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Homecoming



Northville will choose king and queen Friday night

Northville's Homecoming king and queen will be announced during half-time of tomorrow night's football game. Who is eligible? What other festivities are scheduled? When is the parade? We have everything you need.

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Sports



Working Double-Time

Mike Kelleher and James Hannah insist they're not tired, despite playing two fall sports. The football and soccer standouts explain how they manage athletics, academics and a social life — and how, every once in a while, they get some rest.

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Miss Michigan USA 2004, Crystal Hayes, works at Salon Marzejon in downtown Northville.

WINNING STYLE

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

An ordinary contestant might have stumbled. But when Crystal Hayes hooked a heel in her heel during the evening gown competition, she turned her bend to untangle into a hop to the beat. The audience gasp turned to admiration as she gracefully avoided a fall and glided on.

In evening gown, swimsuit and personal interviews, the 20-year-old climbed to the top of the judges' scores, earning the title Miss Michigan USA Saturday night. Northville's representative

will compete for the Miss USA crown in April, a victory then would send her to Miss Universe. "Everyone just loved the way I handled it," Hayes said. "They and the dilemma actually helped me."

"I didn't expect to win -- that's why I went nuts."

Since her triumph at the contest in Port Huron, the professional stylist has been inundated with requests for media interviews, congratulatory telephone calls and interest from modeling agents. "I told my manager, 'you have to get me more minutes for my phone,'" Hayes said, laughing.

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Schools get green light for millage

Voters overwhelmingly approve non-homestead millage, 1,598-323



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville elections official Elvera Hidde watches as Jeff Brown casts his vote Tuesday morning at City Hall. By 11:30 a.m., 89 voters had cast ballots.

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville Public Schools claimed another victory at the polls Tuesday, securing \$315,000 in state funding for the district.

Supporters overshadowed dissenters at the Sept. 28 special Headlee override election by about 83 percent, casting 1,598 favorable ballots. Three hundred and twenty-three "no" votes were counted.

Out of the districts nearly 23,000 registered voters, 1,921 showed up at the polls. The turnout was less than half of voters casting ballots in June's school



bond election. "I'm very pleased and reenergized with the outstanding... support from this community to come out on an issue this complex and yet this straightforward," said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent.

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Main Street fire

Passersby douse store window fire

By Kim Kovellev
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Thanks to the sharp eyes of the passersby, a Main Street fire in the display window at Preferences was stopped short early Friday morning.

Driving eastbound down Main Street, Northville resident Bruce Dingwall was one of the first to notice. He stopped and called 911 on his cell phone.

At about the same time, John Bourne, a fire department lieutenant and public works employee for the city, also was passing by.

"I was just driving by on my way to work," Dingwall said. "It was a pretty good size flame. Certainly six foot high. I was surprised ... it was just a dinky little display, but it was burning pretty good."

Dingwall got the fire department's number from Bourne, who got to work.

"Just took care of business," Bourne said. "The fire was contained to that front glass. It had been smoldering. I grabbed a fire extinguisher out of the truck (and) broke out a piece of glass. It (the decor) was pretty burned up by that time."

Bourne had doused the fire by the time the fire department was dispatched at around 7:45 a.m.

Fire Chief James Allen said no one was in the store, which was locked at the time. "It's actually going to be ruled an undetermined fire," he said.

Peggy Robison, who has run the home accessories shop for 18



Photo by KIM KOVELLEV/NORTHVILLE RECORD

City fire fighters responded to a window fire at Preferences in downtown Northville last Friday.

"It was a pretty good size flame. Certainly six foot high. I was surprised ... it was just a dinky little display, but it was burning pretty good."

Bruce Dingwall
Northville Resident

years said the display included artificial gourds and pumpkins and faux roosters.

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'We've got spirit'...

Homecoming festivities renew old school ties

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

For nearly 56 years, Mac Pierce has sat on the sidelines, proudly wearing orange and black and cheering loudly for his Mustangs.

Friday night after games, Pierce and his buddies still have a Guernsey milk shake. A tradition started in the 1940s while he was a student at Northville High School, when the cold beverage was sipped on Center Street.

And even after teaching 35 years in the Plymouth-Canton School district, the Mustang diehard sat on the away side at the Friday night football game against Canton High School in Canton.

"It is never hard to root for Northville," Pierce said. "I'm very lucky. I love Northville High, and I'm always a Mustang."

"I had such fond memories of school, and I had lots of girlfriends and lots of buddies and we all had such a good time."

Pierce, 75, is the face of school spirit: experienced and filled with pride ripened by age. This week, Northville is celebrating Spirit Week, a week-long celebration of school pride culminating with tomorrow's homecoming festivities. Spirit Week events include themed dress-up days, a pep



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

The Northville High School pom-pom team will help fire up tomorrow night's Homecoming crowd.

Of course there is a homecoming king and queen, a homecoming court and plenty of spirit flying high.

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What the Beck? VOTE: millage passes

Maybury pond overflows, Beck Road residents wonder why

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Retired Beck Road resident Dave Doehler woke up early for a doctor's appointment last Friday, and was greeted by an unpleasant surprise.

"About 7 a.m., I came down to make coffee, slipped up the handle to fill the coffee pot, and just a little trickle came out — essentially nothing," Doehler said.

"I turned around 180 degrees and looked out into the backyard. We have a small pond that drains into the creek. The creek was now most of my backyard and the pond level was up about two feet."

Others living along Beck, near Main Street, weren't so lucky.

The unexpected washout, reported around 6 a.m., forced detours and kept six inches of water rushing onto the road until 1 a.m. Saturday morning, Wayne County Road Commission officials reported.

At least one homeowner suffered basement flooding, according to Northville Township officials.

Cause of the flood has been traced to a pond in nearby Maybury State Park and a water rerouting procedure taking place nearby.

Director of Public Services Don Weaver said his staff spent most of the morning trying to figure out the cause. A water main break was the original suspect.

"It was just a big pool of water at that time," Weaver said. "We shut off the valves on either side of this location to isolate it presumably. We were waiting for it to reside, and it never resided."

In order to install a sewer system for the Maybury Park Estates across Eight Mile Road in Novi, a

contractor had been rerouting or "dewatering" to a pond in nearby Maybury State Park over the past month.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality confirmed a permit had been issued to Star Contracting of Plymouth in May 2003 authorizing pond maintenance and erosion control. Star Contracting Project Manager Jay Marshall said it's routine.

"We are introducing water to the creek system a half mile to a mile upstream from that," Marshall said. "Everything has ... worked fine. The amount of water we've introduced is less than a rainfall. We're just introducing it continually."

Water flows into a pond on the north side of Eight Mile, then travels through a culvert beneath the road to a second pond. A stream drains into the man-made pond. From there, it continues to a natural stream bed.

State Department of Natural Resources press secretary Brad Wurfel said by design the pond's dam, regulated by 4-by-6 wooden pieces, allows some water past.

"The dam that's on the end of that pond is meant only for retaining, for keeping fish in the pond," Wurfel said. "The dam was never built or intended to be used for a control for the volume of water that was suddenly sent through it."

Marshall said the problem was that the dam broke, due to rotten boards. But Park Supervisor Sande Osburn said the few affected boards only changed the level, not the flow, of the nine-acre pond.

"The dam didn't break," Osburn said. "As he started his pumping, it increased our water levels in the pond. As water comes into the dam, what flows in, what the pond does-

"The dam was never built or intended to be used for a control for the volume of water that was suddenly sent through it."

Brad Wurfel
State Department of Natural Resources

n't hold, flows out. Unless you had a huge monumental flood, the water's never going to go over the top of that dam. There was the too much water flow coming in, so that water was coming out."

Marshall said the work, which has been going on for a month, will have to be restarted.

"Right now we're just waiting for an evaluation and some feedback from the state," Assistant City of Novi Manager Clay Pearson said. "We've suspended the dewatering until we have better idea of how to go forward appropriately both in maintaining road access and public safety at all times."

But Wayne County Roads Director Pat Hogan said one thing's certain: "The contractor is responsible for whatever expenses we incurred on the road. Our people are all paid out of the road fund, which is a public fund."

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ent of Northville Public Schools. "And I think the issues were presented well, and I'm pleased that business went along with this and they understood it wasn't us trying to raise taxes for them, but this is how this Prop A situation works."

The win authorized the addition of a .05 mill increase on non-homestead properties, allowing the district to assess the full 18 mills.

Since the passage of Proposal A in 1994, the state has paid Northville an additional \$50 per pupil on the condition the full 18 mills is levied.

Prior to the election, the district was only permitted to assess business, commercial property, second homes and other non-residential property owners 17.9568 mills.

John Street, Northville Public Schools director of business and

finance, said the decrease was attributed mostly to the taxable values of properties exceeding the rate of inflation.

If the proposal failed, Northville non-homestead property owners would have collectively received a \$20,400 tax cut.

The millage increase costs homeowners nothing and owners of commercial properties valued at \$5 million about \$108.

Officials said the additional fractions on one mill asked for on the ballot will be used to restore up to the 18 mills in subsequent years if needed.

The election needed to take place by the end of the month so the levy may be placed on the winter tax rolls.

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Leonard Rezmierski
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POLICE REPORTS

Bathroom burns

Township police assisted the fire department on Sept. 21 when a fire was reported in the 19000 block of Silver Springs.

At about 10 a.m., a 45-year-old maintenance man was working on the building with other maintenance workers when, according to police, the bathroom ceiling caught fire. The toilet and floor were damaged, causing \$500 in damage.

Police said the cause was accidental electrical. The residence was not occupied. The fire department also found and doused a small fire in the attic area.

Dog bites man's lip

A black lab mix bit a 26-year-old male's lip, taking some with it.

On Sept. 23 at about 12:30 p.m., police responded to the situation at Innsbrook apartments. According to the report, a resident was walking his dog when the 26-year old, also a resident, asked if he could approach the dog "because the dog appeared nervous."

When the man bent over, the dog jumped and bit his face, leaving a 1.5-inch wound and removing a portion of his lip.

The man was taken to the hos-

pital. Police said the dog would be taken/conveyed to a veterinarian for observation.

Too much vodka

Checking out a suspicious black vehicle parked at the Hawthorne center on Sept. 16 at 12:59 p.m., police discovered a man who'd allegedly had too much to drink.

According to reports, the car's driver side window was down, a driver side tire was flat and the lone driver appeared to be slumped over the wheel. When the officer attempted to wake the man, "he was barely able to respond and stated he had consumed a fifth of vodka," police said.

The 41-year old Utica male said he'd thrown the bottles away, police said, but upon investigation, two partially empty bottles of Popov Vodka were discovered under the passenger seat. A partially consumed pint was also found under the driver's seat. His preliminary breath test registered .32 BAC.

Police sent the man to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia for detoxification, and charged him with open intoxicants.

His court date is today at the 35th District Court.

New public safety era begins without a hitch, officials say

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

After months of debating and waiting, combining public safety dispatch was literally as quick and complete as the flip of a switch.

Monday at midnight, Northville Township rerouted the fire and police calls from the City of

Northville to its dispatch center at Six Mile Road.

"We had a little taste of everything," from lock-ups to police and fire runs, Police Chief John Werth said. "Everything worked like clockwork. For the first 16 hours so far, right now, it's been an easy transition. No citizen calls. Everyone's been taken care of."

SBC switched over the calls by 3 a.m. A part-time city dispatcher and full-time former city dispatcher (now with the township) manned the city dispatch area to transfer stray calls.

"It went fine," City of Northville Police Chief James Petres said. "The calls went over to the township. The system's working. If they call for police service or fire, they'll get a response."

Petres said there was a slight

glitch with the networked CLEMIS computer system: new activity codes weren't operating correctly in all officers' cars. However, dispatchers were able to handle the situation via radio. Technicians are fixing the problem this week.

The new dispatch greeting is "Northville Community Dispatch." In their first week, the two former city dispatchers will receive training in Computer Aided Dispatch, commonly called CAD.

Sue DeGiorgio's first shift was from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday; Laura Engebretson was stationed from 4 p.m.-midnight on Wednesday.

"What we have to teach them is the CAD system," Dispatch and Records Supervisor Kelly Pigeon said. "They've got a month minimum of training. They're essentially working through training."

Just shy of 3:30 p.m. on Monday, there had been nine runs dispatched for the city and 23 for the township.

"It's very normal for us. It was actually very smooth," Pigeon said.

Once they start full time, Pigeon said, the dispatchers will work five days a week. Six days of the week two dispatchers will staff the call center. One day a week three will be on duty. There are now 11 township dispatchers.

DeGiorgio, who had been with the city for 11 years, spent her first day meeting other employees, observing, listening to dispatch radio traffic and learning her way around.

"Basically the main difference is the CAD system and the technology," DeGiorgio said. "I think I'll fit in. It's been a pretty good work environment today."

Medicare answers offered

Michiganers eligible for, but often confused by, the Medicare drug discount cards that become effective June 1 can find answers to their questions about the program in two free brochures developed by AARP, the national non-profit organization for people over 50. The brochures are available by calling AARP at 1-888-687-2277, or by e-mail at the AARP Michigan office, miaarp@aarp.org. They are also available for ordering or downloading as PDF files on AARP's website, www.aarp.org.

Medicare Drug Discount Card: What You Need to Know provides an overview of the new Medicare drug discount card program, explaining the different card options and what consumers should look for in choosing the best card for their needs.

Medicare Drug Discount Card, Helping Those With Limited Incomes explains how the discount cards give extra help to people eligible for Medicare with limited incomes, including an immediate \$600 credit for 2004, and another \$600 credit for 2005.

OBITUARIES

Willene M. "Billie" Fox, 80

Willene "Billie" Fox died Sept. 27, 2004. She was 80. She is survived by her husband, Lloyd W.; one son, Randy (Nancy); two grandsons, Christopher and Ryan; and two siblings, Thelma Faughd and James Mitchell. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Edward Mitchell.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004 at 10 a.m. at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi.

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MISS MICHIGAN: Hayes takes top spot

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The pageant organizers piled on the prizes: a college scholarship, mountain bike, luggage set, camcorder, palm pilot, digital camera, competition expenses and faux fur coat. Icing on the cake for the winner was that her birthday was Saturday.

With a wide smile, Miss Michigan sash and tiara in tow, Hayes reported at the appointed hour to her full-time job Tuesday. New-found fame aside, she said she will continue to spend the bulk of her week in Northville, working at Salon Marzejon and attending church services.

"She's just a great person," said salon owner Charles Marzejon. "She's a hard worker, with integrity. She has morals. She's honest. If they were judging on character,

they definitely picked the right person.

"I know her faith has carried her quite a long way."

The salon schedule will flex with Hayes' new responsibilities, Marzejon said. "My clients were calling me wishing me luck," Hayes said. "They all thought it was really neat. They're going to think that even more that I won because they encouraged me so much."

Her reign will entail travel and promotion of the pageant's platform, ovarian and breast cancer awareness.

The personal cause she described to the judges during competition was the promotion of abstinence. In addition to teen pregnancy, too many young people are risking sexually transmitted diseases and "emotional baggage," she said.

Hayes said she hopes her title

will provide opportunities for her to speak to students about their options, particularly at the middle school level. "If there are any schools interested in me coming in and speaking, I'd love to be honored to."

Miss Michigan USA said she wanted to be crowned in a contest since she was 4 years old. "I told my friends, one day I'm going to be on that stage."

As the 108 competitors were narrowed to a field of 15, then five last weekend, Hayes held her breath. "I was just preparing myself to be a runner-up like I always am," she said. "When you don't hear your name, you're like, 'no way.'"

"It was all these emotions at once. It was cool to want something for so long and work so hard to get there."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Miss Michigan USA 2004, Crystal Hayes, left, works on the hair of fellow Salon Marzejon employee Megan Angelosanto last Tuesday afternoon.

Around Town



Deadline tomorrow

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.

Get your pumpkins!

Maybury Farm will open its Pumpkin Patch tomorrow. If you desire a tractor ride to the Patch the donation is \$2 per adult, \$1 per child (4 to 11) and under 4 free. Pumpkins are \$3.

Across the meadow, the Corn

Maze is still going strong. Hours are Fridays from 5-9 p.m., Friday, and 2-9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$4 per child and \$8 per adult.

All proceeds from the two events will go toward rebuilding Maybury Farm. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

Dispose of hazards Saturday

Household Hazardous Waste Day for the Northville community is 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday. City of Livonia residents also were invited to participate during the afternoon.

The drop-off site is the city Department of Public Works yards, 650 Doheny. For more information or directions, visit <http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PublicWorks/HazardousWaste.htm>.

Early close

City Hall will close at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 1, to enable employees to attend the Annual Employee Appreciation Event.

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.

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.



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Tax shift causes local stir

Residents will pay county taxes in July

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) has never had his Lansing phone ring so often.

Residents concerned about a proposal passed by the state House last week to move up the county portion of their property tax bill has raised concerns, especially among those living on fixed incomes.

"In my years in office, I have never had more calls on any issue — doves included — than on this issue," Stewart said, who voted against the bill. "It's just an accelerated collection of the tax."

Stewart said his vote reflected constituent concerns.

"I vote my district," Stewart said. "You've got some very fiscally conservative folks in Northville. There was a great perception out there that this was a tax increase."

Gov. Granholm was expected to sign the bill into law yesterday. The bipartisan compromise intends to balance the state's 2005 budget and save off \$183 million worth of revenue sharing cuts to local municipalities reliant on those dollars for various public services.

If signed by the governor, property owners will begin paying a third more of their county taxes in July. Residents currently pay county taxes on their December tax bill.

Beginning next July, the full plan would be phased in during the next three years.

Under the proposal, the owner of a house in Wayne County with a taxable value of \$100,000 will pay \$220 in July 2005, \$440 in July 2006 and the full annual county tax of \$660 in July 2007.

Actual payments will vary because each county has a different operational millage rate. Wayne County's millage rate of 6.6 is higher than the state average of 4.8 mills.

"In the plainest language, we're going to get some revenue early because the state's cash flow is not good," Stewart said, who has received 300 phone calls and 600 e-mails about the proposal. Stewart said the measure is not a pay increase, despite vocal claims by those who opposed the measure. The bill passed the House 55-51.

"When there was such a public

HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU

Wayne County operating millage rate is 6.6380 mills; Oakland County's is 4.4336 mills.

Beginning next July, taxpayers will pay a third of the county portion of their tax bill. By 2007, taxpayers will pay the entire county portion of their property tax bill in July. Taxpayers currently pay that amount in December.

"In the plainest language, we're going to get some revenue early because the state's cash flow is not good."

State Rep. John Stewart
(R-Plymouth)

outry, we kind of looked at each other like, 'where are they getting this from?'" said Rachel Birch, Stewart's legislative assistant.

Deferment clause

Long-time Northville real estate agent Jim Bress said certain segments of the community will have trouble with the larger payment next summer.

"There's going to be people in our community with fixed incomes that are going to be affected," he said. "I don't know how the folks with escrow accounts are going to deal with it."

"It could put people in a position to go out and borrow the money to pay that tax ahead of time."

The bill includes deferment language for low-income individuals, seniors, the disabled and eligible service persons and veterans, Stewart said.

"Granholm did everything she could to soften the hardship of coming up with this early," he said. "You will have the time to prepare for this."

State Rep. Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) voted in favor of the bill. The Senate approved the plan 23-12 on Sept. 8.

TAX DEFERMENTS

• The deferment for homestead property taxes is available to certain low-income individuals, including seniors, the disabled, and eligible service persons and veterans.

• Application must be filed with the local treasurer by Sept. 15, or the date summer property taxes are due, whichever is later.

• Qualifying applicants are allowed to defer their summer property taxes until the following Feb. 15 without penalty or interest.

• The deferment application form can be found at: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/homestead1_2541_7.pdf.

Source: Michigan House of Representatives

Only a Band-Aid?

Stewart said the compromise was the best way to avoid another round of revenue sharing cuts to villages, cities and townships.

"That would have been especially devastating to the city," said Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson. With a fiscal year already under way, the city would have had to implement cuts in programs set for the year if revenue sharing was reduced, he said.

"Our necks were on the block next," Johnson said. "From that standpoint, it's good for the city." However, he empathized with individual homeowners who will have to set aside money earlier for the tax payments.

Stewart did not believe revenue sharing was in danger.

"I didn't think revenue sharing ever was going to be cut a penny," he said. "I thought the governor was trying to set up a situation that was a very strong threat."

"I personally think we need to hold steady on revenue sharing."

Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said the state needs to find an alternative to shifting the burden. "They need to find resolution of their funding shortfall not by passing it on to state taxpayers or local units of government."

"What next — pretty soon are they going to ask for two years in advance," he said. "Ultimately, the state has to stop spending more than they're receiving in revenue."

"I don't doubt for one minute they ultimately will try to get revenue sharing from local governments," Abbo said. "This means they're going to have to cut services."

Resident recall effort continues; Hartshorne petition approved

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Larry Parks has the go-ahead to circulate petitions asking voters to recall three City of Northville council members. He wants one more.

The Wayne County Elections Commission Monday approved language on Parks' petition request seeking to unseat Councilman Kevin Hartshorne. Previously, Oakland County approved recall ballot language for Mayor Pro-Tem CarolAnn Ayers and councilman Jerry Mittman.

Monday Parks re-submitted modified language for a petition that would also recall Mayor Christopher Johnson. All four voted in favor of an agreement contracting public safety dispatch services from Northville Township.

Councilman Tom Swigart voted against the agreements. The consolidated system went into effect Monday.

Parks said volunteers supporting the recall effort have not started collecting signatures.

"The original (Wayne County petition) language was approved in Oakland County — there really was nothing wrong with the language," Parks said.

"We just thought this would be the way to ensure that the mayor's

language would be approved."

Approval of the petitions would require residents to collect approximately 750 signatures per petition. That number represents at least one-quarter of the people who cast votes in the 2002 governor's election in the district where the officials are being recalled, according to Michigan's election code.

Validation by the city clerk of sufficient signatures would allow county officials to schedule a special election to pose the recall question. Special elections cost \$8,000-10,000, said City Clerk Dianne Massa.

Any resulting vacancies would require a subsequent election and potentially interim appointments by the governor, according to election code.

Current terms of Hartshorne, Johnson and Mittman expire in November, 2005; Ayers' in November, 2007.

Parks said council members' failure to listen to their constituents prompted the recall effort.

Pending the elections commission ruling on the petition to recall Johnson, recall supporters will begin going door-to-door, he said. The state election code allows a 90-day window to collect the required signatures.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The Wayne County Elections Commission scheduled a 2 p.m. Oct. 14 clarity hearing regarding petition language seeking the recall of Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson.

PETITION LANGUAGE

During Wayne County Elections Commissions clarity hearings Aug. 24 and Sept. 27:

Rejected: At a Special Meeting of the Northville City Council on July 26, 2004, Councilmember Kevin Hartshorne voted in support of a motion to approve the inter-governmental agreement between the City of Northville and Northville Township for emergency dispatch services and lock-up services.

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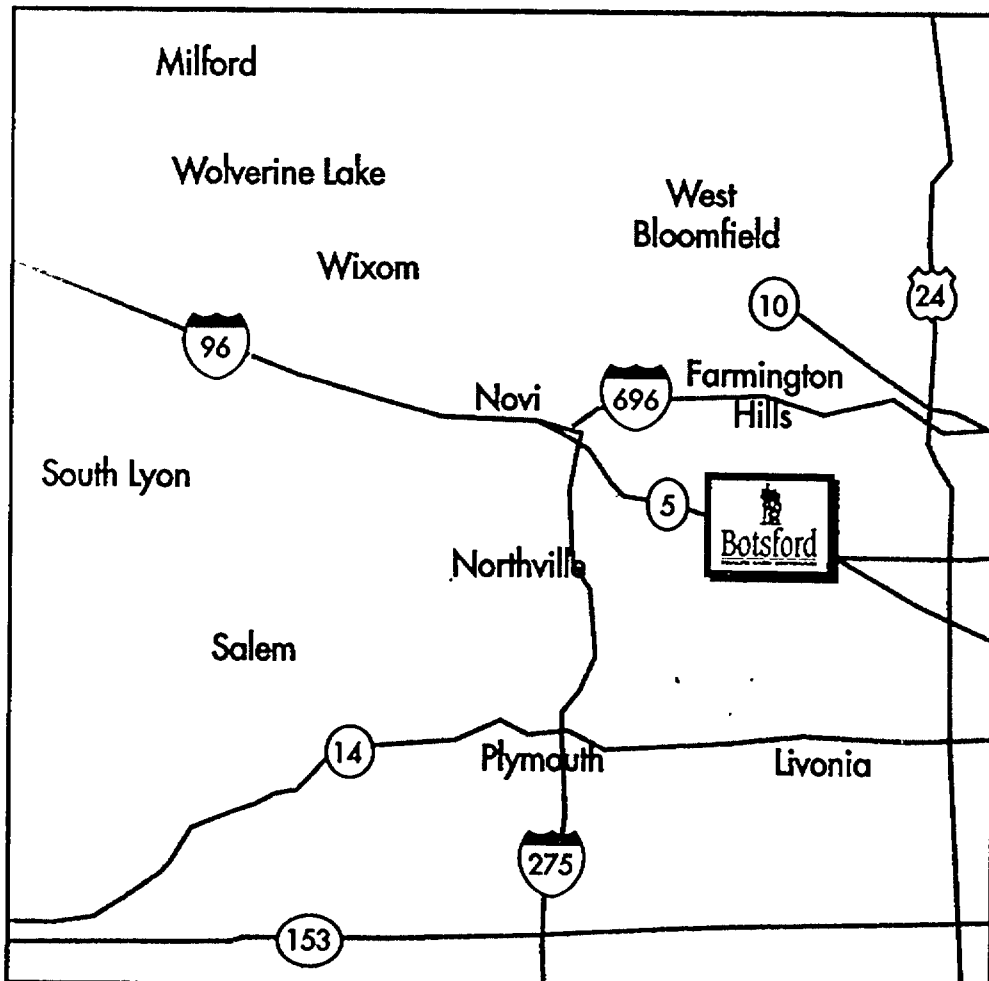
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HEALTH CARE CONTINUUM



Northville postal carrier Fred Mueller recently received the million mile award for his 30 years of service and accident-free driving. Fellow carrier Jerry Detter was also honored.

Million-mile mailmen

Local postal carriers earn service award

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The names and addresses on letters and packages become families and homes when you're on a route as long as Fred Mueller and Jerry Detter.

The two Northville postal carriers recently earned the Million Mile Award, recognition of their 30-plus years without an accident on their routes. This is quite an achievement, said Trish Kero, customer advocate at the local branch. It's one recognized by the National Safety Council.

Both award winners have traveled the same Northville route most of their career.

Mueller has delivered to the Six Mile and Bradner Road area since 1976. Detter, the Jamestown Circle

neighborhood for nearly 27 years.

After sorting for their routes each morning, the two men hit the streets with their two dozen counterparts around 10:30 a.m. for a full day of travel. Mueller visits his 309 Northville Colony and Northville Commons homes by truck; Detter starts by vehicle, then travels home-to-home on foot.

Meeting the people and the exercise are the parts of the job Detter likes best. Both veteran carriers said you cannot help but become acquainted with the mail recipients over time.

"I've delivered three generations of people," Mueller said. The turnover is reflected in a succession of surname changes on the envelopes he slips into boxes. Even names from patrons early on in his career ring familiar.

Most often, the carriers are limited to a wave of greeting. "I can't take time to talk because I have to complete my appointed rounds," he said. People notice when he takes a vacation and rib him that his substitute brought the mail late.

"It's an interesting job," Mueller

FRED'S TIPS

- Make sure there is a stamp in the upper right-hand corner.
- Seal the envelope.
- Check the address is legible. Especially with window envelopes, stuff the contents so the addressee is facing out.

said, "I enjoy it. Days like today are just beautiful."

Like the expression says — through rain, sleet and snow — the mail still arrives. That is the wild card in the job, Mueller said. The ease of his daily 20-mile trek depends on road conditions.

"The winter's are cold," he said. "It affects everything — downtown, the bulk center, the airport. Hopefully, the subs are plowed."

"It's the elements you get," the four seasons.

Mueller and Detter downplayed the significance of working so long without incident. They both said they were surprised when the district manager singled them out for

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Fred Mueller

U.S. Postal Carrier Northville

the award because he had feigned another purpose for visiting the Northville post.

"Everyone does the same job," Mueller said. "It's just Jerry and I have been doing it a little longer."

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FIRE: cause still 'undetermined'

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"We just have smoke and soot everywhere," she said. "We're still working on that right now. We just had the insurance agents in."

Damage costs haven't been pinned, but anything fabric will have to go, Robison said. The two broken windows were replaced.

"It's just a small unfortunate accident," said building owner Mark Trudeau, who also owns Fine Threads Men's Apparel next door. "I'm looking at it as more non-eventful as it is because the thing was hit with a fire extinguisher."

Allen said that there is not a sprinkler system but, since that requirement is recent, the older building is grandfathered.

"It is to code," Allen said. "They're very difficult to retrofit. It's one of those things we as a fire service have to live with."

The last downtown fire was at the Marquis Theatre. Robison said she hopes to reopen as soon as next week, though she doesn't know if that will happen. But she does plan to reopen, despite the fire.

"I guess you always worry about it. I just don't know what we'd do different," she said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Key acquires Kendrion

Earlier this month, Key Plastics L.L.C. of Northville announced that it completed its acquisition of automotive parts supplier Kendrion's RSL and Systems group of companies. The deal closed Sept. 9.

The operations of Kendrion's groups will be integrated with Key Plastics' European operations. The European group will be led by the current Key Plastics-Europe President Rui Filinto.

Key Plastics global operations will now comprise 39 locations in 10 countries with over 6,000 employees producing \$750 million in revenue annually. The leading supplier of plastic products to the automotive and light truck Tier One and OEM markets, Key engineers and produces value-added components and sub-assemblies for exterior applications, interior trim and functional under-hood products. Key Plastics' global operations include 21 manufacturing facilities, three technical centers and two mold-making facilities.

Wellness Month, Banfield Pet Hospital will have its grand opening celebration on Oct. 2 in Northville Township at 17677 Haggerty Rd in the PetSmart store.

The 9 a.m.-3 p.m. event will feature a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m.

Husband-wife team Jerry Holcomb and Dr. Kirsten Isaacson operate the hospital. The opening event, which will include the entire staff, offers hospital tour giveaways such as T-shirts, balloons, pens, pet food lids, coloring books and more.

Information about the importance of proper nutrition and how twice-yearly exams can help pets live longer, healthier lives also will be passed along. They'll be seeing clients as well.

Attendees can enroll in Banfield's Optimum Wellness Plans, a pet health insurance alternative aimed at helping pet owners afford the important preventive care for their pets.

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SPiRiT: Catch it

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But just like Pierce, the idea of spirit takes a little time to foster. Monday marked the first day of spirit week at the Six Mile Road school. The theme of the day was pajamas. The different grade levels were easily discerned by the flair of their pajamas — or lack thereof. Most freshman arrived for school in jeans.

"It's too embarrassing," said freshman Brendan Ma-Wu.

Despite the lack of robe and slippers, Ma-Wu and his friends agreed they would wear black and orange on Friday and did possess school spirit.

"Spirit is like patriotism, except for the school," said freshman Mike Wu.

Junior Joe Mitts wasn't dressed up either, but said he would have if he wasn't part of an off-site vocational program.

"You don't have to dress up to have school spirit," Mitts defended.

Senior Katie Conwell, wearing her pajamas, was in the spirit.

"The more people who get into it, the more fun it is," she said.

Conwell's friends echoed her sense of school spirit importance.

"Spirit is about supporting your

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school," said senior Christa Rocco. "It takes time to develop. I think as a freshman people are afraid, but as time goes on the more spirit grows."

A testament Pierce amens. Long after his father served as principal of Northville High, he held the school basketball record for scoring 37 points in one game and decades after graduating as a part of the class of 1948.

"You know my whole life is memories and stories," Pierce said. "And the good memories. It is not like holding up the bunk or running into the stone bridge when I'm drunk or something like that. I love to go back and see"

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Beyond school colors

Higgins reveals reasons for Mustangs madness

By Alexandra Hollmeyer
SPECIAL WRITER

To senior Meghan Higgins, school spirit is more than just face paint and loud cheering.

It's about inspiring others, showing respect and giving back.

Higgins is clearly visible in the student cheering section at most Northville football games, decked out in orange and black and waving two Thundersticks high in the air.

"A lot of people think I'm crazy because I go all out for everything," Higgins said.

Where did all her spirit come from? Higgins said it's linked to her older brother, Tim, who played

football for Northville.

"I went to all of his games, and I loved watching the 'Superfans,'" she said of the 2002 version of Northville's boisterous student cheering section.

Catching the spirit came easily for Higgins; expressing it did not. She used to be shy.

Today she is not afraid to take part in the action first hand, whether it's supporting sports teams or dressing up for spirit week. Higgins said showing her school spirit also inspires others.

But Higgins doesn't think school spirit is all fun and games, even though she is a senior guard for the varsity girls basketball team.

"It's important to show our school thanks and to give back by showing our spirit," she said. "But spirit isn't just school colors and athletics, it's respecting the building we're in along with our teachers and classmates."

Her school spirit doesn't stop there. Higgins plans on returning after she graduates to support Northville High School for many years to come.

"They gave so much to me in terms of an education, that I feel I

"A lot of people think I'm crazy because I go all out for everything."

Meghan Higgins
Senior, Northville High School



Photo by JOHN HEIDER
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Northville High School senior Meghan Higgins cheered on her team Friday night at Plymouth-Canton.

have to give something back to them," Higgins said.

Alexandra Hollmeyer is a Northville High School intern.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF 2nd PUBLIC HEARING
Date: Thursday, October 21, 2004
Name of SAD: Pine Creek Estates
Purpose of SAD: Lighting Improvement
Special Assessment District (SAD)

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

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

Pine Creek Estates Subdivision - Lots 1 through 17
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received costs for the improvements and energy costs in the approximate amount of \$138.24 per parcel per year and \$75.73 per parcel per year, respectively, has placed the same on file with the Clerk, has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvements and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District and has further tentatively found the Petition, for the improvement, to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

That the Supervisor has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

FURTHER that the Board of Trustees, of the Charter Township of Northville will meet at Township Hall, located at 44405 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan on Thursday, October 21, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment role and hearing any objections thereto. Said role may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing, held to confirm the special assessment role, is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

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

(9-30 & 10-14-04 NR 166817) SUE A HILLEBRAND, CLERK

TAKE A BOW

Educators

Northville middle school teachers Dwight Sieggreen and Norman Hannewald were two of 50 teachers nationwide chosen to participate in a food science workshop developed and implemented in a partnership between the National Science Teachers Association and the Food and Drug Administration. Sieggreen, a teacher at Hillside, and Hannewald, a teacher at Meads Mill, participated in the one-week program in Washington, D.C. this summer. The goal of the program was to educate teachers and students about critical food safety issues through science exploration. During the workshops, the chosen teachers learned firsthand about the development and spread of food borne illnesses, the use of antibiotics, the vulnerability of at-risk populations and the use of disinfectants. Teachers also talked with scientists from the FDA and conducted laboratory experiments, further increasing their understanding of food science.

Students

More than 150 first- through fifth-

grade Winchester Elementary School students read 184,169 pages during the summer, returning to school with great applause. Leaders included first-grade student, Jean Tyan reading 3,885 pages; second-grade student, Jonathon Mitchell reading 4,000 pages; third-grade student, Megan Bowers reading 4,467 pages; fourth-grade student, Thomas Deeds reading 5,014 pages; and fifth-grade student, Robin Skrbina reading 9,169 pages. Fifth-grade student, Cayla Rhodes came in a close second reading 8,872 pages. All students participating in the PTA-funded summer reading program will receive certificates, a reading medal and Cat In the Hat prizes.

Northville resident Kathryn Schalek of Northville was chosen as one of five National Merit Semifinalists from Mercy High School in Farmington Hills for the 2005 Merit Scholarship Competition. Schalek now has the opportunity to continue in the competition for 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards, worth \$33.9 million. The scholarships will be offered in spring 2005.

Who will it be?



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

The 2004 Northville High School Homecoming Court, dressed for Spirit Week (seniors are eligible for king and queen election): Top row, from left: Freshmen Nick Kolbow and Lindsay Hagan. Sophomores Ron Ketelhut and Heather Quick, Juniors Dean Fefopoulos and Heide Taylor. Middle row Seniors Amanda Lee, Jessica Markstrom, Alison Hedke, Meaghan Higgins, and Sarah Felosak. Front row Seniors Michael Bernabei, James Hannah, Mac Stilec, Jeff Kemp, J.P. Pitcher, and Eric Smith.

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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

Note: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in Michigan or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

(9-23/30-04 NR 165953) SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

**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

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

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PS: Generally speaking, the closer a colored gemstone comes to pure hue, the better it is considered to be.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REZONING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF NORTHVILLE**

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Northville has scheduled a Public Hearing for Tuesday, October 26, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, on a proposed rezoning.

This request is to rezone property located on the northwest corner of 6 Mile and Ridge Roads, Northville Township, MI, from R-2 One Family Residential to B-1 Local Business. The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

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(9-30 & 10-21-04 NR 168154)

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Early Learning Series

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center will host an Early Learning Series program 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26 in the auditorium of Hillside Middle School, 775 N. Center. Mark Tompkins will discuss intrinsic motivation and praise versus encouragement. Tompkins is an elementary school principal in East Grand Rapids, a former High Scope trainer, and an international presenter on childhood development, active learning and early learning success. The free program is geared toward Northville area parents with children newborn to 5. For more information and to register, call (248) 344-8465.

Walk to School

On Tuesday, Oct. 5, students from Our Lady of Victory School will celebrate International Walk to School Day by lacing up their shoes and hitting the sidewalk. The private school students will join more than 100 schools statewide in promoting walking to school. Organizers of the day said less than 10 percent of Michigan's children walk to school, opposed to a generation ago where walkers were in the majority. International Walk to School Day is Wednesday, Oct. 6.

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 pressures of youth. Admission is free and open to non-residents. For more information, call Mary Ellen King.

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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.

School board meeting

The next Northville Board of Education meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12 at Old Village School, 405 W. Main St. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

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.

Drug seminar

Social worker Ron Harrison is holding a free, two-night series on identifying and helping teens harmfully involved with alcohol and other drugs. The program will take place 7:30-9 p.m. the first and second Tuesdays of each month October through June at the Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Dr., Ypsilanti. Part one, titled "What to Know," will be held on the first Tuesday and address how to understand teen substance abuse problems and recognize when teen use of alcohol or drugs requires intervention. Part two titled "What to Do?" will be held on the second Tuesdays and address what should and should not be done when a teen alcohol and drug problem is suspected. For more information, call (734) 973-7892 or visit www.hvcn.org/info/teensusing-drugs.

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.

Compiled by Record Education Reporter Victoria Sudlocha.

**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 41600 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).

We look forward to serving you more efficiently and apologize for any inconvenience to our citizens.

(9-23/30-04 NR 166324)

SUE A. HILLEBRAND
CLERK

Stephen W. Sturman, M.D.

Announces the relocation of his office for the practice of Dermatology Diseases of the Skin to:

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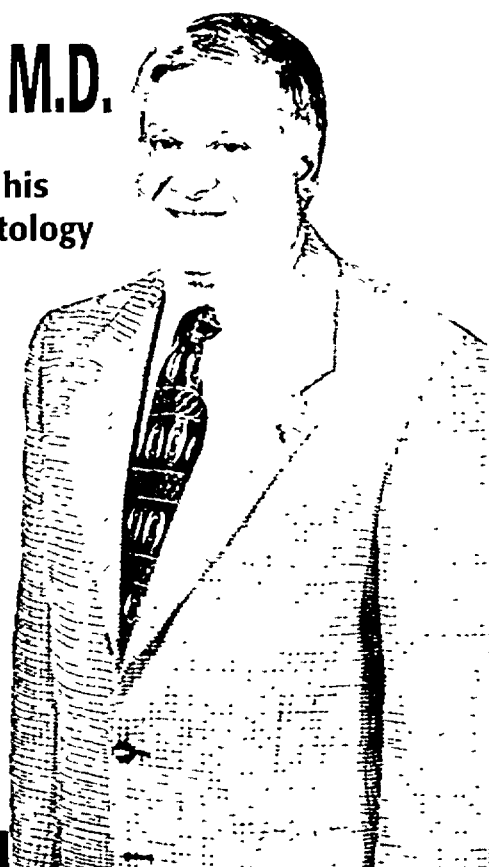


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Northville Chiropractor Dr. Kenneth Stopa, Jr. and Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm display a proclamation declaring October 2004 as Spinal Healthcare month in Michigan. Stopa met the Governor in her Lansing office Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004.



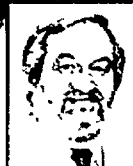
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Presented by

Michael S. Rowe, M.D., F.A.C.P., C.C.R.I.

THE ROLE OF HORMONES IN ASTHMA

Asthma experts continue to study the role in asthma of hormones like progesterone and estrogen. Evidence has shown that these female hormones may improve lung function. Researchers believe that the hormones help strengthen respiratory muscle and relax bronchial smooth muscle so the constrictive response is reduced. Estrogen and progesterone may also decrease inflammation. During studies, when hormone levels fell, asthmatic women in the premenstrual or menstrual phase experienced more asthma episodes, lower pulmonary function, and more asthma-related hospitalizations. Conversely, when hormone levels were higher during pregnancy or when women took oral contraceptives or hormone replacement therapy, many women showed improved lung function and fewer asthma flare-ups. A good asthma management plan can account for these hormonal fluctuations.

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LETTERS

House too big

I just found out that they already started the Home Depot in Orchard Heights. Take a ride by Thayer and Eaton streets and see for yourself. Now I know why all those "Save Our Neighborhood" signs have popped up. I am with you guys.

Constance J. Conder
Northville

will grant longer time to teach these important lessons. These lessons are respect for human life and firearms. With passage, sportsperson will be allowed to take their sons and daughters out hunting.

Dwight Wild
Northville

Thank you, Home Depot

I would like to extend a most sincere thank you to Mr. Stephan Stott, Donation Coordinator for the Northville Home Depot store, for his store's recent contribution to Bike Michigan for a clean up of the I-275 path slated for Oct. 2nd. This contribution makes it possible for us to purchase tools needed for trimming all the overhanging brush that's currently hanging over the path in various places, reducing visibility, an important safety issue.

Mr. Stott is also looking into an even more generous donation to the I-275 project through his company. We at Bike Michigan would like to recognize him and the Northville Home Depot for their generous efforts at helping us revitalize this most important North/South non-motorized corridor for its important local uses as well as its importance in connecting the Willow Metro Park with a possible future connection to the Huron Clinton system of trails.

For anyone wishing to help with the clean up, please contact me at dduffield@imb.org or call me at home in the evenings at (248) 347-0136, and I can give you the details of when, where and what to bring.

Bike Michigan is a consortium of three different cycling organizations in the state of MI working with MDOT to make Michigan a better place to ride a bike: League of MI Bicyclists, Rails to Trails Conservancy and the Michigan Mountain Bike Association.

Dave Duffield
League of Michigan Bicyclists
Director at Large

Military service valuable

I must comment on Mr. Ned Hart's letter of last week. I am a former Marine, having served during the Vietnam War.

In Mr. Hart's letter, he states, referring to John Kerry, "he avoided being drafted by the Army where he would be engaged in real fighting, not cruising up and down rivers." I could not believe someone would make such an assertion!

Any serviceman, regardless of branch, who served anywhere in Vietnam will tell you there was always the possibility of combat and danger. The patrol boats up and down the river, were especially in harm's way.

Perhaps Mr. Hart was in Vietnam and saw things that others did not. If so, he should tell other veterans of his experiences. It would be interesting to compare notes.

I am not a Kerry supporter, but I am a supporter of any one who has served in any branch of our national service.

Mike Williams
Northville

Kerry's the choice

George Bush has a plan to dismantle Social Security by privatizing it, reducing the guaranteed benefit by 40 percent or more. His disastrous economic policies have created enormous new debts that put Social Security at risk. I fear I will never be able to retire if I lose my future Social Security benefits.

Bush just passed the largest increase in Medicare premiums in the history, passing rising health care costs on to seniors. And his policies have put Medicare at risk. When Bush came into office, Medicare was projected to be solvent through 2029. Now it's expected to go bankrupt in 2019.

John Kerry will strengthen Social Security and Medicare. He'll start by growing our economy so that we're in a better position to pay for the costs of an aging population. He'll restore

fiscal responsibility to make sure we can afford our commitments to the nation's seniors.

And John Kerry is committed to real bipartisan reform to save Social Security, not partisan commissions with predetermined agendas.

President Bush's environmental policies are no more than corporate giveaways to special interests. His Orwellian "Clear Skies" initiative relaxed pollution controls and undercut protections from soot, smog, and toxic mercury.

Bush has radically cut funding for alternative energy. And he has directed a radical policy towards our public lands, seeking to change laws that protect our nation's land, water, and wildlife. And his pro-pollution policies put our families at risk. We need to stand up for and protect our natural resources.

John Kerry has a long record of fighting for the environment. He'll strengthen the Clean Air Act by closing loopholes. He'll reverse the Bush administration's weakening of clean air and clean water standards. He'll renew our commitment to the Superfund program that makes sure polluters pay. And he'll take the threat of global warming seriously.

This November, we have a choice between four years of failed policies or a new direction for our country. I'm choosing John Kerry.

Cathleen L. Longan
Northville

Choosing Kerry

A recent letter surely struck a sour note with those of us that honor those that are brave enough to show up for war, and defend America. George W. Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz, and the rest of that crew seem to find it easy to send others into harms way after receiving the many deferments they sought, or hiding out, and then going AWOL before their discharge from the national guard.

The letter is dead wrong about what was involved in "cruising up and down rivers." I was in the Naval Reserve in 1968, and when I reported for my required two years of active duty, many of my fellow Naval reservists at that time were sent to Marine Survival Training School, and assigned to riverboat duty. It was considered among the most dangerous duty, and second only to those called "tunnel rats" that crawled into tunnels after the Viet Cong. The letter writer also denigrates for all time the bravery that earned anyone a medal in military service by questioning the five (not one but five) medals earned and awarded by the United States Navy to John Kerry. If the Navy did not use proper judgment and procedure in awarding John Kerry his medals, then all the medals they have award must be worthless. If you accept the military records of George Bush, why are the records and medals that came from that same military suspect for John Kerry?

I want someone that is resolute and strong, not stubborn and wrong. George Bush was wrong about the weapons of mass destruction. Wrong about what it would take to win the peace in Iraq. Wrong about the enormous cost of this never ending war, which our grandchildren will end up paying largely because of his tax breaks to the rich during war time. Wrong about our economy with his policies resulting in the worst job creation record since Herbert Hoover. Wrong in his assault on the environment, rolling back hundreds of important environmental regulations that have been crafted by both parties for the past several decades. Wrong about education with policies that rely primarily on testing (terribly under funded by the way) and not teaching to improve our schools. Wrong about homeland security with less than 5 percent of all the containers that are shipped into the country being inspected. (Talk about a biological, nuclear, or other disaster waiting to happen.) Wrong about the reaction of the world to our invasion of a country that posed little immediate threat to our shores. But Bush cried "Chicken little the sky is falling", and this brave military leader that was flying around the country after 9/11 like a scared sparrow, (while Cheney was hiding in a bunker) and then showed up a few days later hugging the police and fireman. Voters can make up for it though, by casting their vote in November for the one person that has any chance of getting us out of the many messes we are in, John Kerry.

Steve Lawrence
Northville

Prevent fire with preparation

Good catch — to say the least — by two motorists driving through town Friday morning.

The quick response of resident Bruce Dingwall and fire Lt. John Bourne helped limit the fire damage in the display window of a downtown business. Thank you for getting involved.

With Fire Prevention Week just around the corner, each homeowner should heed the annual reminders to check what plans they have in place

in case of a fire emergency.

Check your smoke detector batteries. Is your home fire extinguisher inspected, charged and handy? What are your escape plans in case of fire? Have you practiced them with your children?

Fortunately, it was only material goods destroyed in Friday's incident.

A few minutes of preparation now might just save what's much more valuable later.

Cheryl Matthews for Circuit Court

One of the few things both parties agree on these days is that children are our most important resource — and too often family court is literally the court of last resort for at-risk Oakland County children.

This year, two women with extensive legal backgrounds are vying to succeed 6th Circuit Court Judge Richard Kuhn, who is retiring. Both are relatively young, both have young children themselves, and each would bring a set of strengths to the job.

Cheryl Matthews, is, however, clearly the better choice. She has spent more than a decade in the prosecutor's office, and for most of that time has headed the children's abuse and neglect division, working to put away some of the most sickening criminals in society.

That doesn't mean she won't be fair to defendants; she has also seen her share of trumped-up charges, and no prosecutor likes to bring a case to court that they are bound to lose. Matthews also fully supports and under-

stands the mission of CARE House, which does amazing work in fighting child abuse and neglect in the county.

Her opponent, Mary Helen Brennan, has the advantage of one of the best names there is when running for the bench; for decades, Oakland County voters have liked judges with Irish last names.

Nor does she lack experience. In truth, she has more experience in the sorts of civil cases — estate law and divorces — that family court also handles. But she cannot match Matthews' track record in the courtroom; for the last two years, Brennan has been a part-time staff lawyer for Royal Oak's 44th District Court.

Longtime Circuit Judge Gene Schnelz perhaps put it best: "The most important thing is protecting the kids. You have to show compassion. Cheryl will do that."

We agree, and recommend a vote for Cheryl Matthews for a six-year term on Circuit Court Nov. 2.

Mary Elizabeth Braddock
Northville

Hunting bill fine

The State legislature is considering a bill (HB4225) to lower the age of granting a hunting license to a young person. We must remember in order for that young person to even to have that license he/she must pass a state mandate hunter safety class. This fact is stated "2004 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide" which can be found at any large sporting goods store (Gander Mountain).

There are many sportspersons that would enjoy taking their children on a hunt. There is nothing finer then spending time with your son/daughter in a worthwhile activity such as hunting. All you need to do sit down some Saturday and watch the local PBS programming to see the value that hunting has on the lives of young people. As I watch these programs, "Michigan Outdoors," "Practical Sportsman" and others, I know that these young people who are brought up to respect the power of a firearms are not the ones to concerned with. So let the father/mother who are willing to spend the time teaching these young people about the value of hunting and respect of guns. If a child respects the hunting rifle he/she will respect all other firearms. It is the responsibility of all hunting parents to show at a young age what the potential of a firearm is. This will lead to a safer more responsible society.

Responsible sportsperson need to take the time to show interested young people the proper use of firearms. I believe that we can all agree that we do not need to have another Columbine or the "almost" that happened in Clinton Township. Parents need to teach that it is wrong to steal, as that was how the young man from Clinton Township acquired those firearms. Parents need to teach that to kill your fellow students is wrong. Lesson learned would be that hunting; target shooting is the proper use of firearms. But this can only happen from proper instruction from a caring parent. Please support passage of this bill. This

Chamber seaching for Northville's 2004 Citizen of the Year

The Northville Chamber of Commerce would like to say thank you to the scores of people who commit their time, energy, money and talents to making the Northville Community a special place to live.

We want to say thank you to the individuals who work with service groups who help the less fortunate in our community. We want to say thank you to the men, women and children who clean up our parks, plant flowers around town, drive meals to those who can't get out, work in our schools, in our businesses and in our governments. And to do this, we need your help.

Each year the Northville Chamber of Commerce celebrates the dedication and support shown by our volunteers through our Citizen of the Year award. Once again we're asking the community to nominate individuals for this award. Nominations should include the name of the individual and a brief outline of the reasons they qualify for Citizen of the Year status. Send nominations to the Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main St., Northville, MI 48167, or fax them to (248) 349-8730.

This award was started in 1976 as our way to honor a special individual whose effort made a difference in the community. The following are criteria for nomination.

- The nominee must:
- Be involved in actively supporting (through time, talent or financial support) an organization that improves our community.
 - Live or work in the Northville Community.
 - Show concern for community, environment and family.
 - Be a role model for community youth and citizens.

Please nominate a deserving individual for the Northville Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award and help us all say thank you. This award will be presented at our annual meeting in October.

Nomination:

Reason for nomination:

Nominated by:

Phone number:

*Please return to the Chamber Office by October 6, 2004.

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Every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
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Beautification Commission

Every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. (no meetings in December, January, February or March)
City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
(248) 344-1733

Board of Zoning Appeals

Every first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
(248) 449-9902

City Council

Every first and third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
(248) 349-1300

Downtown Development Authority

Every third Tuesday of the month at 8 a.m.
City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
(248) 449-9905

Historic District Commission

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

Housing Commission

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

Library Board Meeting

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

Northville Area Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Every third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
(248) 349-4140

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

Baseline

(248) 349-0203

Planning Commission

Every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
City Hall 21 W. Main St.
(248) 449-9902

Youth Assistance

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

Board of Trustees

Every third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Township Hall, 41600 Sox Mde Road
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COMMENTARY

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State spending continues to outrun revenue

There are three things to be said about the budget Michigan's lawmakers just adopted for the fiscal year that starts tomorrow (Oct. 1):

First, remember the old saw: "Don't tax him. Don't tax me. Tax that fellow behind the tree." That is still the most accurate portrait of how the governor and the legislature conspired to balance the budget. Forget any responsibility to make hard and politically-risky decisions. Instead, all parties chose narrowly based tax increases designed to avoid widespread protests.

Consider these approaches, as expressed in the fiscal 2005 budget:

- Don't fool with the Single Business Tax, which is at heart a tax on payroll,

hurts job growth and hits just about every business in Michigan. Although it has long been due for an overhaul or repeal, our lawmakers opted instead to raise taxes on Detroit casinos by

33 percent, thereby costing only 350 jobs.

- Identify vices and tax 'em, mostly on the grounds that the vice-ridden don't make up a highly-motivated voting bloc. So increase cigarette taxes by 60 percent (gets you \$313 million, assuming most smokers don't quit

or live near the Ohio border). And let the Liquor Control Commission bump its profit on the sale of booze from 65 percent to 74 percent (gets you \$32 million from margins I wish I had in my business!)

- Give new meaning to the

phrase "niche taxes" (here, that should be pronounced "nick") by boosting various licensing fees; driver licenses, court filings, state park entrance fees and (what won't they think of next?) nursery stock validations. Total take: Around \$225 million.

Second, a big part of the reason the state has had problems paying its bills in recent years is the direct result of the tax-cut orthodoxy that started with the Republicans and has now infected the Democrats.

The state's general fund, which supports most discretionary spending, will open fiscal year 2005 with an estimated \$800 million less in the pot than in 2001. And the total state budget of \$36.3 billion is \$2.8 billion less than in fiscal 2002. What's not so immediately evident is the concrete effect of the thousands of little slashes in state services that are the consequence of reduced budgets. Fewer probation officers. Worse roads. Less tourism advertising.

More troubled kids running loose.

The last of five annual income tax cuts shoved through by former Gov. John Engler took effect July 1, saving the average taxpayer the whopping sum of 50 cents a week. In the 2000 fiscal year, the Michigan personal income tax produced \$7.6 billion. In the 2005 budget year, the income tax will provide around \$6.03 billion.

The difference — \$1.6 billion — is just a bit more than total state aid to all our public colleges and universities. Of course, when college students and their families complain about getting hit with bigger tuition bills as a result of reduced state support for their school, the political class finds it's convenient to blame college administrators and board members for failing to keep costs under control.

As I remember it, the discussion in Lansing when Gov. Engler proposed cutting the income tax went like this: a) Taxes in general

are bad and the income tax is the worst of all; b) Cutting taxes is good, especially when the economy is flush and the politicians can boast of both cutting taxes and spending more; c) If you're a Democrat, recite point "b" several times before each meal and swallow hard. Nobody ever thought to point out loud that flush times never last, that there would be a dramatic drop in employment, wages would fall and the stock market would tank.

Third, even after all the amazing gyrations undertaken by the Governor and the Legislature to plug three successive billion-dollar-plus shortfalls in the state budget, they're pretty much out of potential new gimmicks.

Witness the flap about accelerated county property tax collections that looked like a tax increase, but really wasn't. At stake was \$185 million in revenue sharing that cities, counties and townships depend on for much of what they do. The stubborn fact remains that

the state's financial situation is still one of chronic structural deficit. Spending for schools, colleges and universities, health care, local government, police and prisons continue to outrun the tax revenue needed to pay for it all.

And no one in government seemingly has the courage to say the obvious: we get what we pay for. Instead, anti-tax orthodoxy recites bromides about "waste in government" and "inefficient bureaucrats."

Common sense says something else. Continuing on the present road will gradually make our pleasant peninsula into a kind of Mississippi with bad schools, low-paying jobs and colder weather.

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



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An admirable campaign for longshot Shafer

When you glance at their biographies, Randell Shafer's decision to run against U.S. Rep. Sander Levin (D-Royal Oak) looks like an attempt by PeeWee Herman to challenge George Foreman.

Sandy Levin, the older brother of U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, seems nearly as much a part of the fabric of Michigan as the Petoskey stone. He was first elected to the Michigan Senate the year Randy Shafer was born.

He lost a close election for governor when Shafer, who is now a supply and accounting clerk at a U.S. Army installation in Warren, was in first grade. After a career with the Agency for International Development, he was elected to Congress

in 1982, the year Shafer graduated from high school and joined the army.

The district is heavily Democratic, and Levin has a campaign war chest of more than a million dollars. Shafer has \$4,000 scraped together by the St. Clair Shores Republican club and a few of his VFW buddies.

In other words, anyone who knows anything about politics knows Shafer has precisely the chance of a

snowball in a blast furnace. Yet he's gamely trudging on.

"I feel the voters should have a choice," he told me last Sunday morning at a coney island, before going off to distribute fliers at a local punt, pass and kick

contest. "I promised myself and my wife that I wouldn't go deep into debt over this, so I'm mainly going door-to-door."

And I think you have to admire that.

Frankly, Shafer is probably not ready for the U.S. Congress, though worse people certainly have been elected to it. He has no prior experience at any branch of government, and only a rudimentary understanding of how the political system and the economics of government works. (He wants to further cut taxes and government spending while increasing veterans' and Medicare benefits.)

Levin is a graduate of Harvard Law School; Shafer has an associate's degree in management. He might find the logistics of being a congressman difficult; he has a wife in the army, in Tennessee, and three young children, who live with him in this older blue-collar suburb.

So why is he the GOP

nominee for Congress?

There are many Republicans, including a number of state legislators, with more qualifications in the 12th district, which takes in much of southern Macomb and Oakland counties.

But Randy Shafer was the only one who was willing to run. There was a time when the major parties felt it their duty to seriously contest virtually every Congressional seat. Qualified candidates were expected every so often to take on a hopeless race for the good of the party. And until redistricting became a politicized exact science a few years ago, there were fewer hopeless races.

More seats changed hands more often in the old days. Democrats gained 40 seats in Congress in 1964. Republicans gained 47 back two years later.

Now, however, both parties have drawn the lines in a way designed to make that impossible. Michigan now has nine Republican congressional seats and six

Democratic ones. They are so polarized that experts say Abraham Lincoln himself wouldn't have a chance in any of the Democratic districts, and Franklin D. Roosevelt would lose badly in any of the Republican ones.

There is also the problem of money. Two years ago, Levin spent \$1,007,802 to get re-elected to a job that pays \$154,700 a year. His hapless Republican opponent that time, Harvey Dean, spent \$43,323. (Given that ratio, Dean might feel proud that he managed to get 30 percent of the vote.)

Randy Shafer, whose slogan is "Vote For Randy... Not Sandy!" likely won't have even that much. Yet he and a number of other out-matched contenders believe this is still a democracy and are giving it their best shot.

Not that it doesn't get frustrating. Most Republican bigwigs have politely declined to help with Shafer's campaign. U.S. Rep. Candice Miller, a popular

Republican from a neighboring district, told him she needed to stick close to her own turf. He doesn't get invited to appear on the platform when President Bush comes prospecting for "Reagan Democrat" votes in Macomb County.

He did, however, have a chance to appear with Laura Bush once, but this time he had more pressing priorities: an important plant softball game. "I would have felt bad if I let the guys down," he laughed, admitting that he gets called "senator" and "president" a lot back at his VFW post these days.

The odds may be against him in November, but Randy Shafer may be one politician who has his priorities straight.

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Ryder Cup a boon for metro Detroit communities

Last week, Bloomfield Township, Birmingham, the greater Detroit area and all of southeastern Michigan were on display for the entire world as the 35th Ryder Cup Matches were held at the Oakland Hills Country Club. I was fortunate to have an inside view as I served as executive vice president-finance for the tournament.

We knew the world would be scrutinizing not only Oakland Hills, but our entire area. We knew there were many who raised eyebrows at holding one of the world's most prestigious events in the Detroit area.

Well, I was there for all of it — and I can tell you, we passed with flying colors and did ourselves proud. This was an event of vast importance, and I can say without reservation that we came off as well as the

U.S. golf team must have wished it had!

Based on my experience, I'd like to provide a few insights into the impact the Ryder Cup had on our area's image.

Together with most of our many volunteers, I arrived at the course

prior to sunrise to prepare for each day's spectators.

Among those arriving early were our concession stand volunteers, provided by Lighthouse of Oakland. There were cashiers for Ryder Cup merchandise,

the golf shop, the tent provided by Comerica Bank and medical services provided by Beaumont Hospital. Members of Oakland Hills and 14 other area country clubs served as

marshals. Other Oakland Hills members provided secular services, uniform distribution, ecology services, media services, transportation, scoring and more.

If you thought it took a lot of people to pull this off, you were right. There were between 4,000 and 5,000 volunteers, each of whom worked a minimum of 20 hours that week — and in many cases for weeks leading up to the matches. Besides working for free, they all had to purchase a \$220 uniform and undergo hours of training.

Besides our specific duties, we were all reminded that we were ambassadors of golf and the area. That meant we needed to be friendly, courteous, polite and helpful. We were reminded that the 35,000 golf fans attending the matches came from every walk of life and many different nations. They would include CEOs, media personalities, sports figures, politicians and everyday people. What they encountered this week would leave them with a lasting

impression of our area. We didn't discuss the crime-riddled image the Detroit area has in much of the nation.

We also worried about the one thing we couldn't control — the weather. Michigan Septembers can be cold and wet, but thankfully Mother Nature smiled on our area.

We couldn't have asked for better; it was a bit chilly in the mornings but it became shirt-sleeve weather in the afternoon. On television, aerial shots from the blimp were postcard perfect. We shined.

The Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham was headquarters for both the American and European teams and PGA officials. Others stayed at the Holiday Inn-Express on Woodward Avenue. Many officials walked around Birmingham, stopping for coffee or having dinner at our restaurants. They were surprised and pleased. They didn't realize what a wonderful area Birmingham is. Of course, we've known that all along, and it was high time the rest of the world found out.

The spectators were wonderful and well-behaved. On Sunday at the stands on the 13th tee, the crowd on one side yelled "USA!" On the other side, they responded right back: "USA! USA!" It echoed among the fairways and trees of Oakland Hills. Spectators cheered loudly for their favorite players and groaned when shots were missed.

During the entire week there were no incidents of unruly behavior — and that's something of which we can be very proud. Our reputation was on the line, and we performed very, very well.

The media, we know, can be critical. But during this week, many reporters (out-of-towners, not locals) went out of their way to let me and others know that the PGA and the Oakland Hills Country Club put on a fabulous show.

These comments were echoed by the European caddies seated just behind me at the closing ceremony last Sunday. I was sitting in a dangerous spot as the caddies

had their bottles of champagne to celebrate the European victory.

The week was a success despite a sad performance by the American team: it set a standard for future events that will be coming to our area soon, including baseball's All-Star Game, football's Super Bowl, the 2008 PGA Championship and basketball's Final Four.

These events can build on the momentum established by the Ryder Cup. The weather, the volunteers, the spectators and the venue let the world know that our area is delightful and people-friendly, and that this is a spot they should come back and visit for an extended period.

We're off to a great start, and better things lie ahead. Bring them on!

Richard Aginian is president and CEO of Hometown Communications Network, the parent company of this newspaper, and a past president of Oakland Hills.



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Township Briefs

NORTHVILLE

Township officials tour Gibson farm; firefighters added

2005 budget proposed

The board of trustees in a study session Monday looked at what was deemed a "lean" proposed budget for the 2005 fiscal year.

In total, proposed operating expenditures equaled \$17.8 million, and revenues were anticipated at \$17.6 million. That compares with \$25.7 million in expected expenditures for this year and \$23.3 million last year. In revenues, \$17.0 million are expected to come in this year, and \$33.7 million was collected the year before.

Proposed highlights included an increase in solid waste services from the current \$10 to \$14 throughout the next five years. It would be the first increase since 1989.

The police department anticipates hiring one new police officer and a replacement evidence van. The fire department is looking to buy fitness room equipment, and hired three new fire fighters and secretary.

Land acquisition money is slated to be lower, since much of the money has been spent on Community Park.

Finance Director Thelma Kubitsky said the township's tax base is about 84.7 percent residential, 3.8 percent industrial, 11.0 percent commercial, and 5 percent agricultural. All the funds are in the black when it comes to fund balances.

The budget will be on the agenda for the Board of Trustees' Oct. 21 meeting for final approval.

Open and closed

Work on the new township hall, located at Sheldon and Six Mile roads, is set to wrap up soon. A tentative grand opening is set for Nov. 8 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. At that time, the new fire headquarters also will also be recognized.

In the meantime, the current township hall will be closed to the public on Friday, Oct. 8 so files, cabinets and supplies can be moved. Township Finance Director Thelma Kubitsky said that there are no water bills or taxes due that day. Oct. 4 is the deadline to register to vote.

Business is scheduled to reopen Monday, Oct. 11 at the new location.

Drug test kits available

Northville Township Police Department will soon be distributing low cost drug testing kits to residents.

On Oct. 8 at 9:15 a.m., the department will host an informational meeting in conjunction with the Northville Parents, Teachers and Student Association meeting at the Northville High School Forum at 45700 Six Mile Rd.

Kits can be used to test for the presence of marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine and alcohol in the privacy of home. Single-use kits for testing one drug will be \$5, and multi-use kits testing for all four will be \$15. They'll be available after Oct. 8.

The kits, which can be purchased by cash or check, will be available through the department seven days a week, 24 hours a day. No questions will be asked. Call Northville High School Resource Officer Jim Fisher at (248) 344-8420 for more.

Three fire fighters join

Three new township fire fighters were hired and started a training program on Monday.

Thomas Hughes, Gregory Ryan and Robert McAllister will go through a couple months of 40-hour work weeks before they are considered a part of full-time staff. During that time, they may accompany other fire fighters on runs, but strictly as observers.

All fire fighters work every fourth day on 24-hour shifts. They'll be stationed with the department's other 15 fire fighters at the new fire headquarters at 45745 W. Six Mile Rd.

"The department's definitely moving in a very positive direction," Assistant Chief David Cargnan said. "I think the department and the township are doing well and looking forward."

Joint meetings pondered

After the joint meeting held between the planning commission and board of trustees Aug. 31, the board of trustees considered hosting such meetings regularly on the third Monday of each month. Although it was recommended by community development, Board

Supervisor Mark Abbo was among those who said monthly meetings would be "excessive." He said diluting the planning commission's authority was also a concern. The board decided to revisit the topic as needed, and may at first try quarterly meetings.

Scouting Gibson Farm

Prior to Tuesday's planning commission meeting, the board of trustees took a tour of the Gibson Farm, a piece of property located a block west of the new Township Hall at Sheldon Road, on the south side of Six Mile Road.

The owner has expressed interest in selling the property to the township. Township Manager Chip Snider said the township may consider a purchase "if the price is right," and could use the land for a possible park and more township hall parking space. The public is welcome.

Earlier that day, the beautification committee had a luncheon to announce and honor the winners of its annual business beautification awards.

Motor City awareness

At the Sept. 16 township board of trustees meeting, the members heard a request from Rouge Stewardship Community, which received a grant through the Motor Cities National Heritage Area to establish a Master Heritage Trail Plan.

Through a grant from Michigan Department of Transportation, the plan calls for 20 interpretative signs for self-guided tours, to be set up along "master heritage routes" in the area.

Chief Steward Nancy Darga requested four planning representatives for a kick-off meeting held Sept. 17, and matching fund-kind services of \$3,000 from the township. No formal decision was made.

Indecent exposure

A "revealing" billboard near northwest area of I-275 and Five Mile Road had Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand up in arms last week.

Advertising a hair removal clinic in Livonia, the billboard fea-

tures a bikini-clad woman with long dark hair. Other than her top, though, Hillebrand said it appears as though the woman is unclothed below the waist.

"All of the sudden, there's this gal sitting naked there from the chest down, on a rock," Hillebrand said. "It's a family community. It isn't appropriate for our community."

Located near Sheehan's on the Green, the billboard is in Northville. Hillebrand said she has contacted the Livonia mayor and the business. The township attorney said the time and place of the billboard can be regulated, though not necessarily the content.

Car crashes in race, but driver OK

This past weekend, Southfield-based Team RSIG Racing competed in the Sports Car Club of America National Champion Runoffs at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio.

While racing on Sept. 24 at 3:20 p.m., Northville resident Jeff Robbins' 2003 Chevy Corvette crashed, according to Franklin Dohanyes of Franklin Publicity, who also reported that Robbins was alright.

Robbins, co-owner of RSIG Security Group and team leader, had entered the race seventh in overall national points in the T1 Class, and with two regional race wins in his current rookie season.

His RSIG counterpart, Ed Horn of Novi, finished fourth overall.

Now in its 41st year, the course has hosted the runoffs for 11 years. This year, nearly 700 drivers competed for national championship medals in 24 different classes.

Have a news tip or an interesting story idea about a person, organization or place in Northville Township? Contact Kim Kowelle at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or via e-mail at kkowelle@ht.com

Local kids need mentors: why not become one?

Kids are 57 percent less likely to take drugs, 52 percent less likely to skip school, more confident of their performance in schoolwork, one-third less likely to hit someone and get along better with their families if they have a caring adult in their lives — a mentor.



Mary Ellen King

Since 1987, Northville Youth Assistance (NYA) has been matching kids with caring adults. To date, hundreds of kids have had the opportunity to have a mentor in their life.

The requirement to be a mentor is that you care about our local kids, you have the time and you are a reliable and responsible adult. Mentors agree to spend approximately two hours a week with a child for a minimum of one year. Most of the mentors continue to see their mentees beyond the one year requirement.

I remember when I matched seven-year-old Tom with a mentor, his mentor said, "I'm sure I will see Tom graduate from high school." Tom is now one

year away from graduation and the two still get together for an occasional football game or dinner out. Tom has even watched the mentor's children a few times.

Probably one of the most heartwarming experiences I have had was when last spring a young woman came in to be interviewed to be a mentor. I asked her how she heard of the program and she said she had had a mentor in the program several years before. She went on to tell me how this woman along with a high school teacher helped positively change her life. She said she wanted to hopefully do the same for another girl.

She is currently matched with a high school freshman and is hoping to make a difference in her life.

And then there's Joe whose father had a debilitating illness and who cannot throw a ball to him or shoot hoops with him anymore. I matched Joe with a young man who not only does these things, but also takes him to museums, on a bicycling excursion and just chats with him over dinner. The mentor is filling a great need in Joe's life.

Another mentor recently told me that her mentee has become a part of her family. When there are family gatherings and celebrations, this mentee is always invited and welcomed. Her family doesn't feel complete without Lisa around.

So don't hesitate — call today and be a mentor and join our fall training session which begins on Oct. 7 and runs for five consecutive Thursday evenings. For more information, call Mary Ellen King at (248) 344-1618. Or send an e-mail to youthassistance@northvillemich.com

NHS varsity will host pom pon clinic

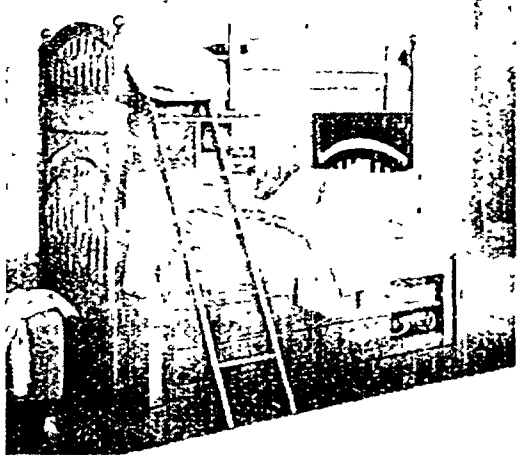
Attention all 6-8 grade girls. Do you want to perform at the Northville Varsity Football game at halftime on Oct. 15?

NHS Varsity Pom Pon will be putting on a clinic Monday, Oct. 11-Thursday, Oct. 14. The clinic will take place in the auxiliary gym at the Northville High School from 6-7:30 p.m. This clinic is designed to start teaching you the basics for the sport of pom pon. You will learn different arm positions, jumps and kickline

technique. Over the course of the four days you will be working with the varsity team in putting it all together in a short routine. The week concludes with a performance at the varsity football game of Friday, Oct. 15.

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Streets of desire

Officials, residents debate downtown Northville's next steps

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville resident Nancy Darga said she welcomes the study of the downtown now under way as a necessary look at what the future holds.



"What I hear is we're looking at reality," she said. "My sense is we're looking at sustaining our viability. I'm very encouraged by this study."

Darga was among about 75 residents, merchants, officials and property owners who listened to an introductory presentation Monday night by Bob Gibbs of the Birmingham-based Gibbs Planning Group. The Northville Development Authority invited the consultant, with city council endorsement, to update his 1997 retail planning study of Northville.

His task this time in town is to gauge local habits and demand as part of a forecast for downtown commerce in the next five to seven years. His study will not direct what downtown Northville should be, he said. Rather, it will be guided by what Northville residents want.

"The reason I'm meeting with you is to pull data out of your brain," Gibbs said. "I'm interviewing you to make my research more accurate."

"That's the purpose of the focus groups, to learn your shopping and lifestyle trends."

Local input

A substantial portion of Gibbs' effort during the next four weeks will be talking to residents, a dozen or so at a time.

Gibbs will target: 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.

At worst, he will accumulate data local merchants can apply in their future planning or downtown promoters can use to entice prospective tenants to Northville, Gibbs said. The best-case scenario will be use of his research toward developing a community-wide planning consensus.

"This is the right order for the process," the consultant said. "This way your visioning can be based on some market reality."

The Gibbs team will deliver models on what it would take for the downtown area to remain as it is, experience moderate growth or pursue more dense development. Audience members contributed wild cards Gibbs said he will account for in calculating his projections: the purchase of the Seven Mile Road former psychiatric hospital property; the potential expansion of video-terminal gaming at Northville Downs; and redevelopment of light industrial property at the end of East Main Street.

Ultimately, community residents and policy makers will make future lifestyle choices, he said.

End products

Gibbs' 90-minute large-screen presentation was a crash course in small-town planning trends. He pumped up local business owners with his acknowledgment of Northville's quaint appeal; he brought them back down with his warning of looming competition.

The onset of "lifestyle centers," the hot trend in retail configuration, in particular concerned audience members. Developers have targeted Metro Detroit for five lifestyle centers in the next four



(Top) Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record
(Above) Submitted Picture

Today downtown Northville bustles with activity. But in the 1970s Main Street was a much different place, lined with boarded up buildings and lacking streetscapes. Now residents and city officials are working together, trying to figure out where downtown heads next.

years, Gibbs said.

He likened the layout to a faux Main Street with great shops, residences on upper floors, and public amenities, such as libraries. Typically, lifestyle centers are:

- comprised of 200,000-300,000 square feet
- supported by 150,000 households
- aimed at a 5-7 mile trading area and
- targeted to \$80,000+ income households.

"We're seen as a great untapped market," Gibbs said. "You are in the middle of an area these department stores want to be in."

Northville's downtown can prepare for the onslaught by looking

at how to compete better, Gibbs said. The consultant illustrated with examples from projects across the country methods by which retailers increased their sales performance.

Long-time resident Kevin Wine was among the audience members who questioned the consultant about the impending threat to Northville.

"Everything that they're talking about is right in my backyard," he said. "I love this town — that's why I've lived here 15 years."

"I'm just concerned as to what might happen. I want to see the town thrive, just not at the cost of losing the town we all love."

MARKET SHARE

Market Share of Retail Sales
1955
78% Downtown
16% Suburbs
1975
14% Downtown
86% Suburbs
Source: Gibbs Planning Group

SCIENCE OF SHOPPING

During his presentation Monday night, consultant Bob Gibbs shared specific habits of shoppers:

- they turn right
- men don't like to shop
- they walk counter-clockwise at four feet per second
- women lose sense of time
- they are twice as likely to touch merchandise if it is folded, rather than hanging
- they are more likely to try on apparel from piles sized large to small
- they walk past a downtown storefront in eight seconds, retailers have a three-second window of those eight to get them to turn in.

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DOWNTOWN CHANGES

Northville city and downtown development authority leaders during the past seven years implemented several improvements after the Gibbs Planning Group prepared a Commercial Planning Study. Among them:

- added more than 30,000 square feet of retail and office space in the core downtown
- added streetscape amenities such as landscape, furnishings, pedestrian signals and art
- reduced parking requirement for commercial use above the first floor
- completed Cady Street streetscape
- made Hutton a two-way public street
- amended ordinance to allow business projecting signs
- completed historic district commercial design guidelines
- revamped the parking management program
- improved the Ford Field/Griswold Road facilities, including construction of the play structure, expansion of the playing field and addition of a bridge to the Mill Race Historic Village.
- revised the city's Master Plan
- hired a downtown development authority director.



Submitted Picture

Jean Gordon will serve as Maybury storyteller Oct. 10.

Storyteller bring ghosts and goblins to Maybury

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The Friends of Maybury, a group supporting the park through a variety of volunteer activities, will host the final family night of the season Sunday, Oct. 10. The group invited local storyteller Jean Gordon to spin her yarns.

"I will probably tell several ghost stories," Gordon said. The retired teacher said she draws her content from books, children's stories and fellow story tellers.

Gathering around a person to hear a tale is an activity that appeals to just about any audience, Gordon said. "Everyone really is a story teller," she said. "I just happened to have learned some stories to tell."

"Usually I tell folk stories." The Northville District Library has four shelves of folk tales, she said, a good source.

The time of the family night activities moved up an hour for this final installment in the series, start-

FAMILY NIGHT

"Ghosts and Goblins"
6:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10
Maybury State Park

ing at 6:30 p.m. It is a rain or shine event because it is under a shelter.

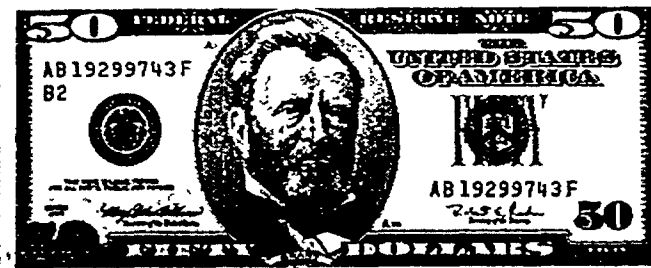
"Stories will be suitable for all ages," said Friends chairman George McCarthy. "We plan to have the children paint faces on gourds as a take home craft."

Participants should enter the park off Eight Mile Road, approaching the Hickory Shelter, which is closest to the eastern-most parking lot. The activity is free, but drivers must pay the vehicle entrance fee of \$6 or have an annual park pass, which costs \$24.

Those attending may want to bring a blanket or lawn chairs for seating. The program sponsors are a non-profit group dedicated to promoting and caring for Maybury State Park.

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Local store offers star treatment

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

In a couple weeks, New York make-up artist Ramy will transform a handful of local women with his star treatment.

Veronica's Closet, 124 E. Main St., is hosting the high-profile professional as part of the owner's goal of bringing unique expertise and merchandise to area doorsteps. Veronica Golubovic and Ramy (pronounced Rah-mee) struck up a friendship nearly 10 years ago working together on a television production in New York.

Northville-area women will leave the experience with tips and techniques shared by the likes of Halle Berry, Ivanka Trump, Cher, Faith Hill and Barbara Walters. In addition to his list of celebrity clients, Ramy regularly is called on as an expert by fashion and beauty magazines, and national television shows, such as Oprah and Entertainment Tonight.

"He's also the eyebrow guru," Golubovic said. "He's really pricey (in New York), he has people flying out to see him."

Ramy will be in Northville Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 6-7. Women interested in application by

the artist can call for half-hour appointments 10 a.m.-7 p.m. The store had 10 appointments booked at the end of last week.

"Hopefully, he'll teach people some good make-up tricks," Golubovic said. "How many people have an opportunity to meet someone like him — an artist — who can really apply make-up? I think people will love him."

"He will do it (for free) with a purchase of two to three products, if they're seriously looking to buy the make-up line."

Women are invited to the store to just watch him at work, Golubovic said. The boutique last week was completing interior renovations to accommodate a new makeup area near the back of the main floor showroom, as well as clearance displays downstairs.

"Whether they buy or not, they can meet him and see how he does it," the store owner said. "I think that's the neat part. We can do it locally, in town here."

The artist's philosophy is "Minimum makeup, maximum impact," Golubovic said. The line includes therapy cream, and a limited number of lipsticks, mascara and foundation.

"It's very simplistic, almost a

EYES HAVE IT

- Neutral eye shadow color, such as tawny brown.
- Stay on top with mascara to lift the eyes and give a clean, less made-up look.
- Keep eyebrows in shape.
- Don't draw attention away from the eyes with too much lipstick — play down the lips.

minimalistic approach," she said. "He works with individuals, their personalities, from sexy goddess girls to serious journalists."

She contrasted Ramy's sparing approach to "a mall make-up job." "I would walk to the car thinking, 'I can't walk around looking like a clown.'"

Imagine Halle Berry's natural look, she said. "A lot of the people he does — that's exactly what they want." The visit coincides with the launch of Rany Beauty Therapy cosmetics in large markets such as Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta and San Francisco, Golubovic said.

"It's very comparable to what all the major department stores have," she said. "I think his prices are very reasonable."

"I wanted to bring him in to show us how to use it."



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Veronica Golubovic of Northville's "Veronica's Closet" tries on some of celebrity makeup artist Rany's Beauty Therapy product. Rany will be visiting the downtown Northville clothier on Oct. 6 and 7.

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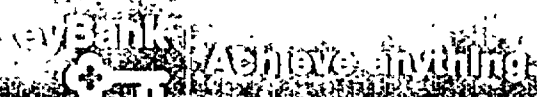
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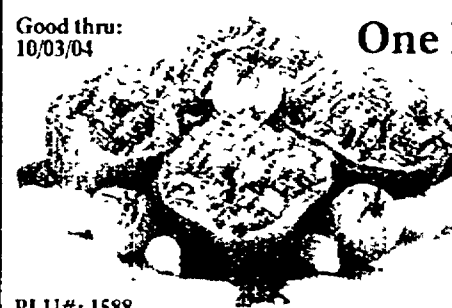
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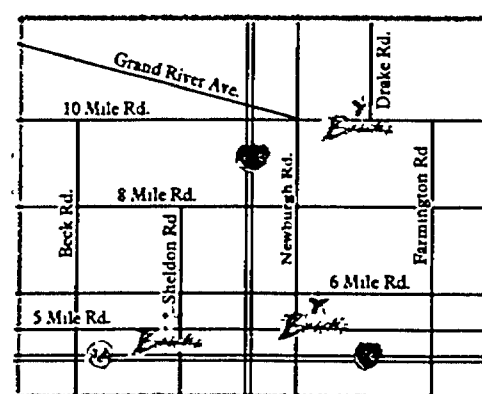
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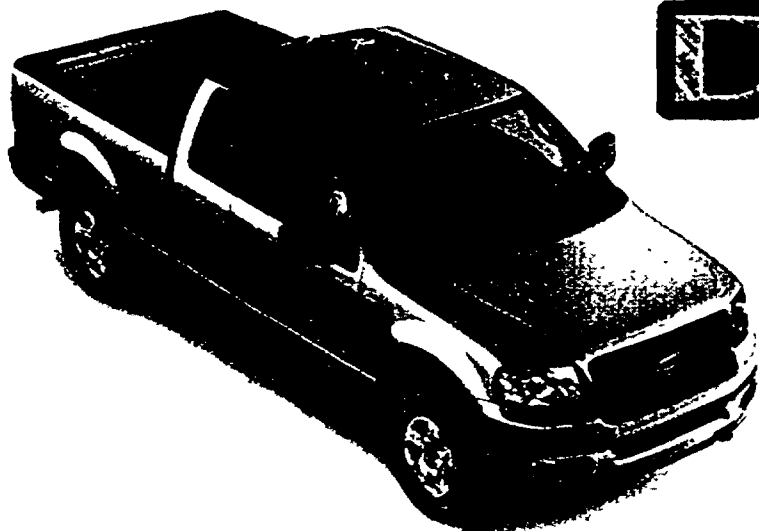
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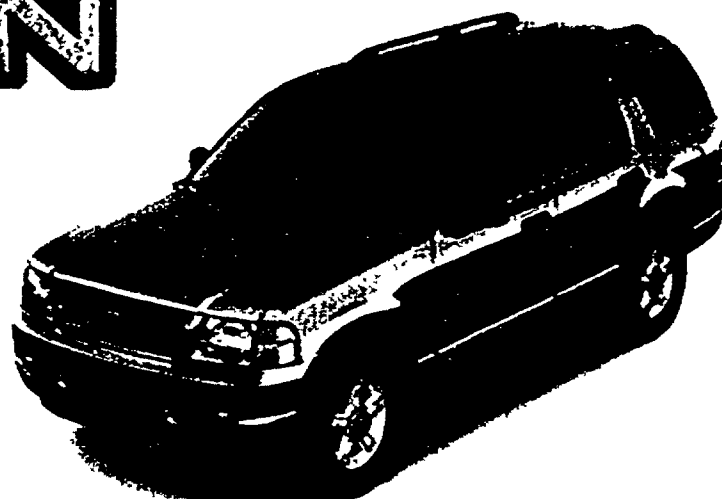
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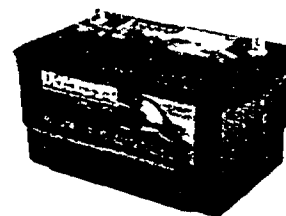
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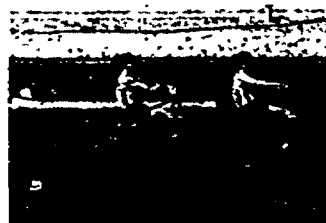
Scoreboard

Check the Northville Record scoreboard to see how your favorite local team did last week. This week: soccer, tennis and golf. Check it out!
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Evonna Karchon

Senior Mustang Evonna Karchon has learned the key to being a good basketball player is having fun. Now she is working to pass those lessons along to her teammates. See how.
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Athens Olympian

Local athlete Kate MacKenzie reflects on time she recently spent in Athens, Greece as a member of the U.S. Olympic Team. See what she has to say about being an Olympic athlete.
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"Enjoy the Good Life"

Mustangs tamed by Canton, 42-14

By David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

The wheels on Cinderella's orange-and-black carriage came rolling off last Friday when Plymouth-Canton slammed hard into Northville and saddled the Mustangs with their first season loss, 42-14.

"They're a great football team," Mustangs head coach Clint Alexander said. "We just couldn't seem to get anything going tonight. But that's part of what they do to you."

Northville (4-1) also hurt itself. The Mustangs gave up 430 rushing yards and had difficulty sustaining much offensive firepower throughout the night.

The loss put the undefeated Chiefs (5-0) in control of the Western Athletics Activities Association race.

Against Canton's homecoming backdrop, the Chiefs ran early and often, including runningback Julian Smith's game-opening kickoff return for a touchdown.

Even though the play was called back because of holding, it set the stage for Canton's impending offensive explosion.

Three first-half scoring drives helped the Chiefs pile up a 21-0 lead.

Still, Alexander said the Chiefs did not do anything his team was not expecting, including a steady diet of misdirection plays.

"They didn't surprise us a bit. We

knew what they were going to do," he said. "This is the only team we see that runs an offense like this."

He said senior runningback Mac Stilec's sore hamstring, an injury that prevented him from playing the entire game, did not help the Mustang cause.

"It was bothering him all night," Alexander said. "But he wanted to give it a chance."

Alexander was pleased his team did not give up, despite a lop-sided score which at one point featured a 35-0 fourth quarter mountain.

Mike Jameson gave Northville its first touchdown at 5:58 of the fourth quarter. The senior wide receiver took a pass from junior quarterback Charlie Thomas, cut 45 degrees across the field and bolted

untouched for the endzone.

The Mustangs then recovered a Canton fumble and scored again on runningback Cody Sivie's four-yard touchdown run with 4:15 remaining. But it was too little, too late.

"We have to start scoring touchdowns," Alexander said, adding his team will not shrink from its next challenge.

"We will remind them how good they really are, and move forward from there."

Northville celebrates homecoming tomorrow night against Walled Lake Western. Game time is 7 p.m.

For a pictorial review of last week's game, see page 5B.

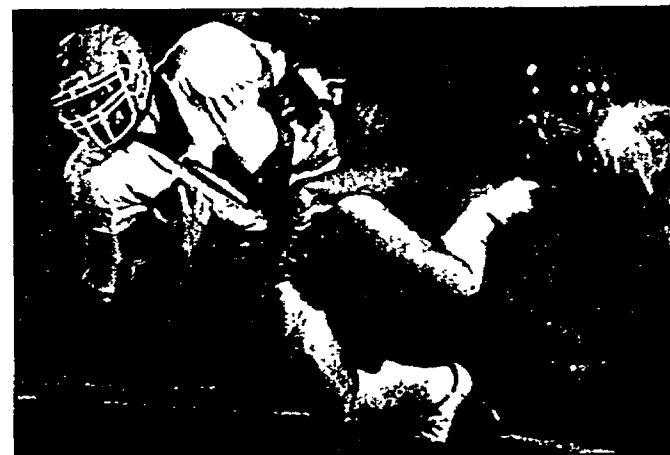


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Backup Mustang QB Mike Deluca is tackled by a Chief during last Friday's 42-14 loss to Plymouth-Canton.



Mustangs Michael Kelleher and James Hannah have been juggling dual roles all season, playing for both in the school's soccer and football teams.

DOUBLE TIMERS

Kelleher, Hannah work overtime as dual-sport athletes

"I love both sports. I just can't imagine not playing either one of them."

Mike Kelleher
Northville Dual-Sport Athlete

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Playing one sport is hard enough.

First, you have practices, games, events, functions and fundraisers. Then you have to balance school, social life, sleeping and eating.

It would take a madman to play two sports in one season. Luckily for Northville, they have two.

Seniors Mike Kelleher and James Hannah don't mind the extra pressure. They both excel in soccer, have good grades and manage to have social lives. Oh yeah, and they both play football too.

"I couldn't imagine playing soccer and then going to a football game on a Friday night and watching all of the other guys have fun," said Kelleher, who has played both soccer and football his entire high school career. "I love both sports. I just can't imagine not playing either one of them."

Hannah feels the same way, though it's basically a new experience for him. Touted as one of the top soccer players in the state, Hannah has been a dominant force his entire career. Football, at least at the high school level, is a new beast.

"It's completely different," said Hannah of the games differing mentalities. "In soccer I like to get pumped up right before the game. In football they seem to like to build it up. Half-time is definitely different in football

and a lot more motivating is going on. I've really enjoyed it though. It's an experience I'm glad I'm involved in."

Both players said each sport is challenging for their own reasons. Both require endurance, determination and dedication. Soccer and football both have their fair share of big hits too.

"Guys can collide with each other without pads out here," said Hannah of soccer. "But there are some hits in football that I wonder how guys can get up and walk away from."

At the top of their games

Both Hannah and Kelleher know what it's like to excel athletically. Though Hannah has not yet started talking specifically about college scholarships — including Brown and the University of Chicago — he knows soccer is going to guide him through the collegiate ranks.

Kelleher is the same way. He has been in contact with some coaches already, like those from Chicago's DePaul University and Kalamazoo. He's expecting to use soccer as a vessel to help him through college as well.

The increased potential for injury does not concern either dual-sport player. Instead, they're eager to continue to contribute to both teams' successes.

Their soccer team is ranked first in the state currently and eighth in the country. The varsity football team is 4-1 and contin-

continued on 6B

State champs honored

Soccer team honored during Capitol visit

By David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

Northville's state champion girls soccer team spent time with the governor last week during a visit to the State Capitol.

The team, along with coaches, parents and Northville High School principal Dennis Colligan, spent about four hours in Lansing Wednesday, Sept. 22 as the invited guest of local state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth).

The visit also featured personal

time with Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who met briefly with each individual player.

"She spent quality time with the girls," Meteyer said. "That really made them glow."

Meteyer said Stewart graciously conducted a Capitol tour for the team, including House chambers and introduction of the team to House members.

"He took everyone out to lunch, and even gave each girl a single white rose," Meteyer said. "It was a very nice day, start to finish."

"It's nice to be recognized. Now we have to defend the title."

Submitted Picture

The state champion girls varsity soccer team was recognized during an afternoon in Lansing last week. The team, accompanied by Head Coach Ron Meteyer, was the invited guest of local state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth).



SCOREBOARD



Soccer pounds Patriots

The Northville Mustangs soccer team knew it had to find a way to bounce back from a tie the team took against Novi two weeks ago.

It seems they found it.

The Mustangs pounded out a 9-0 victory over division rival Franklin last week. The score was just one goal short of a mercy victory, which automatically ends a game after one team leads by 10 goals.

"You never want to mercy a team," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "We weren't happy with how we played (against Novi) but our offensive production was definitely back against Franklin."

Northville scored from a variety of sources. James Hannah, a senior forward, was the only Stang to score multiple goals,

adding two to his already impressive numbers. Alex Wood, a sophomore midfielder, had one, as did Matt Melonio, a senior. Also collecting a goal was sophomore forward Jon Junca, as well as senior Brad Lempe, junior Justin Lockwood, junior Enrique Acevedo and sophomore Alex Rickett.

"I was really happy with how the boys played," said Klimes.

Northville, however, was feeling the sting of injury. Senior captain Phil Yutzy is still out of the mix, having been told he will not return until just before the district tournament.

"He's taking his calcium pills and drinking a lot of milk," Klimes commented. "Even if we get him back a week earlier it will make a lot of difference. Him being on the field in a uniform will get everyone else going."

Also out is Mike Cornelius, a junior forward with the second-most goals on the team behind Hannah, and Brandon Barkowski, a junior defender.

Golfers get another WLAA victory

The Northville Mustangs golf team made short work of their foes from Plymouth last week.

The squad, coached by Tom

Shaw, cranked out a 157-167 victory over their opponents. Leading the way for the Mustangs was Greg Jones, who shot a meet low for the medalist position. Not far behind him was Xander Dobreff, who recorded a 39 for Northville while Justin Kolbow carded a 40. Rounding out the scores was Matt Long, who shot a 41 in the winning effort.

The closest Plymouth Wildcat was Jimmie Vicek, who shot a 40 to lead his squad, while Jeff Selasky recorded a 41. Matt Talbot notched a 42 and Ryan Hoeman carded a 44 in the loss.

Still going

The undefeated varsity tennis team continued its dominance last week, charting three victories against Walked Lake Central, Plymouth and Salem. The team is now 8-0.

Christina Ruiz, Erica Dobson, Chelsea Johnston, Jonnie Powers and Elin Simonsson led the singles charge.

In doubles play, the Mustangs did not lose a single match.

The team begins the conference tournament Saturday.

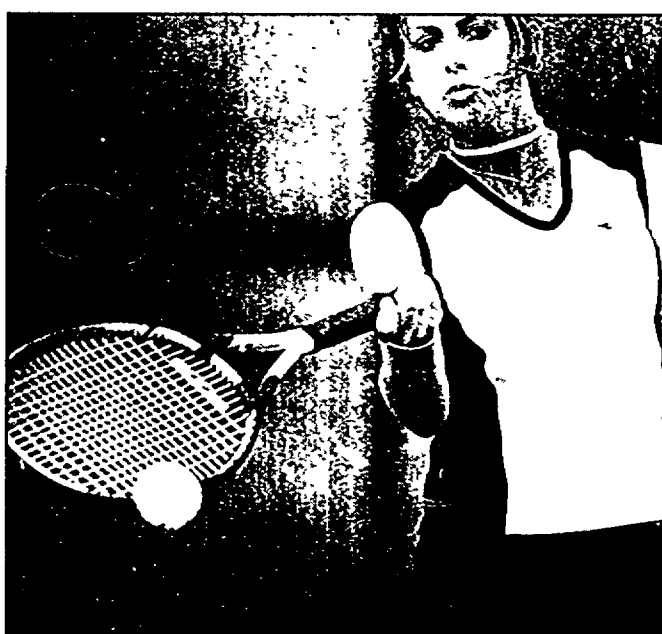


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Mustang Amy Knoch returns a volley during a home match in September.



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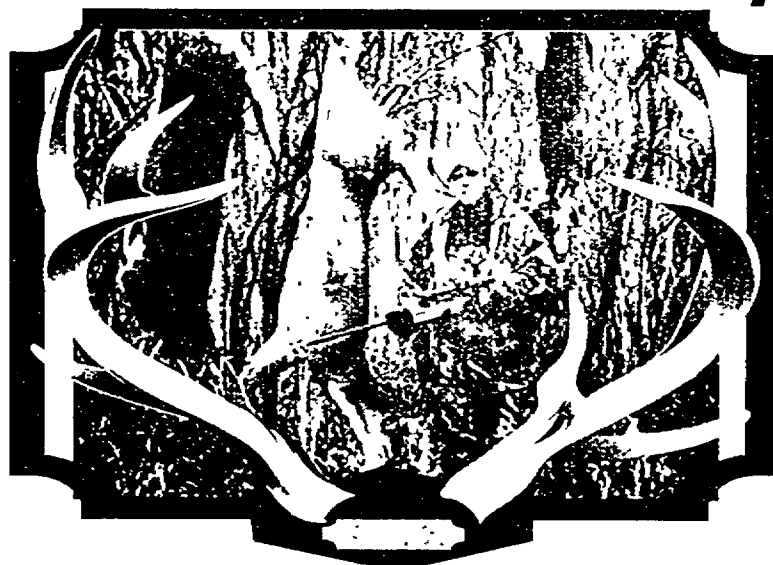
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Northville girls basketball team rolls against John Glenn, 56-27; Mustangs travel to Livonia Stevenson tonight



The Mustangs bench, including Emily Weaver, Lindsey Blair and Meaghan Higgins, applaud as their substitutes get into the game.



Senior Mustang Emily Weaver goes up for two points against Westland John Glenn during last week's away game.



Mustang Megan Beger goes in for an uncontested layup. The layup brought her teammates to their feet.

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Tough defense has been the hallmark of this year's varsity basketball team.



Mustang head coach Pete Wright talks to his troops during a timeout.

"Enjoy the Good Life"

Saying
good-bye is
a mother's
final loss

For Connie Karchon, saying good-bye is going to be one of the hardest things she'll ever have to do.

A mother of two, Karchon has already said good-bye to her oldest son, Alex, who graduated in 2002. Doing the same with her baby, Evonna, who is a senior this year, will be much harder.

"Anyone who knows me knew I was almost in mourning," said Karchon when asked how she reacted when Alex graduated. "It was a very difficult time. I've always been so involved in my kids' lives. I don't live vicariously through them, but I watch them play sports and grow up and it's hard to say good-bye when they leave."

"It will be a kind of happy and a somewhat bitter-sweet moment."

Connie Karchon
Evonna's Mother

"I want her to go where she's happy," said Karchon. "I have my maternal wishes and I'd personally love to keep her close to home, but I want her to be happy with her choice. She's adaptable to wherever she goes."

Karchon said it's almost hard to believe Evonna is planning for her graduation this year. At 16 years old, she's one of the youngest seniors at Northville. She'll turn 17 in November, right about the time for the basketball district tournament. After that, she'll play volleyball, go on spring break and then, finally, graduate.

"You blink, and the first 18 years are over," Karchon said.

There is no doubt that every parent misses their children once they move out. Some, however, handle it better than others.

For Karchon, it's not so much she's losing a kid to graduation, she's losing someone much closer.

"She's my best friend," she said. "I hope that she thinks I'm hers as well."

Karchon said that though she'll have to wipe a few tears from the corners of her eyes, she'll be proud of the moments Evonna walks before her classmates and accepts her diploma.

"It will be a kind of happy and a somewhat bittersweet moment," said Karchon. "She'll enter a whole new phase of her life. At that point you lose a piece of them, but it's what they strive for. Evonna will be starting a new chapter of her life and I have to be happy about it, but I'll be losing a piece of her too."

When Evonna finally takes the walk, graduates and heads off to college, Karchon will have plenty of options open to her. She's considering starting her career back up, which has been on hold for a while, or may be even taking a long vacation with other saddened mothers in the area.

Of course, she could always go back to school and become Evonna's suite-mate in college.

No matter what she finally chooses to do, Connie Karchon is still going to have a void in her life she most likely will never fill. It's a moments all parents have to face when their youngest child starts on a whole new path in life and leaves for college.

As of right now, it looks like Karchon will head south for a brief time away. Though she'll still think of her son and daughter, Karchon will have the chance to bury her sadness in the sands of a nice beach, sip some pina colada and watch the sun set on a chapter of her own life.

"I think I could handle that," she said.

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Gym rat!

Karchon leads Mustangs, prepares for final farewell

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

She doesn't deny it when the question is asked.

Is Northville senior girls' basketball player Evonna Karchon a gym rat?

"Definitely," Karchon said. "I'm a gym rat and nearly everyone I hang out with are gym rats too. I don't know if I can ever spend a part of my life without being in the gym."

That statement, for the most part, is as true as they come. Karchon can be seen after school shooting baskets. She shoots before practices, after practices and even prior to games before anyone else arrives at the gym.

For those who have seen her play this year, the results are obvious. Karchon has always been a solid contributor to her basketball team, putting up points when they've desperately needed them through the years.

This year, however, she's at the top of her game.

"I just want to improve in everything," she said. "I want to improve academically, athletically and in everything else. That's always my goal."

Karchon started the season on fire, averaging over 15 points a game through the first four contests. After that point, defenses became the wiser and have put more attention on her.

That doesn't mean she's been canceled out as a factor in a game. Against Novi two weeks ago, Karchon scored six points in the second quarter alone to keep her team in the game despite heavy defensive pressure by Novi's top player, Rachele Folino.

She's still averaging 11.3 points a

game with a high of 22 points coming against Ann Arbor Gabrielle Richard.

"I was real happy with the beginning of the season," said Karchon. "The last couple games have been a little disappointing for me."

For a senior as determined as Karchon, there's no doubt she'll play at the next level. Currently, she is trying to decide if she'll play basketball or volleyball. Schools like Alma, Albion and Denison have already shown interest.

"My dad went to Denison," said Karchon. "The coach for basketball is also the volleyball coach. It's pretty common for athletes to play two sports there."

Karchon said that no matter where she goes to school she plans on playing sports — as long as she enjoys playing at least.

"I have to enjoy it," she said. "There are several athletes who go to play sports in college and end up not liking it. I don't want to be like that."

Karchon has been a member of three varsity teams for basketball. She said this season has the most potential for success and for reaching the possible goal of a Western Division title.

"Each season has been different," she said. "The first year we were all friends. The next year we learned how to really work hard together. This year we've found that we can win some games together as long as we respect each other's abilities and can take constructive criticism."

Karchon gets plenty of that. During a game it's not uncommon to hear assistant coach Ed Kritch barrage her with often unfriendly-sounding, yet supportive, comments.

"Kritch is like a father that is there to support me," she said.

Karchon said the hardest thing



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER, NORTHVILLE RECORD

As Mustang Evonna Karchon drives to the basket, Wildcat Nicole Stephen calls for her teammates to provide defensive help against the Northville senior guard.

about her senior year is having to eventually say good-bye. She said she'll miss her friends and her teammates — and her family too.

"I'm definitely a mama's girl," Karchon said. "When my brother left it was hard on my mom. When I leave it will be even worse."

She said family is important to her though and she'll come home as often as her schedule will allow.

Karchon also noted that she never plans on spending too much time away from the gym, no matter how old she gets.

"I just love staying in shape," she said. "I've been in weight lifting class for four years and I'm always trying to keep myself in good shape."

She runs around her neighborhood, plays basketball at Ridgewood Elementary's outdoor courts and always finds herself coming back to the place she feels so comfortable.

"I can't see growing up and not being near a gym," she said. "I guess it's just my competitive nature."

Which is why the term "gym rat" is, and may always be, the perfect way to describe her.

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'Managing' Mustangs success

Student managers play key role

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Friday night. The lights of the football field are shining bright and the Northville Mustangs' orange and black is flashing.

Most fans are in the stands, cheering from a distance. Three cheer from the sidelines. And work.

Seniors Cate Spurr, Jenna Sieloff and sophomore Jillian Ostrander have the job of being the team's managers.

"They're the hidden backbone to the whole program," said football coach Clint Alexander. "They do so many things for us. We couldn't ask them to do any more than they already do."

They fill water bottles, help with injuries by getting ice and bandages. They keep everyone hydrated, keep track of statistics and cheer their team to victory.

Now and then, they even give up their shoelaces.

"I gave them both up," said Sieloff when asked about giving her shoelaces up to the football players during the John Glenn game. "A couple of the boys needed laces for their pads so I asked if they wanted my shoelaces. My shoes are still taped together. But, hey, you do what you've got to do. If it means taking off your shoelaces, you do it."

Spurr is the veteran out of the three managers. She was proving the sidelines last season when the Mustangs went just 2-7 for the second consecutive year.

"This year the guys have a lot more confidence," said Spurr. "This year there is no separation between the juniors and the seniors."

Instead, it's like one big class. The camaraderie is awesome."

Besides the aspects of their jobs that include keeping everything running smoothly on the sidelines, the managers are responsible for helping things run smooth on the field as well.

"We're really our own cheerleaders," said Spurr, who took an injury at the John Glenn game from cheering too much. "I jumped up and fell weird and hurt my ankle. Then, I did it again when we scored. Jenna and I just go nuts."

This season, Spurr brought on Ostrander on as a replacement.

"She's helping us out this year," said Spurr.

Sieloff said a manager also has to take responsibility for the players. Though they may not tell the coaches when it happens, some players get hurt and have to be looked after.

"You just have to check up on them," she said. "You make sure they're doing OK. If they're hurt for a while, you end up helping take care of them."

That kind of relationship stems from the friendships the girls have built with the players on the team.

"They're great guys," said Sieloff. "It's just awesome to be out there with them. I love football and I love this program. This team is just great."

The one thing the girls will never have to worry about is being disrespected — even with an entire football team of guys surrounding them with moods rising and falling with the tempo of the game. Alexander makes sure of it.

"I told the guys at the very first

practice that I can replace a coach or a player easier than I can replace these girls," he said. "Besides, the girls worked so hard in the off season in the weight room the guys have no choice but to respect them. They were in there every day, lifting just like the guys do."

With so many plays and so many football players, it's no surprise teams can't figure out the recipe to beat the Northville Mustangs very often — it's because the secret is in the managers.

"I love it," said Spurr. "I hope to do this in college now. I want to be a part of this for a long time."

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Northville Mustangs managers like Cate Spurr (left) and Jenna Sieloff play a valuable role when it comes to the success of the varsity football team.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Realities of Recruiting

So you want to play at the next level?

The Novi Department of Physical Education and Athletics is proud to announce they will be hosting Jack Renkens October 5 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Renkens is straightforward, no-nonsense and entertaining speaker who discusses the realities of college recruiting. The program is offered because the school district has made an investment in the community to provide student-athletes and parents with information about playing college athletics.

If your son or daughter truly has aspirations of playing at the "next level" this is a "can't miss event". Tickets are free and all are welcome — middle school parents right through seniors parents and athletes.

For more information please visit the Recruiting Realities website at www.recruitingrealities.com and click on video clips.

Tickets are available in the athletic office, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Travel baseball tryouts

The Dearborn Heights Knights (U12) travel baseball team will be scheduling tryouts for the 2005 baseball season. The Knights were the PeeWee Reese (11-year-old) champions for the NorthWest Suburban League last season. On the team's schedule for the upcoming season will be the Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament located near the Baseball Hall of Fame. For further information, contact Rich Grucz at (800) 949-9834.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

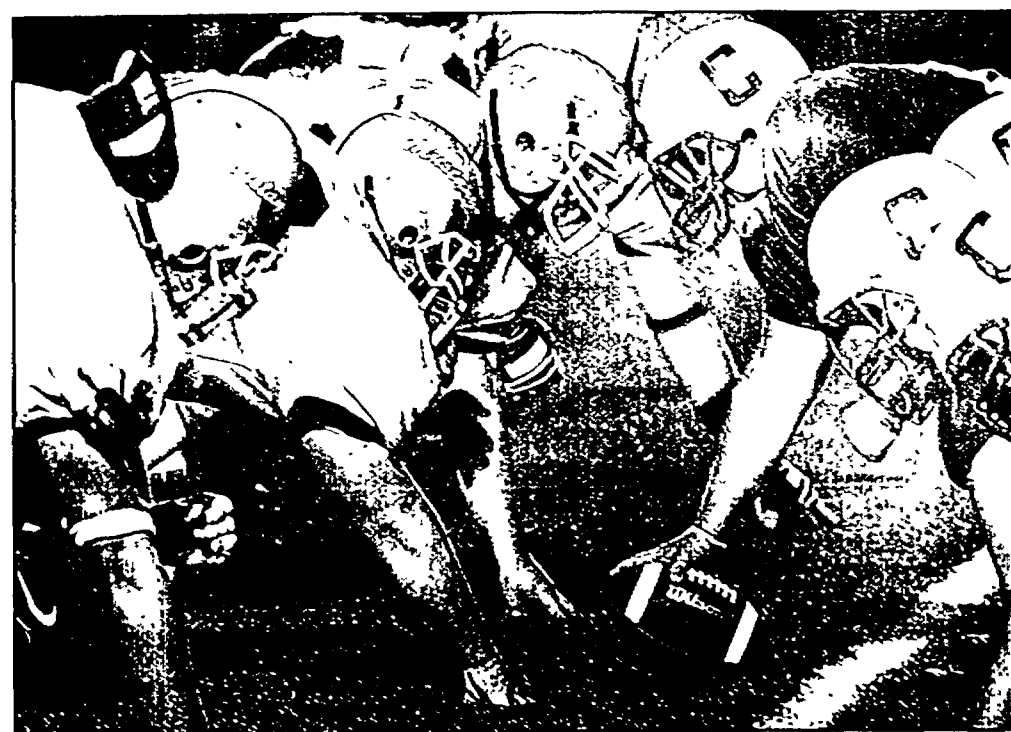
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OUCH!

Mustangs steamrolled by Canton; Homecoming against Walled Lake Western set for tomorrow night



Mustang wide receiver Mike Jameson is hoisted up by a teammate after his fourth quarter touchdown reception run.



The Mustang defensive line goes head-to-head against the Chiefs' during last Friday's home game.



A Mustang player is nearly able to separate a Chief from the ball during last Friday's game at Canton.



Mustang John Mullen, right, and others take a breather on the bench during a tough game against the Canton Chiefs last Friday night.



Canton provided most of the fireworks during last Friday night's game. These were sparked at the end of the game.

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Gauge, or gut check?

Who's kidding whom? That was flat-out ugly. How ugly? Even if you can erase from your mind Plymouth-Canton runningback Julian Smith racing down the sideline last Friday, untouched, returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown, what would it matter?

Yes, the play was called back because of a holding penalty. But there was another nightmare lined up right behind it. And another, and another...

It was a bad omen on a night filled with bad omens. At one point it seemed more like Halloween night than Canton's Homecoming. It was an avalanche of missed tackles and blown chances.

The Mustangs fought valiantly, yes. But this is no beauty contest. Northville got beat, soundly.

Now the big question remains: what does it mean?

HOMECOMING

The Northville Mustangs celebrate Homecoming tomorrow night against Walled Lake Western. Game time is 7 p.m.

Was Canton that good? Or has Northville shown its true colors?

Tough call. It's difficult to look past 500 yards of Plymouth-Canton offense and not wonder if the Mustangs are simply too susceptible to big plays. Then again, it's difficult to look past Northville's hard-earned 4-1 record.

What does last Friday night's loss mean? A lot. And a little.

As standings go, Canton is now where most expected them to be, driving the WLAA bus, headed for the state playoffs. But let's face it, no one really expected the Mustangs to be sitting so close to the driver at this point in the season.

Two more wins could earn Northville a coveted state playoff berth, where anything is possible. State playoffs? This is a team that won two games last year, isn't it? This is a team that could never quite master Head Coach Clint Alexander's spread offense, right? Four wins now imply otherwise.

Everyone's expectations are inflated. Play-off chatter is commonplace. How good is Northville, really? Truth is, no one knows yet, not even Alexander. He frets and he plays. He yells and he encourages. He worries. And he worries some more.

He knows what all coaches know: character is borne of adversity. And no play list — or scoreboard — can measure the heart of a champion.

Alexander wants to see how his team responds to its first loss, its failed attempt to overthrow the WLAA emperor. Their first chance to make things right is tomorrow against Walled Lake Western. It's Northville's Homecoming game.

"I expect us to go 8-1 now, and meet Canton again in the playoffs," Alexander told his team following last Friday's game.

"But that's still a long way from here. Don't pout. Look at the film, and go on."

He paused. His face was dour, his skin sallow. He looked up.

"Now find someone who loves you," he said. "Hug them and tell them 'thank you.' They showed up for you tonight."

How big was last week's loss, how significant? In the grand scheme, not so big after all.



David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

DUAL: Hannah, Kelleher double up as two-sport athletes

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ues steam rolling toward a state playoff berth.

"It's been fun," said Kelleher. "I don't mind all the attention. I don't think any of us do. This is the kind of respect this soccer team deserves and the football team has worked for."

Both players are impact players. Hannah leads the soccer squad in goals this year and will most likely make a run at the state's coveted "Dream Team" selection at the end of the year. On the soccer field, he's practically unstoppable, often drawing double teams on the offensive end. On the football field, Hannah serves as the Mustangs' place-kicker, and has even made a few tackles.

"It's a spider tackle," said football coach Clint Alexander. "He just kinds of flings himself with

his arms and his legs onto the guy with the ball. The weight eventually brings the guy down. It works."

Kelleher, on the other hand, sees a bit more action. He plays at defensive back for the Mustangs football team, often blitzing and footbal special teams where he earns some crowd-pleasing tackles. On the soccer field he plays in the midfield, charged with multitasking on the defensive and offensive fronts.

"I can't imagine doing what Kelleher does," said Hannah. "Being a kicker is one thing, but he goes out and plays the entire game on defense. I couldn't do it."

Family matters

Hannah's mother, Melissa, and his father, Greg, are probably happy that he doesn't. Hannah has had several concussions through-

out his career.

Kelleher's family, on the other hand, is used to it. His mother and father, Rita and David, have had their two older boys play both sports as well. Pat and Tim were both outstanding soccer players, as well as kickers for the football team.

"My dad loves it," said Kelleher. "They are both completely behind me and don't try to turn me away from playing both sports. My mom, like everyone's mom, is a little scared when I'm out there."

Neither is pressured, by family or coaches, to devote their time to one sport only.

"I'm not going to try to stop these guys from playing," said soccer coach Henry Klimes. "I'm going to support them in any way I can. It's good that they can go to football right after school and then come here for our practice."

Both players said such motivates them.

"Both of the coaches drive me to be better," said Kelleher. "They are both supportive and both want to see us succeed."

Balancing the budget

Both Kelleher and Hannah said balancing their time has not been a problem.

Hannah maintains a 3.8 grade-point average; Kelleher keeps a 3.5. Both said having football practice right after school and then being allowed to leave for soccer makes things a lot easier on them.

Somewhere, though, they have to find time for a social life. For Kelleher, he must make time for girlfriend, Marie Ambler. Hannah goes from soccer practice to study time at home.

"It can be difficult at times,"

said Kelleher. "There are nights I don't get to bed until 12:30 (a.m.)."

Somehow they keep going. Though their schedules can get hectic — like when the duo played and beat Saline in soccer Sept. 10 and then raced back to Northville to crush Plymouth in football the same night — they manage to keep it all straight.

Both players are confident their teams will enjoy great success this year.

"We want a state championship," said Hannah of soccer. "I think we can do it if we play as a team and play our best games."

Kelleher agreed. He also noted this is a good year to be a Mustang football player.

"We're going to make the playoffs," he said. "That's the goal we set for ourselves and we're going to do it."

Sound a little crazy? Maybe

"I'm not going to try to stop these guys from playing. I'm going to support them in any way I can."

Henry Klimes
Head Coach, Northville Soccer

But with madmen like Kelleher and Hannah on the field, you'd have to be insane to disagree.

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MacKenzie: An Olympian forever

Novi resident recalls life as 'crew' member, 2004 Athens Olympics

By Kate MacKenzie
OLYMPIC ATHLETE

Making the Olympic team was a dream come true for me. I have wanted to be an Olympian since the age of five in every sport I ever played, from gymnastics to volleyball, and finally to rowing.

Trying to put into words what this whole experience was like and what it meant would fill a book. So here the top five things that made my Olympics special.

Intense competition

The most amazing part of being at the games was the competition itself.

The rowing venue was in Schinias, about an hour outside of Athens. One of my most vivid memories was our first practice on the course. I knew that my Olympic dream was truly a reality when my partner Sarah Jones and I took our first strokes off the dock.

We were at the Olympics and we were going to race. And race we did.

I have raced at World Cup and World Championship competitions, but nothing could prepare me for this experience. Every team found a higher level for this regatta. Crews that have never won medals won them here and some crews that had been World Champions for years faltered.

For Sarah and I, it was a much deeper test. We had only rowed together for six weeks prior to the games and we were competing against crews that had been together for more than a year. We were going out there to do our best, hoping it might be enough to challenge for a medal. We didn't end up doing that, but we were really happy with our racing. It was the best we had — and being ninth in the world isn't too shabby!

A view from the stands

Second on my list was being a spectator. My Dad, Karen (my stepmother), Shawn (my fiancé), and I went to the soccer match between Italy and Mali.

Watching that game and rooting for all the athletes on the field was so much fun. Everyone in the stadium was cheering; we were doing the wave and generally having a great time. People had flags from all over the world, though the Greek flag was most prominent.

It was the same way at the other events we attended. Being a spectator was almost as much fun as being an athlete. The Olympics is truly the most amazing athletic display on the planet, and you truly get caught up in it.

The Greek capitol

Third on the list was the city of Athens and its people. What a wonderful place to have the games. Everyone had such doubts about whether or not the Greeks could

pull it off. Not only did they pull it off, they did a phenomenal job. The venues were amazing and well done.

The Greek people were so welcoming and proud of hosting the Olympic Games. They opened their city and their hearts to us.

I really can't say enough wonderful things about Athens. It was amazing to walk through the city and see the combination of the ancient and the modern blend together. I hope to make it back there some day.

Luckily for me, I now have an adopted Greek family who is insisting that I come back and visit next summer. The Giannakis family housed me and my family for the whole two weeks of the games. They are among the most wonderful and giving people I have ever met. They fed us, housed us and showed us how the Greek people live. I only hope that they come visit us here so we can return the hospitality.

Celebrations

Fourth were the parties. We went to some amazing bashes. The Sports Illustrated party, however, took the cake. It was the most amazing event that I have been to. Evander Holyfield, Prince Albert of Monaco, Mia Hamm and Michael Phelps were among a few of the guests who I was hobnobbing with.

About halfway through the evening, the U.S. synchronized swimming team did their routine in a pool that was in the middle of the club. Sports Illustrated had asked them if they could redo their bronze medal-winning performance. It was so much fun to watch that up close. I danced, talked to great athletes, and had the time of my life. It was wonderful!

Saying good-bye, Olympic style

The final moment was closing ceremonies. It was just out of this world.

Walking into the stadium with all those people cheering and being surrounded by all these amazing athletes was the experience of a lifetime — one I will never forget. I had so much fun that night saying good-bye to something I had wanted my whole life.

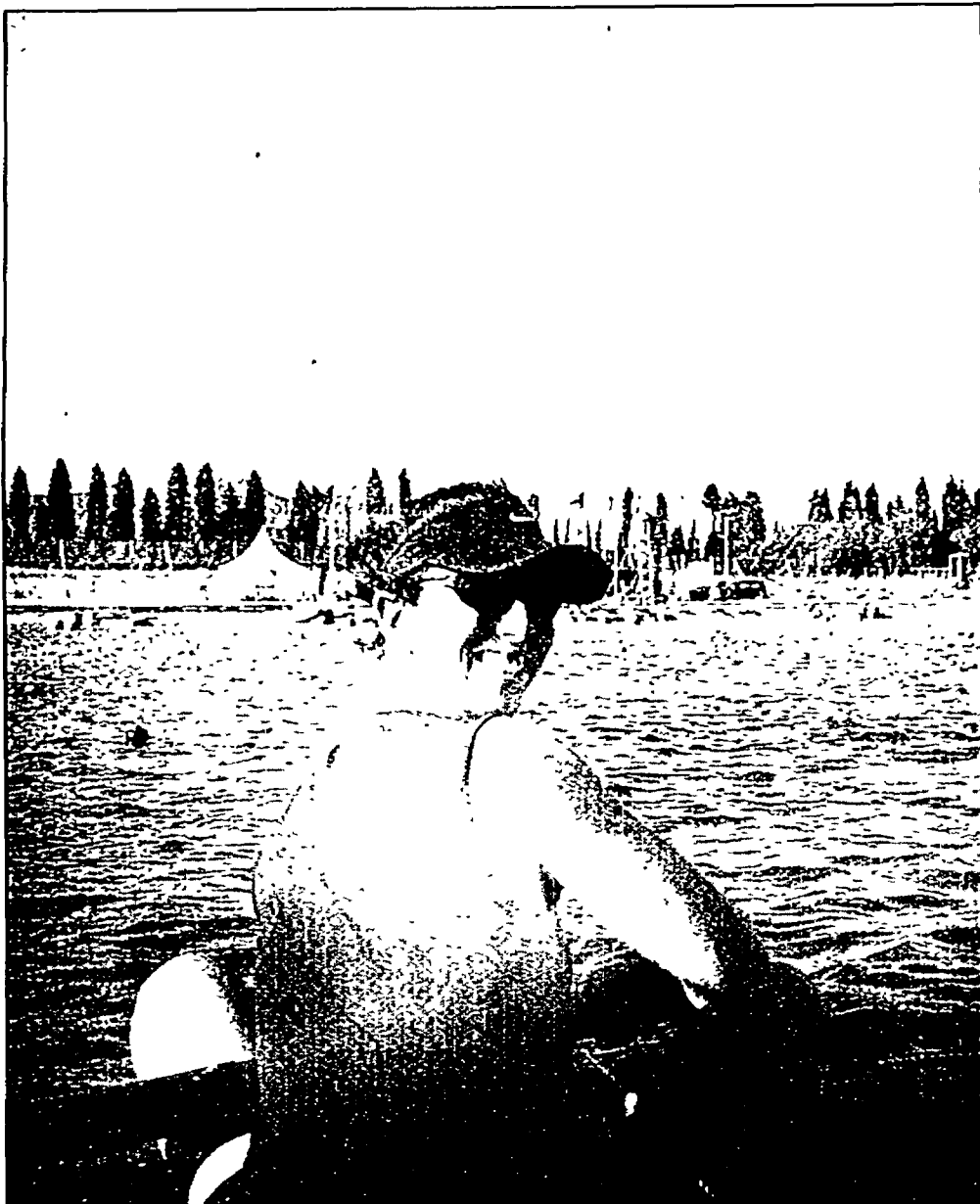
All in all, this experience was everything that I could have hoped and dreamed for. It would have been nice to have a medal, but in the end the Olympics ended up being about so much more than just the competition. I raced harder than I have ever raced in my life. I made new friends. I experienced a new culture. The list could go on and on.

The Olympic spirit is alive and well after Athens, and I expect that in four years a new bunch of athletes from all over the world will have the wonderful experiences I did.

For me, this was the only games I will ever attend as an athlete. There is a wedding to plan, a job to find and a family to begin.

No matter what I do during the rest of my life, I will get to be an Olympian forever.

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TOP: The flags of the Olympic nations. ABOVE: Kate MacKenzie takes a moment out of rowing through the Greek waters to smile at the camera. She has plenty to smile about — though she didn't know it at the time, MacKenzie and her partner would go on to be the ninth-best two-person crew team in the world. BELOW: MacKenzie (right) and her partner, Sarah Jones, push themselves in some intense competition at the Olympic Games held in Athens, Greece. MacKenzie said it was an experience she will never forget.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Colts race to win against Livonia, 14-6

The Northville Colts JV team raised its record to 3-0 with a hard fought victory over the previously unbeaten Livonia Orioles, 14-6.

The Colts defense quickly set the tone as Jonathon Alandt intercepted an errant Orioles pass and returned it 22 yards to the Orioles 45-yard line. Alandt then ripped off a 23-yard gain on a beautifully executed pass play from quarterback Brett Gardner, followed by a 14 yard Alandt run. Although the Colts drive stalled at the 2-yard line, the Colts defense kept the Orioles bottled up deep inside Colts' territory. Led by tacklers Daniel Brenner, Connor Pollifrone, Eric Huttering and Trevor Maresh, the Colts forced an Orioles punt. Behind the blocking of fullback Jeffrey Hewlett and the Colts offensive line of Steven Toth, Bradley Stegmeyer, Cody Schwartz, Michael Bagian and Matthew Sopha, Alandt and Gardner traded runs until Gardner punched in a one-yard run to put the Colts up 6-0. The PAT failed.

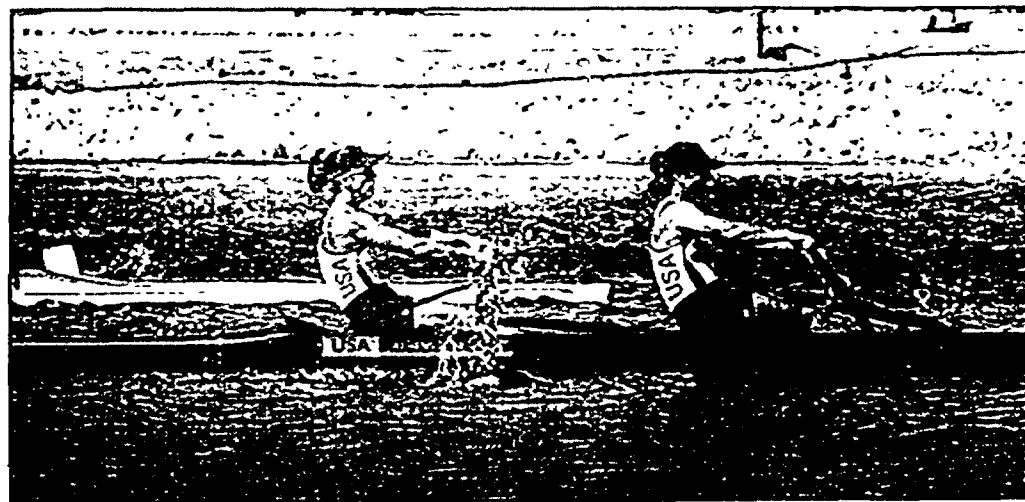
The teams continued to slug it out for the balance of the half, as the Colts defense swarmed the Orioles running game. Nick Menocotti, Michael Walukas, Ryan Bailey and Alandt all made big plays on defense. Schwartz and Bagian each made important tackles for loss to keep the Orioles out

of the end zone just before half time.

Shortly into the third quarter the Colts defense came up with another big play when Michael Sugawara recovered an Orioles' fumble in mid-air and returned it 10 yards. Once again it was Gardner and Alandt carrying the ball for the Colts behind the bruising offensive line. Key blocks by end Joel Pennington, tight end Drew Baldwin and lineman Kyle Hammer sprung Alandt loose on a 6-yard touchdown run. Victor Bodrie added the PAT to put the Colts up 14-0.

The Colts next two defensive stands saw Alandt stuff the Orioles on a fourth down attempt and Andrew Kowalski intercept a Orioles pass. Defensive end Max Williams helped cause the interception with a big hit on the Orioles quarterback. Dawson Laabs, Marshall Williams, Kenneth Campbell, Bradley Currier and Pollifrone all made important tackles for the defense. With less than one minute in the game the Orioles scored on a pass play to end the scoring at 14-6. The Colts finished with 200 rushing yards and 30 passing yards.

The Colts next game is Oct. 2nd at 1:00 PM at Hillside Middle School against the Livonia Eagles.



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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Fleming

Melissa Ponder and Gavin Fleming were married July 9, 2004 at St. Johns Chapel, Plymouth. Deacon Michael Smith officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Lynda Ponder of Novi. She is a graduate of Northville High School. She also earned her bachelors degree at the University of Michigan, Dearborn and her masters of social work at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

The groom is the son of John and Margaret Fleming of Liverpool, England. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, and is employed with the firm of Jones Day in Chicago.

Lindsay Griffin served as the maid of honor and Kristi Tomasak as the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Jenny Bozyk, Caitlin O'Connell, Meghan O'Connell and Ashley O'Connell. Alexis Ponder and Madison Ponder served as flower girls.

Best man was Kieran Fleming. Groomsmen were Kevin Dehring, Chuck Musallam, Chris Bellinger, Steve Adams and Mack Elder.

A reception was held in the Atrium at St. Johns. The couple honeymooned in Bermuda and are residing in Chicago.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Medonis

Sokore Joyce Carson and Mark Joseph Medonis were married Sept. 4, 2004 in an outdoor wedding. Rev. Mary Kay Gibson of The Little Wedding Chapel in Farmington officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mathew and Skip Carson of Hickory, N.C. She is a graduate of East Tawas High School and a graduate of Cosmetology School. She is employed as a hairdresser.

The groom is the son of Ann Medonis and the late Ray Medonis of Northville. He is a graduate of Northville High School and is in the Air Force.

A reception was held at the groom's family home in Northville and the couple will make their home in Fla.



Mr. and Mrs. Creech

Megan Elizabeth Lenn and John Turner Creech were married on July 24, 2004 at St. John's, Plymouth. Deacon Michael Smith officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of William and Lucy Lenn of Northville. She graduated from Mercy High School, Roswell, Ga. She also graduated in Dec. 2003, from Indiana University. She is currently employed by Ford Motor Co.

The groom is the son of James and Robin Creech of Roswell, Ga. He graduated from Roswell High School and the University of Georgia in Dec. 2003. He is currently employed by Coca-Cola Co.

Katherine Hoyt was the maid of honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Nicole Rost, Carson Creech and Jennifer Caputo.

Best man was Adam Creech. Groomsmen were Jon Gardner, Eric Troup, and Max Lenn.

A reception was held at St. John's and the couple will honeymoon on Maui, Hawaii in Dec. 2004. They will make their home in Roswell, Ga.



Kovceses-Krizanich

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kovceses of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Marie Kovceses to Kyle Joseph Krizanich, son of Frank and Taryn Krizanich of Northville.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School and is employed by The Home Depot.

The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Northville High School and is employed by Ideal Electric. An April, 2005, wedding is planned.



Slanina-Plummer

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Slanina of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Michon, to T. J. Plummer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer of Collierville, Tenn.

Michon graduated from Northville High School in 1997. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Aerospace Engineering in 2002. She is employed by Honeywell, Phoenix.

T. J. graduated from White Station High School in Collierville, Tenn. in 1994. He graduated from Davidson College in 1998. T.J. is a pilot for America West Express. An Oct. 2004 wedding is planned. They will reside in Phoenix.

MILITARY SERVICE

Marine Corps Capt. Carrie M. Howe, daughter of Laurie J. McClure of Northville, and William M. Howe of Northville, and Marine Corps Pfc. Christopher M. Brennan, son of Mary and Kevin Brennan of Northville and more than 2,100 Marines and Sailors assigned to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), recently conducted operations in Najaf, Iraq, while stationed at Forward Operating Base Hotel, Iraq.

Members of the 11th Meu battled against Muqtada al-Sadr and his militia in the opening days of fighting in a huge cemetery, considered sacred to Shia Muslims.

The unit is deployed with the Belleau Wood Expeditionary Strike Group to the Western Pacific

and Central Command area of responsibility in support of the global war on terrorism. It is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

MEUs are built around a reinforced infantry battalion, a combat service support element, a reinforced helicopter squadron and a command element. With its complement of fully integrated air and ground forces, the unit is ready to conduct real-world operations including amphibious, heliborne and boat raids, tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel, noncombatant evacuation operations and humanitarian assistance operations.

Howe is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth High

School and joined the Marine Corps in May 1998. She is a 1998 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. with a BS degree. Brennan is a 2002 graduate of Northville High School and joined the Marine Corps in May 2003.

PARKS & RECREATION

For more information about the following events, call the Northville Parks & Recreation Department at (248) 449-9947.

New Fall Offerings

Card Making: Create beautiful personalized greeting cards for family and friends. Saturday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. or Wednesday, Oct. 27, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Recreation Center at Hillside. Cost: \$23, \$28 and \$33.

Infant Massage

Hands on course to guide parents and infants through the benefits of massage. Monday, Oct. 4 - 25, 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at the Recreation Center at Hillside. Cost: \$65, \$70 and \$75.

ACT Preparation Class

Helps high school students prepare for the ACT test. Bring a calculator and a watch with a second hand. Monday, Oct. 4, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Cost: \$52, \$57 and \$62.

Kids Fall Spec"Craft"ular

Ages 5 and above. Great class for kids who like to make crafts, all supplies included to make two fall crafts. Saturday, Oct. 9, 10 - 11 a.m. at the Senior Community Center. Cost: \$17, \$22 and \$27.

Toddler to Teen

Join Creative Memories consultant Dawn Peters for the steps to complete a memory album for your child. Makes a great gift for Christmas. Must order album (\$42.50) 10 days ahead. Wednesday, Oct. 6, 6 - 10 p.m. Cost: \$70, \$75 and \$80. For more information, call Dawn at (248) 349-1341.

Ski and Snowboard

Northville Ski and Snowboard Club registration began Sept. 15. All students in Middle School and High School are encouraged to participate. Club memberships include luxury motor coach transportation to local ski areas on Friday evenings and some Saturday evenings, group lift tickets, rental equipment discounts and lessons at Mount Brighton Ski Area. Club membership limited to 300 participants. Registration fee is \$155 for City and Township residents, \$160 for school district residents in the city of Novi and \$165 for non-residents. Please bring a current school photo and last year's club ID card. Adult chaperones are needed to chaperone trips and receive complimentary skiing. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department office for more information.

Announcing the all-new Junior Ski & Snowboard Club. Skiers and snowboarders in the 4th and 5th grade are invited to join this club and find out what the buzz is all about! Parents are welcome to attend as chaperones. Weather permitting we will take two afternoon trips to Mount Brighton of Feb. 15 and 17. Registration fee is \$45 for one trip and \$80 for two trips. Non-resident fees apply. These trips will be for Junior Club members only. Each student will receive a Club ID and instructional lessons. Luxury motorcoach transportation is also included. Helmets will be required for all participants and chaperones. Registration began Sept. 15.

Pumpkin Walk

Pumpkin Walk Tickets On Sale Now

Tricks, treats, crafts and games will fill Mill Race Village Oct. 17 for this annual Halloween event. Tickets for kids (preschool - 3rd

grade) are \$6. Tricks, treats, crafts and games will fill Mill Race Village October

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Carving aficionados are invited to submit their cool creations in Northville Parks and Recreation's first pumpkin carving contest at Mill Race Village. Pumpkins will be displayed Sunday, Oct. 17 during the Annual Pumpkin Walk and during the following week. Carvers must register themselves no later than Friday, Oct. 8. Winning entries will be published online and receive a special Halloween treat (suitable by age).

Painted Chairs Workshop

Transform an old chair or stool into a whimsical artistic creation in this five week class with Ann Arbor artist Migi Chenf. A \$10 supply fee is due to the instructor at class. Saturdays, Oct. 2 - 30, 10 - 11:30 a.m. This class is \$75 for Northville residents (plus supply fee).

Creative Writing Workshop

Journal, plot, create characters, write poems and short stories in this four week class with local author Kathleen Ripley Leo. Tuesdays, Oct. 5 - 26, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. This class is \$83 for Northville residents.

Byzantine Bracelet Workshop

Interlace metal rings into an elegant and intricate three-dimensional weave to make a charming unique bracelet in this one day workshop with Michigan Bead. A \$35 supply fee is due to the instructor at class. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 6:30 - 8 p.m. This class is \$24 for Northville residents (plus supply fee).

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The recent announcements by major research organizations that employer-sponsored health insurance premiums had soared an average of more than 11 percent this year came as no surprise to millions of American small-business owners. After four consecutive years of opening their mail to find invoices demanding double-digit increases, they've grown painfully accustomed to skyrocketing premiums that are far beyond marketplace realities.



Jack Faris

Unfortunately, too, are other outrageous raids on the cash registers of small firms that are equally sinister but not quite as obvious. Workers' compensation costs, taxes by overlapping levels of government, lost productivity due to funding off unreasonable regulations and rapidly rising energy prices are just a sample of the challenges today's entrepreneurs must endure.

It's truly a testament to the creativity and flexibility of the people who start and run the nation's 23 million small businesses that they are able to hold the government at bay with one hand and mind the store with the other.

Minding the store is where it's all supposed to happen. Satisfied customers mean good sales and good sales bring more income. More income means more jobs—more for more families who, in turn, become customers and channel that money back into the economy.

Simply put, small business plus income equals jobs.

In early October, the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) will honor members of Congress who care about those families, their jobs and the small businesses that generate 60-to-80 percent of net new jobs annually.

Earning the NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award is no easy feat for federal lawmakers. It means they have to vote at least 70 percent of the time on the key small-business issues that help small firms—99.7 percent of all employers—provide jobs for half of the nation's private-sector employees and pay nearly half of the total U.S. private payroll.

Although strapped for time and scrambling to keep their companies in the black, this fall small-business owners must add at least one more important item to their already crammed schedules: Before Election Day they should check to see if their representatives and senators have received the coveted Guardian of Small Business Award.

Apparently some lawmakers who claim to be friends of small business only cozy up once the campaign season begins. Stump speeches have a way of fogging the airwaves and fuzzing the issues, but there's no way members of Congress can fudge their voting records to win the award. The ratings are based on votes cast on key issues picked directly by small-business owners through NFIB's long-standing ballot process that is open to all of the organization's 600,000 members. And lawmakers are told in advance which votes will be counted. No credit is given for stump speeches or campaign advertisements.

By checking official voting records, small-business owners can go to the polls armed with the knowledge of who was minding their concerns in Washington while they were minding the store back home.

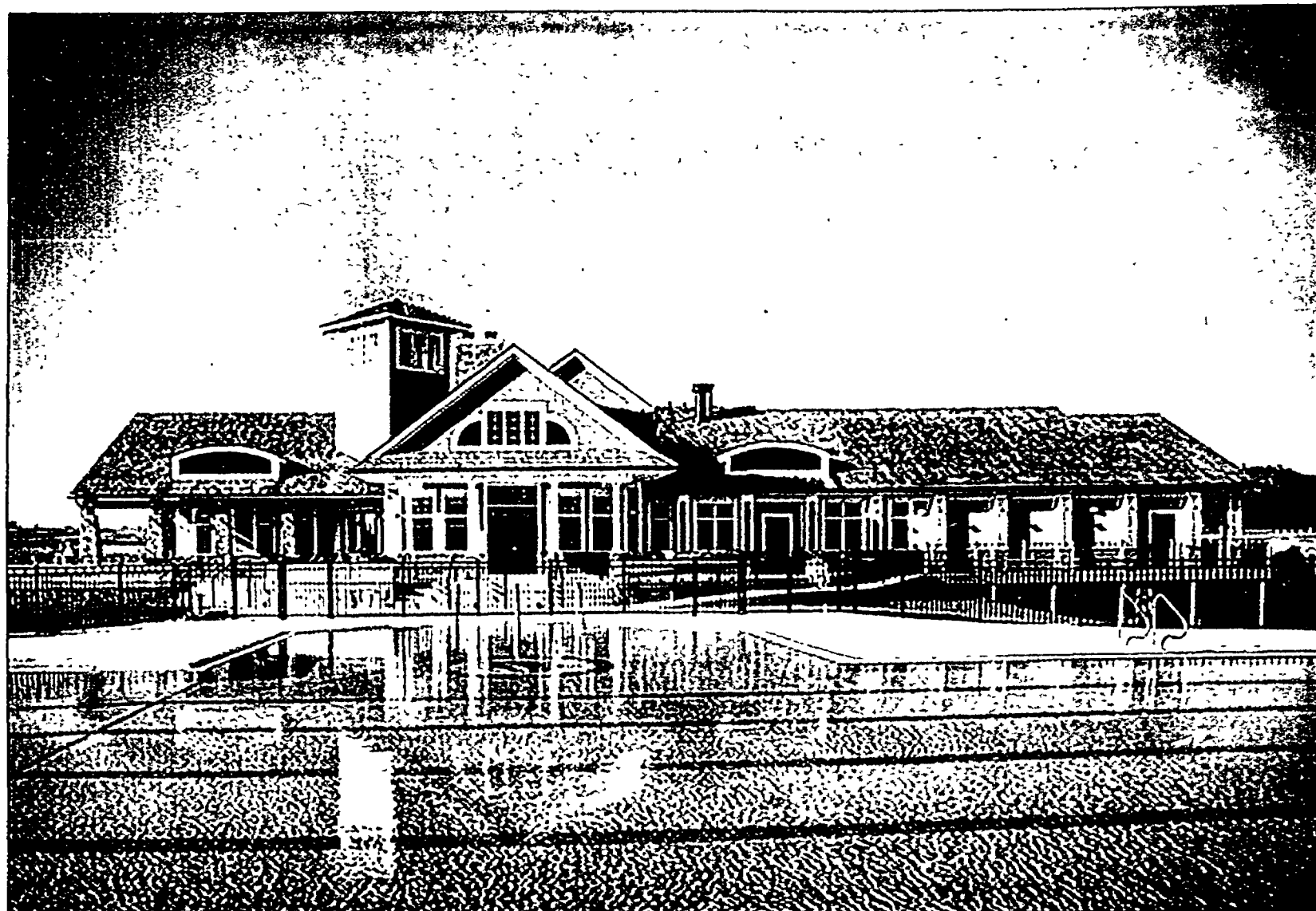
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The clubhouse and swimming pool at Island Lake in Novi are some of the amenities for the residents of the luxury community.

Island Lake offers luxury resort living at home

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Island Lake of Novi offers luxury lakefront living in a resort community developed by Toll Brothers of Michigan. The demand for the resort living at Island Lake has been phenomenal, according to company officials.

"We've had people camping out and standing in line to get the lakefront properties," said Lorri Weldy, sales manager at Island Lake of Novi.

Toll Brothers just began the latest phase of the development at Island Lake with the grand opening of two new model homes Sept. 23. They currently are selling lots for the Executive and Estate models of homes on

the south side of the lake.

Island Lake is one of the largest residential developments in the area with 762 home sites for single-family homes, condominiums and town homes around the 170-acre Island Lake on the 800-acre site on Wixom Road just north of Ten Mile.

Toll Brothers has sold approximately 60 percent of the home sites at Island Lake and has about 300 sites left in the entire development, according to Weldy who grew up in Novi and is excited to be involved in this project.

"We're not just selling a community, we're selling a resort lifestyle," said John Oberlin, assistant vice president of Toll Brothers who lives at Island Lake. "It is the ultimate expres-

sion of lakefront living."

In addition to the 170-acre lake, the community includes a clubhouse complete with a fitness center, swimming pool, tennis courts, boating docks and access to the lake. The clubhouse is now open on the south shore of Island Lake.

"Toll Brothers is great at creating a community that makes people feel like they're living a vacation at home," said Weldy. "Island Lake is a destination hot spot for people from Novi and Northville who want to remain in the area only live on a much grander scale."

Toll Brothers offers three lines of single-family homes at Island Lake, ranging in size from 2,500 to 5,000 square feet. The Executive homes start in the

\$400,000s and the Estate homes begin in the \$500,000s.

The Signature collection of homes built on lakefront property start in the \$900,000s. These luxury homes feature walkouts with boat docks and private beaches on home sites of one-acre or larger.

"Today people look at the home buying process as an investment," said Weldy.

The condos and town homes range from 1,900 to 2,600 square feet of living space with prices ranging from \$300,000 to \$500,000. Some of the villa condos are built on the water and finished walkouts with an additional 700 to 1,000 square feet.

The Island Lake development has City of Novi services and is located within the Novi School District and near the Links of Novi golf course. Toll Brothers worked closely with Novi to preserve as much open space as possible in the development.

Island Lake has something for every buyer, according to Weldy. Toll Brothers has what they call "quick delivery homes" that are already under construction for relocation clients, she added.

The residential development at

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Island Lake offers everything the home buyer needs from a mortgage company to landscaping and security services, all available from Toll Brothers.

Island Lake of Novi is just one of several residential projects being developed by Toll Brothers in the Novi and Northville areas. The company also is building a residential community at Northville Hills Golf Club with 369 single-family homes and 184 condos, and Steeplechase of Northville with 284 new homes.

Toll Brothers is a national builder of luxury homes throughout the U.S. including thousands of homes built in southeast Michigan. The company's Michigan operations are based in Farmington Hills.



An interior of one of the new models open at Island Lake in Novi is pictured here as an example of the luxury living available in the homes there.



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Five Star Team offers five star services

By Duane Ramsey
 SPECIAL WRITER

The Five Star Team of professional realtors is based in the Century 21 Town & Country office in downtown Northville. This team of multi-million dollar producers includes Amy Crawford Zubor, Anne Smith, Beth Russo, Jennifer Jarosz and Kathleen Sheridan McLallen. The Five Star Team offers more than 100 years of collective experience.

All five women are involved in the real estate business in a full-time capacity and work together as a successful team helping people to buy and sell everything from starter homes to million dollar estates and from historic homes to new construction.

"We have a complete knowledge of the community as a group and are involved in all aspects of the community," said McLallen. "As a team, we've sold at least one house on every street in the community," Russo added. "Real estate is the largest investment most people make in their lives," said Zubor. "We help people to understand the entire process by educating and working with our clients throughout their real estate endeavors."

"We have a diversity of interests in different areas and we're able to draw from our experiences to benefit our clients," said Smith.

As owners of both commercial, rental and residential properties and having firsthand experience in relocation, the team offers a unique package of

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knowledge in all aspects of real estate.

The women on the Five Star Team are active in many community organizations including the Northville and Novi chambers of commerce, Northville Arts Commission, Northville Garden Club and Northville Mother's Club.

The team has been involved in supporting many community events such as decorating the Yerkes home in the Mill Race Village for the Christmas holidays, the Art Dash, Mother's Club Dinner Auction, Northville Business Expo and the Victorian Festivals.

Anne Smith currently serves on the Planning Commission for the City of Northville and is also a licensed builder who has built three homes in the city. She has worked in real estate since 1992 with most of her business in Northville where she has lived since 1976 and raised five children who attended Northville schools.

In her fifth year as a realtor,



Photo by DUANE RAMSEY

The Five Star Team at Century 21 Town & Country in Northville includes (from left) Jennifer Jarosz, Anne Smith, Amy Crawford Zubor, Kathleen Sheridan McLallen (seated), and Beth Russo.

Amy Crawford Zubor is an Accredited Buyers Agent, Certified Relocation Specialist and was voted Realtor of the Year in 2003 in the Northville Record. She currently has homes listed in Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Livonia, Wixom and West Bloomfield.

Jennifer Jarosz has extensive experience marketing historic homes, luxury and waterfront estates. She speaks four languages and enjoys working with international clients.

Kathleen Sheridan McLallen has worked in real estate for 13 years averaging \$3.5 million in closed sales per year while raising a family of five children in Novi. She has served three terms as mayor of Novi, previously served as chair of the city

Planning Commission and director of the Industrial Development Authority.

With 25 years of professional sales experience, Beth Russo incorporates her unique ability in staging and presentation talents for homeowners. As a longtime resident of Northville, she owns personal and rental properties in the community where she has raised her family.

The Northville office of Century 21 Town & Country is consistently one of the top five producing offices in the company with 16 offices located throughout the Detroit metropolitan area. It was selected as Best Real Estate Company in Northville for 2003 and 2004 in HomeTown Newspaper's People's Choice Awards.

Handle gourds correctly to avoid rotten problems

Q. I am growing some gourds for the first time, and I need to know how to handle them so they will dry. A friend said to leave them on until there is a hard frost, and another friend said to pick them when they aren't quite hard and poke holes in them so they will dry. Both don't seem quite right; so what do I do?

A. Congratulations, your instincts are excellent. As we know from other garden goodies, frosty tissue is frozen tissue and shortly thereafter, is rotten tissue. Dump the frost idea. Poking holes into soft tissue is going to let in bacteria. Combine moisture from the soft gourd and bacteria and you have primordial ooze. Now we get to start over in another direction. Gourds are ready to pick when the outside hide has begun to harden. The longer you can leave them in a dry, frost-free garden, the better. Wet or frosting gardens can cause rots and spots. When you decide to harvest them, cut the stems with a pair of pruners. Cut as long as you can. Again, rots can begin when stems are short or if they are broken right off the top of the gourd. This goes for harvesting pumpkins and winter squash, too. This gives you a nice "handle." Try not to slam them around too much in case some of the gourds are still a bit soft. Brush off any dirt. Some people also wash them after picking. Wash them with a mixture of one part household bleach and nine parts water. Then dry them well. This will eliminate more potential rot bacteria on the outside of the gourds. Store them out of the weather. It needs to be dry with circulating air to facilitate drying. You can put them in a single layer on newspapers. Unfortunately, some will collapse and rot no matter what you do, but the majority should be just fine.

Q. What's the difference between Canadian peat and Michigan peat? A couple of Master Gardeners have told me to get Canadian for gardening. Peat is peat, right?

Home Grown

Gretchen Voyle



A. Wrong. In this case, Canadian peat is peat and Michigan peat is a decomposed sedge grass. The difference comes when you compare how acidic they are. Canadian peat is acidic. Often, Michigan peat is not. Most Michigan peat comes from dredging or digging in areas that were once wet. If you've seen a pond being dug, there is often a layer of gray slimy material that is also pulled up. This isn't clay. It is marl — decomposed calcitic limestone, which raises soil pH. Canadian peat is fibrous, while Michigan peat is made of very small particles that can compact. Michigan peat is difficult to get wet initially and is difficult to get dry when it does get wet. If used on the top of a soil surface, it erodes with rains and blows away when dry. However, it's cheaper than Canadian peat. If you are trying to acidify soil for the planting of rhododendrons, azaleas, blueberries, holly, pieris or other plants that need a low pH, use Canadian.

Q. How do I save seeds from some of my flowers?
A. Wait until the seed heads mature and turn brown on the plants and pick them. Separate the seeds out and put them in a shallow container to dry. Keep the layer of seeds as thin as possible. When they appear to be dry, store them in paper envelopes or paper bags. Any trapped moisture will destroy the seeds — this is why plastic bags can cause problems. Label and store in a cool, dry area for springtime planting.

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

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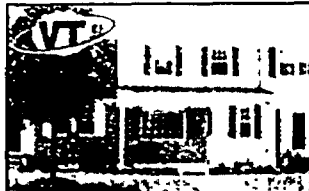
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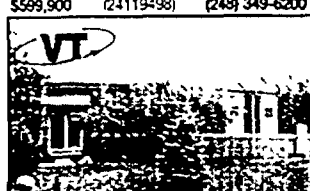
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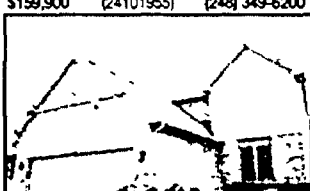
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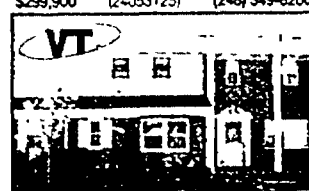
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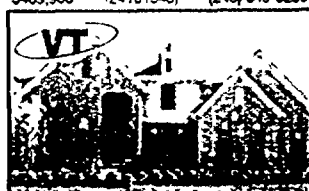
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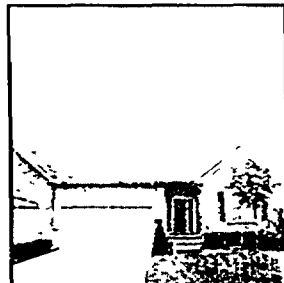




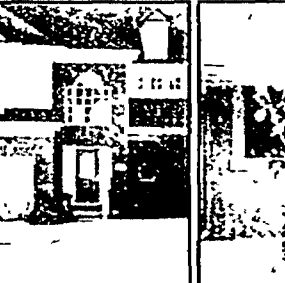
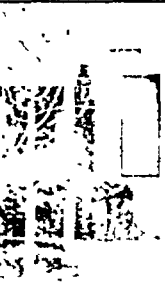
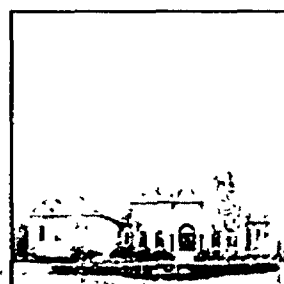







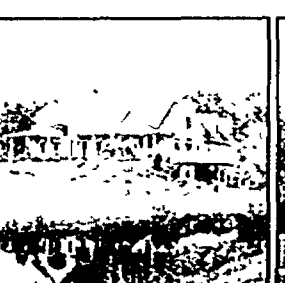
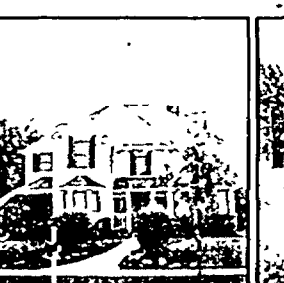
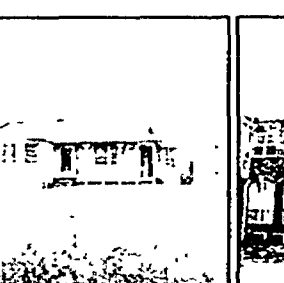
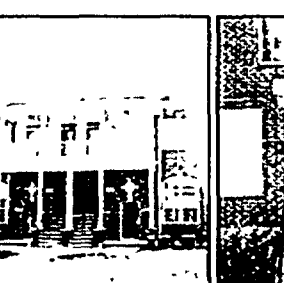


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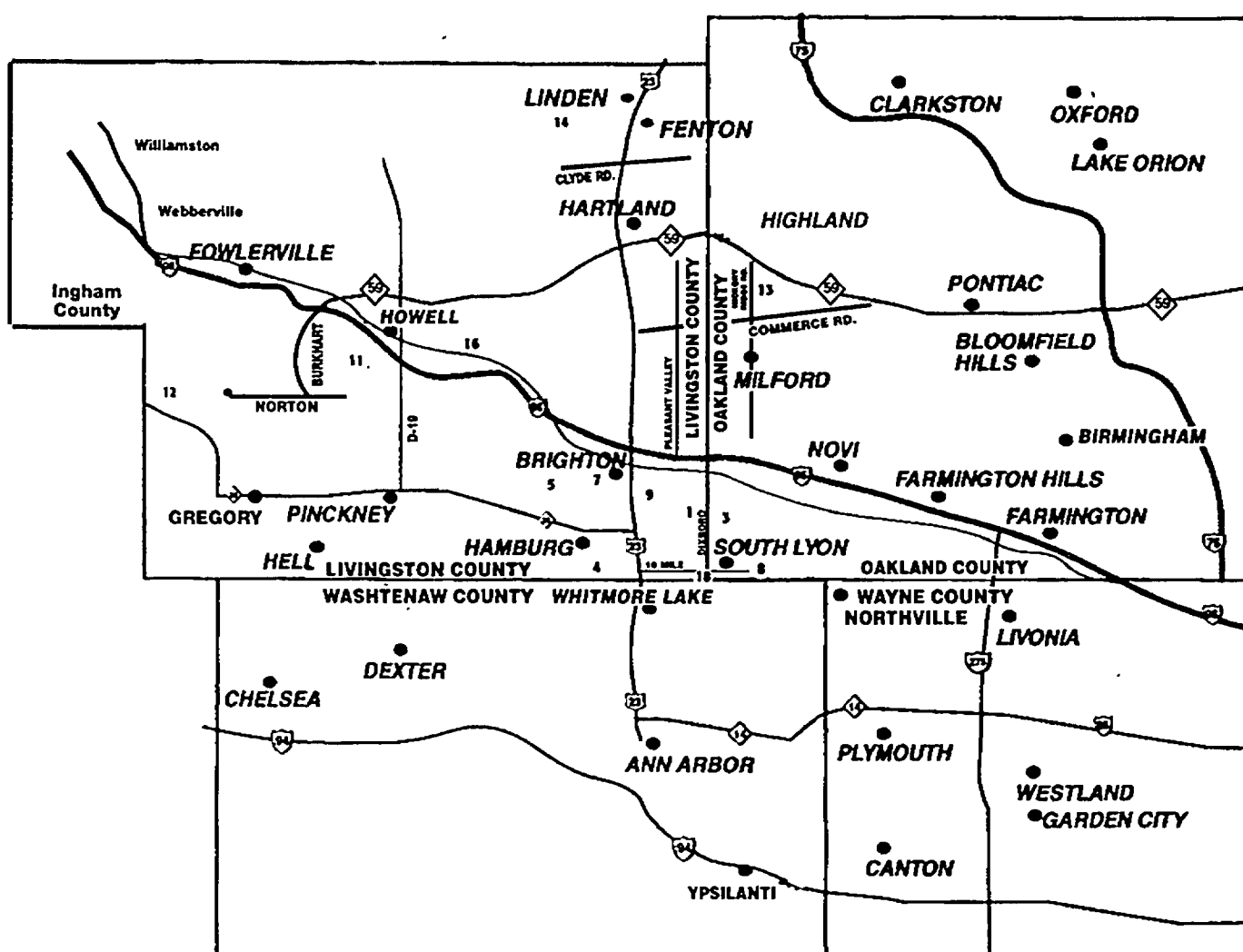
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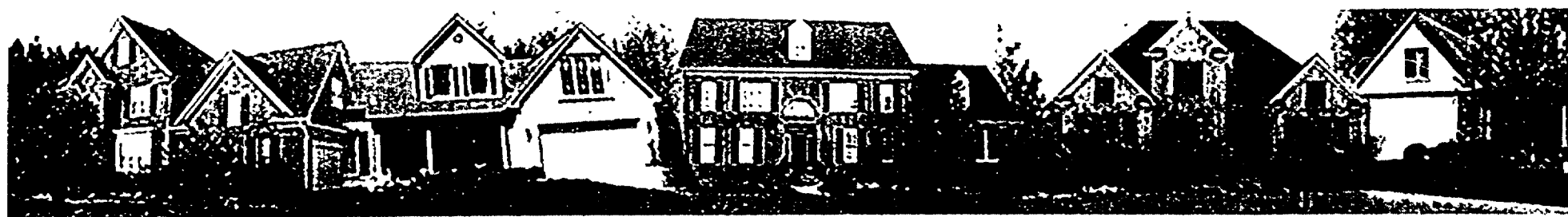
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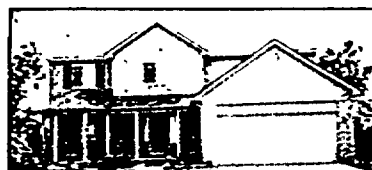


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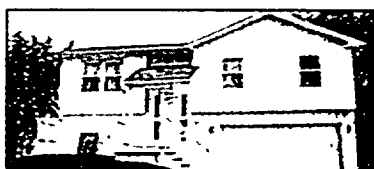
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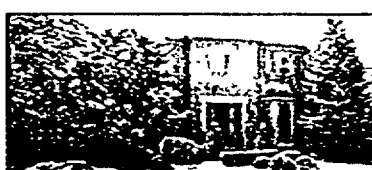
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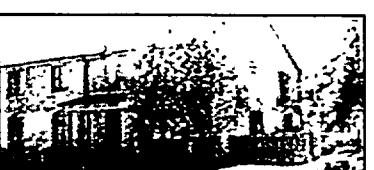
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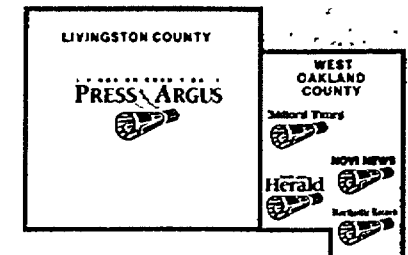
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Part-time. Apply in person: Harold's Frame Shop, 44170 Grand River Ave., Novi.

SHOP MECHANIC wanted for construction company. Top wages. (810) 229-5670.

SHOP WORKER
All around shop help. Must have good driving record and be a team player. No exp. necessary. Apply at or mail resume to 1200 Victory Dr., Howell, MI 48843

SIDING INSTALLERS NEEDED
Must have own transportation and valid drivers license. Please call 517-605-4598, ask for Mark

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New floor covering store in Novi area seeks subcontractors. Top pay All types of floor covering, carpet, wood, linoleum and tile. All Calls Confidential. Call 203-648-3274

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WAREHOUSE
Full time industrial athletes wanted for palletizing product. Great SS & benefits. Brighton area. Call (248) 446-1507

WAREHOUSE/SHIPPING
Full time. International marketing firm seeks experienced warehouse person. Must be detail oriented team player to assist in all aspects of shipping and receiving. Must have excellent organization skills and forklift license. Trade Show industry experience a plus. Send resume w/salary requirements to: 734-453-3843 or e-mail: facet@facetcompany.com

INSIDE SALES / Customer service
For glass manufacturer. Computer and glass tech skills helpful. Benefits 401K, salary based on experience. Fax resume to 734-354-0310 or mail / Apply at 300 Dunn Plymouth, MI 48188

Help Wanted-Office (5000)

WELD/SHOP MECHANIC/FABRICATE FLUID LINES
Ability to multi-task, good driving record w/chauffeur. Fax resume (248) 437-4481 or mail S Lyon Fence, Attn: Personnel, 53583 Grand River, New Hudson, MI 48165

WELDER MUST be able to read blueprints, work independently or in a team. Attention to detail and deadline critical. 3 yrs. minimum exp. required in structural & misc. steel. Apply at or mail resume to 1200 Victory Dr., Howell, MI 48843

WELDER/ASSEMBLER needed in Brighton for Temp job \$9/hr day shift. (248) 960-9040

Help Wanted-Office (5020)

ACCOUNTING FIRM
Exp. Receptionist & general office Apply to Office Mgr., PO Box 454, Milford, MI 48381

ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.
CPA firm has opportunity avail for Administrative Assistant. General office duties, \$10-\$12 per hour, full time or part time. Call Mary Eggleston or Debbie Eggleston at (810) 632-5520 or fax resume to 810-632-5759

ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK
South Lyon Building Department is seeking friendly, motivated team player with good organizational and typing skills, computer literate and able to multi task and work well with others. Send resume to:

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City Clerk/Treasurer
335 S Warren
South Lyon, MI 48178

AR/Collections
An established and well-recognized bottler and distributor is currently recruiting for a Collections Specialist. Responsibilities include calling past due accounts and analyzing customer accounts for discrepancies. Previous Collections experience preferred. Strong customer service skills required. Degree or Cert is a plus. Submit your resume with salary history to Attn: Collections, P.O. Box 70148, Plymouth, MI 48170 OR Fax: 416-3810 OR E-mail: hr@hmc.com

Brighton Accounting Firm
Bookkeeping Dept. Exp w/ payroll taxes, bank recs & general office a must. Apply to P.O. Box 454, Milford, MI 48381

BUILDER SALES COORDINATOR
KSI is seeking a Builder Sales Coordinator for their Brighton location. This person will be organized multi task oriented & professional with good interpersonal & clerical skills. The position involves computer data entry answering phones and creating bids & orders. The successful candidate will have customer service experience & be able to work in a fast paced environment. Complete benefits package and competitive wage being offered. If interested, please send a resume or complete an application at the address below. You can also fax to (810) 494-0630. Team Member Services Inc. Attention: HR/CSR 9325 Maitby Rd Brighton MI 48116

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
Exp. required, for commercial real estate developer. Must be proficient in MS Office, excellent computer skills, detail oriented and able to multi-task and prioritize with ease. Offering competitive salary/benefits. Office in West Bloomfield. Please email resume to: tad@nelsoncos.com or fax (248) 539-8974

Full-time Supervisor needed to lead front desk team in our Livonia group dental practice. Ideal candidate should be an outgoing multi-tasker with good leadership skills. Must have prior dental experience. Call Marile today at 734-591-3636

Help Wanted-Medical (5040)

BRIGHTON Expanding office. Ophthalmic Technician & Receptionist. Experienced preferred. Competitive salary. Contact Sue: 810-844-7744

CAREGIVERS
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CHIROPRATIC ASSISTANT
Part-time/front desk needed for busy office. Computer skills a must. I am looking for that must-have person. If this is you, Fax resume to 734-455-2825

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MEDICAL OFFICE
In Livingston County seeks part time mature, exp. Receptionist. Must have computer knowledge & previous medical office reception exp. Fax 1 page resume ONLY to (248) 851-8667. No exp. individuals - do not apply

OFFICE ASSISTANT
Needed for residential home builders sales office in the Howell, South Lyon & Mifflin area. Part and/or full time. Must be available weekends, 12-5. 248-485-2985

PART TIME CLERICAL City of South Lyon is seeking dependable person with good typing and communication skills for 20-30 hours per week. Send resume to City of South Lyon, City Clerk/Treasurer, 335 S. Warren, South Lyon, MI 48178

PERSONAL LINES CSR
Livinston City based insurance agency seeks exp. CSR. Self-motivated team player, organized, computer skills a must, with exp. work ethics. Resume, maggie_insurance@scglobal.net

SHOWROOM SALES ASSISTANT
KSI Kitchen and Bath Showrooms is seeking a Showroom Sales Assistant for their Brighton Showroom. This position is designed to train & develop skills for future kitchen designer/sales role. Person will be organized multi-task oriented & professional with good interpersonal & clerical skills. Duties include data entry, answering phones and greeting customers, design, creating bids & orders, and developing sales techniques. Successful candidate will have customer service exp. and be able to work in a sales environment. Complete benefits pkg. & competitive wage offered. Fax resume to (810) 494-0630 or mail to address below: Team Member Services, Inc. Attn: HR/SA BR 9325 Maitby Rd Brighton MI 48116

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NICET III
Fire Alarm Designer for special project. Industrial applications. Fax resume to (248) 437-3389. TriMax Fire Protection Associates

Help Wanted-Dental (5040)

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Experienced Full or part time (248) 437-8189

ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT
Progressive high quality orthodontic office seeks a motivated enthusiastic individual to join our team part time. Dental/Ortho exp. preferred. (810) 220-1700

Scheduling Coordinator
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CMA TRAINING Earn While You Learn. The South Lyon Home of Compassionate Care is a not for profit Christian nursing home offering free certified Nursing Assistant Training. Perfect for those with children in school or looking for a career in nursing. Contingent positions available after training. Come join our team. Applications w/interviews being accepted Tues Sept 28, Wed Sept 29, 9am-1pm. 700 Reynolds Parkway, South Lyon MI or call (248) 437-2048

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Brighton Real Estate Office
seeking two energetic self starters in high volume real estate office.
Real Estate License required.
Please call
Stephen Scholes
810-844-2329

Looking for an energetic self starter bilingual person to sell in our South Lyon office.
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Help Wanted-Part-Time (5200)

AMBITIOUS, EXP. part time person for commercial & carp entry cleaning must have reliable transportation. 248-437-4720

CHILD CARE NEEDED. Loving person to get children ready for school 4 mornings per wk. 6:30-8:30 am in Novi. Call 248-347-7718 248-755-3263

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DRIVER/WAREHOUSE Wholesale distributor needs part time driver/warehouse help 3-5 days per week. Call Pam (734) 416-1300

Help Wanted-Domestic (5240)

RELIABLE help needed 3 days/afternoons. Household chores occasional shopping. Ref. required. Start now. (248) 449-7538 after 4pm

Position Wanted (5340)

WILL ASSEMBLE YOUR PRODUCTS IN MY HOME
Exp. Homeall (517) 546-9606

YOU'VE GOT IT MADE! Specializing in residential commercial cleaning. Call Susan for estimate. 734-564-5093

Childcare Services-Licensed (5360)

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Childcare/Baby-Sitting Services (5370)

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CARING & RELIABLE PERSON for your child's care needs. Available Mon-Fri. References. Call Helen 248-347-4651

Fun Loving, Silly Babysitter saving for grad school. 15+ yrs exp. \$9.50/hr. Loves kids of all ages. Available nights weekends & some days this fall. (248) 735-4445

PLAY DATE DAYCARE Full & part time openings. Meals snacks provided. CPR & First Aid trained. Preschool program. Sign language taught. Exc. parent references. Call April 248-684-0569

STAY AT HOME mother of one wishes to care for your children in your Northville area home. Exp. CPR, First Aid, trained & references. Avail. Mon-Wed. Fri. w/ occasional Tues. Thurs. & weekends. Call Jennifer (248) 225-7010

Childcare Needed (5380)

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HIGH ENERGY, FUN LOVING NANNY needed in our Novi home 4 days/week, noon-6pm. Non smoker only. Call after 6:30pm. (248) 349-4905

LOOKING TO HIRE a dependable & caring person to be with our children after school from 3:30 to 6pm. Need dependable transportation to drive in Northville area. Great pay. 313-594-1133

NOVI. WORKING Parents w/2 children need assistance. Meal preps, transport children to activities (your vehicle) light housekeeping & laundry. Must be kind, dependable, & have clean driving record & good references. Weekdays, 3:00-7:00pm, \$10/hour. 2 wk. paid vacation. Call 248-344-0356

Elderly Care & Assistance (5400)

CARING & RELIABLE PERSON avail. Mon-Fri. 9-4 to assist elderly in their homes. Ref. avail. Helen 248-347-4651.

Education/Instruction (5500)

BEGINNING college Math Tutor, needed (Northville) home. Please call (248) 349-7929

ENTHUSIASTIC & EXP. Teacher wants to tutor your K-8 student in all subjects. Please call Tonia (734) 525-4786

GUITAR LESSONS 30 yrs exp. Acoustic or Electric. New Hudson. 248-437-0644

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Business Opportunities (5740)
\$25,000 YEARLY Potential second income. 12 hrs weekly. Sales healthcare background helpful. 248-348-1722

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ALL CASH CANDY ROUTE Do you earn up to \$800/day? Your own local candy route. Includes 30 machines and Candy. All for \$9.95. Call 1-800-634-6472

ARE YOU MAKING \$1710 per week? All cash vending routes with prime locations available now! Under \$9000 investment required. Call Toll Free (247) 800-637-7444

CHANGE YOUR CAREER in six months! Blue Heron Academy offers classes in Massage Therapy. Enrollment Call for free catalog 616-285-9999 toll free 888-285-9989 or visit www.blueheronacademy.com

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VERY BUSY VERY PROFITABLE Flower Shop in Canton for sale. 734-453-4287

6000-6780 ANNOUNCEMENTS & Notices (6200)
BEST SELF STORAGE, of New Hudson. 53600 Grand River. Will hold a 1st sale on Sept 30, 2004 at 12 noon #250 Fall #339. Call 411 American Floor Covering carpet samples. All others in-household items

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Cards Of Thanks (6300)

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THANKSGIVING TO ST. JUDE O Holy St. Jude Apostle & Mary, great in virtue & rich in the miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depth of my heart & humbly beg whom God has given, such great power to come to my assistance. Help in my present & urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known & cause you to be invoked. St. Jude pray for us all who invoke your name. Amen. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys, three Glorias. Publication must be promised. Say this Novena for 9 consecutive days. This Novena has never been known to fail. MS

Health, Nutrition, Weight Loss (6420)
NEED MEDICAL. Dental, Vision benefits for entire family? No age restrictions. pre existing conditions accepted. unlimited usage. \$95/mo includes \$10,000 accident/emergency coverage. Call 800-657-7631

7000-7780 MERCHANDISE
Absolutely Free (7000)

AMANA FRIDGE / FREEZER good cond. good for garage you pick up. (517) 223-0084

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FREE Bedroom Dresser Lakeland ea (810) 231-1307

FREE HORSE MANURE (734) 449-2579

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GIRLS AMF 10 speed bke (517) 552-9081

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MUST BE MOVED! Liberty 1984 2 Br 2 bath 1460. 517-545-0104

ORGANS - 2 Gulbransen work fine, free you pick up Lakeland 810-231-2390

OVERHEAD DOOR PANELS (2) 12x21" & (4) 16x21" Various windows. (248) 437-2678

PUPPIES, 2, Terrier-Spaniel mix. Call (248) 486-1687 after 7pm

SOFA, good for basement or cottage. You haul. Fowlerville (517) 223-8053

STEEL POLE 15-16ft 6" diameter. You haul (248) 349-5566

WOODEN WINDOWS (2) sizes 30w64h & 54w64h s der. Call (810) 227-3397

Antiques/Collectibles (7020)

Antiques Bought Postcards, paper dolls, dishes, perfume bottles, Shelley bone china, midway. 248-624-3385

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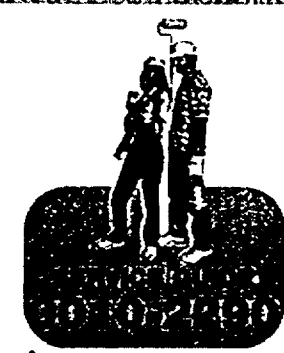
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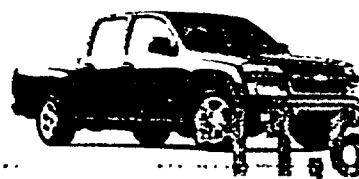


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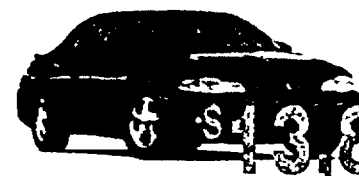


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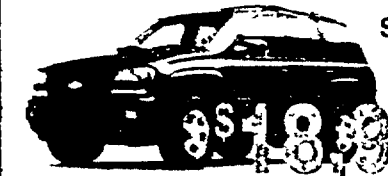


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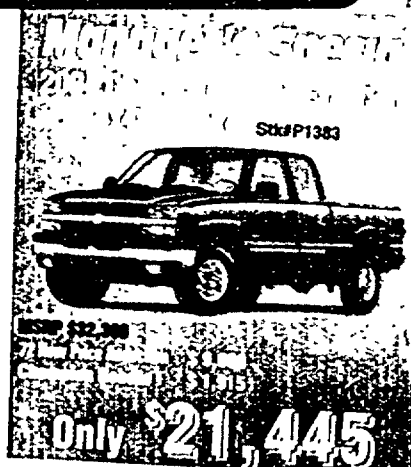
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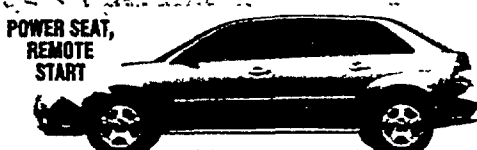
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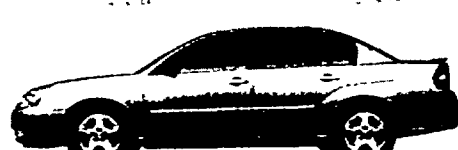
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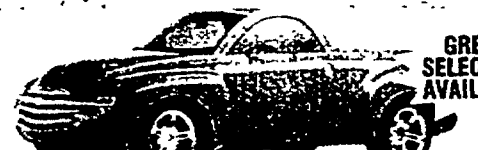
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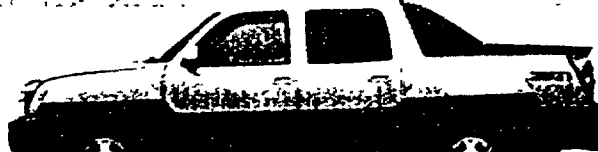
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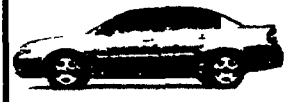
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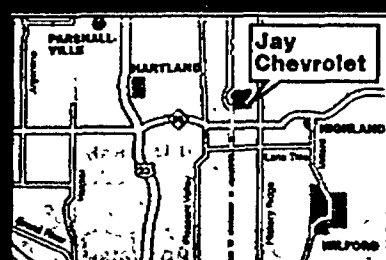
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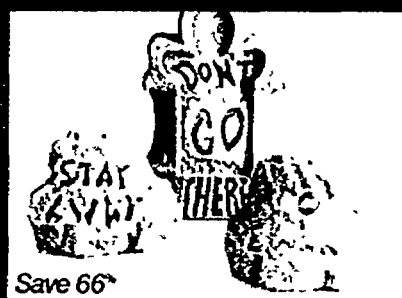
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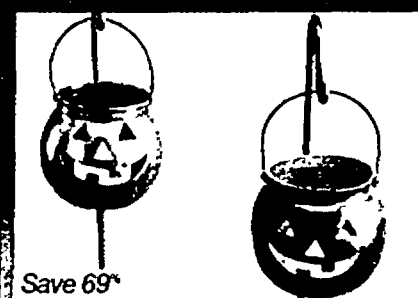
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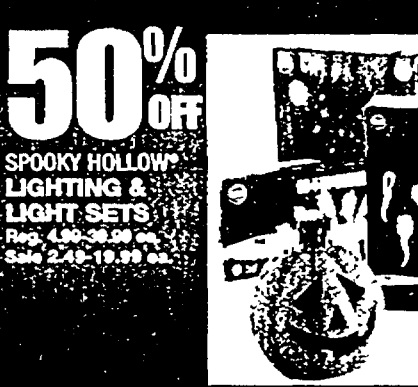
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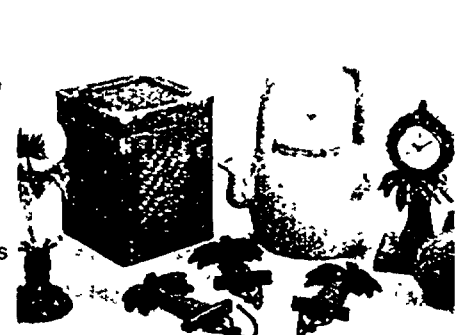
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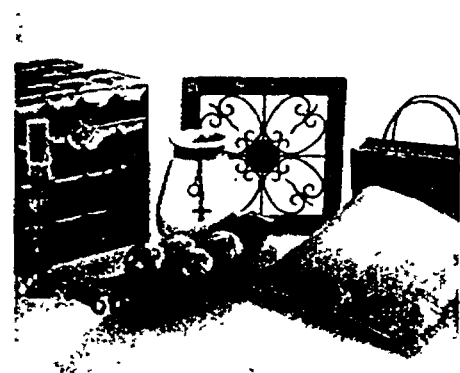
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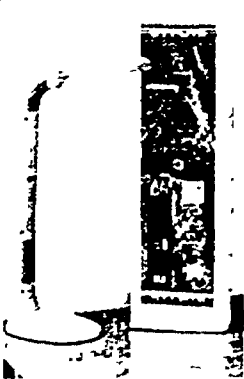
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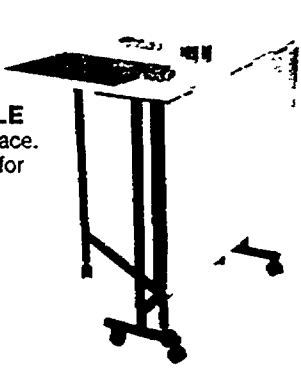
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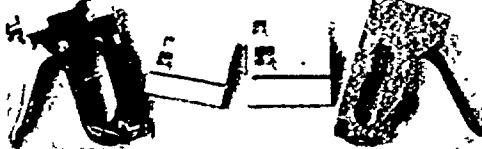


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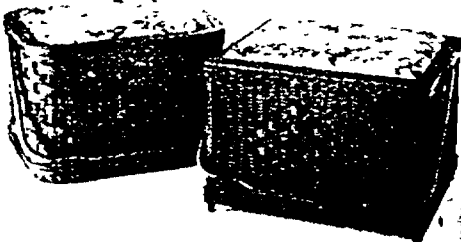


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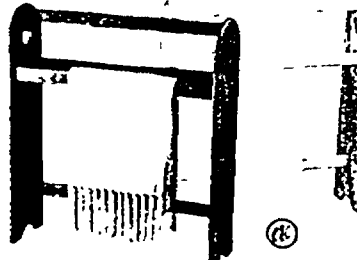
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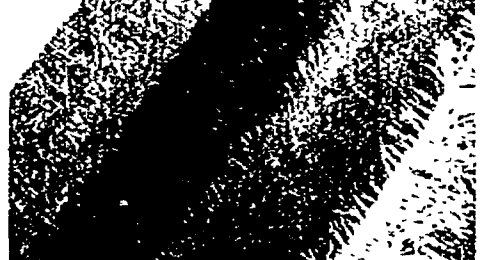
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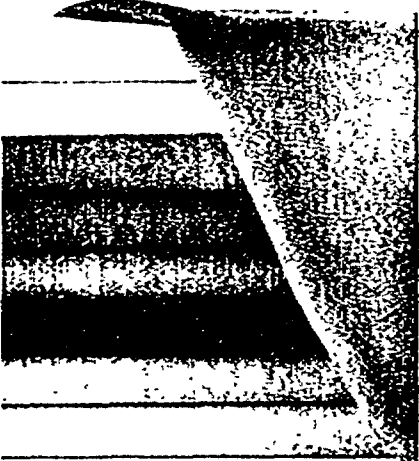
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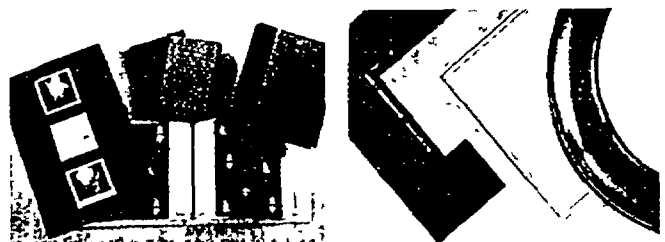
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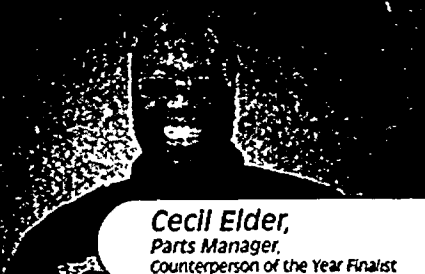
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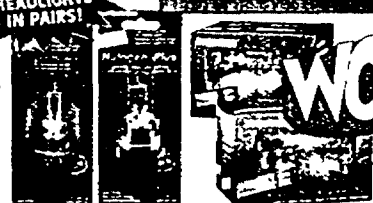
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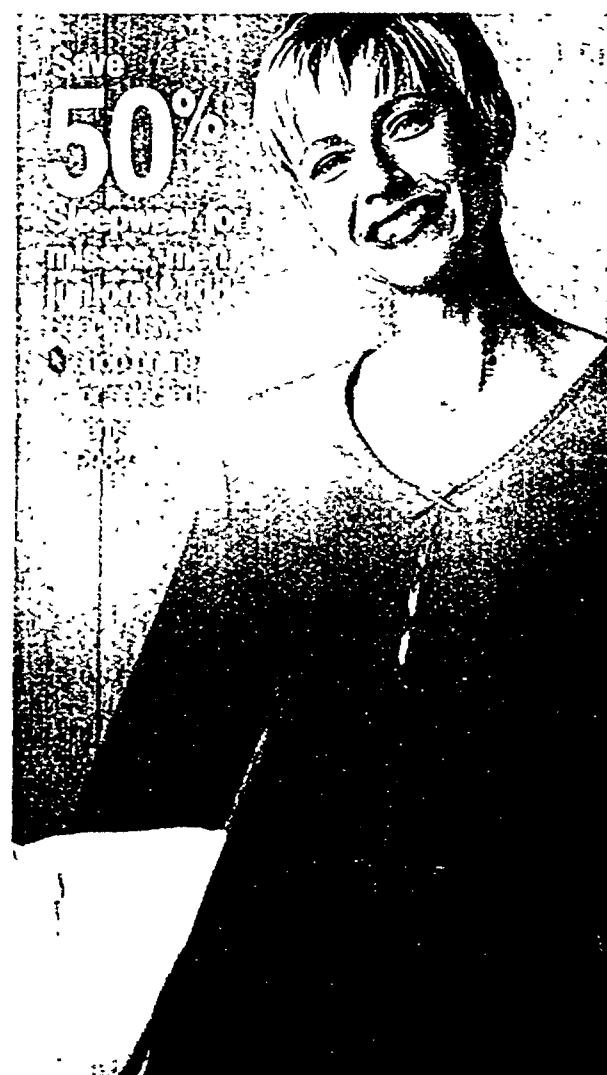
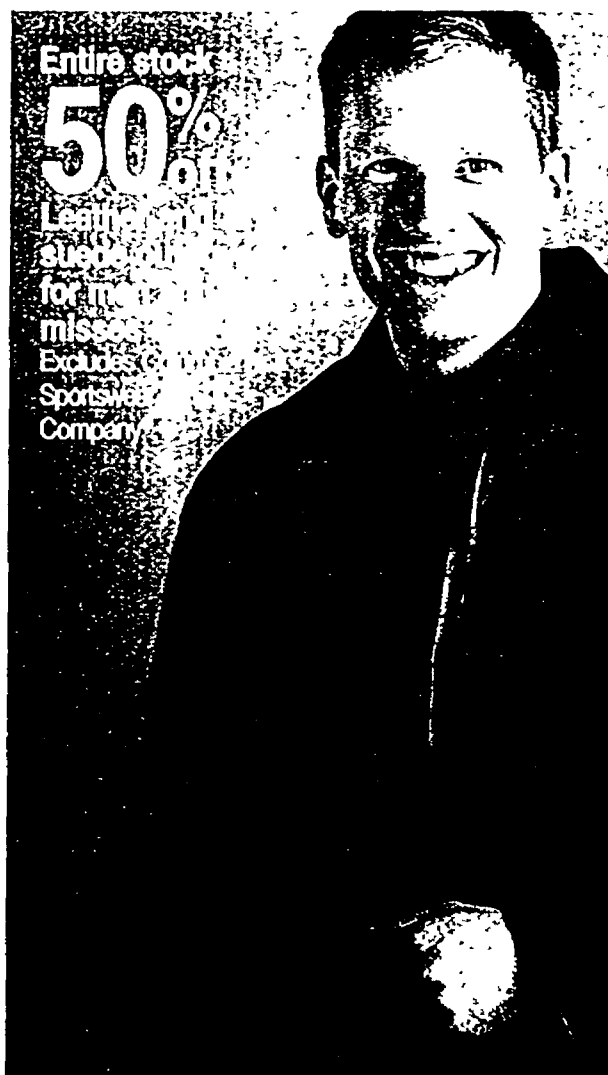
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save 50% on sleepwear, sweaters and outerwear
for misses, men, juniors and kids

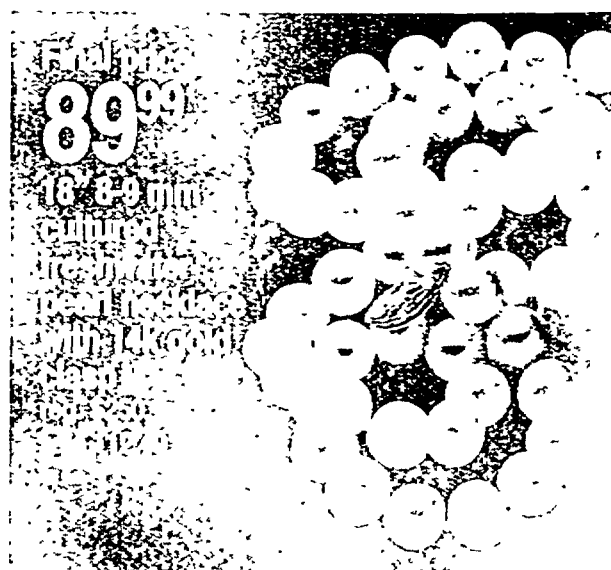
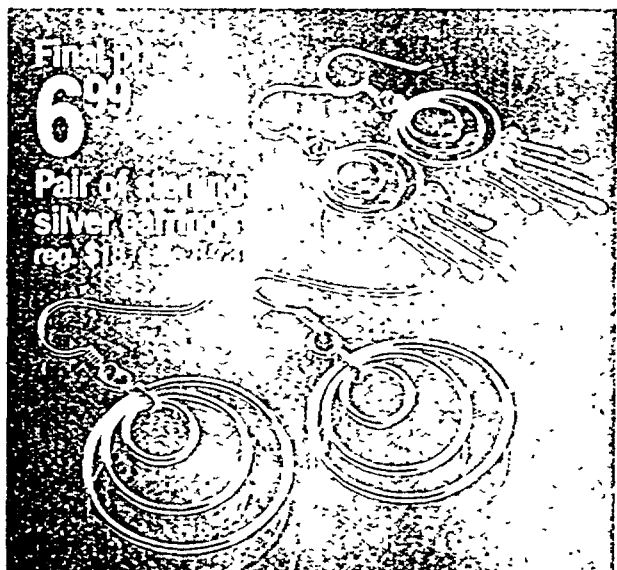
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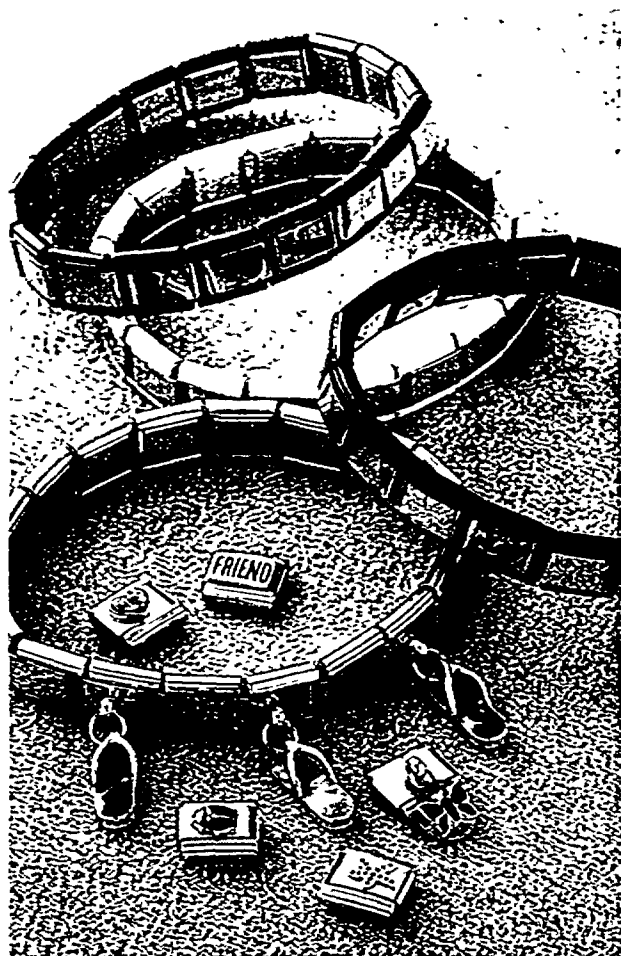
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fine & sterling silver jewelry

reg. 8.00-3,749.99, sale 4.00-1,874.99, final price 3.20-1,499.99 Q shop online for selected items W1700



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50% off Fashion jewelry
Selected styles.
orig. \$2-\$6,
sale \$1-\$3

sale 14.99
Sonoma
handbag.
orig. \$30



50% off Handbags, minibags
& small leather goods
Selected styles. orig. \$8-\$50,
sale \$4-\$25
SONOMA life+style™

OLGA



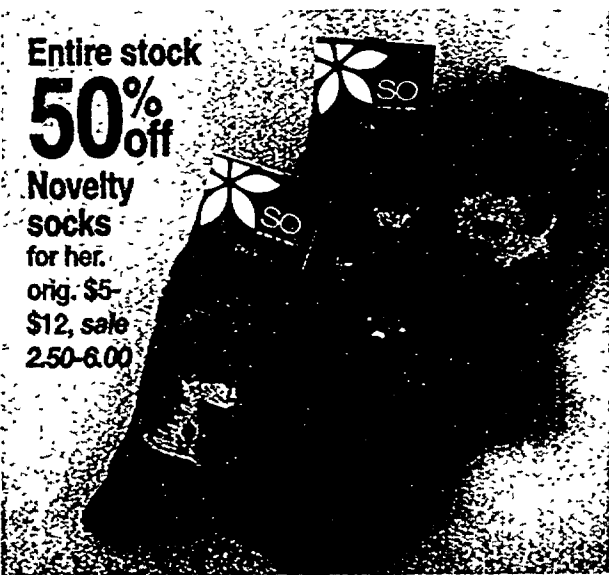
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accessories
for her.
Selected styles
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sale 3.99-9.00

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Hair accessories.
reg. \$8



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50% off
Novelty
socks
for her.
orig. \$5-
\$12, sale
2.50-6.00



Entire stock
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Panties &
innerwear
from St. Eve,
Vanity Fair®,
Bali®, I.e.i.® &
Barelythere®
reg. 3/13.50 to
19.50 ea., sale
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ST. EVE



50% off two days only
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sale

50% off

Villager
& Norton
McNaughton®
sportswear

for misses and women.

Selected styles.

Misses' shown.

orig. \$18-\$59,

sale 8.99-29.50



villager

Save 50%

Classic
separates
from
Briggs®,
Apparenza®,
Harvé
Benard®

for misses
& petites.

Selected styles.

Misses' shown.

orig. \$28-\$54,

sale \$14-\$27



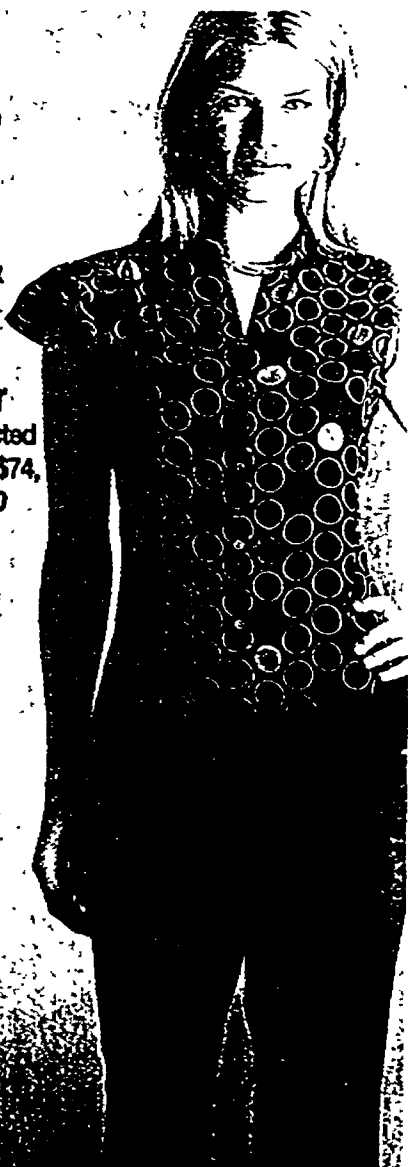
Save 50%

axcess
and Nine &
Company®
modern
sportswear

for misses. Selected
styles. orig. \$29-\$74,

sale 14.50-37.00

Q shop online
P935



while stock
50% off



Save 50%

Petites'
sportswear from
Sonoma,
Croft & Barrow®,
Villager

Selected styles.


orig. \$14-\$39,

sale 7.00-19.50

petites'



Save 50%
Croft & Barrow®
 knit tops
 for misses
 & women
 Selected styles
 Misses shown
 orig. \$18-\$20
 sale \$9-\$10



50% off
Sonoma sportswear for her
 Selected styles. SONOMA life+style™. orig. \$18-\$34, sale \$9-\$17

Save 50%
Women's
sportswear
 Sizes 1X-3X &
 16W-24W
 Selected styles
 orig. \$18-\$42
 sale \$9-\$21

women's



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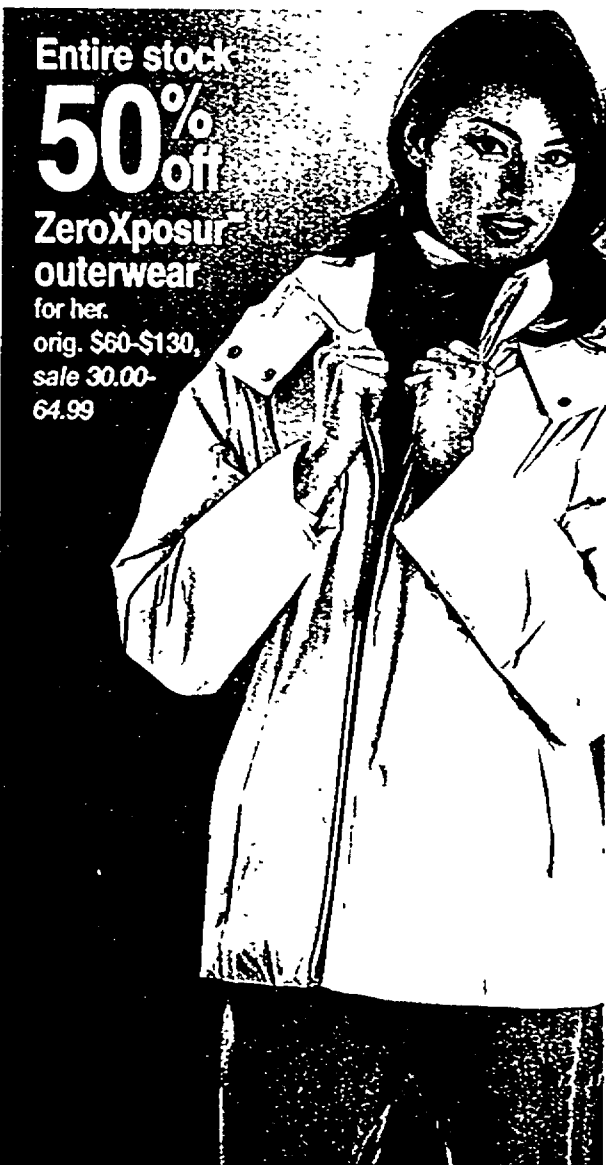
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Entire stock

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Leather & suede
outerwear
for her. orig. \$100-\$250,
sale \$50-\$125



Entire stock

50% off

ZeroXposur[™]
outerwear
for her.
orig. \$60-\$130,
sale 30.00-
64.99



SO...so real. so right.™



50% off entire stock

SO...fashion and 5-pkt. jeans,
corduroys and casual pants

See store for details. For selected items P937



50% off

Sweaters
for juniors. Selected styles.
orig. \$24-\$30, sale \$12-\$15
👉 shop online for
selected items P938



50% off

Entire stock
SO... long
sleeved knit tops
for juniors. orig. \$18, sale \$9
👉 shop online P939

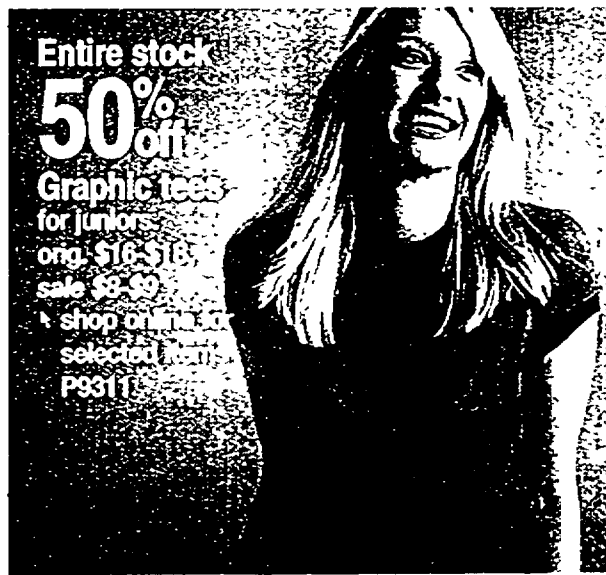


50% off

Entire stock
shirt jackets
for juniors. orig. \$36-\$48,
sale \$18-\$24



Entire stock
50% off
Character
active pants
for juniors.
orig. \$20,
sale \$10
👉 shop online
P9310



Entire stock
50% off
Graphic tees
for juniors
orig. \$16-\$18,
sale \$8-\$9
👉 shop online for
selected items
P9311



Entire stock
50% off
Dresses &
pantsuits
for misses, petites,
women & juniors.
Misses' shown.
orig. \$40-\$90,
sale \$20-\$45
👉 shop online for
selected items
W3800

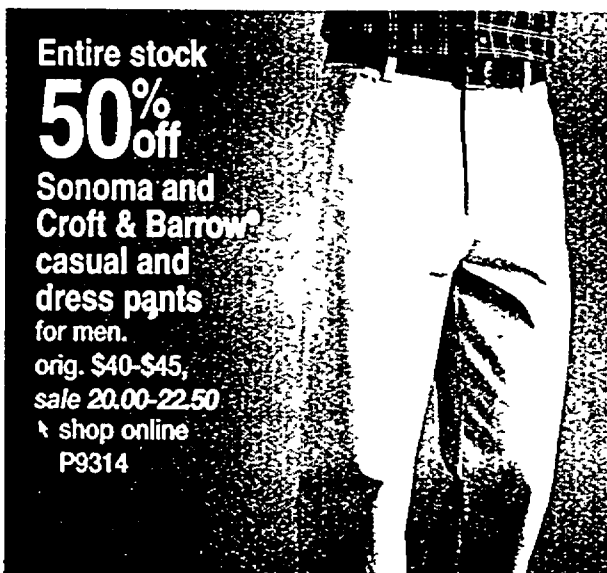
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Croft & Barrow®
broadcloth, oxford
and herringbone
dress shirts for men.
reg. \$30-\$34, sale \$15-\$17

50% off Entire stock
Dockers®, Jantzen®
and Croft & Barrow®
Sweaters
for Men. orig. \$45-\$55,
sale 22.50-27.50

50% off Entire stock
Arrow, Sonoma
and Croft & Barrow® knit tops
for men.
orig. \$20-\$45, sale 10.00-27.50



Entire stock
50% off
Sonoma and
Croft & Barrow®
casual and
dress pants
for men.
orig. \$40-\$45,
sale 20.00-22.50
↳ shop online
P9314

Entire stock
50% off
Flannel sport
shirts
for men.
orig. \$24-\$34,
sale \$12-\$17

Entire stock
50% off
Haggar®
knit shirts
for men.
orig. \$38-\$45,
sale 19.00-
22.50

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Entire stock
50% off
Haggar® dressy
sport shirts
for men.
orig. \$42,
sale \$21

Entire stock
50% off
Croft & Barrow®
and Sonoma
loungpants
for men.
orig. \$20-\$24,
sale \$10-\$12
↳ shop online
P931

Entire stock
50% off
Croft & Barrow®
Sport & TekGear®
athletic apparel
for men.
orig. \$20-\$80,
sale \$10-\$40
↳ shop online
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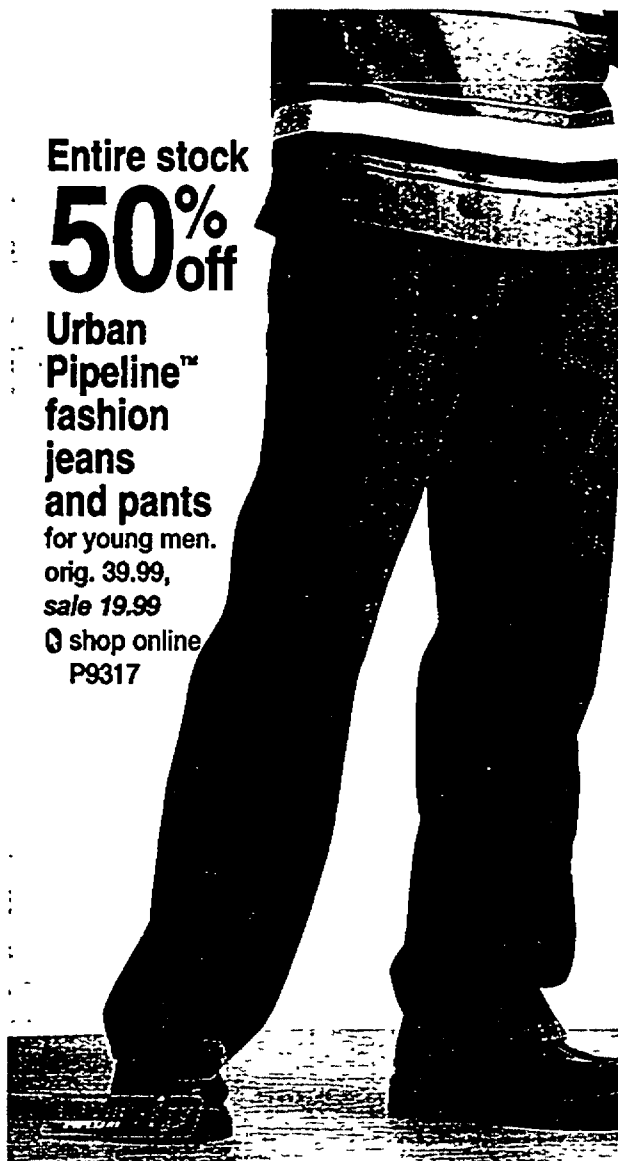


50% off

Entire stock
polos
for young men.
orig. \$26, sale \$13
shop online for
selected items P9316

Entire stock
50% off

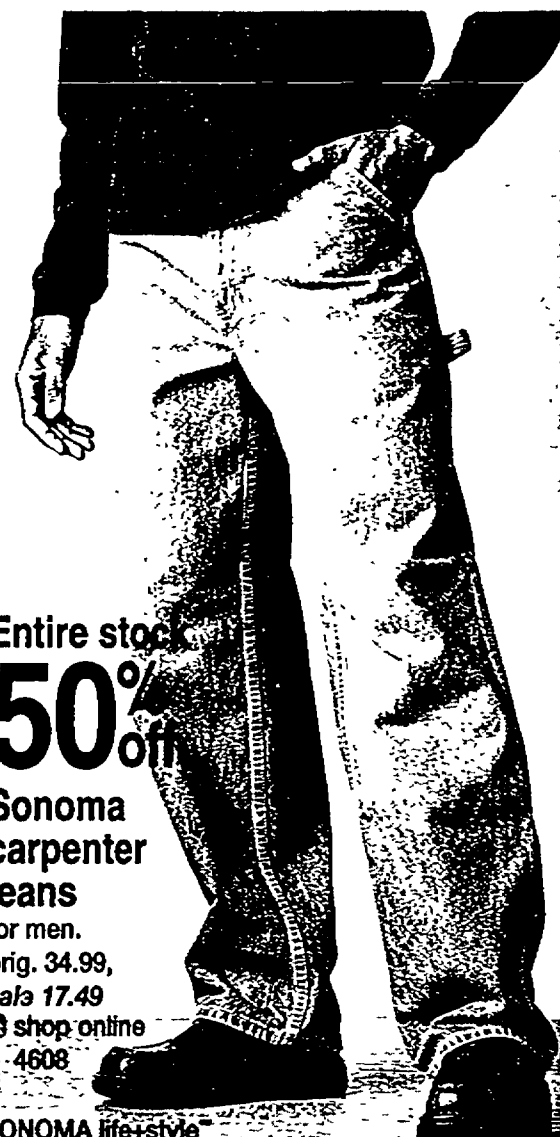
Urban
Pipeline™
fashion
jeans
and pants
for young men.
orig. 39.99,
sale 19.99
shop online
P9317



Entire stock
50% off

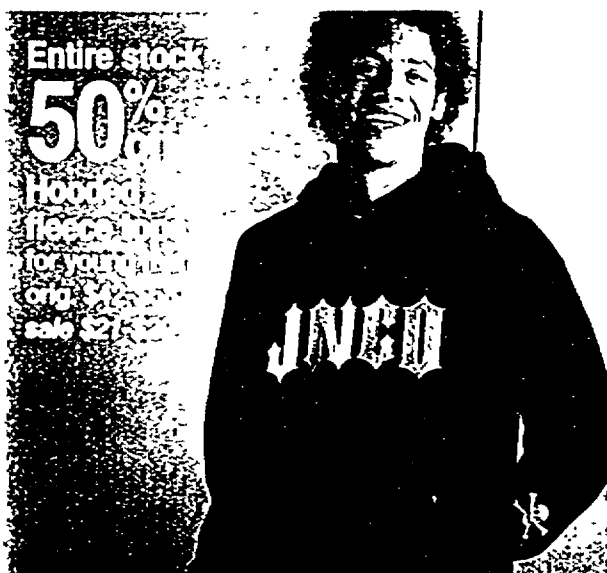
Sonoma
carpenter
jeans
for men.
orig. 34.99,
sale 17.49
shop online
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SONOMA life+style™



Entire stock
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Hooded
fleece
for young men.
orig. \$24,
sale \$12



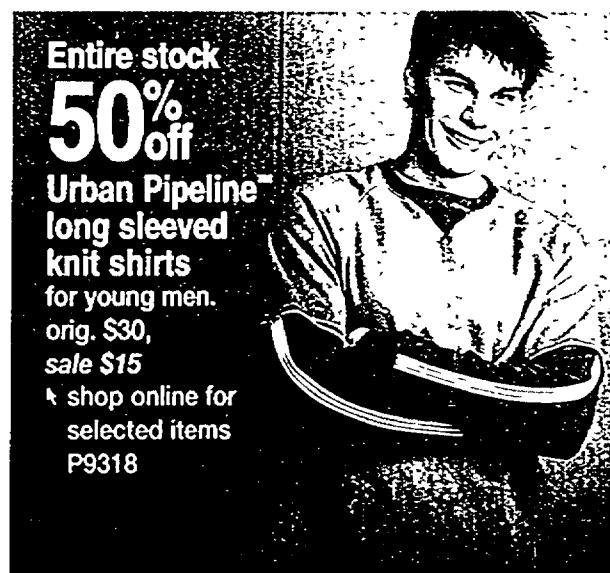
Entire stock
50% off

Woven shirts
for young men.
orig. \$34-\$38,
sale \$17-\$19



Entire stock
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Urban Pipeline™
long sleeved
knit shirts
for young men.
orig. \$30,
sale \$15
shop online for
selected items
P9318



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sale

Entire stock

50% off

**Urban Pipeline™
fashion jeans
and pants**

for boys 8-20.
orig. \$28-\$34,
sale \$14-\$17

Shop online
P9319

50% off entire
stock Urban
Pipeline™
long sleeved
graphic tees
for boys 8-20.
orig. \$18, sale \$9



Entire stock

50% off

**TekGear®
athletic
apparel**

for boys 8-20.
orig. \$24-\$28,
sale \$12-\$14

Shop online
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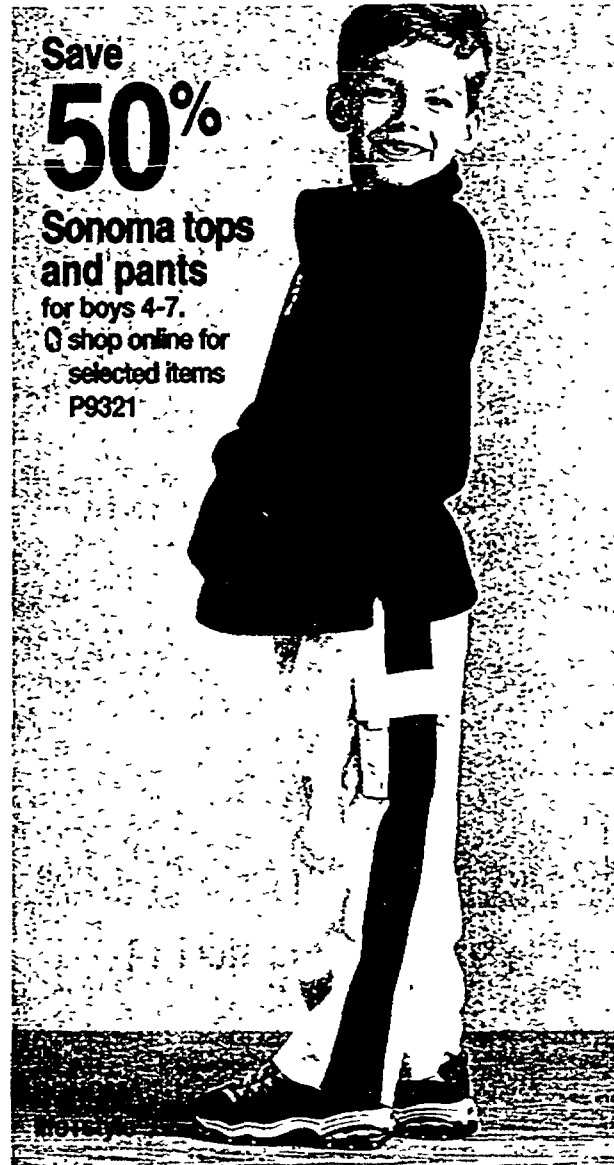
Save

50%

**Sonoma tops
and pants**

for boys 4-7.

Shop online for
selected items
P9321



Entire stock

50% off

**Urban Pipeline™
long sleeved
jersey striped
tees**

for boys 8-20.
orig. \$18, sale \$9

Shop online
P9322



Entire stock

50% off

**Sonoma
orange pants**
for boys

orig. \$18,

sale \$9

Shop online
P9325



Entire stock

50% off

**Character
graphic tees**
for boys 4-7.



Entire stock

50% off

**Sonoma
separates**
for toddlers.

Shop online P9323



Entire stock

50% off

Kids' sets
for toddlers,
boys 4-7 and
girls 4-6x.



Entire stock

50% off

**Little Tikes®
playwear**
for toddlers
and infants.

Playwear not
intended as sleepwear.

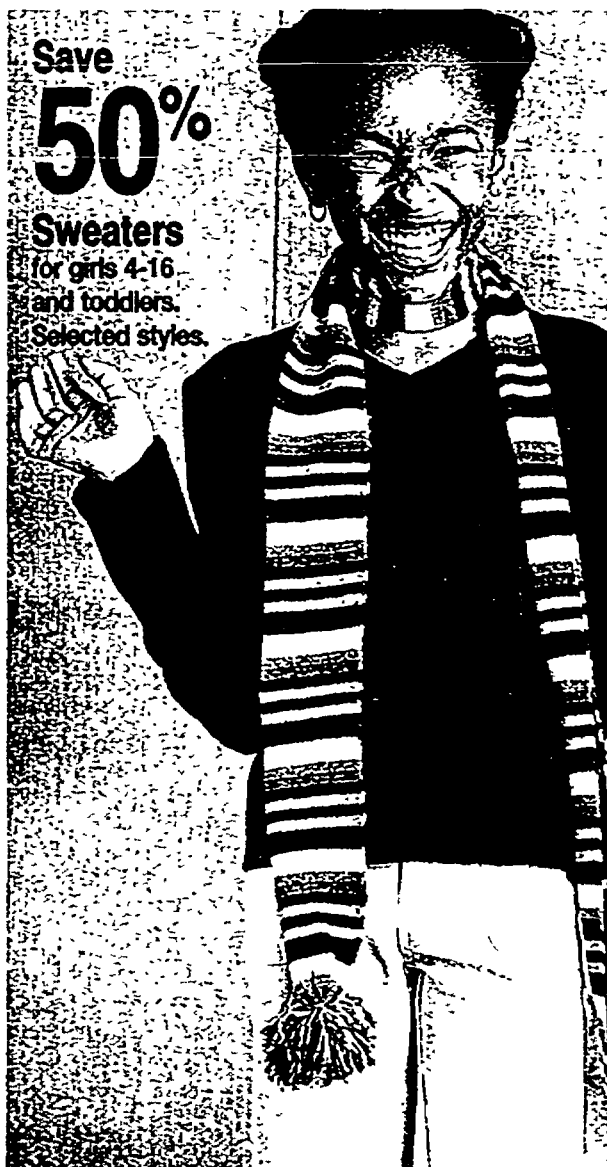
Shop online
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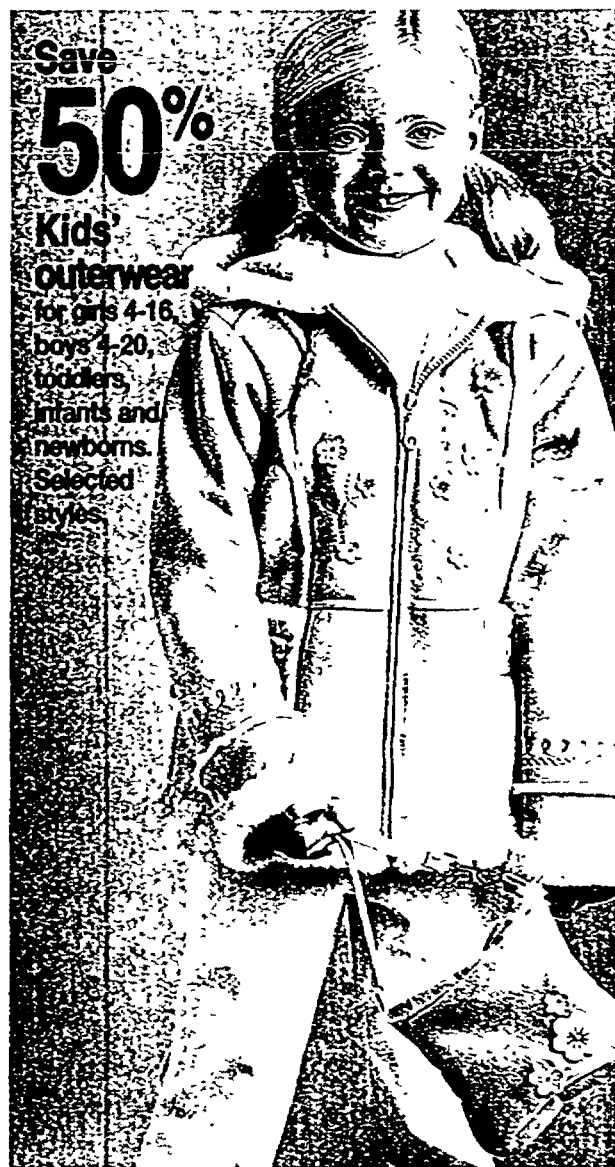
Entire stock
50% off
Energle® and
SO... shirts
for girls 7-16.



Save
50%
Sweaters
for girls 4-16
and toddlers.
Selected styles.



Save
50%
Kids' outerwear
for girls 4-16,
boys 4-20,
toddlers,
infants and
newborns.
Selected styles.



Entire stock
50% off
Sonoma tops
for girls 4-6x.



Entire stock
50% off
Fashion accessories
for girls.



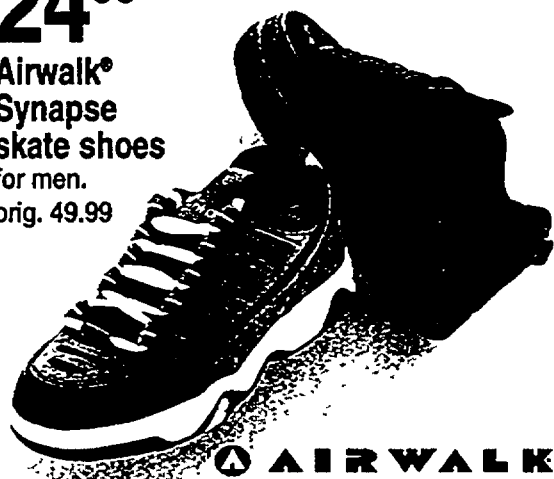
Entire stock
50% off
First Moments®
layette
for newborns.



50% off **two days only**
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sale

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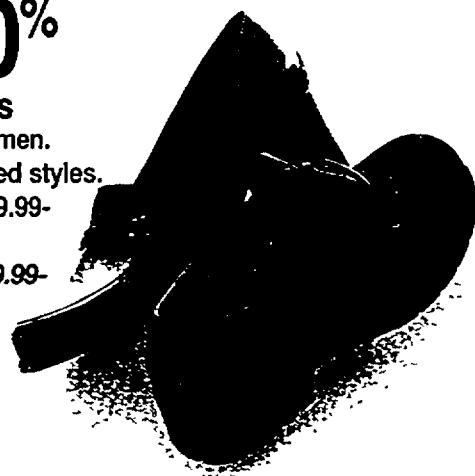
**Airwalk®
Synapse
skate shoes
for men.**
orig. 49.99



Save
50%
**Reebok®
shoes
for women.**
Selected
styles.
reg. 69.99,
sale 34.99



Save
50%
**Shoes
for women.**
Selected styles.
orig. 39.99-
44.99,
sale 19.99-
22.49

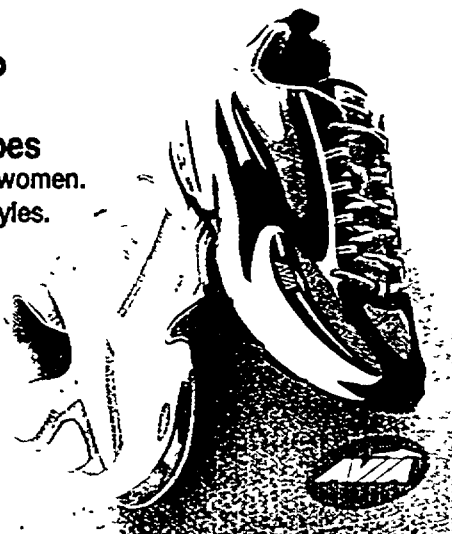


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**Athletic shoes
for men or women.**
Selected styles.
reg. 39.99
shop
online
P9326



Save
50%
**Avia® shoes
for men or women.**
Selected styles.
reg. 59.99,
sale 29.99

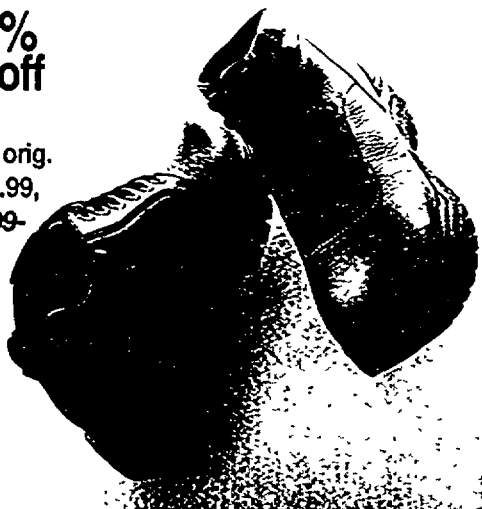


Save
50%
**Shoes
for kids.**
Selected styles.
orig. 24.99-39.99,
sale 12.49-19.99



Kids'

Entire stock
50% off
**Boots
for men.** orig.
49.99-84.99,
sale 24.99-
42.49



Entire stock
50% off
**Boots
for her.** orig. 49.99-99.99,
sale 24.99-49.99



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70% off

and more on original prices

**Get 70% off
when you take an
additional 50% off
our already-reduced
yellow ticket
clearance prices.**

Q shop online: clearance

Final prices given at register. Clearance prices represent savings off original prices. Selection varies by store. Interim markdowns may have been taken. Sorry, no price adjustments given on prior purchases. Clearance not yet available at our new Lake Delton, WI store.

50% off

**Selected kitchen
electrics**

Q shop online for
selected items P9329

sale 17.49
Santa Fe™ quesadilla
maker, reg. 34.99

sale 19.99
Smoothie Blast
smoothie maker,
reg. 39.99



sale 49.99
FoodSaver®
Mini Plus
food sealer,
reg. 99.99

sale 19.99
Presto®
20x10"
family size
griddle,
reg. 39.99

50% off

**Selected
floor care**

Q shop online P9330

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Your choice
Hoover® WindTunnel™
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Bissell® PowerSteamer®
Pro deep cleaner,
reg. 259.99 & 279.99 ea.



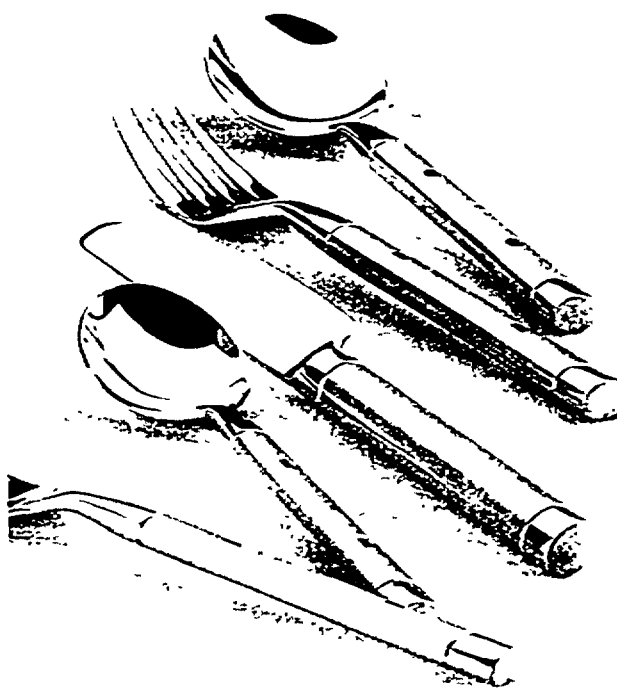


50% off

all dinnerware & flatware

Featuring On the Farm by Sakura®

shop online P9328



50% off

all flatware

Featuring Tripoli by Cambridge®

sale 59.99

Your choice

Basic Essentials®

18-pc. cookware set.

reg. 119.99



50% off

selected cookware

Entire stock

50% off

Fall home decor



Save

50%

TV trays
reg. 59.99,
sale 29.99

shop
online
29649



Save

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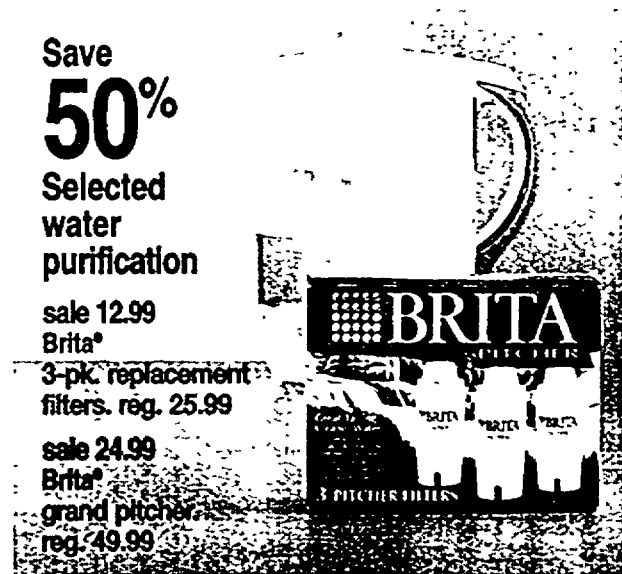
Selected
water
purification

sale 12.99
Brita®

3-pk. replacement
filters. reg. 25.99

sale 24.99

Brita®
grand pitcher.
reg. 49.99



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50% off

Glassware &
pantryware
Featuring Luigi
Bormioli® Sophia
wine glasses.

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Save

50%

Selected
cutlery



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Enclosures™
wall frames,
collages and
mirrors



Cressida



50% off

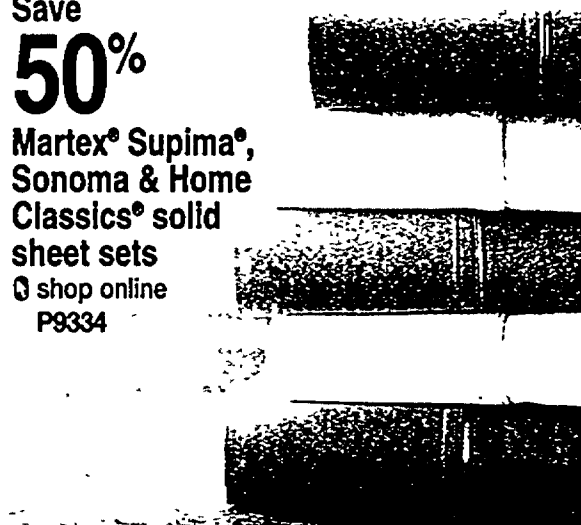
bedding coordinates

From Laura Ashley Lifestyles, Gloria Vanderbilt®, Villager, Martex®
Selected styles. ☎ shop online P9332

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50% off
Down comforters
and blankets

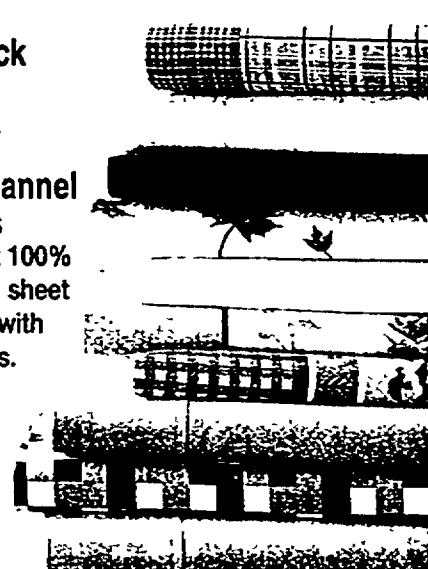


Save
50% off
Martex® Supima®,
Sonoma & Home
Classics® solid
sheet sets
☎ shop online
P9334



Entire stock
50% off
Sonoma flannel
sheet sets
Heavyweight 100%
cotton; fitted sheet
is oversized with
deep pockets.

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Entire stock
50% off
Bed pillows &
mattress pads
Choose from natural or synthetic
pillows and guaranteed to fit
mattress pads.



Entire stock
50% off
Table linens
and kitchen
textiles



Entire stock
50% off
Slipcovers
☎ shop online
SL100



Entire stock
50-60% off
Luggage
reg. 49.99-319.99,
sale 24.99-159.99
☎ shop online H1740



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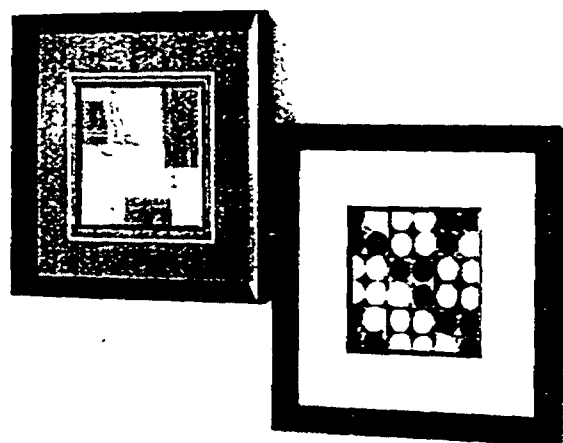
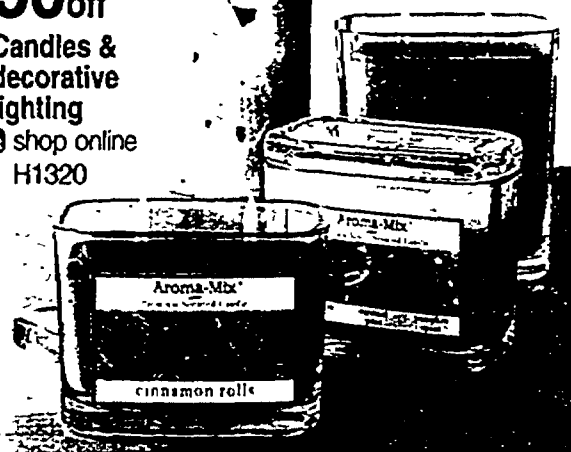
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Accent, area
& kitchen rugs
and doormats
shop online P933

50% off entire stock of these great buys for your home

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50% off

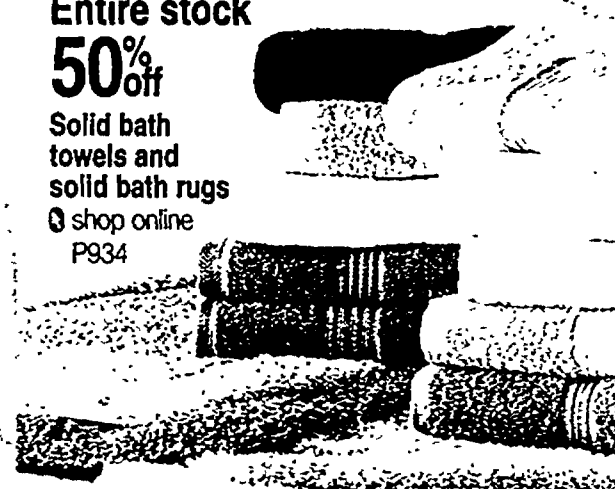
Candles &
decorative
lighting
shop online
H1320



50% off entire stock
decorative art & frames

Entire stock
50% off

Solid bath
towels and
solid bath rugs
shop online
P934



Entire stock
50% off

Halloween
home decor



Entire stock
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Decorative pillows
and throws
shop online for
selected
items
DP100



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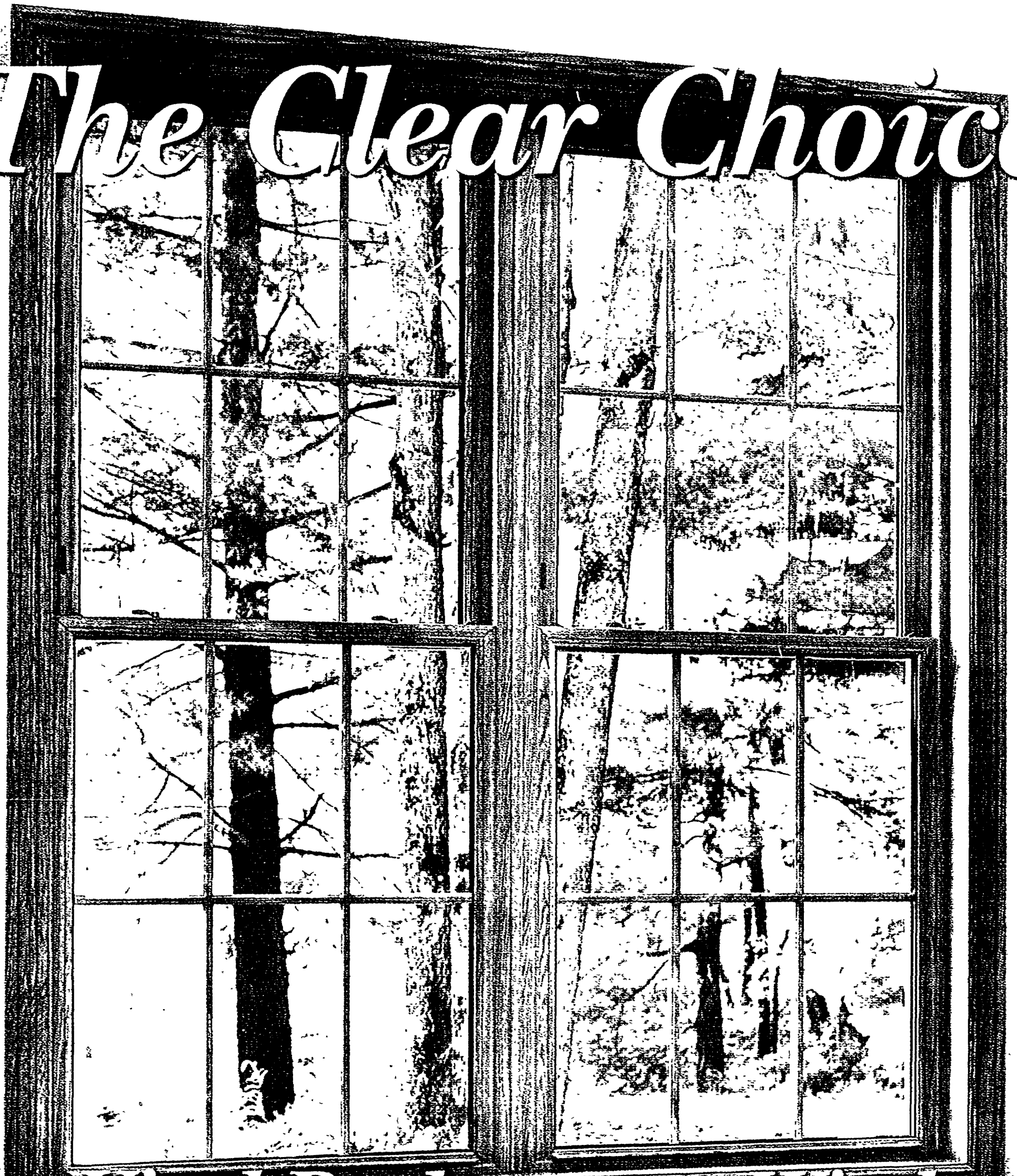


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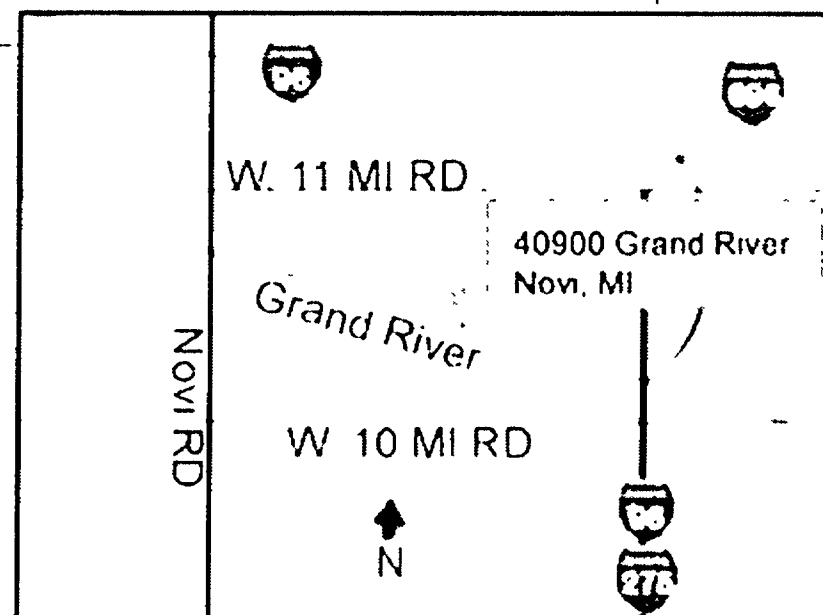
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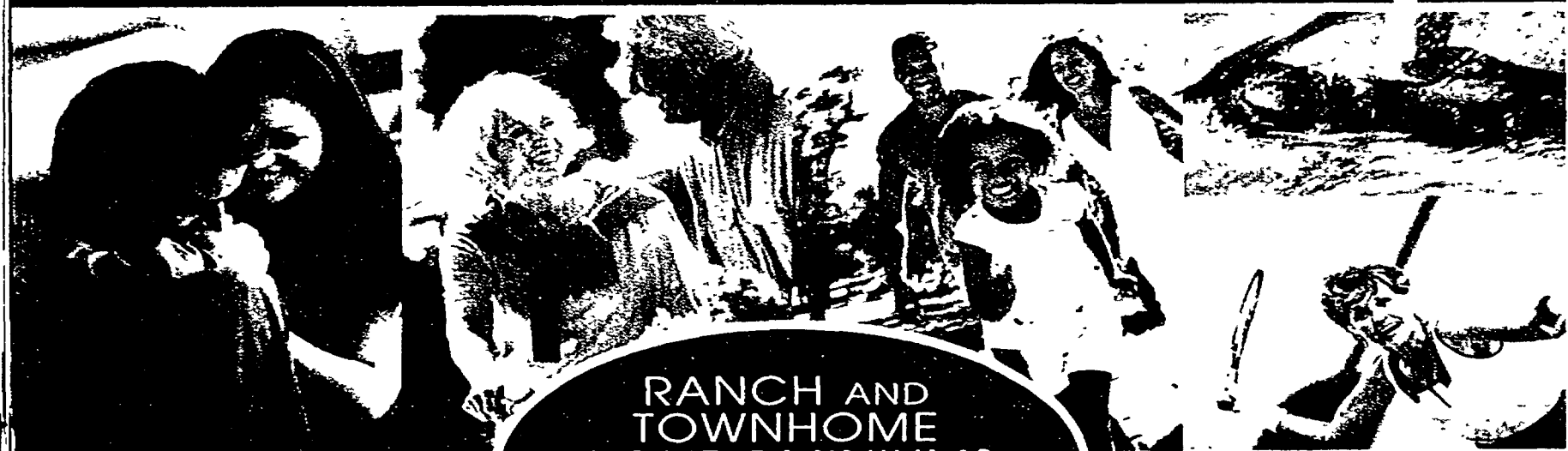
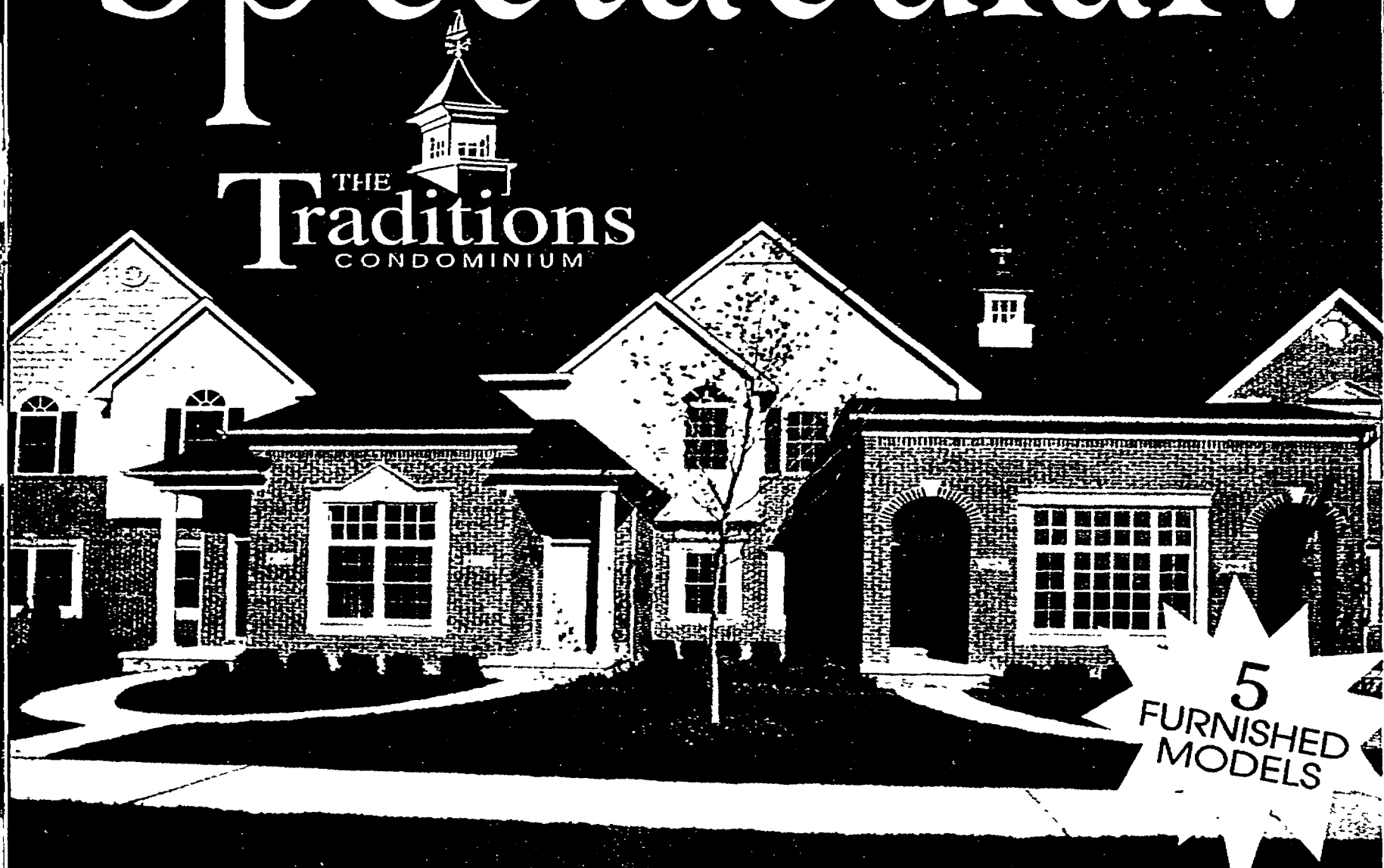
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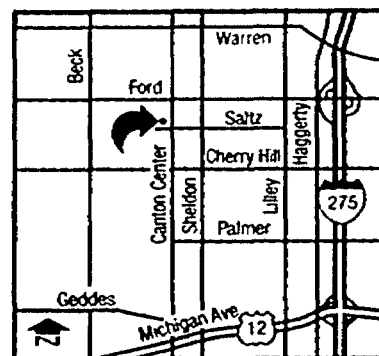
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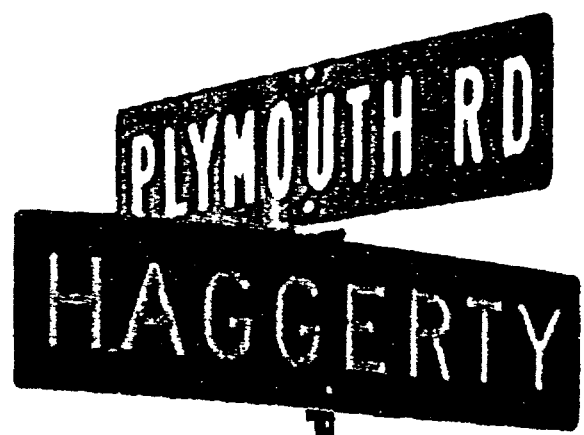
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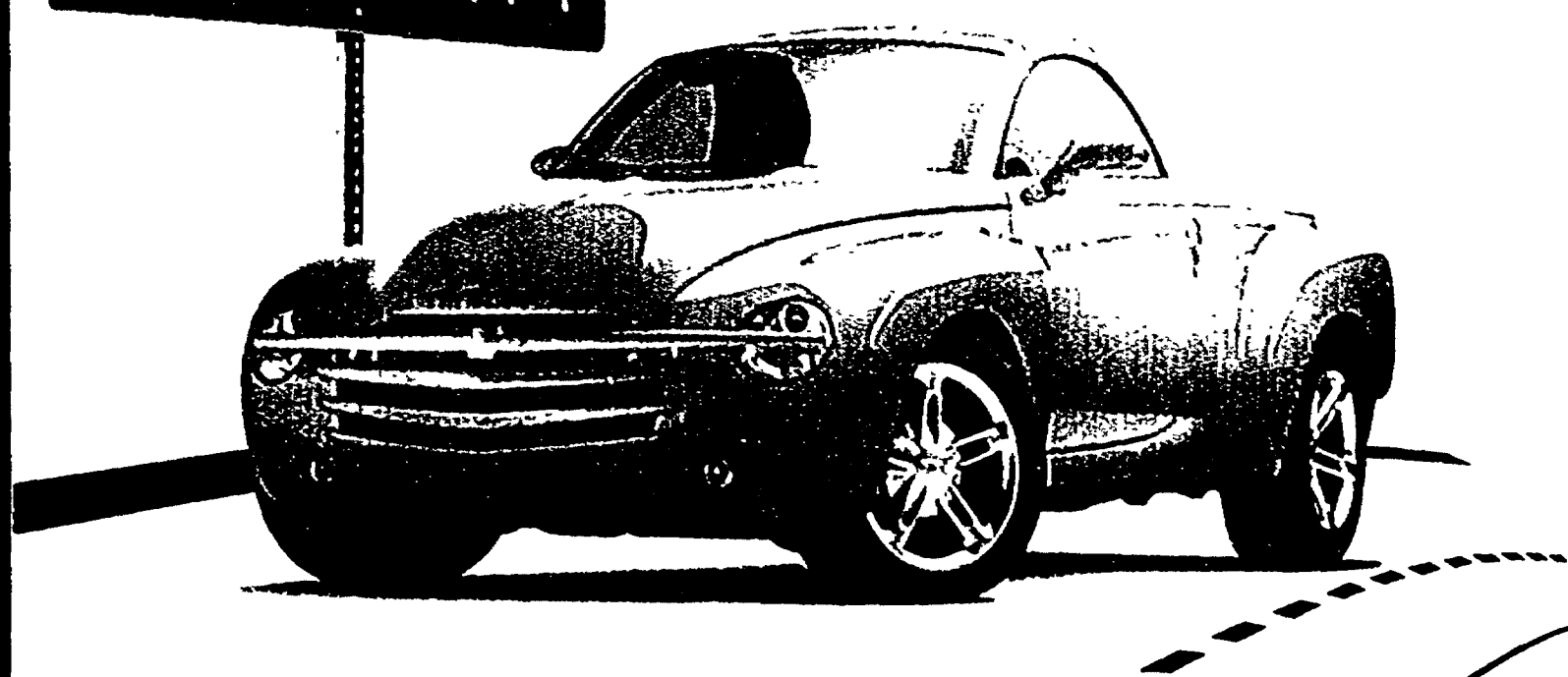
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Festivals & Events Sampler

So many activities going on and so little time to enjoy them all. Decide how far you want to go, when you're going and we'll have an event that's just right for you.



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In Your Own Backyard

Looking for things to do close to home? Have a weekend project? Looking for a new car? Planning to move? Here are numerous activities, goods and services—all close to home—to make each day the best one yet!

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734.414.0515

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50-100 miles

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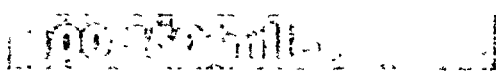
www.turkeyville.com

Since serving their first turkey sandwich in 1968, the Cornwell's have been living up to their slogan: "We Have Your Recipe for FUN!" offering a dinner theater, restaurant, gift shop and more.

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85 miles



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See our ad on page 8.

147 miles

200-250 miles

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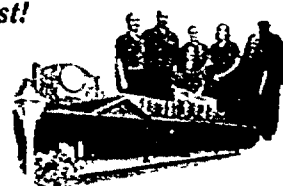
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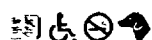
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- Make sure you are familiar with the area where you will be going as well as the surrounding area. Protected lands and parks that restrict hunting are best.
- As with any season, it is crucial to let someone know where you are going and when you plan to be back.
- Wear hunter safety orange ... and lots of it. A hunter's safety vest is worth the investment. Make sure your children and pets are also wearing orange. An orange bandana works well for pets.
- Make noise; sing, talk and or shout out as you walk to make sure people know you're coming through. If you see a hunter, call out your location.
- Keep children within sight at all times.
- Sometimes it's best just to stay home. Why not plan a quiet weekend at home during opening weekend of firearms season.

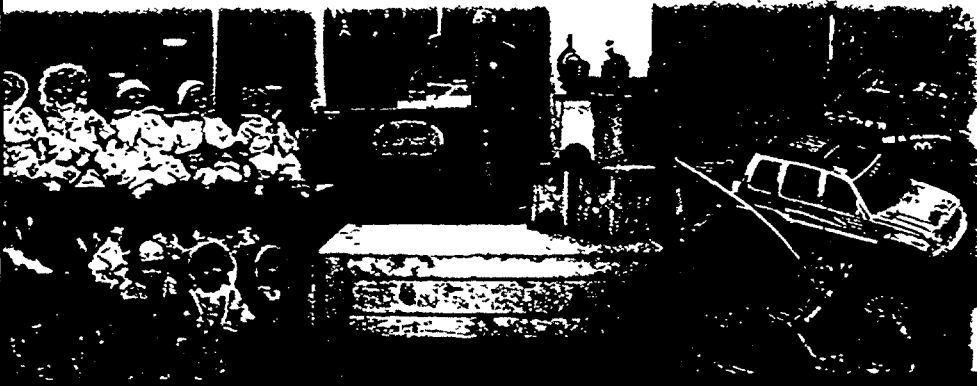


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Nov. 6 th & 7 th	Mt. Pleasant, MI Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
Nov. 13 th & 14 th	Battle Creek, MI Kellogg Arena
Nov. 20 th & 21 st	Grand Rapids, MI The Delta Plex
Dec. 4 th & 5 th	Lansing, MI Lansing Center
Dec. 11 th & 12 th	Vaporalso, IN Porter County Fairgrounds
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Festivals & Events Sampler

So many activities going on and so little time to enjoy them all. Decide how far you want to go, when you're going and we'll have an event that's just right for you. For a more complete list of festivals & events, visit www.backyardexcursions.com. The list on the web is continuously updated, so be sure to check back often.

On-Going

- Sept 6-Dec 28 Little River Casino Resort Polka Mondays & Two-Steppin' Tuesday**
Little River Casino & Resort, Manistee, MI
888.568.2244
- Sept 11-Nov 28 . Worlds Collide!**
Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
269.349.7775
- Sept 14-Dec 14 .. A Little History**
Tri-Cities Historical Museum
Grand Haven, MI • 616.842.0700
- Oct 1-April 30 ... AM at GRAM**
Grand Rapids Art Museum
Grand Rapids, MI • 616.831.1000

September 2004

- Sept 16-19 MI Firemen's Memorial Festival**
Fairgrounds, Roscommon, MI
989.275.5880
- Sept 18 Tails & Trails Dog Walk 2004**
Heritage Park, Canton, MI
734.710.1224
- Sept 18 Applefest & Craft Show**
Downtown Coldwater, MI
517.279.9375
- Sept 18 Jackson County Family Farmfest**
Various locations, Jackson, MI
800.245.5282
- Sept 18 Fallfest**
The Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, OH
440.946.4400
- Sept 18-19 The Race to the Sun**
Mill Race Park, Columbus, IN
812.265.5080
- Sept 18-19 Ann Arbor Antiques Market**
Washtenaw Farm Counsel Grounds
Ann Arbor, MI • 850.349.9766
- Sept 18-19 Michigan Renaissance Festival**
Holly, MI • 800.601.4848

- Sept 19-25 St. Joseph County Grange Fair**
Centreville Fairgrounds, Centreville, MI
269.467.8935
- Sept 20-21 Old Fashioned Harvest Festival**
Spicer's Orchards, Fenton, MI
810.632.7692
- Sept 24-26 Atlanta Area Elk Festival**
Downtown Atlanta, MI • 989.785.3400
- Sept 24-26 Pumpkin Run Car Show & Cruise**
Quality Inn grounds, Houghton, MI
800.248.5253
- Sept 24-Oct 3 Tulipanes Latino Art & Film Fest**
Various locations throughout Holland, MI
616.355.2121
- Sept 25-26 MI Antique & Collectible Festival**
Midland Fairgrounds, Midland, MI
989.687.9001
- Sept 25-26 Michigan Renaissance Festival**
Holly, MI • 800.601.4848
- Sept 25-26 Art in the Park**
Olde World Canterbury Village
Lake Orion, MI • 800.442.XMAS
- Sept 25-26 Antique & Flea Market**
Cornwell's Turkeyville, Marshall, MI
269.781.4293
- Sept 25-26 Fall Festival**
Village Green Park, Pentwater, MI
231.869.4150
- Sept 25-26 Shipshewana On the Road**
Erie County Fairgrounds, Sandusky, OH
269.979.8888

October 2004

- Sept 30-Oct 2 Pumpkinfest**
Zeeland, MI • 616.772.2494
- Sept 30-Oct 3 Four Flags Area Apple Festival**
Apple Festival Grounds, Niles, MI
269.683.8870
- Oct 1-31 Pumpkin & Trout Festival**
Indian Brook Farms, Jackson, MI
517.750.2743

- Oct 2 **Fall Festival & Craft Show**
Cornwell's Turkeyville, Marshall, MI
269 781 4293
- Oct 2-3 **AutumnFest**
Cheboygan Area Middle School
Cheboygan, MI • 800 968 3302
- Oct 2-3 **Shipshewana On the Road**
Johanning Civic Center, Kokomo, IN
269 979 8888
- Oct 7-10 **Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival**
Thunder Bay Recreation Area, Alpena, MI
800 425 7362
- Oct 7-10 **Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival**
Fairgrounds, Caro MI • 989 673 2511
- Oct 8-10 **Bangor Apple Festival**
Downtown Bangor, MI • 269 427 5831
- Oct 8-10 **Apple Festival**
Downtown Charlevoix MI
231 547 2101
- Oct 8-10 **Color Cruise & Island Festival**
On the island, Grand Ledge MI
517 627 2383
- Oct 8-Oct 30 **Ghost Ship**
SS City of Milwaukee Manistee, MI
231 723 3587
- Oct 9-10 **Italian Fest**
Olde World Canterbury Village
Lake Orion MI • 800 442 XMAS
- Oct 15-16 **Davison Pumpkin Festival**
Downtown Davison MI • 810 653 2191
- Oct 16 **Cadillac Chestnut Harvest Festival**
McCullum Walkway City Park
Cadillac MI • 231.775 0657
- Oct 21-23 **Jordan Valley Freedom Festival's
Haunted Maze**
Civic Center, East Jordan, MI
231 536 7351
- Oct 23 **Pumpkin Carving Contest**
Cornwell's Turkeyville Marshall, MI
269 781 4293
- Oct 30 **Olde World Canterbury Village
Trick or Treat Event**
Lake Orion MI • 800 442 XMAS
- Oct 30-31 **Shipshewana On the Road**
Grand Traverse Resort
Traverse City MI • 269 979 8888

A horse-drawn wagon shuttles Fall Festival
visitors between activities
Photo courtesy of Chippewa Nature Center

November 2004

- Nov 3 **"A Cornwell Christmas"**
Cornwell's Turkeyville, Marshall, MI
269 781.4293
- Nov 5-14 **Horn's Glassblowing and
Painting Demonstrations**
Bronner's Christmas Wonderland,
Frankenmuth, MI • 800.ALL YEAR
- Nov 6-7 **Shipshewana On the Road**
Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
Mt Pleasant, MI • 269.979.8888
- Nov 7 **Ann Arbor Antiques Market**
Washtenaw Farm Counsel Grounds
Ann Arbor, MI • 850.349.9766
- Nov 13 **Cherished Teddies Adoption**
Bronner's Christmas Wonderland,
Frankenmuth, MI • 800 ALL YEAR
- Nov 13-14 **Shipshewana On the Road**
Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek, MI
269 979.8888
- Nov 20-21 **Shipshewana On the Road**
The Delta Plex Arena, Grand Rapids, MI
269.979.8888
- Nov 26-28 **Dickens Christmas Festival**
Downtown Holly, MI • 248 634.1900

December 2004

- Nov 26-Dec 11 .. **Dutch Winterfest**
Downtown Holland, MI • 800 506 1299
- Nov 26-Dec 18.. **North Pole Express**
415 S Washington St , Owosso, MI
989.725 9464
- Nov 26-Dec 30 . **Christmas at Crossroads**
Crossroads Village, Flint, MI
800.648.7275
- Dec 2-5 **Victorian Sleighbell Parade &
Old Christmas Weekend**
Downtown Manistee, MI
800.288 2286
- Dec 4-5 **Festival of Trees**
McCurdy Park, Corunna, MI
989 743.3650
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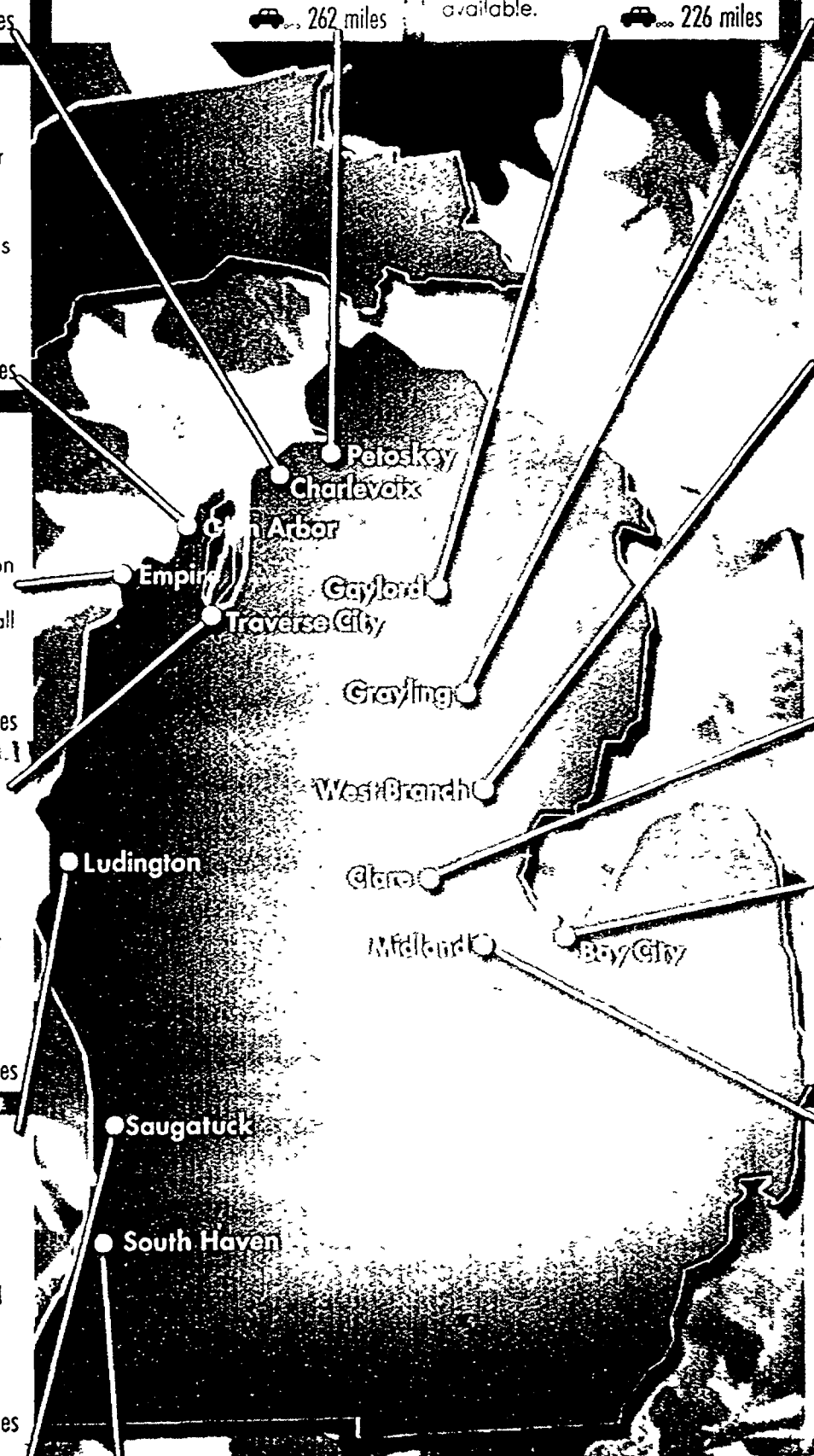
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—Adella R., Texas

Tapping, who was born in England, grew up in Canada and studied drama at the University of Windsor School of Dramatic Art. She worked in theater for several years and co-founded the improvisational Canadian comedy troupe Random Acts with two other women. She has played the role of Capt. Samantha Carter (who has since been promoted to major) since 1997. To play Carter, Tapping talked to an ex-Navy SEAL and also learned about astrophysics. She has three brothers, one her twin, and is married to Alan Kovacs. Her film credits include *The Void* with Malcolm McDowell and Adrian Paul, and a cameo in *Life or Something Like It* with Angelina Jolie. Tapping is a spokeswoman for UNICEF.

Q Whatever happened to the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, which was my favorite country band when I was a teenager?

—Lon S., Pennsylvania

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Amanda Tapping studied with an ex-Navy SEAL for *Stargate SG-1*.

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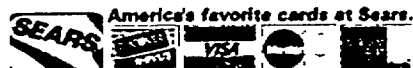
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"I feel so much more confident," says Patti Scialfa, who recently turned 51.

"I wasn't confident when I was younger.

At this point in my life, it's not about worrying over every little thing."

Rock singer Patti Scialfa could have been a household name, but she decided to be a good mother instead.

Scialfa, 51, considered the first lady of rock 'n' roll because she's married to music legend Bruce Springsteen, follows the philosophy of another first lady, the late Jacqueline Kennedy, who once said, "If you bungle raising your children, I don't think whatever else you do well matters very much."

Scialfa (pronounced SKAL-fah) remains one of the most respected women in music for her folk-rock influenced singing, writing and guitar-playing. In the 1980s, she recorded or performed with the Rolling Stones, Southside Johnny & the Asbury Dukes, and Buster Poindexter before joining Springsteen's E Street Band in 1984.

Three years later, she was offered a solo record deal, but Springsteen called and asked her to join his upcoming tour. The two fell in love and married in 1991, and her solo career took a backseat to her marriage and family. "Bruce and I set the first priority in the children," says Scialfa of sons Evan, 14, and Sam, 10, and daughter Jessica, 12. "To really say, 'Look, the kids come first,' and get it out on the table is important when the decisions come along, like when we'll tour. We don't book anything until we go over the kids' schedules and make sure we are home for the plays and things like that."

In 1993, she released her debut solo CD, *Rumble Doll*, when she was six months pregnant with her third child. Although the

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Scialfa and Springsteen (with son Evan in 1990) protect their children's privacy by not releasing recent family photos.

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Photo: Jimmy Levine Jr.

record received rave reviews, she wasn't willing to fully promote it by touring or traveling because she faced the prospect of having three children in diapers.

"You can't do it all, whatever it is," she says. "Once Bruce and I got together, I wanted to have a real relationship that was going to create a family and a beautiful, emotional environment. That was more important to me than my ambition."

Telling her story

It's taken her 11 years to release her follow-up CD, 23rd Street Lullaby, because her career came after children's birthday parties, homework, extracurricular activities and the E Street Band's touring schedule. Now she's taking center stage to sing her own songs instead of performing her husband's music. "It's a nice opportunity because Patti has given so much of herself to my music over the years," Springsteen says.

Now that her children are older, she finally has the time to sit down and talk about her work without interruption. Warm and approachable, a denim-clad Scialfa nibbles an olive as she kicks off her high heels and rests her manicured feet on the sitting room table in New York's Lowell Hotel. Although Scialfa is a familiar face onstage, little is known of her life offstage because she prefers to remain "hidden."

"We have a lot of deep and philosophical conversations now and then, but we also love to talk about clothes and go horseback riding," says her friend Soozie Tyrell. "She's a real gal's gal. She's very soft on the outside and very loving, but inside she is very strong."

Scialfa's new CD explores her experiences as a 20-something starving artist living in Manhattan's Chelsea District, playing clubs such as Kenny's Castaway and Dr. Generosity's. "I just wanted to tell my story," she says. "Honestly, you can feel like you're always being viewed through the life of your husband when you're in the situation of being married to someone well-known."

"For me, this record was a chance to give myself some autonomy," she says. "This is my past, this is who I am, this is where I came from."

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"I think women are torn all the time: Do they work? Do they not work? I worry, 'Am I doing it right? Am I doing enough? Am I giving enough of myself?'"

Her children now realize that their parents don't have normal occupations. "I try to teach them, without making them feel guilty, that they are very privileged and with that privilege comes a really big sense of responsibility," she says. "If you don't have the responsibility with it, then it becomes ugly."

A Jersey girl at heart

Scialfa was raised in the New Jersey towns of Deal (pop. 1,070) and Oakhurst (pop. 4,152). "There was a real moderate current going through where I grew up," Scialfa says. "You knew your next-door neighbor; you could smell their barbecue. They would let you pick things from their garden."

But coupled with that safe environment were the traditional views of women that Scialfa found to be stifling. "I was brought up in a generation where you were not given the signals to pursue your ambitions as you're given now," she says. "I was in the generation still where you felt the confines of being a woman."

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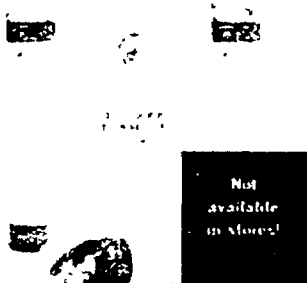
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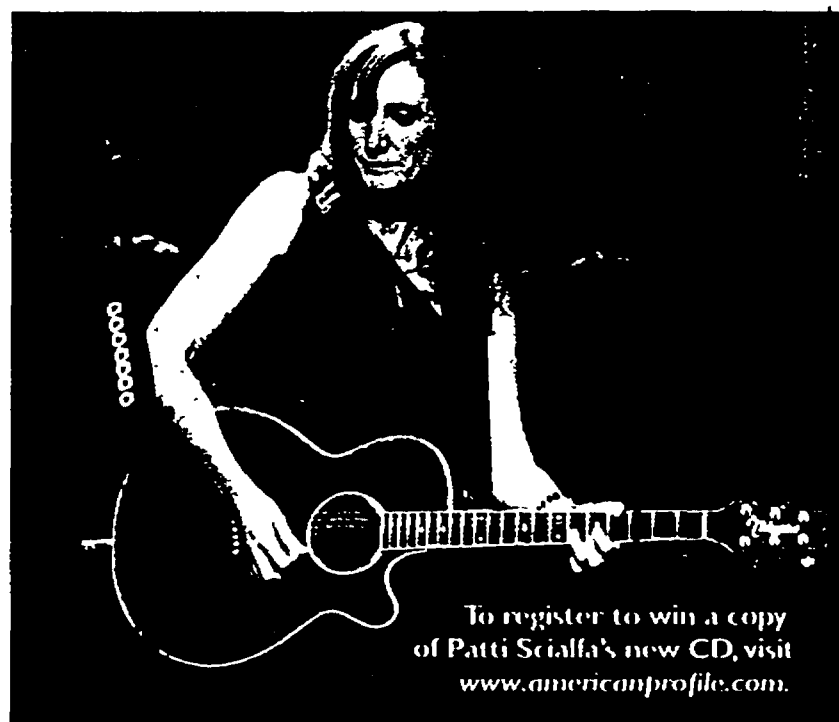


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When Scialfa was recently in Lake Placid, N.Y. (pop. 2,638), with her family, a female doll display in a toy store caught her eye. "They had these dolls dressed up with a microphone and a guitar slung over their shoulders," she says. "I said, 'Look at this! This is fantastic!' I said to Bruce, 'When I was a young girl, this would have been revolutionary. It would have been unheard of.'"

After graduating from Asbury Park High School, she couldn't wait to move to a big city to pursue her dreams of a music career. "What's the first thing you want to do when you are young?" she asks. "You want to leave: 'I gotta get out. I have to leave everything my mother believes in because I don't want to be like my mother.' When you are a young woman trying to establish your own identity, you have to leave, just as boys have to leave."

She studied at the University of Miami before moving to New York in 1974 and graduating from New York University. She began making a living as a singer, performing as a street musician with Tyrell and in clubs with her band. Caught up in New York's intoxicating music community, she thought she would never move back to New Jersey's quiet, tree-lined streets. "I wanted to live like women got to live in books I had read," she says.

Then she had children, a transformation that ultimately led to her embracing her small-town roots.

"To me, it became a very clear thing," she says. "If I'm thinking, 'Where's the best place I can raise my children?' That would be Jersey. All my family is in New Jersey. I have a huge extended family, Italian and Irish, and Bruce's family is there. Bruce and I grew up about 10 miles from each other. There's about 40 or 50 family members. I like having a lot of family around. I thought it would normalize the situation."

In 1995, the Scialfa-Springsteens moved from Beverly Hills, Calif., to Rumson, N.J. (pop. 7,137). "We live in a town between where we both grew up," she says. "We're lucky because the school is across the street. I like having them close to me."

And for Scialfa, that motherly bond is the best success of all. ☆

Beverly Keel is the entertainment editor of American Profile.

To read more of our interview with Patti Scialfa, visit www.americanprofile.com.

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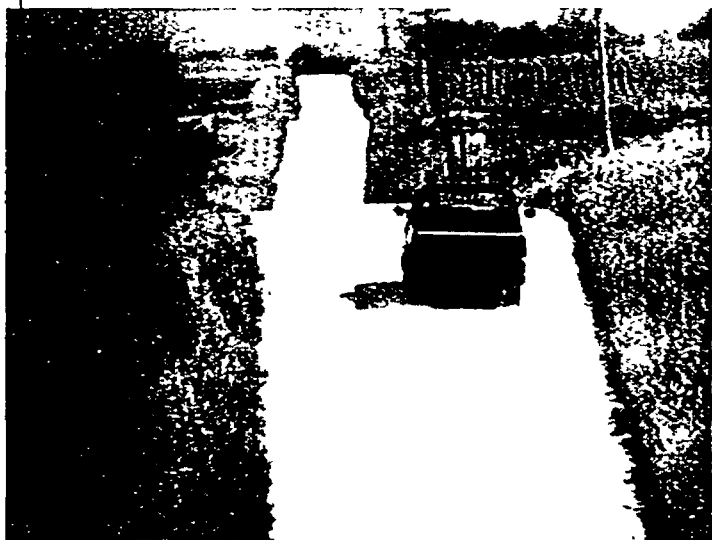
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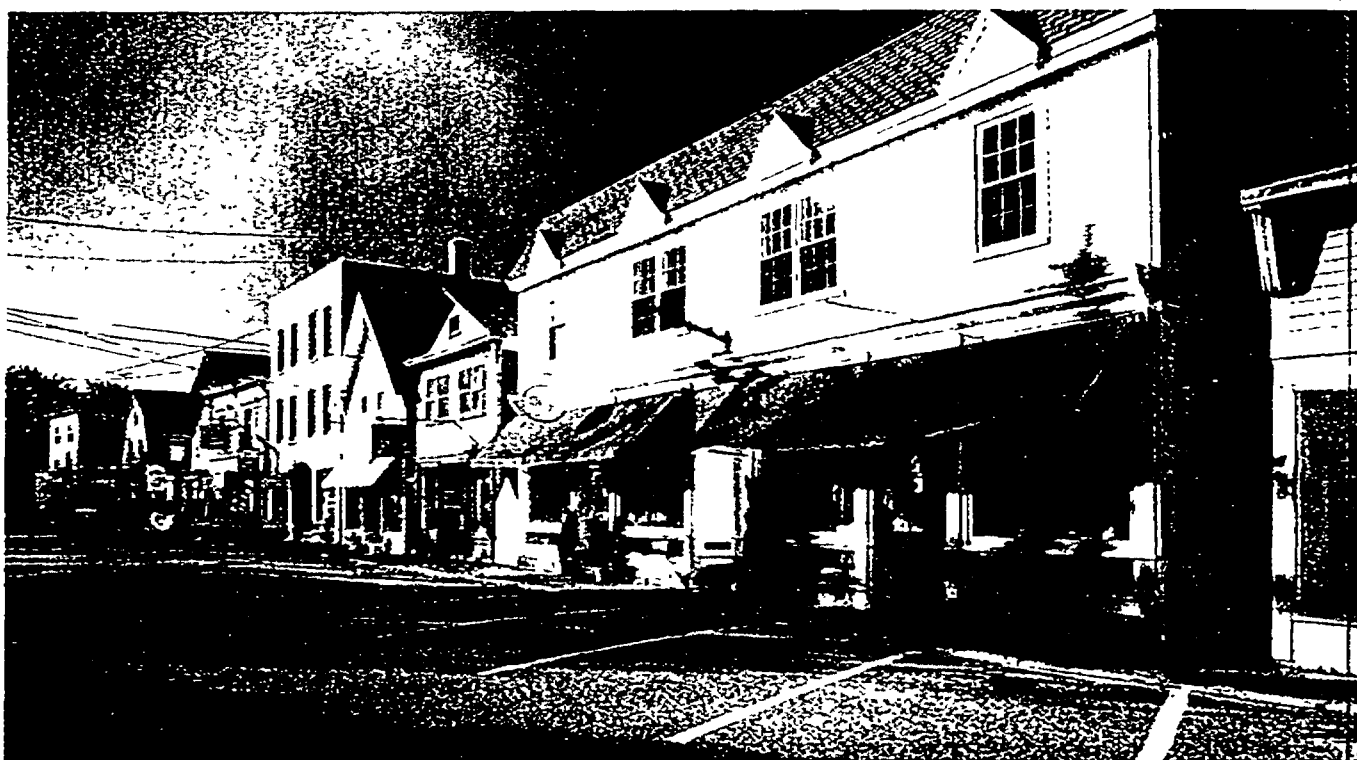
Rural Safe Communities Make a Difference

Traditionally, motorists in small towns and rural areas don't perceive the risk of being in a crash as high. And compared to exposure rates of driving in urban areas with high volumes of traffic, they're right. But when a crash does occur, the risk of injury is greater because higher speed head-on collisions—the deadliest of all crashes—are more common on two-lane rural highways than on urban freeways or rural interstate highways.



More than 50% of fatal vehicle crashes occur in rural areas.

A program sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) called Safe Communities is helping rural communities develop safety programs that focus on the unique needs of people living in these areas. Annually, more than 50% of all the vehicles involved in fatal crashes were involved in crashes that occurred in rural areas. Large trucks had the highest percentage of rural crashes at 66%, followed by light trucks (62%), passenger cars (52%), and motorcycles (48%). Although rural areas accounted for a little over one-third of total vehicle miles of travel each year, the fatality rate in those areas per 100 million vehicle miles traveled is more than double the rate in urban areas.



A program called Safe Communities is helping rural areas develop vehicle safety programs. Today, nearly 200 communities are taking part.

What Are Safe Communities?

Communities are in the best position to effect improvements in motor vehicle and other transportation-related safety problems. When a community takes ownership of an issue, change happens. There are nearly 200 Rural Safe Communities working in rural counties (less than 50,000 population) or rural towns (less than 2,500 population).

The Safe Communities approach represents a new way community programs are established and managed. All partners participate as equals in developing solutions, sharing successes, assuming risks, and building a community structure and process to continue improvement of community life through the reduction of injuries and costs.

A Safe Community expands resources and partnerships, increases program visibility, and establishes community ownership and support for transportation injury prevention programs. As the Safe Community concept addresses all injuries, transportation and traffic safety becomes positioned within the context of the entire injury problem.

In addition, the Safe Communities approach emphasizes the need to involve the medical, acute care and rehabilitation communities. These groups need to be actively engaged as integral partners in preventing injuries.

Safe Community strategies, for example, helped schools in northwest Arkansas increase seat belt use from 13% to 55% and nearly doubled the number of small children riding protected in child safety seats.



This is just one example of how the Safe Communities program works for rural areas. This approach provides exciting opportunities for transportation safety programs, as well as many pay-offs for safety and injury control advocates as we move forward and focus on reducing injuries and health care costs.

Because it wouldn't hurt to live in a Safe Community, contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to find out how your community can become a safe community. For more information on this and other programs, visit NHTSA's website, www.NHTSA.dot.gov/safecommunities, or call the Safe Communities Service Center at (817) 978-3653. ■

What Can You Do to Start a Safe Community?

- Begin considering the types of injuries that occur in your community
- Investigate whether traffic safety or other injury prevention programs are already at work in your area
- Collaborate with others who are concerned with reducing injuries
- Promote community ownership and involvement
- Research what types of data will be needed and how to collect it
- Calculate the cost of injuries in your community
- Coordinate with existing safety and prevention efforts



"She heard my son's cry for help."



After crashing into a tree, Michelle Creager and her sons experienced firsthand the valuable assistance of an OnStar® Advisor.

"Out of nowhere, there was a voice and she said help was on the way."

In the moments after the crash, Michelle Creager heard two scared little voices. And one reassuring one. On their way to the babysitter's, the Creagers' minivan hit a slick spot on a two-lane highway, plunged down an embankment and slammed into a tree, deploying the air bags and landing in a steep ditch filled with water.

Critically injured, Michelle drifted in and out of consciousness. Four-year-old Evan was still inside the vehicle, while two-year-old Jacob got out of his child safety seat and was crawling through the ditch.



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"OnStar knew exactly where I was."

Fortunately, the Creagers' Pontiac Montana was equipped with OnStar. When its air bags went off, it sent a signal to the OnStar Call Center. A highly trained OnStar Advisor received Michelle's name, vehicle description and location on a computer screen (using Global Positioning System satellites), as well as contact information for the nearest emergency services.

Within seconds, the Advisor attempted to contact the Creagers, her voice coming through the vehicle's stereo speakers. When the Advisor heard only children crying, she quickly contacted local authorities and stayed on the line until help arrived.

"She heard my son's cry for help."

"I remember waking up and trying

to respond to the Advisor," Michelle recalls. "She was excellent. And hearing her voice helped my little boy. Even though I couldn't talk to him, he knew someone could hear him calling for help."

Assistance arrived quickly. Everyone was transported to a nearby hospital, where the children were released later that day. Michelle was hospitalized for a week but has now recovered.

A rescuer later told Michelle that OnStar's ability to locate their vehicle and call the closest emergency providers brought them help at least 10 minutes sooner. "The response time was critical."

"My cell phone was in the ditch."

Michelle thought she was prepared for anything because she had her cell phone. "But there was no way I could have gotten to it. It had

In the "golden hour," every minute counts.

"The more rapidly we get the patient to the hospital, the better the chance of treating their injuries," says Stephen M. Cohn, M.D., chief of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care Divisions, University of Miami.

The 60-minute period following a crash is so critical that emergency crews refer to it as the "golden hour," Cohn says. "We have the best chance of saving their lives within that golden hour."

Today, more than 2 million vehicles have OnStar service, which automatically contacts OnStar if the air bags deploy, provides the vehicle's location and contacts help for victims as fast as possible.

"Ultimately, I would like to see all vehicles equipped with these devices," Cohn notes.



flown out of the car," she says. "A lot of people feel that a cell phone is their safety net. But you can't predict that you'll be coherent enough or physically able to get to your cell phone."

"OnStar looked out for us."

"We were very fortunate that someone was looking out for us," says Michelle's husband, Chad. "It could have turned

out a lot differently. It could have been awful. I think about it a lot, like every morning at 6:30. I could be sitting alone in this house. If it was up to me, every automaker would provide OnStar."

With their minivan totaled, the Creagers replaced it with another GM vehicle. And of course it has OnStar. "I won't have a vehicle without it," she says.



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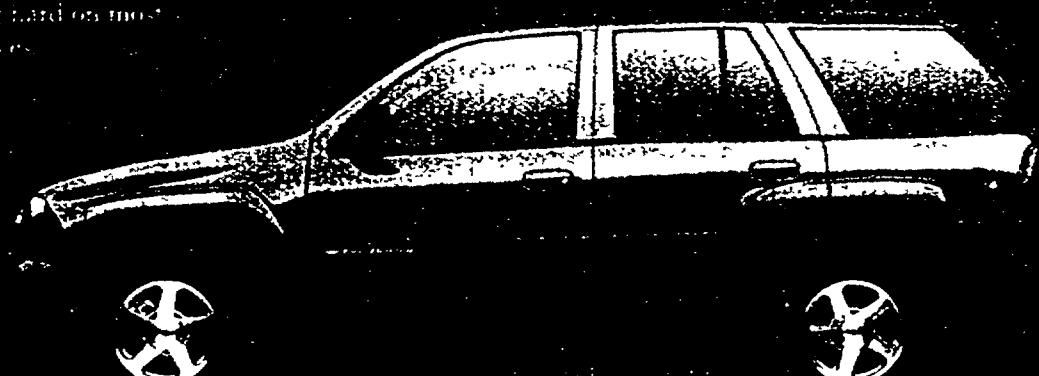
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The Best Reason to Use a Booster Seat

Safety belts are not designed for children. Booster seats are. Young children are too small for safety belts and too large for infant toddler seats. A booster seat raises your child up so that the safety belt fits right—and can better protect your child.

Children should be restrained with safety systems that correspond with their stage of development. This means that children should progress through a series of child safety seats and belt-positioning booster seats before moving on to the use of adult seat belts. An important first step is to make parents aware of the risks associated with the improper fit of seat belts and the misconceptions about the appropriate age and weight for graduation to seat belts. Many parents mistakenly believe that their children are too big to require booster seats. Parents need to know more about how to determine if a child restraint or seat belt is fit properly. Guidelines provide age and weight ranges but do not tell parents how they will know if the restraint is appropriate for their child in particular.

Children should remain in child restraints or belt-positioning devices until an adult seat belt fits them properly. When children can sit



Booster seats allow seat belts to fit properly on children.

with their backs straight against the back seat of the vehicle and bend their knees over the seat edge without slouching, they are ready for adult seat belts. The lap belt must fit low and over the hips, not riding up on the stomach, and the shoulder belt should fit across the sternum and shoulder, not digging into the neck or face. Before transitioning to seat belts, child safety advocates suggest using a sequence of different child restraints—each restraint or positioning device corresponding with the child's stage of development and ability to sustain injury. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) currently recommend the following child safety seats:

- **Rear-facing infant seat:** for infants until they are at least 20 pounds and 1 year old
- **Forward-facing toddler seat:** for toddlers 20-40 pounds and 1-4 years old
- **Booster seats:** for children 40-80 pounds and 4-8 years old

Rear-facing seats come in two forms: rear-facing only seats and rear-facing convertible seats, which can later be converted into forward-facing seats. Forward-facing seats also come in two forms: the convertible forward-facing seat and the forward-facing combination child restraint/booster seat. After the child outgrows the forward-facing car seat, the next recommended step is a booster seat. Booster seats are not restraint systems since they work with the vehicle's seat belt; instead they are considered "positioning devices" because they help position the vehicle seat belt so that it fits properly around the child. There are two types of booster seats: shield boosters and belt-positioning boosters.

The purpose of the booster seat is to serve as a platform that raises the child up so that the belt fits properly. The lap belt should fit low and over the hips and the shoulder belt should cross the shoulder and sternum; this helps distribute crash forces to the stronger bony structures. A child should remain in a booster seat until an adult belt fits properly—that is, until the lap belt is over the hips and the shoulder belt crosses the sternum and shoulder.

NHTSA and AAP currently recommend that parents use booster seats with children 40-80 pounds, 4-8 years old and up to 4'9" tall. For best protection, it is also recommended that parents avoid using shoulder-belt adjusters or other alternatives, such as placing the child on a pillow or cushion. Replace a booster seat that has been in a crash—the seat might have defects that you can't see. ■

Driving Safety Tips

Do not drink and drive. Appoint a designated driver or call a cab. Nationally, thousands of people die in alcohol-related crashes each year.

- **Buckle up correctly**—every time, on every trip—and insist that all passengers do likewise. Properly restrain children in appropriate safety seats. Never put a child in a rear-facing infant seat in front of an active frontal air bag.
- **Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained.** Pay close attention to engine coolant, brakes, tire condition and tire pressure, and belts and hoses.
- **Do not allow distractions** such as eating, drinking and passenger/telephone conversations to interfere with the primary task of driving. As handheld cell phone use while driving becomes more restricted, OnStar Personal Calling

remains a safer alternative. OnStar Personal Calling* (OPC) is a hands-free, voice-activated phone that's built into many OnStar-equipped vehicles. It is more powerful than most handheld cell phones so it may be available when your cell phone isn't. With no battery to charge and no phone to hold, it's safer and easy to use.

- **Lock your vehicle at all times**, even at home. Park in well-lighted areas and be aware of your surroundings.

- **Be prepared.** Keep emergency supplies in your car such as flares and hazard signs in case of a breakdown or flat. If your car overheats, let the

engine cool and call for service. Make sure there's a jack in the car and that the spare is properly inflated.

- **Never leave children unattended in or around a vehicle.**

- **Don't be without the valuable assistance of OnStar.** If you have OnStar in your vehicle, help is only a button press away, and if you're in a crash that deploys your air bags a specially trained emergency advisor will call into your vehicle and, even if you don't answer, will determine your location using satellite (GPS) technology and call local emergency services. For OnStar system information and details, visit OnStar.com. ■

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Savoring Valomilk Memories

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Just 4 years old, Russ Sifers climbed a wooden step stool to peek into the kettle of melted chocolate at the family candy factory. "I was fascinated by the light and dark chocolate and the smell," Sifers recalls.

Forty years later, Sifers rescued that same chocolate melter, fired it up and ran down the street to the nearest phone to call his wife with the news.

Yes, the old equipment worked. Yes, he was one step closer to bringing back Valomilk, the marshmallow-filled chocolate cups his grandfather discovered by accident more than 70 years ago.

Sifers may have a business degree, but he acted from his heart and not his checkbook when he revived the family's once-famous candy in 1987. Memories the old-time candy evokes are as sweet and gooey as the product Sifers now manufactures in Merriam, Kan. (pop. 11,008).

"I get such wonderful letters," Sifers says. And he answers every one.

Such as Donna Dinwiddie's note. The Scottsville, Ky., woman learned her state capitals from a 1950s Valomilk promotion. Cardboard disks, printed with states and capitals, could be redeemed for free candy.



Russ Sifers and his son, Dave, carry on their family's candy-making tradition.

"Mom worked really hard to raise four kids by herself, and spare money was scarce," Dinwiddie writes. "We would use our little extra money to buy Valomilks. It's one of my favorite childhood memories. Please, never stop making them."

Memories like these rewrote the script of Sifers' own life in 1985. At the time, he worked in management at General Motors, and Valomilk was history. In 1970, candy companies were merging to stay competitive, and Sifers' father, Clarence, sold to a California company. The company automated and tossed the old equipment into a coal bin, including original copper kettles used by Sifers' great-grandfather Samuel Sifers, who started the chocolate business in 1903. The deal didn't pan out, and Valomilk closed in 1981.

One night, Sifers says, he was listening to a radio talk show, and the topic was nostalgic candy.

"The host opened the show talking about Valomilk, and the phones just lit up. I was amazed that people kept calling in with enthusiasm, that this candy meant something to them."

The "original flowing center candy cup" came about accidentally in 1931 when a cook, tipsy from vanilla, ruined a batch of marshmallow. Sifers' grandfather, Harry Sifers, scooped the goo into a chocolate cup, and Valomilk was created: V for vanilla, ALO for marshmallow and MILK because it was creamy.

Sifers listened to the radio show, then made a call that changed his life.

"I said I was thinking about bringing Valomilks back," Sifers says. "The phone lines just jammed after that."

His wife, Julie, an Episcopal priest, backed his venture as did their four children: Tim, Wendy, Dave and Sarah.

"This was his heritage," Julie says. "We talked it over and I said, 'Russ, what do you want to do with the rest of your life?'"

Sifers got back the rights to the Valomilk name, along with the family's original candy-making equipment. For two years, he and Dave rebuilt the candy wrapping machine and chocolate depositor. Friends helped for free—or nearly free.

"We got to eat all the leakers," Neal Schmutzler says with a laugh.

In 1987, Valomilk went back on the market, made the way they always had been, by hand stirring the chocolate and hand shaking it atop the cups to evenly cover the creamy centers.

The whole company harkens to yesteryear. Bookkeeper Mildred Young, 82, types invoices on a typewriter. Sifers writes orders on an oversized wall calendar. Distribution seemed impossible until Sifers found Rick Rucker of Bridgeport, Ill., who markets old-fashioned candy to rural hardware stores, lumberyards and feed stores.

"I'm not in this to make money. I'm in it to make smiles," Sifers says. "About the time I'm down and beat up, I get a little fan mail." ★

Marti Attoun of Joplin, Mo., is a frequent contributor to American Profile.

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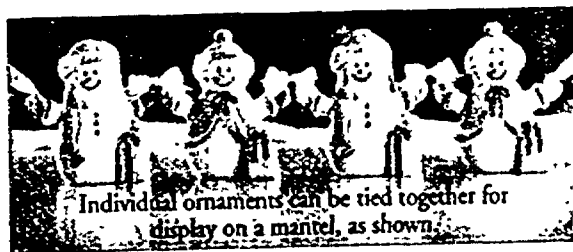
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Hometown Spotlight

Embracing Outdoor Art

by DEBORAH LYNN BLACK

The huge sculptures, some of them more than 30 feet tall, with only trees and blue sky as a backdrop certainly catch the eye. In a wooded area in western New York, a trio of larger-than-life aluminum schoolgirls is caught in carefree repose, as if enjoying a picnic. Nearby, an intimate glade harbors a fanciful butterfly chair sprouting metallic wings, like something out of Alice in Wonderland.



Simon Griffis carries on his father's legacy at Griffis Sculpture Park, a 425-acre interactive art museum.

The chair is one of several works contributed by Mark Griffis, a furniture designer and son of the founder of this unusual place, the Griffis Sculpture Park, in Ashford Hollow, N.Y.

The 425-acre outdoor art museum featuring more than 200 exhibits was the brainchild of Buffalo, N.Y., artist Larry Griffis Jr. While studying in Italy in 1961, the maverick sculptor visited the ruins of Emperor Hadrian's villa. Another son, Simon, now the park's executive director, describes his father's

moment of inspiration. "He picnicked on the grounds, watching his children playing on the ruins. Dad got the idea to create a park with the same sort of marriage between art and nature. His vision was that art should be an interactive experience—touchable, climbable and free to everyone."

In 1966, Griffis purchased 100 acres of Ashford Hollow farmland and erected 15 of his own welded steel works on a hillside along a country road. The angular, Picasso-like figures towering 25-feet instantly captured the community's imagination.

It still does. Ashford Hollow residents point out that Griffis Sculpture Park was the first of its kind in the nation. But for this close-knit farming community of under 300 in New York's northern Allegheny foothills, it's about more than firsts. It's about working together to preserve a treasure that's become the area's legacy.

"There really is something special about art that's in the open instead of in a museum," says Colleen Smith, a graduate of nearby St. Bonaventure University. "It seems to be something more on the level of the average person. You can experience these statues at your own pace in an unspoiled environment. As you walk among them, they have so much personality they seem to come alive."

Inspired by this dramatic, user-friendly art, the hamlet's residents embraced its enthusiastic creator to form the Ashford Hollow Foundation for the Visual and Performing Arts. Through fundraisers and private donations, the foundation acquired another 325 acres and drummed up commissions for additional sculptures. More than 60 artists worldwide have contributed an impressive collection that boldly complements the landscape.

"What makes Griffis unique is its larger-than-life blend of realism and abstraction," says David Reade, former park tour director.

Although similar attractions have appeared around the country, the park still draws 35,000 visitors a year. A fee box is set up on the grounds, requesting admission from visitors—\$5 for adults, and \$3 for seniors and students. Children under 12 get in free.

"Most sculpture parks are really gardens, manicured and flat," Reade says. "Here art melds into the landscape. Each piece was placed with a particular setting in mind—not just willy-nilly."

The park, which spans the nearby towns of Ashford (pop. 2,223) and East Otto (pop. 1,105), also serves as a nature preserve. "We



For more information about Griffis Sculpture Park, log on to www.griffispark.org.

Students pose with a sculpture by Larry Griffis Jr., who founded the pioneering park in 1966.

offer 10 miles of trails where people can hike, bike, even snowshoe past art exhibits and enjoy wildlife at the same time," Simon Griffis says. The trails are popular with Ashford Hollow residents and others from surrounding towns in Cattaraugus County.

Recently, with costs rising and the addition of artists' cabins and a visitors' center, the park was faced with financial challenges. In response, the community rallied, pitching in to clean up trash, mow the grounds and maintain trails.

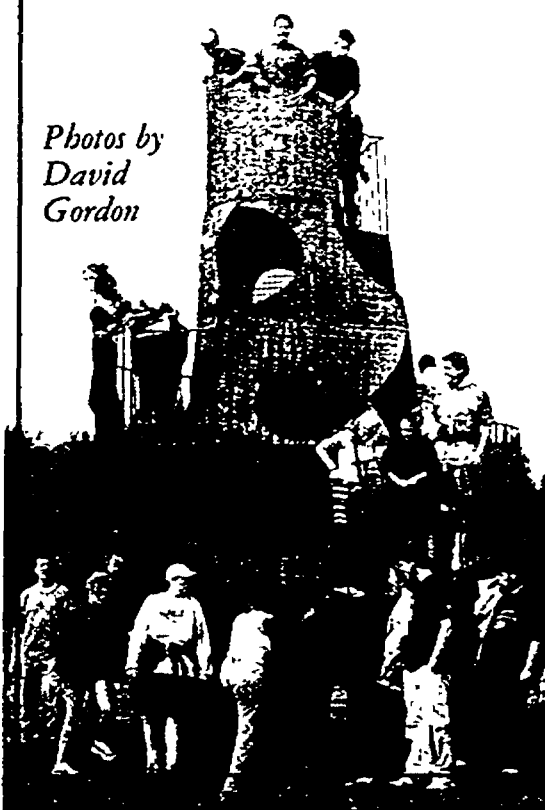
"It's amazing," Reade says, "that in 35 years a park this size is still able to exist largely on donations. That's a real tribute to this town." ☆

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1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 apples, diced

Combine the first six ingredients in a medium-size bowl. In another small bowl, beat egg, and combine with milk, molasses and oil until well-blended. Pour wet mixture into dry mixture and stir until just evenly blended. Stir in apples. Pour 1/4 cup of batter onto a hot, lightly greased griddle. Cook 2 to 3 minutes on each side, making certain center is cooked through. Serves 2 to 4.

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INDIANA

Ghost Walk—Zionsville, Oct. 15-16. Take a walking tour from the P. H. Sullivan Museum through historic Zionsville, and talk with actors portraying the ghosts of deceased citizens of the area. (317) 873-4900.

IOWA

Doll and Bear Show—Iowa City, Oct. 10. Browse displays of dolls and stuffed animals during this sale at the Quality Inns and Suites. Admission fee covers free appraisals of two antique dolls. (319) 643-2441.

KANSAS

Chili and Salsa Cookoff—Wellington, Oct. 16. Rev up your taste buds by sampling freshly made chili and salsa, and enjoy live music and arts & crafts during this 15th annual event in Heritage Park. (620) 326-7466.

MICHIGAN

Apple Festival Craft Show—Charlevoix, Oct. 8-10. Sample more than 30 varieties of apples, food and cider from area orchards during this event, which also features arts & crafts, in downtown East Park. (231) 547-2102.

MINNESOTA

Totally Terrific Tree Houses—Chanhassen, through Oct. 10. Marvel at the whimsical designs of a dozen tree houses during a self-guided or docent-led tour of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. (952) 443-1400.

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Maple Leaf Festival—Carthage, Oct. 9-17. Celebrate the colorful fall foliage with parades, gospel music, royalty pageants, a fun walk, food, arts & crafts, and dog, car, and antique tractor shows. (417) 358-2373.

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Pride of the Plains—Plainview, Oct. 16. Watch as high school marching bands from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota compete in parade and field formations at Plainview High School's football stadium. (402) 582-3229.

NORTH DAKOTA

Papa's Pumpkin Patch—Bismarck, through Oct. 17. Delight in a castle made of hay bales, whimsical scarecrows and fields ablaze with orange pumpkins at the Pearce farm along Fernwood Drive. (701) 222-1521.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

Native American Day—Crazy Horse, Oct. 11. Celebrate American Indian heritage with dancing, storytelling and the chance to see the memorial to Sioux chief Crazy Horse, a mountainside sculpture-in-progress. (605) 673-4681.

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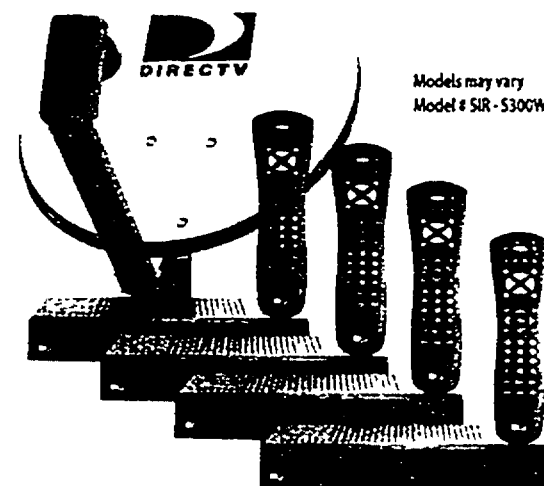


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