-3181.

Vine2Wine

Customize your own bottle of wine to suite your taste. The downtown Northville winery carries red and white wines and is open year round, closed on Monday. For more information, call (248) 465-9463.

Soccer Registration

There's still time to register for the fall season of recreational soccer for boys and girls, ages 3 to 18. The season starts Sept. 11. For more information, or to register online, visit www.northvillesoccer.org.

Arts Commission

The Northville Arts Commission serves the Northville community by providing quality events and activities to enrich its citizens' lives through the arts. The organization is volunteer based and open to residents and employees of businesses located in Northville and surrounding communities. Meetings are open to the public and held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Northville City Hall. For more information, call (248) 449-9950, email esherman@ci.northville.mi.us.

MARQUIS THEATRE

Raggedy Ann & Andy the Musical

Tickets are \$7.50.
10:30 a.m. Tuesdays
through Fridays Aug. 3-6, Aug. 10-13, Aug. 17-20.
11 a.m. Saturdays Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28.
2:30 p.m. Saturdays Sept. 11, 18, 25.
2:30 p.m. Sundays Sept. 12, 19, 26.

Camera Club

The Northville Arts Commission and Northville Camera have teamed up to create a camera club. The club will meet at the Art House on the second Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings will feature guest speakers and opportunities for members to show their work and receive feedback. For more information, call Tom James of Northville Camera or Ken Naigus of the Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950. Meetings are scheduled for Sept. 14, Oct. 12 and Nov. 9.

Victorian Festival Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for Kids Korner, a food sales and information booth at the Northville Victorian Festival, held Sept. 17, 18 and 19.

Volunteers are asked to help keep the theme of the festival by wearing Victorian clothing. Sign-up no later than Aug. 27 through Colette Parry at (248) 349-8730. Or e-mail at chamber@northville.org.

Grief Center Needs Volunteers

The BraveHeart Grief Center is having a one-hour informational meeting about their volunteer opportunities from 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23. RSVP to (248) 443-8232. The BraveHeart Grief Center is located at 126 Main Center.

Woman's Club

The Northville Woman's Club is looking for members. The club is a group of women from the area who meet every two weeks. Various programs are provided. For information on joining, call (248) 449-6319.

Regional

Auditions

Calling all strings, winds, brass and percussion! The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is currently scheduling students for auditions for the 2004-05 season.

All students age 5-18 from novice to advanced are welcome. There are five different concert groups to meet the needs of the student. Auditions will be held on Sept. 11 at Churchill High School. For more information call (734) 464-8704 or visit auditions@lymp.org.

Memory Walk

Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, Saturday, Aug. 28, Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. Ten Mile Road, Royal Oak, Mich. For more information, call (248) 351-0280.



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Beverly Semeniuk, left-front, leads a line dance during last year's Senior Fest at Northville Township's Waterford Bend Park. Semeniuk teaches dance at the Plymouth Township Friends' Station.

Senior Fest set for Sept. 8

19th annual event will feature fun, friends

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A picnic lunch, conversation with friends, dancing and other demonstrations await local seniors who gather Sept. 8 at Waterford Bend Park.

The Northville Senior Community Center is hosting the 19th Annual Senior Fest from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the pavilion and stage set up at Six Mile and Sheldon roads. If it rains, the event will move to the center at 303 W. Main Street.

The \$4 tickets for Northville city and township residents must be purchased in advance at the center; the deadline to register is Aug. 30. The cost for residents

of other communities is \$5.

"It's a little way to honor the seniors and thank them," said Sue Koivula, senior adult services coordinator. "It's just a great time to relax and spend time with their friends. We always have fun."

Differing from the 2003 Senior Fest, the Northville center is hosting the event without its Plymouth counterpart. Approximately 200-250 local seniors are expected to attend, Koivula said.

Similar to last year, the event will include a range of entertainment, from singer Jim Lauri to tai chi and line-dance demonstrations.

Companies that cater to seniors also will send representa-

tives to answer questions, describe services and display products. For example, seniors will be able to learn about retirement community options, pharmacy services, and mobility equipment, Koivula said.

Local businesses, fundraisers and private donors again contributed many items, gift certificates and services that will be raffled throughout the afternoon, the coordinator said.

September sun shone on last year's Fest when more than 500 Northville and Plymouth seniors gathered at the park. They seniors sat at picnic tables in the shade during the four-hour event, enjoying the picnic, listening to the music and collecting raffle prizes.

SENIOR FEST

What: Senior Fest
When: Sept. 8
Tickets: \$4
More Info: (248) 349-4140

The menu will include hot dogs, chicken, picnic salads, cookies and chips.

For more information, call the senior community center at (248) 349-4140.

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108, or mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net.

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Choralaliers

The Novi Choralaliers will hold 9 p.m. auditions Tuesday, Sept. 21 and if needed, Tuesday, Sept. 28. For more information or to schedule an audition, call Noel Brown at (248) 348-0439.

Detroit Zoo

Detroit Zoo's Annual Senior Day, Wednesday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free to Seniors 62 & older and their Caregivers. The Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. Ten Mile Road, (1-696 & Woodward Ave. Exit), Royal Oak, MI.

This Free Senior Day includes Free Admission, Free parking and Free train rides. This event includes a community resource tent with information beneficial for seniors. For more information, call (248) 541-5717, ext. 3705.

Independent Film Series

The Detroit Institute of Arts Film Theater is presenting a selection of independent features and ground breaking films.

Tickets are \$6.50 or \$5.50 for senior citizens, students with valid ID and DIA members. Tickets are available at the DIA box office an hour before show times or by phone at (313) 833-3237.

- Zhou Yu's Train
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Aug. 27-28
- 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Aug. 29.
- Divan
7:30 p.m. Aug. 30.
- Time of the Wolf
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sept. 3.
- 4 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sept. 4.
- 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sept. 5.
- Imelda
7:30 p.m. Sept. 6.

Friday Night at the DIA

Every Friday night at the DIA from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. enjoy free entertainment included with museum admission.

There's a drop in workshop on Aug. 27, for children to make their own refrigerator magnet from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Listen to the popular Detroit jazz vocalist Naima Shamborguer and friends as they present a lively show of singing, dancing, rhythms, and instrument demonstrations for the whole family at 7 p.m.

Enjoy storytelling at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. when Roan Judd tells traditional stories from around the world, drawing from her own heritage and borrowing from others and experience guided tours of "Highlights of Europe and America," and "Art of Four Continents and America," at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 833-7899 or (313) 833-0260.

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State Fair

The Michigan State Fair features free concerts, parades, animal shows, crafts, carnival rides and games located in Detroit at the corner of Eight Mile Road and Woodward Ave. The fair is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children and children under two are admitted for free.

Wristbands are available for \$2 Monday-Thursday to ride all Midway and Kiddie Land rides from open to close.

No wristbands will be sold on weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday), only individual ride tickets will be sold on weekends. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. For more information call (313) 369-8250 or (313) 369-8254.

Jazz Fest

The Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival is Sept. 4-6 at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit. "The largest free jazz festival in North America," with over 100 different concerts and over 20 area eateries. For more information, call the Convention Bureau for more details at (800) 338-7648.

Mentor Training

Become a Mentor Plus Volunteer where only a few hours of your time each month will help a young person ages 5 to 16 in your community.

Training sessions will be held at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 North Telegraph Rd. Pontiac, Saturdays at 9 a.m. Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19. For more information, call Oakland County Youth Assistance at (248) 858-0041.

Camps for Kids

Franklin Kids' Club is having daily activities through Aug. 27 for children ages 2 to 17. Families can choose from Kids' Clubs Allsports and Games Camps or Franklin's Junior Tennis and Specialized

Sports Camps.

All camps feature swimming, organized activity and lunch. Franklin Kids' Club is located at 29633 Franklin Rd. in Southfield. Non-members welcome. For more information, call (248) 352-5437 or visit www.franklinclub.com.

Bath City Festival

The 5th Annual Bath City Festival is taking place in downtown Mount Clemens Friday, Aug. 27 and Saturday, Aug. 28.

There will be historic displays, musical reviews, antiques and collectibles, craft dealers, live auction, on site appraisals, vintage cars, children's activity area, and carnival. For more information, call (586) 431-6788.

Spider-Man at IMAX

"Spider-Man 2: The IMAX Experience" opens at the Henry Ford IMAX Theatre on Aug. 27. The hit movie has been digitally re-mastered for the six stories high, eight stories wide IMAX screen. Advance tickets are on sale now. The Henry Ford IMAX Theatre is located at 20900 Oakwood Blvd in Dearborn. For ticket information and showtimes, call (313) 271-1570 or visit www.thehenryford.org.

Children's Clothing Sale

Great selection of gently used kids' clothing, equipment, toys, maternity clothing and bake sale. Saturday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the William Costick Activities Center Annon Hall, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Donation is \$1. Proceeds help to fund various charity projects, sponsored by Tri-County Mothers of Multiples.

Bonsai Show

Over 100 members of the Ann Arbor Bonsai Society will be displaying their bonsai trees from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 28 and Aug. 29 for their annual show at the U of M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road. Ann Arbor Bonsai experts in design and technique will be available on the show floor. Demonstrations of bonsai design using nursery stock will be offered several times each day. Vendors of plant material, bonsai trees, bonsai tools and equipment will be available. Entry fee is \$3. For directions to the gardens, call (734) 998-7601. For information, visit www.annarborsociety.org.

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Madrigal Choral Auditions

The Madrigal Choral of Southfield will be holding auditions for all voice parts for the 2004-2005 season beginning at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Southfield-Lathrup High School.

Singers should be prepared to sing a brief solo and sight-read a piece of music. Southfield-Lathrup High School is located at 19301 W. 12 Mile Rd. To schedule an audition time, call Marie at (248) 352-9527.

Symphony Auditions

The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra will be auditioning for section violin, section viola, section cello, section bass and third flute/piccolo Tuesday, Sept. 7 through Friday, Sept. 10 at the Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Ave. For more information, call (734) 994-4801 or visit www.a2so.com.

Juvenile Diabetes Fundraiser

Shirley and Mike Rogers of Northville will be hosting a dinner/dance/silent auction and raffle to raise money for Juvenile Diabetes, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sept. 10. It will be held in honor of their daughter, Amanda Rogers, at Laurel Manor in Livonia, 39000 Schoolcraft Road.

All money raised will go to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for research for a cure. Cost is \$125 per couple, \$65 single and \$625 per table of 10. Call Shirley Rogers at (248) 348-7295 for tickets.

Heritage Day

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is having a Native American Heritage Day from 1

VICTORIAN FESTIVAL PARADE

Historic Mill Race Village

The Northville Historical Society will be marching in the Victorian Festival Parade this year. If you are interested in dressing up and joining us please call the office. Plan on being at Mill Race Village during the Victorian Festival celebration. Buildings will be open on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. enjoy strolling musicians. Watch demonstrations by the Basket Guild, Weavers, Antique Rug Hookers and Blacksmith. Join in a pie-eating contest. At 2 p.m. there will be the annual Hat Contest with some very worthwhile prizes. Don't miss the Duck Race at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

- Thursday, August 26: Rehearsals (6 p.m. and 7 p.m.)
- Friday, August 27: Wedding* (3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.), Rehearsals (6 p.m. and 7 p.m.)
- Saturday, August 28: Wedding* (10 a.m.-noon), Wedding* (12:30-2:30 p.m.), Wedding* (3 p.m.-5 p.m.), Wedding* (5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.)
- Sunday, August 29: Mill Creek (10 a.m.), Village Open (1 p.m.-4 p.m.), King's 8th (1 p.m.), Venture Scouts (4 p.m.)
- Monday, August 30: Brownie Scouts (3:45 p.m.)
- Tuesday, August 31: Stone Gang (9 a.m.)
- Wednesday, September 1: M.R. Basket Guild (9 a.m.), Mill Creek (7 p.m.)
- Thursday, September 2: Brownie Scouts (3:30 p.m.)
- *Grounds closed to Public

p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. The free event will have a special social gathering of the Anishnabeg, who will share stories of their culture. There will be drummers, singers, dancers and artisans. Authentic Native American food will be available for purchase. Bring the whole family to this celebration. Nankin Mills is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Scholarship Golf Outing

Madonna University in Livonia invites you to tee-up at its ninth annual Golden Classic Scholarship Golf Outing Sept. 17. Golfers will enjoy a day of activities with proceeds designated for athletic programs, student scholarship and other educational projects. The event will be held at the Links of Novi, located at 50395 Ten Mile Rd. Check in is at 11:30 a.m. A free golf clinic with PGA pros will be held at 10:30 a.m. Cost for individual players, including golf and dinner, is \$195. Dinner alone is \$50 per person. For more information, call (734) 432-5421.

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Somewhere in Time

The 20th Annual Somewhere in Time event is designed to recreate Elizabeth Park in the late 1920s. It's held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19. Antique car displays, riverboat rides, musical entertainment and refreshments are all available. The event is fun for all ages. Elizabeth Park is located east of I-75, south of West Road off Jefferson in Trenton.

Culinary Extravaganza

Schoolcraft College's annual Culinary Extravaganza will take place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19 in the new VisTaTech Center. About 60 eateries will offer the best of their restaurants for the event. Tickets are \$50 per person. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads. For more information, call (734) 462-4400 ext. 5008.

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polls and put this nation back on the right track. Thanks to the great sacrifices of our forefathers we have the vote and we have the power. Let's show the world that we will use it for our sake and for the sake of the generations that follow us.

Irene Piccone
Northville

Turning on Bush

(During a recent family conversation) I was shocked to hear my mother- and father-in-law rail against George W. Bush. As life-time Republicans, supporters of Reagan, Dole and Bush Sr., I could hardly believe that they had simply abandoned Bush. But they have.

My sister-in-law is a die-hard Republican who worked for Bush Sr.'s election campaign, and was elected to office as a Republican in a Washington, D.C. suburb. She recently declared that she would never vote for George W. Bush, and that she might even leave the

GOP because it had been taken over by the radical right. I couldn't believe my ears.

But it's true. I consider myself an Independent. I don't usually much like Republicans or Democrats (the politicians, not the people). Yet more than 900 Americans have died and 5,000 more have been seriously injured in a war we were led into under false pretenses; an administration promising rose petals and kisses, proceeded to botch the occupation. I can't imagine any veteran voting for a president who showed such incompetence with young American lives in the balance.

We have gone from record surpluses to record deficits; more jobs lost than in any four years since the Great Depression; the highest gas and oil prices in my lifetime, if not ever; the poorest stock market performance in memory; more working Americans in poverty and without medical insurance than ever before; and the most small business bankruptcies in history.

The Bush administration has alienated our allies and fed the flames of anti-Americanism and terrorism throughout the world. Our status as the leader of the free world has been brutally damaged.

Our credibility is sand in the wind. Something has to change.

My in-laws will probably not vote at all. That may be the best they can do, and good for them. For me, a Silver Star and a Bronze Star speak volumes. I'm supporting John Kerry for president.

John Grant

Northville

Vote Bush out

(President George W.) Bush has put us and our children in debt, plus left our children behind with cuts to education. 3000 Americans died, he got his oil, but not the man responsible, voting problem in Florida, F.B.I. intimidating black voter, his brother's state four more years of him. No.

His plan for Iraq is not working, young men dying. His arrogance, bad foreign policy, isn't helping us. Just the wealthy, the working man, is working harder for less, four more years I think not.

Brian Long,

Northville

Why is it so difficult to bring up the idea of a senior community?

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GOP: come 'clean'

This letter is not gender specific, it is meant for every citizen who's interested in the truth.

According to the American Lung Association: The "Clear Skies Act" unlike the "Clean Air Act", allows corporate polluters such as power plants, to triple the amount of mercury emissions; increase sulfur dioxide emissions and release 1 1/3 higher levels of nitrogen oxide emissions. (http://www.lungusa.org)

Power plants are the largest single source of mercury in the U.S.: They are responsible for 1/3 of all industrial emissions. We, who live and fish in Michigan, are very familiar with dangerous mercury levels, which are already in existence.

Ultimately, "Clear Skies" guts the Clean Air Act and severely weakens U.S. efforts to curb dirty air and water.

The "Healthy Forest Initiative"

would open 20 million protected acres to logging and thinning in our National Forests. It would waive environmental laws and eliminate public participation in national forest management by denying us access to the courts. The Bush administration is much more interested in overriding environmental laws and eliminating public participation than it is in developing a plan to reduce fire risks and restore healthy forests. (http://www.ourforests.org)

The Bush administration decision to rewrite the landmark "Roadless Area Conservation" law will leave America's remaining wild forests open to destructive logging and road building. There are already 440,000 miles of roads in our National Forests. The Roadless Rule helped protect our remaining wild forests from taxpayer-subsidized commercial logging. (http://www.sierraclub.org/forests/)

The Roadless Act prohibited road construction on almost 60 million acres of federal forest-

land. This lands belongs to you and me, it shouldn't be given to the big logging companies for profit.

For once, the GOP should take responsibility for its own actions, and not instead of blaming the Clinton Administration?

Florence E Pangborn
Northville

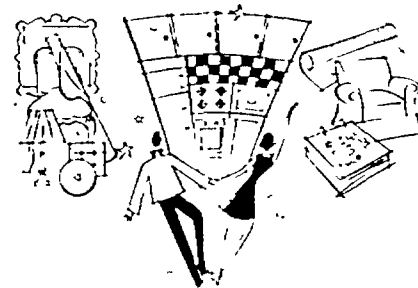
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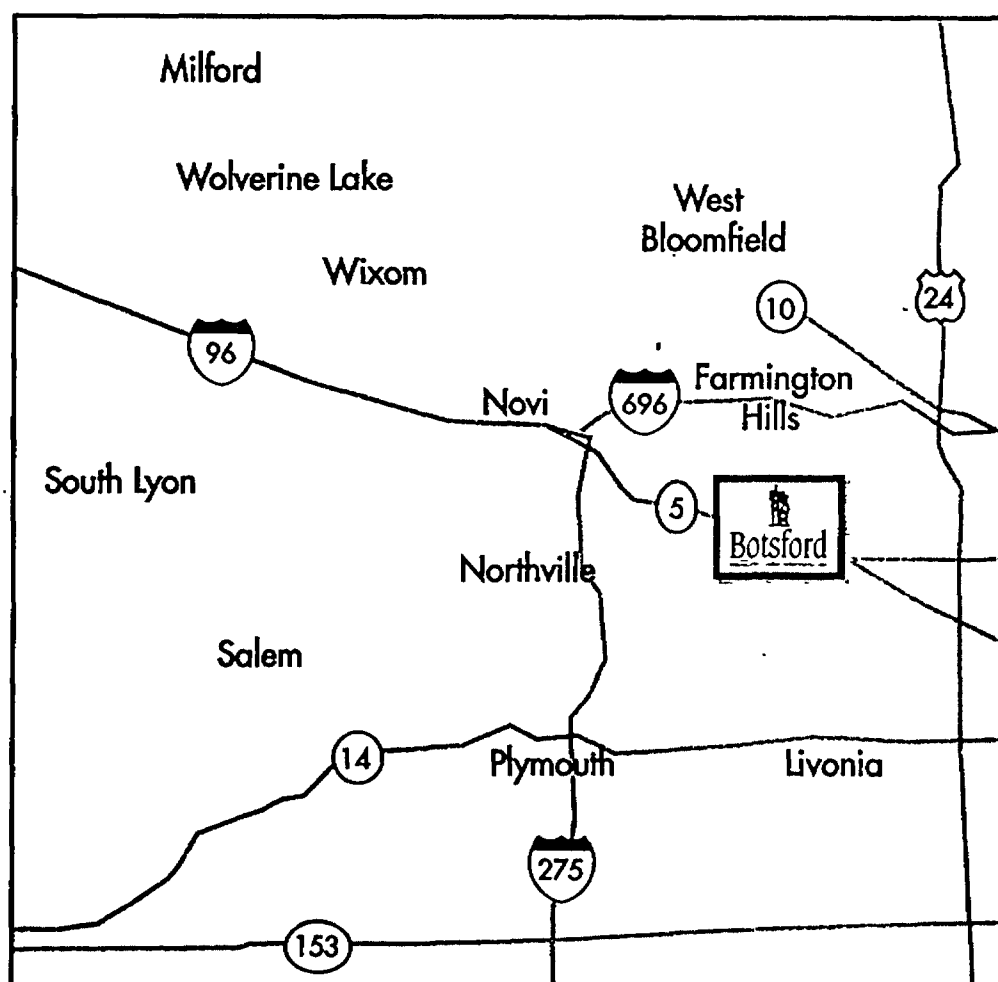
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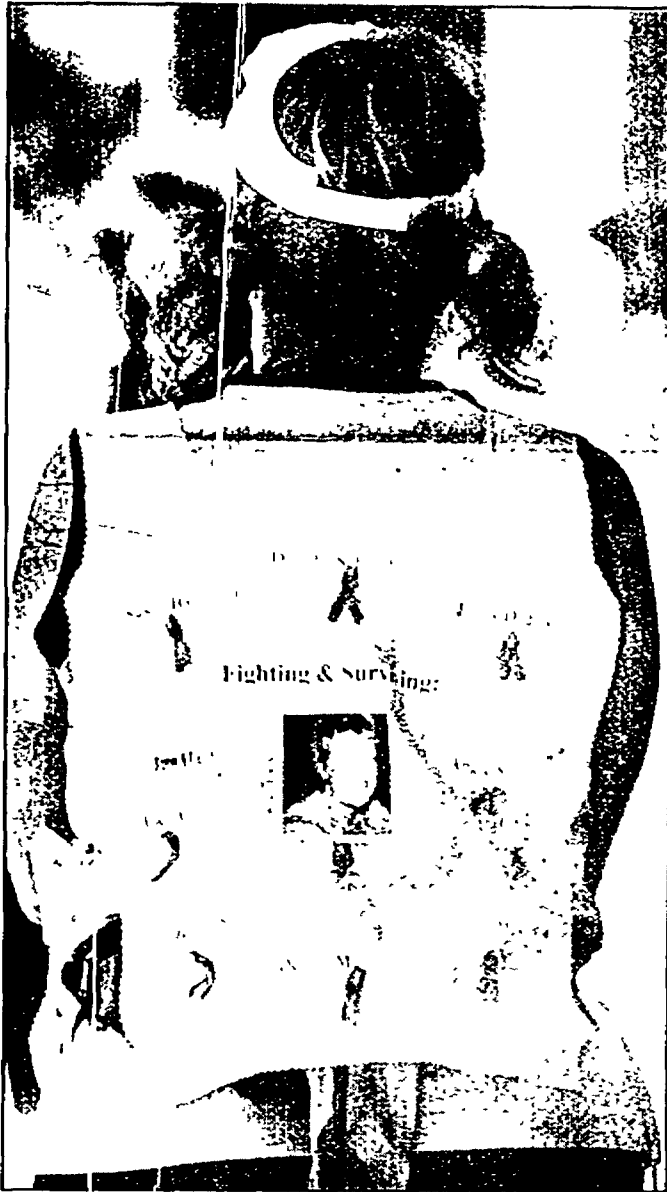
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Walkers of all ages participated last weekend in the Michigan 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk. The walk stretched from Ypsilanti to Commerce Township. Saturday the walk passed through Northville, via Main Street, then south on Center Street to Rayson, to Hutton and then to the walking path leading to Ford Field. From there, walkers took Griswold Road to Eight Mile where they crossed to the northern side and walked to Haggerty Road. At Meijer, walkers crossed Eight Mile again and then walked along the western edge of Haggerty, to Seven Mile Road, where they crossed at the southwest intersection into Livonia. Below, left: Sue Smyk, of Berkley, joined Sandy Angelos and Kathy Maiuri, both of Lake Orion.

One step closer

Breast cancer walk steps through Northville, and into hearts of those who still believe



At one point, the line completely encircled Northville, an artery pulsing with hope, an umbilical coursing with love.

About 1,600 walkers entered Northville via Hines Park, in through the backdoor by McDonald Ford, past the Wagon Wheel, around the curve, past the old Ford plant and up the hill into town.

Along Main Street they traveled in uneven clumps, friends and neighbors,

family and strangers. They walked for a common cause: fight breast cancer.

"This" was Saturday. The 60-mile Michigan Breast Cancer Walk, organized on behalf of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer



David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

Foundation and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund. It passed through historic Northville, beside its Victorian streets and along its historic sidewalks.

And in the process, past how many homes where the battle is being waged?

This was Day Two. Walkers started at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti the day prior and walked the first of three 20-mile days. They walked through rain and unseasonably cold temperatures, then spent the night sleeping in tents.

They walked at their own pace, though for a common goal. Each raised a required \$2,000 maximum pledge amount.

Novi resident Sue Boss, 53, walked with two friends, Julie Rooney of Dexter and Marlene Skulnik of Dorset, Vermont. Together the triumvirate raised nearly \$15,000.

"It was awesome," Boss said, a 10-year Novi Township resident who had never before participated in a charity walk, but spent nearly a year preparing for last weekend.

Every step, Boss said, was revealing. She walked on behalf of donors.

"I knew that every single person who donated had a reason," she said.

Those reasons became evident during the walk. "One minute you'd be talking and laughing, and then you'd see people walking with pictures fastened to them... these beautiful women... moms, sisters, aunts... and you'd realize, they were gone."

"Sometimes you had to drop back because it was just too much."

Boss said her sister-in-law is a survivor. Elizabeth Lavalley, of Davisburg, walked for about 20 people. Beth Meta came from Columbus, OH and walked for a family friend.

Sue Smyk, of Berkley, walked alongside friends Sandy Angelos and Kathy Maiuri, both of Lake Orion. They swept around the Wagon Wheel at about 1:30 p.m.

Maiuri is a breast cancer survivor. "This is very satisfying to me, especially when people are supporting you on the side-walks and as they pass by and honk their horns," she said. "It's just incredible."

Maiuri said she had tried walking a similar race two years ago. "But it was very emotional, she said. 'Too emotional.'"

Why do it? The \$4.4 million raised in Michigan alone doesn't hurt. The money goes to research, toward finding a cure, refining treatments. But money isn't everything, walkers said.

They walked because sometimes that's all you can do. Sometimes, when the

memory of a lost mother or a beloved sister is too heavy upon the heart, walking a step at a time toward an ultimate goal is the only recourse left to a tired soul.

Aching feet don't matter much when in West Blomfield a family sets up a makeshift rest station at the end of their driveway and offers water, support — even use of an indoor bathroom — to those passing by. The family had daughters.

The hope is that women of all ages remember to make self-care a priority. Get a regular check-up. Don't put it off, especially when there's a family history.

Self-awareness is key, Skulnik said. "Every person who sees you walking may say, 'I have to get that mammography.' You really don't know how many people you are reaching with something like this."

Yes, you do: one. One sister. One mother. One aunt. And one grandmother.

They line up in the heart, hoping someone will walk on their behalf, because they are no longer able.

Tired legs and aching backs are easily enough forgotten, especially in Commerce, where the walk eventually ended Sunday. There was a closing ceremony. Walkers touched hands and saw for the first time the size of their collective effort.

Then a survivors' ceremony. Women who had fought and won entered. The hall went silent. Hearts went still. Tired legs gave way to heavy, inspired hearts.

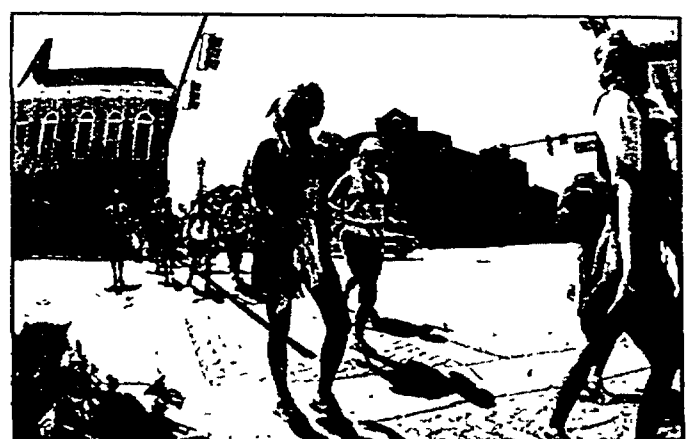
In the distance, three girls sobbed. The image was too much. Their mother died a year ago.

Sixty more miles got thrown onto the pile last weekend. Not the first 60; not the last. The journey will continue, past houses all too familiar. And with the support of those who may day need it most.

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Photos by DAVID AGUILAR
NORTHVILLE RECORD EDITOR



Northville still searching for its queen, as deadline draws near

Let the competition to be Queen of the 16th annual Victorian Festival begin.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce seeks a local woman to reign over this year's Sept. 17-19 festivities, starting with the parade Friday evening. The queen must be at least 18 and provide her own costume. The winner will be chosen in a random drawing from entry forms submitted through 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Residents interested should mail, fax or drop off entries marked, "Victorian Festival Queen," to the Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. The fax number is (248) 349-8730.

For the first time, Chamber members are adding treasure to the royal rewards of crown and

sash, said Janet Bloom, chamber marketing and events director. "Queen Victoria" will receive a complimentary dinner for two at Little Italy Ristorante and a spa treatment at Utopia Salon. Margo's of Northville has offered to do the queen's hair and makeup.

The queen's responsibilities include:

- a horse and carriage ride in the Victorian Festival parade Friday
- receiving a key to the city from dignitaries after the parade
- appearing at Mill Race Historical Village
- visiting her subjects downtown.

"We want someone who will play to the hilt the role of Queen Victoria," Bloom said. "It's meant to be part of the charm of the Victorian Festival."

The marketing director complimented the enthusiasm of previous royals, including last year's queen Margit Erickson of Novi. "They have fun with it. They walk through the streets greeting their 'subjects.'"

Erickson was a festival enthusiast even before she donned her royal garb, she said. "I would always dress up, even as a participant just walking the streets," she said. "You like to support the community."

Her role as queen was an enjoyable extension of that, she said. "It was all fun. It was nice to meet people and get their reaction to the whole festival. It was all so positive."

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By Trish Kero
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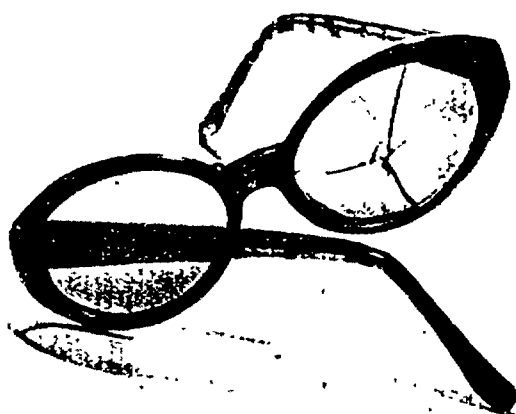
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- Be presented with a Key to the City from dignitaries after parade

Complete your Royal Weekend with:

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Be sensitive to seniors' independence

At the age of 87, my uncle is one of millions of older Americans trying to maintain his independence and quality of life. Fortunately, for many of these folks, there is an adult child, grandchild, niece, nephew or friend helping them in some way to maintain their independence.

The Internet is rich with resources to educate people about eldercare issues. "Aging/Parents and Adult Children Together" is one such resource. Compiled by the Federal Trade Commission in cooperation with AARP, the 10-article series addresses such topics as making the home senior friendly and daily money management. (www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/services/apact/index.html.)

If you suspect your elderly parent or extended family member isn't paying bills on time, is forgetting to record checks in the register, or is using a credit card too often, she may need some assistance with financial affairs.

Suddenly immersing yourself in her daily money management will likely incite anger. Instead of commandeering the checkbook or credit card, gerontology experts recommend feeling out your parent by engaging her in conversation about your finances. Consider saying "I find it difficult to resist putting things on my credit card. Does that happen to you too?" Or, "I think I need to put more money in my 401(k) so I'll have enough to live on when I retire. Do you have enough coming in each month to cover your expenses?" Once you find the right way to open dialog, revisit it again until your parent feels comfortable to share her financial details.

Make it a team effort

Consider taking an administrative role in managing her finances. Volunteer to double check calculations, write checks, and reconcile bank statements. Establishing early on that you're there as a second pair of eyes and hands will inspire confidence and trust. Later down the line, should you need to assume control of the finances because she's become incapacitated, she'll likely be more willing to relinquish control of her assets.

Keep your eye on the big picture

The main reason for your involvement in your parent's financial affairs is to maximize her independence and quality of life. But, in the event of a crisis, you'll want to know as much information about her finances as possible. Having established yourself first as a collaborator, you're likely to have an easier time engaging her about specifics such as investments, Social Security benefits, pensions, credit card debt, insurance and prescription drugs, and monthly expenses.

After you have collected the information, calculate your parent's net worth by subtracting her liabilities — debt and monthly expenses — from her assets — Social Security payments, investments, and any property she owns.

Once you form a picture of her financial status, consider these questions:

- Does my parent have enough money coming in each month to cover her expenses?
- Can she trim expenditures?
- Are her investments getting the best returns?
- Is she financially prepared for an extended illness or injury?
- What can she do to simplify her money matters?

Simple is better

To simplify bookkeeping, consider having just one checking account and one savings account, and link them for overdraft protection. Ask your parent to make you an authorized signer on the checking account, where your parent retains control over her assets, and you have the ability to write checks and pay bills. Arrange for direct deposit of Social Security payments, investment dividends and pension checks, and pay bills via automatic deductions from her account.

Help is available

If you're finding it difficult to carve out time to do the bookkeeping, consider hiring a money manager. For a fee that ranges from \$25 to \$70 per hour, these professionals pay bills, reconcile accounts and interpret medical insurance forms and ensure claims are processed properly. To locate a daily money manager, visit the American Association of Daily Money Managers Web site at www.aadmm.com.

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Advertorial



Photos by DUANE RAMSEY

The game room at O'Tooles features pool tables, video games, darts, several television monitors and a big-screen projection TV.

Find food, fun, service at O'Tooles

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

O'Tooles offers fine food, friendly service, fun, entertainment and numerous sports activities in a casual environment with "A Touch of Irish" at the local restaurant that opened last fall in Novi.

The owners of the original O'Tooles in downtown Royal Oak opened their second sports theme restaurant on Novi Road just north of Ten Mile Road in October. They completely remodeled the interior of an existing former restaurant at that location, according to owner Steve Wadle.

"We want people to come here for the food and fun environment. Our laid-back down-home atmosphere is ideal for enjoying your meal and watching your favorite sports teams play," said Steve.

O'Tooles has daily food specials for lunch and dinner with a fresh menu that includes big burgers, a selection of appetizers, salads and sandwiches, pizza and an "Irish fayre" fare. It

includes Irish stew, shepherd's pie, Gaelic steak, New England boiled dinner and fish and chips.

Patrons can "build your own burger" for \$5 starting with a three-quarter pound patty and your own selected toppings from a list of 20 items. A smaller \$3 cheeseburger and fries lunch special is offered Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

With the Frequent Diner Club at O'Tooles, members can earn eight percent of every dollar they spend toward the purchase of food and non-alcoholic beverages, excluding tax and gratuity.

O'Tooles recently introduced its Monday Night Football specials, which include Labatt and Labatt draft specials of \$2 for a 16-ounce brew and \$2.50 for a 23-ounce beer. Ask the bartender about the pub's drink pass to learn how to get \$1.50 16-ounce mugs of beer and 23-ounce glasses of Labatt beer for \$2. The football night also includes a special stadium menu and third-quarter giveaways.

They also have live entertainment on Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday evenings, and a dance floor with a DJ on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

The full menu is offered with outdoor patio seating weather permitting. A deck is also available for banquets or private parties, according to Wadle.

The local sports restaurant features two 46-inch, high-definition plasma televisions above the bar and 24 other TVs located around the restaurant for watching your favorite sports event or team.

The spacious game room fea-

tures darts, pool tables and several video games with a large-screen projection TV. Patrons may also play Club Keno through the Michigan Lottery at O'Tooles.

Sports are not just the theme at O'Tooles but some are actually played on the baseball diamond and sand volleyball court located on the premises. The restaurant holds competition in softball and volleyball, while sponsoring all-star teams in those sports.

O'Tooles recently announced the formation of co-ed and male flag football leagues as well as co-ed kickball leagues. Eight-person football teams can register for the four-on-four, non-contact format, and play begins Sept. 12. Co-ed 10 vs. 10 kickball teams will begin playing Sept. 11.

Games will be held on Saturdays. You may register for leagues at the restaurant or by calling 248-389-1200.

Any sports team, sponsored or not, can become an "All-Star Team" at O'Tooles and earn 10 percent of every dollar team members spend, excluding tax and gratuity. As teams accumulate credit, they can use it for team parties, uniforms or apply it toward next season's league membership.

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The best of the best at Northville stop and pose for a photo. Back row (left to right): James Hannah, Tanya Tereszczenko, Emily Weaver, Alex Tereszczenko, Jim Gates; Middle: Amanda Darish, Kate McClymont, Jasen Turnbull, Jen Harkness, Erica Dobson; Front: Mac Stilec.

'Stangs soccer team wants run at state finals title

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville soccer coach Henry Klimes is the first to admit he's got a bit of a problem and it's definitely not an easy one to come up with an answer for.

You see, he just has way too many talented players on his team.

"We have a tremendous amount of talent," he said. "We're pretty excited about it. We just have to get the right pieces to fit in the

right places like a jigsaw puzzle."

The problem is, a lot of very talented players on the 24-person roster will have to sit the bench.

"There's definitely not going to be enough playing time for everyone," Klimes said.

Players like Phil Yutzy, James Hannah, Mike Kelleher, Justin Lockwood, Scott Hammerle, Nick Kaldis, Enrique Acevedo, Ryan Cameron, Mike Cornelius and Mike Blasius will be headlining for the team this year.

On the defensive end of the ball this year, seniors Hammerle and

Cameron will be joined by juniors Michael Chang, Vinnie Ciampa, Brandon Barkowski and Blasius while the forwards on the team include senior Hannah, juniors Lockwood and Cornelius and sophomore Jon Junca.

The midfield position, once again, will prove to be a strong point for the Mustangs. Seniors include Kelleher, Andrew Wendland, Yutzy, Matt Melonio and Brad Lempke while juniors include Kaldis and Acevedo. The sophomores at the middle position are Alex Rickett, Chris

Leonetti and Alex Wood.

Goalie Steve Besk is back for another solid season as a senior while Ryan Pratt, a junior, will vie for some playing time between the posts.

"Though we have a lot of experience back, we're still pretty young," said Klimes.

When it comes to talent, Klimes said this could potentially prove to be the best team he has ever coached. First, he's got to find the right chemistry on the field before the 'Stangs make a run at their season goal.

"We've said from our first open meeting that we'd like to make a run at the state championship," said Klimes. "That's a huge goal for us and since (girls coach) Ron (Meteyer) put the pressure on us we're going to try and do just that."

The Mustangs made a run into the playoffs last season before falling short in a shoot out to Saline. They graduated just four seniors from that team, making the memory one that circulates with the remaining players.

The goal, as always, is to make

a go for the division and conference crowns before setting their sights on the district tournament.

"It's one of the toughest around," Klimes said of the play-off bracket the Mustangs, Novi Wildcats and Stevenson Spartans find themselves in.

If talent has anything to say about it, the Mustangs are going to find themselves making a hard run for a state title. Of course, there are plenty of teams waiting to prove that the Mustangs don't have what it takes to be crowned state champs.

Northville girls cross country has talent to make finals meet

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

This could be the year of the Mustang in the world of girls cross country.

In her fourth season as head coach of the Northville Mustangs girls' cross country team, Nancy Smith is looking at potentially one of the best teams she's had.

It's no wonder one of the team goals is to advance to the state finals.

"We're hosting the regional this year, which is a huge advantage," said Smith. "That broke us out of

the regional with Clarkston. Even though we've had great runs we haven't been able to break into the state meet. Now, we'll mostly be competing with the Western Lakes teams and Novi."

The team's focus is definitely making the state meet this year. They are also hoping to be conference champions.

If the squad goes back the state meet, it will be the first time since four years ago.

"It will be a wonderful way for runners like Molly (Gavin) and Kate (McClymont) to cap their careers," Smith said. "They made it as fresh-

man and to make it four years later would be great."

The captains on the team this year are McClymont, Liz Hrivnak and Andrea Mochle.

"They are three exceptional leaders," Smith said. "They are outstanding girls too. They all work extremely hard and all three are very experience. I'm confident in their ability as captains."

Northville's top seven is going to be in question all year long. They have all seven of their top returning varsity runners from last season — which didn't include McClymont, who was out with an injury.

The problem is having too much talent.

"There's going to be a lot of competition to become one of the top seven runners on the team," Smith said of the girls who would run in a meet to be scored. "It's always a positive to have that kind of talent, but the negative is that there won't be as many opportunities for runners to run varsity. They'll have to really compete for one of those seven spots."

Besides Hrivnak, McClymont and Mochle, Gavin, Mary Sprader, Meghan Sheremet, Meghan Keiffer, Lindsay Williams and Bryn

Smetana.

Two freshmen in Sarah Aquinto and Robyn Diadis will be competing to fight their way into varsity matches as well.

Shelly Hilger and Kelly Hardenberg are two seniors who will also heavily contribute to the team this season.

The good news is the Mustangs will be able to allow a lot more rest for their top runners for top meets. Of course, it also means they'll also be able to fill in for injuries — something Smith hopes not to have to do.

"Hopefully our injuries will be

minimal," she said. "A lot of the girls ran in the summer program and 13 of them went to camp this summer. A handful of the kids also did Operation Mustang (a strength and conditioning program), which I think will help a lot."

With the amount of talent Northville boasts as well as the advantage of hosting the regional tournament — which will be held at Schoolcraft College with a very flat course reminiscent of that in the state meet — it won't be much of a surprise if they end up on top of the competitive pile on more than one occasion.

Buying in: Mustangs invest in Alexander's plan

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Like any good salesman, Northville football coach Clint Alexander could sense his potential buyers starting to get slightly disinterested in what he was selling.

What did he do? He changed his pitch.

"This winter we reevaluated how we were selling what we wanted out of this program," Alexander said of his football team and the two back-to-back losing seasons they had in his first two years. "We changed the message and the kids bought it. We just had to do a better job of selling what it was we were trying to do."

Now, with cautious optimism, Alexander said he is hoping to see the sale pay off in dividends.

"I think the kids have really bought into this program," he said. "Physically and mentally they are very ready and excited for this season. We've worked hard to learn everything and we've done everything we can to make sure they've come into the season in shape. The kids and the coaches are itching for Friday."

Tomorrow the Mustangs will open up the season with a road trip to Saline, which made the playoffs last season. The Northville gridders find themselves once again employing the spread offense and Alexander has been adamant they won't be changing that any time soon.

"We're one of the only teams that run it," he said. "You can't expect to go head-to-head with a team like Canton and expect to beat them. No team has proven themselves capable of doing that yet."

A better outlook

But with improved strength and conditioning, this looks to be one of the best chances Northville has had in a long time.

"We're excited, but we're cautious," Alexander said. "We haven't won anything yet. The kids know they have a lot to prove to everybody."

Proving themselves is what this team has been about since last season came to a close after nine weeks produced just two wins.

Many of the players hit the

"Charlie (Thomas) is playing like a college freshman and not just some high school senior. Of course, he's only a junior but you'd never know it by watching him."

Clint Alexander
Northville football coach

weight room. The largest return may come from the dedication of the offensive line.

Anchoring the line will be center Steve Berry. To either side of him will be offensive guards John Mullen and J.D. Gerblich. Mark Yassay and Matt Dunatchik will play tackle.

Northville will, of course, depend heavily on their quarterback again this year. Second-year varsity player Charlie Thomas, who took numerous snaps last year, will lead the Mustangs' charge.

"Charlie is playing like a college freshman and not just some high school senior," Alexander said. "Of course, he's only a junior but you'd never know it by watching him."

Thomas' primary targets will be Mike Jameson and Richie Nejman. Both have worked extremely hard to be as skilled as they are this season. Last year, Jameson was an All-Division player.

"I honestly believe he's the best receiver in the league," said Alexander.

That was also the two cents Alexander threw in on Mac Stilec, an All-Division running back last season. This year, Northville won't be shy when it comes to handing off the ball — a tactic that could easily make Stilec one of the most dangerous players in the WLAA.

"If they close down and try to stop Mac on the run, we're going to open it up passing," said

Alexander. "If they let Mac run, he's going to hurt them. We'll take either way."

Alexander said his spread offense is based on some of the finest tactical writing in the history of mankind — of course it helps that Alexander is a history teacher at Northville High School.

"I read the 'Art of War,'" Alexander said. "If your enemy goes in, you go out. If your enemy goes out, you go in."

On the defensive

And waiting to ambush the enemy will be the Northville defense.

If any particular members of the Northville football team has something to prove, it's the defensive corps. This year, they boast new defensive coordinator Matt Ladach, who will try to patch numerous holes.

Defensive end Joe Prain and defensive tackle Ryan Xuerb will lead the charge. Offense may get the glory, but defense wins championships.

"We'd like to go after the conference championship," said Alexander. "The kids aren't just going to settle for a winning season or even a playoff run. They want to be in contention for the title. They've worked hard and they want it."

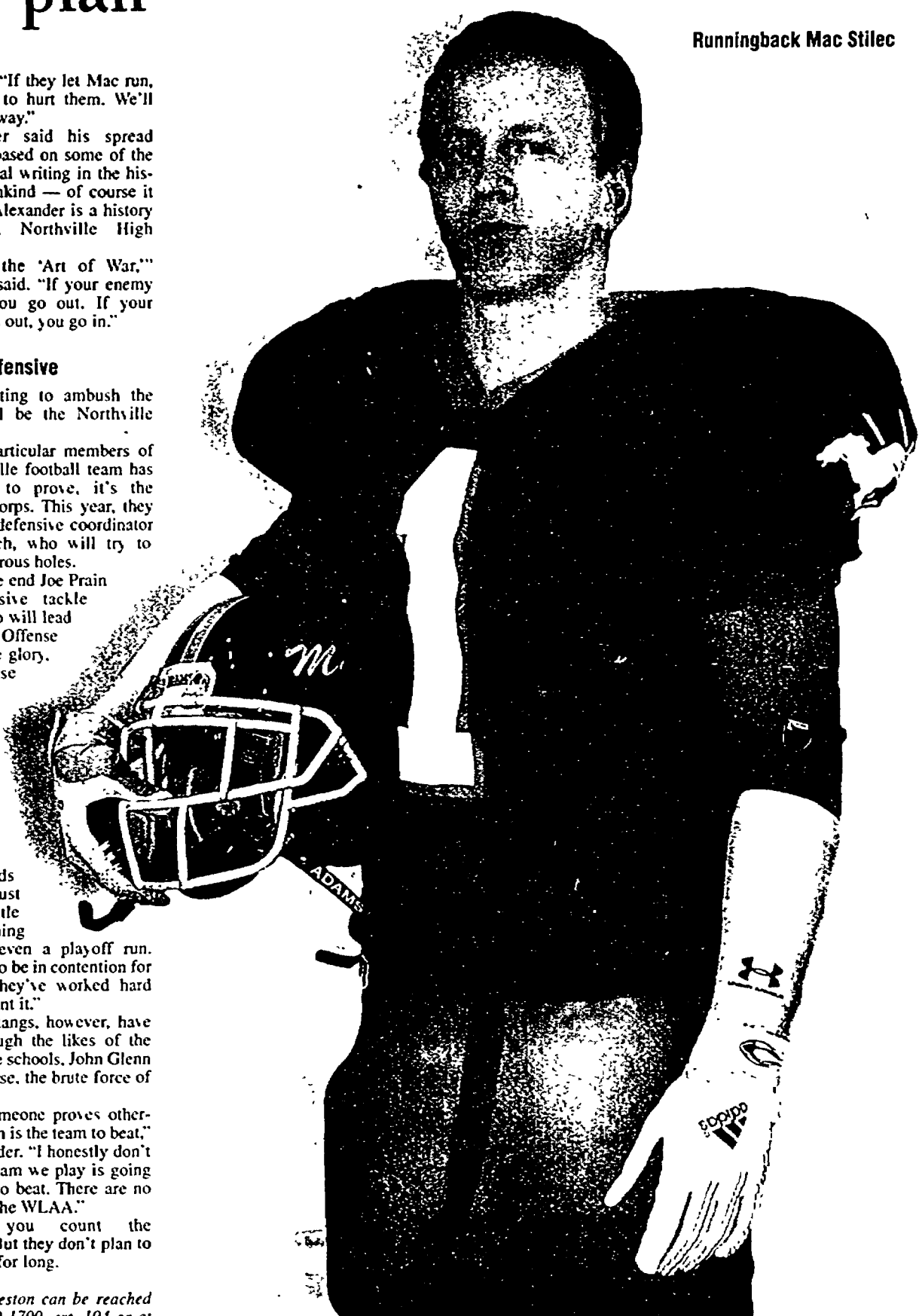
The Mustangs, however, have to get through the likes of the Walled Lake schools, John Glenn and, of course, the brute force of Canton.

"Until someone proves otherwise, Canton is the team to beat," said Alexander. "I honestly don't think any team we play is going to be easy to beat. There are no sleepers in the WLAA."

Unless you count the Mustangs. But they don't plan to be sleepers for long.

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Runningback Mac Stilec



Stilec stands tall — on and off the field

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville senior runningback Mac Stilec is the kind of backfield player that can play hide-and-seek with a defense all day long.

He's small in build, standing at 5-foot-11-inches and weighing in at 183 pounds, but don't let that fool you. Not only can he swivel his hips around most would-be tacklers, he can basically put them on their backs if they aren't careful. And don't forget he's a returning All-Division runningback.

"I still think my ability to elude tacklers (is my biggest strength)," said Stilec when asked if that, or his weight-lifting ability, was his biggest asset. "I'm still undersized and I'm much better at doing that than taking a tackler right on."

Football has always been something that has interested the Northville senior. He said he used to see kids wearing their Novi-Northville Colts football jerseys and wanted to give it a try.

"I've always played," he said, talking about being a part of the game from the earliest possible age in Northville. "My dad played too and it just seemed like a natural step."

Stilec, unfortunately, was never really able to show his dad, Charlie, the abilities he has worked so hard to obtain. Charlie Stilec died when his son was just

nine years old.

"It's been rough," said Stilec of growing up without his dad. "He used to come down every day to the sidelines. It's hard not seeing him there."

But, sometimes a loved one doesn't have to be there physically to still be watching over the situation.

"I know he's still there even though I can't see him," Stilec said.

Charlie Stilec was a well-known and well-liked member of the Northville community. He took his own experiences in life and spoke about them and was well known as one of the biggest advocates of anti-drugs in the area.

Because of how well Charlie Stilec was known, it has never been easy for his son to step out from beneath the shadow.

"It's been somewhat difficult," Mac Stilec said. "He was his own person though, and I'm my own person. That's the only way to really look at it."

His father definitely left a lasting impression on him though. Stilec is the first person to stand up against the drug use that is becoming more and more common in the high school.

"I usually hang out with my friends and find something to do and stay out of mischief," said Stilec when asked what he does with his free time. "It's easy for a

kid to get into trouble here, especially with all of the substance abuse."

"I'm never going to try drugs. I've seen what it can do to people. There's just so much of it that there's not a lot that can be done. If it's one of my close friends getting into drugs, I'll say something. Thankfully that hasn't had to happen."

It hasn't been easy for Stilec through the last eight years without his father, but the support of his mother and step-father have helped Rob Stevenson and Catherine Stilec-Stevenson attend every one of Stilec's games.

"She's always been real supportive," he said. "She knows it's a sport I love, she just doesn't like seeing me come off the field all dinged up."

No matter who is watching or what the situation is, Stilec is ready to do his job on the gridiron.

Be it fourth and one or first and 15, he's willing to take the call.

"I don't really think about down and distance," he said. "I just go out and get what I can. If coach wants to give me the ball, that's fine with me."

And, no doubt, that's fine with the rest of the Mustangs football team as well.

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First weeks of practice show promising start for gridders

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

If there's one thing for certain, this isn't your papa's football program.

The Northville Mustangs football team, coached by Clint Alexander, didn't come into the season looking to get into shape. Instead, they came in looking to start their playbook and get thing rolling in the right direction.

"This is the best first week I've ever had in my entire career," Alexander said. "The kids came in shape and eager. They're humble though. They understand they haven't won anything yet."

Northville, traditionally, starts their pre-season off strong but tapers off through the remainder of the year. Good seasons find the 'Stangs finishing in a playoff spot while bad seasons find them fighting just to win one or two games.

This year, Northville is hoping to have a good year and the way the team came out was a promising start for Alexander, who had losing seasons his first two years at Northville.

"It's encouraging to me and to the rest of the staff," he said. "We're running drills and the kids know how to run them from the first step. It really makes everyone feel better about what we're doing."

Programs coming into the sea-



son prepared isn't an uncommon sight in this day and age. Back when Alexander played for Albion High School, kids worked on the farm all summer and had to come in and be taught all of the basic skills all over again. Today, even Albion is ready when the first day of practice rolls around in August.

"Everyone's program is done like that now," Alexander said. "You can't have a football program that doesn't work through the summer and be successful. You just can't spend the first week getting into shape."

So teams like the Mustangs hold a camp in the summer and also have leader practices where captains lead the squads in workouts without coaches being on site.

Such a system leads to a much higher level of readiness for teams like Northville. Instead of running laps, the team is busy working on

their skills and improving their play.

"We do about six minutes per practice during two-a-days on pure conditioning," Alexander said. "The remainder of the practices are position-specific drills. Wide receivers are routes instead of lining up and running sprints."

That practice routine gives plenty of repetition to both the receiver and the quarterbacks. Last week at one practice Northville's two quarterbacks threw a combined 300-plus passes — that's 25 passes to each of the 12 Mustang receivers.

"They're still getting their sprints in," Alexander said. "They're just doing it in a way that they're becoming better football players."

With all of the time the team put in during the summer months, Alexander said this year looks to be a promising one — but he's not making any predictions.

"The guys are eager to go out and see what they've got," he said. "They want to make some hits and see if all of their hard work has paid off. If they bring the same intensity to the games as they have to practice, this could be a good season for them."

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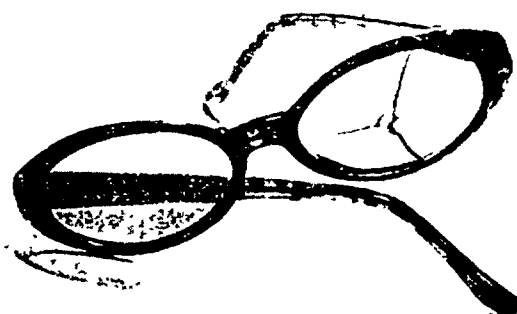


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Weaver stitches sports into life

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

For senior Northville basketball player Emily Weaver, sports have always just been a part of her life.

From the time she was in fourth grade playing in Northville Parks and Recreation leagues until now, Weaver doesn't seem to do much that doesn't involve sports.

"I just really like staying busy," said the 6-foot-0-inch senior post player. "I'm a busy body."

And it's something Weaver has perfected. From being a member of the school's National Honor Society to maintaining a high grade-point average to playing sports, Weaver balances it all as though she were sinking a lay-up.

Even when she's trying to relax, she's busy.

"My friends (tennis player) Jen Harkness and (girls' hockey player) Amy Cauzillo like to go do things like play hockey," said Weaver. "Jen and I can't skate very well, so we just try our best to stay up and hit the puck."

Every now and again, the senior does find time to unwind in front of the television. Before "Friends" stopped, she was an avid fan. Now, Weaver has to settle with shows like "CSI" and "ER" or even college football games.

"I love watching college football," she said.

Even when she's relaxing, sports seems to be the underlying theme for Weaver.

"I guess sports are just a way to let loose," she said. "If you do it for fun with people you like, sports are a blast."

But ranking even above sports is school for Weaver.

"I think school is the main thing," she said of studying hard and keeping up good grades. "It's what keeps me on track. This year, unfortunately, I'm going to have a lot of studying."

That, it seems, is par for the course for such classes as Advanced Placement psychology and biology as well as honors pre-calculus and human anatomy and physiology.

Candice, haven't missed too many games in Weaver's career. They also make sure to attend freshman Hillary Weaver's basketball games.

"If they can't make it, they send our grandparents," Weaver added. "They've spent a lot of time supporting me and my sports. When I played AAU basketball they would drive me an hour there for practice and an hour back. They are very big supporters."

Currently, Weaver is eyeing the possibility of attending the University of Pennsylvania to study a dual major of biochemistry and psychology. The ultimate goal for her is to become a pediatrician.

"The truth is, I'll probably end up going to the University of Michigan," Weaver said with a laugh. "It's an amazing school though, and I wouldn't have to pay as much for an undergraduate degree."

No matter where Weaver ends up landing for her collegiate studies, the odds are she's going to be interested in the sports scene.

"It's easier to talk about sports than a lot of other things," said Weaver on why sports is such a universal discussion tool. "That's actually how I met Jen (Harkness). I asked her if she was a Pistons fan and we ended up talking."

Talking about sports and playing them are two different things for any athlete and Weaver is no different. Talking is easy. Playing isn't.

Weaver, however, makes it

laugh. "I'd also like to work on my rebounding. It's really just 10 percent talent and 90 percent desire."

And it's that amount of desire that has made Weaver a success — both on and off the court.

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Cagers 'posting' high hopes

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

They're fast, they're furious and, most importantly, they're looking to make a whole lot of noise in the Western Lakes Activities Association this year.

The Northville Mustangs girls' basketball team, coached by Pete Wright, returns a solid blend of speed and size to the hardwood this season and will be looking to turn a strong ending last year into a great run this season.

"We had a real fast run in the last third of the season last year," said Wright. "We're looking to build on that because we have a majority of the girls back that were on that team."

Returning as seniors for the Mustangs are captains Meghan Higgins, Evonna Karchon and Emily Weaver. Higgins will be moving the ball for the Mustangs while Karchon and Weaver will be pulling post duty for many of the offensive tactics. Higgins steps in at 5-foot-7-inches while Karchon is measured at 5-8 and Weaver towers at 6-0.

Other seniors include Lauren Iwema, standing at 5-8, as well as Tracy Garfield at 5-6, and 6-0 Chrissy Castelli.

"We'll be utilizing our post play this season," said Wright. "Our strengths this season are our experience, quickness and athletic ability. Hopefully we can get after some teams."

Juniors on the team include the 5-3 Lindsay Blair as well as Simone Toney at 5-6, Heather Cox at 5-9 and Megan Beger at 5-6. The lone sophomore this season is Danielle Toney.

Even with the incredibly speedy guards the Mustangs will boast this season, Wright said he has no plans to change his offensive or defensive structures.

"No, there aren't any changes in the schemes," he said. "We tried to do some of this last year. We have strong guards, but we definitely want to utilize our interior game. Chrissy and Emily will be key in everything we do."

The Mustangs will play in the Ann Arbor Huron tournament to kick their season off before moving on to play non-conference foes like Novi and South Lyon. For the first time in quite a while, Brighton is absent from the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

The Mustangs' girls basketball team works on ball movement drill during a mid-August workout.

pre-conference schedule.

"Brighton has been scheduled as long as I've been around," Wright noted when asked of the change. "I don't know the reason for us not playing against them."

Most likely it was a conflict in scheduling, but the Mustangs found plenty of quality talent to replace the Bulldogs with, opting this season to take on Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"Our non-league schedule is tough," Wright said. "We've got to be able to compete non-league as well as in the Western Lakes."

Wright said Northville will be watching Canton and Salem again this season as teams to contend with. Walled Lake Northern and Plymouth High School also bring unknown factors into the league this season.

"They are virtually unknowns," said Wright of the two latter schools. "From what I understand is they did well last year at the varsity level. Without having played them I can only tell you that they are an unknown right now."

The Mustangs will be eyeing the chance, however, to make a run at the division and conference titles. They have a solid core to build on, said Wright, and they are looking to move forward.

"We build from here," he said. "We are going to try to be competitive and maybe we'll have an opportunity at the division and the conference titles."

Making a court case

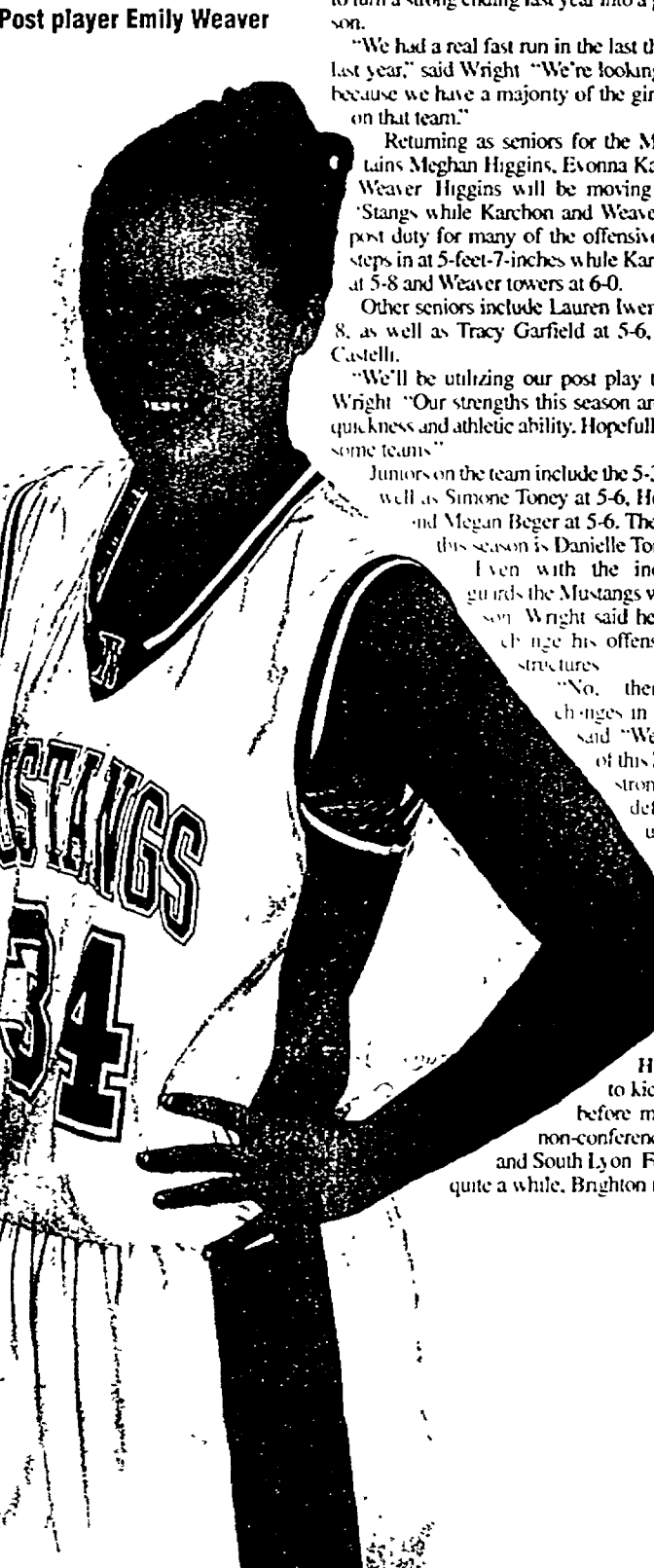
Weaver takes all of the dedication and determination it takes to be a great student onto the hardwood each and every year where it translates into some impressive displays of basketball prowess.

It's there that she's able to showcase her ability for her family and friends.

Her father, Mike, and mother,

look that way at times when she's on the court. Of course, she's the first to point out she'd like to improve some facets of her game.

"I'd like to get my head into the game a little more often," she said with a



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'Cross' training

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville senior Kate McClymont wants everyone to know one thing: cross country isn't a wimp's sport.

Take a course that's over three miles in length and run it in 20 minutes. No problem? Then add hills, potholes and branches that have fallen off trees.

Suddenly it's not so fun. "It's definitely not a (wimpy) sport," said McClymont. "Running is a lot different than any sport out there. I think the closest is probably swimming. It's 20 minutes of a feeling that's not quite pain but a sensation that pushing yourself hurts but stopping is worse. But, you have to push yourself even when you want to quit."

And that's why you really have to love running to make it a competitive habit.

McClymont actually started her athletic career in the pool. She started swimming when she was six years old but by the time she got to the high school she and her mom had a discussion about joining the cross country team.

"I went to a practice when Mr. (Robert) Watson was still the coach," McClymont said. "I went with my friend, Molly Gavin, who I ran with in middle school. I really liked it. I never swam again after that."

Essentially, McClymont became a landlubber — and fortunately for coach Nancy Smith and the Northville cross country team that she did.

New season, new outlook

Though McClymont was out last season due to a stress fracture, she still looks to be the leader when it comes to the harrier squad this season. She's hoping to drop her mid-20-minute time down to the low 19s or high 18s this season. It's a hope she doesn't believe is unreasonable.

"A couple of us have been training all summer," she said. "We've been getting up at 6:15 for practices. I think with a lot of hard work I'll cut my time down to where I know I can get it."

McClymont said the key is to just keep putting one foot in front of the other, even when legs burn and collapse seems imminent.

"I love the end of the race," she said. "You just pretty much go out

there and run. I go out fast because I hate being stuck behind. I just keep going and I love it when it's finally finished."

But ending isn't always so sweet. McClymont said a runner's head can easily start swimming as she stumbles down the final chute.

"It's really hard though," she said. "Your legs are like jelly and you can't even really stand any more. You just want to fall over and then the coach runs over and tries to get you up and some old men who are at the shoot are trying to get you to walk and are pushing you through."

McClymont said if she just had a little more strength at that point, she might let them know what's crossing her mind at that particular moment of ultimate exhaustion.

"I just want them to let me fall down," she said. "People are yelling and trying to get you to move. It's not very fun when it's like that."

Some runners cross the line and flop onto the ground. Others are given water. Some are pulled out of the way as other runners come through the chute.

"Sometimes it's because a lot of runners don't eat right and then there's the whole water (intake) thing," she said. "But not always. I fall down sometimes too."

Mental game

McClymont said racing is a mental sport as well.

"It's really mental because if you end up getting passed when you're really pushing yourself you just sort of find it really hard to keep going," she said. "You feel down on yourself but you have to keep going and keep pushing yourself. You want to finish because you have to finish. You want to stop but you can't."

Being mentally and physically prepared is key in cross country — McClymont is both. She's ready, and she said she believes her team is too.

"We're definitely going to try to make the state meet hit year," she said. "This is my last year. I went as a freshman and I want to go as a senior. We all do. This is the last time I can do it. We're going to go out there and just see what happens."

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Runners Kate McClymont and Jasen Turnbull



Turnbull prepared to lead

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

As a freshman last season, Jasen Turnbull was expected to compete and, hopefully, score points for the Northville boys' cross country team. As a sophomore, he's expected to lead it.

It's amazing the difference a single year can make. From inexperienced, yet promising, runner, to the leader of the pack. It's going to be a challenge, but it's one Turnbull seems ready to face.

"I've been practicing a lot," he said. "It feels good and know I'm going to have fun."

Turnbull is leading a pack of very young and mostly inexperienced runners. The good news is they should be a force to be reckoned with in a year or two. The bad news is they have a lot of work to do for this season.

Currently no one on the team is really keeping up with Turnbull to challenge him — his times are looking to dip into the 16-minute mark this year.

"At practice I've been running with the coach (Chris Cronin)," said Turnbull. "He really pushes me. He does marathons and stuff, so he can really make me push myself each day."

Currently, the sophomore front-runner's best time has been a 17:14. That was a year ago. He was sometimes the sixth or seventh-best runner then.

This year, he's number one. He's ready to prove it. All it will take is a little more hard work.

"Right now I run about 35 miles a week," he said. "I just need a few more miles every week, like 45."

Though he's young, Turnbull already has a world of experience to help him lead the Mustangs in their search for a top-three finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association

This past summer, he ran with the Detroit Cheetahs' track and field club team and ended up taking ninth in the country in the 1,500-meter run.

He said between track and cross country, he prefers the latter.

"I like cross country because if you want to win a meet you have to do it with five guys," said Turnbull. "In track, there are so many different events. It's hard to keep the team together and not thinking like individuals."

But individual thinking isn't always bad. Turnbull will be looking to make a run at the state finals as an individual if his team fails to qualify. He also hopes to prove to be the top runner in the conference.

"I hope to win the conference and it's something I'm aiming for," he said. "I also hope to finish in the top 15 in the Regional so I can make states. I don't know what to expect this year at the Regional or how tough it's going to be."

No matter what goals he has set for himself or for the team, Turnbull plans on running every race with the same strategy.

"I go out pretty fast," he said. "I'm out faster than most people because I don't like to be behind."

He says he manages to maintain leads with endurance through hilly terrain like that offered at the Northville home course of Cass Benton.

"I actually think I gain a little on hills," Turnbull said.

He pushes himself hard out of the gate and then steadies his pace. By the time he's finished, he's worn out.

"I just feel like I'm finished," he said. "When it's over, I'm exhausted."

If you think Turnbull's tired, wait 'til you see the other guy

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Amanda Darish, Erica Dobson and Jen Harkness

Mustangs eye WLAA crown

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

If there's one thing certain in the world of Northville Mustangs tennis, it's the fact that coach Sandy Woolfall isn't shy.

She's willing to speak her mind on numerous subjects without a second thought. The Mustangs' standing in the Western Lakes Activities Association is one of them.

"We're going for wins in the conference and in the regional," said Woolfall. "We're very deep this year. That's always one of our strengths."

Northville, it seems, just doesn't have a lot of competition in the conference. One or two teams, like Walled Lake Central, might be able to put up a good fight in the singles flights, but the depth and ability the Mustangs bring to the court proves too much in most occasions.

It takes a team like Novi to come into town to give the Northville netters a true vision of where they stand. The Mustangs and Wildcats will go at it again this season with their game scheduled for today at Northville High School with an expected start time of 3 p.m.

"It's always good to play a team like Novi," said Woolfall.

The Mustangs have quite the number of players back on varsity this year. Some of the more notable are one singles player Erica Dobson and one doubles

flight partners Jen Harkness and Amanda Darish.

Though the line-up hasn't been finalized, Woolfall has managed to get plenty of players good looks during the Okemos Invitational. Chelsea Johnston may see some time at two singles with players like Jonnie Powers and Amy Knoth looking to play at that level as well.

Jackie Taylor and Shannon Farris partnered in the tournament, as did Lindsay Hagan and Christine Curran. Though no line-up has officially been announced, Laura Randall and Alicia Raisinghani have already played together, as have Virginia Calkins and Caitlin Wheeler. Sindhu Ravipati and Brooke Bunnell have also taken a few swings as a doubles team so far this year.

"We have a lot of experience this year," Woolfall noted. "We also have a lot of JV girls playing very good tennis. Tryouts were hard fought this year."

Harkness and Darish were named captains of the squad this year. It's a decision Woolfall said she is sure she won't regret.

"They both show a lot of leadership skills and they're both extremely organized," she said.

The Northville Mustangs tennis team has two goals in mind this year: win conferences and advance to states. If the returning players have anything to say about it, those goals will be reality by the end of the season.

Top netters ready for season

By Matt Simich
SPECIAL WRITER

Senior Erica Dobson, of the Northville girls tennis team, is looking forward to another successful season.

That's because last year the Mustangs earned first-place finishes in district, conference and regional competitions, and also earned a ninth-place finish at the state.

Now the Mustangs are setting their sites on a state championship.

Dobson started playing tennis with her parents when she was just eight years old. Two years later she began playing in tournaments. Now, playing her fourth year on the varsity squad, Dobson is one of the strongest singles players on the team.

"We have a lot of returning players this year," said Dobson. "We also have a lot of depth on our team so we should be strong this year."

A strong team is also built by the friendships off the courts as well. Dobson enjoys kicking back with her teammates and looks forward to myriad team events.

Dobson said she has not yet decided on where she will attend college but is hoping to play tennis wherever she goes. She wants to study sports medicine or physical therapy.

Dobson will start the fall season coming off of a personal record of 13 wins and only seven losses last year. She said some of the biggest challengers this year will be Stevenson, Ann Arbor and of course, cross-town rival Novi.

Harkness hopeful for season

Jen Harkness remembers playing tennis with her parents at the old high school on 8 Mile when she was just 10 years old. Today, Harkness is a senior and is co-captain of the Mustangs girls varsity tennis team along with her doubles partner.

A three-year varsity player, Harkness, alongside doubles partner and co-captain Amanda Darish, plans to and improve their skills and take the team to States once again.

Last year the doubles team took the courts by storm, placing first in district and regional matches. Harkness and Darish also received first place at the Rochester Tournament and second places at the Ann Arbor Pioneer and Okemos tournaments.

Harkness attributes much of her success to the fact she plays tennis because it's fun.

"Keep having fun," said Harkness. "That is what sports are all about."

Some times the fun turns into a key victory. For Harkness that happened her sophomore year when she won the last match at the regional final and the entire team ran out onto the court to show their support.

Harkness wants to attend Michigan State. Her goal is to become a high school math teacher. This season, Harkness and Darish look to lead their team to play tough against rivals like Novi and Stevenson.

"With the team we have we should be able to medal," said Harkness. "We are hoping to place well at the conference level."

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8/26	Novi	Home	4 p.m.
9/01	John Glenn	Home	4 p.m.
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9/08	Stevenson	Home	4 p.m.
9/10	W. L. Western	Away	4 p.m.
9/13	Franklin	Home	4 p.m.
9/15	Wayne Memorial	Away	4 p.m.
9/17	Canton	Home	4 p.m.
9/18	AA Pioneer Invite	Away	9 a.m.
9/20	Plymouth	Home	4 p.m.
9/22	Salem	Away	4 p.m.
9/23	W. L. Central	Home	4 p.m.
9/27	Churchill	Away	4 p.m.
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Gates prepped for season

Links team to defend title

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The defending conference champion Northville Mustangs golf team has one thing going for it this season — the players on the roster have good memories.

Why? Well, they haven't forgotten what it means to be defending conference champions. They'll be looking to protect their crown and once again feel that same championship elation.

"Our first goal is to win the conference," said coach Tom Shaw. "I think we're definitely going to compete in our conference. I just don't know how the regionals will go. Our big goal is to reach the states this year."

The team is definitely bringing the numbers back to make that goal possible.

Nine of the 10 varsity players are returning this season. Jim Gates and Justin Kolbow, a senior and junior respectively, will captain the Mustangs this year. Seniors Nick Guerro and Craig Jones join Gates as the eldest players on the team while juniors Pat Utes, Matt Long, Grant Baidas, Mitch Gayner, Steve Pfeffle and Campy Smith will be looking to prove age isn't always the deciding factor in ability.

The captains will be looking to lead the squad each and every meet.

"I think they'll be the two guys who shoot the numbers we need to win consistently," said Shaw. "They are great captains on and off the course."

Shaw noted that he wasn't sure what teams would prove to be the favorites in this year's race for the crown in the Western Lakes. He did say, however, that Canton and Walled Lake Western always bring strong teams to the course.

The golfers the Mustangs will go against are not always their biggest foes though. Sometimes, it's the courses themselves. This year that shouldn't be a problem for the experienced 'Stangs.

"We'll be playing the regular, routine courses," Shaw said. "Almost everyone has been to every one of the courses we'll play."

Changing course

Except, of course, at the Hartland Invitational. This year, the Mustangs chose to take part in the increasingly popular tournament. It is slated to be held at Dunham this season.

Northville will also play host to the WLAA title meet, but not on their home course of Tanglewood. Instead, they'll be hosting at Pheasant Run.

"It's a great course," said Shaw.

The team brings a slew of strengths to the links this season. Many of the players have been chipping together for three or four years, giving the squad a great sense of camaraderie.

"They all know each other very well," Shaw said.

"That's definitely a big bonus for them."

There are weaknesses too.

"Our biggest weakness might

just be the

fact that we

haven't had that

much varsity match

experience," Shaw said,

noting that though many of

the players are returning this

year, not all of them played a sig-

nificant amount on varsity last season.

"For some guys that didn't play varsity

last season, their first few matches might be a

little nerve-racking."

As for the team's goal of making the state

finals, Shaw said it will all come down to that

day.

"I think they have the talent," he said of the

team's ability to reach their goal. "It all comes

down to whether they're able to put it all together

on that day. In the past, the teams here have all

been worked up about the regional."

The key may simply be calm.

"They put so much pressure on themselves that

they don't play as well as they can," Shaw said. "I

don't want them saying 'I want to make the state

finals.' I want them saying 'We want to make the state

finals.' They just need a better mind set going

into the regional."

Golfer Jim Gates

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

For Northville senior golfer Jim Gates, it was never if he'd take to golf it was when. Gates, who is one of the top golfers for the Northville Mustangs, said he didn't ponder playing golf like many kids. Instead, he was practically teeing off from his crib.

"My dad is a golf professional," said Gates. "I was born into it. I didn't have much of a choice."

The training began when he was young. He was given a couple of clubs by his father and made his way through his family's yard, hitting the ball all the way.

It didn't matter if Gates was hitting par or not.

"With my dad, it's not if I'm playing well or not, it's my swing," he said. "I had to have the perfect swing. I didn't actually get on a course until I was 10."

And though Gates is the first to admit that he hasn't perfected the swing, he's a fan of the game nonetheless.

"It's more of a mental game," he said when asked about the challenges golf presents. "You have to go out and make smart plays on the course."

Making smart plays is usually something Gates does very well. He admits that his weakness is generally putting and that he puts a lot of faith in his long game.

Whichever part of his game is on for the day, Gates is always looking to do one thing: Improve.

His current best is a 34, which he shot at Edgewood, but he suspects he has a better game in him.

"I'm going lower," he said of his personal best to this point. "I'm scratching the surface right now. I'm playing pretty well, I just haven't got the putts to drop."

The school record is an impressive 32 by Ryan Gideon, but with some luck and a good game, Gates might set the mark himself.

"It's going to be tough," he said. "That's a four under on most courses. But, we'll see what happens. That's the best thing about golf, you just never know what's going to happen. If I have a day where everything works well, I might be able to shoot that low."

Being a senior who saw plenty of varsity action last year, Gates is comfortable with the season. He said the biggest obstacle for any golfer is to know the course, which he believes he does in most instances.

"I've played most of the courses (on our schedule)," he said. "If I'm not sure about a hole, I'll just play it the safest way possible."

No matter if he's going with the safest route on the course or the most daring, there's one thing for sure — this should prove to be an entertaining season.

"It should be fun," Gates said. "It will be interesting to see how good we do. For the most part, I think we're all just looking forward to the fun we're going to have."

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Swim team has new coach



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Mustang Katie Stewart swims the butterfly.

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Once again, the Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team boasts over 70 girls. Once again, the team is looking powerful enough to challenge for the conference title.

Though things seem to be the same old swimming and diving routine, a whole lot has changed. Namely, the coach.

Northville is now under the guidance of Elena Romanstov, a coach that has done everything from win an Olympic Games bronze medal to coach an experimental swim team in Ann Arbor.

Romanstov hailed from the former USSR and swam for their Olympic team in 1980 and 1984. In her first appearance, Romanstov walked away with a bronze medal.

It is that kind of experience, which also includes coaching at the

University of St. Petersburg in Russia, that makes her such a great addition to the Northville swim team. It's also that kind of experience that has her bringing in new ideas to the pool.

"I have different philosophies about swimming," said Romanstov. "There are a lot of drills I am having the girls do that they aren't used to doing."

The result is a lot of sore muscles in the Northville pool. Romanstov, it seems, is a big believer in the value of core-muscle training. She wants her team sporting tight abdomens and impressive balance ability.

She also would like them to forget everything they've ever learned about swimming.

"It is difficult," she said. "They have their own way of doing things and they do not understand why I want them to change."

Romanstov made it very clear that the focus of this year's team

isn't to win every dual meet. They are going to focus on championships and qualifying as many as possible for the state finals meet.

They'd also like to have a lot of fun.

"That's the whole point," Romanstov said. "The whole reason we live this life is to have fun. Enjoy it while you can."

Captains on this year's squad include seniors Lindsay Cohen, Kathryn Kusuplos, Christa Rocco, Heather Zinser and Alex Tereszchenko.

"This team is very talented," said Romanstov. "Some of them definitely have a future in swimming if they wanted it."

Though Romanstov brings plenty of new ideas to the pool deck at Northville High, she also brings plenty of experience and knowledge in the sport of swimming.

With that combination, Northville is in a win-win situation.

Boys cross country is young

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The old adage says that energy is wasted on the youth. Northville boys cross country coach Chris Cronin is hoping his squad has plenty of energy because they definitely have plenty of youth.

The squad is looking at a total of two seniors with neither coming back as returning runners. The core of their team is young and inexperienced.

Even their expected front runner is only a sophomore in Jasen Turnbull.

"Jasen is pretty talented," said Cronin. "I expect him to be the top runner on the team. Last year he was one of our top seven."

Only four players total on this year's squad ran varsity last season. That puts Cronin and the 'Stangs in a position where education comes via a crash course.

The Mustangs, it seems, will be looking to learn fast. The team goal, as it is with every year, will be to go in hunt of the Western Lakes Activities Association crown.

"We always start our season looking for a chance for a conference title," said Cronin. "The way to get it is to win the division and then you stand a chance at winning the conference."

The key to compete in the division at this point for Northville is to keep the runners healthy. Injuries will force Cronin to dig even deeper into his roster, which is something he'd like to avoid as much as possible. It isn't that he lacks faith, it's just that he's trying to shield the youngest and most inexperienced of the players.

"When you're the six or seventh guy on the team there's a big difference compared to the third guy on the team," said Cronin. "The number three runner is expected to score every time he goes out. I won't be able to insulate some of them from that pressure."

Some of the players Cronin would like to give the chance to grow more but most likely won't be able to are freshmen Tommy Ferrell and sophomores Kevin O'Brien, Chris Hilger and Charles Oehmke.

A runner that will be vying for the number two spot on the team and who brings varsity experience already will be Ian Gunn-Boyer.

Other runners include Mark Morrow, Nick Kobal, James Felner, Dan Grimmer, Omar Attalla, Neil Das, Walter Lin, Greg Sheppard, Joel Clements, Josh Ermatinger, Lowell Steiner, George Kern, Evan Grant, Logan Short, Adam Finch, Nitin Jacob, Ron Ketelhut, Dane Rupley, Tommy Sugawara, Sam Morgan and Matt Bednar.

The truth is, Cronin doesn't know who's going to step up and who isn't.

"Cross country, unlike other sports, isn't always about relying on your teammates," said Cronin. "Ultimately, if you put the work in you'll have success on the course. It's a direct translation of hard work. We just need to grow a little bit and it's going to definitely benefit us in the next couple of years."

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9/01	John Glenn	Home	7 p.m.	9/24	Hartland Invite	Away	9 a.m.
9/07	Churchill	Away	7 p.m.	9/24	Plymouth	Away	3 p.m.
9/08	W. L. Northern	Away	7 p.m.	9/29	W. L. Central	Away	3 p.m.
9/11	Saline	Home	11:30 a.m.	10/01	Churchill	Home	3 p.m.
9/13	Stevenson	Home	7 p.m.	10/05	Conference	Away	TBA
9/14	W. L. Western	Away	7 p.m.	10/07	Regionals	Away	TBA
9/18	Novi	Away	7 p.m.				
9/20	Franklin	Home	7 p.m.				
9/22	Wayne Memorial	Away	4 p.m.				
9/27	Canton	Home	7 p.m.				
9/29	Plymouth	Home	7 p.m.				
10/04	Salem	Away	7 p.m.				
10/06	W. L. Central	Home	7 p.m.				
10/13	WLAA	Home	7 p.m.				
10/18	Districts	Away	TBA				

BOYS GOLF

9/01	South Lyon	Away	3 p.m.	10/12	Howell	Away	6 p.m.
9/08	John Glenn	Away	3 p.m.	10/14	Canton	Away	7 p.m.
9/10	W. L. Northern	Home	3 p.m.	10/21	W. L. Western	Home	6 p.m.
9/13	Stevenson	Away	3 p.m.	10/28	Wayne Memorial	Away	7 p.m.
9/15	W. L. Western	Home	3 p.m.	11/04	WLAA Prelims	Away	TBA
9/17	Franklin	Away	3 p.m.	11/05	WLAA Prelims	Away	TBA
9/20	Wayne Memorial	Home	3 p.m.	11/06	WLAA Finals	Away	TBA

GIRLS SWIMMING

9/03	Ann Arbor Relays	Away	6 p.m.
9/07	South Lyon	Away	6 p.m.
9/11	WLAA Relays	Away	6 p.m.
9/14	Churchill	Home	7 p.m.
9/21	Dearborn	Home	6 p.m.
9/23	Stevenson	Away	6 p.m.
9/28	Novi	Home	7 p.m.
9/30	Plymouth	Home	7 p.m.
10/05	Salem	Home	7 p.m.
10/07	Franklin	Away	7 p.m.
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10/14	Canton	Away	7 p.m.
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11/05	WLAA Prelims	Away	TBA
11/06	WLAA Finals	Away	TBA

Sisters hope to boost squad

By Matt Simich
SPECIAL WRITER

Everyone may currently be watching the Olympic swimmers on TV.

But in a couple of weeks, all eyes will be on Alex and Tanya Tereszchenko of the Northville girls swim team. This year the team hopes to repeat their Division championship and go even further.

Alex started out swimming simply for the fun of it but it quickly turned into a sport that drove her to compete. As a member of the Bulldogs Aquatics Club she developed her swimming skills and has been on the varsity squad at Northville for four years.

Last season Alex competed at the state-level in two events. The 50 and 100-meter freestyle races are her strong stokes.

As captain of the squad, Alex realizes that she is now a role model for the underclassmen.

"It's kind of weird," Alex said. "I always have had someone to look up to but now I have others looking up to me."

And for the Tereszchenkos, swimming is a family matter. Alex's younger sister Tanya is following in her older sister's wake. Tanya, a sophomore, started out swimming because Alex and their older sister Sonya were both involved in swimming.

Tanya also likes to swim the 50-meter freestyle event.

"It's great having Alex on the team with me," said Tanya. "I support her and she supports me."

The sisters both see Stevenson as the most challenging opponent for the coming season. Beyond that, Alex has a personal goal of etching her name in the Northville High School record books before graduating. She would like to swim at the collegiate level but is undecided on.

what college she wants to attend. "Put your entire heart into your sport," is the advice Alex has for other athletes, a play taken right from the page of this sister act.

The Mustangs kick off their home swim season against Churchill September 14th.

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Alex and Tanya Tereszchenko



Cozy up with book in comfy nook

Nest houses wasps, not bees

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
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Q: The fireplace juts out in the middle of our living room, leaving space on both sides for either bookcases or a kind of inglenook. (Exactly what is an inglenook, anyway?) What we want to know is whether we could have both: seating below and bookshelves above?

A: Depends on the height of your ceiling. By definition, an inglenook is a cozy corner by the fireplace ("ingle" is an old Gallic word for fire, says my Oxford, and "nook" speaks for itself). If yours is not too cozy — that is, if the ceiling is high enough to keep you from bumping your head — you could indeed have it both ways.

In the photo we show here, the shelf could easily hold books instead of a collection of small artworks. There's still ample room below to curl up — or stretch out — with a good book and a snifter of brandy. Or, in this case, a glass of Nantucket iced tea.

We borrowed the photo from a mouth-watering book called "At Home in Nantucket" by Lisa McGee (Chronicle Books). Lisa lived as a girl on The Faraway Isle, as they call Nantucket.

She and photographer Paul Whicheloe take you into some of the truly remarkable houses on the little island. (We have the economy to thank for the fact that so many 18th and 19th century houses survived intact. When the whaling industry imploded in the latter 1800s, Nantucketers were simply too poor to "modernize.") The sunny room in the photo is actually in one of the island's now-rare Victorian houses, built in 1890 and decorated to conjure the warmth of Italy, its owner's other passion. Hence, the terra cotta and golden color scheme and the woodwork, including the fireplace surround, which is painted to look like marble.

Q: We would love a suggestion about decorating the room we're getting ready for the 3-year-old girl we're adopting.



This once-wasted hearthside space is now a favorite place to curl up with a book.

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From our correspondence with the orphanage, we learned she loves Winnie the Pooh. Do you know of any fabrics or wallpaper with Pooh Bear or other cute characters?

A: As Disney is the uberlicenser of products with its characters, you should have no trouble coordinating your room decor right off the shelf. You might also have a look at the offerings on www.tabberone.com, where Pooh and his buddies come in full color on 45-inch fabrics that sell for about \$10 a yard plus shipping costs

Then there's 3 Day Blinds, a window covering manufacturer named for its speed in delivering custom designs. In business for nearly 30 years, 3 Day offers what it says are the first custom, cordless window coverings designed specifically for a child's room.

Operated by a cordless lifting system, the blinds are made of polymer material with edges angled to reduce light leakage so the little darling can sleep late. And, yes, they are available with Disney characters, including Pooh Bear, with prices ranging from \$60 to \$600. When your

daughter's ready to trade bears for, say, Snow White, you can replace the slats with a new design at half the cost of all-new blinds. Or buy plain white slats at a quarter of the original price. Check them out at www.3day.com or (800) 800-3329.

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Q: I was behind my garage yesterday and there was a thing that looks like a bee or wasp nest up at the peak and there were insects flying in and out. This looks like a gray paper football. They didn't sting me. If these are honeybees, do I need to kill them?

A: Your fliers aren't bees; they are wasps. The wasp family is large. There are wasps, hornets and yellow jackets in the group. Bees belong to a whole different family. Bees don't put papier-mache footballs on houses and trees — wasps do. Some wasps are aggressive. Others pretty much ignore you unless you are threatening their apartment building. Bald-faced hornets and some yellow jackets build paper nests. The nest is actually made out of chewed dead wood and wasp spit. This is a one-season item. After this season, nobody else will live there. Many of these fall apart during winter rains because they aren't very durable. If you haven't been stung or they don't appear aggressive, you could leave the nest. But if you or family members are allergic to wasp stings, it has to go. They are feeding on insects like small caterpillars and corn earworms, so there's a useful aspect to their existence. But if you need to get them dead yesterday, here's the assassination plan. Buy one of the aerosol wasp sprays that spray 12 or 20 feet. Wait until it is dark but just dark enough for you to see what you are doing. At night, they will all be home playing cards and watching television. Nobody is flying around to see you coming. Tippy-toe up silently and direct the spray toward the bottom of the nest where the opening is located. Give it a good dose and then slip silently into the night. Don't use a flashlight because they could follow the beam back to you. That's a bad thing. Check the next day during the day for any evidence of wasp activity like flying in and out of the nest. If there is, give them another shot of wasp spray. You don't have to take down the nest because no other critter will ever use it. Plenty of people fall off ladders removing dead nests. If you feel there's a risk to you when spraying, drive up in the car or truck, shut it off and turn off the lights

Home Grown

Gretchen Voyle



Roll down the window, spray and then roll it up immediately and drive off. Assess the risk for the family and spray at night, if necessary. Your kingdom is safe. Theirs might not be.

Q: I have a huge red pine, and whole branches or the end of the branches are all brown. It is in a group of trees and most are about five or so feet away from it. Maples, cherries and spruces surround it. I know this disease is going to spread. How do I save this tree and all the others?

A: Consider this old huge tree "grandma," and the bad news is grandma is dead. Evergreens are confusing plants. They turn brown months after they have fallen. But this is why we can use them as Christmas trees. They are cut in October and don't even know they're dead until January. Whatever affected this tree is ancient history. Even if it was insect- or disease-related, the surrounding trees would probably not get the same things. If they did, they would be showing something by now. The most likely explanation has to do with crowding, moisture and nutrient issues. This starts the downward slide. If branches on trees touch, so do roots. Each year, they all get in each other's way even more. They are in competition for moisture, sunlight and nutrients. Toss in the major drought of 2002 and all problems got magnified. As trees get older, they aren't as efficient at repairing damage. Grandma was the looser in this scuffle. Cut grandma down and get rid of her. Get a soil test and supply nutrients for the others. Consider thinning this heap o' trees out. Water if it's dry. Boost the health of the survivors.

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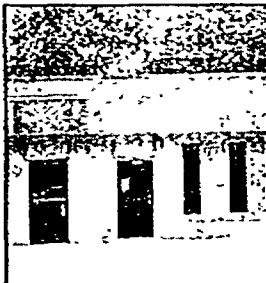





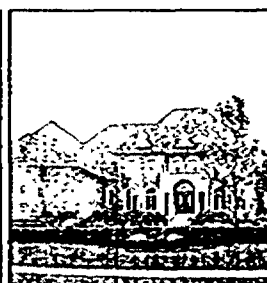

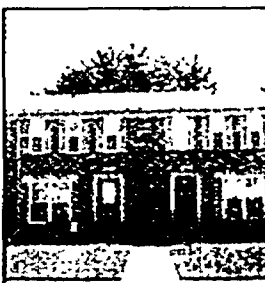




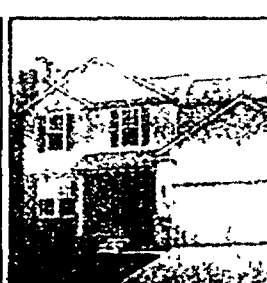



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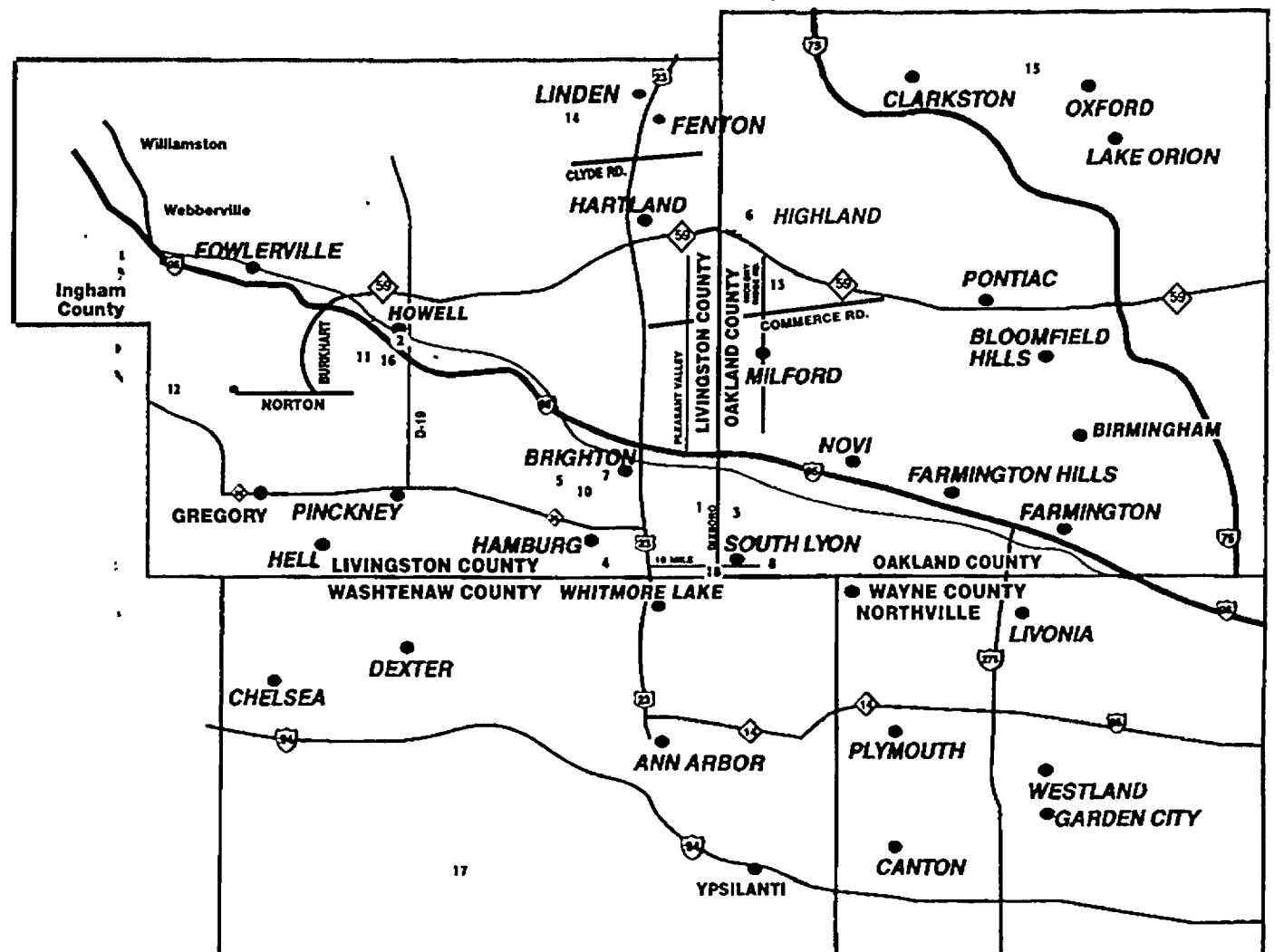
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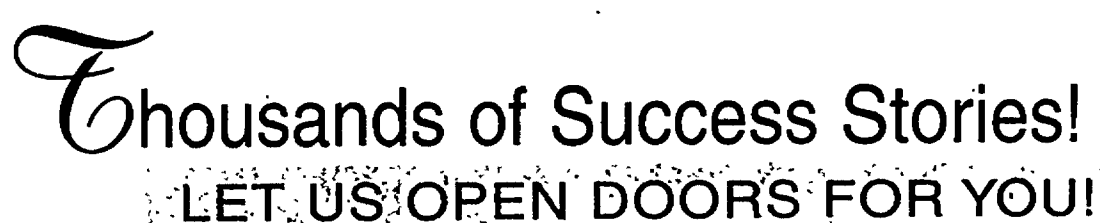
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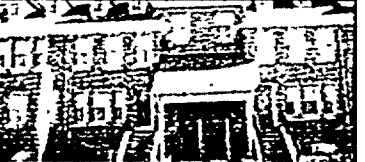


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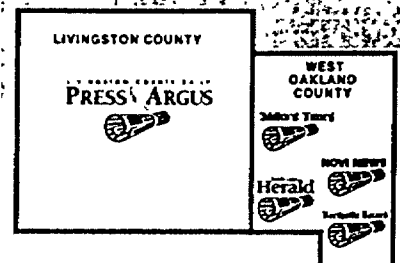
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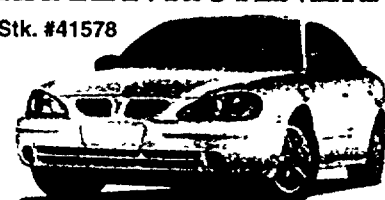
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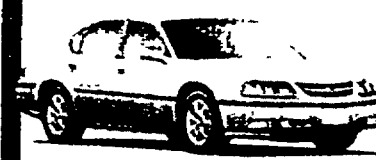
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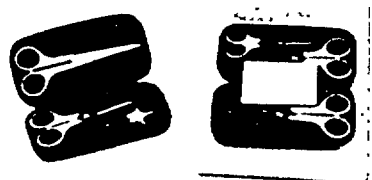
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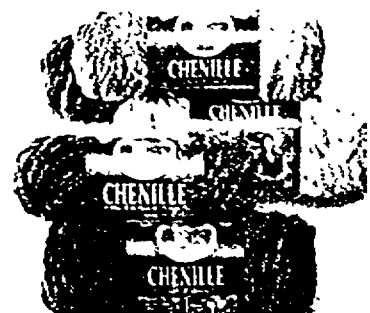
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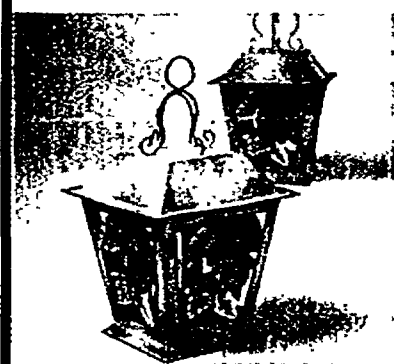
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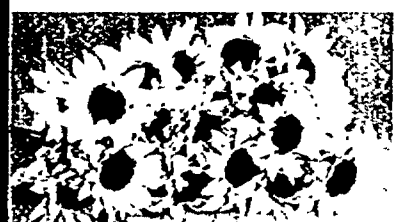
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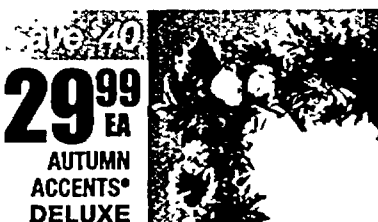
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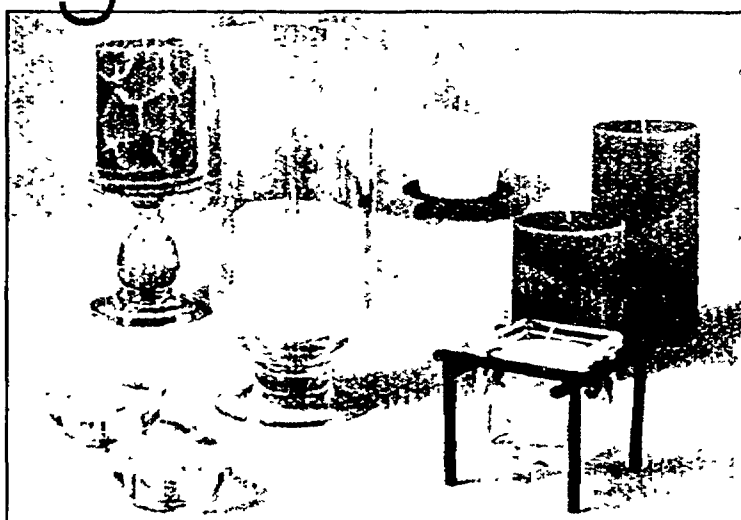
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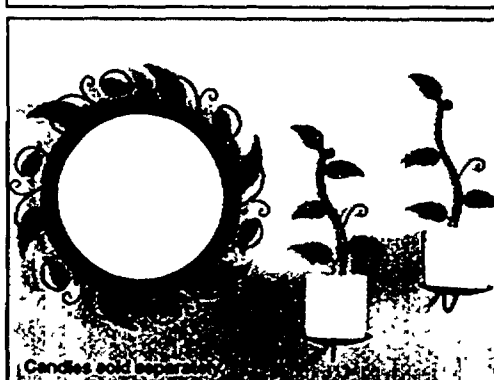


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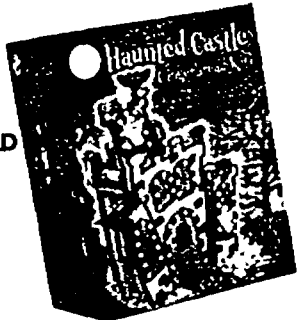
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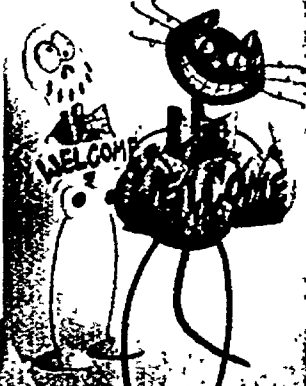
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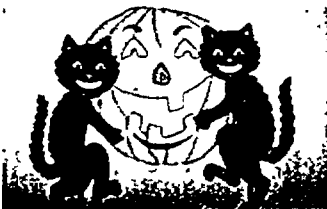
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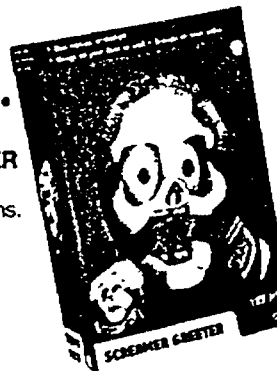


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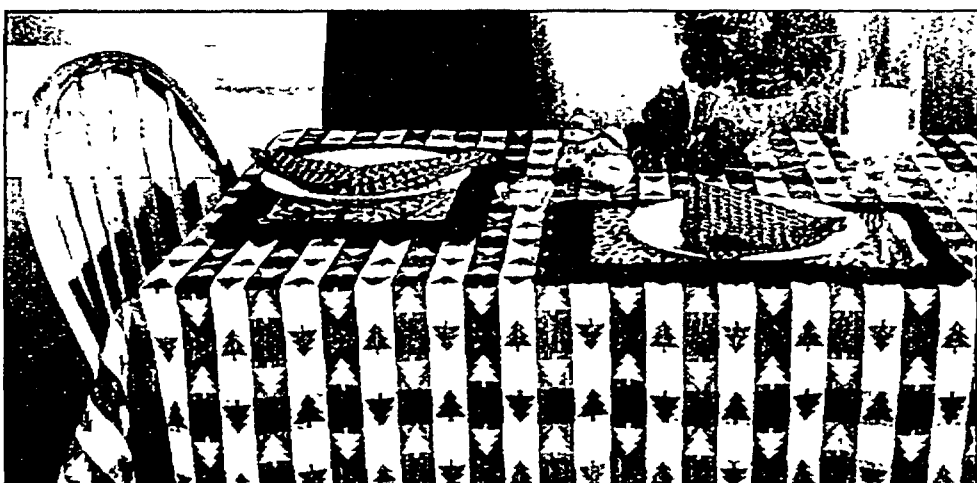
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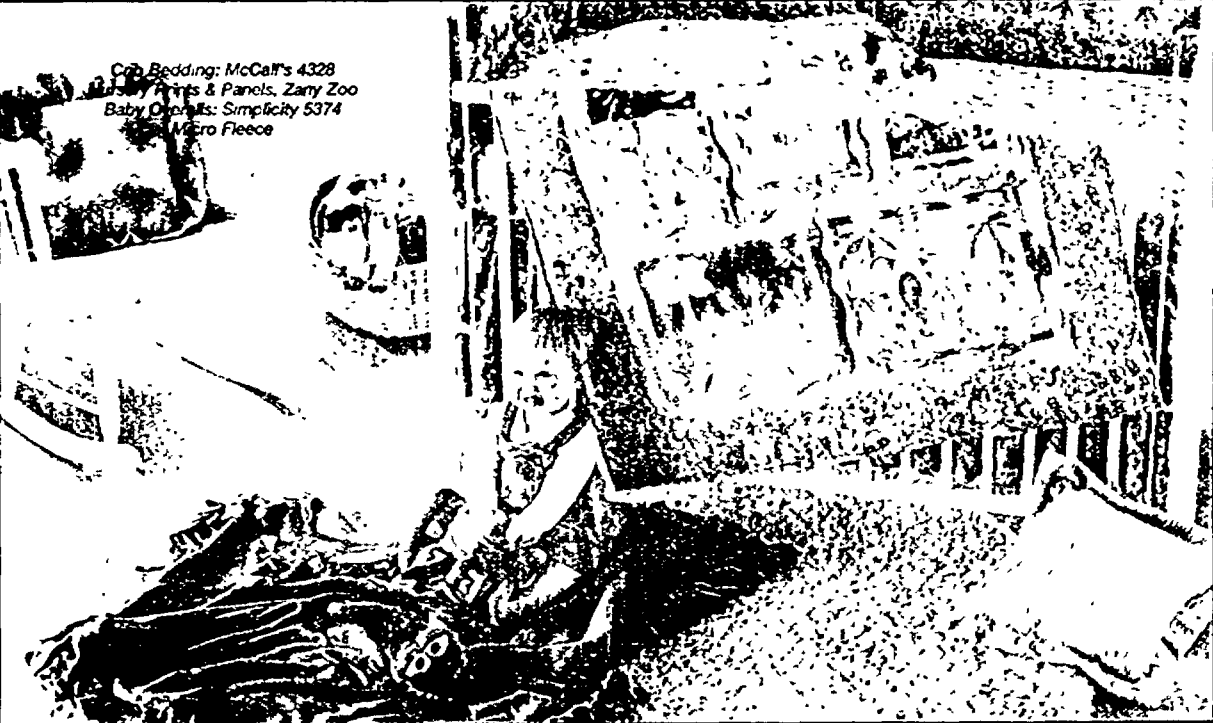
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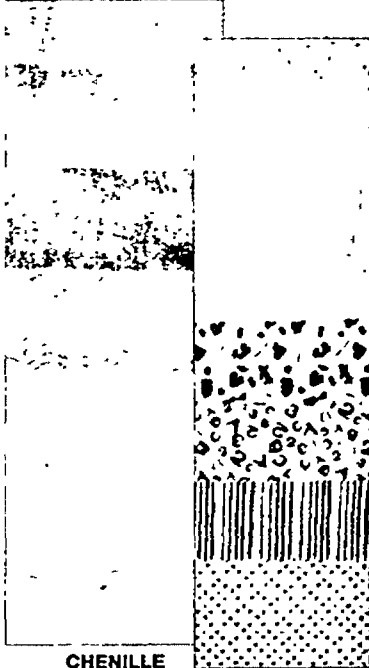
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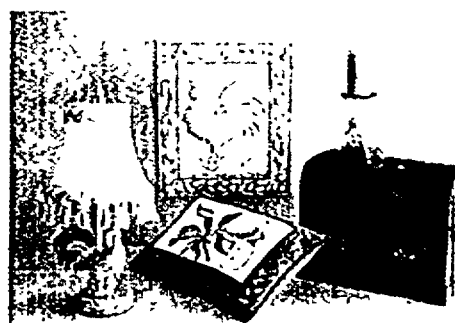


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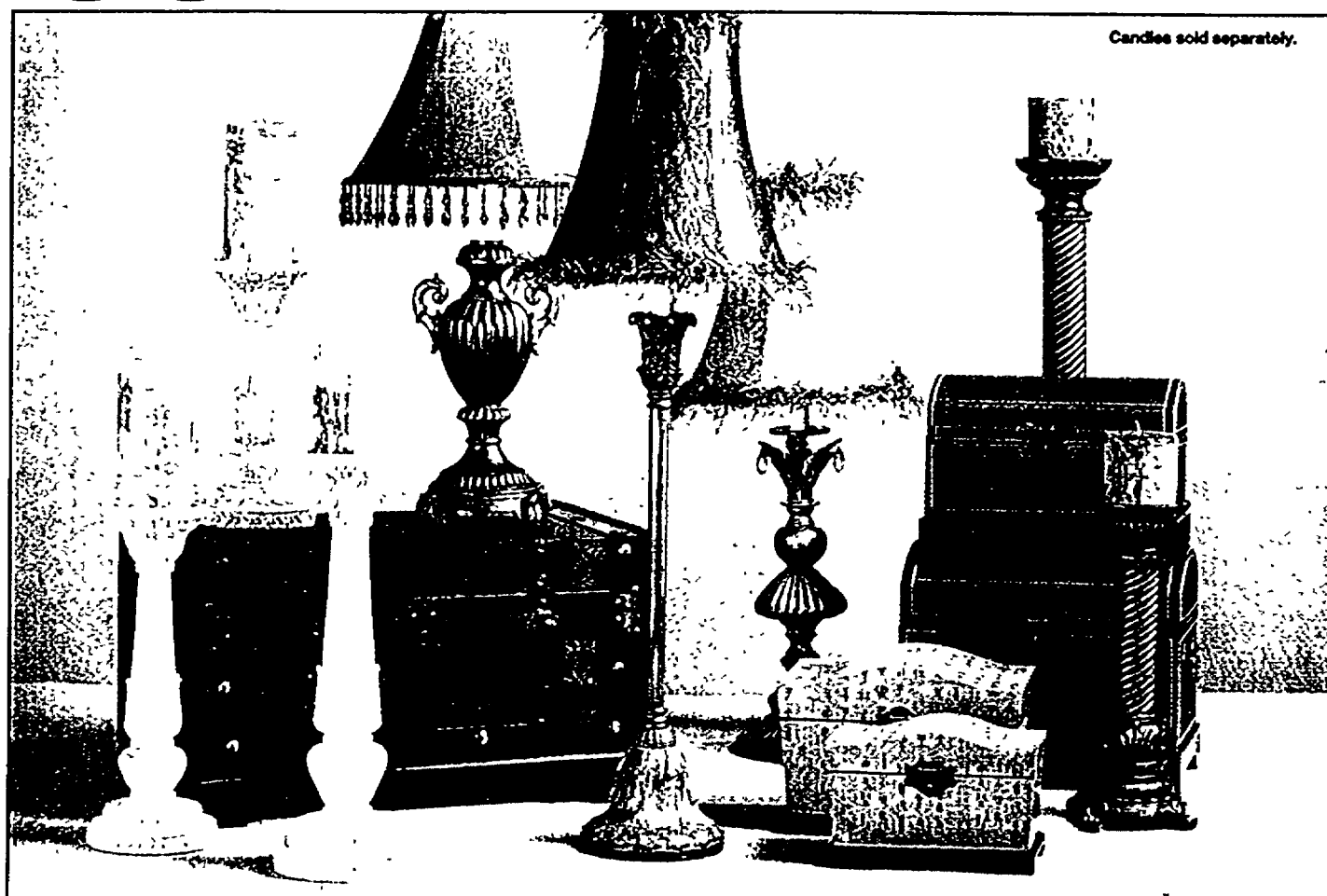
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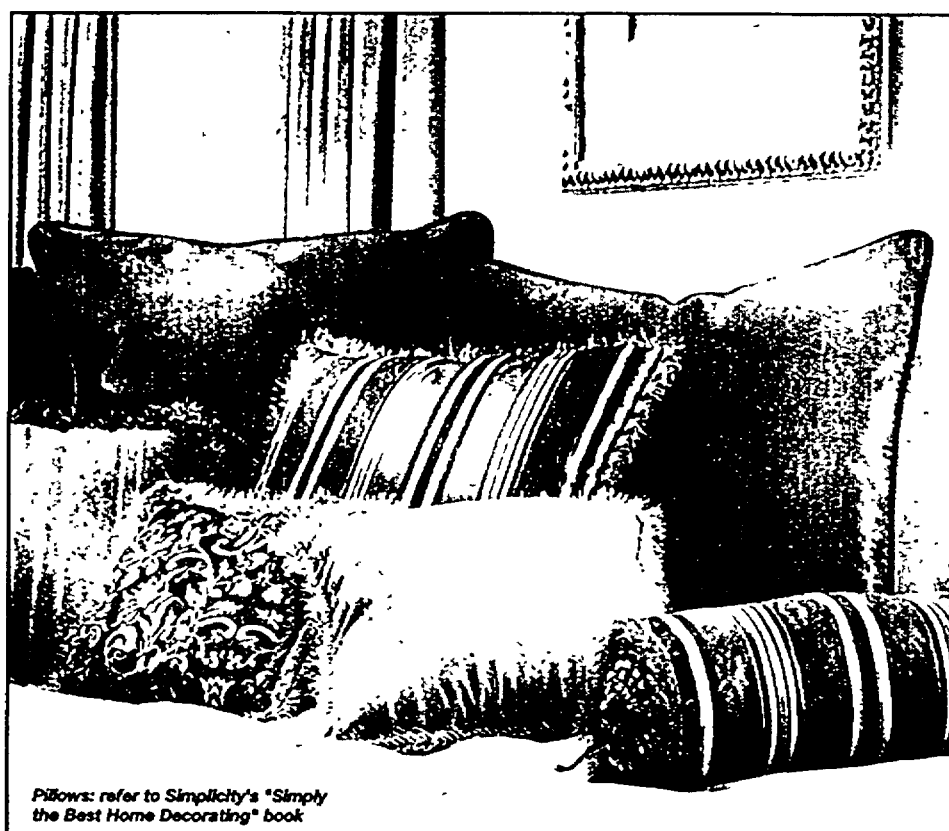
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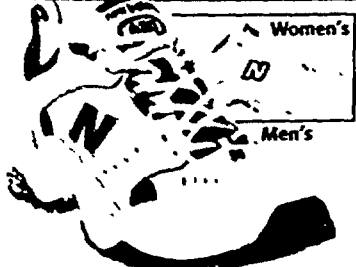
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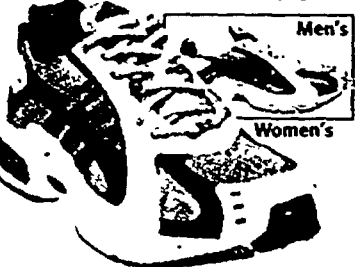
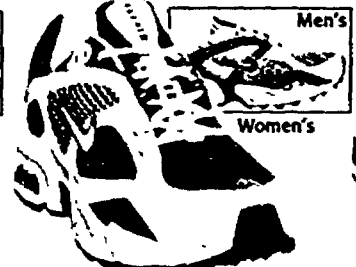


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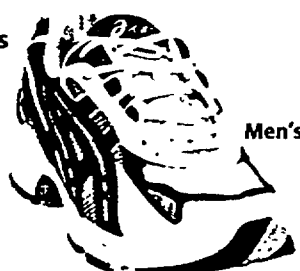
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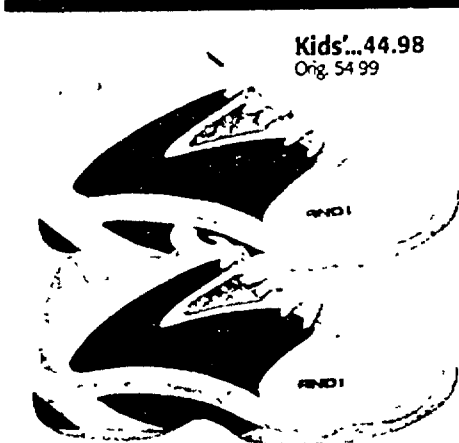


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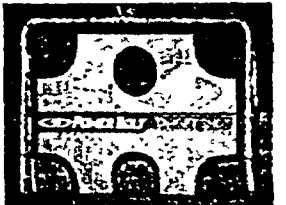
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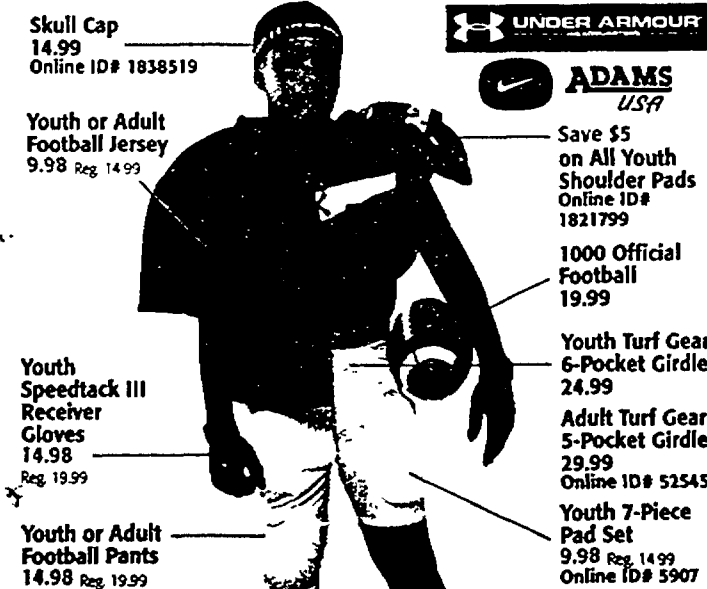
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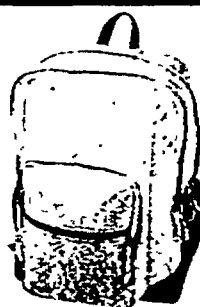
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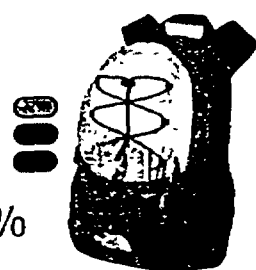
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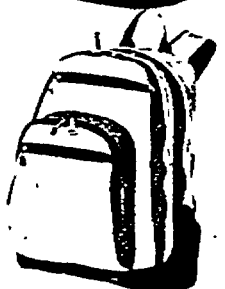
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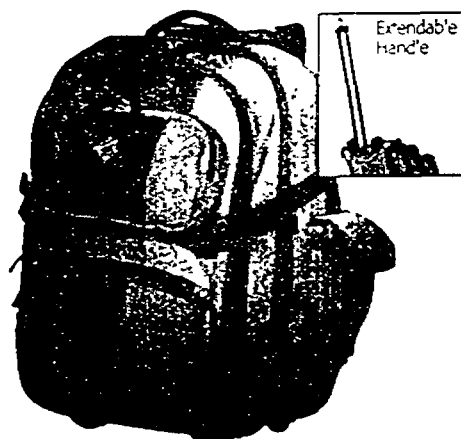
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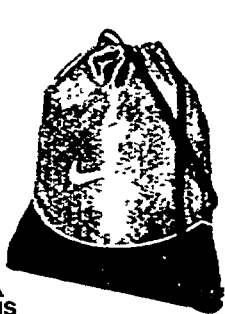


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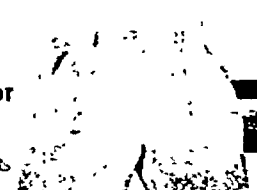
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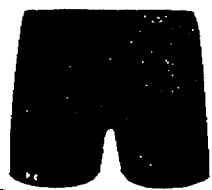
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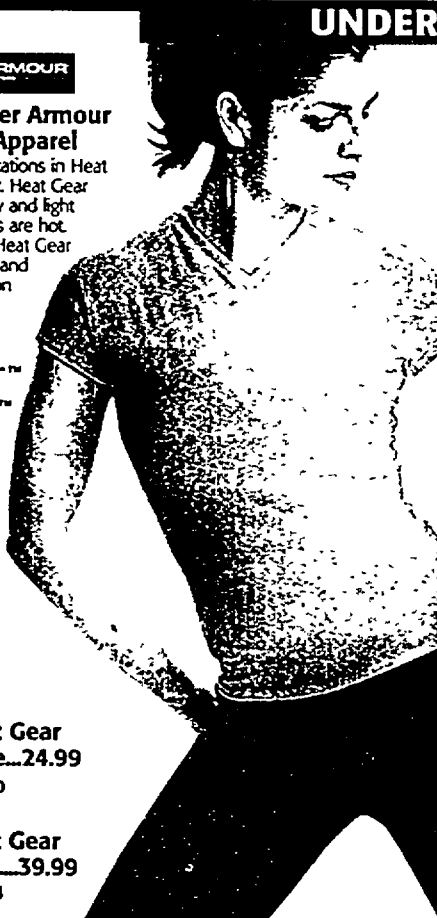
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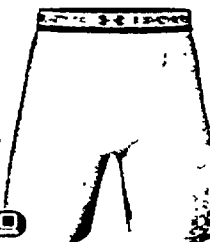
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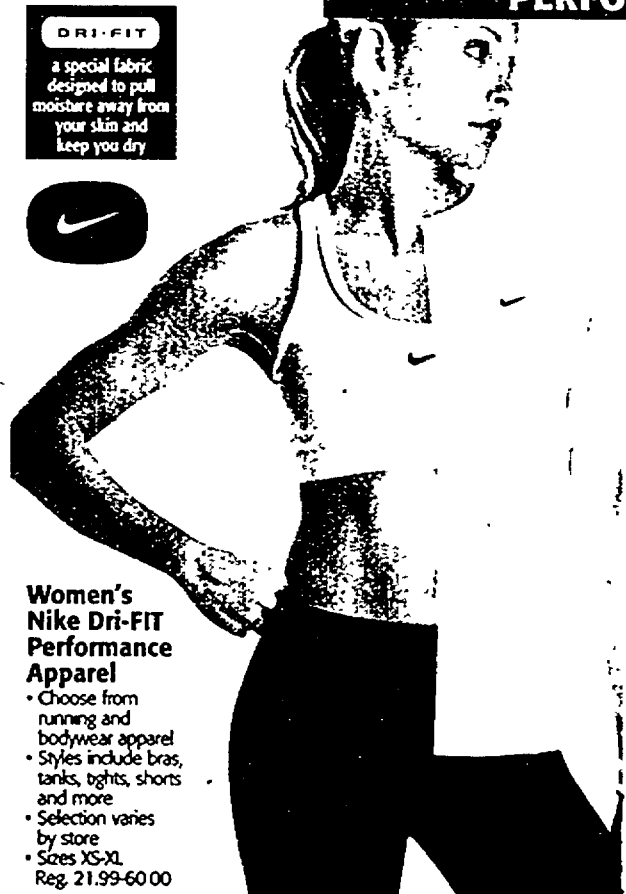
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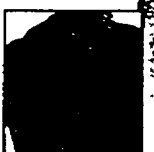
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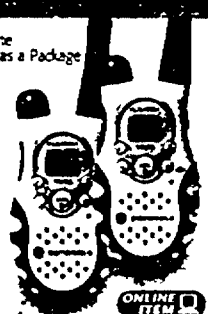
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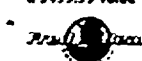
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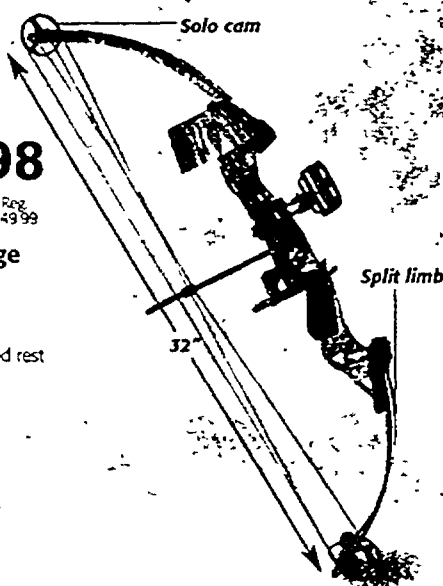
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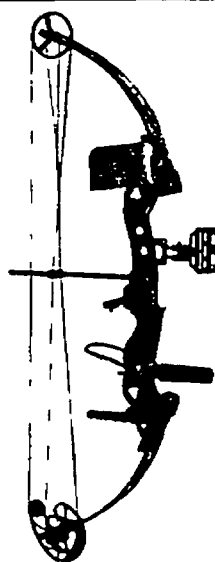
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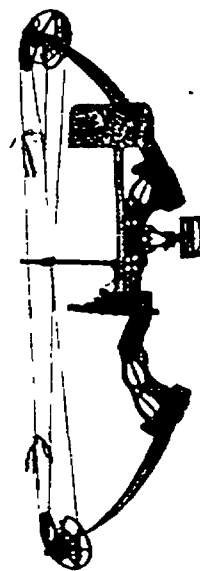
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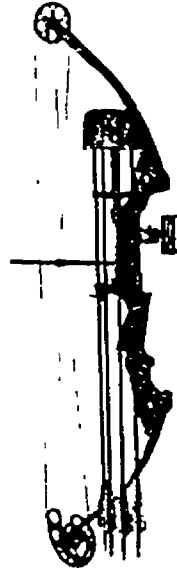
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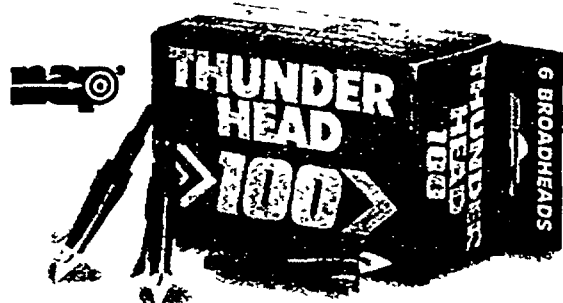
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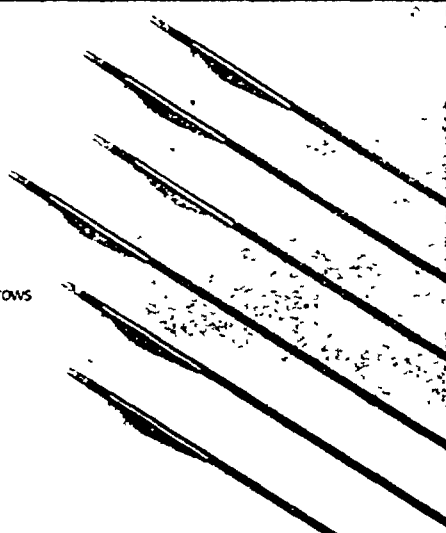
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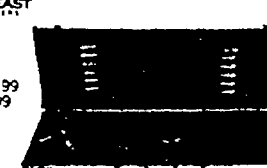
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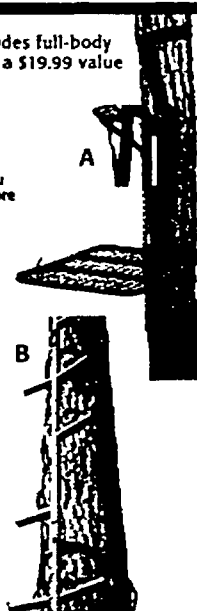
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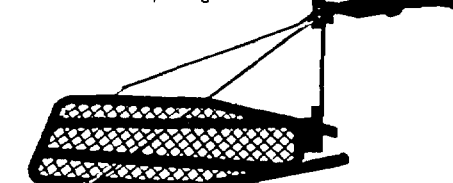
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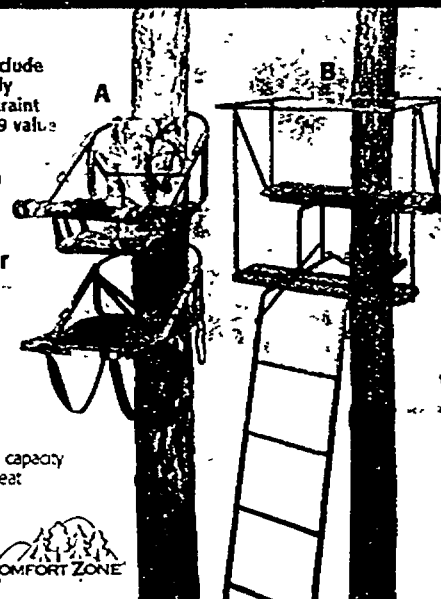
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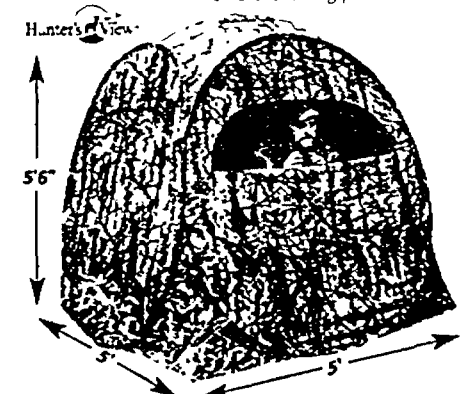


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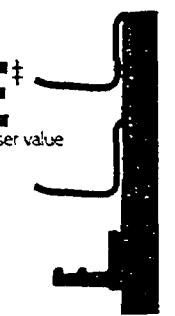
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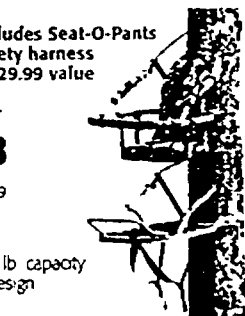
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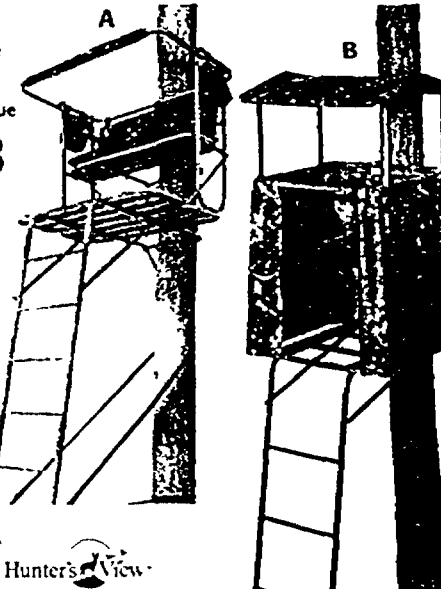
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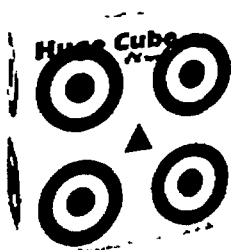
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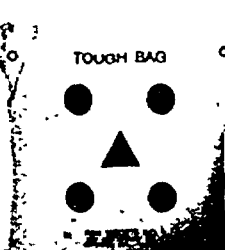
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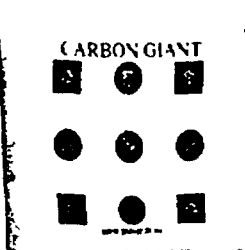


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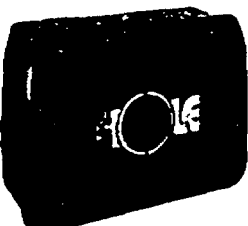


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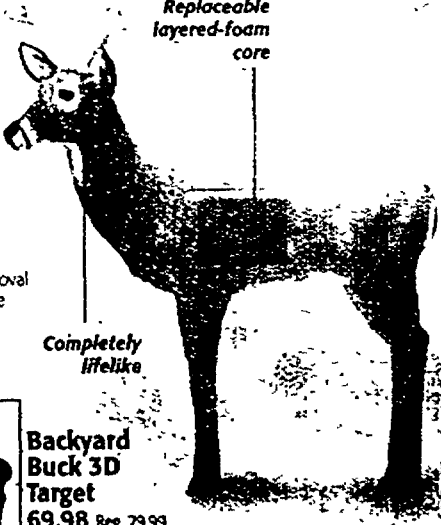


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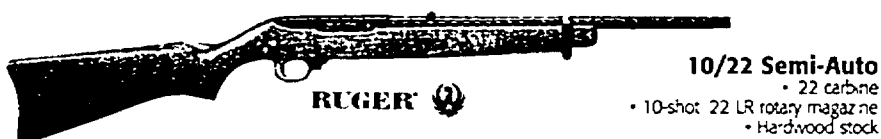
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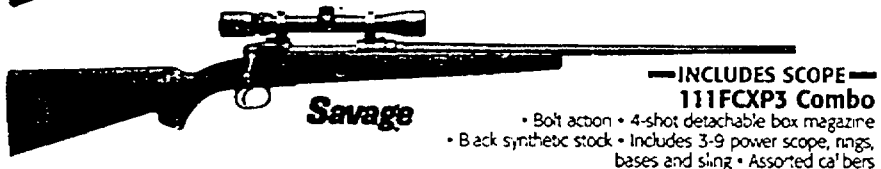
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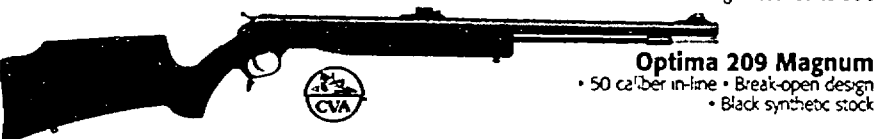
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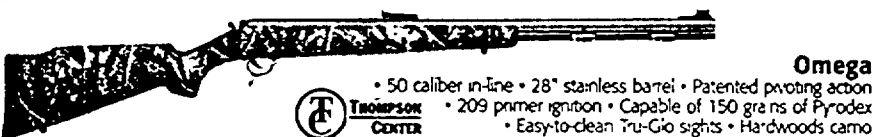
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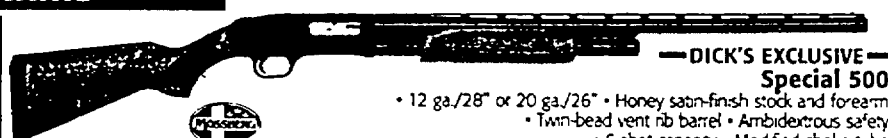
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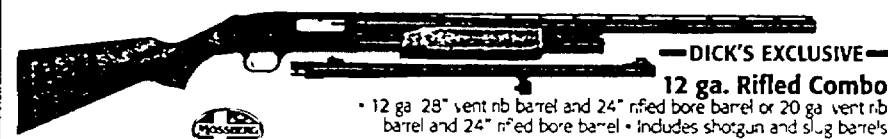
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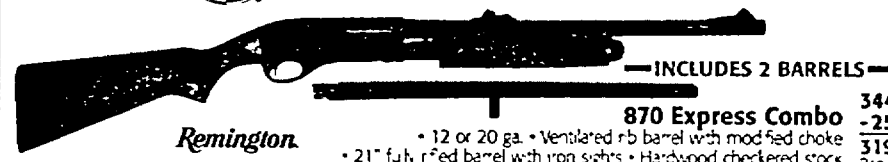
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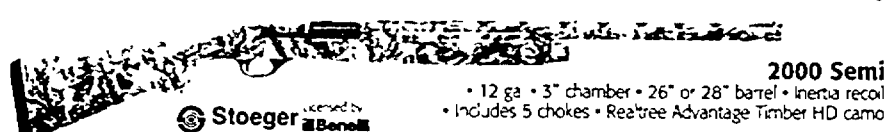
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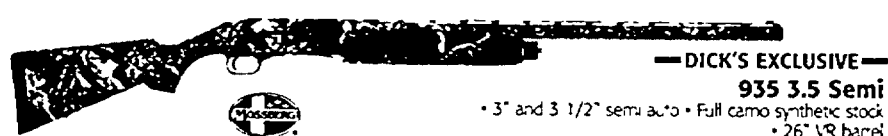
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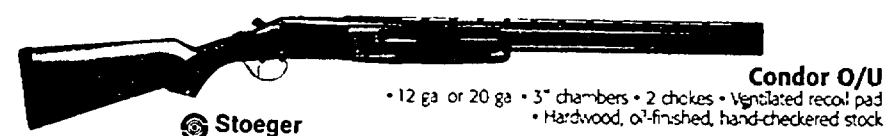
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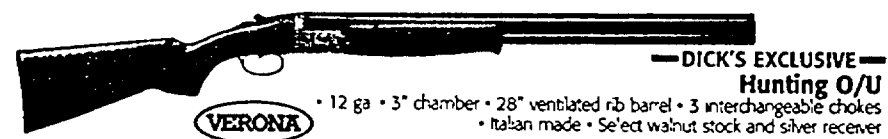
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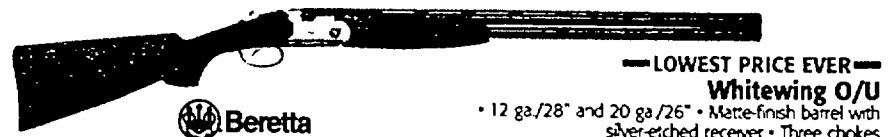
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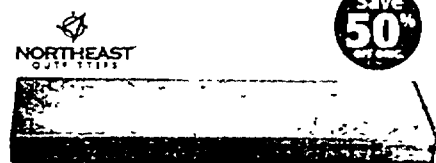
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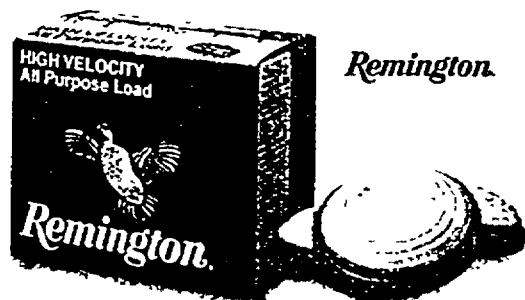
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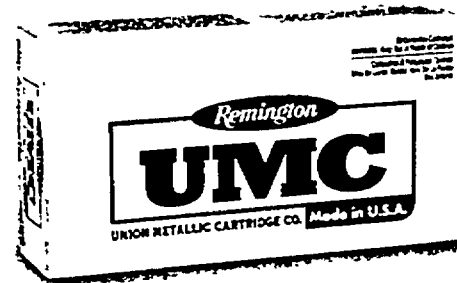
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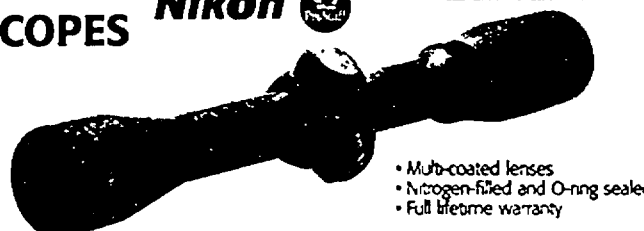
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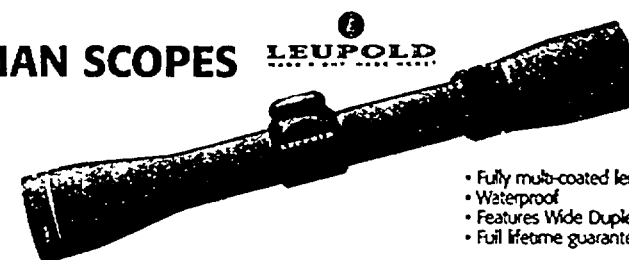
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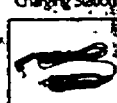
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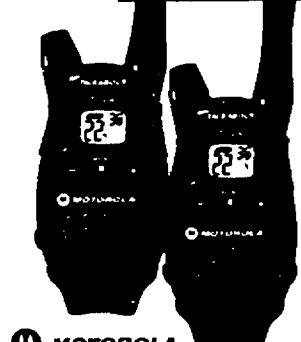
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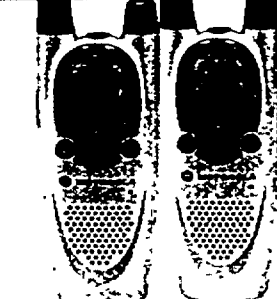
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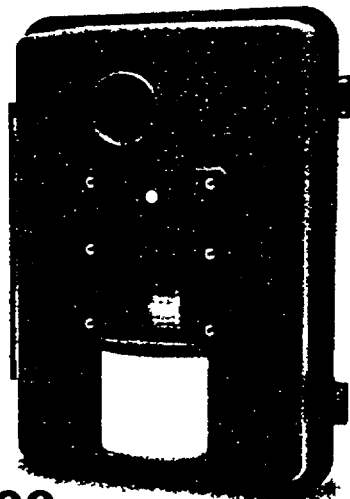
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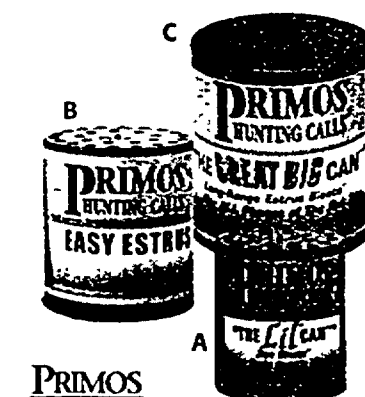
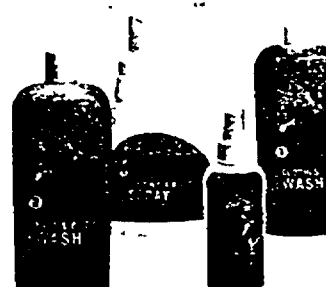


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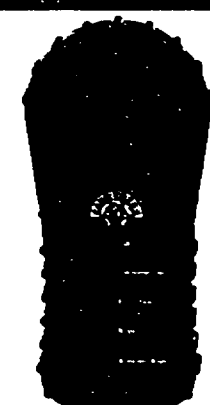
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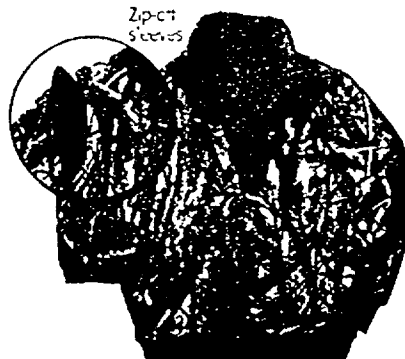
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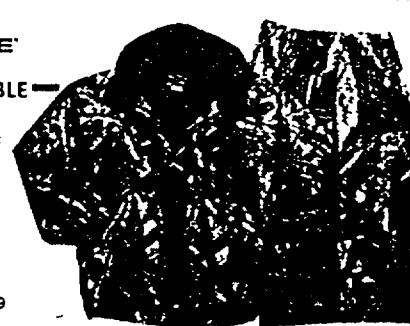
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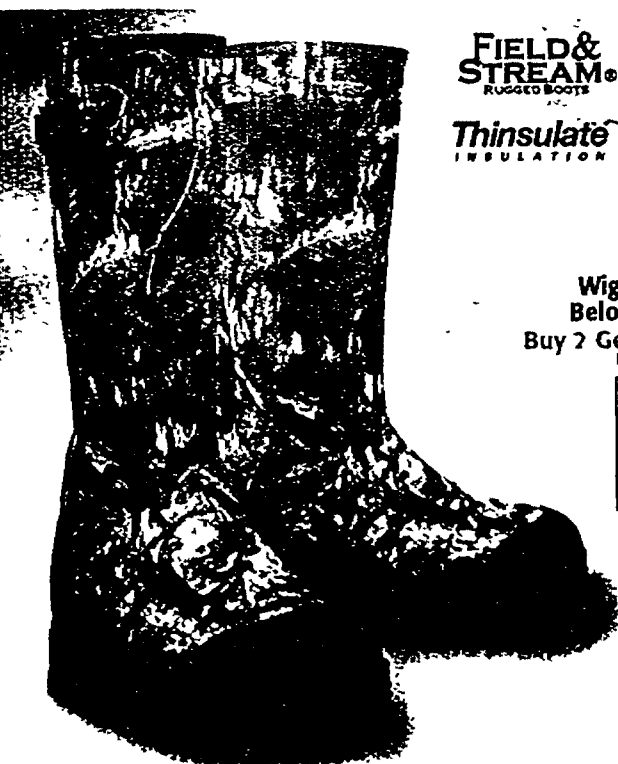
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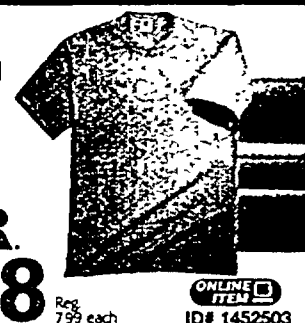
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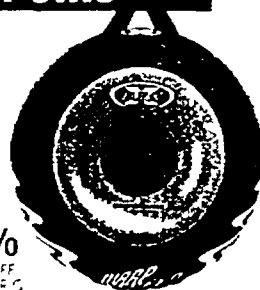
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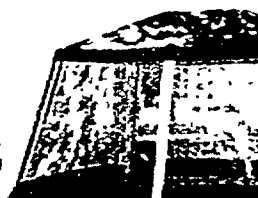
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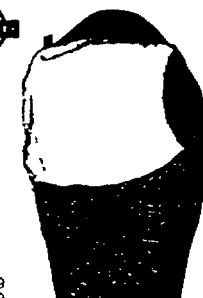
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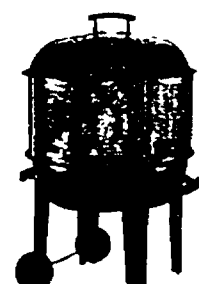
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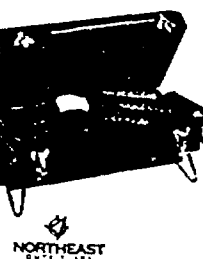
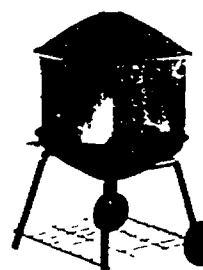
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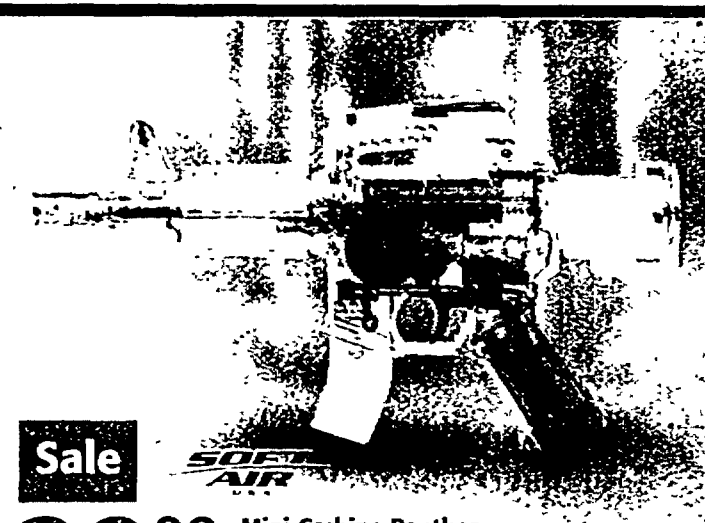
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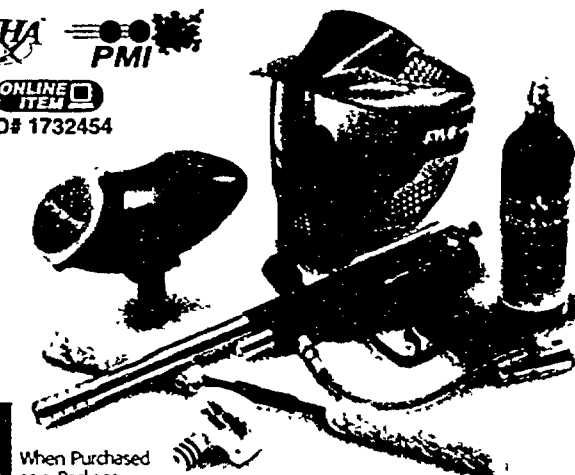
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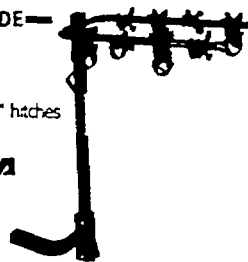
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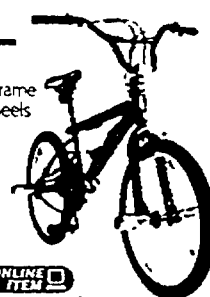


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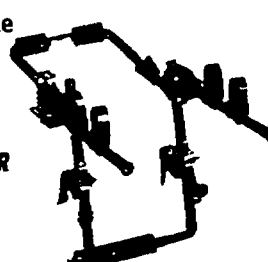


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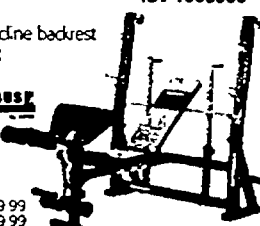
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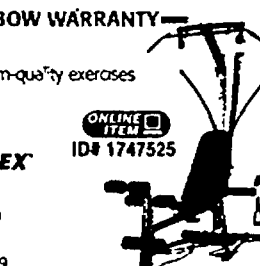


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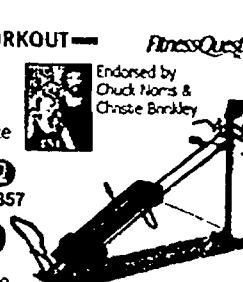


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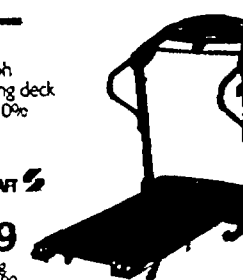


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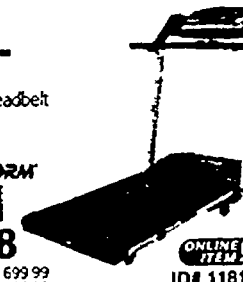
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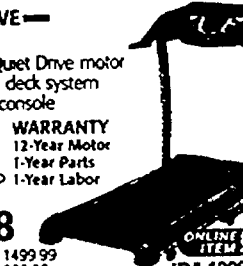


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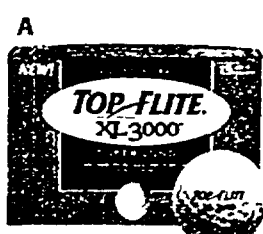
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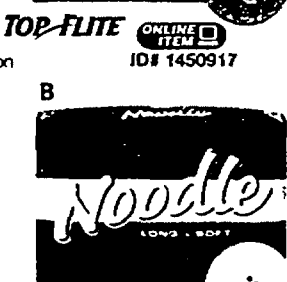
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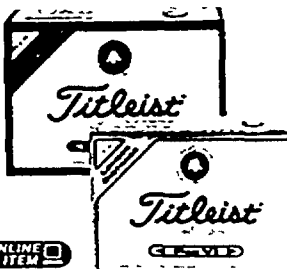


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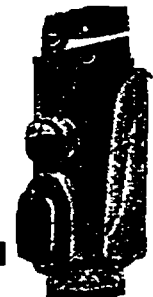


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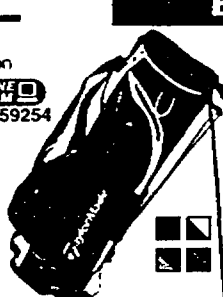


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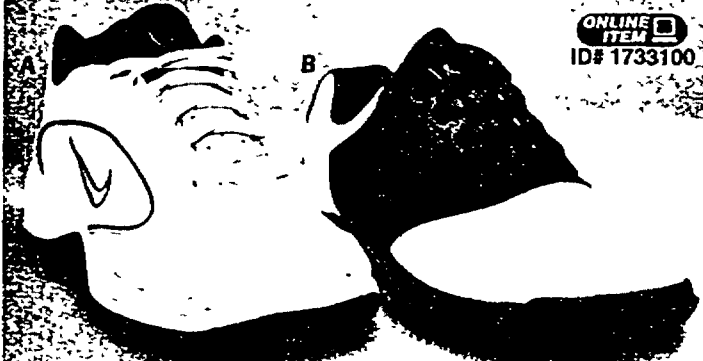
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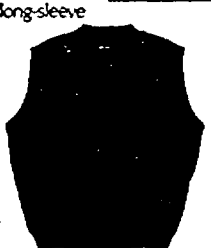
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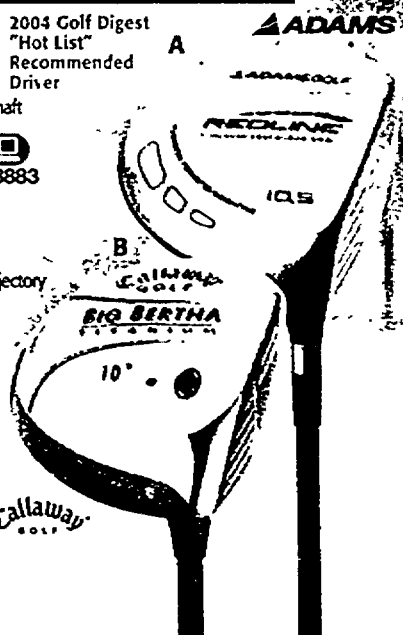
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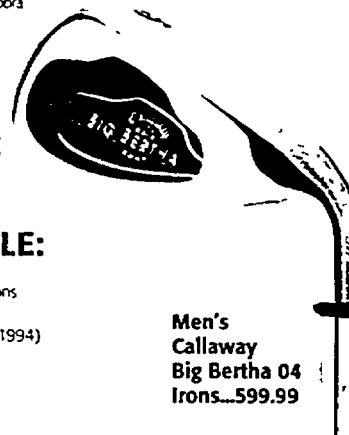
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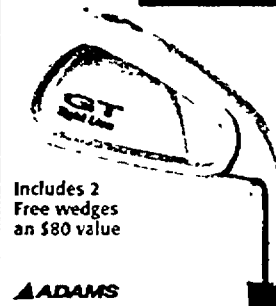
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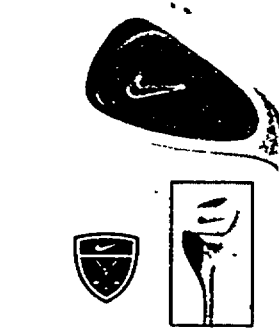
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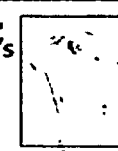
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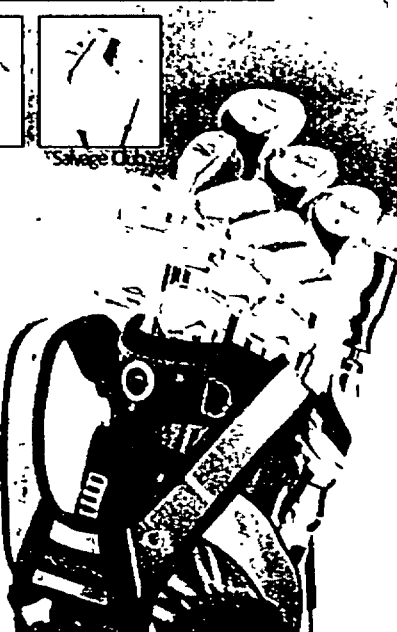
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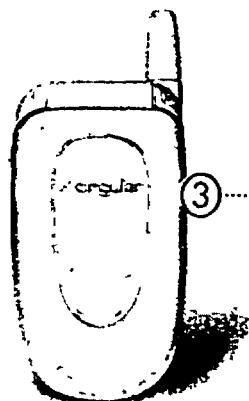
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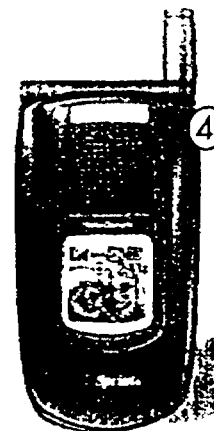
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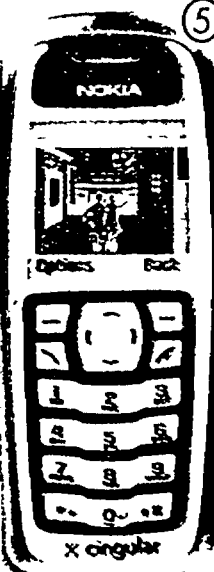
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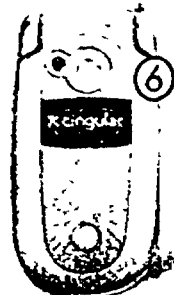
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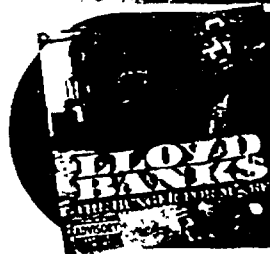
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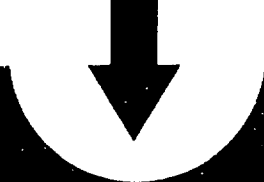


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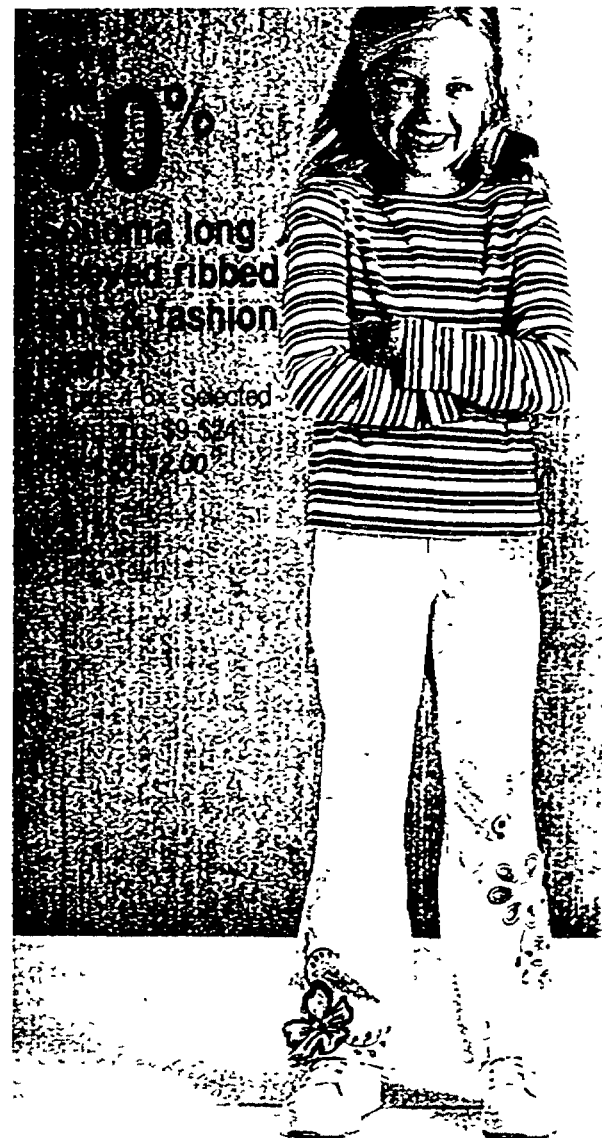
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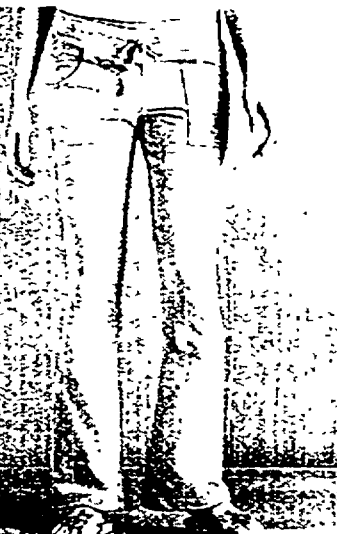
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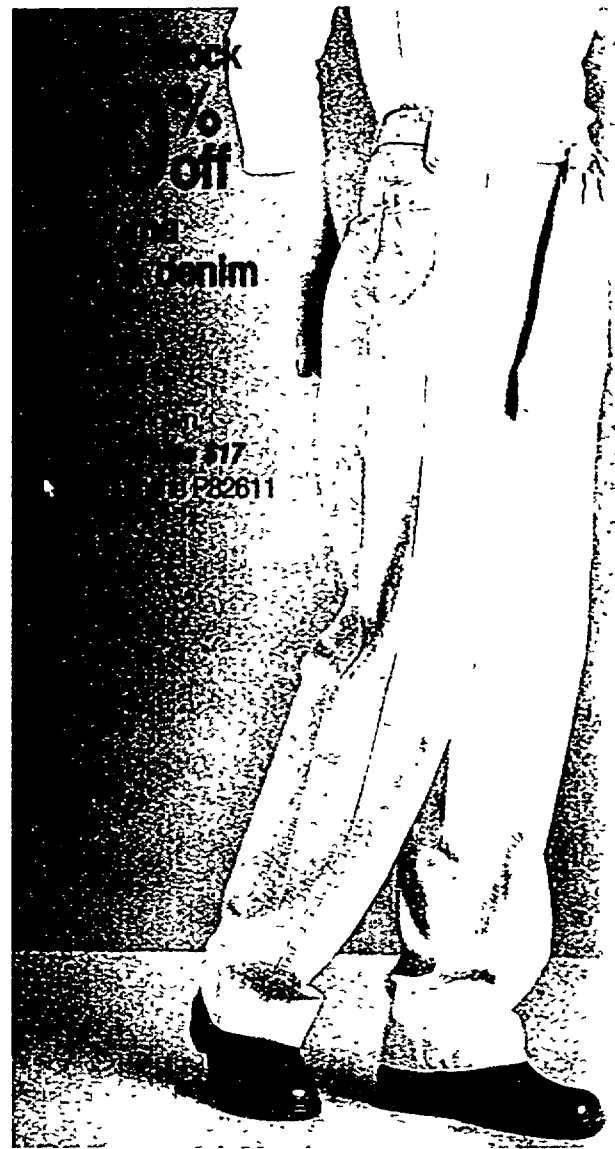
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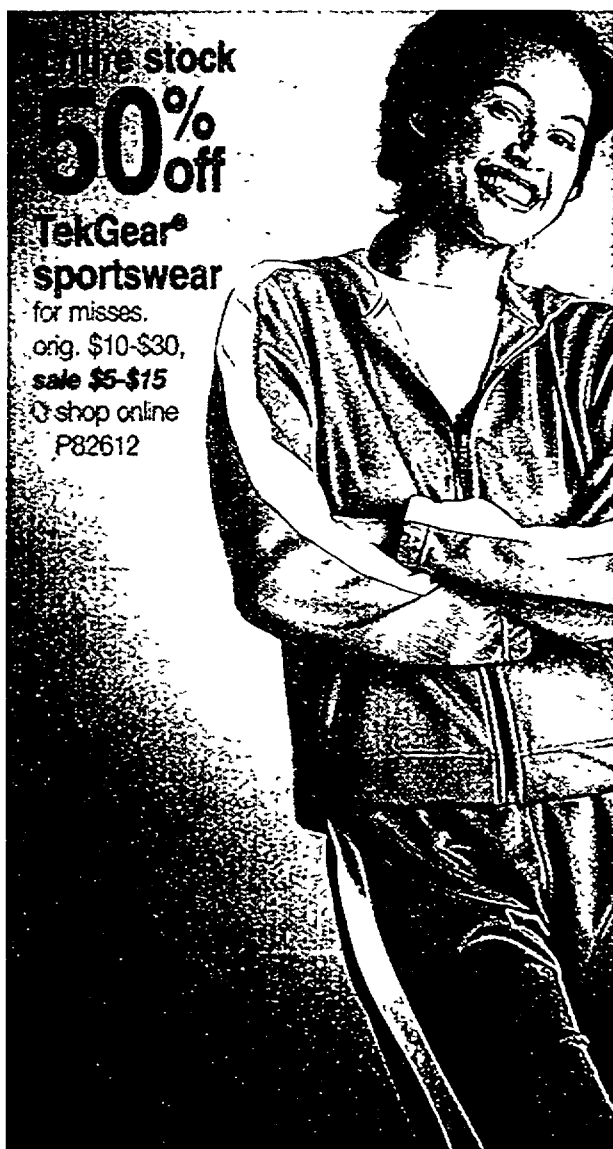
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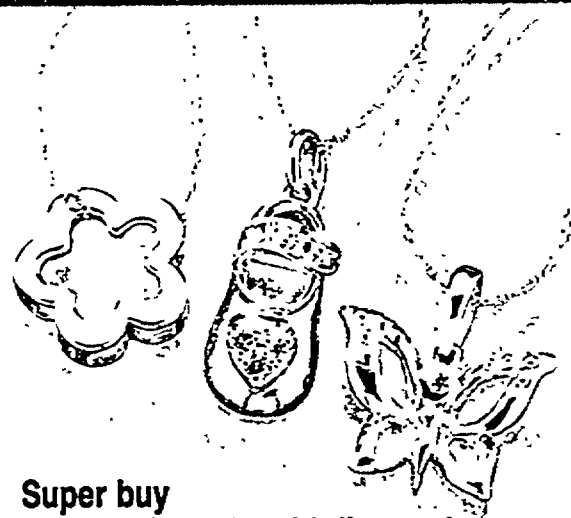


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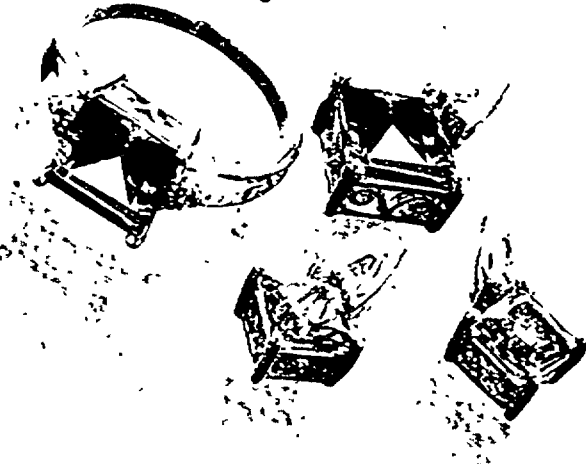
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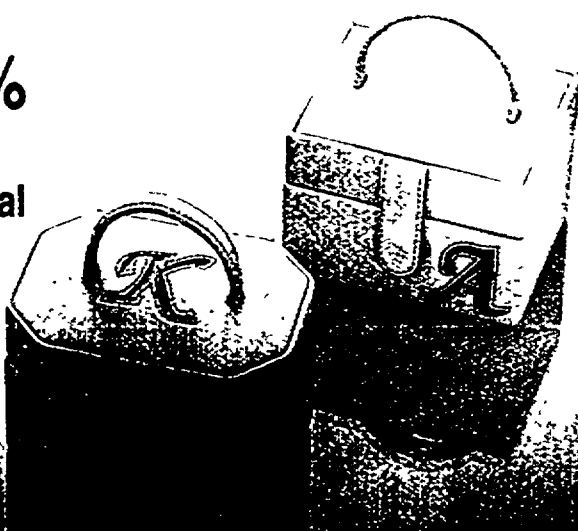
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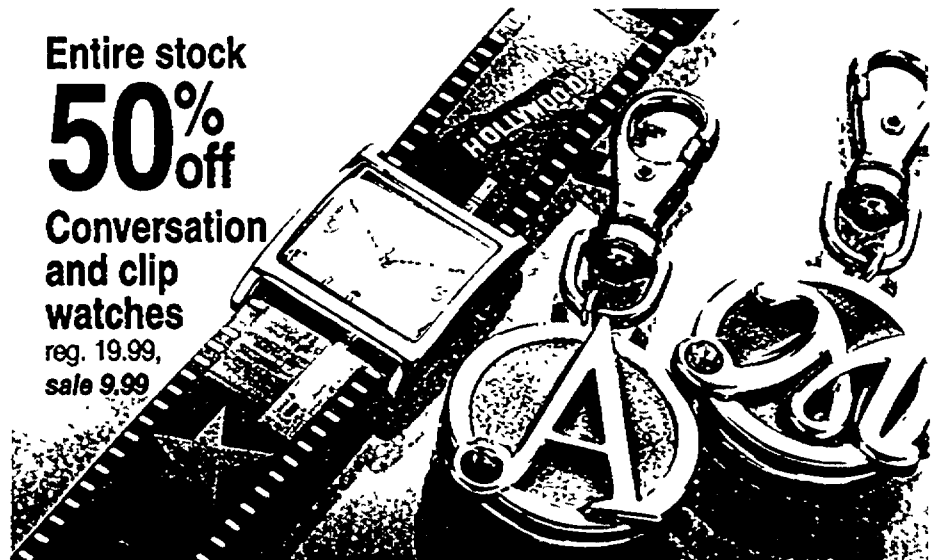
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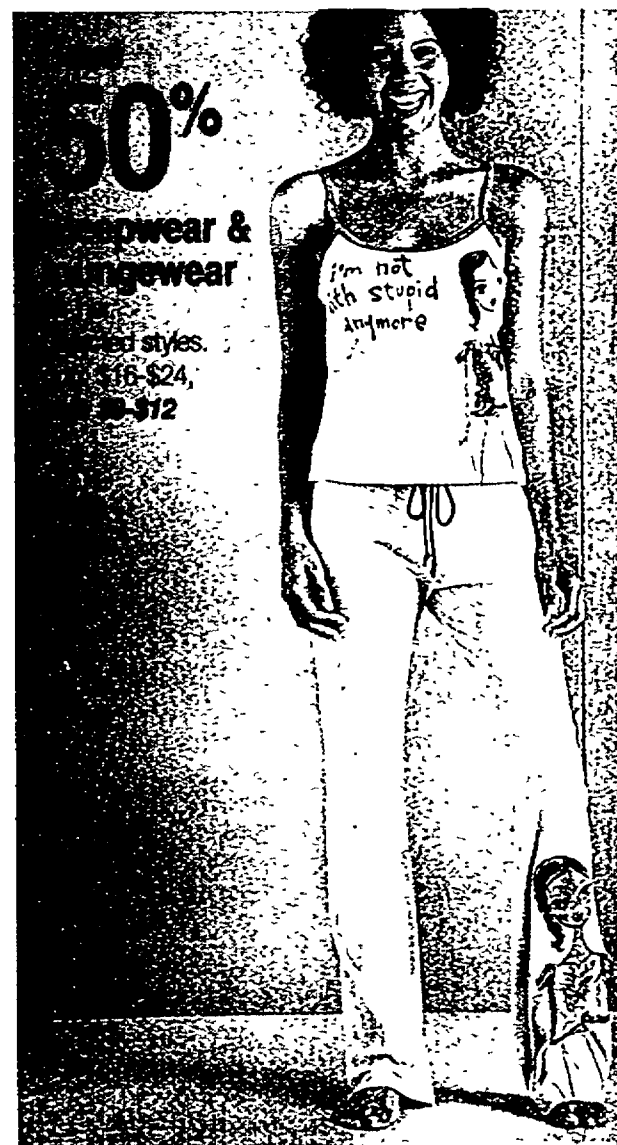
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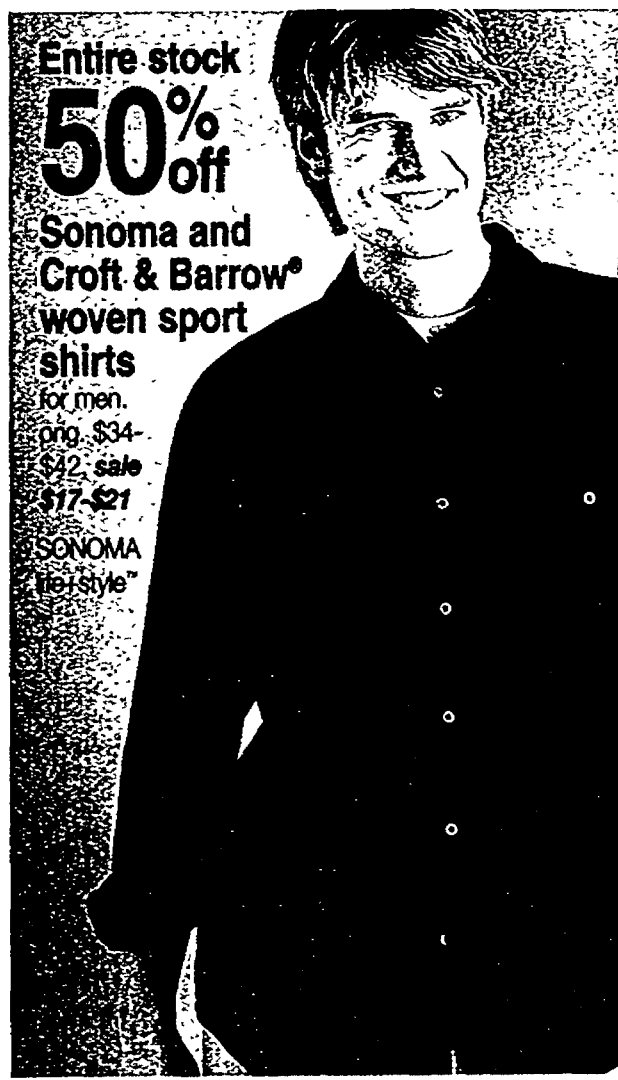


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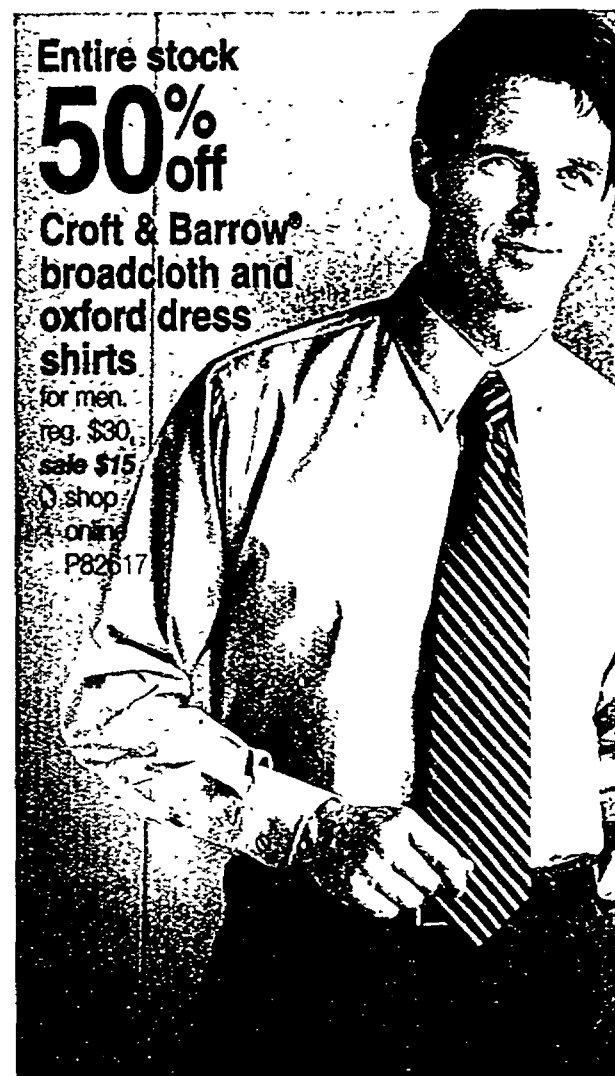
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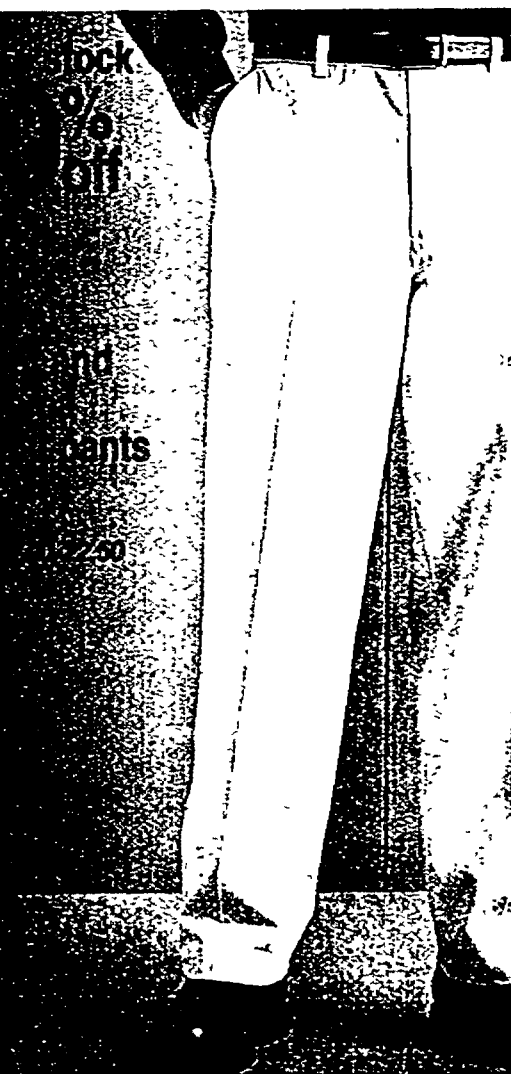
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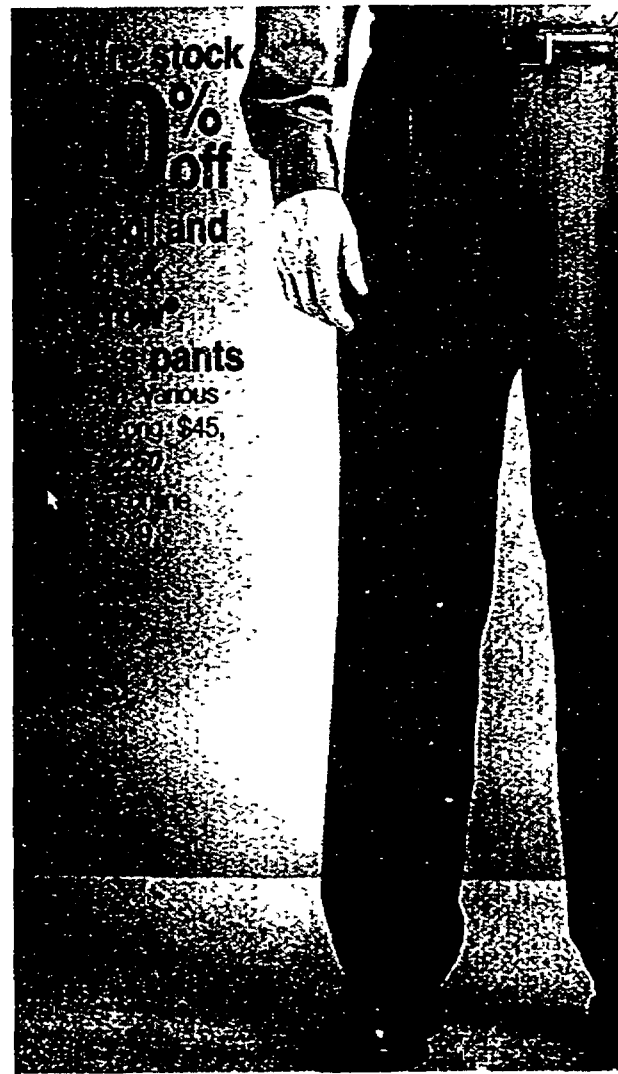
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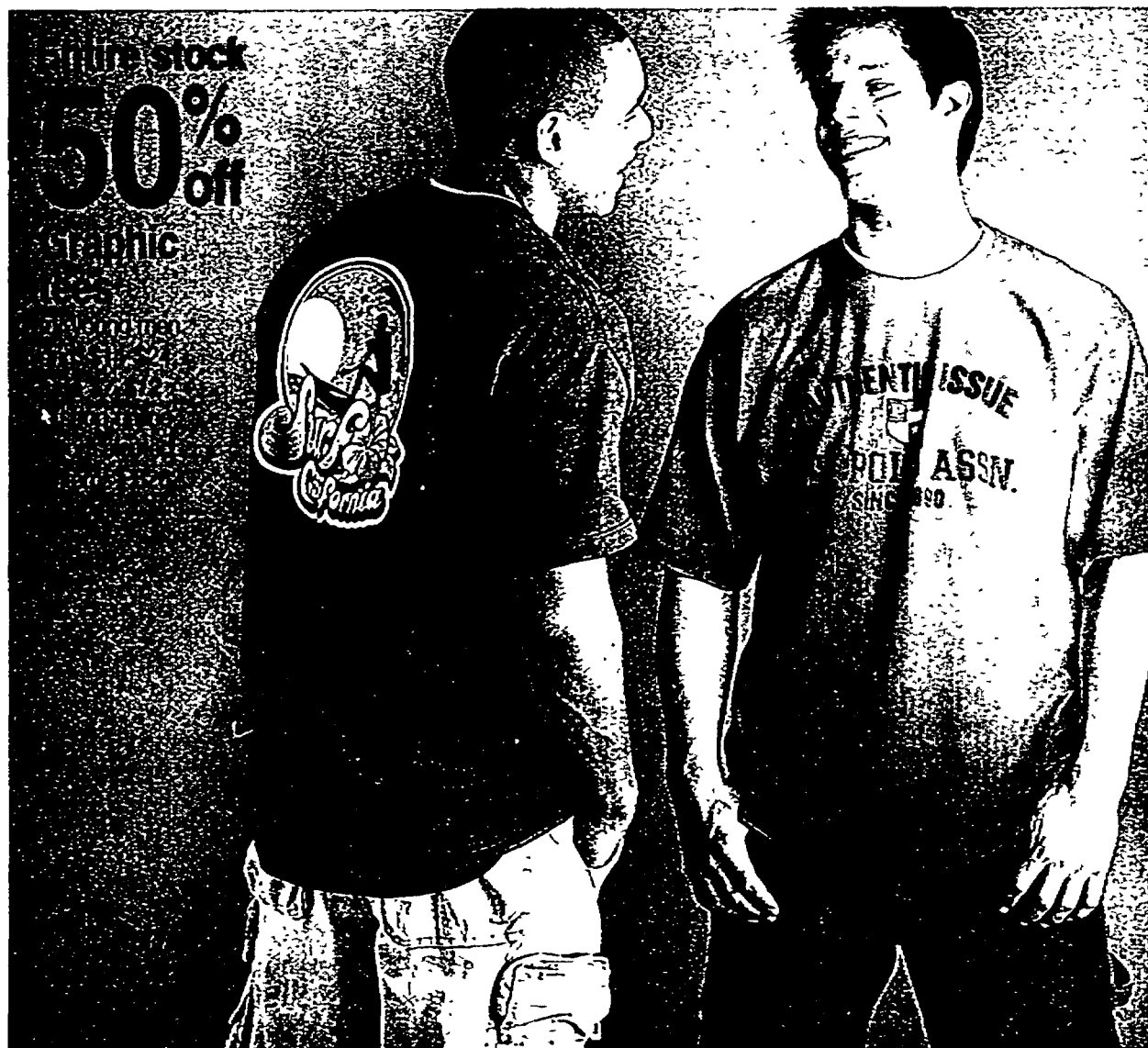


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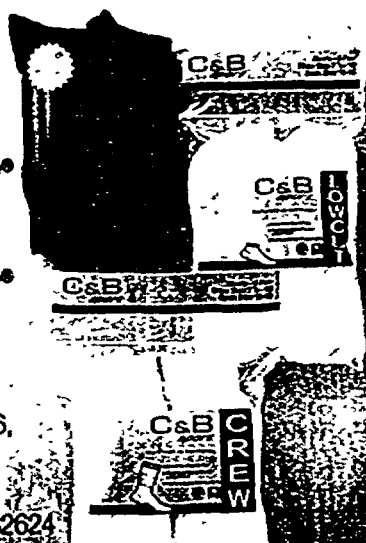
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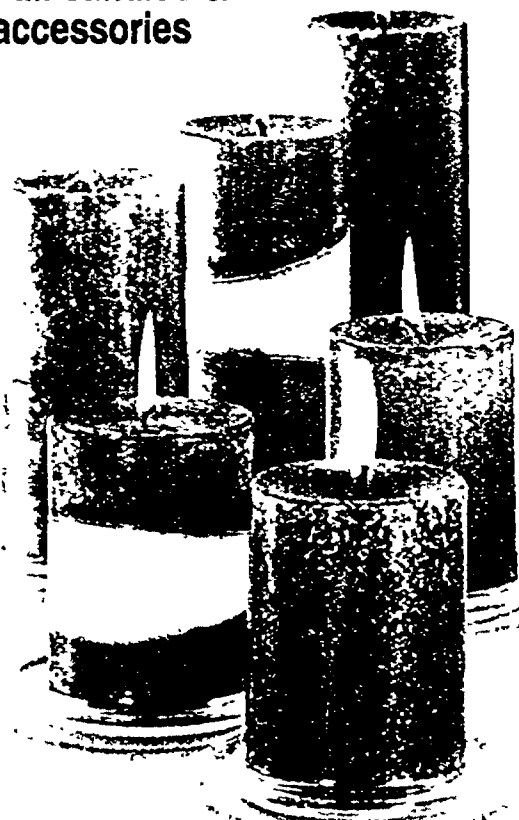
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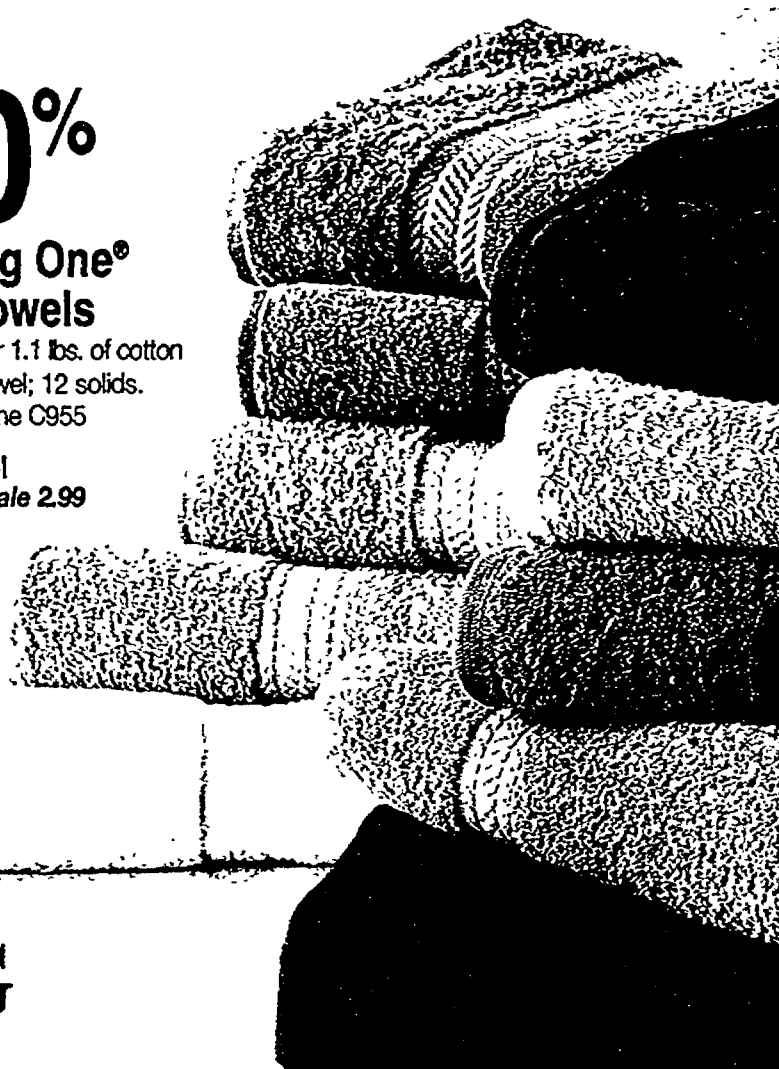
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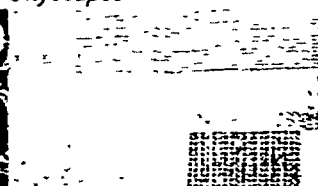
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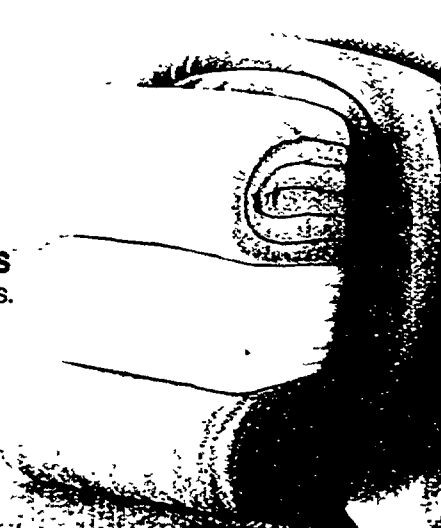


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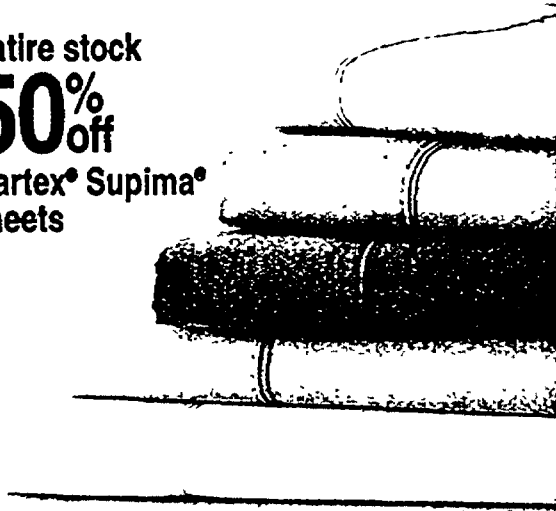
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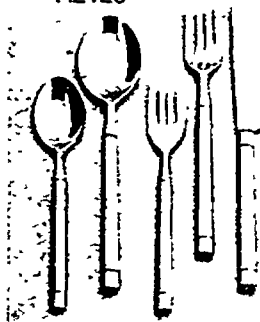


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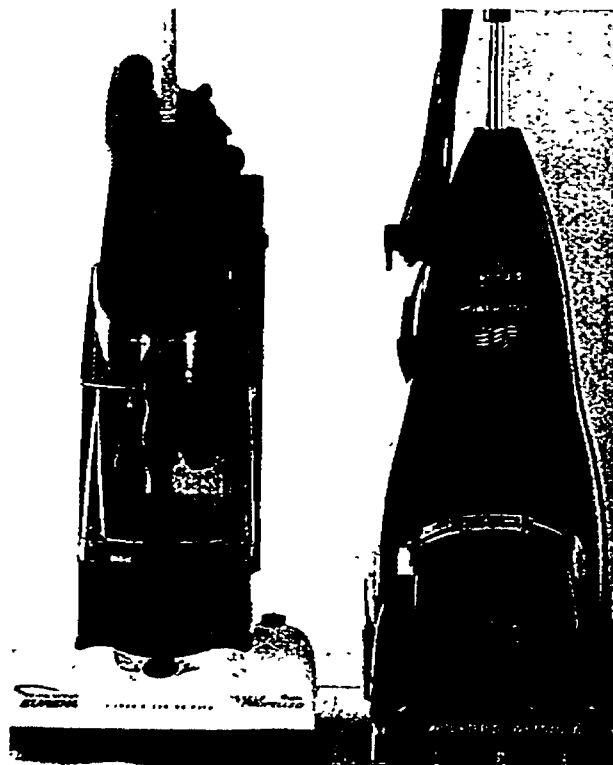


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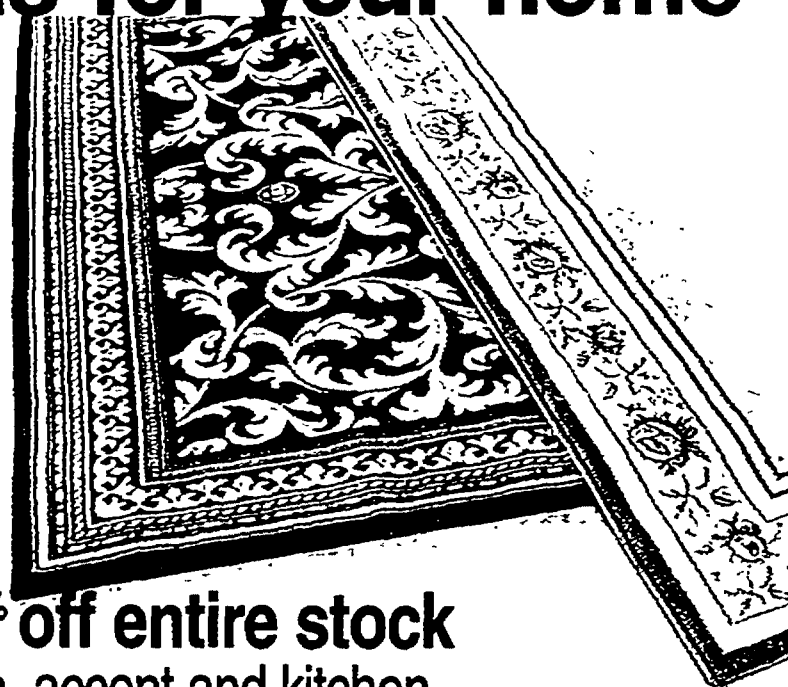
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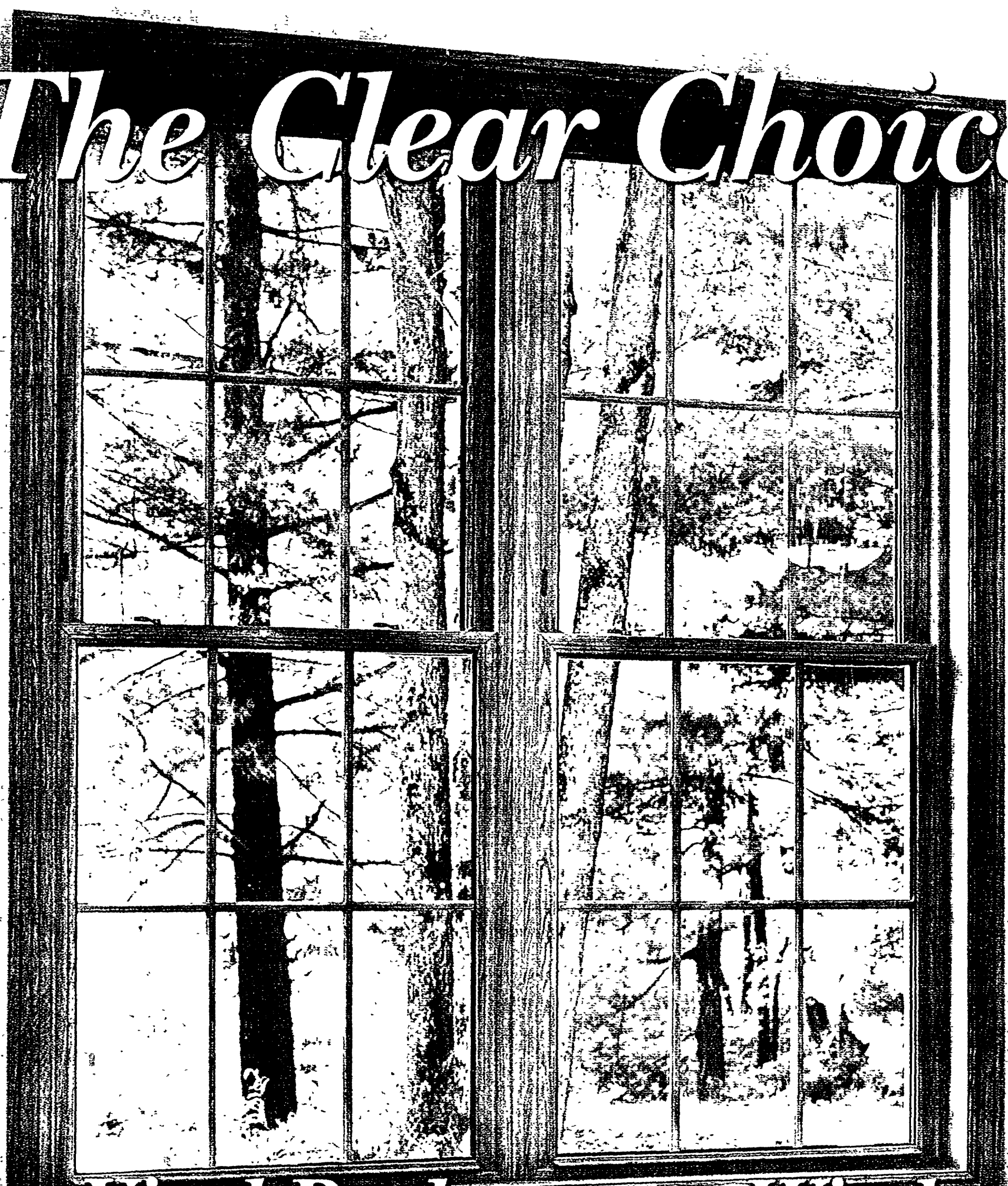


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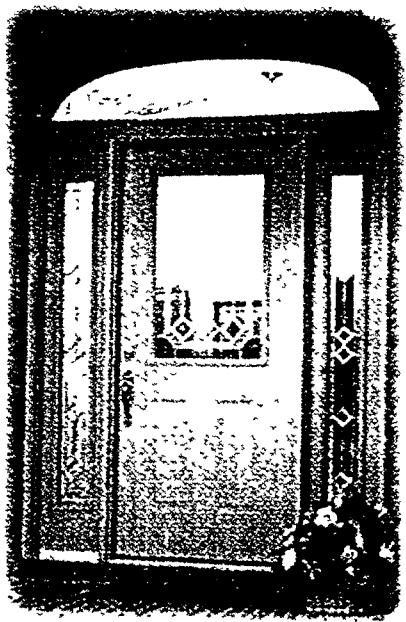
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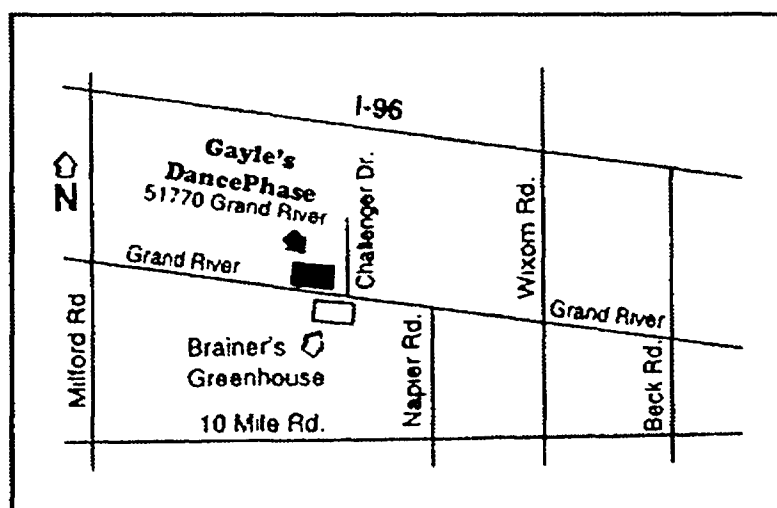
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7:15-7:45	3	Tues	Ballet age 2 1/2-4
9:30-10:00 am	4	Wed	Tap age 2 1/2-4
10:00-10:45	4	Wed	Tap/Jazz age 4-6
10:45-11:30	4	Wed	Tap/Ballet age 3-5
12:30-1:00	1	Thur	Ballet 2 1/2-4
4:30-5:15	2	Thur	Tap/Jazz age 3-4

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6:45-7:45	5	Mon	Tap/Jazz 1st
6:45-7:30	3	Mon	Tap/ Ballet 1st
7:15-8:15	2	Tues	Competition Level Tap/Jazz 1st & 2nd
5:45-6:45	3	Tues	Tap/Ballet Level B/C 2nd
5:45-6:45	5	Wed	Tap/ Ballet 1st & 2nd
7:30-8:30	4	Thur	Tap/Jazz 1st & 2nd
5:15-6:00	5	Thur	Hip Hop 1st & 2nd
4:15-5:15	5	Thur	Tap/Jazz 2nd
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6:45-7:45	6	Mon	Tap/Jazz 3-5th
5:45-6:45	3	Tues	Tap/Ballet 3rd & 4th
7:45-8:30	3	Tues	Ballet 3-5th
5:15-6:00	4	Tues	Hip Hop 3-5th
4:15-5:15	2	Wed	Tap/Ballet 3rd-5th
5:00-5:45	6	Wed	Ballet 5th-7th
5:45-6:30	6	Wed	Lyrical 5th-7th
6:45-7:30	5	Wed	Tap 5th-7th
7:30-8:15	4	Wed	Hip Hop 5th-7th
4:15-5:15	5	Thur	Tap/Jazz 3rd -4th
5:15-6:00	5	Thur	Hip Hop 3rd
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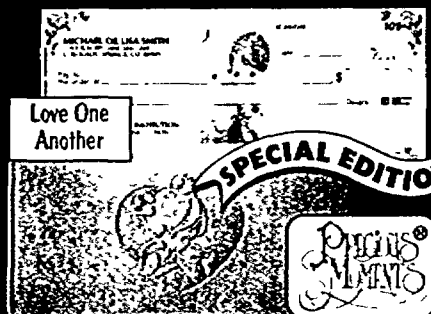
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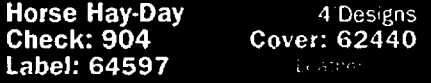
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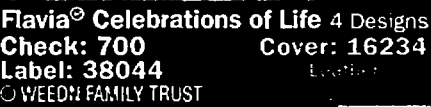
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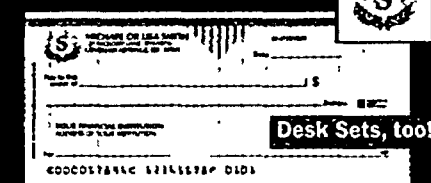
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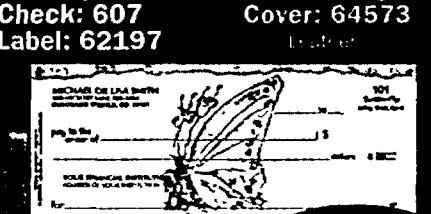
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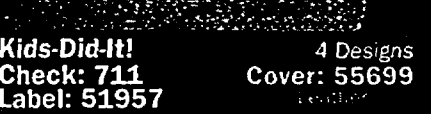
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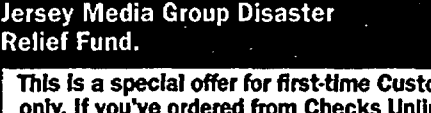
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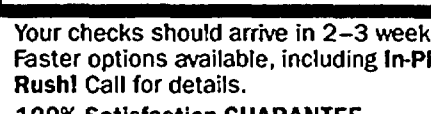
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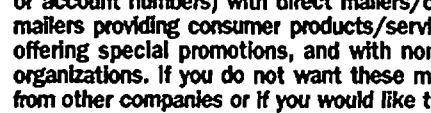
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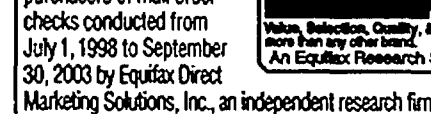
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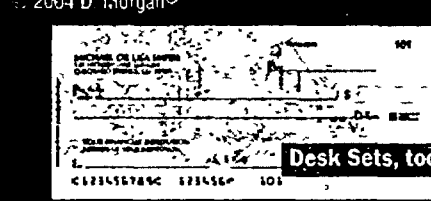
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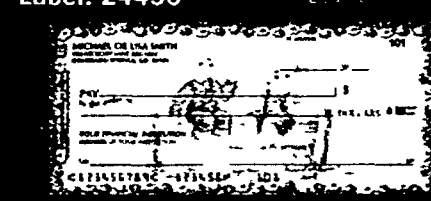
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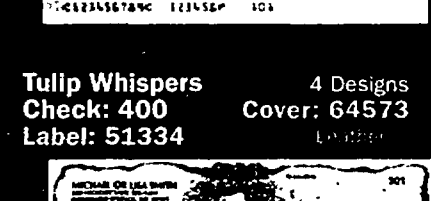
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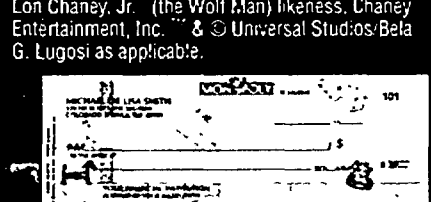
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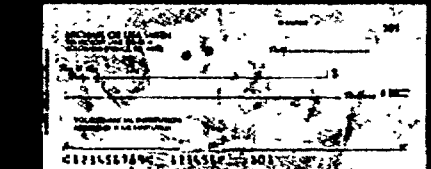
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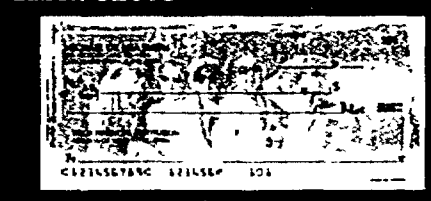
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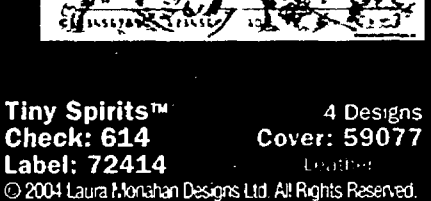
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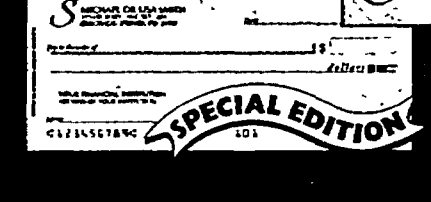
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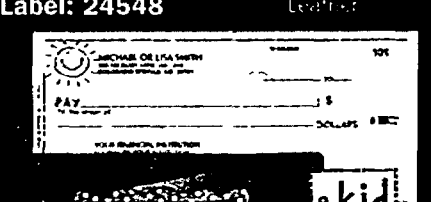
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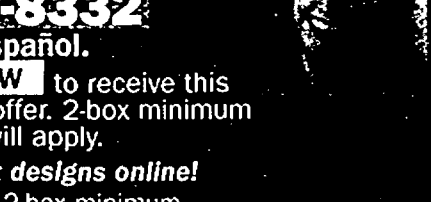
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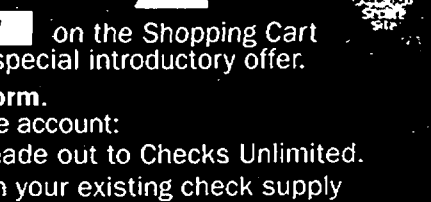
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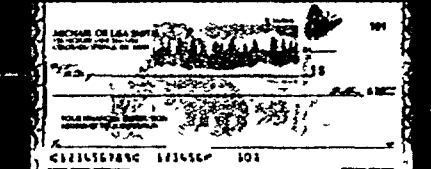
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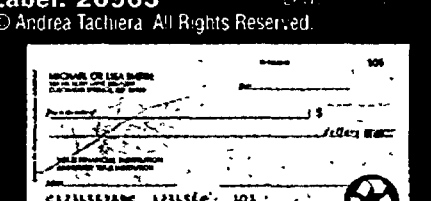
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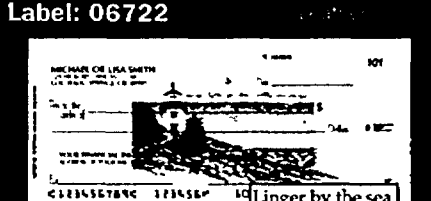
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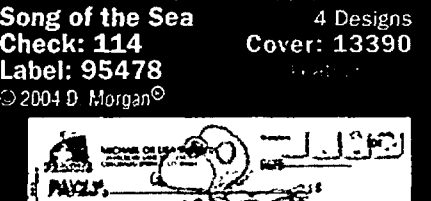
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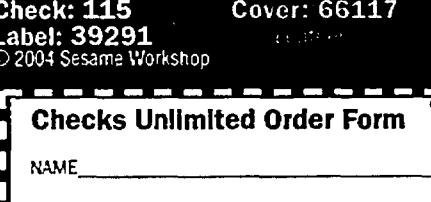
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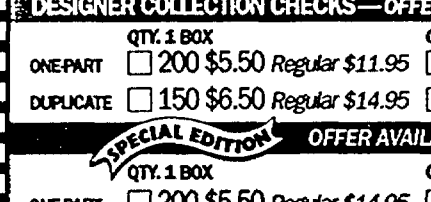
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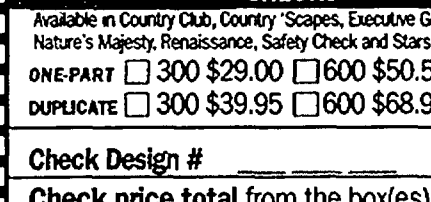
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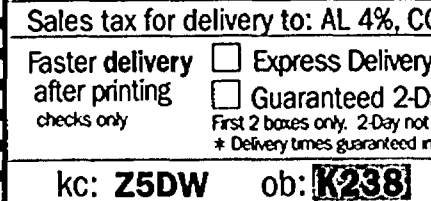
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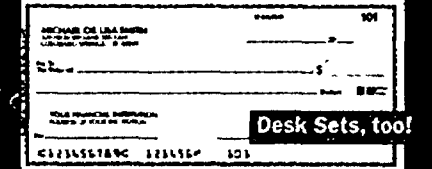
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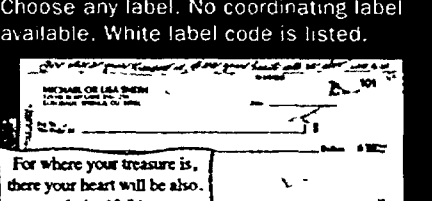
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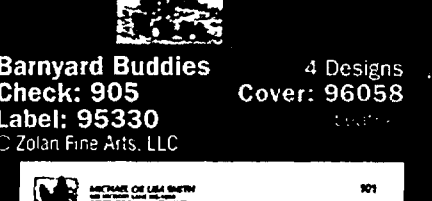
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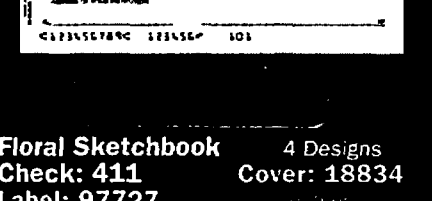
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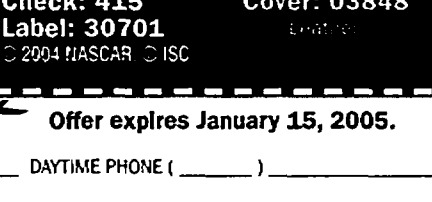
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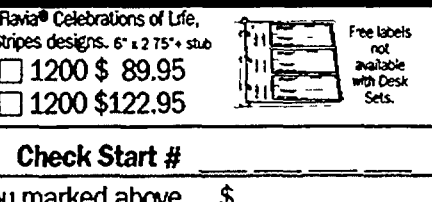
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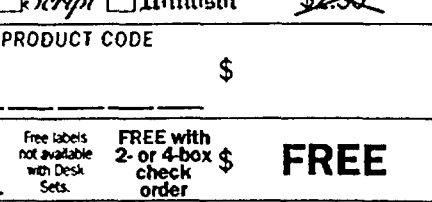
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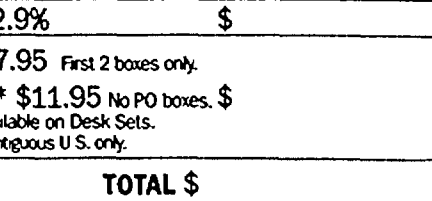
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Q I would like to know about Bill Carlisle. Is he still alive?

—James N., Utah

The feisty Grand Ole Opry member died in March 2003 at age 94 of a stroke. Carlisle appeared on the Opry shortly before his death, and enjoyed a career that spanned more than 70 years. He earned the nickname "Jumpin' Bill Carlisle" in the early 1950s when he performed with his brother, Cliff, leaping over a chair and back as part of their comedy routine. The Wakefield, Ky., native was known for songs such as *Too Old To Cut the Mustard*, *What Kinda Deal Is This* and *Is Zat You, Myrtle?*

Jimmie Johnson Travels with a Fast Crowd

NASCAR's Jimmie Johnson, who drives No. 48, the Lowe's Chevrolet Monte Carlo, says that in races such as the Talladega 500 and the Daytona 500, he's concentrating so hard on winning that he often forgets which cars are around him. "You spend so much time paying attention to what's going on around you that you almost lose sight of who you're racing with," admits the El Cajon, Calif., native who turns 29 on Sept. 17. "You're staring at the back glass of the car in front of you, and then in the rearview mirror, you're trying to defend your position. You're stuck, and just trying to work traffic." But doesn't he recognize when Dale Earnhardt Jr. is right on his tail? "Maybe there's a car or two that you're not too comfortable around and you recognize those guys," he says. "But as a whole, you're just using the traffic to try to make a move."

NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson.



Molly Henneberg is home from Iraq.

Q Could you please tell me what happened to Fox News reporter Molly Henneberg? She was last stationed in Baghdad.

—Cheryl V., Iowa

She is now back in Washington, D.C., covering national news, after spending the fall of 2003 reporting from Iraq. "I volunteered to go back the second time," she says. "I was there in May and June right after the war ended. I know it's dangerous, but I love the Iraqi people. They were so kind to me, so helpful and friendly. They welcomed me into their homes, shared their food and drinks with me and told me their stories and opinions. (They) wanted to hear all about America." One of Henneberg's biggest surprises came when she was doing a story on shopping in Baghdad. "I happened to hear a girl who looked about my age speaking English," she recalled. "I asked her, 'Would you be willing to do an interview with us?' She looked at me and smiled and said, 'Do you like the group Metallica? I love Metallica!' She was great. As I was leaving, she said, 'If you meet Metallica, tell 'em I said, 'Hi!'" Henneberg wants to return to Iraq but says she'll more than likely stay in the United States to cover this year's presidential election.

Q What can you tell me about singer Blaine Larsen? I love his song *In My High School*.

—Regina W., Kentucky

Larsen, a recent high school graduate who grew up at the base of Mount Ranier in Buckley, Wash. (pop. 4,145), started singing at age 10 and writing songs at 14. Two years later, the record company executive who signed the Dixie Chicks offered him a contract. His debut album, *In My High School*, was released in June, and critics were quick to praise his maturity. Larsen's advice to budding songwriters? "Be original. Write a song you haven't heard before and write about something you have experience with. It makes a better song if you have lived it." ★

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Country music singer Blaine Larsen is fresh out of high school.

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Story Land's orange and blue crooked house in New Hampshire's Mount Washington Valley has been a second home to Stoney Morrell as long as he can remember.

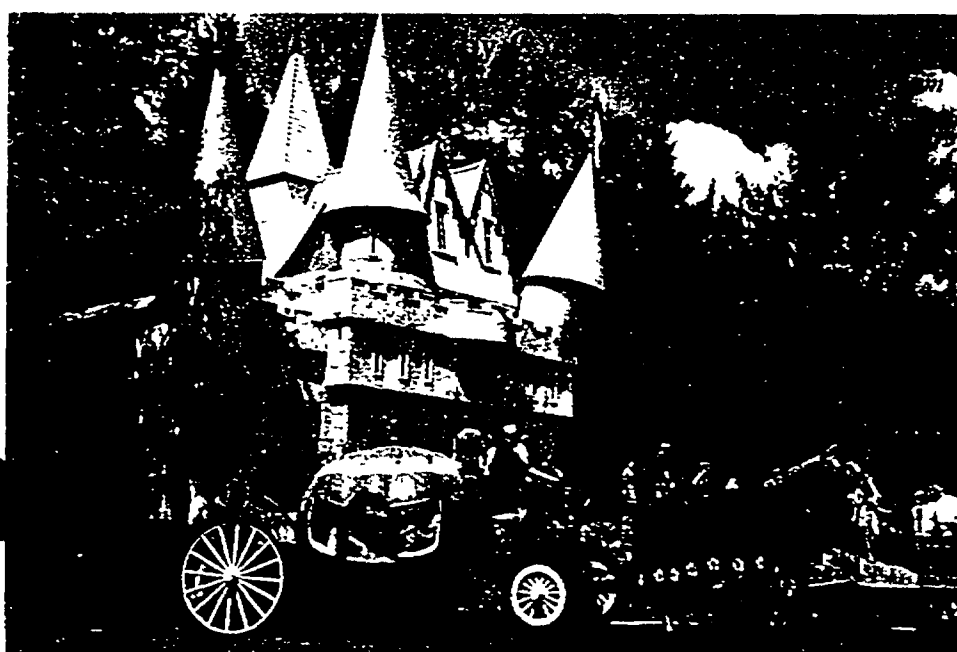
Until age 18, Morrell spent nearly every day here, growing up around his parents' fairy tale. "Cinderella was my friend, as was Heidi's grandfather, and Mother Goose. I lived in a world based on stories read to me," says Morrell, now 48.



Stoney Morrell keeps his parents' dream alive.

Morrell's parents, Bob and Ruth, were childhood sweethearts. After marriage, Bob, a World War II veteran, was recalled to Germany during the Korean crisis. There they met Frau Edith Von Arps, a Nuremberg doll maker, whose creations were based on classic fairy tales. The Morrells struck up a friendship and ended up buying 25 dolls.

Returning home to Conway, N.H. (pop. 8,604), the Morrells pondered the idea of creating a village to house those storybook dolls. They envisioned a "wonderful family experience" with the dolls in a small-scale, child-friendly setting. Although the White Mountains had long attracted tourists, a children's park was a novel idea in 1954—a year before Disneyland opened.



The scenic Story Land theme park in Glen, N.H., has been bringing fairy tales to life since 1954.

The only affordable land—acreage too poor for pasture—was in the nearby village of Glen (pop. 635). With help from neighbors and lots of hard work, the couple began building Story Land.

The first year, guests found mostly wooded landscape and gravel paths, dotted with a few colorful buildings. Daughter Nancy dressed up as Mistress Mary in her garden. A spider descended from a tree to visit Little Miss Muffet. Jack and Jill went up the hill, and a giant shoe overflowed with kids. It was a family operation with Ruth in charge of the gift shop, Bob assuring everyone had a good time, and grandparents pitching in where needed. It was a far cry from Story Land's current 350 summer employees.

Sometimes, after viewing Peter Rabbit's or Goosey Gander's house from the road, people would stop, wanting to buy the "fancy dog houses." It never got Bob down. His response was that there was no competition for his business because nobody expected the crazy idea to survive. To make ends meet, he worked at a local ski shop during the winter.

Year by year, the Morrells never strayed from their dream. In the early '60s, when banks hesitated to give loans to the unproven seasonal business, Bob helped form the White Mountain Bank in North Conway. Its doors opened wide for local small business owners with well-run, seasonal operations, the backbone of today's Mount Washington Valley economy. And, like Jack's beanstalk, Story Land grew. And Stoney Morrell, born shortly after Story Land was founded, grew along with it.

However, he never expected to take over Story Land's management. After college, he dreamed of a cowboy life and headed to Wyoming to work on a ranch.

"This was the life, I thought, as I baled hay and counted heads of beef. But I began to miss the excitement in Glen. It took a while for me to smarten up," Morrell says. Eventually he returned and worked alongside his dad, who passed away in 1998.

Today, Stoney runs the 40-acre Story Land with the same philosophy as his parents, making it a place where everyone has a chance to be a kid again. He does that by keeping it simple. The 100-year-old carousel has changed little. Cinderella's pumpkin coach drives to her castle on the hill, the same path for 50 years. Storybook characters still come to life and give hugs. Rides includes Dr. Geyser's Remarkable Raft Ride and Eggs-traordinary Farm Tractors, but they don't make kids scream. For that matter, nothing is meant to be scary. Story Land, open Memorial Day to Columbus Day, remains as always—a non-intimidating experience for the very youngest. "We're a little bit of a dinosaur in this business," Morrell admits.

Still, he loves showing up for work every day. For Morrell, Story Land is a place where he's gained more than a livelihood. Its product, he says, "is what people take home in their hearts, not in their pockets."

Which is just what his dad always said. ★

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INDIANA—Established in 1841, Fair Play Fire Company No. 1 in Madison (pop. 12,004) is the state's longest-running volunteer fire company.

IOWA—Breitbach's Country Dining in Balltown (pop. 73) has been dishing up hot meals since 1852 and is the state's oldest bar and restaurant.

KANSAS—Andrew Wojtanik, 14, of Overland Park, won the 2004 National Geographic Bee and a \$25,000 scholarship in May. Nearly 5 million students from around the country compete in the annual geographic bee.

MICHIGAN—*Lake Express*, the first high-speed ferry boat on the Great Lakes, began operating in June and crosses Lake Michigan in about two-and-a-half hours between Muskegon (pop. 40,105) and Milwaukee.

MINNESOTA—A road crew unearthed one of the nation's oldest human skeletons in 1931 at Pelican Rapids (pop. 2,374). The 10,000-year-old female was, and still is, a significant archaeological find.

MISSOURI—The same family has published *The Index*, a weekly newspaper in Hermitage (pop. 406), since 1885. Publishers Don and Kathy Ginnings are the fourth generation.

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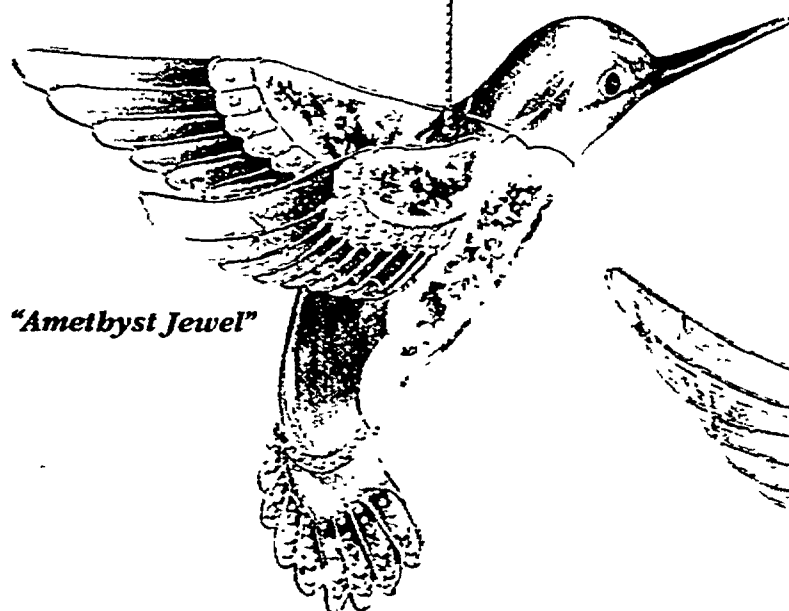
NORTH DAKOTA—In 2003, the state had 30,300 farms and ranches, with an average size of 1,300 acres.

OHIO—Singer Dean Martin, who earned the nickname "the Beatles buster" after his 1964 hit *Everybody Loves Somebody* topped the Beatles' *A Hard Day's Night*, was born in 1917 in Steubenville (pop. 19,015) where he's remembered with a festival each June.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Opened in 1937, Reptile Gardens in Rapid City (pop. 59,607) boasts the world's largest reptile collection and an attraction called Death Row, which features the world's deadliest snakes.

WISCONSIN—Carrie Chapman Catt, who founded the League of Women Voters in 1920, was born in 1859 in Ripon (pop. 6,828). ★

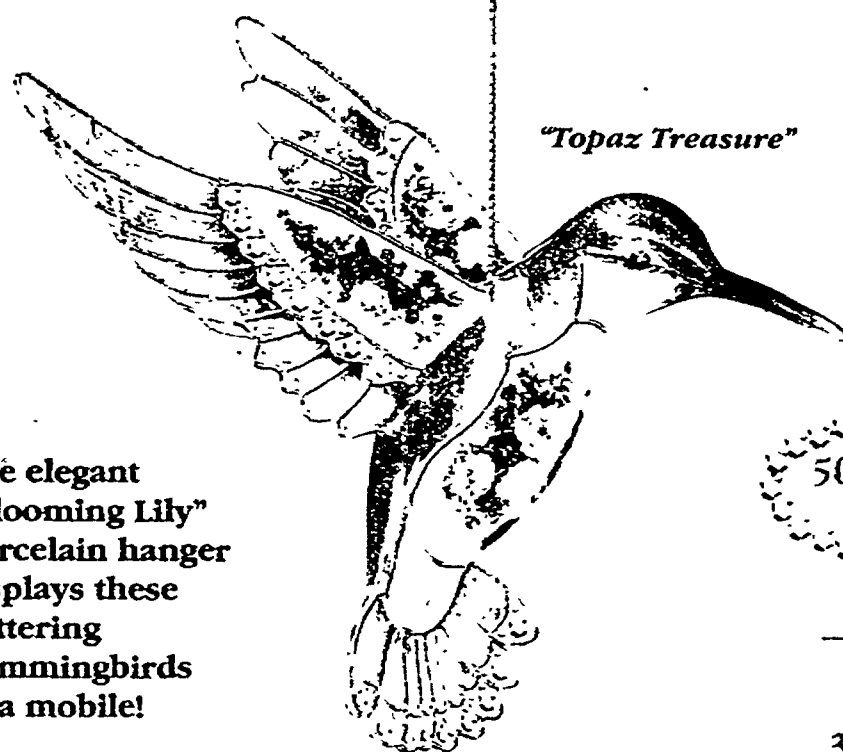
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Before interstate highways, travel in America was full of surprises, not the least of which were the offbeat roadside attractions that beckoned to motorists during the 1940s and '50s—everything from the Oregon Vortex ("Where gravity has gone awry!") to Lucy the Elephant (an elephant-shaped building in New Jersey).

But when the interstates came in the 1960s, vacationing families began bypassing two-lane attractions for flashier theme parks and mega malls. It wasn't long before most of the classic roadside attractions faltered, then failed. Mini-golf courses became overgrown with weeds, petting zoo goats were returned to farms, wax museums couldn't pay their air-conditioning bills.

Still, a few of those classics from the Golden Age of tourism have survived. They're worth a visit.

Niagara Cave

Harmony, Minn. (pop. 1,080)

In the 1940s heyday of Niagara Cave, some 500 tourists per summer day paid 50 cents each to trek through a limestone cavern stretching two miles under Harmony, Minn.

Drawn by a barrage of billboards (150 in a 150-mile radius), visitors saw stalagmites (from the ground up), stalactites (from the ceiling down), and the namesake 60-foot-high, underground waterfall. They saw traces of the cave's ancient history (400 million-year-old fossilized coral) and recent history (the spot where, in 1924, a farmer's pig fell into the hole that led to the cave's discovery).

When Interstate 90 and I-35 were built, the area's main thoroughfare, U.S. 52, faded into a two-lane lame duck. Niagara Cave's visitors dropped from nearly 100,000 a year to a mere 10,000. Buildings deteriorated, the grassy parking lot became overgrown. Then came Mark Bishop.

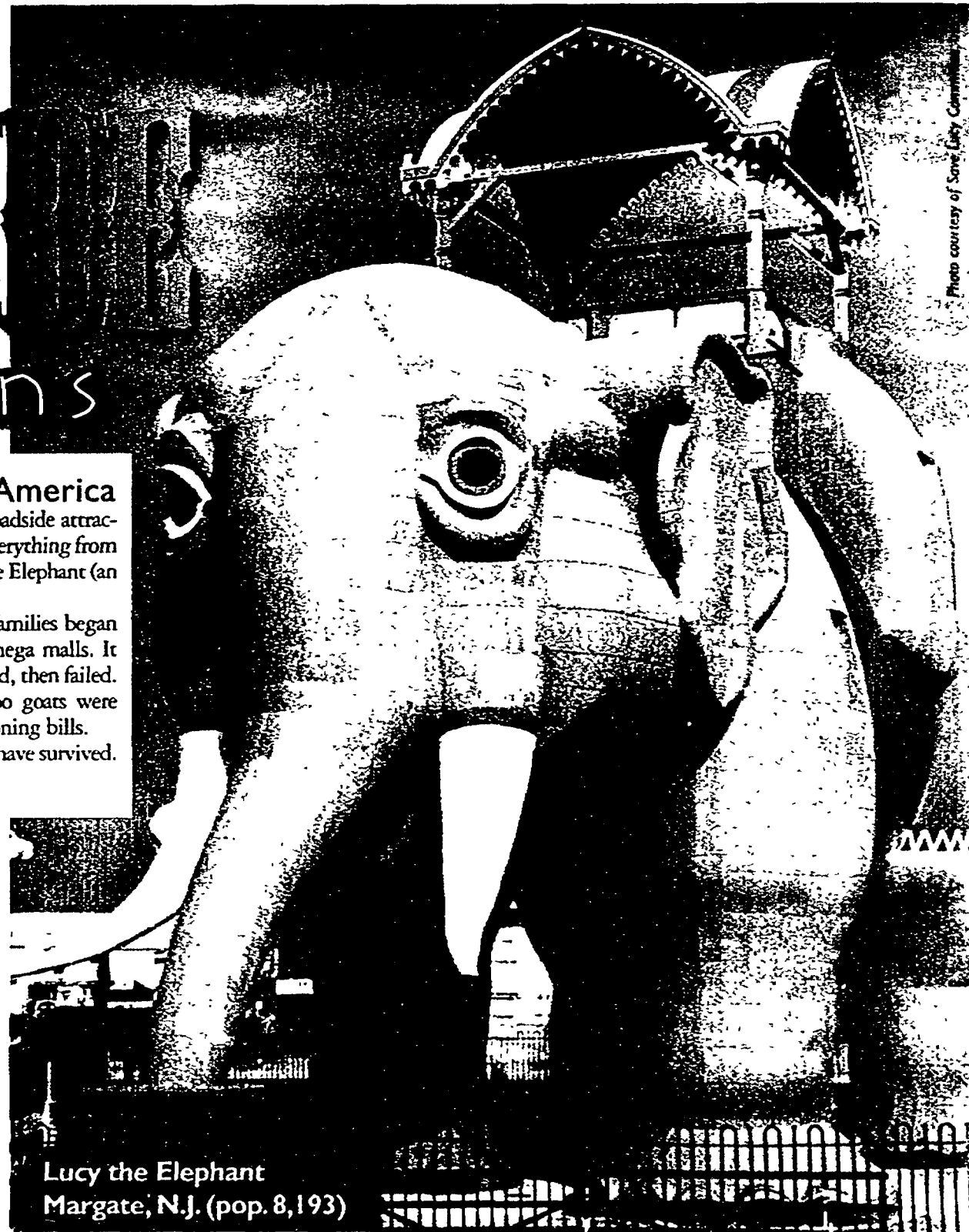
"I was looking through newspaper ads for something like a campground for sale," says Bishop, 45, a former real estate agent with a degree in physical geography. "Or maybe an earth science store—something to do with geology."

He saw an ad for a limestone cave. "I never dreamt a cave might be available. They don't come up for sale every day."

In 1995, Bishop and his wife, Jennifer, bought the cave and moved from nearby Rochester into the one-story log house attached to the gift shop. They painted the buildings, built a new sign, expanded the gift shop, installed new lighting in the cave, and rebuilt viewing decks and staircases—and attendance has been steadily increasing.

"People seem to be taking more day trips again. And there's the nostalgia factor," he says. "We get a lot of people who visited the cave 50 years ago who now bring their grandkids for a tour. It took a long time, but it's like we're back in style again."

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Lucy the Elephant

Margate, N.J. (pop. 8,193)

Built in 1881 and handcrafted from 1 million pieces of wood covered by 12,000 square feet of tin skin, Lucy was a modern marvel—a six-story building shaped to look like, well, an elephant.

Designed as an advertising beacon to draw investors to the beachfront property south of Atlantic City, Lucy has since served as office, beach cottage, tavern and walk-through tourist attraction.

By the late 1960s, though, Lucy was abandoned and on the verge of collapse.

"It was sad to see her in such bad shape," says Richard Helfant (almost rhymes with elephant), Lucy's executive director. "Lucy represented history, heritage and nostalgia. To see her decay like that, it was a sin."

In 1969, Margate residents (led by Josephine Harron) formed the Save Lucy Committee to spare

the pachyderm from the wrecking ball. Volunteers solicited funds house to house, and schoolchildren sold cakes and candy bars to raise money. Finally, Lucy was relocated to city-owned land (two blocks away) and restored. Now a National Historic Landmark, Lucy was visited by 35,000 people last summer. Helfant is hoping for 50,000 this year.

While Lucy has become a museum with displays recounting her 122-year history, the real draw is being inside a giant elephant.

"When kids walk up and stare at this six-story elephant, their eyes get as big as Lucy's," he says. "When they get a chance to walk inside her they're in awe. The look on their faces is worth all the effort."

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City of Mermaids Weeki Wachee, Fla. (pop. 12)

The town of Weeki Wachee first appeared on Florida maps in the 1960s when the town (with a population of 9) incorporated to promote the City of Mermaids. Today, 300,000 people visit annually, mostly for the waterslides and tube rides of Buccaneer Bay Water Park—but it was mermaids that put Weeki Wachee on the map.

In 1947, Newton Perry, a former Navy frogman instructor and one-time stunt double for movie Tarzan Johnny Weissmuller, built a large glass wall along one side of a freshwater spring. He added an 18-seat theater and hired a half dozen women—Aquabelles, they were called—to perform an underwater ballet while breathing through air tubes hidden in the scenery.

By the 1950s, the City of Mermaids was a staple of Florida tourism. Thirty-five women performed eight shows daily. Esther Williams (*Neptune's Daughter*) and Don Knotts (*The Incredible Mr. Limpet*) filmed movies there. Elvis visited in 1961.

"Back in the 1950s and '60s, there used to be lines like you see now at Disney," marketing manager John Athanason says. "The mermaids were like superstars. But then all the big resorts started moving in."

Now, 57 years and an estimated 25 million visitors later, a dozen mermaids still perform two shows daily in the now-500-seat theater.

"Most everyone who visits Weeki Wachee Springs stays for a mermaid show," Athanason says. "People love nostalgia, and we're one of Florida's original theme parks. We're what roadside attractions used to be all about."

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House of Mystery Gold Hill, Ore. (pop. 1,073)

Nearly every state has a Mystery Spot or a Gravity Hill, one of those attractions where physics seems disinterested, gravity appears apathetic, water runs uphill, you stand and sit and lean at impossible angles, that sort of thing.

The House of Mystery is one of those. An old mining shed inside the three-quarter acre area called the Oregon Vortex, the house bills itself as "the grandfather of true vortexes."

"All the others are just imitations," says owner and manager Maria D. Cooper, whose family has owned the House of Mystery since 1959. "This is an area

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Oregon's House of Mystery.



Paris Hilton visited Weeki Wachee on TV's *The Simple Life 2: Road Trip*.

A mermaid swims—and entertains—with a manatee at Florida's Weeki Wachee Springs.

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Hometown Spotlight

The Old West Lives in Tombstone

by ANDREW MEANS
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Pistol-packing Bill

Traywick strolls the boardwalks of Tombstone, Ariz. (pop. 1,504), much as lawman Wyatt Earp did more than a century ago, keeping a sharp eye out for the Clanton gang. The only difference is Traywick's six-shooter is loaded with blanks.

Since 1986, Traywick has portrayed Earp, the town's most famous gunfighter, during weekend re-enactments of the infamous Oct. 26, 1881, shootout at the OK Corral, taking over the role from his father Ben, who started performing the shows in 1970.

"It's still pretty exciting, because it's different every time you do it," the junior Traywick says. "People react a little bit different."

Bill Traywick (center) with the Wild Bunch.



Even Bill's wife, Gena, dresses in period costume, emulating the reputed 3,400 licensed good-time girls that once helped make this southeastern Arizona silver mining town a non-stop melodrama.

In 1877, after the town's founder Edward Schieffelin discovered silver and not his tombstone as skeptical associates predicted, growth exploded even by Western boomtown standards. At its peak in the 1880s, Tombstone swelled to 20,000 miners, cowboys, ranchers, gamblers, gunfighters and assorted speculators.

Life for the vast majority who didn't strike it rich was hard and sometimes violent. The consequences are evident at Boot Hill, the town's notorious ceme-



Costumed re-enactors square off in Tombstone, Ariz., at the annual Rendezvous of the Gunfighters.

tery, a rifle shot from Tombstone's hub of restaurants, gift shops, motels and saloons. Grave markers leave little doubt that for a time life for those who lived by the gun could be short-lived.

Local residents still mull over whether Wyatt Earp, his brothers, Virgil and Morgan, and sidekick Doc Holliday or their cowboy adversaries, the Clantons, had right on their side. Mayor Dustin "Dusty" Escapule, whose great-grandfather established a ranch near Tombstone in the 1870s, says his family did business with the Clantons and regarded the Earps as con men. He does acknowledge, however, that Tombstone



Reputed good-time girls.

owes its current economy to the Earps. As local mining declined, dying finally about 20 years ago, books and movies about the OK Corral spawned tourism.

"The only industry that Tombstone has right now is history," says Escapule, who has childhood memories of vacant lots, cattle running in the streets and a population of 500 or less. He credits a group of out-of-town attorneys, who renovated the town's historic buildings in the mid-1960s, for the turnaround.

Surrounded by open, undulating desert, Tombstone still evokes a frontier atmosphere. The Bird Cage Theatre is the only completely original building on the town's main thoroughfare, Allen Street, but restored saloons and covered boardwalks seem straight out of Tombstone's past. Visitors flock to the OK Corral, and a few wander to the edge of the town's compact street grid to view the 1882 brick courthouse, now a state park.

Nowadays, Tombstone remains indebted to its gun-fighting legacy. Locals and visitors alike revel in events such as the annual Labor Day weekend Rendezvous of the Gunfighters.

"The Wild West pretty much personified the way we ended up and our attitudes as Americans," says Rob Tenny, a local

bookstore owner who plays Sheriff Johnny Behan with Traywick's re-enactment group, the Wild Bunch. "The Earps were only here for 28 months, but in that time they created an image that will live on forever. People want to get back to what it was like in those days, where right is right and wrong is wrong, and you took care of business."

Evoking old-time values has been a lifelong passion for Ed West, alias Curly Bill Brocius, the Wild Bunch's Clanton crony.

"I wanted to be a cowboy ever since I was a kid," says West, who drives a truck when not totting his two silver six-shooters. Indicating the latter, he adds: "I grew up wearing these things and every chance I got I strapped them on."

Not everything about being a cowboy is a smooth ride though, West admits. Getting around by horse, for one thing, can wear on a man's undercarriage.

"I don't know how they did it," West confesses. "I ride about 30 minutes to town and I'm about dead when I get here." ☆

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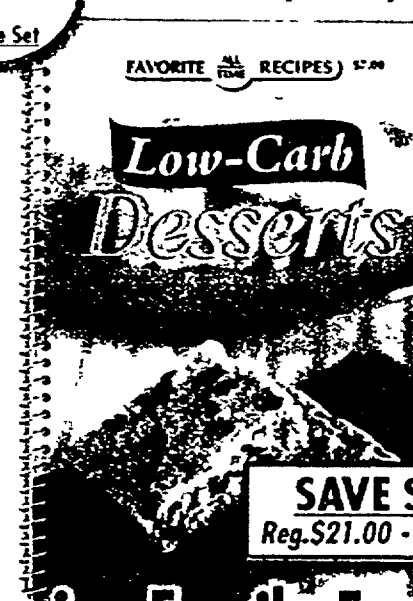
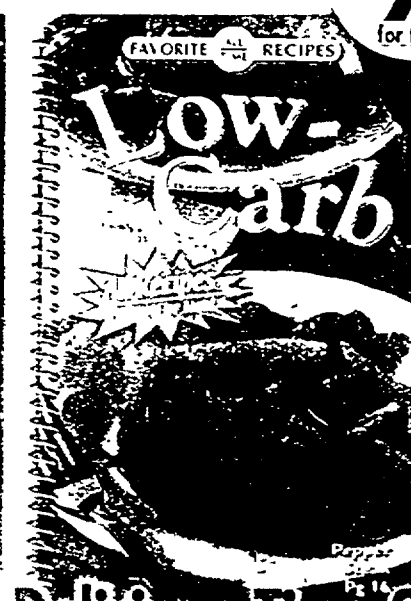
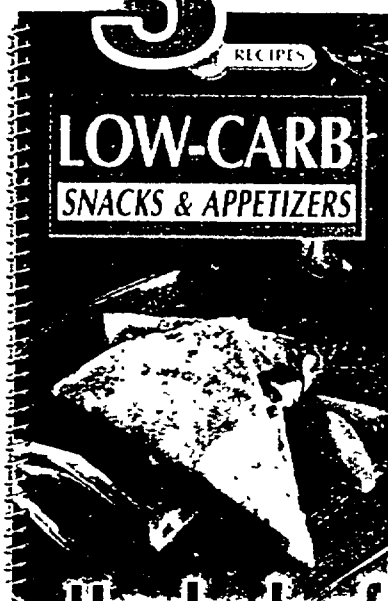
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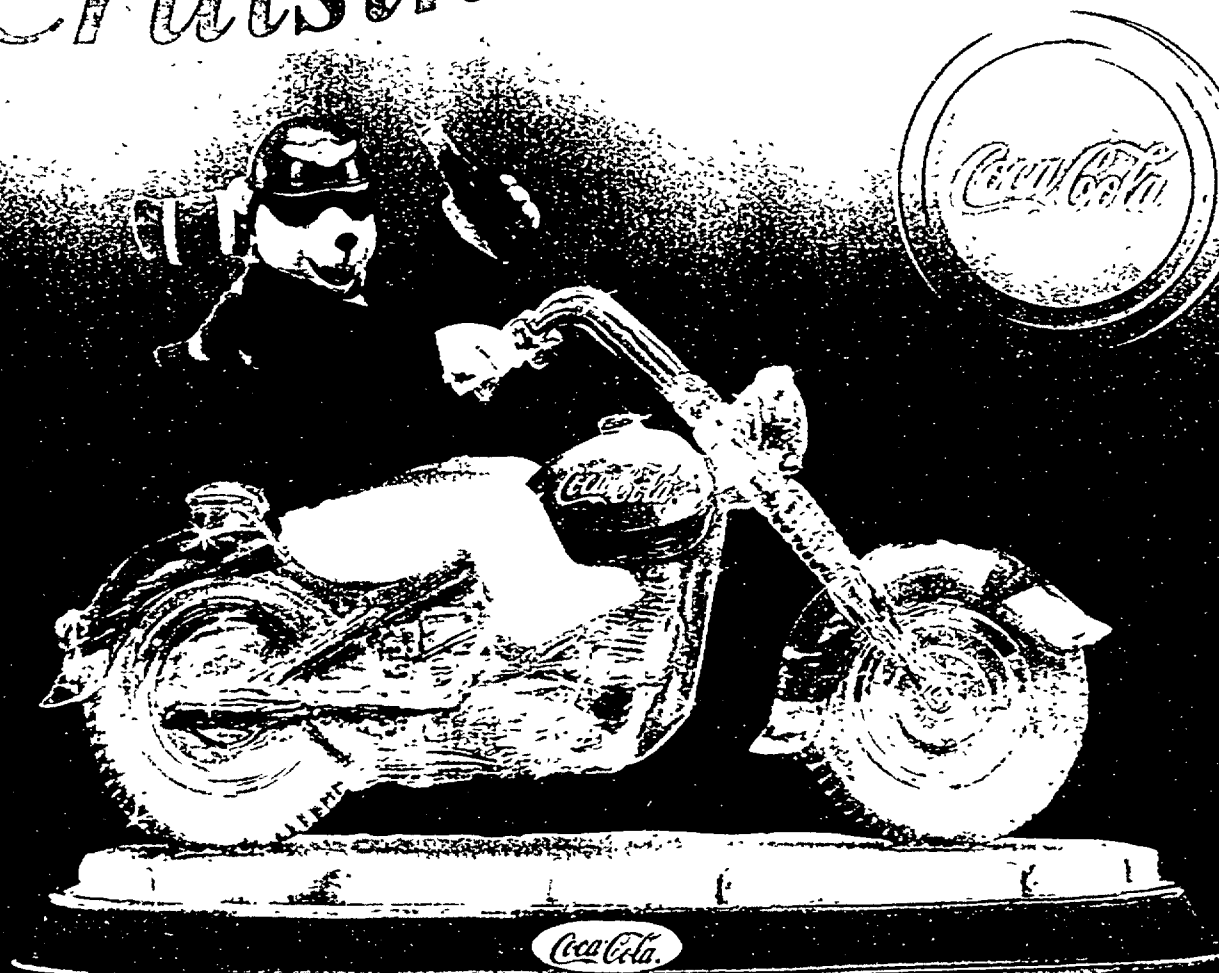
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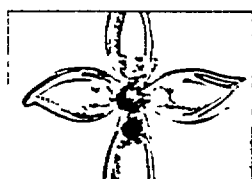
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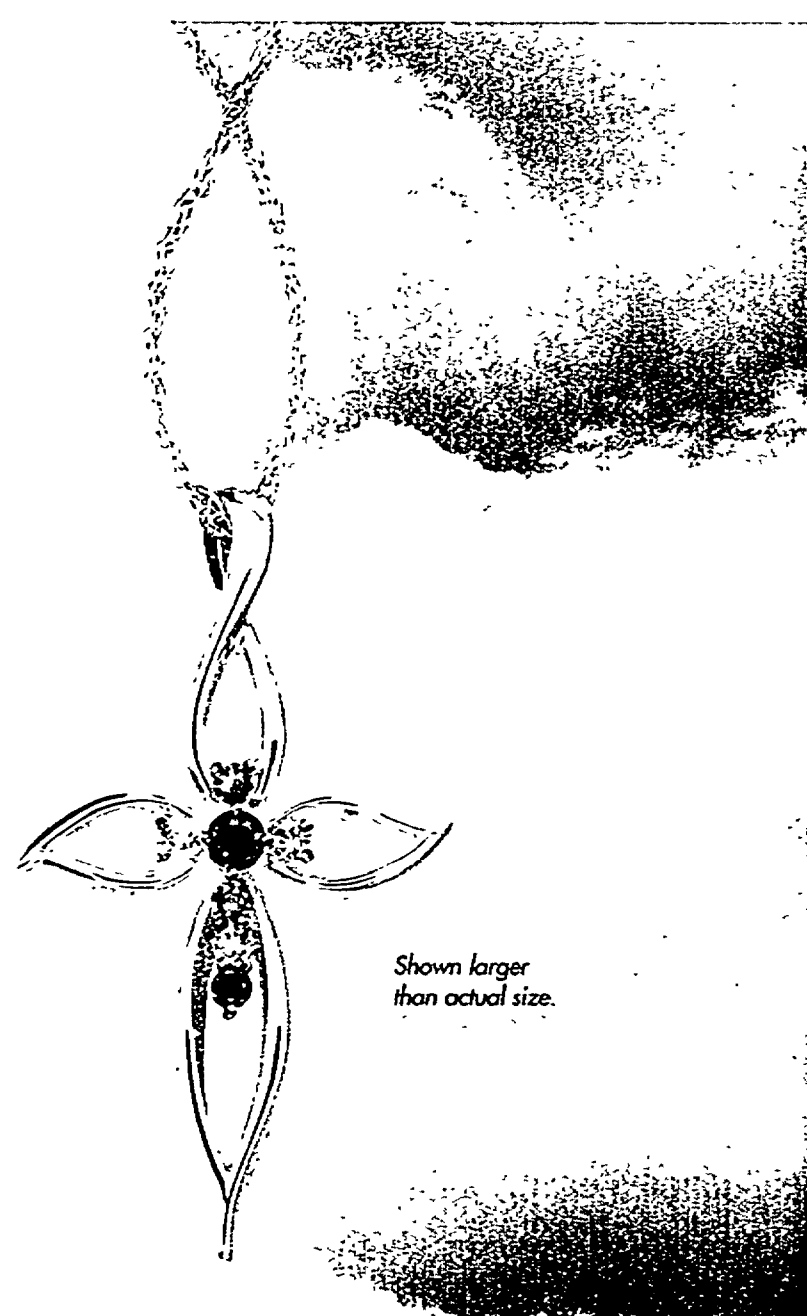
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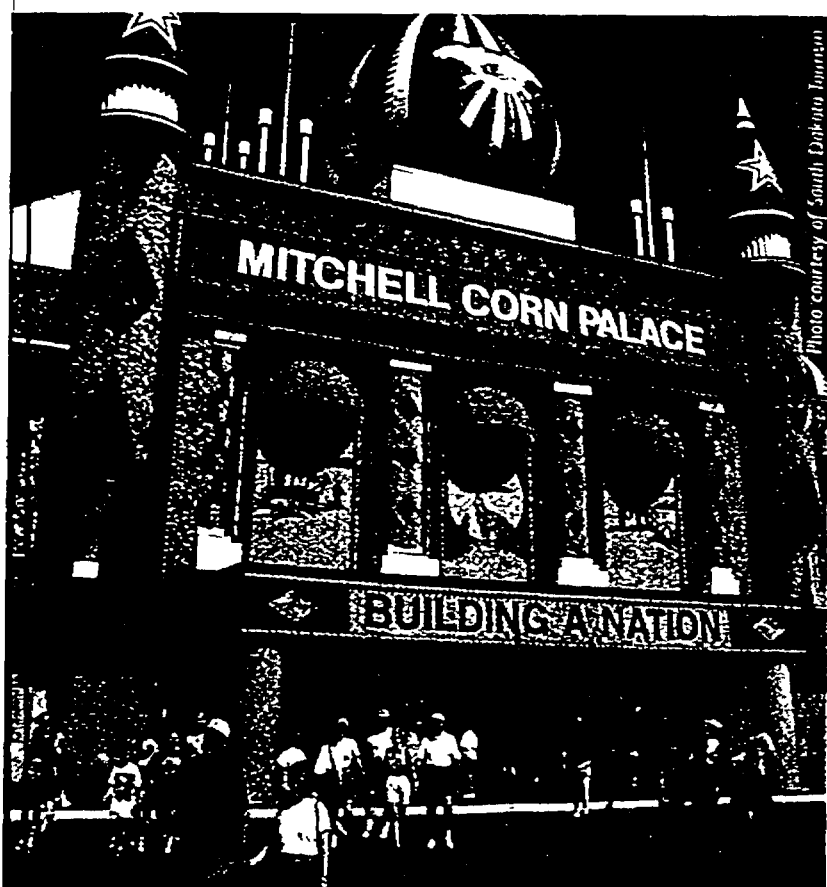
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While most scientists dismiss these mystery spots as simple optical illusions (tilted houses built, by design, into angled hillsides), Cooper says it's more than that. She describes various theories, ranging from optical distortions to magnetic disturbances.

"Anyone can build a slanted house," says Cooper, who has been leading tours since 1962. "But there are only a few true vortexes in the entire world."

Whatever the reason, the House of Mystery, now in its 74th year, still draws nearly 400 tourists on summer Saturdays.

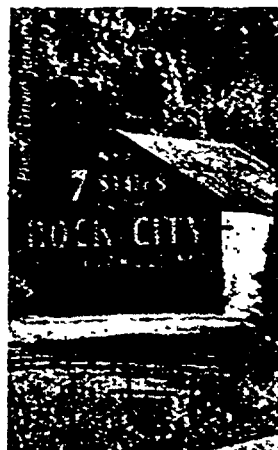
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Dinosaur Gardens Ossineke, Mich. (989) 471-5477

From the mid-1930s until his death in 1961, Paul Domke spent dawn-to-dusk days sculpting two dozen prehistoric scenes from a mixture of cement and deer hair. Today, summer visitors still follow winding gravel trails on the half-mile walk through the ferny, 40-acre cedar "swamp" in northern Michigan. And while the scenes haven't changed—cave people spear a mastodon, a cave-man is locked in combat with a giant python, an 80-foot long, 60,000-pound brontosaurus cranes its neck—the colors have. Owners Frank and Judy McCourt, who bought the place in 1985, have updated some of the drab gray dinosaurs with neon pinks and greens.

Corn Palace Mitchell, S.D. (605) 995-8427

It's a 300-foot long, 44-foot high concrete building. And it's decorated, annually, in 300,000 ears of corn. Past corn murals have depicted scenes from "A Celebration of Agriculture" to "Birds of South Dakota," which is fitting, considering that the Corn Palace often becomes, once winter starts to set in, the "World's Largest Bird Feeder." ☆

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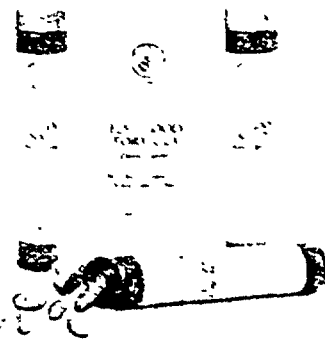
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