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Parking shift: dots be gone

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The Northville City Council is expected Monday night to prohibit downtown employees from parking all day in the city's two largest public lots.

The goal: open more spaces for downtown shoppers by requiring workers to use nearby all-day free parking lots, primarily south of Cady Street.

Members of the Northville Downtown Development Authority Tuesday unanimously voted to recommend removing all orange dots from the lot at Main and Wing streets and the Dunlap Street lot behind the Marquis Theatre. The move is designed to instantly free up 90 three-hour spaces just in time for holiday shopping.

The downtown business and property owners also suggested the city proceed with council-endorsed tougher enforcement against parking-limit violators. The third part of their request is council revision of the ordinance shifting overnight second-floor downtown residents' parking from those two public lots.

The gaping hole along Main Street that is the construction start on Jim Long's 120 West Main project returned customer parking shortage to the development authority's agenda at the regular monthly meeting.

The \$3 million retail/office building permanently erased 40 parking spaces; another 20 used as a staging area will not be available until the scheduled fall 2005 completion of the 22,000-square-foot building.

It's a problem

Bob Buckhave, co-owner with his wife

Margene of Old Church Square, asked board members for assistance. In addition to their two stores, they are landlord to several retailers on the corner of Dunlap and Center and own property along Dunlap used as part of the public lot.

"Our little corner of the world is in trouble right now," Buckhave said. He said he and his staff have tried to set an example by parking off-site to leave the spaces for customers; other employees and business owners are not.

"It's good to be doing a study," he said. "The reality is standing over there in that parking lot."

During the past two weeks, Department of Public Works crews painted over 30 of 60 familiar orange dots previously designating all-day parking places for permit-holding employees. A council mandate Monday would paint over the second half, as well as

"Our little corner of the world is in trouble right now."

Bob Buckhave
Co-owner, Old Church Square

the 60 in the Marquis lot.

Pending council approval, the dots could disappear as soon as the first week in November, said public works director Jim Gallogly.

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Election Time!



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Denise Rossiter's son, Michael, attends Michigan State University and was told he can't vote by absentee ballot Tuesday because he is a first-time voter who registered by mail. To vote, he'll have to hitch a weekday ride back to Northville.

BALLOTS: CAST AWAY

Residents ready for Tuesday election — some more than others

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Eighteen-year-old Michael Rossiter was all geared up to cast his first-ever election ballot next Tuesday.

ELECTION 2004

Before he left for Michigan State University, the Northville High School graduate popped a voter registration form in the mail. But when he tried to apply for an absentee ballot in Lansing, he was stopped short.

"I got a letter in the mail and it just said I

couldn't (vote)," Rossiter said. According to state law, Rossiter must vote in person as a first-time voter, at the Northville precinct where he is officially registered.

That means Rossiter must somehow hitch a ride home Tuesday. Or forgo voting altogether. "I didn't know about that," Rossiter said. "I requested (an absentee ballot) because I was going to be up here and I didn't have my car. My parents might be out of town. I'm really upset."

First time rules

Behind the rule is Michigan legislation passed two years ago, about the time the U.S. Congress was developing the Help America Vote Act of 2002. It's now part of an anti-fraud section in the state's election law.

Secretary of State spokesperson Kelly Chesney said if first-time voters want to vote

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Election results will be posted on our Web site after
midnight Tuesday: www.hometownlife.com



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Christine Walker and her son, Jake, are one of many Northville families hoping Civic Concern can help make their holidays a little bit brighter.

Adopt a Family

Civic Concern effort helps local families

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Christine Walker has seen the magic of Christmas morning in her children's eyes. She's also seen the reality of her bank account.

That's partly why the unemployed mother of three children swallowed her pride and asked for help from Northville Civic Concern's Marlene Kunz.

The agency director sympathized with Walker, whose days are often a blur.

When she's not caring for her 3-year-old son Jake, she is shut-

ling her daughters Chelsea, 11 and Emily, 6, to after-school activities.

All the while, she's fielding creditor calls, keeping her household in order and interviewing for jobs. And with the fast-approaching holiday season, the young Northville mother simply could not fathom her children's disappointment if Santa did not visit.

The Highland Lakes resident and her children will be among 100 families matched with other area families this year by Kunz and Roxanne Barrick. The donor families will receive the holiday's ultimate gift: anonymous generosity.

Barrick said the effort will offer mutual benefit.

"If I did not have that, the kids would not have a Christmas at all," Walker said. "I'm trying to pay the mortgage and all that."

"To see your kids having a good Christmas, it means everything in the world."

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Halloween costumes prompt parent query: 'Sew what?'

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

For many years, Sue Baldwin helped transform her three sons into late October dinosaurs, pirates and cows.

But in an era when even Halloween costumes are closely scrutinized for name-brand value by fashion-conscious candy collectors, handmade haunts aren't quite as haughty as they once were.

Truth be told, going door to door without a logo, or at least a trendy costume, isn't as simple as it used to be.

"When the boys were young, we made their costumes," Baldwin said. "We would go out about when school started ... to the fabric store, (and) they would pick something out."

This year, her youngest son, Daniel, 7, created his own



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Daniel Baldwin shows off his "Ultimate Sports Fan" Halloween costume.

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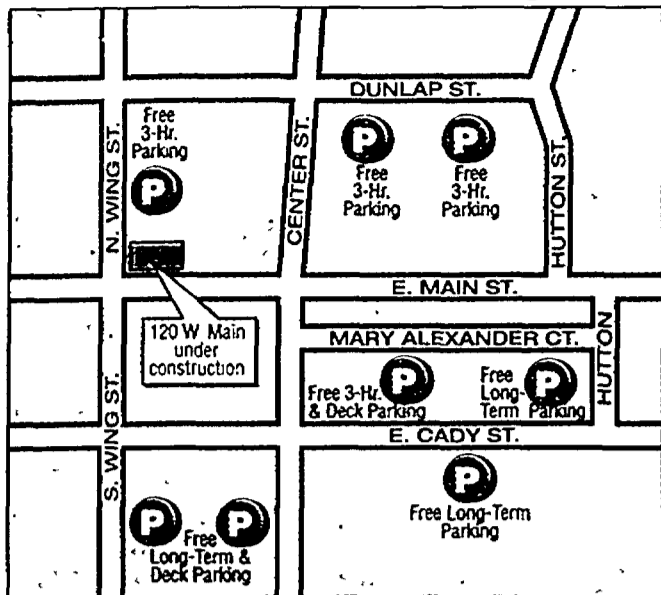


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"Just my two cents, I'd love to see all the orange dots gone," he said. "My employees will comply. I'll force them to comply." "We'll see if we can get better customer flow through."

Just a block away

There are all-day lots behind the Michigan Gift Mart, on the deck behind the MainCentre building, as well as further east on Cady where business owners and their staffs can park. Gallogly said. He said when the snow flies, city crews regularly plow both paved and gravel lots.

"The lot by Cambridge is never full," said board member Joan Wadsworth. "And the lot by First Presbyterian Church (is often vacant)."

Development authority members concurred the "bold stroke" was preferable to phasing out the orange dots — their original plan.

Forcing employees to park on the south side of town will supply real-life data to downtown planners, said board member Greg Presley. "We're going to look at decks differently if we can get all employees parking south of Cady."

Another suggestion was police presence on the lots in the early morning as employees arrive for work.

For store patrons, there is free three-hour parking in the Main Street lots and free two-hour parking on downtown streets.

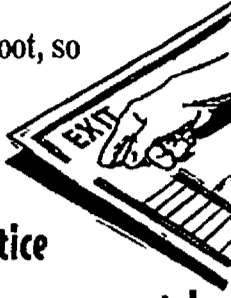
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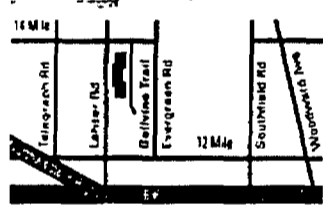
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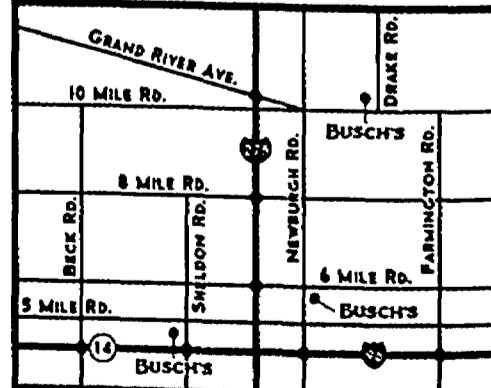
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ADOPT: effort needs local help

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For the past 22 years, Kunz has added the Christmas Adopt-A-Family arrangements to her already demanding duties at the service agency. This year, more families than ever before requested help, she said.

Barrick, drafted by Kunz for the first time this year, during the past month asked clients to provide information on items they needed — school clothes sizes, haircut gift certificates and gas vouchers.

Donors who adopt families receive the needs list and shop for items. Civic Concern volunteers will accept wrapped and tagged gifts Dec. 18 and 19. Recipients will pick up their packages Dec. 20.

"We call it a needs list," Barrick said. "But when it comes to kids, we ask for age-appropriate toys." Meijer gift certificates allow clients to purchase items such as fruit and underwear, Kunz added.

"Clothes for the kids, that's the biggest thing," Walker said.

Kunz teased Walker, who tucked her hair under a ball cap during a recent visit to Civic

Concern, about requesting a hair-styling appointment for herself. But Walker remained focused on her children.

On a previous Christmas, Walker said her son received Matchbox cars and a LeapPad learning center; her oldest daughter received clothes and bead-making supplies.

"They go way above and beyond (the list)," she said. "They make them stockings. 'I still wish I would have done it myself, but I am grateful there is someone out there willing to do this.'"

With a list in hand, Barrick said she will now pursue the second step in the process: finding families to adopt families. A peek at the list told Walker her family had been adopted.

Still, dozens of families remain.

"The first year (Walker) came in for Christmas, she was so embarrassed," Kunz said. "All she could do is stand there and look and cry and say, 'Oh, my God. Oh, my God.'"

Walker said she is grateful to Civic Concern and the people who participate in the program. "You can't believe there are people out there who will actually do

ADOPT A FAMILY

To participate in the annual holiday program, contact Civic Concern at (248) 344-1033.

"To see your kids having a good Christmas, it means everything in the world."

Christine Walker
Northville mother of three

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Marlene Kunz
Civic Concern

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Marlene Kunz, sometimes known as "Mrs. Claus," and Roxanne Barrick are planning on giving a better holiday season to as many Civic Concern clients as possible.

Often neighbors in need are right around the corner

Even in mostly posh Northville, many families face tough financial times

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

"Yes, in Northville."

That is a familiar refrain for Civic Concern volunteer, Roxanne Barrick. She said when she describes to acquaintances the service agency's community-based efforts, they often are surprised they have neighbors in financial need.

Christine Walker is a young mother who five weeks ago lost her West Bloomfield job without notice. She is a Civic Concern client.

"I had absolutely no idea," she said about her sudden unemployment. "I still don't even know why."

The kids' father also is looking for work, Walker said. She turned to Civic Concern's bi-weekly grocery distribution as a temporary measure until she finds another position.

"I've done everything from managing a cleaning crew to administrative office work to watching people's kids," she said. With Civic Concern director Marlene Kunz's encouragement, the Highland

Lakes resident said she continues to interview for positions; so far without success.

Part of the challenge is Walker's need for health care coverage for her asthmatic son, she said. Government guidelines setting an income eligibility limits often mean Walker must make a decision: accept the job at the risk of earning "too much," she said.

This is not the lifestyle she planned for herself and her children, Walker said. Pride initially forced her to try to tough it out.

"In the beginning you're embarrassed because you think you're the only person in the world," Walker said. "Going out there and asking for help is terrible."

At Civic Concern-hosted gatherings, she said clients realize they are not alone, she said "You know it's not a permanent condition."

"(Kunz) makes it easy to accept help," she said. "She's the most optimistic person in the world. That helps."

Kunz said Civic Concern clients are not simply living off the efforts of others. "Their jobs are cut back," she said. "Their benefits are cut back."

Vern and Janice Soli, 23-year Northville residents, are both unable to work due to health reasons. Like Walker, they pick up groceries from Civic Concern and are among the families listed on the Adopt-a-Family Christmas list. Sixty-three-year-old

Janice's two children are grown and gone, said Vern, 78.

"I retired after I was hurt on the job," he said. "Nobody will hire her either. She can't hear. Having something like Civic Concern is pretty nice to have."

The couple makes ends meet check-to-check with federal assistance and a small monthly pension, he said. But there is nothing left over for Christmas gifts at their Randolph Street apartment.

"You've got to be so careful," Soli said. "You get the base necessities. It took us a while (to learn how) to do it. We're thankful we have a roof over our head. We can't go anywhere or nothing."

"We're thankful for what we got."

The couple, married 20 years, complimented Kunz's Civic Concern efforts. "What's she's doing — people don't take the time to do the kind of things she's doing," he said. "It's really something."

The gift list the couple provided to Adopt-A-Family planners in the past included blue jeans, T-shirts, a skirt, and a sweater. "By God, at Christmas you get it," Soli said. "It comes wrapped up all beautiful."

"Even though you know exactly what you're getting, it's a pretty nice feeling."

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"We're thankful we have a roof over our head. We can't go anywhere or nothing. We're thankful for what we got."

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HALLOWEEN: a costume's all in a name — or is it?

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"sports fanatic" costume: a baseball jersey and shorts, football shoulder pads, a golf glove and tennis racket topped by a orange and black tentacle hat.

"We looked in my brother's closet and we found this," Daniel said. The only trick was convincing his brother to share his Northville Mustangs jersey: "My mom had to (tell) him."

Other parents and children will also tap the "dress-up trunk" or mesh hand-me-downs. Some may even gear up sewing machines.

But for most, reality dictates a much different trick-or-treat fate. Parents busy with school, work, errands and a fast-approaching Halloween night deadline, will hit the shops for a pre-packaged costume.

At the New 2 You consignment shop, located along Main Street in downtown Northville, co-owner Lourdes Weidl said most of the 80-100 costumes on hand daily were previously bought from shops like the Disney Store.

This year, popular picks are Snow White and Cinderella princess dresses, as well as a comeback by Power Rangers attire.

"I think we just all tend to rush out to the store, and I think half the fun of Halloween is preparing the costume."

Rita Hall
Northville

"I think 75 percent are already made," Weidl said. "Hardly anybody really brings their homemade ones. I don't think most people have the time. They can run in here and buy them."

The costs range from \$6 to \$20, Weidl said.

Northville's Baby Baby store stocks about 500 costumes each year, many \$6 rentals. Owner Diane Wise said the ease of renting is a big draw.

"We do get a lot from the Disney Store and Warner Brothers," Wise said. "The people I see are kind of short on time and

"When the boys were young, we made their costumes. We would go out about when school started ... to the fabric store, (and) they would pick something out."

Sue Baldwin
Northville Mother

HALLOWEEN TRICKS & TIPS

- Halloween treats**
- Trick or treating hours this year will be 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31 in both Northville Township and the city of Northville.
 - The city offers its traditional Halloween party at the City Fire Hall located at 215 W. Main St. from 6-8 p.m. Popcorn, cotton candy, cider and doughnuts will be offered, and fire equipment will be on display. Infants to adults are welcome. A costume contest is set for 7:30 p.m.
 - The following city streets will be closed on Halloween from 5:30-8:30 p.m. to ensure pedestrian safety: Main Street (from Wing to Rogers), Dunlap (from Wing to Rogers), Linden (from Main to Dubuar), West (from Main to Randolph) and High (from Main to Randolph).
 - Don't forget: Daylight Savings Time also begins Oct. 31. Turn clocks back one hour.

- Remember caution**
When heading out with (or as) a little monster, don't forget trick-or-treating safety:
- Make sure costumes allow free movement and good vision
 - Have children eat dinner before heading out
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 - Agree on the route that's not too long and avoids crossing major intersections
 - Carry a flashlight or glow stick
 - Check the treats for any signs of tampering with the wrappers; don't let children eat homemade treats unless you know and trust the source
- Source: McGruff the Crime Dog/National Crime Prevention Council

Candy can-do
Instead of letting Halloween goodies go to waste, Northville's Civic Concern, an emergency relief organization, suggests making a donation.

Located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center near Seven Mile and Northville roads, the group accepts donations from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. From emergency shelters to soup kitchens, the candy will go to a good cause.

Call Civic Concern at (248) 344-1033 for more information.

short on talent." Still, amid Sponge Bob, Spiderman and Shrek costumes, about half are handmade, she said.

Department stores and seasonal shops like Halloween USA often end up the convenient stop for packaged get-ups, from pirates and ninjas to "couples" ensembles like mustard and ketchup.

"It's just easier for the parents to buy for their kids and ... for themselves," said Amy Gajda, marketing and design manager for Gags and Games. "We offer so many different types of acces-

Final Day!



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Isabelle Darragh checks out a pumpkin at the Northville Farmer's Market during Winchester Elementary's school trip last Thursday. Today is the season's final day.

sories that you could always piece a costume together." Rita Hall of Northville also has sewn many costumes for her two children, ranging between the Statue of Liberty to Albert Einstein.

This year, though, her son decided to go as Pistons Center Ben Wallace, complete with a purchased "afro" wig and jersey.

"He just wanted something specific," Hall said. "I think we just all tend to rush out to the store, and I think half the fun of Halloween is preparing the costume."

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'No Stoppin' upcoming event

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

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No Stoppin' Northville is a grass roots campaign raising awareness about obesity and inactivity.

On Nov. 6, organizers will hold their Second Annual Health Blitz in the Northville High School cafeteria to help Northville residents fight the growing epidemic causing 60 percent of Americans to loosen

their belts, according to the American Obesity Association.

"The objective is to raise awareness in the community about the dangers of obesity and inactivity," said Clay Cutchins of the Water Wheel Health Club, located on Griswold Road in Northville. "The event will give tips to help steer people in the right direction and help them improve in many areas of their lives."

The event will also offer screenings for bone density, cholesterol and blood pressure as well as seminars on simple and effective tips for such battles as holiday eating.

Education and prevention is

the most important cause for the No Stoppin' Northville campaign.

"As health professionals, we have been stunned at the rapid escalation of obesity-related conditions within the last several years," said Marianne Simancek, Director of Community Outreach for Saint Mary Mercy Hospital. "Communities need to take action immediately as we are now seeing alarming trends with children as well."

The event is open to all ages and costs just \$5 for an entire family. Entertainment and food is included with the cost of admittance.

OBITUARIES

Caroline M. "Sally" Howden, 83

Caroline "Sally" Howden died Oct. 14, 2004. She was 83.

Survivors include two children, Nancy (Tom) Gretch and Pat (Jim) Dunn; seven grandchildren, Elizabeth, Peter, Allison, Katherine, Robert, Brian and Dana; and two great-grandchildren, Keely and Payton.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Adele (Jerry)

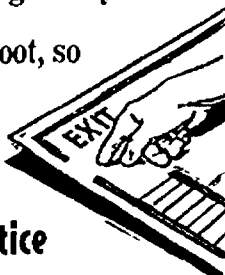
Bosler. A funeral service was held Oct. 17, 2004 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Memorials may be made in Sally's memory to March of Dimes, 27600 Northwestern Hwy. #150, Southfield, Mich. 48034.

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POLICE REPORTS

Money mishandled

An employee at a local gas station allegedly admitted to embezzling store merchandise totaling \$10,000.

Owners of the Mobil Gas Station at Six Mile and Haggerty roads told police Oct. 20 that during an inventory of the store, they discovered a 38-year-old Romulus male employee had sold Mobil products but kept the money. Police said the employee voided item purchases after scanning them at the register.

The man allegedly signed a written statement indicating how he performed his crime and that he would pay the cash back, police said. The case is open pending detective bureau review.

Dog found

A husky, black and white stray dog was found in the 41000 block of Sunnydale Lane in Northville Township last Thursday.

Police reported that the dog had no tags and was taken to a Plymouth location. Call the township police department at (248) 349-9400 with any information.

Hostage taken

Two individuals who made a stop to Northville Township's Meijer store Oct. 16 reportedly had a Farmington Hills resident in tow as a hostage.

According to police, someone called from the Meijer to report a 34-year-old Detroit male and 30-year-old Dearborn female as the alleged kidnapers. Officers reported making a high-risk traffic stop at Haggerty and Seven Mile roads to arrest and search the two suspects.

The alleged victim was turned over to the Farmington Hills Police Department, which was investigating the case.

TV gets a manger

An empty Christmas nativity set box ended up as an unsuccessful method for a 26-year-old Westland male trying to get a discount on a television set.

At Northville's Meijer on Oct. 14, the male had allegedly concealed a \$1,450, 27-inch, silver flat-screen TV in a box for a nativity set valued at \$166. An employee told police the man had taken the items through the checkout line and paid the lower price.

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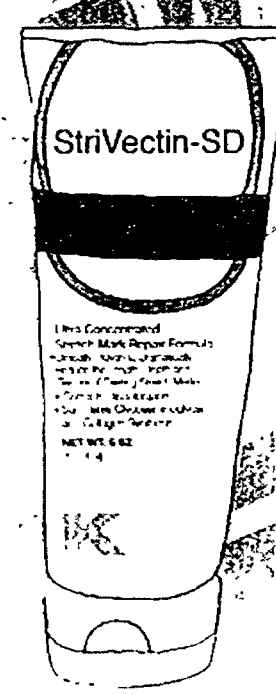
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Term limits: How long is enough?

DeRoche says some want issue on next year's ballot

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Term limits. These two words can start a lively discussion in legislative circles. And, according to Rep. Craig DeRoche (R-Now), the issue is being talked about again.

"The rumor in Lansing is that this is something that is being discussed for the future. There's a handful of legislators who want to put this issue on the ballot sometime next year," DeRoche said.

Currently, term limits are six years for legislators in the House of Representatives and eight years for state senators.

Federal term limits were passed by U.S. voters in 1992, but they were subsequently thrown out as unconstitutional by a federal court.

"It's been 12 years since the

current legislation on term limits was put in place. There's been growing sentiment that people should be able to have the option of checking back in, so to speak, on this issue," DeRoche said.

If re-elected next Tuesday in the general election, DeRoche could run for one more term under the current guidelines. "Three two-year terms is the maximum," DeRoche said.

"Personally, I'm not worried about term limits at this point. I'm focused on making the case for being re-elected," DeRoche said.

"Any time a representative brings up an issue like this it gets a lot of attention. But, it may not see a vote. It's just talk at this point," he added.

DeRoche said that only a handful of individuals in the House are advocating a change in term limits.

"However, that's basically where every idea starts. Whether or not this is an issue that will advance is yet to be seen," he said.

The representative noted that it's not the Michigan legislature that would change the law anyway.

"This issue would require a vote of the people," he said.

He said there's also talk around town about people doing a petition drive on the term limits issue, meaning that a group would go out and obtain signatures.

The legislature can put issues on the ballot, or the public can submit a petition drive. Once the language is adopted or allowed, then a person or persons can see if they can get enough people to agree with them and present signatures to the Board of Canvassers, DeRoche explained.

"We have some very interesting laws in Michigan. This year, we overrode the Governor," DeRoche said.

DeRoche was speaking about the ban on partial birth abortion, which was passed by an overwhelming margin in both the Senate and the House, then vetoed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"Then, in a formal vote on the legislation after a petition drive, the governor's veto was vetoed. The slang term for this is 'the people's override,'" DeRoche said.

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"There's been growing sentiment that people should be able to have the option of checking back in, so to speak, on this issue."

Rep. Craig DeRoche
State Representative (R-Now)

LOCAL PEOPLE

Richard Brown

The United Methodist Retirement Communities is proud to announce Richard Brown, of Northville, as a new board member. Brown is Employee Relations - Wage & Salary Administration manager for DaimlerChrysler Corporation. He is also a member of the American Society of Actuaries and the Society of Human Resources Management. A University of Michigan graduate, Rich earned a bachelors degree in mathematics. His community service includes serving as a deacon and on the personnel committee at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, as well as active leadership in, or support for, many charitable endeavors. He is well regarded as a prominent figure in most of Detroit's large-scale charity wine auctions.

James G. Fausone

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District in the black — for now

Rezmierski says outside factors threaten budget surplus

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A recent amendment to Northville Public Schools fiscal year budget for the 2004-05 school year put the district in a surplus position, but how long is anyone's guess.

"We're hanging on tenaciously," said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville Public Schools.

Along with murky state funding, ongoing teacher contract negotiations overshadowed the Oct. 12 board-approved budget amendment, throwing the district into a \$241,000 surplus.

The excessive revenue amount nearly matches a 1 percent salary increase for district teachers.

Northville schools director of business and finance, John Street, said with teacher salaries at about \$25 million, a 1 percent increase

would cost the district about \$255,000.

Rezmierski said the closeness in surplus and salary amounts is in no way related to contract negotiations.

"It is just the way things turned out," he said. "This (budget amendment) is just John's analysis at the moment and probably by the end of November or prior to the Christmas break we will have another one that could be a little higher or frankly lower. And I think if there are a number of contract settlements we will be probably lower."

School officials said the current year budget already includes step and longevity boosts for teachers.

Step boosts are agreed upon salary increases teachers receive each school year predicated on the level of education and base salary amount. Longevity benefits are received after a teacher has completed 12 years of service with Northville Public Schools.

Rezmierski said step and longevity boosts for the 2004-05 school year were part of the contract expiring Aug. 31.

Under the expired contract, longevity bonuses started at \$450 and increased to \$2,700 when a

teacher reaches 25 years with the district.

Contract negotiations between Northville Public Schools and the Northville Education Association are ongoing. A second extension is set to expire at the end of this month.

Both sides agreed on extending talks through the end of October. The original contract approved on Sept. 1, 1998 expired Aug. 31.

"I know that we are negotiating (today), and I am again quite forthrightly and genuinely hopeful and optimistic that we are approaching a tentative resolution on all issues," Rezmierski said. "I remain hopeful, and I believe so do both bargaining teams."

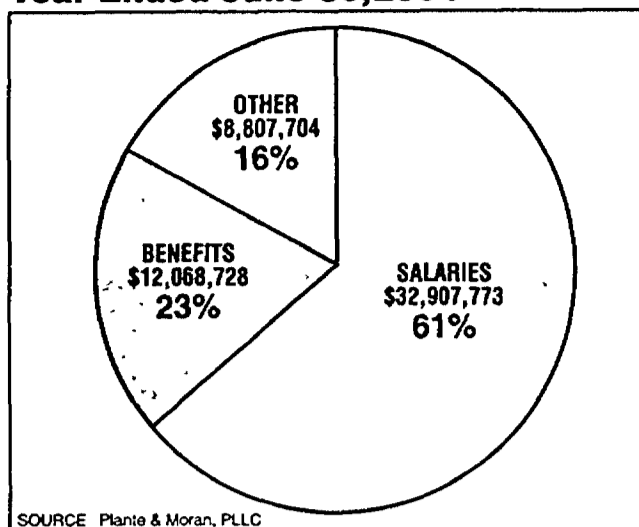
Representatives for the Northville Education Association did not respond prior to press.

The October budget amendment decreased expenses by \$458,000, creating the revenue overrun.

"Although currently balanced, we are far from out of the woods," Street said.

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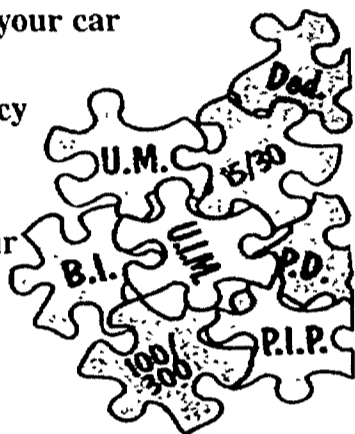
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Overseas visitors

Japanese exchange students visit Hillside

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The journey was long and tiring, but four Japanese students along with three chaperones arrived in the United States last weekend.

The travels were so tiring in fact, one of the visiting students fell asleep during a Northville school district welcome dinner at Rocky's of Northville.

"I was worried he put his head in his creme brulle or chocolate cake or whatever he ordered, but it didn't matter because he wasn't hungry at all when I went over to see him. He was just whacked out," said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville Public Schools.

The guests made their journey as part of the Fulbright Memorial Teacher Fund Scholarship student program.

A pilot student exchange program with the United States and Japan.

In the past, Fulbright was associated only with offering scholarships to teachers interested and qualifying for study opportunities in Japan.

Hillside was the only middle school in the United States chosen to participate in the experience.

This summer, four Hillside students and three adult chaperones began the process by spending time in Japan.

Described as gracious and polite, the Japanese guests spent time this week visiting Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools, visiting Northville parent homes and sightseeing at area attractions including Greenfield Village, The Detroit Zoo and Kensington Metro Parks.

The students also attended the Hillside versus Meads Mill annual football game as part of Hillside's spirit week activities before their scheduled return home on Oct. 23.

Rezmierski said the district should know by Thanksgiving whether or not the program was a success and if Northville will be chosen as a participant for future years.

All expenses are paid by the fund.

"It has just brought such great excitement for all of us," Rezmierski said. "And the genuine learning that is going on and the cultural assimilation is phenomenal for all students. And Hillside and Meads Mill and a number of the buildings have really gotten involved with this, and I just see it as a bright future opportunity."

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Hillside Middle School science teacher Dwight Sieggreen welcomes some Fulbright Memorial Fund visiting Japanese students (Shota Nakamicki and Michiya Sugahara) by asking them to hold an 80-pound Burmese python during their visit Monday morning. Also assisting in the snake lift is Hillside student Airi Furuya, an eighth grader assisting with translations. The school animal lab is part of the reason Hillside was chosen for the pilot exchange program.

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It's not your mom's home economics class anymore

Meads Mill course offers life skills too

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The classrooms are still full of ovens and sewing needles, but these days home economics carries a bit more bite.

"I like it, it is pretty fun," said Jake Iwaniec, sixth-grade Meads Mill student. "We learn stuff about what to do in life."

And the life part isn't just sewing.

Today, it includes lessons about self-esteem and personal discovery.

At Meads Mill Middle School, Jennifer Shuart teaches the course now titled Life Skills.

The new-to-the-district Northville teacher, began the semester having her sixth-grade students create "I am Special" books.

The assignment inspired classmates to learn about themselves and their unique strengths and contributions. Goal-setting was another portion of the lesson.

"I learned you need to be self-confident and nice to people," said Mike Maclean, sixth-grade Meads Mill student. "I also learned I want to snow board in the winter. I usually just sled."

Shuart said a large challenge students faced while creating the book was listing 10 positive attributes about themselves.

"I don't think they are used to saying nice things about themselves," Shuart said. "That is hard for anybody, but it is a life skill to be able to feel confident."

Another life lesson came through a seating chart devised by the teacher.

Shuart placed students next to children they did not know.

"They aren't sitting with kids from their elementary school. They

are making new friends," she said. "It would be nice to be at the old elementary school where they knew everybody, but not knowing people and having to make new friends is a life situation they will always find themselves in."

One of the models the Meads Mill teacher used for designing the course was the high school's life management class.

"I really want the children to feel confident about themselves and to try new things," she said. "They are getting older, so learning how to do things in life and around the house is important."

Shuart makes sure household tasks are part of the curriculum.

Concepts like self-esteem are peppered in amid sewing, food and

nutrition, home safety and clothing care.

Students in the class just finished making denim scrapbook covers before moving on to cross-stitching.

"It is my number one favorite class," said Trevion Thomas, sixth-grade Meads Mill student. "The class gives me a chance to see if I want to make clothes and be a clothes designer."

Life Skills student Jill Dobronski looks at the course as a really nice break.

"I think it's really fun," Dobronski said. "After a long day of school, you can come in here and do projects."

Maclean agrees.

"It is better than sitting in math," he said.

"I really want the children to feel confident about themselves and to try new things."

Jennifer Shuart

Teacher, Meads Mill Middle School

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Meads Mill Middle School life skills teacher Jennifer Shuart helps student Austin Weaver with a Jeans scrapbook project.



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Pressing sweet local memories

Cider press evokes thoughts of former Northville apple orchard

By Kim Kovellev
RECORD STAFF WRITER

With the purchase of an apple cider press a year ago, Bob and Cathy Anthony brought back a piece of history to their Northville Township home. Their Maybury Crossing subdivision near Seven Mile and Ridge roads was for years the location of Foreman's Orchards. "When they developed the

property, the township made them leave a number of existing trees," Bob said. Of those, 16 are Jonathan, Macintosh and other apple varieties lining the Anthonys' two and a half acres of land.

After years of making apple crisps, Bob surfed the Internet and decided on a cast iron and hardwood Happy Valley Ranch cider and wine press to try something new.

"You can only make so much apple sauce and store so many apples," Cathy said.

Now, with the help of their 4-year-old grandson Cameron Bayer, the Anthonys are in their second season of making cider that they say is enjoyed by both their family and their neighbors.

Once apples are picked and cleaned, they're placed in the press's grinder. A cast-iron "fly-

wheel" on the side of the contraption pulverizes the apples to a pulp.

The pulp drops into a slatted, mesh-lined wooden basket below. After the container is full, a crank on the top of the press is turned and squeezes brown cider into a plastic bowl placed beneath the basket.

"When you get done pressing it, what's really amazing is how dry the pulp is," Bob said. "We give away a lot of (cider), and we drink a lot of it in the season."

Apples came in early this year, and all the cider was pressed about two weeks ago. They package the beverage in new milk containers purchased for 30-40 cents at Guernsey's in Novi.

Of 30 gallons, Bob said there are about six left. The rest is

stored in a freezer in the couple's basement.

Now that he's retired, Bob said he aims to learn more about organic insect control to keep away moths and fruit maggots.

The Anthonys' yard is also home to wildflowers, sour cherry trees and a pond filled with perch, blue gills and some catfish.

"It's kind of a four seasons 'Camp Anthony,'" Cathy said. "I used to bring my children out to the cider mill for cider and doughnuts for lunch when they were little. They remember it fondly."

Now their grandchildren will, too.

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Bob Anthony loads his cider mill hopper with apples at his Maybury Crossing home. Anthony made more than 30 gallons of cider this year from trees on his property.



LOCAL EVENTS

Howl-o-ween Pet Festival event set for Saturday at Northville's Ford Field

Bring out your most beloved pet, in costume and on leash, to Ford Field Saturday, Oct. 30 from 2-4:30 p.m. for Northville Parks and Rec's first Howl-o-ween Pet Festival. Enjoy games, contests, prizes and more-all to celebrate Halloween. Then walk your pet to the downtown bandshell for a Howl-o-ween Pet

Parade at 5 p.m. Parade participation requires registration and a \$10 fee (either in advance or at 4:45 p.m. the day of the parade). Costume contests and prizes for parade participants will follow. Call Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411 for more information.

Breast cancer awareness

When speaking about Women's Health, the topic that often pops up is breast cancer. Breast cancer is the number two leading cause of cancer death in women (lung cancer is first). And, although more women will be disabled by heart disease, women fear breast cancer more.

Statistically, the chance of getting breast cancer increases as you get older. For women under the age of 39, the chance is less than 0.5 percent, or 1 in 231. For those age 40-59 it is 4 percent, or 1 in 25. The risk jumps to 7 percent or 1 in 15 for ages 60-79 and 1 in 8 over an entire lifetime if you live to be 90. Since there is not much that can be done to prevent breast cancer, it is important to focus on finding it early when treatment is more likely to be successful.

According to the American Cancer Society, some of the risk factors that may increase your chances of developing breast cancer include:

- Advancing age
- Being female
- Family history of breast cancer, especially first-degree relatives like mother, sister, daughter
- First period prior to age 12
- Menopause after age 55
- First child after age 30 or having no children
- Mutation in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes

Having any of these risk factors does not automatically make you high risk. Some are more significant than others. In any case, a discussion with your healthcare professional can help to determine what your personal risk is and will determine if additional screening is indicated.

Due to advances in imaging technologies, we are able to diagnose breast cancer early and therefore increase the survival rate. According to the National Cancer Institute, the 5-year survival rate for all diagnosed cases of breast cancer is 85 percent. This number goes up to 95 percent if the cancer is confined only to the breast. The message here is clear: early detection improves the chances for long-term survival. The current screening guidelines include clinical breast exams yearly, self breast exam every month and mammography. A baseline mammogram should be done between the ages of 35-40. Mammograms are recommended every 1-2 years are recommended for women 40-49 and yearly for those 50 and above.

Although much cancer research is aimed at finding better treatment for those already diagnosed with breast cancer, some researchers are looking at the effect of lifestyle factors and genetics on breast cancer risk. Is there a connection between diet and exercise and breast cancer? Some studies are suggesting that avoiding fatty foods and eating more whole grains and fresh fruits and vegetables can be a factor in preventing some forms of cancer. There are also a lot of unanswered questions about the link between hormone replacement and breast cancer. It should be clear by now that although we have come a long way in understanding and treating this disease, we still have a long way to go. Stay tuned!

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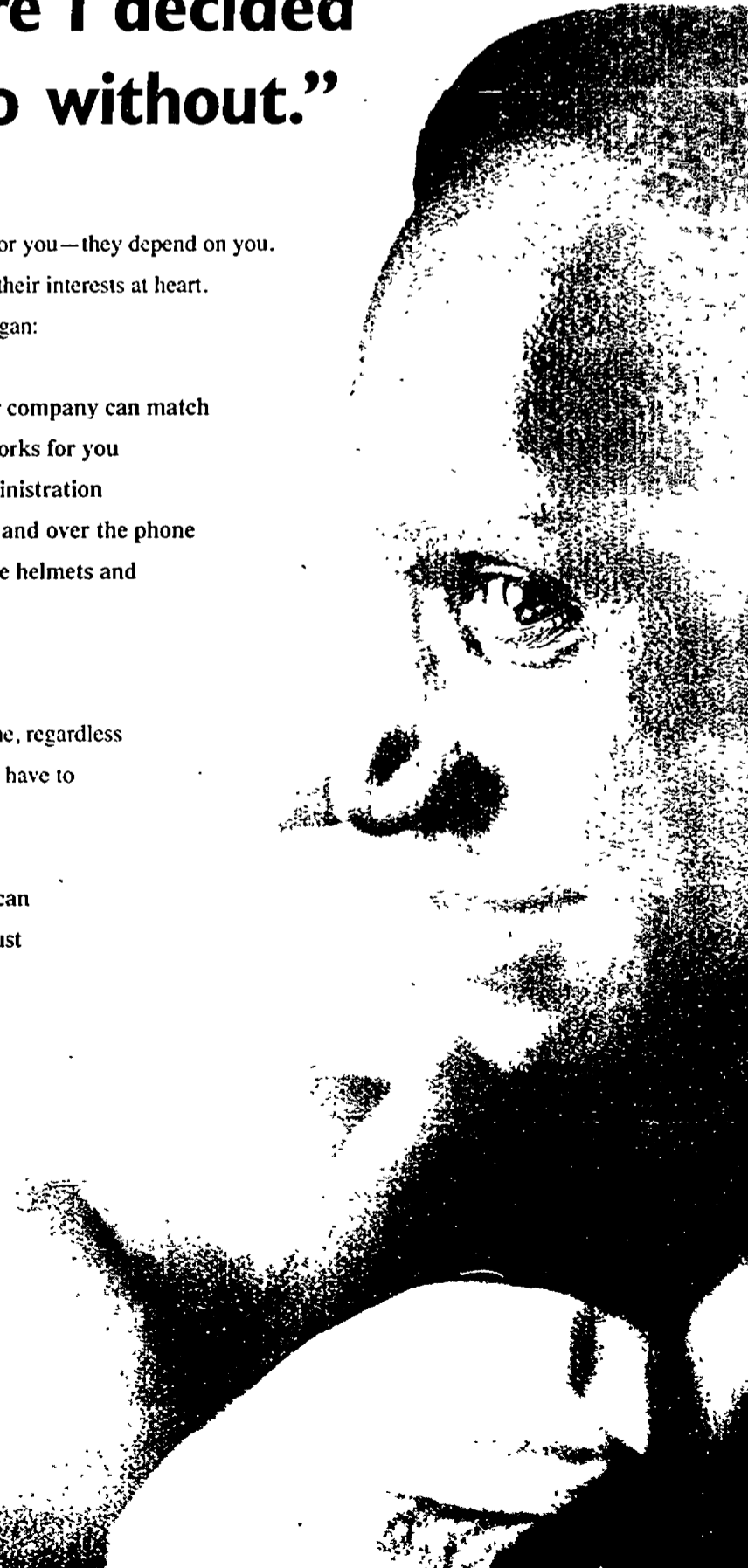
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Ribcrackers on the fly — for good

Northville church will replace model airplane field

By Kim Kovellev
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Outside Anne Brancheau's new Island Lake of Novi home, there's a buzzing in the fall air. She and her family don't mind the source: radio-controlled planes flown by the Ribcrackers Model Airplane Club.

"We sit in the sunroom there and we enjoy it," Brancheau said. But the club soon will need a new home as more development arrives near Ten Mile and Wixom roads — in particular, a Northville-based church due to break ground.

Squeezed out

Established 10 years ago, Lang Aerodrome field was named for the owners that leased the land to the Ribcrackers. Its mowed runway and four flight stations overlook lakes and scores of new homes. "This used to be all open land," said Mike Hegyi, club president. "We're being squeezed out."

The 185 members' planes once flew over 35 acres of soybean farms. Now, they've been cut to five acres. "Out of consideration for the neighbors, we don't allow anyone to fly 300 feet past (the runway)," Hegyi said. Members are insured by the Academy of Model Aeronautics to \$2.5 million per damage.

Group rules permit flight from 10 a.m.-dusk, year-round. Most common are weekends and

Wednesday "student nights," with training at 6 p.m. Last Wednesday may have been the last.

Northville member Don Unsworth said consideration is vital. "It can be an obtrusive sport," Unsworth said. "We've taken great strides in quieting the engine down. We're always talking safety."

But at least a dozen residents have seen the planes as a problem, said Ron Boshaw, assistant vice president with Toll Brothers.

"Unfortunately, we have had more than several complaints ... that they're noisy," Boshaw said. "We've had a couple of those planes crash in our lake."

Gloria Deus

In the end, a new church will be the reason the Ribcrackers move.

Nearly 28 acres were bought by Oak Pointe Church, a non-denominational group about 1,770 strong that has held services at Northville High School for more than seven years.

"It was sold to the church by the former owner, Shirley Lang," Senior Pastor Bob Shirock said. "She had named it Gloria Deus (for the glory of God) Field. She had envisioned a church being built on it."

"It's ... a unique, very contemporary church. We're just too big to be moving around in rental facilities."

The Ribcrackers are allowed to stay until building tentatively begins early next year. The smaller Ray Field in New Hudson is also used by the group, but their hope is to find a permanent site with ample space.

Warren Wells, a Ribcrackers member from New Hudson, heads efforts to find a new field. Borders, he said, are I-275 to the

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Cracking 'em up
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"It's not if you crash a plane, it's when," member Don Unsworth said. "We're always crackin' them."

Know of a field?
The Ribcrackers are looking for a new flying field. They need about three acres of land for a "run-field", shelter area and parking, and five acres for over-flight. The group is willing to lease.

If you have any leads, please contact Warren Wells at (248) 437-2694, or wellswa@yahoo.com. Visit www.ribcrackers.org to learn more.

east, US 23 to the west, I-96 to the north, and Ford Road to the south.

"We're trying to find something close to this area," Wells said. "We're afraid if we get something too far away, we'll lose our membership. It's hard to find any property."

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Detroit charter schools students Virgil Ullah and Treyveon Wilson, both 16, watch as Ribcrackers Model Airplane Club member Frank Audette Jr. prepares his single-engine flyer for takeoff at the club's Ten Mile Road club.

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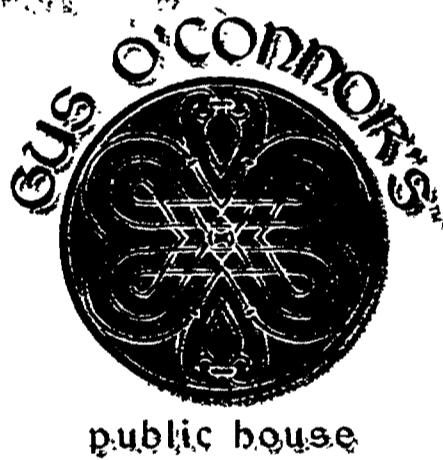


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Park gets another bump

Contractors working to finish Community Park, the L-shaped project flanking the Robert Scott Correctional Facility at Five Mile and Beck roads, reported Dec. 10 as their latest finish date.

Last Thursday, the township's board of trustees agreed to a progress payment of nearly \$628,000. They also approved about \$26,000 to fill in pits and build a berm between the park and the prison. Work on three driveways will cost over \$24,000.

An un-spent permit allowance and savings from an eliminated baseball diamond added about \$34,000 to the project.

The park experienced major setbacks due to buried rubble from the previous building discovered after work began. As of Oct. 12, the project total was more than \$3.3 million.

Township hall update

Inspectors for Northville Township were expected to comb through the new township hall Tuesday. Township Manager Chip Snider said things are looking up.

"There's strong indication that the township hall may be available for the November township board meeting," Snider said Monday. "Our expectations have been diminished before, but recent inspection shows significant progress."

2005 budget OK'd

A proposed 2005 budget for Northville Township was approved by the board of trustees last week. Operating expenses are expected to be about \$17.8 million, down from this year's

expected \$25.7 million.

The main reason for the drop is the near-completion of the township's fire headquarters, township hall and the police station, officials said.

Officials said police and fire will increase spending due to the departments' growth, which includes three new firefighters and one new police officer. Shared services will lower spending, but \$800,000 will still go to completing Community Park, Finance Director Thelma Kubitsky said.

The money the township expects to take in was projected to increase from an expected \$17 million this year to \$17.6 million next year.

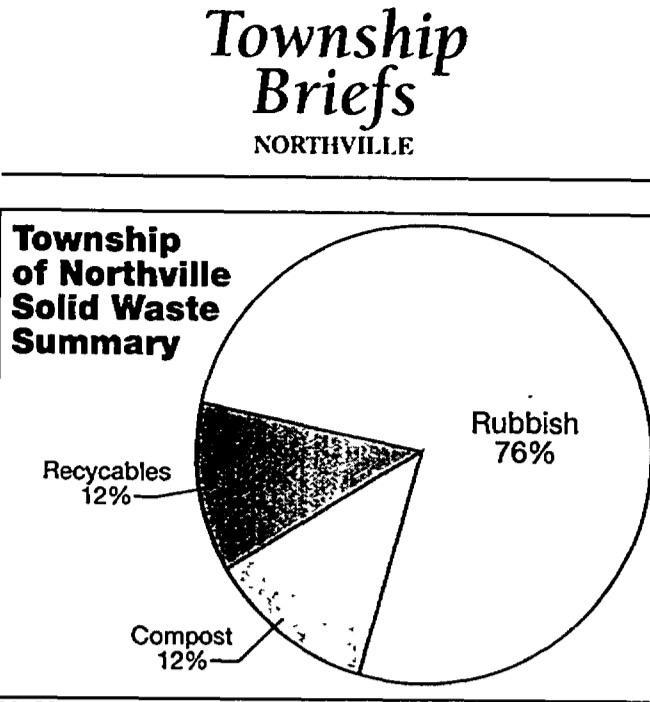
That leaves about a \$207,000 difference between earnings and spendings. Kubitsky said the deficit will be offset by money in the general balances of the fire department, shared services and, primarily, capital project funding.

Solid waste collection fees up

For the first time in 14 years, the township will increase the cost of picking up residents' garbage, recyclables and yard compost.

Since 1991, the monthly fee for solid waste collection has been \$10. This January, the charge will increase to \$14 per month, approved in a 7-0 decision by the township board of trustees.

Director of Public Services Don Weaver said people have a choice between a private contractor, an option often picked by condominiums, or the city service, which has been contracted to J & R Industries for the past seven-10 years.



SOURCE: Northville Township 2003 Annual Report

"For the most part, the majority of the residents do contract out to (J & R)," Weaver said. Contractor services have improved since last year, he added: "We had expressed our displeasure over the number of complaints. People were missed, they (J & R) were erratic in terms of their timing."

Most of the fee helps pay the contractor, Weaver said. The rest goes to sponsor two annual hazardous waste day collections, one in the fall and the other in spring.

Tree wishes granted

Starting today, areas in the township will be lined with 170

new trees to replace those lost to the Emerald Ash Borer.

Some trees will be planted at subdivision entranceways and within greenbelts along public streets. Nine homeowners associations requested 114 trees. Director of Community Development Jennifer Frey reported.

For the project, the board of trustees also approved spending about \$7,700 to purchase another 56 trees at \$122-\$162 each — a 50 percent saving. The money will come from the township's woodland replacement fund, which has a \$23,000 balance.

A \$20,000 grant will come

from Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Frey recommended planting the 56 township trees along Six Mile at Millennium Park, Beck Road at Community Park and the Six Mile Road pathway north of the new police department

Northville's Senior Adult Program. Money funds transportation and senior center staffing for both township and city.

All 34 municipalities in the alliance will get the request for extra funds, including the City of Northville.

Senior Alliance overspent

Due to poor management and not honoring state revenue cuts, the Wayne-based Michigan Senior Alliance Area Agency on Aging 1-C allegedly overspent about \$600,000, Township Manager Chip Snider reported.

To help pay off the debt, the alliance wrote a letter requesting nearly \$3,400 from Northville Township by Nov. 15. That sum doubles a regular \$1,683 yearly initiation fee.

"There was no evidence of criminality," Snider said. "However, through poor spending habits, the alliance had spent money that in fact did not exist."

The board of trustees opted to pay the regular yearly fee. However, in a letter, they'll request the alliance's interim director come before the board on Nov. 18 to give a better understanding of the situation before paying the extra sum.

The Michigan Department of Community Health currently is in discussions with the alliance. Spokesman T.J. Bucholz said.

"At this time, we have no evidence to suggest a need for an investigation," Bucholz said. "Regardless of what has happened with money there, it didn't impact service to seniors."

The alliance provides about \$20,000 in grants per year for

Economic Development vacancy

A position has opened in Northville's Economic Development Corporation due to a term that expired Oct. 11.

Marv Gans said Township Supervisor Mark Abbo will make a recommendation subject to board approval.

The corporation meets every six to eight weeks, pending business opportunities and issues in the township.

The previous member, Rebecca Connell, is moving out of town. For information on how to get an application, contact the township at (248) 348-5800, ext. 245.

Hayes gets award

Northville-based Hayes Lemmerz announced Oct. 21 it received a 2005 honorable mention in the Automotive News Premier Automotive Suppliers' Contributions to Excellence Award Competition. The company's Flex Wheel won in the "product" category, which recognizes new innovations and processes in the auto industry.

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McCulloch, Levin bid for Oakland County Drain Commissioner post

By Kurt Kuban
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Four years ago, John McCulloch and Jon Levin ran against each other to see who would replace longtime Oakland County Drain Commissioner, George Kuhn, who retired after 28 years in office.

McCulloch, a Republican, was the big-name candidate, having served 10 years as an Oakland County commissioner, including five years as chairman of the board. Levin, a Democrat, had never run for public office.

McCulloch spent more than \$100,000 during the campaign. Levin spent less than \$1,000. Yet, when all the votes were tallied on election night, only four percentage points separated the two candidates.

Although he won in 2000, McCulloch learned not to take any political opponent for granted, and he said he is definitely taking Levin seriously this time around, as the two vie again for drain commissioner, and the annual salary of \$130,969.

McCulloch, 48, a certified public accountant by trade, will again far outspend Levin, 53, who said he has raised less than \$1,000. Levin, the sole proprietor of the Pontiac-based IRIS Property Management, which deals with renovating dilapidated properties in urban centers, admits it will be tougher for him this time around because he is running against an incumbent, especially one who is a very capable fund-raiser.

Name recognition

In fact, Levin said much of his success in the last election was probably due to his last name, even though he is no relation to U.S. Sen. Carl Levin or U.S. Rep. Sander Levin. However, he said some of his ancestors have played important historical roles, including a grandfather who helped found Wayne State University.

"There is a legacy of Levins connected to Detroit that I'm connected to. The name doesn't hurt," he said. Levin grew up in Huntington

Woods and now lives in Bloomfield Township. Although he has never held an elected office, he did serve a stint as president of the United Homeowner Associations of Bloomfield Township, and is still the vice president of the group. Prior to founding IRIS, he worked in the health care industry as a cost analysis manager.

The main theme behind Levin's campaign is his stance against urban sprawl. He doesn't believe the drain commissioner office has done enough to curb the sprawling development that has altered Oakland County's landscape in recent years. He makes it a priority to ride his bicycle to work so he can avoid the traffic problems that plague the county.

If he were elected drain commissioner, Levin said he would change some policies, including slowing the flow of stormwater into local streams and rivers. Not only would that lessen the erosion problems impacting local waterways, it would also reduce the amount of pollutants associated with stormwater run-off, he said.

He would also make a concerted effort to identify and eliminate illegal plumbing connections to stormwater pipes, such as from septic systems.

Although Levin hopes his advocacy for a cleaner environment resonates with voters, he knows he has an uphill battle to win this election.

"People are choosing between two directions, not between a good and a bad candidate. I think I'm a lot greener than John is," Levin said. "I realize I'm a longshot. I'm dealing with an incumbent, and I don't have a war chest. I just want the voters to know they wouldn't be wasting a vote on me."

Environmental record

McCulloch, who lives in Royal Oak, said he is no enemy to the environment, and has taken a number of steps to improve the quality of local waterways, while at the same time, saving millions of dollars for county residents.

One example, he said, is the Farmington/Evergreen pump sta-

tion, which, when completed next year, will eliminate sewage overflows into the Rouge River.

Instead of building a storage basin, as has been done in other areas of the Rouge River watershed, McCulloch said the pump station will divert sewage overflows into other areas of the drainage system that are currently under used. He said the decision will save \$160 million.

"I think this is my most significant project initiative. We've lowered the cost, but still eliminated the combined sewer overflow problem," McCulloch said. "I believe this will be something that will be adopted not only in this region, but nationally."

Some other initiatives that McCulloch has spurred, include creating a master plan for the county's water and sewer systems, which should be completed in two years. In addition, he has been involved in looking into the possibility of creating alternative water systems for the county, which now relies exclusively on the much-maligned Detroit

Water and Sewerage Department. McCulloch has been one of the leading opponents of the way the DWSD sets its billing policies.

McCulloch said he has also improved efficiency of the drain commissioner office, including having it ISO 9000 certified, which he said has improved customer service. He hopes to soon have the department ISO 14000 certified, which evaluates the department's impact on the environment.

McCulloch hopes voters will recognize all of his accomplishments in office, though he isn't discounting his opponent's ability to draw votes because of his last name.

"I like to think the success we've had over the last four years will be recognized, and the voters will be pleased with the progress we've made. But I realize this isn't a high-profile position, McCulloch said.

"There are a lot of factors you can't take for granted. People pull the lever for many different reasons, and name recognition is one of them."

DeRoche seeking 38th District re-election, possible speaker role

By Pam Fleming
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

State Rep. Craig DeRoche (R-Nowi) says voters should elect him to a second term in the Michigan House of Representatives on Nov. 2 because he has been able to restore important funding to the 38th District.

The 38th district representative serves residents of Novi, Northville, South Lyon and Lyon Township.

"I think my first term qualifies me to serve again in the legislature," DeRoche said. "The Beck Road interchange (at I-96) is well under

construction. When I won the election in 2002, the governor cut funding for the Beck Road interchange, and I, along with State Sen. (Nancy) Cassis, was able to restore funding."

DeRoche, 34, has lived in Novi 10 years. He and his wife, Stacey, and daughters Carley, 3, and Zoe, 1, moved into a new home in the city's northwest corner about a month ago. He was elected to Novi City Council in 1997 and was re-elected in 1999.

The Republican candidate said besides restoring funding for road improvements he also successfully

created a new law allowing teachers convicted of felonies to be fired.

"Prior to passing the law, teachers with felonies were able to return to the classroom, regardless of the charge, and even receive back pay if entitled," DeRoche said.

DeRoche said completion of the Wixom Road interchange at I-96 is one of the main challenges for the district, adding project funding was canceled by Gov. Granholm.

"We also need to clear the DNA backlog for suspected rapists and murderers, which currently stands at a six-month backlog, by hiring more personnel," he said.

DeRoche noted a Wixom case in which the Michigan State Police Lab took eight months to process DNA following a rape. Meanwhile, the man raped another woman twice at knifepoint.

The Novi resident also plans on keeping a tight rein on how tax dollars are used in the district.

"The 38th district has traditionally paid much more in taxes than it has received in services from the state," DeRoche said. "I hope to restore a balance, so that the taxes that we pay return to our district in a more equitable manner."

As for accomplishments,

DeRoche believes the Beck Road interchange at I-96 and Providence Park Medical Center being authorized to become a hospital are the high points of his first term.

"Certainly, helping South Lyon schools fire a four-time convicted felon represents good policy as well," he added.

DeRoche said the state will continue to face economic challenges over the next two years.

"The state needs to learn to live within its means and tighten its belt as much as it can to avoid further tax and fee increases," he said. "What I see in store for the district

is continued growth. One community's urban sprawl in another community's economic development."

DeRoche's competitor is Joan Morgan of South Lyon.

DeRoche said he doesn't want to jinx himself by talking about it too much, but that he is in line to be the next Speaker of the House.

Since this is a term-limited position, Rick Johnson, the current Speaker of the House, will not be running for re-election. DeRoche said a vote will take place for the position in the House shortly after the election.

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2004 Citizens of the Year: Nield, Swigart honored by Northville chamber

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Sonia Swigart and Jim Nield left a party held in their honor last Wednesday with arms full of proclamations distinguishing them as Northville's 2004 Citizens of the Year.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce surprised the two long-time residents during an Oct. 20 reception held at the St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth.

Community leaders joined 140 of Swigart and Nield's volunteer peers, friends and neighbors to honor their distinction. Chamber president Jody Humphries listed the pair's committees, commitments and specific projects, leading up to their individual introductions.

Nield, then Swigart, offered brief thanks for the honor, calling their cumulative contributions during the past two decades "fun" and "easy."

"It's a great community and a great group of people — from the seniors to the kids," Nield said. "It was not work at all."

Tearfully accepting the plaque from Humphries, Swigart said, "It's been a lot of fun a lot of years. I thank you so much from the bottom



Photos by STEVE FECHT

Northville resident Sonia Swigart, standing with her husband Tom, was named 2004 Citizen of the Year, along with Jim Nield, during the Oct. 20 Northville Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting held at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth



Jim Nield and was named 2004 Citizen of the Year. Nield, with his wife Martha, talks to Jody Humphries.

of my heart for honoring me."

A succession of dignitaries added their tributes to the volunteers, from Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo to Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson to state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) and state senators Nancy Cassis and Bruce Patterson.

Johnson designated Oct. 23 and 24 in honor of Nield and Swigart,

respectively.

The chamber board of directors selects from the nominees based on criteria such as status as a role model and showing concern for their community, environment and family. This is the fourth time since the award's creation in 1976 two people shared the honor.

The board also presented a lifetime chamber membership to past

president Laurie Marrs. Newly elected board members are: Nicki Bateson, Rebecca Simkins Sessler, Joan Wadsworth and Judy Weld-Cooper.

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or mjohnston@lt.homecomm.net.

"It's been a lot of fun a lot of years. I thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for honoring me."

Sonia Swigart
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Returning State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) to Lansing is the right decision for Northville.

Stewart's two previous legislative terms put him in a solid position to continue challenges currently facing the state.

Stewart's allegiance to education is laudable and necessary for a community such as Northville which dutifully watches over local public schools. Stewart pledges to "vote his constituency," and delivers, almost to a fault.

But Stewart's return to Lansing is not without challenge and opportunity. In exchange for a third — and based on term limits — final two-year legislative term,

Stewart should step out from the legislative crowd. Republican leadership has for too long bemoaned the erratic condition of the state's economy and Michigan job loss. We need answers, not finger-pointing. Legislators annually face \$1 billion budget deficits, then plead helplessness as revenue sharing and public school funding are held hostage.

Voters deserve more than 11th hour Band-Aid fixes. They deserve the same urgency and common sense used by residents who shore up their own personal budgets.

Stewart should get a third term — as part of a state legislature which gets no more blank checks and free rides.

Oakland County Endorsements

Proposal 1 Vote NO

On Election Day, voters will be asked to approve Proposal 1, a state constitutional amendment that would make it much harder to start new forms of gambling anywhere in Michigan.

If enacted, it would require both a local and a statewide vote in every case before any new gambling would be allowed.

Practically speaking, that would mean no new gambling would ever be approved. And that seems highly sensible at first glance.

Yet there is more to this than meets the eye. What this is in fact is a crass attempt by the casino interests to stifle any potential competition. One of the Detroit casinos, MGM Grand, has donated more than \$35 million to the drive to pass Proposal 1.

New gambling should usually be severely limited, if not prohibited. But doing so is the job of local officials and our state legislators, who get paid to make tough decisions. We don't need the casinos making our decisions for us.

Proposal 2 Vote NO

Michigan voters will decide whether to amend the state constitution to define marriage in a way that would prevent the recognition of any union other than a man and a woman.

We strongly recommend a NO vote on Proposal 2 for reasons that have nothing to do with gay marriage. The proposal is ill-conceived, sloppily written, and could have many negative consequences for the state and for many of its non-gay citizens.

What this half-baked amendment threatens to do is take away health care and other benefits from straight couples and minor children who now have them, thanks to labor agreements.

The main problem is in the ill-conceived wording of the amendment, which reads "the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose."

What does that mean, "or similar union for any purpose?" Most think it would deny benefits to opposite-sex partners of unmarried couples and their minor children.

In any event, huge social issues like abortion and gay marriage will ultimately be decided at the federal level, by Supreme Court decisions or constitutional amendments that will automatically supercede whatever the Michigan constitution says.

State Representative 38th District Craig DeRoche

In his first term, State Rep. Craig DeRoche has established himself as a legislator who makes things happen.

Representing constituents in Novi, Northville, South Lyon and Lyon Township, he was instrumental in helping to restore funding to the Beck Road / I-96 interchange project that is currently under construction. The revamp was long overdue and will greatly aid commuters traveling on one of this area's most vital arteries.

The freshman also spearheaded the new law that allows teachers convicted of felonies to be fired, after the legal woes of a four-time felon South Lyon teacher outraged the public this past spring.

DeRoche has been a resident of Novi for 10 years and served on the city's council for two terms. With a wife and two young daughters, the 34-year-old Republican understood the importance of having a full-fledged hospital in a rapidly-growing city like Novi. To that end, he was one of the early champions in the battle to bring much-needed hospital beds to the Providence facility at Grand River and Beck Road.

His crosshairs are focused on clearing the DNA backlog for suspected rapists and murders, restoring funding to the Wixom / I-96 interchange project, and making sure his district gets an equitable share of state services for taxes paid.

DeRoche is being touted as the top candidate to replace Rick Johnson as Speaker of the House. Having a voice that strong can only mean good things for the 38th District.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Tyler Berryman and Andrew Gutman compare notes on Indian Corn on display at the Northville Farmer's Market during their Winchester Elementary school trip. Today is the last day for the 2004 market.

LETTERS

Maybury Thanks

I would like to thank a number of individuals and organizations that supported the Barn move to Maybury Farm. This past week the Barns were set on new foundations concluding the work started in January with feasibility studies to do a move-in-whole process. The sequence of this list is only significant in terms of their involvement from a time interface standpoint.

Thank you: to Toll Brothers for the Barn Gift and further donation support. To Todd Talaski and crew of Talaski Building Movers (Bad Axe, MI) for services required and your patience while working through service donation timing and State building inspection obstacles. To Todd Ewers of Toll Brothers for the gift of your, often personal, time and patience with this complex task. To the City of Novi for allowing the Historic Barn Gift, and support of departmental services inclusive of Communications, Police, Public Works, Fire, Forestry, and Engineering. To Lt. Tim McNamara of the Novi Police Department for your leadership role (originating jurisdiction) in coordination of road closure, traffic management, pedestrian safety and radio communications between five agencies including Novi Police Department, Northville Township Police Department, City of Northville Police Department, Oakland County Sheriff's department, and Oakland County Weightmasters office. To Chief Weightmaster Dave Everett and staff of OCRC for guidance and support in the road utilization, right-of-way, permitting requirements, and load escort.

To Dennis Brewer and crew of DTE for services required clearing extensive move day power obstacles; a special thanks to Dennis for his mentor role and leadership guidance in the entire process. To Chris Banko and the entire team at SBC for services required clearing move day wiring obstacles. To BrightHouse Cable, Comcast Cable, Wide Open West Cable, and Harlen Electric (four traffic light drops) for enthusiastic support of feasibility studies on once primary path down Beck Road - turned contingency on selection of Napier Road.

To Chris Hett and crew of Treeman tree services for making the time/priority to clear the entire path, inclusive of extensive work on Napier Road; a special thanks for donation of move day efforts to address unforeseen obstacles. To Jim Gasperott and crew of J.L. Gosperott for donation of time and machinery to cut down Napier road bank such that load would clear and additional support with move day obstacles. A special thanks to IT (International Transmission) for the courage and conviction required to shutdown a main transmission line during peak seasonal load. FYI - move day (Saturday) and early morning time was ultimately driven by power management considerations in our region.

To Doug Neece and crew at JCK for donation of Design, Engineering, and Survey services surrounding foundation and greater Farm setting. To Don of Kensington Valley Excavating 1st - for establishing foundation grade and 2nd - for donation of road grading/clean-up work along Napier. To Keller Well Drilling for donation of water line under foundation.

To AA Anchor Bolt for tie down bolt donation. To Erasco Corporation for rebar donation. To Briskey Brothers Construction for a foundation form/pour that will endure time. To Gill for donation of time and machinery to backfill. To Michigan CAT for machinery donation to take care of backfill compaction.

To Service Iron Works for donation of anchor angle piercing. A very special thanks to the many friends and neighbors of Maybury Farm that gave the trees in their front yards as a gift/necessity to widen Napier Road; additional thanks for endured four road closure days, and communications/power outages.

To volunteers Dave Arndt, Ian Brock, Gordon Brock, John Kennedy, Kyle Wurster, Simon Dyson and Hugo for time, energy, and enthusiasm with hands on work preparing all to this milestone. To those missed and the greater community for your support be it hands on, financial, encouragement and heart felt enthusiasm for the entire process.

Share your opinions: We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Generally, no more than one letter per month by the same author will be published.

Elections: In order to be fair to everyone, this newspaper will not run letters to the editor the week prior to an election that open new issues. Expressions of thanks to political supporters are best made by buying an advertisement.

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The move conclusion, as a milestone, marks the commencement of Historic Barn Restoration efforts/needs to rebuild Maybury Farm as a regional educational/recreational resource. It is not possible without the loyal/proactive support of the people, by the people, for the people.

Ken Brock
Move Coordinator

Bush is best

In the late 1970's, we remember the serious difficulties with terrorism that began with the President Carter/Iran Hostage situation. The United States was mentally unprepared for this approach of intimidation through terror and was lost for a solution.

With the election of Ronald Reagan, Iran with some appropriate uncertainty chose to reconsider their position and backed away.

Over the next several years, again and again, the world was tested by this approach to human interaction through brutality and control by fear. This tribal warlord approach had worked for years by the backward nations to control and cow their people and to especially demean and diminish women. The probing terrorist agenda expanded to test the perceived weakness of nations, including the United States, all appeared to favor conversation over action, and rely on the dysfunctional United Nations for addressing such matters.

Left on the table for the George W. Bush administration were these difficult problems. On 9/11, terrorism ripened and the test rose to a new heavy level for the United States. Now finally, the message sent by the United States has been unmistakable and bruising to those who choose to intimidate the weak. There must be zero tolerance for anyone who chooses and uses brutality as a method of influence. President Bush has adopted such a defensive strategy for our country. This policy must be followed to its conclusion, and the leaders of every well intentioned country must choose to gain control over all terrorists or suffer their control. The cost of a weak response will be a world with no chance for any prolonged peace or a tranquil life.

While domestic issues are important, this is the only really important issue this world must face and free people filled with these great benefits must resolve. There is no one who has exhibited more true leadership and a better grasp of the problem and its solutions than George W. Bush. He is the leader to be trusted

to do the right thing in these difficult times.

James L. Nowka
Northville

Fuel on the fire

I agree with Phil Power that the nation is more politically divisive than ever. Unfortunately, in his effort to find the reasons why this is, he adds to the divisiveness with his liberal spin on at least two of the points he's trying to make about "the Bush administration restructuring social consensus." The two points are:

"The legal status of sexual preference." He makes it sound like gays will not be free to exercise their sexual preference, when the gay marriage amendment only seeks to preserve the status that one man and one woman who biologically are able to beget children have had in this world for millennia. Not only Bush's administration, but many of us would like to see the status preserved for this special union instead of going along with modern day activist judges that would legislate otherwise.

"The definition of life itself—opposition to a woman's right to choose an abortion." He makes it sound like legal abortion has always been a woman's right. We have known (again for millennia) that a mother killing her baby in or out of the womb is wrong. It is, after all, a baby and that baby is alive and growing, and it is, therefore, a life. Not only the Bush administration, but many of us would like to see the baby's full status reclaimed from that judicial legislation made only 31 years ago by hyper-constitutional judges, again without a moral or majority population mandate. They "found" in our U.S. Constitution a "right or privacy" that superseded the baby's right to life.

Long-term history, tradition and moral code are fact. By advocating such a liberal, revisionist view Mr. Powers adds to the polarization he laments.

William Stockhausen
Northville

Proposal 2

Proposal 2 is well named; it is really two proposals. The first would restrict marriage to one man and one woman. That is already required by law and is therefore unnecessary and identifiable as distracting camouflage.

The second and only significant proposal would prohibit future legalization of domestic partnerships. The obvious intent is to perpetuate the discrimination that citizens who have chosen to live together for reasons of congeniality and sex are granted tax, inheritance and other legal advantages, if they are of opposite sex but not if they are of the same sex. Less obviously, proposal 2 would perpetuate the same handicaps on same-sex partners, often older people, who share a household for practical and companionship reasons rather than sex. For examples: a pair of retired widows or widowers, teachers, old work or war buddies or just plain friends may choose to live together to pool resources, rent one place instead of two, share the chores, have somebody to call 911 when the need arises.

Besides the tax and inheritance disadvantages, now domestic partners aren't "family", not even as are adopted children, and without special arrangements or court order, a partner can't sign for, or even go along to, the intensive care unit to hold a hand or stroke the hair of a dying partner. Those are the "family values" and "compassionate conservatism" that proposal 2 would perpetuate.

Bent G. Boving, M.D.
Northville

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COMMENTARY

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Election truths, and why nobody's talking about them

As the presidential campaign lurches into its last few, frantic days, I find myself struck by some plain truths that virtually every well-informed person knows but which have been largely ignored by the main-stream news media, who are primarily obsessed with covering "the horse race."



Phil Power
CHAIRMAN,
HOMETOWN COMMUNICATIONS

Moreover, when it comes to these enormously important subjects, both President Bush and Senator Kerry, each for their own reasons, have preferred to mostly clam up. I think we need to think about them.

Truth No. 1: Iraq is a mess and we have virtually no choice other than to muddle through, probably for a few years, hoping for the best.

The key word here is muddle.

We do not have enough troops on the ground to secure the country. We're not going to get much help from our "allies" or the United Nations. Those Iraqis who hate us are emboldened; those who like us are mostly silent; those who are neutral despise having their country occupied by foreigners. Declaring victory and withdrawing will either produce civil war or a (this time, real) link-up with the terrorists.

President Bush doesn't want to say this because it would be a confession that his war was ill-founded on bad intelligence, impulsively

decided, poorly planned and incompetently carried out. Senator Kerry doesn't want to say it because he doesn't have any realistic good options, either.

Truth No. 2: The economy. Virtually every reputable economist and most business types are terrified of what's in store.

The national deficit is now a record \$415 billion, compared with the \$236 billion surplus when President Bush took office. We are now depending on the Chinese and the Japanese to keep us afloat by buying our debt (currently at a daily rate of \$1.7 billion), and nobody knows what will happen if they were to stop, perhaps out of fear that a new round of inflation in this country will devalue our repayments to them. The dollar is near a record low, while the unfavorable international balance of trade stubbornly persists. Oil prices are, now at record highs, as anybody who has bought gas recently knows well, and high oil prices typically signal trouble for our economy.

President Bush doesn't want to talk about this because it would be a confession that the combination of his tax cuts and the costs of his war in Iraq represent a big part of the problem. Senator Kerry talks hopefully about

rolling back tax cuts on the rich (through it seems unlikely that a Republican-dominated Congress would do so) but then proposes vastly increased government spending. Neither wants to get into the details of their dubious plans for fear of annoying voters.

Truth No. 3: The looming crisis: Social Security and Medicare.

The Economist magazine, no left-wing journal by any means, estimates the total present unfunded liabilities for Social Security and Medicare on our national balance sheet amount to \$74 trillion! That's equivalent to the entire gross national product for seven years.

Some day, sooner or later, the political system is going to have to face all this. President Bush is talking about letting some Social Security recipients invest part of their deductions in the stock market, which makes the stockbrokers drool, and looked a lot better when the market was skyrocketing than it does today. Senator Kerry is accusing the President of wanting to "privatize" Social Security. Neither has

displayed any serious interest in resolving, before it's too late, the real Social Security crisis.

Truth No. 4: The coming Republican domination of our politics.

If President Bush wins, the Republicans will control the Presidency, both houses of the Congress and will be in a position to nominate and confirm new members of the Supreme Court and other federal judges. Grover Norquist, the head of Americans for Tax Reform and a senior GOP strategist, says "the Democratic Party is toast" if the President is re-elected, because the Republicans have put emasculating the Democrats at the heart of their agenda: Contract out hundreds of thousands of government jobs (to eliminate Democratic campaign workers); pass tort reform (to hit the pocketbooks of the trial lawyers, who have now surpassed the unions as big Democratic contributors) and enact right-to-work laws (which allow workers to quit paying union dues).

President Bush doesn't say much about all this (it would sound too partisan). Neither does Senator Kerry (it would sound too alarmist). So we end with a campaign in which the major issues are sub-merged, almost as if there was a willing conspiracy between both candidates and the media. Instead, all are preoccupied only with trying to figure out who's ahead, although the only poll that matters is the one on Nov. 2. As Election Day looms just around the corner, looking at all this makes me feel more desperately worried for our country's future than at any time in my life. Of course, lots of thoughtful people also felt that way in 1932, at the depths of the Great Depression. More than once in our history, it has seemed to be awfully dark before the dawn, and I hope that once more, we see the light.

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 power@homecomm.net.

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Congress 11th District Thad McCotter

The record shows that in Thad McCotter's first term as a congressman, he has voted consistently to support the Republican leadership and the Bush administration. According to the nonpartisan Project Vote Smart, McCotter draws consistently high ratings from conservative groups.

Yet in interviews, the congressman frequently offers nuanced differences with administration and party leadership positions when he sees those positions in opposition to the interests of his constituents.

McCotter is probably more conservative than the average voter in the 11th District, but he has been an active, vocal member of Congress in support of positions important to his constituents.

McCotter has a long history of public service as a Schoolcraft College trustee, Wayne County commissioner and state senator. He has a strong command of the issues, a keen sense of history and strong contacts in the community. He understands the legislative process and, as a member of what will probably remain the majority party, he will have an opportunity to make a difference. He has also been a highly visible and responsive representative, providing good constituent service and communication.

Circuit Court Judge Cheryl Matthews

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

county.

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

Oakland County

Voters planning to head to the polls Nov. 2 should leave themselves plenty of time to cast their ballot.

A deadlocked presidential race is expected to bring a record turnout to precincts across the county. And once inside the booth, voters will be confronted with a laundry list of races in which to decide, including a full slate of county-wide contests.

Fortunately, the choices are clear in the county elections, which will allow residents to focus on the other contests.

By all accounts, Oakland County government provides services in a professional and efficient manner. The tax rate is comparatively low, and a AAA bond rating makes the county a very attractive place to invest.

A good portion of the credit for this must be given to the county executive and the remaining elected officials. That is why we strongly recommend votes cast their ballots for incumbents County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Sheriff Michael Bouchard, Prosecutor David Gorcyca and Drain Commissioner John McCulloch; along with State Rep. Ruth Johnson for clerk.

Executive L. Brooks Patterson

Patterson is widely considered the voice - and face - of progressive and efficient government. Although he has struggled with personal challenges over the years, no one contests his performance as the county's chief elected official.

Patterson remains as engaged and energetic as ever, and although he has drawn some criticism from the conservative wing of the county's Republican party for building a strong alliance with Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm, we believe the relationship does nothing but help strengthen the county's hand when dealing with issues in Lansing.

Patterson does not have a Democratic challenger but rather faces token opposition from a member of the Green Party.

Prosecuting Attorney David Gorcyca

Like Patterson, Republican Gorcyca's personal style sometimes rubs people the wrong way, but he has been a capable prosecutor in his two terms in office. He has worked to

improve staff morale, and has introduced a number of innovative programs include a special teen peers court; a drug court and a special taskforce that deals with abusive crimes against the elderly.

Gorcyca is opposed by Birmingham attorney David Girard, who readily questions Gorcyca's track record but offers little in terms of a better solution. The fact that Girard also has never prosecuted a case draws into question his ability to supervise more than 100 assistant prosecutors.

Sheriff Michael Bouchard

Sheriff Bouchard remains one of the state Republican Party's shining stars, in no small part for how he has transformed the sheriff's department into a high-tech, high energy operation. Since replacing the late Sheriff John Nichols, Bouchard has upgraded the training of the staff, added an aviation unit, launched a cyber-crimes task force and played a pivotal role in developing the county's anti-terrorism task force.

Bouchard faces only token opposition from Democrat Mark Mitchell, and is the clear choice for re-election.

Clerk Ruth Johnson

Johnson, a term-limited Republican state representative, faced her real competition in the August primary when she knocked off incumbent Clerk William Caddell by a comfortable margin and is the clear choice for a four-year term.

Drain Commissioner John McCulloch

In a rematch of four years ago, Republican Drain Commissioner John McCulloch is being challenged by Democrat John Levin. Though not related to U.S. Rep. Sander Levin or U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, Jon Levin acknowledges that his fairly strong showing last election was due at least in part to the name recognition.

McCulloch is becoming a leading voice on water and drainage issues throughout the region, and has been an advocate in seeking reform of the current water and sewer board now dominated by the city of Detroit.

Similarly, he is focused on breaking down municipal barriers in dealing with water and sewage issues, and has presented a groundbreaking plan to divide the region not by political boundaries but by watershed, five of which get their start in Oakland County.

Levin is genuinely concerned about urban sprawl and the problems associated with unchecked growth, and favors more natural solutions to deal-

You can take it with you!

Be sure to clip the "Our Picks" quick endorsement below and take it with you to the polls next Tuesday!

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Proposal 1

The casino interests in this state are using their "Let Voters Decide" campaign to try to convince voters that Proposal 1 is in Michigan residents' best interest.

Anyone who reads beyond the first line of the ballot language will understand that passage of Proposal 1 will only benefit the casinos themselves. It gives the existing casinos a monopoly in the gambling industry by changing the state constitution to prevent competition from any new forms of gaming, including new lottery games. The last line of the proposal states that voter approval is not required for tribal gaming or gambling in the three Detroit casinos. Who do you

think is funding this campaign? It should be called "Let the Casinos Decide."

Passage of the proposal would also mean loss of local control, in that a statewide vote would be required for approval of any new gambling. If I live in a metropolitan area in Michigan, I don't want voters in the upper peninsula deciding whether or not my community can have new forms of gaming, or vice versa.

Don't be fooled by the expensive ads that the casinos are funding in support of the ballot referendum. When you vote on Nov. 2, read the entire proposal carefully and you will see that Proposal 1 is great deal for the casinos but a very bad deal for the citizens of Michigan.

Roger Bertera
Northville

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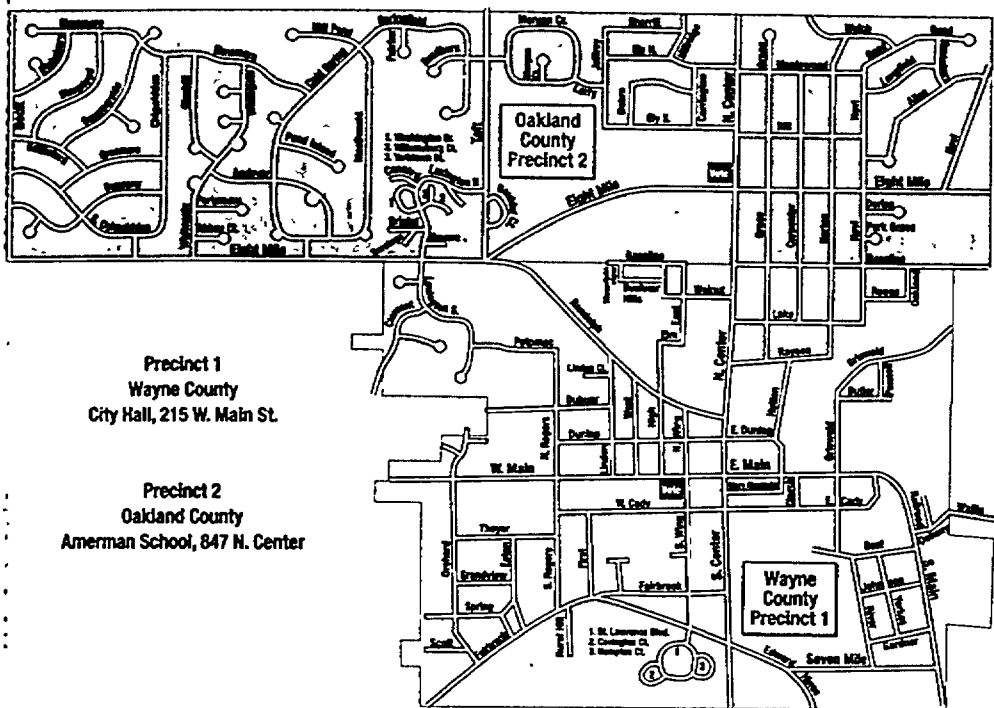
The following are the Northville Record's recommendations for voting Tuesday, Nov. 2. Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Visit www.publius.org to see what your full ballot will look like..

- State Representative 20th District John Stewart ✓
- State Representative 38th District Craig DeRoche ✓
- Congress 11th District Thad McCotter ✓
- Circuit Court Judge Cheryl Matthews ✓
- Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson ✓
- Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney David Gorcyca ✓
- Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard ✓
- Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch ✓
- Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson ✓
- Oakland County Commissioner District 8 Jeff Potter ✓
- Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans ✓
- Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett ✓
- Wayne County Register of Deeds Bernard Youngblood ✓
- Proposal 1 Vote NO ✓
- Proposal 2 Vote NO ✓

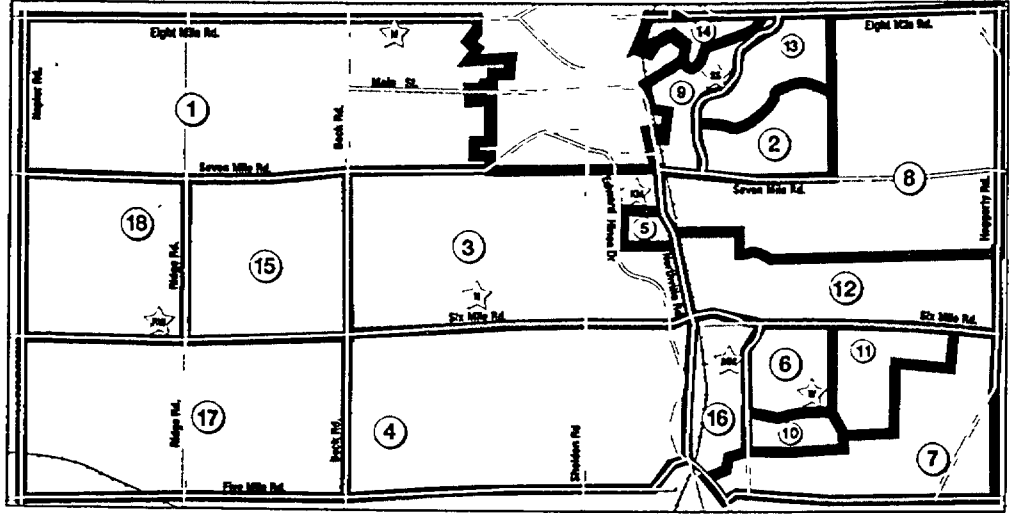
Election results will be posted on our Web site after midnight Tuesday: www.hometownlife.com

DECISION TIME

Northville residents make final deliberations prior to next Tuesday's 2004 Presidential election.



Northville Township Voting Precincts



Precincts	Voting Locations	Precincts	Voting Locations
1, 15	MORRIS ELEMENTARY (M) 5611 N. Eight Mile Road	6, 14, 15	WINDHAM ELEMENTARY (W) 16141 Winchester Drive
2, 8, 9, 13, 14	SILVER SPRINGS ELEMENTARY (SS) 19001 Silver Springs Drive	3, 4	NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (NH) 45700 Six Mile Road
7, 12, 16	MEADS MILL ELEMENTARY (ME) 16700 Franklin	5	KINGS MILL CLUBHOUSE (KM) 18120 Jamestown Circle
		17, 18	RIDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY (RW) 49775 Six Mile Road

Voting Details

Northville voters registered by Oct. 4 are eligible to vote in the Nov. 2 election. Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. City residents who have questions concerning voting in Northville should call the

city clerk's office at (248) 349-1300; township residents call (248) 348-5800. Clerks are available between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Visit www.publius.org to preview your Northville ballot.

Proposal 1 outcome will impact Northville

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Proposal 1's passage would not be good for Northville, according to some prominent local officials.

"We're trying to make (voters) understand it," Lou Carlo said, Northville Downs operations director, who along with Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski opposes the measure.

Proposal 1 would amend Michigan's constitution and require both statewide and local voter approval before allowing new gambling, including state-sponsored lottery games.

"...There's more at risk than the race tracks. It's also funding for the schools," Carlo said.

Rezmierski agreed. He said because lottery revenue helps fund local schools, Proposal 1's passage would directly affect the quality of local education. Northville Public Schools receive \$8,050 per student annually.

The career school administrator said he finds himself in the peculiar position speaking out against the proposal. Though he favors local control, Rezmierski said he is concerned Proposal 1 comes with too many strings.

"All of the sudden it sounds like I'm advocating gambling," he said. "But that's the way the Proposal A formula is written in order to fund education for children."

Rezmierski said Proposal 1 would cost public statewide school districts nearly \$100 million annually. More than 5 percent of public school districts' budgets come from funds derived from the lottery, he said.

Critics believe Proposal 1 will make the task of introducing new lottery games too difficult. Even revenue from existing lottery games could be affected.

"Now you have a double-sword whammy," Rezmierski said. That translates to a considerable impact per Northville student, he said.

Local concern comes despite statewide efforts backing Proposal 1.

Million-dollar advertising campaigns trumpeting slogans such as "Let Voters Decide" and "NO CASINO MONOPOLY" have left many voters confused. Carlo said the proposal would not be good for Northville Downs.

A "yes" vote by the majority of Michigan voters Tuesday could jeopardize the long-term viability of local landmark, a harness-racing draw at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads for more than 50 years. Such venues need to keep up with trends — such as appealing to a younger customer attracted to video gambling — or their business will be in jeopardy, Carlo said.

"Now you have a double-sword whammy."

Leonard Rezmierski
Superintendent, Northville Public Schools

"What would their motives be — to let the people vote? Get serious."

Lou Carlo
Northville Downs operations director

He said casinos supportive of the measure have spent millions promoting it. "What would their motives be — to let the people vote? Get serious. They're very clever."

Carlo said the "Let Voters Decide" refrain rings hollow.

Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Plymouth) already had proposed an amendment to racino legislation that would have included a local referendum.

"What they're asking you to do is change the constitution to allow them a monopoly," Carlo said. "They don't even want the lottery to be able to change."

If Proposal 1 fails Nov. 2, discussion of video gaming terminals in race tracks would have to be revived by Lansing lawmakers. The House and Legislature in debates for months failed to draft a compromise resolution, so voter approval Tuesday would slam that door.

"The racino thing would be dead," said Patterson chief of staff Bob Mauseth. "We would have had to have done something last year."

Proposal 1 supporters include anti-gambling groups, tribal gaming authorities and Detroit casino officials. The proposal specifically excludes those outlets from the gambling restrictions.

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VOTING TIPS

Be informed

The Michigan Secretary of State's online voter information center details registration status, ballots types, voting calendars, polling locations and more. Go to www.michigan.gov/vote for information.

- The City of Northville clerk's office can be reached at (248) 349-1300. Access online information at www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/Clerk/Elections.htm.

- Northville Township's clerk's office can be reached at (248) 348-5800, ext. 245, 246, or 253. Access online information at www.northvillemi.com.

Absentee voting

This Saturday, Oct. 30, is the final day absentee ballot applications can leave clerks' offices. In both the township and city, the offices will be open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on that date. Act quickly!

Local officials expect big election turnout Tuesday

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Four days before Tuesday's presidential election, local clerks are busy getting ready for what they believe will be a heavy voter turnout.

"Judging from the activity we've seen to date, I think Northville will have record voter turnout," Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said. "We're not unique with that. The state and the county have been telling us clerks (to expect) record turnout."

As of Monday, she said 4,854 absentee ballots had been issued, and 2,380 returned. For the township's 19,272 registered voters in 18 precincts, she said closer to 20,000 ballots have been requested from Wayne County.

The City of Northville gets ballots from both Wayne and Oakland counties. City Clerk Dianne Masse said 2,204 voters were registered in Wayne, and 2,493 in Oakland. Of more than 1,000 absentee ballots issued to voters in the two precincts,

about 35 percent were returned as of Monday.

"We have a lot out; those hopefully start pouring in this week," Masse said. "We usually have a very good turnout here."

For both municipalities, polls will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. According to Michigan law, voters must be in line at 8 p.m. with an "application to vote" form in order to vote after the announcement that the "polls are closed."

Provisional ballots are available to voters who believe they showed up to the right precinct, but are not listed within precinct records. Provisional ballots can be requested by any voter, but only ballots verified within five days will be officially recorded.

Provisional ballots require a lengthy application and a signed affidavit. Knowingly filing a false provisional ballot is a misdemeanor punishable by five years in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

Eligible voters must have registered by Oct. 4.

Check the maps above to make sure you know your correct voting precinct. Or visit www.michigan.gov/vote.

LOCAL BALLOTS

The fate of the Northville Township board of Trustees was determined during the August primary. Seven Republican officials will run uncontested Tuesday. Newly elected officials will take office Nov. 20:

- Supervisor: Mark Abbo. Part-time salary is \$24,000 per year.

- Treasurer: Dick Henningsen. Part-time salary is \$17,000 per year.

- Clerk: Sue Hillebrand. Full-time salary is \$65,000 per year.

- Trustees: Margie Banner, Marv Gans, Chris Roosen and Brad Warner. Salary is \$5,000 per year for regular monthly meetings and committee work; \$50 is paid per special meeting.

All pay is subject to taxes, but none of the seven positions provides insurance or benefits. Paychecks are received regardless of attendance.



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville High School students Peter Curran, Justin Hnatio, Charlie Thomas and Molly O'Brien contemplate U.S. elections and what motivates voters to cast their ballots in teacher Monty Shamblau's American Government class.

For local students, Tuesday election is both an education and an opportunity

By Alexandra Hollmeyer
SPECIAL WRITER

Inside Northville High School, students toting push-pins, stickers, and T-shirts are not hard to find.

For many, next Tuesday's presidential election represents their first brush with a national political process. For others, it marks their first opportunity to vote.

Northville High School senior Ashlyn Saltz supports President George W. Bush. He said it's important Bush is re-elected.

"In these times this country needs strong leadership," Saltz said, a Bush push-pin gleaming from his chest.

Saltz is actively campaigning for Bush, handing out pins and bumper stickers, making phone calls and participating in street-corner rallies.

"Whatever they want me to do, I'll do," Saltz said, who plans on campaigning heavily for Bush during the crucial 90 hours prior to the polls opening. "I might be going door to door to get people out to vote for Bush, or anything else they ask me to do."

Saltz said his parents influenced his political ideas. They support Bush as well, he said.

But Saltz, 17, is too young to vote in next Tuesday's election. He missed the required registration age by two months. Still, he's actively involved.

"Any vote that I can persuade is just as good as mine," Saltz said.

Though most Northville students can't vote Tuesday, some seniors old enough to do so plan on casting their first-ever ballot.

Sean Hughes, a senior at Northville High School who supports presidential candidate John

Kerry, is one of the school's few registered voters. He plans to vote in Tuesday's election.

He said it's his duty as a citizen. And though it's only one vote, he still feels it's important.

"I would like to think my vote effects the results, but hey every vote counts," he said.

Hughes said though his family also supports Kerry, the main reason for his own support has to do with the ongoing war in Iraq.

Not every student knows which way they'll vote.

John Pittas, a senior and registered voter, is undecided about which lever he'll pull.

"It seems more people are voting against a candidate because they don't want to see them in office," Pittas said. "For me, it comes down to how I feel on the

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absentee, they must register in person at their local secretary of state office or local or county clerk.

"We understand that that is a concern for some of our students," Chesney said. "We worked with many of the universities and helping them with their registration."

This year, she said, the secretary's mobile branch office visited 10 universities, as well as naturalization ceremonies.

Free from fraud

Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said Rossiter is one of 11 township college students who registered by the Oct. 4 cutoff date and have been affected.

"I do think it impedes a lot of college students," Hillebrand said, but, "you've got to have some form of verification and identification so you don't have a lot of false registrations."

Such frauds take two full federal election cycles clear up, Hillebrand said. She said she thinks better education could help.

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YOUTH: political process starts early

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day of the election." By voting he said he's doing his part. "If I don't vote I'm not trying. I'm at least going to try," he said.

Dan and Serena Sherry made their political preferences known publicly last Saturday afternoon. The brother-sister tandem joined other Kerry supporters at the northern corner of Novi and Eight Mile roads, hoisting signs and waving to drivers who honked a car horn's worth of support.

"I don't like Bush because of his corporate tax cuts and the war in Iraq," Dan said.

The 14-year-old Northville High School freshman said Saturday was the first time he'd ever made his political views public. His mother, Tisa, asked both of her children to attend the midday event.

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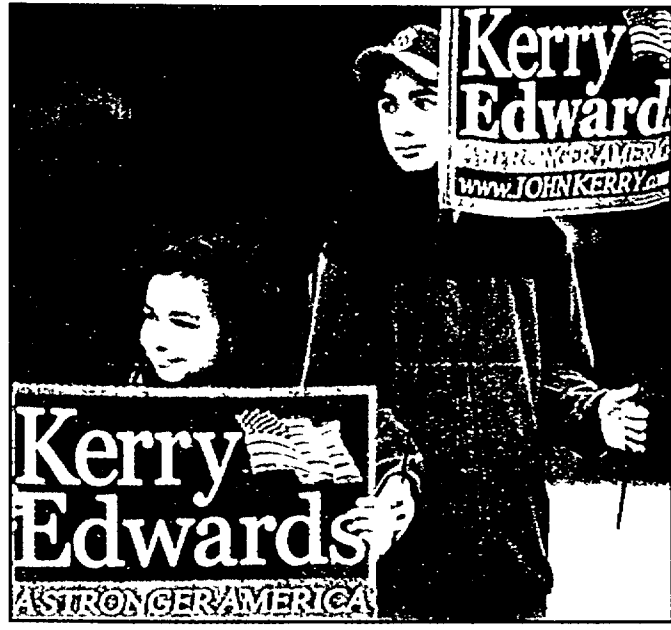


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understand the democratic process," she said. Twenty years ago she and her husband moved to the United States from India. Three years ago she was granted U.S. citizenship.

Tuesday will be her first time voting for president. She said her kids will accompany her to the polls.

For Serena, 8, a Thornton

Creek Elementary School student, Saturday afternoon was a bit more pragmatic. "My mom wanted me to come out," she said.

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CLASS POLITICS

Election bug hits local classrooms

The presidential election is a common topic in many Northville High School classrooms, including class projects and discussions revolving around next Tuesday's election.

All U.S. History classes study the election process and school hallways are decorated with posters supporting presidential and local candidates.

American government classes devote time to talking about the upcoming election.

"We'll also be doing a mock election," Government teacher Monty Shambleau said.

He said the election is aimed at getting students familiar with the process and the voting experience.

Government teacher Chris Ford said early student involvement is key.

"They're making sure their voices are heard in a democratic society," he said.

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BIRTHS



Sarah Kathleen McCreadie

Courtney and Paul McCreadie of Plymouth are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Kathleen McCreadie on Aug. 21, 2004. She was born at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti. Sarah joins big brother, Drew, 3 and big sister, Paige, 1 and one-half.

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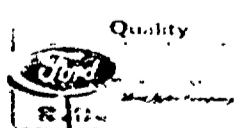
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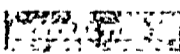
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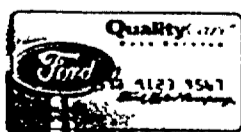
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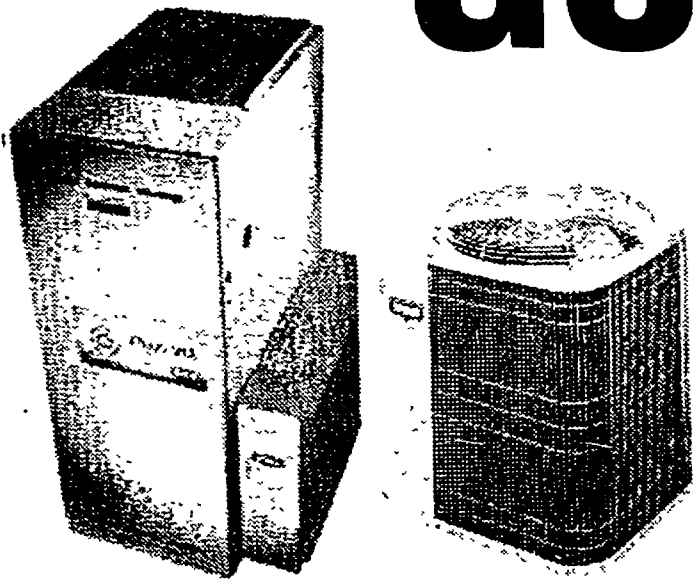


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GOING FOR THE JUG-ULAR

Mustangs drop fourth straight Jug chance, 35-7

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Despite police being on-hand at the crime scene last Friday night, no arrests were made following the Novi Wildcats assault of the Northville Mustangs.

Novi pummeled the Mustangs early and often, 35-7, and took home bragging rights and the Baseline Jug trophy for the fourth-straight year.

By the third quarter, it looked more like a Baseline mug.

But Northville wasn't robbed. They merely forgot to show up.

The first play from scrimmage for the Wildcats resulted in a 56-yard jaunt by running back Jarrell Woods. He broke four tackles without even stumbling.

"They came out ready to play, punched us square in the jaw and we didn't respond," Northville coach Clint Alexander said.

The second and third scores of the game came from Woods as well, both on three-yard runs and both before Northville could even sustain a drive.

By the end of three quarters, Novi led 35-0, thanks to Chris Dalton adding a 28-yard reception from quarterback Kevin Cisto midway through the stanza. Cisto added a running touchdown of his own, sprinting 64 yards for the score and the 35-0 lead.

"He's been playing some good football," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey noted. "But he wouldn't be able to do those kinds of things if it weren't for his teammates."

Northville added a token touchdown with 6:05 remaining in the game. Junior quarterback Charlie Thomas tossed a 28-yard pass to Richie Nejman. It was Nejman's first touchdown of the year despite being the second-leading receiver on the team.

"I was surprised," Alexander said of how his team played. "I thought we were ready. I thought the kids were excited. We made mistakes we hadn't made all year. We've got to work hard this week to correct it."

Northville dropped to 7-2 with the loss while Novi climbed to 7-2 with the victory. The Wildcats lead the all-time series between the two squads, 18-16.

Of course, the two teams will be able to try it all again tomorrow night when they square off against each other in the first round of the playoffs. Novi will visit Northville again at 7 p.m.

"We'll have to have the same intensity we did this week," Kellepourey said. "Northville's not going to want to lose twice against us. It should be a good game between two good football teams."

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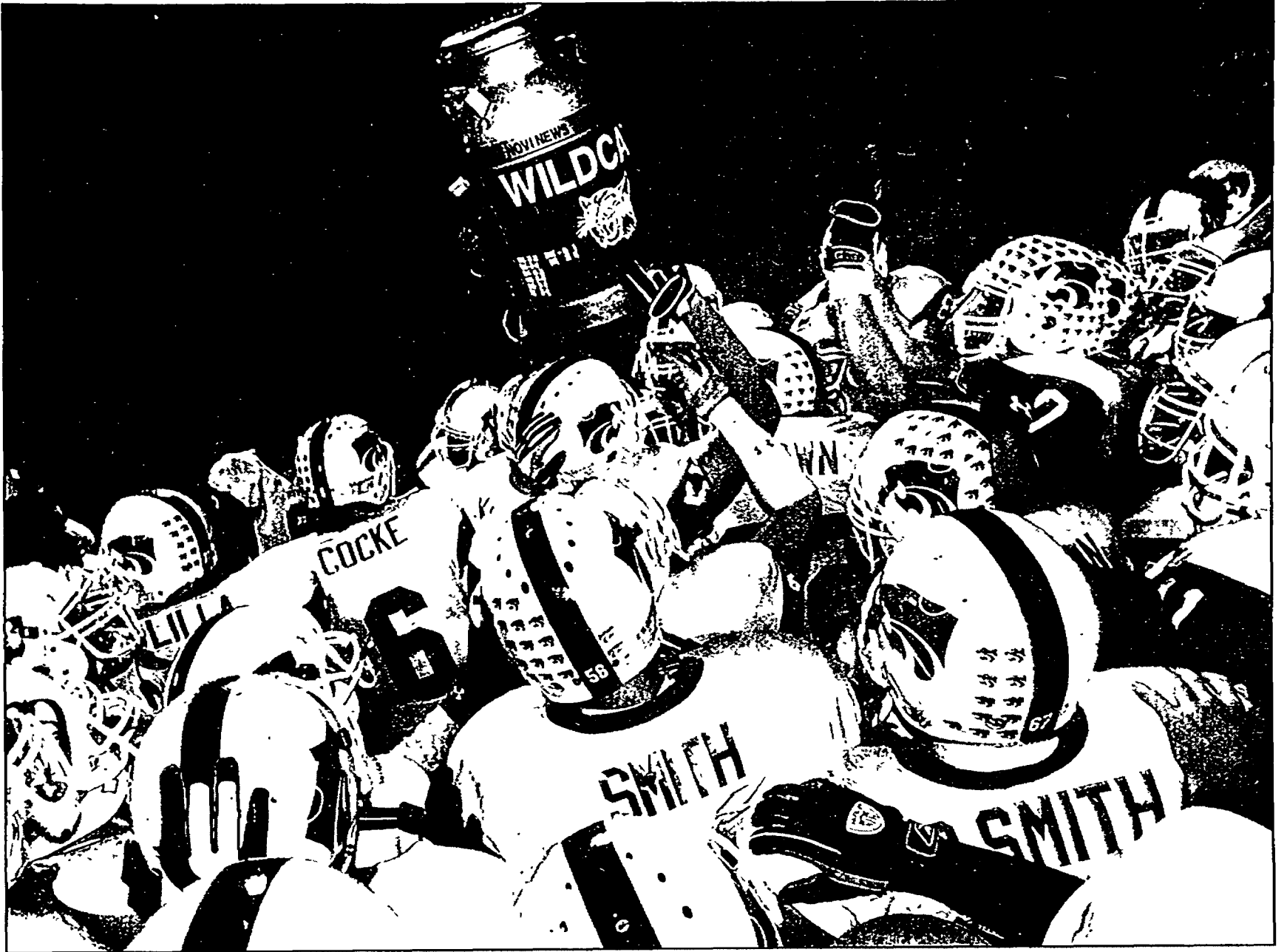


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Shouting "We got the jug!" the Novi Wildcats celebrate their 35-7 victory over the Northville Mustangs last Friday night.

Northville draws Novi in playoff opener

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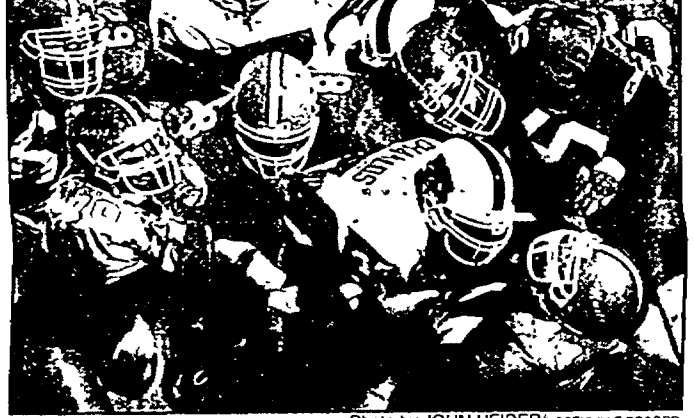


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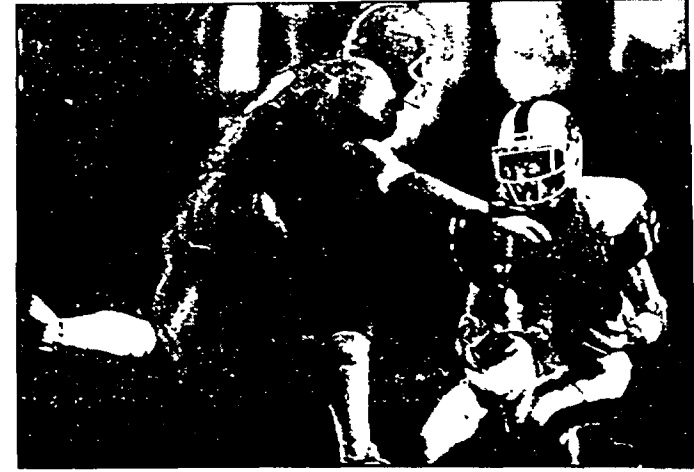
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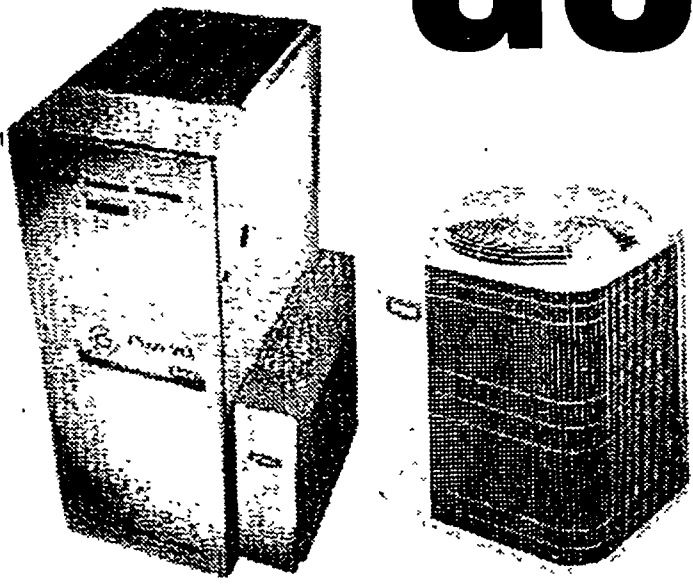


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GOING FOR THE JUG-ULAR

Mustangs drop fourth straight Jug chance, 35-7

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Despite police being on-hand at the crime scene last Friday night, no arrests were made following the Novi Wildcats assault of the Northville Mustangs.

Novi pummeled the Mustangs early and often, 35-7, and took home bragging rights and the Baseline Jug trophy for the fourth-straight year.

By the third quarter, it looked more like a Baseline mug.

But Northville wasn't robbed. They merely forgot to show up.

The first play from scrimmage for the Wildcats resulted in a 56-yard jaunt by running back Jarrell Woods. He broke four tackles without even stumbling.

"They came out ready to play, punched us square in the jaw and we didn't respond," Northville coach Clint Alexander said.

The second and third scores of the game came from Woods as well, both on three-yard runs and both before Northville could even sustain a drive.

By the end of three quarters, Novi led 35-0, thanks to Chris Dalton adding a 28-yard reception from quarterback Kevin Ciso midway through the stanza. Ciso added a running touchdown of his own, sprinting 64 yards for the score and the 35-0 lead.

"He's been playing some good football," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey noted. "But he wouldn't be able to do those kinds of things if it weren't for his teammates."

Northville added a token touchdown with 6:05 remaining in the game. Junior quarterback Charlie Thomas tossed a 28-yard pass to Richie Nejman. It was Nejman's first touchdown of the year despite being the second-leading receiver on the team.

"I was surprised," Alexander said of how his team played. "I thought we were ready. I thought the kids were excited. We made mistakes we hadn't made all year. We've got to work hard this week to correct it."

Northville dropped to 7-2 with the loss while Novi climbed to 7-2 with the victory. The Wildcats lead the all-time series between the two squads, 18-16.

Of course, the two teams will be able to try it all again tomorrow night when they square off against each other in the first round of the playoffs. Novi will visit Northville again at 7 p.m.

"We'll have to have the same intensity we did this week," Kellepourey said. "Northville's not going to want to lose twice against us. It should be a good game between two good football teams."

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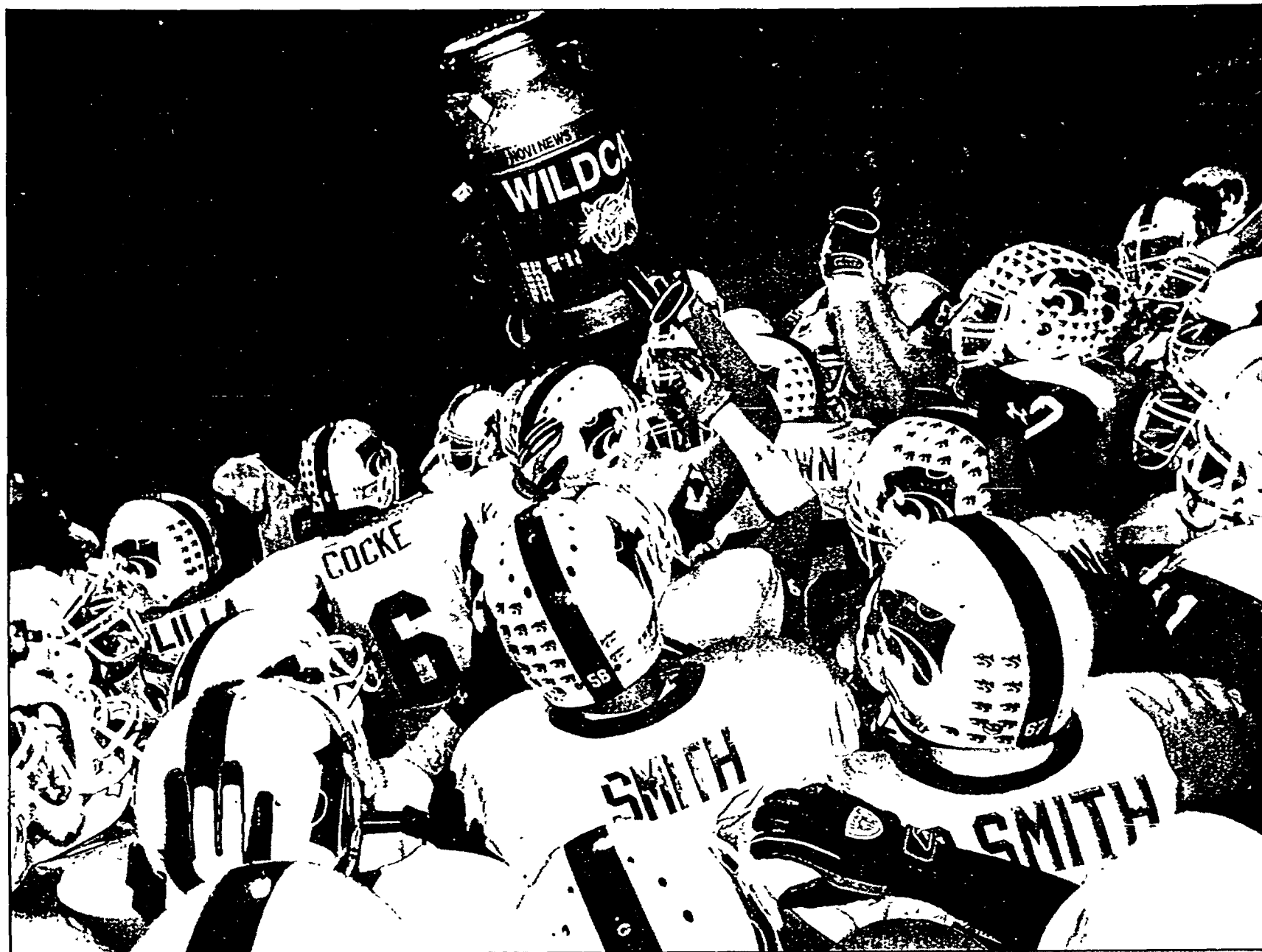


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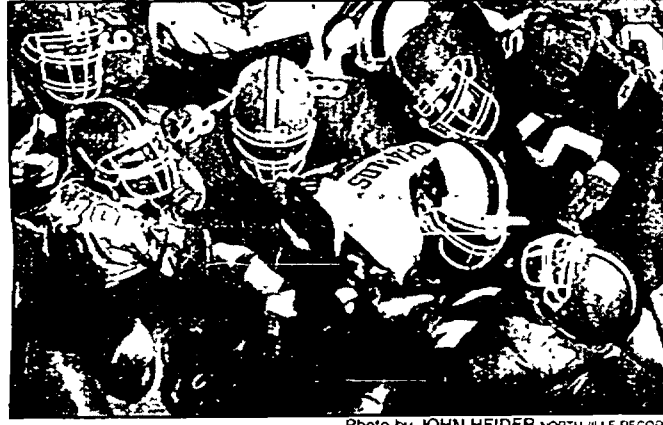


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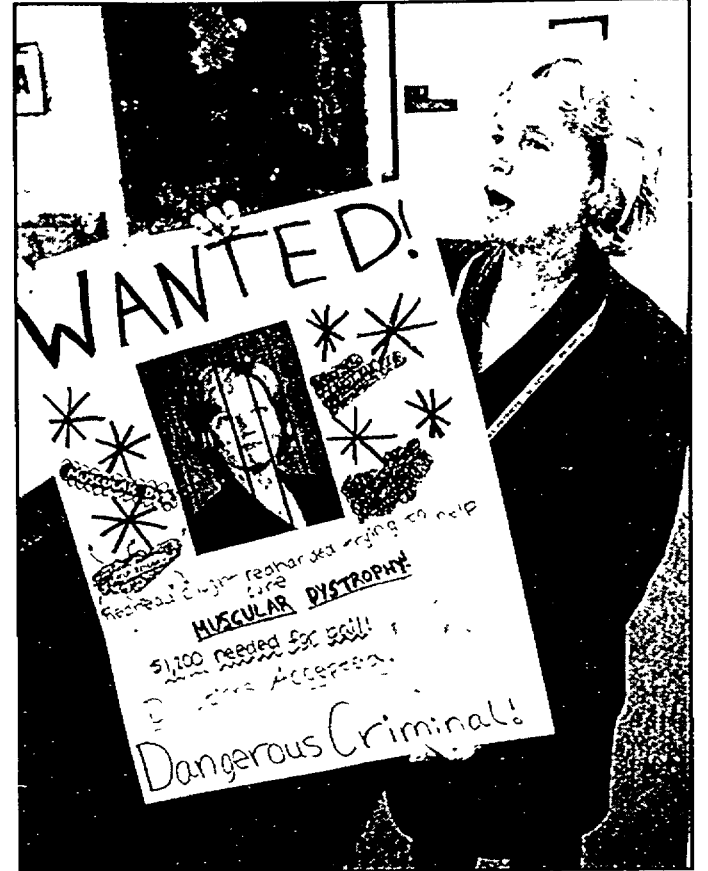
CLASS PICTURES

A pictorial look inside Northville schools.



Jim Miller of Willow Winds uses "model" and Moraine Elementary School student Chris McCarthy to demonstrate how many animal skins and furs a trapper in the woods would need to survive the winter. Miller brought the hands-on demonstration, titled "Native-American Survival Skills," to Moraine this month.

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Meads Mill Middle School principal Dr. Sue Meyer, moments from being "arrested" for a Muscular Dystrophy Association fund raiser, holds up a "wanted" poster the Student Leadership Council used to generate more than \$1,001 for MDA.



Silver Springs Elementary School students wince in advance of a loud explosion during last week's "Chemistry: It Really Matters" assembly. Mobile Education Production's Dennis Regling showed what happens when hydrogen and pure oxygen are combined with a flame: a pretty big bang.



Liz Vallespir and son William, 6, check out the rummage tables at Northville's St. Paul's Lutheran School. Proceeds will be used for building improvements.



Anne Dulzo, right, and Sanbya Janardhan both try their hands at shaving the old fashioned way (with a lather brush and a dull knife) during Thornton Creek's "Journey Back in Time" this month. Students also tried grinding oats into flour, separating and spinning wool, panning for gold and making dough.



Brennan VanRiper enjoys the crisp taste of a freshly-picked apple while strolling the orchard in South Lyon.



Stevie Elanges shows off his freshly-picked bounty during a fun-filled day earlier this month at Erwin's apple orchard in South Lyon.

Picky, Picky

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Danielle Auty shows off her personally-picked pumpkin.



Jim McDonough and Erin McDonough enjoy a father-daughter moment.

Students enrolled in the Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center kids' creative corner classes enjoyed a field trip to the apple orchard earlier this month.

With parents and grandparents by their side, the petite students enjoyed a day of pumpkin and apple picking, wagon rides and cider and doughnuts. The pumpkins collected at

Erwin Orchards in South Lyon were brought back to class for holiday painting and other collected goodies contributed to apple sauce and pumpkin pies.



Danielle Auty enjoys a break, eating fresh doughnuts and sipping apple cider.



Jack Harrigan holds the pumpkin he personally chose for Halloween festivities.



Gabrielle Green's hard work paid off with an overflowing bag of freshly-picked apples.

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Women who have had no children or who had their first child after age 30 have a slightly higher breast cancer risk. Having multiple pregnancies and becoming pregnant at an early age reduces breast cancer risk. It is still not certain what part oral contraceptives (birth control pills) might play in breast cancer risk. It has become clear that long-term use of hormone replacement therapy after menopause, particularly estrogens and progesterone combined, increase the risk of breast cancer. Use of alcohol increases the risk of breast cancer. One mammogram exposes a person to the same amount of radiation as flying from New York to California on a commercial jet. If you have a breast lump, have it checked by your doctor, even if your mammogram is normal. Medicare, Medicaid, and most private health insurance plans cover mammogram costs or a percentage of them.

Election day rules: No Mulligans

Charlie Birney knows a thing or two about the game of golf. He should. After all, this Maryland small-business owner operates three golf courses.

He also knows that in an election, unlike golf, there are no "mulligans." You only get one shot on Election Day. No "do-overs" or make-good swings will be allowed.

As one of America's 25 million small entrepreneurs, Birney believes that the backbone of the nation's economic system is its



Jack Faris

free-enterprise structure. He's proud of the fact that he and his peers represent more than 99 percent of all U.S. employers, provide jobs for half

of all private-sector employees and generate nearly 45 percent of the total private payroll.

Small-business owners are motivated risk-takers who burn the midnight oil in their search for the American Dream. Rarely do they find enough hours in the day to finish their "to do" lists. The last thing they need is more work and more responsibility.

But that's exactly what Charlie Birney has volunteered for. In the spirit of participative democracy, he has taken on what amounts to another full-time job and loads of additional responsibility.

Determined to help elect candidates who support small business, Birney is hard at work personally registering voters for the upcoming election. And, he's hosting training days at his business to help voters become familiar with electronic voting machines before stepping behind the curtain.

That's not all. He believes so strongly in political involvement that he's offered his employees several hours a week of paid time off if they decide to volunteer for a campaign.

What's more, Birney provides a newsletter to help educate his employees about key small-business issues and inform them of the stands taken by candidates who will appear on their ballots. He wants to make sure those who work for him know that their livelihoods are directly linked to such things as the tax and regulatory hazards his golf business must avoid to score profits. He is determined to share his ideas and opinions on the challenges confronting the nation's entrepreneurs today.

Small-business owners all across America should seriously consider following Charlie Birney's example in the precious few remaining days before Nov. 2 so they too, can have a major impact on the outcome of the election. By educating their employees as well as their customers about the challenges facing one of America's most vital economic resources, those 25 million entrepreneurs could help elect candidates who will support free enterprise and fight against tax-and-spend legislators and over-regulators who think profit is a dirty word.

Like Charlie Birney, American small-business owners who are concerned about the future of their businesses should act now to encourage voters to pull the lever for candidates who vow to simplify the tax code and reduce taxes, reduce excessive regulation and intrusive labor laws, make health care more accessible and affordable, curb frivolous lawsuits and end government competition against small businesses.

There will be no "mulligans" after Election Day, Nov. 2.

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

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Perfect Floors is located in the former Serra Floor Covering store on Pontiac Trail in South Lyon.

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Perfect Floors opens in South Lyon

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Perfect Floors is a new floor covering business that opened Oct. 4 in the former Serra Floor Covering location on Pontiac Trail just south of Nine Mile in South Lyon. The newly remodeled showroom features a large selection of area rugs, carpeting, vinyl, ceramic, hardwood and wood laminate floor covering products.

Perfect Floors purchased the business and location from its former owner Jim Serra. Based in Rochester Hills, Perfect Floors is

a family business operated by the three Williams brothers, John, Michael and Ron, and their brother-in-law Craig Colpean since 1995.

"We have operated the family business with a hands-on approach and with direct accountability for customer service," Ron Williams said.

Ron is managing the new location of Perfect Floors in South Lyon and is available during business hours. Williams said that Serra is still involved in the business and they have retained the office, sales and installation employees from the previous

operation.

Perfect Floors has a full-time staff of installers that do all floor covering installations sold in the area. Serra, the staff and installers know the local community from working in it for many years.

"We have established a name for ourselves and get a lot of walk-in trade from local families in Rochester Hills," Ron said. "We want to carry it over to this side of town with the new location in South Lyon. We invite families to visit the showroom here."

Williams said that Perfect Floors can offer better prices, from 10 to 20 percent lower than the previous business, because of their larger overall operation.

"We have always been very competitive matching the lowest prices available in the area," Ron said. "We don't use any gimmicks like some of the large chains. We sell quality products at the right prices."

Perfect Floors offers complete flooring covering service to both commercial and residential customers.

Williams said about 75 to 80 percent of their business in Rochester Hills is residential with the remainder of it going to builders and contractors, and expects their local business to continue in that range.

Perfect Floors is a Mohawk Color Center dealer and represents other carpeting mills such as Beaulieu and Shaw. The business offers Armstrong, Congoleum and Mannington vinyl flooring; Armstrong, Mannington and Pergo laminates; and Bruce, Mohawk and Somerset hardwood floors. They are also offering ceramic products for the first time at the South Lyon showroom.



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The new owners expect to serve customers in South Lyon, across Oakland County, places like Northville and Livonia, and extending out toward Ann Arbor, Brighton and Howell from the new location.

Williams said that they will maintain the former business' membership in the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce. He intends to get to know the local community and support it through the floor covering business.

Ron and his family currently reside in Livonia, so he is closer to the South Lyon area than he was to the original location in Rochester Hills.

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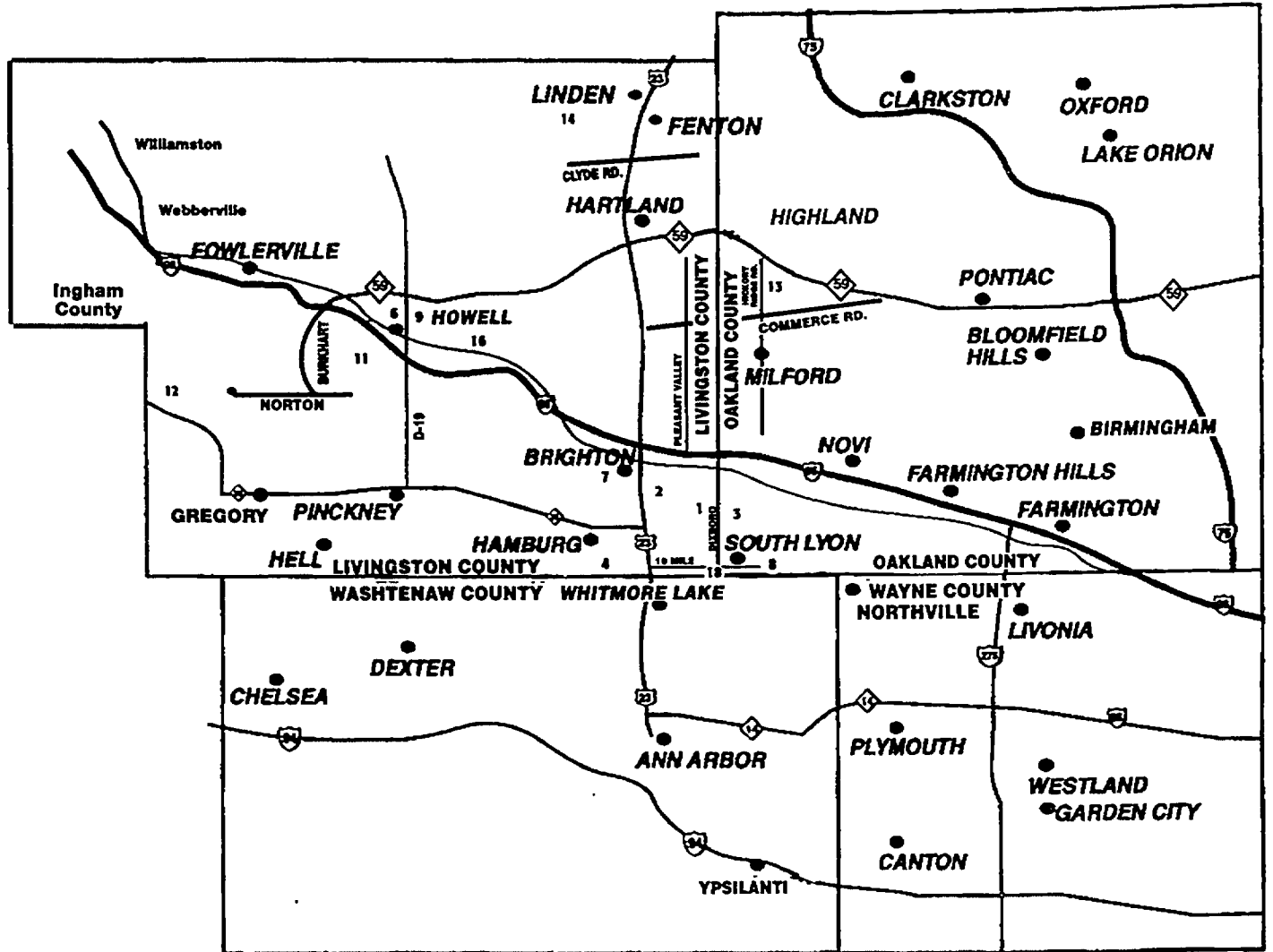
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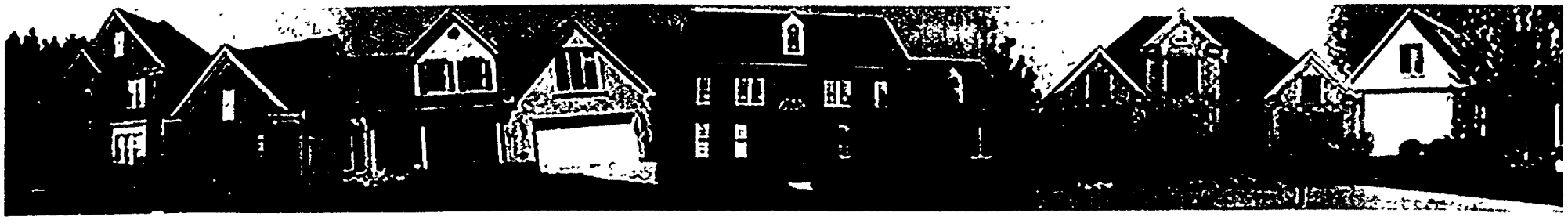
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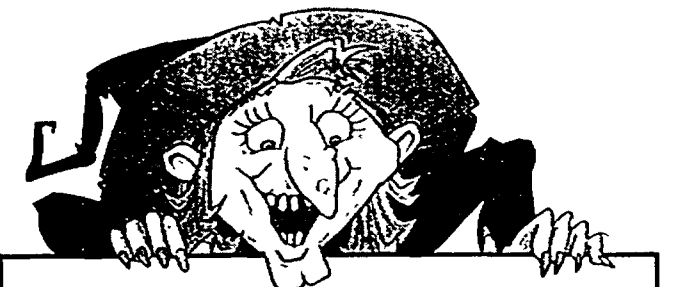
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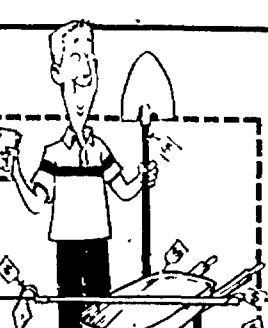
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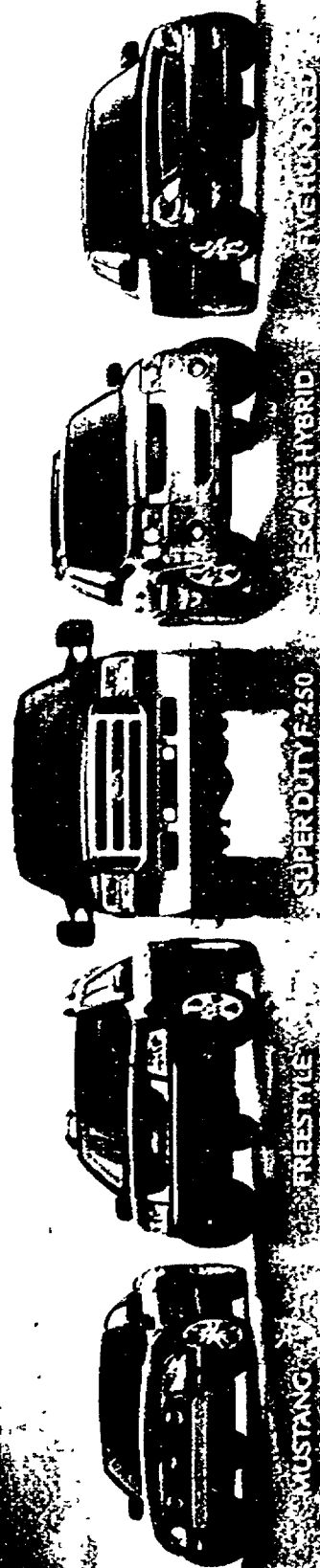
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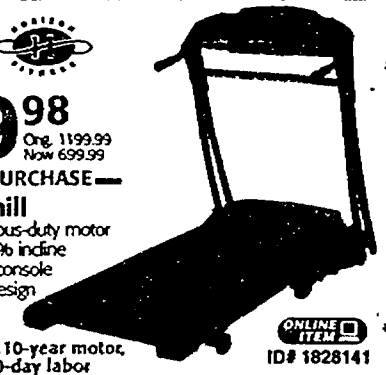


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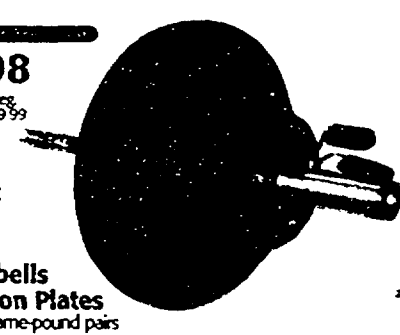
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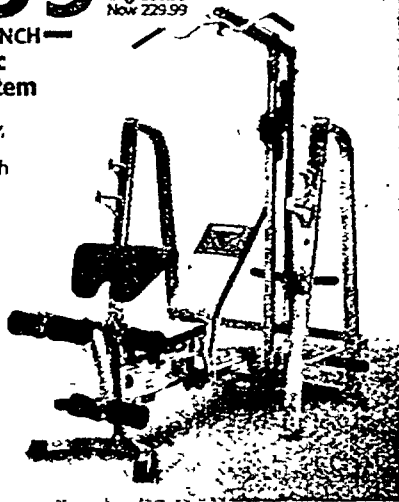
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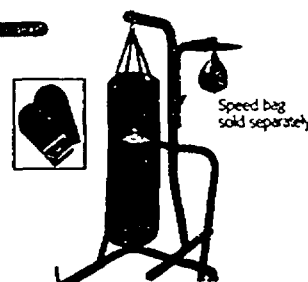
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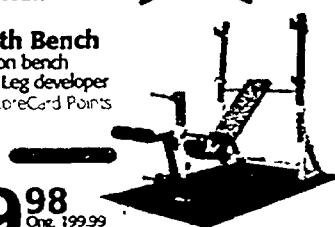
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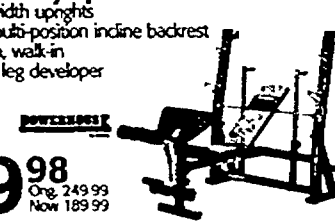


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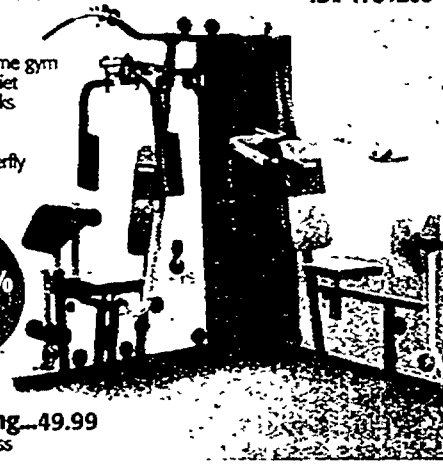
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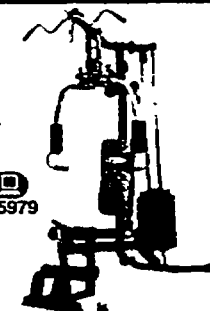


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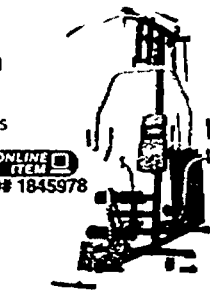


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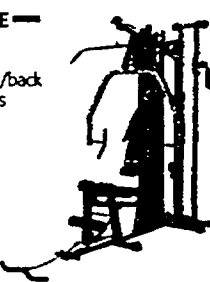


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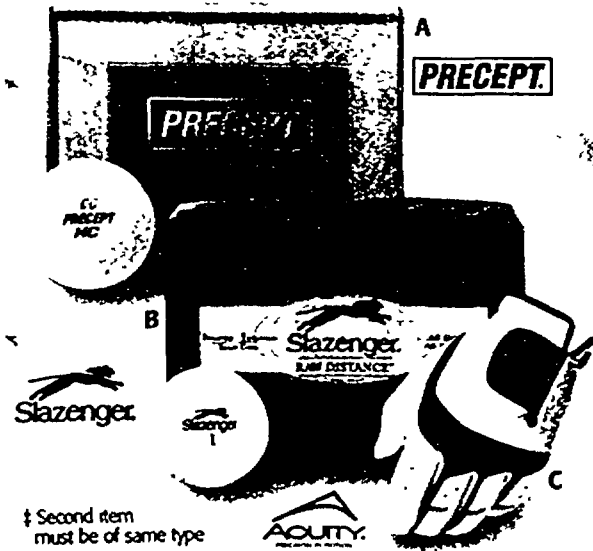
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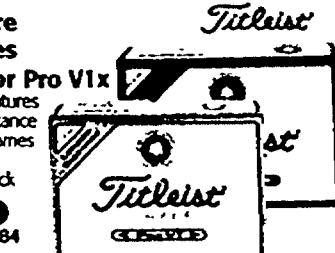


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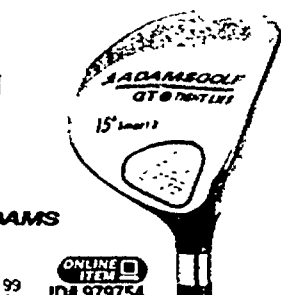
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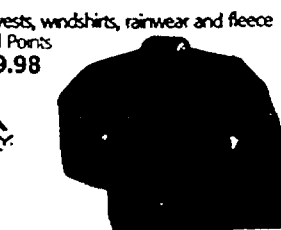
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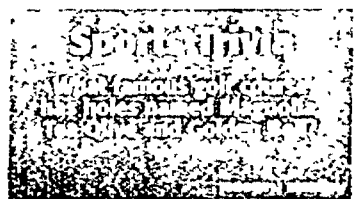
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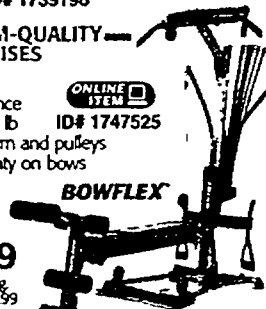
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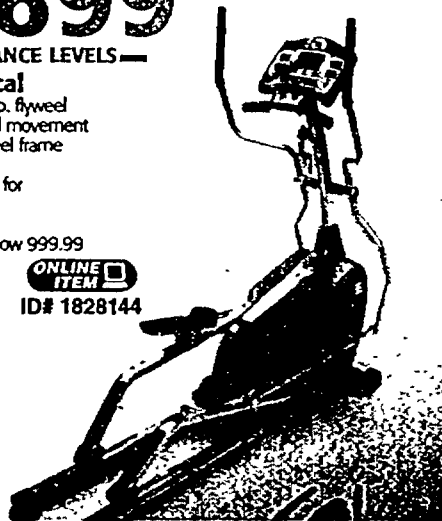


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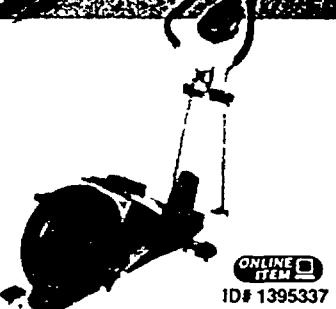
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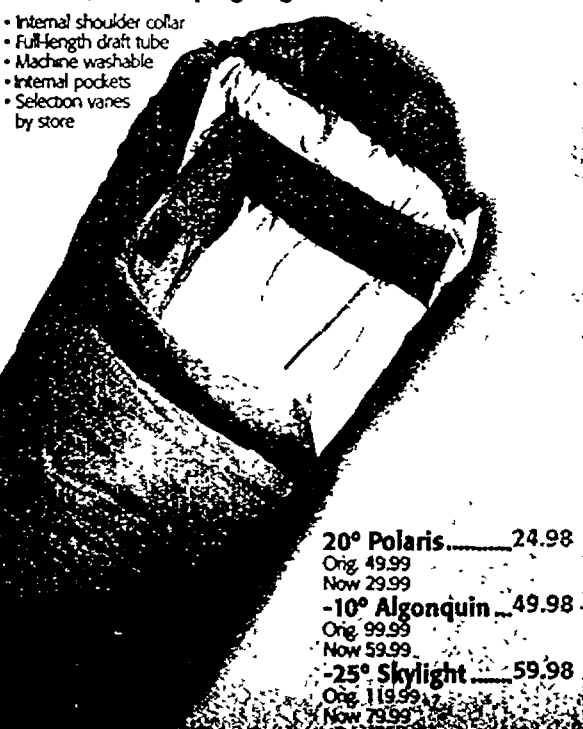
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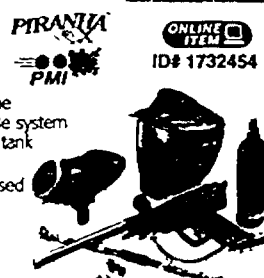
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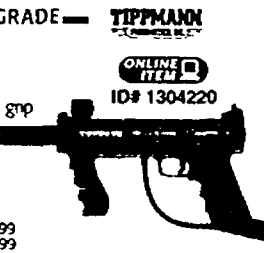
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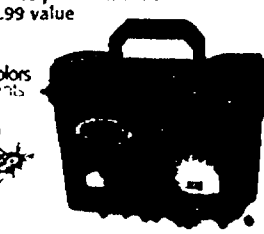
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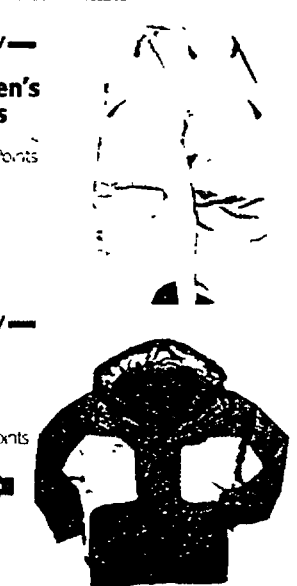
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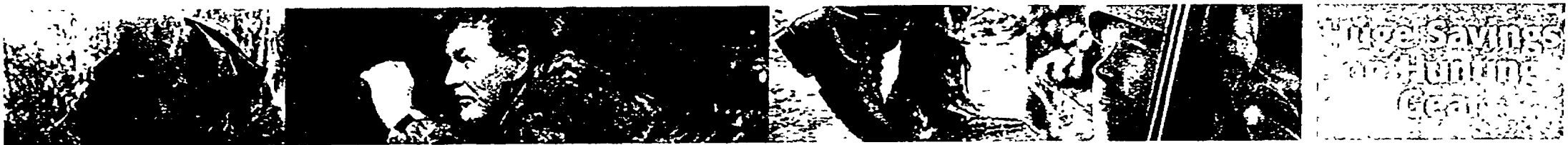
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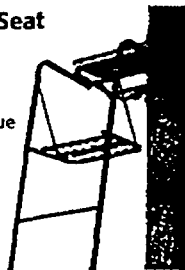
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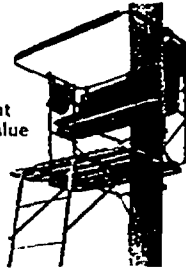
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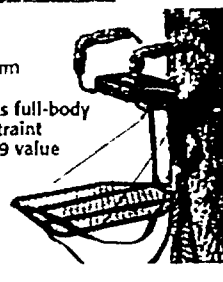


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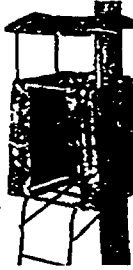
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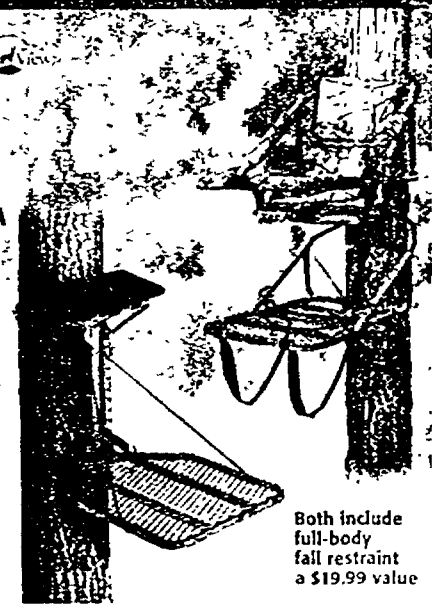
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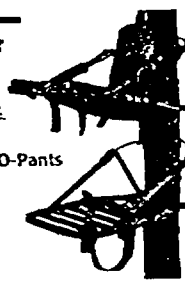
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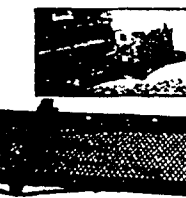
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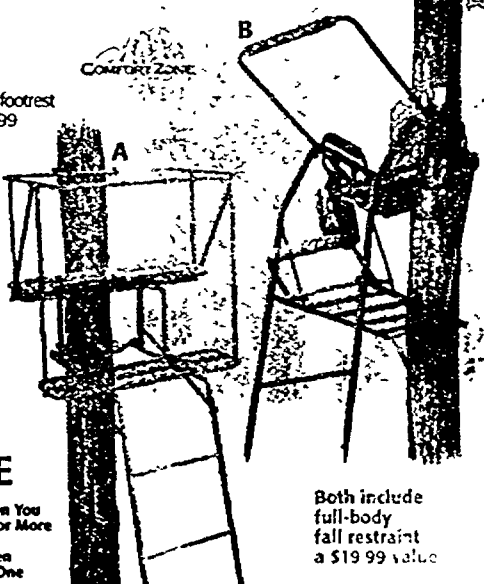
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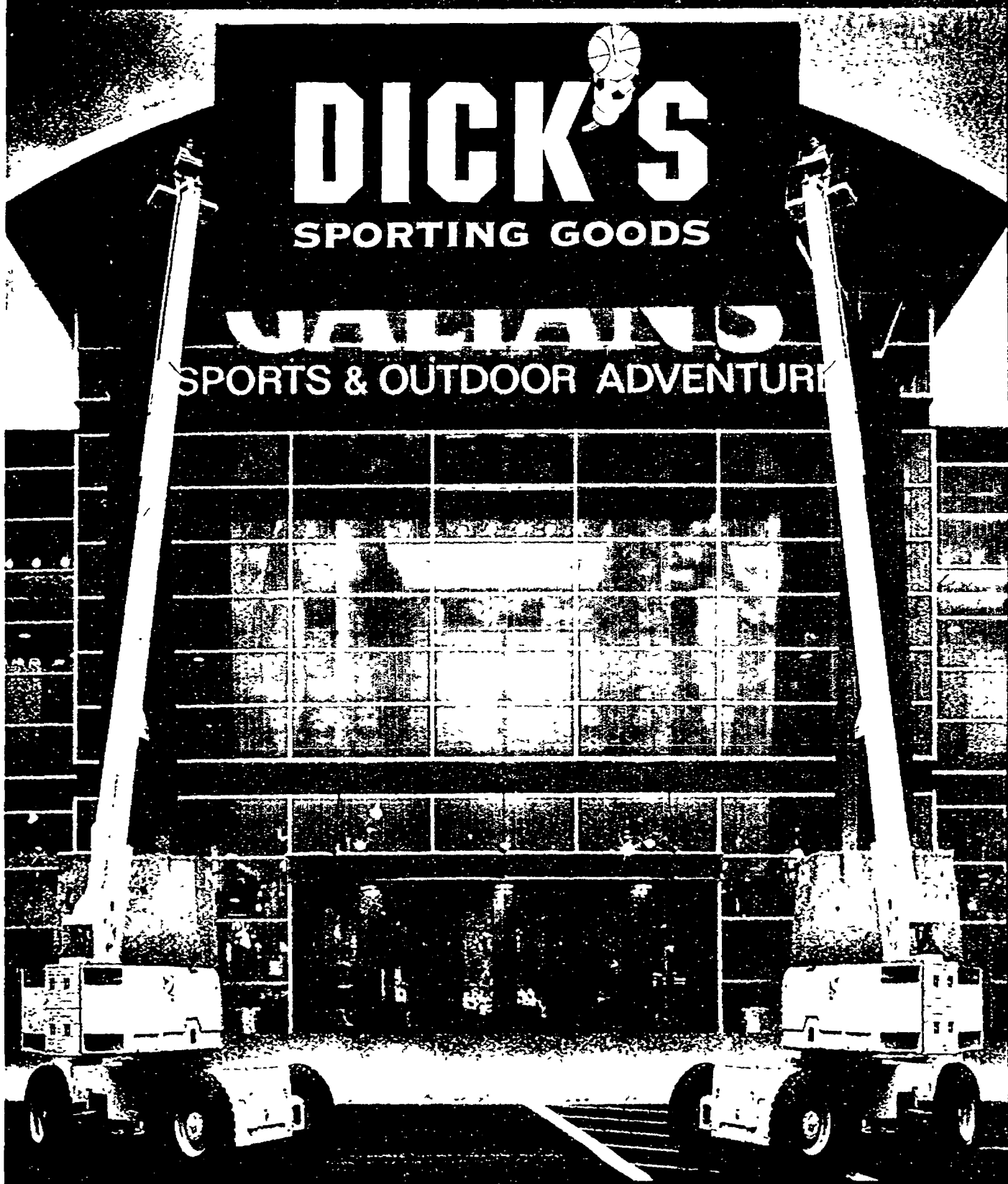
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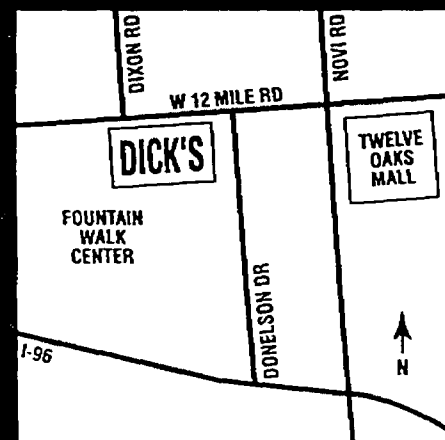
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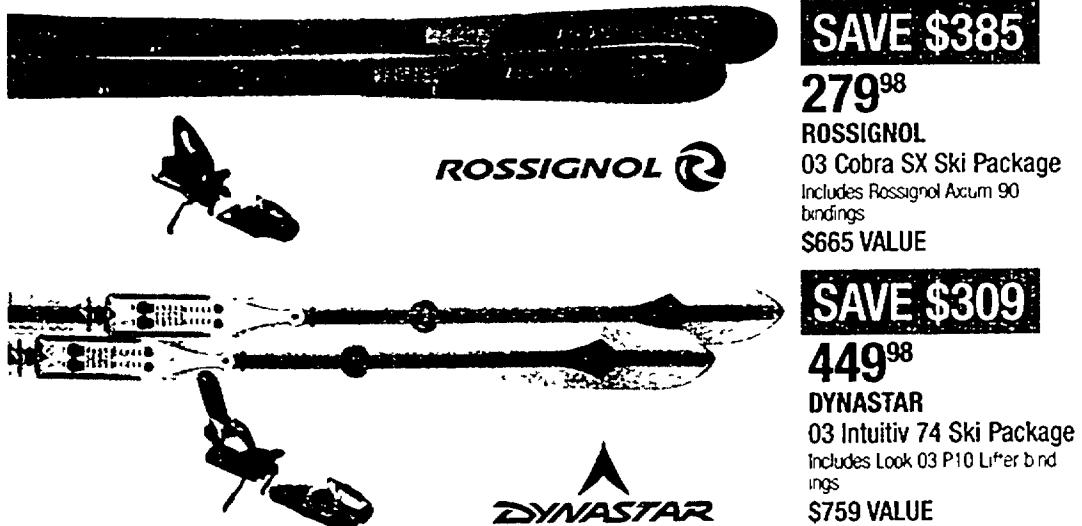
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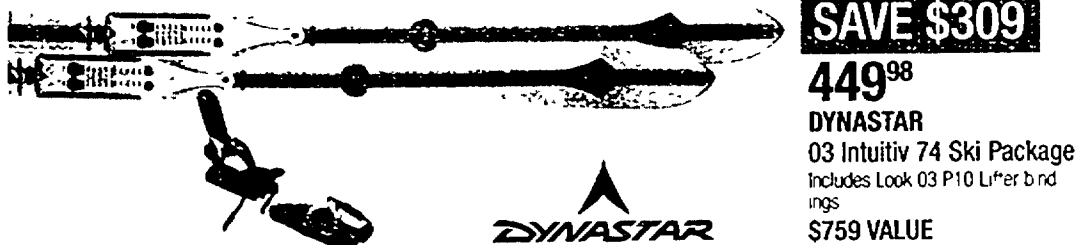
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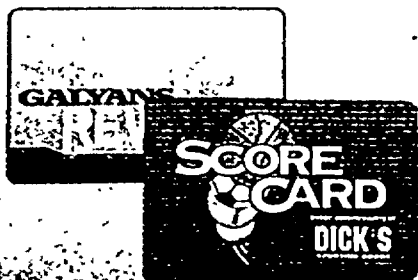
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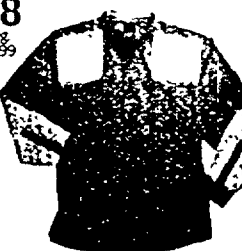
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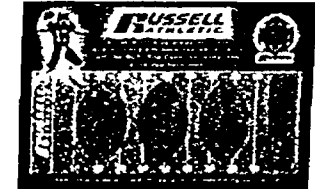
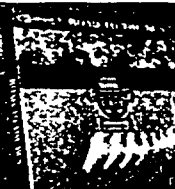
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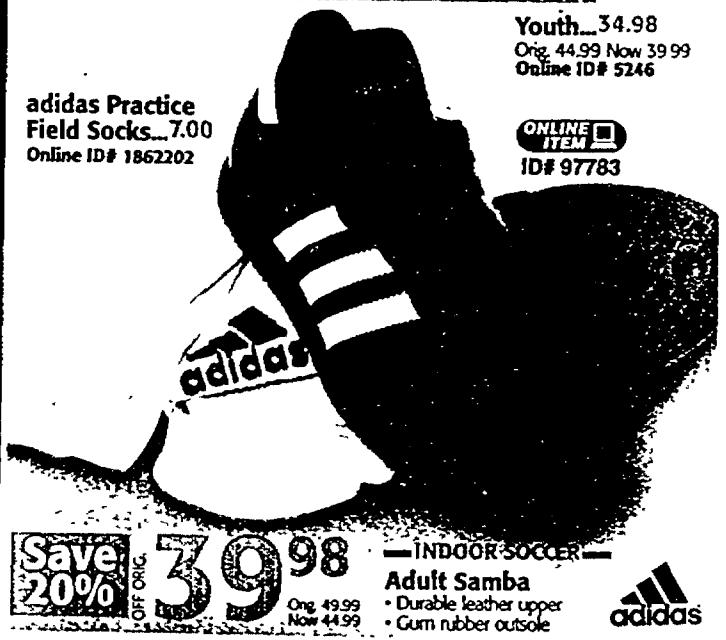


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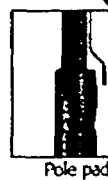
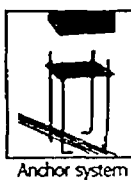
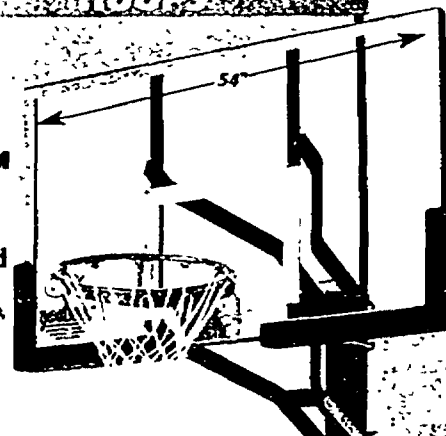
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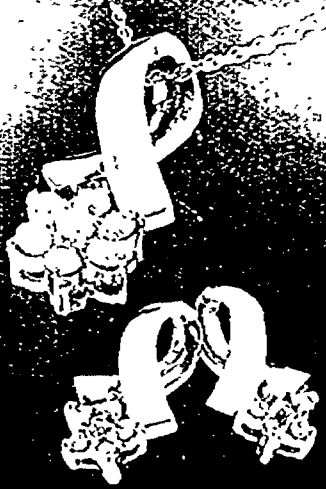


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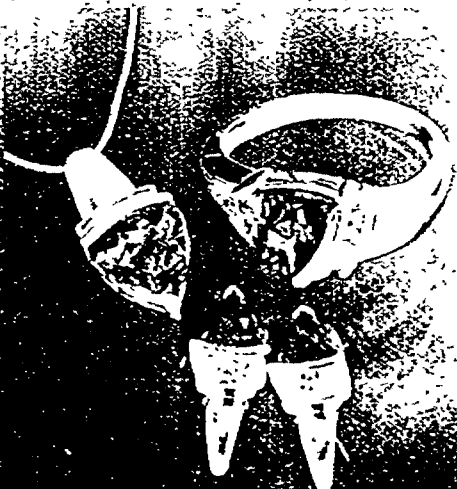
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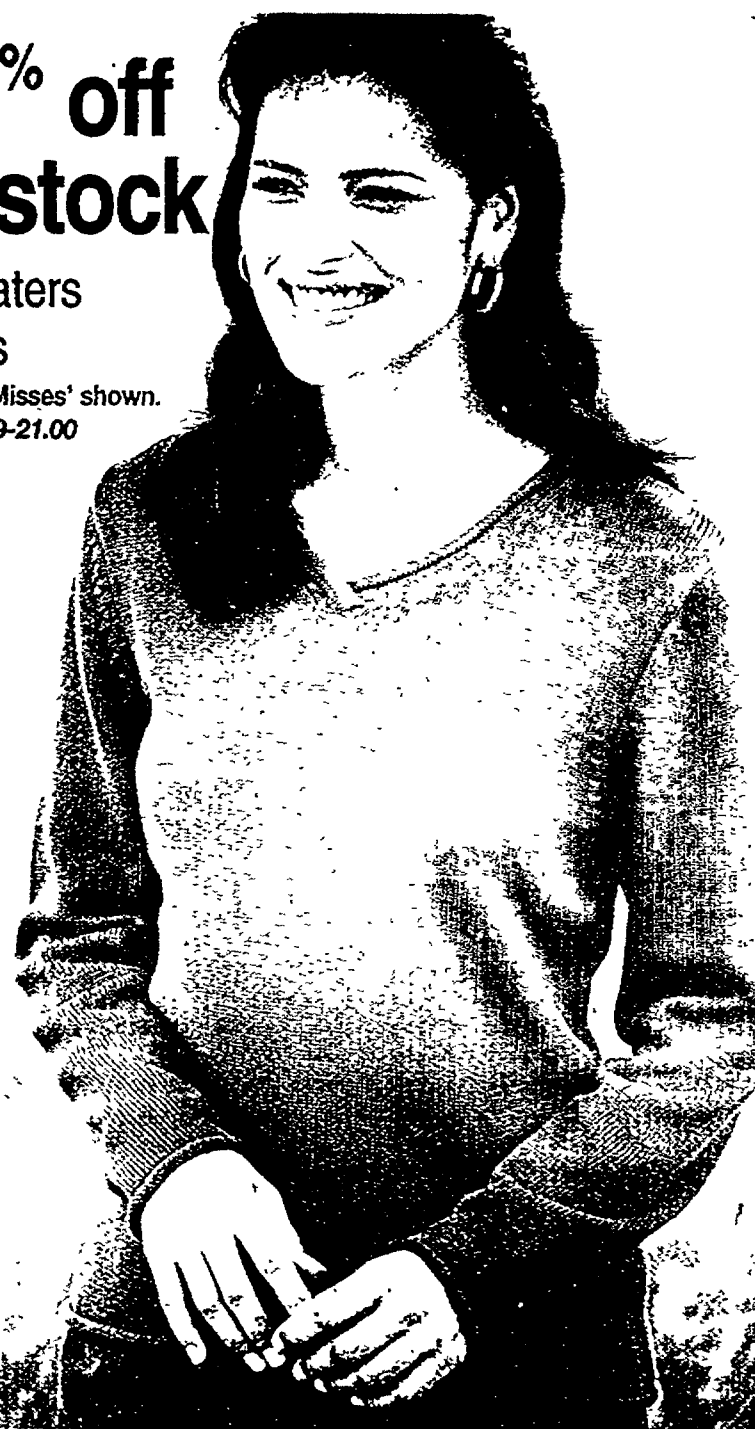
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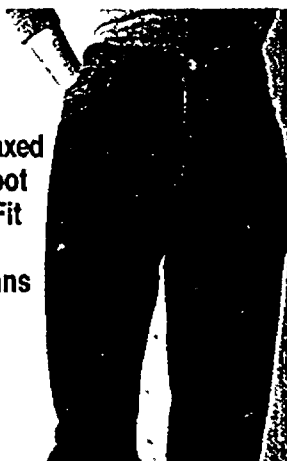
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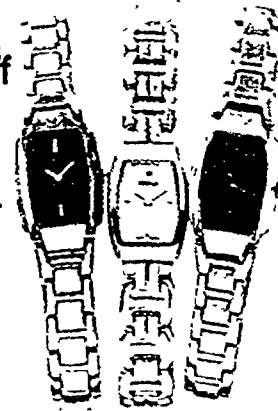
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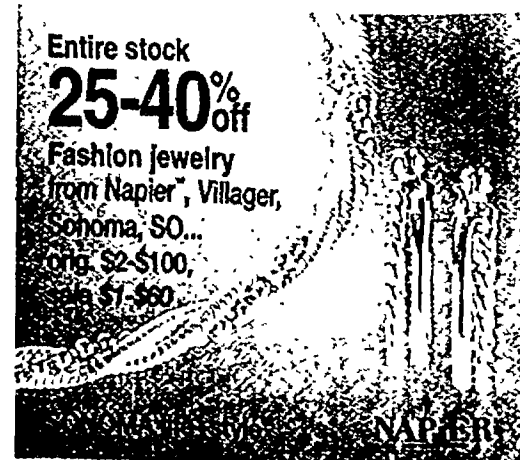
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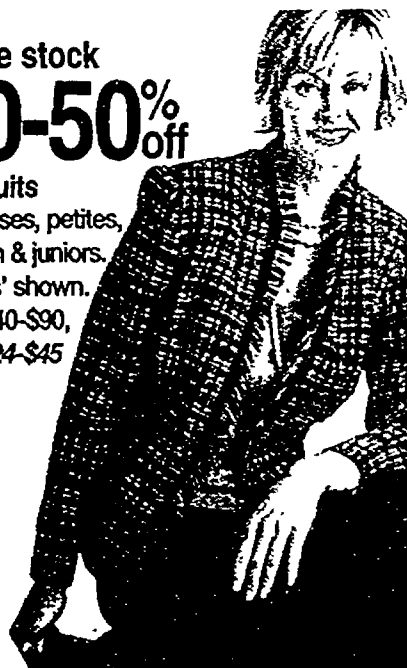
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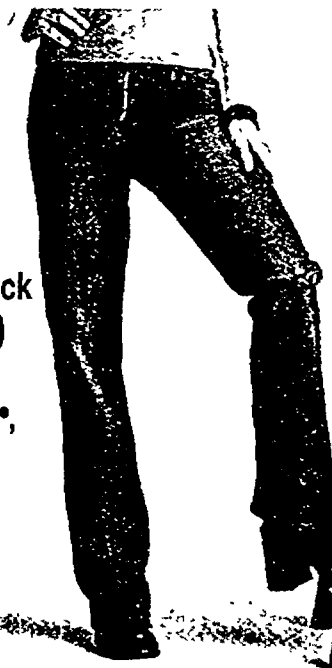
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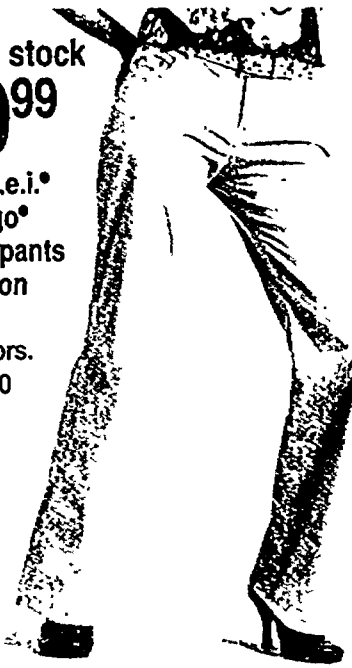
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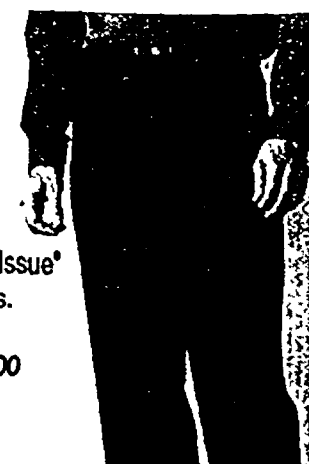
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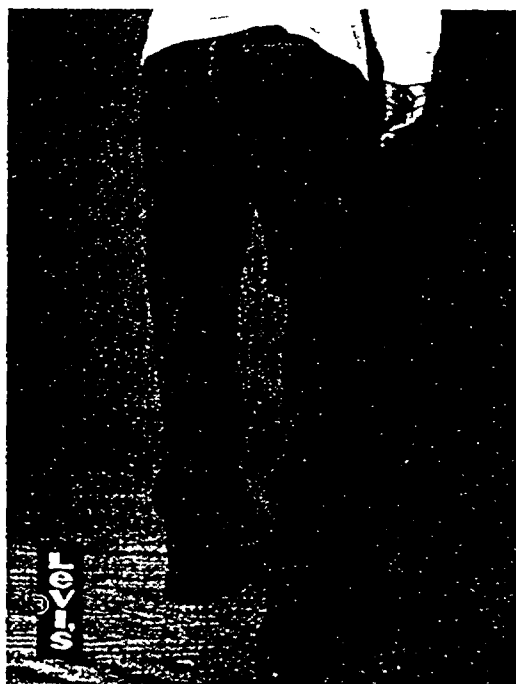


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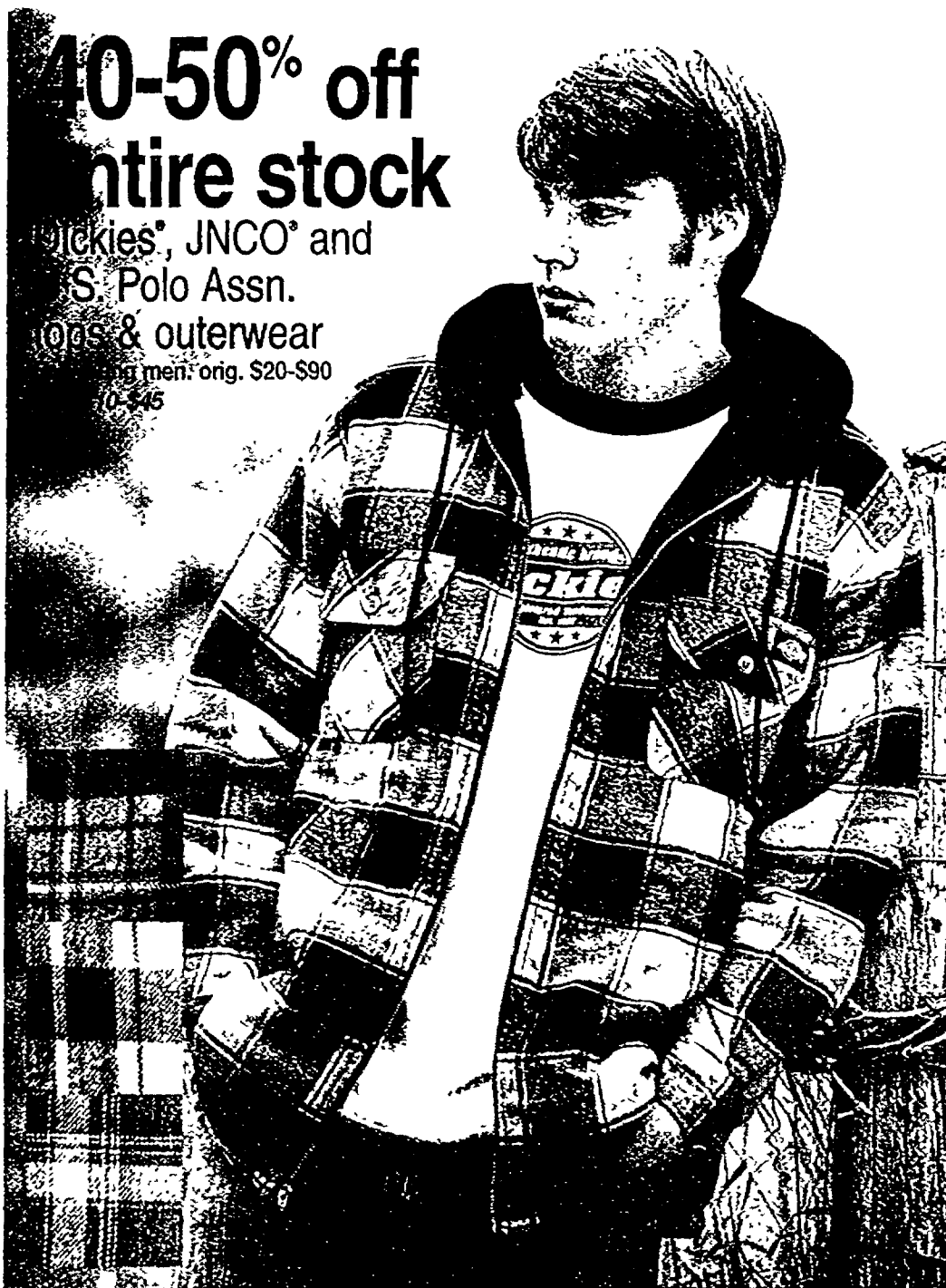


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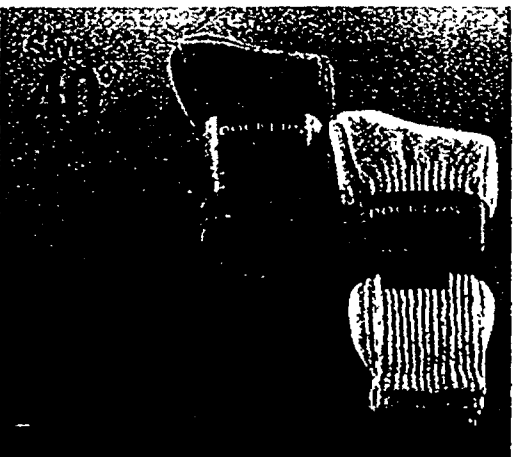
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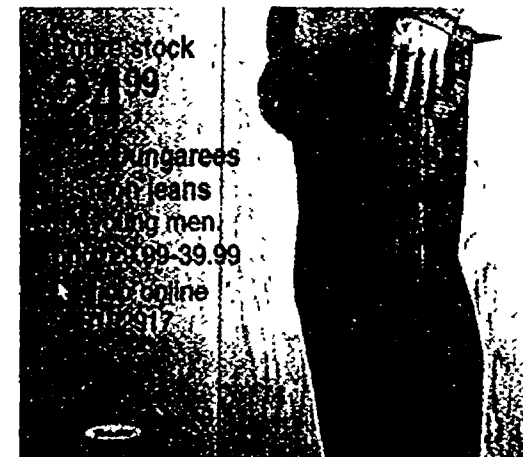


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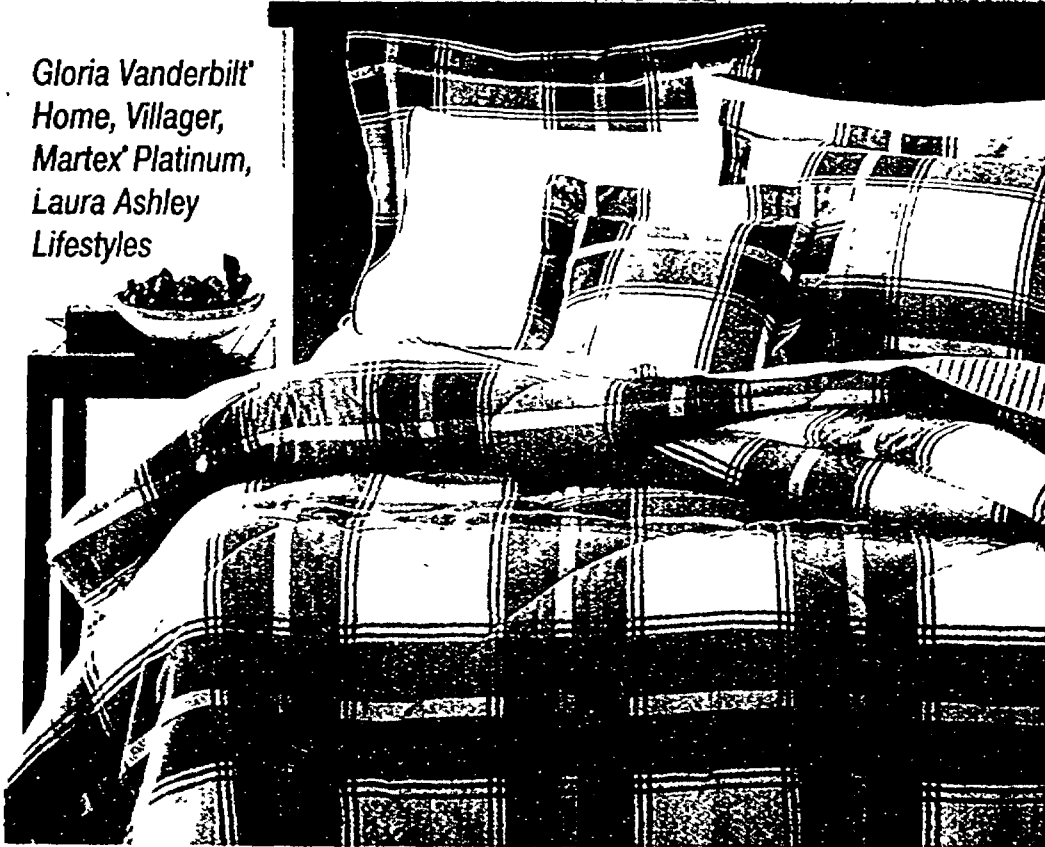
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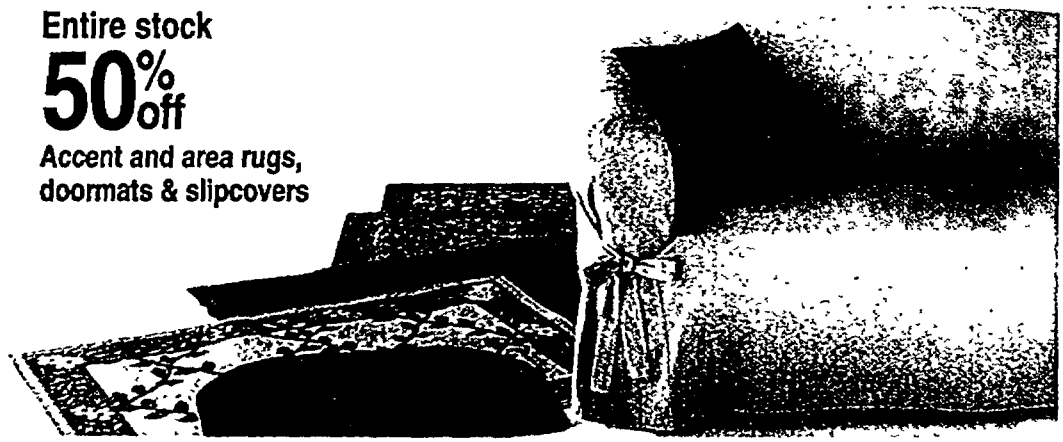


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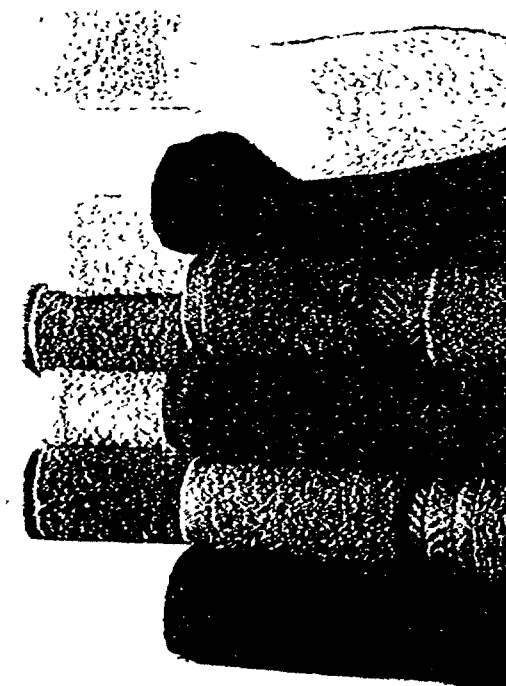
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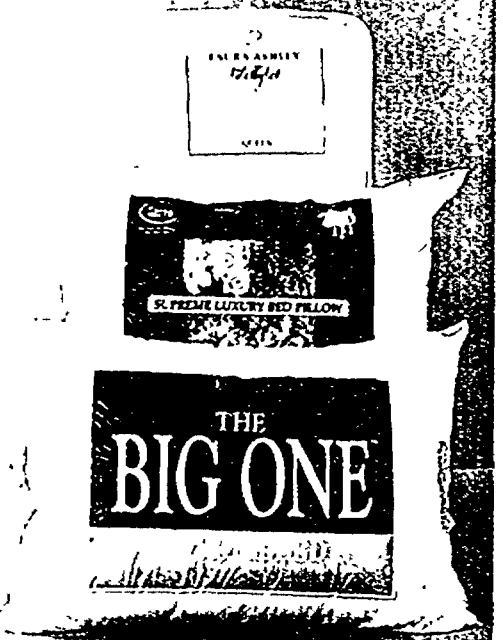


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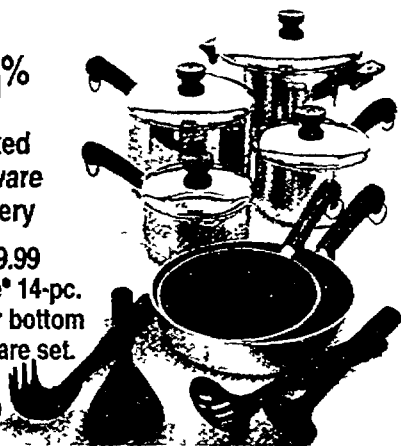
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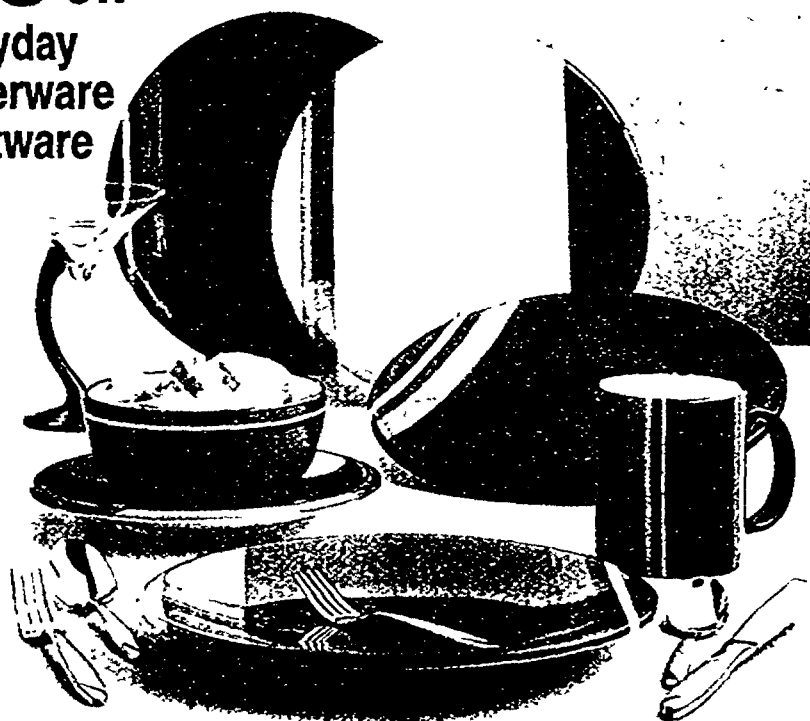
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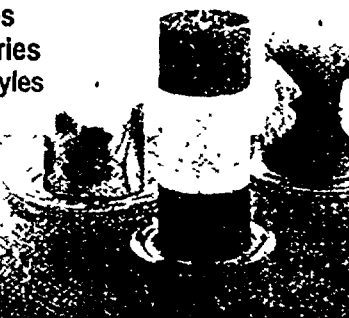
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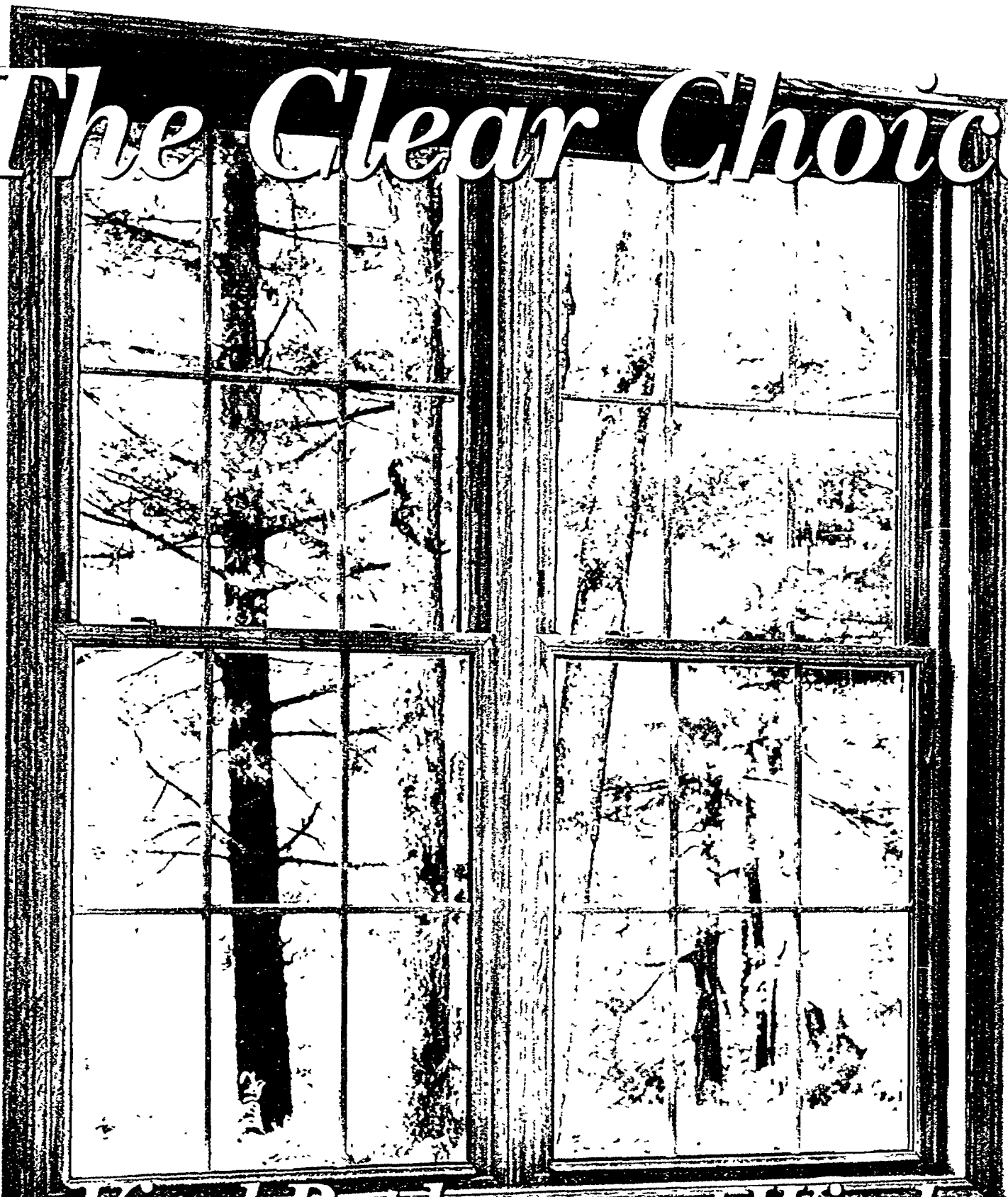
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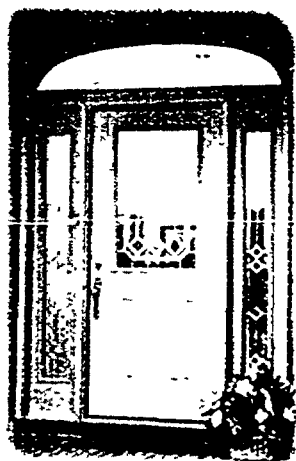
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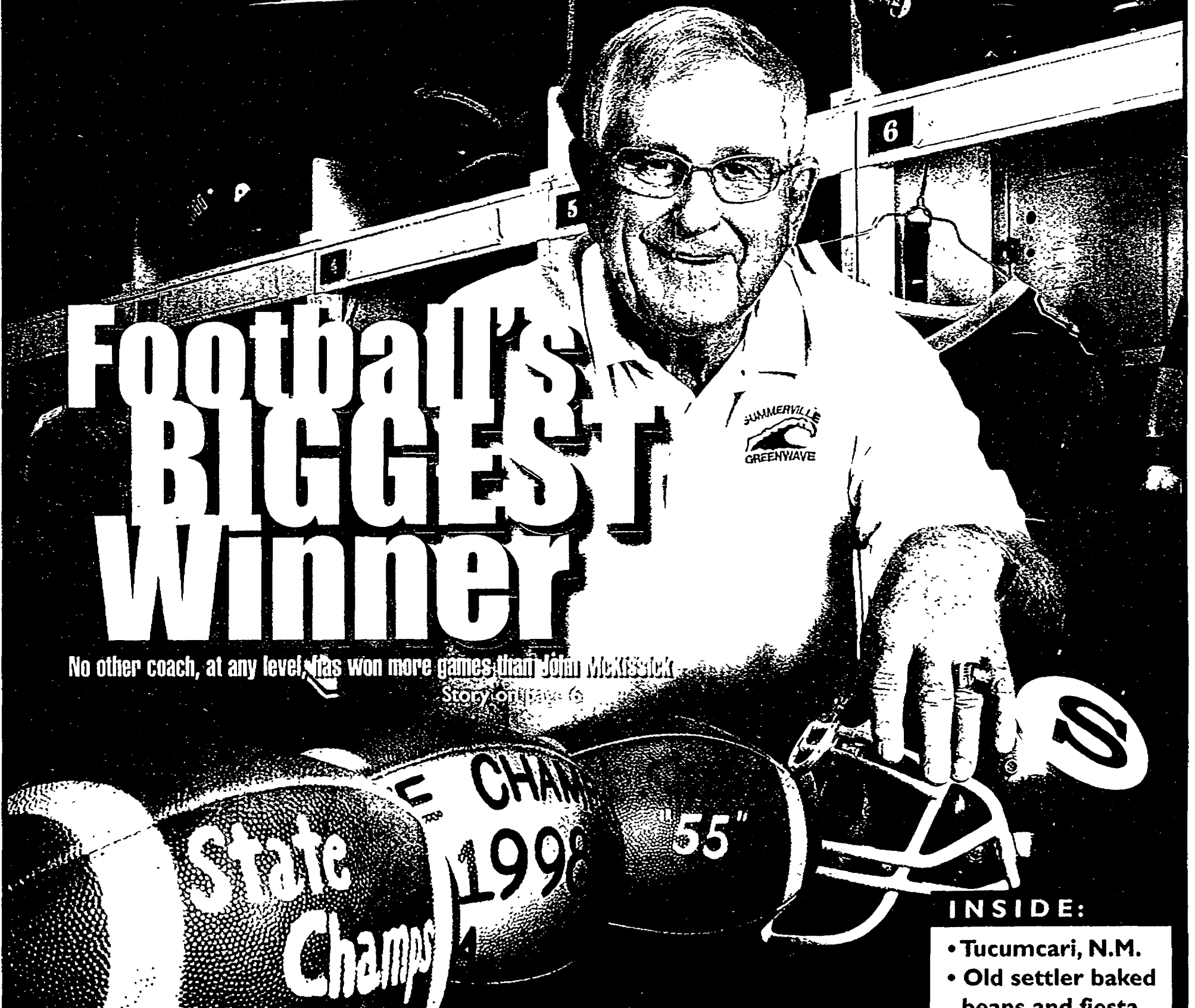
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HERO: Official Coy O'Neal stands tall on the gridiron

Ask America Profile

Q What is Linda Purl doing now and who is her mother? She looks so much like an actress that was popular in the 1950s.

—Joyce W., Colorado
Though the *Matlock* star is not in a regular TV series these days, Purl has been active on Broadway and on television, and as a single mom at home. Purl, who divides her time between Los Angeles and Colorado, recently founded the Colorado World Festival of Theatre, which will present international theater productions throughout the state. She also sings. "While it's never been the focus of my career, it's been a steady part of my life," she says. Her first album is called *Alone Together*, and she's got a follow-up coming out in 2005. Her mother was not an actress, nor does she have any relatives who were acting in the 1950s. "Shirley Jones and Ann Francis played my moms, though," she offers.

Single mom
Linda Purl acts
on TV and
Broadway.

Q I would like to know about Dan Blocker on *Bonanza*. Did he die during the series?

—Bill M., Indiana
The lovable "Hoss" died May 13, 1972, leaving behind wife Dolphia and four children—twins Debra Lee and Danna Lynn, David (now a producer) and Dirk (an actor). The gentle giant, who packed 300 pounds on his 6-foot, 3-inch frame, weighed 14 pounds at birth and was reportedly the largest baby born in Bowie County, Texas. Blocker was part of the *Bonanza* cast from the show's inception in 1959. Before shooting the 1972 season, he suffered from symptoms of gall bladder disease and underwent successful surgery. However, he developed a blood clot in his lung and died unexpectedly at 43.

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Q I would like to know something about Floyd Tillman.

—Ray T., Florida
Floyd Tillman, who died of leukemia at age 88 in 2003, wrote the 1949 hit *Slipping Around*, considered one of the first hit "cheating songs" in country music. Tillman also wrote Bing Crosby's 1939 hit *It Makes No Difference Now*. He recorded his own first hit single, *They Took the Stars Out of Heaven*, on Decca Records in 1944. Tillman was born in Ryan, Okla. (pop. 894), but grew up in Post, Texas (pop. 3,708). He learned to play guitar so he could join his brothers in a string band. *The Influence*, his first album in 20 years, was released earlier this year on Heart of Texas Records. It was recorded shortly before he died and includes 14 duets with stars such as Dolly Parton, Merle Haggard and Willie Nelson, says Tracy Pitcox, a promoter with the label. "He was very pleased

with the music," Pitcox says. "Unfortunately, he did not live long enough to see it come out." Tillman's hits included *Driving Nails in My Coffin* and *I Love You So Much It Hurts*. ☆

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Travis Tritt (left) and John Mellencamp perform on set.

left, right, middle or whatever, and have an intelligent exchange of opinion," Mellencamp says. "For some reason right now, that's not happening. I think it's a terrible place we're in where people are at each other's throats over politics." The duet can be found on Tritt's latest CD, *My Honky Tonk History*. "This song is sort of, 'I have my opinions and I'll be glad to share them with you, but between the two of us, can't we find some common ground?'" Tritt says. "That's the kind of country I want to live in. I thought it was a great message for the time."



Floyd Tillman completed a new CD before he died in 2003.

Two Singers Call for a Political Truce

Rock singer John Mellencamp, a Democrat, and country singer Travis Tritt, a Republican, have teamed up to record *What Say You*, a song that makes a plea for political civility. "There's a positive message and it's that we should be able to say what is on our minds without suffering repercussions, whether you're

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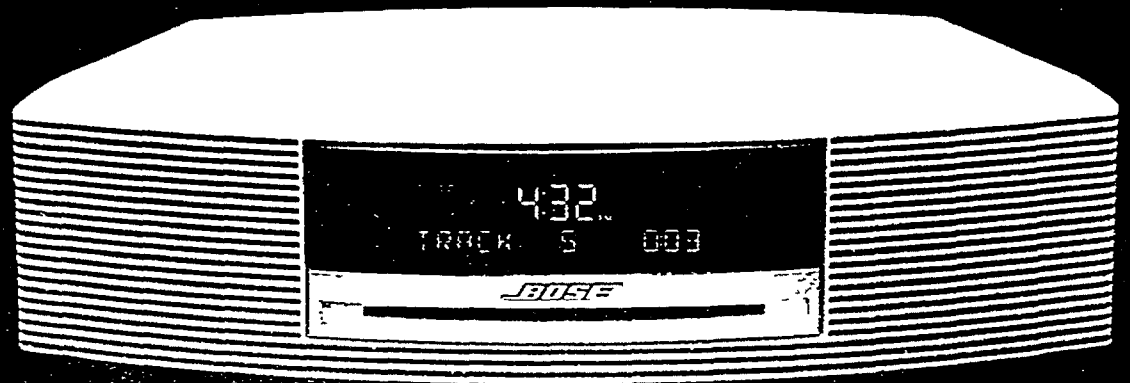
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Hometown Recipes

Tantalizing Treats for Tailgating

Tailgating has become as much a part of sporting events as rooting for the home team. Fans gather hours before a game to see old friends, meet new ones and share great food. If you're the type of person who'd take fresh-baked brownies to your new neighbor, tailgating is like that times a thousand.

It doesn't matter what else you bring to a tailgating event because all anyone will ever talk about is the food. With this in mind, here are two recipes to share at your next tailgating event: old settler baked beans and fiesta bean dip.

Reader Darlene Bandy contributed the old settler baked beans recipe. It "has been a hit at potlucks over the past 50 years," she says. "People love this dish and always request the recipe." About her fiesta bean dip, contributor Zee Anne Reishus says, "This is a favorite for celebrations in our home. It's so easy to make. I think *American Profile* readers will enjoy it too." Both dishes travel well and will keep during long exposure to the elements. ☆

What's your favorite BREAKFAST recipe?

We're putting together an expanded *American Profile* reader recipes cookbook! Send us your favorite breakfast recipe, along with the story behind it, to:

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Old Settler Baked Beans



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Old Settler Baked Beans

- 1/2 pound bacon, crispy and crumbled
- 1/2 pound ground beef, browned and drained
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 16-ounce can kidney beans
- 1 16-ounce can butter beans
- 2 16-ounce cans pork and beans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Pour into a large, lightly greased casserole dish. Bake for one hour. Serves 10 to 12.

Tips from Our Test Kitchen:

Experiment to suit your taste by substituting Great Northern, red beans, black beans or even lima beans.

Fiesta Bean Dip



Zee Anne Reishus
Wood Lake, Minn.

Fiesta Bean Dip

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 medium-size onion, chopped
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 10-ounce can Rotel tomatoes and green chilies
- 1 15-ounce can pinto beans, mashed
- 1 pound Velveeta cheese

Brown meat with onion. Drain off grease. Add taco seasoning and amount of water suggested on packet. Add Rotel, beans and cheese. Heat thoroughly. Serve immediately with tortilla chips or keep warm in a crockpot.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

For a vegetarian dip, use two cans of beans and omit the meat. Serve with a swirl of sour cream and fresh cilantro on top.

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- ~~1 LB. GROUND BEEF, BROWNED AND DRAINED~~
- ~~2 TOMATOES, DICED~~
- ~~1 MEDIUM ONION, DICED~~
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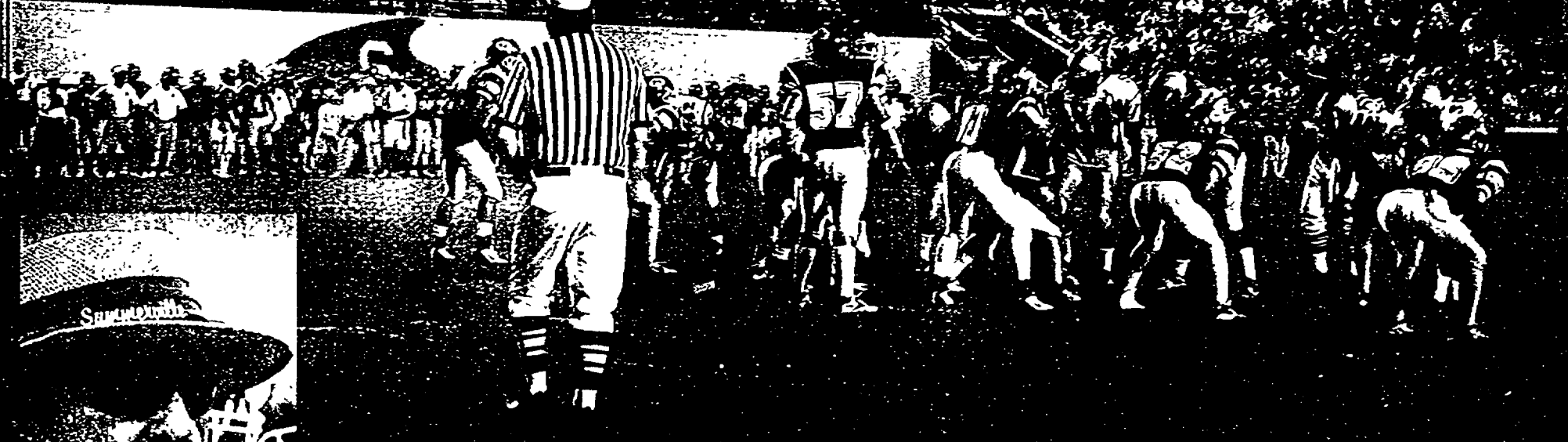


TASTES LIKE HOMEMADE.

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by ALAN ROSS
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Football's BIGGEST Winner



Football coach John McKissick sports a one-of-a-kind ring that no one else in the world can claim. It is unique, and honors a most singular achievement. Over the ring's emerald green background, the number "500" is spelled out in diamonds. In a gala, on-field, post-game celebration complete with fireworks, the ring was presented after McKissick's 500th career coaching victory, a milestone attained last season.

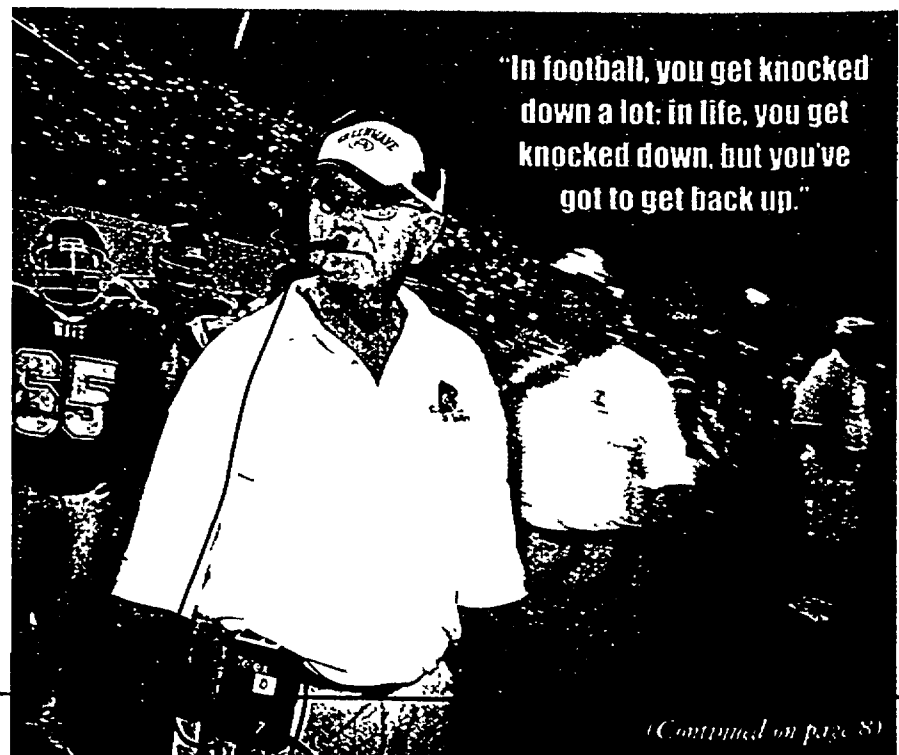
The Baron of Summerville, S.C.

For 53 years in Summerville, S.C. (pop. 27,752), McKissick's Summerville High School football teams have embodied the ultimate goal of sports competition: winning. Heading into this fall, the "Baron of Summerville" had logged 510 victories as the Green Wave's head mentor, the only coach in the long history of the sport at any level—high school, college or pro—to pass the formidable 500-win mark. The total is also the most football victories ever recorded by a coach at one school.

But McKissick, 78, is more than a symbol for football success. In Summerville, he's a legend for molding young men into the future doctors, lawyers, teachers, legislators, church workers and all-around standup citizens of this Lowcountry community.

"Coaching is teaching," McKissick says. "I think the most important element of coaching is teaching the kids how to be successful; that it takes hard work; that it takes perseverance; to keep trying. In football, you get knocked down a lot; in life, you get knocked down, but you've got to get back up."

John McKissick (below), who has won more than 500 games coaching the Green Wave, scans the stadium on the field (above) that bears his name.



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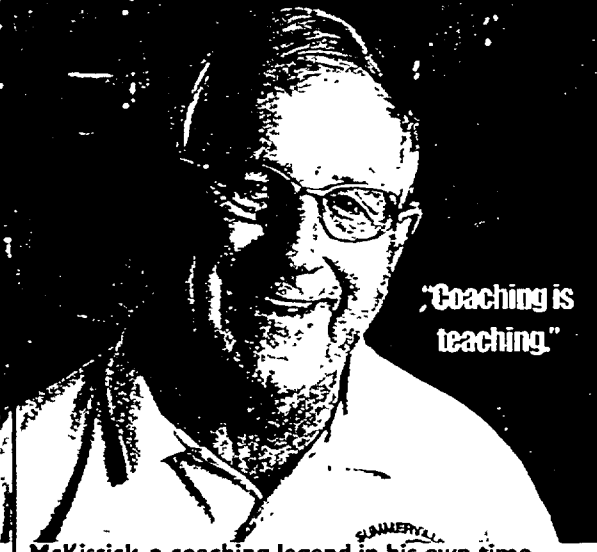
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"Coaching is teaching."

McKissick, a coaching legend in his own time.

Coaching for generations

Three generations of Summerville High players have been picking themselves up off the turf during McKissick's legendary tenure at the school. Senior Matt Ward, a Green Wave linebacker, his father, Ronnie (1979-82), and Matt's maternal grandfather, Wayne Thornley (1962-63), have all played during McKissick's reign, which has seen 3,099 players pass through his program since 1952. The three share a precious bond, honoring McKissick's impeccable code of principles throughout each of their playing days.

"School comes first, in his relationship between school and sports," says Matt Ward, 17, "but most importantly, family; then school, then football."

Thornley, 57, Matt's grandfather, notes that the McKissick philosophy of his day is still in high gear.

"He instills discipline in the players," Thornley says, "as well as dedication and perseverance. He was quick to encourage, but also quick to challenge."

Matt's father, Ronnie, a starter at left guard on two undefeated state championship teams, cherishes the experience of playing under McKissick, for both him and his son.

"I respect the man," says Ward, 40, a safety and environmental technician for American LaFrance. "I respected him then, and I respect him now. Anybody would feel honored to play for him. I know I did, and I know my son does, especially last year when he got to play in the 500-game. Matt's got something he can tell his kids. After I graduated high school, I went in the military for 10, 11 years. When I got out, I wanted to come back here so my son could play football for John McKissick. I was hoping he would not retire before my son had a chance to play for him."

Humble roots

McKissick's trail to success emerged from the bleakness of an impoverished childhood during the Great Depression in his hometown of Kingstree, S.C. (pop. 3,496).

"I grew up poor, went into the service (Army), and played service ball with Johnny Logan (Boston-Milwaukee Braves), Mickey Owen (Brooklyn Dodgers), and Joe Dobson (Boston Red Sox)," says McKissick, describing his early years. "I had a scholarship when I got out and went to Presbyterian College (Clinton, S.C.). I played football and baseball and wrestled there."

Shortly after college, he got his first coaching job, in 1951, at Clarkton (N.C.) High School, coaching six-man football, a program he knew nothing about at the outset. The following year, a friend told him about a coaching vacancy at Summerville High. Applications for the post were many.

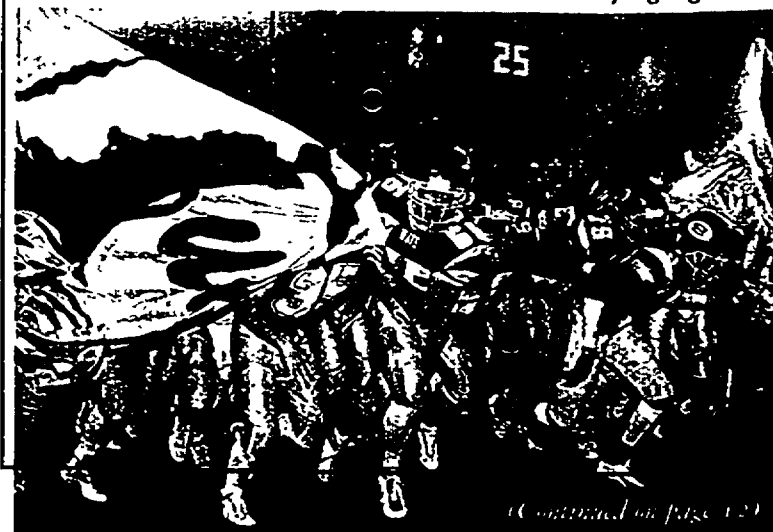
"The superintendent told me I got the job because I was the only one who didn't ask how much it paid," he says.

That's a keen indicator of the kind of man who would go on to register more than 500 victories in his career. His total exceeds by more than 100 the previous record of 408 wins held by Grambling State University legend Eddie Robinson. The degree of McKissick's consuming focus on his work is best illustrated in a story told by Romie Simmons, the town barber.

"It was a long time ago," recalls Simmons, selected the high school sports fan of the year in 2000 for the state of South Carolina. "His wife Joan said to him, 'John, I'd like to get your mind off the game for awhile. How about taking me out to a movie?' He said, 'Okay.' Then he went out, got in the car, and drove off and left her at home. The ballgame was so big on his mind, he just couldn't think of nothing else."

To grasp the enormity of McKissick's achievement as the winningest football coach of all time, a 22-year-old entering the field of coaching, if he were fortunate enough to endure until 70, would have to average 10 wins a year, and he would still be more than 30 short of McKissick's impressive mark.

The mighty Green Wave rolls on to the field for a Friday night game.



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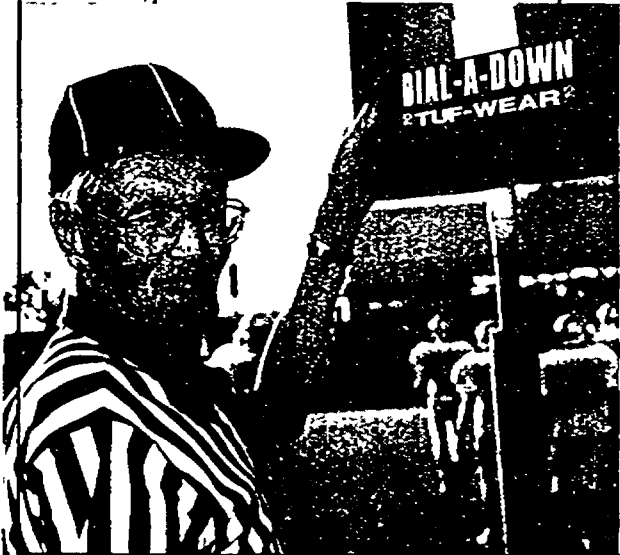
Sideline official Coy O'Neal is a legend in Decatur, Texas, where he has watched the Eagles football team celebrate for 56 years.

In football, some men are famous for remarkable speed, while others are recognized for their brute strength or the finesse with which they throw the ball. Coy O'Neal, however, is famous for standing on the sidelines.

For 56 years, O'Neal has been a sideline official for the Eagles football team in Decatur, Texas (pop. 5,201). As part of the chain crew, he runs the down marker at all home football games, including varsity, junior varsity and middle school. At age 71, he's a Decatur Eagles institution.

"He's as much a part of the football team as the quarterback, the coaches and the fans," says Stephen Wren, longtime Decatur resident.

Greeted at the stadium by slaps on the back and handshakes, O'Neal is well known. His wiry, 6-foot-2-inch frame makes him easily recognizable, and conversely, O'Neal, 71, plans to move the chains for four more years.



sation often leaves little time for a concession stand hot dog dinner.

O'Neal couldn't have imagined his future notoriety, when at 15 he was pulled from the stands at an away game to help a short-handed chain crew. He says he's "just done it ever since," and in 56 years, he's only missed five home games.

"Football is one of my favorite sports, and I just enjoy being on the sidelines," O'Neal says. "Plus, just about the whole town comes to the games, so I get to see a lot of people I know."

"I see him almost every night of the week during football season," says head coach Kyle Story. "Coy's always here supporting the team. He's got a huge heart, and he's someone who really cares about the kids."

On game nights, the high school band blares the Decatur fight song as players take the field. Coaches shout excitedly, straining to be heard over the cheering crowd, and in the midst of the mayhem stands O'Neal, feet planted shoulder-width apart, with one hand on the pole and the other on his hip. He usually walks slowly, but when it's time to move the chains, he summons the energy for a stiff-legged trot.

As an official, he is not allowed to cheer for the team, and while he tries his best, there have been times he couldn't help himself. In the 1960s, O'Neal had a rabbit's foot that he rubbed for luck, recalls Gary Prescott, a former coach who played on the team at the time. During a district championship game, the score was tied, and the

Eagles were driving down the field in the final minutes. O'Neal was rubbing that rabbit's foot after every play and quietly chanting, "Go, Decatur, go," Prescott says.

O'Neal graduated from Decatur High School in 1954 and played football one year—not long enough to earn a treasured letter jacket. In the decades since, the team has given him five letter jackets in honor of his loyalty. "There were a lot of people there, and I was nervous," O'Neal says of receiving a jacket in 1999.

The spirit of dedication comes naturally to O'Neal, a warm-hearted man who has devoted himself to the three most significant things in his life: his wife, Laverne, who died in 2003, his work at the Decatur Church of Christ, and football.

"He's a special person," Prescott says. "We worry about him now at his age, but who could ever take (his sideline post) away from him? He loves it so dearly."

O'Neal says he's only been knocked down five times, and little do the fans know, but he's got a plan. "I'd like to do it four more years," he says, which will bring his total years of service to 60.

As the fans file out of the stadium and the lights go down, O'Neal finds himself surrounded once again, sometimes by friends or players thanking him for being there. Humble and unassuming, he usually doesn't have much to say. He brings a quiet spirit to the sidelines that he doesn't even recognize, but the fans consider him a shining star in the Friday night lights of Decatur. ☆

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"He has been head coach at Summerville since Harry Truman was president," notes Earl Smith, 59, a retired banker. "He's as excited on a Friday night now as he was in 1952."

Teaching life-lessons

The secret to such an enduring tenure lies in McKissick's approach both to coaching and to youngsters.

"John McKissick is a life-lesson coach," says Billy G. Baker, who has known the Summerville coach for 35 years and is co-author of two books with McKissick: *Called to Coach* and the just-released *Called to Coach II*. "He teaches that there is a price one pays in order to maintain success. He uses football as his laboratory. Football is John McKissick's vehicle to the life lessons a player takes with him beyond the Friday night wars of high school football. They go into the real world, and now they have some kind of discipline, some kind of motivation, some kind of direction as to where to go."

McKissick's wife of 52 years, Joan, has seen the master at his craft long enough to identify his skillful methodology with kids.

"He has a rapport with them and knows how to talk with them," she says. "It's just gotten better through the years. I think they look on him now as a daddy or a granddaddy. He has his rules, and he expects his players to abide by them, but there's a way to do it without being abusive."

For McKissick, who has two daughters of his own, the process is ongoing; the teacher is still learning.



McKissick cajoles senior lineman David Hall, one of 3,099 players who have passed through his program since 1952.

"The most enjoyable part of my job is being around young people," he says. "You can change with the times more if you're around young people. They'll keep you young and keep you on your toes."

Such a young-at-heart outlook, though, fails to ward off relentless questions about McKissick's retirement.

"My only goal right now is to have a successful season," says McKissick, who has seen several of his young players advance to the NFL, including former Cincinnati Bengals player Stanford Jennings, who returned a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown in Super Bowl XXIII. "If my health is good, I'd like to keep

doing it as long as I feel like I'm giving them their money's worth."

But there's a deeper reason, one that pervades the essence of this dedicated and thoughtful teaching man.

"He loves people," his wife Joan says. "Period." ☆

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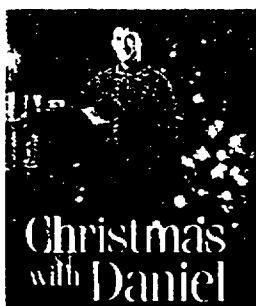
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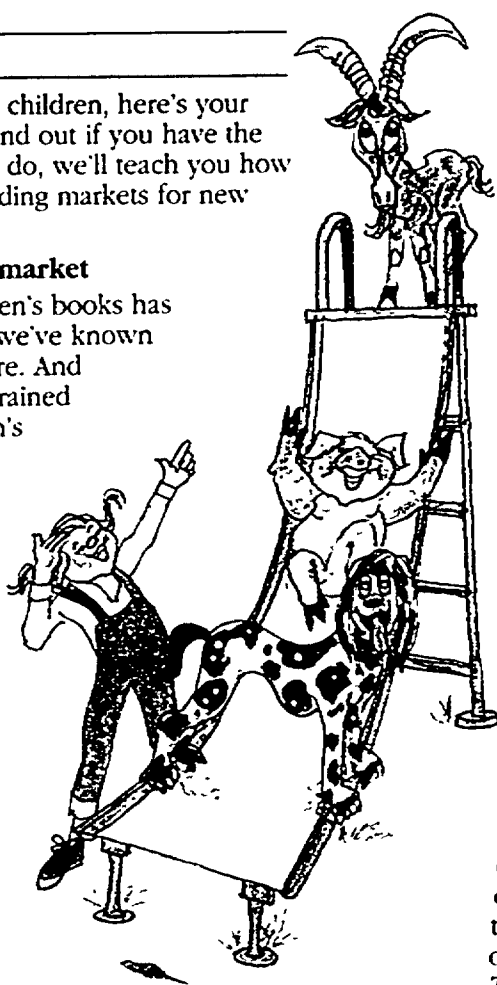
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This course has helped me more than I can say," says Jody Drueding, Boston, MA. "It's as if a little bird that was locked up inside of me has just been given the freedom of the garden."

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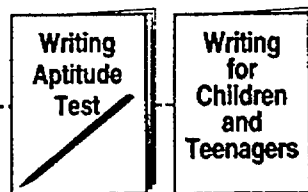
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"My most recent success has been the publication of the novel I started for my last Institute assignment," writes Jennifer Jones, Homer, NY. "Thank you for giving me the life I longed for."

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INDIANA—Saint Meinrad Archabbey in Spencer County was founded in 1854 by Benedictine monks from Switzerland who came at the request of a local priest to serve the growing German-speaking Catholic population.

IOWA—Ames (pop. 50,731) is home to the nation's first land-grant university. Under the 1862 Morrill Land Grant Act, the federal government gave land to the state, which was sold to endow what is today Iowa State University of Science and Technology.

KANSAS—In 1868, Charles H. Strong killed a deer in Crawford County, drove a stake at the spot, and proclaimed it the site of a new town—named Girard (pop. 2,773) after his hometown of Girard, Pa.

MICHIGAN—In 1950, diplomat Ralph Johnson Bunche, a Detroit native, became the first African-American to win a Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating armistice agreements that halted the Arab-Israeli War of 1948-1949.

MINNESOTA—The 60-foot High Falls on the Baptism River near Silver Bay (pop. 2,068) is the highest falls located entirely within the state.

MISSOURI—Five thousand years of bowling history are framed at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in St. Louis.

NEBRASKA—The Cowboy Recreation and Nature Trail is the nation's longest rails-to-trails project under construction. It will extend 321 miles from Norfolk (pop. 23,516) to Chadron (pop. 5,634) through 29 communities.

NORTH DAKOTA—The state's hottest day registered 121 degrees on July 6, 1936, at Steele (pop. 761).

OHIO—Six of the 659 winners, from 1981 to 2003, of the coveted "genius awards," the MacArthur Fellowships, are graduates of Oberlin College in Oberlin (pop. 8,195).

SOUTH DAKOTA—The state's first radio station, WCAT in Rapid City (pop. 59,607), began broadcasting in 1922.

WISCONSIN—In Mirror Lake State Park at Lake Delton (pop. 1,982), the Seth Peterson Cottage, one of Frank Lloyd Wright's last commissions, is available for vacation rentals. ☆

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Tucumcari Gets Its Kicks

The giant blue neon bird perched atop the Blue Swallow Motel in Tucumcari, N.M., has stood as a beacon along historic Route 66 for more than 60 years, beckoning to road-weary travelers motoring between Chicago and Los Angeles.

Modern travelers hungry for a taste of the past roam the Mother Road in search of small-town America that lives on in special places like Tucumcari (pop. 5,989), a Quay County town that many consider a candidate for the best-preserved Route 66 town.

"The bulk of our business is people doing the

route because they traveled it when they were young," says Hilda Bakke, who owns the Blue Swallow Motel with her husband, Dan. "Whether they're old-timers or discovering the road for the first time, everybody is curious."

The Bakkes, who bought the landmark in 1989, restored it themselves, adding period details such as Western Electric rotary telephones from 1939, the year the motel opened. "My husband is an electrician, so the first thing he set out to do was restore that neon sign," Hilda says. "We've also replaced carpeting, stripped floors, and put in new beds. We hope to work on the landscaping this year."

Tucumcari, founded in 1901, remains the biggest stopover between Amarillo, Texas, and Albuquerque, N.M., even though Interstate 40 bypassed the town in 1985. Each summer, the area celebrates its heritage with a Route 66 Festival, scheduled July 8-10, which includes a car show, historic exhibits and a parade. Visitors can see that many of the curio shops, gas stations, motels and restaurants that thrived in Tucumcari during the 1940s and 1950s along Route 66—so named because a businessman instrumental in making the road a reality liked the sound better than Route 62 or 64—continue on. Often, the second generation of entrepreneurs stubbornly guards a legacy



Photo courtesy of Mike Callens



The restored neon sign of the TeePee Curio Shop in Tucumcari, N.M., beckons travelers along Route 66.

of vintage roadside architecture and dispenses kindness and assistance to everyone who passes their way.

Mike Callens owns the irresistible 1944 TeePee Curio Shop, which sells a wild assortment of plastic alien skulls, mugs, caps and T-shirts. "We're all connected along the route. We're like a great big family," says Callens, who inherited the business from his aunt and uncle in 1985. In 2003, the shop was one of three Tucumcari businesses that received government grants to restore their neon signs to their original glowing form. Callens pitched in, stripping

Old 66 during its heyday as a mythological highway to the Promised Land during the Great Depression, as thousands left the Dust Bowl behind. The road was known as the path for adventure in later years.

"The tourist business picked up after World War II, when new motels were built and the neon appeared," Moncus says.

She also remembers Dust Bowl days when her father, Sheriff Claude Moncus, would go out in cold weather and bring home stranded families so they wouldn't freeze. "He'd let these Route 66 travelers from the *Grapes of Wrath* era spend the night in the city jail before they continued west.

"We still have plenty of people coming through looking for the past and the nostalgia of the Mother Road, and they're finding some of it. So many are seeking what we had—a taste of a slower, more gracious time. In those days, we had time to look at the scenery," she says.

And as long as Americans get in their cars and motor west, they can count on Tucumcari's neon signs to light the way. ☆

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the sign outside his shop and painting it himself. The sign even graced the cover of *New Mexico Magazine* in March 2004.

To capitalize on the resurgence of interest in Route 66 during 2001's 75th anniversary, Tucumcari changed the name of its two-mile main street from Tucumcari Boulevard back to Route 66.

The change brought back fond memories for people such as Lynn Moncus, a retired English professor and author of the book *Quay County, New Mexico 1903-2003: A Pictorial History*. Moncus remembers growing up along

A rest stop for tired travelers.

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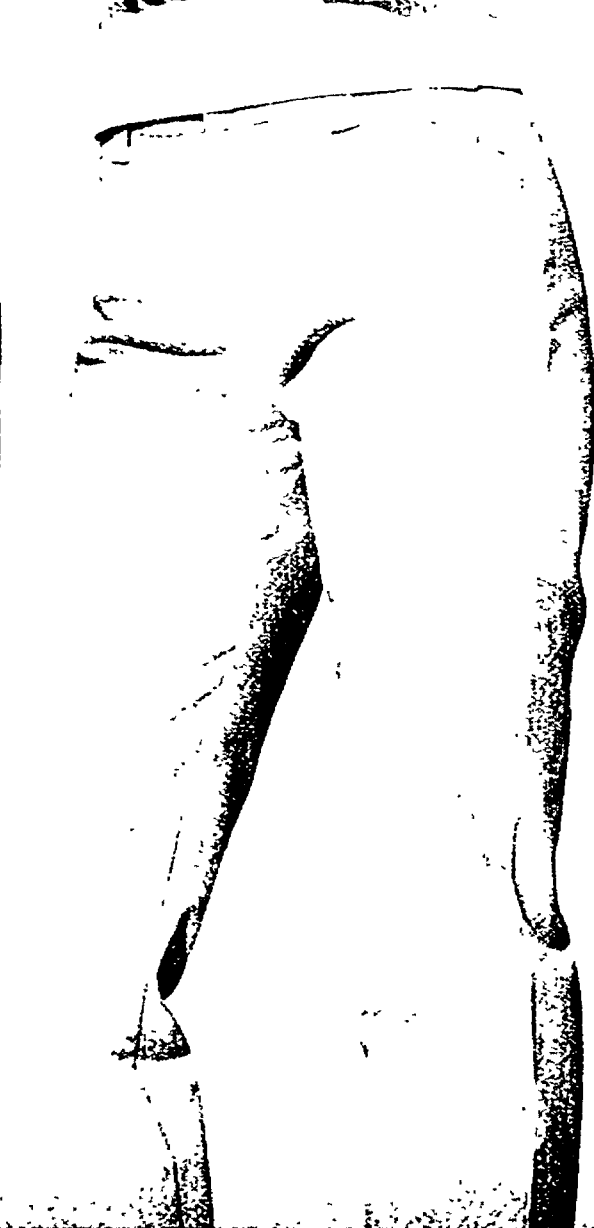
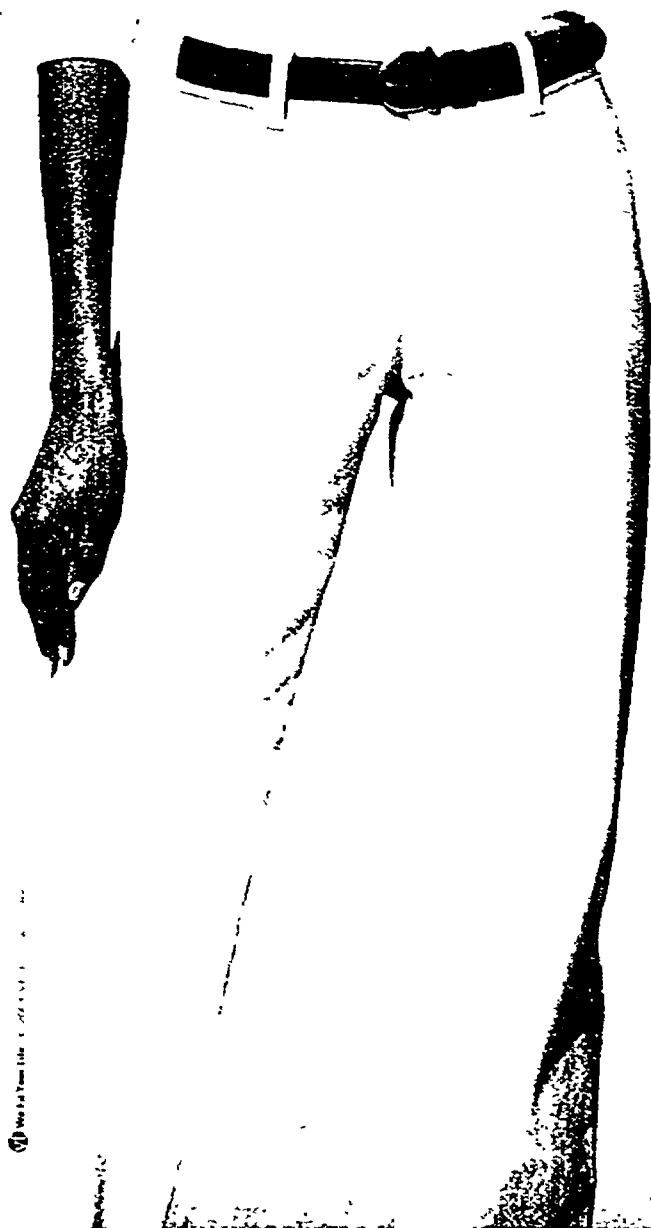
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