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Victorian, by design!



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Cindy House and Donna Pallas take in the Eclipse 'base ball' game Sunday at Ford Field. House was one of the winners in the Victorian Festival's hat contest.

BACK IN TIME

Community turns out for 16th annual Victorian Festival, revels in bygone era

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

At the height of her reign, Queen Victoria could not have ordered more favorable conditions.

From local royalty's welcoming waves during the kick-off parade to smothered sausages and vintage baseball games, Northville residents played together, ate together and celebrated together the era of the town's origin.

Thousands of people converged last weekend to celebrate the 16th annual Victorian Festival. "We were really happy with the event," Northville Chamber of Commerce director Jody Humphries said Tuesday. "Everyone seemed to have a really good time. We didn't have any problems."

Many people commented that the turnout for the Chamber-hosted event was larger than the past couple of years, Humphries said. "You couldn't ask for better weather. People didn't seem to want to go home Friday or Saturday night. If we would have stayed open until 10 o'clock Sunday, I think people would have stayed."

"Downtown is a great place to have an event like this," she said. "I think we kept up the tradition this year."

Parade of finery

At the heart of it all were costumes. From babies wheeled in old-fashioned wicker carriages to their

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Voters will decide school funding fate

Residents asked for non-homestead millage increase

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Voters will cast their ballots Tuesday in a special school election, deciding if the district will receive \$315,000 in state funding at the expense of non-homestead property owners.

If residents approve a .05 mill increase on non-homestead property, the district will qualify for \$50 worth of per-student state funding, totaling \$315,000.

A "yes" vote would cost primary homeowners nothing. Non-homestead property owners, including commercial property and rental home owners, would instead shoulder the tax-paying responsibility.

Northville schools director of business and finance, John Street, said the owner of commercial property valued at \$5 million would pay an additional \$108.

If the proposal fails, Northville non-homestead property owners will collectively retain \$20,400 worth of tax reductions allowed under Proposal A passed in 1994.

Northville business man Ron Bodnar said he owns quite a bit of commercial property in Northville and surrounding communities.



He hopes the increase passes. "First of all, as an extra tax in an economy where I feel elected officials should be working harder to cut taxes, I'm obviously not enthusiastic about it, but in light of the circumstances in how the situation arose, it is a good investment," he said.

Bodnar said he finds ironic the notion that the group targeted for the tax is disenfranchised. "It must have been arranged by politicians," he said.

Despite his dismay with the process, he still supports the effort. "It is a small amount and what people don't realize is that no matter where business owners may live, they develop a keen affection for the community they do business in," he said. "If they

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In Gibbs, they trust

Monday's meeting will help chart downtown's next steps

This is the second in an ongoing series looking at strategic planning efforts for downtown Northville.

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

After decades of re-development, downtown Northville is now searching for its next direction, one which will trample neither its Victorian character nor its small town quaintness.

At this point, most signposts are conceptual — allowable building height, expanded parking, extent of nightlife. But city leaders hired an experienced guide to assist Northville in deciding how next to proceed.

Area residents are invited to a 7 p.m. meeting next Monday at the

Northville Senior Community Center to learn about the planning process.

Bob Gibbs of the Birmingham-based Gibbs Planning Group will talk about the research he will conduct in town during the next four weeks. In 1997, Gibbs prepared a retail planning study for Northville, with suggestions that included pedestrian crosswalk signs and rebuilding the gazebo plaza.

The task at hand

The Gibbs project will not tell residents what they should do with their town, said Lori Ward, director of the Northville Downtown Development Authority. He will merely reacquaint interested parties with fundamental principles of what makes a downtown successful.

"He's got a lot of comparative experience for us," she said. "I

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Hopping to the rescue

Local woman finds homes for rescued rabbits

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Dominique Moroz vividly recalls her first pet rabbit, a surprise she received as a girl living in California.

While at a gas station, her mother was approached by a man with "Stanford Laboratory Rabbits." The white, red-eyed dwarf bunnies had undergone animal testing at the university and, at that time, were afterwards given away.

"My mom brought one back," Moroz said. She named her pet Lapinet — French for bunny. "I just loved her. I just thought she was the most wonderful pet."

Forty years later, Moroz is helping fellow pet lovers through both adoption efforts and artistry.

Since January, she's been part of Rescue R&R, a network of local people who help find homes for rescued rabbits. The rabbits are found by area Humane Societies and shelters.

"We try to spread them out so they get the right amount of attention and care, both physical and emotional," Moroz said. "We mostly help shelters rather than individuals. When a rabbit is in a shelter, their next step is being put down."

Reaching out

Moroz works to dispel misconceptions about her long-eared friends. For instance, people often buy small bunnies at Easter time and then release them, thinking they'll survive.

"In the Michigan weather that's not really true," Moroz said. "Putting a domestic rabbit outside is like putting a Chihuahua outside."

Also, bunnies do better in pairs, she said. "They are very affectionate to each other. The bigger the bunny, the more docile and family friendly they are."

Moroz and her network post descriptions and pictures through Petfinder.com. From Polish and

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Dominique Moroz with "Sugar Bunny," a Polish dwarf rabbit she's caring for as part of her Rabbit R&R operations.



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"She's just active and involved in a career of volunteerism. She does it in a quiet and special way."

Christopher Johnson
Northville Mayor

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Northville community volunteer extraordinaire Michelle Fecht stands outside her Cady Street home.

Fecht earns 'unsung hero' award

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Michele Fecht chaperoned a Northville High School activity, carried a banner promoting Northville Youth Assistance during the Victorian Festival parade and showed up to support the community's vintage baseball team.

That was part of her Friday. There are so many reasons Fecht received this year's Claude N. Ely Memorial Award, said Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson. "I could go on forever. Michele is a person who has really contributed a lot to the city, to the community, and did it in such a way — quiet and positive and never attracting attention to herself."

Fecht since the early 1980s has been a familiar face around town, first working for the *Northville Record*, later buying and restoring a home with her husband Steve and raising their family here. The mom's contributions followed the two Fecht children, Clara and David, through their schools, Amerman Elementary, Hillside Middle and now the high school.

"What she has done around the schools is legendary," Johnson said. He also cited her efforts on behalf of the Northville Mothers' Club, Northville Youth Assistance, the Northville District Library and the Meadowbrook Congregational Church.

"She's just active and involved in a career of volunteerism," the mayor said. "She does it in a quiet and special way."

A committee of the mayor, Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski, Assistant City Manager Nickie Bateson, Board of Education President Judith Wollack and former Mayor A Malcolm Allen selected the Ely recipient. City leaders in 1959 created the

award in memory of Ely, the last president of the Village of Northville and first mayor of the city, who demonstrated over many years an outstanding devotion and service to his community.

Fecht said she was shocked when she heard her name called at the conclusion of the mayor's introductory remarks. "I was sitting there totally clueless," she said. "I said 'what am I doing up here?'. It was quite the honor."

The 18-year Northville resident said in each volunteer environment she has been part of a team, with peers willing to work together toward a common goal.

"There are so many individuals working to make it what it is," she said. "I think that's very prevalent — there's such a strong sense of community."

Added to her roles of volunteer, wife and mother is still writer. The former *Detroit News* staff member continues her professional pursuits on a freelance basis, including periodic school district communications.

Fecht said she hopes her community service sets an example for her children. "You hope they're going to take something away from it that is positive."

"So much of the success is the people who roll up their sleeves and say 'let's just do it.'"

The recipient was one of dozens of local volunteers honored Sept. 9 at the city's 2004 Boards and Commissions Appreciation Reception at the Northville Senior Community Center. Northville Senior Advisory Council Chair Jim Nield was the keynote speaker, preceding the Ely award presentation.

"This city wouldn't be what it is without these people willing to give their time," Johnson said. During his praise for the audience that evening the mayor said community service working conditions have

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 - Senior Citizens Advisory Council
 - Youth Assistance

changed recently, a wry reference to the petitions to recall council members, lawsuits filed against planning commissioners and standing-room-only public hearings.

"I actually got to joke with them a little," he said. The former obscure positions now were landing them on the front page, he said.

Fecht said the volunteers appreciated the reception in their honor. "It's nice that the city does that — acknowledge the volunteers," she said. "They do a good job of it."

"You realize the vast number of people who are volunteering their time on a board or commission. It's amazing."

"I think we're just so fortunate to live here — in a community that has a collective commitment to giving back."



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City's history will be told during annual cemetery walk Oct. 10



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Sonia and Tom Swigart will be part of the docents leading a tour of the Northville's historical Oakland Cemetery on Oct. 10 for the Historical Society. Here, they stop at a tombstone dated 1892.

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Cady, Dunlap, Hutton and Randolph — names most Northville residents associate with streets they traverse today — in a couple of weeks will become acquaintances who contrast their lifestyle in this community in the 1800s.

The Northville Historical Society will host its third annual Cemetery Walk Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Oakland Cemetery on West Cady Street. Men and women will don the wardrobe and persona of Northville's first families.

"It's fascinating to just kind of



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Many of the tombstones of Oakland Cemetery bespeak to the often short lives that Northville residents lived: "Frances E. Ferguson, died July 26, 1841, Aged 2 Yrs."

walk around," said Tom Swigart, who will dress as a sexton for the day and initiate the tours. The walk is 5:30-8:30 p.m.

As the expected 300 tour goes await their nod to enter the graveyard, the city councilman will relate history of the cemetery, including its first interment, reason for close and the shift of town burials from backyards to Oakland to "new" plots in the 1880s at Rural Hill on Seven Mile Road.

The "Welcome to Oakland Cemetery" sign marks the era, 1808-1990. The practice of purchasing family plots accounts for the broad period of interments, Swigart explained.

One day last week, the quiet of the resting place was interrupted only by crickets chirping and the whisper of visitors walking the grassy grounds. The roots of tall, gnarled trees growing for generations nudge an occasional concrete marker, adding to the feel of random order throughout the cemetery.

A study of the varied shapes, size and inscription on tombstones is an education in itself. The words left to immortalize the loved ones buried there put in context the circumstances of another era.

Not too far from the green iron entry gate lie two sisters, Gertrude and Mary, who died in 1944 within a day of each other; one "in the

third year of her age," the other "in the sixth year of her age."

"You see a lot of variation of ages," Swigart said. "Life was a little less certain back then." If people made it past childhood diseases, there was industrial accidents horse kicks and other hazards with which to contend on the way to a ripe old age.

The timed tour Oct. 10 allows for a few minutes at 10 grave sites, where historical society volunteers in period costume will relate personal information about their designated town founder. In preparation, they researched family records, daily habits, livelihoods and the context of their existence, said Sonia Swigart, one of the tour organizers.

Following the tour, the historical society will offer cookies and cider at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

The first year of the tour, the local historians hosted 200, Swigart said. Due to demand they added 100 tickets and an additional hour for a sell-out last year, and will offer 300 again this year, she said.

A range of ages attended the first two years, Swigart said. They were a combination of long-time residents and new-to-Northville. "They commented afterward, they didn't know that much about the history of Northville," she said.

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Tickets available: \$10 adults; \$8 students at Mill Race Village 1-4 p.m., Sundays or by calling (248) 348-2947.

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For safety and comfort, the walk planners encouraged visitors to wear sensible clothing and shoes, and to carry flashlights. They asked participants not to bring strollers.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Northville Historical Society's museum, archives and Mill Race Historical Village. For more information, call (248) 348-1845.

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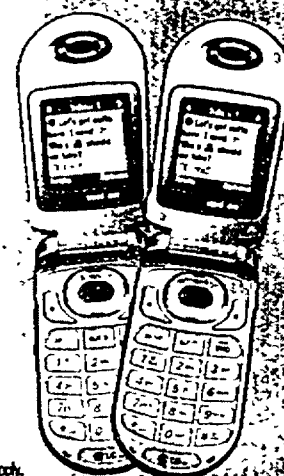
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Around Town



The mayor said

During the City Council comment portion of the regular meeting Monday night, Mayor Christopher Johnson thanked everyone involved in hosting the Victorian Festival this past weekend.

"It seems like we had more people than ever," he said. Police and fire personnel were a visible presence; the department of public works crew handled set up and clean up. It was a great event all the way around."

Photo show tonight!

Thursdays this fall, Northville Arts Commission chairman Ken Naigus will narrate a series of slide shows depicting national parks he has visited. All the \$5 presentations will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Art House, 215 W. Cady St. The schedule is: parks in the West, Sept. 23; and in the Southwest, Oct. 21, and Midwest, Nov. 18.

Beanie babies and crayons

More than 300 children in the Dominican Republic will be examined for free during a two-week period by mid-west Michigan medical personnel who donate their time to travel there.

Members of the medical mission are seeking donations of gently used Beanie Babies, crayons and paper to take with them for their young patients. The toys will help ease tensions as they are examined and treated.

Donors must act fast because the medical team must be packed for customs inspection by Sept. 30. Drop-off locations are Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center, or Copy-Boy Printers, 342 E. Main. For more information, call (248) 349-3730. Tax receipts are available.

More than household hints

Bring your questions and "Ask the Handyman," Joe Gagnon, when he visits Long Bath Design Gallery, 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 25. The store, 190 E. Main St., will offer drawings, giveaways and refreshments as part of the 1270 AM radio personality's appearance.

Bird in the hand

When an event as large as the Victorian Festival comes to town, assorted stories are sure to emerge. This one is about a lost bird.

While one local family was preparing to watch the parade on Main Street Friday night, the youngest son spotted a blue parakeet in a tree above their vantage point. The Thornton Creek fourth-grader rescued the house pet from its perch.

A helpful bystander supplied a shoe box obtained from a downtown merchant. The parents approved taking the bird home for safe keeping.

The person missing this pet can call (248) 921-4628.

Final family night

The Friends of Maybury State Park will be hosting the season's final Family Night of 2004 at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10.

Local story teller Jean Gordon will bring to life stories of ghosts and goblins, suitable for all ages. Children will be able to paint faces on gourds as a take-home craft.

The event will take place regardless of the weather under the shelter at the concession stand. There is no charge for the program, only admittance to the park. The park entrance is off Eight Mile Road, a half mile east of Napier Road.

Registered to vote?

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 2 election is Monday, Oct. 4.

Residents can register at their municipal hall or at any Secretary of State branch office. Requirements include U.S. citizenship and age 18.

Support for all ages

BraveHeart Grief Center, 126 Main Centre, is offering a fall series of Pathfinders grief support and education groups for children, teens, and parents/caregivers beginning Sept. 30.

The groups will meet for eight consecutive weeks 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at the center. Advanced registration is required and interested participants will have the opportunity to meet with a counselor prior to the first session. There is no charge for this program although donations are welcome.

To register or for more information, call BraveHeart at (248) 449-8232 or visit www.braveheartofmichigan.org.

A-mazing good deed

When Graphics Visions owner Sue Dillon heard that the signs her company created for the corn maze at Maybury Farm had been stolen Saturday, she stepped up.

The local business owner will replace the signs farm supporters had placed at five Beck Road intersections, along the route to the state park.

The maze, sponsored by Farmer Jack stores, will be open 5-9 p.m., Fridays and 2-9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, through Oct. 31. The farm is located at 50255 Eight Mile Road, a half mile east of Napier Road.

Tickets, \$8 for adults and \$4 for children, are available at the

Maybury Farm Welcome Center, the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Northville Community Foundation. All proceeds go to feeding the animals and rebuilding the farm.

More Maybury Farm news

The author and illustrator of a book about the beloved animals at the community's farm presented a check for \$19,712 to go toward efforts to rebuild it.

Cathy Blanck and Sarah Marino created "Marybury Had a Little Lamb" as a fundraiser after dozens of animals died in the farm fire in February 2003. Their donation represents contributions by hundreds of people who purchased the children's book.

Farmer Jack President Mike Carter on Monday presented a check for \$5,000 to the farm at Maybury State Park.

The donation kicked off the 13 metro-Detroit store campaign to Help Rebuild Maybury Farm, said Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation. The non-profit agency is coordinating efforts to rebuild the community attraction.

Farmer Jack will put barrels in Livonia, Westland, Novi, South Lyon, Northville Township, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Garden City stores to offer customers the opportunity to donate.

A baby colt was born at Maybury Farm last Thursday. The baby boy is doing well and romping through the fields with his mom, Patti, Peters said. He is the newest addition to the farm and is much appreciated by Farmer John Beemer, she said.

Grief workshop starting

New Hope Center for Grief Support and the Northville Senior Community Center will be offering a grief support work-

shop for adults who are dealing with the death of a loved one starting Tuesday, Oct. 12.

The workshop will be held at the center, 303 W. Main Street, 7-8:30 p.m. seven consecutive Tuesdays. The content is designed to help participants deal with normal grief responses, combining education and an opportunity to share experiences with others.

For more information or to register, call the New Hope office at 248-348-0115.

Join the show

Northville Youth Theater is looking for enthusiastic young performers to star in its fall production, "Babes in Toyland."

Rehearsals will vary by assigned part, but will take place on Sundays and Thursdays through December. Performances and rehearsals of this classic Christmas tale will be Dec. 17, 18 and 19 at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

For more information, call parks and recreation at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411.

Bring laundry soap

Local assistance organization Civic Concern weekly collects non-perishable food and household items for local families temporarily short of cash.

The agency is located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center, 42951 Seven Mile Rd. Residents seeking to donate items can drop them off 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.

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Families, individuals, sports 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 St. building. The deadline to purchase a brick is Oct. 1. For more information, call the center at (248) 349-4140.

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.

Recruiting hospice volunteers

Arbor Hospice and Home Care, 331 Center St., is recruiting volunteers who want to help hospice patients and their families.

The five-week training program is 9 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, Oct. 13-Nov. 10 at the Northville hospice and home care location. After completing five training sessions, volunteers are matched with hospice patients and visit them in their home environment.

In order to ensure continuity, a minimum commitment of one year is desired. To volunteer or for more information, call Coplai at (248) 348-4980.

Compiled by Northville Record staff writer Maureen Johnston. To suggest an item for inclusion in Around Town, e-mail mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORTS

Three teens in trouble

A Saturday night of Southern Comfort landed one teen in the hospital and two others with obstructing an officer citations.

Following a police stop near Cooke School, an 18-year-old male driver and his 17-year-old girlfriend ran from the vehicle, police reports said.

The 16-year-old boy who remained in the front passenger seat smelled of intoxicants and was repeatedly asked to exit the vehicle. "He had difficulty standing. His speech was extremely slurred and he could not put together coherent sentences."

According to police reports the boy's condition prompted officers at the scene to summon emergency medical assistance. When the boy refused to enter the ambulance, an officer requested the boy's father, already en route to the police station, be directed to the scene. The boy did not recognize his dad, the report said. The two individuals who fled were later identified. During questioning the following day, the two revealed their younger friend started drinking around 8:30 p.m. at his home, then continued while the three were "hanging out" near the Cooke monkey bars, the report said. The older teen, whose license was

suspended, told police he opted to drive his friend's car in light of his friend's state, the report said. The woman said she ran because he did. The city's attorney will pursue obstructing an officer charges against the man and his girlfriend for their decision to flee, the report said.

While the 18-year-old was running from the initial traffic stop, he crashed into and shattered the tempered glass patio table in the yard of a Morgan Circle home, the report said. The owner agreed to the subject covering the cost of replacement. The 16-year-old will be processed for underage consumption of alcohol charges in Oakland County juvenile court, the report said.

Melvindale man; the other a 33-year old Westland man.

Newsletters spark debate

Attempts to recall a subdivision board member sparked issues when a two neighbors distributed fliers opposing the effort — and two others promptly removed them from the subdivision's 347 wooden mailboxes. A 79-year-old man and his 77-year-old wife placed the fliers in boxes supplied by the subdivision association, located directly under U.S. Postal Service boxes, police said. Following the couple was a 71-year old woman driving an Explorer from which the passenger, a 59-year old woman, was removing the newsletters. The passenger returned the letters in a "crumpled" state. She told police that her intent was "to stop a possible lawsuit due to a third party being named." No board members were involved.



SURVEILLANCE

Police believe this man tried to rob the Standard Federal Bank on Six Mile Road Tuesday afternoon.

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville Township detectives continue their search for a man attempting armed robbery at a local bank.

"We have a really good description and believe someone may know him," said Lt. Ray Garbarino with the Northville Township Police Department. "It is possible he may have been involved with other bank robberies, not in our jurisdiction, but outside areas and we are still looking into that."

21 at about 3:50 p.m., an unknown white man entered Standard Federal Bank on Six Mile Road, approaching a teller and demanding money.

The man allegedly told the teller he had a gun, lifting his shirt and revealing a dark object in his waistband.

According to witnesses, other bank employees learned a robbery was in progress when the teller turned around to retrieve the cash.

"I think the fact he thought some other people may be on to him prompted him to get out of there," Garbarino said. "But, that is pure speculation."

The suspect left the bank without any cash and no one was injured. No one was hurt.

Police said the man may have left the bank in a light color passenger vehicle.

Witnesses described the suspect as a male in his 30s, standing 5-foot-9-inches to 5-foot-11-inches tall and weighing about 165 pounds.

Witnesses said he was wearing a white baseball cap with an emblem on the front, glasses, a gray T-shirt and blue jeans.

If caught and convicted, the suspect faces up to life in prison.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Northville Township Police Department at (248) 349-9400.

Victoria Sadlocha can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 122 or vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.

OBITUARIES

Anne Marie Petrosky, 90

Anne Marie Petrosky of Northville, formerly of Livonia, died Sept. 16, 2004. She was 90. Mrs. Petrosky was born Jan. 13, 1914, in Latrobe, Penn. She came to the Livonia community in 1960, from Farmington Hills. She loved knitting and solving crossword puzzles. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister.

Survivors include one son, Gerald (Linda) Petrosky of Northville, five grandchildren, Timothy (Denise) Petrosky, Melissa (Brent) Richards, Michael Petrosky, Diane Leadford, and Lisa (Todd) Kozakiewicz, four great-grandchildren, Cori, Matthew, Dylan and Andrea; and two sisters, Mary Parfitt and Kathenne Morrow.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Petrosky and one son, John Petrosky, Jr.

Funeral services were held Sept. 18, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 24445 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI, 48075, c/o Gerald Petrosky.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Rhea Elizabeth Leathers, 87

Rhea Leathers of Plymouth, formerly of Northville, died Sept. 17, 2004. She was 87. Mrs. Leathers was born in Detroit on May 12, 1917 to the late James and Grace (Collin) Davidson.

She lived in King's Mill Cooperative in Northville for more than twenty years and had many wonderful, loving friends there. Her favorite activities were playing cards and socializing with her family and friends. She was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Parish, Canton.

Survivors include one daughter, Joyce (Paul) Radgens; two granddaughters, Paula (Rob) DeMember and Kathy (Bret) Row; one grandson, Warren (Julie) Radgens and one nephew, Greg (Laurie) Leimbach; two "grandchildren", Jeff and Kristen Leimbach, seven great-granddaughters, Sarah Brooks, Lauren, Alyse and Alexandra DeMember, Tori Row, Chelsea and Nicole Radgens, and her best friend of sixty-six years, Toni Clark.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Harold, three sisters, Marjorie Leimbach, Ione (and Ned) Nolan and Eunice Sockalich; one grandson, Steven Radgens, one "grandson" Michael Leimbach and one nephew, Gary Nolan.

Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made in Rhea's name to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (Michigan Chapter), 24359 Northwestern Highway, Suite 225, Southfield, MI 48075. Special thanks to Arbor Hospice for all their help and support.

In keeping with Rhea's wishes, there will be no funeral service and a memorial celebration will be held in her honor in the near future.

Gold grabbed

A 31-year-old woman reported \$24,950 in gold jewelry missing from her bathroom vanity on Sept. 12. According to the report, two delivery men had been in her house to deliver a refrigerator the day before. One "asked to use her bathroom," the report said, and she recalled the man "taking an unusually long time."

She told police the stolen goods included a diamond ring valued at \$15,000, Channel set bridal rings at \$3,000, two other rings and four gold bracelets, two earrings and two necklaces. All items were in a Ziploc bag, she said.

Police said they are in the process of attempting to contact the two suspects. One is a 32-year-old

Signs of trouble

City of Northville yard signs disappeared this weekend.

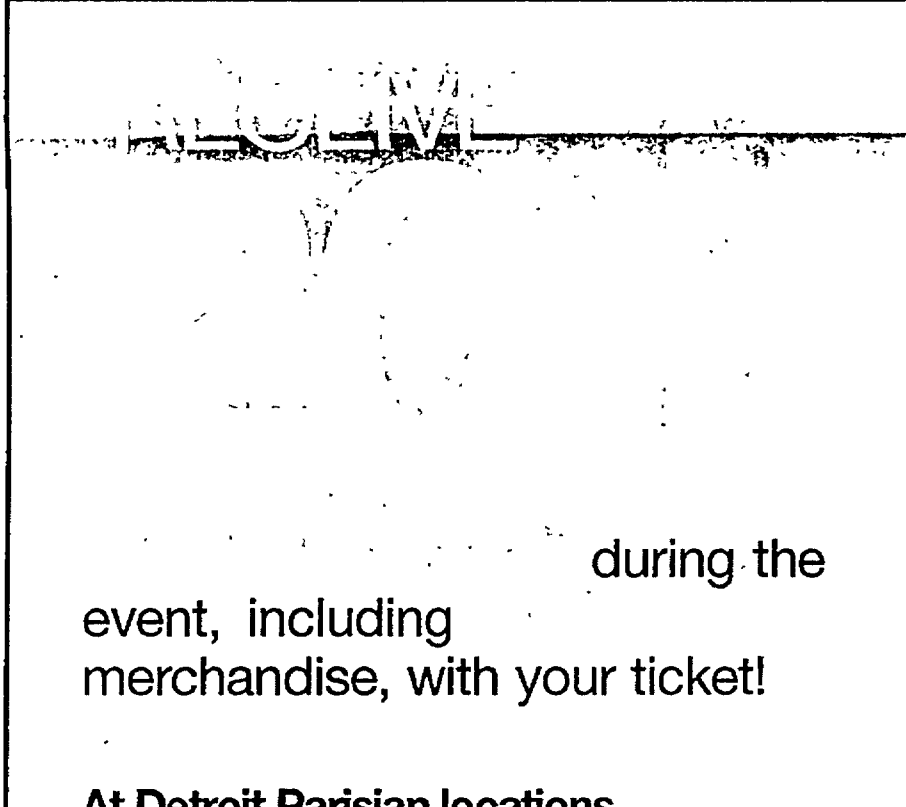
Calls to the Northville Police Department included reports of John Kerry presidential signs missing Saturday and Sunday from homes in the Randolph, Horton and West Main blocks of town.

Meanwhile, signs advertising the corn maze at Maybury Park which opened this weekend disappeared along Beck Road at Five Mile, Six Mile, Seven Mile and Nine Mile intersections. The green-and-white plastic Maybury lawn signs were taken, while others on the corner remained.



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TRENDS FOR MEN

Women are not the only ones shopping for necklaces, bracelets and rings these days. Men are now showing more interest in jewelry than at any time in recent history. They seem to be particularly attracted to stainless steel, which is most prominently used in men's watches. It has the same high-polish appearance as platinum, as well as the durability, but is much more affordable. Other metals, such as silver and platinum, are also gaining popularity for men's rings. Chain necklaces are showcasing the manly, industrial look. Steel pendants can also be combined with a leather cord for nouveau bracelet or necklace. Some men's jewelry features diamonds set into stainless steel pieces.

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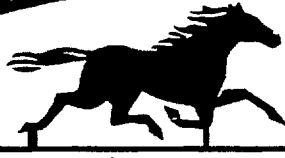
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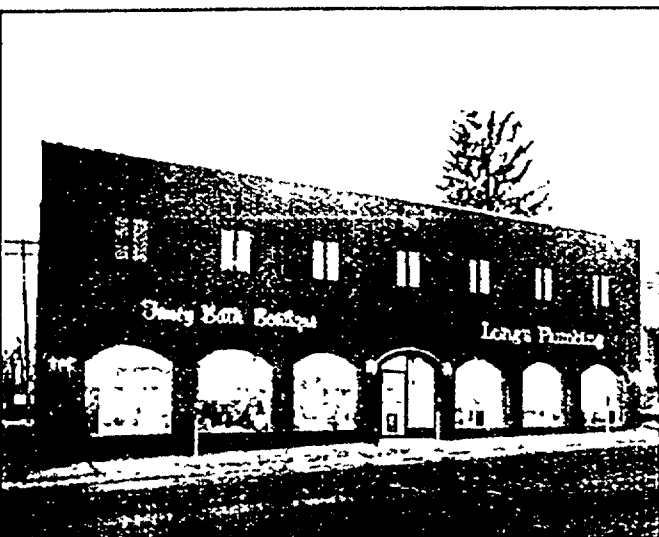
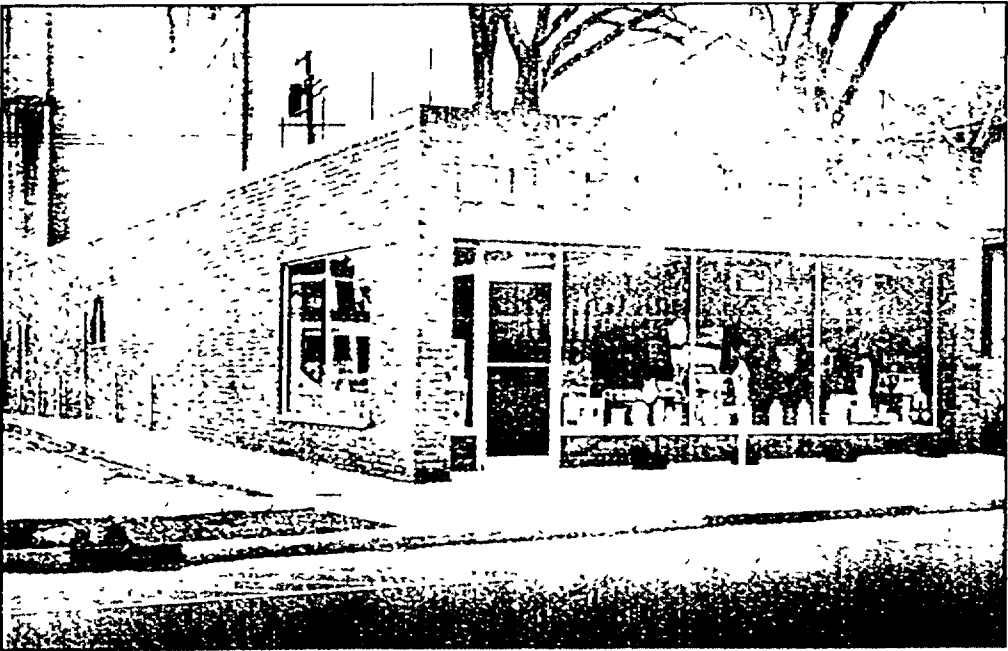
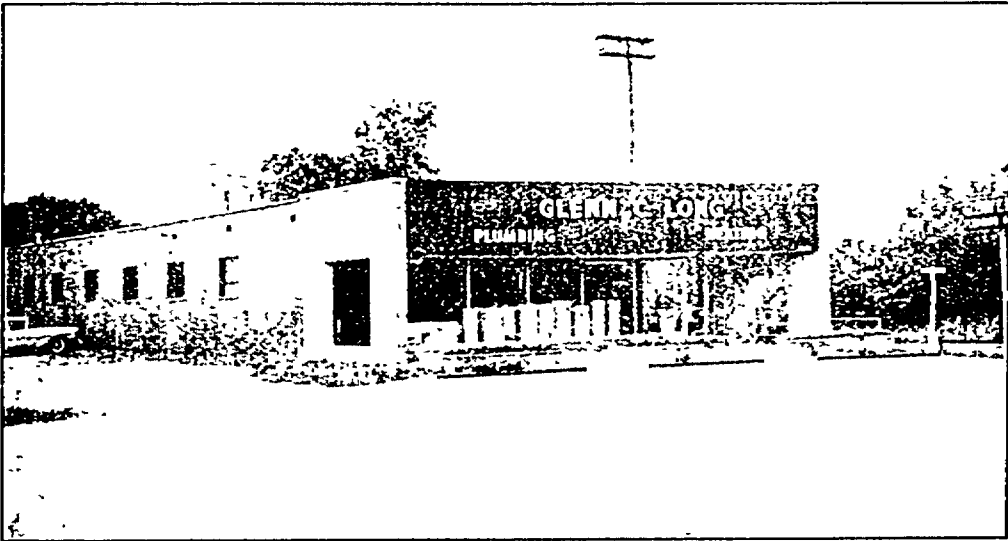
A 'LONG' WAY TO GO?



Photo by JOHN HEIDER, NORTHVILLE RECORD

Jim Long, owner of Northville Long Bath Design Gallery and Long's Plumbing has his sights set on promoting and developing downtown Northville.

A look at the future, through the eyes of the past...



Submitted Photos

(Above) After establishing a plumbing business in their home in 1949, Lois and the late Glenn Long opened their first storefront in 1954 on Seven Mile Road, just east of the railroad tracks. (Middle) The enterprise in 1964 moved onto Dunlap, the site of the current Edward's Catering building. (Left) Jim Long moved the company to Main Street in 1974.

GIBBS: planner will revisit Northville, offer recommendations

continued from front page

think we'll be able to hear what's worked in other areas, and conversely, what does not work. "He might say, "these are things that are missing from your downtown that you could possibly attract."

Ultimately, community residents and officials will make future lifestyle choices. Those choices will determine whether the downtown area remains as it is, experiences moderate growth or if more dense development is encouraged, Ward said.

"It's really a value system that's ours," she said. "It's not going to be his preference for us. I don't think anyone thinks that the maximum growth model is the one we'll pursue."

Gibbs' expertise stems from nationwide projects. His purpose Monday will be to describe how to set the stage for future growth. Some options may include revising ordinance standards, establishing traffic circulation patterns or targeting specific sites for in-fill development.

Got history?

Despite the proliferation of strip centers and shopping malls, Ward said she remains optimistic about the downtown Northville's future.

"There's something about the uniqueness of a downtown," she said. "There are different elements, like the architecture, that say something about the history of the community."

"You go to a mall and The Gap looks the same whether you're in California or Minnesota."

Ironically, the super-sized Meijer department store is borrowing the look of vintage facades, Ward said. The new store on Jackson Road in Ann Arbor is segmented by service, in much the same manner as old-fashioned town was laid out.

"They're starting to borrow from downtowns to make it appear that there are stores within a store," she said. What they can-

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not re-create is the charm or the authentic look and feel of amenities that evolved over time.

"People like to know that it grew up with them," Ward said. "When you walk into any downtown, the mix, the look, the feel, the personality, is different."

"They're willing to pay that price for a sense of downtown and have someone recognize them."

Local voices

A Downtown Planning Committee during the past two years looked at concepts such as re-routing some city streets, parking locations, and "Cady Town." A development along Cady Street, one block south of Main Street, might incorporate characteristics similar to Ann Arbor's Kerrytown with its specialty retail, small indoor mall, farmer's market and

distinctive setting.

"I think it's fair to say it's something we're going to look at," Ward said. "Whether the consultant will like those ideas or support them, we're going to look at them."

People who are interested in the downtown's potential should attend the meeting, the director said. "We'd like to start with as much participation as we can to be on the right foot."

Gibbs is planning smaller meetings starting the first week in October to solicit local input.

"What they're not going to hear at this (Monday) meeting is specifics about what's going to happen in the downtown," she said. "That's at the end. This is a presentation by (Gibbs) about downtowns. This is not a workshop."

"He's going to follow it up with focus groups and say, 'What do you think of this?'" Ward said. He will question groups of 10 or so during 30-45 minute sessions, she said.

The director next week is sending invitations to target entities Gibbs identified: teens, young families, seniors, planning commissioners, council members, business owners, city department heads, civic groups, restaurant owners, individuals, the mayor, city manager, the city's planning consultant, downtown development authority board members, historic district commission members, race track owners, major business owners and the chamber of commerce.

A steering committee created by the city council will provide Gibbs background as he revisits the community, Ward said. "Bob may have his own ideas. I think the steering committee will act as a sounding board for him about the process and the logistics of the project."

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Long's: From plumbing to Bath Design Gallery, they've spanned Northville's diverse generations

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ask lifetime Northville residents which businesses have staying power downtown and invariably their list includes Long's.

The next breath includes names like Casterline's Funeral Home, Bloom's Insurance, Northville Travel Plans, the Starting Gate, IV Seasons, Northville Downs and the Northville Record.

Then comes the long list of businesses which have come and gone — the grocers, hardware, pastry shops, menswear stores, shoe stores, and specialty shops.

Like all historic downtowns, the core of Northville has seen countless merchants start up and turn over since its formation in the 1800s. Changing consumer demands, competition of surrounding entities, market trends and personal factors in the past couple of decades have contributed to a steady stream of new faces in Northville's storefronts.

"The market changes, demand changes," said Lori Ward, director of the Northville Downtown Development Authority. "Mostly it's services and institutions that have staying power."

A 1997 retail planning study conducted by Birmingham-based Gibbs Planning Group showed that the post office and pharmacy were the two top draws to downtown Northville.

"It's unusual for a business to stay in the same location over the decades because of changing needs."

Advances in technology and additional space requirements have pushed around local stores, including Long's Plumbing.

The next generation

Long's has anchored a spot on east Main Street for the past 30 years. In 1949, the business started in the Northville home of the late Glenn and his wife Lois, who still maintains a presence in the business today.

The first storefront, which included appliance sales, opened on Seven Mile Road, just east of the railroad tracks in 1954. The

ASK THE HANDYMAN

Bring your questions and "Ask the Handyman," Joe Gagnon, when he visits 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 25. The store, 190 E. Main St., will offer drawings, giveaways and refreshments as part of the 1270 AM radio personality's appearance.

Also at Long's bathroom fixture manufacturer Kohler will display the latest products in a mobile showroom.

"You have to have a product that people want to see and purchase. You've got to try your best to take care of your customers, which we do."

Jim Long
Owner, Long's Plumbing

enterprise in 1964 moved onto Dunlap, the site of the current Edward's Catering building. Jim Long, who succeeded his parents at the helm of the company in the mid-1970s, moved the company to Main Street in 1974.

Today pedestrians can view Long Bath Design Gallery product lines in wide windows of the facade newly fashioned just a year ago.

Staff size tells the story of the company's growth, from the initial six on Dunlap to a high of 125 during the 22 years the Tampa branch was privately owned. With sale of the southern operation to employees, Long maintains 75 workers on his local staff.

"We did some pretty nice, visible projects down there," Long said. "It

was time. We were able to devote more time and energy to our Michigan operation."

Keys to longevity

Completely renovating the 30-year-old 190 E. Main Street building is part of the company's reinvestment strategy to keep abreast of the trends and appeal to savvy consumers.

"The architecture, the design, it was probably past time for an update," Long said. "We can show more products in a different venue. We're starting to see some results — it's a shot in the arm that our showroom needed."

The businessman is further stepping up marketing efforts by hosting a live radio broadcast and a truckload of product introductions this weekend, for example. "There's continuing new innovations in this field," he said. "It will give people a chance to see new products and what's out there."

"A lot of people take enormous pride in their homes, tearing them down and rebuilding them, right within walking distance of downtown. We're trying to reach as many people as we can."

Knowledge of the customer base and owner investment are the keys to survival, Ward agreed. The development authority director cited the relative long-term success in town of Long's, Orin's Jewelers, Genitti's and MacKinnon's restaurants. "Those, I think, are the proprietors — the personality behind the business — they're more vested in a mom and pop operation."

Ward described her personal allegiance to stores that exhibit those same qualities. "I go there because I get greeted. You develop a relationship with people there."

"In this day and age when people are more and more disconnected with technology, they crave that."

Long's strives for customer satisfaction, the owner said. "You have to have a product that people want to see and purchase. You've got to try your best to take care of your customers, which we do."

"A lot of our business is repeat customers and word of mouth," Long said. "It's the best."

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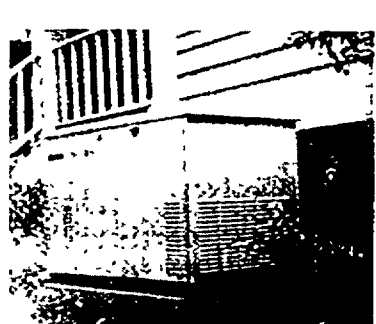
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Growth: Seven's up

Shopping centers on township's radar



This is the first installment of an ongoing series looking at growth along Northville Township's Seven Mile Road corridor.

By Kim Kovelie
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Like an oasis in a parking lot desert, the six surviving businesses in the east end of Northville Plaza on Seven Mile Road contrast abandoned anchors further west.

Allie Chirri, owner of Chirri Builders, moved in eight years ago, when the empty 70,000 square feet held a Farmer Jack and Big Lots.

"The vacancies did affect our operations to a degree," Chirri said. "We noticed about a 20 percent drop in our walk-ins."

Built in 1974, the plaza has seen tweaks, such as a mid-1990s elimination of its walk-through mall style. But dark storefronts and worn green awnings now dominate.

"I'm really surprised that the township puts up with such an eyesore. The way the complex is, it's not a permanent solution," Chirri said.

The plaza is one part of the Seven Mile corridor — the two miles between Haggerty and Northville roads.

Hot spot

The most recent numbers from Wayne County indicate nearly 15,500 automobiles pass through the stretch each way during a 24-hour period.

The impending transition of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital now has the area poised



Photo by JOHN HEIDER, NORTHVILLE RECORD

Allie Chirri's kitchen and window renovation shop in the Northville Plaza on Seven Mile has been thriving along with a handful of other stores in the shopping center. About half of the plaza, however, is unoccupied at this time.

for yet another development transition. The prospective developer of that property, Real Estate Interests, has until Nov. 1 to close on the deal with the State of Michigan.

Abutting Northville Road, Highland Lakes Shopping Center is another strip wall located along Seven Mile Road. A 1977 structure, it too lacks major anchors, though there are fewer vacancies and the owner is beginning to renovate the facade.

"Personally, I think it's because they're difficult to get to," Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said. "There's not a through street from Six Mile to Seven Mile other than Haggerty and Northville Road."

That may change if Wayne County, which owns the township's roads, enacts its master plan to extend Winchester Road to Seven Mile.

Township tax records indicate Northville Plaza this summer paid about \$59,900 in property taxes; Highland Lakes paid close to \$49,400. Though not large amounts, the two commercial facilities represent the largest strip malls in the township, said Township Assessor John McLenaghan.

Bolstered business and renovations may help.

"They wouldn't pay a major portion, just their value as compared to the total value of the whole com-



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This area of the Northville Plaza used to be home to a Farmer Jack's grocery store.

munity," McLenaghan said. "Physical changes that add value could be added to their taxable value."

But in a bedroom community, the low-key plazas uniquely coexist with nearby apartments, such as Harbour Village, Swan Harbour and Innsbrook.

"That's evolved over time between some of the business and residents," Hillebrand said. "I don't know that you could plan for that today. We're always looking for that blend, and it is challenging."

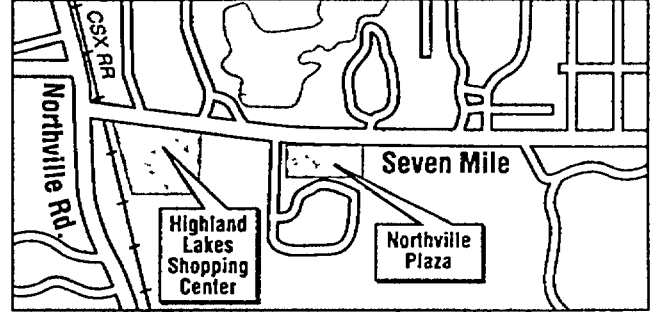
For some existing businesses, however, the primary challenge is attracting customers.

Norm Sturgill opened The Alexandria Collection in Highland Lakes early last month. He's looking forward to the exterior improvements, but said this far he's tracking only a handful of daily walk-ins.

"Right now the people that come here, they come here for a specific reason and they go," Sturgill said. "I would like to see two, three name brand stores that people do shop at. It has a chance of being much more than it is."

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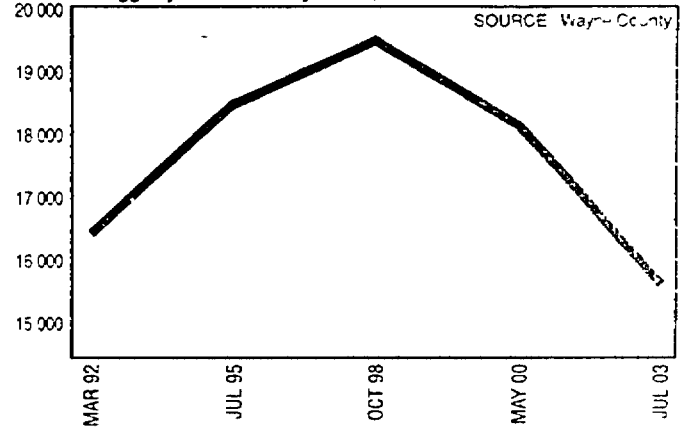
Seven Mile Road Plazas



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Seven Mile Traffic Chart

Traffic counts for Seven Mile Road between Northville & Haggerty Roads. 2-way traffic, 24-hour counts



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Victorian Festival

2004



Julia Colasanti walks with a group of students from Our Lady of Victory School during last Friday night's Victorian Festival parade.



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A long procession of marchers walked into the sunset as they made their way down Main Street during last Friday night's Victorian Festival parade.



Casey Reason walks with his son Kiah, 3, in last Friday night's Victorian Festival parade.

FESTIVAL: 16th annual festival a big success

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purple-and-red-clad counterparts, parade participants crossed the community's generations.

Different members of the Echelmeyer family — Ed, Adalia and sons, Eddie and Henry — said they liked the candy, the parade, the candy and watching daughter Lauren in the band.

"The outfits take you back in time," Adalia said. "You want to be part of it because you're there. Even the little kids — they get to come down here and learn what the kids did at their age."

Friday evening, the town turned out in caps and bonnets, suspenders, flouncy dresses and feathery hats. Those heading west on Main Street squinted into the sun, unless their hat brim was wide enough or their parasol more than lace.

Placards proclaiming "Please buy a pie" and "Duck race 3 p.m." enticed sidewalk spectators. Community organizations carried wide, low banners.

The Northville High School marching band and the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corp provided music and certain contingents drew hoots of admiration from the crowd — the Harmony Acres Arabians,

the synchronized parasol twirlers and the Eclipse baseball team.

Karen Howe, named Northville's "Queen Victoria" for the weekend, wound up the half-hour procession in a white horse drawn carriage.

"I liked the horses," said Krista Leannan. "And I liked the queen and the little girls, the last part."

The Silver Springs Elementary School fifth grader attended the event with her mom, Evelyn. "I liked the parasol ladies," she said. The two were meeting up after the parade with third-grade sister Amanda, who walked with teachers and classmates. Then, they planned to head downtown to check out the rides and shopping.

Art and amusements

Throughout the weekend, people leisurely strolled the modern-day festival with the historic architectural backdrop. Several retailers extended their hours to take advantage of the heavy foot traffic.

Howe said many people she met were first-time visitors.

"It's going great," Howe said. "I've been going in and out of restaurants — everyone seems to be very receptive. The energy here was so positive."

Part of the queen's Saturday pro-

cession included friends Deanna Norris, Colleen McDonald and her two daughters Natalie, 7, and Whitney, 10.

"It's fun," McDonald said. "People are walking up to her, 'the queen, the queen!'. It's great."

On Main Street west of Center, Spin the Apple riders screamed as they spun. Outside the Kitchen Witch at the other end of the block, a crowd surrounded singers who delivered barbershop harmony of "Up a Lazy River."

"It's got a nice hometown feel to it," said Shannon Stuart, who moved to town with her husband Douglas at the start of the year. "We're just getting familiar with the events."

Among the Art Market patrons who scouted booths along east Main Street, the couple carried home two pieces of yard art. They selected a metal plant stand shaped like a spider and a pumpkin stand skeleton made from heavy-duty wire.

An event to share

Georgene Walker, who has attended the event off and on the past few years, Saturday brought her twin three-year-old sons, Max and Luke. She said she has fond

memories of the festival from when she used to bring her now 18-year-old son Ryan.

Christy and Joel Jensen and their five-year-old daughter Emily have attended the festival the past couple of years.

"We like the community feel and the food," Christy said. "And we met up with family." She said the family of seven visited Mill Race Historic Village, as well as the booths downtown.

Victoria Mlynar brought her two daughters, Caroline, 8 and Natalie, 5, to the festival for the first time. The two girls waited their turn for pink and purple butterflies at the Class of 2008 booth offering face painting.

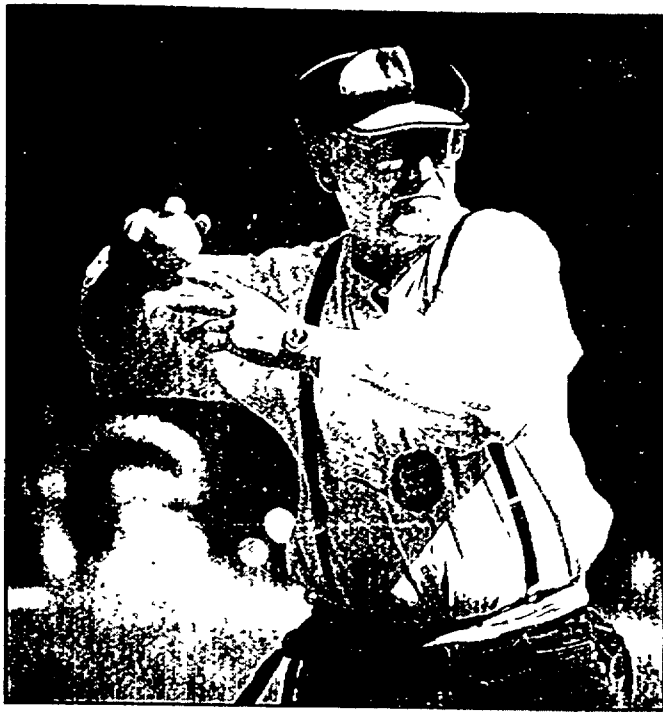
"It's wonderful entertainment for the children," the mom said. "And the food was wonderful. The turkey leg was very fresh."

Sara Fort and Sarah Aquino volunteered for a two-hour shift painting rainbows, spiders, ladybugs to raise money for their class coffers. Freshman class sponsor Ed Gabrys supervised.

Dressed in period attire, the teacher said he was "Lovin' it! One of the best things is seeing the Northville alumni coming back to their hometown, saying, 'Hi.'"



A Sunday, noon-time, crowd takes in the Victorian Festival's Main Street art show.



Ed "Preacher" Fleming fires a ball back to the pitcher during the Northville Eclipse's Sunday afternoon 'base ball' game at Ford Field. The game, played with equipment and rules from the late 1800s, was part of the many activities for the Victorian Festival.



As she gets help from a friend holding back her hair, Sophie Schmelter, 7, slurps up some whipped topping during Sunday's pie-eating contest at Mill Race Village.



Thornton Creek student Madeline Williams tries a Victorian-era children's game during last Friday morning's Living History tours near Dunlap Street.

Mill Race provides Victorian flavor

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Enthusiastic hoots and hollers from people lining the banks of the Rouge River's race Sunday afternoon told spectators toy ducks were rounding the bend toward the finish line.

The traditional contest helped wind down a full weekend of celebration at the Mill Race Historic Village. The gang of Victorian cowboys, who each year act as "duck handlers" for the race, led the crowd through an exaggerated duck call to line up, parade, launch, and eventually net capture.

There was no missing the Victorian flavor the Northville Historical Society served up Saturday and Sunday at the village. The gravel path and grassy yards were the stage for children's games and contests, demonstrations of 1800s practices, and live vocal performances.

Old-fashioned fun

The historical society's Terri Denhof and Marianne Barry, who planned the weekend's activities at Mill Race, directed children and adults through a steady stream of old-time fun. Contests included a scavenger hunt, pie-eating, hat decoration, apple bobbing and bubble-gum blowing.

"Are you guys sufficiently chewed?" Denhof called to the dozen children whose era of clothing ranged from bonnet and dress to a two-piece tie-dye outfit. The leader pulled from the crowd two judges who helped watch the blowers who had snatched up two pieces each of Double Bubble.

After the pie-eating contest, Denhof told the chocolate-and-whipped-cream faces slit with smiles about the hose behind the cottage. They helped themselves to water near the old wash tub where another group of youngsters bobbed for apples.

Perfect setting

Decents enlightened visitors on the authentic facilities that encircle the Griswold Road park setting. Joanne and Jim Donohoe



Children cheer their ducklings as they float down the Rouge River near Northville's Mill Race Village during the Victorian Festival's duck race.

VICTORIAN COWBOYS

Who are they?
The "Victorian cowboys" have become a regular feature of Northville's annual celebration — from parade antics to patrolling during the festival to staging the duck race. Their identities:

- Scott "Cyrus" Denhof
- Walter "Floyd" Juterboch
- Thom "Woodrow" Barry
- Keith "Lefty" Castrodale
- Greg "Gus" Presley

afternoon race. Nield invited creativity as she recorded racer names and numbers. Pillsbury, Billy Bob, Tinkerbelle, Stardust, Luigi, Doodie, Little Swimmer, Rosco, Elizabeth, Myrtle, Zeus and Katie all, eventually, made their way to the cowboy's finish line past the bridge.

Good sports

Visitors strolling along the village path paused when a group of teens in gowns and suspenders began harmonizing, clapping, finger snapping and lap patting in time. The Northville High School choir members pleased the crowd with their renditions of oldies, the National Anthem preceding the duck race and "Take me out to the ball game" prior to Sunday's town ball game.

The Eclipse Base Ball Club, which plays according to 1869s rules, hosted three contests over the weekend. Team members also helped organize the final game of the day when all ages were invited to play.

Play paused during the Eclipse Sunday afternoon contest when "Queen Victoria" Karen Howe arrived. The crowd rose and bowed in honor as Northville's royalty for the weekend passed.

"People are really getting into it," Howe said, laughing in appreciation. "I've met so many people. I feel like I've been a special ambassador."

"It has been a 2 weekend!"



Michelle Fecht chats with a student leaving a Victorian-era Living History presentation.

"I think the coolest thing is the Yerkes house. It has a lot of old-fashioned stuff. It looks old. It's like stepping back in time."

Erin Donohoe
Northville



A Northville High School choir member puts a whipped cream pie to the face of fellow singer Chris Burns during last Friday night's opener of the Victorian Festival. The choir members were hosting a fundraising booth.



Northville High School Treble Makers (from left) Kathy Garfield, Kirsten Knisely, and Liz Catalano await their chance to sing last Sunday at Mill Race Village.

School officials 'under' pressure for lingerie flap

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

AVON became a four-letter word this week for some Northville elementary school parents upset a lingerie spread was part of a student fund-raising booklet.

Silver Springs parent Jeff Bailey appeared at Monday's PTA meeting holding a copy of an AVON book brought home by his child. Inside the brochure were pictures of underwear-clad women.

Bailey said he and his wife, Kathryn, heard tales of elementary students looking at the pictures while on bus rides home from school.

They said the fund raising choice was inappropriate.

"Let's stop for a moment and look," he said. "Four hundred and fifty children from Silver Springs have this catalog in their hands right now."

Many parents attending the meeting disagreed with the Baileys, however. Some said the fundraiser's intention was for the parents to sell items from the catalog and not for children to be peddling the goods themselves.

Other parents said children should not be permitted to go through information sent home from school without parent approval.

Despite the disagreement, Silver Springs PTA president Susie McKillop read from a prepared statement, apologizing on behalf of the board.

"It was an unfortunate

misshap," McKillop said. "I did not go page-by-page through the catalog. We did not do our due diligence, and I apologize for that."

The PTA board said it will continue the fundraiser, but will not accept lingerie orders. Officials will also send home with students a letter asking parents to tear the objectionable pages out of the AVON book.

"This is a very important teachable moment," said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville Schools.

He said children will look to their parents to see how they react.

"I don't believe there was any malice or forethought and Mr. Snyder (Silver Springs principal) and I looked at the situation for

two weeks," he said.

Rezmierski said the district was approached about a similar fundraiser four years ago by Abercrombie & Fitch, a company which each year produces a clothes catalog some feel borders on soft pornography featuring young adults.

Rezmierski said the district declined the offer because of the catalog's content.

Karen Paciorek, Northville school board member, suggested AVON should be contacted and asked if a more appropriate sales book could be made available for schools interested in the organization's fundraising potential.

"It is sad the whole thing had to happen in the first place," Bailey said. He does believe it was an honest mistake, but main-

tains a greater principal at stake.

Both he and his wife said the district goes to great lengths to ensure Internet procedures and other monitoring devices are in place for the young children. This situation should have been no different, he said.

Other fund-raising activities at the school include a Parisian sales event, Market Day, Entertainment Books and Box tops.

The school also receives proceeds from Target and Meijer from participating shoppers.

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"Let's stop for a moment and look. Four hundred and fifty children from Silver Springs have this catalog in their hands right now."

Jeff Bailey
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Local municipalities brace for more revenue cuts

House expected to vote late Wednesday; Senate already on board

By Pam Fleming
NOVI NEWS REPORTER

Two state senate bills that would accelerate the collection of county property taxes to help the state through its budget crunch was scheduled to go to a vote late yesterday in the House. If passed, the bills would force taxpayers to pay both their summer and winter county property taxes in the summer.

signed into law last Friday the fiscal year 2005 budget that includes a \$182.8 million reduction in state revenue sharing payments to local governments. The bill currently being considered would prevent those cuts.

Last week, the proposal failed in the House, 79-23. The bill passed in the Senate, 23-12. Ten Republicans and two Democrats voted against the bill.

Fifty-six votes are needed for passage in the House.

State Rep. John Stewart (R-Canton) said he will vote against the proposal. Two years ago he joined other republican state lawmakers who voted to raise the cigarette tax as a last ditch effort to stave off similar revenue sharing cuts.

Not this time, Stewart said.

"The metro area people are very much against this," Stewart said. "This is a bad idea. I plan

to vote no."

He said his state senate counterparts who approved the measure have a different agenda. "They're not up for election," Stewart said. "They don't care."

Northville Township Finance Director Thelma Kubitskey said the townships stands to lose between \$240,000-\$250,000 if the measure passes.

"Our state shared revenue is what we use to fund our state clerk's department, treasurer, planning and zoning and ... our general type fund," Kubitskey said. "When you start to take out \$250,000, that's like one whole department in their expenses. It's a serious situation."

She said the township collects about 6.7 mills yearly, which covers operating funds, shared services, parks and recreation and public safety.

In the City of Northville,

Finance Director Nickie Bateson said the cut would be about \$95,000 out of the approximately \$5.9 million budget.

Residents pay a total 15.8 mills for general operating costs, debt retirement and street improvement. Other taxing jurisdiction such as the library, schools and Metro Park Authority still would process taxes on the winter bill.

"We receive a one percent administrative fee for us that is equal to about \$37,000 a year," Bateson said. "If there's a shift of those taxes from the winter bill to the summer bill, then that's additional revenue that we lose. Frankly, I don't think our homeowners who are paying these pretty sizable taxes would necessarily appreciate it all being on the summer bill."

Cassisi agreed. "The taxpayers of the state are

and have been very vocal," Cassisi said.

"This is a kind of slippery slope that could remove revenue sharing from cities, villages and townships." "This is also a huge accounting shift for businesses and will have an adverse impact on senior citizens, people on fixed incomes and the unemployed, who are struggling," Cassisi said.


Cassisi believes that the House will be compelled to pass the county tax shift proposal, or the legislature will be forced to determine how the \$182.3 million reduction in state revenue sharing is distributed.

"The Oakland County Board of Commissioners are not supporting the bills. County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and hundreds of taxpayers across the state are also opposed

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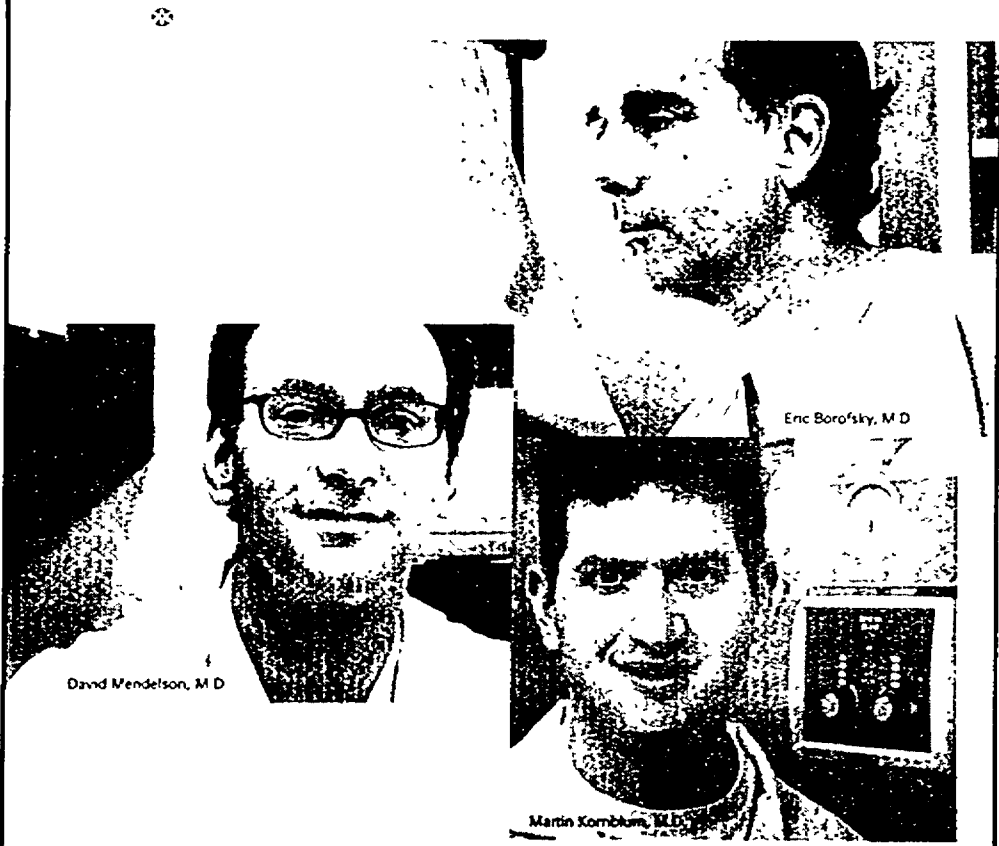
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ELECTION: voters will decide millage Tuesday

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came up and asked us for \$50, honest to God I don't think there is a business man in this city who wouldn't give it to them."

The election is being held because the district was unable to assess the full 18 mills it has in the past 10 years due largely to the combination of the rate of inflation and rising property values.

Since the passage of Proposal A in 1994, the state has paid the district the additional \$50 per pupil on the condition that the full 18 mills is levied. If the district can't assess 18 mills then the state says they lose the money.

Street said the district is in this situation because the taxable values of properties exceeded the rate of inflation.

The additional fractions of one mill asked for on the ballot would be used to restore up to the 18 mills in subsequent years, if needed.

Northville schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said the deficit was brought to the district's attention in June.

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Polls will be open to Northville residents Tuesday between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

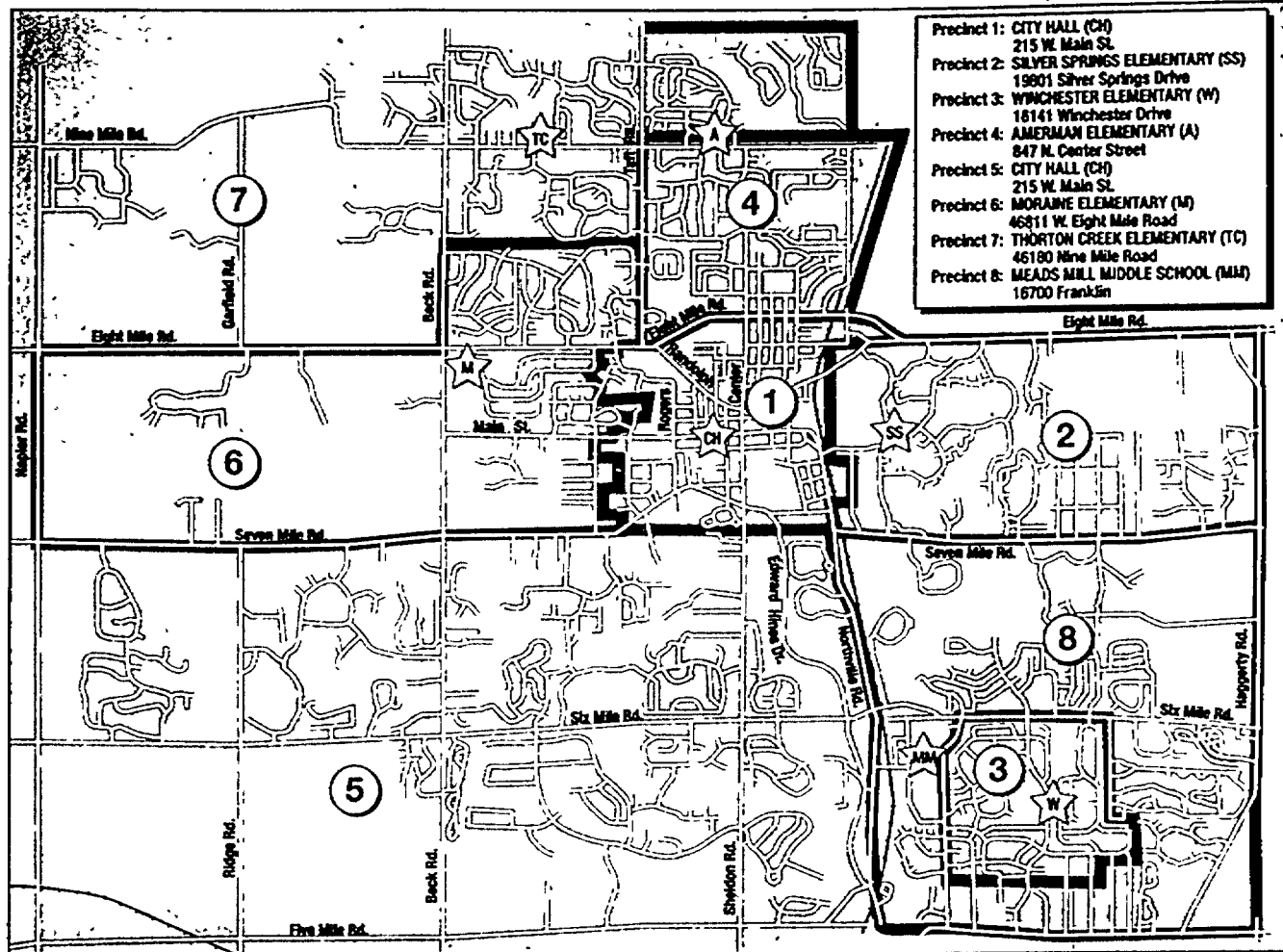
Rezmierski said the timing of the information did not allow the matter to be placed on the June school election or the August primary ballot. The vote must also take place prior to the end of September, negating November as an option.

"It would be terrible to not ask," Rezmierski said. "We'll do whatever the voters say, but not having them know the scenario would be a worse crime."

In June 2003, Northville voters approved renewal of the 18-mills, non-homestead property millage for 10 years.

The special election will cost the district between \$5,000 and \$8,000.

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Talks continue; teachers, district still without new contract

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

One week before the first extension of ongoing contract negotiations expires, Northville school officials and teacher representatives are still without an agreement.

Despite the impasse, both sides remain hushed about details. But representatives say talks are moving forward without conflict.

"Everything is moving very well and very amicably," said Larry Rowland, chief negotiator for the teachers represented by the Northville Education Association. "We have established a framework and continue working toward a full agreement."

Rowland said regular negotiation meetings have been held and "basically everyone at the table has shared and presented ideas."

Northville schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski echoed Rowland's sentiments. He said talks have been progressing with hopes an agreement will arrive

soon. Rezmierski said both sides have met multiple times in the remaining weeks before the first negotiation extension expires.

United front

Despite a unified public front, rumblings about minor disagreements have surfaced.

During the Northville school board's Sept. 14 board meeting, Northville Education Association president Ann Cook spoke before members and reiterated three main points: building by trust, negotiations are a two-party process and the importance of managing by fact.

Cook declined comment on her remarks, but did issue a written statement outlining her points of discussion along with bargaining relevance.

Dual statements

In Cook's statement, she wrote, "manage by fact" is an organiza-

tional management strategy committing Northville Education Association leaders to provide members with clear, concise and factual information at all times.

"Managing by fact builds trust among teachers that the message they receive from their leadership is true and completely factual," she stated.

The association president stated she is unsure the district is committed to managing by fact, using the school calendar as an example.

Cook stated in a letter sent home to Northville parents, Rezmierski announced a one-year calendar agreement was reached with the Northville Education Association.

"This is not a factual statement," she stated. "This letter has falsely given the community the impression that the district and the EA have reached an agreement."

Cook stated the district and the association reached a tentative agreement on the 2004-05 calen-

dar, which is part of the entire contract that must be ratified by the NEA and the board of education and asked for a retraction.

Rezmierski since sent home a letter to parents stating the current school-year calendar is part of an agreement, which is tentatively pending ratification of the entire collective bargaining agreement with the association.

"Both the district and the NEA continue to bargain in good faith toward that agreement," Rezmierski wrote in his statement.

"It is the district's position that vacation planning can continue according to the calendar you received."

On the table

District officials said all aspects of the contract are up for negotiation, including economic issues such as salaries.

The teachers are coming off a five-year contract comprised of one three-year contract and a two-

year extension.

"Five year contracts happen, but not often," Rowland said. A typical contract period is two to three years.

"In our district it has generally been a three-year, and we are fortunate to have a couple of fives, and that just helps with the understanding of what we are doing for kids and delivering, and I am very proud of what the teachers have agreed to do and where the district is," Rezmierski said. "It is a mutual two-way street and it affords us to be the district we are."

Next step

If an agreement is not reached by Sept. 30, the superintendent said all parties involved will vote on a second 30-day extension.

"That will therefore by appropriate measures agreed to by both sides, afford us the opportunity to continue in the good-faith effort in negotiation sessions to settle the issues and arrive at a fair and

equitable contract," Rezmierski said.

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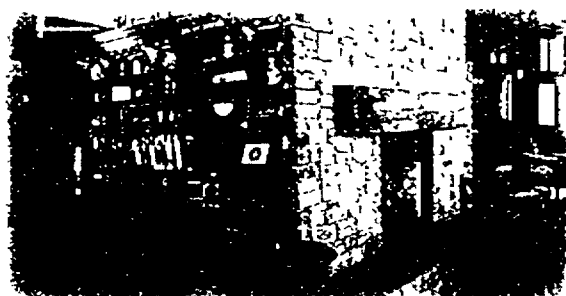
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What's missing?

For some, excess fat begrudgingly eliminated from local school snack choices

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Something is missing from the lunch room at Northville's elementary schools: fat, excess calories and many of the students' favorite snack selections.

"We want more chocolate chip cookies. We want the brownies," chanted Josh Du Fresne and Wataru Furuya, fifth-grade students at Thornton Creek Elementary School.

"I hate health food," Furuya said.

Furuya's comments followed the district's decision to remove certain snack items previously available to elementary school students during lunch hour.

Brownies, Little Debbie snacks and ice cream are no longer options. And chocolate chip cookies, the students' overwhelming favorite, only make a monthly appearance.

Available now are items like

Fruit Roll-Ups, Rice Krispies Treats, pretzels and frozen fruit juice bars.

"It is what needed to be done," said Cheryl Casterline, principal of Thornton Creek Elementary School.

The reaction was similar at neighboring Moraine Elementary School.

"It is something parents were interested in, at least at my school, interested in having some healthier options," said Mary Kay Gallagher, Moraine principal. "At the beginning the kids expressed a little bit of disappointment. So it hasn't been applauded by kids, but we have received a lot of positive parent feedback about the options being healthier."

The change was made through the district's food service program.

Robin Taksony, Northville School District food service manager, said the movement was more about eliminating unhealthy snack choices than adding healthy options. She said the district has offered healthy options in the past.

"All the choices on the elementary school list have been offered in the past, but were not always the most popular choices," she said. "The chocolate chip cookie of course was the favorite and that is why we are doing that once a month."

Less sweeping changes were made at the district's middle and high schools. Little Debbie snacks were eliminated at all three levels.

Taksony said the elementary schools are reporting a slight dip in sales because of the change, but snacks are still selling.

"It is important to make sure as a school we are supporting healthy choices for younger kids," Gallagher said. "As kids get older, they can make some of their own decisions about what is healthy and what isn't and make those appropriate decisions, but



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

With the assistance of Wataru Furuya, left, Thornton Creek Elementary School student Anne Dulzo selects from a healthier assortment of snacks during a Monday afternoon lunch. Snacks include lower sugar animal crackers, pretzels and fruit and nut bars.

these kids are younger and part of it is not exposing them to so many unhealthy items."

Unlike many of his classmates, Thornton Creek student Jacob Schipper supports the decision.

"I think it's cool they changed it," the fourth-grade student said. "It's cool because then we don't eat so much junk food."

The policy change was affirmed in July and implemented at the beginning of the school year.

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ELEMENTARY SNACK OPTIONS

Animal Crackers	25¢
Chocolate Chip Cookie*	50¢
Granola Bar	35¢
Frozen Fruit Juice Bar	30¢
Fruit Roll-Up	40¢
Pretzels	35¢
Rice Krispies Treat	40¢

*Offered one time per month
SOURCE: Moraine Elementary

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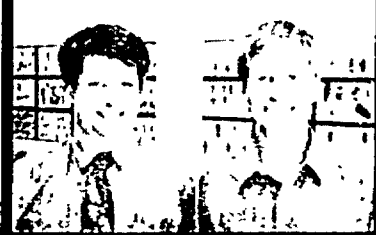
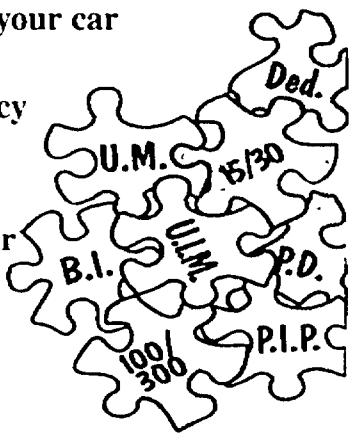
HEALTHY SNACK ALTERNATIVES

- Alternative snack choices to fresh fruits and vegetables:
- Baked chips: deep-fried potato chips typically get more than half of their calories from fat.
 - Light popcorn: some brands of microwave popcorn are swimming in butter or partially hydrogenated vegetable oil, but some varieties are surprisingly low in fat and all popcorn is high in fiber.
 - Nuts: nuts are high in fat, but it's a kind that's as good for the heart and arteries as olive oil. Nuts are also loaded with protein and essential vitamins and minerals. You might want to toss together a trail mix of peanuts, raisins, and low-fat granola to keep on hand.
 - Granola bars: great alternative to a gooey candy bar. A granola bar has fiber and far less fat.
 - Sunflower seeds: high in fiber and protein, sunflower seeds are a powerhouse for growing kids. Sure, they're relatively high in fat, but most of it is monounsaturated, the healthful kind found in olive oil and nuts.
 - Fruit bars: Fig Newtons are low in fat and provide fiber and potassium. Raisin biscuits are another great choice.
 - Frozen fruit bars: the best of these frozen treats contain chunks of real fruit.
 - Frozen grapes: If your child resists eating fruit, try keeping a bowl of rinsed grapes in the freezer. They're rich in antioxidants — and freezing seems to transform them into bonbons in the eyes of kids.
 - Fudgsicles: The classic American frozen treat deserves high praise. One bar has just 90 calories and only about a gram of fat.
 - Raisins: loaded with antioxidants and high in carbohydrates (an immediate source of energy), raisins are also high in fiber and iron.
 - Fruit juice: make sure it's 100 percent fruit, with no added sugar.
 - Fruit shakes: whip together a banana, a splash of fruit juice, and a handful of berries in your blender, and you've got a nutritious shake. You can add yogurt for more protein and calcium. For the best consistency, freeze the fruit beforehand or use frozen yogurt.
- Source: Blue Cross Blue Shield

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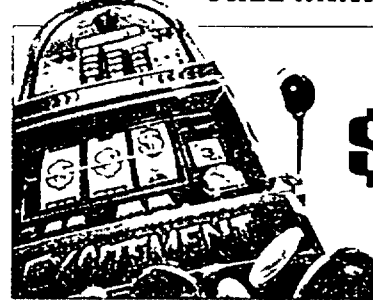
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Lessons learned through acting

Hillside students glean personal, life values through school plays

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Life lessons laid the foundation for a collection of performances at Hillside Middle School last week, cementing students' values while encouraging an interest in theater.

Chamber Theatre Productions, Inc. visited the Northville school Friday, Sept. 17, encouraging interested students to help with set construction before the group's morning performance.

But when the clock struck 10 a.m. and the auditorium lights dimmed, the students sat back in their seats and enjoyed a collection of well-performed, suggestive short plays.

"The Monkey's Paw" by W. W. Jacobs and "The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant were two plays providing valuable lessons for the students.

"I learned sometimes when you wish for something you

don't always get the outcome you want," said Anna Billings, eighth-grade Hillside Middle School student.

In both performances the main characters made wishes with grave consequences.

In "The Monkey's Paw" a wish for 200 pounds, came from the death of simple man's son.

The pounds in his hand were nothing when faced with a ruined family.

Other more light-hearted performances including "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" by Mark Twain further stroked the students' minds.

"I liked the frog story and thought they did really good," said Sarah Hall, eighth-grade Hillside Middle School student. "I learned you really shouldn't bet on things or go too far."

The whimsical, sound popping tale taught a lesson in the pitfalls of gambling.

The professional touring group based out of Boston rounded out its collection of short plays with "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving and "The Tell Tale Heart" by E. A. Poe.

Jayne Tuite, Hillside Middle School English teacher, was delighted with the performance and thankful the group made the stop in Northville.

Before field-trip funding was

cut, students attended Chamber Theatre Productions performances at the Michigan Opera Theatre in Detroit.

"It is the same quality production, without the field trip," Tuite said. "We were really sad when we thought we wouldn't be able to do it anymore, but it all worked out."

The program complements the eighth-grade English Department's curriculum.

"The selections they choose for short stories are a couple of (works) that we read later in the year," Tuite said. "So the kids will remember the plays, giving us an opportunity to compare written literature and how the theater interprets it. That is why we started to go to begin with, to enhance our studies of short stories."

Tuite said she also enjoys watching the students' reactions during the performance.

"I think the kids aren't expecting the level of production it turns out to be because it is the lighting and the sound and they are professionals and they do a great job," she said.

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Anna Billings
Eighth-grade Student Hillside Middle School

Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/
NORTHVILLE RECORD EDITOR

(From back) Eighth graders Bailey Doolittle, 13, Russell Kerr, 13, Tollie Johnson, 12, Elaine Johnson, 13, and Sarah Tindall, 13 helped last week with pre-production work at Hillside Middle school.



SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAYNE, OAKLAND AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that a special election of the electors of Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, will be held in the school district on Tuesday, September 28, 2004.
THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special election:

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL
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This millage will enable the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property except principal residence and qualified agricultural property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation guarantee.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, exempting therefrom principal residence and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be increased by 25 mill (\$0.25 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 9 years, 2004 to 2012, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes, the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2004 is approximately \$20,488.00 (this millage will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore the "Headlee" reduction)?

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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Voting Place: Northville City Offices, 215 W Main Street, Northville, Michigan
- PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Silver Springs School, 19801 Silver Springs Drive, Northville, Michigan
- PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Winchester School, 16141 Winchester Drive, Northville, Michigan
- PRECINCT NO. 4
Voting Place: Amerman Elementary School, 847 North Center, Northville, Michigan
- PRECINCT NO. 5
Voting Place: Northville City Offices, 215 W Main Street, Northville, Michigan
- PRECINCT NO. 6
Voting Place: Moraine School, 46811 West Eight Mile Road, Northville, Michigan
- PRECINCT NO. 7
Voting Place: Thornton Creek Elementary School, 46180 Nine Mile Road, Novn, Michigan
- PRECINCT NO. 8
Voting Place: Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville, Michigan

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of August 19, 2004, the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax rate limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Local Unit

Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2004 thru 2009
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2004 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2004 Indefinitely
Wayne County Parks	August 6, 2002	15 mills	2004 Indefinitely
Wayne County Comm	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2004 thru 2010
College	August 8, 2000	0.25 mill	2004 thru 2005
Wayne County Transit Authority	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2004
Northville Public School District	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2004 thru 2010
	August 6, 2002	0.6 mill	2004
		18 mills (exempting principal residence and qualified agricultural property),	
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RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ
WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER

I, Patrick M. Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of August 19, 2004, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Northville Public Schools, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties, Michigan, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE
Northville Public Schools	18.00	2003 to 2012 Incl (exempting principal residence and qualified agricultural property)
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	2.50	Unlimited
Township of Novn	1.00	Unlimited
	2.5257	Unlimited
County of Oakland	.25	2002 to 2011 Incl

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Local Unit	Purpose of Millage	Millage Amount	Expiration of Millage
Northville Public Schools	18 mills (exempting principal residence and qualified agricultural property), 2004 to 2012, incl.		
Salem South Lyon District Library	Operating	1.1316	Indefinite
Schoolcraft College	All Purpose	0.6094	Indefinite
	All Purpose	0.7916	Indefinite
Washtenaw County	All Purpose	0.3957	Indefinite
	Natural Areas	0.2458	2011
	Parks	0.2415	2009
	Parks	0.2401	2007
	HGMA	0.2154	Indefinite
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	Special Ed	1.5	Indefinite
	Operating	0.0687	Indefinite
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CLASS NOTES

Fall social

Winchester Elementary School will hold a fall social 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8 at the school, 16141 Winchester Drive. The annual event will feature a silent auction, face painting, children's games, magician and music. The free social is for Winchester students and their families. For more information, call Karen Heiser at (248) 449-6497.

NYA lecture

New York Times best-selling author Dr. Dan Kindlon will speak 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18 in the Hillside Middle School auditorium, 775 N. Center St. Kindlon is a clinical psychologist, Harvard University professor and author of "Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys." While in Northville, he will discuss the social and emotional challenges boys encounter in school and show parents how they can help boys cultivate emotional awareness and empathy, giving them the vital connections and support needed to navigate the social pres-

ures of youth. Admission is free and open to non-residents. For more information, call Mary Ellen King, director of Northville Youth Assistance at (248) 344-1618.

Ladies night

Organizers of Hillside Middle School's Ladies Holiday Shopping Night Out are accepting applications from home-based vendors interested in renting a booth at the annual fund-raising event. The fee is \$15 and applications are being accepted through mid October. More than 25 vendors have already been approved with limited spots available. Some of the vendors include Creative Memories, Arbonne, Pampered Chef and many jewelry, handbag, wreath and glassware makers. The event will take place 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5 and is one of the Hillside Middle School PTSA's largest events of the year. For more information, call Debbie Laya at (248) 349-1720.

Hillside donation

The Hillside Middle School science department received a \$1,000 donation from the Conrad Charitable Foundation for the purpose of providing innovative science opportunities to students. In past years, the donation helped fund many science opportunities including "kitchen chemistry" and "mouse trap cars."

School breakfast

Members of the Northville school board voted in favor of opting out of the state's school breakfast program during Tuesday's regular meeting. Officials said about 1.5 percent of the district's population participates in the free and reduced lunch program, well below one of the opt-out threshold requirements. It was also stated school officials will identify those in need of the breakfast program and provide the meal on a case-by-case basis.

New teachers

Northville School District officials welcomed four new teachers during Tuesday's board of education meeting. The district welcomed Carey Kahle, Sean Kiebler, Clara Lim and Dan Murasky. The district's total new certified hires for the 2004-05 school year is 39.

School board meeting

The next Northville Board of Education meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

Homework help

The Northville District Library is offering a program outlining available resources for elementary and middle school students needing help with homework. Helpful library collections and informational databases will be discussed. The class will take place 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25

in the Northville District Library meeting room, 212 W. Cady St. Parents are invited to accompany their children. To register, call (248) 349-3020.

College night

Area high school students and their families are invited to attend Schoolcraft College's annual College Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6 in the physical education building on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads. The free event will provide information on programs at nearly 70 colleges and universities primarily in Michigan and the Midwest. Representatives will answer many questions including fields of study, admission requirements, cost and extracurricular activities. The event typically draws about 3,500 attendees each year. For more information, call the Schoolcraft Office of Admissions at (734) 462-4426.

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.

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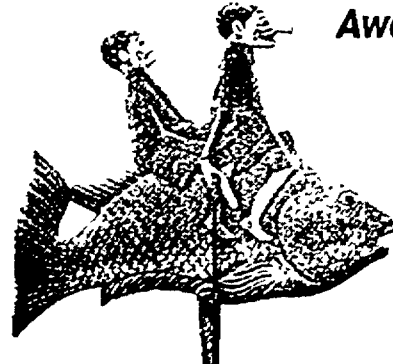
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School millage: vote 'yes'

Northville residents should pay close attention to Tuesday's special election.

We believe voters should show up to the polls and vote "yes" in support of a .05-mill increase on non-homestead property.

The special election is necessary because of a complex school funding formula compelling "hold harmless" school districts, such as Northville, to protect current funding levels by collecting a full 18 mills on the state's behalf.

Currently, because of the 1994 passage of Proposal A, the district will collect only 17.5 mills.

That leaves the district in a lurch.

If officials do not ask voters to approve an additional .05-mill to make up the difference, the Northville School District stands to lose \$50 per student.

That amounts to \$315,000 this year alone.

Indeed, asking voters to approve a non-homestead millage increase — a millage limited to properties such as second homes, rental properties and commercial property — officials run the risk of angering residents who this past June approved a \$35.7 million school bond.

The money from that bond issue will be used to improve

facilities at many of the district's current schools.

But Tuesday's millage is not about additional classrooms, or expansive additions. It's merely the one mechanism the district has at its disposal to seek relief and protect its current funding levels.

Understandably, district officials are nervous about public misperceptions. They worry voters will either by apathy or misunderstanding resent the notion of being asked yet again to fund local schools.

We believe the school district is responsible with the public funding it receives. We believe they are appropriately asking voters to approve a .05-mill increase on non-homestead property.

The request is borne of a state funding formula over which local school districts have little, if any, control.

Non-homestead Northville taxpayers will collectively pay an additional \$20,400, if the measure is passed. If it fails, the district will lose \$315,000.

It's funny, and often cruel, public funding math. But in the end, we believe history is the best guide: building and preserving quality local schools is a good investment — for residents and business owners alike.



Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Rebirth at Northville's Maybury Farm is not limited to the arrival of new barns and John and Norma Beemer's reconstructed home, following last year's fire. Last week a new colt was born.

LETTERS

The real John Kerry

A lot has been made of John Kerry's military record, by him and the left, during the last 20 months of terse campaigning: except for now, when Clinton advised him to can it and concentrate on the relevant issues. I guess Kerry couldn't figure that out for himself.

I have a different slant regarding his military background. It has been reported Kerry petitioned his draft board for a deferment to continue his studies in Europe, ala Clinton, but was turned down. It was only then that he volunteered for the Navy; obviously to avoid being drafted by the Army where he would be engaged in the real fighting, not cruising up and down rivers. And after four months and three questionable purple hearts he came back to smear his comrades before congress. If he was truly altruistic about his service, as he would like us to believe, he could have stayed in Vietnam and completed the required 12 months the people he left behind had to endure.

Who is the real John Kerry? He is a Massachusetts liberal who is out of step with Americans. A flip flopper who wants to raise taxes, is weak on national security, weak on intelligence and weak on homeland security. Need more reasons, not to vote for him: Michael Moore, Al Sharpton, Howard Dean, Ted Kennedy, unions, trial lawyers, Hollywood, and twenty years of legislative mediocrity.

Again, the Junior Class is thankful to all who supported this event, and we wish to congratulate the graduating Class of 2004.

Mac Stilec

Ross Abraham

Jessica Agoston

Amanda Lee
NHS Class of 2005 Officers

'Victory' a local loss

A Mr. Brian Patrick Downs wrote a letter to the Editor that appeared Sept. 9, 2004. Mr. Downs supports the Our Lady of Victory school expansion and says the fact that he attended both public and parochial schools qualifies him to comment. However, he then goes on to assert that elementary schools do not cause traffic problems. Nothing in Mr. Downs' letter suggests that he has any qualifications in this area. He is simply making assumptions.

In fact, several formal traffic studies have been performed on the OLV school expansion proposal, and none of the results are good. OLV's own traffic consultant, writing about the earlier plan in March 2004, said that there was such a safety concern that perhaps Orchard Street should be closed, and that waiting time at nearby intersections would be degraded to unacceptable levels for a residential neighborhood. A recently study paid for by neighbors in Aug. shows that the new school plan is even worse. It concludes:

"The revised proposal to construct a school facility entirely on the west side of Orchard Drive would create severe congestion and safety concerns. The residential quality of life in the area would be disrupted and increased in traffic volume, noise, emissions and debris would detract from the residential environment currently enjoyed. Significant concerns for the health and safety of pedestrians crossing Orchard Drive at the mid-block location remain unresolved, as do concerns for level of service degradations at area intersections. The development proposal generates traffic that is not compatible with a residential area."

Is it any wonder that OLV is currently refusing to submit a new traffic study to the City?

But the situation is even worse. OLV intends to bring a myriad of off-hours recreational activities to the new facility. OLV leadership has failed to mention these activities in their submissions to the city, but OLV's own newspaper stated that more than fifty activities would move to the new "Parish Life Center" from the Parks and Recreation facilities and gymnasiums at other schools. Anyone who has been involved in Catholic Youth Organization basketball understands very well that parking and traffic can be a big problem, and letters submitted to the city from OLV's own coach substantiate this assertion. These off-hours activities can start as early as 7 a.m. and go as late as 10 or 11 p.m., and some of them already overlap with school hours and existing masses.

With a footprint larger than Hillier's and

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'Our Lady' too big

I have lived in Northville all my life and it's very hard for me to believe that the OLV proposed new school is going to be 77,000 square feet.

When the Northville School District needed a new high school, they didn't build it right behind the old high school and destroy a residential district. They bought land up on the hill at the corner of Eight mile and Center Street with lots of land for parking and other needs including the athletic fields. Then when they needed to expand again, they bought land on Six Mile Road and built a beautiful new high school there.

The way Northville is growing it won't be that long until OLV needs more schools and land to accommodate the growth in the community. What will they do then? Finish off Orchard Drive or go up Main Street.

The traffic situation is bad now, at times, but what will it be when a new OLV school is added? It will no longer be a desirable neighborhood. It seems that the sensible thing for OLV to do would be to build where there is adequate space for their needs.

Jeanne Ambler

Northville

'Beautiful' work

Much appreciation to the Beautiful Commission for the planting and care taken of the flower barrels in Northville. Thank you to each and every one of you. They are so attractive.

Shirley Zimmerman

Northville

NHS Choir: 'thank you'

The Northville High School Class of 2005 would like to recognize and thank the many local businesses that generously supported this year's Senior Class Breakfast with donations and contributions, including Sam's Club, Hillier's Market, Kroger, Farmer Jack and Busch's Marketplace, Bella Vino, Rocky's of Northville, CVS of Northville and Tuscan on Center. We would also like to thank Bruegger's Bagels, Awreys Bakery and Krispy Creme Donuts in Livonia for providing us discounts.

We also wish to thank the custodial staff of NHS for the assistance we received. We are grateful for their support, as we could not have had such success without them. Thanks to their support, the Senior Class Breakfast ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all the gradu-

Ned Hart
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COMMENTARY

David Aguilar, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 102 daguilar@ht.homecomm.net

What's needed is a detour around partisan politics

A quick glance at the political scene makes one pretty pessimistic... though there also may just be reason for some new hope.

First, the bad news: the country is evenly divided — "red" Republican states and counties and "blue" Democratic ones — and the divide is as sharp and nasty as I've ever seen it. Naked partisanship in Washington has wiped out most vestiges of the kind of bipartisan cooperation that used to keep the country moving.

In Lansing, where people are also plenty partisan but rather more civil, divided government assures more or less continuous conflict. Gov. Jennifer Granholm's a Democrat, but both houses of the legislature are run by the GOP, and that — and bitter budget battles — are likely to continue for years to come.

Meanwhile term limits have wiped out most of the institutional memory that used to give lawmakers a sense of perspective and balance. When nobody's been in the place longer than seven years, few

even remember where the bodies were buried.

Sometimes I wonder how anything ever gets done.

However, over the last five months I've been involved in a heartily-encouraging process that shows every sign of being a method of succeeding in reconciling positions which once seemed absolutely irreconcilable.

The process is called a "stakeholder work group." It involves bringing together all the various interests affected by a given issue into a small committee. Mission: to

try to achieve a reasonable consensus that everybody can live with. It's a fascinating but little-known procedure that deserves to be more widely adopted.

Here's how it worked in my case. After years of prospecting in the central Upper Peninsula, the Kennecott mining company made a big strike — a body of ore 500 feet below ground containing rich concentrations of nickel and copper, and maybe some gold and palladium as well.

But opening a mine would present extreme hazards to the

environment. The deposit is located in sulfide rock which, when exposed to air and water, generates sulfuric acid. This can leach into the ground water and area streams, and can carry dissolved heavy metals including copper, small concentrations of which can easily kill fish.

Worse, the deposit is located literally under the headwaters of a pristine trout stream that supports the only spawning run of the Coaster Brook Trout on the entire south shore of Lake Superior. And a giant loophole in Michigan law exempts underground mining from regulation.

So the proposed mine set up the classic development conflict. On one hand is the opportunity to create short-term jobs (probably not more than 100, lasting for not more than 10 years) and the economic assets of tourism and recreation that will sustain employment in the UP over the long run.

Local people who have lived in the peace, quiet and beauty of the UP for years felt their cherished way of life was being threatened with assault.

Back in April, tempers were running pretty high. People in the area started organizing against the mine. People who owned cabins downstream started worrying about their fishing and their property values. Lots of nasty things were being said about Kennecott,

which by then had bought much of the land and the associated mineral rights (confusingly, Michigan law separates ownership of the land from title to the minerals that may lie under the land. You can easily own one and not the other.)

Everybody recognized that a new statute governing underground mining was needed. But how to do it? Gov. Granholm's instincts were to protect the environment, while the Republicans running the legislature favored development. The lawmakers from the UP realized mines could crop up all over the area, leaving them with a bunch of angry constituents on their hands.

And most people were suspicious of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), which has the authority to administer mining law. It looked like a classic political dogfight: no chance of resolving hard-held positions, both winners and losers angry no matter how this was decided, expensive litigation likely, followed maybe even by violence.

Then somebody got the bright idea of convening a stakeholder work group to try to write a consensus statute governing underground mining that could be presented to the legislature.

The DEQ assembled the stakeholders: Kennecott and the various mining interests; local government officials and area

residents from the UP; members of the UP delegation in the legislature; environmental organizations like Trout Unlimited and the National Wildlife Federation; and DEQ and Department of Natural Resources experts.

Our meetings started in April. We met mostly in St. Ignace, an equally long drive for both the trolls from below the bridge and the jack pine savages from the UP. Right away we realized we had to meet face-to-face to build personal relationships and start developing small group dynamics.

Some of the meetings were very contentious, and at the beginning everybody was suspicious of everybody else. After all, we were trying to do something that seemed impossible: square the classic circle between protecting the environment and allowing economic development.

But as time went on, people began to trust each other and establish relationships warm enough to find ways to disagree without being disagreeable. A bearded, pony-tailed tree hugger found ways to negotiate with a tie-wearing conservative lawyer representing Kennecott.

And after a while everybody involved began to get invested in the idea that we could actually draft a consensus statute to present to the legislature.

We had our final meeting last week, this time in Mackinaw

City. We came to agreement on a draft statute that one participant called "the nation's toughest but most realistic mining legislation." It would require Kennecott — or any other mining firm — to set up a process to ensure that any proposed mine would not damage the environment.

Soon we will be submitting our work to the legislature, maybe in time to get a bill introduced yet this year.

Will it pass? I hope so. Will people try to play games? I hope not. Will the instinct for legislative conflict and gubernatorial pique get in the way. You never can tell.

But what we accomplished in St. Ignace though this new method of resolving conflict opened my eyes to the possibility that there may be ways around the vicious stalemate that so characterizes and paralyzes so much of politics today.

Phil Power is the Vice Chair of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and was a member of the work group described here. He is also Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



Phil Power
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Ravaged by decades of peace, Fort Wayne battles on

Every year, people discover, to their amazement, that a sprawling and fascinating military complex, including a pre-Civil War-era fort, is hidden within the ruins of the industrial powerhouse that was Detroit.

The heart of the installation is an immense star-shaped earthen fort, with brick tunnels and ramparts that are every 10-year-old boy's dream, and a huge barracks building that housed soldiers from virtually every conflict this nation has fought. There's a parade ground perfect for reenactments of various conflicts.

There are large and formerly magnificent officers' houses in various states of disrepair, a functioning Spanish-American War era guardhouse with

restored jail cells, and the remains of World War II-era warehouses, with fading period signs ("Green Cross for Safety!") on collapsing walls.

Here troops drilled and Detroit, back when it was World War II's "arsenal of democracy," stored millions of tons of tanks and planes and other weapons, before they were loaded on barges to begin their journey to our fighting men overseas. The fabled Tuskegee Airmen, the black flyers of that war, have their national

museum here. A few yards away are the remnants of an Indian mound that was built by the area's first warriors about 900 A.D.

The 88-acre complex is called Fort Wayne, named for

"Mad Anthony" Wayne of Revolutionary War fame. "It is one of the best examples of military architecture of its day," noted Dr. Dennis Zembala, who as director of Detroit's historical museums is in charge of the crumbling masterpiece.

But while many history buffs from Toledo to Traverse City know all about it, there are thousands who live virtually in Fort Wayne's shadow who have never heard of it. That's because it was completely closed to the public for more than a decade, the victim not of hostile action but of state and city budget shortfalls.

Now, it is open a few weeks in the summer, between Memorial Day and Labor Day, though it will reopen for a rare Detroit Historical Society flea market on Oct. 9 and Oct. 10, that will include guided tours of the grounds.

Ironically, peace and prosperity have done more damage to Fort Wayne than any foreign enemy ever could. In fact, a shot was never fired in anger here.

Fort Wayne was built in 1845 to defend us from Canada, probably at the point where the British invaded and captured Detroit during the War of 1812. "But politically it was obsolete before it was finished," Zembala said; by that time, war with Canada and invasion by Britain was no longer a threat.

But the fort continued to be an active military installation, even if it was somewhat of a backwater. Officers lived in large, spacious and elegant houses, and young ladies in the surrounding neighborhood went with them to military balls. Men came here to be inducted into the armed forces and shipped off to every conflict the nation faced, down to Vietnam.

Eventually, the grounds were gradually turned over to the city, which used it to house some of those made homeless in the riot of 1967. Later, it became a popular tourist site, and had a number of now-vanished museums.

But there was not enough money to keep it up, and even-

tually it closed. The fort's fans were dismayed, and have been campaigning ever since to fix up and permanently reopen Fort Wayne.

Wayne County voters approved a \$90 million tax in 1996 that was billed as providing, among other things, money for Fort Wayne. But in the peculiar way business was often done in the Ed McNamara era, Fort Wayne got virtually none of the money. This winter, it will finally get a paltry \$2 million, which project manager Bode Morin says will be mostly used to build restrooms at the site.

But Fort Wayne's keepers have bigger dreams. Zembala would love to make the core of the fort a museum of military technology as it evolved through the nation's history, with a considerable assist from the factories of Detroit.

His staff has drawn up a master plan which would involve leasing some of the restored buildings to private firms, and maybe having a bed and breakfast or two. The historical soci-

ety is considering possible ways to do that, from a capital campaign to federal grants to a possible bond issue.

But something needs to be done. "As a child, our school took field trips there. Now, when I travel by the fort, I can barely contain the emotion of seeing the buildings lying in ruin... as if somehow our civic leaders had forgotten our past," says Jon Domke, who runs the "Save Historic Fort Wayne Web site."

The problem, city officials say, is not that they have forgotten the past. It is simply that there is no money available at present.

For more information about Fort Wayne, visit www.detroithistorical.org, or call Detroit Historical Museums, (313) 833-1805.

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'Handyman' hammers away at consumer fraud

The voice was pulled from the bottom of some gravel pit, deep and raspy, with a bit of a discontented edge.

A Canadian edge, eh?

Joe Gagnon, 63, who for 20 years was well-known locally as the "Appliance Doctor" by radio listeners who faithfully turned to him for all manner of home improvement advice, is now known as the voice behind "Ask the Handyman." His Saturday morning radio program is based in Detroit and is transmitted to 52 stations nationwide. The Northville resident started his radio career at WCAR-AM 25 years ago

after pitching the idea of offering fix-it advice to callers. He owned an appliance store in Garden City at the time. The show cost him \$200 per hour.

Within five minutes, his call lines were jammed.

Gagnon said the radio gig doesn't define him, though. At his former appliance shop he specialized in personalized customer service and over-the-counter, self-help mentoring.

Between then and now there's been stops at WJR and state legislation passed in his name: the Joe Gagnon Appliance Repair Act. Much work has been done,

he said. More remains. His biggest concerns are service and repair rip-offs, one of the protections offered by the legislation passed bearing his name. Still, he bristles at the mere thought of less-than-honest service people.

Warranties are good, he said. But not fool-proof.

"Warranties are important," Gagnon said. But most important is the company. Check them out... If you have any doubt, don't use them."

Simple advice from a man who openly wishes more people would have homes inspected professionally — before dry-wall gets nailed to the walls, Tyvek paper gets fastened to the exterior and windows get purchased with 30-year mortgages.

He knows the Homebuilders Association doesn't like him. He's not fond of many of their practices.

Plastic vent-line, for exam-

ple, is not allowed in Michigan anymore, he said. "I know, I helped write the law. But many builders still use it... They won't invite me to speak. They know I will blast them."

He double checks the reputations of those who help him dispense on-air advice. His own advice comes from experience, not some Web site.

He laments the loss of consumer protection groups which once shielded people from scammers. Now everyone fends for themselves, he said.

"That's why people have to educate themselves, just ask," Gagnon said. His show helps bridge the divide. It's gratifying.

"There is great satisfaction in helping people," Gagnon said, who plays street hockey with neighborhood kids and skates regularly on the ice with former Red Wing greats. "I'm not a minister. But I am doing my own kind of preaching."

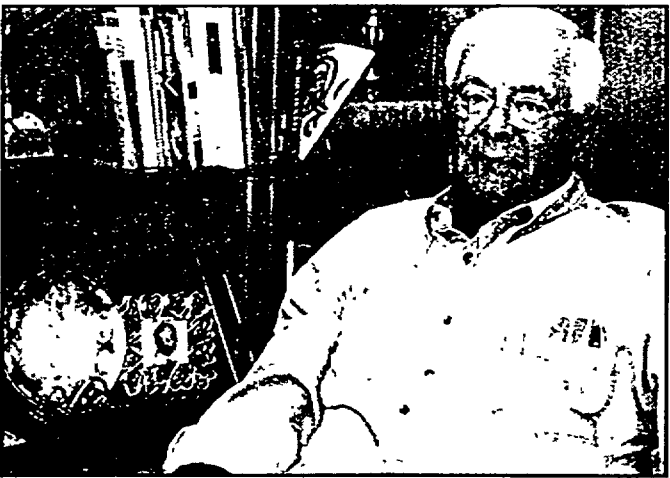


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ASK THE HANDYMAN

Joe Gagnon will broadcast his "Ask the Handyman" radio show (WXYT 1270 AM) this Saturday from the Long Bath Gallery in downtown Northville between 8-11 a.m.

Northville resident Joe Gagnon, better known as the radio voice behind "Ask the Handyman," will host his Saturday morning show this Saturday from the Long Bath Gallery on Main Street.

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RABBIT: resident hops to aid of abandoned bunnies

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Dutch dwarfs to Lop Ears and Angoras, they've found homes for many.

Erica Catanach, 18, helped Moroz clean cages and feed rabbits.

"Dominique is a genius when it comes to art and anthropology," said Catanach, who now attends college in Pittsburgh. "Learning about the rabbits was the best part. Each one is so individual. They're just as complex as any other animal."

Sherry Silk, director of shelter operations for the Humane Society of Huron Valley, said that Moroz has helped to place dozens of rabbits since January.

"In the last several years, the population of rabbits that are entering all shelters are exploding," Silk said. "We took in over

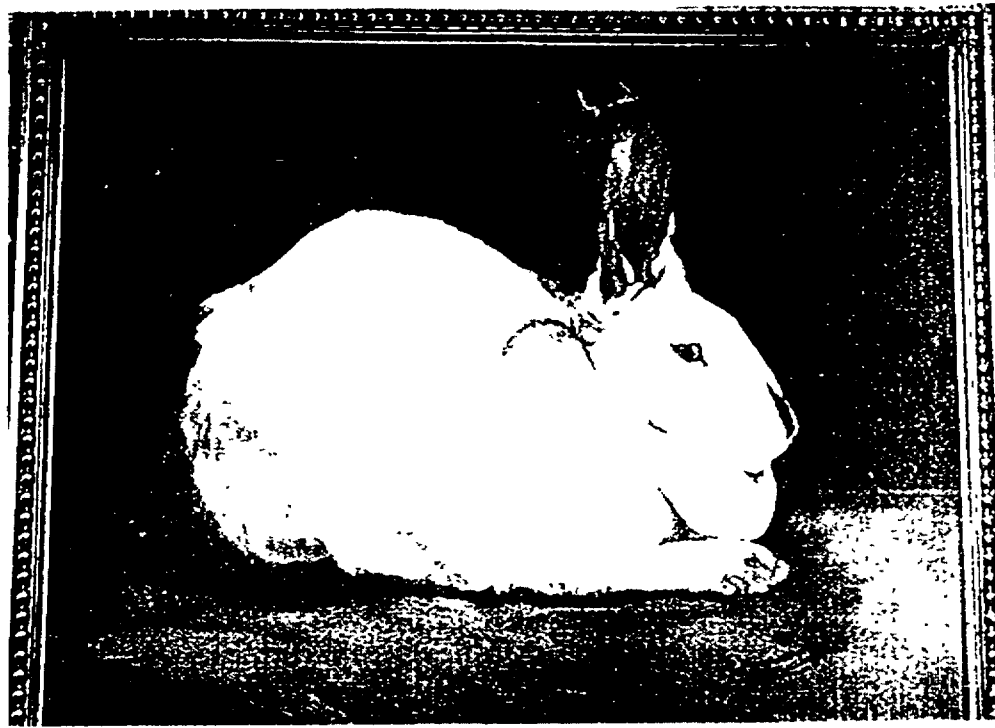
100 last year, which is a lot for us. We have a limited space and we can't keep more than a couple rabbits at a time. She does an amazing job."

When not tending to her own pet rabbits, Moroz paints pet portraits. She hopes to use her art to someday fund awareness about the importance of spaying and neutering female rabbits.

In the meantime, she'll keep working at finding homes for rabbits through Petfinder.com.

"I think it has really given people who want to do the right thing about rescuing animals the opportunity to do it," Moroz said. "You can't do this stuff alone."

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



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Dominique Moroz
Northville Township

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A painting of a rabbit by Northville Township resident and Rabbit R&R manager Dominique Moroz.

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SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK
(9-23-04 NR 166312)

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004

To the qualified electors of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, notice is hereby given that Monday, October 4, 2004, is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election. The City Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., or you may register at any Secretary of State Branch Office or any County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Electors may register by mail by completing a Mail-In Voter Registration Application and forwarding the application to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Electors who register to vote by mail are required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the State of Michigan, are at least 60 years of age, or are handicapped. Mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting the Elections Clerk at 248-349-1300 or by visiting the City of Northville website at www.ci.northville.mi.us

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK
(9-23/30-04 NR 165604)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE Last day to register to vote in the GENERAL ELECTION on Tuesday, November 2, 2004

Notice is hereby given that Monday, October 4, 2004 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election. Qualified electors may register to vote or change their address at the Township Clerk's office which is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Electors may also register at any branch office of the Secretary of State or any County Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Electors may register by mail by completing a Mail-In Voter Registration application and forwarding the application to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail in voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting Northville Township Clerk's Office 41600 W. Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48167 Phone: 248-348-5800 extension 246

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SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK
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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE OFFICES CLOSED: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2004 MOVE TO NEW BUILDING

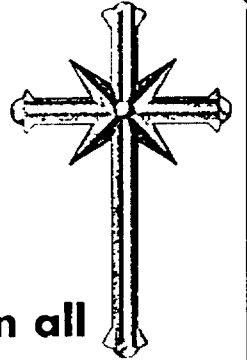
On FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 2004 the following township offices will be closed to the public for all business transactions due to the move of the offices to the new township hall:

- Supervisor, Clerk, Manager and Planning Department located at 41600 W. Six Mile Road;
 - The Finance/Treasurer's Department located at 41660 W. Six Mile;
 - The Department of Public Services located at 16225 Beck Road.
- All of the Public Safety Offices, Police and Fire departments will remain open. All township departments will re-open on Monday, October 11th, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. in the new offices located at 44405 Six Mile Road (SW Corner of Six Mile and Sheldon Roads).

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square footage approaching a Home Depot, this is hardly the "little school tucked back in the corner of the woods" picture that was painted by Father Kerner for residents in Sept. 2003. Rather, it is an extremely large facility, more than a football field in length, with extended hours of operation causing traffic, noise, and safety problems. The proposed location is not on a main road, but is in the middle of an enclosed quiet residential neighborhood. Every person that I have talked to has said that the facility might be needed, but privately adds, "I wouldn't want it in my neighborhood." Neither do the people of Orchard Heights, and our Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan agree.

Laura and Paul Sandie
Northville

Signs of the time?

To the Bush/Cheney supporters who are stealing John Kerry lawn signs: We fully understand why you do not want this election to be a fair referendum on the past four years.

Stephen Calkins
Northville

Rethinking state school funding

As much as I may admire Phil Power, his columns on school funding in the state seemed to dance all around the issue like a frog on a hot skillet. Some people need to have their feet held to the fire, so to speak, and he didn't do it. And the first in up to his knees ought to be John Engler. And it's all about money.

Engler told us that if we just cut taxes -- regressively on incomes, and especially on business -- if we eliminated worker protections, if we slashed environmental protections to make our state business "friendly", we would solve our economic woes. Under the Clinton boom, he made those changes, while spending more than ever, and showering money lavishly on his friends and patrons. As long as the national economy was booming, Engler took credit for reviving Michigan.

But the national economy -- with its lack of a clear policy or leadership in Washington -- has spent four years going nowhere if not down. Was Michigan, after 12 years of Engler's leadership, prepared to face the challenge and come out on top?

No. Today the state ranks second in the U.S. in the number of jobs lost. Yes, we've lost more jobs than 48 other states. And we've lost quality jobs: white-collar, manufacturing, engineering, and high tech people with good

pay and benefits. (My nephew just left for Chicago to work; he is a 2003 graduate of the U. of M. School of Engineering in electronics. My sister is very unhappy that there is no work here.)

Engler, like Bush, had two Republican houses of the legislature to do his bidding unchecked. Like Bush, his legacy is record deficits, and the squandering of the state's treasure. As Gov. Granholm said shortly after taking office, "I'm used to cleaning up other people's messes."

And that mess, as Power points out, is a chronic billion dollar budget deficit created by Engler. Granholm knows the Republican legislature won't look for the revenue to keep the state whole, so she can only struggle to make ends meet. And we know that the Bush federal mandates are not fully funded and are hurting education in the state. Please remember the Bush education chief who said, "Teachers unions are the closest things to terrorist organizations that we have in this coun-

try." With that attitude, I don't think that six thousand teachers laid off in the state means much to our Republican legislature. Luckily, teaching jobs can't be moved "off-shore", at least as long as our children study here.

We also know that, traditionally, the federal government has helped out states during recessions with real dollars. This economic stopgap helped to boost the economy and take pressure off struggling state governments hard pressed with additional medical and social service expenses during hard times. But Bush decided the federal government would not help; he said we couldn't afford to help the states. Yet he was able to find more than \$200 billion to invade Iraq. Whether you support the war or not, running the largest deficits in history is a fact which begs the question, "Where is the money for the states?"

I know Phil Power is dedicated to quality public education, and that he's spent a significant part of his life in its defense and support,

and I appreciate that. And I'm sure he wants state universities to be affordable for our children. But in order to fix the problem, we need to look at how we got here. No better time than an election year to go to Washington and Lansing and say, "We tried it your way. It didn't work. It's time to step up with funding for our schools and universities. The future of our state and country depends on it." The alternative? Provide a short term tax increase for our schools until the economy improves.

I don't think the Republican state legislature is going to raise revenues for the schools. Quality public education is not a Republican priority.

John Grant
Northville

Solen political signs II

We live at the corner of Dunlap and High in downtown Northville. For the third time this summer someone has entered our yard and taken (stolen) a political sign out of our yard. This is trespassing and violating our right of free speech. Both of these principals are sacred in a democracy, indeed young people are literally dying to protect these rights. If the thief is a child, I would expect the parent to confront that child, help him/her appreciate these sacred rights, and with the child return the sign with an apology. Surely no adult in this respectful community would violate these rights.

Pat Delany
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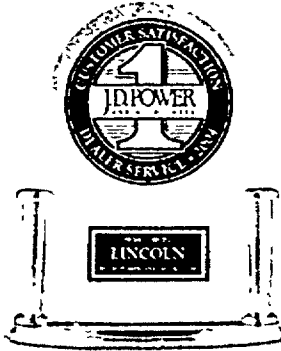
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Junior Books Chat and Chow

Make friends, have treats and enjoy a lively discussion group for fourth and fifth graders. Join us on Sept. 29 from 4:15 - 5 p.m. to discuss Carl Hiasen's novel, "Hoot."

Storytime

Registration for the fall series of storytimes for children who are 4, 5 or in Kindergarten begins on Sept. 14. Designed for children who are comfortable attending without a caregiver present, these six-week series feature stories and creative activities. Each session lasts 45 minutes and is limited to 20 children. Select from one of the following series: Mondays at 4 p.m., Oct. 4 - Nov. 8; Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. or 2 p.m., Oct. 5 - Nov. 9.

Library Hours

The Northville District Library is open 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday. 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. The public is welcome to attend.

Local Events

Hazardous Waste Day

Items to Bring: Fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, transmission fluid, auto batteries, brake fluid, gasoline, kerosene, antifreeze, car wax, motor oil, bug sprays, furniture polish, nail polish, drain openers, floor care products, fluorescent light bulbs, glue, pool chemicals, turpentine, wood preservatives, varnish, paint thinner, oil-based paint, oil-based primer, modems, computers, monitors, printers, keyboards and computer peripherals.

Do Not Bring: Latex paint, latex primer, ammunition, explosives, smoke detectors, tires, fire extinguishers, televisions, appliances, air conditioners or propane tanks.

Remember! While there is no upfront cost to Northville citizens for this service, the City pays for every Northville vehicle that participates in the Household Hazardous Waste Day. Help minimize the cost for this service by "carpooling" with your neighbors. Proof of City of Northville residency is required. Driver's licenses will be checked. The event will take place Oct. 2, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at DPW Yards, 650 Delray in Northville.

Fire Department Open House

The Fire Department Open House will be held daily during fire prevention week Oct. 4-9. The station will be open daily from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. for the public to visit, pick up brochures and to talk about fire safety. This year's theme is "Test Your Smoke Alarms."

On Oct. 6 we will hold our annual "Great Escape" with all children from the community practice their fire home escape plans with their families at 6 p.m. when the siren sounds. Firefighters will visit schools prior to this event to

talk about fire safety and to pass out forms. The children are asked to come to the fire station after practicing their plan and to go over their plan and how it worked with fire personnel. All kids are entered in to a drawing for prizes that night and there will be refreshments. The grand prize for three lucky winners will be lunch with the firefighters the following week that includes being picked up at their school in a fire truck and brought to the station for lunch with firefighters. Entry forms can also be picked up at City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

Halloween Open House

Food and fun for all! Hours are 6 - 8 p.m. in conjunction with trick or treating. The siren will sound to start and end trick or treating hours. During this time the fire department will be serving popcorn, cotton candy, cider, doughnuts and pop and will hold a costume contest for all ages. Judging starts at 7:30 p.m. For further information on any of these events you can contact the Fire Department at (248) 449-9920.

Handcrafters Arts and Crafts Show

Handcrafters will be sponsoring its 22nd annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show on Oct. 8, 9 and 10 in Northville at the Northville Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School, 700 W. Baseline Road (at Sheldon and Eight Mile Roads). Over 90 juried artisans will display their talents with such works as florals, stained glass, seasonal items including Halloween, jewelry, wood items and clothing.

Show hours are Friday, 6-9 p.m., Oct. 8; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Oct. 9, and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Oct. 10. Admission is \$2, no baby strollers please. Local artisans include Ann Marie Fischer, Deborah Gutowski, Patt Monroe-Mohrenweiser with Fuller, Mary Ellen Roy and Susan Slesman. For



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David Hess, 5, was one of many people who visited the Maybury Farm corn maze Monday evening. The maze is open to the public weekends through October. Hours are: Friday 5-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 2-9 p.m. Adult tickets are \$8; children are \$4.

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by Donald M. Wayne, D.D.S., M.S.
Orthodontic Specialist

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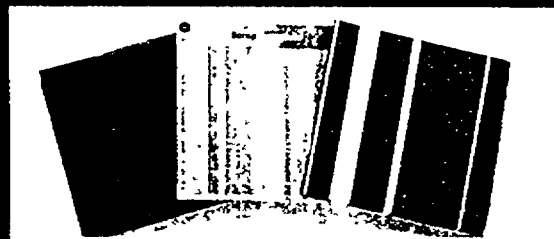
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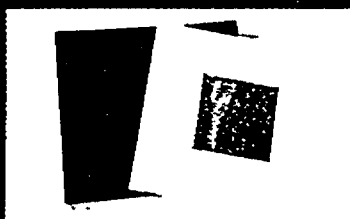


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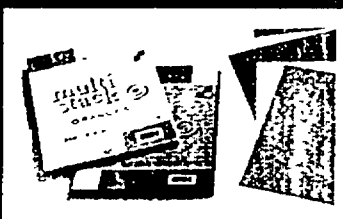
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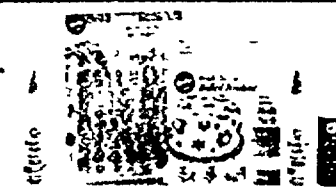
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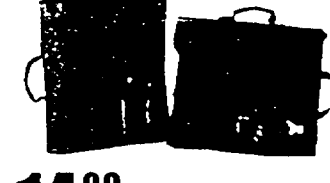


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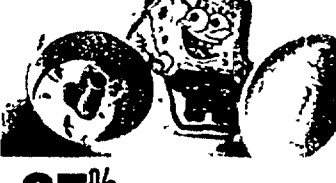
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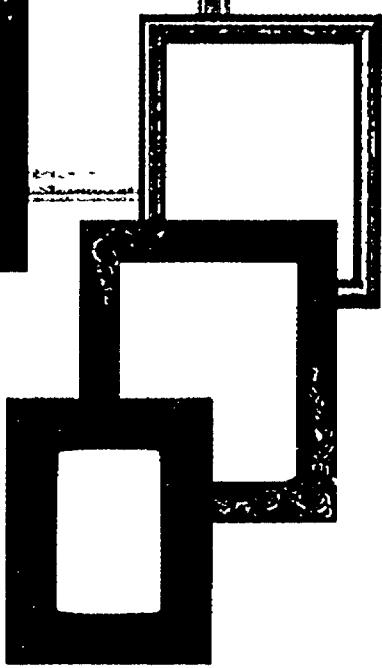
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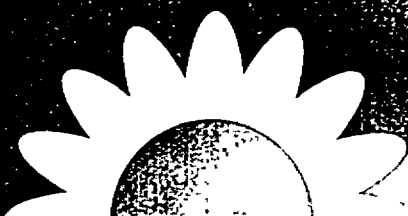
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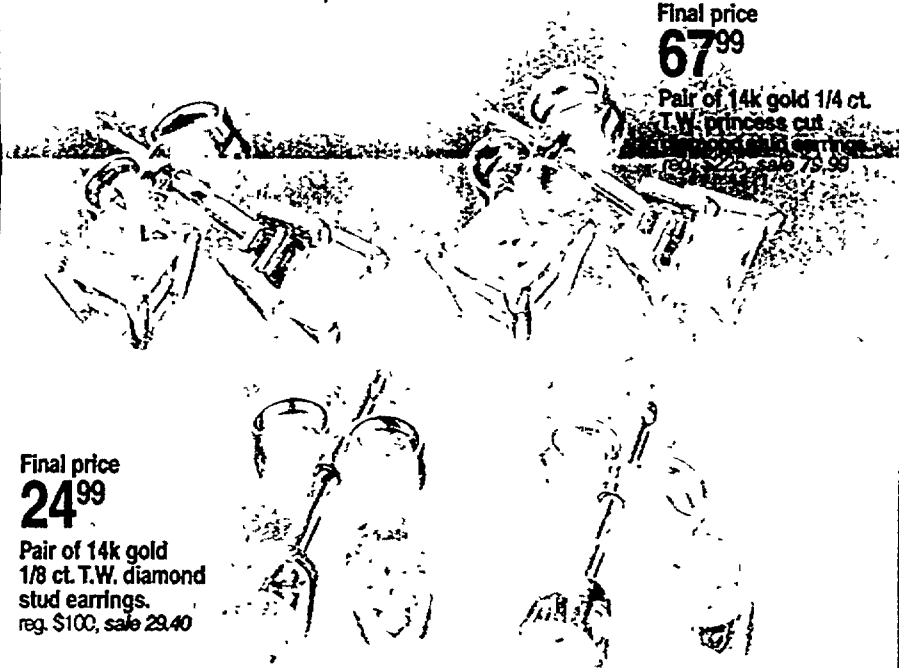


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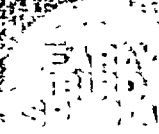
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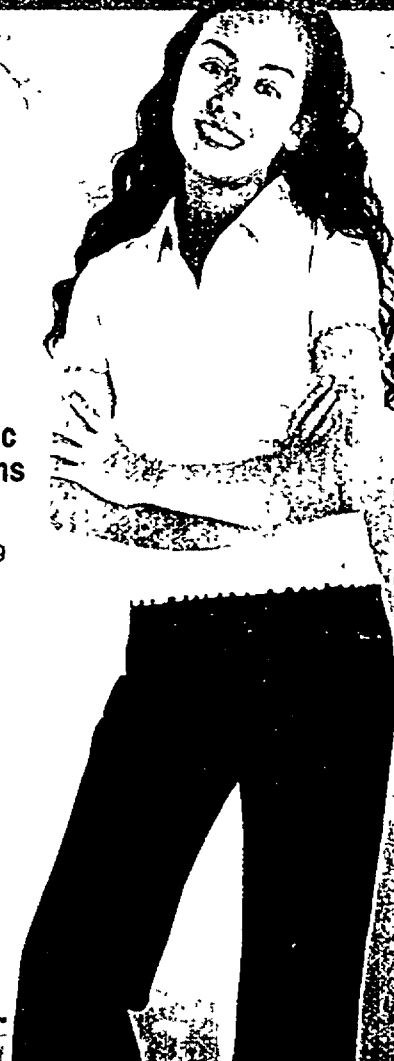
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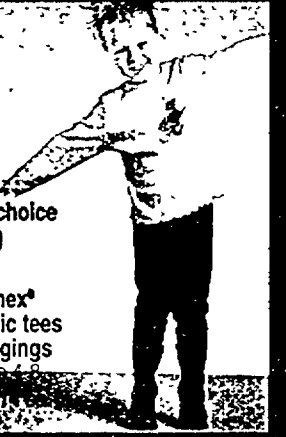
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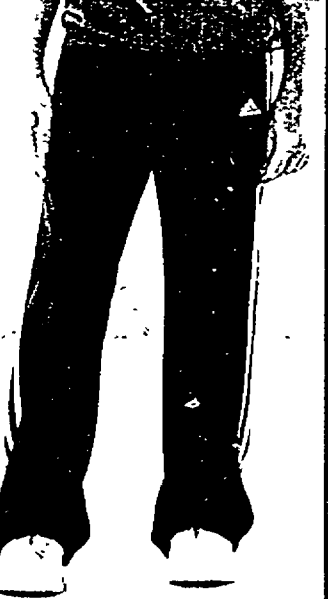


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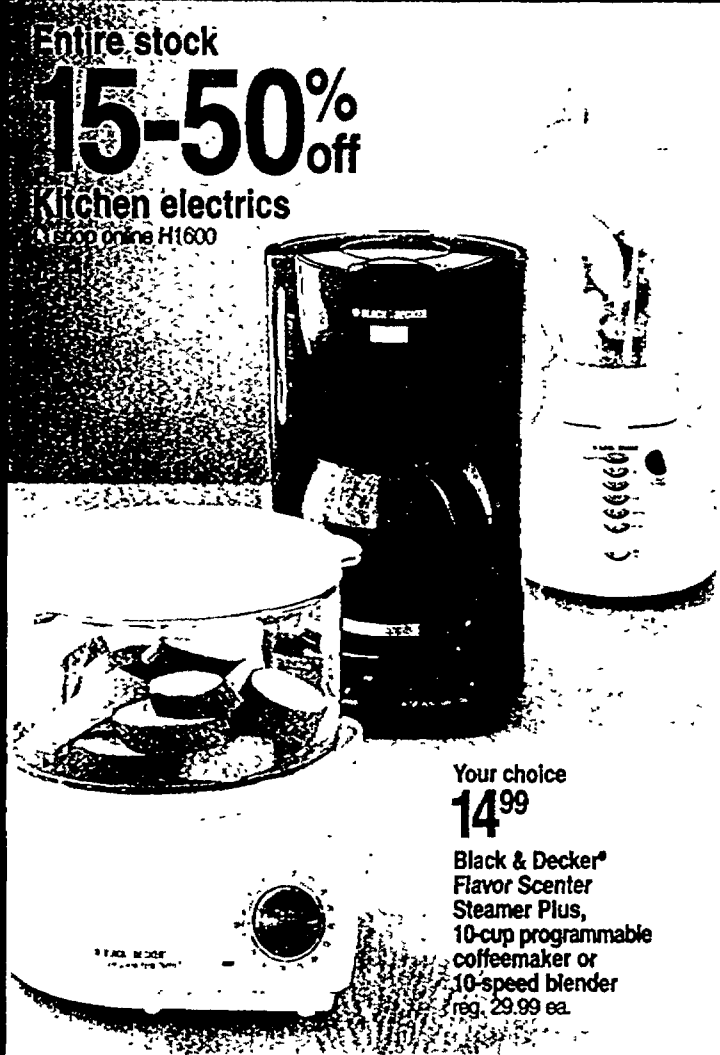
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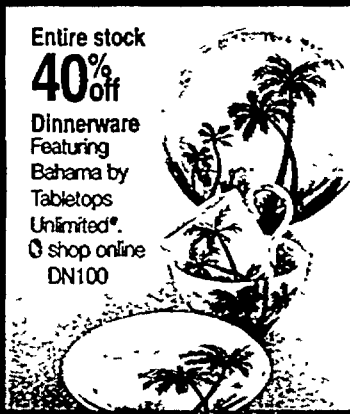


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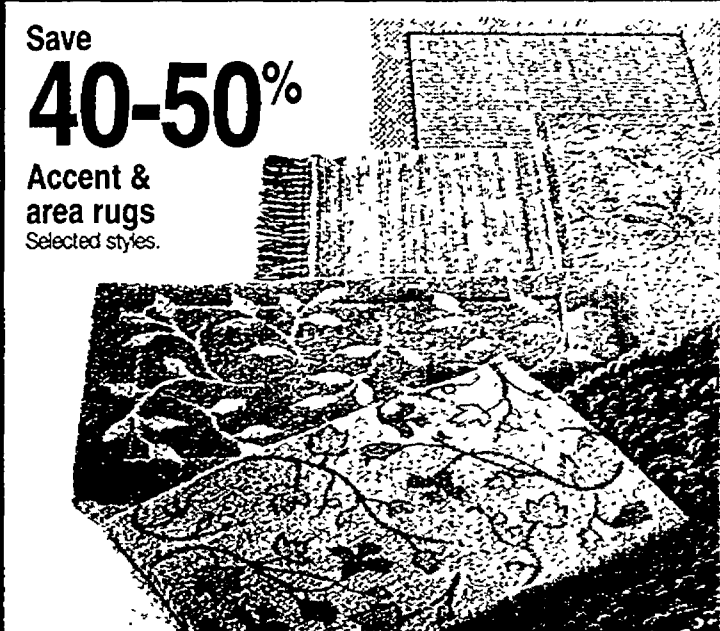


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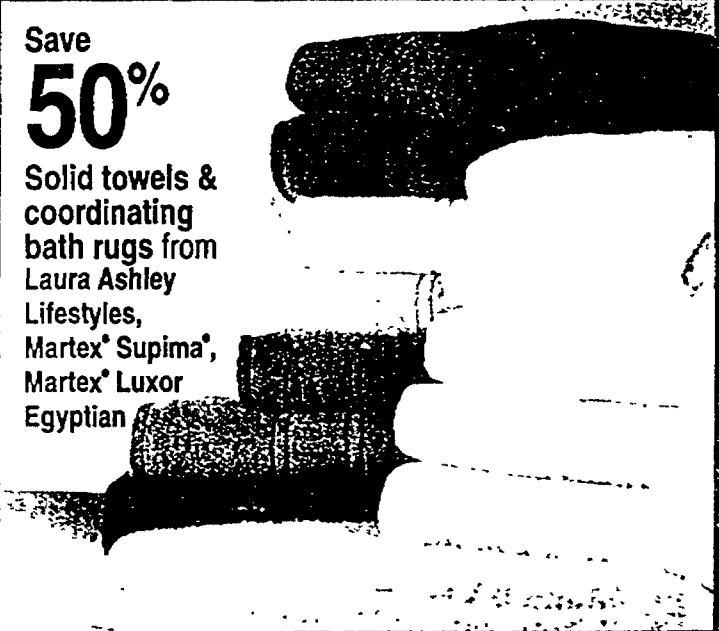


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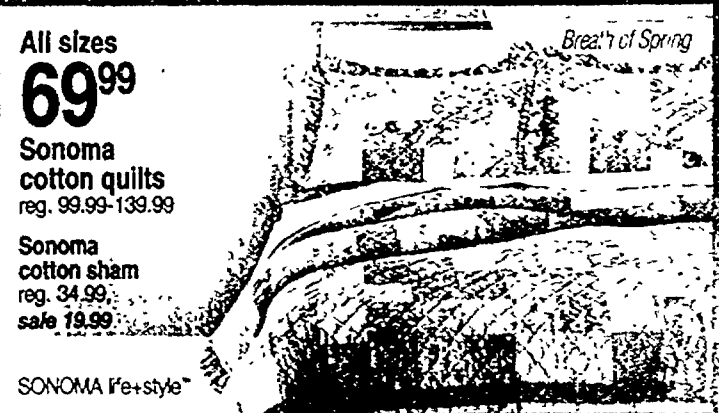
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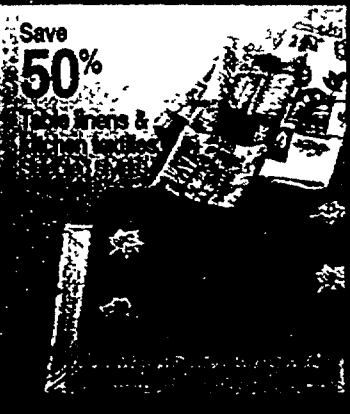
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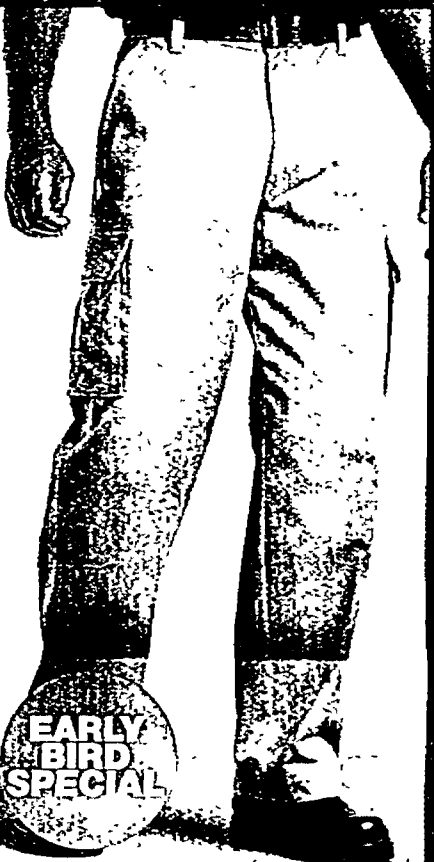
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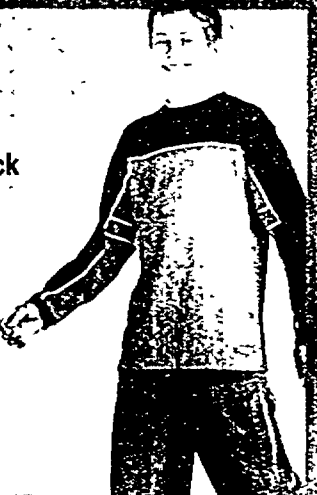
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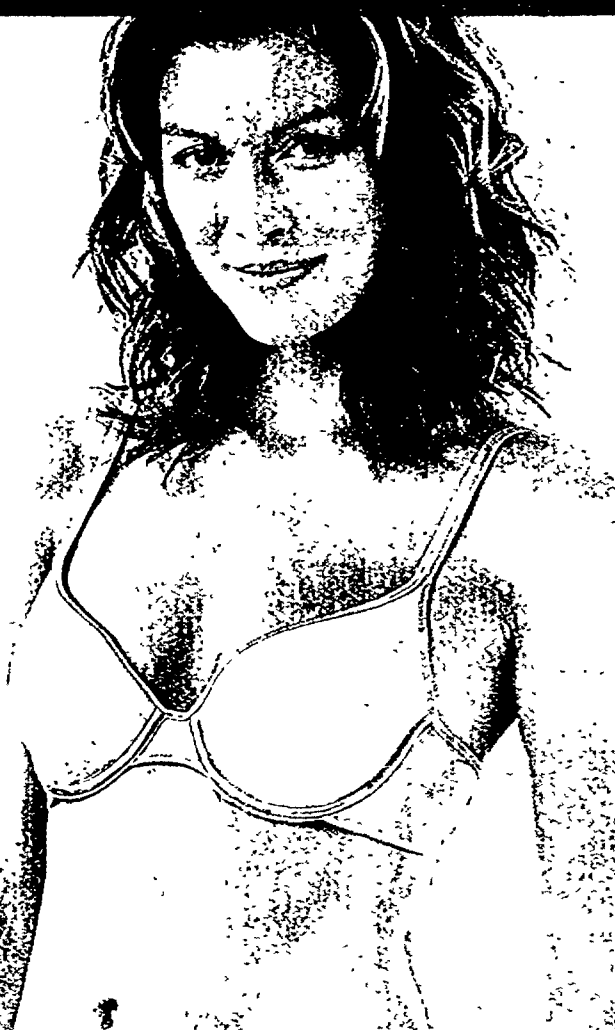


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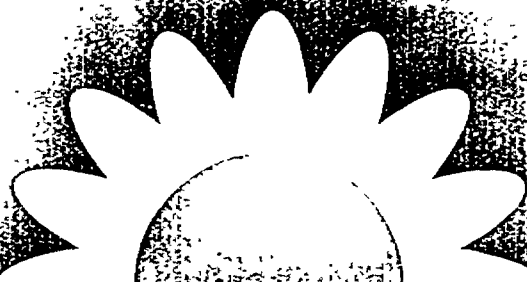
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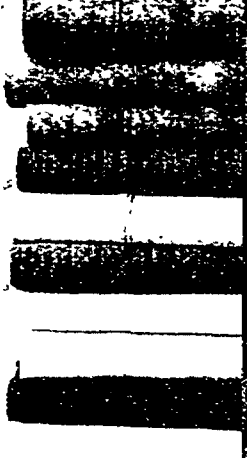
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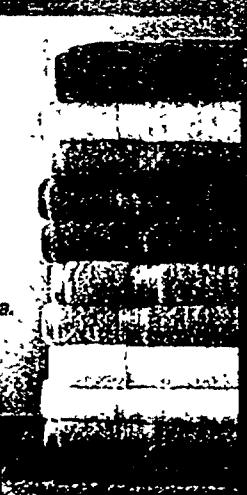
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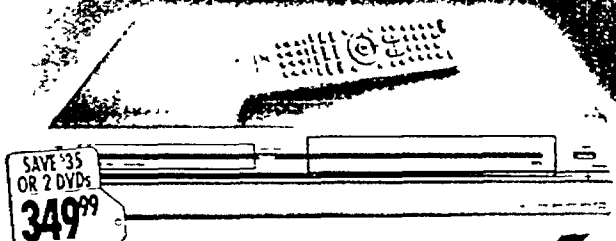
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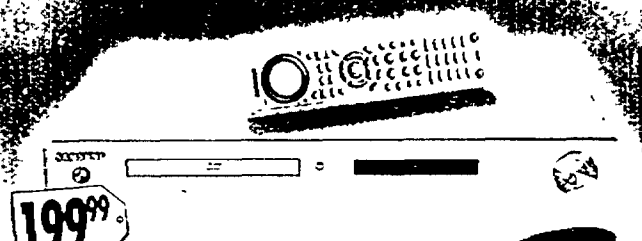
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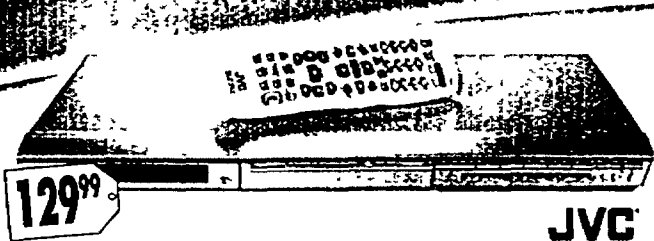
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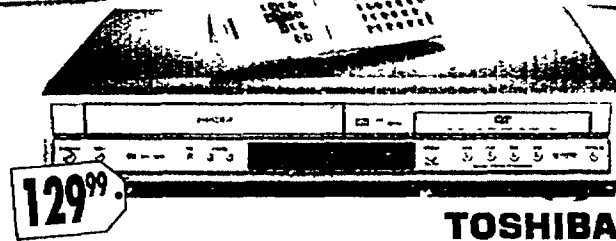


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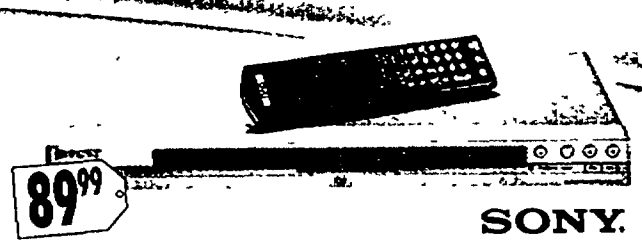


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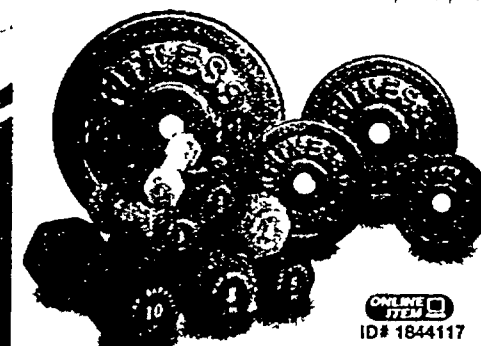
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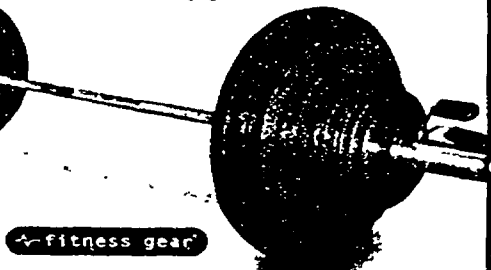
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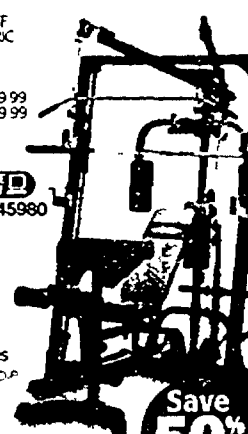
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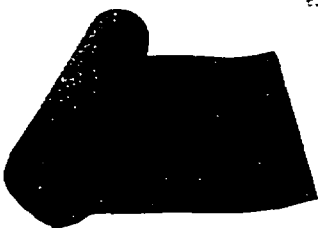
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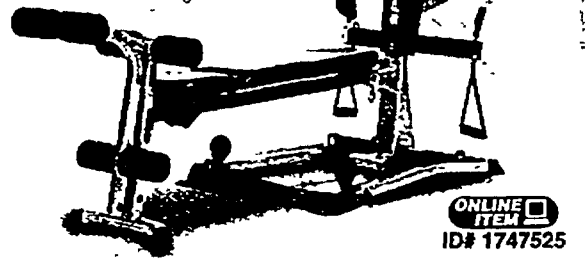


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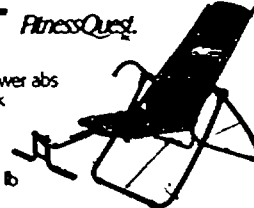
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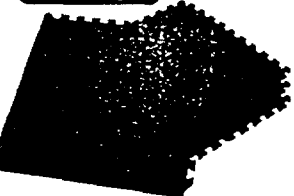
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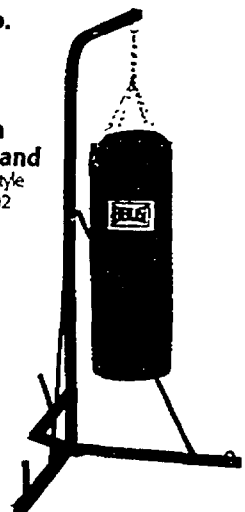
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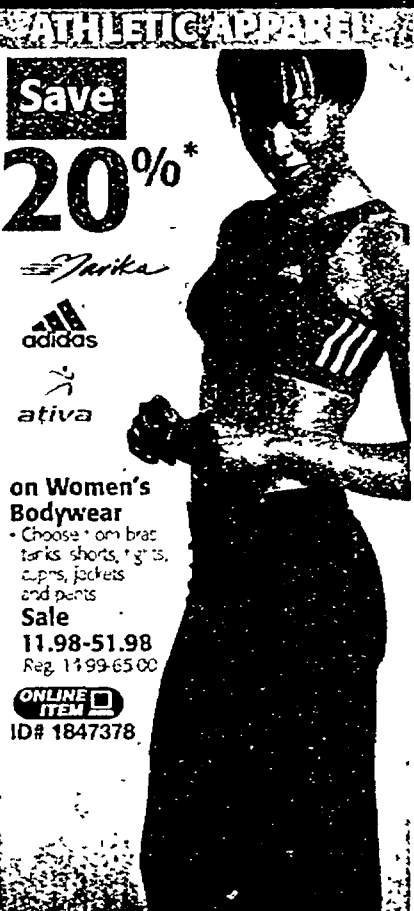
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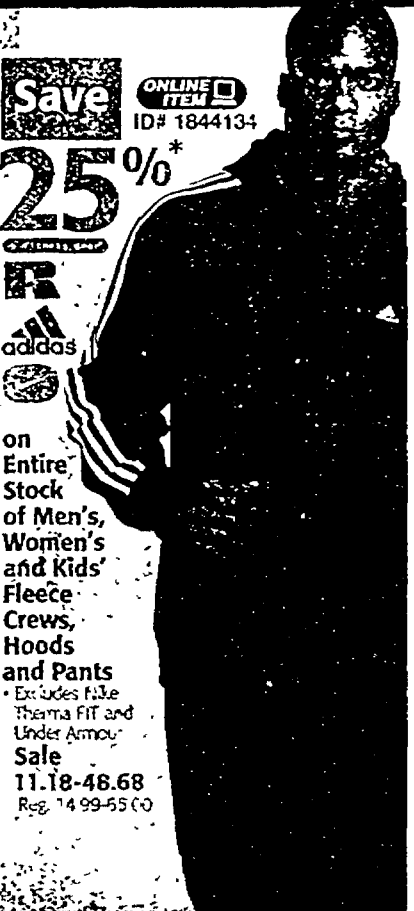
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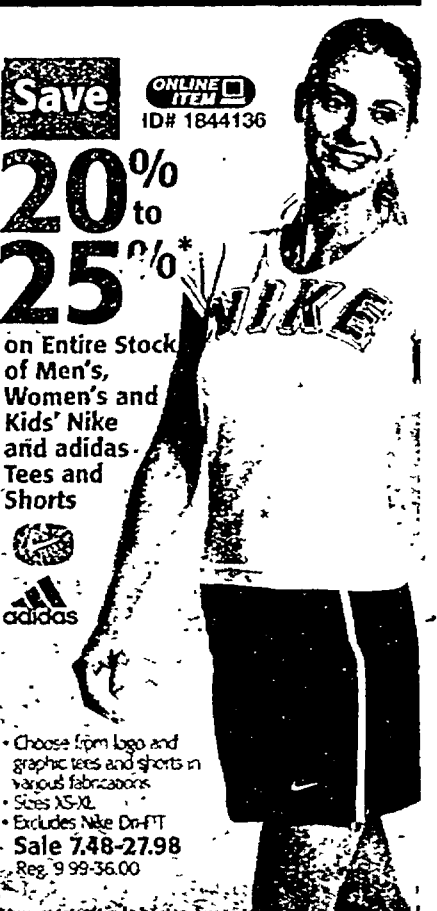
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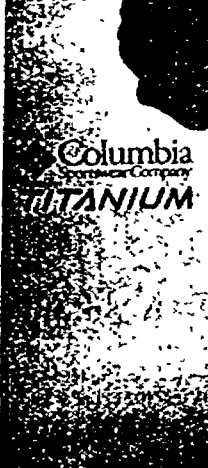
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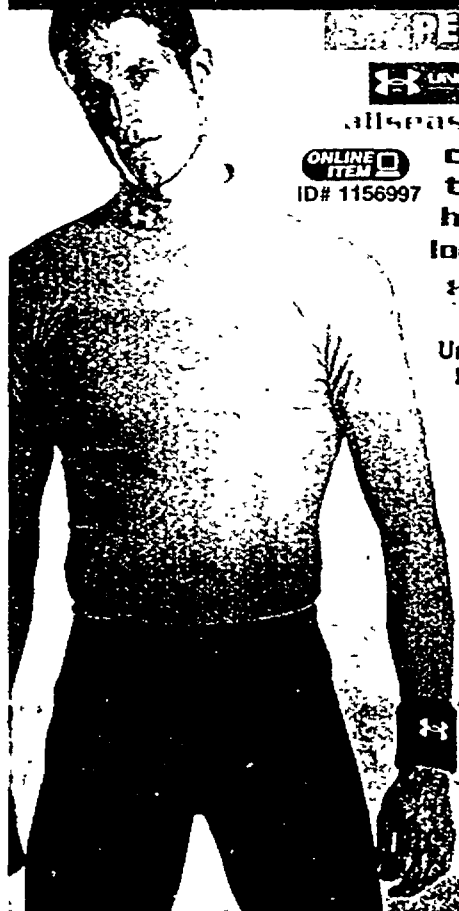
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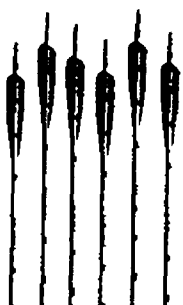
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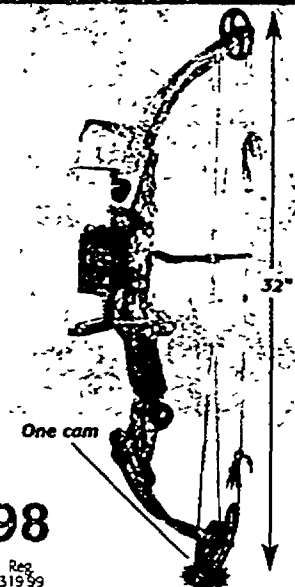


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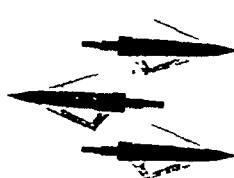
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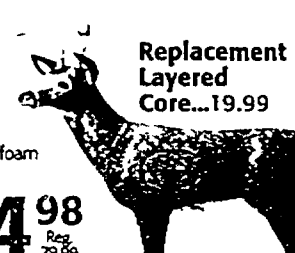


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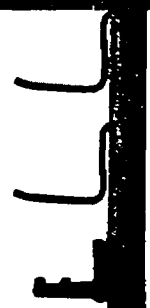


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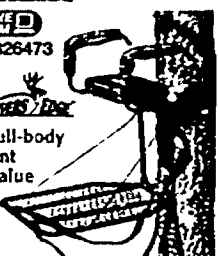
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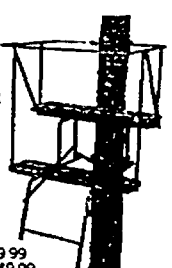


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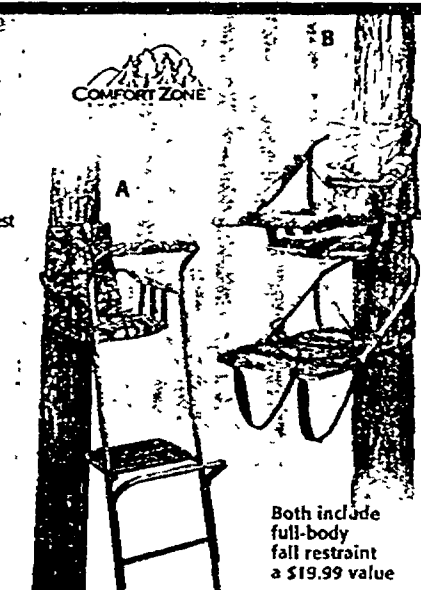
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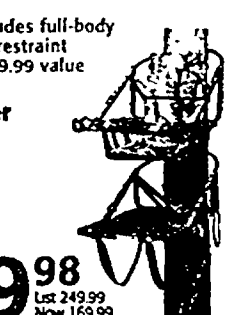


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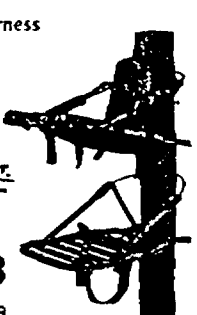
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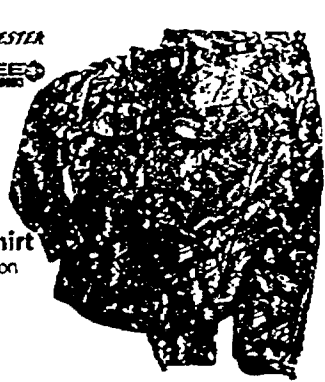


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2 Toppings	7.35	9.05	8.77	12.20	9.60	14.85
3 Toppings	7.90	10.60	9.45	13.35	10.35	15.90
4 Toppings	8.69	12.20	10.55	14.50	11.45	17.05
5 Toppings	9.35	13.20	11.10	15.55	11.40	18.10
Add'l Topping	.75	1.45	.90	1.75	1.00	1.90

Toppings

Pepperoni • Ham • Bacon • Sausage • Hamburger • Mushrooms
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 Steak • Chicken (add 1.99)

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Hawaiian Bacon, Ham, Pineapple	7.40	9.00	10.40
Deluxe Pepperoni, Ham, Bacon, Mushrooms, Onions, Green Peppers	8.80	10.45	12.65
Everything Pepperoni, Ham, Bacon, Sausage, Hamburger, Mushrooms, Green Peppers, Onions, Mild Peppers, Pineapple, Black Olives, Extra Cheese	12.04	15.35	17.55
Veggie Veggie Mushrooms, Green Peppers, Onions, Mild Peppers, Black Olives	8.25	9.90	12.05
Meat Lovers Pepperoni, Ham, Bacon, Sausage, Hamburger	8.80	10.45	12.65
Boston Grilled Chicken Grilled Chicken, Onions, Mild Peppers, Mushrooms	8.80	10.45	12.65
Philly Steak Provolone Cheese, Steak, Onions, Mushrooms, Green Peppers, side of Ranch	8.80	10.45	15.40
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Deluxe Includes Fries		
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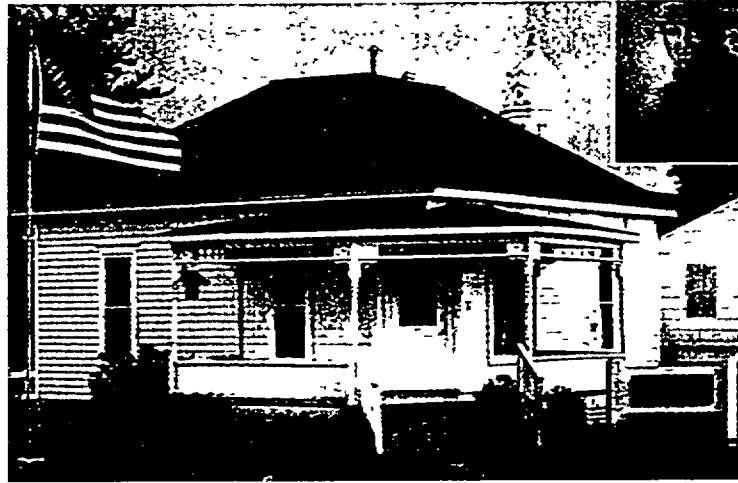
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Actor Mark Consuelos stars in Lifetime's *MISSING*.

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Zoom, Click and Run

Armed with nothing heavier than a 35mm camera and a zoom lens, rodeo photographer Jon Millard stares grimly at the 2,000-pound bull slowly advancing on him. It's a shoot and run situation, and the shot comes first. A couple of quick clicks of the shutter gets him his picture and only then does he think of saving his skin.

Squatting in a dusty arena just a tail's length away from bucking broncos and thick-muscled steers and dodging the occasional Brahma bull isn't the life Millard envisioned growing up in Omak, Wash. (pop. 4,721). He figured he'd put in his 40 years at the local lumber mill and retire. About 20 years short of that goal two things happened: the lumber industry went into a tailspin, and Millard's uncle, Richard, was diagnosed with cancer.

The elder Millard had also been a mill worker. But he had a creative bent that eight-hour days spent trimming boards and pushing buttons couldn't satisfy. An interest in photography flourished into a business, with the self-taught craftsman establishing a niche as one of the premier rodeo photographers in the Pacific Northwest.

"Richard was the best," says Gary "Chick" Jackson, whose son and daughter rode the rodeo circuit. "He would pay attention to little things, like making sure the barrels were set so the name of the event always appeared in the picture. I probably have 10 boxes of photos that he took. They're all great."

As his uncle's illness progressed and rumors swirled concerning the mill, Jon Millard contemplated his future. When people started asking, "Hey, are you gonna take over Richard's business?" an idea was born.

"I went down to talk to Richard about buying one of his cameras, and he sold me everything—cameras, darkroom equipment, you name it—for about as much as I offered for

Photographers Jon and Dawn Millard.

one piece," Jon recalls. Then another photographer offered to sell his color processing equipment for a good price. Jon, 45, and his wife, Dawn, bought it, converted a spare bedroom into a darkroom and turned their motor home into a mobile lab.

The senior Millard taught his protégé as much as he could in the time he had left. "Richard's last words to



Millard's photographs from PRCA rodeos in Washington state (top left, clockwise): Omak Stampede & Suicide Race; Tonasket Founders Day Rodeo; and Cascade Mountain ProRodeo in Olympia.



me were, 'Take lots of pictures,'" Jon recalls. "That was part of his success. He took more pictures than anybody. Those rodeo moms and dads (at junior rodeos) just ate it up."

Jon added to his knowledge by taking various photography classes and using the state's job retraining program to earn two business degrees. Since his first assignment—taking photos at the Okanogan County Fair in 1998—he has gone on to shoot numerous junior rodeos, open rodeos, Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) rodeos, professional bull riding competitions (including several world championships in Las Vegas), barrel racing competitions, horse shows and other events.

For the Millards, rodeo photography continues to be a family affair, with Jon's wife also venturing out into the arena with a camera. "I begged her to help," Jon explains. "But when she's there, I'm almost too nervous to take pictures. She's not out with the rough stock, but it's still dangerous. A barrel racer who turns too wide can flatten you just as good as a bull."

Dawn, on the other hand, has learned not to worry about her husband. She smiles as she recalls some of his close calls. "Each time, the first thing he said afterwards was, 'Did you get a picture of that?' So I decided, 'Why stress? He isn't.'"

Call Millard a hero and he shrugs it off. "Heroes are people like my brother (a policeman who was killed in a shootout several years ago). I'm just someone who wanted to keep living where I live and have some control over my future," he says.

"But I hope I've taught my kids something about taking risks and not being afraid to dream. If I've done that, then I've accomplished something." ☆

Wendy Fayles is a freelance writer from West Valley City, Utah

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A Dozen Ways to Save \$50

Let's face it, we all could use some extra money, but finding it isn't that easy. However, if you follow these simple steps, you'll save at least \$50 (and often more) on each suggestion in a year:

- Cancel your cable, turn off the TV, and spend some time enjoying your family, friends and the beauty of the world around you. You'll be surprised how much more time you have. At \$30 a month, this tip will net you \$360 each year.

- Replace going out to the movies with family game or movie nights at home. Board games are just a few dollars at a local thrift store, and library movie rentals are a dollar or free. Movie outings can run \$20 each (not including a sitter), so if you only replace three per year, you've saved \$60.

- Shop at a general merchandiser like Wal-Mart or Target for non-food items such as detergent, toothpaste, and shampoo. Most grocery stores have high mark-ups on these items. Saving an average of \$1 each week gets you more than \$50 a year.

- Eliminate (or lower) babysitting costs by starting a co-op with friends. Trade sitting times with a family or two. You'll save \$15 or more on each date, netting \$180 a year if you go out once a month.

- Take your lunch and snacks to work. You'll save \$2 to \$3 every day on lunch and a dollar or so on snacks. That adds up to \$500 to \$1,000 each year.

- When you go out to eat, make it for breakfast or lunch. Prices are typically lower than during the dinner hours. Saving \$5 using this tip every other week saves you \$130 a year.

- Instead of expensive gifts, give something from the heart. Write and frame a letter that lets the recipient know how much he or she means to you. Or give an IOU coupon book to a friend or family member, who can "redeem" coupons for things such as free babysitting, a cup of coffee, a car wash, or

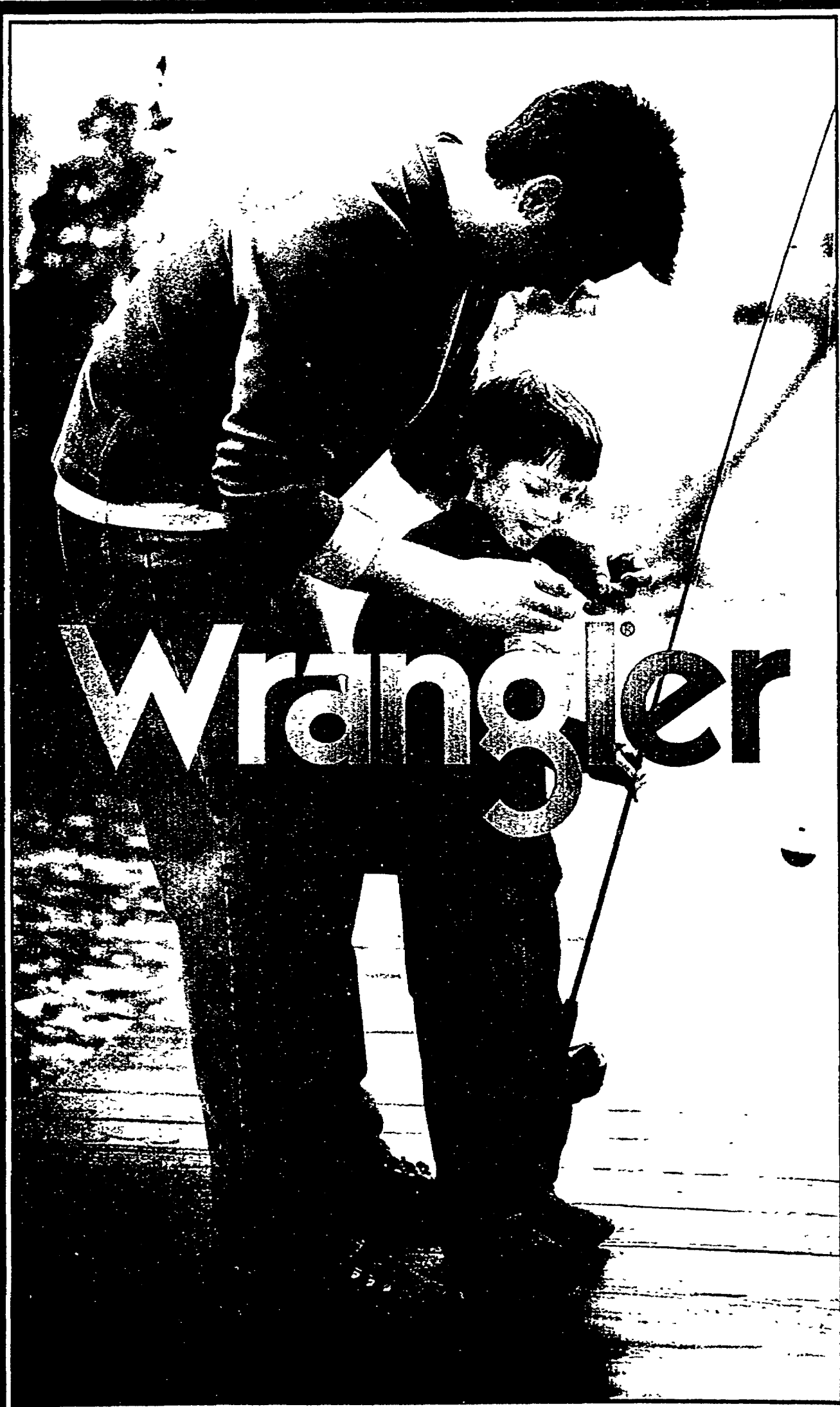
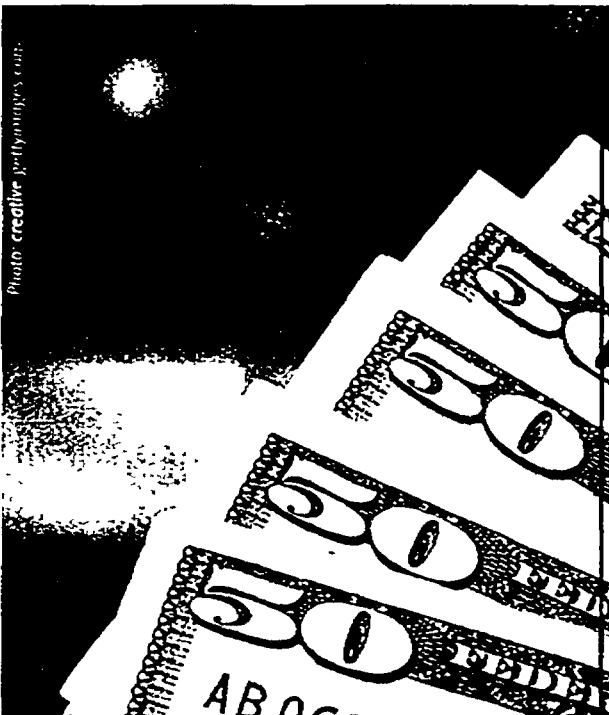


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house cleaning. This will not only bring you closer to the recipient, but also can save \$100 or more in a year.

- Stop smoking. In addition to the health benefits and lower insurance premiums, you'll easily save \$1,000 a year kicking a one pack a day habit.

- Refinance your mortgage. By lowering your rate only 1.5 percent, you'll save more than \$64 a month over 15 years on a \$75,000 mortgage (a total savings of nearly \$11,600). Many banks will forego the closing costs to keep you as a customer.

- Pay off your mortgage early. Keep in mind that paying interest can double or triple the final cost of your home. Even just a few dollars extra every week toward the principal of your mortgage will save you thousands on interest over the life of the loan.

- If you rent, ask your landlord if you can do some handiwork or landscaping for your unit or other properties in exchange for a reduction in rent. Your savings with this tip could be anywhere from \$50 to a month's free rent.

- Simplify and get rid of unused items. You'll be helping others in need, and if you itemize, charitable contributions are fully deductible. Estimate the value of non-cash items such as clothes, furniture and automobiles. Always request a receipt for your records. Just by cleaning out your closets each spring and fall you can easily save \$200 to \$300.

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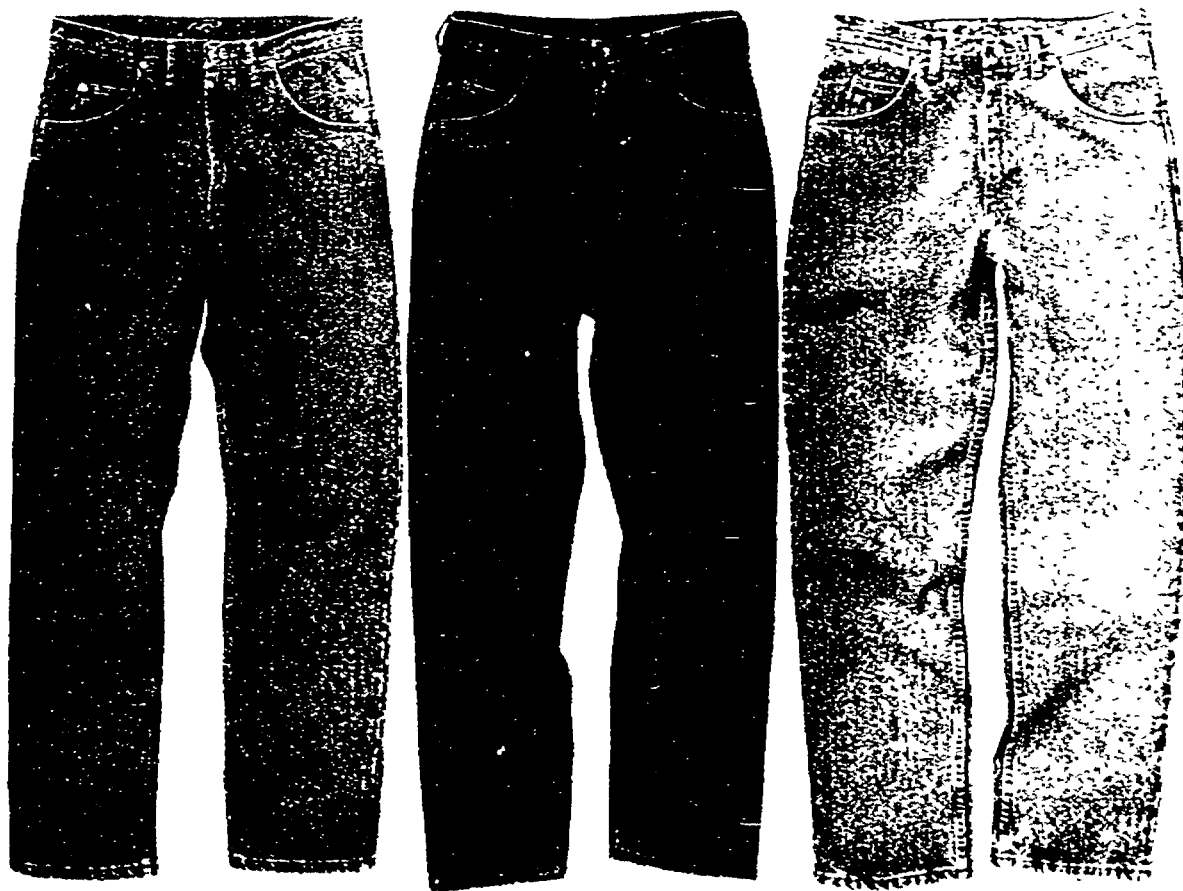
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Roundup

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Buffalo Vs. Bison —Which is it?

Although the words “buffalo” and “bison” are interchangeable in today’s language, this has not always been the case. “Buffalo” has its origins from the Greek word *boubalos*, referring to mammals such as the African antelope or buffalo of southern Asia. In fact, the use of the word “buffalo” is a misnomer when applied to the North American mammal, with “bison” being the preferred term. It is believed that settlers came upon the North American bison around the 16th century, using the word “buffalo” to describe it.

—Source: American Heritage Dictionary

Whooping and hollering, 45 horsemen and horsewomen drive 1,500 bison across the rugged terrain of South Dakota’s Black Hills. The fall morning is cool, but both horses and riders break into a sweat, dust rising as the burly, brown bison thunder into a vale. Deer, antelope and jackrabbits leap out of the herd’s path.

“We’re moving them downwind,” a cowboy shouts to the other riders participating in the 38th annual roundup in Custer State Park near Custer, S.D. (pop. 1,860).

Before the morning is over, the riders will have corralled one of the largest free-ranging bison herds in North America in the biggest roundup of its kind in the world.

In the coming days, the bison will be branded, vaccinated and sorted, and about a third of the animals will be sold—about half at auction in November—providing breeding stock for domestic herds across the United States and Canada. The other animals will be released back into the park to roam free as bison have done in the Black Hills for centuries.

“I was at the roundup a few years ago,” says naturalist Ed Raventon, author of the book *Buffalo Country*, “and when the buffalo came down the hill, people burst into spontaneous applause. How often do people applaud nature? There’s a power that’s hard to put into words.”

A RARE OPPORTUNITY

Thousands of spectators witness the final minutes of the annual roundup from a safe vantage point, but it’s the park employees—who spend several weeks gathering the animals from the far reaches of the 71,000-acre park—who know the true power of the herd. In fact, a frequent quip among them is, “You can herd buffalo anywhere they want to go.”

On the day before the final push, park employees



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Buffalo seem omnipresent in American culture. They’re celebrated in traditional ceremonies on American Indian reservations, thrive on private ranches, their meat is served in the finest restaurants, and their former range is reflected in town names from Buffalo, Ind., to Buffalo Gap, Texas.



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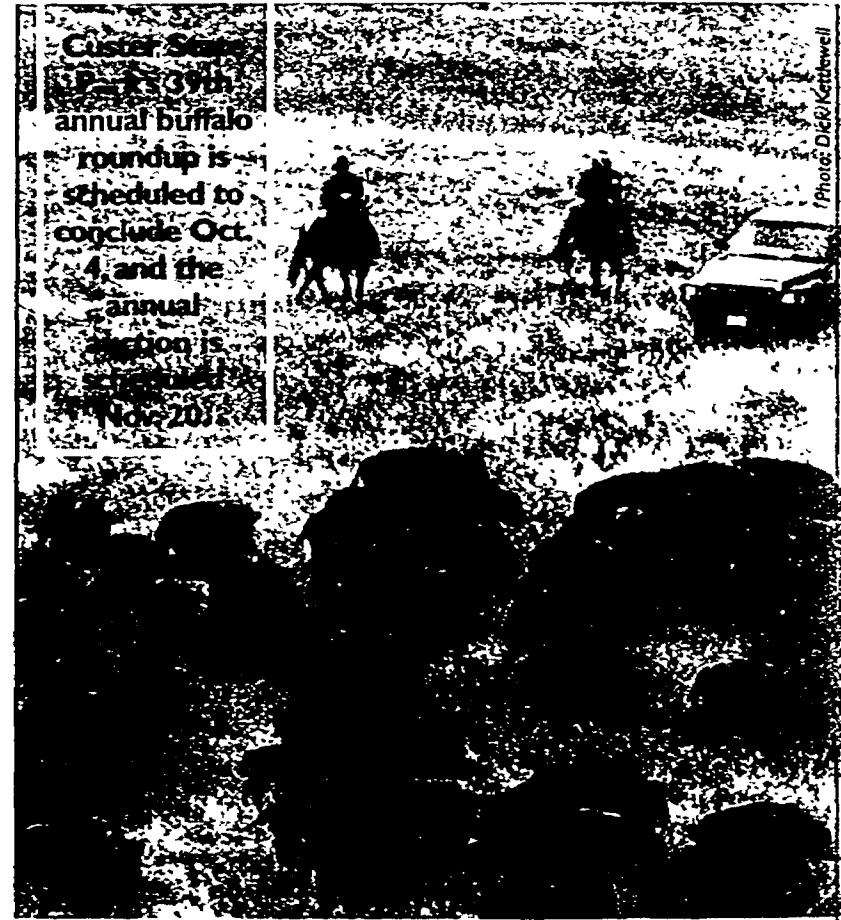
team up with a group of volunteer riders—20 of whom have been selected as part of a lottery drawing—and a handful of four-wheel-drive vehicles to coax the wild animals into the corrals.

Sometimes their work is dangerous. "Watch that bull!" a horseman shouts. Big bulls, weighing up to 2,500 pounds, are supposed to be left out of the roundup, but sometimes they unintentionally are gathered with the rest of the herd. When that happens, the surly bulls fight their way to the rear of the herd, sometimes goring other bison.

"Things can get nasty fast when that happens," says Ron Walker, the park's resource management director. "The worst thing for our riders,



The roundup replenishes breeding stock across the U.S.



Custer State Park's 39th annual buffalo roundup is scheduled to conclude Oct. 4 and the annual auction is scheduled for Nov. 20.

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though, is when a chunk of the herd—it could be 50 animals—backs right through our line."

It happened several times during last year's roundup. But it takes more hardship than that to deter rider Wayne Kummer, of nearby Keystone, S.D. (pop. 311), from being involved in the adventure of a lifetime.

"It's an adrenaline rush and such a rare opportunity," says Kummer, an auto mechanic who has participated in the roundup the last four years. "Most of us have lifelong experiences with horses, and we enjoy the tough ride and watching good horses work."

One memorable part of the roundup for many riders is a prayer for humans, horses and buffalo spoken before mounting, in the tradition of old Lakota-Sioux hunters, who relied on bison for food, clothing and shelter and regarded the animals with religious reverence.

ORIGINS OF THE HERD

The story of the South Dakota herd began with the remarkable family of Fred and Mary Dupuis, he a French-Canadian who wandered west in the 1830s, and she a Lakota-Sioux. The couple married and lived on the prairie east of the Black Hills where, over the winter of 1880-81, two of their sons rode in the last great bison hunt. The sons brought home five live bison, and descendants of those animals were acquired by Scotty Philip, a South Dakota rancher committed to seeing the species saved from extinction. Then South Dakota Gov. Peter Norbeck shared that vision, and in 1913 he established the wildlife preserve that became Custer State Park. The following year some of the Dupuis-Philip herd was shipped in by rail and specially designed wagons to establish the park's herd.

As the herd grew, park officials saw the need to reduce the population to protect the park's grassland and to maintain a healthy herd, which numbers about 1,000 animals before spring calving.

In 1966, the park held its first roundup and auction. Since then, about 12,000 animals have been sold to other states, conservation groups and private ranchers, raising more than \$10 million for day-to-day operations and improvements in the park.

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IOWA—Three states—Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin—are visible from a bluff in Mount Hosmer City Park in Lansing (pop. 1,012).

KANSAS—Lebanon (pop. 303) is the geographic center of the lower 48 states.

MICHIGAN—Oscar-winning filmmaker Michael Moore, creator of *Fahrenheit 9/11*, was born in 1954 in Davison (pop. 5,536).

MINNESOTA—School-clothes shopping is convenient for students at National American University, one of the only college campuses located in a shopping mall, the Mall of America in Bloomington.

MISSOURI—Bombed during World War II and set for demolition, the historic Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury in London was dismantled, shipped and reconstructed in the mid-1960s at Westminster College in Fulton (pop. 12,128). The church is a memorial to Winston Churchill, who gave his "Iron Curtain" speech at the college in 1946.

NEBRASKA—Thousands of antique marbles are on display at Lee's Legendary Marbles museum in York (pop. 8,081).

NORTH DAKOTA—The Children's Museum at Yunker Farm in Fargo is housed in one of the state's oldest brick homes, built in 1876.

OHIO—Suzanne Conrad of Findlay (pop. 38,967) won \$1 million for her Oats 'n Honey Granola Pie recipe in the 2004 Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Casey Tibbs, born in 1929 near Fort Pierre (pop. 1,991), lassoed the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's Saddle Bronc Riding Championship four consecutive years (1951-1954) and six years total.

WISCONSIN—The state is celebrating 100 years of professional forestry, which took root in 1904 with the hiring of E.M. Griffith as state forester. ✨

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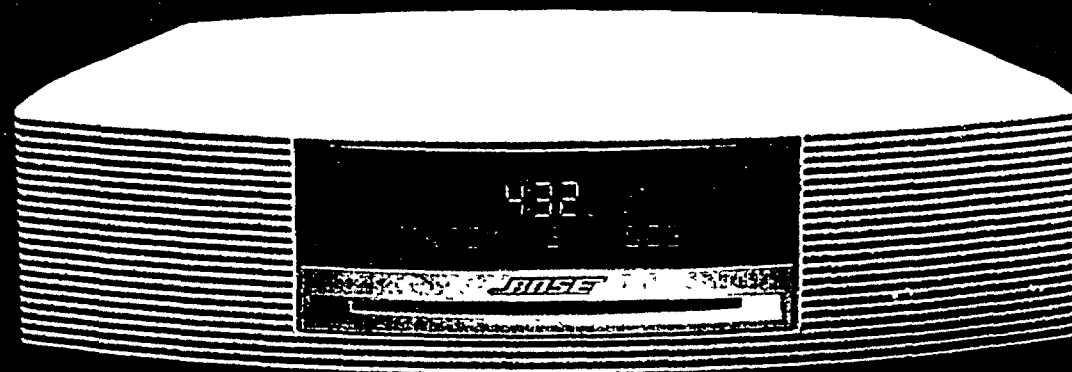
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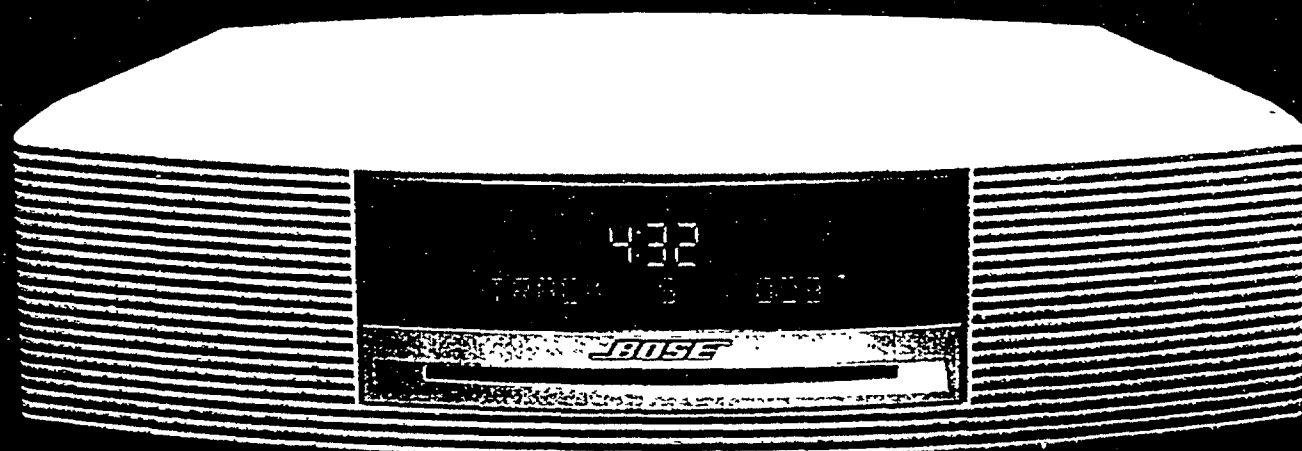
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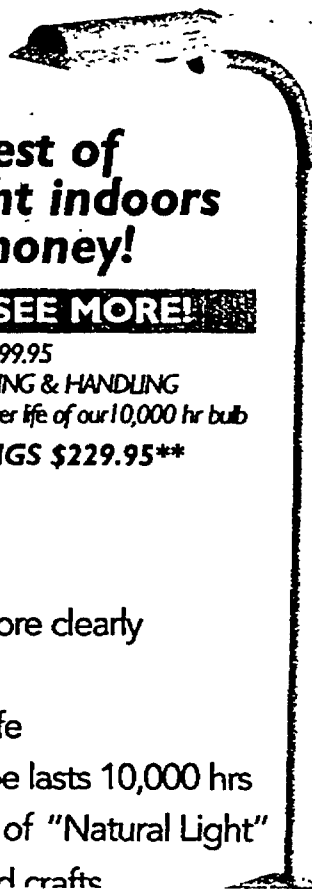
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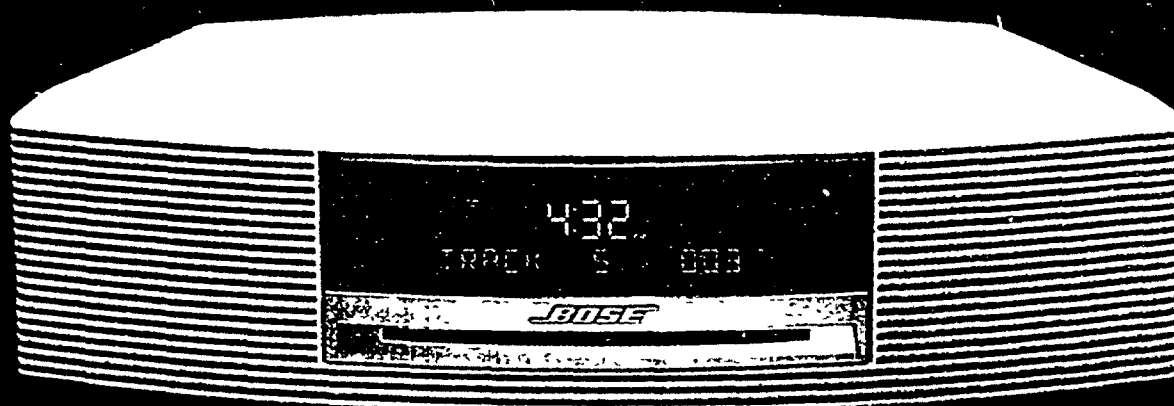
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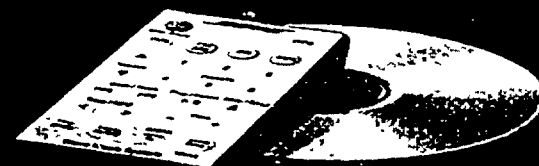


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NEBRASKA—Thousands of antique marbles are on display at Lee's Legendary Marbles museum in York (pop. 8,081).

NORTH DAKOTA—The Children's Museum at Yunker Farm in Fargo is housed in one of the state's oldest brick homes, built in 1876.

OHIO—Suzanne Conrad of Findlay (pop. 38,967) won \$1 million for her Oats 'n Honey Granola Pie recipe in the 2004 Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Casey Tibbs, born in 1929 near Fort Pierre (pop. 1,991), lassoed the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's Saddle Bronc Riding Championship four consecutive years (1951-1954) and six years total.

WISCONSIN—The state is celebrating 100 years of professional forestry, which took root in 1904 with the hiring of E.M. Griffith as state forester. ✨

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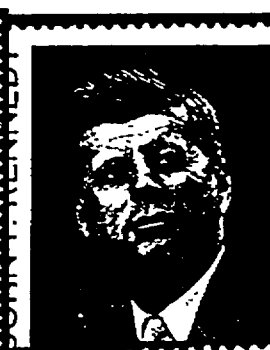
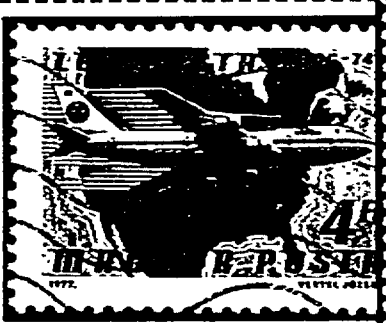
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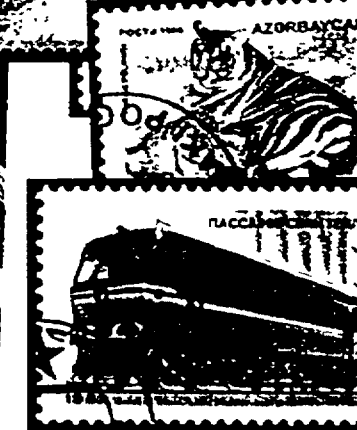


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Doctor Tips on Bowel Pain & Irritable Bowel

By Dr. Ron Gellatley

Did you know that bowel pain and irritable bowel may be symptoms of a wasted-clogged bowel? In fact, you'll be astonished to learn that a lot of diseases that seem to have little to do with your bowel are actually caused by a bowel suffocating with undischarged wastes. These wastes can slowly poison your system and contribute to a variety of health problems.

Do you suffer from any of these complaints?

Stomach problems, migraines, headaches, backaches, candida, low motivation, lack of energy and low immunity. Even arthritis has been linked to bowel problems.

Death really does begin in the waste clogged bowel. The trouble is that few people realize their bowel is clogged - the reality is that very few of us are aware that we are carrying a load of poisonous wastes in our bowel.

We think our problems have other causes. We do not understand that these wastes are affecting every cell and every tissue in our body. We cannot understand why we are tired all the time or why we have difficulty with moodiness and cannot cope. All too often our problems come

from our bowel.

Look at it this way, if you carry poisons in your bowel they must seep into your bloodstream.

Your blood goes to every part of your body, including your brain.

How can anyone think clearly if the blood feeding their brain contains waste which should be in the sewer?

No wonder people wake up sometimes and feel their brain is stuffed with cotton.

Illness emanating from bowel problems is costing the country millions of dollars in sickness.

How much misery does irritable bowel, diverticulitis and stomach ulcers cause? What about constipation, the curse of modern civilization? It makes people feel ill all the time, causes sick headaches, lowers energy and slowly poisons us.

Your quality of life can be dictated by your bowel. It is hard to be the life of the party if your bowel is not performing properly.

How can anyone be full of joy with an irritable bowel? Look around you, where are all the happy people?

My new book, "Internal Health-The Key to Youth and Vitality" (already a best seller in Australia) is packed with vital information:

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of constipation.

- You will find simple ways to bear irritable bowel.
- Discover the vitamin which is essential if you suffer from diverticulitis.
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If you want to feel better, if you want to have boundless energy, if you want to feel terrific most of the time, regardless of your age, then this book is for you. I have discovered in over 15 years of practice that the major cause of feeling your age, loss of energy and ill health is an internal system that is not working.

How can anyone feel full of the joy of living with a colon that is full of wastes, a

colon where the lining is inflamed, full of pain and poisoned with waste?

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Our Picks

The Last Night of the Yankee Dynasty By Buster Olney Ecco Books (Harper Collins)

As major league baseball rushes toward October playoffs and the World Series, a book about the New York Yankees and its cash-rich, "hands-on" owner debuts at a perfect time.

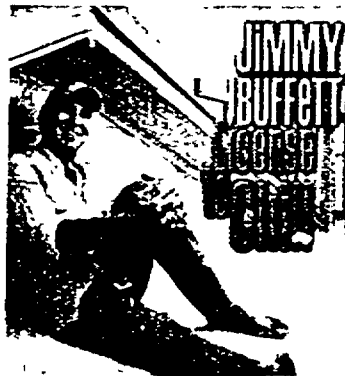


In *The Last Night of the Yankee Dynasty*, author Buster Olney belts a home run. Readers go behind the scenes of the Yankee machine that dominated the baseball world from 1996 until the night it lost the 2001 World Series. He reflects on its origins: impressive performances by draft picks of the early '90s, coupled with an endless stream of high-priced free agents. It produced four World Series championships. But, as Olney writes, it came with costly consequences that depleted a once-promising farm system for the "win now at all cost" mission statement.

Olney, a former Yankee beat writer for *The New York Times*, takes you into the dugout and beyond clubhouse doors for a thorough look at owner George Steinbrenner's pressure-packed pinstripe universe and its galaxy of superstars.

Jimmy Buffett License to Chill RCA

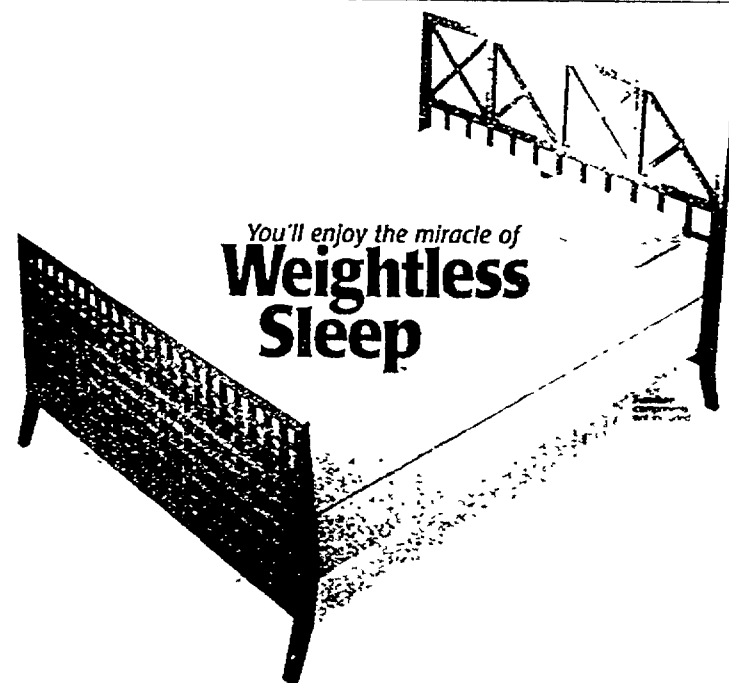
Singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett has been riding the Margaritaville wave for so long that most people forget he began his career as a Nashville tunesmith. On *License to Chill*, he spotlights both the songwriter and the song-finder behind his fun-in-the-sun persona, and brings along a host of countrified buddies (Alan Jackson, Kenny Chesney, Toby Keith, Martina McBride, Clint Black and George Strait) to help him revisit his roots.



On *Simply Complicated*, a humorous bit of social commentary, he reflects on his full-circle career: "Am I country, pop, or rock 'n' roll/I know they are related/So I'll just let you be the judge/It's simply complicated." That it is.

Buffett's "Parrothead" fans may find the songs short on hedonistic romps, but this is his most satisfying album in years, one that makes him sound serious about his craft again. *License to Chill* delivers a thrill. ☆

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Homegrown Pecan Pride

Diners always can find a slice of pecan pie at Sherry's Home Cookin' Cafe in Brunswick, Mo. The pie's homemade, but, even better, the pecans are homegrown.

This north-central Missouri river town of 1,041 is the nation's northernmost pecan producer. The 3 million pounds of pecans harvested each year in Chariton County are just a plunk in the bucket compared to Georgia's 100 million pounds, but the town couldn't be prouder of its annual nut crop.



Elizabeth James.

Pecans long have been a wild delicacy in Chariton County, but the pecan boom around Brunswick until the late George James began experimenting with a thin-shell variety he discovered on his farm in 1955. James received a patent to propagate the Starking Hardy Giant pecan a year later.

Elizabeth James, 85, recalls how pecans staved off poverty for the newlywed couple when rising floodwaters claimed their row crops. "We had a three-room house, and the Missouri River ran through it three times in the first five years, and we lost everything," she recalls. "I haven't decided if I was crazy or if I loved the man, but I stayed with him."

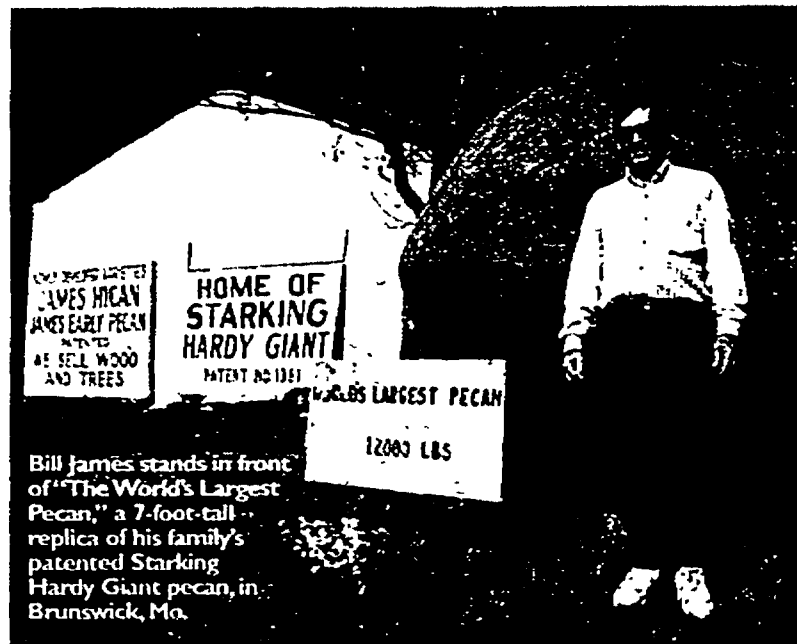
The couple survived by picking up pecans and selling them for 3 cents a pound. Eventually, they moved their house to higher ground and began growing and harvesting pecans full time.

Today, their children—Bill James, Sandy Naylor, and Betty Knight—manage the farm's 10,000 trees and operate the Nut Hut, a retail outlet where the world's largest pecan—a 12,000-pound concrete replica of the variety patented by James—was built in 1982.

Each fall, members of the Melvin Neidholdt family head home for the pecan harvest, which begins with the first frost. "It's hard work, but we can't wait to get here," says Toni Neidholdt Burton, a schoolteacher in Liberty, Mo. (pop. 26,232).

Like any proud farmer, Neidholdt enjoys showing off his earliest harvesting equipment—a 5-pound wooden club to whack the nuts from the branches. "I remember Dad climbing the trees and swinging that club and jumping from tree to tree like a squirrel," Burton recalls.

Modern machinery makes pecan harvesting safer and



Bill James stands in front of "The World's Largest Pecan," a 7-foot-tall replica of his family's patented Starking Hardy Giant pecan, in Brunswick, Mo.

faster. A mechanical shaker on a tractor grabs the tree trunk like a giant fist and shakes it hard enough to knock the nuts off their limbs. A pecan harvester vacuums up the nuts, removing twigs and other debris. Pecans are cracked individually as they roll along a conveyor belt through a mechanical cracker.

The area's wild native pecans are "God's gift to us," says Ruth Miller of Miller Pecan Farms, nine miles west of Brunswick. "The cold weather takes care of the insects so we don't have to add chemicals," she adds. "City people love to drive to the country and pick up pecans. Some bring their lunch to our farm."

During Brunswick's annual Pecan Festival, Miller serves caramel apples smothered with pecans, and about 100 of the town's best bakers prepare pecan pies for judging. This year's event, scheduled Oct. 1-3, also will feature a parade, queen contest, pecan-cracking demonstration, a carnival, crafts and pecan treats aplenty.

Mary Swan, 78, owner of Harvey's Pecans, says it's tradition to gather nuts in autumn. "When I was little, Granddad would hook up his horses, Troxie and Snip, and we'd take the wagon and gather the nuts that had fallen," she says. "Grandma had a wood stove, and we'd sit around the fire of an evening and pick out the nuts."

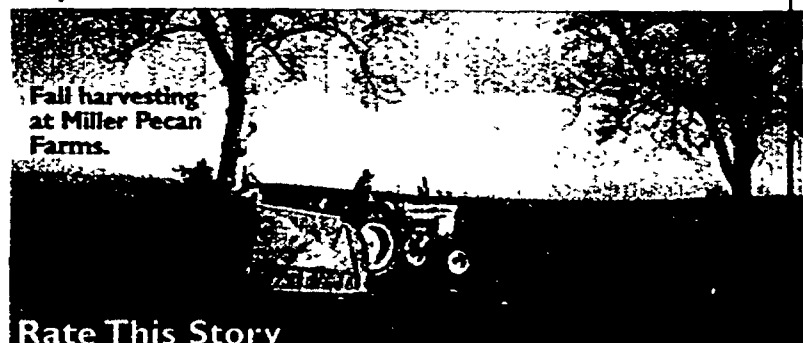
Today, her children and grandchildren help harvest. "Lots of times when we're working in the pecan grove from sunup to sundown, we'll stop and have a wiener roast," she says.

Brunswick's Pecan Festival is "the event of the year," says Mary Nicholson, festival committee member. "We do this to promote the pecan growers and to share the traditions of gathering pecans. It's all about family."

And pecan pie, of course. ☆

Marti Attoun is a freelance writer in Joplin, Mo.

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Diet and Cholesterol

When it comes to keeping your cholesterol in a normal range, what you eat can make all the difference.

Cholesterol is a soft, waxy substance found in the bloodstream and in all of the body's cells. When you eat foods high in saturated fat and cholesterol, such as fried food, butter or whole milk, your cholesterol can rise. Having a cholesterol level of more than 200 can increase the risk of coronary heart disease and heart attack.

Managing cholesterol starts with eating right. "Choosing bread, cereal and pasta made with whole grains can lower cholesterol," says Betsy Hornick, a dietician in Poplar Grove, Ill. (pop. 1,368).

When whole wheat or oats are the first ingredient on a food label, it means the food has ingredients that keep the body from absorbing cholesterol. High-fiber foods such as dried beans and peas also are cholesterol-smart foods.

Instead of hot dogs, chips and whole milk dairy products, Hornick recommends eating lean meats that are baked, grilled or broiled. Snack on fruits and build meals around vegetables seasoned without butter or sauces. Choose fat-free or low-fat cheese, milk and ice cream. Research has found that including less meat and more tofu, eggplant and almonds in your diet can reduce cholesterol as well.

Smart food choices

Avoiding foods containing the partially hydrogenated oils commonly found in commercial baked goods is especially important. "We call these trans fats and they can raise blood cholesterol," Hornick says. To learn if an item contains hydrogenated oils, check the ingredient list on the package.

Combining regular exercise and reasonable portions with low cholesterol foods are all part of a healthful lifestyle. "Regular, physician-approved exercise has been proven to help keep cholesterol down," Hornick says. "And eating normal food portions pays off because it cuts calories," she adds, explaining that many people who are overweight also have high cholesterol.

Instead of heaping on the food, eat portions based on the sizes recommended on the label.

Going cholesterol light, doesn't mean giving up everything you like. "You can eat anything you want," Hornick says, "as long as you plan for it. Cholesterol management is about being realistic and eating smart." ☆

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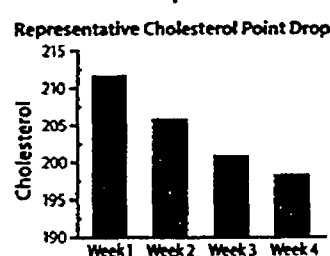
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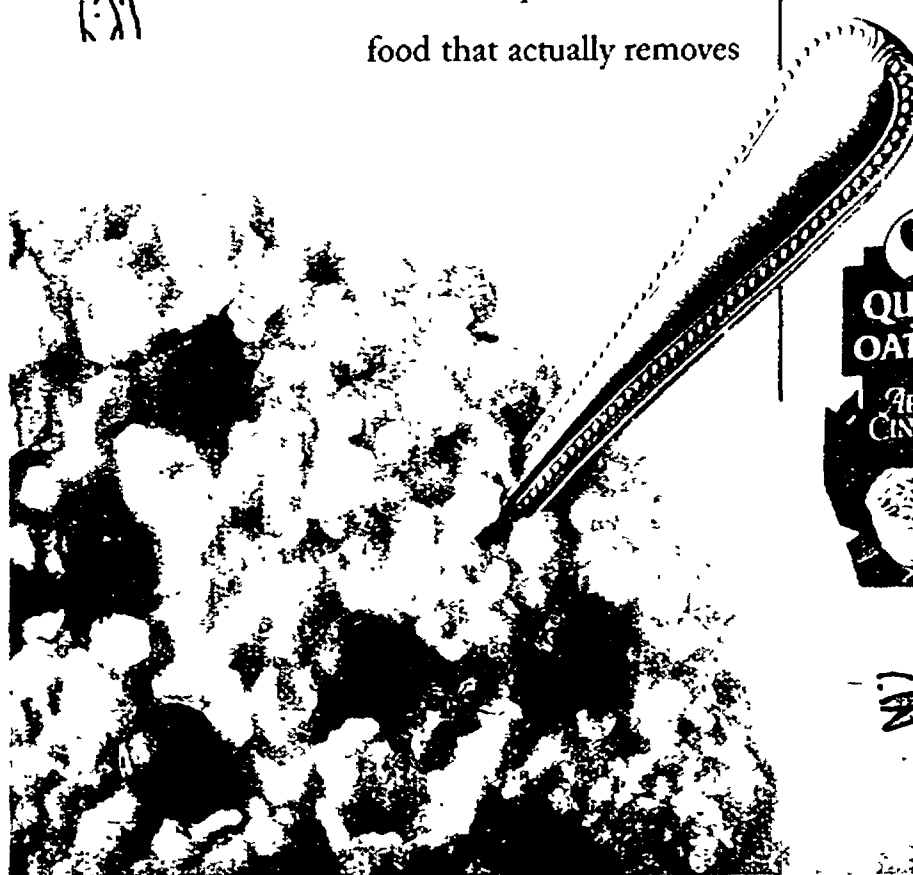
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Marinated Bean Salad

- | 15-ounce can English peas, drained
- | 11-ounce can white shoepeg corn, drained
- | 15-ounce can French-style green beans, drained

- | 2-ounce jar pimentos, chopped and drained

- | medium onion, chopped

- 4-5 stalks celery, chopped

- | green pepper, diced

Marinade ingredients:

- | and 1/2 teaspoons salt

- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil

- 1/2 cup water

- 1 cup vinegar

- | and 1/2 cups sugar

Combine canned and fresh vegetables in a medium-size bowl. In another bowl, combine marinade ingredients and heat in microwave until sugar is dissolved. Allow marinade to cool, then pour over vegetables. Refrigerate salad for 24 hours and drain off marinade before serving. This salad keeps in refrigerator for about one week.

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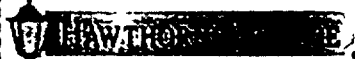
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Ringman Don Kistler enthusiastically announces a bid for a bison.

"When you look at a map showing where they've gone, you'll see there's Custer State Park buffalo stock in just about every state and across Canada, mostly on private ranches," says Rollie Noem, park director.

On auction day, bidders arrive at the corrals in pickup trucks pulling stock trailers, hoping to take some prime bison home. Buffalo are in constant motion in the sale ring, as if moving to the rhythm of the auction chant.

"Custer State Park buffalo bull calves—don't they look good this year?" asks auctioneer Ron Bradeen, prompting nods from the knowledgeable bidders.

Last fall, the animals fetched prices ranging from \$350 for a bull calf to \$3,200 for a mature bull. Bids vary from year to year, depending on demand and speculation in the ranching industry.

"For someone green in the industry, this sale's always been a good way to get started," says Duane Lammers, a Hermosa, S.D. (pop. 315), rancher who has been rais-



A burly bison barrels its way into the sales ring during the annual auction at the 71,000-acre Custer State Park near Custer, S.D.

ing buffalo for 25 years.

When Lammers started ranching, he raised both cattle and buffalo. "I soon saw buffalo had lots of advantages," he recalls. "I can think of two blizzards where we lost cattle, but the buffalo weren't affected at all."

It's true, he says, that buffalo will face straight into a blizzard instead of turning their backs toward it like cattle. A herd will stop calving until a storm subsides, and buffalo are remarkably adept at rummaging

through snow to find grass. Listening to Lammers talk, it's evident the animals' admirers are not limited to casual observers or the lottery-winning riders in the annual roundup in Custer State Park. ✨

Paul Higbee is a freelance writer in Spearfish, S.D.

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Riley Festival—Greenfield, Oct. 7-10. Named for Greenfield poet James Whitcomb Riley, this festival features live entertainment, parades, poetry readings, a queen's pageant, and fine arts & crafts. (317) 462-2141.

IOWA

Of Cottages and Castles—West Branch, through Oct. 31. Learn about the residences of American presidents, and view their furnishings and personal items at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum. (319) 643-5301.

KANSAS

Balloon Regatta and Craft Fair—Columbus, Oct. 8-10. Watch as balloons float through the sky at Industrial Park, and attend Saturday's Columbus Day Festival on the downtown square. (620) 429-1492.

MICHIGAN

Custer Week Celebration—Monroe, Oct. 4-9. View an exhibit on Gen. George A. Custer at the Monroe County Historical Museum, and participate in related tours and presentations throughout town. (800) 252-3011.

MINNESOTA

Leaf Spectacular—Taylors Falls, through Oct. 10. Hike through the village and in Interstate State Park to view scarecrows, pumpkins and autumn colors, and shop at a downtown craft show on Sunday. (651) 465-6315.

MISSOURI

Apple Butter Days Fall Festival—Linn Creek, Oct. 8-9. Shop for arts & crafts, sample chili and apple butter made in a copper kettle, and enjoy music and dancing at the Camden County Museum. (573) 346-7191.

NEBRASKA

Living History Program—Nebraska City, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3, 10 and 17. Witness demonstrations of cider pressing and spinning, and take carriage rides through Arbor Lodge State Historical Park. (402) 873-7222.

NORTH DAKOTA

Shanghai Moon—Jamestown, Oct. 9. This black-tie gala, benefiting a private school scholarship program, features a Chinese dinner, silent and live auctions, and entertainment at the Zebedee Center. (701) 251-1280.

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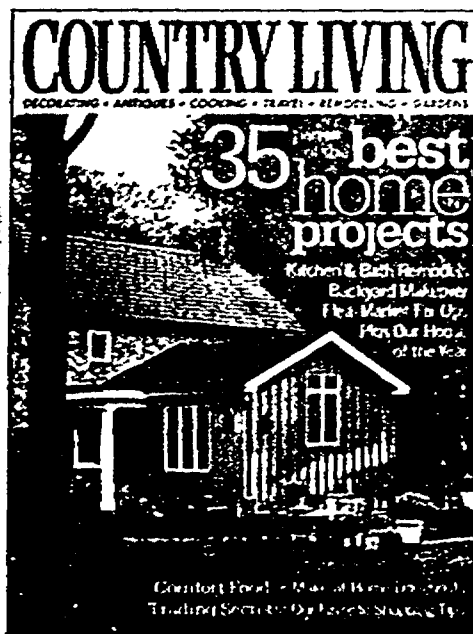
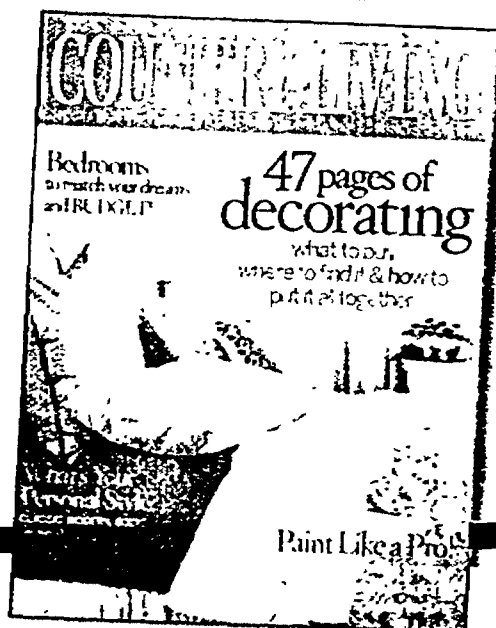
Great Scarecrow and Pumpkin Festival—Huron, Oct. 7-10. Marvel at whimsical scarecrows and decorated pumpkins during this event sponsored by the Huron Lion and Lioness clubs in Campbell Park. (605) 352-0394.

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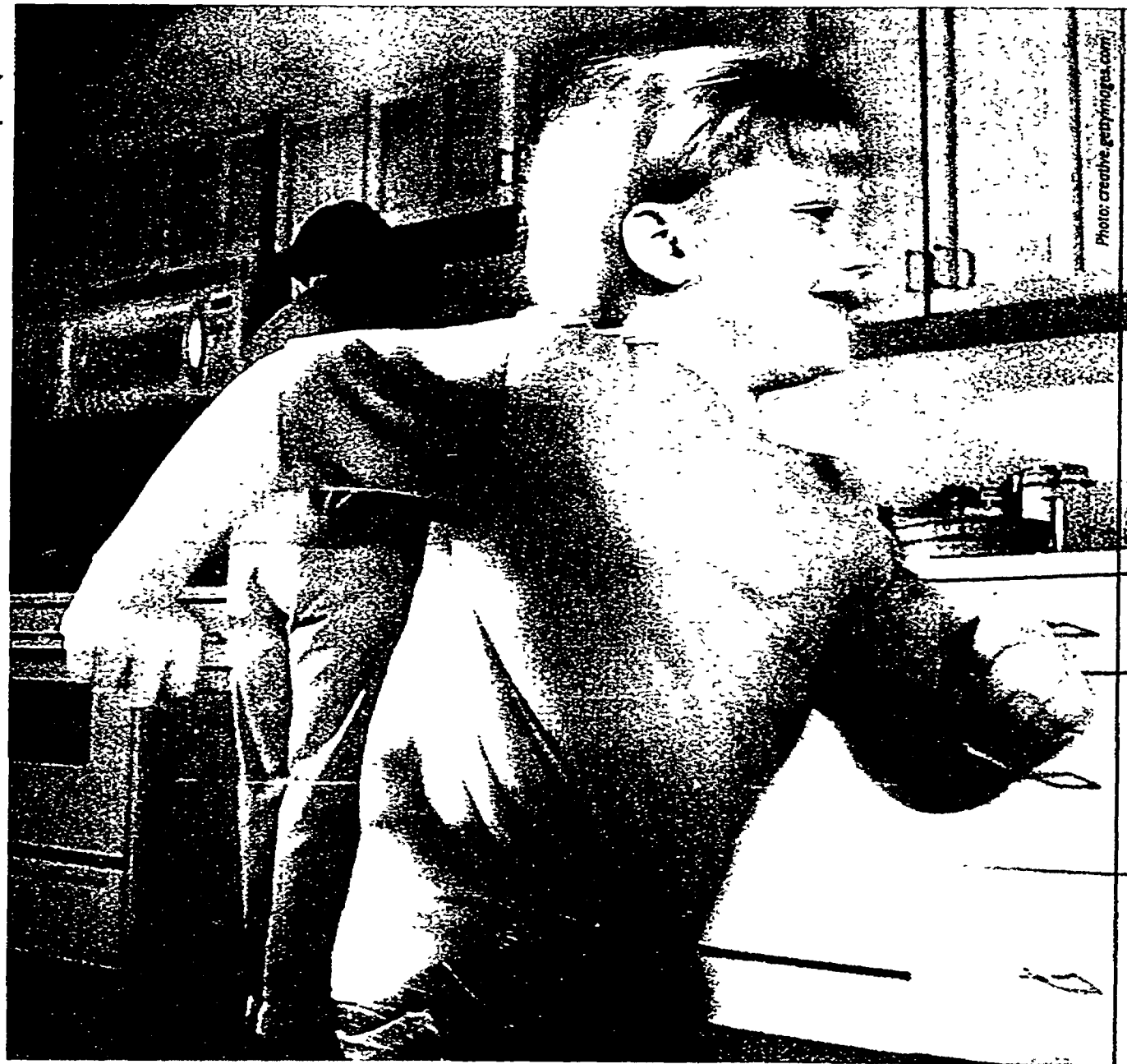
Every year, 2 million children require medical attention because of household accidents. If you have little ones in your home, use this handy checklist to make sure it's a safe place.

Throughout the house

- Conduct a room-by-room inventory of potential dangers. Make sure all potentially harmful items—cleaning products, perfumes, shoe polish, hair products, makeup, vitamins, mouthwash, medicine, alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, matches and lighters—are clearly labeled and out of a child's reach.
- Put potted houseplants in inaccessible locations. Some are poisonous.
- Put childproof covers on all electrical sockets.
- Secure radiator covers and floor vents so a child cannot pull them off.
- Affix decals at child-eye level to glass doors or windows that extend down to the floor.
- Put slip-proof guards on uncarpeted stairs.
- Use non-slip carpet tape or sticky matting under area rugs to hold them in place.
- Use safety gates on rooms without doors to keep kids from wandering into dangerous areas. Also, install gates at the top and bottom of stairs. Don't use a tension-mounted gate at the top of the stairs. If a child leans on it, it could become dislodged.
- Put doorknob covers on doorknobs to rooms you don't want a child to enter, or install hook-and-eye latches to keep doors closed.
- Make sure you have a way of unlocking any door inside your home from the outside in case a child gets locked in a room.
- Consider installing plastic guards along the hinge side of frequently used interior doors to prevent pinched fingers.
- To prevent choking, remove plastic end caps on doorstops or replace the stops with a one-piece design.
- Attach bells on exit doors to warn you if a child opens one.
- Install latches to keep windows from opening far enough for a child to slip through. Don't place furniture so a child is able to climb to a window or ledge.

Kitchen and bathrooms

- Install cabinet locks on low cabinets and drawers.
- Stow trash and recyclables in a locked cabinet or closet.



- Place kitchen appliances away from the edges of counters.
- Store plastic bags and sharp utensils in an upper cabinet or latched drawer.
- If stove knobs are within a child's reach, use protective covers to prevent turning.
- When cooking, turn pot handles toward the back of the stove.
- Keep chairs and step stools away from counters and the stove.
- Use place mats instead of a tablecloth so your child cannot pull the entire contents of the table down on top of himself.
- Set your water heater to 120 degrees or cooler to prevent scalding.
- Keep the toilet seat down and the door to the bathroom closed or gated, or buy hinged toilet lid locks that clamp to the lip of the bowl.
- Place a non-skid mat or decals in the bathtub and a non-skid rug on the bathroom floor.

Living areas and bedrooms

- Install a screen or locked glass enclosure on your fireplace. Remove irons and tools. Install screens around radiators, wood-burning stoves and kerosene heaters.
- Cover fireplace hearths with protective cushioning.
- Secure unstable furniture such as bookshelves, enter-

tainment centers or dressers that could topple if a child pulls on them.

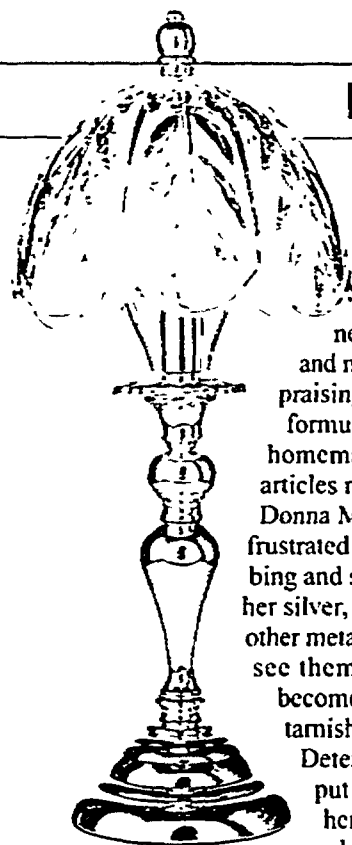
- Install cushioned corners on sharp corners of tables and other furniture with sharp edges.
- Move your TV, VCR and stereo out of reach.
- Run electrical cords along baseboards, securing them to the floor when possible. Bind up any extra cord.
- Install short cords to phones or secure the cords up high out of reach. Better still, use cordless phones.
- Shorten long cords for blinds or draperies. Wrap them around wall brackets, wind them up and tie the cords with a short string or buy a cord wrap.
- Position your child's crib or bed away from windows, drapery and electrical cords. Put night-lights at least 3 feet from bedding and draperies to prevent fires.
- Keep pocket change and jewelry off the top of your dresser and out of reach.
- If you have older children whose toys have a lot of small pieces, buy organizing boxes with lids that close tightly.

Visit your local hardware store to find childproofing products such as outlet covers, cushioned corners, cord shorteners, and safety latches and locks. ✨

Kathy Peel is a family-management writer and author.

Finally, a Shine That Lasts

Miracle Polish Ends Struggle With Tarnishing Metals. By D.H. Wagner



Lately, I have noticed quite a few newspapers and magazines praising a polish formulated by a homemaker. The articles report that Donna Maas grew frustrated with rubbing and scrubbing her silver, brass and other metals only to see them quickly become dull and tarnished again. Determined to put an end to her constant battle with

tarnish, Donna formulated a metal cleaner - and it's transforming the industry.

Anita Gold, nationally syndicated columnist and expert on the restoration of antiques calls MAAS (named after its inventor) "The best and most amazing polish in the world." Ms. Gold wrote in her column, "A truly miraculous polish referred to as 'miracle polish' that'll turn the most disastrous pieces into the most de-brightful is MAAS Fine Polishing Creme For All Metals, which cleans, restores, preserves and polishes to perfection any brass, copper, chrome, silver, stainless steel, aluminum, gold or any other metal with amazing results - no matter how badly stained, spotted, discolored, flood-damaged, weathered, dirty, dingy, drab, or dull they may be."

Since I had an old brass lamp in desperate need of restoration, this journalist decided to put MAAS to the test. The lamp had been stored in the garage and was in far worse condition than I remembered. I was flabbergasted as I watched the polishing creme wipe away layers and years of tarnish. Never have I used anything so easy. The lamp actually looks better than when I purchased it. Better yet, months later it's still glowing!

The creme worked so effortlessly, I thought I would try to refurbish my mother's collection of antique brass and copper cookware. The badly stained pots and pans developed black spots that had been impossible to remove. MAAS wiped away the years of built-up residue even from the most discolored pieces.

While polishing the pots and pans, I noticed MAAS applying a shine on the stainless steel sink. So I cleaned the entire

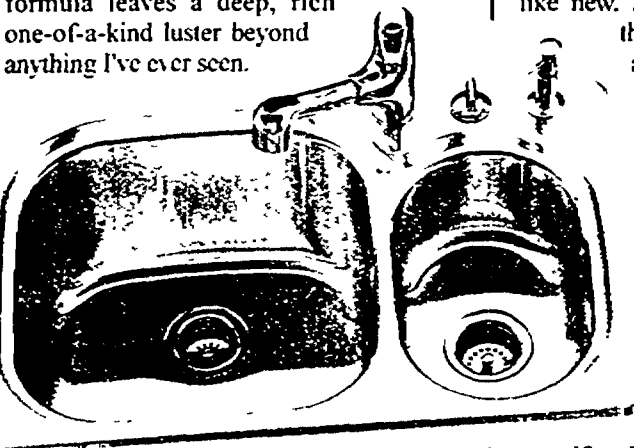
sink with the creme. WOW! The shine is unbelievable and although I wash dishes every day, the shine keeps-on-shining. And it's no longer covered with ugly waterspots - water just rolls off the protective finish and down the drain.

In a November issue of *Good Housekeeping* magazine, MAAS is recommended for restoring heavily tarnished heirlooms. The Institute's Report calls MAAS a standout stating, "MAAS cleans best and gives lasting results." The *Miami Herald* announced "Polishing product can renew old silver." And The *Chicago Tribune* headline sums it all up by proclaiming "One Amazing Polish Is The Best At Everything."

How did a homemaker come up with something the industry's experts couldn't? The reporter in me had to find out.

During our interview Donna explained, "I enjoy the warmth that beautifully polished metals add to a home. However, not the hours it took to keep them tarnish free. The harsh cleaners always left my hands dry and burning - one instant silver dip smelled so bad I felt sick. When I read the label, I discovered it contained cancer-causing ingredients. I never realized I was using a dangerous substance on my silverware - I serve food with it! That's when I became determined to find a safe and better way to care for the metals in my home."

And that she did. Her formula developed in conjunction with a chemist friend has a mild scent and feels like a hand cream. Made with a base of ultra-refined jewelers rouge, it gently lifts tarnish. The creme is non-flammable and the highly concentrated formula leaves a deep, rich one-of-a-kind luster beyond anything I've ever seen.



"To my surprise," Donna reveals, "the formula far exceeded my original goal. I soon discovered MAAS not only restored every metal the polish also restored most non-porous surfaces. It completely renovated a sun-damaged fiberglass boat, removed residue from glass fireplace doors, polished

up clouded crystal and glass vases, wiped scuffs and stains from linoleum and plastic lawn furniture - it even reconditioned a Plexiglas windshield. The restorations were so remarkable everyone suggested that I sell my invention on television".

Donna sent samples of her polish to televised shopping channels. As soon as the buyers saw how remarkably MAAS transforms metals along with an amazing array of other surfaces both QVC and The Home Shopping Network asked Donna to personally appear on TV to demonstrate her invention. Within minutes of

Donna's first appearance the phones lit up with hundreds waiting on line to place their orders. As soon as viewers saw how effortlessly MAAS removed tarnish, stubborn spots, and stains from the piles of badly oxidized metals on stage - MAAS hit big time.

Approximately 17,000 viewers called during MAAS' debut and encore performances quickly brought a million dollars in record-breaking sales.

Leona Toppel, an actress whose credits include *Dennis the Menace*, *A League of Their Own*, and *ER* said she was about to throw away a brass chandelier. She said no amount of elbow grease had been able to shine it up. After hearing about MAAS, she decided to give it one last try before buying a new light fixture. "With very little effort (a big plus for me because I suffer from arthritis) that chandelier looks like new. It's been years since I polished that brass chandelier with MAAS and to everyone's surprise it's still glowing."

Ame Powell wrote to Donna saying, "I just finished using your wonderful Polishing Creme for All Metals, for the first time, to polish some silver for a dinner party I am giving Saturday night. It is truly remarkable - my silver has never been this clean! It is a marvelous product and I cannot wait to get more

myself and tell all my friends how great it is. The dining room just sparkles, thanks to you!"

Sheila Oetting in Florida said, "Thank you, thank you for a wonderful product! Now family treasures with 30 years of tarnish, grime and corrosion are gleaming. I had tried other product without success

and thought the items were beyond saving: in fact I even threw some things away. I'm on my second tube and am so thrilled to see the beauty that had been hidden all those years."

James Malecki from Florida said, "Upon buying my Grady White boat the salesman gave me a tube of your product to use. It's simply great stuff! We are in a tough salt air environment and I have actually received compliments about how good the stainless on my boat looks." *Boating* magazine calls MAAS magical on fiberglass, glass, and metals.

Boeing and McDonnell Douglas tested and approved the polish for use on jet aircraft. The United States Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Department of Defense worldwide order MAAS. If every branch of our military is using this polish to pass inspection, imagine what it will do for your home.

Motorcycle Consumer News tested 28 metal polishes. Their report states, "MAAS Polishing

Creme has no equals in all around polishing performance..." MAAS retained its shine longer than every polish tested.

"MAAS outperforms every cleaning product I've tried". Donna beams with satisfaction. "So if you're as tired as I was of cleaning metals just to see tarnish reappear a few weeks later, MAAS it!"

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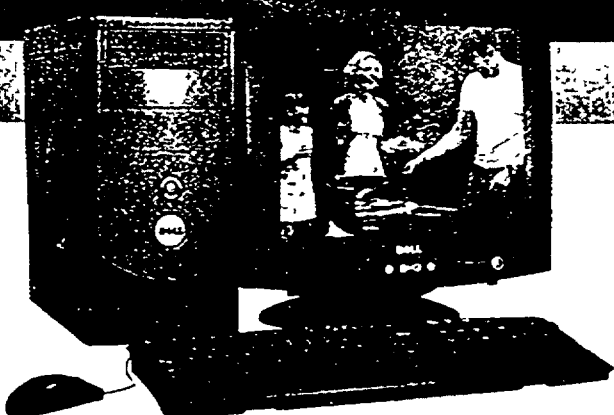
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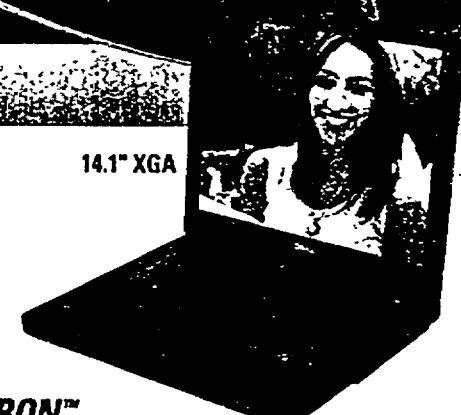
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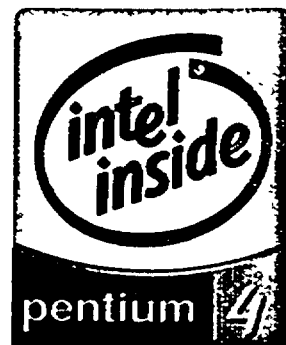
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